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RETIREE

VAN DAVIS, who started his Bradley career on August 16, 1933 and will celebrate his 65th birthday on October 17, will be retiring on the 31st of this month.

VAN has worked in the foundry and in Furniture staying in each department until it closed and for the past five and a half years has been the swing shift guard.

His plans for retirement are a bit uncertain, but one thing is sure, no more working for wages. For the present he plans a trip to Southern Illinois, another trip to lower Michigan, and a lot of work around the house at 1871 Duane Boulevard in Kankakee.

VAN says he has enjoyed his forty-three year Bradley career. He leaves with the best wishes of all his friends.

PERSONNEL COMMUNIQUE

We, at Roper Outdoor Products, employ Equal Employment Opportunities for all personnel.

All decisions relating to employment, promotion, transfer, demotion, compensation and separation of personnel at Roper Outdoor Products are based entirely on the appropriate combination of such factors as skills, knowledge, merit, service, physical ability and overall capacity to effectively perform the work required. This will be accomplished without regard to non-appropriate factors as race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, disabled and being a Viet Nam era veteran.

"THE BIG SPLIT"

By Terry Dupuis

As we are about one fourth of the way through the first half we have a tight race thus far between six teams and they are Engineers, Assembly, Welders, Painters, Tool Room and Dispatchers, where there's only a five point span between them.

Tonight the top bowler for the night was DANNY LAFOND with a 202 and a 569 series. With that nice series, DANNY moved his average from a 168 to a 172.

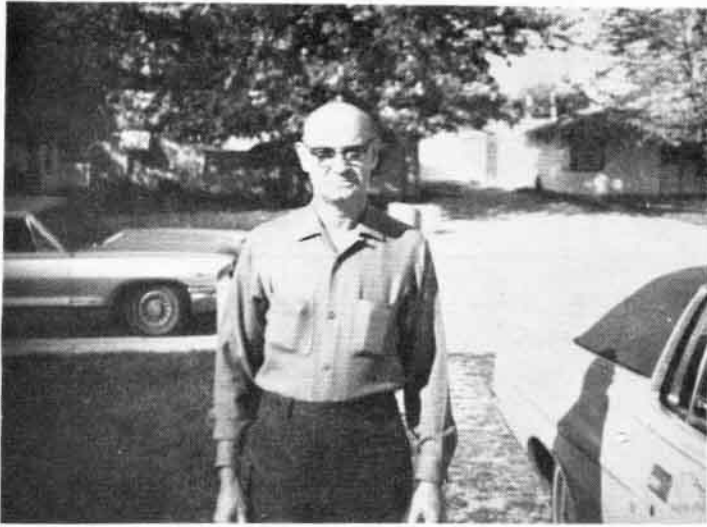
This week four teams won four points and the other team won three, as Maintenance took four from Office, Engineers took four from Stores, Assembly took four from Truckers, Tool Room took four from Welders, and Painters took three from Dispatchers.

Good games and series were by: DANNY LAFOND 202-569, BOB DRAWFORD 530, GENE BARWEGAN 530, TERRY DUPUIS 522, HAROLD SIEFERT 212-520, GERALD REAGON 515, RON HIRT 502 and HENRY REITMEIER a 502.

Splits were picked up by GERLAD REAGON the 5-7, ROGER VOIGT the 5-7, WALLY DUPUIS the 6-7, and RON HIRT the 3-7-10 and the 5-7.



"One of the technicians wants to see you about a possible misprint in the service manual."



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

Normally pictures of our honored employees are taken at the plant but this week is an exception. Photographer, ROGER JENSEN snapped this picture of RUSSELL OWEN outside his home at 316 Belle Aire in Bourbonnais, RUSS stepped off his sidewalk a month ago and suffered a fracture of one of the bones in his right ankle, and, as a result, has been unable to work since, managing nicely with a walking cast but unable to drive.

RUSS started his career here at Bradley on October 16, 1945 after previously working at Bear Brand, Du Pont and U.S. Rubber. He has worked in a great many areas here starting in the yard and then Assembly, Shell Line, Furniture and Machine Shop. He then went to Maintenance as an Oiler, later becoming Fireman in the Boiler Room where he now holds down the first shift.

RUSS has been a widower since the death of his wife RUTH in 1949 when his youngest daughter was born. As a result JACQUELINE, the youngest, has been raised by her mother's family. The three older children are MELVIN who works as a computer technician for the Federal Government and lives in Colorado. CAROL JOHNSON who lives in Momenca, and JUDITH HOWELL, whose husband SHERMAN works here in D/79. RUSS has seven grandchildren.

This OLD TIMER has one big hobby. Every year he goes trout fishing in Colorado. In fact he has purchased property in Colorado north and west of Colorado Springs which he eventually plans to use as a retirement home. He loves to travel, and being an outdoorsman, has confined most of his travel to the western states. He has been active in union affairs and was chairman of Local 296 of the Firemen and Oilers for five years.

RUSS says he has seen a lot of changes here in the last thirty-one years, feels that Roper has been a good place to work, and has enjoyed working with a grand bunch of fellows.

MEDICAL COMPLAINT
 A little boy, having his first physical examination, was asked by the doctor, "Do you ever have trouble with your nose or your ears?"
 "Yes," the boy answered.
 "When I take off my T-shirt."



"Can you tell?—I'm not wearing a bra."

GRANDMA'S MEASURE

One day as I was putting together one of Grandma's delicious casseroles, I couldn't remember how much rice to use. My phone call to her was immediately rewarded when in answer to my question she told me to get the box of rice, hold it next to the phone and start pouring it into a bowl. This I did. Suddenly she called, "Stop!" and then said, "Now, use three of those."

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