

# ROPER

# bradley News

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## RETIREES

The two men pictured above AL PONIKVAR and LES MCCLURE, although their retirement dates are still in the future, have both left the tool room with a combined total of over 78 years of excellent service and will be hard to replace. AL, who is sixty years of age with thirty-seven years of service underwent serious surgery a few months ago, and is taking a total and permanent disability retirement that will be effective as soon as the paper work is completed. Because of his illness AL will be forced to take it easy for a while but we hope it will not be too long until he is able to enjoy traveling again.

LES, who is sixty-one with over forty-one years service has a retirement date effective February 1, 1977 but accrued vacation time has enabled him to leave already. One of our great fishermen he will not be able to join his fishing buddy STANLEY APPELBERG on more of a full time basis. Since he is still a member of the Bradley Grade School Board of Education he will probably now be able to devote more time to school matters.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sixty-one girls gathered at Sully's Restaurant on Friday, December 3rd for the annual Office Ladies Christmas Party. After enjoying a fine dinner of steak or prime rib they watched a fashion show with KATHY DUPUIS, JANET POWER, JESSIE MANN'S, LAURIE DEVINE, BARB MARTELL, BARB SULLIVAN, PHYLLIS PATTERSON, MARY FRINK and MADELINE ROE, all Roper employees, as models. There were door prizes galore and all agreed it was one of the best events ever.

Congratulations were in order for the Chairlady JESSIE MANN'S and her committee of CHERYL NORDMEYER, KATHY DUPUIS and JANET POWER.

## PIONEER PLOWMAN

From the issues of April, May and June of 1951 we felt the following would be of interest to present day Bradley employees:

A picture of LEONARD DIONNE D/70 in his uniform as a private in Uncle Sam's Army.

A picture of three year old Donna Jean daughter of Foreman TOM KEROUAC. It is interesting to note that Donna Jean is now Mrs. Jay Karr and has three children BUD MENARD has a 608 series and LARRY POWER a 256 game in the bowling league.

A picture of the Champion Bowling Team which included AL PONIKVAR, TOM KEROUAC and HERB BLAIR. HERB'S average of 185 led the league while TONY STANISZESKIS 265 game was high for the year.

A picture of HAROLD (PEANUT) MARTELL, his wife and infant son on the occasion of his reentry into the navy.

A picture of Retiree TONI LEGRIS receiving a fifteen year pin.

Retiree Ziggy Zasada was featured as Old Timer of the Month with twenty-three years of service.

A picture of LES MC CLURE and STANLEY APPLEBERG with their prize catch, a fifteen pound muskie.

JOE DOMINICK and BOB GIBSON were starring on the plant softball team.

HARRY GRUMISH'S team was leading the golf league.

## TURKEYS

Again this year Roper Outdoor Products is presenting a turkey to every employee who is on the active payroll.

Cards have been mailed to all eligible employees and can be redeemed for a 10 to 12 pound turkey at the Jewel Food Store in the Meadowview Shopping Center anytime between December 13 and December 29.

We extend deepest sympathy to RUSSELL BARWEGAN D/94 on the death of his mother-in-law.

To GRANT GOOSBY D/70 on the death of his father.

And to WILLIAM MATTOX D/70 on the death of his step-father.



**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week's honored employee, a man who has had more than his share of trouble, is ANSELM (SAM) SCHMIDT who just today completed the twenty years of service necessary to qualify as an OLD TIMER. SAM was born on a farm near Bonfield and dropped out of school after his freshman year of high school to work. When he was eighteen he was stricker, with polio and, after spending one year flat on his back, found the courage to go back and get his high school diploma and even got two years of college at St. Procopius College in Lisle, Illinois. He then spent five years at Mortell, one and a half at A'O' Smith and six at Hammes Ford Sales, before coming to Bradley on December 10, 1956. His entire career here has been in Engineering as Draftsman, Senior Draftsman and now Technical Illustrator. Since 1970 he has been on Exempt Payroll.

SAM and his wife JENNIE have been married twenty-seven years and have four children and three grandchildren. Oldest son JOHN and a partner leased one of the departments at the local Shoppers Fair store. Daughter CHRISTINE ALLEN works at Bellscot. Son TONY is the Assistant Manager of a Jewel Store in Chicago Heights. Youngest son RAY is a student at K.C.C. RAY was an outstanding basketball and baseball player at McNamara High School, was drafted by the Phillies and spent part of a season in their minor league farm club in Virginia, but suffered a serious eye injury. Last summer he played for the Chiefs.

This courageous OLD TIMER likes fishing, watching baseball and traveling. Each year he goes fishing in Canada.

A CB radio enthusiast, he is known on the air ways as "Smiling Sam".

FOR SALE: 1970 Ford LTD Country Sedan Station Wagon. New shocks, muffler systems and battery. Excellent interior. Good second car. Call 939-9737 after 5 P.M.

One of our retirees has manufactured a number of wooden items which he would like to offer for sale. They include doll houses, doll furniture and other assorted items. Fine for Christmas gifts. Call 933-7909.

**"THE BIG SPLIT"**

by Terry Dupuis

Tonight we had the best night of the year because we had 10 bowlers with a 529 series or better. It seemed like every time you turned around somebody was throwing a strike. We had three bowlers who rolled two 200 games tonight and they were, DAN LAFOND, RAY FORBES and GENE BARWEGAN.

As there is only three more nights remaining in the first half, the WELDERS only have a three point lead over second place STORES with MAINTENANCE right behind.

The big gun of the night was RAY FORBES who rolled a nice 209-208 for a 595 series. RAY couldn't miss tonight and picked most of his spares which makes a difference.

Tonight the TOOL ROOM took all four from ASSEMBLY, ENGINEERS took three from WELDERS, STORES took three from PAINTERS, MAINTENANCE three from DISPATCHERS, and OFFICE took three from TRUCKERS.

Good games and series were rolled by: RAY FORBES 209-208-595, DAN LAFOND 212-200-584, GALE ALBERS 213-578, WILL ESSINGTON 225-572, GERALD REAGAN 563, GENE BARWEGAN a 213-204-556, DON BAYLOR 211-552, RALPH DOERHING 209-542, MARVIN STANLEY 531, RON HIRT 205-529, BOB CRAWFORD 517, PETE GERACI 210-510, GEORGE FISHER 506, HENRY REITMEIER 505, BOB HARRIS 500, JOE ARBOUR 211, ERNIE PERKINS 202, and WALLY DUPUIS 202.

Splits were picked up by RAY FORBES the 5-6 and TERRY DUPUIS the 5-7.

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