

# bradley News

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## THE SILENT KILLER

Those employees who spend much time before their TV sets probably know that the silent killer is high blood pressure. Of late, most TV stations have been running commercials stressing the fact that the reason it is called that is because people who have high blood pressure usually have no symptoms to let them know their condition. And yet high blood pressure is probably one of the greatest contributory factors in strokes and heart attacks.

Recognizing this fact and its importance, the Roper Corporation started the first yearly testing program for high blood pressure among all its employees. Last year at Roper Outdoor Products all employees were given the opportunity to have their pressure checked. This year the program will be offered again sometime during the month of June. Naturally, it is voluntary on the part of the employees, but it is certainly to be hoped that all take the opportunity for a free check up.

During 1975 at the time the program was made available, there were 669 employees on the payroll. Of this number 91% or 612 had their blood pressure checked. Of the number checked there were 28 who were found to have moderately elevated blood pressure. However, there were 9 who had significantly elevated pressure and most of them were not even aware of the problem. All of those 9 were immediately referred to their physicians and now, through medication and a program prescribed by the doctor, have the situation well under control.

In succeeding issues, we will give further information as to when, where and how the testing program will be administered.

### PROCRASTINATION

Procrastination —  
You thief of time —  
Stop trying to be —  
A Friend of mine.

Procrastination —  
You crook of deeds —  
Stop keeping me from —  
My family's needs.

Procrastination —  
Leave my home —  
It took me a month —  
To type this poem.

M. K. McCauley

## SEARS TRACTOR REVIEW

By Chuck Cassidy

The S.S.I tractor program took another large step along its road to becoming a successful new tractor in the Industry. On Thursday, May 13th the tractor line review was held here at Bradley. The object of these reviews is for the Buyer, JAY LASSEIGNE, to present his future plans to his boss and his boss's boss. As in the past, the S.S.I was accepted with great enthusiasm and compliments to the Bradley Division of Roper Outdoor Products. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the setting up of this review.

This review was the final presentation of the S.S.I before it reaches production in November. The meeting of the November production date is the next major hurdle that must be accomplished in order to insure success. With the continuance of everyone's fine effort I'm sure the S.S.I will come rolling off the assembly line just as planned and go on to be one of the finest entries in the tractor Industry for some years.

## GRILL SALE

The Roper Sales Corporation has announced a spring sale of electric and gas outdoor grills that means substantial savings for all Roper employees. Four different grill models are offered in this sale as well as many grill accessories. Information on prices and models can be obtained from BETTY MARSHALL in the Personnel Department.



"You can sit in that jury room for weeks and gain weight, or you can come out in an hour with a not-guilty verdict!"



### OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is ANTHONY BERNS, who started his Bradley career on May 3, 1944 after working at Manco for one year. After starting in Steel Stores, he has had numerous other assignments such as the Grinding Room, Supplier, and Furniture for almost fifteen years until it closed. Since the closing of the Furniture department he has been in Assembly where, since March of this year, he is the Department Supplier.

TONY and his wife RUTH have been married thirty-two years and have four fine children but, as yet, no grandchildren. Son, DON, a graduate of Illinois State University, is Vice President and Manager of a Citizen's Loan Office in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Son, RANDY, who graduated from Eastern Illinois University, and worked here summers while in school, is employed in the computer department of the Continental Bank in Chicago. The two youngest BERN's children, RICHARD seventeen and DARLEEN fifteen are students at Westview High School. MRS. BERNs is employed by the Kankakee County Catholic Credit Union.

This great Old Timer, who has done a real job of overcoming his defect in speech and hearing, is a man of many hobbies. He has for many years been interested in fishing, gardening and photography and recently has become a camping enthusiast. And he is a self confessed die hard Cub and Bear fan.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

The weather is warming up and the girls are starting to improve by leaps and bounds as evidenced by the fact that on Tuesday two of the gals used only 40 strokes to negotiate nine holes at Shamrock. KATHY DUPUIS and JANET POWER were the "Pros". MARY FRINK and CAROL RABIDEAU had gross scores of 50 for third place. As a result KATHY had Low Net for the evening with 40-23, JANET was second with 40-25 while CAROL RABIDEAU was third with 50-31. DONNA KIEDAISCH still leads in point totals with 15, while DELMA BURKHALTER, JANET and KATHY have 7 - 1/2 points and KATHLEEN BENOIT has 2 - 1/2.

### GOLF LEAGUE

At the end of the fourth night of play there has been a reshuffling of the leaders and the new leaders are as follows:

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| 1. Earl Massey & Bob Faenger         | 138 pts. |
| 2. Mel Boule' & Larry Power          | 137 pts. |
| 3. John Coffman & Maynard Blanchette | 131 pts. |
| 4. Tommy Brown and Oliver Miller     | 124 pts. |
| 5. Joe Dominick & Bob Bell           | 122 pts. |
| Doug Dankel & Gus LaRoche            | 122 pts. |

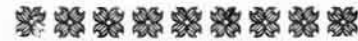
Low Team Net for the night was won by WILLARD NELSON and PETE GERACI, who had 72 strokes. BOBBY CRAWFORD and BILL LUSTIK had 73 for second low net, while DOMINICK and BELL had 74.

STEVE SERVE led the Class A golfers with a Net 35 in individual competition, followed by MASSEY's 36 and BROWN and NICK GINERIS who tied for third with 37's.

HAROLD SAGE led the Class B individual shooters with a 35 net, followed by BILL HARTLEY's 37. There was a three way tie for third at 40 shared by FAENGER, POWER and WALT BISHOP.

TOMMY BROWN had Low Gross of 42 to lead Class A while BILL LUSTIK's sparkling 45 was best in Class B.

BOULE', DOMINICK and BROWN had birdies.



### Get the Point?

Kids today have it too easy. My kid wanted a \$50 pocket calculator for his math homework. I said, "I'll give you something even better. It adds, subtracts, multiplies, divides, corrects its own mistakes, and doesn't require batteries."

He said, "What's it called?"  
I said, "A pencil."

— Robert Orben

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