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GET YOUR FILL WHILE "GETTINS" GOOD

APRIL 21st LAST OF THIS SEASON'S ATTRACTIONS

The plan of giving vaudeville shows at the gymnasium started off with a whoop last November and will end with a bang April 21st—and don't forget it's going to be a **BIG BANG**, that will ring in your ears until the opening of the fall season.

We feel that we can conscientiously assure you that the closing performance on the evening of April 21st is going to be real talent and a diversity of acts which will give not only general satisfaction, but each person in attendance will find some particular number especially to his liking.

Change in Time

There will be a slight change in the beginning of the two shows. The first starts at 7 P.M. and the second at 8:30 P.M. The committee feels that this will be satisfactory to all, allowing more time for preparation to those who prefer the first show. As usual the programs will be identical.

Make arrangements to be at one of these shows and don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors that they are welcome. They will get the biggest slice of amusement pie ever put on for fifteen cents.

We are especially anxious to see a good attendance at both shows because we have loosened up to provide higher class talent in order to give you more for your money and leave you with a good taste in your mouth for the next season, because big things are going to happen to the gym after this show. Well, we can't keep it back any longer. The Company has already passed on it and next year you will find the gym a real theatre—stage, footlights, drop curtains, dressing rooms and what not—and the show will be better, brighter and more attractive.

In mentioning the coming of the first show last November it was said if employees showed enough interest in the undertaking the company might do something in the way of giving us better stage facilities.

You've done your part and—dog-gone if the company hasn't gone and "did done" theirs—they always do. Don't overlook that fact.

Here's the talent for the April 21st show.

Our St. Louis booking agency expresses confidence in the attractions they will provide for the show on April 21st. This agency is making extra efforts to give us the best they can obtain, and among them artists who fill engagements before critical audiences in the big hotels and night clubs.

Four acts have been signed up and we are assured the fifth will be found satisfactory.

Audrey Gleason, the xylophonist, is capable of giving a good performance on an instrument that is not often heard, but supplies an exhibition of dexterity and quickness as well as pleasing music.

Audrey Rose will make you laugh with her comedy Hill Billy dance number, properly costumed for the part with pig tails, funny make-up, high kicking and acrobatics.

Leroy and Francis, the Adagio team do a fine soft shoe dance—everybody likes that—and a very fast Jitterbug. We are assured they are good.

Ruth Raye and Larry Kent, a fine musical team. Miss Raye is a beautiful blonde, a popular radio singer. This feature will please all with an ear for music. She has done radio singing successfully for a long time and no doubt many of you have heard her but to see her in person will add to your enjoyment. Her teammate is Larry Kent. This is a fine attraction. They do good harmony doubles besides single numbers. They have gone over big in St. Louis. No reason why they should not do the same here.

In addition to the vaudeville there will be a short comic reel.

Another act is to be added but arrange-

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You will laugh if you see
the Big Show April 21st.

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ments have not been completed.

Don't let anything interfere with your plans to attend this last vaudeville entertainment. Invite your neighbors and friends. Help spread the happiness.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. F. A. March was hostess at the Mueller Social Club supper on Wednesday evening, March 15. St. Patrick's colors were used in decorating the supper table with green and white crepe paper forming a background for the ferns and candles. A white hyacinth plant was used for the center piece.

Ham loaf was served with the main meal and the attractive dessert was white brick ice cream with the shamrock centers with green iced cup cakes.

Beano was played for the evening entertainment and prizes went to Mrs. M. W. Trott, Ruth Gragg, Jack March, Charles Enloe and Bobby Sefton. Forty-eight were present this month.

Mrs. M. W. Trott, Mrs. Walter Auer, Mrs. W. S. Enloe, Mrs. Basil Mason were the assisting committee.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Miss Marjorie Evans, a former core room girl, who became the bride of Walter Stahl on Easter Sunday, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on April 6 given by Berdene Shain and Thelma Coffman in the former's home. Marjorie received many lovely gifts.

Pinochle and bunco were played, and at the close of the evening ice cream and wedding cake were served.

Those attending in addition to the guest of honor and the hostesses were Nellie Fishburn, Erna Jeschawitz, Velma Kushmer, Clara Salefski, Erla Collins, Dorothea Bobb, Fedora Walton, Helene Franklin, Marie Edwards, and Mary Evans.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE

Helen Wallisa, whose marriage to Marion Bailey occurred on April 8, was honored by a miscellaneous shower at the Mueller Athletic Club on Thursday evening, April 6. Helen received many beautiful gifts from those with whom she works in the office. The evening was spent playing Chinese checkers with the prizes being won by Marjorie Tatham, Ruth Liestman, and Helen Wallisa. Ice cream and cake were served for refreshments.

BIRTHS



LUSK—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusk, Jr., a son, Larry James, March 16. The father is in the Tool Room Office.

SEXSON—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sexson, Dept. 8, a son, David Dean, March 24.

HILL TOP FLORAL COMPANY

Leonard S. Mell, has leased the green houses and other property of the Hill Top Floral Company and has the property in shape for business. He has notified us that he is in position to furnish flowers of any kind for any occasion.

Mr. Mell invites all members of the organization to call on him to see what he is doing and to give him the opportunity of explaining his plans and his arrangements for furnishing flowers from stock or such flowers which he has not on hand.

He assures us of his ability and desire to give prompt and satisfactory service.

Why not give him a call.

MISS HAMBLETON HONORED

A distinctive honor was recently accorded to Miss Addie B. Hambleton by the Transportation Club of Decatur. She was presented with an honorary life time membership in the club. Miss Hambleton became a member of the club when it was organized, was elected the first treasurer, a position which she held for several years, and is the only woman who has ever been a member of the organization.

BIG BEN AND LITTLE JIM

Little Jim Farley (Gepford) is mighty proud of Big Ben. Purchasing Agent Hawkins threatened to buy her a dollar Ingersoll, and then magnanimously came through with his streamlined black jappaned Big Ben of the latest model. The new clock has a loud alarm, too, which we think could be used to the advantage of the mail department if it were set for 3 o'clock each afternoon as a warning to all that the deadline for mail was approaching.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUGGESTION PRIZES

Some important additions have been made to the suggestion contest, widening the scope of the plan and giving employes a chance to exercise their wits and win more



I can see that money rolling in but I've got to put on my thinking cap and get busy.

money. The first of these is a fourth classification to the regular yearly awards and is intended to be permanent. The three classifications as originally instituted, are:

- Reduced Overhead
- Increased Production
- Safety.

New Classification

The new fourth classification will be called "Products Design", and the same suggestion awards will be paid for adopted suggestions in this classification as in the present three which are stated above.

All suggestions pertaining to new products, change of present products or improvements of present products will fall in this new classification.

Products Design Special Contest

Here is bigger and better news for all employes, with the exception as prescribed in the rules governing the regular contest, to earn big money. It's to be known as a "Products Design Special Contest." This is to be tried out this year. In so far as now



You can't win by running rings around yourself.

Be calm Oscar. Sit down and concentrate—Study it out.

known, it is not instituted as a permanent annual contest.

Bulletins announcing this affair are just going out. They will supply all the details and rules.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors is self-explanatory.

"March 11, 1939.

"Whereas the Mueller Co., of Decatur,

Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, desire to further stimulate the interest of its employes in the design and improvements of products of the Mueller Co., a program of special reward for such suggestions and improvements is offered.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Mueller Co., of Decatur, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, will pay to any of its employes, except those specified herein, the amounts of money from \$2.50 up to and not to exceed \$500.00 for each suggestion or improvement offered to the company within the dates and under the provisions hereinafter set forth."

The special committee named to have charge of this special contest is composed of:

J. W. Simpson	R. H. Mueller
L. W. Mueller	W. E. Mueller
F. H. Mueller	J. W. Wells

Get busy—think of that prize money—\$2.50 up to and not to exceed \$500.00.

Some contest.

IN CONFERENCE

During the past few days we have had distinguished visitors from "Abroad", including R. McIntyre, works manager Saruia, Emmett Reedy, Superintendent Los Angeles, and C. J. G. Haas, Manager of the New York Division. They came for conference with home officials.

They attended the meeting of the Foreman's Club at the Lodge, Wednesday evening, April 12th. A feature of this meeting was an industrial reel showing the various steps in the manufacture of safety glass at the Ford factory. It was a film of fine educational value.

Brief addresses on factory and business subjects were made by L. W. Mueller and W. E. Mueller.

Definition

Bill, a country fellow just back from the city, was telling his wife of the church they had attended. His wife asked whether he knew the songs.

"No," replied Bill, "they didn't sing anything but anthems."

"Anthems," gasped his wife. "What in the world are they?"

"Well," answered Bill, hesitantly, "I cannot tell you exactly, but if I'd say to you: 'Dora, the cows are in the corn,' that would not be an anthem. But if I'd say: 'Betsy, Betsy, the cows, the cows, the Jersey cows, the muley cows, the Holstein cows, the spotted cows, all the cows are in the corn, corn, corn!... Ahem! Well, that would be an anthem.'"

WEDDINGS



Lippincott-Bethards

Miss Nicola Lippincott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern O. Lippincott, 1120 E. Walnut street, was married on April 2, to Mervil Bethards, Dept. 9, son of Alfred L. Bethards, Dept. 6. The ceremony was performed in Kentland, Indiana, by Justice O. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. George Burk of Decatur were attendants.

The bride is a graduate of Decatur High school and the Heller School of Beauty Culture, and operates her own shop in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethard are living at 916 West Wood street.

Evans-Stahl

Marjorie Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans of Harristown, was married on Easter Sunday to Walter G. Stahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stahl of Niantic. The bride has been working in the Core Department for several years, and the bridegroom is a farmer.

The ceremony was performed at 3:30 P. M. in the Harristown Christian Church by Rev. Howard Johnson. Mrs. Stahl graduated from the Decatur High school and Mr. Stahl from the Niantic High school.

Attendants were Mary Elizabeth Evans, maid of honor and sister of the bride, and Lawrence Stahl, brother of the bridegroom was best man. Ushers were Ralph Evans and Bruce Stahl.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to Chicago, and are now at home on a farm near Illiopolis.

Wallisa-Bailey

Helen Wallisa of the Cost Department became the bride of Marion Bailey in a very pretty ceremony on Saturday afternoon, April 8. Rev. K. A. Auten of Chicago, former pastor of the Decatur Assembly of God, performed the wedding in the presence of two hundred guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wallisa, 1434 E. Moore street, and the bridegroom, the son of Frank Bailey of Nelsonville, Ohio. He has been making his home with a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wray.

The bride wore white satin with a finger tip veil fastened with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses and snapdragons. Helen Rinehart, bridesmaid, wore

turquoise blue chiffon with fuchsia accessories and carried a bouquet of pink roses and snapdragons.

Amos Bailey, brother of the groom, was best man, and Ethel Pumphrey was the ring bearer. Earl Wallisa and Roy Bailey were ushers.

Following the ceremony there was a reception in the home of the bride's parents, and the couple left soon afterwards for a trip to Chicago. They are now at home at 1434 E. Moore street.

Franklin-Stratman

Helene Franklin, of the core room, and Henry W. Stratman, of Department 30, were united in marriage at 4 P. M. on Thursday, April 13, at the parsonage of Rev. Carl I. Empson.

Attendants were Dorothy Stratman, sister of the groom, who is in the Receiving Department, and Verne Bridgman.

The couple will be at home at 1524 N. Woodford.

GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER



This is Ruth Ann Burditt, age 9 months, whose home is in Chester, Illinois. Ruth is the great-granddaughter of Monroe Tate, Department 8, who has been in the employ of the Mueller Co. since 1920. Mr. Tate has been in ill health and unable to work since last fall, but he sent over the picture of his great-granddaughter to be used in the Mueller Record in our exhibition of babies.

Step On Her

"What's the idea of a band of mourning on your left leg Arabella?"

"Me mother has passed away."

"But why on your stocking instead of the sleeve?"

"She was me step-mother."

"Yes, the bullet struck my head and went careening into space."

"How terrible! Did they get it out?"



WINTER SCHOOL ENDS WITH FINE DINNER

At the completion of the third Mueller School the company gave a dinner for those who had attended at least four of the six sessions.

The dinner was held on Monday evening, March 27, with an attendance of 120. The menu consisted of very delicious swiss steak, one of the epicurean dishes prepared by the cafeteria staff, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cole slaw, strawberry shortcake, and coffee.

Following the dinner, the group assembled in the gymnasium for a short talk by Duke Mueller. Duke whose splendid coat of tan speaks eloquently of his vacation in Florida, said he was tempted to speak of fishing, but since he was going to display his fishing tackle and show his moving pictures on Wednesday evening for all those interested, he would confine his remarks to more serious topics.

He spoke briefly on the purpose of the school and business conditions of the past, present, and future, and the effect that the changing environments might possibly have on the future business conditions.

A questionnaire has been issued to all who attended the school in an effort to obtain suggestions for a school next year. So far nothing definite has been decided upon.

SARNIA

Mueller, Limited, Sarnia, has the pleasure of equipping the Royal Train to be used for Their Majesties' visit to Canada this June with Mueller manufacture C-10701 showers.

It is of interest also to note that Joseph Woodcock of Sarnia, brother of John Woodcock our Montreal salesman, is being considered to drive the King and Queen

between London and Niagara Falls. The train he might pilot will be painted royal blue and gold and is of the latest type of Canadian National locomotives.

Mr. Woodcock has been driving locomotives for the past 37 years.

Mr. Adolph Mueller's Visit

The Sarnia plant were glad to welcome Mr. Adolph Mueller on March 27th.

At the general meeting of the employees Mr. Adolph told us some of the interesting facts of his recent South American trip and also the general impressions he gathered during his travels on the European situation.

After the meeting the employees received a bag of oranges and grapefruit. This fruit was the gift of Mr. Adolph and Mr. Robert Mueller and was a pleasant reminder to us all of their recent Florida trip.

WALT HEADED FOR HOLLYWOOD

Mistaken identity can cause embarrassment and mirth provoking situations, but seldom have any of us been mistaken for a movie star. Such an honor recently befell our Mr. Auer. Walter was staying at the Palmer House in Chicago. At the same time the movie star, Mischa Auer, who was making a personal appearance in Chicago, was registered at the Palmer House. A long distance call went through for our Mr. Auer, but in some way the operator contacted Mischa Auer. Finally when neither party could determine what the other was talking about, the caller inquired of Mischa Auer if he was the manager of the Mueller cafeteria, to which Mischa replied, "No, my only connection with a cafeteria is the fact that I'm just a ham—actor." Walt's modesty compels him to touch upon this story lightly, but we think it too good to suppress.

It's a cinch to cut the other fellow's budget.

OUTDOOR ATHLETICS NEARBY

Promise of a Big, Fast and Lively Season
—Begin to Tune Up



It won't be long now until the athletic minded portion of the organization begin their trek to Mueller Heights after work every afternoon. The winter program in the gymnasium has been fun—skating, basket ball, volley ball, ping pong, and the monthly shows—but for real invigorating exercise and pleasure there is nothing to be compared to the outdoor sports.

Outlook for Big Season

Plans are under way for the biggest season yet at the Mueller Heights, and it is hoped to double the number of participants this summer in the various programs. If this can be done more than two-thirds of the organization will take an active part in sports. It is not the idea to urge employees to partake merely for a good showing, but because the exercise improves physical fitness as well as providing great fun.

Those who do not care for active sports will find enjoyment in watching those who do participate. Any suggestions for the improvement of our program are welcome.

Why Not Girls' Team

It would be great if we could have a girls' soft ball team. Other companies no larger than ours have from one to four girls' teams. Surely there are enough athletic-minded girls in the organization to make up at least one very fine team.

Remember the field night we had late last year? If possible we should like to have two this summer, one in the middle of the season and the other toward the end.

Other Games

Croquet, badminton, and horseshoe courts and the baseball diamond will be made ready for action just as soon as the weather becomes warm enough. Don't forget to take advantage of these excellent facilities, and don't forget what a fine place the Heights is for picnicing, fishing, or boating. Plan to spend a lot of time outdoors this summer.

Softball

Requests are coming in already from managers of the softball teams in Decatur and neighboring towns for scheduled games with our all star team.

Some teams have difficulty in getting

enough engagements but we never have this trouble. We have so many requests that it is not possible to fill them all.

Visiting teams like to play us because we do have one of the best teams in the city, and no ball park in Decatur can compare with the playing field and lighting facilities at the Heights.

Boost our softball team this summer, and let's all do our bit toward making the season even more successful this year than last.

INVENTION OF TELEPHONE

Alexander Graham Bell Knew Nothing at all About Electricity

Walter Winchell recently had an interesting column on the telephone, invention of Dr. Alexander Bell—said to be "The most valuable single patent ever issued." Without it today the business of the world would practically stand still. We should like to reproduce this article in full but the length of the article is too much for our restricted space in this issue. The Bell phone was first shown at the Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, 1876.

Credited with this famous patent dependent upon electricity for its success, Bell knew absolutely nothing about electricity. He felt the urge as the result of his profession and experience. Bell, his father, and grandfather were all teachers of speech and psychology, specializing in teaching deaf mutes to talk by means of a system of vocal writings called "Visible speech". In the development of his idea, Bell had an assistant who knew about electricity.

So much for the telephone, with a history more entrancing than the romantic stories of fiction and history.

The point is this: Alexander Graham Bell was awarded "The most valuable single patent ever issued." It depended upon an element about which he knew nothing.

He had the theory, he used his brain to think it out and analyze it and the persistence to hang on until he won success.

This is something to think about. There are persons in this organization who know about mechanics and more about electricity than Bell ever did, a combination fitting them to think new ways and methods to overcome problems in the plumbing water and gas fields. Invention consists in producing something entirely new or developing an improvement on things that are being done in an old way.

It's a wide field and an open one—yours to cultivate and prosper thereby.

Cure For Snoring

"I used to snore so loud I'd wake myself up; but I cured myself. I sleep in the next room now."

Any motorist will tell you that all the wooden-headed drivers are not on the golf course.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

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The day before Easter was more than the day before Easter. It was Helen Wallisa's wedding day. Helen had very graciously invited the office employees to attend the ceremony, and a number of said employees, all dressed in their Easter-best, were in attendance on that Saturday afternoon. The Helens, the bride in her white satin, and Helen Rinehart, the maid of honor, who wore aqua with rose accessories, were lovely to look at. The Cost Dept. should be very proud of both of them.

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The wedding-guests were much struck with the interest in the wedding of little Carol Edmonson. Carol sat very quietly beside her auntie Jane, all attention. We doubt if she missed a single word.

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A number of the inhabitants of these parts were in evidence at "Blossom Time" presented by Decatur High School students the first of the month. We noticed Helen Pope, Edna Johnston, Aline Moore, Elois Wood, Opal Jackson, Dorothy Cooper (about whose success in official circles you will read elsewhere.) The operetta is always a tuneful, pretty thing, and it was very enjoyable as the high school boys and girls presented it. We don't blame the youngsters' families for being proud of them.

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Wera Bauer was ill for several days a few weeks ago. The Billing Dept. has been hard hit lately.

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We have it on good authority that Dorothy Gepford has been a victim recently of Spring fever. She has been talking about trips and picnics and hamburger fries. Well, Dotty, if you can just talk the weather-man into some nice picnic weather, it'll be grand.

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Not long ago Helen Brannan experienced what, without much question, she considers one of her most embarrassing moments. She had gone into one of the department stores after work, and there she was a part of a rather peculiar collision. The window-trimmer had taken one of the figures from the window for a little air, rearrangement, or something or other. Helen, had she even noticed the lady in question would have supposed that here was just a curious customer who would soon move out of the congested area, but she didn't even see her. And the lady of the window didn't see our cashier. A collision was inevitable. The waxen lady, unsteady on her feet, went down in ignominious defeat. As we heard the story, Helen didn't even stop to pick up

the lady; she merely sped on as if the incident had never happened.

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C. E. Lincoln, Mueller salesman in the Indiana territory, was in Decatur the week-end of March 11. R. T. Whitehead of the Missouri-Iowa territory visited in Decatur, April 2.

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Everett Wacaser's new mustache was the subject of some conversation for a time, and we wondered if Everett were planning a cinema debut. Now, however, everybody is taking the new decoration pretty much for granted. Everett, nevertheless, still keeps his nick-name of Clark.

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Our friends, the Troy Roushes, are having a run of misfortune just now. Their small daughter, Patty, has had a mastoid operation from which she is slowly recovering. Troy was ill with the flu, then later his wife was sick with the same malady. And then, about the time when it seemed that everybody was headed for good health and that one crisis was past, there came along another stroke of bad luck. Troy's mother-in-law's home, which is next door to his own, caught on fire, and was badly damaged.

Troy's friends are all hoping that he'll soon be fresh out of bad luck and that the future will be steadily and persistently rosy.

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Jane Cranston visited with relatives in Taylorville, March 11 and 12.

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Dorothea Uhl visited with relatives in Edwardsville, St. Louis and Morrisonville, Easter week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent the week-end of March 26 in St. Louis. They enjoyed especially the Ice Follies.

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Traveling in the opposite direction, Mary Ruth Harrison was in Chicago. April Fool's Day and the day after. One high-spot of the week-end was the big Flower Show.

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Dorothy Cooper fell a victim to the flu bug late in March. After she came back to work again she put in one very uncomfortable day during which she lost her voice. It came back as suddenly as it left, however, and Dorothy at the present time is keeping her fingers crossed.

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MAN-OF-THE-MONTH—We believe our choice for the man of this month of elections is the American voter. Of all people on this still-pretty-good-old-earth we believe that he, or she, is most to be envied.



GREAT EASTER FUN FOR MUELLER KIDDIES

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday afternoon, April 1, at the Mueller Lodge. The weather man was kind enough to provide a pleasant sunshiny day, although just a little too cool to permit the children to play about without their heavy wraps. Bill Pfele was on hand to take color movies of the little tots as they ran about the grounds searching for the bright hued eggs, and the regular photographers were on hand to take random shots of the youngsters, many of which appear here. There was quite a large attendance, with the children being divided into three groups according to ages, to give all a fair chance at finding the eggs.

Each child received a sack of candy and a baby chicken in addition to the eggs which he was successful in finding. Then, too, there was a large quantity of special gifts given the holders of the tickets which were hidden along with the eggs. Three hundred baby chickens found new homes.

The grown-ups were served grape punch and wafers in the Lodge, and it was evident that the adults found as much pleasure in watching the children as the children found in their scramble for eggs and prizes.

Scot's Ardor

"Maggie," said Jock, whose mind was made up to propose, "wasna I here on Sawbath nicht?" "Ay, Jock, I dare say we were!" "And wasna I here on Monday nicht?" "Ay, so ye were!" "And wasna I here on Tuesday nicht?" "Ay, ye did happen here on Tuesday nicht!" "And I was here on Wednesday nicht?" "Ay, so ye were, Jock, so ye were!" "And I was here on Thursday nicht?" "I'll no deny that we were, Jock." "And I was here on Friday nicht?" "Ay, I'm thinkin' that's so!" "And this is Saturday nicht, and I'm here again?" "Well, for no? Ye are verra welcome." "Maggie, dy'e no' begin to smell a rat?"

We all like our friends to be perfectly frank about other people.

The Man Who Sold Hot Dogs

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and he sold hot dogs.

He was hard of hearing so he had no radio.

He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers.

But he sold good hot dogs. He put signs up on the highway, telling how good they were.

He stood on the side of the road and cried, "Buy a hot dog, mister?" And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove, to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him.

But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There's a big depression on. The European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse. Everything's going to pot."

Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he read the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know." So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You're right, son," the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

—Reprinted from "The Reporter" by Bridgens Limited.

THERE'LL BE NO CHANGE

Man (reading newspaper) — I guess I was born too soon.

Wife — What makes you think that?

Man — This paper pays that 50 years from now the women will be doing all the work.

The lawn mower's warble follows too soon the robin's keynote.

It takes a lot of pluck for a woman to keep her eyebrows in shape.



THE MUELLER RECORD

DID YOU KNOW?

The services of a G-man will soon be engaged to solve the perplexing problem as to how and who moves Willie Rohman's car every Saturday morning when he leaves it securely locked.

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That Jack Rubican observed St. Patrick's Day by "a-wearin' of the green"—so he said. He professed to be an Irishman underneath the surface, his underwear having been appropriately tinted green for the day. No eye witnesses, however, can substantiate Jack's statement.

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Snooky—that's Jimmy Freeman's new nickname, of which it is said he is none too fond.

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Spring romances—a young man in the paymaster's office and a young lady in the core department.

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Ted Masterson acted out his conception of being in the dog house the other night when he returned home and found himself locked out. He took up his residence in the garage until Gladys returned.

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Sacky was an usher at a fashionable spring wedding.

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Jimmy Freeman is becoming known as a man about town—having achieved mention in the Observer, the High School paper, and said notice having been duly posted at the Blue Mill.

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Wonder if Dorothy Cooper knew the Mayor was sitting below when she dropped her hat from the balcony at the beginning of the third act of "Blossom Time," the D. H. S. Operetta? Anyhow, she made her mark because the new spring bonnet landed squarely in hizzoner's lap.

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Ask Vernon Brown to explain where and why he got all the lipstick on his chin before the skating party on April 5.

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One of our employees has a very discerning digestive system. He always requests light rye bread because it is easier to digest than the dark rye.

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Wonder why Bob Taylor finds it necessary to travel to Springfield about twice a week to skate with all the skating facilities which we have in Decatur?

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Our machine engineer, Melvin Chaney, will soon be as snug as a bug in a rug—that is when he gets the rug done. Department 300 awaits with interest the completion of a hooked rug which Chaney is working on.

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Some people never grow up—even though they have to keep on having children's diseases in order to prove it. James Fair, Dept.

9, spent one week at home while he went through a seige of chickenpox.

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Recent additions to the office personnel—a house man and a scullery maid. The paymaster probably isn't aware of this,, but neither were we until we overheard Gene Simpson and Marion Richards on the telephone.

BRASS CHIPS

Twenty boys between the ages of ten and twelve visited the factory on April 7, under the supervision of Bill Garvin of the Y. M. C. A.

Frank Ridgeway, foundry, underwent a tonsilectomy on March 27.

Faye Boggs, Plant 2, who was off work from March 1 following an attack of the flu, returned April 6.

Eugene McCauley, Dept. 8, who has been off duty since February 8, is still unable to return to his job.

Jack Chepan, Dept. 30, was laid up two weeks with the flu.

Patty Roush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roush, is recovering from a mastoid operation on March 23.

Clarence Curlin, Plant 2, who has been off work since December 22, has returned as a tinner's helper in the Maintenance Department.

Mrs. John Dotson is recovering from an operation performed on March 26. Mr. Dotson is employed at Plant 2.

Troy Roush, Oscar Stratman, and Edgar Stark served as officials for the township election, April 4.

E. F. Dickey has done considerable jury duty recently. He returned to work on Apr. 7, having completed the job by an all night session. When asked what they did all night, Everett replied: "Just argued".

Clarence Roarick, Howard Gragg, Melvin Chaney, F. A. March, Archie Sefton, Frank Taylor, and M. Pippin attended the Second Annual Machine and Tool Progress Exhibition presented by the American Society of Tool Engineers in Detroit on March 14-18.

Walter Bowan, F. A. March, and Clarence Roarick left April 9, on a business trip to the east.

Clarence Roarick and Earl Cline were in Chattanooga on business early in April.

Walter Auer, Frank Taylor, and Leo Wiant attended the Conference of the In-

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dustrial Management Society in Chicago, April 7 and 8.

J. W. Wells dropped in to see Duke's display of deep sea fishing tackle and his moving pictures of the Everglades. These hit him right in the eye. He says:

"I have seen a number of travel pictures at the moving picture theatres, and it is no exaggeration to say that I never saw one which, in my judgment, compared in interest and beauty with the one you showed of the Florida Everglades. I have heard a number of people who saw it express the same opinion."

J. W. is so pleased that he asked Duke "to play a return engagement".

Ben Taylor has bought a five room, one story cottage in the 900 block N. Edward street from Charles Laughlin. No, he isn't getting married just yet. He is simply providing a cozy home for his mother. Good work, Ben!

Mabel Gates of the Stationery Department attended the National Bowling Tournament in Indianapolis on April 15 and 16.

LONG TIME SERVICE

Barney Marty Enters His 46th Year—Other Old Timers

April 16 was a red letter day for Barney Marty—for upon that day he began his 46th year in the employ of the Mueller Co. When Barney went to work for Hieronymus Mueller in 1894 the factory was located on East Main street, on the site of the present Milklin Bank. He was associated with Mr. Mueller for six years before his death in 1901.

Some time during the year 1939, W. H. Campbell will complete his 46th year, the exact date having been forgotten. He, too, was associated with Hieronymus Mueller in the first factory. Other men who are still with the company and who began service in early days are Wm. Wollenbrock, completing 42 years; August Schudziara, 41 years; U. S. Friend and Lewis Fagan each completing 40 years.

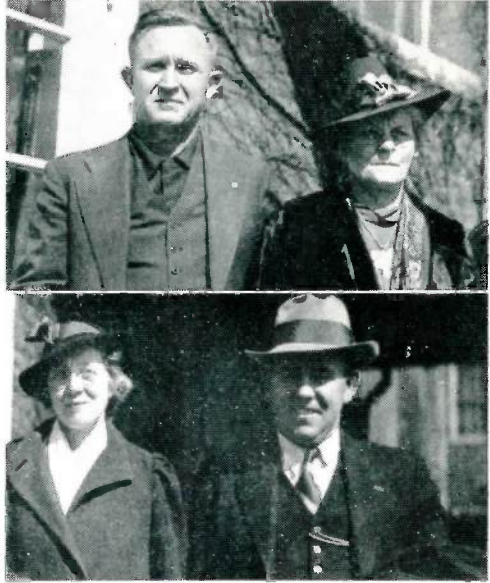
These long time periods of loyalty and service to one company are records of which these men are justified in being proud, and the company likewise takes pride in these records.

ROUND ABOUT

While Haas was here this month he built up a big reputation for George Knipe of the New York office, as the official guide for New York lady visitors. George had better be reading up on his Baedeker for the girls are expecting the BEST.

Helen Wallisa Bailey was welcomed back to work from her honeymoon with rather a desk charivari—the drawers were filled

VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA



Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foote of Lynwood, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Olin M. Foote of Long Beach, visited the factory on March 17. They were on their way back to California when they stopped over to visit relatives in Decatur. They had been to Mississippi and intended visiting in Iowa before returning home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foote are employed in the Polishing Department of the Pacific Coast factory, and Mr. Olin Foote is a member of the Long Beach Police Department.

The day previous we had as visitors another Foote brother, Herbert, who also works in the Polishing Department in Los Angeles. He was accompanied by a friend, Desmond Orr, from Toledo, Ohio, who is connected with the Electric Auto Light Co. there.

with confetti, rice, old shoes, brushes, etc., and topped off with a sign "Just Married."

By the way, what happened to our "New York Doin's" correspondent? We suppose nothing ever happens there, small town!

That irresistible ladies' man from Department 8, Jimmy Freeman, was best man at a wedding in St. Louis on Sunday, April 8.

A number of Mueller girls went to Peoria to hear Jeanette McDonald on Sunday, Apr. 16. Different parties attending included: Opal Jackson, June Krumisiek, Ruth Liestman, Aline Moore, Dorothy Cooper, Dorothea Hill, Edna Johnsten, Marian Richards, Clara Uhl, Dorothea Uhl, Helen Pope, Louise Whitehead, Dorothy Gepford, and Ellen Jane Peabody.

WORKS MANAGERS TEAM WINS



The Mueller Bowling League season is over with an aftermath on April 18th, which is the sweepstakes.

The Works' Manager team comes out winner, with A. Werdes of the Main Office high man.

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Works Mgr. Office.....	90	57	33	.633
Plumbers	90	45	45	.500
Specialty Division	90	41	49	.455
Utility Engineers	90	37	53	.411

Four High Bowlers

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
A. Werdes, Wks. Mgr. Of.....	72	176	246
E. Hartwig, Spec. Div	90	174	222
L. Wiant, Wks. Mgr. Of.....	87	171	231
L. Adams, Plumbers	85	170	250

Individual High Game

1. F. March	256
2. L. Adams	250
3. A. Werdes	246

Individual (3) High Games

1. A. Werdes	606
2. L. Adams	605
3. F. March	601

Team High Game

1. Plumbers	964
2. Specialty Division	957
3. Works Manager's Office	921

Team (3) High Games

1. Works Manager's Office	2633
2. Specialty Division	2619
3. Plumbers	2585

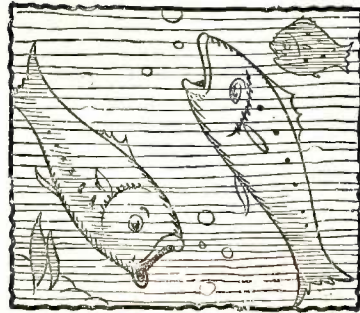
Sweepstakes

The sweepstakes of the Mueller Bowling League will be bowled April 18, 1939, beginning at 6:30 P. M.

There will be two shifts; one at 6:30 P. M. and one at 7:30 P.M.

The sweepstakes will be bowled on alleys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The handicap is figured from the high average of 176 with each bowler getting 75% of the difference between 176 and his average for each game. Everyone who has bowled one third of the league games and who is a member of the bowling league at the end of season can enter.

LAKE DECATUR CALLING



"Come Where Your Love Lies Dreaming"

All Class A Fishermen—Attention!

Julius Grabenhofer

Duke Mueller

Matt Trott

Troy Roush

Willie Rohman

Ulie Friend

Clarence Rubicam

Don't forget your bait

BOWLING CHAMPION

Carl Dodwell, Printing Department, ended the bowling season with enough medals to give him the appearance of an army general, should he care to array them in military style.

Carl bowled with the Walther League team, who won the championship in the Central Illinois District, and Carl held the honor of the highest individual game for the entire season. In addition, in the tournament at the end of the season, he and Red Wenger won the Class A Men's Double, which netted them each a medal.

How it goes

Some men would like to own the earth—
They think that's what they're made for—
While others work for all they're worth
To get one small house paid for.

Johnny: "Dad, what is the difference between a cat and a comma?"

Dad: "I don't know."

Johnny: "A cat has claws at the end of its paws, while a comma is a pause at the end of a clause."

"The boss offered me an interest in the firm today."

"He did!"

"Yes, he said that if I didn't take an interest in it pretty soon he'd fire me."

"WHAT HAVE YOU PAGE?"

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ITEMS FOR SALE

Brooms For Sale—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

ICE BOX—100 lb., save 2 to 4 dollars on this \$1.00 buy. W. C. Hays, 761 N. Monroe St.

FOR SALE—75 lb. Ice Box, good condition. Call at 1452 E. Walnut.

KEROSENE STOVE—5 burner, range, oven insulated. Covered with cream and green porcelain of high quality. This stove sold new for \$29.50, has had good care, is good as new and goes for a reasonable price. See W. C. Hays of Printing Dept., or 761 N. Monroe St.

For Sale: A baby bathinette. Babies like it. Reasonable price, perfectly clean and sanitary. Karl Brimm, Printing Department or 1853 N. Maple St.

FOR SALE—A Good Used Guitar, original value \$25.00, will sell for \$5.00. See Helen Wallisa of the Cost Department or Call 2-6540.

For Sale—Four new unfinished kitchen chairs which have never been used. Very substantial. Will sell for 50c each. If interested call 2-6540 or see at 1434 East Moore Street.

For Sale—Paint gun, compressor and hose. D. S. Avis, Truck Dept.

For Sale—Royal typewriter, good condition. Telephone Operator.

For Sale—Size 2 pink flannel coat and bonnet, \$1.50. Good baby swing 50c, baby buggy \$2.00. Mrs. Ernest Bond, 1931 N. Edward.

FOR SALE—Tomatoes, Cabbage, Peppers, and Flower Plants. Stratman and Son, 1027 W. King St. Phone 7684.

FOR SALE—Young Singing Birds. Watchman, Roy Vandervort, 853 W. Marietta, City.

WANTED

Wanted—Phonograph records to be used to supply music for the skaters in the gymnasium if you have records stored away in your home and no longer in use, or records of which you have become tired, get them out and either loan or donate them for use in the gym. Notify W. S. Enloe or Loyle Davis and arrangements will be made to call for these records.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

We are trying to impress members of the organization to use this page at no cost whatever for the sale or exchange of goods. It requires some time of course, because it is a new venture. We have previously printed letters from those who have met with good success in the use of these columns.

Here is additional evidence of the fact that IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE MUELLER RECORD.

I have made several sales of birds through the free advertisement page of the Mueller Record. Thanks. Roy Vandervort.

Please cancel my ad for the 6 tube radio and dinette suite as I have sold them. Thank you for running this ad. F. W. Dannewitz, 127 E. McKinley.

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LOT OF IT

Chorus Girl (as she danced out on the stage)—“Well, I think I’ll put the motion before the house.”

Sarcastic

Young Son: “Father, I think it’s awful. The baby is ten months old and hasn’t a tooth yet—and you a dentist!”

No Place Like Home

“What is the definition for the word home?”

“Home, is the place where you can scratch where it itches.”

Kindness goes a long way lots of times when it ought to stay at home.