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BIG SHOW ON FEB. 22

Connection with Chicago Book- ing Concern Gives Us Loop Talent—New Faces.

Oh, Johnny! Oh, Johnny!
I love you so, and I want to see this
great big show.
Oh, Johnny! Oh, Johnny!
I'm just kay-razy to go
So buy tickets now, remember the
date.
Call for me early so we won't be late.
Oh, Johnny, I l-o-v-e you so.
Oh, J—o—h—n—y!

Save your laughter! You are going to
need it for February 22, when the big
Vaudeville Show comes to the Gym.

A company of artists "Direct from Chi-
cago's Loop" where a performer must be
up to the minute or take the hook.

Chicago is the second greatest theatrical
center in the United States. Vaudeville ar-
tists live there and prosper, because Chi-
cago makes big demands for vaudeville per-
formers at all seasons of the year, and par-
ticularly during the winter season.

A New Connection

The amusement committee has taken ad-
vantage of this fact and formed a connec-
tion with the Joe Coffey Amusement Com-
pany. Joe himself is an old-time trooper,
and has a personal acquaintance with all
the "big time boys and girls" now in the
vaudeville division of amusements. Better
than all this, Joe knows the difference be-
tween a real artist and an uncured "ham".
With his reputation as a former featured
performer, his reputation as a business man
and his intimate acquaintance with the
vaudeville field of today, we are confident
that he can separate the "sheep and the



goats", and give us an all-wool line of tal-
ent excelling anything we have ever offered
at the gym.

Five Great Acts

The program will consist of five striking,
startling acts that have registered with the
Chicago public and good enough for any
theatre. We are particularly fortunate in
this new connection, which we have been
trying to make for three years, but were
unable to do so until now. Mr. Coffey was
somewhat reluctant to supply us with talent
because of the travel expense and an un-
familiarity with the stage and seating fac-
ilities and other theatrical technicalities which
temperamental performers object to.

Now he is satisfied with our ability to
supply a suitable, well heated building, and
dressing room facilities, which though not
the best, are ample in space and comfort.

Here are the five acts which will make
up the program.

The Talent

Willie Bob Smith, "the little fellow with

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the Big Act". He is a one-man vaudeville show. In addition to this, as Master of Ceremonies, Willie has more funny tricks and monkey shines than "Joe" shows us at the picnic.

He's the little boy who will put his audience in a good humor for the acts that follow.

Pat Melville, a pianist-vocalist and accompanist is clever in both roles, playing and singing entertainingly or in supplying accompanying music for other numbers. In addition, Miss Melville is an artist of distinct personality, a fine stage presence and attractive costumes.

C. C. Ulrich, ventriloquist puts on a first class act. Bergen has brought this specialty back to popularity with the assistance of Charlie McCarthy. While Mr. Ulrich may lack the publicity showered upon Bergen we can safely say that he possesses undoubted ability in a high degree as a ventriloquist, so you don't have to worry about him. He's going to give you your money's worth and you'll like him.

Then there is Stewart and Crotty, in dancing, singing and comedy—a genteel looking team of artists with plenty of stage experience, handy with their feet, their vocal organs and their wise cracking.

Guy Lawren and Ginger in crazy Rhythm, musical comedy, music and singing. They play on almost any instrument—string, reed or brass, twelve or more instruments and give a number which will keep you up to a high pitch of interest and expectancy, from entre to exit. It's a whiz of an act good enough for any stage or audience.

No Money Making Venture

The committee feels and hopes that you will not find a single unsatisfactory number on this program. They feel also that they have secured the finest talent possibly obtainable at the price of fifteen cents per person—a show you could not see in a regular theater for less than 50 cents. You may be interested in knowing that all the money realized from the sale of tickets is just sufficient to meet the cost of presenting the coming or any preceding show. There is no overhead included, no attempt to build up a reserve fund. The sole and only purpose of the committee is to present to you an evening's entertainment of maximum merit and minimum cost.

Invite Your Neighbors

You may invite your neighbors, and we wish you would.

It will take two seating capacity audiences to meet the single expense of presenting this troop of REAL VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS.

Bring the wife, the kiddies and don't forget to tell your neighbors that they are welcome to this big show at the low price of fifteen cents each.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE?

Fatalities Last Year from Accidents Reach Appalling Figures

Can American people ever be taught to consider safety as one of the first essentials in life? It seems a hopeless dream to get the idea of safety into the minds of people. The appalling figures for 1939 should be a powerful factor in causing everyone to think safety, practice safety and preach safety. Read the 1939 record and then THINK it over.

Fatal traffic accidents	32,600
In the home	32,000
Occupational	16,000
In public (other than those involving autos)	15,000
	95,600

Statisticians figure that 8,800,000 were hurt accidentally and that the ultimate cost was three billions of dollars, including lost wages, medical expense, insurance and property damage.

Traffic accidents alone entailed approximately 1,150,000 non-fatal accidents with an economic loss of about \$1,500,000.

Disabuse your mind of the thought that you are accident proof because you have never been involved in one. This mental attitude is about the most dangerous that you can entertain. Only a few days ago a Chicago paper published an item from Evanston where lives a man whose record was 45 years of driving without so much as a dented fender, but the day before was in a crash at a crossing. He was not accident proof at all.

One wonders why this terrible slaughter goes on. The fault lies with individuals who do not think, who believe they will never meet with an accident, who take no thought of being careful, who invoke no precautionary measures to protect themselves and rush pell-mell through life endangering their own lives and limbs as well as those of the victims of their gross negligence.

We feel and think that members of this organization should take to heart the figures given here and resolve to be more cautious and more careful in an effort to eliminate possibilities of accidents at home, in the factory and on the road.

It's a sad commentary on our intelligence, that the home—supposedly the safest of places—should be only 600 fatalities behind the automobile record.

Twass Lye

Doctor (after bringing victim to): "How did you happen to take that poison? Didn't you read the sign on the bottle? It said 'Poison!'"

Ebenezer: "Yassah, but Ah didn't pay no no attention!"

Doctor: "Why not?"

Ebenezer: "Cause right underneaf dat is said 'Lye!'"

SARNIA NEWS

On Saturday, Dec. 30th, the girls and boys of the office regretfully said Au Revoir to Jessie Skippon who has been employed in the cost and Payroll Department for the past ten years and has now retired to the noble profession of looking after her husband, R. J. Skippon.

On Friday, Jan. 5th, Marion Burke of the Stenographic Dept. entertained the office girls in honor of Jessie Skippon. Court Whist was played with first prize going to Allison Street and consolation to Isabelle Danby. The Hostess presented Jessie with a lovely picture on behalf of the office girls who unanimously wished her the best of luck. A delicious lunch was served by the Hostess and her mother.

Marjorie Ansell is now looking after the Payrolls etc., and Isabelle Danby has been transferred from the Billing Dept. to the Cost Dept. Allison Street is combining the Stationery Dept. and Billing Dept. duties.

Just by the way of variation the girls of the office celebrated Xmas Holiday with a turkey dinner on December 22nd, at 6:30 P. M. in the Esquire Room of the Embassy Club, later retiring to the home of Jessie Skippon where Court Whist was played with the honors going to Mollie Hillier and consolation prize to Mary Glynn. The usual Xmas gifts were exchanged and cake and wine served by Jessie which added to the success of the party.

December 23d at 4:30 P. M., office and factory employees gathered at the Receiving Room where they were presented with Xmas boxes containing a Ham and side of Bacon by H. S. Robertson and R. J. Skippon. Greetings were extended to all by G. W. Parker and R. McIntyre on behalf of the Company. This gesture was very much appreciated.

J. J. Conway, Sales Territorial Supervisor, called at the office on January 15th and 16th, enroute from Vancouver to New York. Mr. Conway had been called to New York owing to a serious accident to his brother.

Elmer MacDonald, of the Foundry Division, has been ill at his home since December 20th. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Sergeant Coates, formerly of the Stationery Dept. renewed acquaintances while on leave for the New Year weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Robertson were called to Toronto last weekend owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Robertson's father.

Frank Wren, formerly of the Ground Key Dept. called at the office during the Xmas Holidays. Frank seems happy in his associations at the Salvation Army Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McIntyre attended the Ford Sunday Evening Hour in Detroit re-

cently, and had the pleasure of hearing Marion Anderson sing.

W. Twaits and G. W. Parker were in Toronto on business, January 16th and 17th.

We hear a rumor that one of our girls in the Core Room was the recipient of a lovely diamond for Xmas. We offer our congratulations.

Spring must be just around the corner with Hank Robertson and R. McIntyre sporting new cars, Bud Davis wearing his Sunday pants to work every day and Alex Hodges coming to work with his car window open although the weather man said five below.

The filing department has been undergoing the customary annual housecleaning with Flo. Mann and Mollie Hillier in charge.

KEEP OUT OF THEIR CLUTCHES!

Through the Record employees have frequently been warned against borrowing money from loan sharks and financial concerns that make alluring promises and usurious charges. Before you borrow any money consult someone competent to advise you as the easiest, cheapest and right way to do so.

We are republishing a news dispatch which tells a story worth reading and worth remembering:

Once Cent Due Mounts to \$12.01—So Far

When Benjamin Krall paid off a loan to a finance company he made an error and sent a check for one cent less than the full amount.

He got a letter asking for the penny, but didn't take the dun seriously.

The company, showed it meant business, however, and sued Krall in justice court. Including court costs, the bill rose to \$6.01.

Krall was astonished but again let the matter ride. Now his salary has been garnished. There was a \$6.00 charge for this.

So with his bill now \$12.01 Mr. Krall is beginning to get mad.

Down In History

Dad: "Well, what kind of grades did you make in your finals?"

Son: "All right in everything but one study and in that I am like Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln."

Dad: "Why, how's that?"

Son: "I went down in history."

True Pearls

The true natural pearl comes from the Indian Ocean, the Prussian Gulf, Central America, West Indies, Australia, and the Japanese Islands.

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Virgil Rutherford Injured While Milking But Doesn't Know How

Virgil Rutherford of the brass foundry, was the victim of a mysterious accident on the morning of Thursday, February 8. Virgil had gone to the barn to do his milking, which he did. He returned to the house with two full pails of milk and a gash fully three inches long in his head. Unaware of how badly he was injured, Virgil came on to work, changed clothes, and reported for duty. Roy Whitaker, noticed his wound and sent him to the first aid office, where emergency treatment was administered by Dr. Long, and Virgil was sent to St. Mary's hospital, suffering a fractured skull in addition to the bad laceration. He spent several days in the hospital, but when interviewed on Thursday evening he had no recollection of ever doing his milking, coming to work, or having the head dressed. Investigation showed that the cow had evidently become frightened and knocked him over against a concrete abutment in the barn with sufficient force to cause a fracture.

MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club had their regular potluck supper for husbands and wives at the Mueller Lodge, Wednesday evening, January 24, at 6:30 P. M. Mrs. Marion Pippin was hostess and there were about twenty-seven present.

Mrs. Pippin was assisted by Mrs. A. O. Yonker, Mrs. M. W. Trott, Mrs. W. J. Bowan, Mrs. H. G. Woodruff, and Mrs. J. A. Bixler.

The tables were decorated with green and white crepe paper, long white candles, and ivy plants.

Entertainment was supplied by Edwin Andrews who played the piano-accordion, and Everett Pippin, who played an electric guitar.

VAGARIES OF WEATHER

Makes Herman Dash Lazy at L. A. and Billy Ford Freeze at Birmingham, Ala.

There is all kinds of weather in the United States, especially in winter time. Here are some examples: In January, Central Illinois had a stretch of 10 or 12 days of below zero weather, the lowest being 14 below.

While this was going on read what Herman says of Los Angeles weather:

"Each morning before coming to work I read just how cold it is in St. Louis and Chicago, and then think how lucky I am to be living in the land of sunshine, flowers, and fruit. Really, though, I certainly miss the cold weather and the snappy feeling one gets from breathing it. This weather out here has made me feel sorta lazy like."

And then listen to Billy Ford's lament from Birmingham, Alabama:

"We have not been able to move our car this week. In all of the years I have traveled this is the worst snow storm. About 22 years ago I was snow bound in New Berne, N. C. but nothing as bad as this. I look for real suffering if this continues this week. It is now 10 above zero and it has been about that cold all week. Colder in Birmingham Friday than in Michigan.

"Schools have been suspended, and highway departments have declared all roads dangerous."

Oh well, spring's just around the corner — of the North Pole.

ALL IN ONE NIGHT

Janitors Pick from the Floor Paper Clips, Rubber Bands, Envelopes, Etc.

Works Manager Duke recently had the night janitor force pick up from the floor, good material which had been thrown there by members of the office force. This is what they found:

574 Rubber bands
369 Paper clips
46 Good, clean, envelopes

Presumably this was one day's record of wastefulness. It's fair to presume that it was an average and if it continued through a 24 working day month the record would be this:

Rubber bands 13,276
Paper clips 11,556
Envelopes 1,104

And this would be the approximate waste in money:

Rubber bands @ 64c per pound.. \$5.22
Paper clips @ 23c per thousand.. 2.65
Envelopes @ \$1.10 per thousand.. 1.20

\$9.07

When usable material is wilfully wasted it is the equivalent of throwing money away. It adds just that much more expense to doing business. Snapping rubber bands at a fellow worker or shooting paper clips is childish and unbecoming any employee capable of holding a position in this organization. There is a hazard to it also. A paper clip shot across the room might strike a person in the eye and do serious damage. If you have not read Duke's bulletin, do so, and if you have been guilty of any of the practices complained of, quit them.

Bunch of Storms

Meteorologists calculate that 44,000 thunder storms occur daily in the whole world, and that an average of 100 lightning bolts flash through the earth's atmosphere every second.

It is figured that there are 15,000,000 persons in this country with defective hearing.

FOURTH ANNUAL SCHOOL UNDERWAY

Attendance is Good and Interest Fine--Talk by Works Manager

The first meeting of the fourth annual Mueller School of Instruction was held in the gymnasium on Monday evening, January 29, immediately following work.

In the absence for Frank H. Mueller, L. W. Mueller took charge of the session and presented in a most interesting manner the early history of water works, pointing out the importance of water to man, and illustrating his talk with slides showing ancient aqueducts, mains, tapping machines, and fittings. Moving pictures showing Frank Mueller tapping a water main with the old "Crow", the method in use before Hieronymus Mueller invented the Mueller tapping machine, were followed by pictures showing Frank making a tap with the modern "B" machine. Slides illustrating the Decatur water works were shown and explained by Duke.

The second meeting, on February 5, was opened by Duke Mueller, who after a few introductory remarks, turned the meeting over to Walter Bowan. A series of slides were shown illustrating principally the "B" tapping machine, while Mr. Bowan gave a minute description of the construction and operation of the machine, pointing out advances which had been made and the trouble inexperienced operators often encounter when making a tap.

The third meeting on February 12 was entirely of slides showing water services from the main to the house, explained in detail by Frank H. Mueller. He covered corporation stops, curb stops, service boxes, repair lids, goosenecks, meter hangers, showing the construction and purpose of each item.

Duke Talks to Students

At the meeting on January 29, Duke Mueller made a most interesting talk on the purpose of the school and connected with this a most interesting summary of ancient water works.

Referring to the schools he mentioned that this was the fourth held, and pointed out that previous schools had given a general educational background. The knowledge thus gained was possible only through these schools.

It is generally conceded that unemployment must be reduced and people put to work on definitely wealth producing jobs.

After 8 years of unprecedented spending of your money and my money which means our combined labor has failed to prove that

this spending method is the right answer.

What then is the right answer?

Our most intelligent leaders believe the following are the most important actions to be taken:

Reduce the costs of goods and service to the people.

Improve the service these goods will render.

Develop new goods and new products.

Americans are a comfort loving people. They'll find a way to buy things that give pleasure and comfort.

This school is an effort to assist your education so that you may help solve these problems.

Again I call your attention to awards up to \$500 are offered by Mueller Co. for suggestions if the idea is acceptable.

If you are not familiar with this plan consult Mr. Enloe.

What you get out of this school is definitely in your hands to use to help you to advance.

The words "successful organizations" have been emphasized by this company many times. I know there are those who say "why worry about the company's success, all I want is my job and the most money I can get today—let tomorrow take care of itself".

This is an unfortunate attitude and one big reason why so many men are what are called floaters. Its one reason why so-called floaters are always in want, never accumulate anything and usually make an alibi, "I'm unlucky."

Its wise and certainly profitable to do all you can to make this organization successful.

BRASS CHIPS

Robert Harvey, Dept. 9, who was operated on at St. Mary's hospital on January 29 for appendicitis, was able to go home on February 8 and hopes to return to work about March 1.

Miss Addie Hambleton, stenographer in Mr. Adolph Mueller's office, fell on the ice on the way to work on January 31, spraining one wrist and tearing the ligaments loose in her hip. She returned to work February 12.

Otto Dannewitz, Dept. 8, was operated on for appendicitis at the Decatur and

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DEATHS

MRS. ORA MUELLER BLAIR

Mrs. Ora Mueller Blair passed on at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 6, at her home, corner of West William and Edward streets.



MRS. BLAIR

She was a native of Shelby county, where she was born on August 13, 1883, her maiden name being Ora Belle McClanahan, but for the greater part of her life she had been a resident of this city.

She was married to Henry Mueller, December 25, 1901. His death occurred by strange coincidence on August 13, 1910, the birthday of his wife. Two children were born to the couple: Mrs. Lenore Mueller Staley, wife of A. E. Staley, Jr., and Henrietta Mueller, deceased. There are two grandchildren, Henry Mueller Staley and Augustus Eugene Staley, III.

Mrs. Blair was married to Dr. James Byron Blair, February 10, 1915. He was killed in an automobile accident in September, 1920.

Mrs. Mueller Blair is survived by three sisters, Miss Mary McClanahan, who has been her constant and devoted companion through years of invalidism, Mrs. Sylvester Ivens, and Mrs. Minnie Deardorff.

Mrs. Mueller Blair had been a member of the Board of Directors of Mueller Co. for many years, and took an active part in the affairs and problems of the company.

She was an earnest and conscientious member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Decatur, and also a member of the Mother Church of Boston. Her friends have always deeply admired her courageous spirit. She travelled extensively, finding great pleasure in the change of scenery and she made many friends wherever she went.

Private funeral services were held at the residence Thursday, Feb. 8, and burial was in the Henry Mueller mausoleum, Greenwood cemetery.

JOHN G. AUER

John G. Auer, for 74 years a resident of Decatur, died January 20, at his home 978 N. Union St., at the age of 89 years. He was the father of C. G. Auer, Ira Auer, and Walter Auer, Mrs. Eva Enloe, wife of W. S. Enloe, paymaster, and Mrs. Carrie Jones of Heyworth, Illinois. Mrs. Auer also survives him. In May this year Mr. and Mrs. Auer would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

The late Mr. Auer was a native of Hampstead, Maryland, where he was born, Christmas day, 1850. As a boy of 15 he went to Washington, D. C. to begin his long and

industrious life. He reached there the day after Lincoln's assassination (April 14, 1865). In the following year he accompanied his parents to this city, and was a resident of the city until his death. He found Decatur a straggling little village of perhaps ten or twelve thousand inhabitants but lived to see it develop into a thriving city of 60,000 inhabitants. His long residence here gave him a wide acquaintance with the people and an intimate knowledge of its history. His association with the grocery business brought him in close personal touch with all people. In the early days the grocery business occupied a prominent place in local commercial life. Some of the biggest and most pretentious downtown stores were groceries, in place of the now scattered neighborhood stores.

Mr. Auer was an upright, conscientious man and fulfilled completely the requirements of a good citizen.

He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 23, at the Brintinger Funeral home and the burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

WILLIAM FERRY

After an illness of one month, William Ferry, for many years engineer of this company died at St. Mary's hospital. Heart trouble was the cause. His death was not unexpected by his close friends, but there were many in the organization who did not know of his illness.



WM. FERRY

"Bill", as he was known to his intimates, had been in the employ of the company for 32 years. He joined the organization in 1908. He was born September 28, 1882, near Sangamon, but in early life was a resident of Monticello, coming to Decatur in 1906 when he was employed by the street car company for two years and then joined us.

Mr. Ferry was married to Miss Anna Hott on April 26, 1904, who survives him with their son, Donald W., who is a member of the Engineering force in Frank Mueller's office.

Other surviving relatives are his brothers Philip, of Rock Island, one time employed by our company; Bert, River Rouge, Michigan, and two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Harper of Rock Island and Mrs. Ella Albert of Ohio, and one grandson, Billy Ferry.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and Mueller Aid Society.

"Bill" Ferry was a likable man and got his share of the joy of living. He liked hunting and fishing and every time possible he made one of the parties held at the Okaw. Although he had been previously ill,

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NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Being Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

As we write, the season of valentines, of hearts and flowers, is at hand. And there is considerable speculation in these sections as to if and how the favorite boy-friend



Hazel Allen
Wins \$150

or friend husband will come through. We have heard it hoped by some of our friends on third floor that "he" will saw it with candy, with flowers, or, more practically, with a pair of gloves. Then, of course, there are always the more optimistic among us who express a preference for bracelets or new cars.

Valentines, along with everything else, have gone streamlined. Gone are the ornate paper-and-lace creations of yesteryear. Mid-lady of 1940, in preference to the protestations of undying affection of her beloved in a be-ribboned synthesis of lovers' knots and doves—destined ultimately to collect dust on the parlor table—would like a pair of silk hose—size nine and one-half, thank you.

As to the other side of the picture, what the boy-friends or the husbands or the fathers may receive in the way of Valentine gifts, we haven't heard a single rumor. We have our moments when we wonder if all of the conversation about this being a man's world isn't pure propaganda.

On the week-end of January 27 and 28 there was a great exodus of Muellerites in the direction of St. Louis. The attractions were twofold: the Sonja Henie ice revue and the showing of the movie "Gone With the Wind." The travellers included June Krumsiek, Aline Moore, Edna Johnston, Lois Fitzgerald, Dorothy Cooper, Mary Ruth Harrison, Marjorie Tatham, Helen Brannan, Marjan Richards, Ferne Pope, Rosalyn Hawkins.

Needless to say, everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and everybody is ready and willing to make another similar trip.

Jane and Floyd Wheeler are just returned from a Southern vacation trip. They visited relatives in Houston, saw Texas generally, and then took the Pan-American highway for an excursion "South of the Border" as far as the old Mexican city of Monterey. Needless to say, Jane and Floyd, enjoyed the trip immensely.

We think this bit of news deserves 72 point headlines. It concerns the grand good fortune of Hazel Virden Allen, F. E. Carroll's stenographer. Hazel and Merle, her husband, went to the local theatre Saturday

night, February 3, and participated in the bingo contest. Hazel was the lucky winner who had the chance at the grand prize, and, lucky gal that she was, picked the right disc from the board and won for herself \$150.00. Congratulations, Hazel.

Jane Cranston visited with relatives in Taylorville the week-end of February 10.

A nice sheaf of our very best congratulations go to Bob Tertocha who received his high school diploma in the recent mid-year Commencement exercises. Bob is to be especially commended for his industry and perseverance in completing his course of study while he worked part time. We should venture to predict that the rosy forecasts of the graduating class prophet will all come true for Bob.

This is a matter that it would probably be kinder not to mention, but it does seem that a little explanation is in order. Aline Moore's recently developed aversion to mashed potatoes has nothing to do with calory lists or Spring silhouettes. It's just the result of a little cafeteria mishap in which part of Lois Fitzgerald's lunch disappeared before she had an opportunity to eat it.

February 13 was Bob Tertocha's birthday. We understand that Bob was trying too hard to keep the fact a secret. We understand that he even resorted to bribery and gave his mailing department colleagues, Dorothy Gepford and Al Hill, candy to remain silent. Unfortunately, he didn't bribe enough people, for Harry Sacriter, likewise, remembered the date, and soon there were a flock of third-floorers joining Sacky in the chorus of "Happy Birthday, Bobby." Some people have the most amazing memories, don't they Bob?

June Krumsiek was away from the office recently because of the death of an aunt.

Miss Addie Hambleton has returned to the office after having been kept at home for a week and a half as the result of injuries received from a fall on the ice.

Confucius say funniest joke in world no reason for merriment if it cause tears, sleepless nights and heartache.

Chew On, Brother

Chronic Grumbler: "Here, waiter, what are there chops—lamb or pork?"

Waiter: "Can't you tell by the taste, sir?"

Chronic Grumbler: "No."

Waiter: "Well, then, what difference does it make?"

Largest in World

The largest pea canning factory in the world is located at Smithfield, Utah.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Badminton

A very successful men's tournament in Badminton has just been completed with Ben Taylor winning the championship from Melvin Chaney. Taylor won from Chaney in three out of five matches.

The badminton tournament this year was much better than those we have held in the past because the boys are becoming more skilled in the game and are more equally matched.

Basketball

The Mueller "A" squad had finished third in the Industrial League and are now in the playoff between the first three teams which are Oakes', Staley's and Muellers'.

The Mueller boys have played a very nice season of basketball. They have played the strongest teams in Decatur and Central Illinois and have won more than half of the games.

The "Mueller Mules" which is the name that has been given to the members of the "B" squad haven't won quite so many games but they have had a lot of fun and enjoyment in every one of their games.

A new Basketball League has been formed in the factory and will start playing in the near future. There are five teams in the league. The captains are Jack Enloe, Ben Taylor, Herman Roe, Merlin Coates, and Elmer Fawley. Each team in the league will play the other teams once to determine the best team.

Boys' Gym Class

The boys' gym class that meets in the gym every Saturday morning has produced quite a basketball team. These boys have made up their team more or less and schedule their own games. They play every Saturday morning and on the nights that either of the Mueller teams play in the gym. These boys have played eight games and lost two.

The boys that make up this team are, Jack March, Charles Enloe, Clyde Gird, Lynn Edwards, and Ernie Garver. Substitutes are Myron Hester, Bob Garver, and Robert Walton.

Roller Skating and Dancing

The Roller Skating is still a very popular recreation activity that we have in the gym three nights every week. There are from thirty-five to one hundred come down every night to skate. Once every two weeks we have dancing now in conjunction with roller skating. On these nights the people skate for 1½ hours then dance 1½ hours. This is a new feature on our program and is proving very popular with our employees.

Boy Scouts

On Monday night, February 13, the father and mothers of the Boy Scouts in Mueller Troops met with the parents of all other Boy Scouts of the Lincoln Trails Council at the Armory in Decatur. There were about 1200 parents at this meeting and all spent a very enjoyable and educational eve-

ning. This is the largest meeting held in this district for the Boy Scouts and every mother and father always looks forward to this meeting.

Bowling

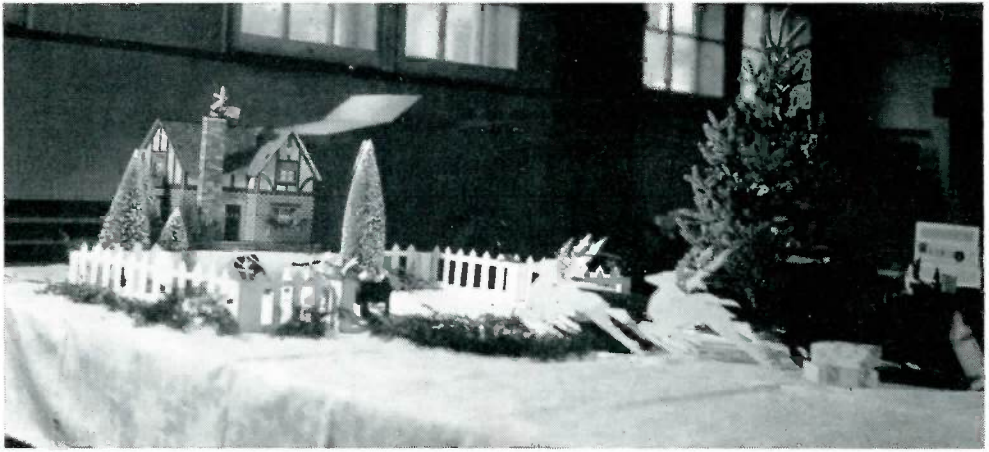
The race for first place in the Mueller Bowling League is getting hotter and hotter. Last week there were three of the eight teams tied for first place and on the last bowling night only six games separated the leaders from the 6th team so you can see what a race they are having. There are only twelve weeks left in the bowling season and you can bet that every team in the league is going to give all it has from now on to win that big prize money that is given away at the end of each season. Below is a list of the team and how they stand to date.

Team		G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Division	72	40	31	.569	787	
Finishers	72	40	32	.556	831	
Machine Shop	72	40	32	.556	812	
Utility Engineers	72	38	34	.528	805	
Works Mgr. Office	72	36	36	.500	813	
Pattern Makers	72	36	36	.500	801	
Main Office	72	30	42	.417	777	
Plumbers	72	27	45	.375	765	

Individual Averages		Works Mgr. Office
Specialty Division		
A. Grossman	171	W. Behrns 185
C. Hill	169	L. Wiant 167
F. March	156	H. Gragg 160
M. Stratman	154	L. Masterson 158
W. Frantz	143	O. Keller 160
R. Uhler	135	J. Enloe 149
Finishers		Pattern Makers
L. Adams	177	G. Krag 175
A. Bl'nk'nburg	176	J. Bain 175
A. Thompson	171	C. Morenz 160
P. Ruthrauff	160	A. Jendry 159
J. Fair	154	C. Forts'n'd'r 150
E. Krumseik	153	L. Skelley 135
Machine Shop		Main Office
A. Flaughner	186	C. Dodwell 186
E. Hartwig	178	A. Werdes 168
H. Stratman	166	O. C. Keil 155
W. Edwards	155	F. Carroll 153
M. Brilley	148	F. Edmonson 142
W. Mueller	145	O. C. Draper 141
Utility Engineers		Plumbers
E. Bl'nk'nburg	184	M. Riewski 177
B. Mason	170	L. Cramer 154
W. Doherty	165	F. Kushmer 153
P. Tratzik	157	E. Nalefski 152
W. Bowan	151	R. Caudle 146
E. Fawley	135	D. Wilkins 136

Ten High Bowlers		G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Main Office	57	186	245	
W. Behrns, Works. Mgr. Of.	63	185	235	
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	62	184	253	
A. Flaughner, Machine Shop	69	184	244	
E. Hartwig, Machine Shop	72	178	233	
L. Adams, Finishers	67	177	246	
M. Riewski, Plumbers	57	177	245	
A. Blankenburg, Finishers	72	175	245	
G. Krak, Pattern Makers	63	175	234	
J. Bain, Pattern Makers	69	175	243	

BEAUTIFUL XMASTIME TABLE



This beautiful ornamental table was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson for a meeting of the Social Club just before Christmas. It was so attractive that the news photographer secured a picture. ex-

pecting to reproduce it in the January issue, but through an oversight the negative was left undeveloped in the camera. However, the picture is just as pretty now as it would have been then.

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Macon County hospital on February 2. From all reports he is doing very well.

Coy Butler, Plant 2, was off one week due to a streptococcus sore throat. He was back at work on February 5.

Louis Ross, Charles Kush, George Curtis, H. Whittington, H. Linton and Ernest Mounts, all of Dept. 300, lost some time from work on account of an attack of the flu.

Eugene McCauley, Dept. 8, who was in St. Mary's hospital last fall, has suffered a relapse and is now confined to the Decatur and Macon County hospital. His condition is considered very serious.

Clarence Roarick was confined to the hospital for several days following an attack of appendicitis. No operation was considered necessary, for which Clarence is grateful.

P. D. Ruthrauff, Jr., Dept. 9, lost ten days because of a cold and a bad sore throat.

The flu struck the core room, claiming among its victims Blanche Kalbreier, Laura Pecker, Jennie Kinney, Dorothea Bobb, Ellen Roarick, Gladys Lloyd, Vernon Brown, and Marion Fonner.

John Chalcraft, Dept. 8, while eating his Christmas dinner, swallowed a chicken bone, which became lodged in his throat.

He spent about a week in the hospital while frequent x-ray pictures were taken in an effort to locate the bone and prevent it from entering his windpipe. The bone finally passed on and John returned to work January 5. He has been subject to considerable razzing from the boys in his department, who claim that John should have chicken more often in order to learn the proper method of mastication.

Karl Blankenburg was in an automobile accident on December 17, and as he got out of his car to ascertain what damage had been incurred, he sprained his ankle. Karl was confined to his home over the holidays and then used crutches and a cane to get about for the next week or so.

Ellen Roarick, Core Department, underwent a tonsilectomy on January 12.

C. E. Rubicam, Dept. 36, returned to work February 12 following a siege of the flu.

Wiley Hall, Plant 2, has been off work since February 7, because of illness, for which he is taking x-ray treatments.

Walter Dunn, Dept. 8, attended the funeral of a brother-in-law in Springfield on January 26.

Thelma Coffman of the Core Department attended the ice carnival in St. Louis with a party of friends on Friday night, Jan. 26.

There are more than thirty places in the world called Richmond.

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he was last seen by many of us at the Children's Christmas Party, but a few days later he was again forced by his condition to return to the hospital.

He was first confined to the hospital in October but after a few weeks he was improved and came back to his work for about a month.

Funeral services were held in Moran's chapel, January 31, and burial was in Fairlawn.

JOHN HOLDERBY

John Holderby, 75, father of Emmett Holderby, Department 9, died February 12 in a hospital at Harrisburg, Illinois. He was a native of Christian county, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Christian county farm near Pana.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Chestnut and Pearce funeral home at Taylorville, with burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

MRS. SARAH ANN KINNEY

Mrs. Sarah Ann Kinney, 74, died January 22 in her home at 1004 E. Wood street, following a serious illness of three weeks. She was the mother of Jennie Kinney of the Core Department. Four other daughters and three sons survive. They are: Mrs. Margaret Moomey, Blue Mound, Mrs. Cora Wyatt, Mrs. Pearl Beck, Mrs. Gladys Jones, and Sam, Floyd, and James Kinney, all of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted in Moran and Sons chapel on Thursday with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

FRANK M. HALL

Frank M. Hall, known as "Commodore" and "Shorty" died at the age of 81, January 28, at 9:30 A. M. from a heart attack. He had a wide acquaintance in Decatur, having resided here since 1868. For twenty-five years he carried mail on rural route No. 1 and thereby established many friendships in the rural districts. In earlier life he was a member of Goodman's band and a companion and friend of Adolph, Robert and other Mueller brothers. He acquired the nickname of "Commodore" because of being a member of the crew of the Mueller steamer City of Decatur. His liking for outdoor life made him a frequent member of hunting and fishing parties with the Mueller boys.



FRANK M. HALL

On March 29, 1888, one of these duck hunting trips was taken in the City of Decatur, Adolph and the late Henry Mueller and Frank Hall being members of the party. The little steamer got caught in an ice jam and cut short the trip. On every anniversary

since Adolph reminded the "Commodore" either by letter, phone or telegraph. In recent years he has been a luncheon guest at our cafeteria on various occasions. Age made little difference in his personality, his good nature and kidding habits being a part of his personality.

He was a native of Saratoga, N. Y., born there July 12, 1858. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Koontz of Decatur, three grand children and one great grandchild. Mr. Hall was a member of the Rural Mail Carriers Association and the Modern Woodmen of America.

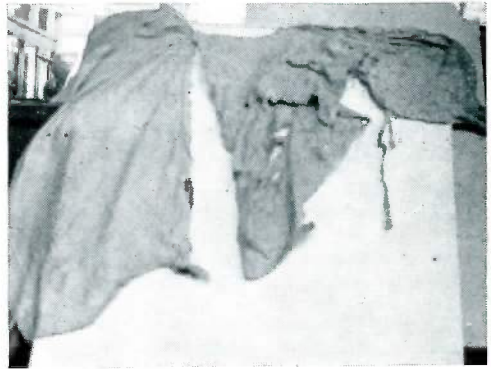
MRS. LEO MCINROE

Mrs. Leo McInroe, nee Madge Daniels, died Monday, February 5, in St. Mary's hospital following a major operation performed on the preceding Thursday. Mrs. McInroe worked for the company from 1922 until 1934, first as an assembler and later in Department 8. Her husband, Leo McInroe worked in the Shipping Department for several years, and a brother-in-law, Carl Yonker, now works in Department 8. Her brother, Claude, also worked for the company at one time and has played on the Mueller ball team at various times.

Mrs. McInroe leaves two children, David, age 5, and Mary, 11 months.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday in the Moran chapel with burial in Graceland cemetery.

THE SONG OF THE SHIRT



This was a new shirt which Ernie Bond, Dept. 8, wore before he came into too close contact with a turret lathe. When photographed it bore little resemblance to a shirt. In fact, some little time was required to figure out just which part had once been the sleeve and which the back. Fortunately, and Ernie will attest to how fortunate, the shirt suffered the most. Ernie had only a bruised arm and a very shocked nervous system.

This is another proof that you can never be too careful, and that it never pays to relax your guard, especially while working with or near machinery.

WE LEAVE IT TO DUKE

What we like about the Works Manager is that he takes his own medicine with a smile. Recently he issued a Standard Practice changing the use of the old form 5597 for stationery supplies to form 7842, with instructions that requisitions must be signed by the head of the department. A sign to this effect was immediately hung up in the Stationery Department and had been in use about a week when the Works Manager came back and called for some supplies. Then he looked up and read the sign and immediately picked up the new requisition and made formal application for what he wanted. That's what we should say is best expressed by that old adage, "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." We leave it to the Works Manager to make his own classification under the adage.

A REGULAR CHAP

It's easy to grin when you step in and win; it's a wonderful cure for the blues. But what do you say at the end of the day, when you've played every bet but to lose?

Do you sit down and mope, and claim that the dope they handed you out was all wrong; that it wasn't your pluck, but only your luck, that came in too late for the gong? Do not dwell on your sorrow, and thus discount tomorrow, by making a friend of your fears? If you do, it's a mess you'll make of success, for days one by one grow to years.

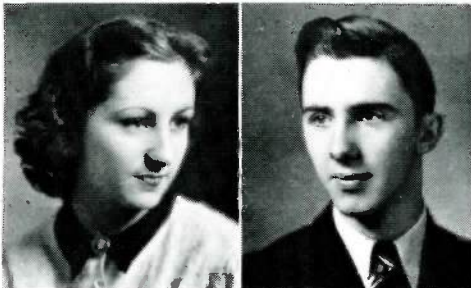
Of course, there's no doubt fate knocked you about, but say! that's the way she builds men. And the chap who's worth while goes down with a smile, for he knows he can come back again.

—Speakers Magazine.

Caesar Took the Baths

Aix-les-Bains, France, is famous for its healing waters. It is said that Caesar went there to cure himself of rheumatism.

MID-YEAR GRADUATES



Eva and Ervin Bradley, mid-year graduates of the 1940 class, Decatur High School, are the twin bother and sister of William Bradley, Dept. 8.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOB

Center of Attraction When He Got Cake With Only "Four Candles"



Tuesday, February 13, was Bob Ter-tocha's birthday, and the story of how he tried to keep it a secret is carried in another column. The sequel to that episode is shown in the above picture, when Bob was presented with a birthday cake as he sat down to eat his lunch at the cafeteria. The cake had pink candles, but they were no pinker than Bob's face when he realized he was the main attraction. Harry Sack-riter, Bob Taylor, and Jimmy Freeman were with Bob and if they didn't share the honors of the day they at least shared the cake.

Bob is modest and unassuming, but credit is to be given to him for his ambition and energy. For the last two years he has been attending Decatur High School classes of a morning and working in the afternoon in the order department. Since last October he also worked at the gymnasium every evening. Bob graduated with the mid-year class, and in addition to carrying three subjects with high grades, he found time to take a prominent part in the senior class play, Moliere's "Imaginary Invalid", which was presented on December 1, and also two parts in the class day program. He is now working full time in the Order Department, and Willie Rohman has succeeded Bob at his afternoon and evening job.

Wrong Form

"Sorry, madam, but licenses are issued only when your form is filled out properly."

"Why, I like your nerve, sir. We can get married, no matter what I look like."

The real secret of how to use time is to pack it as you would a portmanteau, filling up the small spaces with small things.—Sir Henry Haddow.

FOUR MID-YEAR GRADUATES



Four mid-year graduates, left to right: Gertrude Lorraine, daughter of Wm. Shockley, Dept. 80; Leona, daughter of W. H. Binstead, Dept. 11; Lorene, daughter of Clinton Wright, Dept 11, and Robert Tertocha, Main Office.

NOW AT HOME

The consolidated Engineering Department is now at home in their new quarters, and "its length, breadth and population" makes it quite imposing. We had hoped to present a picture of the new quarters in this issue, but there are some little details of arrangement, yet to be made. When these are completed one of our newscamera-folks—Frankie Mueller, Walter Bowan or Helen Pope "will shoot the works."

SUGGESTION CONTEST

While the awards in the regular suggestion contest on

Safety

Reduction of overhead

Increased production

are not to be decided for some months, it is gratifying to know that there is good interest. Thus far there have been 150 suggestions submitted. Let us make a suggestion. Its a good plan to make your suggestions early while you have time to study possible winning ideas. Its not a good plan to delay until the time limit is short.

Do your thinking while there is time and do not wait until you are forced to do it.

Keep your eyes and ears open—that helps a lot.

NEW LABELS

The printing department has been on the jump for several weeks on the new box labels. Its a big job—thousands of various sizes to be printed.

For a half century the labels were printed in black on red label paper. As a result these labels became familiar to all those in the gas, water and plumbing industries. It was this fact that made us hang on to the red paper. However, there was a good reason for making the change. The printing on red paper did not show up plainly on the customers' shelves. The contrast was not as sharp as it should have been.

In consequence a change in design and

paper was made. The new labels are now printed with glossy red ink on white paper and stand out like a sore thumb. Very pretty indeed, and we think they will be appreciated by the trades.

THE U. OF I. STUDENTS

There was a good crowd out Thursday evening, February 15, to witness the exhibition given by the U. of I. students at the Gym.

One of the features was the proper methods of playing Ping-Pong, Badminton, and Deck Tennis. These games have become very popular during the past few years and there are many enthusiasts in our organization. They were particularly interested and got some valuable pointers, which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them in perfecting their technique.

The unicycle rider and the gymnasts contributed much to the evening's entertainment.

The exhibition seemed to please all in attendance.

THE CAFETERIA

The number of persons eating at the Cafeteria is as large if not larger than at any time in its history. This is attributed to two things—the good cooking and the good eating. Its just home cooking prepared by home cooks.

Added to this is the cleanliness that is a rigid requirement in the maintenance of the Cafeteria. In this particular we yield to no eating place in the city.

If you have not tried it do so now.

The prices are always reasonable and the helpings are always generous.

The patronage being given to it is still insufficient to put the Cafeteria on a paying basis—but we are not going to growl about that. Its there for your comfort and convenience and we are glad to see you avail yourself of this convenience.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

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Our Elsie Taylor decided to do a little screen acting in reality. Elsie and J. Kingry left Los Angeles on December 30 for Phoenix to be married, but when they reached Quartzite they had the knot tied there by a minister who acted as though it were his first wedding in years. A good way to start a New Year, and we might add it must have been thrilling.

Bud Simpson, who experienced considerable difficulty in returning from Decatur, must have had a tough time of it while there. For about ten days Bud was unable to wear his shoes. Evidently Bud got used to going without shoes and had a hard time getting his feet back into shape.

The boys from Decatur must be the tops. One recent Friday night Claire Zale waited for four o'clock in a huff, but came Monday morning and Claire was missing. She spent one week recuperating from a Friday night date with Bob. Of course, it was the flu.

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Red "Moose" Karr was down for a short visit on business.

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Mr. Dill spent two weeks up north and returned driving a blue Lincoln Zeyphr.

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It seems that when Russell Hubbard of the Machine Shop was ill recently the boys didn't believe he was home all the time. Some say he was ill, no doubt, but it might have been all the way to Mexico and back.

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An epidemic of flu has caused quite a bit of lost time lately. claiming among its victims Arch Hatfield, Joe Morgan, and Charles Newell. Sure hope it blows over in one of these rains.

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Bill Young seems to be doing all right with his new Dodge. Every evening finds four good looking girls in his car. Bill is getting the good out of his car, while Glen Blize, who has a new "Chevic", lets his car sit home in the garage. Maybe Glen gets the good out of his after work.

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Via the grapevine we hear that "Red" Lott has finally fixed his V-8, and has filled the tires with sand to hold it down. Again we wonder.

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"Speed" Leonard, who recently returned home from a week end trip to San Francisco, states they have hills galore and a couple of bridges that might be of interest to visitors.

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That awful smell around the office the other day wasn't the glue pot across the street as Herman thought, but a piece of Jewish, foul smelling cheese which some-

one had pinned on his back. Hence the name "Stinky" Dash.

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Bob Harper and Oscar Polk are both driving new cars. Bob has a new Pontiac and Oscar a new Olds.

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A beautiful, fragrant bouquet was sent to Claire Zale during her recent illness. It consisted of one-half pound of Jewish cheese along with a rotten herring placed in some roses. Claire said she could see Emmett Reedy and Russell Jolly somewhere in the bouquet. Really Bob Green should have been the one to receive the bouquet.

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We Wonder:

Why Russ Jolly and Man-O-War are being linked together?

What Bob Harper's mileage between San Bernardino and Los Angeles averages each month?

What Warren Wunderlich would do if there were no races at Sanita Anita

What Lee Brumby will do on Friday nights now?

Bowling League Standings

Team	W.	L.	H.G.
Machiners	35	13	891
Engineers	28	20	895
Assemblers	25	23	812
Founders	22	26	809
Polishers	21	27	863
Color Buffers	14	34	673

Individual Averages

	Individual	Averages	
Machiners		Engineers	
W. Young	158	Tolly	151
M. Porter	159	Read	143
Masoni	138	Thomas	111
Lingard	169	Blize	158
Jacobs	140	Reedy	160
Wyant	153	Gamas	140
Assemblers		Potts	159
Musmacci	156	Founders	
Snook	131	Oldham	136
Baxondale	143	Polk	126
Leach	137	Fantuzzi	114
Hatfield	157	Thomas, R.	133
Simpson	121	Overly	146
Henderson	127	Oglesby	162
Polishers		Color Buffers	
Higbee	153	Gribble	118
Baker	125	Thompson	82
Harper	139	Miller	102
Schlegel	147	Daughtey	96
Leibherr	145	Warren	122
Bright	152	Davis	105
Portee	142	Berg	105

Big Ten

Player and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
Lingard, Machiners	48	169	241
Oglesby, Founders	36	162	221

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Foltz Puppet Shows adaptable for any gathering. Prices reasonable. Special rates to churches. Inquire at 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

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 Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Witchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept. 9.

For Sale: Boy's Bicycle in good condition except for the tires. \$6.00. Milo Wright, Plant 2.

For Sale—Five foot Kelvinator electric refrigerator in good condition. Will make easy terms. M. Pippin.

For Sale: Good 1930 Chevrolet motor, rear end, and parts. Reasonable. Kenneth Morrow, Pattern Shop.

For Sale: Ice Skates. Nestor Johnson, Ladies Hockey, Hi-Speed. Aluminum finish. Size 6. In excellent condition. \$6.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

FOR SALE—Rolled Rim Porcelain Kitchen Sink. Also, Force Pump for well. H. A. Wacaser. Telephone 2-2586.

For Sale: Ski Pants, dark green, all wool. Size 12. Have been worn very few times. Excellent condition. \$2.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

FOR SALE—Six Tube Belmont Auto Radio. side cowl antenna, \$15. Radio just tuned. First class condition. L. E. Grosboll, 1209 N. Church, Telephone 2-6583.

For Sale—Small size gas stove, 4 burners and oven. Cheap. W. H. Blankenship, Dept. 9, 1034 W. Green.

For Sale: The George Tolliday property at 532 West King Street, corner of College. The lot has frontage of 136 feet on W. King Street and 58 feet on N. College. This makes available a lot amply large for another residence. The Tolliday property is substantially built, 5-room bungalow consisting of rooms, etc. It is an excellent location for one of our employees, and a good investment.

Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

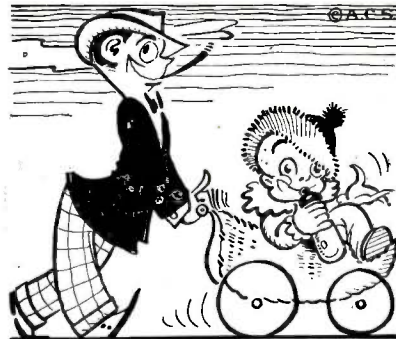
If you consider building or buying a home we suggest that you first investigate this opportunity.

For complete information, see Mr. O. C. Keil, Main Office.

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Reedy, Engineers	42	160	193
K. Potts, Engineers	39	159	209
M. Porter, Machiners	41	159	214
Blize, Engineers	44	158	222
Young, Machiners	42	158	204
Hatfield, Assemblers	45	157	225
Musmacci, Assemblers	48	156	203
Wyant, Machiners	41	153	199

BIRTHS



FYKE—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fyke, a daughter, February 3. Mr. Fyke is employed in the Foundry.

HOLMES—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holmes, Dept. 9, a daughter on February 7.

MORRISON—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morrison, Plant 2, a daughter, January 18.

SILOSKI—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Siloski, a son, January 27. Mr. Siloski is employed in the Tool Room.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale: Tractor in good working condition. Snow brush attachment. Good outfit for any one living in the country. Useful the year around—clearing away snow in the winter, plowing and cultivating in summer. Submit your offer to W. S. Enloe, Personnel Dept.

For Sale—Two good well pumps: 1 typewriter, Underwood, in A-1 condition. Clinton Wright, 504 E. Division St., Clock No. 1114.

For Sale: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown, Box. 296.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy: Large Folding Camera, postcard size. Not necessary to be in good condition. Harold Moats, Pattern Shop.