

MUELLER RECORD

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NEW PRESIDENT

M. W. Trott, traffic manager of our company, has been elected president of the Decatur Traffic Club, an honor well deserved. This club is one of the most important of the many in Decatur. It does an



efficient job in maintaining cordial relations with the various transportation lines and in so far as possible safe guarding and protecting the interests of local shippers.

Matt is finely equipped to discharge the duties of his new position. He is an old rail-roader himself, knows the game and still better knows "railroad language" and methods.

His many friends in this organization join in congratulating him.

Hearsay

Two old mountaineer women in Tennessee were recounting their life histories over their clay pipes.

"When I was a baby," said one, "I was so little they could lay my head in a tea cup."

"Well, I do say, and did you live?"

"Yes, my folks said I lived and done well."

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

We Hope It Will be a Merry One

CHILDREN'S PARTY—Saturday, Dec. 16

And now comes fun for the kiddies—the annual Christmas party at the gymnasium, Saturday, December 16th. All plans have been completed and a happy time is at hand.

The same good old Santa Claus will be present to again make friends of the little folks and lead them in singing Christmas carols. The moving pictures were selected with the children in view. The committee tried to get pictures to please the little folks and we think they have succeeded. You'll agree when you read the following program.

The annual Christmas party for the children of Mueller employees will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 16, at the Mueller gymnasium at 2 P. M.

All Mueller boys and girls age 15 and under are invited to attend.

Program

2:00—Arrival of Santa Claus

Group singing led by Santa Claus. Miss

Aline Moore, pianist.

"Star Spangled Banner"

"Jingle Bells"

"Holy Night"

"Little Lord Jesus"

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

Remarks—Adolph Mueller

MOVING PICTURES:

"Mickey's Round Up"

"Pied Piper"

"Silvery Moon"

"Oh, Suzanna"

"Christmas Around the World"

Distribution of Treats.

The foreman will give employees with children tickets which must be shown for admission.

NOT TOMMY

Adolph: "He drove s'raight th his goal. He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him, nor turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man?"

Burt Jackson: "A truck driver! But not Tommy Thomas."

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

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The wedding bells rang again, this time for Marjorie Bixler. Marj. and Everett Roarick were married November 24 in a church ceremony. When Marj. returned to work the following Monday, she had to spend a good part of the morning cleaning out the rice, confetti and other indications of her friends' interest that she found in and on her desk. There was, of course, a nice "Just Married" sign on top to greet her. Marjorie took it all with good humor and enjoyed the fun as much as anybody.

Jane and Floyd Wheeler spent the week-end of December 2 in Chicago.

That same week-end Mr. and Mrs. Smith visited in Paducah, Kentucky.

Mary Wilkins, who is visiting home-folks in Decatur during the holidays came up to see us a week or so ago. She looks as though life in the national capital agreed with her.

By Their Words Shall Ye Know Them:

Jack Rubicam: "Hi, Elmer."

Aline Moore (Apropos of nothing in particular): "Gee, I'm glad you're not my daddy."

Dorothy Gepford: "I'm hungry."

All of us: "Wonder who the next bride will be."

Yes, you guessed correctly. The cute little girl that you saw wearing the new fur coat is Ruth Liestman.

Claude H. Smith has become a member of the Cost Dept. He is a brother of Marion Smith, formerly of the Sales Dept.

One of the most enjoyable children's stories we've heard in a long time concerns Frank Edmonson's little daughters. A few weeks ago Frank had a birthday. The little girls had been very much interested in the family plans for celebrating the anniversary and very proud of being able to keep the plans secret from their father. At least the birthday came, and the children were quite excited about it.

Carol, the older youngster, remarked to her father, "Daddy, we're not going to give you all your presents this morning." Quite innocently, she continued, "We're going to wait until tonight to give you your bowling shoes."

Harry Sackriter, our efficient order drum clerk, also celebrated a birthday recently. We're told that he talked himself out of a birthday party. At any rate, we do know that some of his friends—or are they?—tried to do something special in the way of celebration. Every hour or two they sent

flowers out to the office for him. There were chrysanthemums, and there were—of all things—pansies! Sacky would have none of his pals' offerings and let the bouquets remain in the reception room for the pleasure of our visitors.

It's moving day again for Irene Otis of the Filing Department. She is being ably assisted in the work of transferring files by Donna Morgan and Harold Oathout, Delbert Walley, Joseph Fyke.

O. C. Draper made a trip to New York, Baltimore and points East last week. He spent some time with Mr. Kirchner, Maryland-Virginia salesman, and with the New York salesman.

Troy Roush's jallopy has changed color. But, boy, doesn't it look nice?

For our WISH-OF-THE-MONTH we suppose we can't do better than the time-honored: "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to Everybody!"

BOY SCOUTS

On December 6, a Decatur-Macon County District Mystery Rally was held in the Mueller gym for twenty-two Boy Scout troops.

This contest was to determine just how much scouting the boys knew. The scout motto is "Be Prepared" and this right proved how much the boys did know. There were about 250 scouts in the contest and the Mueller troop placed third. Our boys were tied for first place until the last contest and they failed to count seconds quite right, so finally came out in third place.

ANOTHER SLOGAN NEEDED

WANTED—A new slogan for ringing the time clock on the second floor,

"Ring the clock or you'll get docked" does not work. Quite a few after passing the old place of the clock on the stair landing, evidently think that its removal to the second floor means that it is now unnecessary to ring in and out. They find their error when they open their pay check envelope and pick out a nice little assortment of those cute little f.r. tickets.

Careful

In the American advance during the final days of the war, a sergeant ordered an unbleached private to go into a dugout and clean out any Germans that happened to be there.

The colored gentleman blanched a bit, swallowed his Adam's apple, and then said huskily, "Ef yo' sees three or fo' men cum a runnin' out of dat hole, don't shoot de fust one!"

SARNIA



Here we have a snap showing some of the results of a successful hunting trip. Members and friends of Marjory Ansell's family in the office happened to be the lucky folk. They spent several days hunting at Stokes Bay, Bruce Peninsular and shot four deer and one two hundred pound grizzly bear. Incidentally this is very close to the place where Mr. Mueller and Mr. Simpson do their fishing in the summer.

Wm. E. Mueller of Decatur was a visitor at the Sarnia plant on Monday, November 27th.

During his stay he addressed all the employees in the Mueller Recreational Hall. He delivered good wishes from the other Mueller plants and a wire from Adolph Mueller was read expressing his own personal good wishes to the employees.

After a brief summary of business conditions by Mr. Wm. E. Mueller the employees received their Christmas Bonus cheques. With the employees highly pleased, the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

The next event of interest promises to be the Children's Christmas Party to be held at the plant Monday, December 11th. A good programme is arranged and we are looking forward to lots of fun. Mr. Adolph Mueller will be with us for the event. As it is now many years since we had such a gathering of the employees and their families, we are hoping to see everyone present on December 11th.

We hear "Bud" Daws of Dept. 8 is to take the final plunge in December. Although he is hearing much of the pitfalls of married life from the men in the shop, we seriously wish him much happiness in his married life.

We also hear Isabel Danby, of the office

FOLLOW THESE RULES

They Will Assist You Materially in Keeping Well and Vigorous

Try to follow these rules, for by so doing you will find health and happiness.

AIR

- 1—Ventilate the rooms in which you live and work.
- 2—Spend as much time as possible in the open air.
- 3—Breathe deeply and slowly.
- 4—Have all the fresh air possible where you sleep.
- 5—Wear light, loose, porous clothes.

FOOD

- 6—Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly.
- 7—Eat some hard, some bulky, some raw foods.
- 8—Do not eat much meat and eggs. Once a day is enough.
- 9—Do not eat too much, and avoid overweight.

HABITS

- 10—Stand, sit, and walk erect.
- 11—Keep the teeth, gums, and tongue clean.
- 12—Use plenty of water internally, and externally to keep clean.
- 13—Do not use drugs, alcohol, or too much tobacco.
- 14—Be sure to have the bowels move at least once each day.

ACTIVITY

- 15—Work hard, play, rest, and sleep sufficiently.
- 16—Keep cheerful and do not worry.

staff, is to be one of the attendants at the wedding. We hope she doesn't get any similar notions for a while at least.

THAT LOVELY MEETING

The best show in the gymnasium for an entire year (no reflection on that great showman, P. T. Barnum Auer) was that held on the afternoon of Nov. 27 after the quitting whistle. It did not require any ballyhoo or propaganda to bring out 100 per cent attendance. Everyone was there, not in glad rags, because there was no opportunity to doll up, but everybody was there in a glad smile of happy expectation, and there was no disappointment.

There was a little preliminary, good-natured talk by Adolph who finished amid enthusiastic applause.

Then it was "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the boys are marching" (also the girls) to the cafeteria.

It was a grand and glorious event, so much so that we feel tempted to paraphrase that old song "Revive Us Again" to "Bone-us Again." Everybody join in the chorus.

DEATHS

Mrs. Emma Baldis

Mrs. Emma Baldis, age 67, died Sunday, December 3 in St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Baldis, a resident of Boody, was the mother of Howard Baldis, foreman of the Boiler Room, and grandmother of Donald Baldis, of the Printing Department.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. on Tuesday at the Dawson & Wikoff chapel, with burial at the Zion cemetery.

Sam Gustin

Sam Gustin, age 79, died November 26 at his home near West Liberty, Illinois. He was the father of Earl Gustin, foreman at Plant 2. Besides Earl he is survived by three other sons, Theron of Philadelphia, Morris of Port Huron, and Lycurdus of West Liberty. Mrs. Gustin preceded him in death several years ago. Mr. Gustin was also a brother of the late W. R. Gustin, for many years Purchasing Agent of this company.

Funeral services were held in the Grace Methodist church at West Liberty on November 29 with burial in the Bethel cemetery west of West Liberty.

Edward J. Gray

Edward J. Gray, father-in-law of Bill Mueller, Dept. 30, died in his home Wednesday evening, November 22 at the age of 74. He was the father of Dorothy Gray Ostrander who worked in the Core Room for a number of years. Funeral services were held in Monson's Chapel November 25, with burial in Fairlawn Cemetery.

Tune Up

Nervous Musician: "Madam, your cat has kept us awake two nights with its serenade."

Mrs. Nextdore (tartly): "What do you want me to do, shoot the cat?"

Nervous Musician: "No, madam, but couldn't you have him tuned?"

TWO LITTLE BLONDES



These two attractive youngsters are Duane, age 4, and Sharon, age 2, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudley, who celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on November 30. Wallace is employed in Dept. 8, and the mother was formerly Clara Dash of the Core Department. An uncle, Herman Dash, is a member of the Los Angeles organization since his transfer there from Decatur a year ago.

LOYLE'S ILL LUCK

If you hear Loyle Davis chanting something that sounds like "Bring back, O bring back," you can be assured he is not singing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, O bring back my bonnie to me." It's his shoe that he wants. Some so and so (Loyle's pet name for the person) took his right shoe at the Bowling Alley last week, leaving instead a right shoe about two sizes smaller and very much more worn. Loyle can't wear the small shoe and he doesn't see how the person with his good right shoe can be comfortable in a shoe two sizes too large. But Loyle says since the one left shoe which he has left is doing him no good, he might make a special bargain for the right, although he much prefers that his own shoe be returned.

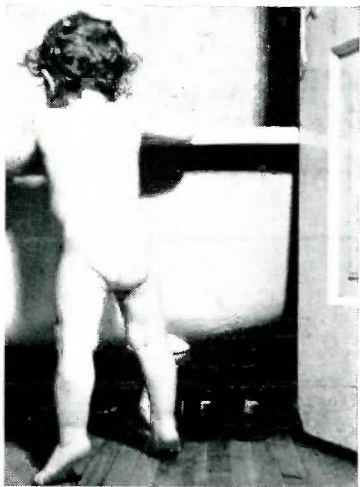
MAGICIANS

We have a magician among the girls who can cook and serve the meals in the cafeteria. The other day the bill board proclaimed "Breaded Pork Chops". When we reached the serving table they had been turned into baked ham—still pork but not breaded.

Disappearing Assets

"The Hinesville Bank will appreciate the return of its long handled broom, borrowed by some absent-minded friend."

READY FOR A PLUNGE



This cute youngster so busily engaged in critical examination is Martin David, the son of Ruth Betzer, Block and Kuhl, Peoria, Illinois, and a nephew of an adoring aunt, Helen Pope, who snapped the picture while on a visit to her sister recently. Cute isn't it?

CHATTANOOGA

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Massey announce the birth of a son on Saturday, November 11. They have named the baby Alfred Lee. Arch is an employee of our Chattanooga Machine Shop.

Don Andrews is teaching Joe Wall to play pinochle. Joe says that losing the game is not so bad—but he definitely does not like to help Mrs. Andrews wash dishes after the game.

Franklin Holland is in the market for a new steel tape. Eh, Junior?

Question: Why is Ralph Schmitt buying so much candy recently?

Eugene Morton says he is just a crystalized sap — but maybe "Rosebud" is jealous.

FLASH! — Here is one on Richard Spriggs, clerk of the machine shop. Spriggs takes his girl friend a box of candy. "Ferdinand" Puffer, also an employee of the machine shop, happens to live near Spriggs' girl friend—so he happens to call on her. Imagine Spriggs' disgust when "Ferdinand" commented on the quality of the candy he was buying.

Marion Eckman is spending his vacation (the week of November 20th) with his relatives in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cooper announce the

LEGION DINED AT CAFETERIA

Eating, Speaking and a Social Time the Features

The American Legion, Castle Williams Post, gave an Army Chow Deluxe, served in our cafeteria, Monday night, December 4. Between 250 and 300 Legionnaires, wives and special guests attended and enjoyed the feast and other features.

Among the guests were Major L. N. Bittinger, Illinois Department Commander, Wm. Mundt, States Adjutant, Verne Gray, Assistant to the State Adjutant.

Other guests, Mayor Charles E. Lee, city commissioners, Circuit Judge C. Y. Miller, County Judge Martin E. Morthland, Brigadier General Conway of the Salvation Army and Adolph Mueller.

Following the dinner which was prepared army style and of which army stew was the principal dish, there was community singing led by Freeman Wilmeth and others.

Adolph Mueller delivered the address of welcome, and among other things warned that communism was rampant in this country. He urged that all factories adopt the Mueller policy and employ only American citizens or those who have declared intentions of becoming American citizens by taking out their first papers.

Major Bittinger said the Legion's policy was approval of spending millions or billions of dollars for defense, but not one cent for sending American boys to Europe "to pull other countries' chestnuts out of the fire".

He said the best way to convince Americans that they should take no part in the European conflict was to visit the hospitals in Illinois and other states which are housing the maimed, crippled, and blinded persons who had seen service on the battle field of the World War. He urged Americans not to be apathetic and unmindful of the dangers of communism, that it really exists in this country and that it is the Legion's policy to keep up a continuous fight against communistic teachings.

The "Cafeteria Crew" outdid their usual good service. The dinner was served quickly, without any apparent bustle or excitement. When the trays were returned to the proper station they were properly disposed of silently and in a remarkable short time so that the company was not compelled to stand in line any great length. Many of the guests stood on the lines and commented favorably on the efficient manner in which the whole affair was handled.

birth of a daughter on November 21.

A friend that ain't in need is a friend indeed.

A patriotic Englishman was so carried away during the crisis that he enlisted simultaneously in the Army, Navy, and the Air Force.

SUMMARY For Year 1940	INCOME				EXPENSES									
	Wages	Sundry	Total	Old Age Tax	Savings	Insurance	Room & Board	Clothing	Recreation, Tools, etc.	Education	Gifts, Church, etc	Personal, Health, etc.	Baby Bonds	TOTAL
Jan.	87.00	2.00	89.00	.88	16.00	.60	32.00	4.50	5.00	3.00				
Feb.	80.00	5.00	85.00	.80	16.00	.60	27.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	.80	3.25	17.50	75.95
Mar.	87.00	3.00	90.00	.88	16.00	.60	32.00	.50	4.00	1.00	1.00	4.50		60.48
April	87.00	2.00	89.00	.88	16.00	.60	30.00	40.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	6.75	17.50	120.73
May	87.00	1.00	88.00	.88	16.00	.60	32.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	.50	5.25		69.23
June	87.00		87.00	.88	16.00	.60	32.00	2.50	8.50	2.00	1.00	6.00	17.50	86.98
July	87.00	4.00	91.00	.88	20.00	.60	30.00		2.00	5.00	1.00	2.25		61.73
Aug.	95.40	1.00	96.40	.95	25.00	25.00	30.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	4.50	17.50	112.55
Sept.	95.40	15.00	110.40	.95	25.00	.60	32.00	15.00	12.00	5.00	2.00	3.75		96.30
Oct.	95.40	2.00	97.40	.95	25.00	.60	32.00	10.00	3.00	1.00	.50	5.00	17.50	95.55
Nov.	95.40	15.00	110.40	.95	25.00	.60	32.00	2.00	4.00	2.50	1.00	7.25		75.30
Dec.	95.40	1.00	96.40	.95	25.00	.60	32.00	25.00	2.00	1.00	15.00	6.00	17.50	125.05
TOTAL	1079.00	51.00	1130.00	10.83	241.00	32.20	373.00	108.50	53.50	39.50	25.80	54.50	105.00	1041.83

FIG. 2

purpose and at a minimum expense. Such a memo book can be purchased in a 5 and 10c store, or any stationery store.

Fig. 1

The illustration will show clearly how the entries should be listed each day as the transactions occur. On the right hand side of the book enter all money received for wages, odd jobs, sale of articles, prizes received, etc.

On the left hand side, enter all expenses under such classifications as will best fit your requirements, bearing in mind that the more simple and condensed the classification can be kept the easier it will be to keep up. The greatest difficulty in keeping a record of one's personal income and expense transactions, is to develop and maintain the will and determination to keep it up.

At the end of each month a summary should be made and shown in the memo book as illustrated in Fig. 1. This is done by simply adding together all items of a like nature, coming under the classification required to fit your needs, which transpired during the month.

Each month should be started with new pages in the book, bringing forward the balance remaining over from the previous month. This balance should be shown in the Cash Received side of the book after you have verified the amount with the actual cash on hand. If you have kept an accurate record from day to day the balance at the end of the month will agree with the actual cash on hand.

At the end of the year you will have twelve monthly records similar to Fig. 1. The twelve months can then be summarized for the whole year as shown in Fig. 2 which will give you a complete picture of the result of your year's income and expense and will furnish a sound basis upon which to build a budget for planning your next year's activities.

Fig. 2

We have refrained from using mystifying accounting terms, such as Debit and Credit and Resources and Liabilities, etc., because we believe that for the average wage earner a simple record as here described will serve the purpose and can be kept even though one lacks the knowledge of fundamental accounting practices.

We believe, too, that if a record is faithfully kept for at least a full year, the financial condition of the individual keeping it will be greatly improved and interest in a more permanent record system aroused.

Perhaps in a future issue of the "Record" we will try to show you how a simple General Ledger can be set up and maintained for an individual accounting system.

If you are not now keeping an accurate record of your income and expenses, here is a chance for a New Year's Resolution, which will be profitable to you all through the future.

SYSTEMATIC SAVING

Employees in Three Plants Accumulated Over \$47,000 In 1939

Two-hundred and thirty employees of the Decatur plant saved \$34,199 from their wages the past year through the savings plan which the company has had in operation for several years. Five per cent interest is paid upon average balance of all accounts permitted to mature and the interest on this sum amounted to \$827.54. Checks will be issued on December 15, and new savings for the year 1940 have already been signed up for by about four-hundred employees.

This plan is an encouragement to the employees to practice thrift. The plan is built around the idea "Save a dollar first and live on what is left." Any employee may leave with the company any amount of his wages from \$1 to \$20 per pay period, but only in even dollars.

Savings may be withdrawn anytime before the expiration of a year, in which case interest will be paid at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum on the average balance to the time of withdrawal. All savings accounts mature November 30 of each year.

Employees at the Columbian Iron Works carried about sixty accounts with a savings of \$5,685 upon which \$130.32 interest was paid.

At Los Angeles there were sixty-six accounts, the saving of which came to \$7,733.00 and the interest amounted to \$184.08.

The total savings in all three plants came

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MRS. MASTERSON SLOGAN WINNER



The first event in our annual Christmas festivities was the selection of the winner in the Slogan Contest. Here's the slogan selected as the best from 107 submissions.

SEND US TODAY AN IMPROVED WAY

This was sent in by Mrs. Gladys Masterson of Standards Department, and is the only contest in which the winner has been selected. Winners of prizes in the Reduced Overhead, Safety, and Increased Production have not yet been selected. These will appear in the January Record of general circulation.

The number of submissions does not represent the number of participants in the contest. There was no limit on the number of suggestions by the various persons. The committee selecting the winning slogan did not know who made it, but the decision was unanimous. The task was unusually difficult this year because of the large number of suggestions as well as the high quality. In regard to the latter it may be said that much improvement was shown over previous years. The committee reached a decision through the process of elimination, first picking out those that did not seem to meet requirements and then carefully considering those of greater merit. Even then it was a difficult task because there were many that seemed acceptable.

The list is a long one, but we publish it in this issue because we feel it will be interesting to readers.

We suggest that readers of the Record pick out what they consider the best suggestion made and send their choice to the Editor of the Record. These votes will be tabulated. A contest of this character would be interesting. Here follows the suggestions made.

The committee was composed of Mr. Leo Wiant, Mr. J. A. Morrison, Mr. F. E. Taylor, Mr. W. T. Auer, Mr. Archie Sefton, Mr. M. K. Chaney, Mr. C. C. Roarick, Mr.

Howard Gragg, Mr. F. A. March.

The contest this year was satisfactory from every angle. It was especially pleasing to have the interest not only in the Decatur plant, but also in the Los Angeles and Sarnia plants, both of which are generously represented in the list of slogans submitted herewith.

1. Rush ahead and keep out of the red.
2. A good idea in each head will keep us out of the red.
3. In every way make each day pay.
4. Service first—Courtesy Always.
5. Suggestions small—Help make work for all.
6. Giving satisfaction keeps our factory in action.
7. Think and get off the brink.
8. A suggestive mind is a gold mine.
9. A tireless thinker is never a tinker.
10. Suggesting ways paves the way.
11. Little thoughts are not for naught.
12. Once well done is twice done.
13. Let's team up and go places.
14. Let's pull together and forge ahead.
15. He profits most who serves best.
16. Improvements pay, the suggestion way.
17. Suggest new ways, you'll find it pays.
18. Improvement wise, suggestionize.
19. Suggestions today, will tomorrow repay.
20. An idea worth while—start your work with a smile.
21. Give your ideas a trial, you may win by a mile.
22. Keep up with the rest, dig in and suggest.
23. The man that uses his mind will never fall behind.
24. Let your spare time be suggestion time.
25. Spare time is suggestion time.
26. Suggestion time is never wasted time.
27. Think hard and often the suggestion way.
28. Be worth your salt the suggestion way.
29. THINK!
30. Turn it in, it might be good.
31. One a year is better than none.
32. The alert mind is the suggestion kind.
33. You might know a better way.
34. You tell us the better way.
35. You turn it in, we'll be the judge.
36. Success square, suggestion-told — accepted-gold.
37. Some suggestions make good investments.
38. An idea like a flower, may bloom any hour.
39. Consistency reaps efficiency.
40. Live to learn and you learn to live.
41. Work hard and think ahead, be gay, don't be dead.
42. Don't be a lazy mate for you'll never make the rate.
43. A safety suggestion is an accident profection.

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44. Accident protection may be assured by your suggestion.
45. Your small suggestion may solve our question.
46. The idea you send brings a dividend.
47. Your suggestion may win, come on, cash in!
48. Why delay? Make your ideas pay!
49. Cast not aside your suggestions, till tried.
50. Your idea may lead to something great indeed.
51. Serious thought may gain a lot.
52. Your ideas may good dividends pay.
53. Send along your suggestion, it may win without question.
54. Thru suggestion ends, you collect dividends.
55. Send ideas in, who knows, you may win!
56. Mueller Co., Ensign
New Product Design.
57. An improved way suggested
Is a good thought invested.
58. Show us the way with an improved way.
59. Improvements pay, don't delay.
60. Send us today an improved way.
61. Your idea may be the one that the world is waiting for.
62. Ideas are dynamos. Put yours to work.
63. There is no progress without brain cells.
64. Like electricity, ideas are useless until put to work.
65. Make your ideas pay off.
66. Make your own brain cells pay;
Send in that Suggestion today.
67. Life gives the biggest prize
To him who always tries.
68. The cause! Suggestion
The Result—Progression.
69. If you possess the urge to improve,
The Company progresses through you.
70. Your idea for future improvement
Is the Company's progressive movement.
71. Be mentally alert
Strike "pay dirt."
72. Observe! Correct!
Deserve! Collect!
73. An alert mind new ideas will find.
74. If there's a better way, make your suggestion today.
75. A suggestion today improves our way.
76. Suggest today an improved way.
77. Suggestions with merit are to your credit.
78. Ideas revealed surpass those concealed.
79. It's better to sometimes miss the mark than to never shoot.
80. Capitalize—Don't minimize your ideas.
81. The quality of your thoughts bring success.
82. Remember to suggest if your ways seem the best.
83. Despise not any thought—It may be the one now sought.
84. Think and work for success
85. Use the best of your mind lest you lag behind.
86. A smile can be worthwhile.
87. Suggestions many—help plenty.
88. Courage encourages success.
89. Yea men of toil—Beware of spoil.
90. Builders wise use our supplies
91. Out sells because it excels.
92. Earn while you learn.
93. Skip the rest, try the best.
94. Progress will slow and stall
Without suggestions from us all.
95. No business can long endure
without suggestions, I am sure.
96. Use your wit and benefit.
97. Suggestions made are benefits paid.
98. Suggest a bit and benefit.
99. It's not what you do, it's how you do it.
100. By exercise of thought
Miracles can be wrought.
101. The best things enjoyed by mankind
Began as ideas in someone's mind.
102. Little ideas helped Edison and the rest
You can at least put yours to test.
103. What Mueller employees make,
Makes Mueller Employees.
104. A suggestion today, tomorrow may pay.
105. Ideas wise will materialize.
106. Suggestions today will tomorrow pay.
107. Keep your head up and your overhead down.

BIRTHS

YONKER—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yonker, a son, Anthony Carl, December 5. Mr. Yonker is employed in Dept. 8. This child, the fourth, has same birth date as Patty, the second child.

KIMBROUGH—Mr. and Mrs. Pat G. Kimbrough, Jr., a daughter, November 25, at Hartselle, Alabama. Mrs. Kimbrough was the former Dorothy Knauss, niece of Mrs. Adolph Mueller.

Hot Dogs!

Ted: "My feet burn like the dickens. Do you think a mustard bath would help?"

Ned: "Sure! There's nothing better than mustard for hot dogs."

Veteran

Mrs. Gossip: "So your daughter is about to marry. Do you really feel she is ready for the battle of life?"

Mrs. Chatter: "She should be. She's been in four engagements already."

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to \$47,617 upon which the interest paid was \$1,141.94.

A systematic plan of savings will prove of decided benefit to anyone, even though that savings be only one dollar each pay. Nowhere else can you receive five per cent upon a savings account—and a savings account is the first step toward stability and security of the future.

◆ ATHLETICS ◆

PING PONG

Women's Tournament

For the second consecutive year, Gladys Masterson is the ping pong champion of Mueller Co. She defeated her sister, Margaret Wilson, this year the same as she did last in the finals for the honor of being the best woman ping pong player throughout the office and factory.

This is how they were matched:

1st Round—Peabody and Cooper, Padrick and Wright.

2nd Round—Gates, Draper, Johnston, Masterson, Moore, Cranston, Wilson, Peabody, Zerfowski, Wright, Roarick, Hudson, Morrison.

3rd Round—Gates, Draper, Masterson, Moore, Wilson, Zerfowski, Roarick, Hudson.

4th Round—Draper, Masterson, Wilson, Hudson.

5th Round—Masterson, Wilson.

Champ—Masterson.

Men's Tournament

The men's tournament is now underway, and there will be some very good ping pong playing seen at the gym during this tournament. There are sixty entrees and many of the fellows have improved their game a lot since last year.

James Freeman is the defending champion, and he has a job on his hand to retain the crown this year. Popular choice for the championship seems to favor Freeman, Mills, Harris, Uhler, Chaney, or Duncan. It is difficult to make any prediction, however, as these boys are all good players.

INDOOR BASEBALL

As soon as the Ping Pong tournaments are over there will be a regular softball league playing games in the gym every afternoon after work. Seventy-five fellows have said they want to play indoor baseball this winter and we expect to have enough men for at least six good teams. There will be plenty of competition in this league.

BOYS' GYM CLASS

The boys' gym class for sons of Mueller employees from the ages of 10 to 16 are being held in the gym every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00. Every son of a Mueller employee is invited to attend these classes.

Basketball, baseball, and all sorts of games are played.

Last week the Mueller boys' basketball team played two local church teams and won both games.

BOWLING

The second round of the bowling season has just finished and the Finishers and the Machine Shop are tied for first place with 26 games won and 16 lost. The Specialty Division is still close behind in third place

with 23 won and 19 lost. Below is the standing and individual average of all bowlers:

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Finishers	42	26	16	.619
Machine Shop	42	26	16	.619
Specialty Div.	42	23	19	.548
Works Mgr. Office.	42	22	20	.524
Utility Engineers...	42	21	21	.500
Pattern Makers	42	17	25	.405
Plumbers	42	17	25	.405
Main Office	42	16	26	.381

Individual Averages

FINISHERS		UTILITY ENG.	
L. Adams	181	E. Blankenburg	178
A. Blankenburg	174	W. Doherty	164
A. Thompson	173	H. Mason	163
P. Ruthrauff	154	F. Tratzik	154
E. Krumsiek	154	W. Bowan	154
J. Fair	150	E. Fawley	132
MACHINE SHOP		PATTERN MKRS.	
A. Flaughner	181	G. Krag	178
E. Hartwig	178	J. Bain	173
L. Davis	155	C. Morenz	161
M. Brilley	151	A. Jendryn	150
W. Edwards	150	O. Fortschneider	144
W. Mueller	145	L. Skelley	129
SPECIALTY DIV.		PLUMBERS	
A. Grossman	165	M. Riewski	174
C. Hill	164	L. Kramer	154
F. March	159	E. Nalefski	154
M. Stratman	155	F. Kushmer	151
W. Frantz	143	R. Caudle	143
R. Uhler	120	D. Wilkins	136
WORKS MGR. OF.		MAIN OFFICE	
W. Behrns	186	C. Dodwell	181
L. Wiant	165	A. Werdes	171
H. Gragg	165	O. C. Keil	157
L. Masterson	155	F. Carroll	151
J. Enloe	153	O. C. Draper	139
O. Keller	141	F. Edmouson	135

Ten High Bowlers

Player and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
W. Behrns, Works Mgr.	36	186	235
A. Flaughner, Mach. Shop...	39	181	222
C. Dodwell, Main Office...	36	181	205
L. Adams, Finishers	40	181	224
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng. .	35	178	225
E. Hartwig, Machine Shop	42	178	233
A. Blankenburg, Finishers.	42	174	246
M. Riewski, Plumbers.....	36	174	235
J. Bain, Pattern Shop.....	39	173	243
A. Thompson, Finishers... .	42	173	234
G. Krag, Pattern Makers... .	39	178	234

Poor But Still Proud

"The way for you to straighten out your financial difficulties is to try to live within your means from now on."

"Within our means? Certainly not! We may be poor, but we're not so badly off as all that."

—Life.

A REAL ADVERTISING MEDIUM

We are in receipt of the following letter:

"Please discontinue the ad in the Record concerning the secondhand sewing machine. It has been sold. Thank you!

Sincerely,
I. M. Raebel"

This advertisement appeared in the October and November issues of the Record. We call attention to the effectiveness of the Record as a medium of making a sale, buying or trading articles which our readers possess. The success of this Record feature is very gratifying and all members of the organization and their families are cordially invited to use it. The service is free to you.

Here is more evidence of results of advertising in the Record. Roy Pease offered a pair of roller skates for sale. We have a note from Roy reading: "Stop ad. Roller Skates sold. Thanks." Just remember this if you have something to sell or trade or want to buy anything send your advertisement to us. No one knows that you have anything to sell, or that you want to buy or trade anything. You've got to let them know. The place and way to do this is Mueller Record.

Incorrigibly Good

Mother: "I don't like the looks of that little boy you were playing with on the street today. You mustn't play with bad little boys you know."

Son: "Oh, but he isn't a bad little boy, mamma. He's a good little boy. He's been to the reformatory school twice and they've let him out each time on account of good behavior."

Latest Optimist

An optimist is one who falls from the top floor of a twenty-story building and at each story shouts, "All right so far!"

EVERY BODY SATISFIED

First Woman—Wonder what those women are so happy about?

Second Woman—Why, don't you know? The lady on the left is the wife of the man we just elected state commander.

First Woman—Well, but why does the other woman look so happy?

Second Woman—It was her husband that just got defeated.

Ah! Christmas Almost Here

"Dad, we learnt at school today that the animals have a new fur every winter."

"Be quiet. Your mother is in the next room."

Accommodating

Housewife: "If I give you a dime, will you spend it on drink?"

Tramp: "Well, if you insist."

ON A KENTUCKY CHARGER



Monroe Tate returned recently from a visit to his parents in Kentucky. He was a member of Dept 8 but about a year ago took sick leave. As you may see he is fond of good horse flesh and happens to be astride a blooded animal. Monroe came back much improved in health.

OUR BOOKING AGENT INJURED

Grover La Rose, whose booking agency supplies attractions for the vaudeville entertainments in the gymnasium was not present at the last show on December 7th. He recently was in an automobile accident in St. Louis and suffered severe injuries. One of his legs was fractured in two places. He has made many friends in this organization by his interest in getting us good talent, and he generally comes up for every show.

The performance last Thursday evening was of high order. The show was a good and thoroughly enjoyed by one of the largest crowds since these amusements were introduced.

Time to Leave

A young woman who has recently taken charge of a kindergarten, says the New York Sun, entered a trolley car the other day, and as she took her seat, smiled pleasantly at a gentleman sitting opposite. He raised his hat, but it was evident that he did know her.

Realizing her error, she said, in tones audible throughout the car:

"Oh, please excuse me! I mistook you for the father of two of my children!"

She left the car at the next corner.

Voter—Have you brought many people to your way of thinking?

Politician—No. Public opinion is something like a mule I owned when I was a boy. In order to keep up the appearance of being the driver I had to watch the way he was going and follow on behind.

LOS ANGELES

Meet Mr. and Mrs. Charles Musmucci. Chuck and Billie Mae Forshner were married, September 23, in Hollywood, but we



are just now getting their picture. Really believe it was worth waiting for.

Both are employees of the company and are working where they can see each other constantly.

Chuck and Billie own their own home at 435 Emmerson Place in Garvey and every one who enters will find the "Welcome" very much in evidence.

Lloyd Baker, son of "Pop" Baker, was married December 3, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride was the former Helen Rosecrans. Mr. and Mrs. F. Steffen accompanied them. Both are well known in the Mueller organization, Lloyd having worked in our foundry at one time.

Joe Morgan has a new name now. It's J. P. Morgan, due to his new 1937 Packard. Sure it is a nice car.

Lloyd Logsdon and W. E. Mueller spent a few days at the factory.

Anne Ralph spent a quiet week end vacation at home resting.

Joe Baxendale is having a hard time getting his evening meal in good shape. Due to the irregular hours Joe says he either has a bloody sacrifice or a burnt offering for dinner. For Joe's sake we hope he finally gets the hours straight.

Our November 15 meeting proved again the able manner in which Mr. Everett can deliver a speech. His descriptive manner

in telling of conditions in this country and Canada were highly interesting. Present and future conditions were also touched upon as was our future business in South America. In closing he drove home the fact that we as Americans in America, are the most fortunate people in the world. May we always remain that way.

Robert Newell, Machine Shops, was married to Beverly Shook in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 29, by a J. P. Bob left work at noon with very few knowing where he was going. His wire to E. Reedy explained everything though.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dobbins are the proud parents of a big boy, born on November 27.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Evelyn Berg at the home of Mrs. Oliver.

Miss Berg was married to Charles Blakeslee in Yuma, Arizona, on November 11th, 1939.

Games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. LeRoy.

The new bride received many lovely gifts.

The new Mrs. Blakeslee is an employee of our Core Room.

Bowling League Standings

Team	Team Standing			
	W.	L.	H.G.	H.S.
Machiners	13	8	813	2317
Engineers	12	9	874	2418
Founders	12	9	839	2268
Assemblers	11	10	812	2394
Polishers	8	13	783	2332
Color Buffers	7	14	673	1955

Individual Averages

MACHINERS		ASSEMBLERS	
W. Young	155	Musmacci	160
M. Porter	159	J. Snook	136
Masoni	141	Briock	103
Lingard	154	Baxendale	145
L. Wyant	148	Hatfield	152
W. Jacobs	130	Simpson	125
ENGINEERS		POLISHERS	
G. Blize	153	E. Bright	155
F. Read	140	R. Harper	136
R. Jolly	143	Liebherr	147
K. Potts	156	R. Baker	122
E. Reedy	163	Higbee	144
L. Gamas	134	C. Portee	136
FOUNDERS		COL. BUFFERS	
Overley	143	D. Daughtery	95
J. Wolf	135	G. Davis	90
Fantuzzi	119	E. Miller	91
Oldham	137	F. Berg	105
Oglesby	162	D. Warren	122
R. Thomas	136	D. Gribble	117

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Big Ten				
Name and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.	H.S.
E. Reedy, Engineers...	21	163	196	550
Oglesby, Founders...	18	162	221	567
Musmacci, Asmlbrs...	21	160	203	560
M. Porter, Machiners...	14	159	214	560
K. Potts, Engineers...	21	156	209	504
W. Young, Machiners...	21	155	190	528
E. Bright, Polishers...	17	155	209	545
J. Lingard, Machiners...	21	154	186	505
G. Blize, Engineers...	20	153	188	507
Hatfield, Assemblers...	21	152	182	506
E. Wynne, Founders...	12	152	184	485

BRASS CHIPS

Elizabeth Morrison, Core Department, had a nice surprise on Saturday night, November 25, when she found she was holding the lucky ticket for the prize at the Lincoln Theater. She received \$150—not hard to take.

Evelyn Pope, formerly of the Core Department and sister of Verna Padrick, now in the Core Department, and daughter of William Padrick, Dept. 300, suffered a broken hip and pelvis bone when the automobile in which she was riding struck the rear end of a freight train. The accident occurred on November 30.

SUGGESTION AWARDS

The annual suggestion awards will be made at a meeting to be held in the gym on Thursday, December 14, following the quitting time whistle at 4 o'clock. This will be followed by the distribution of hams and bacon. Be sure and attend so you can "bring home the bacon."

Merry Christmas to all of the Mueller Organization.

Nonsense

Removing his shoes, the husband climbed the stairs opened the door of the room, entered, and closed it after him without being detected.

Just as he was about to get into bed, his wife, half aroused from slumber, turned and sleepily said, "Is that you Fido?"

The husband, relating the rest of the story, said: "For once in my life I had real presence of mind. I licked her hand."

Impossible

Photographer: "Can't you look a little more cheerful?"

Henry Henpeck: "Not for this picture, I am to send it to my wife who is away on a visit and if I look too cheerful, she'll take the first train home."

WEDDINGS



Bixler-Roarick

Marjorie Bixler of the Order Department and Everett Roarick were married November 24 in St. Johannes Lutheran church by Rev. E. C. Wegehaupt. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bixler, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Roarick.

The bride wore a dark blue suit with wine accessories and carried a large bouquet of white narcissus, pink rose buds, and sweet-peas. Her sister, Berenice Bixler, and Jack Buckley were the only attendants.

Mr. Roarick is employed at the Hooker Glass & Paint Co. They are living in their newly furnished home at 37 Fairview Place.

FOREMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Leo Wiant, president of the Foreman's Club, has issued the following notice:

The December meeting of the Mueller Foreman's Club will be held at the Lodge, Wednesday evening, December 13.

Roll call will be promptly at 7:00 P. M. We have a very interesting program lined up.

Leo Wiant, President.

EAST ON BUSINESS

Adolph and W. E. Mueller went to New York Tuesday, December 5, to attend a meeting of the Eastern salesmen and to give attention to other business matters. Carl Draper also went east on a business trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

This Month's Special

In one of the government's Western reservations the leading Indian Chief had taken a tourist under his personal guidance and was showing him around.

"There's Standing Bull over there," he said.
 "What a funny name!" gurgled the traveller.
 "And Laughing Waters."
 "I'll die!"
 "And Loping Wolf."
 "Ho, ho! Stop! You're killing me!"
 "And this is my wife. Sally, I want you to meet Mr.—Mr.—"
 "Yanisheffski."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Foltz Puppet Shows adaptable for any gathering. Prices reasonable. Special rates to churches. Inquire at 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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

For Sale: Collapsible baby buggy in good condition. \$3. Call at 1326 N. Church or see Willard Foltz, Dept. 36.

FOR SALE—Interspring Mattress for use in Mueller baby cribs. In excellent condition. 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

For Sale: One pair boys size six hi-top shoes in excellent condition at a real bargain. Harold Munsterman, Pattern Shop, or 669 W. Leafland.

For Sale—Pears—25c and 50c a bushel. Claude Stacey, 1042 N. Union Street, Phone 9115.

For Sale: Piano in good condition, vanity dresser. Reasonable. 1509 E. Division.

FOR SALE—Rolled Rim Porcelain Kitchen Sink. Also, Force Pump for well. H. A. Wacaser. Telephone 2-2586.

FOR SALE—Six Tube Belmont Auto Radio. side cowl antenna, \$15. Radio just tuned. First class condition. L. E. Grosboll, 1209 N. Church, Telephone 2-6583.

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

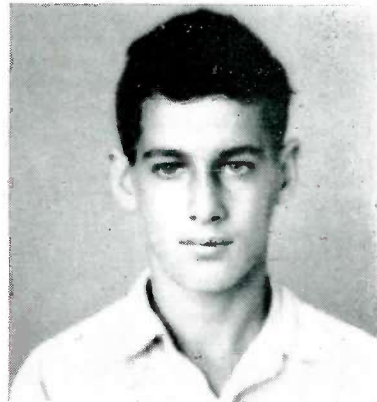
Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

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

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

For Sale: Three room house, lights, gas, water. Inquire 1509 E. Division.

GOOD STUDENT



George Richard Lebo, son of George I. Lebo, office janitor. George, Jr. is in his second year in the Junior High and has a splendid record in all grades. He has been on the honor roll all through. Mr. Lebo, Sr. has two sons employed here, Dwayne in the Polishing Department, and Robert in the Plumbing Division. George, Sr. has been with our organization for fourteen years.

It's Human Nature

"I have a book you ought to read my dear. Shall I lend it to you?"

"Heavens no, darling, I can't even find time to read all the books I ought not to read."

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale—Two good well pumps; 1 typewriter, Underwood, in A-1 condition. Clinton Wright, 504 E. Division St., Clock No. 1114.

For Sale: Used Singer Treadle Machine. In A-1 mechanical condition, drop head style, round shuttle bobbin. \$22.50. Phone 2-6540.

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

FOR SALE—Young Canaries (good singers). Mrs. Roy B. Pease, R. R. 3.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy: Pair roller skates, size 5. Also, would like to trade one pair size 2 for one pair size 1. Troy Rousi, Billing Dept.