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## SERVICE PINS FOR THESE

### One Hundred and Forty-two In The Group This Year

Following are the names of employes with service terms ranging from 5 to 50 years. There are four men whose terms of service combined make two hundred years. In other terms the members of this quartette have a record of 50 years each. They are:

W. H. Campbell  
B. J. Marty  
William Seeforth  
William B. Ford

The last named is a salesman. The others are members of the factory force.

The names of the employes recognized with emblematic pins follow:

50 years—B. J. Marty, W. H. Campbell, William Seeforth, William B. Ford, Salesman.

45 years—Lewis Fagan.

40 years—Burton F. Kitchen, Thomas F. Leary, William N. Dill and William L. Jett, salesman; H. A. Wacaser, A. C. Bork, Burt Jackson.

35 years—Walter E. Behrns, Robert Lusk, Henry Gilbert, T. E. Knowles, H. E. Slater, Harry Koontz, Ed Harris, Grover Meadows, Earl Parker, A. Golembock.

30 years—C. F. Dunaway, Hermann Ammann, Al. Spitzer, Jerome Edwards, P. A. Gaddis, Anthony O. Yonker.

25 years—Lucien W. Mueller, William Everett Mueller, Leroy J. Evans, salesman; Frank T. O'Dell, salesman; Robert T. Whitehead, salesman; Harry V. Seevers, salesman; Elmer B. Miller, Margaret Woodruff, Marjorie Tatham, Flossie Poe, C. F. Morenz, F. W. Dannewitz, P. H. Jeschawitz, Lewis Bland, Brugh Werner, Albert May, Basil Mason, Earl Gustin, Helen Brannan, A. G. Ridgeway, William H. Binstead, Richard Dannewitz, Margaret Behrend, Alva D. Bashore.

20 years—Everett Dickey, Hazel V. Allen, Orvall German, Hugh Harshbarger, Howard Williams, R. M. Workman, W. A. Brunner, Carl R. Morton, Herman Chepan,

Jennie Kinney, Zacharias Boehm, William Bradford, L. I. Hopper, John H. Chalcraft, James W. Workman, Hugh Henley, G. F. Edwards, Walter Dunn, William A. Hays, Ernest Watkins, H. Myrle Carter, Jack Pain, E. H. Potts, Clyde Hester, Oscar Stratman, William Morrissey, Ralph W. Myers, Enola Smith, F. L. Stevenson, E. E. Musgraves, Hoyt Mounts, H. F. Snyder, Anthony N. Grossman, Henry A. Tertocha, J. A. Hargis, Ward L. Dewitte, C. H. Du Bois.

15 years—George Knipe, New York; George H. Hofmann, salesman; Ernest Krunnsiek, Fred Tratzik, Lucile S. Robinson, Glen C. Dial, Raymond Bulla, Wayne R. McCoy, Beulah Jenkins, Kenneth Morrow, Gladys Masterson, Irmgard Moldenhauer, W. A. Mathews, Clarence Woodrum, Peter Aleknor, John C. Willis, Dorothy Gepford, Dorothy Stratman, Benjamin Taylor, Edward Foley, George Sulwer, military.

10 years—Roy W. Karr, salesman; Harold Taylor, James T. McKown, Marion Fonner, Velma Kushmer, Helen C. O'Dell, John Monska, August Jendry, Carl Brock, Mildred Shannon, Jane Cranston, Mac Gilibrand, Wilbur Edwards.

5 years—Alberta S. Wanzer, New York; William L. George, salesman; Ray Fallon, salesman; Vernie Wall, Wayne H. Ford, Emil J. Bork, Earl R. Collins, Hazel O. Riedlinger, Karl Denson, Floyd R. Durbin, Clifford Ping, George Turner, Robert L. Pope, Lois Harper, Clarence F. Hill, Paul G. Hawbaker, Fred Monska, Rex B. Smith, military.

## BIRTHS

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Personette November 27 in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a son, Leland Warren.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodwell December 5 in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a daughter, Diana Cecilia.

Diner: "Look here, waiter! You've got your sleeve in my soup."

Waiter: "That's quite all right, sir, it's only an old coat."



## ON THE FRONT LINE

### Mueller Employees in Service Acknowledge Receipt of Christmas Boxes

Many letters from Mueller men in service are coming to W. S. Enloe's department. Most of these acknowledge Christmas boxes and other courtesies extended by the company and others in the organization. We should like to print all of these letters but space limitations makes this impossible. Quite a few are written on the V-mail cards furnished by the government. One of these is especially attractive because it comes from far away, bearing the inscription, "Merry Christmas from India," with a picture of Santa Claus in a queer looking vehicle drawn by two wild bulls. This came from Lieut. C. W. Auer, a graduate air cadet, stationed at Assam, India, and he says: "I'm flying the humps (Himalayan Mountains) from here and landing in China." Lieut. Auer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Auer and a nephew of Walter Auer. Mrs. Ira Auer was formerly a member of Plant 3.

Although we can't reproduce all these letters we are publishing the address of the writers. Some of you may want to write them—we are assured a letter will be appreciated.

Here's evidence of the fact. Since writing above an additional bunch of letters was placed on the editor's desk. Picking up the first one this paragraph caught our eye:

"I would like for you to post my name on the bulletin board. Maybe some of my friends will write me a line or two. I sure would like to hear from some of them."

The above was taken from a letter written by A. B. Adams.

What a little thing to do—write a letter to a lonely soldier in the service. Do it now.

#### Latest Addresses

- LT. C. W. AUER, O-774465**  
1328th AAF BU Area 4  
APO 489 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York
- PVT. JOHN H. DRAKE, 36682459**  
Med. Det. 20th Inf.  
APO 6, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.
- PFC. W. F. SALEFSKI, 36440077**  
614 Port Co.  
APO 928 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.
- S/SGT. HOWARD OATHOUT, 34880305**  
Co. Hqs., 251st Eng., C Bn.,  
APO 339, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York.
- PFC. JOHN HARDING**  
V.M.F.—124 3rd M. A. W.  
F.M.F., c/o F.P.O.  
San Francisco, Calif.
- E. B. ADAMS, MM 3/c**  
U.S.S. R. P. Leary, DD664  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.
- PVT. RALPH E. RUNION, 36963271**  
Co. A, 116 Inf.  
APO 29, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York
- LT. JAMES J. SCOTT, O-718025**  
486th Bomb Group 832nd Sqdn.  
APO 559, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York.
- VIVIAN LANG, S 2/c**  
Ward Island  
Wave Barracks, NATTC  
Corpus Christi, Texas
- PVT. WALTER R. DONALDSON, 36902893**  
Regional Hospital  
Ward 1221  
Sheppard Field, Texas
- PFC. CLYDE E. CARTER, 36900994**  
5th Prov. Ord. Trng. Co., O. S.  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
- PVT. GEORGE F. SULWER, 36962516**  
Co. D, 43rd Bn., I. T. B.  
11 Regt. I. A. R. T. C.  
Camp Howze, Texas
- PFC. WAYNE DOBSON, 36483307**  
Crew No. 9654, C.C. Hdqs.  
Army Air Forces  
Biggs Field, Texas
- ENS. LOYD BILLERMAN**  
N.A.S., Box 2  
Banana River, Florida
- SGT. THOMAS J. ADAMS, 36679244**  
247 A.A.F.—B.U. (O.T.U.) V.H.  
S.H.A.A.F., Salina, Kansas
- CPL. FREDERICK J. NELSON, 34901766**  
Co. D, Reception Center  
Fort Benning, Georgia
- RAY LARUS MM 1/c**  
A. T. B., E. 6 Comp.  
San Diego 55, Calif.
- TEC. 5 MONKOTA KARNES, 36438965**  
Hq. Btry, 130th A.A.A. Gun Bn.  
Camp Haan, Calif.
- FRANCIS G. ALEXANDER F 1/c**  
Box 7, U. S. Naval Sub. Base  
New London, Conn.
- CHESTER M. MERCER F 1/c**  
U.S.N.A.T.B.  
Solomons Branch  
Washington, D. C.  
c/o Ships Service Store
- PFC. WILLIAM C. ROHMAN, 36044057**  
207 M. P. Co.  
A.P.O. 709, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.
- CALVIN J. TOMBEY, RDM 3/c, 945-13-44**  
U. S. S. Southampton AKA 66 Div. #4  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.
- ROBERT W. RIDGEWAY, E. M. 3/c**  
N. T. S., N.O.B., Unit B  
D.E. 771, U.S.S. Sutton  
Norfolk 11, Va.
- CPL. GEORGE BROWN, 34321187**  
93rd Cav. Ren Troops  
APO 93rd, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.



### LIKES RECORD

From Sgt. Leroy Crutchfield we have received the following:

"A few lines to let you know how much I enjoy receiving the Mueller Record, very inspiring indeed. My friends in my particular unit keep me busy retaining my copies. Not much time for sight seeing—lots of work to be done yet. Recreational facilities at this particular place are numerous, with the American Red Cross taking the undisputed lead. After making a few other islands in the Southwest Pacific we finally landed at New Guinea. We have a wonderful broadcasting facilities for such a remote location. We listen to G.I. and many other programs daily. Repeating again my appreciation for the copies of the Record, I'll close this short letter. P. S.—I was an employe at the Chattanooga plant.

### HERE FOR BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Clint Keller, formerly a member of our Guard force, but now in the navy was here to attend the funeral of his brother, Orval S. Keller. Clint visited around with his friends for a few days, including the main office, before returning to the west coast. He is stationed at Coronado, Calif.

### FROM W. T. O'DELL

A letter from Pvt. William T. O'Dell to the editor of the Record follows: "Received the November issue of the Record. It has been coming to me regularly, despite the fact that I've changed my address twice. My new outfit is: Service Bat'ry, 867 F. A. Bn., Camp Shelby, Miss. Due to a back injury I was sent to the Regional Hospital, Ward 68, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pvt. O'Dell was formerly a member of our Guard force.

Under date of Nov. 24 Willie Rohman, "at sea" enroute from Fiji Islands to Guadalcanal. He said he really missed Fiji. In another letter he tells of goodbye parties given him by the Fijians. He says he really regretted to leave.

Robert W. Ridgeway, Norfolk, Va., under date of Dec. 10, stating he was leaving there Dec. 18 for Tampa, Fla., where he will pick up any destroyer escort which means he is taking up active duties.

Ralph E. Runion sends a Christmas card greeting from "somewhere in Germany."

Howard Oathout sends a card from Holland. He says: "I've been in France, also Belgium. My wife writes and tells me Fred Meador is somewhere in France."

Cpl. George Brown's card came from New Guinea.

Pfc. W. F. Salefski in a card expressing thanks for his Christmas package says: "Hope this ends soon but the way it looks I'll be ready for an old age pension by the time I get back. Write when you can. Always glad to get letters."

### HONORABLE DISCHARGES

George V. Walters has received an honorable discharge as private in the U. S. army on account of physical disability. His certificate gives him credit of "honest and faithful service to his country." George was inducted April 4th, 1944 at Fort Sheridan and he was later located at Ft. Bowie, Texas. His discharge is dated Nov. 3rd, 1944. Prior to his enlistment he was a turret lathe operator and is again a member of Mueller organization as an inspector. Among other Mueller men who have been honorably discharged are: Charles Hector, John Wiley Hall, Warren Sexson and George V. Walton.

### IN WAR AND WORK



Meet this nice looking young couple, Wayne Newlin and his wife, Norma. Wayne is a Plant 3 boy, where Norma is an inspector. Just at the present time Wayne is a sailor on the South Pacific. He has been in service for over a year.

### FROM GENE SIMPSON

We have a long letter from Gene Simpson bearing date of Pasadena, Calif. The main purpose of his letter was to thank the company for his fine Christmas box. The major part of his letter was telling about deer hunting which proves to be all hunting and no game. Gene confesses to encountering 3 deer and fired five times with no results except to make the deer get out of range in a hurry.

## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

### (A Few Yuletide Ruminations by One Incurably Addicted to Christmas-Keeping)

So far as we can tell the old greeting of "Merry Christmas" has never been improved upon through the years. Even when there is no special justification for merriment, somehow the words fit together, and we say "Merry Christmas" when we want to wish our friends a happy holiday and opportunity to enjoy all the creature comforts and most welcome peace of mind.

Among the Chicago Christmas shoppers a few weeks ago were Marjorie Tatham and Ethel Dixon.

Opal McKnight of the Credit Department has made a recovery from a painful nose infection which kept her at home for several days.

The office Christmas tree has been in place since mid-December, likewise the trees in the Plant 1 and Plant 3 cafeterias.

Holiday weddings seem to be in the news these days, and the talk of Christmas wreaths and plum puddings seem to be mixed with questions and queries about bridesmaids dresses and rehearsal dinners and wedding gifts. The days should all have at least 48 hours, and then there wouldn't be time enough.

We are one of that stubborn group opposing the abbreviation of "Christmas" to "Xmas." Christmas without the Christ-child would be unthinkable. Our partisanship has probably accomplished little, but the use of the abbreviated form seems to be decreasing year by year. Who says the world doesn't progress?

One of the many sombre notes in this holiday season is the passing of Orval Keller, for so many years in the Shipping Department. Always concerned about the welfare of everybody, eager to help the other fellow, quick with a word or two of banter to take the edge off the day's work, loyal and conscientious, he is sadly missed by dozens in our organization. His death at the age of 44 is keenly felt by all of us.

Reba Rentfro and her mother were early holiday observers. They celebrated Christmas with the Marion home folks the weekend of December 16.

Marjorie Bixler Roarick has returned to assist in the Filing Department for a time.

Our new and conscientious messenger is Jim Tilley, employed for two years at Plant 3.

This item really belongs in one of the chicken fancier publications, but, not finding a poultry journal editor handy, we'll try to do the subject justice.

Arthur Menapace of Kenney, a newcomer to the Foundry, drives 27 miles to work every day, and a couple of weeks ago he had an unexpected rider. Arriving at the plant on this particular morning, he parked his car, walked around to the front and found, of all things, that one of his chickens, sleeping late on the bumper where she had roosted, had ridden for 27 miles with Arthur. This, we think, sets a new record for bumper riding, particularly among the feathered ladies.

The swap-ride rule, Arthur felt, had to be enforced. The ride and the gas had to be paid for. Arthur put his passenger on the block; Curley Walton was on the cash and carry end.

The boys East of College street all vow they've heard of many a chicken riding in a flivver, but none so far on a bumper.

Most interesting of all the mail these days is that from overseas. We're a bit overwhelmed at the thought of those boys of ours sending back V-mail and Air Mail holiday greetings. Newcastle must be full of foreign coal these days.

And again, Merry Christmas!

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### MATT CALLS ON US

Matt Trott surprised his office friends by walking in December 15, after an absence extending back to the last day in September. He is looking well and feeling fine showing no signs of the long illness which has kept him at home. He is now in the midst of preparations for a trip to the south for a continued rest but is facing the problem of locating accommodations. Quite a few cities like Miami when asked for a reservation very bluntly write, "stay there, don't come down here." Matt, however, has no idea of giving up his plans.

P.S.—Since this was written arrangements for the journey were made and Matt and wife are now pleasantly located in Miami.

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### LETTER FROM BILL

A letter from Bill Dixon, a former messenger boy, states that he has been transferred from New Guinea to Dutch East India. He cannot tell exactly where. He has been assigned to the 400th Bomb Squadron known as the "Jolly Rogers". He is now a Sergeant.

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Newspaper Reporter: "Have any of your boyhood hopes been realized?"

Millionaire: "Yes, I recall one. When my mother used to spend so much time combing my hair, I always wished I didn't have any."

# - Chattanooga Chatter -

HERE YOU ARE, LOS ANGELES!



Russell Jolly really looks trim in his Coast Guard uniform. He has been in the Coast Guard Reserve since July, 1944 and their main duty is the policing of Chickamauga Dam. Russ has given a lot of time to this and is doing his part to help win this war by releasing regular Coast Guardsman for active duty.

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Odie Walker's trip to the Okaw was a pleasant one. Hunting was the sport of the day with quail the target. An old acquaintance was renewed between Odie and Emmett Reedy of Los Angeles. Odie also reports that he, Parker and McCown, working with Reedy as chairman of the food committee, were complimented very highly on their excellent performances????

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Hugh Baker made a trip to New York City the week of December 4.

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Marion Moss and Ruby Rogers flew to Birmingham, Alabama, December 2 and flew back December 3. It was a short trip but most enjoyable as they had a grand reunion with Hope Henderson, formerly of Decatur and Chattanooga.

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We extend deepest sympathies to Mary Fields whose father passed away December 7, 1944.

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Pat McCarty is all a-twitter these days as a certain red haired soldier is due home this month.

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She's tall and slender, brunette with olive complexion. She is chief clerk of the Production Control Department and is very capable, indeed. Her pleasing smile and good nature are among her outstanding characteristics. Introducing our girl of the month: Lois Trotter.

Nancy Igou and Lois Trotter spent a weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, last month.

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Elsie Long certainly keeps us guessing about her boyfriends and with the manpower shortage, too. She's the song bird of the office.

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We don't see how Mildred Phipps can eat so much and stay so thin. What is the secret, Mildred?

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Two recent visitors were Clifford Tankersley, U. S. Army and Oddie Lee Moss, Merchant Marine.



Here is little Charles Phillip Bible, 3½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bible. He has a new baby brother, James Richard, born November 24, 1944. His father works in the Maintenance Department.

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**PLANT 2**

Quite a bit of talk about the "Three Musketeers" of the Tool Room. Three fellows decided to have themselves a "big time" on Thanksgiving Day so they went to a show and each one bought six bags of popcorn apiece. Wonder if they don't think it might be a pretty good idea to have a popcorn machine installed in the Tool Room?

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Andy Riddle has something to be proud of—He recently received a message from the War Department in the form of a telegram congratulating him on his son, Arthur, who has rendered some very fine heroic work in the line of duty.

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James Dixon, formerly of Decatur and a former employee of Plant 2, has just recently gone overseas. His new address is: Pvt. James W. Dixon, 36952675, Btry B, 635 F. A. Bn., A.P.O. 17663, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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**DON'T BE AN ACCIDENTEE!**

This is a good time to be cautious indoors or out. Hot stoves and open grates add to the indoor home risks. Home should be the safest place in the world as regards accidents, but it is just the reverse. The extra outdoor hazard is supplied by snow and ice. Falls with broken hips, legs and arms become common. Many such accidents are followed by deaths. The outdoor danger is not alone increased by slippery walks and streets. The automobile, always a source of frightful accidents takes on added possibilities with winter. In this particular we had an excellent illustration during December. The city streets invited disaster every hour in the day and this danger increases with nightfall. When streets are covered with snow and ice, remember that a car will not get you in trouble if left in the garage. It's better to call a cab for such outdoor trips as are necessary. It's cheaper than coffins and funerals. It may not be absolute insurance against accidents, but the cab driver is experienced in all kinds of weather and driving conditions. In using a cab you lessen liability of personal injury and damage to your car.

The National Safety Council warns: "There's as much latent explosive power in a pint of gasoline as in ten pounds of dynamite. Keep such liquids confined in safety containers."

One-quarter of all industrial injuries may be attributed to unsafe handling of objects, the National Safety Council reports. One-half of these were strains and sprains, one-fourth were cuts and lacerations, and the remainder were fractures, bruises or contusions.

The acorns grow  
To mighty oaks  
And big fires blow  
From little smokes!

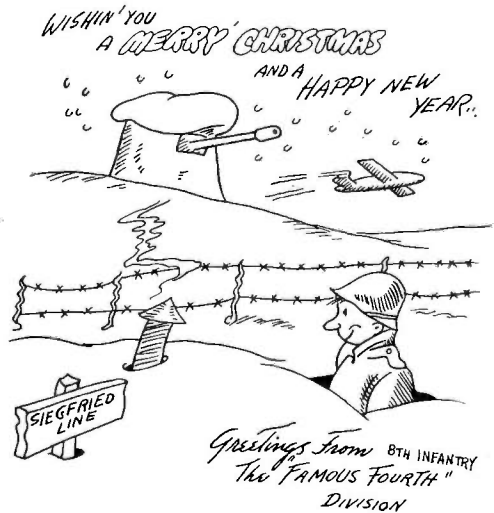
P. S. Little smokes—cigarettes.

It is estimated that three hundred and seventy three million dollars went up in smoke last year. Had this been due to an enemy at war with us, we'd howl and gnash our teeth. As long as most of the loss was due to our own carelessness, we pass it off with a smile and a wisecrack.

Of the 1,120 traffic accidents reported in Los Angeles during June, 270 involved drivers or pedestrians who had been drinking, police statistics revealed.

**IT SELDOM FAILS**

Sense of Humor a Great Gift—Man in Fox Hole Proves It



Mrs. Richard Barnett and daughter are in receipt of a Christmas greeting from her husband, who is in active service overseas. He sent them a drawing with Christmas Greeting depicting a day off in his fox hole. Pfc. Barnett was a former member of Mueller employes working in Department 8 and the brass foundry and was inducted into the army March 16, 1943. He is a son-in-law of Albert Bauer of Plant 2.

Private Barnett has had an experience with what war really means in the field, having been in action in France. He has been at the front in Germany since Sept. 15th. Mrs. Barnett and daughter live at 1012 Elmhurst.

The cartoon sent home indicates that it takes more than a war to blot out a man's sense of humor.

# LOS ANGELES NEWS

November was like old times in the L. A. plant. Three of our service men, Bill English, Claude Beckham and Oather Polk visited us. Is it any wonder Alice English, Jean Clark and Mary Monroe looked so happy? The boys looked fine and it was so good to see them, after the shortage of uniforms around here.

We received letters from Pete Briock and Leonard Johnson. Pete is making hunting knives in his spare time and he assures us that he has plenty of that. Leonard completed his schooling at Gulfport on November 24th and we haven't heard what has happened to him since that time.

One of our long time employes and very best friends, Mary Hobbs McFarlane, who has been Mr. Dill's secretary since this plant opened, is leaving Mueller Co. It is very difficult to express how we feel about Mary leaving us. One of her co-workers said, "I have never known anyone who would so very graciously do everyone else's work". Many others have mentioned how kind and helpful she was to them when they were new with the company. No matter how trivial one's business, she always had time to listen and help if it was within her power to do so. Words are very inadequate in describing her. She is just "Our Mary."

Mary left Dec. 15 to make her home in Sloan, Nevada, with her husband, George McFarlane. She plans on remaining home and keeping house. If she keeps house as capably as she has done her work here, Mr. McFarlane is a very lucky man.

Mrs. Carol (Newkirk) Duffy entertained the girls of the main office with a handkerchief shower and dinner in Mary's honor on Nov. 27.

As a parting gift and keepsake her many Mueller friends are presenting her with a watch.

Hasta la vista and best of luck in your new home, Mary.

Mrs. Edith Gravely (Main office) is leaving us to stay home once more. Mrs. Gravely was an English WAC in the last war. When she heard we needed help she came down and offered her assistance. She is one of the favorite morale builders of the service wives and we shall miss her calming influence.

Lois Clark's Thanksgiving guests discovered something new has been added to pumpkin pies. Why didn't some one tell Lois they weren't supposed to have a top crust?

Betty Keyte pulled a fast one on all of us by getting married Sept. 21 in Yuma, Arizona, and not announcing it until recently. The groom is Norman Jones of the U. S.

Navy. At the present time he is studying to become an officer at S. C. in L. A. Betty is salvage inspector in Department 60. Norm made a big hit with all of us when Betty brought him down to visit recently.

Neil Pullen's father tells us that Neil won a weekend trip to Paris recently. Neil says one would never know there was a war going on there now and he could take a lot of being around there. Careful Neil, we have heard about all those beautiful French girls.

Earl Bright and wife have returned from a week in Reno. He says they were visiting his mother but we heard silver dollars clanking in his pocket. Confidentially two were all he brought back.

They tell me Thanksgiving day looked like Mueller Homecoming at the Hollywood Park races. Didn't hear any crying so I guess everyone came away in good shape.

Modena Boles, Evelyn Lockhart and Jean Clark went up to Frisco a few days Thanksgiving week. Bet those gals had an elegant time.

Leventy seven, leventy eight. Yep, it is inventory time again and everyone is working like little beavers. Paint brushes are out of hiding and the factory is getting it's before Christmas housecleaning.

Bob Crossman writes of being entertained by a Belgian Baron, who had a very unusual dog. The dog was very fond of lump sugar. If you put a lump before him and said "Hitler", he would absolutely refuse to touch it, but if you said "Roosevelt" or "Eisenhower" he would immediately snap it up.



This attractive young lady is Beth Noble, George Leach's very capable secretary. The picture was snapped on a recent trip to Big Bear.

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Clerk: "A collar for your husband? What size?"

Shopper: "I've forgotten the size, but I can just reach around his neck with both hands."

## ON NEW SHIP

### Lieut. Albert G. Webber III Assigned to Vessel Just Commissioned

During the early part of December, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Webber were in Quincy, Mass., to attend the commission exercise incident to the formal entry in the navy of the U. S. S. Alex Diachenko. The history of this ship is of general interest, but it had a special interest to the Decatur couple because their son, Lieutenant Albert G. Webber III is one of the officers assigned to this vessel.

The U. S. S. Alex Diachenko is named after a naval hero who was watertender 2nd class. He was killed in action March 10, 1943 after three years of service. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star medal for conspicuous gallantry while boarding an enemy vessel.

The keel was laid on July 18, 1944 and the vessel was launched August 15, 1944. There was much yet to do to fit the vessel for active service, and the commissioning service therefore did not occur until December 6th.

The naval commission exercise is as follows:

1. The ship's company takes parade station on stern of ship.
2. The supervisor of the ship building arrives on board.
3. The bugler sounds attention.
4. The supervisor of ship building reads the orders to place the ship in commission.
5. The crew faces forward. The bugler plays "To the Colors." The salute is rendered.
6. The Ensign, the Jack and the commission pennant are hoisted smartly at the first note of the bugle.
7. The crew faces in-board.
8. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding delivers the ship to the Commanding officer.
9. The Commanding Officer reads his order and assumes command of the ship.
10. The Commanding Officer gives the order to set the watch.
11. The chaplain offers an invocation.
12. The Commanding officer dismisses the crew, and the guests are invited aboard to inspect the ship.
13. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding leaves the ship at his pleasure with side honors.

A. G. Webber, Jr., says it was a most interesting experience. His son, Albert G. Webber III was only recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.) and has been assigned as Division Officer in charge of communications of the new combat vessel. He is also Disciplinary Officer for the crew.

## WEDDINGS

### Eberhardt—Tertocha

Miss Eileen Eberhardt became the bride of Robert F. Tertocha of the Tool Engineering Department November 11 in a ceremony in St. Paul's Lutheran church, read by Rev. Alvin Mueller.

The bride, who is the daughter of R. H. Eberhardt, was attended by Mrs. E. C. Hill of Lincoln and Miss Edna Buehler of Chicago. Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tertocha, had for his best man Gerald Parish, and ushers were E. C. Hill of Lincoln, Edward D. Tertocha, Louis Tertocha.

Mrs. Warren G. Fisher, soloist, and Mrs. S. A. Gentry, provided the musical setting for the wedding.

The bride was gowned in slipper satin trimmed in seed pearls, with finger tip veil. The matron of honor wore aqua brocade with matching hat and the bridesmaid pink brocade and hat. The bride carried a white prayer book and white orchid, while her attendants had colonial bouquets of pink roses.

### Jenkins-Blankenburg

Beulah Jenkins of Plant 3 and Arnold Blankenburg were married November 23 in St. Johannes Lutheran church. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brix.

Beulah, whom we have all known for some time at both Plants 1 and 2, wore orchid wool, made princess style, with brown accessories. Her flowers were gardenias and red rose buds in a corsage bouquet. The matron of honor wore a blue dress with matching hat.

Following the ceremony the couple spent several days with relatives of the bridegroom in Chicago. They are at home at 1760 East Decatur street.

## SANDRA JEAN ROARICK



Sandra Jean Roarick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett F. Roarick and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bixler and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roarick.



# PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

## LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa—Once again through the Record we are sending you our Christmas list. We have been pretty good at Plant 3 the past year. Maybe we could have been better but we haven't really been bad. We have bought War Bonds, helped the War Fund and tried to do our work right.

Dear Santa, we want what is on our list but what we all want most of all is for this old war to be over and our boys and girls all safely home. We know Santa that if it is possible you will grant us this.

We are going to be better next year. You just watch and see if we aren't and we are going to hope and pray for the end of the war and our loved ones home with us once more.

Merry Christmas to you Santa from all of us at Plant 3.

Santa please bring:

- Bill Mueller—A steno. that he can find.
- Dick Burris—A mouse trap.
- Mildred Hoy—A boy friend that isn't afraid of the dark.
- Barcus—An oil can he can find.
- Grover M.—A new dog collar.
- L. Dailey—A trip to New York.
- Mrs. Reynolds—Anklet dog tags.
- Mrs. Riewski—Smaller gauge.
- Flossie B.—A tire that won't blow out.
- Helen M.—Bacon for the cat.
- Outlaw—Neighbor Oakley to move.
- Nola—Ditto whoever he is.
- Amy—A boy's whistle.
- Liz R.—A picture of her Bob with a Scottish uniform on.
- Beulah—A pheasant caller.
- Mickey—No more birthdays.
- Liz B.—Hasn't made up her mind yet.
- Bob Leake—Short distance 'phone.
- Rainbow—Wants Shade to leave his wheelbarrow alone.
- Arnold and Beulah—Just a few little things.
- C. Hector—Dykum Blue.
- Chamberlain—February.
- Cobb—Cigar snipes.
- Helen C.—A Lieutenant.
- Sophia—Twin beds.
- Oakley—Some place to sleep besides under his car.
- Brick—Ping Pong instructions.
- Peifer—More girls.
- Shade—Union Standard.
- Norma—A new front porch.
- Iona—The Ledo road.
- Bowman—More Tuesdays.
- Ann—Her boy.
- Bill Knight—Spring.
- Setha Murray—A grandson.
- Lucille—Some one from Indiana.
- Ben Taylor—Pictures to draw.
- Latch—Shot gun shells.
- Pat D.—Something on Bill Knight.

C. Dotson—Her picture from Chicago.  
Eula Walker—One china cat. Doesn't have to purr.

Eula LeHew—A little more heat for final table.

Earl Lowe—More advertising.

Frank Auburn—Just one more gauge.

Georganna Latch—Back pay so she can get that permanent.

Velma Thompson—A live doll.

Mable Waddell—Just Jimmy's homecoming.

All Final Table—Long underwear.

Charlotte Hemer—More light bulbs to break.

Liz Bratcher—More scouts and more patience.

Dorothy Dial—More mush (like her mother makes).

Elmer—Pumpkin pie with whipped cream and baked chicken.

Heck Whittington—Paper plates, to save his fingers.

Luther Morrison—More time for politics.

Bert Butts—"Willie" still wants those roller skates.

Cal McQuality—More cooperation and another girl like Sophia.

Leta Kelley—Something Georgianna doesn't want.

Margaret—Bigger and better car.

Bill Knight says he doesn't mind those things in the Record about him, but his wife doesn't think it nice to talk about a fine upstanding young man like Bill. (that's what Bill says).

John Curry filled his pipe when he left the shop with what he thought was good old cigar clippings. By the time he got it going good there was an explosion. The pipe flew out of John's mouth, the car was filled with sparks and smoke. John thought one of Hitler's V rocket bombs had hit him, but when he filled his pipe he had put a .22 cartridge in with the tobacco.

Kathryn Riley has sure taken an interest in Hipsher's basketball team. We wonder what the attraction is?

If you have any mice you want caught, see Dick Burris. He sure knows where to look for 'em.

According to the Ouija board, and we quote, "Nola will get married in May." Nola says it may be right and it may be wrong. She may not have to work after May and she may have to work more. So there are a lot of may's in May.

Heck Whittington was on his vacation last week. When he came back one of his fingers was all bandaged up. Heck said he was

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## DEATHS

## ORVAL S. KELLER

Orval S. Keller, a member of the shipping department staff and for 24 years an employee of Mueller Co., passed away November 29 in his home at 1226 North Water street after an illness of one week. Although not in robust health for more than a year, Orval had nevertheless, worked every day until a few weeks before his death.

Orval was born October 24, 1900 in Toledo, Illinois, the son of Elmer G. and Mary E. Keller. On November 27, 1920, he married Irma L. White, who is a sister of George W. White of the Sales staff, in Decatur.

He is survived by his wife and parents, and five sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Redfern, Mrs. Ivan Vermillion, Mrs. Oren Alexander, and Mrs. Kenneth Kroenlein, all of Toledo, and Mrs. John Wickizer of Greenup. He leaves four brothers, Irvin of the Shipping Room, Garold and Vernon of Decatur, and Clinton, with the Navy in Coronado, California.

He was a member of the Toledo Christian church and of Stephen Decatur lodge, 979, A. F. & A. M.

Funeral services were held in Toledo, with interment there.

## LOVELL OSCAR PRUETT

Lovell Oscar Pruett, 34, employed with the company as a millwright, passed away December 12 in Decatur and Macon County hospital where he had been a patient for a few days.

Mr. Pruett formerly lived near Vandalia.

He leaves his wife, Edna, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pruett of Barthaldo, four brothers, Othele, Alton; Omar and Clarence, both of Barthaldo; Osmer of Peoria; Earl of Brownstown; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Elta Fry, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. Ardellia Coats of St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services were held from the Hunter funeral home in Vandalia, with burial in Wilbertson cemetery.

## GUY E. JONES

Guy E. Jones, 41, 246 Longview Place, died in St. Mary's hospital, following an operation, on November 19. He had been employed in the foundry as a molder for the past 21 years.

Mr. Jones was born in Marion county, May 4, 1903, the son of John and Elizabeth Jones. On October 24, 1925 he was married to Mildred V. Schroll of Decatur. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Betty, Helen and Janet, a son Billie, and four sisters, Miss Opal Jones, Vernon, Mrs. Lois Bundy, Maroa; Mrs. Mildred Morris of Vernon and Mrs. Carrie Carpenter of Sacramento, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the Vernon Methodist church, with burial in the Vernon cemetery.

## HARVEY C. CAMRON

Harvey C. Camron, employed by Mueller Co. since 1898, passed away December 15 in

St. Mary's hospital where he had been a patient for five days.

Mr. Camron at the time of his death was in the Tool Grinding Department at the Munitions plant, where he was a set-up man. This is the second war during which he held a responsible position in the war products division of the company. In World War No. 1 he was a foreman in the munitions building. He had also been a foreman in the brass finishing shop and in the plumbing division.

Mr. Camron was born in Harristown township October 31, 1876. On June 7, 1900 he and Jeannie Muir were married in Decatur. He leaves his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Lucille B. Sheppard of Decatur and Mrs. Grace M. Axthelm of Hobbs, New Mexico, and a grandson, Oscar C. Sheppard, Jr., in the Navy. He was a member of Stephen Decatur lodge of the A. F. & A. M. and attended Central Christian church.

Funeral services were held in the Dawson & Wikoff Chapel with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

## MRS. CLARA O. MORGAN

Mrs. Clara Oglesby Morgan, mother-in-law of Basil Mason, died November 29 in Decatur and Macon County hospital where she had been ill for three months. She had lived in Decatur almost all of her life and was the widow of City Electrician Charles Arthur Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan was born in Macon May 2, 1882, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Lanham, Mrs. Ida Mae Mason, Miss Donna Della Morgan, all of Decatur, a granddaughter, Shirley Lee Lanham of Decatur and a brother, Harry Oglesby of Storm Lake, Iowa. She was a member of Westminster church and Pocahontas lodge.

Funeral services were held in the Moran chapel, with interment in Fairlawn cemetery.

## FORMER DECATURITE

The Herald-Review of December 3rd, carried a story of the Goodman orchestra of which Herman Martin, Philip and Henry Mueller were members when they were boys. The illustration was the same that appeared in the Record a year or so ago. The article was suggested by the presence of Herman Martin, here from the west on a visit to relatives. He is an uncle of Helen Brannan, cashier of our company. Herman Martin as a boy and young man was a companion of the Mueller brothers. With the late Fred B. Mueller, he was a member of the Rescue Hose company, which won the championship of the United States and brought great fame to the members of the running and coupling team of Decatur. Herman was also a member of the Goodman band, but in his early manhood went to Denver where he made his home for many years. He is a brother of Albert Martin, who was formerly a member of this force.

# Grand Prize Winners



Above—Safety: Paul Hawbaker, Joseph J. Fyke, Ancel G. West.

Above — Increased Production: Albert May, A. Spitzer, Donald Wade.

Below — Reduced Overhead: F. W. Dannewitz, Albert May, (above) Claude Price.

Here are the Grand Prize winners. In making suggestions they were limited in this contest to three previously selected subjects as follows:

- Safety
- Reduced Overhead
- Increased Production

Here follows the result with the nine winners:

### Safety

Paul S. Hawbaker, first prize.....	\$50.00
Joseph J. Fyke, second prize.....	30.00
Ancel G. West, third prize.....	20.00

### Increased Production

Albert May, first prize.....	\$50.00
A. Spitzer, second prize.....	30.00
Donald Wade, third prize.....	20.00

### Reduced Overhead

F. W. Dannewitz, first prize.....	\$50.00
Albert May, second prize.....	30.00
Claude Price, third prize.....	20.00

These winners were not debarred from the general suggestion contest which is open to all employees to make any suggestions beneficial to the business and factory practice. Consequently a number of the above made hay while the sun shone with the following results:

#### Paul Hawbaker—

First in Safety Contest.....	\$50.00
One single suggestion.....	5.00
Total Winnings .....	\$55.00

#### Joseph J. Fyke—

Second in Safety Contest.....	\$30.00
Two single suggestions .....	10.00
Total Winnings .....	\$40.00

#### Ancel West—

Third in Safety Contest.....	\$20.00
Five single suggestions .....	25.00
Total Winnings .....	\$45.00

#### F. W. Dannewitz—

First in Reduced Overhead Contest	\$50.00
Six single suggestions.....	30.00
Total Winnings .....	\$80.00

#### Albert May—

Second in Reduced Overhead Contest	\$30.00
First in Increased Production Contest	50.00
Three single suggestions.....	15.00
Total Winnings .....	\$95.00

#### Claude Price—

Third in Reduced Overhead Contest	\$20.00
One single suggestion.....	5.00
Total Winnings .....	\$25.00

#### Albert May—

(First in Increased Production Contest listed above).

#### A. Spitzer—

Second in Increased Production Contest	\$30.00
One single suggestion.....	5.00
Total Winnings .....	\$35.00

#### Donald Wade—

Third in Increased Production Contest	\$20.00
Two single suggestions .....	10.00
Total Winnings .....	\$30.00



# ... SARNIA ...

The 7th Victory Bond Drive has been very successful. We have 516 workers who subscribed \$58,300.00 which is \$113.00 per person. Flt. Lieut. Mitchell started the drive when he spoke to a gathering of employees. During his vivid description of life and death in the RCAF Gladys Green fainted. There was one part of Mitchell's speech that had all guessing—where did he acquire his knowledge of lingerie which he indelicately referred to as "silk underwear".

Doris McLaughlin and Bert Campbell have been troubled with rats. In Doris' case her rat must have been an acrobat as it could even climb her boudoir curtains. Four-footed rat, of course.

The general office think Scotty a bit of a wolf—each time a new and more glamorous steno arrives we find her in Mr. Milne's office—taking his dictation, of course.

Bob and Digger must be trying to out-do each other. Digger gave Marian a diamond and then Bob gave one to Mildred. Congrats to you all.

The English bride of one of our boys, Stanley Sommes, has arrived in Canada accompanied by their two children.



Proof of Bill Nesbit's marksmanship. These wild geese were shot about 10:30 a. m., at a small creek near Brigden—weight 8 to 12 pounds each. Bill works in Department 3 on the night shift.

Sqdn. Ldr. Harry Dowding visited friends during dinner at the cafeteria. He has finished two tours of operations and returned home after 2½ years overseas. Excepting paleness he looked very well. Harry has received the DFC and a bar.

Don Devine, former Department 14 boy. He's now in the navy, and home on furlough, called on us to meet the gang. Maz met him at the gate.

Chief Stoker PO Arthur J. Powell RCN—brother of Alice Powell—has been awarded the DSM for his part in the ramming and sinking of a German sub in the Carribean while a member of the Corvette Oakville. He and Sub Lieut. H. Lawrence of Brockville boarded the sub and after killing two Germans subdued the crew. It seems that the two clad in bathing trunks and carrying revolvers leaped from the Oakville to the sub and had to swim for their lives with the survivors of the German crew when the Sub sank.

Bill Haskins, formerly of Purchasing department, dropped into the bowling alley recently for a visit with "bowling friends." It's Bill's first visit home. He has been in the hospital for six weeks.

The office has been re-arranged. Sales department moved upstairs. With a little re-arrangement, there is more room. Two persons can now move chairs at the same time without one drawing into the desk.

By the way, Shirl, how come you rate four letters in one day while the rest of us consider ourselves very lucky to get one. PS—it is Shirl Guthrie we are referring to.



Here is the picture of one of our Mueller boys now in the service. The name is Wilbur Duggan, formerly of Department 14, and from all we can find out it is Eric who has the inside track.

Mr. Woodcock—a Mueller Salesman received word recently that his brother Joan

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## MEET BOBBY



Introducing Robert Bruce Chamberlain, known to his friends and relatives as "Bobby." Bobby is the son of Robert and Barbara Young Chamberlain and lives near Harristown. His home is near Harristown, and he is growing up quickly. On August 27 he celebrated his first birthday, was thirteen months old when this picture was made.

Bobby's mother was formerly in the Employment office. He has two proud aunts in the Mueller organization. Aunt Helen is in the Personnel Office, and Aunt Dorothy is a gauge checker at Plant #3.

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Marion Eckman is back after vacationing for several days. He won't say what he did, but he has been accused of washing windows and doing some general house cleaning. What about it, Marion?

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winchester are the proud parents of a new arrival. Charles is a member of the second shift.

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Russell Jolly and Marion Eckman went hunting one day last week and from all reports that we can get, all they brought back was some holly.

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Charles and Jesse Martin Gwin, sons of Jesse Gwin were recently home on furlough.

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Jake: "Lend me \$10 and I'll be everlastingly indebted to you."

Jim: "Yes, that's what I'm afraid of."

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Son, "Dad, what's an American communique writer?"

Father: "He's a military man, son, who believes in telling nothing but the truth and as little of that as possible."

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(used to work here in the Tool Room) died in Detroit after a lengthy illness. Mr. Woodcock also received word that his son, J. A. Woodcock had been promoted to Captain. Capt. Woodcock has been overseas since Dec., 1943.

It was with deep regret we learned of the death of Duncan McDougall's mother. Duncan works in Department 14. Both Ray Lambert and Ed Cook lost their mother and Jack Cain's father also passed away.

Another of the Sarnia boys has paid the supreme sacrifice. This time it was Tommy Mills. Although Tommy did not work here before going into the army he will be well remembered by his friends who worked with him in Department 14. May we take this opportunity to offer to his family, wife and small child our most sincere sympathy.

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Weddings

Courtright Baptist church was the scene of a pretty fall wedding when the Rev. A. Dallimore united in marriage Verda Dunn to Harold Robbins of Courtright. The bride looked lovely in a white brocaded satin dress with sweetheart neckline and white flowers across each shoulder. A head dress of orange blossoms and silver slippers completed the costume. Her bouquet was of American Beauty roses. The wedding music was played by Marjorie Cooledge of Sarnia. The bride's going away outfit was a brown tailored suit with brown accessories and a beige fur jacket and a corsage of white carnation and baby mums. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins will reside in Sarnia shortly.

Alison Street, of the Payroll Department was married to Roy Lyford of the RCNVR at St. Paul's United church at 2:30 Saturday, Dec. 16, by the Rev. J. F. Anderson. Alison looked lovely in a white satin princess line dress with a sweetheart neckline, finger tip veil held in place by a Mary Queen of Scots cap and carried a bouquet of red roses. Alison was attended by Margaret Hart of Toronto as maid of honor with June Goldsmith and Margaret Street as junior bridesmaids, while the groom was attended by Gord Webster as best man. The bride was very chic in her going away outfit, a brown tailored suit with accessories to match and a winter-white top coat. The couple left on a wedding excursion to points east. The wedding music was played by Mr. J. Milne, of our sales department.

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A man rushed into the newspaper office and demanded to see the editor. "Sir," he cried as he strode up and down the room, "your paper has libeled me. You have called me the lightweight champion."

"But that is true," returned the editor. "You are Mr. Fightwell, aren't you?"

"Yes, yes," cried the other, "but it's my brother who is the boxer. I'm a coal merchant."



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washing the dishes for his wife and cut his finger. Well, we don't like to doubt Heck's word but all that believe this stand on their heads.

#### Cobb Lays a Smoke Screen

The other evening going home one of Cobb's riders gave him a drink of alcohol. After Cobb took the drink the fellow asked him a question. When Cobb opened his mouth to answer the fellow is when the smoke screen started, with blue smoke coming out of his mouth and nose and with tears rolling down his cheeks Cobb shut everything and didn't try to say a word until he reached Hammond. Bill Knight says that is one way to keep his mouth shut.

Clara Dotson recently visited Chicago and while she was walking down the street one of those camera men took her picture. So Clara insisted to Johnny that the picture would be good. But the finished product was a lady pushing a baby buggy. We wonder

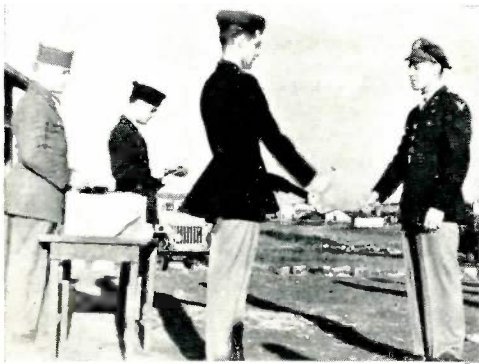
what became of Clara. Suppose she was in the buggy.

We wonder what one of our popular young ladies meant the other day when she asked if it was true that two could live as cheap as one.

The hunters have been talking about how scarce the rabbits are this season, wondering where they were. Well, we just found out. Charlie Johnson has them all penned up out at his place. Rabbits here, rabbits there, rabbits everywhere, all sizes, colors and ages. John Dunaway says every time Charlie takes off his hat a rabbit jumps out of it. So, if you want rabbits, any amount of rabbits, see or call Charlie Johnson, known as the Johnson Gang Rabbit Co., Incorporated.

We don't want to insinuate that John Smith is a sissy but when he went to New York he took his wife's compact with him. You can make what ever you want too out of this.

#### WINS DECORATION



Like others in his line of duty, Donald is not given to tooting his own horn. He accepts orders and carries them out. Just what portion of Italy is the scene of his operations is not known beyond "somewhere in Italy." Accompanying the article is a partial bust and head picture of Donald as he appears now. The other picture shows the ceremony of presentation of a decoration for meritorious service. Military restrictions do not permit much detail but enough is known to give his friends a feeling of pride in the record he is making. His relatives here do not know how many missions he has flown but say it is over nine.

Referring to February, 1943 issue of Mueller Record we find this item:

#### Another Flying Cadet

"Donald Ammann left February 18th for Chicago where he joined a detachment headed for Shepherd Field, Texas. He goes into the service as a flying cadet. Donald is twenty years old and has been with us for two years and seven months. He had worked in the pattern room and also in the chromium plating department. He is a son of Herman Ammann of Plant 3. Donald graduated from Decatur high school in 1940. He was sworn into the service December, 12th, 1942."

Donald is a nephew of Margaret Behrend of the core room.

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Customer: "I want to get a present."

Jeweler: "Diamond, sir?"

Customer: "No, it's for my wife."

Jeweler: "Our costume jewelry is over this way."



Here is a picture of a Decatur boy and a Mueller employe who has made a name for himself in service. He is known to many of us who at once recognize him as Donald Ammann, formerly in the Pattern department. Donald selected the air service as the place where he could do the most good. He now ranks as a pilot, one of the difficult positions, which calls for quick acting, quick thinking, brains and skill. Donald has been generously gifted in all these qualifications. He is somewhere in Italy where the fighting has been persistently carried on for a year. The details of his war adventures are not over-plentiful.



CREDIT UNION NEWS



Although the National Membership contest has closed it is impossible at this time to announce the results. National winners will be announced in the January issue.

We appreciate the co-operation of all members during this contest. Although the contest has closed, new members are welcome at all times. Membership cards can be obtained at the credit union office, Mueller gym. Office hours 11:00 A. M. to 4:15 P. M.

FREE

BIG SHOW

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1945

at the annual membership meeting of the Mueller Co. employees credit union. Place, Mueller gymnasium, time, 7:30. All employees and families are invited to attend. We have planned a fine program for your entertainment, including motion pictures.

DON'T FORGET JANUARY 8th

Do you have a joint account? In case you wish to make yours a joint account agreements are available at the credit union office or from the treasurer.

TEACH YOUR DOLLARS TO HAVE MORE CENTS

If you have neglected to join the credit union don't forget about the insurance feature of our credit union. All savings you put into the credit union until the age of 55 are insured 100% up to \$1,000. That is, if you have \$1,000 in your share account at the time of death your wife or estate would receive \$2,000. That's mighty, mighty cheap insurance, isn't it?

DON'T FORGET JANUARY 8th

Financial Statement for November, 1944

Receipts	
Shares .....	\$2937.80
Entrance Fees .....	21.25
Interest .....	18.62
Loans Repaid .....	512.71
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3490.38</b>
Disbursements	
Loans .....	\$1290.00
Expenses .....	58.44
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$1348.44</b>
Cash on Hand .....	\$4266.14
Balance from Oct. ....	2124.20

Cash Balance for Nov. ....\$2141.94

\$3490.38

Number of members—312

Number of borrowers—28.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

In the last issue of the outside Mueller Record we printed a good-natured bunch of doggerel under the heading of "Liquor and Life." It did not meet with the approval of Maynard Buckta of Plant 3, who replies as follows:

The Answer to "Liquor and Life"

The one who lauds the wine and beers  
 Conveniently forgets some years  
 Of age, far, far beyond compare,  
 On land, in sea, and in the air:  
 The loquacious parrot; he lives on  
 'Til one hundred twenty years are gone;  
 The whale in one big ocean soaks,  
 'Til at 300 years he croaks;  
 At 400 the elephant cashes in,  
 And never fills up on rum and gin.  
 True, animals are strictly dry;  
 They sinless live,—but, swiftly die??  
 They merely live out their life-span  
 With a record far more clear than man.  
 Methuselah, to age nine sixty nine,  
 Lived without our beer and wine.  
 But,—why the three score years and ten??  
 Ah, it's because of the sin of men!!

By Maynard Buckta

Maynard says in his letter that he regards liquor as "Public Enemy Number One," and of course, he is not alone in this belief. Regardless of divergent views on the subject, we find nothing objectionable in his reply. In fact, we think his answer is better than the original lines published.

DON'T OVERLOOK IT

The Record Bargain Column Is For Your Use at No Cost

Members of this organization, who have wants to be filled, or things to sell should not overlook the Bargain Column page. This page brings results.

Harley Himstead will verify this statement. In last month's Record, Harley advertised a rifle for sale. Soon after supper he began receiving telephone calls from prospective purchasers and within a day or so he had 10 or a dozen prospects. Of course, he made a sale at a satisfactory price and to a pleased buyer.

This Bargain column page has proven its value many times. Any employe is privileged to insert an advertisement without any charge whatever. The page is for your convenience. We are glad to insert your advertisement.

Wife: "Your hat is on the wrong way, dear."

Professor: "How do you know which way I'm going?"

# "BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE"

## ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Simmons steel bed and springs. Marie Brooks, 202 West Grand Ave., City, or Tool Room Engineering.

FOR SALE: Cast iron Heatrola. 5 room size in good condition. Raleigh Wharton, 1168 North 35th St., Decatur, or Plant 3.

FOR SALE: Studio couch. Inner springs, good condition. See Mrs. Ralph Muzzy, Second shift, Cafeteria Plant No. 3.

COTTON PAD: Made to fit Mueller baby crib. Call Mrs. Hubert Maddox, 1237 S. Jasper.

FOR SALE: Shot gun like new. Sixteen (16) gauge single, with recoil pad. 1½ box shells, \$15.00. Dick Tolladay, Phone 5682, 1003 W. North Street.

FOR SALE: Mans' 15-jewel pocket watch. Excellent condition, white case, heavy rock crystal. Glenn Roff, Shipping Dept.

FOR SALE: 2 acres on hard road, south of Harristown. Also, 3 grave lot in Fair-lawn cemetery. Ralph Adams, lead dept. Tel. 2-1744.

FOR SALE: 1 Bed Davenport. A-1 condition. Color (Maroon). William Cloney, Boody, Illinois, or Mueller Plant No. 3.

## WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: Long or short 22 Rifle shells. See Mickey Morey, Second shift, Plant 3.

WANTED TO BUY: Shot gun in good condition. See Stanley Shannon, #4420.

WANTED TO BUY: A child's tricycle. Call phone 7786.

WANTED: 1 very small radio. Will buy or trade, table model. Virginia Barnett, Plant 3.

WANTED TO BUY—1 tire for motor scooter, tubeless type size 12 x 3.50. C. W. Murray, 840 S. 17th St. Phone 2-1339.

WANTED TO RENT: 4 or 5 room modern house in Roosevelt school district. (Would take 3 to 5 room apt. Mrs. Marie Brooks c/o Employment Office.)

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

## BOY SCOUT NEWS



Jumping Jupiter! How fast things can happen at times! The call of the sea got Herbert Harner just as it did his father in the first World War. A little over a week ago he volunteered for the U. S. Navy Radar School. After a triple dose of jitters over the radar exams, the Admiral said, "O. K.", and Herbie left in less than a week. The Sea Scouts did not even have time to give him the usual shore party. Herbie began as a Tenderfoot and worked right up to Jr. A. S. M. and this month would have been promoted to Assistant Scoutmaster. He was an active member of the S. S. S. Viking.

And then—just as we were getting used to having Mr. Stewart File take over the troop activities as our newest Assistant Scoutmaster — BINGO! — the Army Air Corps called him to report in Louisiana for active duty. "Stewie", as he was known to most of the Scouts before promotion to leadership, came up through the ranks from Tenderfoot to A. S. M. He was Coxswain of the crew in the Sea Scout ship. Both of these fine men were five year Veteran Scouts, loyal workers in the troop and ship, and enthusiastic campers. We wish them both a hearty "bon voyage" and a rich experience in the armed forces.

The Sea Scouts seem to be hogging the news this month. Richard Hoppe has advanced to the rank of Ordinary Sea Scout. He is our first Apprentice to step up his rating. Formal presentation of his insignia will take place soon. At the same board Billy Hughes and Billy Campbell walked away with two Art Merit Badges. We have four artists in the troop now. Bobby Hughes and Richard Hoppe added red bars for another three months at the board of review without missing. How about some of the rest of you getting a red bar?

Mr. Carter, our Troop Committeeman, has been a frequent visitor to meetings lately. He is the troop treasurer and Lord High Keeper of the Bank Book. Come often, Mr. Carter.

A right Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

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Butch thought that his truck ought to fly; Thirty-five was too slow for the guy.

So he flew down the road

Till a tire went and blowed.

And now Butch does his flying on high!

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She: "How is it that you kiss so divinely?"  
He: "Oh, I used to blow the bugle in the Boy Scouts."