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## BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

### Outing at the Okaw at the Community Picnic—Major Scott Tells About Little America

Aug. 3 and 4 will be long remembered by thirty-three Boy Scouts of Troop 2 sponsored by Mueller Co.

As guests of Adolph Mueller, these boys, their scout master and troop committeemen, enjoyed a wonderful week end of wholesome outdoor activity at the Okaw cabin.

The troop was transported in one of the company's stake trucks, with Mr. Thomas driving. They left at 5 30 a.m. Saturday and reached their destination before 9 a.m.

Sixteen pup tents were pitched, personal baggage assigned to places, instructions given, bugle calls thoroughly explained and then the fun began.

At noon the people from the surrounding country came into the grounds for the annual picnic of Bear Creek community, bringing food of all description, which at the allotted time was served cafeteria style along with a delicious barbecue pig, served with real barbecue gravy by Charlie Cochran, Billy Mason, and Burt Jackson.

The after dinner exercises consisted of an enjoyable program including brief remarks by Adolph on good citizenship.

The scouts gave a demonstration of the flag raising ceremony and also put on a comical sketch depicting the experience of a barber shop patron in the hands of a recently graduated student from barber college. Other features were a hog calling contest, beano for the ladies, jigging, singing, etc.

The peaceful quiet of the night was good evidence of the strenuous activities of the day.

Revelrie shortly after sunrise brought the scouts tumbling out. With tents in order and inspection mess call for breakfast was answered.

A fine spirited pony brought never to be forgotten pleasure to many of the scouts, who had their first experience in "wild west" rough riding.

At 10 a.m. Sunday School services were held under the leadership of Troop Committeeman Bixler, repeating the Lord's Prayer, a reading from the Bible of the Ten Commandments, and then a few passages of new Testament scriptures dealing with brotherly love.

Mr. Keil spoke briefly, pointing out the Ten Commandments as the basis of scouting and the daily good turn, an expression of brotherly love. One can seldom find a more inspiring sight than such a group squatted on the grass under a fine oak tree with the sky and clouds



as a roof, with thoughts of reverence to God, the twelfth law of scouts—'A Scout is Reverend.'

Shortly after noon the homeward trip started, and all arrived back safely without any casualties other than mosquito bites, sun burn and tired muscles.

The party included Scouts: Truman Reynolds, Robert Meece, Wesley Koontz, Wayne Bell, Walter McKinley, Raymond Roarick, Donald Baldis, Robert Dannewitz, Harry Atkins, Bernard Baum, Robert Whitacre, John Riley, Byron Hodges, Robert Rhodes, Edward Meixner, Rex Smith, Kenny Queen, Merrill Trimmer, Charles Meixner, Howard Reynolds, Eugene Schroder, George Auer, Elmer Harshbarger, James Landers, Claude Stacey, Everett Inman, Robert Vaughn, Billy Owens, John Allen, Van Riley, Junior Keil, Edwin Keil, Gerald Keil.

The following scout officials attended and were not a step behind the scouts in the enjoyment of the outing: Howard Baldis, scout master; John Bixler, troop committeeman; Frank Edmondson, troop committeeman; O. C. Keil, troop committeeman.

## CALLER FROM NEW MEXICO

About the middle of June Fred McElhany of Albuquerque, New Mexico, employed by the Santa Fe Builders Supply Co. of that city, started to visit old friends in central Illinois, where he used to live. Among them was Newell Marbry, of Vandalia. Newell proposed that they drive up to Decatur and Fred was glad to come because he had long wanted to visit the plant of Mueller Co.

On June 21 they called on us and spent several hours in going through various departments and seeing the processes of manufacture in operation.

Mr. McElhany is an advocate of Mueller goods, and was glad of this chance to see how they are made. He was optimistic about increased building in his territory. Both visitors had lunch at the cafeteria.

## SEEING CALIFORNIA

### Miss Jackson Made Most of Two Weeks— Tells Record Readers What She Saw

Ocean, mountains and desert, cities and prairies—a large order, that, for anyone's vacation, but Florence McConnell and I enjoyed a panorama of even more varied beauty on our recent two weeks' trip to California.

Leaving Decatur on the Banner on July 7th and returning on the 21st, we crowded into the intervening time a night and a day in San Diego, an afternoon in old Mexico, a night and a day in San Francisco, four days in Los Angeles. On the return trip we stopped off for several hours at Salt Lake City and at Denver.

#### San Diego's Lovely Fair

The exposition at San Diego we thought very lovely with its profusion of flowers—and here, as everywhere in California, we marveled at the intensely brilliant colors of the blooms—and the great number of trees, eucalyptus, and many, many others. In size and in attendance the exposition does not compare with the Chicago Century of Progress with which we in Decatur are all so familiar. In arrangement and in background, however, I thought it lovelier. The California Pacific International exposition is its full title, and the accent is definitely on Pacific. The prevailing Spanish architecture and the Spanish names given to avenues, plazas and lagoons carry one back to the days of the conquistadors.

#### Liked San Francisco

We liked San Francisco very much, and were sorry not to have a longer stay there. We, of course, visited Chinatown. We saw most of the buildings of interest, stoppeed at Dolores Mission, went up Twin Peaks and Telegraph Hill, spent a little time in Golden Gate Park, saw Seal Rock, and a number of other points of interest. We were interested in seeing Alcatraz Island, where Al Capone and others are now guests of the Government. Some friends, former Decatur people, took us about the city, and among other things, gave us a close-up view of the docks. I was especially delighted to see, first-hand, some of the ships that were in, the "Europa" among others.

#### Yields Nothing to Discoverers

The ocean and the ships were a constant source of enjoyment. I suppose that any in-lander thrills at sight of the Pacific, not only because, as one tourist said, "There's so much of it" but because its moods are always different and always interesting. I doubt if Magellan who is reputed to have named it or Balboa who claimed it for his king, could have been more charmed by the Pacific than I was. I think I envy the Californians their sea more than anything else.

While in Los Angeles, we went to Hollywood and Beverly Hills, to Pasadena and Santa Monica, and everywhere we saw hundreds and hundreds of beautiful homes, every one in its own well-kept and carefully landscaped setting. The homes of a great many stars and former stars of the movies were pointed out, but we

had our closest glimpse of motion picture players when we were at lunch at Agua Caliente where two stars were eating just a couple of tables away from us.

#### Visits Mueller Plant

I was very glad to have the opportunity, while in Los Angeles, of visiting the Mueller plant. We were there one afternoon when we went through the factory and were very happy to see the Mueller people whom we had known in Decatur and to meet others whom we hadn't known before. We found the factory very busy, and we were much impressed by its appearance. We thought it well arranged as well as clean and light. Like most California enterprises, it is attractively landscaped. To identify it as truly Californian, it has a row of orange, lemon, and grapefruit trees. We attempted a snapshot of the "orchard", but I'm afraid it really doesn't do it justice.

Mr. Reedy, Miss Zale, and Mr. Klinck were especially kind in showing us about, and we do appreciate their kindness. It was a pleasure to visit the Los Angeles plant.

#### Catalina Island

One never-to-be-forgotten day we spent at Catalina—Santa Catalina Island, as it is on the maps. The beauty of the island, and above all, the grand blue ocean in which the "abalone" island is set, made us wonder if we weren't in another world. The trip over to the island was enjoyable, and the sea on the return voyage was even pleasanter.

On the second day of our return journey we rode through the Colorado mountains. And though we had seen during the days before mountains that certainly were mountains, by Illinois standards, in Colorado on the Denver & Rio Grande route we were able to see at close range some of the great peaks of the country. Late in the afternoon we stopped at the Royal Gorge, a fitting climax for the day.

The whole vacation, filled to the last minute with enjoyment, was one of the finest experiences that I can imagine.

## WEDDINGS

#### Cathcart-Mack

On June 29 Marjorie Cathcart of the Core Department checked out with the notice that she was going to be married. She was in July 25 and informed us that happy event had been consummated on July 17 at Hollywood, California. She is now Mrs. Merton Mack.

Mr. Mack is supervisor of salesman of the Continental Coffee Company, and for the next few weeks they will be travelling together over his territory.

#### Toole-Gordy

Announcement was made recently of the marriage of Freda Toole, of the Core Dept., and Lester Gordy. They were married September 30, 1934. Mrs. Gordy checked out July 12.

Dorothy Stratman went to Niagara Falls on the recent week end excursion.



### CHATTANOOGA

A trip to Norris Dam and through the Great Smokies was enjoyed by S. M. Peace and family during the week end of July 20th.

E. W. Barr of the Assembly Dept., has been transferred to night clerk in the Machine Shop.

Ruth Arwood is the newest addition to the C. I. W. office force, working under the supervision of Mr. Homer Van Vleet in the Record Dept.

F. D. Powers has been transferred to the Sales Dept., and is being succeeded by S. D. Waller.

Mark Simpson arrived *safely* in Chattanooga, July 8, to learn how to make fire hydrants. Mark has started his duties in the Core Making Dept. under the capable supervision of Mr. Hal Mosley.

#### Clever Mr. Earle

H. C. Earle left July 11, for a company business trip throughout the North, returning July 19. Since Mr. Earle's family is at their home in New Jersey he had no one to look after his home. Consequently, he had to figure out a way to keep prowlers away at night. This was easily taken care of with the aid of his "electric eye" (photo-electric cells) which can do anything but talk for Harry.

By a system of relay switches and various other gadgets, he had the lighting system so arranged that with the aid of the electric eye when the shadows of night began to creep about the lights of his home would automatically turn on and at the break of day, would automatically turn off.

Harry nearly lost some of his neighbors by this as when they went to call one evening no one was there and since they saw the lights turn on and off, he had a hard time convincing them that he was not around.

H. L. Baker, of the Engineering Dept., is now making his many social calls in a brand new Ford V-8 Sport Roadster.

George Tolladay is being questioned by a number of fellows about the factory as to his formula for getting rid of his wife, who is now visiting in California. George says she may not be back until Christmas.

E. L. Brown of the Cleaning Dept., is confined to his home with malaria fever. We are sorry to hear this, Brownie.

Chester Young has been transferred from the Assembly Dept. to the Cleaning Dept., during the absence of Mr. Brown.

We are pleased to hear that Smith Wooten is recovering from a long illness and we look forward to his return.

#### Pattern Makers Picnic

The pattern makers, under the leadership of George Hesse, held their second annual picnic on Saturday, June 27, at Cummings' Lake, on the Chattanooga-Nashville highway.

Those attending were Bill Brown, Hugh Churchill, George Hesse, Lawrence Leutgens, George Reynolds and Jimmie Wilkins.

The weather this year was almost as bad as last year, but not enough so to keep those who wanted to from doing a bit of riding in a canoe that Bill Brown took out on his trailer.

The principal amusement, aside from the

food, was target shooting with rifle and shells furnished by Hugh Churchill and Jimmie Wilkins. Jimmie had high score for the afternoon's shooting while Bill Brown was "top" in the morning. In a grudge match between George Hesse and Reynolds, Hesse finally got the better of it after a number of ties.

Lawrence Leutgens again did a fine job in preparing the bill of fare which included four fried chickens.

All who attended said they had a very enjoyable day, and quoting George Hesse, "This was one picnic where one man didn't do all the work."

Mr. E. P. Lofton, only brother of Mr. H. M. Lofton, spent two days visiting with us here. Mr. Lofton is Lubricating Engineer for the Standard Oil Co., of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. M. E. Henderson was in Nashville, Tenn., on company business last week.

#### Visitors from Chattanooga

Ernie Schlegel, Joe Hart, Ray Egebrecht, and Charles Uhl finished their week's work at the Columbian Iron Works, Friday afternoon, July 26. At 6:30 Saturday morning they were in Decatur. Schlegel drove all the way in about eleven hours, and was ready for a day of visiting with Decatur friends.

One incident of the trip was a brief stop at Nashville. They entered an attractive cafe and for \$3.40 they got thirty cents worth of grub apiece.

They left Monday morning and were on the job again Tuesday.

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Joe Hart is in charge of time study. Assisting him are Stanley Mate, Charles Gwin, Cecil Coffin, and L. W. Mitchell.

Joe reports that the Columbian plant is active, but not under the pressure they were two months ago. Steady progress is being made in working out Mueller methods in tool storage, production control, and time study.

The Hart's have now been in the South long enough to like it there. We expect them to become "shoenuf" Southerners.

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Raymond Egebracht remained with the home folks west of Decatur for about a week before returning to Chattanooga.

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George Hesse of the Pattern Department, and his wife are planning to spend their vacation in Central Illinois the second week in August, and have saved Saturday, August 17, for the Picnic.

F. D. Powers is now at the desk of W. A. Mattice, who died suddenly on June 30. Stewart Waller has taken over Power's duties on records. Alice Burkhard succeeds Waller.

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Group bonus, which was started in a small way about a year ago, is now beginning to take hold in most production departments. The boys are learning that they can increase their earnings by a bonus. The Core Department, in particular, is earning a bonus from 5% to 15%. Other departments that are getting a taste of

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### ON ONE SIDE ONLY

In nearly all publishing houses there is a rule against writing on two sides of a sheet of paper. As a rule, copy of this kind is immediately rejected. Editors long since learned of the trouble this class of copy caused. For instance, the manuscript might finish on the first page with a complete sentence. The compositor would pay no attention to the back of the sheet and pick up what would naturally be page 2. It is easy to see what complications might ensue. It is bad practice to use the back of a sheet of paper in business. We are calling it to attention because of a recent experience. Figures were furnished on a previous transaction as a basis for figuring the expense of a contemplated event of similar character. It was only after making the estimate that by accident it was found that there were additional items on the back of the page which added several hundred dollars to the cost of the undertaking.

Use one side of the sheet of paper. One sheet of paper doesn't cost much if anything. Mistakes do.

### BACK FROM CAMP

Clarence Pippin returned July 25 from Camp Custer, located five miles from Battle Creek, Michigan.

This camp is a division of the regular army and is made up of the C.M.T.C., the R.O.T.C. the O.R.C., and C.C.C. Clarence is taking the mechanical engineering course at the University of Illinois and six weeks attendance at this camp between the Junior and Senior years is one of the requirements of the course.

While there, Clarence's time was devoted to the study of bridge building, demolition, drill, range work, and rifle and pistol practice, and gas study.

### DON ANDREWS BACK

Don Andrews, formerly of the brass foundry, but now with the Columbian Iron Works, and his family spent their vacation in Illinois dividing their time between Decatur and Oconee.

Don spent as much time as he could in the Brass Foundry, and in and about the plant. He stated that this visit will be of much help to him in his work in Chattanooga.

On Thursday, July 25 he and his wife went through the factory and they had lunch at the cafeteria. The Andrews live in St. Elmo, a suburb of Chattanooga, and they are near neigh-

### BIRTHS

DALEY—Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Daley, of Dept. 8, a daughter, Patricia Ann, June 6.

CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Curry, of the Foundry Office, a son, Norman Allen, June 13.

WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Williams, of the Polishing Dept., a daughter, Donna Lee, June 29.

Bud took his lady friend golfing Saturday. They had reached the sixteenth green and Bud ran ahead to observe the lie. "A stymie," he shouted, "a dead stymie." His girl sniffed as she said: "I knew I smelled something."

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larger income through bonus are brass molders, assembling department, and machine shop.

Joe reports that the weather is warm in Chattanooga, but not as hot as in Decatur. Plenty of rain has fallen, and fruit and vegetables are plentiful. There are plenty of good watermelons and they are cheap. Rents are high.

Joe states that there seems to be a gradual increase in employment and industrial activity in Chattanooga. The same is reported from the Tennessee Valley.

### Employees' Aid Society

During the third week in July, the first annual election of trustees for the Employees Aid Society was held. The white group elected two, Chas. Gwin and Hugh Churchill succeeded Howard Alge and Wayman Black. Colored members elected Charles Moore of the Assembly Department, who succeeded Bloomer Hines.

The elections were held by ballot.

Both funds have cash balances, the White holding at about \$900 and the Colored fund about \$50 or \$60.

The new board of trustees met on the afternoon of Friday, July 26. After disposing of routine business they decided to give considerable attention to safety, particularly in prevention of accidents, and cooperating with the management for making a safe plant.

J. M. Wilkins has appointed Joe Hart, George Hesse of the Pattern Shop, and Hal Mosely of the Core Department, as a safety committee. They are supposed to be on duty at all times. They will make a thorough inspection of the plant and will at all times promote safety in its various forms.

### RUDOLPH ANTON BUOL



Master Buol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Buol Jr., of Rossville, Ga., was recently selected as the grand mascot of the grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Georgia, by Mrs. Marcia Jewett, grand worthy matron of the chapter, who presented the boy to the grand chapter at the installation of the officers. The boy's father is a machinist at the Columbian Iron Works.



## SARNIA NOTES

Mr. Henry S. Robertson, Production Manager, is on an extended visit in Western Canada. Mr. Robertson will visit his three brothers, for the first time in a great many years.

Mr. Wm. Twaits, sales manager, was in Toronto and Montreal on July 11th to 13th, inclusive.

Mr. R. McIntyre was in Windsor July 11th on company business.

Mr. G. W. Parker and Mrs. Wm. Twaits attended the Brass Manufacturers' meeting in London July 23rd.

Mr. Ebert Mueller is spending a fortnight in Chicago and Decatur.

Mr. Sam Johnson, Moulding Dept., has accepted a position in his home town, Belfast, Ireland. Mr. Johnson has been with our company 10 years and his resignation is much regretted. During the noon-hour of July 15th, the employees of the foundry division presented Mr. Johnson with a pen and pencil set, expressing their regrets of his leaving us and wishing him all kinds of good luck in his new position, which incidentally is the position he held before coming to Canada.

Mr. Gordon Geary is assisting in the shipping room. We are pleased to have Gord with us again.

Mr. Erastus Mead is again working in the Moulding Dept.

The Parker family have taken a cottage at Chemong Lake for the month of August. Mr. Parker plans to motor up each week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve attended the Waterloo Band Festival on July 6th, being present when the Sarnia boys Band were awarded second prize at the festival. Four others Boys Bands competed in the same class. Mr. Walter Smith, outstanding American cornetist, was one of the guest artists in the evening performance.

We understand O. C. S. and W. B. C. bid Jessie bon voyage.

Mr. Geo. I. Lucas, Core room, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Leckie, on July 20th by the Rev. W. William, of Devine Street United Church, Sarnia, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas will reside at Lake Huron Beach. The foundry division presented them with a beautiful bed spread. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

## CLINE'S COME HERE TO LIVE

Earl E. Cline returned to Chattanooga the week of July 22 and moved his family to Decatur. They now reside at 428 Powers Lane.

The young Cline's are Nell Gertrude, 18, Earl, Junior, 15, and Hawley Albert, 10.

Mr. Cline met Frank Mueller at Atlanta and discussed engineering matters. He said that it did Frank good to talk shop again, and that Frank is steadily gaining in health.

Velma Olive Runyan returned to work in the Upkeep Stock Department July 31.

"Kindly thought and kindly deeds.  
Are treasured more than crowns or creeds."

## GOOD JOB OF COOKING

Bill Thomas had a grand idea. At least so he thought when the idea struck him. Probably it was brought on by a bit of jealousy over his wife's reputation as a culinary artist. Anyhow, Bill suggested to Ed Stille, W. E. Smith, and Bill Ferry that the men throw a chicken fry and show the women how such an event should really be done. The other men agreed, and so they went to market. After a bit of consultation among themselves, they concluded five chickens would be sufficient for the eight of them.

Accordingly, the five chickens were taken to the Thomas residence, beheaded, and the men began the job of cleaning and dressing the fowls. Mrs. Thomas' subtle suggestions and offers to help were met with emphatic orders to get out and keep quiet, which she did with a misgiving or two as to the condition of her kitchen when they finished.

The next evening the four couples went out to Mueller Heights, and the men completed the job of cooking and serving a chicken fry with plenty of chicken. The women agree that it was well done, and they believe in giving honor where it is due. But the men have decided that the next time Bill Thomas is struck with a "grand idea" they won't be so hasty about agreeing—there's work connected with "them there" chicken fries—they say.

## TAKING THE SWITCHES

A number of years ago one of our foundry workers got religion, quit his job, and went to preaching. We didn't hear anything more of him for a long time. He was in the other day, considerably heavier in weight and announced that he was working for a brewery in Peoria. We asked him what the workers in the brewery drank. He replied: "Oh, we drink water. The beer is all bottled up and that's for the customers."

## DEATHS

## Mrs. Alice Long

Mrs. Alice Long, age 79, died July 30 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Whitaker. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

## VISITOR FROM EAST

William Lichtenberger, superintendent of the Water Works at Red Lion, Pa., visited the Plant July 11. As a young man he lived in Decatur and returns occasionally to visit relatives.

He knows the merit of Mueller water works goods and said he felt at home in our plant. He also told our editor that he never fails to read the Mueller Record and then passes it on.

Louise Whitehead of Paul Jacka's department is back from her vacation and reports having had a good time. It was noticed that she had her left wrist bandaged to protect some slight wound, but there were no scars visible on her neck. Whadda you mean had a good time?

**BRASS CHIPS**

Amos Kraft, of the engineering department at the Columbian Iron Works, spent his vacation with Mrs. Kraft in Decatur. He visited the plant July 11.

Marian Richards took her vacation the week of July 15 and included a visit to St. Louis' celebrated Municipal Opera.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller went to St. Louis during the week of July 15 to attend the Municipal Opera.

L. E. Conde checked out on July 26 to move to Dayton, Ohio, where he has accepted a position.

Gladys Wilson, who will be married to Ted Masterson on August 10, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Helen Green, Saturday afternoon, July 27. She received many beautiful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson spent two weeks in July making their annual visit to their old home in Kentucky.

Mary Grubb has taken Gladys Wilson's place in the Standards Department. She began work on July 30.

Dorothy Gepford took her vacation the week of July 22 spending part of the time visiting relatives in Cowden, and friends in Peoria.

Walter Auer and family drove to St. Louis Saturday, July 27, to see the sights, hear the Municipal Opera, and to get pointers on how to handle a concession. Walt is something of a concessionaire himself. He has had quite a bit of experience at Mueller picnics.

Mildred Tarbell, of the Los Angeles Plant, was stricken with appendicitis June 14 and was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation.

A recent checkup shows that the Employees' Aid Society has assisted 90 members to get dentures, which is a fancy word for artificial teeth.

**PAY VISIT TO DECATUR**

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lowery spent part of their vacation in Decatur. Wade is assistant foreman in the Iron Foundry at the Columbian Iron Works. This was their first visit to Central Illinois. While they missed their Tennessee mountains, they did see new beauty in the fruitful prairies. They visited the Main Plant and Wade, especially, spent much of his time in the foundries. They also visited the Staley Plant and Mueller Heights.

They expressed themselves as delighted with their trip and we hope that they will come again. They did miss, however, their Southern biscuits and corn bread.

One good way to prevent bleeding at the nose is to keep it out of other people's business

**HANDLING BOOKS**

Book lovers consider it an unpardonable sin to abuse any book. It is an especially grievous offense to abuse a reference book, including dictionaries. Recently, about three weeks ago, a new Webster International Dictionary was added to the main office equipment. The one it displaced had been in service for several years. Many of the pages were torn, the corners dog eared, and other pages folded over or crumpled up. The book would have been a disgrace to a primary school room.

Already we find that a page in the new dictionary has been abused.

Dictionaries are expensive. They cost from \$16 to \$20, or more according to paper and binding. With proper handling one should last for years.

Do you know how to handle a book of the size, importance and value of a dictionary?

Read what the publishers of Websters International Dictionary tell us in a letter just received.

"In an office where sixty or seventy persons consult the dictionary, it is advisable to leave the book open at the last page consulted. To close the book each time it is referred to, gives it twice the wear it receives when left open. Care should be used in closing any book as large as the New International, Second Edition. It should never be slammed shut, as so many people seem to enjoy doing. This is especially true of the India-paper style. Place your hand on the open page, close the book, and withdraw your hand, to insure that pages are not wrinkled when the book is closed."

**KAW PARTY**

The last Okaw party included Adolph, J. W. Wells, J. W. Simpson, Carl Draper, George White, Ed Stille, Bill Ferry, Charles Cochran, and W. T. Mason. It was a two day stand for several members of the party, while others went down Saturday morning. The program was the same as always observed, with fishing, hunting, eating during the day and cards in the evening. The party did not have an idle moment.

**MAKE THAT SUGGESTION**

Time is slipping rapidly. It is only a few months before the suggestion contest for 1935 comes to a close. We have already received a goodly number, but there is still plenty of subjects that have not been touched on. Put your mind to work. Think of something about the factory that may be improved on. There are three subjects: Safety, Increased Production, and Reduced Overhead. Other people have won in the past. Your chance is just as good as any one else.

Arthur: "So your new job makes you independent?"

Albert: "Absolutely: I get here any time I want to before eight, and leave just when I please after five."



### GOOD PENMAN AT 84

We received the other day a letter that appears below. It is written in a steady, even hand and as legible as print. The penmanship would be a credit to an accountant.

J. H. Dowden was 84 years old last June 7. He was employed in our Lead department from December 1905 until June 6, 1930, when he retired. He was always interested in happenings of the plant, and we thought that this letter from him would be of interest to his friends:

"I've been wanting to write you for the July number of the Mueller Record, and previous numbers, but it has been just too hot to try to write. I certainly appreciate them very much, as the younger generation would say, "thank you lots,"

"I'm standing the hot days reasonably well, and if I get through this month and the next all right. I might be here another winter. I had a fall in the bath tub a few weeks ago and crippled myself, but as luck would have it, I got no broken bones and am all O. K. again. If I'm here next summer I'm going to try to install a new bath tub, and if I do, I assure you it will be a Mueller product."

As ever,

J. H. DOWDEN, 700 W. Wood St.

### PROMISING YOUNG SINGER

Jerry Preshaw, young son of Gerald Preshaw, formerly of our cost department but now Assistant Manager of the Pacific Coast Factory at Los Angeles, is attracting attention in musical circles with his baritone voice.

In a recent letter Mr. Preshaw tells of his son's first public appearance as a soloist in the First Methodist church in Alhambra. Mr. Preshaw in a letter to Adolph says, modestly, "He did very well" and then adds: "For the first time in my life I heard applause in a regular church service for a solo appearance, and which seemed to come spontaneously from the audience."

From this we judge that Jerry must have a baritone voice of rare quality.

In addition to this he was recently in a cantata entitled, "The Rose Maiden" and presented by the Music department of the Alhambra City High School. This is an annual event. There was a chorus of 54 girls and 46 boys and five or six soloists. Jerry was one of the soloists, singing "If Thou Hast Aright Beholden." He also had the baritone part in a number entitled "Hast Thou Wandered."

### HERE FROM SARNIA

Ebert Mueller has been in Decatur for several days visiting his parents and friends in the organization. Ebert is looking and feeling fine and likes the work at Sarnia. He is expecting to go on the road and looking forward with pleasure to a trip to Vancouver.

Cleanliness, healthful food, good service, reasonable prices—all these and more are part of the program at Mueller Cafeteria. The food is served in ample variety to suit all tastes, the dining room is cool, free from flies or other insect pests, and what's more you meet your friends and fellow workmen for pleasant relaxation. Eat in the cafeteria—maintained for the benefit of all Mueller employes.

### HORSESHOE CHAMPIONS



Martyne, age 15, Albert age 7, and Samuel age 11, the three sons of Cecil Harrison, cupola tender at Plant 2. They are crack horseshoe pitchers. Martyne won first place in the matches for boys at Nelson Park. This is the fifth consecutive year that he has been champion. The three are city champions.

### OLD TIMERS

Bob Levey writes Adolph Mueller that he recently called on Dick O'Rourke at his home, 2006 McCoy Ave., Covington, Ky. They spent several hours in a "Mueller fest", recounting old times and present times. Dick called at our exhibit at the American Water Works convention in Cincinnati and met Mr. Adolph and other representatives. He had only pleasant memories of his association with our company.

Adolph is in receipt of a letter from J. A. Hayes, also a former member of the Mueller selling force. Joe as old timers remember him, like Dick O'Rourke, was popular with all salesmen. He now lives at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. The Hayes' have two children, Barbara, aged 17 and Joe J. aged fifteen.

### THOSE CENTURY RUNS

In a former Record we published an article about bicycle riders of other days. Century runs in 20 hours were a fad with some pedalers, including Brugh Werner, Frank Pahnmeier, Milton Johnson and many others. The article referred to Milt Johnson as follows:

"The local champion seems to have been Milton Johnson, Jr., who left Chicago early one morning. About midnight he got home with 187 miles on his speedometer. He pedaled around town for 13 more miles to make a double century. The next two days he spent in bed."

Upon reading this Milt, now in the First

National Bank at Wichita Falls, Texas, wrote back the following letter:

"Wichita Falls, Texas, June 24, '35.

"Hello Mr. Langdon,

"Hello Brugh:

"That's fine—all except, no sir. I didn't stay in bed 2 days. I got up to breakfast, and went to an all day picnic (July 4th) at the Levi Towle place—ask Libbie Towle, or Mrs. Acton or Nellie Hubbard Priest if I didn't.

"How far could you ride now, Brugh?

"Sincerely,

Milton Johnson."

L. M. Wolpert, assistant manager of the New York office, spent last week in Decatur getting acquainted with the local force and attending to inter-office business.

#### AT NIAGARA



Dorothy Stratman and Helen Hoendorf visited Niagara Falls July 19. Dorothy is shown standing on a rock in the rapids.

#### ECHO OF HOBBY SHOW



Leonard Wood is now an assembler in Dept. 18 and was one of the exhibitors at the hobby show and his display of soap carving attracted a lot of attention. Leonard is an artist in his line. His work proves that.

#### SEE THE CIRCUS TRAIN

The Mueller Fixture Co. provides a special feature for the picnic this year by having Bert Backstein's circus train.

It has been enlarged and stream-lined since we saw it at the hobby show last winter.

The world's largest, most complete miniature circus train will be on exhibit, in charge of Mr. Backstein, from the south porch of the Mueller Lodge from noon until 5:30. Be sure to see it.

Floyd V. Johnson, Mueller salesman traveling out of Nashville, spent last week in Decatur. Floyd began with Mueller Co. years ago and was in the sales department.

**BE SURE TO SEE THE MINIATURE CIRCUS TRAIN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MUELLER LODGE.**

# DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC

## Saturday, Aug. 17

Have the kiddies there early for the Parade

**A BIG EVENT---**Make believe animals, hats, balloons, music, clowns.

**BIG TIME. DON'T MISS IT**