

Friday, September 24, 1976



RETIREE

Back in 1935 when GIL LUHRS received his Engineering Degree he looked upon his commencement as the beginning of a new career. Now, after forty years of service to Bradley and Roper he feels as if he is going through another commencement. He will reach his 65th birthday on September 27, and will retire on Oct. 1st. GIL can look back on a distinguished career here and has had a hand in practically all of our products over the years. To name a few: furniture, stokers, grills and tractors.

Unlike some of our retirees who have sought other climes GIL plans just to stay in Kankakee and pursue his many hobbies. He and MRS. LUHRS have always been very active in their church and plan to continue. In addition GIL is a rose grower, gourmet cook and a voracious reader. There are also plans for some traveling.

According to GIL his 40 years have gone very quickly. He has had a series of challenges and looks upon retirement as just another challenge. We wish him well.

Congratulations to LES, D/79, and Marlene MCQUILLEN on the birth of their first child, a girl, Nicole Dawn, born September 21st.

We extend sincere sympathy to RAYMOND YARNEAU D/35 on the death of his father-in-law.



20 YEAR PICNIC

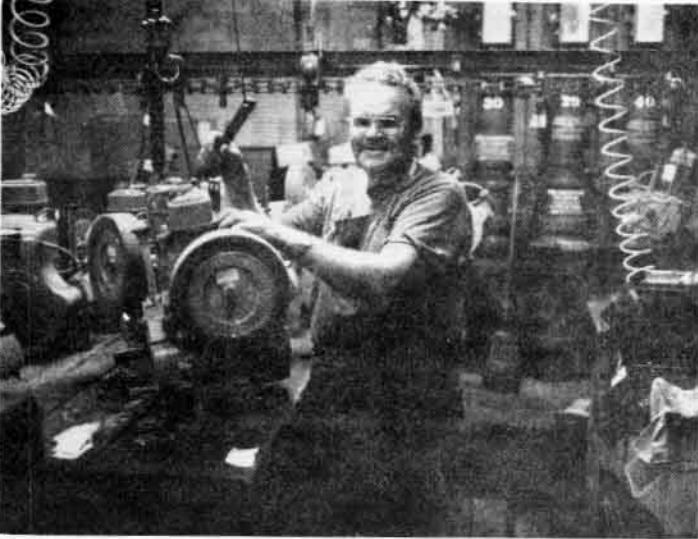
Caught by the photographer as they enjoyed a friendly game of cards at the recent 20 Year Picnic were the following: starting at the extreme left and reading clockwise are: Retiree, ELMER MEYER, Retiree, BUD HAYS, Retiree, LUCIEN VANESSE, FRANCIS LONGTIN D/35, WAYNE SMITH D/35, EDDIE CIERYCA D/81 and Retirees, ARMAND CYRIER and CHELSEA RENSHAW. MR. VANESSE at age 85 was the oldest man present. According to Picnic Chairman DON BLANCHETTE approximately 275 members of our most exclusive club attended the picnic held on September 18th at the Bradley American Legion. They feasted on chicken, polish sausage and the trimmings washed down by Old Style. It is said that a good time was had by all.

CARDIAC ARREST

Many people have died from cardiac arrest (when the heart just stops) whose lives might have been saved by prompt action by someone skilled in resuscitation. We are happy to be able to announce that we now have several employees who have completed courses qualifying them to administer cardio pulmonary resuscitation. In addition to MARGE RYAN, R.N. the following are those who qualify:

QUENTIN HERTZ	D/25B
MERLE ARSENEAU	D/25 Foreman
ALAN KEOWN	Temporarily 2nd Shift Janitor
BILL MATTOX	D/70
TOM TRAVIS	Warehouse Foreman

OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK



This week's honored employee, a real "salt of the earth" guy is BONIFACE GREY, better known to his friends as "Bonnie". He was born and raised in Ashkum, and, though he has lived in Bradley for many years, says his heart still belongs to the little Iroquis County town. BONNIE'S official employment date is September 13, 1945, but he worked here back in 1941 for 50 cents an hour before being laid off, at which time he went to Dupont making munitions for three years. Since returning to Bradley he has become an expert at closing departments having worked in both the foundry and furniture until they closed. For the past six years he has worked on the engine station in Assembly.

BONNIE and his wife ELSIE have been married 42 years and have two children and five grandchildren. Son ROBERT is a Supervisor at Swifts and lives in Bradley. Daughter MARY ELLEN SPLEAR lives in Limestone and her husband is a farmer.

This OLD TIMER has less than a year to go until retirement as he will celebrate his 65th birthday on August 27th next year. He still likes to hunt and fish and makes two trips to Wisconsin each year to indulge his hobby. He is an American League fan and therefore usually goes into hiding each year after the All Star game. He no longer goes to square dances, but now spends most of his leisure time gardening and playing with his grandchildren.

BOWLING

Monday night saw the DISPATCHERS take four from the TOOL ROOM, ENGINEERS take four from the OFFICE and TRUCKERS take four from STORES. ASSEMBLY and WELDERS took three from the PAINTERS and MAINTENANCE.

On a night that hardly anyone bowled up to potential there was only one game over 200 and that was a 201 bowled by DANNY LAFOND. The only good series were by LAFOND 539, ROGER VOIGHT 525, BRUCE COURVILLE 508 and RALPH DOERHING 504.

MARVIN STANLEY picked up the 5-6-10 split while RAY GERBER picked up the 5-8-10.

GOLF LEAGUE

Congratulations are in order for the team of BOBBY CRAWFORD and BILL LUSTIK who won the second half championship Tuesday night and thereby won the right to play, DOUG DANKEL and GUS LAROCHE for the league championship at the final outing Saturday. Final standings of the leaders are as follows:

1. BOBBY CRAWFORD & BILL LUSTIK	299 pts.
2. TOMMY BROWN & OLIVER MILLER	288 pts.
3. MEL BOULE' & LARRY POWER	288 pts.
4. JOE DOMINICK & BOB BELL	283 pts.
5. DOUG DANKEL & GUS LAROCHE	272 pts.
6. DEL FUHRMAN & BOB WILLIAMSON	272 pts.

In Tuesday night's play Low Team Net was tied by the teams of CRAWFORD-LUSTIK and DOMINICK-BELL who had identical scores of 71. BROWN and MILLER, had 73.

CRAWFORD captured Low Net in Class A with a 35, while ROL SCHLEMMER and WAYNE RASMUSSEN had 36's.

In Class B MILLER and BELL had 34's while LUSTIK and JOE COTE had 36's.

BROWN and RASMUSSEN had 41's to share Low Gross among the A golfers, while BELL had the Low Gross score of 44 to lead Class B.

Birdies were scored by BELL (2), RON TANNER and JAY KEROUAC.

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