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ONE MAN ONE DAY

Absenteeism may seem of little importance to the individual. He may think and feel that one day off for him does not mean anything to the day's output. Putting it in a little broader fashion the man who feels that way about his job is classifying himself with the unessential group. It is true that no one man is so important that industry cannot go along without him, but reasoning that "just one man one day" means nothing is based on the wrong premise. It is not the one man reaching this conclusion that counts but is the thousands of his kind taken as a whole throughout the country who throw the monkey wrench into the machine. It is estimated that the elimination of these one day absentees throughout the country would mean an addition of several million more workers to push forward on war material each day. No worker can afford to lay off now for even a day when industry is calling for an addition of five million men.

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HONOR HELEN ABSHIRE

The girls of the office entertained the evening of December 10 at Mueller club, Monroe street, in honor of Helen Abshire, the former Helen Jarzembki. Helen, who has been in the Cost and Employment departments, was married in St. Charles, Missouri, on November 21 to Don Abshire. They are at home at 1424 N. College St.

The Christmas motif was used in party decorations. The bride's gifts, of which there were many, were placed around a lighted Christmas tree. Candles and nut cups of Christmas red were used at the tables, with white place doilies.

Swedish bunco was played during the evening, with prizes going to Delores Virden, first; and Margaret Wilson, consolation.

Refreshments in keeping with the holiday season were served by the hostesses, Dorothy Cooper, Enola Smith and Aline Moore.

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DON'T FORGET

-- BONDS - STAMPS

SUGGESTION AWARDS

Frank W. Dannewitz Heads Long List With Nine to His Credit

During the year from November 1, 1941, to November 1, 1942, employees submitted 315 suggestions. Of this number 104 suggestions were adopted. As is generally known a prize of \$5 is given for each suggestion accepted. The three high men during the past year were

Frank W. Dannewitz.....9 suggestions
Charles W. Murray.....7 suggestions
Stanley Ashby4 suggestions

Among the women Dorothy O'Byrne was high with three suggestions. The complete list of winners follows:

One suggestion: James Ridgeway, Charles E. Kush, Nellie Fishburn, Richard Dannewitz, T. B. O'Dell, R. Fleckenstein, Marshall Foster, W. Sexson, Richard Brett, C. H. Tilton, A. E. Lindamood, Gladys Lloyd, Clarence P. Albert, E. W. Connors, Van Walters, Milo Wright, Cecil Short, Ethel Turley, Albert May, Curtis Bauer, M. L. Cunningham, Gladys Behen, Marion Fonner, Mildred Johnson, Roy Pease, Dale Riedelberger, George Turner, Wm. T. O'Dell, Verne Bridgman and Alva Moats, Maynard Buckta, Floyd E. Walton, Ray Roarick, Dorothy Stratman, Glenn H. Miller, S. R. Gepford, Chas. Grissom, Karl Brimm, Elvis Musgraves and Everett Pippin. Total of single prize winners—41.

Two suggestions: Robert W. Lusk, A. Blankenburg, Albert May, C. D. Kellar, John J. Smith, Cecil E. Smith, Frank Shade, Thomas A. Mudd, Matt Like, Ruth Campbell, Don Amman, Grace O'Byrne.

Three suggestions: Hal'don Hasson, Dorothy O'Byrne, George Wade, Isaac L. Gowen, C. W. Mansfield, H. A. Demster.

Four suggestions: Stanley Ashby.

Seven suggestions: Charles W. Murray.

Nine suggestions: Frank W. Dannewitz.

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AFTER YOU BUY THEM

Buy Christmas Gifts

HOME NURSING CLASS

Wives of Mueller Employees to Form an Organization

An opportunity to assist further in the national war effort and at the same time obtain valuable information for use in the home will be given wives of Mueller employees in a class in home nursing to be offered early in the new year.

The class will meet for the first time at 1:30 on the afternoon of January 6. Sessions will be held in the Red Cross offices on South Park street and will last from 1:30 to 3:30, with 24 hours of class room instructions being given in all. The classes will be conducted by a registered nurse.

There will be no expense incident to the class. The company will purchase a sufficient number of the home nursing manuals to be used by the class and furnish them to the members of the group.

Those wives of employees who are interested in enrolling should get in touch with Mrs. O. C. Draper, telephone 6975.

Should Not Be Confused

This course being offered for the benefit for Mueller Co. employees' wives is not to be confused with other classes or work under the auspices of the Red Cross such as Nurses' Aide or surgical dressing activity. The home nursing classes as described in the above will meet for two hours each week for twelve weeks, 24 hours in all. The 24 hours will complete the course, and members of the class are not called upon to sign up for volunteer service. Mrs. Draper will be glad to answer any questions as to the set-up of the course.

CALLING GEORGE WHITE

We've got the low-down on George White. When he "lays down," that is when he retires for peaceful slumber—not when he lays down four aces to a Royal flush, he opens up



his nasal relief valves and does he snore and sleep. The rest of the bunch at the Okaw neither sleep nor snore. They put in the night muttering imprecations, and threatening dire punishment, but it does no good—George snores on or continues sleeping out

loud, as some wise man has described it, or, in another way, the man who paraphrased, "Laugh and the world laughs with you" to read, "Snore and you sleep alone," but perhaps not at the Okaw where sleeping is something of a community affair, all in one room. Extended research has been made for a comparative noisy disturbance, but there is nothing known to equal George when going full speed asleep.

The medical society advises us that from studies it has been discovered that the average snore creates as much noise as a busy office or ten tanks loosening up to go into action. Even this is an unsatisfactory comparison because George is far and above the average.

The only hope held out by the Medicos is in this sentence: "If there is a snorer in the family, he should be examined by the family doctor."

We are trying to locate George's family doctor.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations on Shoes and Ships and You and Me, But Mostly You)

Another holiday season, but it's Christmas this time with a difference. For the boys—and girls—in service and for the children it should be as merry and gay as possible. For the rest of us a day with loved ones and a quiet hour to be thankful for all the wonderful things that this old universe still offers us are sufficient—perhaps more than we have a right to expect, more, certainly, than we deserve.

The weatherman, cooperating soul that he is, has done his best to put us in a holiday mood. Snow and plenty of it, zero temperatures. Looks as though the reindeer, whom the gas rationing will apparently not affect, might have good weather for their Christmas Eve journey.

And speaking of gas rationing—and who isn't—we hear that Jack Rubicam is walking these days. Now mind you, we have not seen that with our own eyes, but we are so informed by reliable witnesses. These are extreme times, you know.

More wedding bells. This time for Helen Jarzembksi and Don Abshire. Helen's desk in the Cost Dept. was done up in traditional style when she came in to work. The principal features of the welcome-to-the-bride decorations were a multi-colored "Just Married" sign by sign-painter Jackson and a truly artistic arrangement of a heart pierced by an arrow executed from Cost Dept. confetti by—guess who—Carl Dodwell. We'd never suspected Carl before of such talents.

Carl, of course, has left us for Uncle Sam.

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NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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He went to Peoria on the 10th. Here's luck, Carl. And hurry back.

Dorothy Cooper and Opal Jackson have reached the first milestone of their training as Red Cross Nurses' Aides in Decatur and Macon County Hospital. They have "graduated" from their class room instruction to supervised duty in the hospital—and the white-blouse-blue pinafore uniform. Evenings are devoted to this particular job.

Everywhere you turn people are packing boxes for boys in the army and navy—and they are nice boxes, too. The office took up a collection for its boys in service, and individuals have shopped for the various boys, packed the boxes and sent them off. The gift that went to "Sacky" Sackriter was mailed early and has been received and acknowledged. Good work, say we. Other departments are remembering their service men. And the company has sent to each boy in service quite a nice Christmas package of candy, nuts, raisins, crackers, home-made cookies and such delicacies. An orchid to the company, we say again.

Mabel Gates spent the week-end of November 22 visiting with friends in Chicago and, "doing" the big stores on State Street.

Margaret Wilson was also a Chicago visitor recently, spending her vacation there the middle of November.

Holiday Wish: That 1943 will see the world a happier place for all of us.

NIENA IS POPULAR

Mrs. Charles Cochran Honored at Many Local Events

Mrs. Charles E. Cochran, the former Niena Greening, was honored at a shower



Niena Cuts the Cake

given her by some fifty women of the office

on November 13 in Mueller Athletic Club at Mueller Heights. Niena was given a shower of miscellaneous gifts, which included beautiful linens, pieces of her silver pattern, crystal, and so on. There was a veritable shower of gifts, all beautiful and very useful.

The guests played hearts during the evening, and prizes were won by Mary Ruth Oliver, first; Mabel Gates, second; Mabel Morrison, consolation.

Chicken salad, hot rolls, olives, pickles and coffee were served by the hostesses. The guests were seated at a long table on the club house porch, the table attractively decorated with white candles in crystal candelabra, garlands of smilax, with a large white and silver wedding cake, baked by the Mueller cafeteria, forming the centerpiece. And the bride, of course, cut the wedding cake.

Hostesses were Estelle Stille, Addie Hambleton, Lucile Smith, Opal Rhodes, Edna Johnston and Opal Jackson.

Niena has been well entertained since she came back from her Florida honeymoon, as several groups have entertained for her. Xi Zeta chapter of Beta Gamma Phi entertained for her November 14 at the home of Virginia May. Three days later her bridge club gave her a banquet at Decatur Club. Later, a group from Central Christian Church had an evening party for her, and all these parties, Niena says, were extra special.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Etha Norman

Mrs. Etha Norman, 73, mother of Mrs. Lois Harper, died November 29 in her home on North College street. She had been a Decatur resident for 22 years.

Mrs. Norman was born in Kentucky and was married first to James B. Whiteside who died in 1922. In 1925 she was married to Charles Norman. She was a member of the Westside Nazarene church.

She is survived by her husband, by two daughters, Mrs. Harper; Mrs. Delores C. Wilk, Chicago; one son, Homer C. Whiteside, Decatur; three step-daughters; one step-son; three sisters; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Dawson & Wikoff funeral home and the Eddyville church, with burial in the Eddyville cemetery.

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WEDDINGS

Hazen-Trimmer

Miss Evelyn Hazen became the bride of Merle Trimmer September 6 in St. Charles, Missouri. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Barding of Shelbyville.

The bride was dressed in beige with antique brown accessories. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hazen of Shelby-

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vile, while Merle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Trimmer of route 6.

The couple is at home at 412 West Eldorado Street.

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Goin-Moore

Eva Marie Goin of Plant 3 and Oscar W. Moore were married November 10 in St. Louis, Missouri. They are at home at 1323 N. Main St.

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Bell-Bradley

Miss Mildred June Bell became the bride of William H. Bradley of Plant 3 November 11 in Decatur. They are residing at 905 E. Main St.

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Williams-Oakleaf

Miss Violet Williams and E. O. Oakleaf of Plant 3 were united in marriage on November 15 by the Rev. H. A. Swecker of Decatur.

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BIRTHS

Hazel Allen, Irene Otis and Delores Virden are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a new niece, a little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shyer now of Florissant, Missouri, formerly of Decatur. The mother is the former Alma Virden and was for some time employed in the Main Office. The baby has been named Judith Kay. Congratulations to the parents and to the aunts.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridgeway November 19, a daughter, Nancy Joan, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Borders November 20, a daughter, Carol Ann, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. August Dworak November 24, a daughter, Sharon Ann, in St. Mary's Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. O. Howard Smith December 1, a son, Eric Linden, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pruitt December 9, a son, in St. Mary's Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Moyer, a son, in St. Mary's Hospital.

BORN: To Pvt. Ernest K. Mounts, U.S.A., and Mrs. Mounts, a daughter, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. John H. Drake, a son, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Kramer, a daughter, in St. Mary's Hospital.

CHATTANOOGA

We want to congratulate the second shift of our Machine Shop, who were the first to go 100% for two days pay in 1942 in the recent War Fund Drive in our Plant.

Marshall Haney of Department 60 is flirting with Cupid. We hear it might be around Christmas.

Larry Adams has returned from a trip to Schenectady, New York.

Jim Stone, Lige Veal, and John Letson are going good for new men on the Machine Shop's second shift.

Willard Riddle can give us the low-down on baseball World Series, 'tis said.

Earl Higdon of Department 60 has agricultural crops cornered. It is also rumored that Earl has much fresh pork meat at home these days. Lucky fellow, with all meat rationing, and such—

Roy Denton is about to enlist in the Army.

Ronald Rogers is beginning to look the part—old married man! Congratulations, Ronald!

Fred Brown has quit his nervous jitterbug about his machine, and has settled down.

FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WE HEAR THAT:

"Big John Henry" Pursley, former big time baseball player, horse-swapper, mule trader, and cattle-buyer is now working on the first shift swapping yarns with Bert Carter, of Department 60.

"Bill" Johnson is back with us after being absent from work several months due to illness. "Bill" is now working in our Maintenance Department.

Oscar Hubble of our Tool Making Department is getting ahead since J. E. Johnson became one of his tool makers.

We are sorry to report James McClure off sick and hope he will be back soon.

"THE FOUL LINE"

Below we are giving the standing of the Mueller mens' bowling league by team and individual players. This is about the end of the first half of the season, being the scores at the start of the game of December 10.

It can be said that each and every game bowled is thoroughly enjoyed in spite of the fact that most of us at times get rather disgusted with the outcome of our individual efforts. Then again, we sometimes hear

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CHATTANOOGA

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such compliments as Wes Coons telling about the over-abundance of gutters.

At this writing the girls' team scores and standing are not available but at some later issue we hope to send you a picture of the girls' team. Really you would appreciate the picture as well as their good scores and standing.

MUELLER CO. BOWLING LEAGUE
1942-43

TEAM	Won	Lost	Pct.	Total Pins	Team High Game	Team High 3 Games
STANDING						
1. Sales	24	12	.666	24772	790	2194
2. Maintenance	22	14	.611	23258	740	2166
3. Shell Shop	18	18	.500	20376	741	2188
4. Machine Shop						
No. 1	18	18	.500	22044	789	2268
5. Machine Shop						
No. 2	14	22	.388	18690	736	2104
6. Foundry	12	24	.333	18627	721	2098
Team High Game—Sales						790
Team High 3 Games—Machine Shop 1						2268
Individual High Game—Rogers						224
Individual High 3 Games—Coffin						517

OFFICE CHANGES

In the Office these days there have been changes, as there are everywhere in this fast-changing world. Carl Dodwell is becoming one of Uncle Sam's boys, having been inducted December 10. Mary Ruth Oliver of the Billing Dept. left December 19 to join her soldier husband in California. Olivia Pando of the Credit Dept. left on the 17th for another position. Morris Tucker left his desk in the Cost Dept., where he was Mr. Keil's stenographer, to work for the B. and O. Railroad Company.

Newcomers in the office include Alice Matherly in the Credit Dept., Ruby Dodwell in O. C. Draper's office, Evelyn Mac Thompson in the Cost Dept., Erma Dipper comptometer operator in the Cost Dept., Mildred Drum in the Credit Dept.

LIKE TWO EDGED SWORD

Advertising works both ways. It benefits the buyer and also the seller, and everybody is happy and satisfied. Here is an example. Last month Frank Edmonson advertised for a girl's bicycle age 8 to 10. He got it in a hurry from Ted Pope who is a guard on Mercer street, and devotes his spare time to rebuilding bicycles. The Records value as a medium of sales or exchange has been increased many times by reason of the fact that the force is much larger. Therefore now is the time to advertise. The Record Bargain Column was designed and is maintained for your benefit. Do you use it? If not why not? It is yours to take advantage of. Why not do so. It does not cost you a penny. We will go farther than the mere use of it. If furnished the facts will write the advertisement for you. Composing a Bargain Column advertisement is not a difficult problem but there are those who are timid about writing any thing that they know is going to appear in print.

SARNIA

BIRTHS

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. James Knowles, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald, a son, Robert James.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Duncan, a son, Robert Charles Joseph.
Congratulations folks.

Don Harkins of Dept. 8 left recently for Edmonton to become a member of the R.C.A.F. Don's joining up makes the third Harkins boy in the active Forces. The following is a copy of Don's notice of departure submitted to Mueller, Limited—

"Dear Sirs:—

Owing to the present trouble state of our Country and the quarrelsome attitude of Adolph Hitler, I have decided to accept a position with the Government.

Hoping my departure will not inconvenience Mueller, Limited, I am,

Yours truly,

Don Harkins.

On November 26, Mueller, Limited, held a dance at Bayview Park under the direction of Herb Jackson. A real friendly evening was spent in modern and old time dancing. Gordon Stuart from Dept. 6 called for all the square dances and did a swell job of it too, although some of us insisted on going the wrong way. Jack Agar from Dept. 9 played the fiddle and it was plenty lively.

The feature spot dance was won by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hodges and the prize waltz by Mr. Aitchison from the Bond Room. No folks—Mr. Aitchison wasn't waltzing alone but your reporter did not get his lady friend's name. We also had the pleasure of having Mr. Jean DeShon of Chicago with us for this party and we sincerely hope he enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed having him.

Don Foreman of Dept. 8 recently enjoyed a week's vacation deer hunting in the Bruce Peninsula. Don didn't have much luck shooting this year but the rest of his party did so Don is enjoying the venison anyway.

Milt Schroder took the wind out of Scottie Milne's sails recently with the following remark: "If you were half as smart as you think I am dumb this situation would never have happened."

Miss Erie Parsons, our representative in the recent Miss Victory Contest, has taken over Steldon Whiting's duties as night time-keeper.

Mrs. Vivian Miller has returned to work in the core room following a long and serious illness.

Bob Gilbert has also resumed his duties in Dept. 14 after recuperating from his recent operation.

We are glad to have you back folks.

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Mueller Boys At The Front

GERALD TAYLOR



Gerald Taylor

formerly a resident of Niantic.

Gerald Taylor after two years in our organization, was inducted November 9th at Peoria and left November 23rd for Scott Field. With no idea of what branch of the service he would be assigned. He first worked in the Brass Foundry and was later transferred to Plant 3 where he operated a turret lathe. He is married. Mrs. Taylor is employed in the Traffic Dept. Gerald is 22 years of age and was

ROBERT LEAKE

Robert Leake was an inspector at Plant 3. Now is a soldier in the U. S. Army. He had never worked in the main plant. He was inducted November 5, age 20 and unmarried. He left Nov. 20 for Scott Field. Robert was drafted and expects to be in the air corps if he passes the tests. The fact that he is troubled with stomach ulcers may keep him out of the service, but he does not expect anything of this kind to interfere. Should this keep him out of the air he hopes to be accepted for the Army. He left Nov. 20th for Scott Field.



Robert Leake

KENNETH WHEELER



Kenneth Wheeler

Kenneth Wheeler has been at Plant 3 for the past 5 months. Prior to that he was in the Galvanizing department at Plant 2. He left Decatur for Los Angeles Nov. 26 and will take a position in the Machine Shop of Pacific Coast Factory.

He is making this change because of his wife's health and is hopeful that the west coast climate will prove beneficial to Mrs. Wheeler.

With his wife and son, age 7 years, he drove to the coast expecting

to be there in 6 or 7 days. The route was by Springfield, and over Route 66 to St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then straight west to Los Angeles.

HAROLD T. SMITH

Before this time Harold T. Smith is in some army training camp. He had been a member of this organization for 4 years. For the past five months he has been attached to Plant 3. He is a resident of Decatur and married but has no children and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Smith. His induction in the army occurred on Nov. 3rd and he left for Scott Field on the 27th which was the day after Thanksgiving, a date which Harold will always remember.



Harold T. Smith

MONKOTA KARNES



Monkota Karnes

An army uniform on Monkota Karnes will not make a better looking private than our fine blue uniforms makes a good looking guard. Of course there will be a difference in calibre.

Monkota came from Hillsboro two years ago, became a Mueller employee, which he has been ever since except for a two months lay-off. He began work on October 1, 1940, in the Brass foundry. After the brief lay-off mentioned he was recalled as guard at the Munition plant and was next sent to Plant 3. Monkota is 28 years old, married and has a son 11 months old. He was inducted at Peoria Dec. 10th and leaves on the 19th for Scott Field with no idea of what branch he will be in. He has a brother at Plant 3 working on a rod machine, who is eligible to draft and will probably be called. When we talked to Monkota we wondered at his peculiar given name. He answered with a smile that it was a combination of Montana and Dakota.

THIRD SON ENLISTS



Dale Wacaser

Herschel Wacaser, one of the guards at the Club House now has three sons in the army. The last to enlist was his youngest son, Dale, who was employed at Plant 3. Dale is only 19 years of age but this fact did not deter him from lining up in defense of his country. He quit work on Friday, November 13, went direct to Peoria and then took the train for Belleville where he was outfitted and sent on to Sheppard Field, Texas. He has picked Glider Mechanism as his choice of service. Just what duties this department offers no one here seems to know, except the small information given on Dale's letterhead.



THE MOUNTS BROTHERS

Two brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mounts, are now in the service. They are Everett and Raymond. Both were Mueller employees. Everett is with the Military Police, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He enlisted on September 11th and was inducted on September 14th. His record with our company is good. He was employed for inventory November 1, 1938, was later in the Specialty Division, and became a bell-hop in January 1942 and was next transferred to the Munition department.



Everett Mounts



Raymond Mounts

Raymond Mounts began fighting before he got into the service. They did not want him and he proceeded to get in shape so that he could not be refused. He accomplished this by enlisting the aid of an oculist, who succeeded in getting rid of a slight granulation of the eye lids. This accomplished he succeeded in passing the necessary tests and was accepted as one of Uncle Sam's boys. He left December 11th for Belleville. Just where he would be sent from there he did not know. He expressed no choice of any particular branch of the service. Raymond said that his brother was in the service, a lot of his friends and companions had enlisted and that he felt it

was his duty to enlist, which he would have done earlier had it not been for the trouble with his eyes. All he is asking for is a chance to help win the war. Raymond has been with us for three years, his last assignment being machine work at Plant No. 3. The father of these brothers has been with us for sixteen years and is now working at Plant 3.



CHARLES W. JOHNSON



Charles W. Johnson

Charles W. Johnson knows what he is going to do. He made up his mind first and then enlisted in the Navy. He joined at Springfield on November 16th and left shortly afterward for Chicago to take his physical examination and later became a part of the Great Lakes training school. Charles had been with us since October 1939 and was first in the Brass shop and later was transferred to the Munition plant. He is working to get into the Navy as a second class machinists mate. He is married.



DAREL JONES

Darel Jones left for Belleville December 11th having been inducted some time previous to that date. He joined this organization July 20, 1941, and did spray painting as a member of Department 30 until assigned to the Munition plant when it was first established, remaining at spray painting when the plant was moved to its present location. His father, Howard Jones, and brother, Bob, are employed at Plant 3. Darel said like so many young men going into the service that he had no choice of what branch he would be in and had no idea where he would be sent from Belleville. He leaves at home his wife and four months old daughter as well as a step-daughter.



Darel Jones



BROTHER OF KARL BRIMM

Among the young men enlisting is John H. Brimm, who is stationed at Gore Field, Great Falls, Minn. He is in the Air Service, having enlisted six months ago. Our interest in him is the fact that he is the youngest brother of Karl Brimm of the printing department.

JAMES A. RIDGEWAY



James A. Ridgeway

James A. Ridgeway has been in the army since early in September. The last address he gave us was Private James A. Ridgeway, Battery A, 495th Armed Regiment, Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, all of which indicates very plainly that Jim is without doubt in the army. He joined the Mueller force on November 13, 1941, and was assigned to the polishing department, Plumbing division and left with a good record to enter the service. Allen Ridgeway is his father and Ralph and Frank Ridgeway are his brothers. They are all Mueller men.

MERLE C. VAN VLEET

Merle C. Van Vleet, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Van Vleet, formerly of Decatur but now of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is now in primary training at Lodwick School of Aeronautics, Lakeland, Florida. He entered the service shortly after the close of school last summer and was stationed at Maxwell Field near Montgomery, Alabama, before going to Lakeland. He expects to be moved by the first of the year for further training.

His mother was here recently on a visit.



Merle C. Van Vleet

COLLECTOR MABEL GATES

Mabel Gates' experience in getting a rebate from the Wabash for part of an unused ticket from Decatur to Akron, Ohio, is amusing. Mabel admits it with one of her brightest smiles. Here's how it came about. She went to Akron to attend a deaf mute convention. A party of friends met her at Toledo and drove her to Cleveland. Mabel enlisted the aid of Matt Trott to get the refund. The trip to Akron was made on September 4th, and here's the way it worked out. On November 16 she received the Wabash refund of 5 cents, but—she had paid out as follows:

Stamps on letter.....	6 cents
Bus to station and return.....	10 cents
Bank charge for cashing check.....	10 cents
Total	26 cents

or cost to collect, 21 cents.

Mabel is all done on collecting from railroads.

ALBERT HILL



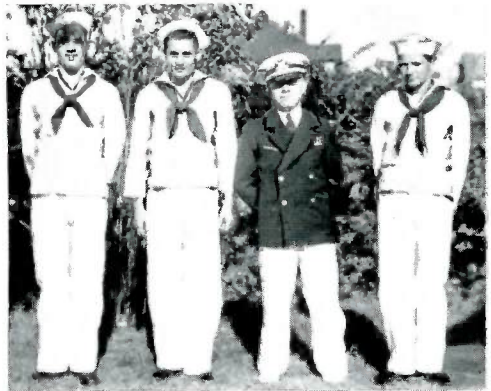
Albert Hill

Take a look at Albert Hill, who recently dropped in on us while on a furlough to shake hands with his friends, especially those of the main office where Albert was employed, which does not mean that he did not have a lot of friends in other departments. We have printed Albert's picture before but he looked so swell in his uniform that we thought it might be proper to take another shot at him. Take a good look at him. The uniform made no change in Albert's pleasant disposition—but in looks—ask the girls. One of them turned his posed photograph over to us for purpose of reproduction.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

It seems we made an error last month, naming Bobby Hughes as the new member of the Fire Trailers Clan when, in fact, it was Richard Sefton. Nearly everyone spotted the mistake for which we apologize. Bobby, who is already a Fire Trailer, expects to get his second cycle in January.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Robert Spriggs to our Senior Staff



Jesse Bridwell, Coxswain; Stewart File, Yeoman; Herman E. Jackson, Skipper; Herbert Harner

as Assistant Scoutmaster of the troop and Mate of our Sea Scout Ship. Mr. Spriggs is an old hand at the Scouting game, having belonged more than four years. He was a Scout, a junior leader, then advanced to Sea Scouting, and now comes back into the harness as an adult leader. We are happy to have him and heartily welcome him (and his wife) to the big Mueller family.

We reproduce in this issue a picture of

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BOWLING

The last bowling report, dated December 15, gives the standings and the ten high bowlers. This came just as the Record was going to press and found only time to give this much of the report which was rather in elaborate details:

December 15, 1942

	G	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
1. Works Mgr. Office	42	26	16	.619	814
2. Repair Dept.	42	23	19	.548	780
3. Specialty Division..	42	22	20	.524	745
4. Tool Makers	42	21	21	.500	787
5. Pattern Shop	42	20	22	.476	762
6. Bombers	42	19	23	.452	768
7. Tank Busters	42	19	23	.452	761
8. Products Engineers	42	18	24	.429	762

Ten High Bowlers

1. W. Behrns					
Works Mgr. Office	39	185	251		
2. A. Flaughner					
Tool Makers	38	181	244		
3. W. Edwards					
Repair Dept.	36	177	258		
4. E. Blankenburg					
Pattern Shop	29	174	224		
5. R. Hill					
Specialty Div.	38	172	224		
6. A. Blankenburg					
Bombers	33	171	229		
7. H. Stratman					
Specialty Div.	42	170	223		
8. L. Adams					
Bombers	33	170	243		
9. D. Reidelberger					
Repair Dept.	42	169	214		
10. A. Thompson					
Tank Busters	35	169	223		
A. Werdes					
Products Engrs.	30	169	229		

NEWS AND THE RECORD

All the big "doins" come at inopportune times for the Record which was all dressed up and ready to go "to press," at the very beginning of our festivities, meetings, etc. These will all be taken care of in the January issue.

If you had friends visiting you during the holidays, if you visited out of town, had a party, a wedding or any other news, let's have it for the January Record.

What we want and need to make this publication interesting—news about members of this organization. Send it in.

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our Sea Scout Crew. Unfortunately we had no picture of the troop and hope the Scouts do not feel slighted.

We are still badly in need of a Cub Pack. Any boy over nine years of age can be a Cub Scout. If you desire to become a Cub, then have your parents call Mr. G. J. Yonker, Scout Chairman, at 2-7472. If we can get several parents interested then it won't be hard to get a Cub Pack started.

SARNIA NEWS

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Several of our employees have been confined to their homes recently with mumps which are quite prevalent throughout the city.

Plans are well under way for the Christmas Party which will be held in the Mueller Recreation Hall on December 19th. Herb Jackson is in charge and has already made a date with Santa. We want to see all the little boys and girls there and also the big boys and girls.

Lance Bombardier Lyle Perry called at the office recently to renew acquaintances. Lyle formerly worked in our Forging Dept. and is now a member of the 48th stationed Somewhere in British Columbia. Lyle tells us they have a football team composed of mostly Sarnia boys. Tom Norris from our Assembly Department is on the team and Lyle says he is playing a real game.

A World Premiere was held near the Boys' camp recently and several of the movie stars visited the Recreational Center. Many of the boys had the opportunity of dancing with Susan Hayward but poor Lyle was dispatched riding that particular night—dern it. Susan doesn't know what she missed as our Lyle is no slouch dancer.

The office gals would like to know how come a certain little lady from Dept. 14 can snag that tall, blonde, good-looking gent in Dept. 8 right under their very noses. Incidentally his name is Bill.

WEDDINGS

Joan Mercer of Dept. 14 to Arthur Nesbit also of Dept. 14.

Jean Duthie of Dept. 14 to James McGuire of the C.A.S.F.

Congratulations Newlyweds.

Yours very truly,

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EFFECT OF HIGH AIR LEVELS

Planes traveling at high air levels are creating new problems because of the lessened air pressure at great heights. For example, passengers in planes flying over 5,000 feet high are warned against taking caps from their fountain pens as the ink may spurt out due to the greater air pressure within the ink chamber. Coffee, which may be lukewarm when the plane leaves the ground, may be boiling after reaching a mile or more in altitude. The coffee is no hotter than when it left the ground. It is simply a demonstration of the fact that liquids boil at lower temperatures as air pressure is lessened.

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Pick the Ugly Ones

When a Chinese girl gets married, her attendants are usually the oldest and ugliest women in the neighborhood.

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Voting Age in England

A woman must be thirty years old to vote in England.

Christmas Comes Once A Year But It Is A Great Event

Christmas exercises began on Thursday, December 17, Plant 3 leading off at 1:45, followed by the meeting of employees of Plants 1 and 2 in the gymnasium at 3:30 and ending with the third shift of Plant 3 at 10:00 p. m. It was a busy day for company members and those in charge or arrangements, but there was not a hitch anywhere. The program at each of these meetings was exactly the same, except perhaps in some minor detail. There was an atmosphere of the patriotic and Christmas in the proceedings.

W. E. Mueller, president, opened these meetings, speaking of past and coming possibilities in business and the outlook for a cessation of hostilities.

Adolph Mueller spoke along historical lines, citing briefly as examples such well-known characters as George Washington, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln and William Jennings Bryan, his remarks being interlarded by mention of events in company history.

Superintendent Frank Taylor presided as chairman, and at the close of each program came the distribution of high grade canned goods in generous quantity.

SERVICE AWARDS

- 40 Years: Roy Whitaker.
 35 Years: Emma Thomas, Henry A. Goerges, Ralph Adams.
 30 Years: O. C. Draper, J. A. Bixler, Ray Sailsbery.
 25 Years: William Kuntz, Niena Cochran.
 20 Years: M. W. Trott, J. A. Staudt, Roy Harper, J. A. Morrison, Maria Overfield, Helen Pope, C. E. Masters, Cecil S. Smith, Matt Like, Orval S. Keller, E. A. Matthews, Emmett Holderby, L. B. McKinney, Arthur Nash, Z. H. Grinstead, C. M. Frizzell, Milo Wright, Warren Frantz, Estella Stille, Chester Priddy, W. S. Enloe.
 15 Years: George A. Krag, Leo Wiant, Claude Stacey, Carl I. Maurer, Daniel F. Boggs, Carl F. Yonker, Virgil T. Williams, Samuel R. Gepford.
 10 Years: Elvis V. Musgraves, Frank Shade, Clark L. Curry, Marvin Ford, Roland M. Friend, Chas. G. Chepan, Russell Armstrong.
 5 Years: Lorin E. Grosboll, Tilmon B. O'Dell, Clinton Keller, Dewey West, Carroll L. Ford, William E. Dunaway, Victor N. Ford, Cecil W. Wilson, Edwin Nalefski, M. H. Fleckenstein, Rupert S. Henry, Creo E. Talley, Elizabeth Raskin, Gladys Behen, Earl C. Dirbeck, Claude O. Miszenheimer, Raymond H. Roarick, Russell Short, Ralph H. Uhler, Fred L. Mathes, Fedora F. Walton, Herbert Lee Mathes, C. Raymond Byers, Mervil R. Bethards, Wayne W. Wright, Lloyd M. Walters.

Glenn H. Curry, Delores Virden, Roscoe Maddox.

PRIZES FOR SUGGESTIONS

There were 315 suggestions and 107 adopted. The list of winners in the \$5 suggestion class will be found on page 1.

The prize winners on subjects submitted by the company—Reduced Overhead, Increased Production, and Safety follow:

Reduced Overhead

- 1st prize—Awarded jointly to Verne T. Bridgman and Alva Moats, \$25 to each.
 2nd prize—\$30.00 to Charles W. Murray.
 3rd prize—\$20.00 to Albert May.

Increased Production

- 1st prize—\$50.00 to Albert May.
 2nd prize—\$30.00 to Gladys Lloyd.
 3rd prize—\$20.00 to Cecil S. Smith.

Safety

- 1st prize—\$50.00 to Howard Dempster.
 2nd prize—\$30.00 to M. L. Cunningham.
 3rd prize—\$20.00 to Dorothy Stratman.

Salvage

During the coming year \$5 will be paid for each suggestion adopted on ways to save scrap metal, avoid waste, or any plan by which we can turn in any scrap.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for Children of Mueller Employees was held Saturday afternoon, December 19, in the Gymnasium. It was a double-barreled affair, because of the large number of children. The stage decorations were beautiful, the program in keeping with the Yule season, and Bobby Gates, a new Santa Claus, was equal to the requirements. Bob's circumference proved an asset.

The Program

- Santa Greets the Children
 Group Singing
 Led by Al Lindamood with Miss Aline Moore at the piano.
 "Star Spangled Banner"
 "Silent Night"
 "Jingle Bells"
 Puppet Show
 Mr. and Mrs. Willard Foltz
 Moving Pictures:
 "Beauty Shop"
 "Boy Meets Dog"
 Distribution of Gifts

In the mention of letters from others at the front we wish all of "our boys" to keep on writing. Letters are never too long to read and they are passed to practically everyone in the office. We enjoy them.

JOSEPHINE PROVED HER DOG PATRIOTISM



Here is the sequel of Josephine's attachment to our organization. Her puppies were sold at a dollar each to the following, reading from left to right: Geo. Wade, Bernard Brink, Elvis (Smoky) Musgraves, L. D. Thompson, Bob E. Gates, Alfred Brink.

Josephine has proved that even a little stray dog can help beat Hitler. Sic him, Josephine, and bite him where it will hurt the most. The six dollars was turned over to the war fund.



HELMUTH OPALKA WRITES

German Boy Who Joined Us After First War Now Fighting for Uncle Sam

The large number of letters we have received from our boys at the front precludes their reproduction in this issue of the Record except in one case, which is that of Helmuth Opalka. It is the first letter that Helmuth has written, and it has particular claims to interest because of his nativity and early associations. His father fought in the German army in the first world war, coming with his family to Decatur when the war ended. Helmuth immediately made connection with Mueller Co. He was given a place in the printing department. The few English words he had acquired did not help much but he was quick to learn and was faithful to his company and his duties. It took him, for some unknown reason, a long time to become a naturalized citizen, but he finally went through with it, and as the doctors say in cases of vaccination, "it took". You will note this fact in reading his letter. We are satisfied that his delay was not due to any loyalty felt for Germany. Now he is proud to bear arms for his adopted country. All of this makes his letter the more interesting.

Here follows his letter which showed fine

penmanship. It was necessary to make a few minor corrections.

Camp McCoy,
Wisconsin.

"Dear Mr. Enloe:

"Well, I think I'll write you a line and tell you that I have a great job before me. Even better than I could have gotten in your company. Something that I am proud to do. When I come back I hope I might serve your company, which no doubt you will grant me.

"I like my life in the army and hope to advance as my brother did for the service of my country. I am stationed here for my basic training which no doubt you understand.

We really had a nice Thanksgiving, with the ground all covered with snow, reminds a person more of Christmas than Thanksgiving. We had turkey, pumpkin pie, candy, nuts and cigarets. Quite a feast. The snow is still on the ground and about six inches deep.

"The camp is surrounded by mountains, pine trees and streams. Hunting and fishing is very good, as game here is plentiful. Here you see many deers, bears, snow rabbits, pheasants and other game. The camp life is very interesting. They have about three or more USO clubs, twelve or more post exchanges so you see how busy we are. O, yes! We have about six churches which

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“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: A piano, old fashioned, but fair condition, good tone. Just the thing for girl or boy taking music lessons. Call 988 W. View. Price reasonable.

FOR SALE—A used metal bed for dump truck. In good condition.—Frank Edmonson, Main office.

FOR SALE: Bed springs and dresser in good condition. Phone 2-0819 or call at residence, 924 North Warren street, or see Thomas Mudd (1124) watchman at Foundry, 2 to 10 p. m. except Mondays.

FOR SALE: E flat Alto Saxophone. Satin silver finish, recently overhauled, \$65. See W. D. Hays, 853 W. Packard St. or call 5884.

FOR SALE:—Heating stove, “Derby,” used only one winter. Good heater in good condition. Demands little attention and is easy on the coal pile. Reasonable price. See “Fosty” Jones, Dept. 7, Plant 3.

FOR SALE: Kelvinator ice refrigerator, 100 lbs. capacity, porcelain lined, good condition. See Harold Henry, Plant 2, or call at first house after road curves beyond Mueller Heights.

FOR SALE: One French door in perfect condition, size 2’6” x 6’8”. H. A. Wacaser.

FOR SALE: Small rotary garden cultivator. These will be hard to find in the spring. Better grab this chance. Basil Mason, phone 2-3866.

FOR SALE: Two bird cages. In good condition and at reasonable prices. Inquire 931 North Hill St., F. L. Stevenson, 1103, Watchman, Monroe St. gate.

FOR SALE—Two men’s bicycles, good condition. See Robert L. Pope, Mercer Street Gate, or call 3-3374.

FOR SALE:—’39 Plymouth Coupe. Five good tires. Fine opportunity to own a good car at reasonable investment. See Russell Short, Dept. 36. Clock No. 3667, residence 1259 N. Taylor, Phone 2-8180.

WANTED

WANTED—A Model “T” truck rear end. E. W. Connors, Plant 3.

WANTED TO BUY: Anvil, 100 lbs. or larger; ½ to 4 H.P., 4 cycle gasoline engines. Otis Fears, Shipping Room, Clock No. 4729.

WANTED: To rent or buy a Royal typewriter. See Cecil Short, Dept. 300, Clock No. 30022.

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of course I attend. Will now close my letter and hope to soon return home safely.

Your Friend,
Helmuth.”

P. S. Please say hello to the gang that knows me and please answer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of stockholders in Mueller Co., Decatur, Mueller Ltd., Sarnia, Ont., Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, was held Wednesday, December 16, officers elected being:

Adolph Mueller, chairman of the board of directors; William E. Mueller, president, and treasurer; Lucien W. Mueller, vice-president in charge of factories; J. W. Simpson, vice-president in charge of sales; J. W. Wells, secretary of the company, assistant to the chairman of the board of directors, and assistant to the president; Robert H. Mueller, chief engineer; Frank H. Mueller, director of research and development. Directors of the company are the officers, with the exception of Mr. Wells and Frank H. Mueller and include also Mrs. Robert Mueller and Mrs. A. E. Staley, Jr.

Sarnia Officers Chosen

for Mueller Limited, Sarnia, Ont., and for the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tenn. Officers of Mueller Limited are: Adolph Mueller, president and general manager; George W. Parker, vice-president, assistant general manager, and treasurer; William E. Mueller, vice-president; Ray McIntyre, secretary, superintendent and works manager; John Milne, assistant secretary. Directors are the officers and Mrs. Robert Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, J. W. Simpson and Ebert Mueller.

Chattanooga Officers

Officers of Columbian Iron Works are: Adolph Mueller, president; William E. Mueller, executive vice-president and treasurer; Lucien W. Mueller, vice-president in charge of plant; Paul G. Jacka, secretary and plant manager; Hugh L. Baker, assistant secretary; J. W. Wells, assistant secretary. Directors are the officers, except for Hugh L. Baker, and in addition include Mrs. Robert Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, J. W. Simpson and Frank H. Mueller.



CARL DODWELL GOES

Carl Dodwell is on his way. He left Friday 16th for Belleville and like those who preceded him that is about the limit of information at this time. His departure came at a time when the December Record was practically finished leaving no time for a picture. This will appear in the January issue. The editor knows Carl quite well because of his former connection with the printing and stationery department and whatever else we write about him we guarantee not to throw any bricks his way.