



# bradley News

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## RETIREE

Some of our employees, for one reason or another, have turned down the opportunity to be OLD TIMER of the week and WALTER (WADZIE) DOMINICK has been one of these. But now he is retiring and not in a position to argue with us. WADZIE'S official retirement day will not be until June 3rd but, since he has accumulated five weeks vacation, his last day on the job will be the 29th of this month. He will be retiring at age 63 with over forty-one years of service.

WADZIE started in the Steel Yard and well remembers that he earned \$3.23 for his first day of work. For eighteen years he was the heart and soul of the Furniture table line and for the past five years has been an expediter in Repair Parts. During World War II he spent three years in the Navy on a minesweeper in the South Pacific.

WADZIE and his wife ELEANOR have been married thirty-seven years and have one son who lives in Rich-ton Park, Illinois.

This great OLD TIMER, whose earnings have increased over the years even more than his weight, plans no more working except around his four acres on the Iroquois River. He also plans some traveling. To say he will be missed around here would be a definite understatement since he was a tremendous employee. We wish him the best of everything.

FOR SALE: New Roper 30" Gas Range, Harvest Gold, Self Cleaning oven - \$125.00. Call 6225 or 939-1230.

## "THE BIG SPLIT" by Terry Dupuis

With only one more week in this second half we have a winner and they are the Engineers who are five points up on the second place team. Engineers have won the first place trophy because they won the first half too, but there will still be a playoff for the second place trophy, and they'll be bowling that out while the others will be bowling for sweepstakes.

We've had people ask about the banquet and it is May 6th at the Homestead in the basement.

Tonight we had some good series and RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI led the way with a 575 while shooting this weeks high of 226.

Tonight the Tool Room for the sixth time this year took 4 from Assembly while Office took 4 from Truckers Engineers 3 over Welders, Maintenance 3 over Dispatchers, and Stores and Painters split.

Good games and series were by RICH GOLEMBIEWSKI 226-575, GERALD REAGAN 201-552, BOB CRAWFORD 212-551, WILLARD ESSINGTON 550, BOB HISEL 202-532, TERRY DUPUIS 528, DAN LAFOND 520, PETE GERACI 510, CHUCK BRINKMAN 507 RAY MCNASH 506, RAY FORBES 204-501, DON BAYLOR 501, ROGER VOIGT 500, and HAROLD SIEFERT a 202.

Splits were converted by SAM RAIMONDO the 6-7-10, BOB HARRIS the 4-7-10, JERRY FORBES the 5-7 and DOUG DANKEL the 6-9-10.

## BLOOD PROGRAM

Last Thursday, April 7, five "good citizens" brought honor to Roper Outdoor Products by donating blood. They were as follows:

BILLY BROWN	D/35
DAVID PATNAUDE	D/35
MYRNA ROLPH	D/35
PAT SOVINSKI	D/35
LONA TRUESDELL	D/35

Congratulations to JOSEPH D/15A and ANNIE WILLS on the birth of their second child, a boy, DAVID JOSEPH, born April 4th.

Deepest sympathy is extended to GEORGE LAROCHE, Purchasing on the death of his father-in-law.



### OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is JOSEPH ROCKIS whose Bradley career started on October 16, 1950. JOE was born and raised in Cicero, Illinois and, before leaving the big city, worked in the Chicago Post Office where, for the next six years, he was a time study man at various Joliet firms. His first fourteen years here were in Time Study, but, for the last thirteen he has worked in Engineering where he is currently an Engineering Expediter.

JOE and his wife ALBRINA have been married thirty-seven years and have two sons and four grandchildren. Son RONALD, a graduate of the University of Illinois, works for the Forestry Division of the U. S. Dept. of the Interior and is currently stationed in Montana. Son GARY got his degree at Illinois State and started as a teacher, but is now a Manufacturers Representative in the electronics field and has authored two books on Fundamentals of Electricity. He lives in Morris, Illinois.

This OLD TIMER, whose good humor is legendary, is a man of many activities. He has taught C. C. D. classes for many years and currently teaches high school freshmen at St. Joseph, Manteno. At Braceville he has been a Justice of the Peace, Village Clerk and Boy Scout Leader, but the family now lives northwest of Kankakee. True to their Lithuanian ethnic background, JOE and his wife are planning a trip this year to Russia and the Baltic States. JOE is sixty-two years old, but has no plans for early retirement.

### KNOCK! KNOCK!

Opportunity knocks only once  
Or so it appears.  
But notice how temptation  
Bangs on the door for years?

GERALDINE DAVIDSON

### TWO OF A KIND

Shaved, bathed, clad in my best attire,  
I discover my car has a flat tire;  
Hastily I change, clothes and spare,  
Only to find it, too, has no air.

JAMES J. ELLIOTT

## ENGINEERING MOVES by Mary Richards

Those who have noticed a singular lack of engineers in their old haunts on the second floor now have the information. MARY RICHARDS, in her own inimitable style has explained the whole thing. When the new quarters are finally completed we hope to have a picture.

Engineering has finally settled into the 2nd Floor renovated warehouse, directly west of the old renovated warehouse. From the looks of our new home, however, we may conclude Bradley has come some distance in renovating/redecorating, with the help of MR. BOB PATTERSON.

Our new look includes:

The Quiet concept carpeting and coordinating office furniture.

Reorganized work area "Cells" defined with yet to be installed dividers.

New conference room with cork presentation wall and

New Model display, inspect and tinker room.

With GENERAL BINGLEY steadfastly inspecting, directing, standing watch, supplying encouragement and coffee to the troops, most of the move was accomplished March 25th thru 28th. We've shared our new area with carpet installers, painters, wallpaper hangers, plumbers, and as a matter of fact, one might still find RICH KOPPITZ and BOB BELL in consultation over a drawing while on ladders above them the electricians consult over the lighting installation.

In general, we've made a smooth transition into the "Palace", but you shouda seen . . . JAY KEROUAC with his tie attached to his recently installed desk hardware . . . GEORGE BINGLEY rescuing his expertly masked about-to-be painted brief cases . . . JACK TISON coming back from a business trip trying to put the leftovers together into a desk . . . and so on.

Plaudits to the backache troupes - Maintenance Department, JIM HAMPTON, JEFF SADLER, BOB RADZOM, TOM RUFFNER, ROGER DEYOUNG and Purple Heart to Super-Ache-DICK FRANKLIN.

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