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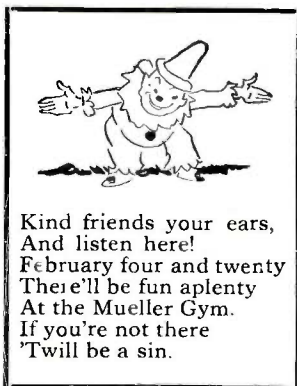
## BIG SHOW COMING FEB. 24

We have no hesitancy in predicting the biggest and best attraction at the Mueller Gym on February 24 which the committee has yet been able to offer. No apologies or criticism to offer for previous shows. They have been good and provided evenings of fine entertainments but the one to come will make you whoop and "holler". The experience the committee has had with our St. Louis booking agency has resulted in the development of a spirit of cooperation. By the route of personal contact the members of the agency show a sincere desire to send to us artists of recognized ability in the theatrical colony of the same high calibre they procure for the finest hotels, theatres, night clubs, and conventions or other large assemblies. It will be a program of novelty acts throughout. It is going to be an evening of mirth and laughter, a show which will send you home in a happy frame of mind with memories of a joyful evening for months to come. What more can we ask for the small sum of 15 cents.

### Bring Your Friends

And here is something that should be good news to all members of the organization. There is no idea of giving public entertainments in our gym. These entertainments are to be maintained as Mueller affairs for members of the organization, but you are going to have the privilege of giving your friends and neighbors the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of seeing a good stage show. Therefore, you are asked to invite these neighbors and friends, give them an opportunity to purchase tickets at the usual rate of 15 cents per

person. There will be room for all. Tell them to come and they will be made welcome.



Kind friends your ears,  
And listen here!  
February four and twenty  
There'll be fun aplenty  
At the Mueller Gym.  
If you're not there  
'Twill be a sin.

Grover LaRose, head of the booking agency in a letter to us says of the coming attraction:

### "Tops"

"I think this entertainment will top anything I have put on so far."

That's the way he feels about it. He is trying to please us, not alone because he is the booking agency but because he has developed a liking for our organization

and wants to give us full value for our money.

Here's an outline of the February 24 program. Read carefully:

### The Attractions

LOU MORGAN in a funny comedy bicycle act which will amuse the children many of whom have never seen an act of this kind and will amuse the older folks as well. It has been so long since the older folks have seen anything of this kind that it will be new. The returning popularity of the bicycle has made this one of the most popular present day stage acts.

JULIA DENSMORE, a good blues and swing singer, who is really a sell out.

PERO, a comedy juggler who keeps things up in the air all the time with amazing skill and accuracy. He uses clubs, boxes, umbrellas, spinning coins on top of them.

AUDREY GLEASON, sings and dances and plays the xylophone at the same time, an act that is tops.

ENLOE SISTERS, a good look-

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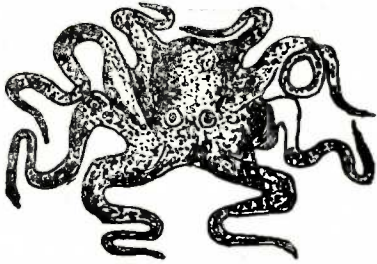
And the night shall be filled with music, laughter and fun. Get your share.

DUKE AND THE DEVIL—FISH

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Works Manager Makes Unusual Catch Fishing In The Gulf

Just off hand we are willing and ready to vote Duke Mueller, the special award Fisherman's medal for 1938. He caught an octopus while fishing in the Gulf off the coast at Sarasota. An octopus is otherwise known as a "devil fish" and certainly looks



like the "devil". As a matter of fact in a beauty contest his "Satanic Majesty" would be unanimously chosen the winner. If we had to be introduced to the "Old Nick" and an "Oct" at the same time we might shake hands with the former but would high hat the latter. An octopus is one of the most hideous and repulsive monsters of the sea.

Fanciful Tales

Many fanciful tales have been written of this animal by sea writers, but the Octopus is regarded as harmless and timid, although admittedly dangerous if it gets its powerful arms around a man. Their protection is the emission of a dark fluid which discolors the water and enables them to elude their enemies.

In a letter to Walt Auer, Duke refers to the incident as follows:

Big As a Wash Tub

Caught an octopus day before yesterday, about the size of a small wash tub. Paul Derringer and I were out. I handed him the rod and started to take color movies of the catch. Just as we got the octopus to the top of the water at the side of the boat he began spouting black fluid and throwing his tentacles around so that we came very near falling out of the boat into the ocean and when, in our excitement, we slackened the line he got loose. We were both rather glad of it because he would have been a nasty companion in a small 15 ft. row boat.

Not Fond of Them

I am afraid in all the excitement I didn't get any decent pictures but I'll know in a few days when the films are developed.

Boy they are a nasty customer when mad and you have a hook in them. This is the only one I have ever seen outside of an aquarium. They are rather rare around here, I understand. As far as I am concerned they and rattle snakes can remain as rare as hades. I don't care for them.

ing clever sister team, young, with good wardrobes. They do fast buck and wing rhythm and "Rube" numbers dressed in comedy make-up. It's a scream.

THE RHIEL FAMILY. This is a juvenile act of fast acrobats—professionals who have worked all of the best banquets and clubs. They are 12, 16 and 17 years old. Two boys and a girl, and are very clever for which you can take our word. In the middle of the act the young lady plays a saxophone while holding a glass of water on her head doing a split to the floor and then picks up two other glasses and comes back up in the same position again. Everything they do is fast and furious and the little fellow works as a clown. This will be a big treat for the kids, as well as the grownups.

Just another word about popularity in St. Louis of talent handled by this agency. The Hawaiians, whom we expected to present in a previous show, have a five weeks engagement at the Jefferson Hotel with an option. Norma Marceno five weeks at Melbourne Hotel. The Rolling Stones will be at the Chase Hotel for five weeks.

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE

Record Headquarters  
February 1, 1939

Mueller Post Master

Gen. J. Farley D. Gepford:

Please stamp and mail attached letters. Will pay before 10th of month in order to get customary discount of 2% off.

C. N. W.

Mueller Post Office Dept.

February 11, 1939.

C. N. W.—(Quote) Six cents is due this dept. Two per cent discount will not be allowed as it is past the 10th. Sorry. (Unquote).

J. Farley D. Gepford.

Postmaster Gen.

SARNIA

It seems as if the last month has past at the Sarnia Plant with no momentous happenings to records.

We have two invalids in the office who are now making satisfactory progress.

William Twaits, manager of the Sales Department, has been ill at his home and Harper Hospital, Detroit, during the past few weeks. We are glad to hear that latest reports indicate a good recovery.

Ebert Mueller has been confined to his home with a heavy cold but is expected to return to the office shortly.

Hope to have more news next month.

## THREE MIDWINTER GRADUATES



Reading left to right: Orville Spencer, Jr., son of Orville Spencer of the Shipping Department; Pauline, daughter of Clinton Wright, Janitor; and Don Baldis, son of Howard Baldis Boiler Room Foreman. Don worked during vacation last year at the Mueller Heights assisting Loyle Davis in the Athletic Division.

### BRASS CHIPS

Mrs. Curry, wife of John Curry of Department 9, was quite seriously ill about the middle of January with an infection in her ear. John was off work several days because of the seriousness of her condition.

Ernest Watkins, Plant 2, who has been ill for several months with tularemia, returned to his home on February 4, but suffered a relapse and was taken back to the hospital on Monday, the 6th. He had sufficiently recovered by the 11th that he again went home, and we understand he is making good progress toward recovery.

C. F. Harrison, Plant 2, is still off duty due to severe foot burn received some time ago, but has improved sufficiently that he was able to make a trip to his old home, Flora, over the week end of February 13.

Clarence Curlin, Plant 2, is still confined because of injuries received at Christmas time.

Louis Wallenbrock remains off duty because of ill health.

Julius Shaw, Dept. 8, returned to work on January 23 after an absence dating back to December 9.

George Krag spent several days in Chattanooga about the middle of the month.

Gladys Lloyd, Core Dept., returned to work on February 13 following an operation at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital on January 23.

William Johnson, Dept. 6, has been absent from work since January 23 at which time he suffered a burn on his foot while working in the foundry.

Eighteen people were snow-bound on that Monday morning, January 30, when we had

our first and so far only big snow of the year. There is no way of ascertaining how many were late, but the records show that eighteen were not able to get here at all.

Delmont Parks was operated on for appendicitis at the Decatur and Macon County hospital on January 28. Our Dr. Smith performed the operation. Delmont returned to his home in Lincoln, February 11, and expects to return to work within the next two weeks.

Walter Dunn, Dept. 8, and Harold Henry, Plant 2, have been confined to their homes with an attack of the flu.

Eugene McCauley, Dept. 8, has been off duty since February 2 on account of illness.

Quite a few people from the organization attended the Masterson and Trimmer funerals, victims of the terrible automobile accident on Saturday night, February 4. The Masterson girl was a niece of Ted and Chester Masterson, and the Trimmer girl was a niece of Leroy Trimmer, and cousin to Melvin and Orville.

Alva Davis, Dept. 300, was off work due to the death of his sister, February 8.

Al Lindamood, Dept. 35, underwent a tonsilectomy on February 9.

### THE SPRING ITCH

By the time the next Record is issued the athletes will be getting the outdoor spring itch. Spring is due to arrive March 21st according to the calendar, and while we need not expect permanent good weather there will be a lot of days suitable for outdoor exercise. From his worried look we imagine that Athletic Director Loyle Davis is planning big things for the coming summer.

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### AN EAGLE SCOUT

#### Truman Reynolds Achieves Highest Honors As Boy Scout

The Needle's Eye into the Realm of Eagle Scouting is passing at least 21 merit badges and as the biblical story of old



Eagle Scout Truman Reynolds

about the needle's eye, only those who pass are the best, are tried and are not found wanting in Scouting ability for such makes the honor of an Eagle Scout something worth while and a real achievement. We are proud of our own Truman Reynolds who has gained this worthy realm and was quiet, Thursday, Feb. 9.

Eagle awards are not only difficult to achieve, but are not acquired over night. Truman started eight years ago as a Tenderfoot Scout in Mueller Group No. 2, and has since honestly aimed toward that master's degree in scouting. Indeed eight years of training certainly points out and proves a trait of "the will to do" as a pillar in his house of character. Truman knows that Scouting has been a wonderous inspiration for him to promote his best character, good citizenship and with it all he enjoyed it every bit.

Our foreman, O. D. Walker, was Scout Master when Truman was invested into the troop. Mr. Walker has every reason to be proud for several of his old Troop 2 have reached this Golden award and are fine young men today, because of his guidance yesteryears. Scout Mastering is a very difficult task and it seems sometimes as though it is a thankless service because much of the time the fruit is not harvested today under your eye but tomorrow instead.

Truman is giving back to Scouting what Scouting had endowed him for he is now

### DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE?

#### Business Courses at Millikin University Offers Splendid Opportunity

The second semester of the James Millikin University, evening division, is now open and in operation offering a valuable opportunity to adults for development in various lines of study.

The course includes the following:

- RECENT AMERICAN HISTORY—Professor A. T. Mills
- SEMINAR IN WRITING — Professor Davida McCaslin
- CULTURAL CONFLICTS AND PERSONALITY HEALTH—Dr. J. A. Melrose
- PUBLIC FINANCE AND TAXATION—Professor J. F. Gauger
- MONEY AND BANKING—Dr. M. E. Robinson
- EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENTS — Dr. Ralph Yake
- INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING — Dr. J. C. Dockeray
- HISTORY AND APPRECIATION OF ART, DRAWING AND PAINTING—Professor Byron Adams
- OFFICE TECHNIQUES—Professor George Hittler

Registration will be in the general office of the University the evenings of February 7, 9, 14, and 16, from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock, and during the day after February 16, excepting Saturday afternoons. After February 20 a late registration fee of fifty cents (50c) will be charged. No registration for credit will be permitted after February 27.

Members of this organization should be particularly interested in the office techniques course, Professor George Hittler. This includes:

- Comptometry.
- Marchant operation.
- Business Arithmetic.
- Advanced Typewriting.
- Mimeographing.
- Filing.
- Machine Bookkeeping.
- Shorthand for speed.

It is not too late to register for any of the courses mentioned.

Scoutmaster of Troop 17 and is doing a fine service.

Some of the highlights in his eight years of Scouting are briefly: five years without missing a single meeting, attending Camp Robert Faries two summers and Camp Seymour, Springfield one summer. He has taken and passed three scout master's courses. He has held the following troop offices: Senior Patrol Leader two years; Junior Assistant Scout Master two years; and Assistant Scout Master three years.

Truman is now attending Millikin part time and working in Dept. 8.

Our heartiest congratulations to Truman Reynolds for his is a fine achievement and a deserving award.

## THE VIRDEN FAMILY



Here is a fine family group, consisting of mother and five daughters. Standing, Mrs. Alma Shyer, St. Elmo, Ill., Miss Betty Virden, who belongs to the Mueller Dancing class, and is a Junior in the Decatur High School, Mrs. Irene Otis, who is employed in the Filing Dept. Seated, Mrs. Hazel Allen, stenographer for F. E. Carroll, Mrs. Virden, mother of the girls, and Miss Delores Virden who works in the Cost Dept.

### NEW FASHIONS FOR MEN

The American Tailors in recent convention commended George Washington for wearing bright colored clothing and insisted that modern man's inhibition against colors must give way. He spoke while dressed in a light gray sack coat suit, with red and white polka dot tie and red handkerchief. "Color," he said, "is a mental stimulus." We approve the idea just for the laughs we shall get out of the new fashion when it becomes a general custom and permit imagination to run riot regarding our office and factory workers. For Otto Keil we suggest pale yellow trousers, a purple vest and a green coat and for Barney Marty pale pink trousers, blue vest and a bright red coat.

Put on your new clothes boys and do your best to look happy and satisfied.

### AN INTERESTING POST CARD

Hugh Baker, of the Columbian Iron Works has sent to Mr. A. C. Werdes, an interesting post card loaned him by his landlady, who was the former Louie C. Christie, of Decatur. This was an advertising post card used in the booth at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. It shows a view of our factory. The window glass is cut out and an insert of red paper gives a lighted up interior. The card was written to Miss Louie Christie, 231 Madison St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and is signed by Miss M. A. Dill, who was for many years quotation clerk in the main office. It reads: Tuesday, August 16, 1904. "I am here with the Muellers for a few days. They have a fine exhibit. Come and see it. The fair is great but wearing."

### MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The January pot luck supper of the Mueller Social Club was held at the Lodge on the 18th with fifty-three present. The table was attractively decorated in a color scheme of green and white. A ruffled band of white crepe paper was placed down the center of the long table and spaced along this were bouquets of white flowers, ferns, and white candles. A potted fern was used for the centerpiece.

Everyone enjoyed the large variety of food and the hostess served apple pie a la mode for dessert.

The members held their short business meeting, and the evening was spent playing Bunco. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Archie Sefton, E. F. Dickey, and Charles Enloe

Mrs. Ralph Duncan was hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Ray Kileen, and Mrs. Walter Auer.

Mrs. Preston Ruthrauff and daughter, Joanne, returned from Los Angeles on January 8 after a visit of three weeks with relatives and friends on the coast. They visited the Mueller office and factory and were favorably impressed with the modern factory and the courtesy extended to them by all the employees. It was the good fortune of Mrs. Ruthrauff and Joanne to make the trip to and from Los Angeles on the Eli Capaton, a Santa Fe streamline train which makes the trip from Chicago to Los Angeles in 39½ hours.

Prospective Bridegroom (gally): "Will it take much to feather a nest?"  
Furniture Dealer: "Oh, no, only a little down."

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### NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

By the way, did you know who the most efficient of all ruminators is? None other than our friend of the wistful brown eyes, sometimes cited by experts as the foster-mother of the human race, yes, the cow. There is a little difference, we trust, in the bovine ruminations and those of your humble correspondent. The cow, of course, ruminates upon nice green grass or choice grains, while we are content to chew upon the news of our friends.

The week of January 16 was one of some excitement among the feminine portion of our third-floor populations. The Woman's Ping Pong Tournament was on. Every evening after 4 o'clock the gals journeyed to the gym to play or look on. Gladys Master-son was the grand champion.

A. C. Werdes was a Chatanooga visitor the week of January 16.

J. W. (Bud) Simpson, Jr, left Decatur for sunny California on January 21. He took with him a letter of good wishes adorned with the autographs of all the inhabitants of these parts.

The bulletin board still carries a picture card received from Bud and mailed from the sage-brush country of Texas.

Our congratulations to Ruth Liestman and Dorothy Cooper who earned an "A" apiece (and received it!) in their first semester of Accounting which they are studying at the Millikin University night school.

Jane Cranston is also enrolled in the Millikin extension classes this second semester. She is giving her attention to secretarial science.

Dolores Virden and Aline Moore have something really distinctive in wearing apparel. They have autographed blouses. Yes, they let their fellow-workers write on their nice white blouses, and then they take 'em home and embroider the names in blue, green, lavender, pink, or whatever their fancy dictates. Mr. Keil, comptroller, affixed his signature to the collar of each blouse, and the two Cost Department lassies were assured by their chief that perhaps that was the best location for his name, in case they regarded him as a pain in the neck! Nice work, say we.

The morning of February 6, Marjorie Bixier came back all agog and enthusiastic over her trip to St. Louis. Marjorie, it seems, was a bridesmaid. Of course, in the inquisitive and somewhat irritating way

that we all have, we inquired if she were the bride. However, we were assured that was not the case. Now we are hoping that when Marjorie's wedding day does roll around, we perhaps may be invited.

Clara Uhl has anticipated Mademoiselle Spring by a few weeks and has come out in some very becoming new garments. We propose a nice orchid for Clara whose skill in sewing is really something in which to take pride.

Frank Edmonson and his family, we are told, will begin life on their new country estate west of Decatur on March 1.

Joanne Ruthrauff, Press Ruthrauff's little daughter, who had a nice trip to California during the holidays, is still treasuring the memory of shaking hands with Shirley Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the owners of a new Plymouth.

Dorothea Uhl and Erma Barth have a great and compelling desire to vacation in Sun Valley, Idaho. They have been poring over maps and planning a budget. They admit that while they could pack on very short notice, they have about decided not to leave for the Switzerland of America (we've been reading travel literature too) for possibly another year or so. When they do go, we'll expect them to give us some big news for this column.

MAN-OF-THE-MONTH. Our toast is a bit tardy, but still we bring tribute to that patron saint of lovers, that symbol of romance—without which life would be a pretty sad business,—the great St. Valentine.

### LOVE YOUR WORK

A Glowing Tribute by U. S. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas

"A man's job is his best friend. It clothes and feeds his wife and children, pays the rent, and supplies them with the wherewithal to develop and become cultivated. The least a man can do in return is to love his job. A man's job is grateful. It is like a little garden that thrives on love. It will one day flower into fruit worthwhile, for him and his to enjoy. If you ask any successful man the reason for his making good he will tell you that first and foremost it is because he likes his work; indeed he loves it. His whole heart and soul are wrapped up in it. His whole physical and mental energies are focused on it. He walks his work, he talks his work, he is entirely inseparable from his work, and that is the way every man worth his salt ought to be if he wants to make his work what it should be, and make of himself what he wants to be."

# MUELLER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

## Badminton

This new indoor sport is proving to be one of the most interesting and fascinating that we have ever had in our gymnasium. This game calls for a lot of speed, endurance, and good coordination between the mind and physical body.

The tournament has been very successful, and Jack Enloe was defeated by Gene Simpson for the championship on Tuesday, February 14.

## Basketball

The Mueller basketball team entered the Central Illinois Independent Basketball Tournament, which was held at the St. James' gym in Decatur.

Our team met Halliburton's Grocery in the first game and because of a bad case of jitters and stage fright the boys were defeated by a score of 40-26.

They next met up with the Taylorville City Service team on February 6 in our gym, and very easily defeated them by a score of 38-24.

On Wednesday, February 8, the Mueller team beat Wagner's in the Industrial League, and displayed some of the best ball handling and team play that has been seen in the Y.M.C.A. all season.

Vernon Brown is still leading the League in scoring, and there is hardly any doubt but that he has already scored enough points to prevent anyone catching up with him.

## Roller Skating

On Thursday, February 9, a group of young Decatur people put on a very good roller skating program in our gym. These young folk have trained themselves, and are able to perform more tricks than the professional team we had here last fall. An effort will be made to get them to return for another program in the near future, and we hope to have a good turn out to watch them.

## Volley Ball

Plans are being formed for a six or seven team volley ball league here in our factory. Volley ball has always been one of our most popular indoor sports, and we hope that there will be a lot of participants in this league.

## Indoor Baseball

Rumors have been flying around Dept. 300 that the Mimics can trim the Squeedunks in an Indoor ball game any time they take a notion. The Squeedunks have swallowed about all of this rumor they can and now we have heard that there will be an answer to this challenge in the next few days. Everyone plan to be at the gym to see this battle, when it comes off.

## Boy Scouts

The monthly Scoutmaster's dinner meeting was held in the Mueller gymnasium Tuesday, February 7. There were 38 scoutmasters and committee men present for this meeting. Mrs. Overfield gave them a din-

ner, which was voted by the group as the best they had ever had at any of their meetings.

The annual scout dinner of the Lincoln Trails Council was held at the Armory, Thursday, February 9. Mueller troops were represented by a group of about twenty parents and friends of the groups in our troops at this dinner.

Bob, son of Oris Whitaker of Dept. 8, was elected as one of the scout commissioners to serve as a member of the city council when the scouts ran the city on Saturday, February 11. This was quite an honor for Bob, because there are only four commissioners elected from all the scouts in the city, and Bob was elected from our troop.

## A NECESSARY FOOD

Many old time views and beliefs change. Milk was once regarded as food for babies and children. Now it is regarded as a necessary part of the diet for both young and old, because it contains so many elements of a healthful diet. A quart a day for a child and a pint for each adult is given as good daily allowance. It is especially valuable to growing bones. Milk supplies in almost ideal amounts minerals that go into their composition. One cup of milk has about the same energy value as two and a half eggs or three and three-fourth ounces of lean round beef or 8½ ounces of string beans.

Practically all the elements required by the body, except roughage and certain vitamins, are found in milk. It contains:

Proteins for building bone and muscle and for repairing the body's wear and tear.

Fats and sugar, to supply heat and energy.

Vitamins which are needed for growth and to ward off disease.

Mineral salts, particularly phosphorous and lime, needed in the blood, the bones, the teeth and the tissues.

Water—which the body needs and uses to carry off waste.

Bob Levey, of the Chicago office, was an office visitor during the week of February 6th.

## BUM LUCK

Two members of the legal profession, one decidedly glum of countenance, met on the street.

"Well, how's business?" the first asked the second one.

"Fotten," the pessimist replied. "I just chased an ambulance twelve miles and found a lawyer in it." —Exchange.

A woman came into a car with five children. She lusted herself seating them. A benevolent old gentleman arose and gave her his seat.

"Are these all your children, madam?" he asked, "or is it a picnic?"

"They're all mine," snapped the woman, "and it's no picnic."

## THEY ARE CALIFORNIANS NOW



MR. and MRS. BUD SIMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Simpson left January 21st for their new home in Los Angeles, and arrived there safely and we presume are nicely located and happy in the great climate of the coast. Bud's friends in the main office gave him a farewell through the medium of the following Round Robin letter, signed by the captain and the crew:

Decatur, Illinois  
January 20, 1939

Goodbye, Bud!

How we hate to see you go.

But there is one good compensation.

You'll find sunshine instead of snow.

And more than that, you'll find opportunity. When somebody bats you a chunk of it plant your feet on the field and grab it out of the air just like Joe D'Maggio.

While we regret your leaving the home office, because we have learned to like you, we are confident you will make good in your new home.

Of course, you are going to be left on your own responsibility and ability as well. But don't let that worry you. Men who have batted our high averages have admitted that success is the result of 25 per cent ability and 75 per cent of those things they stuff with sausage.

And so farewell to you and your wife with the hope that you will like and succeed in your new position, that you will prosper and become a valuable citizen in the great west, where men wear ten gallon hats (in the movies), and are real guys as a rule.

And finally—don't take any lead nickels—there is too much gold on the coast.

Goodbye and good luck. Our best wishes are with you and our hopes are for you and your future.

Mike—"Tis a fine kid you have there. A magnificent head and noble features. Say, could you lend me a couple of dollars?"  
Pat—"I could not. 'Tis my wife's child by her first husband."

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Was Too Good to be Overlooked, Even  
If a Little Late

The committee in charge of the Office Girls' Christmas party has taken us to task for forgetting to mention the party in the Record. And quite justified they are, because it was much too nice a party to be passed over without even a remark.

The party was held at the Athletic Club on December 14. There was a good attendance and each girl brought a ten cent present which was placed under the large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree, to be distributed later by Santa Claus, alias Rosalyn Hawkins.

The committee, assisted by Opal Jackson, had prepared a clever little Christmas story with blanks left to be filled in with the names of persons in the office. Christmas carols were sung and the remainder of the evening was spent playing Bunco.

Refreshments were home made cookies in the shape of stars, Christmas trees, and other Yuletide shapes, and ice cream.

Hostesses were Margaret Marcott, Neina Greening, Lucile Smith, and Rosalyn Hawkins.

### IN DUAL ROLE?

We thought that Loyle Davis was devoting all his spare time to Mueller Athletics but find that he is a surgeon also. According to the Review he officiated at Passavant Hospital, Chicago, recently. The item concludes with the information that "The operation was performed by Dr. Loyle Davis". Versatile! What?

Minister (at baptism of baby): "His name please?"  
Proud Mother: Randolph Morgan Montgomery Alfred Van Christopher Jones."  
Minister (to assistant): "A little more water, please."



**CHATTANOOGA**

**Favorite Sayings**

How are you getting along with your work?  
—Elmer Fawley.

What, is it already 3:30?—Chuck Coventry.  
It surely must be only lunch time, instead  
of four—Sara Gennoe.

What's that? What's that? That's right.  
That's right—Cecil Coffin.

But, Mary I just gotta get in the stock  
room now—Oddie Lee Moss.

I have been cold all day—Margaret Wal-  
lace Isbill.

Brrrrrr.....—Hugh Baker.

George Krag was at the Chattanooga  
plant on Friday, January 20 and Saturday,  
January 21.

**Nonsense**

Money doesn't make a fool out of a girl  
nearly as often as a girl makes money out  
of a fool.

The stranded English actor went into a  
sordid eating house in New York for a  
cheap meal. In the waiter he was horrified  
to recognize a colleague who had played  
with him in London.

"Great Scott!" he gasped, "You a waiter  
in this place?"

"Yes, but I don't eat here," replied the  
other, with some dignity.

"How soon shall I know anything after  
I come out of the anesthetic?"

"Well, that's expecting a lot from the  
anesthetic."

**Peters—Wooden**

Miss Ina Peters and Mr. Smith Wooden  
were married December 31, 1938 at Ring-  
gold, Georgia, at the home of the Rev. T. O.  
Coward. Mr. Wooden is a member of our  
Assembly Department. Congratulations, Mr.  
and Mrs. Wooden!

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Coventry an-  
nounce the birth of a daughter on January  
9 at Childrens' Hospital. The baby has been  
named Patricia Ruth.

**Bullets from the Unit Gang**

" So What  
When snow comes down  
From white to blue  
Grapes grow as big  
as pumpkins  
Tennessee River overflows with wine  
An' Rockefeller don't have a dime—  
So What"

"Don't worry if your job is small and your  
rewards are few

"The mighty oak was once a nut like you."

"Old year out  
New one in

Long time before ham and bacon agin."  
(Signed) Gus.

"I took my case to the Supreme Court  
An' with my pull I got my ham and bacon  
—Ha! Ha!

(Signed) Riley Rhoden.

After using up all the lump manganese  
he had on hand, Ezell Thomas comes to  
the Foundry Clerk and says:

Quote "I am out of lump magnesia—do  
you want me to get some magnesia briquets  
now?"

Mr. Wagenseller, the above "Bullets from  
the Unit Gang" are bulletins posted each  
week on our Iron Foundry Bulletin Board  
and are composed by members of the Unit  
Gang—all in fun.

**DID YOU KNOW ? ?**

That two members of the Cost Department  
lay claim to a coat of arms on their family  
tree?

That the Nelson Eddy fan, who sat through  
four performances of his last picture, was  
not able to work the morning following  
the announcement of his marriage?

That that haggard look on Loyle Davis  
and Mark Simpson has been due, in some  
measure, to semester exams at Millikin?

That we have a Clark Gable in our midst,  
whose modesty is so overwhelming that he  
refused to sell tickets or disclose the date  
of the play in which he was appearing. De-  
tective Gepford, however, found out the  
date, but was too soft hearted to insist up-  
on being allowed to purchase a ticket.

That Gene Simpson bought Peggy Jean a  
nice, big sled, and then the afternoon of  
the big snow failed to come to work. We  
wouldn't imply anything, but we have  
strong suspicions.

That Ben Taylor makes a real cute model  
for ladies' basket-ball trunks? The fashion  
show is on whenever Ben plays Badmin-  
ton.

That Plant 2 has a super-mechanic in their  
midst. So super, in fact that he drilled  
a hole in his gas tank while repairing his  
A-model Ford, and didn't know it until he  
ran out of gas. He is none other than El-  
wood Potts.

**FEATHERS**

Lady (turning around)—Does the long  
feather in my hat bother you?

Man (directly behind)—It did until I cut  
it off. Here it is; I thought perhaps you might  
want it back.

# THE MUELLER RECORD

## BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

First Session of Classes Monday Evening,  
February 13th

The first session of the class meeting every Monday night to study business organization under Professor Robinson was held on February 13. The consensus of those attending was that the series promises to be exceptionally interesting and enlightening. Of course, Professor Robinson is compelled to touch on the high spots and is unable to dwell long on any one phase of business, but he speaks so clearly and concisely that his subject seems to unfold in a simple and understanding manner that all can grasp.

At this meeting he explained the three forms of industry existing in America at the present time, enlarging upon corporations. He told how a business goes about getting a charter under the state, and how it raises capital by selling common stock, preferred stock, or bonds.

He then went into detail and explained the difference between stock and bonds, and the order in which bond and stock holders were paid at the end of the year out of the profits.

He mentioned briefly the method of organizing business under the departmental plan, and promised to go further into detail at the next session.

### Large Enrollment

The last pay check envelope carried an announcement of a class in business to be held in the gymnasium each Monday following quitting time. This is conducted by Dr. Robinson of Millikin University. The response was surprising. One hundred and sixty members of the organization signified intention to take advantage of this offer.

It is gratifying to know that employees, especially the younger groups, are so keen to seize an opportunity which means an up-building and strengthening of their knowledge of business principles and practices. It can mean nothing else than making them more valuable in positions which they may fill here or elsewhere.

There is still time to enroll.

### KEEP ON SMILING

Smile  
Awhile  
And while you smile  
Another  
Smiles  
And soon there's miles  
And miles  
Of smiles  
And life's worth while  
Because you smile.

### ON THE HOTEL VERANDA

"Darling, I love you!"  
"Good gracious! Why, we've only just become acquainted!"  
"Yeah, I know, but I'm only here for the week-end and I gotta work fast."

## LOU SCHARIO'S ADVENTURE

Goes Gunning In Scanty Attire for a Peeping  
Thomas.



Goody, Goody, Gout—your shirt tails out.

The shipping room force is still laughing at Lou Schario's adventure with a "peeping Tom." Mrs. Schario's sister came over to spend the night. After an evening's visit Lou retired. Later when the ladies decided to call it a day, they went to their bedroom. One of them happened to glance out under the half-drawn curtain to discover a strange man peeping in windows next door. Satisfying themselves there was no mistake, they called Lou, who sprang to arms without waiting to don street clothes. Unable to locate his revolver he grabbed his shot gun and slipped in a shell. He stepped to the front porch. The peeper broke into a fast run and to let him know that it was the right time to go his fastest, Lou let go one barrel in the air.

The man was still running when Lou was picked up, as the result of the heavy recoil of the gun, and guided into the house.

Too bad Walter Bowan wasn't there with his candid camera. We have all seen Lou dressed up for a social event, we've seen him in his working clothes and his hunting outfit but we've never seen him in an old fashioned night shirt with a shot gun in his hand.

A picture of great historic value has been lost to future generations.

### DO IT

A new safety sign, prominently displayed in Decatur buses, is applicable to all at any time and in any place. It reads:

**TAKE TIME TO BE SAFE**

"How many seasons are there?" asked the teacher of the contractor's daughter.

"Just two," answered Rachel.

"What are they?" inquired the puzzled instructor.

"Slack and busy," replied Rachel.

## THE MUELLER RECORD

### SELL, BUY OR TRADE

This Page Will Help You—Try it at Every Opportunity

The "Queen Pressure stove" that was advertised in the Mueller Record has been sold to a Mueller Employee.

—Frank E. Kushman.

This page in the Record was created for the sole benefit of employees. We hope that you will use it at every opportunity. As noted above, Frank Kushman succeeded in disposing of a stove. Several others have reported sales or advertised for and secured something they wanted as a result of these advertisements. Don't overlook the fact that in advertising on this Record page you are in touch with six hundred persons or more actively employed here. It is simply impossible to let this group know that you have something for sale or are in the market to buy or trade for some article with publicity. The Record supplies the medium. It is yours to use, and we want you to take advantage of it. There is no charge whatever. Why not use it when you want to buy, sell or trade. And don't be disappointed if you do not get immediate results, but let your advertisement run a reasonable time.

### ROLLER SKATING

Roller skating in the gym goes merrily on. It has lost none of its popularity since last season.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 9th, the committee having the sport in charge provided an exhibition of fancy skating. Local devotees of the sport were procured to show off some of the tricks on wheels that they have acquired.

Naturally the terrific rain storm interfered with the attendance but about a hundred skating enthusiasts were present to skate and witness the exhibition which was very good.

### BIRTHS

SCOTT—Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Scott, a son, Virgil Dale, on February 6 in St. Mary's hospital. Mr. Scott works in Dept. 8.

HENNE—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Henne, January 19, a daughter, Ruth Ann. Mr. Henne is in the Polishing Department.

### WEDDINGS

#### Fishburn-Smith

Thelma Fishburn of the Core Department, and Howard Smith were married January 21 at Taylorville.

#### Luther-Salefski

Mrs. Rose Luther and C. Herman Salef-

ski, Dept. 300, were married December 17 in St. Louis.

#### White-Ross

Helen Louise White and Louis Earl Ross, Dept. 300, were married November 19 in Chicago at St. Jarlath's rectory. They are living at 940 N. Edward street.

### DEATHS

#### Mrs. Christine Swarhout

Mrs. Christine Swarhout, mother of Mrs. Howard Baldis, died January 24. Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. on Thursday at the Dawson and Wikoff chapel, with burial in the Zion cemetery near Boody.

#### Mrs. Bonnie Bethards

Mrs. Bonnie Bethards, wife of Alfred Bethards, Department 6, died February 1 after a long illness. She was born November 7, 1901 in Fayette county, and had been a resident of Decatur for the last fourteen years. Her mother died just two months ago.

She leaves, besides her husband and father, three sons, Mervil, Dept. 9, and Oris and Donald, and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Williams.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Moran chapel with burial in Grace-land cemetery.

### FATAL ACCIDENTS DROP

#### Biggest Gain Shown in Automobile Fatalities—9000 Less

Accidents took approximately 11,000 fewer in 1938 than in 1937, a report of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. shows.

The death toll for all forms of accident was 95,000, the report said, compared with 106,000, in 1937 and 110,000 in 1936. Deaths from automobile accidents dropped from 40,000 in 1937 to between 31,000 and 32,000.

The greatest drop, 9000, was in automobile accidents, leaving 2000 to deduct from other forms of accidents.

The lurking danger besetting us every day in the office, factory, home and on the streets is so well known and recognized by students of safety that they wonder at the seeming impossibility of making the fact generally understood. Safety thinking is a habit. Once that habit is acquired a person is much less liable to injury than those who blunder along blindly with no thought of protecting themselves against the pitfalls of danger.

The gains made last year should act as an incentive to be even more vigilant in hope of improving the record again in 1939.

Keep eyes and ears open and mind alert to any possible injury through carelessness or thoughtlessness.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

MILK FOR SALE—25c per gallon. Bring your own containers. Sunnyside and West Grand road. Cecil Short.

# "WHAT HAVE YOU PAGE?"

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## TAKE CARE OF TEETH

It's Necessary from the Time the Baby Teeth Come In

If we all gave our teeth proper care the dentists would not be kept so busy trying to make them over. These dentists can do a fine job, but they can't beat nature.

In earlier days parents did not pay much attention to "baby teeth", or the first growth. They banked on the theory that they were only to be in the child's mouth temporarily and that they would "fall" out to make way for the permanent set. In this parents were wrong. Now the health experts tell us that the time to take care of a child's teeth is when the first tooth appears. The baby's first set of teeth, 20 in number, should be cleaned thoroughly twice a day and the child should be taken to the dentist or dentist clinic every six months. If the baby has much pain or his digestion is upset while teething, take him at once to the doctor and to the dentist.

Here are ten valuable rules regarding the care of the teeth:

1. Visit your dentist every six months.
2. Brush your teeth on rising, after each meal and before going to bed.
3. Rinse your mouth with lime water after brushing teeth.
4. Have all fissures and cavities filled as soon as discovered.
5. Have crooked teeth straightened.
6. Eat proper food and also give your child the food which will build strong, good teeth; chewing tough, crisp foods helps to keep teeth healthy.
7. Have your child's teeth examined every six months, when his baby teeth appear, and when molars come through.
8. Do not let him suck his fingers, rubber nipples or pacifiers.
9. Guard baby teeth as though they were permanent.
10. Teach him that care of his teeth is a help to healthy manhood.

### THERE'S A REASON

With a pair of skates slung over her arm a young woman entered a crowded street car. A man rose to give her his seat.

Young Woman—"Thank you, but I have been learning to skate all afternoon."

Elmer: were you surprised when you got the nomination?

Candidate: Was I? My acceptance speech nearly fell out of my hand.

## FOR RENT

For Rent—6 room house, barn, chicken house and other outbuildings, with 8 acres of ground. Located on South Side Drive. See Mr. Roy Trimmer, Route 6.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

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

For Sale: A baby bathinette. Babies like it. Reasonable price, perfectly clean and sanitary. Karl Brumm, Printing Dept.

For Sale: One 6-tube Emerson table model Radio, \$10.00; also 1 Dinnette Suite in good condition, \$7.00. F. W. Dannewitz, 127 E. McKinley Ave.

FOR SALE—Young Singing Birds. Watchman, Roy Vandervort, 853 W. Marietta, City.

## WANTED TO BUY

WANTED: 110 A. C. electric motors that are in very poor condition or will not run. Harold Moats, 878 W. Marietta.

## REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS

They Show Their Esteem and Friendship With Gift of \$22

Monroe Tate, Department 8, who has been ill since September 23, had a birthday on February 9. The boys in his department, wishing to make a gesture to show their high esteem of Monroe, who is known to all his associates as "one swell fellow," took up a collection of \$22, and appointed Hugh Henley and W. L. Shockley to make the presentation, which they did on the 8th.

Mr. Tate has been an employee of the company for nineteen years and is a loyal and conscientious worker, well thought of by all who know him.

## CONSULTATION FIRST

Hart: How about you and your wife coming over for bridge tomorrow night?

Spade: Well, I won't promise. You know how uncertain married life is these days.

What would I have to give you for just one little kiss?

Chloroform.

## WELCOME DEPARTURE

"My family goes back to Henry the eighth."

"Good. When do they start?"

—Toronto Globe.