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Due to the Holidays and resultant short work weeks this will be the last issue of the Roper Bradley News in 1976. Dateline for the next publication will be Friday, January 7, 1977. Your Publisher DON JENKINS, Editor PETE LAFFEY, Co-ordinators CAROLE HARMS, DIANE ALLIE and DEBBIE BILLADEAU, and Photographer ROGER JENSEN wish for all employees a very Merry Christmas and an equally Happy New Year.

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### RETIREE

Effective January 1, 1977, FRANK CAVENDER will be officially retired on a permanent disability pension at age 56 with 37 years of service. FRANK has not worked since March 15th of this year as a result of two strokes he suffered. The last ten years of his career here at Bradley were spent in Maintenance where he was a Millwright. Prior to that he spent twenty-five years in the Machine Shop.

As far as his future plans are concerned, all he can do is take it easy, do what the doctor tells him and hope his health will improve. He says he will miss not being able to work anymore and has really enjoyed the people he worked for and with.

**FOR SALE:** 1964 Chevrolet Impala 4-dr. Partially torn down. \$50.00 as is. Call 932-9130 after 5 P.M.

**FOR SALE:** Ward Signature 20 Cubic Ft. Chest Type Freezer. Three years old. Call 427-6159.

### MEDICAL INSURANCE COSTS

Anyone who thinks the cost of Medical Insurance (Hospitalization and Medical) is not increasing by leaps and bounds need only see the figures recently released from The Roper Corporate Office.

Prior to October 1975 the monthly rates paid to All State for active hourly employees at Bradley were as follows:

Class I	(Employee only)	\$23.00
Class II	(Employee and spouse)	\$58.55
Class III	(Family)	\$82.25

Effective 1-1-75 the rates were changed as follows:

Class I	\$34.30
Class II	\$62.20
Class III	\$80.75

We have just received word that, beginning 12-1-76 these are the latest rates.

Class I	\$41.00
Class II	\$74.25
Class III	\$96.40

In other words for single employees the increase in the last two years has been 42%, for a husband and wife 40% and for husband, wife and children 15%.

### LAYOFFS

People have been gradually being recalled from layoff and the number of employees still on layoff is now reduced to less than one hundred. Employment Manager DON BLANCHETTE once again stresses that anyone who has changed his or her address or phone number must notify the Personnel Department. DON also announces that there are opening for permanent transfers to the Machine Shop and Inspection that could be available to people presently on layoff. Anyone interested should call DON immediately.



### OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This weeks honored employee OLIVER SHOSTEN is a product of the cold north country having been born and raised in Scandia, Minnesota about thirty miles north of Minneapolis, the first Swedish settlement in that state. After working for several years in the Minneapolis area he came to work at Bradley on January 22, 1947. Since then he has worked many jobs here starting as a trucker in the Cutting In Room, followed by Press Operator, Upholsterer, Shell Line, Chrome Plater, Welder and finally back to Press Operator. For the last four years he has operated the 2407 Press in Department 15.

During World War II OLIVER, who is much better known as "Swede", spent four years in the Army Air Force without getting out of the United States. An instructor in instrument flying he graduated from aerial gunnery school on both B17 and B29 bombers and was stationed in California, Texas, Nevada, Arizona and was discharged a Staff Sgt. at Chanute Field in Rantoul which was the reason he ended up in this area.

SWEDE has been married and divorced and has two daughters and three grandchildren. Daughter MARY LOUISE MOORE lives in Houston, Texas and MELANIE CLEMANS lives in Manteno. Last July he married the former VIVIAN SHANE and acquired a new daughter, 11 year old ROXANNE.

This OLD TIMER loves to travel and goes to Minnesota each year where his relatives show him the best places to fish. He also sells Amway Products on the side.

### CELEBRITY

It is not very often that our employees are written up in the large metropolitan dailies so, when they are, we feel it is worthy of mention. In the December 8th issue of the Chicago Sun Times Reporter Van Waters wrote a lengthy article on racoon hunting in Illinois based on his experience coon hunting with JAKE PETERS, D/70 and his father in Iroquois. It was a well written article and quoted JAKE several times. The only trouble with the whole piece was the accompanying picture was not of JAKE but his dog "Walker".

**FOR SALE:** 1975 Nova 15,000 Miles. Big Six. 4-dr. Power Steering-Power Brakes. Call 932-4735.

### "THE BIG SPLIT"

By Terry Dupuis

Tonight wasn't the night for the first and second place teams as they both dropped four points, which with only 2 more nights remaining in the first half it could be any of the following 6 teams, WELDERS, who only hold a one point lead over ENGINEERS, with TOOL ROOM, MAINTENANCE, STORES, and ASSEMBLY right behind. Of all six teams, there's only a four point difference, so it could be anybody's.

Tonight the big bowler of the night was DON BAYLOR who rolled a nice 223 game and a 587 series. DON boosted his average up 4 pins with that series.

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

Good games and series were by DON BAYLOR 223-587, TERRY DUPUIS 227-557, GERALD REAGAN 203-555, GENE BARWEGAN 547, ERNIE PERKINS 545, GEORGE FISHER 539, WALLY DUPUIS 200-502, and WILLARD ESSINGTON a 502.

Splits were picked up by DOUG DANKEL the 5-10, and DAN LAFOND the 5-7-9.

### EMPLOYEE SALE

The Roper Sales Corporation is offering to all Roper Employees a fabulous Christmas Special on Microwave Ovens. One Model No. 2926 which sells at retail for \$469.95 can be bought for \$255.25 plus tax. A second Model No. 2915 normally priced at \$409.95 will cost employees \$234.50.

Employees wishing to take advantage of this offer must come to Personnel to pick up an authorization form and then go to any of the following dealers to pick up the merchandise. Bade Appliance or Shoppers Fair, Bradley, Leiser Furniture, Herscher, Milligan Appliance, Kankakee, or Wolohan Lumber, Route 50 North.

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