



# bradley News

Friday, May 6, 1977



**RETIREE**

MR. JAMES W. (PETE) LAFFEY retired, effective May with his last working day Friday, April 29th.

As you know, PETE was the editor of this newspaper for several years.

PETE began his Roper career on November 21, 1966 as the Safety Supervisor and in 1972 his title was changed to "Security and Environmental Supervisor." He spent his ten and a half years at Bradley in Personnel.

PETE prior to joining Roper had a varied Political/Education oriented career. In 1939 he coached the Bradley High School basketball team to the State Finals. This was the first Kankakee County team to reach the state playoffs. PETE also for eight years was the Kankakee County Sheriff. PETE graduated from St. Viators College, (Now Olivet) with a A B Degree in 1933.

PETE and his wife ANNA have five children. DAN is presently employed at the Corporated Offices of Roper in the legal Department. TOM is an attorney and presently in the Personnel Corporate Offices of General Mills. TERRY is completing his final year at John Marshall Law School. MARY ANNE SASS is a housewife. KATHLEEN KARNEN is a nurse.

PETE hopes after retirement to do as little as possible although he does plan to keep somewhat busy around his home, planting a garden. Since PETE has never gardened before, the new editor is sure that he would entertain any suggestions you "green thumbs" might have make vegetables grow.

Sympathy is extended to WALTER DUPUIS D/20 on the death of his mother.



**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week's honored employee is RUSSELL "RED" SADLER who first came to work at Bradley in 1947 in the Press Room. However, he left in 1951 to go to General Foods, returning again on February 4, 1952. Since his return, he has spent his entire time as a Tool Grinder in Department 74.

RUSS was too young for World War II, but spent fifteen months in the Navy immediately after he graduated from Chebanse High School. As a Storekeeper 3C, he was on a cargo ship with sea duties in the Phillipines.

RUSS and his wife ELEANOR have been married twenty-six years and have three daughters and one granddaughter. JODY, a housewife, is married to DARRELL LAFOND who is currently employed by Roper Outdoor Products in Department 15A. DARRELL and JODY are proud parents of a daughter MANDY; CHRIS, 20, recently graduated from Central High School and plans to attend KCC; TERRY, 9, attends grade school in Chebanse.

This fine OLD TIMER has been active in Union affairs and most recently was the Co-Chairman of the day workers. RED still keeps active with additional duties by being a member of the Plant Fire Brigade Company. Although he retired from the Chebanse Fire Department after twenty-five years of service, RED, continues with his main hobbies of fishing and elk and deer hunting. He spent Easter fishing in Arkansas and plans a trip for the fall to hunt in Wyoming.

### PERSONNEL COMMUNIQUE

Due to PETE LAFFEY'S retirement, the Bradley News has a new editor. STAN PHARISS has assumed the duties and he plans to keep the paper fairly similar in scope as it has been in the past.

Lawn Mowers repaired. Reasonable. Call 932-3482.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

As we mentioned last week, every year since the Roper Foundation started awarding college scholarships, the employees of Roper Outdoor Products have had at least one scholarship awarded here.

The first scholarship in 1969 was awarded to RICHARD GREEN, whose late father WILLIE was then in Dept. 15. We have been unable to find out what happened to RICHARD, since MRS. GREEN is no longer living in the area and RICHARD'S whereabouts are unknown.

In 1970 the winner was DON JENKIN'S daughter JEANNE who graduated from Bradley University, Peoria and is now in medical School.

1971 saw three scholarships to children of Bradley employees. KAREN, the daughter of ESTHER KIRCHNER and the first of three KIRCHNER daughters to be winners, has graduated from the University of Illinois, is married and lives in Athens, Illinois. GARY MCCLURE, son of Retiree LES, graduated from Illinois State University and teaches Industrial Arts in a Junior High School in Oak Forest. We do not know what happened to the third winner LINDA OLDFATHER since her dad RAY, who was in Engineering, is no longer with Roper.

The 1972 winner was PATRICIA KIRCHNER who graduated from the University of Illinois, is married, and lives in Lynchburg, Virginia.

1973 was a banner year for Bradley with four winners. NANCY KIRCHNER will graduate this spring from North Central College with a degree in Physical Education. ANNE PADWOJSKI, daughter of JOHN will graduate from Illinois Wesleyan with a nursing degree. KATHY LEGRIS, daughter of DICK, will receive a degree in Biology from Illinois State.

The fourth winner DAVID GROMER, son of JACK is studying Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Illinois. In a "work Study" program he is currently working at Caterpillar in Peoria and will not get his degree until next year.

In 1974 JOHN BERNS, son of BILL, went to Illinois for two years and is currently working and attending night classes.

Again in 1975 there were three winners.

RANDALL SAGE, son of HAROLD, is finishing his sophomore year at Illinois, majoring in Astronomy. LORRAINE GIUST, daughter of Retiree JOE, is finishing her second year of Pre Med Studies at U of Illinois and has been on the Dean's List each year. RAY SCHMIDT, son of SAM, is at Kankakee Community College and plans to continue at Eastern Illinois University.

Finally the 1976 winner MARIBETH RAINES, daughter of JACK, is finishing up her first year at St. Francis College, Joliet where she is studying Medical Technology.

## Rough Riders

HUMORIST Herb Shriner said it 20 years ago and it's still true: "They're not really fixin' the streets. They're just movin' the holes so the motorists can't memorize 'em."

—Earl Wilson, Field Newspaper Syndicate

## BLOOD DONORS

Last week was a fairly good showing of blood donors with the Assembly and Tooling Department giving their fair share. The following employees participated:

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| BILL LUSTIK     | D/71       |
| ROBERT CRAWFORD | D/71       |
| MIKE RIVARD     | D/35       |
| BILL SYKES      | D/35       |
| RITA HAMILTON   | D/35       |
| PAT HAMILTON    | D/35       |
| RONALD TEESDALE | Mfg. Serv. |



"Go ahead, Good Buddy.  
You're talking to Snow White."

## — FUN WITH FIGURES —

Determine your friend's age as well as the amount of change under one dollar that he has in his pocket in seven easy steps. Have him do the figuring and ask him to —

- ✓ Multiply his age by 2.
- ✓ Add the number of fingers on his right hand.
- ✓ Multiply by 50.
- ✓ Add the amount of change under one dollar that he has in his pocket.
- ✓ Add the number of fingers on his left hand.
- ✓ Subtract the number of days in a year.
- ✓ Add 110 to this total.

The first two numbers of the total will be his age; the last two numbers will be the amount of change in his pocket.

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