

# bradley News

Friday, March 26, 1976



## OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is RAY FORBES who came to work at Bradley on January 4, 1944. At that time he was just a month short of his eighteenth birthday and his only previous work experience had been on a farm near Exline. He started in the foundry, then went to Receiving and finally to Welding as a trucker. For over twenty-five years now he has been welding and is currently classified as a Mig Welder.

During World War II RAY spent twenty-one months in the Navy with eighteen months of sea duty. He served on a Destroyer Escort which took its shakedown cruise in the Atlantic but then went immediately to the Pacific where RAY saw service at Eniwetok Leyte Gulf, the Philippines and Japan.

RAY and his wife Shirley will be married twenty-five years in September and have five children and one grandchild. Oldest daughter Kathy Mudd lives in Virginia where her husband is stationed with the Marine Corps. Following in his dad's footsteps, son JERRY has been working here in Dept. 35, Welding for three years. Son Larry 18 is joining the Marine Corps. Steve 17 is a junior at Westview High School and Karen attends Kennedy Upper Grade Center.

This fun loving Old Timer loves camping and fishing and has, in the past, been very active in Boy Scouting. He has also been active in union affairs and has held office in Local 1212.

**FOR SALE:** 1971 V.W. Van - New engine. Body needs small amount of work. \$1000.00 Call 932-3113.



## THE MAKING OF A TRACTOR PART III Testing

Pictured are BOB FAENGER, Chief Test Engineer and DODE MEHRER, Model Shop Tester as they take a reading on the Rolling Chassis Dynamometer, a machine which is used to test the whole tractor; engine, transaxle, etc., and simulates actual running. Testing is a constant operation here at Bradley both on proposed new models and current models. In fact as problems arise with older models testing continues on these as well.

In addition to the dynamometer, there is also the test track located just north of the old foundry building where tractors can be seen in almost continuous operation. On this test track tractors are run constantly 24 hours a day six days a week and will average 500 miles on the track.

We also have a Florida test base at Fort Lauderdale where MERWIN BECKWITH is the Chief Test Engineer at that location and has four to seven people assisting him. There the tractors are tested under actual operating conditions with 90% grass mowing and 10% tilling. A great deal of our testing is for the benefit of our own quality control.

In addition to our own testing Sears tests our tractors extensively at the Morton Arboretum near Lisle, Illinois. Next week we will take a look at processing and tooling.

**FOR SALE:** '71 Toyota Corolla. Auto transmission. New exhaust. Make good second car. Best offer. Call after 6:30 p.m. 939-7119.

## SHOEMOBILE

The first 1976 visit of the Safety Shoemobile to our plant will be Wednesday, April 14. The unit will be here at the north guard house from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At that time employees may purchase safety shoes available in many different styles that are fine shoes and very reasonably priced. Midwest Shoe Company personnel will be available to provide expert fitting. Shoes may be purchased by payroll deduction and can be paid in one, two or three deductions.

In addition the company will make a contribution of \$6.00 toward the price of each pair of shoes purchased. Last year when the company contribution was increased to \$6.00 it was announced that only two pairs per year could be purchased under this plan. This is still the case. Last year a few employees misunderstood this.

So there will be no misunderstanding this year let us explain. An employee can purchase as many pairs of safety shoes as he can afford and pay for them under the payroll deduction plan, but only two pairs per year can get the \$6.00 discount. All shoes over the two limit must be paid for at full price.

There will be two more shoemobile visits later this year, but any employees buying two pairs at this visit will not be able to purchase any more at future visits unless they are prepared to pay full price.

## NOBODY MISSES THE "5" PIN?

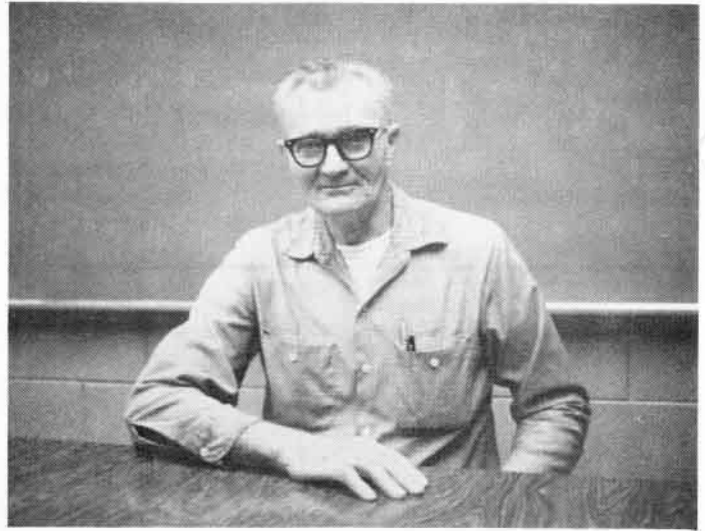
By Stanley Butler

The Office team doesn't seem to want anyone to get too close to them as far as points are concerned, as they seem to stay 7 games out in front. The Welders stayed even by winning 3 points from Maintenance, but the Tool Room gained 1 by winning 4 from Dispatchers.

The Welders showed no mercy Monday night as the 2 ALBERS boys bowled against their father. There were five 500 games bowled and the Welders had 3 of them. GARY ALBERS 200-212-582, LINSKY 201-544, the other good games and series were: R. FORBES 222-540, BLANCHETTE 203-552, HIRT, 565, ESSINGTON 563, PERKINS 542, CRAWFORD 542, T. DUPUIS 537, HISEL 524, FISHER 518, GALE ALBERS 513, and BRINKMAN 507. Splits that were picked up were kind of few and far between as there were only 3 of them recorded. CRAWFORD 6-7-10, REITMEIER 2-10, and WESTOVER 6-7.

We only have four more weeks of bowling and we still have 11 people who have a perfect attendance record. For getting off to a bad start due to all the people laid off we have had a very good turn out all year. Keep it up four more weeks fellows.

**FOR SALE:** 1975 Honda 750 CC Supersport. Electric start. Excellent condition. Many extras. \$1950. Call 932-0659.



RETIREE

LAWRENCE CAVENDER reached the magic age of 65 on March 10, and, as a result, will be retiring on the first of April. He has been employed here since February of 1959 beginning in the Machine Shop but having been in Receiving since 1962 and leadman since 1974.

LARRY says he really doesn't know what his plans are for retirement as he never has had any hobbies. But his health is good and he will probably be kept busy around the house at 266 Willow Road, Manteno. Although LARRY will be retiring his wife Dorothy will continue her duties as bookkeeper at the Manteno Bank. T. name will continue here as well, as son DONALD is employed in Dept. 35.

We wish LARRY a long and happy retirement.

**FOR RENT:** Small 4 room house with attached garage. Stove, Refrigerator, and some furniture furnished. \$125.00 a month plus utilities. Deposit required. Located at 417½ No. Washington, Bradley. Call 939-1347.

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