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Listen Americans!

... by Dr. George S. Benson
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I AM THE NATION

"I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the nation.

I am 213 million living souls — and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungle of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coal fields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific . . . my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii . . . 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages — and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his bread loaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 110,000 schools and colleges, and 330,000 churches where my people worship the living God. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine. Yes, I am the nation, and these are my component parts. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer in this year of 1976 — two hundred years after I was born."

The touching story you have just read, "I AM THE NATION," was originally published by Norfolk & Western Railroad in 1955 and was recently updated and republished by that private enterprise Company to help celebrate the Nation's Bicentennial.

BLOOD PROGRAM

Congratulations to recent blood donors.

DAVID PATNAUDE D/35
RON HIRT D/70

DORIS BUTLER D/35

WOMEN'S GOLF

Shamrock Golf Course was the scene as the reorganized Roper Women's Golf League opened play on Tuesday and twelve hardy gals braved the elements to play.

DONNA KIEDAISCH led the gals with a gross 56 and net 36. Other leaders on the first night were:

2	Kathy Dupuis	57 - 37
3	Mary Frink	58 - 37
4	Janet Power	58 - 37
5	Janis Buss	64 - 38

DONNA collected five points for gross and an additional five prize points for low net.

Handicapper, KATHY DUPUIS, will be furnishing the results each week.

MENS GOLF LEAGUE

It was cold and blusting on Tuesday but the weather failed to stop the Roper Men's Golf League from opening what could be their biggest season yet at South Shore Golf Course. At the completion of the night's play the team of EARL MASSEY and BOB FAENGER was leading the pack with thirty-nine points. JOHN COFFMAN and MAYNARD BLANCHETTE were close behind with thirty-eight while JOE DOMINICK and BOB BELL had thirty-six.

Team Low Net went to DEL FUHRMAN and BOB WILLIAMSON with 71. PETE JOHNSON and GENE SEAMARK had 72. BOBBY CRAWFORD and BILL LUSTIK were third with 75.

NICK GINERIS won low net for individuals in Class A with 34, while WAYNE RASMUSSEN and DOMINICK had 37's. In Class B, BOB WILLIAMSON was low with 33, OLIVER MILLER had 35 as did VERN WILLIAMS.

Birdies were scored by MILLER and DOUG DAN-KEL.

Thanks to ROLLIE SCHLEMMER and RON TANNER, we hope to be able to bring you up to date results each week during the season.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is General Service Representative, LEO WILLIAMSON, who came to work at Bradley on April 22, 1944. At the time, he was sixteen years old and still a high school student. He worked twenty-eight hours a week at night until he graduated, at which time, he went full time. LEO, has had a great number of jobs in his career beginning with Truckee, Order Filler, Tractor Operator and Service Man. He went on Supervision in 1955 and since then has been Production Foreman, Repair Parts Foreman, Print Shop Foreman, Sales Representative, and Factory Service Representative.

LEO spent a little over a year in the Army Signal Corps and moved from Fort Jackson to Fort Monmouth to Fort Bragg, where he was assigned to the famed 82nd Airborne Division.

LEO and his wife Waunita have been married twenty-seven years and have four children and one grandson. Eldest daughter, LEONA, is married to Larry Kibbons, who works in D/35. Daughter WENDY Bertrands' husband is a route salesman for Clean Towel Service. Son, ALAN, works at Kroehler while son ROY, is Service Manager for Kankakee Duplicating.

This highly cooperative Old Timer, whose temperament is ideally suited to the job he holds, likes to fish, hunt, camp, golf and travel. The highlight of the latter was a Mediterranean Cruise he took two years ago. Formerly active in scouting and midget football, he has held the highest elective offices in the Keymen and Golf League.

He loves working with people and mechanical products and says he has enjoyed every minute of his Bradley career.

WELCOME ROGER

ROGER JENSON of Engineering has kindly consented to help out the staff of the Roper Bradley News by being the Official Photographer. We thank him and officially welcome him to the fold.

MAKING OF A TRACTOR

Because of the inability to make the printing deadline, we are unable this week to run our regular feature this week. The series will be continued next week. There will be two more installments. Next week's will be on Inspection and the following week the series will conclude with Shipping featured.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to DAVID D/71 and Barbara GOSELIN on the birth of their second child, a boy, Brent Kenneth born April 21, 1976.

Also to DON D/35 and Kathy ECKELS on the birth of their first child, a girl, born April 21, 1976.

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