



bradley News

Thursday, April 7, 1977



INVENTORY AND VACATION SHUTDOWN

According to B. J. RANDALL, Vice President Employee Relations, Inventory will begin this year on Monday, June 27 and continue until finished. The inventory rate for 1977 is \$4.75 plus Cost of Living for all employees taking inventory.

Independence Day will be observed on Monday, July 4 1977.

The Plant will be closed for a three week vacation period beginning on Tuesday, July 5 and remain closed until operations resume on Tuesday, July 26 at 7 A. M.

As always, non production departments or service departments will need people working during the shutdown. Employees in these areas should, as soon as possible, contact their supervisor to schedule their vacations. Every effort will be made to schedule these vacations in accordance with the wishes of the employees. Also, any employees in production departments who might be required to work during the shutdown will be notified by their supervisor.

We would like all employees, with more than three weeks of vacation coming, to work with their supervisors so that suitable arrangements can be made for the balance of their vacation time. Here again, every effort will be made to comply with the requests of the employees involved.

For employees who have less than three weeks of vacation time coming, every effort will be made to find work for them through the shutdown period if they want to work. In the very near future a notice will be posted so these employees can sign up to work during the shutdown period.

BLOOD PROGRAM

Six employees from Department 35 signed up to give blood on Thursday, March 31, but all had to cancel because they worked ten hours on that day. As a result the only donor we had on that day was THOMAS WELBIG of Assembly. Better luck this week!

PIONEER PLOWMAN

Twenty-four years ago in the columns of the Bradley Pioneer Plowman there were several items concerning employees who are still actively employed here.

A picture showed JIMMY, the fourteen month old son of DODE MEHRER of Experimental. That same little kid is now twenty-five years old, a graduate of Augustana College, married, and Assistant Manager of a heavy appliance store in Rock Island, Illinois. In the same issue the two sons of VERN WILLIAMS, RONNIE and TERRY, ten and five years old were also pictured. RONNIE today is an Oiler in the Maintenance Department here and has worked here in the plant for fourteen years. However, in a tragic accident while hunting TERRY was killed when he was only fourteen years old. In another picture BUD MENARD of D/15A was shown with one of his homing pigeons that had just returned from a 300 mile flight.

On the sporting scene a benefit basketball game was played in which the Office defeated the Plant by a score of 57-45 with JOE DOMINICK starring for the winners. On the bowling scene TONY STANISZESKI, GENE SEAMARK, DON BAYLOR, LARRY POWER, RAY FORBES and FRANK MCNASH were performing with different degrees of proficiency.

Serving in the Intra Plant Safety Committee at that time were FRANK OVNIK, MATT KENDZIOREK, EDWIN CIERYCA and DON BURTON.

The featured Old Timer in March of 1953 was, believe it or not, FRANK WASETIS who had already logged twenty-one years of seniority and was working in the Metal Shop. FRANK today is the oldest man in the entire plant in seniority (45 years) and is still going strong as second Shift Guard.

LOYALTY DAY

The 20th Annual Loyalty Day Parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2 P. M. Host Post will be Bradley V F W Post 6502. Our own WEBB KOHL is chairman of the event.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee, GIL BERGMAN was born and raised in Bradley and first came to work here in 1942 after eight years of employment at Florence Stove Co. However, he resigned in 1947 and was away over a year making his official employment date November 10, 1948. He was hired originally in drafting, later became a Tool Engineer, and, since 1958 has been a Senior Tool Designer. Since 1966 he has been on Ex-empt Payroll. During his early years he taught blueprint reading at the old Kankakee High School.

GIL'S first wife died, and he and his present wife ELIZABETH have been married for fifteen years. From his first marriage there are three children and seven grandchildren. Son JACK, who spent fourteen years in the Navy before resigning, now is employed at Fesco. Daughter JANICE BARBIERI of Manteno works in the accounting department of Roper Appliance. Daughter MARILYN TROWBRIDGE, who also lives in Manteno, is a licensed practical nurse at St. Mary's.

This OLD TIMER is an avid golfer and plays regularly in the Roper golf league. In addition, as a stockholder in the Oak Springs Club, he is responsible for taking care of all the leagues who play at that course. He has already been out several times this year, but didn't say how well he shot. One of the founders of the Bradley Office Men's Club, he was its president for two years.



TIMES RUNNING OUT!!!

"THE BIG SPLIT"
by Terry Dupuis

Tonight we had some pretty good bowling with ROGER VOIGT leading his 1st place team to a 3041 series, with a 578 series while three of his other teammates hit over 500. With only two more night remaining in this 2nd half it looks good for Engineers who have a 6 point lead over the 2nd place team.

Tonight the Engineers handled Dispatchers 3 while Welders took 3 from Truckers, Maintenance took 3 from Assembly, Stores and Tool Room split, as did Painters and Office.

Good games and series were by ROGER VOIGT 209-205-578, TERRY DUPUIS 203-568, RAY FORBES 218-563, DAN LAFOND 204-552, GERALD REAGAN 202-541, PETE GERACI 217-538, MARVIN STANLEY 207-535, HAROLD SIEFERT 203-532, GENE BARWENGEN 530, DON BAYLOR 525, BOB HISEL 513, FRANK MCNASH 511, ERNIE PERKINS 509, RON HIRT 501 and GALE ALBERS 500.

Splits were picked up by ROGER VOIGT the 5-7, BOB CRAWFORD the 5-10, BOB HARRIS the 3-7-10, and RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI the 5-7-9.

BIRTHS

Congratulations are in order for SHARON MERTEN, Accounting and her husband RICHARD on the birth of their first child, a boy MICHAEL RICHARD, born Apr 2, 1977.

And to DAVID D/70 and RAMONA JOHNSON on the birth of their third child, a boy BRIAN KEITH born April 1, 1977.

We extend deepest sympathy to BETTY MARSHALL, Personnel, on the death of her brother.

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