

# bradley News

Friday, November 7, 1975



**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week we honor that great Old Timer OTIS JORDAN whose official employment date is July 13, 1942, but who actually first worked at Bradley on March 13, 1941 where he bounced around all over the plant and resigned early in 1942, when his dad's illness caused him to return to the family farm in Limestone. However, in July BUD HAYS called on OTIE to return to Maintenance which he did and has been in that department ever since having been Millwright Foreman for the last 10 years.

During World War II OTIE spent 18 months in the army dividing his time between field artillery and maintenance engineers with service at Forts Riley, Bragg and Ord and overseas in Japan. He was a T5 at discharge time.

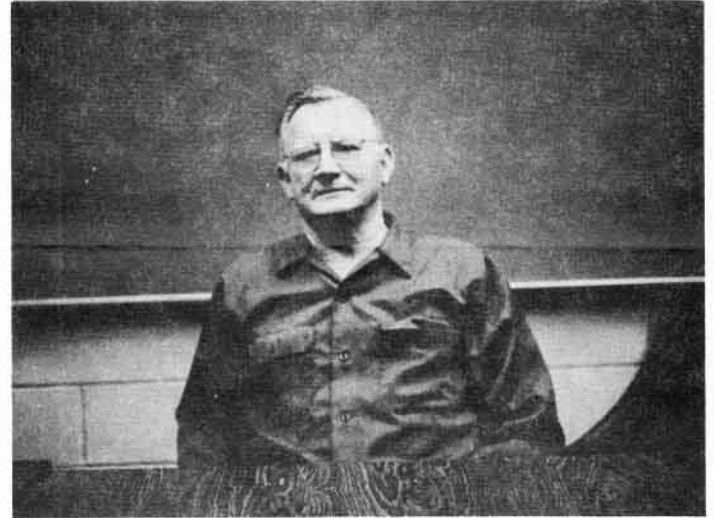
OTIE and his wife Alice have been married almost 35 years and have two children. Daughter Donna Allsup lives in Limestone. Her husband Roy formerly worked here in D/35 but now is in business for himself. Son Russell is a practicing chiropractor in Kankakee.

This Old Timer who is universally liked and respected by all has only one hobby, fishing. While he still lives in Limestone he has practically completed building a cottage on Lake Chetak in Wisconsin which one day may become the Jordan's retirement retreat.

**FOWL PLAY**

Impatient diner: "Look here, waiter, I ordered chicken pie, but there isn't a bit of chicken in it!"

Waiter: "That's all right, sir. We also have cottage cheese, but so far as I know, there's no cottages in it."



**RETIREE**

November 1 was the last day on the job for that old pro of the Experimental Department AMBROSE "RED" LOCHNER. At age 63 after 38 years of service RED says he has just "had it" and has already left for Florida where he plans to spend the next five months. From now on he plans to spend his summers in Plainfield, Ill. where he owns a farm. His plans call for only gardening, tinkering and managing his acreage. The best of luck to you RED!



Orthodox medicine has no known cure for your condition. Fortunately for you, I'm a quack."

## BACK AGAIN!!!

By Pete Laffey

It was almost two months ago that we wrote the last issue of the Roper Bradley News. At that time as most employees know, we entered Loyola University Hospital for open heart surgery and frankly we were scared stiff. However, thanks to a great surgeon named Moran, a great many prayers, and the well known "Irish Luck" everything went fine and we are now well on the way to full recovery already feeling much better than we have for the last two years.

It will still be a short time before the doctor says we can come back full time, but beginning with this issue we will attempt to get the paper out at least. We know DON BLANCHETTE and GERI JOHNSON will be relieved at giving up the extra burden of doing our work and we wholeheartedly thank them both for the fine job they both did at keeping the paper going.

We have tried to thank as many as possible personally but we want to thank all those employees for their prayers, blood donations, cards, calls and visits during our illness. You just don't know how much it was all appreciated.

## TONY STEFANICH

When you are convalescing from illness or surgery its a great time to catch up on your reading and we were no exception. One of the books we read was "A Bridge Too Far" by Cornelius Ryan, a best seller about World War II specifically the battle for Arnhem in Holland during the last days of the war. We noticed the following passage which we will quote directly. "In the wild chaotic fighting that ensued over a period of four hours on the zones one of the most beloved officers in the 82nd Airborne, the heavyweight champion of the division Captain Anthony Stefanich was killed. "We've come a long way together" he told his men "Tell the boys to do a good job". Then he died.

The Anthony Stefanich so described graduated from Bradley High in 1935 and immediately came to work here. He was the elder brother of our LOUIE, by 1940 he had become a Tool & Die Maker with his future assured. He also joined Co. L National Guard in Kankakee. When the guard was activated Tony probably could have been deferred because of his job and we were then in essential defense work. But he went.

It is small wonder that, 30 years later, surviving members of his company came to Bradley from all over the country to pay homage to Tony's memory. LOUIE and the rest of the Stefanich family should be justly proud.

We extend sincere sympathy to BILL BERNS D/93 and TONY BERNS D/35 on the death of their brother.

Also to the family of retiree HUGO HASZ who recently passed away.

## NOBODY MISSES THE "5" PIN?

By Stan Butler

I don't know if it was Maintenance taking 4 points from the Tool Room last week or if it was that gray ball of BOB CRAWFORDS that made him leave the gray ball home and bowl very good with a black one to take 4 points from Maintenance. BOB did not let up all evening as he bowled a 225, 205, 210 for a 640 series. Congratulations, from me and the rest of the Maintenance team.

We also had other good games and series although there was only one more 200 game and that was TERRY DUPUIS 211-543, REITMEIER 527, ESSINGTON 524 & LAFOND 515.

A few splits were picked up and I know of two "5" pins that were missed. Picking up splits were GULCZYNSKI 5 - 6, LAFOND 4 - 5, REITMEIER 5 - 10 and T. DUPUIS 6 - 7.

The way it happened this week was:

Assembly took 4 points from the Office, Tool Room took 4 points from Maintenance, Stores took 4 points from the Welders, Engineers took 3 points from the Painters and the Truckers and Dispatchers split.

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### STRANGE INTERLUDE

My pet-peeve's at the traffic light:  
That puzzling Jane or Joe  
Who keeps creeping forward when it's red,  
But then, when it's green, doesn't go.

### BEDTIME STORY

Each night as I retire,  
Beneath my bed I peer;  
I'm not a spinster, mind you;  
That's where I hide the beer.

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