



bradley News

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SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES

A BIGGER TAX BITE. TAX BASE INCREASED TO \$16,500.

If you study your paycheck deductions, you probably have noticed that your Social Security deductions are getting bigger and bigger.

If you are a person who started working between 1937 and 1949, you have watched your yearly Social Security deductions jump from \$30 on \$3,000 salary to \$895 on a salary of \$15,300 during 1976. For 1977 your top tax is \$965.25 on a salary of \$16,500. The 5.85% Social Security tax rate remains the same.

You are not alone in bearing the burden of increased costs for your Social Security. Employers have to match the amount of Social Security paid by all of their employees and also must shell out increasing amounts for other payroll taxes such as unemployment compensation, workman's compensation and expensive fringe costs.

Now on the other end of the scale, and this applies to employees either already retired or soon to be, beginning January 1977 you may earn up to \$3,000 a year and still draw full Social Security benefits. If you exceed \$3,000 you'll lose \$1.00 in benefits for each \$2.00 earned. During 1976 the ceiling was \$2,760.

For example, if you are retired and earn \$250 a month during 1977 for a total of \$3000 you are entitled to your full salary plus your complete monthly Social Security checks. However, if you earn \$3,300 for the year which is \$300 over the amount allowed, you would lose \$150 in Social Security benefits. (1/2 of \$300.)

But this too is important! No matter how much you earn during the year, you are entitled to a Social Security check for any month in which you do not earn more than \$250. During 1976 this figure was \$230.

Quotable Quotes

HE WHO TURNS the other cheek too far gets it in the neck. —H. Herth

TOO MANY PEOPLE keep looking forward to the good old days. —Arnold H. Glasow

IN CERTAIN trying circumstances, urgent circumstances, desperate circumstances, profanity furnishes a relief denied even to prayer. —Mark Twain

THE YOUNG MAN knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

HAVE YOU NOTICED that even the busiest people are never too busy to take time to tell you how busy they are? —Bob Talbert in *Detroit Free Press*

THE SNEAKIEST two words in the English language are *Plus Tax*. —Mack McGinnis

FABLE

A story is told about a father and his teen age son who set out for town with their donkey. The father was riding on the donkey while the son walked along side. Along the road they met a group of people calling themselves the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Young People who chewed out the father for riding and making his son walk. As a result the father got down, the son got on the donkey and they continued their journey.

A short time later they met another group of people calling themselves the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Old People who proceeded to chew out the son for riding while his father had to walk. As a result both the father and son got on the donkey and continued on their way.

The next group of people they met called themselves the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and berated both father and son for mistreating the donkey. By now the father and son were thoroughly confused so they decided to carry the donkey and continue.

Soon they came to a rope bridge over a raging river. As they carried the donkey over the bridge a gust of wind came up, the bridge swayed, and in an effort to save themselves, the father and son let go of the donkey which fell into the river and was carried away by the current.

The moral of this story is: If you try to please everyone you will end up losing your _____ (donkey)?

BIRTHS

We extend congratulations to GERALD D/25 and DOROTHY REA on the birth of a little girl AMBER MICHELLE born January 11, 1977.

Also to KARL D/71 and LANA BERNS on the birth of a little boy JARROD born January 13, 1977.

NOT EVERYONE repeats gossip. Some improve it. —Franklin P. Jones in *The Wall Street Journal*

A GOOD SERMON leaves you wondering how the preacher knew all about you. —Los Angeles Times Syndicate

THE ONE THING children wear out faster than shoes is parents. —John J. Plom, quoted in *The Saturday Evening Post*

LOVE ENDURES only when the lovers love many things together and not merely each other. —Walter Lippmann

A DIET IS what helps a person gain weight more slowly. —Bill Copeland in Sarasota, Fla., *Journal*

IF YOU REALIZE that you aren't as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you're wiser today. —Bulletin of Detroit Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee AMBROSE HACKELY was a confirmed bachelor for the first forty-five years of his life. During that time he never took a trip and his idea of the ultimate in entertainment was dinner at Savoia's in Chicago Hts. Five years ago he was married and since then, he has traveled to Hawaii twice and made other trips to Louisiana and Maryland. What a difference!

Bradley is the only place where AMBROSE has ever worked and he started here in 1944, but his official seniority date is April 2, 1947. It seems that when he returned from service he took a whole year to get back in the mood for work and had to be hired all over again. He started in the Tin Shop and remained there until 1964 when he moved to the Cutting In Room as a press operator. Since then he has run the Niagara 5 1/2 ton press.

AMBROSE entered the Army at age eighteen just before the end of World War II and spent two years in service with one year in Japan on occupation duty. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

When he married the former CAROL NEUMAN, who is head cashier at the Court St. Thrift T Mart store, AMBROSE acquired four stepchildren. LARRY and LE-ROY are both in the U. S. Navy and are both stationed in Hawaii. BRENDA is a senior and PEGGY a sophomore at Bradley Bourbonnais High School.

This popular OLD TIMER is a great sports fan and loves the Cubs, Bears and Notre Dame. As a boy he was a fine baseball pitcher and also played many years with the Bradley Softball Teams. He also carried a 170 average for years in the bowling league. At least twice a year he makes weekend trips to St. Louis to watch Cub Card series.



"I like your direct no-nonsense approach to housework."

"THE BIG SPLIT"
by TERRY DUPUIS

The decision for the first half of the season is final with the Engineers winning the three team playoff by only 16 pins over Maintenance. The key to the Engineers win was DANNY LAFOND. All he did was shoot a 602 series. DANNY moves his average to 177 with that series, and he is now only 3 behind GENE BARWEGEN who has a 180 average.

Tonight the Tool Room shutout the Office for all 4, while Welders beat Dispatchers 3, Truckers took 3 from Painters, Engineers took 3 from Maintenance, Stores took 3 from Assembly.

Good games and series were by: DAN LAFOND a 218-205-602, T. DUPUIS 205-547, JOE ARBOUR 546 GALE ALBERS 545, R. FORBES 542, BOB CRAWFORD 541, GENE BARWEGEN 537, RON HIRT 536, ERNIE PERKINS 211-531, DON BAYLOR 524, HAROLD SIEFERT 521, RON ANDERSON 518, STAN PHARISS 516, and HENRY REITMEIR 500.

Splits were picked up by: DOUG DANKEL 6-7-10, DENNIS KEROUAC, RON HIRT, SAM RAIMONDO and PETE GERACI all had the 5-10.

25 YEARS AGO

A quarter century ago in the columns of the Pioneer Plowman the following items contained information about employees who are still employed here. Pictures of DAVID BRADLEY father and son combination showed the following:

JOE DOMINICK, Cost Supervisor and his father GEORGE, Foundry, DODE MEHRER, Experimental and his father ELMER, Supervisor. GENE SEAMARK, D/35 Foreman and his father CLIFF, Grinding Room, ASHTON MINER, Repair Goods Expeditor and his father ARTHUR, Timekeeping, TED POTRZEBSKI, Night Superintendent and his father VINCENT, Blacksmith, unfortunately the fathers have all since passed away.

In the bowling league RAY FORBES got his first "turkey" of the year to help beat the Warehouse team. BUD MENARD had a 599 series.

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