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LEARNED A LESSON

Trapped By Japs A Marine Is Impressed With Time Wasted In Loafing

Marine William Smith, formerly of Guadalcanal, wrote a letter to one of his old pals at the Brewster airplane plant in California. We haven't space for the entire letter, but we can share this much of it with you:

"Dear Jim: I am here on Guadalcanal; it's a little different here to what it was working on the second floor. Remember how we used to hang out between the toilet and the first aid? Well, we sure wasted many hours; and Jim, many's the hour I regretted this.

"We were trapped in a triangle near Gona—65 of us; and if we had a few planes to blast the Japs from the hill facing us, we'd have been O.K., but according to word from Australia, we didn't have enough bombers to reinforce our position, so we had to take all the Japs gave us from three sides. There were 47 of our little group killed; and, Jim, let me tell you, if I was on the second floor now, I'd shoot dead every loafer that would hang around the toilets, or that didn't work. The 47 that we lost were better than 10,000 of the wise guys that go into Brewster's and do nothing but spill rumors and draw their pay. Boy, what a lesson I've learned."

This marine has only contempt for loafers and strikers who hold up production. He exclaims: "Dammit, can't those guys ever get smart—and see they're all in a tight pinch? You know every minute counts." Having been in a gang where 47 out of 65 were killed by the Japs, Bill Smith knows what our soldiers are up against in the field. To him loafers and strikers are brothers to the Japs.

(Reprinted from The Curtis Courier)

'Tis True

"Give me an example of an indirect tax."

"The dog tax."

"Why is that an indirect tax?"

"Because the dog doesn't pay it."

SUGGESTION AWARDS

Carl Kraft Leads List of 36 With Four To His Credit

Under date of July 14th the first report on accepted suggestions for 1943 was made. There were 9 persons making more than one, Carl Kraft heading the procession with four. Those constituting this list were:

Name	No. of Sugs.	Amount
Carl Kraft	4	\$20.00
Karl Brimm	3	15.00
Isaac Gowan	3	15.00
Clarence Hays	2	10.00
Clark Curry	2	10.00
Stanley Ashby	2	10.00
H. L. Hansen.....	2	10.00
L. Hopper	2	10.00
M. Like	2	10.00

The following had one suggestion adopted and each received a check for \$5.00. There were 27 of these as follows: Curtis Bauer, Ethel Leonard, Wera Colglazier, Joseph McDuffie, George Wade, Leland Hartwig, Orville Hendrickson, Wayne Kramer, C. H. Tilton, Leslie Epperson, James Tilley, R. Workman, J. T. McKown, Clarence Ruch, Earl McQuality, Margaret Behrend, Clarence Albert, Dwayne Lebo, E. D. Smith, Golda Coulter, R. Fleckenstein, Al Spitzer, Lloyd Shockley, Charles Murray, Charles Schroeder, August Schudziari, Charles Murray.

He Was to Blame

"I'm so sorry," said Mrs. Jones, mixed up in an accident. "It was my fault."

"Not at all, madam," replied the driver of the truck, "I was to blame myself."

Mrs. Jones: "I insist the fault was mine. I was on your side of the street."

Truck driver: "That may be true, madam, but I am responsible for the collision. I saw you coming blocks away and had ample time to start down a side street."

You can have your cake and eat it, too, when you buy War Bonds. How about an extra one today?

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations About Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax and a Few Kings Who May Be Among Us)

Speaking of kings and queens, we feel something like visiting royalty ourselves these mornings when we are permitted to ascend the brand new staircase. A complete woodworking and paint job for the stairs and ballustrade, as well as new plaster and paint for the walls have transformed our main gateway to the office into something that resembles an interior decorator's dream. We fondly expect that one of these days we will come down to No. 512 Cerro Gordo to find these steps covered with royal purple velvet carpet. If we do, so help us, we're going to feel like taking off our shoes before we come in.

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We haven't noticed anyone abandoning shoes in this section, but the girls, bless 'em, are certainly making a good try at getting along without hose. And a good thing, too. It's cooler, more economical and provides a way out for the onlooker who is weary of viewing sagging rayons.

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July 17th must have been Mueller Day in St. Louis, for there were so many of our co-workers down there for the Municipal Opera's presentation of "The Great Waltz." Believe we saw Jane Cranston, Jane Wheeler, Laura Thomas, Janet Hawkins, Bettie Hinton, Virginia Garver, as well as Dorothy Cooper, Opal Jackson, and Louise Whitehead, Dorothy Gepford and Dorothy's sister Maude Park.

Dottie Gepford and Louise visited Mary Wilkins while they were in the Missouri city. Mary will be remembered as Mr. Adolph's former secretary. After being in Washington for several years Mary moved to St. Louis when some of the Rural Electrification Offices were taken there.

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Dorothea Uhl is following Horace Greeley's class advice and is leaving us to live in Spokane, Washington. She is leaving her duties as Mr. Keil's secretary, August 21.

Dorothea is being succeeded by Mary Ruth Oliver, formerly of the Billing Dept. and more recently of California and Alabama. Now that Hilbert has gone a-voyaging, Mary Ruth is in Decatur again.

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The most important thing that can happen on any day is news of a troop train going through. Once there is a report of a train, there is a quick rush toward forgotten duties on the track side of the buildings. Some of us don't even pretend any more—we just walk back to the tracks and look. It does help, though, if one's windows are on the

north. Every ruminator, like every artist, maybe, needs northern windows.

A few weeks ago there was a trainload of jolly Seabees. They had a good time shouting and gesticulating—and so did we. One enterprising youngster threw out a note carrying his name, address and a description of himself. If any of the girls have written to him, we haven't heard about it yet.

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The letters from all of our boys continue to be headline news with all of us. V-mail from Willie, fishing in the South Pacific, is most welcome. So is news from that new soldier Woodrow Cummins at Camp Wallace. Dottie Gepford finally rated a picture card from Seaman Rubicam at Farragut, Idaho. And about time, says Dottie. Al Hill seems to have exhausted the supply of military and otherwise post cards, but he is still recommending married life. Curtis Bauer reports frequently from Fort Sill, Okla., where he and his outfit are doing good work. Carney Carroll's address is Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. Here's luck, Carney. Bill Draper has been having some hospital experience, too, up near where the spell of the Yukon begins. Gladys Masterson is a mail-watcher these days, along with a few million other people, and she has a preference for those letters that are postmarked Gulfport, Miss. Ted is having his basic training in the air force down on the Gulf. Reba Rentfro recommends her postman, because almost every day he has a letter for her from Harold, who is in a regiment of engineers. Reba runs home at noon for that letter, and if her smile is bigger than usual when she comes back, you can tell that it's a red letter day and that she has received not one but two letters from her husband. No news recently from Harry Sackriter in the land of Aloha. Too much to do, Sacky? Gene Simpson is, believe it or not, at Scott Field and enjoying Illinois weather.

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WEDDINGS

Johnson-Isome

Dorothy C. Johnson of Plant 3 and Charles David Isome, a member of our organization until he became a member of the United States Army, were married July 24 at 8 p.m. in the Forsyth Methodist Church by Rev. Ernest H. Duling.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Char Boyd of Oreana and Miss Rosalie Johnson.

The bride wore egg shell marquisette with chantilly lace yoke and inserts in the train, and a finger tip length veil caught in a ha'o coronet. She carried a shower bouquet of white flowers.

A reception followed in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Route 2. Pfc. Isome is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Isome of 794 East Lincoln avenue and is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. His bride is remaining here.

PLANT GUARD IN ARMY



As a member of the Plant Guards, John H. Drake puts up a good front and encourages the belief that he will make a fine looking soldier. He was accepted on July 27 and left August 17 for Camp Grant for Army service. Just what division he will be assigned is up to the officials in authority. It's a case in which John will have nothing to say, but as a matter of preference he would pick the military police. John is a husky looking bunch of fine physical proportions at the age of 23 years. He is married and has a son now eight months old. He joined us in July, 1941, and was first assigned to the construction department and worked in several departments before being assigned to guard duty May, 1942. Mrs. Drake is an inspector at Plant 3.

IN ACTION IN SICILY



Charles Leroy Younger, a former Mueller employee is now facing the enemy in actual fighting. He was in the foundry when employed here and will doubtless be remembered by his old associates. Charles was early in the service. He checked out November 15, 1941. Little is known of his activities except that he joined the Field Artillery. His cousin, Ancel Younger, has a recent letter showing that at the time written he was in Sicily where the Allied troops have been mopping up for several weeks past.

AT FORT JACKSON



Richard E. Barnett, Pfc., recently completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was inducted into the Army March 15, 1943. Mrs. Barnett was the former Edith Bauer, a daughter of Arthur Bauer of Plant 3. Mrs. Bauer and daughter, Sharon Lee, one and one-half years old live at their home, 1012 Elmhurst. Private Barnett started working in the Brass foundry in August 1940, and was transferred to Department 8 in January 1942. His present address is Pfc. Richard E. Barnett, 423 Inf. 40443—106 Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

ORVILLE SPENCER



Orville Spencer is a Decatur boy, aged 22 years, and a graduate of the Decatur High School, having been a member of the Class of '39. His father is a member of the shipping room force.

Orville has been married for three and a half years. His wife was Faye Alsop. They have no children. He passed his examination at Chicago July 19th and has been at Camp Grant since August 6th. Orville said he had no special choice in service. He realizes that he is in the Army to do what he is told to do. Orville has been in Mueller employ since April 19, 1941, working in the Tool Room and in Dept. 9. Mrs. Spencer will remain in Decatur.

BEEN THERE BEFORE



Wendell Pritchett goes into the service for the second time at the age of 37 years. He is married but has no children. He has been with us since 1935, it being the second round for him. In August 1929 he enlisted in the Army and served six years, but was in the United States throughout his enlistment, being stationed at Savannah. His first Army experience covered two enlistments.

For the present entry into the service he was accepted at Chicago August 3rd but he is not sure about his assignment to camp. During his second connection with the company he was in the heat treating department. Mrs. Pritchett will remain in Decatur. The Army will be nothing new to Wendell in his young life.

CLARENCE SUTTON

Clarence Sutton took his physical test Monday, July 19th, and passed and reported on the 27th for assignment to some training camp. When he left he said he preferred to be in the engineering division which would give him opportunity for Diesel engine duty. Clarence is a native of LaSalle, Illinois, but has made Decatur his home and has been an employee of this company and was first in the Brass foundry and later a guard at the



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C. C. Camp and has since followed that line. He is 27 years of age, is married but has no children. Mrs. Sutton will remain in this city. She is also a member of the Mueller organization, working as inspector at Plant 3.

WILLIAM DUNAWAY

William Dunaway, aged 24, and has a son four and a half months old. Mrs. Dunaway was the former Miss Love Clark. William was accepted on August 6th and will report to Great Lakes within a short time. He hopes to become a machinist. He has been with us eight years and has worked in Departments 8 and 9, and also in the Munition Plant on lathes and automatic machines. He will be eight weeks in "Boot training" and after that he does not know where he will land. William is a son of Charles Dunaway, now millwright but for many years "the belt man." Mrs. Dunaway expects to go home to her mother in Enfield, Illinois, for a time.



HARLAND RHODES



Harland Rhodes was accepted for service on August 2nd, and will leave August 24th for Camp Grant to be outfitted and assigned to a training camp. He is then to serve in the Army but he did not know what division, saying that he had no special choice, but thought he preferred the Heavy Artillery. He is only 21 years of age. His home has been Pana and his wife came from

Owaneco to which town she will return during her husband's absence. Her maiden name was Hilda Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have no children.

DALE WILKINS

Dale Wilkins checked out on July 19th. He is 26 years of age and was married, May 1, 1940, his wife being the former Gene Pence. They have one daughter. Dale is a member of a family well known to most of us. His father, Al Wilkins, now being in Chicago, was at one time a Mueller employee as was his uncle, Kitty, and his sister, Mary Wilkins, who was for a number of



years, stenographer for Mr. Adolph and is now a government stenographer in St. Louis. Dale has a record of seven years with the company, serving in Plant 2, Departments No. 8 and 9 and at Plant 3. He reported for assignment to a training camp on Friday, July 23, and expects to be in the Navy. At the time we talked with him he was not advised to what division of the Navy he would be assigned.

DONALD BALDIS

Donald Baldis was here on a brief visit to his parents en route from St. Louis to Fort Dix, N. J. He is a son of Plant Engineer Mr. and Mrs. Baldis. His father is in charge of the engine and boiler room. Donald was a member of the printing department, while connected with the company. Since the first of the year he has been at Lambert Field, St. Louis, where he attended the sheet metal school. Here he studied repairing planes. When he gets into active service.



Since returning to service Donald's address is: Pfc. Donald H. Baldis, 355 Sev. Sqdn., 28 Sev. Gp. A.A.B., Ft. Dix, N. J. In a card to the Editor he says:

"Dear Waggy:

"I'm sorry I didn't get around to see you again before I left. But time seems to just fly by.

"How's every one at the factory? Tell them I said hello, will you please.

"I am sending my new address in hopes that you will keep on sending me the 'Mueller Record.' I enjoy them very much. It seems that this base is miles from nowhere and I would like the 'Record' to read.

Sincerely yours, Don."

GLENN BELCHER

Glenn Belcher checked out July 19th. He went to Chicago on the 20th to report for his initial examination and then returned home to await orders to report to some training camp. When he left, Glenn said he had no particular division of service, but that he preferred the Army. He fully realizes that it's not his privilege to make a selection but to take what is handed to him. Glenn is a Patoka, Ill., boy but has made his home in Decatur for the last 10 years. He joined this organization July 27, 1942, and has been working in the Heat Treating department at Plant 3. He is married but has no children. Mrs. Belcher was the former Charlotte Chaille.



PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

Bob Hutchen, head inspector on the third shift, had an awful time with his new cap. It seems as if it was always getting lost. Finally the girls decided to help Bob. They sewed some pretty ribbons on the cap so that Bob could tie them under his chin. Now Bob's troubles are over. His cap is not easily lost, and everyone's happy again. We might add also that the hat is very becoming to Bob. We especially like the little red rosette the girls made from the extra ribbon.

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Funny thing about Shift III. The same time Bob Hutchens lost his cap Lois Harper lost her slippers. We've never tried it, but Lois says it's fun to walk around the plant barefooted. We wonder.

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"Heck" Whittington writes Poem Acknowledging Flowers:

I had my throat all packed in ice,
Then came the flowers; they were so nice.
I felt better and better as the days went by
Till that verse at the bottom caught my eye.
The more I would read that little verse—
My throat just naturally got worse and
worse,
And then the thought just came to me;
Out of that bunch of 53
There's only one person who would write
that about me.
I may be wrong, but just the same
That fellow knew all the time he'd get the
blame.

Sincere thanks for the lovely flowers.
"Heck."

When Heck Whittington had his tonsils removed, the gang sent him a bouquet. Roy Coffman wrote a verse on the card, but he didn't put his name on it. He didn't need to—Heck knew.

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Those who donated a pint of their blood to the Blood Bank are Dorothy Chamberlain, Ruth Wells, Dorothy Stacey, Grace O'Byrne, Emma Thomas and Helen Campbell.

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We should take up a collection and buy Stacey and Eloise a "Tandem" bicycle, as we can see no reason for each of them riding a bicycle out here. Don't they realize there's a shortage in tires?

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If your roof happens to leak, we would suggest calling "Happy" Thompson. He mends them the modern way, and he has a method all his own.

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Violet Hartwig reports her Cape Jasmine which Mr. Adolph gave her, as growing and

having roots one and one-half inches long.

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Ike "Edison" Gowan thinks that if you spray yourself with oil this hot weather, it will keep you cool. He tried it on his friends. It didn't work.

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Roy Coffman has competition now that we had a lady cartoonist. That will help even up the score. She's none other than Violet Hartwig. And she's pretty good, too.

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Uncle Bob Gates is doing all right with his Victory Garden. If it keeps on doing so well, he may have to rent a transport truck to haul in the produce.

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We are all glad to have Bob Leake back with us. The Army Life hasn't changed Bob in any way. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, at the time of his release. He was given a medical discharge.

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We all came through the "Black Out" without any serious disasters. Oh there were some who lost their badges, but they found them the next day.

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When it comes to "Back Seat Driving" they say Tommy Bowman takes the cake. He can beat any woman you ever saw at that.

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Most of us kept our New Year's resolutions pretty well. A few slipped. It must be hard to pass up a chew, especially with chewing gum so scarce.

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What happened to Paul Personnette that he didn't show up the next day after the Black-out.

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While at Plant 3 the Record often cautioned Liz Raskin about sticking her tongue out at people. Now Liz is in California with her husband, Bob. Not long ago they were out at the zoo, and a monkey stuck his tongue out at Liz, so it always comes back to a fellow, and we hope Liz mends her ways.

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One evening a little boy called at the O'Byrne home asking Mrs. O'Byrne if she had a girl. Said he had a doll and some doll clothes, and he wanted to play with Dorothy and her doll.

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The only complaint Stacey has against the Blood Bank is that the doctor didn't hold her hand as he did the girl's just ahead of her.

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Helen Causey and Nola Lowry were in Chicago to see the Cubs take the Giants for a double header. Helen says Lou Novikoff is sure some ball team.

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Bill Knight is either giving vocal lessons or he is taking them—we don't know just which.

GETS HONOR BADGE



From the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., comes the news that Private Casper Roy Runyan received the honor badge for efficiency in platoon 556, Recruit Depot, San Diego. Before joining the Corp. July 1, 1943, he was a police officer in Decatur, Ill. He has a broad background in police work serving as investigator, traffic, ballistics, firearms and range officer. Private Runyan's wife, Velma Olive, lives at 625 W. Division St., Decatur, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Runyan lives at R.R. No. 1, Shelburn, Indiana.

Velma, as we all know, was in Jim Thorpe's department for some years and just a few weeks ago rejoined the organization in the Accounts Payable Division of the Accounting Dept.

(Official Marine Corps Photo)

PLANT 3 GOSSIP

Opal Grider has been sick for a few days. We hope she is getting along O.K. and will soon be back with us.

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Pat says Bill Knight either tells some tall stories or he is doing a lot of bragging.

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Gladys is on her vacation. Beulah said she didn't know where, but she would bet Gladys was behaving herself.

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Bill Knight says this was surely a nice place to work while Pat Davidson was away.

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We understand Harold Linton has the prize Victory Garden of the State. We fellows at Plant 3 just don't know what to think of this, but the world is changing, and maybe Harold is, too.

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We all forget our badges, forget to ring in and a lot of other things, but Hap Thompson takes the cake when it comes to forgetting. Hap forgot that he didn't drive his

car one day. After hunting all over the parking lot, he was ready to call the Law. A guard told Hap that his wife was waiting for him in the car.

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Dorothy O'Byrne has been home sick for some time. We all send Dorothy our best wishes and hope she will soon be back at work.

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Mr. Umphreys has been sick for several weeks. His many friends wish him well. Mr. Umphreys is one of those few people we come in contact with during a life time to whom everyone that knows him is his friend.

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Heck Whittington is back on the job and must be feeling better or worse. Anyway he has started a mustache, so we can't tell by looking at him just how he feels.

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We believe the Record is having its influence on Bob, Heck, Bill and Hap. Anyway, they are leaving each other's lunch alone these days.

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Jimmy Freeman and Roy Coffman both see alike now since Roy won Jimmy over to his side.

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ANY WORMS TODAY?

Elmer Miller (using phone): "Is this the River Inn?"

Feminine Voice: "Yes, it is."

Miller: "Do you know whether the boy that takes care of the gasoline pumps has worms?"

Feminine Voice: "Yes, he has and so has the dog."

CELEBRATES 5th BIRTHDAY



Gary Edmond Gowan, son of Orlie E. Gowan, celebrated his fifth birthday July 22, with ten of his little friends and his grandmother, whose birthday is also the 22nd.

The guests, reading from left to right, are: Marjorie Abbott, Carolyn Klapp, Shirley Centry, Rochelle Klapp, Peggy Dungee, Kay Dungee, Gary Gowan, Mrs. O. W. Gowan, Donna Lee Shreiner, Terry Gibbons, Lois Abbott, and Jackie Crose.

WAYNE M. NEWLIN

Wayne M. Newlin was among the Mueller boys checking out July 19th. He is 25 years old and a son of Mrs. Cora Newlin. He was married Aug. 25, 1940, but has no children. Mrs. Newlin was the former Norma Kathryn Suddith of Decatur. He was employed June 23, 1941, and joined the Construction department but was later transferred to the Ground Key Dept. and was laid off for a

time on account of slack work, returning March 25, 1942, and was placed in the munition plant on a painting job. His foremen give him a good build-up. He left on July 23rd to report to join the Navy and is hopeful of becoming a machinists helper. He had already been accepted on July 16. Wayne is a brother-in-law of Oscar Stratman.

CHARLES L. BROWN

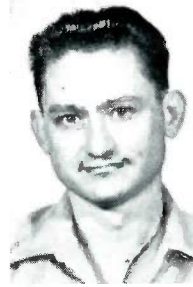
Charles L. Brown is 25 years old and married, his wife having been the former Miss Evelyn Lucille Clifton. He reported to Chicago August 10 and was likely assigned to Great Lakes, as he chose the Naval service. He prefers work in the Electrical branch. He joined Mueller on August 26, 1942, and was assigned to Plant 3 as a "goat truck" driver. Charles came from Argentina, which town he still claims as home. Mrs. Brown will make her home with her parents. Charles has a brother in the Navy and when last heard from he was with his ship in Australian waters, and had seen some active service.

**JOHN MORRISON**

John Morrison, whose home was Assumption, joined our organization August 18th, last year, and was perfectly satisfied but Uncle Sam worked his forefinger and John did not stop to argue. During his connection with us he was in the Munition plant operating a turret lathe on .57 shot. He is married and has one son, aged 7½ months. Mrs. Morrison will reside with her mother

in Moweaqua, during her husband's absence. He checked out Thursday, July 8th and left on the 27th for his physical exam-

ination and assignment for training. He is 28 years old and was hopeful of getting into the mechanical division for work on Diesel engines.

CHARLES MERCER

Charles Mercer was accepted for service June 20th and checked out June 20th. He left on June 27th for assignment to training, hopeful that he would land in Great Lakes. He said that it was all new to him and therefore he knew little about it, and had no preference, but wherever located he was going to do his best. He has been a member of the organization since 1924 and has

been working in the polishing room. He is married, his wife having been Elva Hunt. The couple were married 15 years ago but have no children. Mrs. Mercer will remain in Decatur. She has been employed at Plant 3 as an inspector of munitions.

CORPORAL DODWELL

The latest news received from Carl Dodwell is that he is now a corporal, his new rank becoming effective July 17. Carl has passed his first class gunner's exam. He also qualified as a Sharpshooter, receiving medals for both 1st Class Gunner and Sharpshooter. Corporal Dodwell reports that he has had a lot of offensive fight training lately, working with such things as anti-aircraft machine guns, grenade throwing, obstacle courses and war dogs. Great work, Corporal, say we. It won't be long now until you finish those fourteen or whatever steps it is to becoming a four-star general.

**HAROLD MOHR**

Harold Mohr checked out July 15th and on the 20th following went to Chicago for his assignment to training quarters. He had been with us for eight years and during that time he had worked in the Construction Dept., Department 8, Grinding room, in Munition Department, on Mercer Street, moving with that to Plant 3. Before leaving Harold advised us that he had no idea of what division he would be in, and was



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not worrying on that score, having decided to "let nature take its course." He is married but has no children. Mrs. Mohr is a member of Plant 3 and expects to continue there during her husband's absence.

JAMES GRANFIELD



James Granfield's term of service with Mueller Co. is nearly three years. He began in Department 9, working there one year, then he was transferred to Chattanooga where he worked for five months before coming back to the Tool Department. He was sworn in at Chicago, July 16th, and is now stationed at San Diego, having enlisted in the Marines upon his own request. He expects

that his boot training will be completed in about ten weeks and that it will be six months before he is in active service. He is a Decatur boy, and graduated from High School with the Class of '39. He was married to Katherine Adams three years ago but has no children. Mrs. Grandfield expects to remain in Decatur with her parents. She has been filling the position of inspector at Plant 3.

ORVILLE GILMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore were pleased and surprised when their son, Orville, all spick and span in his Marine uniform, dropped in for a visit, fresh from hot and fast work up around Sitka. Orville is only 19 years old and has been in the Marines for 20 months. He was a vacation member of our force before joining the Marines. His father, Charles, is a member of the foundry group.



Orville received his training at San Diego and was sent to Bremerton, Washington, before going to Sitka. He is a good Marine. He proved that when we sought to get a story from him. As a Marine, he is supposed not to talk—and he did not. When asked on what ship (meaning war vessel) he was on when en route to Sitka, he said they went up on "a freighter." He was in Sitka for 15 months. He saw quite a bit of action, and he said the Japs were good fighters, but when it came to details, he closed up and had nothing to say. In this particular he explained that he was not permitted to go into details. Weather conditions are not very inviting in Sitka—cold winter and rainy summers. The young Marine wore four bars on

his left breast, which indicated his fitness for service in four divisions of war such as hand grenade throwing, 30 and 50 calibre aircraft guns, chemical warfare and Thompson sub-machine guns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have another son in the service, Charles, Jr., who is an engineer in the Army and is now overseas. The parents last heard from him six weeks ago, and he was all right then. He has been in the service three years.

Orville of the Marines was here on a furlough. It was his first visit home and the first time his parents had seen him in uniform—and were they proud of him! They surely had a right to be.

WILLIAM JESCHAWITZ

William Jeschawitz, aged 32, was passed O.K. for a good soldier Tuesday, August 3rd. He was a member of the Foundry force. He has been with the company for seven years, and recently was for two months assigned to Plant 3. He hopes to get into the aviation division as a mechanic. At the time we talked with William he expected to leave August 23rd, going to Camp Grant, Rock-



ford. The Jeschawitz have quite a record. Paul, father, has been a member of the organization for 25 years. Mrs. Erna Kellar, sister, is a member of the Core Room force and Hildegard Hazlet, another sister, is working with Elmer Crawley, Henry, a brother, was employed in Department 8, but is out now on account of illness, a brother, Edwin, is in the Army, stationed at Camp Carson, Colo. William's wife, the former Bernice Boppre, expects to remain in Decatur.

HELMUTH VISITS FRIENDS

Among our recent visitors was Helmuth Opalka who is now a private, Camp McCov, Wisconsin. He has a brother over in the South Pacific. We are all proud of Helmuth. His father was a German soldier in the first World War, and came to this country as soon as he could get here when the war was over. Helmuth couldn't speak English but made it clear to the Employment office that he wanted a job. Despite his handicap of not speaking English he was quick to learn through close attention and observation. Gradually he learned the English language. He is located at Camp McCov, Wisconsin, attached to the office force. When we suggested that we had Mussolini on the scrap heap and next wanted Hitler there.

"Don't worry," said Helmuth, "we will get him." And he said it so earnestly and so confidently, that we will be darned if we did not feel like Helmuth had some inside information and knew what he was talking about.

SARNIA

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Pilot Officer Frederick Daws, formerly of our War Dept. Word was received by his parents that had been killed in action, presumably over Sicily. Fred had been overseas about eight months and was married to an English girl only a week before his death. He is the fourth of our boys from the plant to pay the supreme sacrifice. Surely this must inspire us toward greater effort in the cause for freedom.



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Births: To Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Heath, a daughter, Carol Ann, born July 4th, 1943. To Mr. and Mrs. A. Spalding, a daughter, Betty Carol, born June 19th, 1943. To Private Edgar Ellenor and Mrs. Ellenor a son, Douglas Wayne, born July 9th, 1943.

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Deaths: On August 4th, Lawrence Brandon, of Dept. 14, as a result of injuries sustained when he fell from a tractor that he was driving along the highway. It was a great shock to the War Dept. to hear of his death. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brandon and little Betty.

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Weddings: On July 31st Robert Bannister, R.C.A.F., formerly of Dept. 14, was married to Miss June Whitnell of this city.

On August 2nd, Charles Gibson, the gate-man, was married to Miss Margaret Chivers.

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Mrs. William Bates, of Detroit, Mich., formerly Betty Hart of the Stenographic Dept., recently called on us while enroute to New Baltimore, Maryland, to be with her husband, Ensign William Bates, of the United States Merchant Marine Service.

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Ron Nicholson, former Mueller salesman in Toronto, received his Sergeant's stripes during the past month.

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Our ball team isn't doing too badly now. Maybe it's the new sweaters that is the inspiration.

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Lieut. G. W. Parker and Corp. A. Smith of Mueller, Limited, attached to the Reserve Engineers, are attending the Military Camp at Thames Valley in London, Ontario for two weeks.

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Ted Pembleton and Jim Brent have returned home from overseas. We understand Ted is re-mustering for a pilot in the

R.C.A.F., and Jim is at present posted in London, Ontario.

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Ted Gray, formerly of Dept. 14, and Basil Thompson, formerly of Dept. 9, have arrived safely overseas.

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Letters

Ken Paltridge (formerly ground key department). "Thanks a million for the much appreciated box. These remembrances from home certainly give one a pick-up. Enjoy the news of the boys in the Mueller Record. Met Don Harkins a week ago. First person from plant I've bumped into on the West coast. Regards to gang."

P.S. "Frequently see Mueller goods in use."

Russell Yorke: "Received parcel OK. Thanks to everyone remembering former employees in the Armed Forces. Getting along fine in the Navy."

Maurice Nelson (overseas): "Thank you for the parcel. Suppose the best news at home is the invasion of Sicily, at least that is the case here. Those of us unlucky enough to have been left out of the first party are impatiently waiting now for our turn to come."

Ted Harris (Dept. 14): "Thank you for the lovely parcel. Surely appreciated it very much. Keep thinking of you all, wherever I go, and hope some day to return to work. Cheerio."

Jack Connors (Dept. 14): Received the box today. Very pleasing to know you are remembered so often. My course here is almost finished. Graduate in two weeks. Hope to be able to visit the plant soon after that."

Neil Turnbull (Dept. 5): "Your letter came today. Glad you still have time to think of me after an absence of one year. Consider myself lucky to be in the Signals. It's pretty darn soft. This is an advanced battle drill school, with nothing but thousands of acres of scrub brush. On duty seven days a week. Visited nearby town where there are 500 C.W.A.C. girls in training. Quite a sight to see them march. Quite a few of our section landed in Alaska recently so I have my fingers crossed. Thanks for the package. Surprising how few receive anything from former employers. It makes it hard on us as we feel that we must share our packages. Mueller Record is very much appreciated. See many Mueller valves in the Army. I'm always working over plumbing. Even see pieces of ground key on water wagons. It makes me laugh to think of how many thousands of them I put together. Say hello to the gang for me."

DEATHS

Evelyn Jendry

Mrs. Evelyn Jendry, for seven years switchboard operator for our Main offices, passed away July 29, 1943, in St. Mary's Hospital. Evelyn had been ill for a year but, deeply interested in her work, had courageously stayed at her post until about two months before her death.

Evelyn was born in Decatur July 31, 1899, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Riggs. She was a graduate of Decatur High School, and Decatur had been her home all of her life.

In her work she was found to be uniformly kind, patient, obliging and considerate.

She is survived by her husband, August O. Jendry of Plant 2; by her daughter by a former marriage, Carolyn Virginia Telling; by her mother, Mrs. Lillie Riggs; and her brother, J. H. Riggs, all of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted from Moran's Chapel on July 31, Evelyn's birthday, with interment in North Fork cemetery.

Arthur G. Martin

Arthur G. Martin, retired machinist with the Company and father of Helen Brannan, company cashier, died suddenly at his home at 885 W. Leafland Ave., July 18.

Mr. Martin was born in Decatur and married here in 1893 to Miss Cora Chilters. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Helen, Mrs. Jesse Kaiser of Decatur and Mrs. Carl Mattson of Galesburg.

Mr. Martin was a member of the Salem Baptist Church and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Services were conducted from the Dawson and Wikoff chapel, with burial in Grace-land cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Wittke

Mrs. Mary Wittke, mother of Ernest Wittke, Plant 2, passed away July 20 after an illness of two years.

Mrs. Wittke was born in East Prussia December 31, 1874, the daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Bandorski. She was married to Ferdinand Wittke in Decatur in January, 1897. Mr. Wittke died in 1941.

She had been a resident of Decatur since coming from Germany in 1896. She was a member of St. Johannes Church.

She is survived by the following children: Edward F., Ernest A., Robert R., Mrs. Lucille Besalke, Mrs. Alma Rokosch, Miss Ruth J. Wittke, all of Decatur, and Walter P., of Rockford, as well as by a step-son, Fred, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There are eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. There is also a sister, Mrs. Bertha Zilenski, Frederick, Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted in the home at 1211 North Calhoun Street and at St. Johannes Church, with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

GUESS WHAT SHE'S DOIN'



Evelyn Ballard of the Paymaster's office, known better as "Babe" was enjoying herself on an outing on the beach of Lake Decatur. Perhaps she's taken up trapeze artistry or was getting ready to swing down to the boat below her. Babe's own special wit and friendliness have made her a youngster with many friends in our organization.

BIRTHS

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fawley, a daughter, July 24, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital. The little lady has been named Anita Eileen.



GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stratman, 1248 West Green street, observed on August 6 their Golden Wedding anniversary, celebrating with a family dinner in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stratman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stratman have one daughter and four sons, Dorothy, Martin H., Walter A., Oscar H. and Henry W., all living here. Further, the daughter, Dorothy, and three of the sons, Martin, Oscar and Henry are all Mueller employees.



NEXT TO LAST GAME

Following is the list of the winners in the July golf tournament:

- 1st Low Net.....Adolph Mueller
- 2nd Low Net.....Robert Dodwell
- 3rd Low Net.....James Fair
- 1st Low Gross.....Marshall Foster
- 2nd Low Gross.....Augie Werdes
- 3rd Low Gross.....Ralph Runion
- Low on 3 blind holes.....
-Francis Carroll & Bud Grossman
- High on 3 blind holes.....Carl Hill
- Greatest difference between nines.....
-Ollie Fortschneider
- Greatest difference on 2 blind holes.....
-Archie Meador
- Low on blind hole.....Elmer Fawley
- High on blind hole.....Ted Masterson

The last round of the tournament will be played during August, at Nelson Park.

LEO KRAMER

Leo Kramer of Dept. 8, Plant 3, reported July 16 for his first examination and will report to Chicago, Ill., July 23 for assignment. Leo was born in Farina, Ill., is 29 years of age, and has a daughter 7½ months old. He has been in Decatur since October, 1939., and worked on a lathe at Plant 3. Mrs. Kramer will remain here, living on route 7.

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FRED A. MEADOR

Fred A. Meador, approaching the "old timer period," is now in the army. Had he remained in our service until next January he would have completed his 17th year. He began his service in Dept. 18 which was then assembly for ground key and compression work under Walter Behrns. When Department 18 was made over into Departments 8 and 9, Fred went with the former, and when he checked out he was assistant production manager to Ray Sailsbery. Fred has been married for ten years. He left Friday, August 6th, for his outfitting and assignment to some training camp.



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WEARS DARK GLASSES

But Willie Rohman Says the Gals Look Black and Fat

August 6, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Was awfully glad to get your letter. Sorry I am so late in answering. I'm just too busy these days.

I have just returned from the local traffic court. No, I wasn't the victim this time. I was the accuser. I had caught a couple of boys flying too low.

Since you insisted so emphatically in your letter, you will find enclosed my request for the paper. Thanks a lot. It will be a great comfort here.

Was sorry to learn about Ellen Jane's husband—extend my sympathy. will you? Also to Helen Brannan.

Say! Don't worry about the gals here. I wear dark sun glasses, and they still look black and fat to me. I don't think they ever change coconut oil. Tsk! Tsk!

Got the April Record today, and it was just like a letter from home. Would like to see more of the boys' letters in it. Also

got the newspaper and program of the Army and Navy "E" Award. I really was proud as I read the newspaper account of the proceedings.

Well, it's time to go to work, so must leave. Tell the gang Hello and behave yourself.

As ever,

Willie.

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HUGH MOONEY

Hugh Mooney now sails the ocean blue in Uncle Sam's Navy. He was home on furlough recently visiting his family and other relatives. He has been with us for over ten years and served most of the time as fireman in the boiler room. He is a son of Francis Mooney, a retired farmer near Latham. Hugh is married and has three children: Pansy Lee, aged 12, Ansill Allen, aged 9, and Sondra Carolyn, aged 3. He enlisted in the Navy February 19, 1943.



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SMALL SOLDIER

Jack Shannon in uniform was photographed for his father, now in the service. He is the son of C. K. Shannon, formerly of the shipping department and Mrs. Mildred Shannon of the sales department. The father is now in North Africa. Jack's uniform first saw service when he and his mother visited his father in Georgia last June.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fortschneider celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary July 21 with open house in their home, 525 North Dunham Street.

Ollie and Mrs. Fortschneider were married July 21, 1923, in Alton and came to Decatur in 1925, with Ollie beginning his connection at that time with Mueller Co., where he is still a member of the Pattern Shop organization.

CHATTANOOGA

Walter Coventry is back at the office busy as a bee, after spending a week's vacation at home.

Marion (Glamour Gal) Parker has just returned from a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Now which is it Marion—honestly—Navy, Air Corps or Merchant Marine?

We would like to hear Joe Wall tell that story again—about the big ones that always get away.

This "Suthern Sun" has turned out a bevy of bronze beauties this year, or could it be one of those store-bought tans.

Miss Anna Sewell of the Purchasing Department was married to Corporal Bernard C. Naugher Saturday, August 7th, at her home in Alabama. Miss Lela Mae Reed of the Sales Dept., was one of the attendants in the wedding. Corporal Naugher is stationed at Camp Claibourne, Louisiana. After a brief wedding trip the bride will return to her job. Good luck! Corporal and Mrs. Naugher!

Walter Coventry has just finished a volume on "Why People Walk in Their Sleep". What's the answer, Walt?

Mary Fields is looking forward to visiting her husband at Camp Barkley, Texas, in September.

Elizabeth Perry is a new addition to the Sales Department. Hope you like us, Perry.

Roberta Andrews is another new addition. She works in the Cost Dept. Welcome to you, Roberta.

We also have a girl in the Shipping Department now. You better watch out, Bernice, because Mr. Cooper has a way with the women.

Our popular salesman, Floyd Johnson, is back on the road now and we know he is really happy. We hated to see him go but he doesn't like to be cooped up too much. Best of luck, Floyd.

Oscar Brown has been bringing flowers to some of the girls in the office. He takes the same gir's to town 'most every day—and we used to think "Fermer" was bashful.

Mrs. Lois Trotter has just returned from Detroit, Michigan, where she visited Mr. Trotter. He is connected with the Chrysler Corporation there.

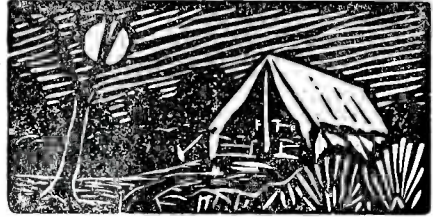
Birth: Mr. and Mrs. Judson Marsh announce the birth of a baby girl July 4. The baby has been named Frances Maxine.

Miss Margaret Smith, Government Inspector at Plant No. 2, and Fred Pardue of the Machine Shop, Plant No. 1, were married Saturday, July 31, at the Northside Baptist Church. This romance began when Fred was a machine operator at Plant No. 2 and has been buzzin' ever since. After a week's vacation in Florida they will return to their regular jobs. Their many friends at both

plants wish them much happiness. We have a feeling that Fred will have to be on the alert for flying irons and rolling pins as Margaret has developed quite a muscle from handling 105 mm. shells.

Mr. R. A. Vanderford recently left the plant with a very fine looking watermelon. Looks are sometimes deceiving, however, for upon arriving home he found the inside of the melon entirely gone. Someone had opened it and partook of all the edible parts, then wired it together to look natural. Mr. Van seems calm on the outside but we feel that there is fire smoldering inside and is likely to erupt almost any minute. Mr. Van says he has heard of gremlins in airplanes but never before in an iron foundry.

BOY SCOUT NEWS



CAMP!! What thrills those magic words hold for every Scout. But the greatest thrill comes from actually doing it. And that is just what Troop 2 did. . . Fifteen of us, including the Scoutmaster, moved in on July 18 for a seven-day stay. And, boy, did we have fun! We went to the council site, Camp Robert Faries, this year and it is the best trip we have ever taken. Every day had a full program and kept us all busy. The water was nice and warm for swimming. Everyone in the troop made some kind of handicraft article. Several met the swimming tests. Most of the Scouts made some advancement, but we regret to say that not all worked as hard as they could have done and we did not attain our goal of "every camper advancing a rank".

The Sea Scouts were very much in evidence during the week in camp. The Skipper and two Sea Scouts sailed the boat over early Sunday morning before the Scouts arrived. Every day the trim little VIKING II was out on the water when anyone had any spare time to sail it. Every fellow in the troop was taken for a sail, as were several others in camp. Mr. Bromley, our new Field Executive, was very enthusiastic about the boat and Sea Scouting in general. He says he is going to push Sea Scouting more when camp is over. The boat was sailed back to the Nelson Park boat pier on Saturday. The Sea Scouts themselves did not get in as much sailing as had been planned due to the fact that all were busy on merit badge work for advanced rank. Herbert Harner is making a "water bug", a one man sailboat. It looks pretty keen

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Your name imprinted on all cards ordered. Inspect this beautiful assortment. Many different selections to choose from. Very reasonably priced. W. C. Hays, Printing Dept. or 851 W. Packard St.

WANTED: Lawn mowers to sharpen. R. L. Pope, Sylvan Shores. Phone 3-3374.

WALLPAPER CLEANING—Call 9115 or 770 West Olive Street. Claude Stacy.

ITEMS FOR SALE

IDEAL GIFT: Get a starter for an old fashioned Rose Jar! Specially prepared rose petals and rose buds with their exotic fragrance preserved in a tightly closed jar. Just drop in rose buds, carnations, gardenias or any sweet scented flower, and the fragrance will be preserved through the years. Ideal as a gift for the lover of antiques, or for one who loves flowers. Generous amount for \$1. Call Billy Ferry, 2-4158, 718 W. Packard.

FOR SALE: Brown all wool suit, waist 38, length 33. \$12.00. 403 E. Division, Kennes Karnes.

FOR SALE: Canvas tent, 7x7 ft., three feet side walls, six feet high, with poles and stakes—\$8.00. See Ancil Younger, Dept. 8 or 2014 N. Monroe St.

FOR SALE—Four Good Gasoline engines. Call 2-0819. Thomas Mudd, Plant 1.

FOR SALE: Trumpet and case. Champlain, Paris—\$25. Arthur Bauer, 246 W. Harrison.

FOR SALE: Want to sell—Gas range, side oven, four burners, black and white—\$8.00; Kitchen table and four chairs, white and black trim—\$8.00; Man's Hamilton wrist watch, rose gold, 17 jewel, Carmen band—\$30.00. Phone 2-6337.

FOR SALE: Wicker Baby Carriage. Large size and in A-1 shape. This is not a folding buggy. Haldon (Teaberry) Hanson, 2814.

FOR SALE: One Baby Bed. Good condition and priced reasonable. Phone 3-3105—June Leipski, Plant 3.

FOR SALE: 1—8 in. Table Saw, 1—Wood Lathe. 1—Water Pump for water tank. Swap 1/3 and 1/2 motor on a 1 h.p. or would sell. Plant 3, Chas. R. Baker, Forsyth, Ill.

FOR SALE: 1935 Oldsmobile sedan. Four new tires and tubes; just been overhauled. 1509 E. Division.

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and ought to be a honey when finished. We hope all will eventually own one.

Highlights at camp were: our A-1 stunt at the camp fire, the all-day hike, the sailboat

WANTED

WANTED: Newspapers. We will pay 65 cents per cwt. for clean newspapers, folded once and tied in bundles. No magazines. Please deliver to Mueller Co. Shipping Room before 10 a. m. any day except Saturday.

WANTED TO BUY: A large sized Electrolux refrigerator, gas operated. See Orville J. Hawkins, c-o Main Office.

WANTED TO BUY: Electric Refrigerator. Plant 3, Jim Tilley

WANTED TO BUY: One chest of drawers. Nola Lowry—Plant 3.

WANTED TO BUY: 1 pr. Men's Clampon Roller Skates, size 5. Must be in good condition and reasonable in price. Haldon "Teaberry" Hanson, 2814, Plant No. 3.

BABY BIRD BATH



Here is a cute idea for photographing the baby worked out by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller when they wanted a picture of their son John Charles Miller. Seated in a bird bath with pretty shrubbery for the background—what could be sweeter. Glen is a member of the tool department.

rides, the fine meals, the song fests by Doc Kirk and John Hawk (U. S. Air Corps), the ball games, and the Court of Honor Saturday night.

The following were present the entire week: Robert Hughes, Billy Hughes, James Hansen, Richard Hoppe, Herbert Harner, Philip Jordon, Richard Sefton, Parker Fenton, Gordon Krone, Kenneth Krone, Jimmie Myers, Robert Carter, Harlan Short, Brownie Blakeman, and Mr. Jackson.

Camping certainly gave our advancement a boost. Bobby Hughes is now Life Scout. Richard Hoppe has reached Star Scout. Billy Hughes and Richard Sefton became First Class Scouts. Many Merit Badges were also earned. Congratulations to all of you who merited these awards!