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THE BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR

And now the big picnic! So close that there is little use to tell you in this Record when you will have your program Friday evening. This will give you detailed information of the days events. We suggest that you read this program over carefully so that you may be fully advised of the plans. This is for your own convenience. Location of different attractions is to be practically the same as last year. Here are some of the highlights of the day:

7:00 A.M.—(Nelson Park) Annual Golf Tourney.

At the Heights

10:00 A.M.—Thor Peterson's Strolling Band. Something lively. Good music and the kind that makes you want to Jitterbug. It's a new feature and will be on the ground all day.

Soft ball game in the morning, also badminton, croquet, and horse shoes all day.

The afternoon ball game—Perfect Potato Chips vs. Mueller All Stars, to be played on the regular diamond.

Beginning at 10 A. M. and continuing until 10 P. M. the Electric Streamlined Train. It made such a big hit last year that the committee felt justified in repeating.

Same is true of the Merry-Go-Round.

10:00 A.M. to 11 P.M.—Photograph Gallery—a new feature. Get your "picture took". One or two photos on post card size, five cents cash or one refreshment ticket. These photos will be fine as souvenirs of the 1940 picnic day or for sending to friends. You'll always be glad you have this photo of yourself and wife and children or the "gal you left behind you" or was smart enough to grab you off in leap year.

Hot Ball Game

Don't forget afternoon ball game has been moved up on the program. Play begins at 1 P. M. The contesting teams will be Perfect Potato Chips vs. Mueller All Stars. Two fast teams.

Beano, as usual, afternoon and evening. Remember players are permitted to win

only one prize, and then step out to give some one else a chance.

Children's games begin at 1 P.M.

The first drawing for sink combination will be at 3 P. M.—open air theater—followed by the children's drawing for the doll and wagon. This is limited to boys and girls of Mueller employes up to 6 years old.

"The Giant Selector"

All drawings will be made with a "Giant Selector," a new plan which we think you will all like.

This Giant Selector will determine winner of doll or wagon, and also sink combinations. Children should keep their tickets. If their number is called make it known that it corresponds with their ticket. On sink combinations the winner will be selected by clock number and not by drawing number as heretofore.

Good Performance

An extra effort has been put forth to give a first class professional vaudeville show, afternoon and evening. Here it is:

ELMER McDONALD, Master of Ceremonies—Parodies, jokes, and singing.
CRAZO—The Cycle Nut. Comedy bicycle act.

EDDIE WILSON'S THREE DRIFTERS—Comedy and musical act. Plenty of laughs.

ANGELO AND LAMPE—Hand to hand acrobatic novelty.

MARGIE DAWE—Dancing novelty—tap, buck, and toe.

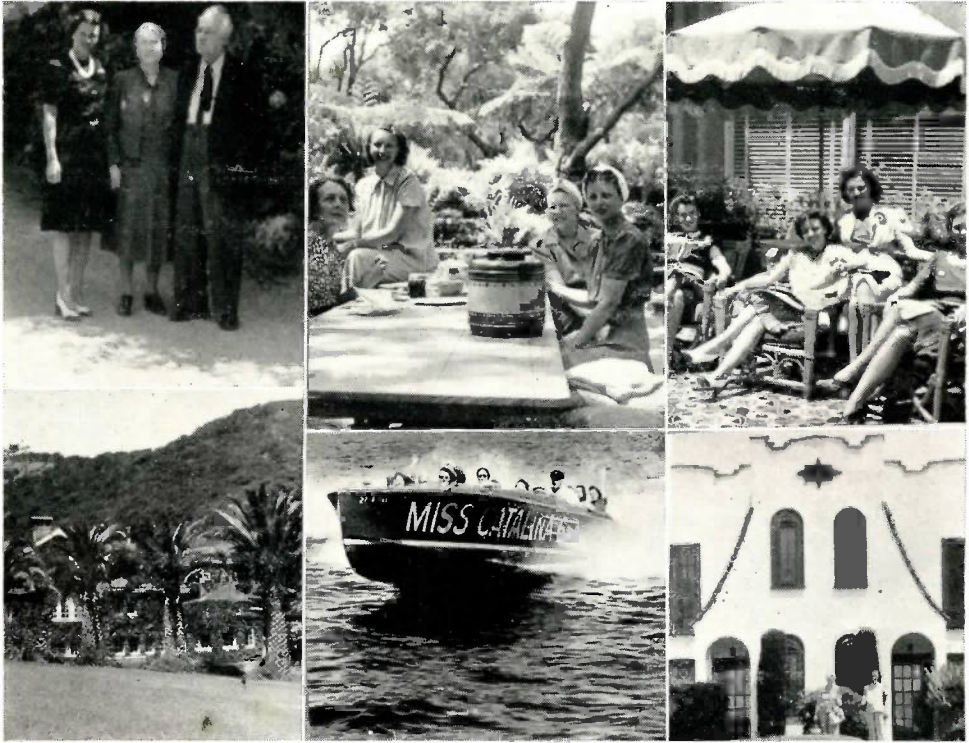
SELMA HOUSEMAN—Pianist.

In the evening there will be addresses by W. E. Mueller and Adolph Mueller, program beginning at 6:45 P. M., followed by dancing by the Mueller class of girls under direction of Miss Claire Marie Dawson.

And then comes the final number of the day—dancing to the music of Lee Homebrook's orchestra.

A corp of young men have been selected to act as ushers, afternoon and night. They were chosen because of fitness for the work. They are to be there to help and not hinder you, and your cooperation will be appreciated.

MABEL GATES GOES WEST



Mabel Gates returned August 4 from a two weeks vacation to the west coast where she attended the nineteenth triennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf in Los Angeles. The convention, which was held at the Ambassador Hotel, was attended by 2000 persons who live in a soundproof world of their own. A ball and banquet, a three hour sight seeing tour through Hollywood, Beverly Hills and stars' residential district, and an all day trip to Catalina Island were among the outstanding social features of the convention.

Main Object

The convention proper stressed the deaf's ability to join normally in national life, and the president, Marcus Kenner, urged all to muster every effort to help in the preservation of American ideals and the democratic way of life.

Former Decaturites

Mabel visited Mr. and Mrs. Gail Hickman, formerly of Decatur, who took her sight seeing in Olivera Street. She also spent some time with an aunt, Mrs. Kathryn Rink and daughter, Peg, who took her for a brief call at the Los Angeles factory where she saw old Decatur friends, Herman Dash, Bud Simpson, and George Leach, but didn't have time to stay and

Upper left: Mr. and Mrs. Win. T. Tilley, former residents of Decatur, who now reside at Tiburon, seven miles out of San Francisco. Upper center: Mabel and her aunt, Mrs. Kathryn Rink and two cousins, Billie and Peg, on a picnic at Griffith Park, Los Angeles. Upper right: Mabel and a group of friends from the convention at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Lower left: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilley at Tiburon. Lower center: Speed boat in which Mabel had two thrilling rides. Lower right: The home of Mabel's aunt in Los Angeles.

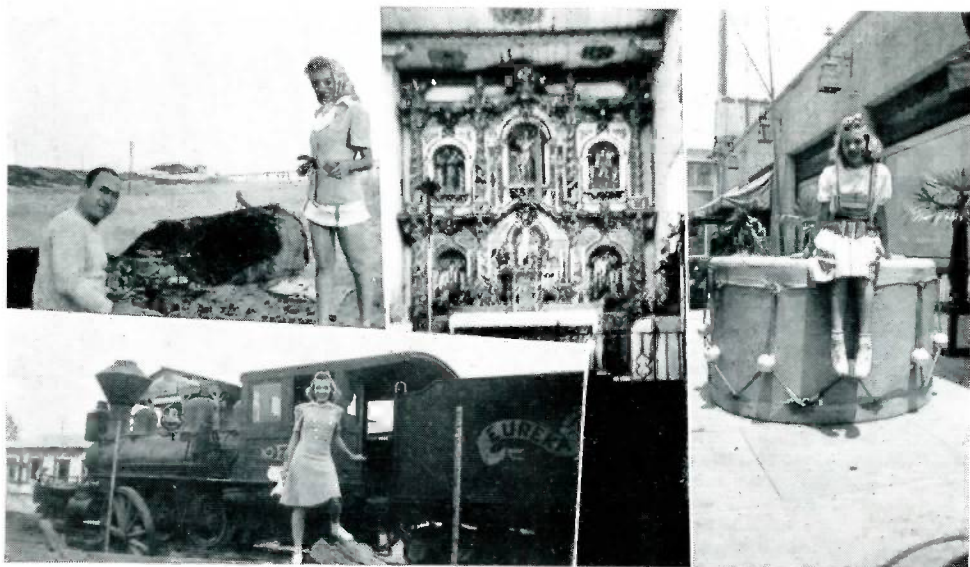
go through the factory where the other Decatur people were working.

Visited the Fair

After one week attending the convention, she went on to San Francisco, where she visited Mrs. Annabelle Tilley and daughter, Charlotte, also former residents of Decatur. Mrs. Tilley was the former Annabelle Powers, daughter of Orlando Powers, sister of the late C. G. and Howard Powers and aunt of Jack Powers. Mrs. Tilley took Mabel to the Fair, which was very impressive and beautiful, and where Mabel enjoyed especially Billy Rose's "Aquacade" which appeared in New York last year. On Thursday the Tilleys took her to China-

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CALIFORNIA IN TWO WEEKS



By Helen Draper

Everyone is getting the urge to go west lately and to me, it is an ideal direction for a vacation. Of course, going by streamlined train offered a chance to see very little scenery, but yet the mountains were a great thrill.

Mostly Los Angeles

Most of my vacation was seeing Los Angeles and Southern California and its noted places. Among the many things to see in Los Angeles is the Santa Anita race tracks. The parking area is large enough to accommodate over a half million cars, and easy to get lost in. The coliseum, located in Los Angeles was opened for the public on the 4th of July for their celebration. All of Decatur and more could be seated in it. And here and there a few movie actors could be seen.

One of the "Musts"

One of the "musts" in Los Angeles is to travel down both Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards in the evening when all the fancy signs and lights are showing. Moving and life-like signs make "eyeballing" worth while. Los Angeles boasts of many "biggest in the world" places and among them is Redondo Plunge, a large salt water pool that is heated and enclosed, and located on the ocean front. And if you ever have the desire to swim in sea water, that is tops.

Down San Diego Way

A beautiful drive down to San Diego was taken one Sunday morning and there my Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, with whom I was visiting, and I saw the wharf, and the Navy dock, and many boats loading and unloading cargo. We

Upper right: Helen Draper and uncle, Joe Morgan, at a weiner bake on the Huntington Beach. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Los Angeles organization.

Upper center: Interior of San Juan Capistrano, a Franciscan mission built in 1776, where the swallows are supposed to come regularly on the 19th of March and depart on October 23. This year the swallows disproved this theory by departing about the middle of July.

Right: Helen atop a drum used in the picture "She" exhibited in the lobby of the Egyptian Theater, along with other props used in movies.

Lower left: The first Union Pacific train to reach the coast, used in the picture "Dodge City" and on display at Arcadia, California.

also went through the San Diego Zoo and saw the mammoth bird cage.

Breath Taking

Catalina Island was the most breath-taking trip from start to finish. It is a beautiful two hour trip from the harbor, and on the boat we enjoyed dancing and seeing the flying fish. Catalina Island is the paradise of all vacationers, and everything is fun and laughter. While there I saw the

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town and on a sight seeing tour, which left her breathless and thrilled.

The trip out to the coast was made on the fast stream-lined train "El Capitan" and she returned on the "Challenger."

The next convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1944.

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submarine gardens from the glass bottom boat, and rode the huge ocean waves ten miles out in a speed boat. Catalina has a bird farm up in the hills and among the rare birds is a white peacock.

Goes Chinese

At Sid Graumon's Chinese Theater I compared my foot print with that of Mickey Rooney's and Fred Astaire's and other notables. In the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood there is an exhibit in the lobby of props and souvenirs of many huge productions. Among them was a rickshaw from "The Good Earth" and canoes from "Hurricane."

San Gabriel Mission which was built in 1779 was a sight to see. It is still the same as it looked when built. Around it was written the story of "Ramona."

Bing Crosby's Runaround

On the way to San Diego one of the sights is Bing Crosby's race tracks, Del Mar. Also a very striking scene was the small town of San Clemente. Here all the houses must have a red tile roof. Even the chicken houses and barns are roofed in red tile and have white stucco walls.

Not many things were overlooked on my visit, and I owe it all to my Aunt and Uncle who planned for me to see the whole county in twelve days. I was taken to the Hal Roach Ranch and there saw the animals that are used many times in movies. Also the Hollywood Bowl, movie lots, sea shores from Long Beach, Huntington Beach, Malibu, Ocean Side, Lagoon, to Ocean Park and Venice.

P.S.—I am going back again to see it all over.

FLOYD SHOTS ADOLPH



Floyd Johnson "took a shot" at Adolph at the convention of the National Association of Plumbers in Cincinnati. Good likeness.

It is said that most women wear false teeth because they wear out their own with their tongue.

PARTY AT OKAW



These seven girls from the Core Department spent the week end of July 27 at Mr. Adolph's cabin at the Okaw. They made the trip in Mr. Mueller's station wagon and Charlie Cochran's car, and spent the time reading, eating, cooking, and having a good time. The river was too low for boating, and the weather too hot for strenuous exercise, but the group had a nice sociable week end. Reading left to right they are: Thelma Coffman, Fedora Walton, Berdene Shain, Dorothea Toole, Alice Hudson, Elizabeth Morrison, and Georgia Beinfuhr.

SUGGESTIONS

Just to remind members of this organization that time for making suggestions grows shorter daily. The number being sent in is growing but that doesn't mean you are too late if you are not among the number. Each day offers an opportunity to see wherein you may make a suggestion for increased production, reduction in overhead, or something that will strengthen the safety policy.

Things that seem to be of little importance have proved in the past of sufficient importance to win prizes.

Eyes and ears open will help you. Perhaps in your own work you are daily performing tasks which can be done more easily, more quickly, and more safely. Study your own job and watch daily practices that are possible of improvement and send in a suggestion. It will receive fair and impartial consideration.

Get busy and be among the list of prize winners.

10,000 Men Worked Eight Years

It took 10,000 men eight years to construct the Simplon tunnel, which lies between Switzerland and Italy.

GROOM BUILDS HOME FOR BRIDE



Kent-Dickey

Miss Thelma Kent and Donald Dickey were married Thursday, July 25, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kent, Mechanicsburg. Rev. S. W. Beggs, pastor of the Methodist church there, officiated.

Attendants were Miss Edna Enmons and Charles Hale of Decatur. The bride wore pink with blue accessories and Miss Enmons wore light blue.

The bridegroom, a member of the Electrical Department, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Dickey of Decatur, and a brother of Everett Dickey, Credit Manager.

Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Dickey left on a thousand mile wedding trip which took them to Shepherd Mountains in Missouri, Cave Spring Onyx Caverns near Van Buren, and as far south as Pocahontas, Arkansas. From there they headed northwest and eventually came to Bagnell Dam, which they visited, and returned home through Mexico, Missouri, crossing the Mississippi at Louisiana.

They are now at home in a new home near Harristown, which the bridegroom has been building after working hours the last four months. The house, a little three room cottage, is charming and simple, attractively furnished, and an ideal home for a young married couple.

Padrick-Haupt

Verna Padrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Padrick, and Walter Haupt, son of Gustav Haupt, were married June 29 in St. Charles, Missouri, by Rev. W. L. Scarborough. Attendants were Dixie Brooks, Gene Woods, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Elliott,

Left to right: Charles Hale, best man; Donald Dickey, bridegroom; Mrs. Dickey, bride; Edna Enmons, maid-of-honor; and Rev. S. W. Beggs. Inset shows the Dickey home near Harristown.

Jr. Dinner was given afterwards in Alton by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wykowski, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom. The bride is employed in the Core Department, and the bridegroom at the Aristocrat Wallpaper Co. The bride's father, Wm. Padrick, works in Dept. 300.

Mr. and Mrs. Haupt are living at 1542 East Grand avenue.

SHOWER ON BRIDE

Mrs. Walter Haupt, the former Verna Padrick, was honored by a surprise shower at the Mueller Athletic Club on Friday evening, August 9, by the girls in the Core Room. Verna thought she was going Skating with Elizabeth Morrison, and when they detoured to the Athletic Club Verna was most delightfully surprised. Lucille Zerfowski and Pauline Wright were hostesses. The evening was spent playing Bunco, with prizes being won by Elizabeth Morrison, Erna Keller, and Dorothea Toole. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, and lemonade were served.

Big On Anthem

San Marino, the world's smallest republic, has the second largest national anthem in the world.

India First Source of Diamonds

India was the only source of diamonds until 1728, when they were discovered in Brazil. The South Africa mines were discovered in 1876.

EARL CLINE'S SAIL BOAT IN RACE



Joe Brownback and Earl Cline, Jr. entered the "Valkyria," an 18½ ft. sailboat in the National Championship races for the class of National-1 Design boats, held at Michigan City, Indiana, August 2-4.

While the boys did not win any prizes, finishing about fifteenth, they had a grand time and are planning now on entering the races next year. This was the first time either of the boys had sailed in a championship race or on Lake Michigan, and they gained a lot of experience. Earl was the skipper, while Joe served as the crew.

Forty Boats in Race

The "Valkyria" has 137 square feet of sail, and was built by Earl Cline, Sr., in 1937.

Forty boats were registered for the four races held on three days over a five mile course. On Friday the water was quite rough for the first race, but the two races on Saturday and the one on Sunday were on very calm water, in spite of the fact that the small craft warning flag was up to warn of an expected squall. After the races were over and the boat had been loaded on the trailer used to haul it the 220 miles from Decatur to Michigan City, and the boys had started home, they ran into a heavy rain, which evidently was the storm against which the warning had been made. The races last year at Milwaukee were run in a thirty-five mile an hour wind,

and the boys were expecting some such handicap.

Third Year

This is the third year for championship races for this design of boat. One entry came from Oklahoma City, and there are about 400 such boats in the United States. Restrictions are very rigid, and all boats and equipment must conform to the regulations. This class boat was designed by W. F. Crosby, editor of "Rudder" and without a doubt the best known yachtsman of smaller boats. The races next year will be held at Muskegon, Michigan.

All entries to the race were entertained at a dinner and dance by the Michigan City Yacht Club.

Something to Yip About

The fact that two amateur yachtsmen made a showing in such a cluster of boats sailed by "old inland sea dogs" is something to yip and hurrah about.

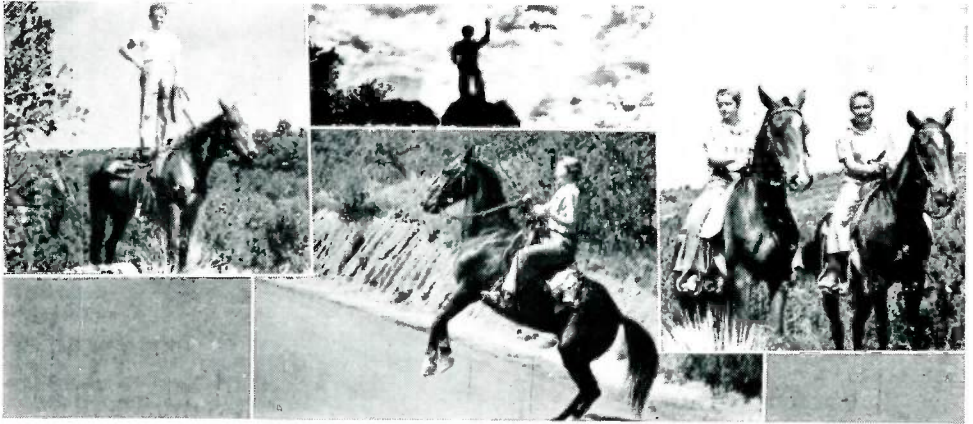
BIRTHS

NASH—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nash, a daughter, July 14. She has been named Janice Louise. Mr. Nash is employed in Department 8.

DEMPSTER—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dempster, a son, Bruce, August 6. Mr. Dempster works in Dept. 8.

FONNER—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fonner, Core Dept. a son, July 31. He has been named Sammy.

THE JACK RUBICAMS DO CIRCUS STUNTS



Upper center picture shows Jack studying mountain sunrise from a high point. Compared to the object of his study, Jack looks like "small potatoes" on his vantage point. Left and lower center pictures show Jack and Mrs. Rubicam doing trick horseback riding, while at the right we see Mrs. Rubicam and Irene Olsen content to ride in regular fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rubicam, accompanied by Jay Emery and Irene Olsen, spent their vacation in Colorado. Jack and Jay went there last year, and according to Jack, every year is none too often. They left Decatur on July 21, and were back on the 26th, having covered 2,600 miles in the meantime. They visited Boys Town, Nebraska, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and then went down to Loveland, Colorado, through the Rocky Mountain National Park, Denver, Pueblo, and back home. The return trip across Kansas was a scorcher, one day being 110 degrees. The party finally drove at night to escape the heat, and it was then that Jack nearly ran afoul of the law by the use of his spotlight. The Kansas police, however, were unaffected by the weather and merely cautioned Jack. They brought back quite a number of interesting snapshots, many of which were taken in the Garden of the Gods, just out of Colorado Springs.

BACK TO FLORADALE

Edna Johnston Reports on Selection of Vacation Spot

Floradale, Michigan, is a popular summer resort with Decatur people, and Edna Johnston of the Traffic Department, who spent her vacation there last summer, returned again this summer with three of her friends, Phylliss Orey, Carolyn Alderson, and Pauline Edwards. Edna came back with a nice coat of tan and assured us it was a

"swell" place to go to rest, if you had time to rest after croff, tennis, ping pong, swimming, hiking, dancing, and the other recreational activities which the resort affords. The air was cool and delightful, and the food plentiful and good. It seems, however, that Edna is not so good at croff as she is at other things. She and her partner were awarded the booby prize in the croff tournament, a cash award of one cent and a ride in the Dune Scooter. The Dune Scooter, incidentally, is a novel means of transportation over the dunes, thought up by Malcolm Wood, the owner of Floradale, who is a former Decatur man and a cousin of Hugh Baker, Chattanooga.

TROY'S LONG TRIP

Roush Family Visit Los Angeles and Other Coast Points

Troy Roush and family returned a couple weeks ago after an extensive trip to the west coast. Troy didn't "eat anybody's dust" going out. He was in Los Angeles within three days after leaving Decatur. The Roush family had a glorious vacation visiting in Los Angeles and along the coast. The trip was one of the most extensive taken by anyone in the organization, and we regret that we are unable to give an account of it in this Record. Troy hasn't had all of his negatives developed yet, but promises to have them ready to illustrate an account of his trip for the September issue.

Deaf

Snakes, frogs and tadpoles are deaf, but lizards have very keen ears, while the turtles can hear well even under water.

The longest snake of which there is authentic record was a few inches more than 30 feet in length.

ART NASH, FAMILY AND HOME



This family group, that of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nash, is the largest of any Mueller employee, in so far as our records show. Mr. Nash, who has been employed in the Brass Shop for eighteen years, owns his own home, in addition to raising this healthy lot of boys and girls. The youngest, Janet Louise (in Mrs. Nash's arms), was just three weeks old the day this picture was taken. Reading left to right, back row: Arthur Nash, holding Doris, 19 months old; Betty Jane, 17; Mrs. Nash and Janet; Irene, 15. Front row: Billy, 9; Norma Jean, 12; Carol, 2½; Annetta, 7; Shirley, 5; and in front of Norma Jean is Bobby, age 4.

Inset shows the Nash home located in the 1000 block N. Oakdale.

Mrs. Nash is a granddaughter of the late J. A. (Jay-Bone) Dill, who worked here for thirty years, retiring in 1932. He died in 1939.

SALESMEN ARE HERE

And Will Remain for the Picnic—Hold Chicken Fry

As this Record goes to press, Mueller Heights is the scene of business and recreational activities, which were enjoyed by the salesmen of Decatur and New York territory. George Parker of Sarnia and Hugh Baker of Chattanooga were in the list. The "bunch" got in Sunday afternoon, and the first session was held all day Monday. Tuesday morning the salesmen were piloted through the factory on a trip of inspection. They skipped lunch in view of the fact that they had to face a chicken fry at the Lodge Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. This was intended as a get-together evening, for foremen and their wives and the salesmen. A feature of the meeting was

the special badge provided. These carried the name of the wearer and were decorated with a bright little American flag. The names were printed in "bill board" type to make recognition easy, without the necessity of self-introduction or a formal presentation. The salesman will be with us until after the picnic.

The program calls for business sessions in the morning and visits to the office and factory—and golf, of course, during the afternoon.

The '49 Club will have a meeting on Friday evening at the Lodge.

As usual at a meeting of the salesmen, their visit is always marked by some social event to bring together the foremen and their wives, and the "troopers of the road." This time we out-did ourselves. The event was a chicken fry, something that the salesmen knew nothing about. Some of them had never heard of a "chicken fry."

This was done up in central Illinois fashion. The chicken was fried in big kettles on the ground, and served in two big tents with the usual accompaniments of mashed potatoes, tomatoes, noodles, slaw, beers, jellies, pickles, and other good things. Large platters of chicken on the table made it impossible for Floyd Johnson, Jack Stenner, or Scotty Milne to crow for more, all they had to do was reach, which they did, making a record for their first experience. Even George Hofmann found there were plenty of "second joints."

The splendid feast ended with cake and ice cream. The chicken fry was served by the ladies of the LaPlace Methodist church. Mrs. C. P. Smith was in charge, and aided by her crew of fifty they prepared eighty-four friers, eight old hens for the noodles,

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FIVE GENERATIONS



Mrs. Sarah Yonker—age 90; Samuel M. Yonker—age 69, 38 years of service with Mueller Co.; Mrs. Eleanor Yonker Ross, worked at Mueller Co. in 1915-1916; Louis Earl Ross—worked with Mueller Co. since 1938; Barbara Liane Ross—born March 26, 1940; completing five generations.

Here is a family of five generations whose life has been closely associated with the history of Mueller Co. The elderly lady, seated at the left, is Mrs. Sarah Yonker, aged 90 years. Standing behind her is her son, Samuel M. Yonker, who at 69 years, is now in his 38th year with this organization. Standing at the right is Louis Earl Ross, who has worked with Mueller Co. since 1938. Seated in front of him is Mrs. Eleanor Yonker Ross, a daughter of S. M. Yonker and who was with the Mueller Co. in 1915-16. The baby, Barbara Liane Ross, born March 26, 1940, completes the fifth generation. But this is not all. While they do not show in the picture there are three sons of Samuel M. Yonker now holding important positions with our company. They are, Anthony O. Yonker, head of the water works sales division, whose service record is 26 years and Gerald, shipping clerk, with a service record of 17 years, and Carl F., machine operator in the ground key division with a service record of 15 years.

Boy Scouts' Strength

The Boy Scout movement was started originally in England by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. It has now spread to twenty-seven countries and has a membership of over 2,000,000.

Want An Elephant?

Elephants are worth from \$2,500 to \$5,000 the value depending mainly on whether they hail from India or Africa. The Indian elephant is always the most expensive.

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two bushels of potatoes, which were also cooked in open kettles, and had twenty-eight home-made cakes.

Following the dinner a croquet match was played between Bob Levey, Frank O'Dell, Scotty Milne, and George Parker, with one Chicagoan and one Canadian on each team. Referees were Fred Kroschwitz, Billy Ford, and Lloyd George, over whom was appointed another referee, George Sullivan. There was much horse play and a lot of kidding from the audience, and just who won the match was something even the able referees couldn't decide. Leroy Evans served as the announcer, and midway in the contest he took time out to interview Scotty Milne upon his views of American sports versus Canadian sports.

After the croquet Scotty Milne was prevailed upon to play the piano while a number of the bath-tub baritones made the old time melodies ring out over the grounds. A ball game at the athletic field finished off the event.

Sound Sensible

Among offenses forbidden by the by-laws of Vienna, for which the penalty is a fine on the spot, are crossing the street in the wrong place, throwing paper about, boarding a moving street car, playing a piano too loudly, driving too fast or on the wrong side of the road.

TWO YEARS A PET



These two boys are the sons of Lloyd Walters, Department 8. On the left is Floyd, age 7, and on the right, David Wayne, age 5. The chicken in the foreground is one the boys received at the Mueller Easter Egg Hunt in 1938 and have cherished as a pet since then.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

In these August days there seem to be three subjects, besides the day's work, that are uppermost in the minds of everybody in third floor circles, to-wit and namely: 1. The weather, which, to date, has been hot and dry, with a little refreshing moisture just recently. 2. The State of the Nation. 3. Vacations. We leave the first subject to the air-conditioning experts to take care of in their own capable fashion. The second we are not quite able to banish from our thoughts, but until we have something new in solutions to offer, we possibly had better not inflict our opinions on this column. And that brings us to topic number three, always dear to our heart.

Harry "Sacky" Sackriter, our energetic and efficient order drum clerk, forgot shipping dates and customer's inquiries for a week to enjoy a sojourn at Floradale, Michigan, popular lake resort. Harry returned to his desk on August 5 all set for bigger and better drumming.

Ellen Jane Peabody and her father turned the nose of the Plymouth toward the North early on the morning of August 8. They visited for a week with Ellen Jane's uncle and aunt in Green Bay and did their best to see all the points of interest in that section of the country.

Marjorie Tatham returned to the office on August 12 after several weeks of convalescence following an operation. Marjorie's birthday came while she was in the hospital, and her friends showered her with cards on that occasion. Something over a hundred cards were received by her. Here's wishing you lots of good health from now on, Marjie.

Helen Wallisa Bailey, Peoria, was a visitor at the office July 19. Helen was formerly in the Cost Dept.

It takes more than one swallow to make a summer, we seem to remember reading. The one that visited third floor on July 18 didn't seem to have any noticeable connection with the weatherman, but it did cause a good deal of commotion, not to say excitement. The bird—which some of the gals mistook, at first, for a bat—wandered in through a skylight, but afterwards, just couldn't seem to find its way out. It didn't seem to enjoy its stay in the office, either, and evinced no desire to become a member of the organization. It took refuge for a time in the girls' rest room. Unable to reconcile itself to captivity, the creature was too frightened to profit by the well-meant attempts of its hosts to help it find the open sky. At last, the patient

efforts of Al Hill, Sacky Sackriter and Mr. Keil were rewarded, and the swallow flew away into the great out-of-doors, none the worse, apparently, for its brief encounter with the strange world of business.

Aline Moore went a-vacationing the week of July 15. She and her young brother, Bobby, visited with relatives in Flora, Illinois.

We do like the spirit of our afternoon minstrels up here who, on 100-plus afternoons, have been known to break into the melody of "Silent Night". Anybody who can sing about Christmas on an August afternoon in this best of all climates isn't bad.

Another weather note has to do with feminine fashions. Have you noticed the hot-weather-hair-dos that some of our girls have adopted? The trend in recent weeks has been ever upward. And there has been a veritable epidemic of hair-ribbons blue ones and pink ones and black ones and white ones, some that circle the head and some that rest, butterfly-like, on a top cluster of curls. We have seen them made of ribbon and silk and, yes, of wrapping twine. They're a pleasant touch of the unusual to relieve the monotony of a summer day. And the girls do say they are comfortable.

Mr. Simpson, looking rested and envigorated, has returned from a vacation in the North country.

In their ruminations on things military the boys have been selecting the titles they liked best. Last we heard it was Corporal Dodwell and Sergeant Sackriter. It remained for Willie, however, to make a spectacular rise in rank, for not long ago we heard somebody call him Colonel Rohmann.

"Cowboy" Jack Rubicam has been to the rodeo at Cheyenne again. Jack and his bride and some friends have returned from a motor trip to Colorado and Wyoming.

The Bixlers, Mr. and Mrs. and their daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Everett Roarick, have been enjoying a vacation in Wisconsin.

Norma Roarick, daughter of the late factory superintendent, C. F. Roarick, has been working at the order desk during the vacation season.

Clara Uhl is a bit a-dither over her vacation the last of this month. According to present plans Clara and her sister Cecelia will spend a week on an honest-to-goodness ranch in Wyoming.

SARNIA NEWS

On July 29, Roy Withers of the Plating Dept. left our employ to join the Artillery Unit of the C. A. S. F. at Port Elgin.

Another one of our girls checked out Aug. 9, 1940 to take the big step. Violet Wareham has been in our employ for over four years and is leaving to become Mrs. Jas. Smith. The Core Room staff presented Violet with table crystal, and the Company gave her a sandwich toaster. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

Hank Robertson, production manager has just returned from a vacation trip into Northern Ontario.

Ed. Hiller, foreman of the Plating Dept. has just returned from a fishing trip in Papineau Lake up in Algonquin Park. He says he caught several fish but you can't prove it by us. We never saw them nor tasted them.

Almeda is having a lot of fun these days getting people's life history, where they were born (and why), for the Dominion Registration.

Geo. Hayward, foreman of the Core Room, has just moved into his new home on Conrad Street.

The Recreation Bldg. is undergoing a complete renovation, and it is very gratifying to note what a difference a little paint makes.

Many of our employees are taking advantage of the sale of War Saving Stamps. A number of them have already purchased sufficient to entitle them to a \$5.00 Bond.

The many friends of Frank Wren, formerly of the Ground Key Dept. will be pleased to know that Frank has graduated from the Salvation Army Training College and has been appointed Pro. Lieut. to Cobourg, Ontario.

Frank Bassford of the Engineering Dept. is absent through illness.

We understand Dennis Tilley, is carrying Frogs Legs in his bucket these days, and is also carrying them home again at night.

On Thursday, August 2nd, Wm. Geary, passed away. Mr. Geary was in the employ of Mueller Limited, for 21 years, and was very highly respected by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Geary Family.

We also extend our sympathy to Robert Moore, night foreman of Dept. 14 in the loss of his brother recently.

ATHLETICS

Mueller League Softball

Team standing at the end of the first half of the season:

Team	Won	Lost
Dept. 8	4	1
Engineers	4	1
Dept. 9	3	2
Plant 2	2	3
Foundry	2	3
Dept. 300	0	5

Dept. 8 and the Engineers were tied, so one more game was played and Dept. 8 won, which made them the winners of the first half.

The second half of the season is already under way with an extra team. The Illinois District Headquarters at Plant 3 have entered a team.

Badminton and Croquet

The Badminton and Croquet tournaments will be held after the Mueller picnic. Everyone who plays either of these games is urged to enter the tournament. The competition will be keen and the contests interesting.

Golf

The boys are just now turning in their scores for the fourth round of the Mueller tournament. This is the final round of the 72-hole tournament, and we are well satisfied with the interest that was shown.

The big tournament will be held on the picnic day, and to date fifty-two entries have been made, so it looks as though there should be plenty of competition.

All nights, from Monday through Friday, are activity nights at the Lodge. There is something going on every night. If you like ball games, you can see them there. If you like croquet, badminton, or horse-shoe, you will find these sports in action at the Lodge. It is always several degrees cooler there than in town, and this ideal spot for a pleasant evening should not be overlooked by Mueller employees. You are always welcome to come and bring your friends.

Registering at the Lodge

In order that some estimate may be made of the number of people who use the Lodge and the facilities afforded there, a registration will be made of all Mueller employees and their guests. Guest cards will be issued to the guests of employees, and all employees will be registered by Willie Rohman, who will have the registration blanks at the Lodge.

The registration will take place everywhere except at the ball field. Everyone is asked to please cooperate in helping to keep this registration complete, in order that the statistics compiled may be as accurate as possible.

There are several new faces in the Mueller All-Star Softball team. Every Tuesday and Thursday nights the All-Stars play some team of good standing, and if you want to see good ball games—don't miss these two nights for the rest of the season.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

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All the salesmen on the Coast, were in for a meeting the week before the picnic and needless to say they certainly put a lot of life into the place.

A FAIR GIRL AT THE FAIR



Beth Noble spent a week end at the fair with her girl friend. It was her first train ride and certainly a thrill even though it did take her a week to get over her vacation.

Kenneth Potts, with his fiancée and friends, spent a delightful week roaming around Yosemite National Park. It is such a nice place and way to spend a vacation that Kenny says he would like to go back every year.

Russell Barklay dropped in to renew his old acquaintances. Russ is our former pay master but is now employed on Long Beach.

Elmer Dillon and his frau spent their vacation traveling, taking in north California and Washington.

Anne Ralph has nursed her sunburned lips for some time. Maybe she'll go to the mountains the next time.

Orvilla Reas spent a week's vacation just vacation terminated at the picnic.

We, of Los Angeles, are certainly glad to welcome J. L. Logsdon into our office. Mr. Logsdon comes from San Francisco to

help fill the spot left vacant by M. E. Henderson. "Loggie" already was known to us but having him working with us makes us realize that the sales force lost a good "messaging around" as she called it. Her man, F. C. McCown is now taking Mr. Logsdon's place in San Francisco.

Bill Kulikov and family spent their vacation on the beach at Long Beach.

Joe Baxendale is spending his vacation at Big Bear high in the mountains. Bill Jett is also soon to leave on his vacation high in the mountains. Bill says they have to pack in and he has promised a nice account for the next Record.

Evelyn Miller didn't participate in the games at the picnic due to the fact she can't do much with her shoes on and she was afraid of what some would say if she took them off.

Rumor has it that Reedy will soon know whether his ancestors threw cocoanuts or not. He has paid a fee to have his family tree traced. Emmett has his office worried for fear he might show up with a coat of arms soon.

Among our employees there is one who is, no doubt, the proudest father of all times. Rosalie Clair Gembin was born August 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gembin. Poppa works in the shipping room and Steve and Isabell waited 8½ years for her and both are extremely happy as well as healthy.

Harvey Zehner ("Danny Deever" to you) and wife spent a short time at the fair.

Clair Zale says the gold band ring she was wearing picnic day was just for the play. We wonder, for she had promised some news in June.

Cecil Foltz and family have moved into their new home and are now ready for more visitors. Cecil says he has sure lost sleep since moving as some one is always coming over.

Mrs. Karr and daughter were down for the picnic with Roy. Both looked in the best of health and seems as though Washington has been good to them.

What's this about Potts and the real McCoy at the picnic.

We missed a lot of people at the picnic and hope next year to see them. In particular a number of wives were absent and

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sincerely hope they will be on hand for the next one.

Helen Packard Young lost three weeks' work due to illness. After hospitalization Helen convalesced at the San Francisco Fair.

New cars put in their appearance this month. Myrtle Baber realized her long ambition and that was to purchase a new car with her own money. Myrt saved a long time to own that new DeSoto. Earl Bright, of the machine shops, really doesn't have a new car, it's just a new 40 Ford V8.

We wonder if Vera Wyant rushed home to help Louie clean up after the party the other night. Thirty fellows from the factory spent the evening at Louie Wyant's house for a "shindig."

Leo "Speedy" Leonard spent a two weeks vacation in New Orleans. You should hear his dialect now and his stories concerning big bridges. Maybe they do have some of those things besides California but you should see the one at Frisco too.

"Brig" certainly comes up with the best alibi yet. In explaining scratches, that appeared suddenly, Clyde said the pet turkeys at Doc Oglesby's place was the cause of them. But to every one else it appeared as tho he zigged when he should have zagged, or maybe he didn't duck all the dishes that were thrown at him.

The grape vine has it that the bowling should be purged. No doubt but that it has gone strictly "totalitarian" as on the ballot at the recent election only one name appeared and it was that or else. The ballots weren't counted but just thrown away. Potts is receiving his "Heils" with grace and gives back a famous salute.

MARGERY COMES BACK

Smiling and Sprightly and Feeling Fine

Margery Tatham's friends were delighted to welcome her back to her desk on Monday, August 12, after an absence of five weeks. Margery did not take a vacation, she took an anesthetic while surgeons made inward exploration to find the offending cause of physical trouble. It was the appendix. That's out and Margery is still in this blithe and gay land of the living, among kind and solicitous friends, who wish her freedom from any other miserable complications requiring further surgical attention. Margery says the only nice thing about her experience was that she did not know anything about what was going on. She was asleep having pleasant dreams.

Agoutis, a little brown animal native in Gunca, is born with a full set of teeth.

BRASS CHIPS

Carl Youker, Dept. 8, was off duty for one week on account of illness.

Elizabeth Morrison, Core Department, was hit in the eye with a batted ball at the Mueller field on July 18. The blow broke her glasses and cut her eye, necessitating four stitches to close the wound.

Earl Bethards, Plant 2, underwent a tonsil operation on July 19. He suffered a relapse and complications set in, causing Earl to be quite ill for several days.

Betty Joan, daughter of Roy Hartwig, Dept. 36, was operated on for the removal of her tonsils on July 24. She came through it very satisfactorily.

Clarence Roarick spent one week in Chattanooga on company business.

Bob Green, who formerly worked at this plant and later at the Los Angeles factory, visited us recently. Bob is now working with the Dodge Co., Inc., in Los Angeles, makers of trophies and medals.

John Taylor, Dept. 8, was off from July 8 to 17 with the mumps.

Harvey Washburn, Core Department, was called to Montana recently because of the death of a sister, who lived there.

Ernie Garver, who recently purchased a new home, took one week vacation and built a new garage to go with the home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and daughter Barbara Ann, left August 7 for a vacation trip to the Ozarks.

Billy Campbell has been devoting some time to vacationing.

Basil Mason spent one week in Kansas on company business.

IN WISCONSIN

Bixlers and Roaricks Visit Friends, Relatives and the Dells

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bixler, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Roarick spent nearly two weeks in and near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, visiting nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Bixler. One of the nephews, Ralph Lee and family, lives in Wauwatosa, and the other, Robert E. Lee and family, lives in Milwaukee. The two Lee boys are brothers of Mayor Charles E. Lee. The Bixlers and the Roaricks also visited the Dells and other places of interest in the vicinity of Milwaukee. They left Decatur August 3.

Contrary to popular opinion, the cat cannot see better at night than in the day time.

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LOST AND FOUND

Found—Ten Year Service Pin. Employment Department.

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.

FOR SALE—A Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Wittchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept. 9.

For Sale: Beautiful inlaid glass benches for rock gardens or lawns. Something new, different, and ever-lasting. F. H. Williams, 1027 E. Riverside.

For Sale:—Bicycle, Firestone—used less than 3 months. In perfect shape. See Robert Harvey—Polishing Dept.

For Sale—Cream and green enamel kitchen range. Good condition. 1464 E. Leafland.

For Sale—Golf Clubs. Left Handed. Two Woods (driver and brassie), seven irons. Olie Fortschneider—3526. Dept. No. 35. Phone 2-5483.

For Sale: One side arm Gas Heater at \$1.50, also one Hot Point Electric Water Heater at \$3.00. Marion Pippin.

For Sale: One toilet stool in very good condition, \$4.00. C. C. Reidelberger, Dept. 300, No. 736 W. Harrison.

FOR SALE:—One 9x12 Rug in good condition. See John Smith, Maintenance Dept.

For Sale: Radio, table model Philco, 6 tube, two and one-half years old, \$15. On display at cafeteria. A. C. Werdes.

FOR SALE:—Refrigerator, top icer, 50 lb size. Also, refrigerator, top icer, 75 lb. size, excellent condition. Will sell cheap. See Wm. Hise, Clock No. 1102, 1337 E. Eldorado.

For Sale: 50 lb. refrigerator, side icer, fair condition. \$2.50. Inquire 931 N. Hill, Frank Stevenson, Clock No. 1103.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale: The George Tolliday property at 532 West King Street, corner of College. The lot has frontage of 136 feet on W. King Street and 58 feet on N. College. This makes available a lot amply large for another residence. The Tolliday property is substantially built, 5-room bungalow consisting of rooms, etc. It is an excellent location for one of our employees, and a good investment.

Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

If you consider building or buying a home we suggest that you first investigate this opportunity.

For complete information, see Mr. O. C. Keil, Main Office.

For Sale: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown Telephone 296.

WANTED

Wanted: Wall paper to clean. Reasonable price and work guaranteed. Claude Stacey, 1042 N. Union, telephone 9115.

LAY 'EM DOWN



All Mueller Salesmen of course carry business calling cards on the road, but not this week while at the Lodge. "The popular calling cards" this week are illustrated herewith.