



# bradley News

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## RETIREE



DILLARD LANDIS of Inspection will be officially retired on December 1 at age 58 after 35 years of service that began on September 3, 1941. DILLARD underwent open heart surgery and had three bypasses on April 2nd this year at Northwest Memorial Hospital and has been unable to return to work since. Now the doctor says his working days are over.

DILLARD says he is feeling better, but is not able to plan much activity. He recently purchased a Winnebago Motor Home and hopes to do a limited amount of traveling. He may even go to Florida to escape the cold weather. He plans to continue residence at 1482 So. 5th Avenue in Kankakee for the immediate future since there are two LANDIS children still attending high school here. But later on the plans may call for leaving this area permanently.

We wish him all the best.

## INJURY PROCEDURE

Whenever an employee suffers an injury in the plant that requires that he visit the First Aid Department, he should notify his foreman before leaving his department. This procedure should be followed whenever possible. Too often an employee will report to the nurse, be sent to a doctor, or given 1st Aid and the foreman knows nothing about it. The foreman should be the first man in the department to know when an injury occurs.

Of course, there are exceptions to this. A man with a serious injury should either go or be taken to First Aid without delay, but, even then, someone should notify his foreman immediately.

## "THE BIG SPLIT"

By Terry Dupuis

Tonight we had a few good series. As a matter of fact we had 4 series over 540, and the big gun of the night was GENE BARWEGAN who shot a nice 600 series. This is GENE's first year on the Roper League and so far he's made something of it by leading the league thus far with a 175 average. So far the race for 1st place is closing up with the difference of the first eight teams are only eight points.

Tonight the TRUCKERS took 4 from DISPATCHERS, STORES took 3 from WELDERS, MAINTENANCE took 3 from TOOL ROOM, PAINTERS took 3 from ENGINEERS, and OFFICE and ASSEMBLY split.

Good games and series tonight were by GENE BARWEGAN a 212-209-600, DANNY LAFOND 562, TERRY DUPUIS 560, LOU CONOVER 543, BOB HARRIS 510, WILLARD ESSINGTON 510, PETE GERACI 500, HENRY BITTMANN a 211, and GERALD REAGAN a 204.

Splits were picked up by GALE ALBERS the 5-10 and PETE GERACI the 5-7.

## PERSONNEL COMMUNIQUE

The Congress of the United States in its infinite wisdom has passed a new law that became effective November 1, 1976, known as the Tax Reform Law of 1976. The law has many features, but one, at least, will have quite an impact on some of our employees.

Factory employees who have been here long enough to qualify for the program are entitled to Illness Allowance of \$80 per week (after 40 hours or immediately if hospitalized) for up to 25 weeks when illness or accident (non-industrial) causes them to be unable to work. Up until November 1, these \$80 payments have been tax free but this is no longer true. The new law makes them subject to income tax just as any wages are subject to tax. As a result illness checks received by factory employees after November 1, 1976 will have taxes withheld from the gross amount. In addition, when Congress passed this provision of the law they made it retroactive to January 1, 1976. This means that all factory employees who received illness checks during 1976 prior to November 1, will have to declare the total and pay income tax on it.



### OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is WAYNE SMITH, who started his Bradley career on April 17, 1946 after having previously worked at the Kankakee Butter Company and at Florence Stove. His first six years here were spent working for TONY STANISZESKI in Stores, but then he transferred to Assembly and has been there for the last twenty-four years. He presently works in the Pre-Assembly area on mandrels.

WAYNE, who is the younger brother of Retiree WHITEY SMITH, has been celebrated for many years as one of our most eligible bachelors. He lives with his mother, who is almost 94 years of age, at 1104 South Osborn in Kankakee. Back in 1946 when he started here he weighed 155 lbs. Five years ago, when he was last featured in this column, his weight had reached 235. Now, because of his doctor's orders, he has shrunk to a more acceptable 205. He gives all the credit to drastically cutting down his consumption of beer and switching from Budweiser to Old Style.

This fine OLD TIMER has the reputation throughout the plant as a great horse player, but says he has drastically cut the number of his trips to the track the last few years. And, in fact, he says it hasn't been very profitable lately. Also, his camping and fishing trips have decreased. He is now sixty years of age and doesn't plan to work beyond sixty-two although he has thoroughly enjoyed his thirty years here.

**FOR SALE:** Two tires G 78-14 good tread. Call 932-5358.

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### WHY TEACHER SMILES

**If your secret's out,  
There's little doubt  
Your kids excel  
At Show and Tell.**

### PIONEER PLOWMAN

More than twenty-five years ago a monthly newspaper called the Pioneer Plowman was published by and for the employees of David Bradley Mfg. Co. It was a four page paper filled with pictures and newsy items and had an Editor FRANK SOVINSKI, Photographer HAL McCLEARY and eleven reporters. Among the reporters were RUTH ARRINGTON and JERRY POWER who are still here, and recent retirees CHELSEA RENSHAW and JOHNNY GRIMES.

Thanks to Print Shop Supervisor DON JENKINS we have received several issues of this newspaper with datelines from 1950 to 1954. From time to time, in succeeding issues of the Roper Bradley News, we will be reprinting items about employees who are still here or recently retired. We hope the Old Timers will find them as interesting as we did.

### SHOEMOBILE

The Midwest Safety Shoemobile will make its last 1976 visit to the plant on Wednesday, December 1. As usual the unit will be parked adjacent to the north Guardhouse from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. to serve the needs of our employees.

Employees who wish to purchase safety shoes are reminded that the company will pay \$6.00 of the price and purchases can be made by payroll deductions. However, any employee who has already purchased two pairs of shoes in 1976 will not be allowed any further \$6.00 subsidies until 1977. He can make a purchase but will have to pay the full price.

We cannot emphasize how important it is that employees take advantage of this opportunity to protect themselves against injury and at the same time purchase good shoes at a substantial saving. Many employees in the past have bought dress shoes and then later wore them for work.

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