



bradley News

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RETIREE

Everyone moves up one rung on the seniority ladder on February 28 because ARTHUR "CHUCK" WENDT retires on that date. CHUCK reached his 65th birthday on the 22nd of this month and is retiring with almost forty-eight years of service. He is the last of the employees to start his Bradley career in the 20's with an employment date of May 20, 1929. He remembers well that he got his job through a cousin BILL BJICK who was already working here and he started in stores for .25 an hour, at 17 years of age.

Unlike many of our retirees CHUCK plans just to putter around the house. No travel plans except perhaps a couple of days at a time. He owns two houses on the same tract of land at Rt. 1 Chebanse, one of which he lives in and the other he rents. He also has a home welding shop. Thanks to profit sharing he has no financial problems.

For the last three years CHUCK has been an Oiler Leadman in Maintenance but the greater part of his career has been spent as a spot welder. He has enjoyed all 48 of his years here.

We wish him a long and happy retirement. He's earned it!

KEYMEN

At the February meeting of the Roper Bradley Keymen's Club the annual election of officers was held. The newly elected officers are: RAY WARMOTH, President, DOUG DANKEL, Vice President; ED WHITSELL, Secretary and CHUCK CASSIDY, Treasurer. The outgoing officers were: President, SAM COFFMAN, Vice President, DWAYNE PFEFFINGER Secretary, LARRY BENOIT and Treasurer, HENRY BITTMAN.

PIONEER PLOWMAN

The September 1952 issue of the David Bradley Pioneer Plowman was all about golf. MEL BOULE' and his partner JACK WALTERS had just won the championship of the Bradley Golf League. At the time JACK WALTERS was a time study man here and is currently running for mayor of Bourbonnais. The final outing was held at the Shady Lawn course in Beecher followed by a dinner. It was mentioned that the entertainment committee under the chairmanship of ROLLIE SCHLEMMER did an excellent job. It was also mentioned that JERRY POWER presented a very interesting dinner speech on taxes. It seems he hasn't changed over the years. He still makes great dinner speeches.

SERVICE PLATEAUS

It seems that almost every day your Editor runs into someone in the plant who says "you didn't use my name in the paper last week and it was my anniversary month." We have explained this several times before, but maybe, if we do it one more time, it will be understood by all. We only print employee's names at five year intervals beginning with the five year anniversary month, until an employee reaches the 30 year plateau. From that point on their names appear every year on their anniversary month. For example, we will be printing service plateaus for March next week or the following week. Employees who started in March of 1972, 1967, 1962, 1957, 1952 and 1947 will be featured. Any employee who started in March of 1947 or March of any year before 1947 will also see his name in print.

Hope this explains the procedure.

DON'T FORGET!

The Shoemobile will be here:

DATE: Thursday, March 3
 TIME: 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
 PLACE: Adjacent to the North Guard House
 COMPANY CONTRIBUTION: \$8.00
 PAYROLL DEDUCTION: One, two or three deductions

Each employee is entitled to purchase two pairs of shoes per year and get the company contribution.

If an employee wants to purchase more than two pairs in a given year he must pay full price for all over the two pairs.

The next three dates for Shoemobile visits in 1977 are: June 3rd, September 2nd and December 2nd.

OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK



RENE DRAZY, this week's honored employee started his Bradley employment on December 2, 1947 giving him over twenty-nine years of service, but he would have several more years if he had stayed the first time. He actually worked here from 1943 to 1945 but resigned to drive a truck. When he returned in 1947 he worked in the Forge Shop, Continental Motors and Machine Shop until 1953 when he joined the newly formed Furniture Dept. and remained there until the department closed in 1970. During his time in furniture he was a set up man in both the chair and table departments at different times, was a union steward and member of the safety committee. Since 1970 he has been in Assembly where he currently works on roto tiller transmissions on the round table.

RENE and his wife MILDRED have been married forty-one years and have two daughters, both of whom are college graduates. As yet the DRAZYS have no grandchildren. Daughter SHARON, who majored in Biology, minored in Physical Education and has a Masters Degree in Counseling, teaches Physical Education at King Upper Grade Center in Kankakee. Daughter KAREN BEATTY who majored in French and Spanish now does substitute teaching. Her husband DAN is the 2nd shift foreman in Departments 15 and 15A.

This fine OLD TIMER loves to travel and has made it as far north as Canada, south as Florida, east to Pennsylvania and west to Las Vegas. However, the highlight of his travels was almost five years ago when the DRAZY'S made a trip to Germany. RENE keeps busy around the home at 1657 East River St. in Kankakee, but manages to follow the fortunes of his beloved Cubs.



"... This is a recording..."

"THE BIG SPLIT"
by Terry Dupuis

Now that we are going in the last half of the second half of the season the Tool Room is in first, while the Engineers are right behind. They play head on Monday night so that may decide the second half winners.

Tonight we had some good bowling with RAY FORBES having a 218 and a 567 series and that was good enough for second high.

Tonight the Painters took 4 from the Dispatchers while Welders did the same to Stores, Maintenance 3 over Office, Assembly 3 over Truckers, and Engineers and Tool Room split.

Good games and series were by RAY FORBES 218-567, DAN LAFOND 559, RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI 227-550, GENE BARWEGEN 546, HAROLD SIEFERT 200-537, PETE GERACI 528, HENRY REITMEIR 524, BOB HISEL 521, JOE ARBOUR 518, RON HIRT 513, BOB CRAWFORD 519, ROGER VOIGT 509, and RALPH DOERING a 505.

Splits were picked up by: DENNIS KEROUAC the 4-7-9, RALPH DOERING the 3-8-10 and ROGER VOIGT the 5-8-10.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

TERRY DUPUIS is a modest young man and doesn't like to write about himself, but when he does something like he did Monday night it should be recognized. All he did was bowl 196, 236 and 247 for a sparkling 679 series, tops for the year so far.

FOR SALE: Stereo Outfit. AM/FM stereo with built in 8-track player. Separate turntable with automatic changer. (2) 14 1/4 inch high box speakers. Inst. manual comes with it. Look's and sounds great. Call 937-4380 after 3:30 P. M.

Congratulations to DAVID D/15 and HELEN SUMMERS on the birth of their second child, a girl TAMMY SUE, born February 12, 1977.

