



bradley News

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RETIREE



March 1, was the official date for the retirement of JOHN GRIMES at age 62 after 31 years of service. JOHN, whose last title was Cost Analyst had not worked since August 1, 1975 and had applied for a total and permanent disability pension which did not come through until the above date. His physical problems started back in 1970 when he had a heart attack, and his doctor now says he should quit.

JOHN plans to play golf, fish and travel. His wife who has worked for Doctor Rose for several years will continue working at least for the present.

JOHN was the first editor of the Roper Bradley News when it started in February 1966 and continued on until September 1967 when your present Editor was handed the assignment. He says he has enjoyed every minute of his Bradley career and will always cherish the friendships he made here.

PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

The first session in the pre-retirement seminar will be held next Saturday, March 20, in the Sales Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. The room is located at the south end of the plant and persons attending should park their cars in the south parking lot. The guard will be there to direct the people where to go. The first program will be given by Ray Branch, Assistant Manager of the local office who will speak on Social Security. Mr. Branch makes a very interesting and informative presentation and it should be very worthwhile. And also, rolls and coffee will be available. There will also be ample opportunity for questions.



THE MAKING OF A TRACTOR PART 1

The first step in the making of a tractor here at Roper starts with Engineering. Shown poring over a design are: BOB GURZINSKI, Ass't. Project Mgr., BOB BELL, Project Engineer and DEL FUHRMAN, Project Manager. Under normal conditions the design being considered could be as much as two years ahead of the actual production of the model.

In designing a new model there are many ingredients among them a combination of old proven ideas, ideas from Sears, our own sales dept. and our own engineering.

Engineering has many objectives when designing a new model tractor among which are the following: improve performance, reduce cost, meet safety standards set by local, state and federal laws, reduce service and in-warranty costs, and in general, through design to make assembling easier.

And, of course to design a tractor that will meet competition and sell.

We extend sincere sympathy to ANTHONY BERNIS D/35 on the death of his mother-in-law.

And to JOHN HUDSON, Guard, on the death of his mother.

Also to WAYNE LAMBERT D/93, on the death of his mother-in-law.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is HENRY BOUDREAU, who came to work at Bradley on July 16, 1942. He has been on illness since October 10 at which time he suffered a stroke. Although making a fair recovery he still has some paralysis on his right side and doesn't know when he will be able to return to work. HENRY's first assignment here was in Repair Parts but six years later he transferred to the Machine Shop where for the last twenty-one years he has been a broach operator.

During World War II HENRY spent three years in the army with half of that time spent overseas in Europe. He was in the 124th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group serving in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany and was discharged as a P.F.C.

HENRY and his wife Mary Rose have been married 32 years and have six children and four grandchildren. Son Eldon works at Armstrong Cork, Jerry is at General Foods, Larry at National Tea, Shirley is a nurses aid at St. Mary's Hospital. Sons Raoul and Edgar attend Kennedy Upper Grade and Franklin School respectively.

This Old Timer likes to fish and travel and has visited every state in the continental United States, except Maine and Washington. He also regularly visits Quebec, Canada where Mrs. Boudreau has relatives. His many friends wish him a very speedy recovery and that he will be back to work soon.

Two farmers were discussing a recent drought which produced only a good crop of dust.

"The drought sure has made the wheat short this year."

"Short? Shucks, I had to lather mine to mow it!"

"Yes, I used to shoot tigers in Africa," asserted the big game hunter.

"But there are no tigers in Africa," protested the suspicious one.

"Certainly not!" exclaimed the hunter. "I shot them all."

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"NOBODY MISSES THE "5" PIN?"

By Stanley Butler

Someone must have lighted a fuse under GALE ALBERS because he bowled a 250 game with a 582 series. J. FORBES 210, BUTLER 201-547, LAFOND 531 BAYLOR 541, MATHEWS 524, PERKINS 522, LINSKY 517, FISHER 502 and R. FORBES 502.

The only splits recorded were GURZINSKI 5-10 and REITMEIER 4-10.

I don't know about any other team having trouble with the "5" pin, but Maintenance sure did. BRINKMAN missed it twice, TAMBLING missed it twice, and BUTLER missed it once. There seemed to be a lot of room on both sides of it.

We only have six more nights of bowling this season and our banquet will be on the 30th of April.



"Me and the crew's been talking it over, Cap'n, and we feel that just this once instead of burying the loot, why don't we just spend it . . .?"

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