

bradley News

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40 YEAR CLUB

Just five years ago we printed the names of the twelve employees who, at that time, had 40 or more years of seniority and were still working. Believe it or not only one from that list is still employed and that one is ARTHUR "CHUCK" WENDT, D/70. CHUCK was 11th on that list. We have checked the records again and find that we now have fifteen people with 40 or more years of service, naturally headed up by the same MR. WENDT who started his Bradley employment on May 20, 1929.

The remainder of the "Famous Fifteen" is as follows in order of their seniority.

2. Frank Wasetis	Guard	12-01-31
3. Van Davis	Guard	8-16-33
4. Jerome Power	Safety Supervisor	1-09-35
5. Matt Kendziorek	D/93-97	1-21-35
6. Tony Staniszeski	Foreman - Stores	3-08-35
7. Les McClure	D/71	6-07-35
8. Dode Mehrer	D/91	6-10-35
9. Mel Boule'	V.P. Manufacturing	6-11-35
10. Dave Walters	D/35	6-13-35
11. William Lustik	Foreman Tool Room	6-17-35
12. Edward Marczak	Engineering	10-22-35
13. Gil Luhrs	Engineering	2-04-36
14. Colman Sheehan	D/70F	2-06-36
15. Walter Dominick	D/93	2-12-36

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

Last year in August the situation at Roper Outdoor Products looked very grim indeed. At that time there were 738 employees on layoff, rumors of impending doom were being circulated and it looked (to some pessimists) like the end of the world. For several months it looked like the prophets of doom might be right as call backs were very slow and as late as October there were still 667 still out of work.

However, as of February 9, 1976 the picture has brightened considerably and the number of employees still on layoff has been reduced to 278.

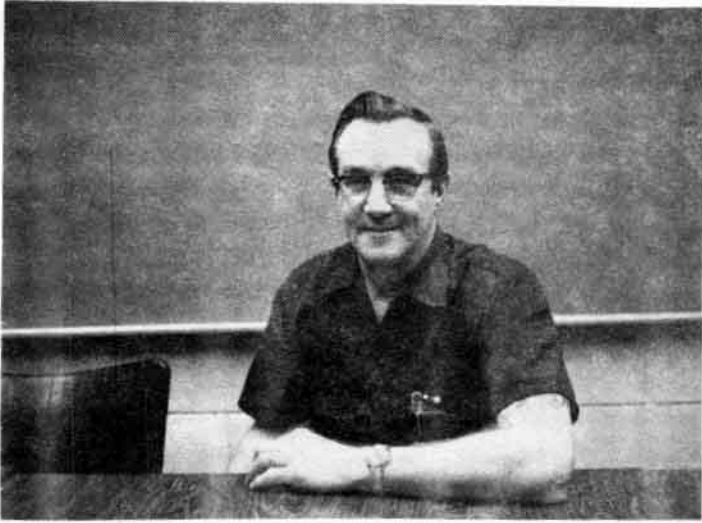
Just a work of caution however, the basic reason for the drastic reduction in work force was simple, lack of orders. What happened once, can always happen again. And the best way for all of us to prevent this is to all work together in a common cause; to make quality products that will continue to be acceptable to our customer and the buying public.

SERVICE PLATEAUS-FEBRUARY

	40 Years	
Gil Luhrs	Engineering	2-04-36
Colman Sheehan	D/70F	2-06-36
Walter Dominick	D/93	2-12-36
	35 Years	
Al Lonergan	D/94	2-10-41
Clarence "Buck" Merten	D/93	2-11-41
Ted Potrzebski	Night Supt.	2-12-41
Webb Kohl	Maint. Supt.	2-25-41
Art Pepin	D/10 Foreman	2-25-41
Don Blanchette	Emp. Mgr.	2-26-41
Edwin Cierycza	D/79	2-26-41
	32 Years	
Everett Reed	D/20	2-28-44
	30 Years	
Frank Tur	D/35	2-14-46
	10 Years	
Rita Hamilton	D/35	2-01-66
Pat Hamilton	D/10	2-03-66
Madeline Roe	Material Cont.	2-07-66
Joyce Saxe	Dispatching	2-07-66
Richard Clodi	D/35	2-09-66
Larry Heagle	D/94	2-09-66
Art Collard	D/10	2-14-66
Marvin Johnson	D/35	2-15-66
Lonnie Austin	D/35	2-15-66
Thomas McQuillen	D/35	2-17-66
Carl Wilkins	D/35	2-21-66
Ralph Welch	D/35	2-21-66
Edward Wood	D/35	2-22-66
Frank G. Martin	D/10	2-22-66
John Bourassa	D/35	2-28-66

CREDIT UNION DINNER DANCE

DON BLANCHETTE announces that a limited number of tickets are still available for the annual Roper Employees Credit Union dinner-dance. As mentioned previously the event will be held on Saturday, February 21, at the Holiday Inn. The strip steak dinner will be followed by dancing to music furnished by the "Melaires". Tickets are \$5.00 per person.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is CLIFFORD HENDERSHOTT (better known as DOC) another of those employees whose entire working life has been spent right here. He started his Bradley career on June 2, 1943 immediately after graduation from Chebanse High School where he starred in basketball and baseball. His first job was in the Steel Yard and he later was in the Paint Department and Assembly before making his final move to Maintenance, where he first worked in the Carpenter Shop. Later he went to the Plumbing shop where he is currently classified as Pipefitter-Fire Chief.

During World War II DOC spent almost three years in the Navy with most of his sea duty in the Pacific. He was in a salvage unit which followed the invasion forces recovering and repairing damaged material. His rank at discharge was Coxswain.

DOC and his wife Anita will celebrate their thirtieth anniversary this year. They have three sons and one grandchild. Gary, a graduate of Southern Illinois University is an X-Ray technician at a Glendale California hospital. Alan, who graduated from Northern Illinois, teaches school at Herscher and Robert, who studied law enforcement at Kankakee Community College is on the Fox Lake, Illinois Police Force. The HENDERSHOTT's are proud they were able to provide college educations for all their boys.

This Old Timer likes hunting, fishing and trapshooting. He has been chief of the Roper Fire Brigade for eleven years and retired from the Chebanse Fire Dept. after twenty-five years. He has enjoyed his job here and is proud to be part of the Maintenance Department.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Employees who have been on layoff for over six months and are being called back to work, because of the length of time they have been off, must undergo another physical examination before being allowed to resume their duties.

"NOBODY MISSES THE "5" PIN?"

By Stan Butler

As usual we had a few good bowlers and a lot of us no so good. The Office made it to the top of the list with the help of Maintenance, as we were the only ones to lose 4 points.

LAFOND had a 223-202-593, T. DUPUIS 221-204-597, GARY ALBERS 232-540 and R. HIRT 202-549. Other good series without 200 games were ESSINGTON 546, CRAWFORD 542, HARRIS 519, PERKINS 517, and BLANCHETTE 509.

DON BAYLOR who is taking JOHNSON's place started out by picking up a 4 pin split, 3-6-7-10, other splits were CRAWFORD 5-6 and BILL 6-7.

Team standings point wise are as follows:

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| 1. Office | 6. Assembly |
| 2. Engineers | 7. Tool Room |
| 3. Dispatchers | 8. Truckers |
| 4. Painters | 9. Stores |
| 5. Welders | 10. Maintenance |

Used car dealer, driving up a hill:
 "This is the opportunity of a lifetime."
 Customer: "Yes, I can hear it knocking."

Food for the Ego

There is a story told about a very famous quarterback who plays for the New York Jets. It seems that one day this young man was leaving the practice field and he was approached by an enthusiastic fan.

"I just can't tell you how much I enjoyed the way you played last week." oozed the admiring fan.

"Well, why don't you send someone around who can," the quarterback replied.

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