



bradley News

Friday, February 4, 1977



UNITED WAY

For many years DON BLANCHETTE has headed up the annual Roper Outdoor Products Employee Campaign for the United Way. And for many years our employees have done their Fair Share. On January 27 at the United Way dinner a plaque was presented to the Company and DON is shown with the plaque, which has the inscription "Gold Award for Outstanding Service to the People of our Community," "The United Way."

All of our employees should be in the picture, but, since this is impossible, we want to express thanks to all who contributed their "fair share."

BLOOD PROGRAM

According to the last report from the Red Cross the following employees were blood donors since the last report.

RON HIRT (Twice) D/70, MYRNA ROLPH D/35, BETTY MCKEEVER D/35 and JOHN GIERTZ D/15A.

During the same period twenty-nine employees of our sister division Kankakee gave blood. About a year ago our blood program was something of which we could all be proud. What has happened?

In the very near future it will be necessary to assess our situation with the aim in mind to get our program back up to where it should be.

Any ideas?

"THE BIG SPLIT" by Terry Dupuis

Tonight there were a lot of good games and series with four bowlers getting over a 220. The hot shot of the night was CHUCK BRINKMAN who his first game shot a nice 245 and ended up with a 581. CHUCK had just started bowling the start of the second half in case you haven't seen his name in the paper much. The other top games were PHIL COLLINS a 229, TERRY DUPUIS 222, and RALPH DOERING a 221. The series were good too because we had 12 bowlers who had a 525 or better. As we are 5 weeks through the second half the first half winners, the Engineers are leading the second half by one point over Tool Room.

Tonight the Engineers stopped the Dispatchers 4, while Office took 4 from Painters, Tool Room 3 over Stores, Assembly 3 over Maintenance and the Welders took 3½ over Truckers.

Good games and series were by: CHARLIE BRINKMAN 245-581, TERRY DUPUIS 222-577, RICK GOLEMBIEWSKI 204-566, GERALD REAGAN 556, RON HIRT 213-553, DON BAYLOR 551, RAY FORBES 542, GALE ALBERS 200-542, PETE GERACI 534, PHIL COLLINS 229-530, RALPH DOERING 221-529, BOB CRAWFORD 528, GEORGE FISHER 513, GENE BARWEGEN 512, and WILLARD ESSINGTON 510.

Splits were picked up by: DENNIS KEROUAC the 5-7 and ROGER VOIGT the 3-4.

EDITORS NOTE:

We really can't resist this: Bowling Tuesday night in the Tri-City Industrial League at Gala Lanes, BARBARA NOWMAN of Repair Parts, a 162 average bowler, strung together three games of 188, 232, and 199 for a fabulous 619 series. And this was actual. BARB is the daughter of the late beloved GABE KEROUAC who retired in 1973.

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We extend deepest sympathy to BUD MENARD D/15A on the death of his mother.

And to LEONARD ZIEMER D/81 on the death of his daughter-in-law.

Also to MARY RICHARDS, Supervisor Technical Publications, on the death of her father.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

GEORGE SAGE, this week's honored employee started his Bradley career on October 27, 1947. Before coming here he had done some farming, worked on construction and spent two years at Manco. Since coming here he has been in the Cutting In Room until six years ago when he transferred to Department 10. However, during slack periods, he has worked all over the plant at such jobs as assembler, fork lift operator, supplier, forge shop worker, etc. He is currently operating the 800 ton press in Department 10.

GEORGE and his wife NYLA have been married sixteen years and have two children. Thirteen year old JOE is an 8th grader at Central Junior High School and twelve year old LOIS is in 7th grade at Clifton Grade School. The SAGES live on an acre of land in Otto Township just across the road from the Roper hangar at the Kankakee Airport. In fact GEORGE says the spotlight from the hangar shines in his picture window all night every night.

Since this great OLD TIMER lives close to the Iroquois River his principal pleasures are fishing and motorboating. He also is a sports fan, with basketball as his favorite. A former union steward in Department 15, he transferred from the Blacksmith jurisdiction to the Machinists when joining Department 10. Always interested in politics he has been a precinct committeeman for the past thirteen years.

PERSONAL PHONE CALLS

Most of the people who work in the factory are on jobs that make it very hard for them to leave and take telephone calls. This is especially true of those who work on assembly lines and must be replaced. All phone calls from outside the plant are funnelled through the Personnel Department and it is amazing the number of calls that come in every day.

The rule is that only calls of an emergency nature are to be put through to employees! What is an emergency? Death, sickness, accident, basement flooded, fire, etc. What is not an emergency? Pick up a head of lettuce or a loaf of bread on the way home, meet me at the tavern after work.

On calls that are not real emergencies we will be happy to notify the employee to call home when it is convenient. But PLEASE, wives, mothers, etc., don't ask your man to pick up a loaf of bread. This is absurd!

PIONEER PLOWMAN

Back in the early fifties the monthly plant newspaper occasionally ran pictures of the children of Bradley employees. In the June 1952 issue there were pictures of 11 year old PATRICK POWER, son of LARRY, who is now a buyer in Purchasing; GERRY STELTER, 9 year old son of GERVASE, who is an electrician in Maintenance; and 6 year old ROBERTA TRAVIS whose dad is Warehouse Foreman, TOM. It is interesting what these kids are doing today.

PAT POWER, now 36, has been a lawyer for several years, is married with two children and practiced law in Manteno for the past seven years. Last November he was elected to a four year term as States Attorney of Kankakee County.

GERRY STELTER, now 34, a four year veteran of the Air Force, is married, no children and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A former Colorado Springs Police Officer he now works for Bell Telephone Company.

ROBERTA TRAVIS, now ROBERTA KELTNER now lives in Park Forest and is the mother of four children. But the big news about ROBERTA is that her last three children, blonde blue eyed daughters all arrived at the same time (triplets, that is). Needless to say all three dads are very proud of their offspring.

In the same issue, just to show how styles change a "Burrhead Club" was started in the plant consisting of employees with crew cuts. WEBB KOHL was Vice President and other members of the club still employed here were AMBROSE HACKLEY, JOEDOMINICK and TOM TRAVIS.

BIRTH

Congratulations to LARRY D/35 and LEONA KIBBONS on the birth of their first child, a girl KERRY ANN, born February 1. This blessed event also makes LEO WILLIAMSON a grandfather.

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