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## THE HOBBY SHOW

Large Crowds Interested in Display of Hobbies—Heir Looms and Relics—Music and Dancing

The hobby show held at the gymnasium Friday evening was a great success. It might well have been called "The Old Curiosity Shop", because a fair proportion of the articles exhibited were more in the nature of relics than hobbies. However, they were interesting. Some of the hobbies were of an outstanding character but it hardly would be fair to pick them out, because every person with a hobby thinks his is just as good or better than some one else's. We feel, however, that the circus train made by Bert Backstein of Mueller Fixture Co. was perhaps the most interesting to the largest number of those in attendance. Mr. Backstein put in four years building this miniature train. It was built to scale  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the foot and it stretched out about two-thirds of the length of the gymnasium. It was a faithful reproduction correct to the minutest detail in their conventional circus blue.

There were some excellent specimens of iron and wood work by Mueller employes. These included chairs, tables, aquarium, flower pot holders and what not.

Adolph's hunting party at the Okaw got a lot of attention. The porch on the cabin where meals are served in summer was duplicated. A hunting dog was tied outside while inside a meal was served in true hunter's style. Seated at the table were Adolph and Robert Mueller, Ed Stille, Bill Ferry, J. W. Wells and Charles Cochran and Billy Mason.

An effort was made to get a list of all the material exhibited, but we are not sure that we have succeeded. We have been very careful, however, to see that it was all properly returned. The following list is fairly inclusive:

Mrs. Marie Overfield—an iron skillet used by pioneers in the gold rush of 1848, a miner's rock hammer, and an old tin-type album.

Julius Shaw—a shoemaker's iron last.

Gettlieb Teike—German meerscham pipe, pair of steins, picture of Chicago in 1833, a wooden form for darning socks.

John Bixler—old hammer and chisel which had been in the family for more than one hundred years, chalk-line spool, old silver teaspoon which was lost and later found in the garden.

Illinois and Macon County Atlas published about 1870.

Charles Rubicum, small display of artificial flies for fish bait which he made himself.

Elwood Fenton—wooden toy consisting of a figure of a colored man so placed that it would dance when the lever was worked, a clever wooden action toy of a woman feeding chickens.

Harland Himstead—a copy of a Taylorville newspaper in 1889.

Hazel Cunningham—a display of post cards and photographs of places she had visited. Her hobby is travel.

Daniel Burger—a collection of old coins from various countries, one copper coin was dated 1674.

Mrs. J. W. Wells—a small bronze lamp recovered from the ruins of Herculaneum.

Oren Backstein—ship model of the Santa Maria and two army airplanes.

Barney Morrison exhibited a vase made from a French 75 shell.

E. H. Potts—cast iron book ends and modernistic electric light fixture with shade, and cast iron figure of a dog which he had made himself.

Mrs. Clifford Gillebrand exhibited three pastel paintings and two drawings made by Clifford Gillebrand, deceased. These pictures show a high order of artistic ability.

Ray Kileen exhibited several drawings and paintings of merit.

Mrs. Abner Shirk entered an interesting portrait she had painted.

Hugh Baker brought an old clock made in 1838. It was one of the first American clocks with brass works and it still keeps good time. He also showed a tin lantern more than a century old and used with candles.

Barney Marty exhibited a similar lantern of somewhat later make which was purchased in Decatur in 1856.

Walter Auer built for his daughter, Betty, a Christmas village showing a winter scene with houses all illuminated. He also secured from the Veterans of Foreign Wars a military exhibit containing various rifles, a captured German ma-

chine gun, gas mask, and other things of interest.

Claude Stacey shaves himself with a Sheffield razor that has been in the family for more than 100 years. It was made straight but has since been hollow-ground.

Leonard Woods—soap carvings showing real artistic ability.

Julius Grabenhoffer exhibited two wrought iron lamp stands and two fish bowl stands, his own work.

Abner Shirk made a hooked rug of which he was very proud.

J. C. Hamilton, while a student in school, made a book rack and stool which show that he has some ability as a wood worker.

Mrs. Ray King exhibited a photograph of a German ship captured during the war and later manned by a United States navy crew. Her husband was one of the crew. She also exhibited a sugar bowl from the table service of the captured German ship.

Harold Snyder exhibited wax models of Lincoln's tomb and the Statue of Liberty, and a bust of Lincoln. He and his father, now deceased, made them of beeswax and they are accurate in detail. He also entered a mahogany chair which he designed and made entirely by hand.

Barney Marty loaned a picture of the Mueller force starting out to the picnic in 1890.

Alva Davis is interested in poetry. Some examples of the kind he likes are posted on the bulletin board.

A year or so ago F. H. Williams caught a thirty-five pound catfish which he photographed. He loaned us the picture.

Irene Santenan exhibited a tobacco box made of apple wood stained green which was made in Finland and which once belonged to her father.

Louis Rohr made, thirty-seven years ago, some calipers which he exhibited, also an electric machine on which he could give his friends a mild shock. A more recent invention was a beverage syphon which he also had on display.

Our Boy Scouts had a big panel showing many kinds of knots and a collection of arrow heads found in this vicinity.

Adolph Mueller, besides his Okaw Cabin, exhibited one of the eighty-six baby cribs in which the new babies of recent years have spent their early months. He also had on exhibit a hobby horse used by his children and a rocking chair used by their mother. Of special interest was a set of tools which he had filed from iron when he was a student at U. of I.

Mrs. Wallace Gould exhibited a German sewing machine mounted in a cabinet of inlaid wood made by her brother.

Harold and Alva Moats had a noteworthy exhibit of mechanisms that they had made, including a small automobile which runs on its own power, and miniature steam engines. They are now working on a miniature V8 automobile engine complete in all details.

Robert Mueller exhibited two portraits made by his father when he was a young man.

Chester Wood Jr. exhibited several mechanical drawings showing considerable merit.

Wanda Lou Harper loaned an excellent scrap

## CUTE TWINS

**Twin Daughters of Clyde Hester — Shirley Maxine and Phyllis Ilene, 8 Months Old December 1933**



book showing pictures of many movie actors.

Clinton Wright entered an interesting collection of miniature furniture and a log cabin which he had made.

Edith Bauer showed a drawing of a school girl.

Harry Grandfield had just finished a machinists' tool box which was an excellent piece of cabinet work.

Margaret Marcott procured baby pictures of several Mueller people, some of which will appear from time to time in the Record.

Mildred Fenton exhibited two framed silhouettes, her own work.

E. H. Langdon showed a varied assortment of East Indian brass work, clay models of fruits and people, photographs, coins and a iron helmet. Mrs. Langdon showed a large framed picture made up of many pictures of her children.

Wives of employees were invited to exhibit and the following participated:

Mrs. John Bixler and daughter, Marjorie—doilie and embroidered towel.

Mrs. John Chalcraft—double wedding ring and flower garden quilts.

Mrs. J. W. Workman—Yo-Yo bedspread and flower garden quilt.

Gladys Lloyd—fancy work.

Margaret Behrns—set of pillow cases.

Laura Becker—quilt.

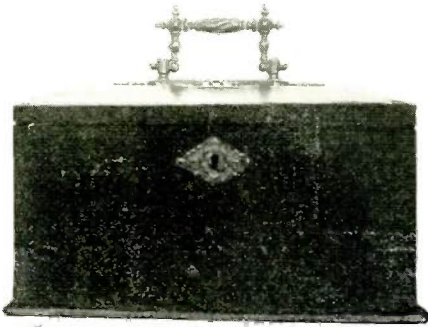
Mildred Fenton—lace handkerchief.

Mrs. Wallace Cochran—embroidered centerpiece and dresser scarf.

Mrs. C. E. Rubicam—center piece, buffet set, and two dresser scarfs.

Mrs. Basil Mason—three quilts and laces col-

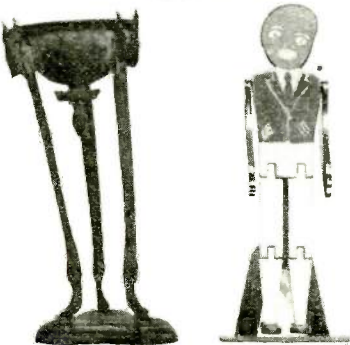
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Miniature Guns  
Complete in every detail

Made by  
LESTER SKELLEY

While an apprentice



Description of Hobbies

Hunting Knife—Property of Chas Meador, an heirloom about 200 years old.

Razor—Claude Stacy has used this razor since 1907. Before that it had been in the family of a relative more than 100 years. It is Sheffield steel, hollow ground after it had been used for years.

Bible—(Inscribed inside the cover:) Belonged to Chas. S. Wilkins, who was born in Columbia, S. C., May 6, 1818, and died Feb. 4, 1888. It now belongs to James Monroe Wilkins, his son, who was born June 6, 1851 in Bond County near old Ripley. I am now giving it to my oldest son, Henry Alfred Wilkins, who was born in Bond county, Illinois, April 16, 1879, with the request that it be given to the oldest son in the family. If there be no son, then to the daughter whenever they are settled down and old enough to realize the value of such a book until it is 500 years old, and then the one that has it at that time to do as he or she thinks best. This book is now 175 years old.

(Signed) James Monroe Wilkins  
October 2, 1929.

Small Bronze Lamp—From the ruins of Herculaneum, Italy. Property of J. W. Wells. Lamp is 2500 years old.

Miniature Guns—Complete in every detail. Made by Lester Skelley, while an apprentice.

Tobacco Box—Made in Finland in 1900. Property of Irene Santanen.

Elwood Fenton exhibited two clever toys which he made. One a colored man. It danced grotesquely when a lever was worked. Another toy showed a bunch of poultry which picked on the ground when operated.

BIRTHS

To Roy Hartwig, a daughter, Doris Jean, December 16.

To Anthony Grossman, Draftsman in the Machine Shop, a son, Donald Dean, Jaanuary 6.

To Warren Hall, Machine Shop, a daughter, Shirley Jane, January 25.

To Guy Jones, Foundry, a daughter, January 30.

A goodly proportion of the organization will get a new map of Webber City—and maybe a prize in Amos and Andy's contest.

## RUBY EILEEN MOATS



Ruby Eileen Moats will be two years old April 2. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moats, and lives at 1235 W. Green street. Mr. Moats is employed in the pattern shop.

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lected by Basil while in the Navy. Century of Progress quilt, and flower garden quilt.

Margaret Marcott—two old counterpanes, two child's dresses, and family relics.

Mrs. Emmett Holderby—Yo-Yo bed spread.

Mrs. Wallace Gould—crocheted pillow top.

Mrs. Milo Wright—crocheted rug.

Dorothy Stratman—quilt.

Ethel Fogle—quilt.

Mrs. James Pollock—mill wheel quilt.

Mrs. Marcott—quilt.

Mrs. Chester Wood—Friendship quilt.

Mrs. Roy Whitaker—two quilts and fancy work.

Mueller Company's exhibit showed the evolution of the tapping machine, plant pictures and awards won at expositions.

Mr. August Bork brought, on the evening of the show, one of the most interesting exhibits of all. His father, who had been a blacksmith, designed and made an instrument for pulling teeth. There were several jaws for teeth of different sizes. One of these was set in the handle, hooked around the aching tooth, and the blacksmith proceeded to pry it out. He pulled teeth for fifteen cents. August named several of the old-timers who worked here who had teeth removed by this gentle process.

A. G. Webber loaned a picture of himself when a boy and his dog, and a tea cup and saucer of colonial times which was said to have been used by American officers at the time of the Revolution.

Lester Skelley, while an apprentice, made in miniature working models of shot guns and rifles

complete in every detail. The over-all length of these arms was six inches. He also made a revolver about two inches long complete with cartridges. The smallest article in the show was a two-blade pocket knife made by Lester Skelley, the pearl handle of which was one-eighth of an inch long. A magnifying glass revealed that all parts were neatly and accurately made.

Miss McKee loaned a burning glass mounted in bone, which had been in their family for a century or more, and was used by her father to start a fire when he went hunting.

Of interest to stenographers was E. H. Langdon's old No. 6 Remington typewriter which he purchased in Decatur in 1902. It is a blind machine. He and a number of other students have learned the "touch" method of operating it. This typewriter has accompanied him on many journeys and has been around the world. In the mountains of India it was carried on the heads of coolies. It has seen service in schools, on trains, and on ship board. It has never been out of order and is still a good machine. John and Mary Langdon are now learning to type-write with it.

The outstanding single exhibit of the show was the circus train built by Bert Backstein of Mueller Fixture Company. It consists of a locomotive, seven flat cars, one coach and one caboose. Everything is made to the scale of one-half inch to the foot. There are twenty-six wagons which are complete down to the last detail in color, design and proportion. These are carried on the flat cars. Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey gave Mr. Backstein permission to use their name, and he is the only one ever to be granted this permission. This is the most complete miniature circus train ever made. It was exhibited but once before, and that was at the State Fair at Springfield in 1934.

Mr. Backstein has spent his leisure time for the past four and one-half years on his hobby. He plans to extend it further, and eventually will have the whole circus in miniature.

## ENTERTAIN BOYS

Adolph Mueller was host to nineteen boys from the Boys' Opportunity Home Saturday afternoon, January 19. Thirteen of the boys hiked from the Home to the Athletic Club in the afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Adolph, Mr. A. G. Webber, Sr., and Mr. O. C. Keil. It was a warm, damp, murky afternoon, and the ground was soft and muddy, but the thirteen boys arrived at the Club House about four o'clock, eyes glowing and cheeks pink from the exercise and joy of the hike, with their tennis shoes under their arms. Muddy shoes were left in the basement, and the boys gathered on the closed-in porch and played games under the direction of Clara Uhl assisted by Dorothy Uhl and Mary Wilkins. The other six boys came in Mr. Adolph's car in time to join the games.

About half an hour before dinner was served, the entire group gathered about the piano and sang while Sylvia Barnes played, and Mr. Adolph sang "Old Black Joe" at the urgent demand of the boys who remembered this as Mr.

## BABY PICTURES AT HOBBY SHOW



Charles Laughton



Charles McArty



Louis Rohr



Dorothy Geptord

Adolph's specialty from their parties of previous years.

Chicken dinner followed by ice cream and cake made a bit with the hungry boys, who enthusiastically passed their plates for a second helping.

Following the dinner, Mr. Adolph gave a short, interesting talk and stressed the importance of honesty, and leaving property of others strictly alone. Judge McCoy affirmed Mr. Mueller's statements and mentioned the fact that out of fifty-five boys brought before him, all but two had been charged with taking things which did not belong to them. Mr. Adolph's inquiry as to what the boys hoped to be when grown brought out several interesting disclosures. One professed an ambition to be an aviator, another a state highway patrolman, while one little boy declared his chief aim in life was to get a job and care for his mother and father and grandmother. But it was left to the youngest, a little chap about four years old, to be the most original. He timidly held up his hand and when attention had been drawn to him, he stood up on his chair and firmly declared: "When I get big I want to be Santa Claus!"

### HIGH AIR JACK

And now we have an ace of the air in our organization in the person of Jack Enloe, son of the paymaster, who is not half as enthusiastic about it as Jack is. Jack has already hung up a record. He hasn't flown across the Atlantic, attempted an endurance flight, or put on an air circus, but he learned the trick of flying in record time. After five hours instruction he made a solo flight. Next time he flew over his home. Mr. and Mrs. Enlow were in the yard and Jack started a nose dive or "sumpin'" much to his own delight but to the consternation of his parents. Jack is just out of high school, and is eighteen years old. His instructor, Hunter Moody, says Jack grasped the principles of flying in record time.

### CARE AND FEEDING OF HOBBY HORSES

This is the title of a 104-page volume by Ernest Elmo Calkins and was loaned to us by Harry Woodruff. It was published in 1934 by the Leisure League of America. It is full of suggestions for constructive use of the increased leisure that the American people now have. We quote one paragraph from the introduction by Walter B. Pitkin:

"Work comes and goes, for better or for worse. But the hobby, well chosen and growing naturally out of your desires, needs and abilities, goes on forever. It is a natural and joyful part of your life when things go well, and something to which you can turn for wholesome solace when all the world seems against you."

A man's hobby is a thing that he does because he loves to do it. This form of self-expression gives him satisfaction that nothing else can. It is play, not work. A hobby makes you interesting to other people if you don't ride it too much.

Mr. Calkins divides hobbies into these groups:

1. Doing things
2. Making things
3. Acquiring things
4. Learning things.

The circus train exhibited by Bert Backstein was a fine example of doing something. It might also be said of the work exhibited by the wives of our workers. Games and sports are followed by some of our people but they could not well be exhibited, altho Roy Whitaker did have a good hunting exhibit.

Collectors are those who acquire things of interest. Orto Keil, Jr.'s exhibit of match boxes and covers is an illustration; also E. H. Langdon's varied assortment of East Indian art crafts.

Under learning things, we might mention Dorothy Hill's interest in literature and music.

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By special study she is completing her high school course, at the same time becoming a proficient pianist.

Dr. Barnes, who used to live in Decatur, was a collector of butterflies. Before he had finished, he had spent \$1,000,000 and had the most complete collection of North American butterflies in existence. After his death it was purchased by the United States Government and moved to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

A Chicago minister became interested in Japanese sword hilts. In the course of time, he assembled a collection of such merit that it now has a place of honor in the Chicago Art Institute.

The first half of this book discusses the proper selection of a hobby. The last half is a bibliography covering 218 different subjects and each one of these has a number of sub-heads. It includes such diverse interests as animals, sports, music, acting, painting, wine lore, printing, textile crafts, glass blowing, leather work, pottery, pewter ware, toys, astronomy, gems, insects, heraldry, and religion.

MUELLER BOWLING LEAGUE

There has been but little change in the bowling situation since the last report, but the conversation among the players has reached a much higher per cent. In the ten high bowlers Wiant passed Leipski to get fifth place. Flaughner in the ninth place and Mason in the tenth disappear from the line-up and are succeeded by Krag and Hill.

In the team standings the Specialty Division goes into second place and Ground Key falls to third, while the Pattern Shop moves from fifth to fourth place. Tool Room dropping from third to fifth. Otherwise there was no change. The Plumbing Division still "leads" for the "cellar pennant".

Ten High Bowlers

Player	G.	Ave.	H.G.
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div.	66	186	235
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	63	184	241
C. C. Roarick, Tool Rm.	66	183	241
E. C. Stille, Grd. Key Div.	54	181	222
H. Leipski, Pat. Shop	48	178	226
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.	66	176	215
C. Morenz, Pat. Shop	62	171	236
C. F. Roarick, W. M. Of.	51	171	222
G. Krag, Pat. Shop	66	170	225
C. Hill, Spec Div.	56	169	233

Team Standing, Feb. 5, 1935

Team	G.	W	L.	Pct.	Ave.
Works Mgr. Of.	66	44	22	.667	843
Specialty Division	66	38	28	.576	845
Ground Key Div.	66	37	29	.561	772
Pattern Shop	66	35	31	.530	807
Tool Room	66	34	32	.515	762
Utility Engineers	66	30	36	.455	718
Regulators	66	26	40	.394	745
Plumbing Division	66	20	46	.303	683

GRADUATED



Don H. Smith, son of John H. Smith of the Brass Foundry, was graduated in January from Decatur High School. Don aspires to be a lawyer.

Individual Averages

Works Mgr. Office:	Tool Room:
W. Behrns ... 184	C. C. Roarick ... 183
L. Wiant ... 176	A. Radke ... 163
C. F. Roarick ... 171	C. Rubican ... 149
J. Bain ... 165	M. Stratman ... 146
M. Chaney ... 161	H. Stratman ... 133
M. Curry ... 148	L. Siloski ... 116
Specialty Division:	Utility Engineers:
K. Blankenburg 186	B. Mason ... 167
C. Hill ... 169	W. Gould ... 159
A. Flaughner ... 168	J. Morrison ... 152
R. Hill ... 167	H. Fairchild ... 149
E. Hartwig ... 162	F. Trazik ... 122
A. Grossman ... 155	W. Groble ... 111
Ground Key Division:	Regulators:
E. C. Stille ... 181	W. Smith ... 163
J. Taylor ... 163	A. Olsen ... 156
L. McKinney ... 157	F. March ... 149
H. Cragg ... 150	J. Pollock ... 146
F. Taylor ... 144	G. Hutchins ... 137
G. Edwards ... 137	Plumbing Division:
Pattern Shop:	P. Jacka ... 146
H. Leipski ... 178	A. Jendryn ... 142
C. Morenz ... 171	E. Krunseik ... 135
G. Krag ... 170	O. C. Keil ... 135
A. Lindamood ... 160	L. Kramer ... 129
R. Lusk ... 157	C. W. Hathaway 125
	K. Keck ... 120

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmonson and daughter returned to Decatur the latter part of January after being residents of Chattanooga for several months.

## WIT AND WISDOM

A thousand probabilities do not make a truth.

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Wife: "That new washwoman has stolen two of our towels."

Hubby: "Which ones, dear?"

Wife: "The ones we got from the Hotel Pennsylvania!"

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Every path has a puddle.

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"I'm a man who toils not, neither do I spin."

"What's the matter, lose your job?"

"Yes, and then they took my car away from me."

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A close mouth catcheth no flies.

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"What model is your car?"

"It's not a model; it's a horrible example."

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Some are so positive as ignorance and narrowness can make them.

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First Dumb Hunter: "How do you detect an elephant?"

Guide: "You smell a faint odor of peanuts on his breath."—Widow.

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Clergymen like brakemen do a great deal of coupling.

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"Are you secretly married to her?"

"No, she knows it."—Wampus.

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Never split against the grain.

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The smallest hair throws a shadow.

## BOBBY MUELLER IN SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Mueller visited Chattanooga, Warm Springs, Georgia, and then proceeded to Sarasota, Florida, where they visited Mrs. Philip Mueller for several weeks. At Warm Springs they visited Frank Mueller, who is making good progress toward recovery. They will be back home before the end of the month.

## WESTERN SALESMAN HERE

Lloyd Logsdon, Mueller salesman travelling out of San Francisco, was here Monday, February 4, on a business trip. Lloyd says business is looking up on the coast and with the opening of the building season is expected to improve still more.

## GARDENERS GETTING READY

Seed catalogs are coming in and the gardeners in the organization are already looking forward to the time when they can begin tilling the soil.

## IN ARIZONA

There is quite a colony of Decatur people in Arizona this winter, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, who left late in January. Arizona is rapidly gaining popularity as a winter resort, but Miami and California still hold forth as the leaders.

## THE SLOGAN WINNER

The winner of the slogan contest for 1934 was Russell Jolly, whose slogan was:

IDEAS BY EACH OF US BENEFIT THE ALL OF US.

The selection was made by about sixty persons, who voted on the list submitted without knowing any of the contestants. While there was only one prize, the first six slogans chosen as the best are as follows:

1. Ideas by each of us benefit the all of us.
2. Suggestion time is all the time.
3. A method improved is progress assured.
4. New business may start from a hint on your part.
5. Think—it pays.
6. What you suggest may help the rest.

The complete list of suggestions will be published in the March Record. In the meantime, get busy on a slogan for 1935.

## NEW PRINTING PRESS

The printing department has proved a big attraction during the past few weeks, while a complete rearrangement was being made. This, however, was not the principal attraction. The beautiful new printing press made by Brantjen & Kluge caught the admiring eye of all. It's a self-feeding press, and gives twice the capacity of our former press of similar style. With this new piece of machinery, we expect to turn out colored-circulars which will compare favorably with downtown printing. We have already completed a fine circular advertising the Hearing System, and will shortly produce a new circular for the plumbing division. Any one in the organization interested in seeing the most modern machine of its class will be welcome to do so.

## SYMPHATIZING WITH SYLVIA

Sylvia Barnes, telephone operator, has been having a trying time. She was in an automobile accident the day before Christmas in which a number of her teeth were knocked out, necessitating the removal of several more in order to have a plate made. When dentist pulled the first tooth he discovered that her jaw had been fractured, a fact which the X-rays had failed to disclose.

## VISITOR FROM COLUMBIAN

C. M. W. Rand travelling out of Chattanooga for the Columbian Iron Works was in Decatur recently for a day. He called on executives, heads of departments and was piloted through the factory by Hardey Himstead. Mr. Rand was duly impressed with the magnitude of Mueller enterprises.

## THE HOBBY SHOW

In this issue are a few of the photographs taken at the hobby show. We have quite a few more which will appear in The Record during the next few months. It is impossible to find room for all of them in one issue of The Record.

**EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY**

Columbian Iron Works

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Financial Statement, January 31, 1935.

(The Society was organized April 1, 1934)

**RECEIPTS**

Membership Dues	\$1066.95
From Columbian Iron Works	250.00
Fines	14.20
Distributing Soap	4.00
Petty Cash	1.10
Badges Lost	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1341.25</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Benefits	
Sickness	\$193.00
Accidents-In	269.16
Accidents-Out	24.75
Welfare	14.00
	\$ 500.91
Expenses	11.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 512.19</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 829.06</b>

S. M. PEACE, Treasurer.

**GUESS WHO**

The pictures of the two little girls in the Record last month, which were taken a number of years ago, brought forth quite a bit of speculation as to their identity, but Marshall Hobbs was the only one who sent in the correct answer. The girls were Flossie Poe and Dorothy Stratman. They were also suspected as being Hazel Virden, Louise Anderson, and Marian Richards.

**REMEMBER**

—and don't forget the Cafeteria. Good meals—clean surroundings—sanitary kitchen—friendly meetings and all at a small cost.

The slogan and suggestion contest benefit you in every way. You may win a prize. If you don't you have benefitted yourself. Thinking is mental stimulation. Try it. A little practice will give you a thinking mind.

**THE FOREMEN'S CLUB**

The Foremen's Club met on the evening of January 21. Owing to the weather, this session was held in the gymnasium. There was a good attendance and some subjects of real interest were discussed by various persons. Wilbur Simpson talked about sales and the business outlook. He said that for the first time in the past few years he was willing to concede that the outlook was better, and is encouraged to hope for a reasonably good business this year.

Mr. Langdon spoke about the hobby show and hobbies and this led to a general discussion of the subject. The opinion was that practically everyone considered the show a complete success, and while no definite action was taken, it was thought a similar show should be given another year.

Hugh Baker discussed soil erosion, which is

a topic of wide spread interest at the present time. It was explained that by soil erosion it is meant that the top soil is washed away into the various streams, generally reaching the Mississippi River. This has been going on for many years. It is claimed that eight crops from the same piece of land will not do as much damage to the soil as one year of erosion.

Adolph Mueller spoke on general subjects. He referred to business, the hobby show, and other matters of interest to the organization. He also referred to the fact that he was going to take a vacation for a month or two down to Miami Beach, Florida.

There will be no meeting of the Foremen's Club this month.

**PAUL HINES HERE**

Paul Hines, our salesman in a southern territory, was in December 26. He spent the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. C. W. Hines, 725 W. Eldorado.

Paul drove from Memphis and found the roads in good condition until he had passed Pana, and there he unexpectedly came upon a road covered with frozen snow. He set the brakes; the car skidded and turned on its side. Fortunately, Paul and his two passengers, though shaken up and a little frightened, were uninjured. The car was put back on its wheels with the help of passing motorists, set on the road, and came to Decatur on its own power. Whenever Paul thinks of it, he feels it was very lucky and in the care of Providence.

Paul reports that there is a decided gain in business in our line in his territory. P. W. A. money has provided a good many southern towns with water works. He reports that general business and economic conditions are better in his territory than they have been in the past four years.

**EAT  
YOUR LUNCH  
AT  
OUR CAFETERIA  
==  
GOOD  
FOOD**

**Clean Surroundings****All at Small Cost****to you**