



Friday, February 11, 1977

### RAY WILSON

RAY WILSON would have been sixty years old on February 22. For over forty years he has commuted from Donovan to Bradley each day to his job as Special Assignment Inspector and it was a rare occasion when he missed a day's work. Last week RAY worked as usual, but, on Saturday evening at home he was stricken and died suddenly.

We extend deepest sympathy to his family. Roper has lost a dedicated employee and all of us have lost a dear friend.

### HONOR ROLL

ARTHUR "CHUCK" WENDT of the Maintenance Department started to work at Bradley on May 20, 1929 and for quite a while has been the oldest employee, in point of service, on the seniority roll. But CHUCK will be 65 on February 22nd and will be retiring at the end of the month.

As a result, the Roper seniority roster at that time will show the following twelve employees heading the list:

1. FRANK WASETIS	Guard	12-01-31
2. JEROME POWER	Safety Suprv.	1-09-35
3. MATT KENDZIOREK	D/93	1-21-35
4. TONY STANISZESKI	Foreman, Stores	3-08-35
5. DODE MEHRER	D/91	6-10-35
6. MELVIN BOULE'	VP of Mfg.	6-11-35
7. DAVID WALTERS	D/35	6-13-35
8. WILLIAM LUSTIK	Tool Room Foreman	6-17-35
9. EDWARD MARCZAK	Eng.	10-22-35
10. ASHTON MINER	Return Goods	12-11-35
11. WALTER DOMINICK	D/93	2-12-36
12. JOHN HUDSON	Guard	3-03-36

### BIRTHS

JANET POWER, MR. BOULE'S Secretary believes in cutting things fine. She worked on Thursday, February 3 and then, at one minute past midnight that night, gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Some of us kinda half expected to see JANET back at her desk on Monday, but that was not to be. However, both mother and daughter are doing fine. The proud father is TOM POWER, and BRIDGET ROSE is the couple's first child. Safety Supervisor JERRY POWER thus becomes a grandfather again, and JOE POWER D/71 is now a new uncle.

Also, to BRIAN D/35 and KATHY BENOIT on the birth of a little girl AIMEE MELISE BENOIT born January 29, 1977.

### PIONEER PLOWMAN

The August 1952 issue of the Pioneer Plowman featured a story about the Keymen's Club. It seems they held a golf tournament where only one club could be used. ROLAND SCHLEMMER tied for second place with a 51. He usually doesn't do that well nowadays using a whole bag full of clubs. In the same event ED KEROUAC, playing for the first time, hit a 2 iron 250 yards. After the golf a meeting was held at which a new member was initiated into the club. His name was BOB PATTERSON, the same BOB PATTERSON who is now President of Roper Outdoor Products.

In the same issue these appeared a picture of ten year old LINDA and nine year old BILL KENDZIOREK, the children of MATT KENDZIOREK who is still very active here in his job of Repairman. LINDA is now LINDA BACINO, married to a career Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, mother of two children and living in Westminster, California. BILL is now the highly successful Executive Vice President of the Kankakee Area Chamber of Commerce.

### "THE BIG SPLIT"

by Terry Dupuis

Tonight the alley's didn't seem to be working except for a few men. Top game and series tonight were bowled by RALPH DOERING who all he did was strung five together for a 233 game, and the series went to RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI who put together a nice 583 series.

Tonight it was all or nothing as there were four teams who took them all and they were Maintenance, Stores, Tool Room, Welders, and Office took 3 from Truckers.

Good games and series were by RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI 222-204-583, RAY FORBES 207-551, DON BAYLOR 551, JERRY FORBES 550, BOB HISEL 548, GEORGE FISHER 203-539, WILLARD ESSINGTON 202-534, RALPH DOERING 233-531, GENE BARWEGEN 522, and JOE ARBOUR 507.

Splits were picked up by: WILLARD ESSINGTON the 5-7, and TERRY DUPUIS the 3-6-7-10.

### TOP TWELVE BOWLERS BY AVERAGE

GENE BARWEGEN 179, DANNY LAFOND 177, TERRY DUPUIS 176, BOBBY CRAWFORD 170, GEORGE FISHER 169, RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI 169, CHARLEY BRINKMAN 169, RON HIRT 167, ROGER VOIGT 167, GERALD REAGAN 165, WILLARD ESSINGTON 165, and GALE ALBERS 165.

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**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week's honored employee is that talented individual **ROBERT HISEL**, who started his Bradley career on November 13, 1947, at the age of seventeen while he was still a senior at Kankakee High. He started as a trucker and sweeper in the Forge Shop, transferred to Stores and then to Engineering. In 1964, at the time of the merger, he was transferred to Newark, Ohio for a year. Upon his return he was placed on exempt status and is currently a Technical Writer.

**BOB** entered the service in 1948 and was caught up in the Korean War. As a result he was in for almost four years spending one year in Japan and attaining the rank of Corporal. During his military career he learned drafting which enabled him to follow that career when he returned as he entered Engineering as an apprentice draftsman under the G. I. Bill.

**BOB** and his wife **PAT** were married while he was in service and will celebrate their 27th anniversary in August. They have two children, **CHRISTINE** a nurses aide at the Fontanblue Nursing Center, and **JOHN** who works in the circulation department of the Daily Journal.

This **OLD TIMER** likes golf and bowling but, by far, his principal outside activity is the Knights of Columbus. A former Grand Knight of St. Viateur Council, he is currently State Deputy, the number one office in Illinois. In that position he guides the destinies of 270 councils in Illinois with over 71,000 members. Only one other Kankakeean, retired Judge Victor Cardosi has attained that high office, and no other Illinois council has had two state deputies. For heading the best membership drive in any state last year, **BOB** and **PAT** won a trip to the recent Super Bowl.



"Does coming to work bother you, or is it just the long wait before you can go home?"

**SERVICE PLATEAUS-FEBRUARY**

<b>WALTER DOMINICK</b>	<b>41 YEARS</b> D/93	2-12-36
<b>ALOYSIUS LONERGAN</b>	<b>36 YEARS</b> D/94	2-10-41
<b>CLARENCE MERTEN</b>	D/93	2-11-41
<b>TED POTRZEBSKI</b>	Night Supt.	2-12-41
<b>FRANCIS KOHL</b>	Maint. Supt.	2-25-41
<b>ART PEPIN</b>	D/10 Foreman	2-25-41
<b>DON BLANCHETTE</b>	Emp. Mgr.	2-26-41
<b>EDWIN CIERYCA</b>	D/79	2-26-41
<b>EVERETT REED</b>	<b>33 YEARS</b> D/20	2-28-44
<b>FRANK TUR</b>	<b>31 YEARS</b> D/35	2-14-46
<b>LEONARD DIONNE</b>	<b>30 YEARS</b> D/70	2-06-47
<b>ROBERT PATTERSON</b>	<b>25 YEARS</b> President	2-04-52
<b>RUSSELL SADLER</b>	D/74	2-04-52
<b>RAY BELMORE</b>	<b>15 YEARS</b> D/15A	2-01-62
<b>DONALD CAVENDER</b>	D/35	2-01-62
<b>ROBERT HARRIS</b>	Guard	2-01-62
<b>DENNIS LAMIE</b>	D/35	2-01-62
<b>JAMES CLODI</b>	D/70	2-02-62
<b>LOUIS GINERIS</b>	Buyer	2-12-62
<b>RICHARD ENDRES</b>	D/67	2-13-62
<b>RICHARD BOYD</b>	<b>10 YEARS</b> D/93	2-14-67
<b>MICHAEL HAYS</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b> D/25	2-01-72
<b>JAMES LUSTIG</b>	D/67	2-02-72
<b>DONALD PETERS</b>	D/70	2-09-72
<b>RANDALL INMAN</b>	D/25	2-22-72
<b>MICHAEL WHITAKER</b>	D/35	2-23-72
<b>PAUL MORSE</b>	D/67	2-28-72
<b>RICHARD ESSINGTON</b>	D/15	2-29-72

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