

# ROPER

# bradley News

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## WEDDING BELLS

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. JIM ALLIE who were married on October 16, 1976. The bride is the former DIANE HILDEBRAND who works in the Print Shop and, every week, does a very capable job of preparing the Roper Bradley News for publication. The groom is the nephew of JERRY ALLIE and himself formerly worked here while a student at Kankakee Community College.

## CAN THE FAMILY FARMER STAY DOWN ON THE FARM

FAMILY farming is going out of business at the rate of at least 1,000 farms a week, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures. Often working the land instead are large corporations.

Farm land today is either owned or controlled by brewers, food companies, meat packers, oil companies and chemical firms, among others. Corporations own a good portion of farm land in California, Illinois and Iowa, says the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. And Tenneco-the oil and pipe conglomerate-is said to be our largest farmer.

## PLAIN TALK

Earlier times honored age before beauty; some of us moderns honor wage before duty.

When pay-day comes, it isn't how much is the check that counts; it is how much good did you do. It is not the amount in dollars and cents; it is the amount of accomplishment that makes your life worthwhile. The government can tax those dollars right out of your hand, but no one can take from you the good you've done, the duty you've performed.

The money you have today, in a flash, can dwindle in value, be of no use to you. But those acts of kindness, those jobs well done, the satisfaction from them is something no turn of human event can alter. And in them you have a credit with God, a credit not dependent upon a gold standard, neither upon war nor peace, but a comforting sum for your future happiness.

It cost an average of \$1284 to educate a public school student in the 1975-76 school year, or about 10 percent more than the preceding year. Since the 1967-68 school year, costs per student have risen 132 percent. So reports Market Data Retrieval Inc.

## PERSONNEL COMMUNIQUE

In line with the recent policy of increasing the maximum earnings subject to Social Security Taxes each year, a further increase will take place on January 1, 1977. Beginning on that date employees will have their wages taxed for Social Security up to a maximum of \$16,560 of earnings. This is an increase of \$1,260 over the current base for 1976 of \$15,300. The tax rate of 5.85 remains unchanged which means that there will be no increase in payments by those who earn less than \$15,300. However, those fortunate enough to earn the new maximum will pay a maximum of \$965.25 in Social Security taxes next year with a like amount paid by the employer. This is a \$70.20 boost from this year's maximum tax of \$895.05. The increase is brought about by the automatic escalator provisions contained in the Social Security Act, based on a formula designed to keep both contributions and benefits in line with rising average wage levels.

## UNITED WAY

We are happy to announce that employees of Roper Outdoor Products have made a total pledge of \$15,096 to the United Way 1977 campaign. This is an increase of over \$3,000 from last year's employee gift of \$12,000 and represents an increase of over 20%.

This is a tremendous showing and every employee who did his part is deserving of a hearty congratulations. Needless to say the committee, headed by DON BLANCHETTE did a fine job. The other members of the committee were BARBARA LECLAIR and RACHEL BEAUPRE of the office, PAUL MONTAGUE, RICHARD O'CONNOR and DON BOURASSA of Machinists Local 1212, and HAROLD SIEFERT and CHARLES WALTERS representing Blacksmith's Local 1184.

## BIRTH

We extend congratulations to WILLIAM D/35 and DEBORAH GIROUX on the birth of their first child, a girl, JENNIFER DENISE, born October 18th.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Old wooden picture frame, suitable for refinishing. Call 698-2503 after 5 o'clock.

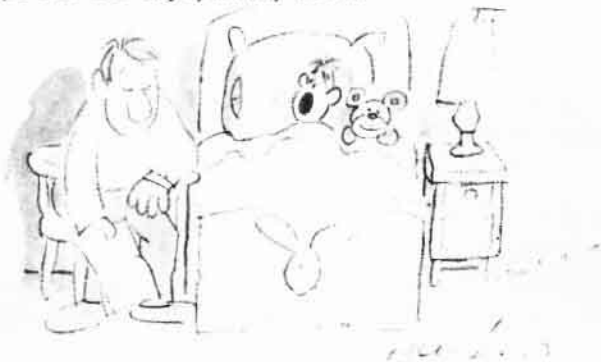


**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week's honored employee is PHYLLIS PATTERSON who started her Bradley career exactly twenty years ago on October 29, 1956. She had previously worked as a bookkeeper and clerk at Butler Department Store in Manteno. Here at Bradley she spent her first nine years working for Ruth Collins in Accounting as a billing clerk and in accounts payable. Since 1965 she has been the efficient and capable secretary to Vice President Controller, ELDON KRAPP, who attests to her efficiency and value to his organization.

PHYLLIS and her husband WILLIAM (Bill) have been married thirty years and have two sons and four grandchildren. BILL is employed at Bennett Industries in Peotone and the PATTERSONS live at 536 Stockton Heights in Bourbonnais. Son BILL JR. is a nine year veteran of the Air Force, well on his way to a military career. A staff sergeant and Viet Nam veteran, he is currently stationed at Newport News, Virginia. Son JIM is employed at Armstrong Cork and lives in Bourbonnais.

This highly respected OLD TIMER loves reading and travel. The PATTERSONS have spent both their 25th and 30th anniversaries in Hawaii. This year they visited the westernmost point of the United States mainland in Oregon. PHYLLIS says she loves to cook but hates housework. This may be true but we can't imagine her home being anything less than immaculate. She says she has thoroughly enjoyed her twenty years at Bradley. We hope she will enjoy many more.



"You're mumbling again."

**"THE BIG SPLIT"**

By Terry Dupuis

Tonight the alley's seemed to be bad because we only had five 500 series.

DANNY LAFOND led the way tonight with a 225 game and a 553 series.

The TOOL ROOM and the WELDERS shutout their opposing teams, and they were ENGINEERS and PAINTERS, the STORES took 3 from OFFICE, TRUCKERS took 3 from MAINTENANCE, and ASSEMBLY and DISPATCHERS split.

Good games and series were by: DAN LAFOND 225-553, JOE ARBOUR 210-531, GEORGE FISHER 203-522, DON BLANCHETTE 209-509, and GALE ALBERS a 507.

Splits were picked up by TERRY DUPUIS the 4-5, and BOB GURZINSKI the 5-10.



"Oliver isn't much of a sunbather."

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