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EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

It Is In Fine Financial Condition—Four Death Benefits Paid in 1937

Here follows the financial report of the Employees' Aid Society for the year of 1937. These accounts are checked annually by the company auditor who examines the books, vouchers, and assets of the society.

Financial Report for 1937

Dec. 1, 1937 \$ 5,554.49

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues:
 Decatur \$5,247.31
 Los Angeles 1,256.60 \$ 6,503.91

Decatur Improve. Bond. 40.00
 Interest Collected 211.78

\$12,310.18

PAYMENTS

Benefits:

Decatur — sickness, accidents, deaths and welfare \$5,356.14
 Los Angeles — sickness and accidents 573.12
 Emergency Loan Fund.. 1,500.00
 *U. S. Savings Bonds.. 2,250.00
 Dues refunded 13.80
 Expense 3.53
 Visiting Nurses' Assn. .. 10.00
 Community Chest 200.00 \$ 9,906.59

11-30-1937 Balance 2,403.59

\$12,310.18

* These bonds will be worth \$3,000 in 10 years.

RESOURCES

Investments:

Decatur Imprv. Bonds. \$ 231.00
 *Van Swearingen Bonds (par) 2,000.00
 U. S. Savings Bonds.. 2,250.00 \$ 4,481.00

Building and Loan Stock:
 Mutual, 1-1-1938 1,303.01
 Peoples, 1-1-1938 1,328.11 2,631.12

Emergency Loan Fund.. 5,500.00
 Millikin Bank:

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Savings Acct., 11-1-37. 3,661.53
 Checking acct. 2,403.59 6,065.12

Interest accrued on Loan Fund, 1-1-38 126.00

Total \$18,803.24

* No interest paid on Van Swearingen bonds since 1932. These bonds were refinanced May 6, 1935 to mature May 1, 1940 at \$1410 each, or \$2820 on the original investment of \$2000.

Welfare Account

Included in benefits paid:

1. Relief \$ 276.22
2. Doctor 189.50
3. Family care 30.00
4. Hospital 222.57
5. Teeth 658.90
6. Eye Care 316.75
7. Foot Care 81.80
8. Community Chest 200.00
9. Other Items 144.95

Total \$2,120.69

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

The above statements show that the Society in Decatur paid to its members \$128.87 more in benefits than were received in dues. Within the year four death benefits were paid as follows:

Frank Burk \$ 75.00
 L. M. Reynolds 75.00
 W. T. Mason 150.00
 C. F. Roarick 125.00

On June 30, 1937, the Society invested \$2,250 of its surplus in United States saving bonds. If these bonds are retained for ten years, they will be worth \$3,000.

A number of years ago the Society invested \$800 in each of the building and loan associations of Decatur. This investment of \$1600 is now worth \$2,631.12. For a number of years the return on this was 6%, but it is now about 4%. The account in the savings bank draws interest at 1%. The advances to the loan fund pay 6% above the first thousand. Last year the Society received interest in cash of \$211.78 and interest accrued on building and loan stock and the savings account amounted to \$139.46. Total interest for the year was \$351.24.

Last year the Society spent on welfare,
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in addition to paying on claims, \$2,120.69. This total is included with the benefits paid in the above report. Last year the total for the welfare account was \$2,311.43. In 1935 it was \$1,291.89.

The Los Angeles division of the society has been having some good experience, as the following figures show:

	Received	Paid
1934	\$ 194.45	\$ 205.40
1935	513.35	313.70
1936	822.00	706.55
1937	1,256.60	573.12

\$2,786.40 \$1,798.77

Credit Balance \$ 987.63

This Society now has a credit balance of almost \$1,000.

The C. I. W. Society reports assets as follows:

Flower Fund	\$ 16.36
Benefit Fund (white)	1,186.32
Benefit Fund (colored)	101.37

\$1,304.05

SHOES THAT FIT

G. R. Anderson, expert shoe fitter for the safety division of the International Shoe Company, spent several days in our shops recently fitting safety shoes. Some of the tall slim men complained that shoes they had gotten in the past did not fit very well. In all cases it was found that they needed a longer shoe than they thought they did.

Any man with a normal foot may now be fitted with a comfortable safety shoe if the proper shoe is selected. A number of men insist upon a shoe that is too wide and too short.

A card index of proper sizes is now kept in the employment office and shoes may now be accurately fitted.

Almost any one that has a pair of safety shoes can tell of an incident when the safety cap protected his toes.

SALESMANSHIP

Super-Salesmanship is not always of the intelligent kind.

The salesman was eloquent about the merits of a vacuum cleaner, but the village housewife was not impressed. She suggested that he talk less and show her what the machine could do.

He took off his coat, fitted up the cleaner, thrust his arm into the chimney of the open fireplace and brought out a handful of soot, which he scattered over the carpet.

He then shoveled some ashes from the grate and sprinkled them over the rug, adding a big handful of soil from the garden. Then he smiled and rubbed his hands.

"Now," he said, "I'll show you what this vacuum cleaner can do. You'll be surprised madam. Where is the electric switch?"

"Switch?" echoed the surprised woman. "We use gas."

LONG-FELT WANT

Voice from the Eleventh Floor: 'Smatter down there? Have you no key?

Noisy One On the Pavement: Gotta key all right, but would-jussason throw down a few keyholes?

DOING THE FANCY STUFF



Rex B. Smith paid a visit to Fairview Park during the cold weather to watch the skaters, and this was what he saw — Ed Stille! And he had on his skates. Oh, boy! Was he doing the fancy stuff? Figure eights, spread eagles and what else have you on ice? Arrangements are to be made for a contest between Ed and Adolph.

GROUP INSURANCE

The value of our group insurance protection has been demonstrated effectively in 1937. The following claims were paid:

Frank Burke	\$ 1000
W. T. Mason	2000
C. F. Roarick	2000
Fred Galka	1000

(Total permanent disability in installments).

Mueller Co. has now had a group policy with the Travelers for just ten years. In that time claims have been paid as follows:

9	\$ 500	\$ 4,500	For Death
22	1000	22,000	"
11	2000	22,000	"
15		17,000	For Disability
Total		\$65,500	

The disability claims have been 26% of the total.

In all too many of these cases our group insurance was the only life insurance carried, except a small death benefit paid by the Employee's Aid Society.

GOOD GUESSERS

A crowd of small boys was gathered about the entrance of a circus tent in one of the small cities one day, trying to get a glimpse of the interior. A man standing near watched them for a few moments, then walking up to the ticket taker he said:

"Let all these boys in, and count them as they pass."

The man did as requested, and when the last one had gone, he turned and said, "twenty-eight."

"Good," said the man. "I guessed just right," and walked off.

ENGINEERING AND YOUR SON COMPLETES 10 YEARS SERVICE

An Opportunity Offered to Young Men to Acquire An Engineering Education

This article is intended for the fathers of the boys in the early years in high school. If you have a boy in the ninth or tenth grade who expects to follow any line of engineering, please bring this information to his attention. In the search for cooperative students for Armour Institute we investigated about two dozen high school graduates, and there were only two who had three years of high school mathematics, physics, and chemistry, which are required for mechanical engineering courses. There are probably thirty different kinds of engineering courses given in different institutions but all have rather high requirements in mathematics and science.

Therefore, we suggest that a boy who expects to go into the mechanical, electrical, civil, sanitary, construction, or fire protection engineering make sure that he gets these prerequisites. We suggest a year and a half of algebra and a year and a half of geometry and chemistry and physics.

If Mueller Co. continues its cooperative training for engineering there should be excellent openings for young men of ability who take such courses. The institute insists, however that it takes men of more than average ability to meet the exacting requirements of a modern course in engineering.

If your son is planning for such a career, he should start saving money as early as possible to apply on his expenses. If you have a boy who is definitely interested in engineering, have him come in and discuss it with Mr. Langdon.

Alva Moats of Department 300 and Harold Moats of the pattern shop have set up in their respective basements a rather elaborate miniature electric railway system. They operate a number of trains by remote control over tracks that they have built and wired. They show extraordinary ingenuity and resourcefulness in using ordinary materials. We hope to present at a later time an illustrated article telling of their work.

IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize
 To begin over.
 To admit error.
 To be unselfish.
 To take advice.
 To be charitable.
 To be considerate.
 To endure success.
 To keep on trying.
 To avoid mistakes.
 To keep out of the rut.
 To make the most of a little.
 To maintain a high standard.
 To recognize the silver lining.
 To shoulder a deserved blame.
 BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

Dr. Long Making Progress Toward a Long Service Record

In January, 1928, Dr. Long began his services as plant physician. Since that time hundreds of physical examinations have been given and thousands of injuries, large and small, have been treated.

In the past decade many men have learned the importance of taking care of their health. A small illness has been checked in time to prevent a serious one. A small injury has been treated before any infection developed. Many men have learned how to care for their health and how to protect themselves from risks and hazards which they had been inclined to neglect. There is a much smaller percentage of lost time due to sickness and accidents than there was ten years ago.

It is almost impossible to determine the exact amount of time lost from sickness, but a very definite record is kept on lost time due to accidents.

Since our health service has been in operation, the Employee's Aid Society has spent on health conservation and welfare work over \$14,000. We believe that much more than this sum has been saved to members by preventing or mitigating sickness and accident.

REMEMBER FRED SCHULDER?

Mr. David Riest of Cleveland, has sent the editor of the Record "A Paper Quantometer," which gives instant information on quantity of paper to cut for printing a required number of pieces. Accompanying this gift was a booklet "The Rise of Man Through his Handiwork." It is a very learned treatise, and we passed it to Mr. Langdon in hopes that he will study it and tell us what it is all about. Mr. Riest has a plan for designing and patenting a device to aid editors and advertising, for instance—how to quickly learn how many type lines will a certain number of type-written copies make. This gentleman, of course, is unknown to the readers of the Record, but he gives us in his letter the names of one of his friends, who was at one time a member of this organization, Mr. Fred Schulder. Many of us remember him. He was employed some fifteen or sixteen years ago to prepare a catalog. He was a quiet, studious man and with a mind like Mr. Riest, turned to mathematical problems.

OLD MAN BAD LUCK

Ollie Fortschneider of the Pattern Shop and Jack Bain, Plant 2, are convinced that Old Man Hard Luck is on their trail for sure. The Bain home has been burglarized twice recently, and the Fortschneider car was stolen from the Bain driveway, when Mr. and Mrs. Fortschneider stopped there for ten minutes on the night of January 27. The car was later found near Mt. Zion wrecked.

NEW YORK

Dorothy Garrutti, who held the position of order writer left us on Christmas eve. She was well liked and a good mixer, and she will be missed by all of us, especially Ray Sharning, for whom she worked.

While Christmas is a thing of the past, we still have pleasant memories of the holidays. Following our custom our annual party was preceded by a luncheon, with all present except Harold Probst, Roy Evans and Jim Payton. Dick Powers, a former salesman, called on us during the afternoon and we were glad to see him. As a mark of our appreciation we hornswoggled him into playing Santa Claus for us. Dick got into "his whiskers" and distributed the "capsule gifts."

Lou Wolpert, who was Grace Timms' "Capsule Friend," gave her a pair of opera length hose. She immediately departed, afraid perhaps we would want to see if they fit. Well, we all had gifts for one another, and "Santa" seemed happy in presenting them for he kissed each girl as he gave her a gift. We missed Adolph, but Dick made a good understudy.

Alice Cloos, promoted to order writer, gave an exhibition of her prowess in truckin'. She spent two weeks in a summer camp last summer and spent most of her time dancing. Dorothy Gueddert, Mr. Haas' former secretary, was with us.

We presented Mr. Haas with a gift in honor of his ten years as manager of the New York Branch, the gift being an Italian Onyx desk set and clock. G. W. Knipe said: "Mr. Haas, on January 1 you will have been manager of the New York branch for a period of ten years. The personell and salesmen thought it a good idea to commemorate this day by presenting you with a gift, which in behalf of all of us, I take great pleasure in doing. I would like also, to wish you continued success and hope to have many more years of pleasant association with you."

NEW YORK TID-BITS OR BIG TOWN DOIN'S

The members of the New York branch, and I am sure the people in Decatur, appreciate the fact, that one of our real bachelors is taking the final step. Of course, we here in New York learned the fact on the 18th of this month, so immediately set about preparing for the party which we had for him today, January 25. Our nervous bridegroom is Fred Kroschwitz.

All members of the branch contributed to the wedding present, which we presented to him today at a luncheon. We had the table decorated in white with an old umbrella hung over it, and tied to each spoke we had some intimate article of women's apparel, a pair of infant's rubber panties, a milk bottle, a pair of baby shoes, and a bib. You can imagine the razzing Fred had to take, also the explaining he will have to do to the bride-to-be about the "intimate articles." The wedding gift con-



Members of New York Office Force Toasting and Roasting Fred Kroschwitz

sisted of a "Hostess Tray" with an automatic toaster, two relish dishes, four walnut lap trays, a cutting board, and a chromium plated electric toaster, all on a beautiful walnut tray. In the center of the table we had a large white cake, and a groom with just a high hat with his finger stuck in his mouth. The bride wore nothing but a veil.

He and his bride-to-be are taking a southern cruise and leaving after being married Feb. 5, on the S. S. Pilsudski of the Gydnia-American Line. Of course, it goes without saying, that we shall all be there to see that they get the proper send-off with all the usual tricks which are played on newly-weds. We shall try to get some snap shots of them on ship-board.

Editor's Note: Our New York reporter failed to mention the bride's name, but we leave it to Fred's good judgment to have picked "the only girl in the world for him." However, it is well to remember that in marriage it takes two to make a bargain, and that in modern times marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition.

We had a visit from Mr. Baker of the Chattanooga office this week, who spent one of the nights in New York, at the Metropolitan Opera House, to hear Pagliacca, and Cavalier Rusticana.

Mr. Everett Mueller was also here to attend a Standardization Committee meeting and spent some time in the office here.

Mrs. O. C. Schooley has just returned from a trip to Decatur, which was necessitated by the death of her mother, Mrs. Anna Pettyjohn, of Decatur, Ill.

Although the family was shocked to learn of Mrs. Pettyjohn's death, it was more or less expected as she had been bed-ridden for the past three years.

Mrs. Schooley is the wife of O. C. Schooley, New York branch traffic manager, and both are former Decaturites.

Raymond Scharning left February 11 for a week-end in New England, where he expects to try his prowess at skiing. Well, we all wish Ray lots of luck, but hope that he has his skiis on the right part of his anatomy, not the correct part.

GEO. W. KNIPE.

January 25, 1938.

NEW SCOUT MASTER APPOINTED

Mueller Scout Troop is now under the Scoutmastership of Loyle Davis, our well liked gym instructor. Mr. Davis is well qualified for the responsibility, since he is experienced in Y. M. C. A. boy's work and has a talent to bring out the best in the boys. Since he has been in charge, the meetings have been the best yet reported.

Mr. Davis was installed by the committee at the January committee meeting. Mr. Boggs the former scoutmaster, resigned, due to his desire to carry on a more complete night school program, which made it impossible to devote as much time to scouting as in the past. He was elected to the Troop Committee where he will serve actively.

Overnight Hike to Mueller Heights

The troop took an overnight hike to Mueller Heights on Saturday, January 29. One of the interesting points about the hike was the proposed menu which was as follows:

Supper: Hunters stew, fruit, (oranges, grapefruit, or apples), milk or cocoa, bread, peas.

Breakfast: Oatmeal, milk, bread, bacon, prunes.

Some eating, to say the least!

To those who are not familiar with the program followed on a troop hike we are printing the following program of the Saturday and Sunday hike:

1:30 P. M.—Meet at the gymnasium.

1:45 P. M.—Check supplies and food.

2:00 P. M.—Leave Mueller gym for Mueller Heights.

3:00 P. M.—Capture flag.

4:00 P. M.—(Creep. Panthers) (Moose)
(Cooks Come in) (Fatigue)
(Swastika)
(Camp Fire)

5:00 P. M.—Mess.

5:30 P. M.—Moose Patrol—Wash dishes.

6:00 P. M.—Rest.

7:00 P. M.—Spy.

8:00 P. M.—Campfire, stunts and stories.

9:00 P. M.—Taps—sleep.

6:00 A. M.—Cooks rise.

6:30 A. M.—Reveille.

7:00 A. M.—Breakfast.

7:30 A. M.—Moose Patrol—Wash dishes.

8:00 A. M.—Clean up cabin—pack everything.

8:15 A. M.—Treasure hunt.

10:00 A. M.—Inspection—check up—leave for gym.

Parents met with the troop on Thursday, January 27, at the Athletic Club. All parents were invited to attend and witness the meeting and to meet Mr. Davis. The plans of the meeting were under the supervision of Mrs. F. A. March and Mrs. O. C. Keil.

Program for Meeting

7:30 P. M.—First call.

7:35 P. M.—Assembly and opening with flag.

7:40 P. M.—Inspection: teeth, hair, uniform, hands, face, ears, and shoes.

7:50 P. M.—Drill.

SARNIA NEWS

BRASS CHIPS

The boys of the Brass Shop are all very sorry to see Bill Young's degeneration. He has been seen lately drinking orange juice and other intoxicating drinks. He has even gone so far as to take a little porter once in a while. This again proves the old saying, "When the cat's away, etc., etc."

What is the rumor we hear of Dennis Tilley taking up cat burglary as a pastime and recommending eavetroughs be made stronger?

"Hank" Robertson is now known as Papa Robertson.

The boys in Dept. 3 were pleased to welcome "Hot-dog Thompson" back again from the millwright department. Words can hardly express how terribly they have missed him.

Our "Dennis" has also taken up boxing. Tommy Farr took a beating from a man ten years his senior so Dennis picked his first opponent from the seventy year old class, but like Tommy he about met his match in Alf Flynn.

Rae McIntyre has traded in his Pontiac and bought a car.

A New Appointment

Frank Wren, of the Ground Key Dept., has recently been appointed Band Master of the Salvation Army Band. Frank plays the solo trombone and is one of the youngest members of the band.

Births

We were all delighted, but not more than Henry was, at the birth of a daughter, Margaret Joan, on January 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson.

Armand Thibeault, our sales representative, whose headquarters are in Quebec, received a hurried call to Montreal, owing to the serious illness of his brother, which later resulted in his death on January 18, 1938.

8:05 P. M.—Patrol Meeting. Discuss hike (advancement).

8:20 P. M.—Instruction.

8:40 P. M.—Games.

8:45 P. M.—Clean up.

9:00 P. M.—Closes—Scout Master's Benediction. (Sing taps).

Scout Baldis Injured

Donald Baldis, a member of the Mueller Scout troop, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldis, is recovering from a broken collar bone, which he received while playing basketball.

BOWLING AT LOS ANGELES

Mueller Manufacturing Company bowlers played their initial game at Pelton Recreation Alleys Thursday night with one of the officers, Werdes, rolling number three, chalking up a score of 390 despite being blind.

The scores:

Founders				
Oglesby	130	185	136	451
Thomas	114	134	130	378
Hargakin	136	153	147	436
Garnas	120	129	132	381
Wynne	110	180	137	427
Totals	610	781	682	2073
Officers				
Leach	140	147	116	403
Henderson	142	115	137	394
Werdes (blind)	130	130	130	390
Barkley	117	100	116	333
Baker	119	139	145	403
Totals	648	631	644	1923
Machiners				
Masoni	127	123	113	363
Burt	101	111	117	329
Jacobs	128	114	128	370
Margan	125	140	133	398
Wyant	145	148	162	455
Totals	626	636	653	1915
Polishers				
Young	163	147	136	446
Baker	96	138	93	327
Leibher	133	128	123	384
Cowl	154	117	108	379
Portee	116	103	94	313
Totals	662	633	554	1849
Assemblers				
Storler	129	132	132	393
Messnecci	177	139	191	507
Dobbins	150	122	175	447
Baxendale	150	163	102	415
Hatfield	173	172	133	478
Totals	779	728	733	2240
Engineers				
Potts	144	144	178	466
Jolly	128	114	139	381
Funkhouser	96	113	112	321
Sembrin	135	119	107	361
Reedy	116	136	146	398
Totals	619	626	682	1927

LEAD ME TO IT!

Mrs. Smythe-Brown was making the final arrangements for her elaborate reception.

"Bridget," she said to her old servant, "for the first thirty minutes after six o'clock I want you to stand at the drawing-room door and call the guests names as they arrive."

Bridget's face lit up.

"Very well, ma'am," she replied, "I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for years."

AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Arrangements Made With Armour Institute —Lorin E. Grossboll First Student

Mueller Co. have recently made arrangements with Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, to go into their "co-operative plan." Under this arrangement two young men are selected as students who work half the time and spend the other half at the institute. The first one is to start early in February for nine weeks. Then he returns for eight weeks. Thus they change about for eight weeks or every two months for five years. By this plan a successful student can earn a degree in mechanical engineering in five years.

Many Chicago concerns have "co-op" students, and there are several from Peoria, Rockford, and other Illinois cities. The advantage of this plan are apparent. It enables a man to get university training which otherwise he could not get, and at the same time he is in touch with a job and he should be a more practical engineer than he would be without the working experience. This is the third year that the Armour Institute has been operating on this plan. It has been followed for a number of years by the University of Cincinnati.

Lorin E. Grossboll, who worked for a time in Dept. 9, and who has more recently been in the engineering office of Dept. 30, is our first student under the cooperative plan. He began his work at the Armour Institute Feb. 7. Lorin has had three years of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois for which he received two years credit at Armour. In three years under the cooperative plan he should get his degree in mechanical engineering.

GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION

Safety Inspector Sandel Finds Improvement —Commends Supt. and Foremen

John M. Sandel, safety inspector for the Employer's Liability Corporation, who has taken a lively interest in our safety work, reports:

"The physical condition of the plant is much improved since my first visit one year ago. It has been a pleasure to work with the management once each month to secure improved working conditions at both the Decatur plants. It has also been pleasant to observe the progress in safety-mindedness that has been made by persons in the organization without any outside prompting.

During Mr. Roarick's lifetime he was much interested in the inspection reports each month and did his best to have all of the work finished shortly after the survey of the plant was completed. Mr. Taylor is actively interested in carrying on the work aggressively. We must not forget the foremen who day by day have been reminding their men of the safe ways to work."

TWO GIRL GRADUATES



Among the midwinter graduates from the Decatur High School were two daughters of Mueller employes. At the left is Bernice Hazel Kerwood, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kerwood. Hugh is employed in Department 300.

At the right is Elsie Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hobbs. The father is well known in the organization as Production Manager in the Plumbing Division.

Recent Improvements

Ed Stille's handy men are overhauling the heating system this month. This involves checking valves, drains, and traps, tightening joints, and painting radiators and pipes. This is part of the program of general overhauling of the physical condition of the plant.

A larger door now leads from the employment office lobby to the doctor's office. Stretchers can now be easily carried into this room without having to negotiate any difficult corners.

New blinds or sun shades have been placed at all exposed windows in the plant. Earnest Garver has had charge of this work.

A new first aid room is under construction in the foundry office. Another first aid station is being placed in a central location on the north side of Department 8. A third first aid room will be located in the south end of Department 30 near the tool makers.

A new women's rest room has been located in Department 9.

The result of the work of Carlo Danaha and his paint crew is evident in the large

areas of new paint. Lee Ellington is the spray artist.

A. J. Pasley and Wallace Dudley are installing safety guards on all new equipment.

Charles Dunaway and Charley Johnson have been busy moving equipment into new locations.

Carl Maurer and his helpers go from one extreme to the other. He and his crew finished roofing the Main Plant and Plant 3, and they are now making the floors smooth and strong enough for whatever traffic may go on them.

John Smith is overhauling the electrical equipment and is removing various hazards—some discovered by himself, and some pointed out by the safety inspector.

When all of the improvements are completed our plant will be in first class condition for summer work.

Orville Hawkins, Jr., visited the plant between semesters on February 4.

Geo. White, salesman, was laid up for two weeks with the flu early in January.

BRASS CHIPS

Hugh L. Baker of the Columbian Iron Works was in Decatur Thursday, February 3. He was returning from a trip to the East on company business.

On February 5 Dr. Long left for Florida where he and two other doctors will be fishermen for three weeks. We suggest that no one get sick or hurt while the doctor is gone.

Billy, the seven-year-old son of Donald Ferry, of the engineering department, underwent an operation for appendicitis recently. The little fellow has made a good recovery.

Twenty-two boys from our Saturday morning gym class are taking swimming lessons at the Y. M. C. A. More boys are coming into the class.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thompson have adopted a boy aged six from the Boys' Opportunity Home. William Thompson, as he will now be known, is delighted with his new home and parents, and "Happy" is happy indeed with his new son.

Happy Thompson sold his place in 1500 block West Waggoner to Robert W. Lusk who bought it for a home.

Charles Dunaway is living on one of the Mueller places south of town which was recently vacated by C. Albert Anderson.

Ping pong has been added to the list of Mueller sports. Two tables have been placed in the room just south of the gym. The ping pong tournament got under way the week of February 7.

The after-work volleyball players are lining up for a tournament which also opened the week of February 7. This contest will be of interest to a good many men.

Loyle Davis and three other scout masters met with Scout Commissioner Jackson at the Mueller gym on the evening of Thursday, February 3. Plans were made for a district rally to be held late in April.

Little Willie was saying his prayers in a very low voice. His mother said, "Willie, I can't hear you." The small voice replied firmly, "I was not talking to you."

Ben Taylor was buying a new pair of trousers. He remarked, "I don't wear suspenders. How much do you take off of the price if I don't take the buttons?"

Guy Rice of the machine shop, is now exercising his new dentures.

Warren Frantz of Department 300 re-

turned to work January 21. He had been absent since November 8 due to illness.

Chester E. Wood of Plant 2 was burned when the hot metal splashed up and hit him in the face and sides. The accident occurred December 21 and he returned to work January 10.

When Walt Auer is not busy with his multifarious duties he peddles out dope to those seeking information of the manner, method and procedure of making an income tax return. Ye editor is in need of information, and not being able to get a word in edgewise, asks it through the Record. We are not personally concerned, except as relates to Skippy. She is a dependent. How much may we deduct for her?

PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The single elimination Ping Pong Tournament started on Wednesday afternoon, February 9. Anyone not playing in the tournament is invited to watch the games, which are played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons beginning at 3:30 in the room at the south end of the gymnasium.

The following rules are in effect:

1. Opponents will play two best out of three games.
2. Game 21 points each.
3. There will be a judge to keep score, and his decision will be final.
4. If player loses in the first round, he is eliminated from further tournament play.
5. The winner has privilege of going on in play.
6. Time will be posted on the bulletin board in gymnasium for players.

The opponent in singles will be the player's partner in doubles, with the same rules applying as above.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 9

Peter Duncan and Jack Enloe.
Falph Uhler and Elmer Fawley.
Herman Roe and Clarence Roarick.

Friday, February 11

Jerry Yonker and C. Constant.
M. Riewski and Robert Taylor.
M. K. Chaney and M. Simpson.

Monday, February 14

Ray Kileen and Clark Curry.
Troy Roush and Ed Stark.
F. E. Carroll and E. Wacaser.

Wednesday, February 16

R. Tertocha and P. Ruthrauff, Jr.
Merlin Coates and G. Harshbarger.
Gene Simpson and Ray Roarick.

Friday, February 18

Ernest Bond and C. Hackman.
Harry Sackrider and Otto Keil
Bob Green and F. A. March.
Truman Reynolds and Everett Pippin.

Experience is what you have left when everything else is gone.

LARGE ENROLLMENT

One Hundred and Sixteen in Class for Study of Mueller Products

The first meeting of the class of Mueller Products and Processes was held on Thursday evening, January 27, at 3:45 P. M. One hundred and sixteen, who had previously registered, attended, and on account of the large number the class was divided into two groups. One went to the foundry and the other to the core room.

The foundry group saw an actual demonstration of hand and machine moulding, and core setting. The terms pattern, cope drag, spruce and gate were explained, and the use of each shown. Also, it was shown how an improperly made core can cause foundry defects.

The furnaces were viewed with interest and a bit of alarm by some of the girls to whom a foundry scene was a new thing. Blue Lusk demonstrated how the oil furnaces are heated, and explained that a furnace charge consists of the proper amount of copper, tin, lead, zinc, and remelt, all of which are mixed under the control and supervision of the laboratory.

The molten brass from the furnace was poured into the molds through a hole left in the top for that purpose while the class looked on. Then they went into the grinding room where they saw the cores knocked out by vibration, the runners or gates cut off, the cores and core wires removed, and the castings cleaned in the water rattler. After this the castings are inspected for defects and rough edges and remainder of the gates removed by grinding.

Learn Something About Cores

The group going to the core department learned that a core is a special part of a mould, usually made separately, and then assembled with the mould. Its purpose is generally to create a cavity in a casting.

Cores are made of a mixture of white sand, called silica, a clay bonded sand, soy bean or other vegetable oil, and glucose to give the consistency of a damp sugar. In the basement the class saw the different kinds of sand stored in the bins, and the mulling machine used for mixing the sand.

The mixture is then delivered upstairs to the core makers. Some cores are made by hand, and the most intricate designs put in aluminum dryers for baking. The simpler cores are stood up on trays without dryers. Other cores are made by machines, that is, the sand mixture is placed in the aluminum core boxes by machinery, but the cores must be removed by hand. This is a very delicate operation, as a number of the visiting girls found out by attempting to pick up a core. The general result was a heap of sand instead of a core.

The class inspected the four ovens, heated by oil, where the cores are baked at various degrees of temperature and lengths

of time, according to the size of the core.

An important feature of all cores is the porosity. Coarse sand is used to insure this passage of air, because otherwise the gas which forms when the hot metal is poured around the core would cause a blow hole in the casting.

All cores pass through the hands of the cleaners and inspectors after being baked, and any small projections which would cut down the thickness of the metal wall or cause a defect are carefully removed.

The group also watched with interest the machines which cut and bend wires for the cores.

Geo. Krag, W. E. Behrns, Roy Woods, and Henry Gilbert were on hand to explain the various operations to this class.

Adams, H.	Kramer, L.
Adams, W. L.	Langley, E. F.
Auer, Ira	Lake, Warren
Bauer, Arthur	Leisman, Roth
Bauer, Lee	Linton, Harold
Bethard, L.	Maddox, H.
Blankenburg, Arrick	March, F. A.
Boggs, Don	Marcott, Margaret
Bowan, Walter	McQuality, Earl
Brown, O. T.	Merrow, Robert
Brown, Vernon	Moore, Robert
Buller, Coy	Morrison, J. A.
Butt, Bert	Morrow, Kenneth
Candle, Ray	Morton, Carl
Chalcraft, Leo	Mueller, William A.
Chaney, M. K.	Munsterman, Harold
Cranston, Jane	Myers, Harry
Coates, Merlin	Nash, Fred
Constant, C. A.	Oberline, Robert
Cunningham, M.	Pippin, M. A.
Curry, Clark	Pope, Helen
Curry, Glenn	Pope, Fern
Curtis, G. W.	Potts, E. H.
Cooper, Dorothy	Rhodes, Robert
Dannewitz, F. W.	Rice, Guy
Dash, Herman	Riewski, Martin
Dempster, Howard	Roarick, Clarence
Dilbeck, Earl	Roarick, Raymond
Doherty, William	Roarick, W.
Duncan, R. K.	Ruch, Clarence
Enloe, Jack	Sackriter, Harry
Edward, Myron	Sailsbery, Ray
Fair, James	Server, Charles
Fawley, Elmer	Seeforth, William
Fenner, Marion	Seiton, Archie
Ford, M.	Shepherd, John
Flaughter, Bert	Simpson, Bud
Fleckenstein, R.	Simpson, Mark
Ford, Marvin	Simpson, Gene
Ford, Victor	Smith, Claude T.
Frantz, W. C.	Smith, John
Freeman, James	Smith, Rex B.
Fritts, Raymond	Snyder, H.
Gideon, Glen	Stark, Edgar
Gilmore, Charles	Spawr, Jim
Gould, Wallace	Sulwer, G. T.
Gragg, Howard	Tauber, R. H.
Grundfield, Harry	Taylor, Harold
Grindstaff, Z. H.	Taylor, John
Grosboll, Lorin E.	Taylor, Robert F.
Gulso, Robert	Telling, Evelyn
Hackman, Carleton	Terlocha, Henry
Hake, W.	Terlocha, Robert
Harris, W. Earl	Tilton, Charles
Hartwig, Edgar	Turley, Ethel
Hartwig, Leland	Uhler, Ralph
Hartwig, Roy	Walley, Robert
Harshbarger, George	Walton, Fedora
Hetzler, Ernest	Wiant, Leo
Hill, D.	Workman, J. W.
Hobbs, Marshall	Whitacre, Oris
Hopper, L. I.	Whittington, H. B.
Holler, F.	Williams, Virgil
Hoy, T. E.	Wright, Milo
Jendry, August	Woodrum, C.
Johnson, W. L.	Wilkins, Mary
Johnston, Edna	Yonker, Carl
Jackson, Opal	Yonker, G. J.

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Keller, Orville
Koontz, Harry

Younger, Ancel

Registration is now closed and no new members of the class will be accepted. At the first meeting the class was so large that it was necessary to divide it. George Kragg, Blue Lusk, Roy Whittaker, and Walter Behrns instructed the group on foundry work.

On February 10 the class met as one group in the cafeteria. At the latter meeting shop practice was gone into on a very thorough scale:

The number actually enrolled is 128. The interest is far greater than manifested at any previous attempts to present methods and policies to the employees.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club met Wednesday evening, January 19, at the Mueller Lodge for their regular meeting and pot luck supper, with forty-six present.

The long table attractively decorated with green and white, was loaded with a variety of delicious food, which, needless to say, was enjoyed by all.

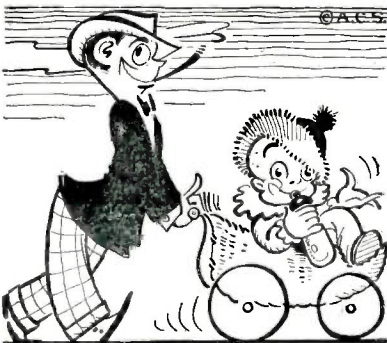
Following the supper there was a short business meeting, after which, those who cared to, played pinochle. First prizes were won by Mrs. Bashore and Mr. Morrison, with consolation prizes going to Mrs. Trimmer and Mr. Carroll.

The hostess, Mrs. Marshall Hobbs, and her assistants, Mrs. A. D. Bashore, Mrs. J. A. Morrison and Mrs. Raymond Kileen, are to be congratulated upon the success of the party.

BETTY HAS A PARTY

Betty Auer entertained twenty of her friends at a birthday party at her home on January 30. It was Betty's twelfth birthday.

BIRTHS



GERMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Orville German, a son, Larry Orville, January 19. Orville works in the shipping department.

ANOTHER GRADUATE



Here is another fine looking lad who has finished his High School work and was graduated from the Decatur High School with the mid-winter class. Albert Toole is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Toole. His father is a member of the Foundry force. He is the third of the children to graduate. A fine record for the Toole Family

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

The Volley Ball Tournament got under way on Wednesday, February 9. All games will be played at 4 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Everyone is invited to come down and watch.

The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 9—Shipping Dept. vs. Engineering Dept.
- Friday, Feb. 11—Main Office vs. Tool Room.
- Monday, Feb. 14—Dept. 8 vs. Dept. 30.
- Wednesday, Feb. 16—Shipping Dept. vs. Dept. 30.
- Friday, Feb. 18—Engineering Dept. vs. Main Office.
- Monday, Feb. 21—Tool Room vs. Dept. 8.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23—Shipping Dept. vs. Tool Room.
- Friday, Feb. 25—Main Office vs. Dept. 8.
- Monday, Feb. 28—Engineering Dept. vs. Dept. 30.
- Wednesday, Mar. 2—Shipping Dept. vs. Dept. 8.
- Friday, March 4—Engineering Dept. vs. Tool Room.
- Monday, March 7—Main Office vs. Dept. 30.
- Wednesday, March 9—Shipping Dept. vs. Main Office.
- Friday, March 11—Engineering Dept. vs. Dept. 8.
- Monday, March 14—Tool Room vs. Dept. 30.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

Yes, so far, we've escaped swift and ruthless annihilation. Now we're resolved to continue our search for news on the top floor even though we're still a bit fearful as to our ultimate fate.

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Wera Bauer and Clara Uhl were in Peoria the week-end of January 30, and, from all reports, they must have had a grand time. They were guests of Wera's sister, Mrs. Clara Moessner, who was formerly a third floor fellow-worker.

On the return trip the girls ran a race with the weatherman but were able to drive into Decatur before the long heralded snow-storm overtook them.

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Mary Wilkins is auntie, for the second time. Judith Ann Swier is the little girl's name, and her birthday was January 24. Mary reports that she's a fine girl, but she believes she must be a little bored with the world as she sleeps most of the time.

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Irene Otis was ill for several days during the week of January 10. Edna Johnston worked in the filing department in her absence.

It's good news, too, to learn that Irene's little son, Jerry, has made a good recovery.

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Marjorie Tatham indulged in a shopping expedition in Chicago the week-end of January 22. She reports everything in the big city is quite as interesting as ever.

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Of course we would, with the best intentions in the world, neglect to mention somebody, and in last month's "colyum" it was J. W. Simpson, Jr., whom everybody knows as "Bud". Bud's name and that of his wife should have been included with the names of those who are enrolled in night school. Sorry.

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Since the classes in business English have been attracting so many Mueller folk, our practically new third floor dictionary has been most popular as the deciding authority on points of pronunciation and spelling, as well as usage. The difficulty comes, though, when the dictionary lists two or more forms for the same word, and nobody wins the argument.

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Everett Dickey, we are glad to learn, is making an excellent recovery from his recent operation. He is a patient in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

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Don Boggs was ill with an abscessed

throat a couple of weeks ago, but was back at work within a few days.

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Out page this time, it would seem, might properly be termed "News from the Sick." But, fortunately, the news now is all good, and everyone is improving.

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Mr. W. E. Mueller has returned from his travels into the Southeastern States.

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The following little tale may be classed as a tragedy. Or, on the other hand, maybe it's just pure melodrama.

Some of our girls up here have been engaged in some amateur sleuthing that hasn't turned out so well. Some weeks ago, upon learning that Nelson Eddy was going on tour, they resolved to make an effort, a great effort, to attend one of his concerts. They devoted hours of thought and quarts of midnight oil to the matter of stretching the old budget to cover a concert ticket and railroad fare to some nearby city. They dashed off air mail letters to New York, to the West Coast, to several individuals elsewhere who might have the information, all this in an attempt to learn the radio star's itinerary. By reading assiduously both St. Louis and Chicago papers they were able to learn the dates of Mr. Eddy's concerts in those cities. The concerts, however, which apparently were arranged without consideration for the working gal a couple of hundred miles away, were scheduled for middle-of-the-week dates.

Thereupon, our heroines, reasoning—and we believe with some justification—that the baritone would undoubtedly sing some time during the week-end intervening between the St. Louis and Chicago engagements, at some place more accessible, for them, than either Chicago or St. Louis, redoubled their efforts toward obtaining the complete itinerary.

Yes, they finally secured the information, ironically enough, in the local Decatur newspaper. (We believe, just possibly, that there is a moral to this part of the story, but we'll let the reader judge as to that.) Yes, they learned where Nelson Eddy's week-end concert was to be. In Louisville, Kentucky, some 250-odd miles away from Decatur.

Well, girls, there's still a good deal to be said for the old radio. To it the miles mean nothing. And—we really are trying to be comforting, you see—it helps you keep your school-girl (!!!) illusions.

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Mr. O. C. Draper attended a brass meeting in Cleveland February 9.

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Dorothy Cooper was the victim of laryngitis a short time ago. For several days she was entirely without her voice and went about whispering confidentially on the most commonplace details of office business.

After a few days' rest at home, however, she was once more herself.

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Among the new followers of the fine art of ice skating are Louis DeJanes, Helen Rinehart, and Mary Ruth Harrison. They are all enthusiastic about the Sonja Henie sport and have been having a lot of fun since they acquired their new skates.

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And speaking of skates, we hear that Mr. Adolph Mueller has had his sent to him in Florida. We all remember how much Mr. Adolph enjoyed the ice at Mueller Heights and feel sure that he will have a great deal of pleasure from the Southland's new winter sport.

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We were all pleased to meet Peggy Jeanne Simpson, Gene's young daughter, the other day. While it's true that we didn't actually see the young lady herself, the pictures that Gene had up here of her were so life-like that it seemed that we really were seeing this attractive baby who is now "going on" three months old.

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What grand Spring weather February has been bringing us! As we write this there is a rumor of a blue bird broadcasting this morning in a North end backyard. Perhaps, before we go to press we'll be in the toils of a great blizzard, but, at any rate, this Springtime is nice while it lasts. And with that pleasant thought this old ruminator cheerfully signs off.

DEATHS

Mrs. Mary J. Adams

Mrs. Mary J. Adams, mother of Charles Adams of the Polishing Department, and brother of Sam Gepford, Plant 2, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Williams, 1341 S. Parkwood Avenue, on February 8.

Funeral services were conducted in the Monson chapel at 2 p. m. on Thursday by Rev. G. H. Harmon. Burial was in Grace-land cemetery.

Besides Charles, she leaves one son, Edgar, and two daughters, Mrs. Rosa Williams and Mrs. Anna King.

GRADUATES

High school graduates in the mid-year commencement of the Decatur High School includes the following:

Hazel Bernice Kerwood, daughter of Hugh Kerwood, Dept. 300.

Elsie Hobbs, daughter of Marshall Hobbs, Dept. 9.

Albert Toole, son of Roy Toole, Dept. 63.

Lloyd Shockley, son of William Shockley, Dept. 80.

CONSOLATION

What do you think of our two candidates for mayor? Well, I'm glad that only one can be elected.

SNOOP'S LETTER

Dear Snitch:

My good fellow, have you missed your train? Why no response? Tush, the public will be frantic—you mustn't be so forgetful about your correspondence.

Speaking of the same subject, we wonder what happened to the so said Mr. Leach, who left us to return to the land of **sun-shine**. Nary a line of news, mind you, not a speck.

This was told to me by some one, who somebody else told them that they told him—oh, well—did you hear anything about a certain some one who said she would just love to muss up Raymond Fritts' hair? Hmm—a romance is hinted in the vicinity of the Billing Clerk's desk.

My scouts aren't quite certain yet, but they think they overhead wedding bells ringing some time ago for a girl who is in the Cost Department. Snitch, my good fellow, track this down. If found to bet true—a shower approaches.

TROY ROUSH—How does that look? Yours truly believes that he wanted his name stuck in here somewhere, so I take the privilege of capitals. Here's hoping he lives it down.

Ferne, our petite nurse, had her hang-out remodeled. If you see a door wide enough to resemble an elevator shaft, don't be alarmed, it's just the emergency door for stretchers. Cheerful!

Then Clara Uhl calls up the music shop for a copy of "Serenade to a Mule." Willie tells her he has "Serenade to a Jackass" for her, and it turns out to be "Serenade to a Donkey" from "Firefly."

Now and then we get glimpses of a new boy around here. His name is Robert Rhodes. Dark 'n chubby.

Wonder if the weather man is going to be good to us and let the lil' ground hog have his way once in a while? Mild—so far.

Chicago must have somethin' cause Mabel Gates has gone twice, within a week, to visit friends in the big city. What is the attraction?

Say, you, didn't by any chance send some Valentines—did you? Confess, you scoundrel.

Gotta put on the feed bag—so long.

SNOOP.

MARRIED

Kinser-Tucker

Miss Lois Kinser and Lloyd Tucker of Plant 2 were married in St. Charles, Missouri, on January 22, 1938.

COMPARISON

Visitor: "I can't tell you how delighted I am, Mrs. Giles. My son, Reggie, has won a scholarship."
Farmer's Wife: "I can understand your feelings, ma'am. I felt just the same when our pig won a medal at the agricultural show."

**SPECIALTY TEAMS SHOWS
THEIR SPECIALTIES**

**Stage a Regular Field Meet with Flaugher
Making Great Scores**



Digging into the spirit of the game with all the enthusiasm and grit of a championship team, the Specialty boys staged a regular field meet on the night of February 1.

Bowling against the Utility Engineers, who from the beginning and middle of the season have been constantly crowding them for first place in the team standings, the Specialty Division took out their spite and really showed their contenders what the game of ten pins was all about. To begin with, Specialty now leads the field with a five game margin.

To get back to the night of February 1, Bert Flaugher led the field and chalked up some remarkable scores. His total series for the evening was 655, just enough to tie his own team mate, "Pee Wee" Hartwig for first position in high individual three games series. Also included in his 655, was a 267 game which ranks top position in that particular field, and as a result of that series he tied C. Dodwell in the individual high average bracket.

With Bert leading the way, the rest of the team had little difficulty. Crashing the pins right and left, the team as a whole came through to annex high team honors in every possible division. A 1001 game did the trick in high team single game, and a 2763 count for the whole evening gave them undisputed first position in team high for three games. All in all, they now hold every possible first place in both team and individual standings.

In the event that anything might happen with thirty-six games yet to be played, the

team standing as well as the individual scores are eligible for some tremendous shake ups.

The remainder of the teams have shown no noticeable progress in the way of team standing, with the exception of the Main Office team, who tightened their present hold on third place, and climbed to within one game of the Utility Engineers.

Leo Wiant comes marching into the ten high this report, making the only change in that particular field.

Interest is increasing right along and in all probability some very exciting matches should be staged before the schedule closes.

Scores for team and individual standing appear below, including February 9.

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Div.	66	42	24	.636	835
Utility Engineers....	66	37	29	.561	839
Main Office	66	36	30	.545	783
Works Mgr. Of....	66	33	33	.500	782
Apprentices	66	32	34	.485	746
Plumbers	66	29	37	.439	727

Individual Averages

Specialty Div.	Works Mgr. Of.
A. Flaugher189	C. C. Roarick...186
E. Hartwig172	L. Wiant170
H. Stratman172	G. Krag160
C. Hill171	F. March159
W. Mueller148	J. Taylor157
R. Caudle143	D. Wilkins123
Utility Engineers	Apprentices
E. Blankenburg .186	M. Riewski163
W. Behrns184	R. Roarick163
H. Leipski164	C. Constant ...158
F. Tratzik157	C. Rubicam143
W. Bowan155	R. Tertocha ...138
M. Foster144	R. Uhler123
Main Office	Plumbers
C. Dodwell189	L. Adams177
A. Werdes167	H. Thompson .163
A. Jendryn160	H. Maddox ...154
J. Bain160	L. Kramer146
J. Morrison ...149	J. Fair133
O. Draper144	R. Kileen108
O. Keller135	

Ten High Bowlers

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
A. Flaugher, Specialty Div....	51	189	267
C. Dodwell, Main Office....	60	189	256
C. C. Roarick, Works Mgr. 35		186	246
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng..	63	186	242
W. Behrns, Utility Eng....	63	184	255
L. Adams, Plumbers.....	65	177	235
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div..	66	172	238
H. Stratman, Specialty Div.	55	172	225
C. Hill, Specialty Div.....	48	171	215
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of..	61	170	230

FOUND AT CHILDREN'S PARTY

A rosary was found at the Children's Christmas party in the gymnasium. Owner may have it by calling at the Advertising Department.

HE KNEW HIS BABY

But the Baby Kicked Him in the Eye With
Disastrous Results

Foreman: "Harris! How many times must I tell you to wear your safety goggles? You know the rules—or should, by this time. You must obey them."

Harris: "What's eating you, Henry? Why, we haven't had an accident here in a couple of years. Anyhow, I know what I'm doing. This baby and I have an understanding." He patted the side of the lathe, and then shoved a lever. The lathe smoothly stopped.

Foreman: "Maybe so, but if the chief catches you violating his eye protection program he'll raise Cain. Only this morning he had all of us foremen in to listen to some statistics just released by the National Safety Council. They make interesting reading. Listen."

Harris: "Gosh, Henry, I got work to do."

An Appalling Record

Foreman: "It can wait. Did you know that every thirty-six seconds a worker's eye is injured—and that means one hundred workers an hour—eight hundred a working day—two hundred thousand a year? And that those eye accidents cost industry fifty million dollars a year?"

Harris: "So what?"

Foreman: "Only this. One of these fine days that baby of yours is going to forget about that understanding—and give you a sock in the eye. Then you'll be one of the two hundred thousand . . . and won't you look nice, being led around by a dog. Think it over, Harris."

Harris: "But those goggles slow up my production. I can't see through 'em. They're always dirty and hurt my nose."

Foreman: "Sometimes I don't think you're so bright. Why don't you try wiping them for a change—and they can always be adjusted. But, anyhow, you heard my orders . . ."

Supper Table Conversation

Harris: "Can you imagine it—trying to tell the best machinist in the shop how to run his job. Why, I've forgotten more about my trade than the foreman ever knew. Anyhow, no accident's going to happen to me."

Wife: "Fred, you will be careful, won't you? What would happen to all of us if you were blinded? Please wear those goggles all the time . . . for our sake."

Harris: "Oh, all right. But you'd think I was a baby, the way you and the foreman fuss over me . . . me who went through the Argonne Forest, and never got a scratch. Hey, pipe down, you kids. What do you think this is—a boiler factory?"

And Then!

The next day was cloudy and mournful, as if nature were brooding over some great sort row. But inside the brilliantly lit machine shop there was intense activity. No time to

"ROUND ABOUT"

Mabel Gates went gallivanting off to Chicago one week-end in January with four young men (four mind you!). She confessed later that one was her brother and that she spent her time with a friend.

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We wish to correct a very grave mistake in our column last issue. We stated that Evelyn Teiling's kitten ate her mother-in-law's ear—we meant her tongue. Just had our vegetation a little mixed. And for all you deubters, there really is a plant called mother-in-law's tongue.

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Aline Moore of the cost department has a new locket with a picture, but don't ask her whose—it's embarrassing to refuse.

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From hieroglyphics scrolled on scratch papers found in the vicinity of Carl Dodwell's desk, we deducted that Carl had taken up the study of Chinese. He neither denied nor confirmed this accusation, but when a Record envelope was returned from Shanghai bearing some Chinese writing, Carl remarked: "I can read that. It means they're not there."

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An anonymous note from the "Voice of the Mob" on the third floor hints a romance between two blondes.

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Fern Pope's dog, Buster, is recovering from a chronic case of pneumonia. He suffered a hemorrhage and was confined to the hospital for four days. He is much improved and is now at home but must still wear a pneumonia jacket.

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Skippy Wagenseller's beauty secrets have leaked out. She follows the advice of the beauty authorities and keeps her beautiful shape and lustrous hair by eating carrots. She receives her daily dozen by chasing a ball around the house which is made of more substantial rubber than the rat she got on the Christmas tree which lasted only one-half day.

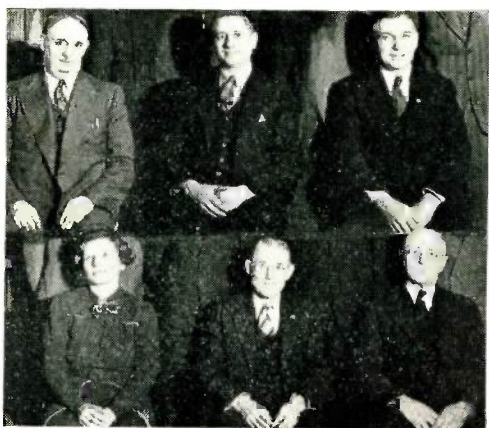
worry about the weather, for the production schedule was behind and the foreman had given orders to speed up work.

Harris was in his element when these rush periods came along. Smoothly, efficiently he went about his work, and his machines responded as if to a master. Coming up an aisle, the foreman watched him admiringly and chuckled. Harris was the best machinist in the shop, no doubt about that even if he was careless at times. And today he had on his safety goggles. Well—that was a concession—maybe the lecture yesterday did some good after all. He turned away to watch another operation.

Off Come Goggles, Out Goes an Eye

Watching the foreman's broad back from the corner of his eye, Fred switched off his

SOME LONG TIME EMPLOYEES



Some of the older employes snapped by Mr. Langdon during the holidays.

In the sextette, back row, are: Roy Sailsbery, Otis Whitacre, John Bixler. Front row, Neina Greening, Earl Parker and H. C. Camron.



In the quartette standing are: Carl Draper, Gale Hutchens. Seated: Mrs. Thomas and Robert Lusk.

goggles and leaned over the enormous lathe to make an adjustment. There. Everything was perfect. Leave it to old Harris to know what to do. And then it happened. There was a sharp whirring noise, a flash of steel, and Harris staggered back with a shriek, hands clapped over his left eye. Stuff began to ooze between his fingers as men came running from all directions, among them Henry.

"I knew it," the foreman muttered to himself. "I knew that guy would get it sooner or later. Jack, get the doctor quick . . ."

It was a month later, a bright shining day. Fred sat in his favorite easy chair by the window, morosely fingering the dark patch over his eye. It wasn't true — it couldn't be possible — that he'd never see out of it again. How could he have been so careless . . . so stupid. If he had only followed the foreman's instructions.

The door bell rang, and a minute later Betty ushered a man into the room. Shading his right eye, Harris recognized his foreman. The two men looked at each other awkwardly.

Finally, the foreman said: "Well, old-timer, how goes it?"

Harris: "Okay. I'll be back at the shop soon, I guess."

The foreman hesitated, then looked uncomfortably at Betty, whose eyes glinted with tears.

"Sure," he finally said soothingly. "As a matter of fact, the boss told me to drop in this noon to tell you there'll be a job waiting for you soon as you're well."

"What do you mean — a job? What about

my old one?"

Forevermore

The foreman looked even more uncomfortable. "Well, Fred, the boss seems to think it would be too dangerous for you to operate another machine again with only one eye. But don't worry. We'll find something for you to do . . . maybe night watching . . . or something else light. It's tough, Fred, but it's better than nothing . . ."

ALWAYS ON THE JOB

The business man had died and gone to—well, not to Heaven. But hardly had he settled down for a good long smoke when a hearty hand slapped him on the back, and into his ear boomed the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him much on earth.

"Well, Mr. Smith, chortled the salesman, I'm here for the appointment."

"What appointment?"

"Why, don't you remember? the salesman went on. Every time I went into your office you told me you would see me here."

COMPARISONS

Well, Washington is having a nice time, letting all the neighbors know what the other fellow's salary is. And many a jolly time is being had comparing the wages of Mae West, Edsel Ford, Joe Penner, Owen D. Young, Gracie Allen and Walter Chrysler.—New York Sun.

FEET WANTED

Johnnie was absent from school one afternoon. The next morning the teacher received the following excuse:

Dear Teacher: Please excuse Johnnie's absence yesterday afternoon. He got his feet wet coming home at noon, and he didn't have any others to put on.—Union Pacific Magazine.

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SAFETY FIRST

A Junction City young woman who collects antiques recently acquired a hairlock chair, says the Union, and now she knows why her grandmother wore six petticoats.—Kansas City Star

GLASS EYE

Al Falta: Did you know that that feller who is runnin' for office has a glass eye?

Tim Ray: No, can you tell which one it is?

Al Falta: Yes. You look at both his eyes pretty hard, and the one that has a glimpse of human kindness in it is the glass one.

FOR ALMA MATER

The young man caller thought exceedingly well of himself but he was getting to be quite a pest.

I am a Harvard man, he bragged.

And what did you ever do for your school? asked the bored girl.

W-w-well, he hesitated, once I beat the Yale Lock Company out of a bill.—The American Legion Monthly.

FAST

"Mother: "Now remember when I'm away, dear, that if you get and drink and smoke men will call you fast."

Daughter: "Yes, just as fast as they can get to a telephone."

GET OUT OF MY KITCHEN

Katie—Does your mistress assist you in cooking?

Bridget—Yes, very much.

Katie—How does she do it?

Bridget—By keeping out of the kitchen.

KEEP OFF DER GRASS

Papa, vat is science?

My, how could you be so stupid! Science is does things vat says, no smoking.—Everybody's Weekly.

IT WORKED

Pat and Mike were detailed for scout duty overseas. The commanding officer ordered them to conceal themselves in a cow's hide and pretend to graze over toward the German trenches. Pat was given the front legs and Mike the hind legs.

All went well until Pat received a prod from his buddy.

"Come on, let's get out of here," hissed Mike.

"What's the matter," queried Pat.

"Matter!" snorted Mike. "Migawd, here comes a German with a milk pail!"

TAKING NO CHANCES

Finally, there is a new story about British efficiency. To the hospital for seamen in London came lately a strange old man whose conversation was unintelligible to the attendants. So they burned his clothes, scrubbed him, shaved him, gave him a bromide and put him to bed. When he woke up the next day it was discovered that he had dropped in to call on a sick friend.—Christian Evangelist.

ATTENDS HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond Roarick and Robert Tertocha are attending Decatur High School in the forenoon and working in the afternoon. Robert Merrow attends Johns Hill Junior High School of mornings and is on the job in the afternoon.

SURE HE KNOWS

"Do you know anything at all about electrical apparatus?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"What's an armature," asked the chief.

"Oh, that's a guy wot sings for Major Bowes."

THUMBING

"Mike: "And he locked you up just because you scratched your nose in front of him?"

Ike: "Yeah, but I scratched it with my thumb."