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Listen Americans!
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DEFINING BY NEGATIVES

It is fitting that all Americans celebrate our Bicentennial by a re-examination of what America really is. We have put many great things on paper, and then tried to condense them all into a simple column. We can't get America down on paper that way. Today, we will try by putting down what America is not.

America is not a country which jails its citizens for owning a Bible, holding personal and private faith in God, or attending public worship. America is not a nation which officially penalizes a citizen who does not believe in God or any other deity. The same law which guarantees religious freedom, guarantees freedom from the requirement of having a religious faith.

America is not a country in which political dissent is punished by legal failing or sentencing to death. Political opponents call each other terrible things in the heat of the Primary and sometimes even in the General elections, when it is all over embrace each other on the personal plane while continuing opposition to positions. Resort to violence is not a characteristic of American politics.

America is not a place which jails even its declared enemies for just speaking against the form of government. Communists and socialists are allowed to criticize and even to advocate its overthrow, and we do not touch them until they take overt action to put into effect what they advocate in their speeches. Many Americans believe sincerely that all Presidents who send American soldiers to die in no-win wars should be tried for treason, and they declare it without fear of arrest. Many other Americans believe the foreign policy of Kissinger which, often seemingly benefits the Russians and other Communists, is treason, and they are permitted to say so.

Let us be thankful that we are not a nation which will not permit dissent from official policy. America is a nation with more freedom than any other country in the world.

This is why foreigners have not stopped wanting to live here.

BOWLING

League Secretary TERRY DUPUIS has informed us that forty-three bowlers have already signed up to bowl in the Roper Outdoor Products League for the 1976-77 season. This means there are only seven openings left and TERRY advises that undecided bowlers had better make up their minds soon or they may be left out. Prospective bowlers currently on layoff are asked to contact TERRY at his home. The number is 939-2903.

FOR SALE: 1972 Monitor Self Contained Camper, like new. Call 427-8661 anytime.

FOR SALE: Dark wood desk and chair, good condition. Call 698-2503 after 5 P.M.

FOR RENT: Upstairs apartment in West Kankakee, available Sept. 1st. Bedroom, Kitchen, Living Room and Bath. \$125.00 & electricity. Call 933-5057 or 933-3898.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Retiree, ROLLIN CROSS, who passed away August 13, 1976.

WANTED TO GIVE AWAY TO GOOD HOME: Three month old small male puppy, partly house trained. Call 937-1054 after 5 P.M.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee ELDO LAFOND started a long and illustrious Bradley career on June 18, 1945 after several years of employment at St. Anne Brick and Tile. He started in the Forge Shop making plow beams before moving into the Cutting-In Room where he has been for all but six months of his time and where he currently operates the 163 Gang Punch.

ELDO was one of those "lucky" guys who was drafted eight months before Pearl Harbor and, as a result, was a well trained combat infantryman when the war started. He was in over four years seeing action as a machine gunner in Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Bougainville and the Philippines after additional training in Australia. By the time of his discharge he had attained the rank of Sergeant.

ELDO and his wife MARY have been married thirty-one years and have two daughters and four grandchildren. The daughters BETTY STALNECKER and LINDA BROWN both live in St. Anne as do the LAFOND's.

This OLD TIMER likes gardening, working around the house and watching ball games. One of three brothers here, CECIL retired and WILBUR in Heat Treat, ELDO is almost 62 years of age but plans no early retirement. We are sure this is good news to his bosses who say there is no more reliable, dedicated or conscientious employee than he in this or any other plant.

20 YEAR PICNIC

Those Old Timers and Retirees who have been wondering about whether or not there would be a 20 year picnic this year need worry no longer. DON BLANCHETTE, perennial chariman of the event has announced that it will be held on Saturday, September 18th, from noon to 5:00 P.M. at the Bradley American Legion Post, 835 W. Broadway.

Cards will be sent out in the near future to all who are eligible to attend. DON has not decided as yet what the menu will be, but the liquid refreshments once again will be under the capable supervision of EDWIN "KING-FISH" CIERYCA.

GOLF LEAGUE

After five weeks of play in the Roper Men's league there are three new teams in the top five which are as follows:

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| 1. TOMMY BROWN & OLIVER MILLER | 162 pts. |
| 2. LEO WILLIAMSON & ELWOOD WEISKE | 156 pts. |
| 3. JOE DOMINICK & BOB BELL | 149 pts. |
| 4. DEL FUHRMAN & BOB WILLIAMSON | 147 pts. |
| 5. DON JENKINS & HAROLD SAGE | 146 pts. |

Low Team Net for the night was a tie at 65 between the teams of LEE HERSCHER-BILL HARTLEY and BROWN-MILLER. DOMINICK and BELL were third with 75.

In individual competition in Class A BROWN and HERSCHER tied for Low Net with 33's while MICK PUFFER had 35. The Class B leaders were MILLER and HARTLEY with 32's and BOB WILLIAMSON had 35.

TOMMY BROWN capped a fine individual performance by scoring a gross 37 to lead all Class A golfers while LARRY POWER's 45 was the best gross score in Class B.

It was a great night for birdies with ERNIE PERKINS getting two, and JOE COTE, NICK GINERIS, MICK PUFFER, HENRY BITTMANN and TOMMY BROWN getting one apiece.

DEMONSTRATION

Employees who were curious about all the people and activity Monday afternoon, just across North Street, should know that it was a small part of the Roper Sales Corporation's National Sales Meeting. A group of approximately 85 Roper distributors and their salesmen came in to the Holiday Inn on Sunday. Monday morning a meeting was held there and the group was introduced to the entire Roper Outdoor Power Equipment line. In the afternoon the entire group had the opportunity to work with the garden and lawn tractors, tillers, mowers, etc., here at the factory site.

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