

bradley News

Friday, November 19, 1976

RETIREE



FRANK LANEY'S official retirement date is not until January 1, 1977 but, because of accrued vacation time and holidays his last working day will be November 29 of this year. FRANK is retiring at age 62 with slightly over twenty-four and a half years of service. He owns twenty-five acres in rural Beaverville where he has been raising hogs and feeding cattle. This he plans to continue, but at the present time, has no plans to work for wages. There are no plans in his future for travel, but fishing is something else and he plans to watch his beloved Cubs at every opportunity. He also plans to devote more time to his four children and six grandchildren.

FRANK wanted us to be sure to mention that he has thoroughly enjoyed working here and hates to leave the great bunch of guys he has worked with. We wish him a long and happy retirement.



NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays and the short work week, there will be no issue of the Roper Bradley News next week. The next publication will be dated Friday, December 3rd. The Staff of the paper wishes an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday to all employees.

Don't forget the visit of the Safety Shoemobile to the plant on Wednesday, December 1st.



PIONEER PLOWMAN

Twenty-six years ago the following were making news in the November 1950 issue of the Old Pioneer Plowman.

LARRY POWER, Buyer was President of the Key-men's Club and was burning up the Bradley Bowling League having just bowled a 611 series.

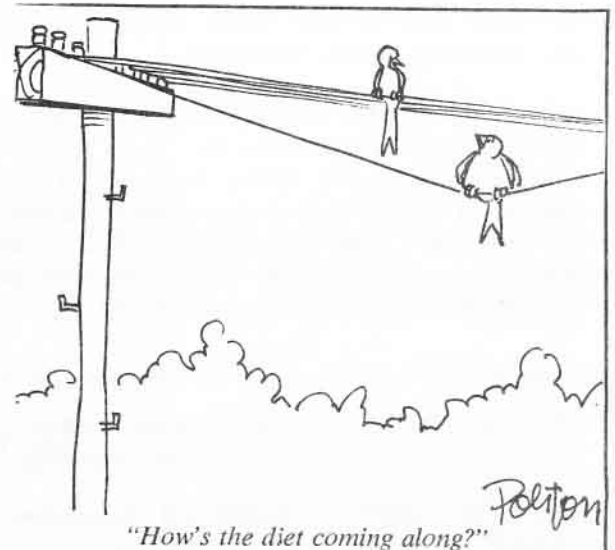
Retiree BILL FLORA was pictured operating his machine in the Machine Shop and was featured as Old Timer of the Month.

CLIFF HENDERSHOTT D/70 and RUSS HUBERT D/93 were pictured crating a garden tractor in the Assembly Department.

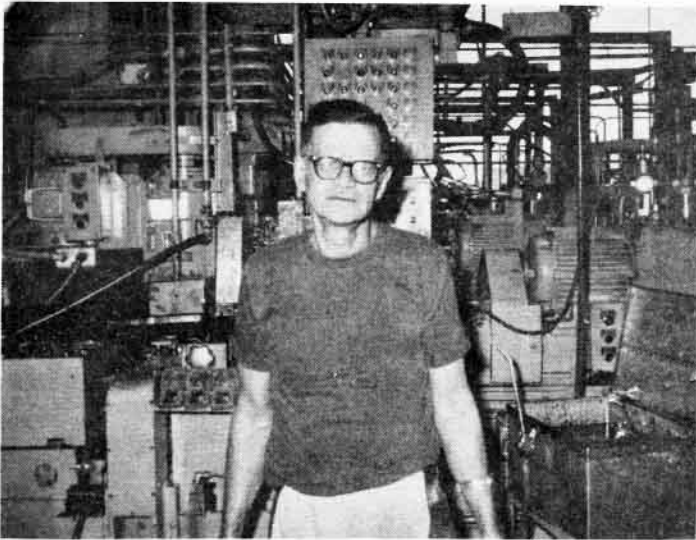
At that time small children of employees were pictured. In this issue FRANK MCNASH JR. 3 - 1/2 and ART PEPIN JR. 11 months old were shown. Now 29 and 26 years old respectively, both Juniors formerly worked here and their dads are still very much here, FRANK SR. in D/15 and ART as Foreman of D/10.

NEW NURSE

Starting on Monday, November 22nd is a new nurse ETHELENE COOK who will be taking care of second shift employees. She is a Licensed Practical Nurse and will be working from 3:30 P.M. to midnight Monday through Friday. The reason is the increased activity on 2nd shift.



"How's the diet coming along?"



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week we honor BILLY SPAULDING who was born in the coal mining area of Southern Illinois near West Frankfort but escaped the mines when his family moved north while he was a small boy.

His Bradley career started on April 18, 1946 after he had spent four years as "jack of all trades" at Lang Motors and fulfilled his military obligation. His first job here was in the blacksmith shop, followed by a move to the foundry and then a final move to the machine shop where he has been for over twenty-five years and currently operates the R.J. Motor Machine.

During World War II BILLIE served three years in the Army Engineers attached to the 9th Army in Europe. He visited England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Fortunately for him, when he hit the beach at Normandy, the worst was over. A PFC at discharge, he claims to have been a "lover not a fighter".

BILLIE and his wife WILLIDEAN have been married twenty-nine years and have two children and one grandchild. Daughter BARBARA DUPUIS and her husband spent two years in the Phillippines while he was in the Air Force and he now works at General Mills where son DONALD is also employed.

This good humored OLD TIMER loves to tinker with machinery and is known as the "junk dealer" because he is always buying items from ASHTON MINER whether he needs them or not. A great traveler he takes two trips each year. The SPAULDINGS have just returned from a trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana and earlier this year made another trip to Wyoming.

We extend deepest sympathy to the family of Retiree ELMER WILKEN who passed away last week.

And to ROLAND SCHLEMMER, Production Control Manager on the death of his mother.

"THE BIG SPLIT"

by Terry Dupuis

Tonight was the night for the big game of the year as he strung 7 strikes in a row, and we're talking about a nicely bowled 257 by RON HIRT. RON had a good first game, a 190, but his second game kept him from a 600 series, though he ended up with a 594 series.

Yet another good game and series came in the name of GERALD REAGON who shot a nice 223 and a 584 series, both RON and GERALD brought their averages up about 4 or 5 pins because of those nice series.

GENE BARWEGAN is the name you have to watch out for because of his nice 554 series that brings him to a 177 average, and that's tops for the league.

Tonight it was win them all or win nothing as MAINTENANCE took 4 from ENGINEERS, WELDERS took 4 from DISPATCHERS, TOOL ROOM took 4 from OFFICE, STORES took 4 from ASSEMBLY, and the PAINTERS and the TRUCKERS split.

Good games and series were by RON HIRT a 257-594, GERALD REAGON a 223-584, GENE BARWEGAN a 209-554, DAN LAFOND a 205-538, PETE GERACI a 212-533, BOB CRAWFORD a 201-528, WILLARD ESSINGTON a 519, GALE ALBERS a 512 and TERRY DUPUIS a 501.

Splits tonight were picked up by HENRY REITMEIR the 5-7, GENE BARWEGAN the 5-10, LEROY MATHEWS the 7-9, SAM RAIMONDO the 5-8-10 and PHIL COLLONS the 5-10.

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