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VACATIONS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Trips taken by Mueller Co. employees were many and varied this first post-war vacation year. As many as we have the space to permit will be published this month and the balance in next month's Record.

One of the most unusual was the trip taken by the Brownlow's, Ruth of the Tool Engineering office and Charles who is a molder at plant #2 along with a mutual friend of theirs, Bud Dash. The picture shown here were of the three taken on their motorcycle tour covering almost 4,000 miles through Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois. The least they rode in any one day was 150 miles—and this was



Left to right: Bud Dash, Ruth and Charles Brownlow. because of bad weather. They did, however, travel as high as 375 miles in a day. They stopped at 4:30 p. m. each day as cabins were hard to locate after 5:00 o'clock. During the day, they would ride an hour at a time and then rest for 10 or 15 minutes. During the course of the trip, they stopped at Liston, N. Dakota, Ruth's old home town.

After resting for a couple of weeks, all three have said they were ready to take off on the motorcycles for another.

Gladys Behen, Dept. 8, drove with her mother to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and enjoyed the baths.

Clarence Woodrum, Dept. 8, and Carl Brock, Dept. 30, and their wives took an 1800 mile motor trip through Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, spending time in the Lookout Mountains, Nashville, Chattanooga, Ashville, Charleston, Lexington, and Franklin.

Hugh Henley Dept. 8, took his wife and son to visit both of their parents in Eastern Tennessee.

Otto Dannewitz, Dept. 8, and his wife had quite a hotel experience while on their bus trip through the mountains in West Virginia. While in Cincinnati they engaged a room in a hotel, paid for it, and found that it had no rugs, no lock on the door, not even a chair to sit on—but what really capped the climax is that the elevator would take them up to their fourth floor room, but refused to bring them down again.

James W. Workman, Dept. 8, and his wife and step-son have just returned from a month's visit with relatives in Los Angeles. While there, they took several trips in Southern California including a trip to Mexico. Jim also visited our Los Angeles factory where he renewed acquaintances with former Decatur employees of Mueller Co.

Leo Kramer, wife and daughter, Irene, drove 3,000 miles on their trip spending three days around Colorado Springs, Denver, and Estes Park. From there, they drove through Wyoming, Nebraska, and Iowa and

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LOOKING BACKWARD

(From the Files of the Mueller Record)

August 1916

The annual picnic was held August 12 at Fairview Park. It started off with a parade of the 600 employees through the business district. Forty-two salesmen attended.

Duke Mueller was captain of the Cornell football team.

A picture showed Floyd V. Johnson as a member of the Main Office, Regulator Division; Otto Sharlock, Claim Manager; and J. W. Simpson, Assistant to the President.

August 1926

Russell Jolly, junior salesman, was in for a visit.

There were 51 babies at the picnic, all born to Mueller employees within the last year.

Odie Walker of the Night Foundry was pictured with his son, Odie, Jr. and a fine string of crappie caught in Lake Decatur.

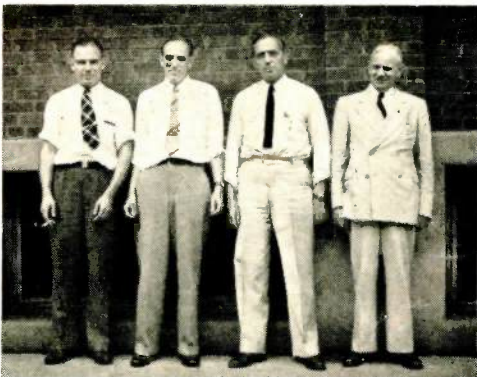
August 1936

Jack Bain, Core Department, was convalescing after breaking his leg in a baseball game May 17.

Jack Rubicam had been promoted from messenger to the Shipping Department.

Special features of the picnic were the weird, giant animals which were made up special by the picnic committee.

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Recent visitors from Sarnia: Arthur Ross, Plant Manager; James Skippon, Chief Engineer; Geo. W. Parker, President; Jack Conway, Sales Manager.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Have just returned from a perfect two-weeks vacation in Portsmouth, Virginia, visiting with Chief Pharmacist Mate Ralph Lathrop.

Gardenias and blue hydrangeas are a common sight there—bananas in trucks everywhere you turn—historical sights were seen at Jamestown and Williamsburg, and also Fort Raleigh in North Carolina—the sand dunes, black and red water, and the dismal swamps—on board the USS Mississippi Battle Ship—through the Navy Yards in Portsmouth and Norfolk—then a cool dip in the Atlantic. The sunrise over the mountains is a gorgeous sight.

Traveling the skyline drive would have been more beautiful had it not rained three-fourths of the way—took us 3½ hours to reach the end of the drive—highest point was 3845 feet above sea-level.

Another scenic beauty was our 70 mile drive on the Pennsylvania Turnpike—top speed 75.

Last but not least was the planned trip through the Electric Steel Mill in Latrobe, Pa.

Car trouble? Slight—one low tire and a broken fan belt—we are truly proud of our old Chevy coupe now. Traveled 2,143 miles on the trip.

And what happened to our little boy all this time? Our good neighbor took care of him and from what we heard, he had one real vacation, too!

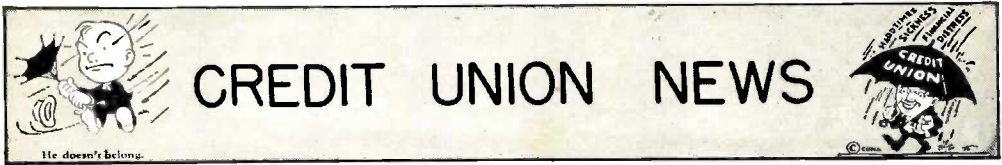
Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ashby

M. W. TROTT OPENS TRAVEL BUREAU

Matt Trott, well known as Mueller Co. Traffic Manager for 23 years until his retirement June 1, 1945, has opened up a new travel bureau operating from his home, 244 West Leafland avenue. Before coming to work for Mueller Co. he had been connected with railroad work, and is certainly on familiar territory in his new undertaking. The agency will be known as the Decatur Tour Bureau, and will offer residents of Decatur all-expense tours to various points of interest in both the United States and Canada. Among these are tours to Mexico, Yellowstone, Virginia, and Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies.

Mr. Trott was in the office a few weeks ago, and was looking physically fit after spending the winter down south.



What is the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union?

It is an organization of Mueller employees incorporated for the two-fold purpose of promoting thrift among its members and providing loans for provident and productive purposes. It is managed exclusively by employees.

Does the Credit Union Have Governmental Supervision?

The Credit Union is organized under the state law of Illinois and is supervised by the auditor of Public Accounts. Annual audits are required. Internal control is vested in the Supervisory Committee.

What Good Will the Credit Union Do Me?

1. It will help cultivate the habit of making regular savings.
2. It will be a source of obtaining loans for necessary needs at a very low cost to you.
3. It will provide help for fellow employees in meeting emergencies and improving their financial condition.

How May I Join?

By making an application for membership and paying a fee of twenty-five cents, the only fee ever charged during your entire membership.

How Much May I Save?

You may invest up to 33% of the total share accounts and this makes it practically unlimited for the average employee.

May I Withdraw My Savings?

You may withdraw your savings at any time.

Who May Borrow?

Any member of the Credit Union. All loans are repaid through the Credit Union method of saving while repaying.

What is the Rate of Interest on Loans?

1% per month on unpaid balances. New cars are being financed by your Credit Union.

What Are the Credit Union Hours?

From 12 noon to 4:15 P. M.

Where Is the Office Located?

The Credit Union office is located on the second floor with the Personnel Department.

Financial Statement—June, 1946

Receipts

Shares	\$ 5,659.89
Loans Repaid	5,397.39
Interest Received	250.27
Entrance Fees	2.00
Reserve for Dep. on G Bonds.....	25.00
Cash on hand June 1, 1946.....	22,543.14
Total	\$33,877.69

Disbursements

Shares Withdrawn	\$ 5,172.01
78 Loans Made	10,171.50
Expenses	85.79
Cash on June 30, 1946	18,448.39
Total	\$33,877.69

Financial Statement—July, 1946

Receipts

Shares	\$ 6,261.92
Loans Repaid	6,442.38
Interest Received	308.89
Entrance Fees	3.00
Reserve for Dep. on G Bonds....	75.00
Cash on July 1, 1946.....	18,448.39
Total	\$31,539.58

Disbursements

Shares Withdrawn	2,701.35
Loans Made	8,627.25
Expenses	95.56
Cash on July 31, 1946.....	20,115.42
Total	\$31,539.58

Balance Sheet July 31, 1946

Assets

Loans	\$30,740.33
Govt. Bonds	31,920.00
Prepaid Insurance	52.50
Cash	20,115.42
Total Assets	\$82,828.25

Liabilities

Shares	\$80,963.78
Res. for Dep. on G Bonds	450.00
Guaranty Fund	227.18
Undivided Earnings	252.80
Net Profit	934.49

Total Liabilities \$82,828.25

Number of Members	460
Number of Borrowers	196

WEDDINGS

Jeschawitz-Dilbeck

Miss Margaret Jeschawitz, daughter of Paul Jeschawitz, Department 360, and Lloyd Dilbeck, Department 230, Iron Foundry, were married June 28 in Vanburenburg. The ceremony was performed by Oral Brown, uncle of the bridegroom.

Mr. Dilbeck began working for Mueller Co. in 1940, entered service of the armed forces in December 1941, and returned December 1945. In the four year interval he had been with the air corps as an airplane and engine mechanic and spent two years in the China-Burma-India section.

Prentice-Reed

Miss Lorraine Elizabeth Prentice, daughter of Mrs. Leonard Charles Prentice of Norwich, Connecticut, and Burrell Fay Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. Reed of Holbrook, Arizona, were married July 1 by Rev. Charles R. Hodges in Greenville Congregational church.

The bridegroom is in the Ground Key Dept. 80, and has been with the company since April 3, 1946. Prior to that he spent four years in the Coast Guard, with 3½ years in the Pacific theater.

Kallbreier-Ruthrauff

Miss Violet Kallbreier and Preston Ruthrauff, Jr., were married June 16, 1946 by Rev. C. W. Flewelling in the parsonage of the Central Christian church. Attendants were Jack Ruthrauff, brother of the bridegroom, and Ruby Davis.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Ruby Kallbreier, 705 West Olive street, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ruthrauff, Sr. of the Main Office.

Press, Jr., returned to Mueller Co. November 19, 1945 and is in Department 90, after being stationed in England for 3½ years.

Stratman-Cooper

Miss Betty Maxine Stratman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stratman, 647 W. Decatur street, and Thomas J. Cooper, Jr. of the Engineering Department, were married June 30 at the Riverside Baptist church by Rev. J. M. Carlson. Attendants for the bride were her sister, Mrs. Harold Groves, Eileen Lindsay, Stella Mason of Kinkaid, and Judy Fabrey, flowergirl, from Waukegan. John Cooper, brother of the bridegroom was best man.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

J. Cooper, Sr., and he and his bride are living with his parents at 426 S. Seigel street for the present.

Cook-Draper

Miss Kathryn Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cook, 10 West Drive, and Wm. L. Draper were married in a double ring ceremony in the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Birmingham, Alabama, on July 2, Dr. Raleigh W. Green officiated. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Draper, parents of the bridegroom, were the attendants.

After a trip to the Gulf Coast they returned to Birmingham to live, where Mr. Draper has his headquarters.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ammann



Married June 26 in Central Christian Church.

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Texan: "Why, in our state the wind is so powerful it sometimes blows people right out of their houses."

Kansan: "Thats nothing. In our state, the wind sometimes blows six days out of every week."

Boss: "Why don't you lift your pick higher off the ground?"

Laborer: "You hang over my shoulder so much I'm afraid of poking your eye out."

DONALD TRAVIS IN NEWS

Official commendation for quick thinking in an emergency came recently to Donald W. Travis, formerly of Plant #3.

Don is now a mail carrier in National City, California. By a bit of alert action he has won the praise of the acting postmaster general. Don was making his round with the mail, in the navy housing project, when he came upon Dick Woodruff, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Woodruff, who had cut himself on the wrist. Don used his leather strap as a tourniquet and immediately took the boy to a physician.

This is the way the letter, directed to Don by J. M. Donaldson, acting postmaster general, reads:

"It has been brought to the attention of the post office department that while passing through a federal housing project at National City, you came upon a child who had a badly lacerated wrist, and by your quick action in applying a tourniquet probably saved the child's life.

"You are commended for your action, and the postmaster, National City, is being instructed to credit you with 250 merits and to place a copy of this letter in your personal file."

Don, when he was with us, worked on the second shift at Plant #3. He was called to military service and enlisted in the marines. He was assigned to a bomber squadron, serving as a control tower operator. He and his wife and three children are now residents of National City, California.

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FROM MARIE AND THE DOC

Opal McKnight, Main Office, returned to her desk, having been absent due to illness.

Floraine Reynolds, Core Room, back at work after a long period of illness.

We are all happy to hear that W. S. Enloe, Paymaster, is steadily improving and is really taking that long-needed rest.

Cecil Wilson of Dept. 8, met with an unfortunate situation last week. In a fall on his way to the cafeteria, he fractured his right arm and is now a patient at St. Mary's hospital.

Earl Brock, watchman and guard, is a patient at D.M.C. recovering from an operation.

Sorry to hear that George Lebo, pattern shop janitor, is back in the hospital.

Wilbur Blakeman, foundry grinding room, is back on the job after an illness of one week.

Bill Kuntz, tool room, is recuperating from his operation and hopes to be back soon.

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DEATHS

We sincerely express our deepest sympathy to employees who have had close relatives pass away within the past few weeks. They are:

May 31—Mr. William Chalcraft, father of John Chalcraft, No. 8066. Funeral held at Pleasant Hill on June 2.

June 10—Mrs. Sarah Dempster, mother of Howard Dempster, No. 8071. Funeral held at Brintlinger's on June 11.

July 15—Mrs. Recil Behrend, mother of Vera Behrend, No. 5112. Funeral at J. J. Moran and Sons on July 17.

July 25—Mrs. Deverell, mother-in-law of Earl Lowe, No. 44001. Funeral at J. J. Moran and Sons on July 27.

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BIRTHS

Our list of births is very small this issue. Your reporter from the Personnel Office would like to have the information for the Record from the new "Papas" or "Mamas" as soon as possible. The date, place of birth and name of youngster is just what we need. Just call or send information to Elizabeth Bahlow, Personnel. Thanks.

July 3, 1946—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Grant, 2750 East Garfield, a son, Stephen Michael, at Macon County Hospital. Dean is in Department #33.

If you want to kill your wife with curiosity, simply clip a brief item before you hand her the day's newspaper.

It was a little boy's first time at the opera. He watched the conductor in the pit waving his baton, and when the famous soprano started to sing, he asked his mother, "What's the man shaking his stick at the lady for?"

"Shh," his mother whispered, "he isn't shaking his stick at the lady."

"Then what's she hollering for?" he demanded.

Sign seen in printing office: "We require a deposit of 50 per cent from customers we don't know, and 100 per cent from some we do know."

- Chattanooga Chatter -

Della Mae Call of the Cost Department has returned from Ridgecrest, N. C., where she spent her vacation.

Claude Crowell, who has been with the company for a number of years in the capacity of Assistant Shipping Clerk, has left us in order to accept a position with Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories of Birmingham, Ala.

Smith Wooden and Thad Drennan, Department 70, are spending their vacations at home. It seems as though they had rather sit in the shade of a tree than to do any traveling. Clyde Slater and J. R. Morgan of Department 30 are among the vacationers at home.

Ben Roy of the Machine Shop and Mrs. Roy are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 13th. She has been named Sara Elaine.

Vance Riddle was on vacation during the first week of July and spent most of his time in the Smoky Mountains.

It seems as though part of Columbian Iron Works is getting food conscious or maybe it is the effect of rising prices that has brought the subject to mind. Bob Parsons is the envy of the Machine Shop now that he has acquired a milk goat named "Annie". According to Bob, so far it has been a pretty good investment. Some of the boys say they are going to place a barrel out in the plant so they can all deposit their lunch papers for Annie, just in case there should be a shortage of feed this fall and winter.

From all indications Coy Jones is considering going into the calf raising business or so it would seem. He has a calf's muzzle hanging in the foundry office and when asked what he intended to do with it, he said he might have a use for it one of these days.

Wesley Coons, who worked in the Production Control Department, has left the company to return to his home in New York. He came to Chattanooga to work at the Munitions Plant and after it was destroyed by fire, he transferred to Plant #1. The foremen in the plant presented him with a set of fog lights for his car as a going away gift. We all wish Coons lots of success in his new venture.

Gene Racz, Cost Department, accompanied by her husband, Joe, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Racz, Sr. in Amsbry, Pa.

Oscar Brown has just returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Early Suggs, Assembly Department, says he has been working for Columbian Iron Works for 20 years, and 12 of those years he has lived in Georgia, but since the election, he has awakened to the fact that he had better move to Tennessee. (Hurry up Early or the Klu Klux will get you).

Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, wife of Ronald, Dept. 60, is in Erlanger Hospital where she has undergone two serious operations. We are hoping with Ronald for her quick recovery and with her courage it shouldn't be long until she will be up and around again.

We are happy to welcome Seth Fowler back to Department 60 after several weeks absence recovering from an operation.

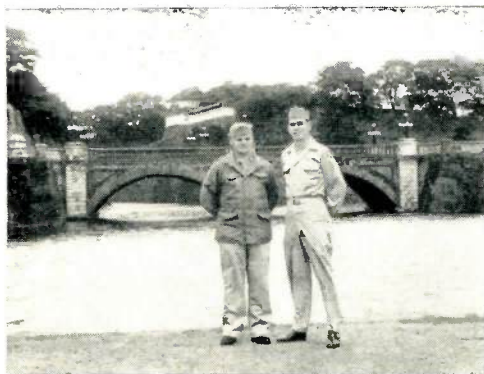
Joe Wall seems to be having quite a bit of competition with his fish tales since Nedra Davis spent her vacation in Florida. Just ask her about the big ones they caught . . . Then, too, George Hackler has just returned from a trip to Florida and has some nice fish stories to tell . . . ask him about the fish that play ball.

She has personality plus and really loves to meet people. She's a blonde and wears a shorthair-do which is most becoming to her. She is one of the reliable stand-bys of the Accounting Department and one who can be depended upon, always ready to lend a helping hand. Introducing our Girl of the Month—Marguerite Barker.



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LOS ANGELES LINGO



This is T5 Bruce Stotler and Pfc. Tex Arnett, employees of Mueller Co., who met in Tokio on June 9th and had their picture taken in front of the Imperial Palace entrance. Two weeks later Tex flew home and brought this picture with him. We were all glad to see him but are sorry that the illness of his new born son was the cause of his emergency leave. Bruce is still stationed there and has written some of his interesting experiences to us in various letters.

LOS ANGELES NEWLYWEDS



Earl and Katherine Worley who were married June 9th in L. A.

VACATIONS—DECATUR

Dept. 44 and 440

John J. Smith, accompanied by his wife and small son, drove to California. They spent five days in Los Angeles, visiting the Mueller plant and interesting points in and around Los Angeles. En route they saw the Painted Desert, Grand Canyon, and Boulder Dam, and from Los Angeles went to San Francisco, then took Ocean Route 101 through the Red Wood Forest in northern California, to Portland and Seattle. Saw the Navy Yard, Grand Coulee dam which is still under construction, with a full flow of water over the spillway, which is unusual. From there they went to Yellowstone Park and home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ammann, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ammann, visited friends in Peoria and spent three days at Starved Rock.

Bob Dannewitz and some friends went to St. Louis, and from there to Indianapolis, and then to Winchester, where they saw the 50-mile race. They were gone four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper, who were married June 30, spent their honeymoon in St. Louis at the Jefferson Hotel, with the high lights of the trip including a trip on the excursion steamer "Admiral", a baseball game, and Forest Park.

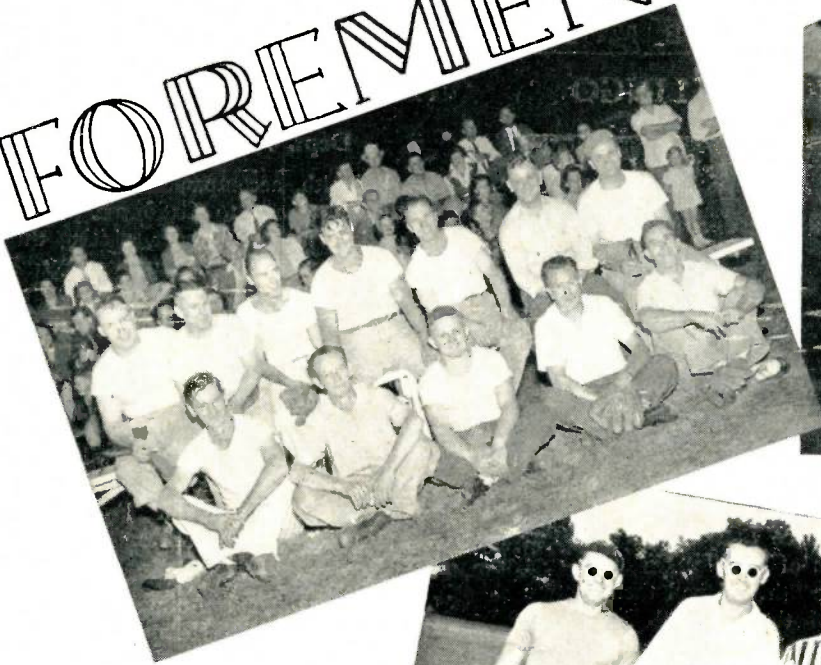
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cline returned to Chattanooga, their former home. They left Decatur on June 28 and returned July 6 via Louisville, a beautiful trip. One day was spent at the Chattanooga plant, and Mr. Cline celebrated his birthday while there, which included a golf game with Odie Walker. Also attended a ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gould and daughter, Doris, spent their vacation at Moonlight Bay Resort at Cross Lake, Minnesota. This is the resort owned by Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mason. Wally reports that they had fun boating, fishing, and swimming, and that the Masons are getting along fine and enjoying their new venture.

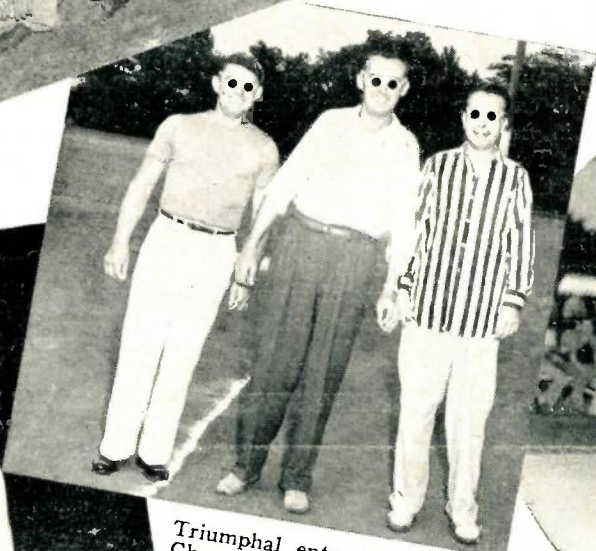
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whittington drove to Oakridge, Tennessee, to visit their son, Char-

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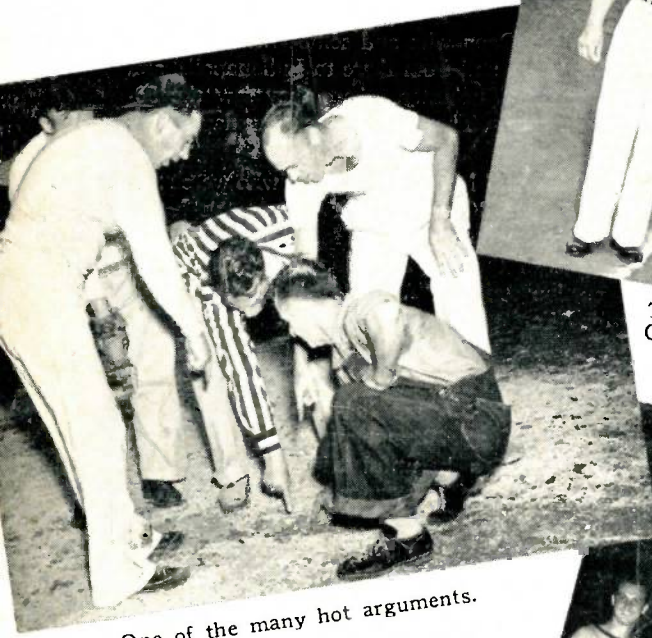
FOREMEN



Prize winners—



Triumphal entrance of umpires Jack Chepan, John Smith, and Bill Doherty.



One of the many hot arguments.



Fireball Coffman "fruit ball."

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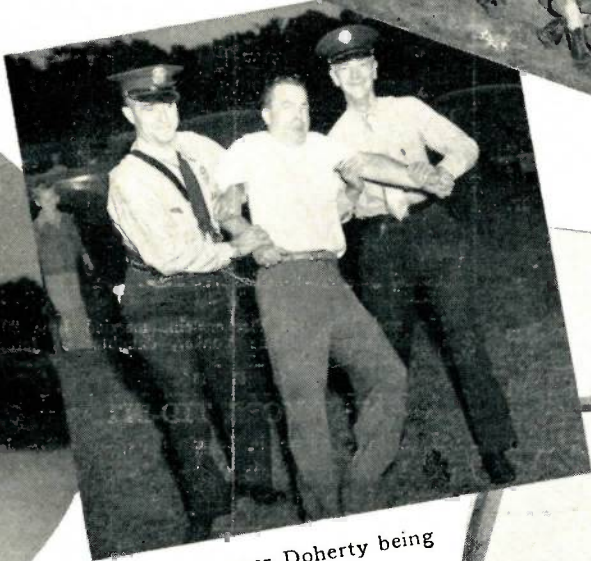
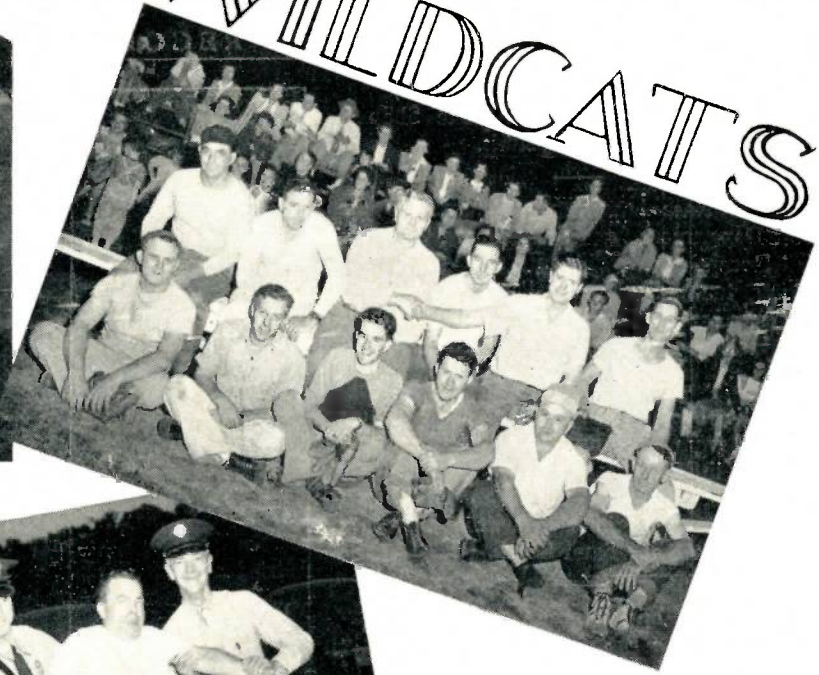


Prize winners—first game.

WILDCATS



second game.



Umpire Slushberger Doherty being evicted by the sheriff.



swinging on the



Judge Kenesaw Mueller, flanked by Senator Klaghorn Webber and announcer Buddy Elson Grossman, tosses in first ball.



Umpires fall to wrath of Wildcat Manager Alibi McKown and Foreman Manager Snake Eye Duncan.

(Chattanooga—cont. from page 6)

Arnold Moore of the Machine Shop is spending his vacation in Detroit.

Gene Racz has been transferred to the Cost Department from Switchboard Operator and Receptionist. The cute new girl who is taking your telephone calls now, is Mary Frances Kosky. For the information of those who have been asking, she isn't married.

Leslie Higdon, Department 60 has just returned from Daytona Beach, Florida, where he did a little fishing and swimming. Others among the Florida visitors are Willadeen Thornberry and Bernice Runyan of the office force, who are at Miami Beach.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Murphy Paris of the Foundry whose wife recently passed away and also to Howard Rogers of the Core Room, who has just lost his mother.

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VISITOR FROM OVERSEAS

Warrant Officer Morris Tucker, who has spent three years as private secretary to Major General Harry J. Collins of the famed 42nd Rainbow Division, dropped in for a brief visit on the afternoon of July 18. He had flown from Austria to the United States in a C-54, making the trip in twenty-four hours, and was leaving the next day to fly back to Austria.

The 42nd Rainbow Division was deactivated officially on July 14, and Gen. Collins and Tucker were here for that purpose. At the same time they attended a reunion of the veterans of the 42nd Division at French Lick, Indiana. W. E. Smith of Department 300 is a member of the Rainbow Division from World War I.

Morris Tucker worked for Mr. Keil in the main office 1941-1942, and was with the B. O. railroad at the time he entered service. He landed in Marseilles, France, in December 1945, went through two campaigns, the Rhineland and Central Europe, and VE Day found him on the border of Austria. Since that time he has been with the Army of Occupation in the Austrian Tyrol, Land Upper Austria, and Land Salzburg. When he returns to Austria, what is left of the Rainbow Division will be integrated into the Zone Command, American Army of Occupation. He expects to be released October 31, 1946, and will return to Decatur.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleckenstein, married June 30. The bride was Geraldine Yonker, daughter of Jerry Yonker, Shipping Dept.

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NEW YORK TID-BITS

Lucille Carlow is leaving us. Lucille is an ex-Wave and feels she needs to relax for the rest of the summer.

George Knipe returned from his vacation on the 22nd having spent it at his cottage and praying for rain so the crops would not burn up.

There will be a small sales meeting of the New York men the first part of October at which Mr. W. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson will attend. This will be Bill's first trip to New York in many years and we look forward to the meeting with pleasure.

We had another narrow escape last week in this building. A navy plane came within two feet of the tower and recalled the bad accident just one year ago when the army bomber crashed into the building causing heavy damage.

Lillian Jarmin had a bad fright last week. She was called at the office and told her daughter was very ill. She rushed home and had her daughter taken to the hospital but everything turned out all right.

DECATUR DOPE

How to tell when to start work—wait for Herman Jackson to lean over and read the thermometer at precisely 7:25 every morning out in front of the main entrance.

The Credit Union is seriously thinking of issuing an instruction sheet to its members to explain how to read and interpret its pass books—it seems that Adah Wood of the core-room was quite disturbed the other day, and was almost to the point of a nervous breakdown when she looked at the balance of her savings and found it to be over \$400.00 short—she hastily summoned Walter (Humpty) Behrens, foreman, and Archie Sefton and explained her situation. They, in turn, told her that they would make an immediate investigation into the matter. A little later Adah had to call off the investigation as she had forgotten that one page of the Credit Union book is for savings, and the facing page is for loans—she had not turned the page to see that her balance had been carried over.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sencenbaugh and friends spent the week-end of July 14 in St. Louis where they attended the municipal opera and saw the performance of "The Lost Waltz." Mrs. Sencenbaugh (Mae) works in the advertising department and is also a relief switchboard operator.

Walt Bowan, engineering department, says that he is over his "spring golf slump", but that the "summer slump" has now started.

Nicknames: Dorothy (Irish) Isom—main office.

Our hats off to Art Carter who was the editor of all the bulletins published on the Wildcat-Foremen's Club games. Herman Jackson drew all of the cartoons.

When anyone in the Engineering Dept. shows indications of absent mindedness or preoccupation, he usually draws forth the comment, "You are almost as bad as Walt Bowan." But when Earl Lowe not only locked up his car, leaving the keys inside and the motor running, and did not discover it until some hours later, he was acknowledged to be even worse than Walt Bowan.

George Krag, foreman in the pattern shop, is setting the pace for hat styles—especially in the way they are worn.

John Smith, electrician foreman, and his family spent part of their vacation in Independence, Missouri, where his 11 year old



daughter, Barbara Ann, snapped this picture of President Truman's home there.

Howard Gragg, foreman in department 8, who has been on a three-months leave of absence, returned to work the first of the month. While on leave, he travelled quite extensively through Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak, Seven Falls, Mt. Manitou, and Estes Park.



R. K. (Bob) Levey has cause to be proud of his 1940 Tudor Ford—at the writing of this article, it has traveled over 115,000 miles, mostly on Mueller Co. business, and has had no major breakdowns

or repairs. Bob, who has recently made himself famous on the Foremen's Club soft ball team by scoring the first error of the evening in both games played, is our assistant sales manager. Although his family and home are in Chicago, he spends a great deal of his time in Decatur. Bob has been with Mueller Co. for 16 years.

Although Tom Cooper insists that he and his bride were registered as Mr. and Mrs. while on their honeymoon, he can't understand why the hotel charged them for single occupancy. Bet you won't be that lucky again, Tom.

After several formal protestations, the Engineering Department, has now been accepted as part of the Mueller Co. and is being notified of plant developments by notices on their bulletin board.

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NEW SWITCHBOARD TO BE INSTALLED

Something new is to be added!! No more will our attractive and pleasant-voiced switchboard operator, Mrs. Elizabeth Tolladay have to say over the Mueller Co. inside board, "Please answer the Bell phone," and then guess where you may pick up the call, but she will be able to call you direct on an outside call when the new Illinois Bell Telephone Company 320-line cord board has been installed.

The new board will replace both the present Bell board which has a capacity of 30 lines (or terminals) and the Mueller Co. 100-line Stromberg-Carlson board which handles



Mrs. Elizabeth Tolladay

hundreds of calls daily from 7:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Only the one board will be used for both inside and outside calls. Instead of just receiving an outside line when you pick up a Bell phone, the operator will first answer to ask whether you want an inside phone or an outside line.

Not only will this save a great deal of work for Elizabeth and the relief operators, Mrs. Mac Sencenbaugh and Miss Evelyn Thompson, but it will save many headaches to the electricians department which at the present is charged with all installation and repair work on the Inside Board. The new board will be completely installed and maintained by the service department of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. All new cables and lines are to be used.

Completion date of the new installation has not as yet been announced.

GARAGE BUSY PLACE

The Mueller Co. garage really has its hands full and is doing a fine job of maintaining a station wagon, three 5-ton trucks (2 dumps and one stake body), one 1½-ton dump, an International pick-up, four gas-driven electric lift trucks, 1 gas-driven high lift, along with a tractor out at plant #3.



Left to right: Charles Freisner, Marvin Davis, Ervin Brewer, Howard Hartwig, Ernest Garner, Wilbur Tucker. In truck, Wade Rambo.

All minor repairs are handled in the garage, and Ernie Garver, foreman, tells that a great deal of the major repairs are taken care of by his gang. He expects to soon have the equipment to do complete overhaul jobs.

Ernie has been with the company for over 11 years, the last three of which he has been foreman of the garage. He is an experienced and highly skilled mechanic and has been in this type of work ever since the first war. At the present, he has a little shop of his own in the back yard of his home.

William (Tuck) Tucker, Ernie says, is a fine utility or handy man to have around. Tuck has been in the department for two years, and prior to this time was in the grinding room. Wade Rambo, who drives the heavy trucks most of the time, has been with Mueller Co. since 1923.

Ervin Brewer another utility man and driver has been with us for six years. Charles (Shorty) Freisner, who drives the pick-up, has been in the garage for just a year, but was in the maintenance department for four years before that. Marvin Davis, lift truck driver, is just 6 months out of the army where he carried the rank of Sergeant. Before entering the service, Davis was in the maintenance department.

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THE PEASE POD

Hobby Becomes Profitable Business

Last September Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pease spent their vacation in Wisconsin, and there became interested in antiques. Last November Mrs. Pease went into the business of collecting and selling antiques and novelties. Today she has three rooms filled with a vast assortment of hard to get and interesting specimens. Every day visitors from all over the United States stop to look and buy, and Mrs. Pease is constantly tracking down antiques in private homes and at sales around the country.

Practically everybody collects something, and all sorts of people collect antiques. It is a fascinating hobby, and for the collector who goes into it as a business it can be both profitable and interesting. As a hobby it not only provides a pleasure for leisure hours, but the collector soon gets a dramatic insight into the manners and customs of our American past, and goes even farther back into the early history of European and Asiatic countries.

Lamps

Electric lamps are a modern convenience to which we are so accustomed today that many people know little about earlier methods of lighting, and those who did have experiences with candles, kerosene lamps, and gas lamps are inclined to forget all the disagreeable features. And indeed, the glass lamps such as Mrs. Pease has in her collection are such items of grace and so decorative that they are things of beauty rather than reminders of the arduous chores and inconveniences our forefathers encountered in their use. Mrs.

Pease has, perhaps, more lamps than the average collector. There's one particular attractive number, a cranberry hanging lamp known to be at least 75 years old, and probably much more. There are quite a number of other hanging lamps, as well as "Gone With the Wind" lamps. These are colorful and artistic, and Mrs. Pease has had several wired for electricity. Her stock is ever changing, new lamps constantly being acquired and sales made daily. She also has a valuable cut glass lamp which is not for sale, but is the envy of many a collector.

The dolls with china heads, hands and feet, and cloth bodies bring fancy prices, as well they might, as these dolls so common a century ago are seldom found today.

Unusual Dishes

Among the valuable vases in Mrs. Pease's stock is a Chinese Cloisonne, and a pair of hand blown Bristol vases. There is a Bohemian wine bottle with etched design, some odd shaped bottles of early vintage, a large number of plates, tumblers, compotes, a set of open edge milk-glass bowls, milk-white covered dishes, and one very unusual and valuable item, a milk-white battleship with Uncle Sam on the cover. A lot of pattern glass, German dishes, picture frames, hooked rugs, fancy combs, clocks including a cuckoo clock and a steeple clock are items much in demand.

Symbols of Progress

She has at present one very attractive set of figurines over 75 years old, a bisque baby which is a rare item, and several marble top pieces of furniture. One of the most charming pieces is a cranberry pickle caster in a silver basket. The Dresden compote is a very valuable piece. All these inanimate objects are symbols of American progress and if it were possible to know the history behind each piece, there is no doubt but it would be interesting reading, as would the bound copy of the Saturday Evening Post from December 31, 1898, to September 23, 1899, which Roy proudly displayed.

Anyone interested in antiques should not pass up the opportunity to visit the Pease Pod on the West Main hard road.

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First Mosquito: "Why are you such a fuss?"

Second Mosquito: "Whom you passed the screen test."



A white wagon wheel with sign "Antiques" stands in front of the Pease home.

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into Minnesota. On the way home, they stopped at Eau Claire, Wisconsin to visit relatives.

Ralph Adams, Dept. 8, and his wife drove to Kabetogama Lake in Northern Minnesota where they had a week of just "fair" fishing. Their 2200 mile, two-week trip included sight-seeing tours in Canada and around the Upper Peninsula, Michigan. While in Minnesota, they spent some time at the resort operated by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blankenberg (Mueller Record—June). Accompanying the Adams' on there trip were the Ancil Youngers. Mr. Younger is a former Mueller employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curry with their son and Mrs. Curry's mother, Mrs. L. R. Trimmer, spent their vacation in Colorado visiting Denver and Empire, Colorado, which is 8640 feet above sea level. While in Denver, Glenn overheard a conversation of some men installing a "gooseneck." Being interested, Glenn strolled over, got to talking to them and found that the equipment about to be installed was made by Mueller Co., and that particular piece had been worked upon by himself—he could tell by the special marking he had made on the piece himself. While in Kansas, they traveled in 110 degree heat and said that it never got below 100 all the time they were in that particular locality.

L. B. McKinney, Dept. 8, and his wife motored to Indianapolis to visit his parents. Gerald Taylor, Dept. 8, and family went to Warsaw, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis where Gerald renewed acquaintances made while in the service.

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les and family. Their trip included visits to Smoky Mountains, Clingman's Dome on top, and Cherokee Indian Village in North Carolina. They took pictures of the place where an airplane crashed in the Smoky Mountains recently.

Clarence Hill and friends spent one week in Milwaukee and Chicago, spending much of their time viewing points of interest in and around these two towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Edwards spent five days in Kankakee with Mrs. Edward's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pippin visited their son, Clarence, at Midland, Michigan. While there they went through part of the Dow Chemical Works. Accompanied by Clarence, his wife, and two children, the Pippins went across the Straits of Mackinac to St. Ignace, where they stayed two days. On July 4 they went to Sault Ste Marie locks and found pleasure in seeing the large freight ships laden with iron ore going through the locks. Along the right of way en route to Mackinac City at night they saw four wild deer. They were at Lake Brevoort for one day, but couldn't fish because no boats were available. All in all it was a lovely trip and eight very enjoyable days.

Persh and Maxine Griffith, and Persh's brother, Doc (former Mueller employee) and wife and daughter, took a five day trip to Glidden, Wisconsin, to visit an aunt and uncle. They drove on to Ashland, where they saw Lake Superior. It was shortly after the floods in northern Wisconsin, and the lake was still red and turbulent. At Butternut they visited Arnold and Beulah Blankenburg at their resort, which is one of the nicest and most attractive small resorts around Butternut, and is located on Butternut Lake. The Blankenburgs are pleased with the location and like Wisconsin very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chepan and daughters, Jackie and Jane, left for Florida June 29 to see their son, Eddie, who is in the navy and stationed at Jacksonville. They spent two days with him and were conducted through the Aerial Base, and saw large battleships. They returned home by a different route in order to see more of the country. Near Jacksonville they crossed the St. Johns River over a bridge 2½ miles long. Ships were docked on both sides of the bridge. They all enjoyed seeing the beautiful palm trees and mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kileen and son, Bob saw the White Sox and Cleveland's play in Chicago, with Bob Feller pitching. Spent one day in Saugatuck, Michigan and five days at Muskegon, two days at Ludington, from which they took the boat trip across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee. On the return trip through Chicago they saw the Cubs play Cincinnati. At Muskegon they went horseback riding, fishing, bathing and boating.

EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY
MUELLER CO.

June 1946

Cash on Deposit	\$ 2,065.49		
Investments:			
U. S. Gov't Savings			
Bonds Series C & D	\$8,780.00		
Real Estate	1.00		
U. S. Gov't Savings			
Bonds Series F	6,984.00	15,765.00	
			\$17,830.49

DETAIL OF SURPLUS

Balance June 1, 1946			
Dues Col.	\$1,03.85	1,075.65	
Clock Fines	1.80	1,075.65	
Less:			
Benefits	337.00		
Bank Chg.	.59	337.59	738.06
			\$17,830.49

BENEFITS PAID IN JUNE 1946

Clock No.	Name	Class	Days	Am't.
11004	E. J. Paslay	C		\$ 1.00
1113	George I. Lebo	C	21	31.50
3637	Charles Burcham	C	45	67.50
5068	Emma Rambo	C	4	6.00
8082	William C. Dixon	C	4	6.00
5000	W. E. Behrns	F	27	71.00
3519	Harold Moats	C	6	9.00
8184	Eugene Gibbs	C	2	3.00
30007	Galen Hutchens	F	2	6.00
—	W. S. Enloe	F	6	18.00
5000	W. E. Behrns	F		10.00
44002	H. L. Himstead	F	36	108.00

12 members lost 153 days—received benefits\$337.00



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Walter Bowan, Dr. Hatfield, and L. W. Mueller spent several days in Denver, Colorado, conferring on sewerage problems. Bowan and Hatfield returned to Decatur within the week, but Duke spent nearly three weeks with Ray Fallon in his territory, calling on customers.

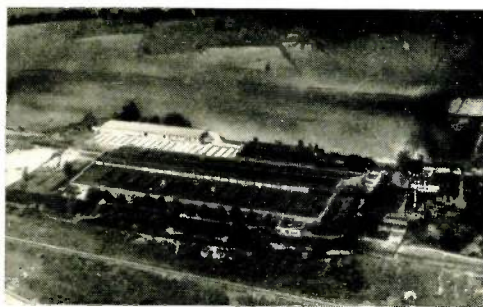
Jim Morrison went on a trip, that much he is certain, but whether he doesn't remember

where he went and how long he stayed, or just refuses to talk is anybody's guess.

When Walter Bowan's two boys went to camp for a week Walt declared it seemed like a second honeymoon.

The Lovington Homecoming, held recently and attended by a number of Mueller people, proved to have more attractions than the committee in charge had even hoped for. A stellar performer, in the semi-professional class, was Ervin Brewer of the garage. Ervin in order to pep things up and lend a hand in the good old neighborly tradition, danced the Hula Hula. He was attracting a good-sized crowd, but Wade Rambo, of the same department, thought the homecomers could do better by his co-worker. Wade took himself to the ticket seller's wicket and sold a good many tickets at half price.

This unannounced attraction might have continued for some time, but our local friends wanted to give the professional entertainers a chance. Admonished by Mrs. Brewer to "act your age," Ervin took himself down from the stage in a four-legged crawl.



Aerial photographs taken by Arrick. Above—Plant 3. Below—Mueller Heights.



"What time do you get up to go to work?"

"I don't go to work. I wake up surrounded by it."

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Howard Hartwig, who drives the 5-ton G.M.C. for plant #2, has been a Mueller Co. employee for 7 years, having been in department 8 before transferring to the garage.

All during the war, Garver operated trucks for all three plants, supervising from plant #1.

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BARGAIN COLUMN

VISIT THE PEASE POD—

For Antiques and Novelties. We buy and sell old dishes, coal oil lamps, furniture, and bric-a-brac. Roy and Anna B. Pease, R.R. 8, 7 miles West Main Hard Road, Route 36, Decatur. Telephone Harristown 7480.

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FOR SALE—Side arm gas water heater with 30-gallon tank and 25 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ " gas pipe, \$15.00 complete. See Bill Bailey, Plant Cafeteria.

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LAWN MOWERS sharpened on a Foley machine, adjusted and oiled. Will call for and deliver. \$1.00. R. L. Pope, Phone 3-3374.

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FOR SALE—New dark red inlaid linoleum, size 8 ft. by 40 inches. Excellent for cabinet top. Alva Moats, Dept. 36 or call 2-2129.

Sultan: "Bring me a girl."
 Servant: "Very good, sir."
 Sultan: "Not necessarily."

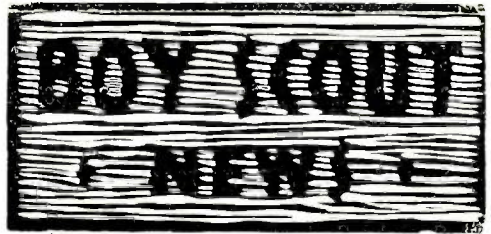
OUGHT TO GET OUT SOON

Nit—Do you know why the little ink drop was so blue?

Wit—No. Why?

Nit—Because his father was in the pen finishing a sentence.

Jack and Jill fell down the hill,
 A stunt that's mighty risky.
 If water made them act like that
 I think I'll stick to whiskey.



Ah-h-h! The pleasant smell of the woods, the lure of winding paths, zestful swimming, tummy-filling meals, the fun of campfires, baseball, and the mystery of the night sounds as one drowsily falls asleep. That is camp! And what a camp it was this year for old Troop 2. Nine Scouts were there for the fourth period, and S. P. L. Bill Hughes was on the camp staff for the whole season.

Our slogan was "Every Camper Advance a Rank," and we almost made it. Chick Kileen and Orley Hatfield were made First Class Scouts. Chick also got the Cooking merit badge. William Calvert, Sammy Yonker and Harold Harcastle reached Second Class Scout rank. Bill Hughes at this writing had eight new merit badges—Civics, Rowing, Canoeing, Bird Study, Carpentry, Pathfinding, Woodwork, and Painting. One more, Pioneering, and he will be ready to receive his Eagle badge. Kileen, Calvert and Hughes all received "Camper" rank in the Fire Crafters. Everett Scott, Ralph Whitsitt and Dean Kramer were there but did not get far enough to earn a new rank.

All in all, it was a wonderful week for Troop 2. Many parents came out for visitors' night. Scoutmaster Jackson was there with Mrs. Jackson, and he also spent all day Saturday in camp with the boys, helping them to advance.

Our newest member is William Calvert, who transferred from Troop 40, Louisville, Kentucky. Welcome, Bill, to the Livest Troop in Decatur.

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New Hydroelectric Lift Truck being tested by Howard Atteberry. Ed Stille looks on.