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ADOLPH MEETS EMPLOYEES

During Visit in March He Talked to Young Men and Foremen's Club.

On the afternoon of March 17, Adolph Mueller met the young men of our organization who have been added to our force last summer. Seventy-five were present.

He chatted with them informally, told them something of the history of the Mueller business, something of the foreign situation, and his views of the future. There is opportunity for ingenuity, resourcefulness, and reliability, and he assured the young men that these qualities would inevitably bring their reward.

MEETS FOREMAN'S CLUB

Following this meeting at 4:30 a meeting was called, and Adolph talked to foremen in an informal way. He referred to the war talk, but did not seem inclined to the belief that hostilities were imminent. He referred to a speech made by an Englishman in Chicago the preceding night, and quoting from him gave some interesting inside views of the situation. He also told of his vacation in the south, and said Florida was having a substantial boom. Many northern people are drifting down that way, and many are building homes where they will spend at least a portion of each year. In this connection, he referred to his contacts with prominent business men, and said he was getting a new slant on many questions and was enjoying himself. In closing, he told the foremen something along the line of his talk to the younger men. He emphasized that there were opportunities for advancement of men who demonstrate their ability to receive and handle larger responsibilities.

BACK TO WORK

A note from Arthur Arguelles, Los Angeles, tells us that he returned to work on March 16 after being disabled since last October. He was injured while helping roll a hand truck of heavy goods. The fish-plate slipped and the load fell upon Mr. Arguelles, injuring his chest.

During his long confinement in the hospital, Mr. Arguelles was thoughtfully remembered by his co-workers at the Los Angeles factory, and says he will long remember their kind consideration.

HELP! HELP!

The editor of the Mueller Record, like Adolph, is inordinately fond of pickled herring, and has single handedly combatted the stock at the cafeteria while Adolph was in the south feasting on grape fruit and oranges. Now we serve notice that a retreat has been ordered, and the rest of the stock is left for Adolph's attention when he returns home. We could not look another herring in the face if it had a mouthful of gold teeth and \$20 gold pieces. We can stand the jibes of the party of the second part about smelling like onions, garlic, and other rare odors associated with a fish monger generally, but further masticatory association with herring is off the record for good — that is to say until next fall.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

At last report Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller were in Honolulu, where they expected to remain until April 13. They were located in the Halekulini hotel. Their extended stop in the Hawaain city is due to the fact that Mrs. Mueller has a nephew residing there, and we have business connections there which Mr. Robert wishes to call on in a social and business way.

March 27 was Bob's birthday and the following cablegram was sent him:

"Why send roses on birthday when you're in the land of flowers? Might as well send canned pineapple. Congratulations to both.

"Foreman's Club."

E. C. Stille, Pres.

BACK FROM SARASOTA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mueller are back from Sarasota, Florida, where they visited Mrs. Philip Mueller for several weeks. They had a delightful time. Among other sights at Sarasota is Ringling Bros. big show, which has winter quarters there. The latter part of March the show entertained for New York City where the show opened April 9. For the first six weeks the show plays the larger cities and then starts out with the "big top" for the regular season. Before leaving Sarasota Mr. Ringling loaned some of his animals and ring acts to a Catholic church entertainment and the result was a big crowd and a lot of profit to the church.

ON THE AIR

Jerry Preshaw, Jr. is Now Broadcasting at Los Angeles

Word comes from Los Angeles of the recent debut of Jerry Preshaw, Jr., as a radio artist. He and two other boys, Art Carpenter and Howard Hudson, are known as the Debonaires, a singing trio. They appear on station KFAC every Friday night at 6:30 o'clock.

The Debonaires, in addition to featuring unique arrangements of popular songs, write many of their own numbers, which will be used in their broadcasts. They imitate everything from a grind organ to Mae West.

The trio have just returned from an engagement at "El Paseo" in Santa Barbara, and for the next few weeks will be entertaining at theatres in and about Los Angeles, in addition to broadcasts.

Young Jerry had already won considerable favorable comment upon his singing before he left Deatur, over two years ago, and since then has continued with his voice training.

Besides his radio singing and entertaining at various social functions, Jerry is a member of the Alhambra High School tennis team. The afternoon before his first radio appearance, he and his partner won a match set of doubles at San Diego against a high school team of that city.

DEATHS

Mrs. John Working

Mrs. Mary Catherine Working, mother of Mable Working of the Credit Department, died at her home, 258 East Leafland avenue, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, following an illness of one month with heart disease.

Mrs. Working had been a resident of Deatur since 1901, except for four years spent in Texas. Her husband died in 1913. Besides her daughter, Mable, she leaves a son, Earle.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Massachusetts, and a member of Auxiliary of Grand International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Funeral services were conducted in the Brintlinger chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Rachel Burgess

Mrs. Rachel Burgess, widow of William Burgess, died March 31. Mr. Burgess, who worked here thirty-two years, died in 1932. Funeral services for Mrs. Burgess were conducted at Moran's Chapel on April 2, with burial at Greenwood cemetery.

Louie Rohr is one of the unfortunates, who bowed to an attack of influenza, and was confined to his home for several days the early part of the month.

Bert Meece got well enough to return to work for a few days, but could not hold out and had to go back home for further rest and treatment.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

It is one of the paradoxes of life that by the time a man has gained useful experience it is often too late to be of any use. When an older man tries to tell the younger man how to avoid his mistakes, the young fellow thinks he has a right to get his experience in his own way.

A great deal of such experience comes to light in the Personnel Office. On the afternoon of April 6, about fifty of the new men in our organization met at the gymnasium, and E. H. Langdon told these young men some of the things that older men had told him that they wish they had known when they were younger.

He emphasized the need of saving money, especially before marriage. Two cannot live as cheaply as one. Anyone who has kept figures on this experience is very positive on the subject.

He also urged all of them to keep individual accounts. This is the beginning of thrift and success.

The difference between sales on account and conditional sales contract was explained. The boys were advised to be sure to understand a paper before signing it, and to ask for a copy of contracts which they make.

The basis on which insurance should be purchased was also explained and rates of various kinds of insurance were shown on the black board.

Earning a salary is only half the job of making a living. Getting your money's worth is the other half. The young men were asked to analyze values carefully before buying, and not to take too seriously extreme sales efforts. This meeting was an effort to pass on to young men what others have learned by experience.

WHY GIRLS LIKE MEN

I like men.

They stride about—Evelyn Telling.

They reach in their pockets

And pull things out—Dorothy Stratman.

They look important.

They rock on their toes—Jane Cranston.

They lose all the buttons

Off of their clothes—Jane Hawkins.

They throw away pipes.

They find them again—Betty Hunt.

Men are queer creatures:

I like men—Dorothy O'Byrne.

PICTURESQUE WORD ORIGINS

DID YOU KNOW?

That the word CURFEW originally meant to cover the fire over for the night?

That BROKER once designated a wine vendo?

That ASSASSIN at one time meant a hashish?

That the word TAXICAB originally applied to a carriage that bounced like a goat.

Eat where eating is good — at our Cafeteria.

LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE

Heavy Bolt Does Considerable Damage at Masters' and Mason's Homes

About midnight, March 13, Clarence Masters and family, of the Core Department, who lives at 1044 N. Thirty-Fifth street, were awakened by heavy thunder.

Clarence said that the house seemed to be full of lightning, and then lights went out. For a few minutes he thought that the end of the world had come.

Lightning had struck the wires which bring current into their home, burned out the meter, the basement. Next morning it was observed switches, and radio, and started a small fire in that the connections in the wiring were melted.

Basil Mason, who lives in the neighborhood, came running over to Clarence's house, told him about the fire in the basement, which was soon put out.

The electric water pump in Mason's house was burned out by the heavy charge of electricity.

Master's house required new wiring. He hopes the lightning will strike somewhere else next time—one such experience is enough.

CHASED HIS "HAT"

A near-sighted member of the organization was in the country for a hike last Sunday and his hat blew off. He gave chase of course, but every time he reached for it the "hat" took another start and the chase was resumed.

A farmer's wife who had been watching him rushed down to the gate. "What are you doing there?" she screamed.

"I'm trying to catch my hat," he politely answered.

"Your hat!" she exclaimed. "Why, there it is, over by the wall. That's one of my black hens you've been chasing!"

RETIRED FARMER

Jim Thorpe, one of our best and most successful gardeners, has laid down his spade, rake, and hoe and has retired. He is going to seed his garden plot to grass, and put in the summer sitting on his back porch watching it grow.

Ed Stille suggested a method which will help while the hours away. A spigot and a small keg figures in the scheme, but it's all Greek to us. Jim has taken the matter under advisement.

Saved Telling Why

Hawkins—"You look all-in today, Carroll. What's the trouble?"

Carroll—"Well, I didn't get home until after daylight, and I was just undressing, when my wife woke up and said: 'Aren't you getting up pretty early, Francis?' In order to save an argument, I put on my clothes and came down to the office."

SPRING AND FRESH VEGETABLES

Cafeteria Will Soon Be Serving Good Wholesome Variety

With the coming of spring, the variety of fresh vegetables at our cafeteria will be augmented by the home gardens. At all seasons of the year, fresh vegetables are served to the exclusion of canned goods wherever possible. These vegetables coming from the south, while they are very good and superior to a canned vegetable diet, they lack the crispness and freshness of home grown vegetables.

In this connection, attention is called to our willingness and desire to buy fresh vegetables from employes, who do gardening. Remember you have always got a market handy.

Fresh vegetables are not so easily obtainable at regular restaurants for the reason that they are considerable trouble to clean and prepare. It's much easier to open a can and dump the contents into a kettle than to wash and prepare vegetables fresh from the ground.

For this reason a great many people have lost their taste for good, fresh garden truck. In our cafeteria it may be more trouble, but the ladies who prepare and serve the meals are willing to do the work because they have personal pride in preparing food that is different and appetizing.

There is another advantage about our cafeteria which all should know. There are preparations made and used whereby prepared pie filling minus milk, eggs, and other ingredients are made. It's cheaper and looks good, but it lacks the taste, and nutrition of the old fashioned way. All Mueller pies are baked in the cafeteria and only fresh eggs, milk, and other ingredients are used in making the filling.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Earl, Jack and Herman Weigh In Before and After Meals

Earl Duncan, Jack Rubicam, and Herman Dash are the three boys who assist at the cafeteria during the lunch periods.

Earl and Herman have been worried for some time because Jack consumed so much food for a boy of his size.

One day they decided to get weighed before and again after lunch to determine just which one was the heartiest eater.

The scales showed the following:

	Before lunch	After lunch
Earl	166	169
Jack	124	127
Herman	162	164

Several days later Herman, who consumed only two pounds of food, admitted that he still weighed 164.

Jack probably counter balances his appetite with the exercise he gets as factory and office messenger, and Earl distributes his over his height, which is just six feet. But Herman is quite visibly getting fat.

CONCENTRATION COUNTS

Try to Find Something Which Can Be Improved on—Concentrate and Analyze

The progress and development of the human race and industry have been due to concentration of mind upon problems as they were met. The method of solution of every problem is not through guess work. That gets you nowhere. You have to analyze each problem, the surrounding conditions, and obstacles. After it has been thoroughly thrashed out, the useless stuff falls aside and the way begins to open to the proper method to reach the correct solution. It's a process of analysis and reasoning.

Therefore, if you wish to be among suggestion prize winners, go about it in a systematic way. There are hundreds of opportunities. If you see a machine operation that you think might be done more economically and efficiently, study the present operation and pick out its faults one by one, and as you eliminate these you will more easily see where improvements can be made. Practically every systematizer who has worked for the company has pursued this plan. They kicked out the obviously bad methods. The suggestions that have won prizes in the past were not inspirations. They were carefully studied and analyzed. If you will follow this method you will be doing yourself a great benefit as well as winning a prize. You will acquire the habit of observation and an analytic mind which will naturally lead you into better thinking habits.

NEWS FOR LOUIE

Hugh Baker came across three urchins on Mueller Heights. They were fishing, which is not exactly in accordance with rules governing the Lodge grounds. Hugh interrogated them as to their family connections.

"Does your father work at Muellers?" he asked one of the lads.

"No, sir!"

The same question was asked a second boy, and the same answer was given.

When Hugh got to the third boy, he found that the kid had been doing some thinking, and thought he had the right answer.

"Does your father work at Muellers?" asked Hugh.

"Yes, sir," was the prompt response.

"What's his name?"

"Louis Rohr," with great confidence.

This is surprising news to friends who have known Louie over a long period of years, and even more so to Louie and his good wife, who are childless.

"An amber scent of odorous perfume his har-binger," might have been written about Bud Simpson and his predicament one day recently. Bud claims the perfume was poured down his neck with malicious intent.

KEEP ON THE JOB

Frank Bacon, the celebrated actor who made the play "Lightin'" famous, enacted his part over 2000 times and yet he refused a friend's invitation for a game of golf because he had on for the afternoon a rehearsal of the play. "Rehearsal," echoes the friend. "Are you crazy? Don't you know your part after playing it 2000 times?"

"I think I do," replied Bacon, but everybody in the company must be letter perfect. The minute we get smart about it and think we need no further rehearsals, that minute things will begin going wrong and Lightnin' will be a thing of the past."

There is a lesson for everybody. Keeping relentlessly on the job is the most essential thing to keep the job rolling in a groove. Whenever a man is so cocksure of himself he is heading for a fall.

A FEW FACTS

William Shakespeare, who never left the boundaries of England, laid the scenes of his plays in many parts of the European continent, in Asia Minor, and in Africa.

More than 6,700,000 fur-bearing animals and 20,600 alligators were taken in Louisiana during a single year, the list including muskrats, opossums, raccoons, minks, skunks, otters, wildcats and foxes.

Wisconsin produces approximately two-thirds of the nation's cheese. In one year the state made 325,000,000 pounds, valued at \$68,000,000.

The first automobile license in this country was issued in 1893, to Elwood Haynes, who operated a car of his own make.

The American people buy about 200,000,000 books a year, bringing to the publishers approximately \$150,000,000. In comparison, the ice cream business produces \$365,000,000 a year.

A "monkey" wrench is not a monkey wrench nor has the monkey anything to do with the name. As a matter of fact it was named after its inventor, Charles Monckey.

HERMAN'S ALARM CLOCK

J. W. W.—"Well, Herman, I'm glad to note you are arriving on time now."

Herman Dash—"Yes. I bought Mrs. Muzzy's parrot."

J. W. W.—"A parrot! What for? I suggested an alarm clock."

Herman—"I did get the clock. But after a day or two I got used to it and it didn't wake me. So I got the parrot. And now when I go to bed I fix the alarm clock and put the parrot's cage on top of it. What that bird says when the alarm goes off would wake up anybody."

Dorothy Gepford was strutting with pride for a few days. But a proud aunt has a right to strut. Her nephew was captain of the basketball team which won the state championship.

SARNIA NEWS

Gossip is rather scarce. Either we are behaving ourselves or we are afflicted with spring fever, and our old time pep has slipped a little. However, sunshine and balmy breezes should bring us back to normal before long.

Our "Miner" Again

We don't quite know whether "Milt" put in a pleasant evening spending his two five spots made on the stock market, and wasn't feeling quite normal as he prepared to sink into the arms of Morpheus, but story goes as follows: "Milt" was taking his trousers off and had the misfortune to catch his big toe in the back pocket. Poor Milt, tripped and fell, and broke his toe. During three weeks absence from work, we have wondered just what he said when he smashed on the floor???? We have wondered also whether the moral is "sleep with your pants on," or as one bright person remarked, "pull them off over your head."

News of the Invalids

George Hayward returned to work March 25th, after several weeks absence through illness.

Sarnia has had quite an epidemic of German measles. O. C. Spears of the Cost Dept., had the misfortune to contract them. However, we are told he is progressing favorably and will soon be back.

Miss Muriel Hiller and Miss Flora Mann, of the office staff were both confined to their homes with the "flu" for a few days, during the month of March.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Henry Maughn and family, during their recent bereavement. Mr. Maughn was for a number of years up to 1930, in the Assembling and Shipping Rooms. He also coached the Girl's Softball Team and played on the Mueller Men's Hockey Team.

New Water Works Price List

Work has just been completed on an attractive, illustrated water works price list and same will be off the Press early next week. This will enable the first copies to be placed in our exhibit at the Canadian Section of the A. W. W. A., being held next week.

The price list embraces all our regular lines of bronze service fittings: sleeves and valves; service boxes, etc.; also a full line of reducing and regulating, and relief valves; strainers, etc.

Copies will be mailed to all our water works connections before the end of next week.

George Parker returned to the office March 18th, after quite an extensive good will trip to the Western Provinces, and later visiting the Los Angeles and Decatur Plant.

Mr. Parker seemed very optimistic on his return and full of enthusiasm for future business prospects.

Frank O'Dell of Chicago, was a visitor at the plant on March 4th.

Harry Morris entertained a group of ladies

recently one evening, and the next morning he came to work with the wrong set of teeth. Harry said they fit alright, but he thought he looked perhaps a bit effeminate. He said it was worth it though, as he had the best feed since the horse and buggy days. Harry has also taken up voice culture, although no one has taken him for a canary yet.

Fat Men's Club

Are we to assume that the Fat Men have exhausted themselves in an effort to bring their weight down to something approximating the average human, or is it because they have finally realized that exercise, in the form of lug-ging sample cases and in chasing elusive buyers is not only cheaper, but more effective than remedies they can apply internally, either by drinking, yodelling or inhaling. If the Fat Men have any strength left, we would like some evidence, even if only a squeak.

Births

To Jack Foster—a son, Robert James, on March 6th. Mr. Foster is employed in the Polishing and Buffing Depts.

To Carl Smith—a daughter, Sarah, on March 1st. Mr. Smith is employed in the Automatic Dept.

We all offer our heartiest congratulations to the above.

American Water Works Association

The Annual Convention of the Canadian Section of the A. W. W. A. will be held in the Royal Connaught Hotel Hamilton, April 1st, 2nd and 3rd inclusive.

This year the executive have been fortunate in securing prominent men to lead discussion in matters pertaining to Water Works practices and special attention is being given to the problems found in the smaller water works. Judging by the enquiries received by the executive, the evidence points to a record attendance at this Convention. Space for exhibits by manufacturers of supplies and fittings used in water works practices has been eagerly taken up and Mueller, Limited, will again exhibit at this Convention.

Panels of bronze service fittings and tools will be shown together with tapping machines, service clamps, sleeves and valves and service boxes. The exhibit will be in charge of Mr. W. Twaits and Mr. R. McIntyre.

BRASS CHIPS

Clara and Dorothy Uhl and Mary Wilkins were week end visitors in Chicago recently.

Dr. Long was away for about ten days the latter part of the month, and Dr. C. Roy Johnston was at the plant in his stead.

Jacque Cline has been assisting temporarily in the billing department.

Paul Jacka made a brief visit to the Decatur

plant March 22-24. Mr. Keil returned to Chattanooga with him for a few days.

Adolph Mueller came up from his Florida sojourn for a few days the middle of March. Just long enough to make us all envious of his summer tan.

The big shots in the fishing division have already been out trying their luck, which could not have been much because we hear no boasting.

During the past few weeks a number of members of the organization have been detained at home by various complaints. The list include Carl Draper, Earl Cline, Bill McClure and Neina Greening.

W. E. Mueller and family are in the south for a short visit. They stopped over at Chattanooga, where W. E. had some business to look after.

OUR OWN "I'M TELLIN' YOU"

Baseball may be the great American game, but while the high school basketball tournament was in progress, it seemed that that game isn't far behind.

Ten to one, when you see that dreamy, romantic look in Marian Richard's eyes it's Nelson Eddy.

Plymouth cars seem to be leading in popularity around the office just now, judging by the new models which Margaret Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Masterson are displaying.

The latest reports indicated that Louise Whitehead still owes a chicken dinner, and still refuses to explain how she happened to get so in debt.

BIG DOINS' APRIL 24

Supper, entertainment and dance, Mueller Club, Monroe St., April 24. All for 15c.

Supper—creamed chicken on hot biscuit, mashed potatoes, slaw, one cup coffee. Pie optional, 5c cut. Supper, 5:30 to 7:15. Entertainment, 7:15 to 8:30. Dancing, 8:30 to 11:00. Did you ever hear of bigger values for 15c. Don't miss it.

O. J. Hawkins attended a meeting of Gas Distribution Engineers and Experts at Memphis the week of April 26. There were nearly 1000 delegates present.

The Foremen's Club is booked for a meeting on April 16.

FIRST AID

Dan Boggs, who worked for a time in the construction department, took the instructor's course in First Aid presented by the Red Cross. This is a thoroughly practical course conducted by a physician. Those who pass it are qualified to give a shorter course on First Aid. If any one who wishes to take the shorter course, see Mr. Langdon.

BIRTH PLACE



Older members of this organization recognize this little building as the birthplace of the Mueller business in Decatur. There are many younger and newer members however, who never knew Hieronymus Mueller or his beginning of life in a strange country.

When we hear young men say there are no longer opportunities, we just naturally think of H. Mueller. Young men said the same thing back in 1857. Hieronymus Mueller did not agree with them. He made an opportunity. From the little building pictured here he developed the business which today shows three factory buildings in Decatur, one in Sarnia, Ont., one in Los Angeles and one in Chattanooga. There is a lesson for young men in the life and work of Hieronymus Mueller.

CHANGES IN DEPT. 9

Rearrangement of Department 9 is drawing to its final stage. The lathes are now in the south end of the room. Next north is the storage space, then the assembly benches, and the polishers. Parts stock are now across the aisle in the space formerly occupied by the lathes. Several new machines have been set up in the production line.

Some changes are planned for department 8. Several new machines are to be placed and others are to be relocated.

Jack Enloe sponsored a dance for the younger set at the gymnasium March 20. Red White's orchestra furnished the music.

On March 2 William Bradford got the first finger of his right hand caught in the air chuck on the lathe he was operating. Amputation of one joint was necessary.

Dr. Long and family drove to Florida for two weeks vacation. Dr. C. Roy Johnston has been substituting for him at the plant.

Harvey Washburn has moved to the Mueller place on South Side Drive, vacated by William O'Dell. By this move, Harvey and Melvin Wisnasky, who have long been friends, are close neighbors.

More of the boys are wearing safety shoes.

Among those who are going to eat apples to the core with their new teeth are W. W. Stockton, Roy Toole and Barney Riley. Others who are hoping for the day when they may try out their new dentures are Glen Rinehart, Earl Tague, Ernest Garver, Happy Thompson and William Hise.

F. L. Stevenson, who was injured about midnight on February 3 while riding home on his bicycle

by a hit-and-run driver, is now able to be about. He still has his shoulder in a cast.

Velma Kushmer returned to work March 30, after an illness of three weeks.

W. L. Reynolds, of the polishing department, injured the back of his hand when the casting went around the wheel.

C. Albert Anderson has been transferred from Plant 3 in the Construction Department.

DEATH OF MRS. RORICK

Friends of Works Manager L. W. Mueller, and wife learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Carrie Isabel Rorick, 73, mother of Mrs. Mueller. Death was due to complications. Mrs. Rorick, during her four years residence with her daughter, made many friends in Decatur. Private funeral services were held at Dawson & Wikoff chapel Saturday, April 11. Burial was at Fairlawn.

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