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MUELLER CO. AID SOCIETY

Good Showing Made In January— List of Beneficiaries

Cash on Deposit		\$	25.50	
Investments—				
Mutual Home & Savings				
Ass'n.	\$ 1,685.58			
Peoples Savings & Loan				
Ass'n. D-7096	381.32			
Peoples Savings & Loan				
Ass'n. D-8601	340.79			
U. S. Gov't. Savings Bonds				
Series C & D	11,040.00			
Real Estate	1.00			
U. S. Gov't. Savings Bonds				
Series F	6,840.00	20,288.69		
			\$20,314.19	

Detail of Surplus

Bal. Jan. 1, 1945		\$20,426.30	
Dues Collected ... \$621.65			
Clock Fines	4.20	625.85	
Less: Benefits ... \$735.80			
Bank Charge	2.16	737.96	112.11
			\$20,314.19

SICK, ACCIDENT AND DEATH BENEFITS

Paid January 1945

Name	Days	Class	Amt.
Iva Steiling	20	D	\$ 38.80
Verlin Mackey	7	D	14.00
Morris Cotner	4	F	12.00
H. C. Camron	9	D	18.00
H. C. Camron	Death	D	100.00
Anthony Grossman	9	F	27.00
Roy Wood	48	F	144.00
Elmer R. Hill	9	D	18.00
Emory Langley	28	C	42.00
H. B. Whittington	11	F	33.00
Gerald Sarver	5	C	7.50
Elmer Miller	5	E	12.50
Byron Mullins	2	D	4.00
Lloyd Shockley	7	C	10.50
Jas. T. McKown	6	C	9.00
Hazel Riedlinger	10	C	15.00
J. William Paslay	5	C	7.50
Orpha Perkins	47	C	70.50
Sophia Gordon	4	C	6.00
Earl Gustin	8	F	24.00
H. E. Slater	3	F	9.00
Lloyd Walters	4	E	10.00
Matthew Trott		F	4.50
John Boles	7	F	21.00
Emma Rambo	8	C	12.00
Robert Oberline	4	F	12.00
Virginia Barnett	27	D	54.00
Total			\$735.80

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAINED BY MEN

Members of the Mueller Social Club were entertained by the men at a dinner given Wednesday, February 28th. The dinner was held at 6:30 P. M. at Greider's Cafeteria and attended by 38 people. The evening was spent in playing Bunco. First prize for the ladies was won by Mrs. Fred Tratzik, for the men by Carl Draper.

Those attending were: Messrs. and Mesdames A. O. Yonker, Wm. Bailey, O. C. Draper, J. W. Wells, Howard Gragg, Harry Woodruff, Fred Tratzik, Francis Carroll, Everett Dickey, R. K. Duncan, Walter Auer, R. E. Emerson, Al Bashore, Herman Jackson, Ernest Garver, Gerald Yonker, Matt Trott. Others present in addition to the preceding married couples were: Carolyn Duncan, Shirley Emerson, Lois Jackson and Ruth Gragg.



BOWLING LEAGUE

The game of Tuesday, March 13, left the team standings and ten high bowlers in the following positions:

Team	G	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
Specialty Division	27	20	7	.741	788
Works Mgr. Office	27	15	12	.556	810
Main Office	27	15	12	.556	777
Pattern Shop	27	14	13	.519	779
Targets	27	14	13	.519	630
Product Engineers	27	13	14	.481	769
Tool Makers	27	9	18	.333	769
Gunners	27	8	19	.296	649

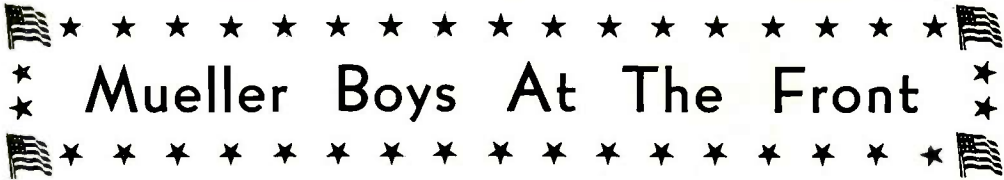
Ten High Bowlers

Behrns, Works Mgr. Office	15	191	262
Curry, Tool Makers	21	178	254
Stratman, Specialty Division	27	176	207
Morrow, Pattern Shop	18	170	203
Chepan, Product Engineers	21	169	207
Bailey, Main Office	27	168	205
Blankenburg, Tool Makers	21	168	201
White, Main Office	21	168	202
Bain, Works Mgr. Office	24	166	218
Morenz, Pattern Shop	20	166	208



FROM EVERETT H. BAKER

Everett H. Baker, Quonset Point, Rhode Island: "I have been receiving Mueller Record regularly, and want to tell you how much I appreciate it, although never worked in the Decatur plant. Like to look for names I've heard my father mention at Decatur and Los Angeles. I went through boots with the Roarick brothers and saw Bill's picture in the Record. This is a naval base. Hope this finds everything in the peak of condition in Decatur."



Mueller Boys At The Front

Russell T. Short Lost In German Battle

Another fine American boy and a Mueller employee paid the supreme sacrifice of war in the bloody conflict now raging on German soil. It was Russell Short who met this hero's death on the battlefield. Russell was a member of the tool room force when he answered the call to the colors. This was in May 1944. He was assigned to the infantry and met his death in battle in Germany on March 5th, 1945, less than a year following his enlistment. His company was serving under General Patton at the time. Russell was married but had no children. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Short. Cecil was a member of this organization until January 1944, working in the Specialty Division. Mrs. Russell Short received the shocking news of her husband's death Thursday, March 22. The wife and parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of Mueller employees.

Our Last Letter From Russell

The last letter we had from Russell was dated December 24, 1944. He was in England at the time and his letter is reproduced in full. It was written on our stationery such as we furnish the boys in service. At the top was the significant phrase in red ink,

"ONE DAY NEARER VICTORY!"

The letter follows:

Dear Mueller Co. and friends:

I was sure glad to hear from you because our letters are so far apart and we do not get many. I am sorry that you did not get my A.P.O. in time to send the Xmas box but we have been changed around so much we can't hardly keep up ourselves. We have another A.P.O. which is 76.

I am located somewhere in south of England, a beautiful spot. The people sure have swell homes and they like lots of privacy. Homes are surrounded by shrubbery so that you cannot see them from the street. Everything (Christmas time) is as green as summer. Weather not so cold but foggy with lot of rain. Tell the boys in the tool room hello for me. We do lot of marching; feet give out sometimes but there are lot of things worse than marching. Would appreciate having some of the boys write to me.

Will you please send me the Christmas box? I would appreciate it very much.

MANY LETTERS TO ENLOE

W. S. Enloe is in receipt of many letters from Mueller employees in the service, so many in fact that reproduction in the Record would take up the entire book.

Most of these are to thank the company for the Christmas boxes. Among those writing for this purpose are:

Sgt. Robert G. Schmitt, somewhere in France, but it's not like the good old U. S. A. He extends thanks for Record and says, "All the gang in the outfit enjoys reading it."

Pvt. Ralph E. Runion writes from England, "You probably know I was wounded early in December, but am expecting to join my company soon. The people in England, France, Belgium and Holland are very friendly. There is nothing good about Germany."

Jack Craves Dirt

Jack Rubicam writes from the United States Ship Wasp, on its way somewhere. He says: "I'm still O.K. As to scenery and such the damn ocean remains the same, day in and day out. Maybe rougher one day than the other but still the same color. Sure gets tiresome. I'd like to see some good old dirt for a change."

Office Work

William W. Griffith: "Here I am temporarily or permanently in Italy. Finally I'm with the outfit I started with after being bounced around in several replacement outfits, both here and in the States. The worst of Italy is mud which is everywhere. They tell me it dries up in the summer. As anticipated I get an office job. Generally the food is good, at least nourishing. The mess is only for our own outfit—quite different from the consolidated mess I've been in previously. The living quarters are just as good as the boys care to make them. Some have tents, others tin huts or stone huts. I was put in a tent with three other fellows. Tent has a floor, lights, heating stove, and we are putting in running water. Surprising how comfortable the place can be made. We have a center table for books, etc., including cards. Have learned to play pinochle, but seem not to have learned how to win. One of our bunch is from Atwood. Natives are rather interesting. Wish I could understand what they talk about all the time. Get my address changed so I'll get the Record."

HEARS THROUGH RECORD

From Luxemburg, Pfc. H. W. Hartwig writes: "Have been pretty busy lately but take time to thank you for the Christmas present. Came while I was in England. Have also been in France and now in Luxemburg. All this required lot of moving around, to have been here so short a time. Have had good living conditions since over here. Have been in a building of some sort to sleep, and that means a lot to us. I am in the anti-tank company and driving at times so I have a pretty good deal and a swell bunch of fellows to work with. Then we get plenty to eat and that helps. Received the Christmas package while in England. I never hear from anyone in the plant and don't know much about what's going on, only what I get out of the Records which I get pretty regularly."

IN PHILIPPINES

Interesting Letter from Walter F. Salefski

Pfc. Walter F. Salefski is somewhere in the Philippines. In his letter to W. S. Enloe he says: "Here is the ex-New Guinea native dropping a line after a long lull. The new year sent me on a long ocean journey again. Hope next one is back home. Guess we were lucky to escape trouble. Had convoys all the way. Always thought there was a lot to see in Philippines but so far haven't caught up with it. Lot of hills and plenty of heat. The towns and a civilized people make a great difference from New Guinea. Saw a locomotive the other day, first one in 18 months, and Bill it was just like a farmer seeing a city for the first time. People here are very friendly. Women anxious to help and do so by washing our clothes, which helps. If those at home could see conditions here they would stop complaining at home. Japs left nothing in the Islands. Natives have patched up clothing, shoes are a luxury. The kids are a pitiful sight. Its a good thing winter months here are not cold—there wouldn't be many survivors * * *. I am O.K. so far and hope to continue so. Writing a letter without a table isn't so hot. How's Walt? Say Bill, you might try to get a meal at Walt's chow house with that phony bill. Maybe you can get by with it O.K."

IN BELGIUM

From Belgium Corp. Carl E. Davis writes: "Thanks for your wonderful Christmas package. The Mueller Record is a very interesting magazine and I hope to get it as long as possible, so don't leave me out. Get one about every two weeks. It is certainly good reading for all the gang. I was working in Chattanooga. Hope to go back there when the war is over."

FOR ASSIGNMENT

Max Leroy Dukeman, aged 28, left March 1 for Monticello for assignment to a training camp. He took his first examination at Chicago last spring. Max is married and has one son, William, aged 6 years. His former home was Pierson. He has been a Mueller employee for five years.

Clarence Sutton, F.C., U.S.S. Wm. Seiverling, writes under date of January 9, but does not give his location. Inference is that he is on sea duty. He says: "Long time since I have written mostly because I've been too busy. There is lots to do out here—things that cannot be put off until tomorrow. Get the Record every once in a while and it is very welcome. Read all plant news, especially about Plant 3. Wished many times to be back there but this job has to be done and guess I'll stick until it is over, hoping it isn't too darn long. Got the Christmas package. It showed very good taste. Good thing it came before Christmas. Since then mail hasn't been very plentiful. Hoping I get more soon. One little letter does wonders out here.

"My wife tells me you are starting on a new shot. I hope you have good luck with it. In all respects keep up the good work. I know the boys appreciate it."

From Ledo Road, Burma, comes a letter from Dale E. Streight.



"I'm getting along fine. I keep pretty well posted on factory activities thru the Record and what Iona tells me. Lots of bad weather and have been on the move most of the time until now, but it appears we are stationed here for a while, and now the weather is at its best. We have been awarded the Bronze Star and have been given quite a bit of publicity. We have learned quite a bit about living in the jungle. Have some conveniences from salvaged equipment which helps a lot. Generally see three

movies a week and have seen a few U. S. shows which get around this way. The women in the shows and a flying nurse are the only white women we see, and a very few of the natives. Had a letter from Raymond Schroll who was in Italy at the time. Hunting is good here, and we have deer meat lot of the time. Our company is also credited with a panther, two tigers and several smaller cats. Iona sent me the sketch Roy Coffman drew of her Thanksgiving. Quite an artist, Roy. I'll close with the wish of good luck on the production line."

IN COAST GUARD SERVICE

Dear Mr. Enloe:

Guess this will be pretty much of a surprise to hear from me. Well, I've been pretty busy and have been on the move quite a lot. I've covered a lot of miles and seen several new places within my 11 months of sea duty. Roughly figuring, I guess I've traveled about 55,000 or 60,000 miles and have been at the following places. Of course, first of all, includes the visit in the area of Cherbourg, France, on D-Day. Since then I've been to Londonderry, North Ireland, three times; Belfast, Ireland; Wales; Glasgow, Scotland; Plymouth, Portsmouth and Liverpool, England. In all the places souvenirs are almost impossible to find, but I've managed to collect a few things.

I receive all the swell RECORDS, even though they are a little late, and the news is sure of interest. We just came back February 10th from England and left the 20th for ships drills. Yesterday we held boat drills, general quarters, damage control, chasing submarines, P.T. boats, and firing at airplane sleeves they pull along for targets. Hope to be back in New York tonight and will have two days rest before taking another convoy across the cold Atlantic. I've been across the Atlantic six times and will be heading across for the seventh time before you receive this. Have had some pretty narrow escapes but our luck has held out as of this date. Tell all the gang hello for me. Also, give my regards to Charles when you write to him. I hope you are in good health and not working too hard. Till another time I shall close.

Bud Williams.

CHRISTMAS LIKE 4TH OF JULY

Jan. 18—Netherlands East Indies
From Sergeant R. W. Moore: "Received Christmas package. Also October Mueller Record. How welcome this little paper is. Read it over and over again. Thankful for being kept on mailing list. The Japs are beginning and feeling the power of the Illinois Yellow Cross Division. Can't say too much but can say we are doing very well against them. Christmas here was more like the Fourth of July. Our voyage over was uneventful. I had a canvas cot set up on my jeep on the weather deck. Over it I made a tent out of my poncho. Quite comfortable. Had some rough weather but I escaped sea sickness. Keep the 155's coming. They sound like freight trains overhead. It's fine to know that those big guns are back there helping us. Little by little we are going to Tokyo, and I'm still beating out the time until I can punch a Mueller clock again. Regards to foundry and core gang."



IN SERVICE 2¼ YEARS

Sgt. W. H. Marsh acknowledges receipt of his Christmas package and tells us that he has been overseas two and a half years and "hoping it won't be much longer before I'm on my way back home. I receive the Mueller Record and enjoy it very much."

LONGS FOR LETTERS

From Edwin E. Mowry, somewhere in Italy: "Guess I'd better write and tell you I'm still alive and growling. Italy is a wonderful place—to be away from, but I'm here with no chance of getting away for a few days until this war is over. Of course that won't be long because I am over here now. This country is an awful place. The people haven't got anything, never did have and don't act like they ever will have very much. I want to thank Mac and Dorothea for the nice Christmas cards I got from them. I wish I could hear from all of you. But I know you hate to write letters. Drop me a little line or two though if you will. How much longer is this going to last? For my part it can end any day now. I have had enough of it. Tell all the gang hello for me and I hope to be seeing them by next Christmas for sure."

CLAUDE INMAN CALLED

Claude Inman left Wednesday, March 7th, for Chicago to get his assignment for service. He did not know which branch of the service he will be in. For some time back the board gave inductees their choice of service, but that is a thing of the past. Now they are assigned regardless of their personal desires. Claude is hopeful of getting into the Navy. He is married and has one daughter, Sandra.

He has been with the company 4 years last October and was formerly in Dept. 8, but lately has been in Plant 3. He has two brothers in the service, Wayne in the Navy and Everett in the Army.

SOMEWHERE IN S. PACIFIC

Dale Wilkins writes J. W. Wells from somewhere in the South Pacific: "Received your letter with one from the company telling of their gift. Thanks for it. It will certainly help straighten things out once I get back in good old civilian life again. I'm somewhere in South Pacific but not allowed to say exactly where. I could really go in for some of that winter you've been having. Three years since I've seen snow. If the Russians keep going like they are, maybe I'll be back home soon. See by the paper you are really going strong on that 155 m.m. shot. Keep it up, we really need them."

Mary is back in Washington. At present she is working for a Senator from Minnesota and likes it very much."

ACKNOWLEDGE PRESENTS

Herbert Mead, U.S.S. Hector, P. Division: "Thanks for the package I just received. As you probably know our mail is sometimes delayed. Also for the Mueller Record which I receive and from which I get great pleasure in reading."

Sgt. Hollis Marsh in a brief letter gives his sincere thanks for the Christmas box and his appreciation of the Mueller Record."

WENT IN UNDER FIRE

Pfc. Melvin Hayes in the Philippine Islands writes: "Thanks for the Christmas box. Enjoyed it immensely. Am located in the Philippines. Can't tell you which island but can tell you we came in under fire. Some of Japan's best troops are here. As I write it is raining. We live in a fox hole. At night when trying to get a little sleep it rains and you find yourself in a fox hole full of water. All you can do is to hope for daylight to come soon. Am sending you a peso which the Japs give to the natives. This peso was taken from a dead Jap. On this island you do not get much to write about and we all hope for the time when we can come home once more. Have been receiving the Mueller Record. I get a lot of pleasure learning about those with whom I worked. Thanking you again for the Christmas box and all of the interesting Mueller Records. I am looking forward to the time when I can meet and see you all."

SGT. D. BAUM WRITES

Dear Outlaw:

I see that you are a pretty popular fellow any more. The last few RECORDS that I have gotten have all had your name in it for something that you have done. Now I see that you are hauling coal by "guess weight" and training Johnson for a battle of some kind. Why don't you turn that job over to some of the "gals" in the plant? You could get better results that way, and I know that Johnson would pay more attention to his instructor. Anyhow tell them all hello and to keep those shells coming because, take it from me, we certainly need them.

The RECORD, by the way, is sure okay. Usually I read it in a foxhole and leave it there for the next "Joe" that comes along. I would like to tell you of some of the conditions under which I have read the RECORD and letters, but I guess I had better not try. This damned war has a bad habit of interrupting my reading and writing sometimes.

Zeke,

Additional Soldier News on Pages 7 and 12.

Chattanooga Chatter

We were visited by a group of boys from the fighting front in Germany known as the "Fighting Power for Eisenhower" boys. These were a grand bunch of boys. They had interesting stories to tell, however, the main purpose of the visit was to urge the need for ammunition.

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We have recently been advised of the death of Edwin W. Kilgore who was killed in action in Germany, December 30th. Pvt. Edwin Kilgore was the son of B. F. Kilgore of Daus, Tennessee and husband of Mrs. Martha Kilgore, 1905 Morning Side Drive, Chattanooga. Before entering the service, Mr. Kilgore was employed in our shell plant and it was quite a shock to all of us to hear of his death.

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"High Pockets" Ralph McClure has just recently been called by Uncle Sam. Ralph was employed as stock clerk in our Assembly Department and was well liked by all the boys. His new address is: Ralph L. McClure, A.S., Co. 110 U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Lt. A. J. Eatherly, husband of Mrs. Kay Eatherly of our Personnel Department recently arrived from the European Theater of war with over 50 missions to his credit. Naturally Kay left us to be with her husband and they intend going to Florida very soon where Lt. Eatherly will be stationed at a rest and redistribution center. The girls in the Main Office had a dinner for Kay at the Southern Inn at which time she was presented with a lovely gift.

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We have recently received letters from quite a number of the boys in service, and we are very happy to receive these letters and only wish we had time to write them more often. Following are some of the latest addresses of our boys:

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A/S Bernia Fischer, Co. 2177, AS-V6-SV, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Pvt. James T. Johnson—34718967, Sec. F., R.A.A.F., Roswell, New Mexico.

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Pvt. Rufus W. Bohanan, Sqdn. "B", Class 449, Tyndall Field, Fla.

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Raymond W. Bible, SM 2/C, Armed Guard Center Pacific, SSMUSA, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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Pvt. Sammie Waller—34713211, 3117 I.M. Service Co., A.P.O. 573, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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Pvt. Coy E. Jones—34888687, Co. "A", 534th EB&SR, A.P.O. 923, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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Joe Lyle, Jr., R.M. 3/C, 565-313 USS-LST 886, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

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Pfc. Paul L. O'Neal—34323534, 385th Avn Sqdn., A.P.O. 246, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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The above boys all mentioned receiving the

MUELLER RECORD and are very happy to get word of the home front. We hope that everyone will write these boys as often as possible as that seems to be their greatest need "News from home."

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We have a new addition in our Main Office, Mrs. Wanda F. Ethridge. She was formerly a Cpl. in the A.A.F., Waco, Texas and is now helping Joe Wall in the Cost Department.

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Hugh L. Baker has just recently returned from a trip to Decatur—From Hugh's description of the weather back there we believe he was quite anxious to return to the South.

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O. E. Walker just received some wonderful news. His son, Odie Jr. returned back in the States which was very gratifying news to us all. Mr. Walker is spending a week in Missouri with his son along with some business duties.

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Howard Morton returned to work after a short absence due to a back strain.

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George Hackler was off several days with a knee injury.

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She's pert and peppy, full of gaiety and laughter—a real spark in our organization. She holds down a responsible job in our Sales Department and is happily married to a Merchant Marine officer—Introducing our girl of the month—Marion Parker Moss.

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This handsome young fellow is David A. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, 204 Ochs Highway. David is three years old and a real chip off the old block. His father is an operator in the Machine Shop, Plant No. 1.

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Nola Roberts' brother, Arthur Hobbs, who served one year overseas in the combat infantry was a visitor to our shell plant recently.

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Jimmie Igou, former employee of our shell plant, was a recent visitor. He was a prisoner of war in Rumania and only recently liberated by the Russians.

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Andy Riddle was quite happy the past week. His son was home on a furlough after 14 months overseas in the Navy.

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LOS ANGELES NEWS

Since the swing shift was discontinued, those concerned look back at the cold mornings when you could stick your nose out of the covers and if the air was too frigid, you simply turned over and went back to sleep. A problem has arisen now as to what will take the place of "Hey, get a load of what that day shift did!" or "Can't that swing shift do anything right?"

Ever hear of lawn growing through the sidewalk? Or a carpet of soft moss blanketing the barren waste of a desert valley? Well, such a scene would not surprise any of us now, not after witnessing the transformation of the pate of "Cousin" Wiley. "Cousin" estimates that in another month he will have to adopt some method of keeping the hair out of his eyes.

George Nursall has announced a new addition to his family, a girl, born January 3rd, weighing 7 lbs. and 6 ozs.

Frank Gilmore, who has been with us for some seven years, entered the Merchant Marine January 14th and is going through preliminary training at Catalina Island. By the way Frank (and Kenny Potts) Catalina isn't what it used to be is it? We understand that the famous glass bottom boats are being used by the Nipponese Navy to review their fleet. Jestng aside, Frank, the entire gang joins in wishing Good Luck and God Speed to a swell guy.

When the snow begins to fly in the midwest and the thermometer drops down below zero, we look up and find Frank Taylor and Leo Wiant with us again. They seem to be as much at home in California as they are in Decatur. Bill Jett says since they were here, every time he looked around all he could see was a closed door. We were surely glad to have our Decatur friends with us, and Mr. Taylor's speech at the Foremen's Club was very enlightening. They had just left town when Mr. Werdes dropped in to see us. His train was late and we found that he was a passenger on the same train as Jimmy Roosevelt. Angie didn't get the publicity that Jimmy got in the papers, but you can rest assured that his popularity is very high with us. Mr. Werdes has been voted "No. 1 Ladies' Choice" of L. A. He has learned to whistle and a few extra tricks. When the rest of us eat liver and onions "Angie" gets roast beef. Where is the drag or maybe he knows how to whistle. Production lags when he goes thru the factory but we are sure it will pick up again in a week or so (when he leaves).

A recent letter from Cy Wolfe states he is getting married. He is now stationed in Panama City, Florida. It seems a shame he had to go across the country to find a wife. Best of luck to Cy.

Ray Dawkins spent a week at home trying to get rid of the flu bug.

They tell us now that Bruce Stotler is a commuter. His wife has been very ill in San Diego, and Bruce is having quite a time trying to divide his time between Los Angeles and the Southern city. His greatest worry seems to be gas.

The Herman Dash's entertained Lt. Laurence Roe and wife, Dorothy, as well as their little daughter, Sandra. Lt. Roe is scheduled to leave for overseas and found the home of the Dash's a very good place to enjoy the

company of his wife and daughter for a week or so.

Ida Lou Hughes of the Core Room is recovering nicely from an appendectomy and will be back with us soon.

The factory office celebrated a double birthday party for George Tolladay and Cecil Foltz on Saturday, January 6th, in our new cafeteria. The menu included hamburgers for all, loud neckties and birthday cakes for George and Cecil.

Veda Bruno of the Machine Shop, has returned to work after a brief honeymoon with her husband, Frank Cuda. They were married on January 12th.

The Mueller Company Seven Man Football team has recently completed a season that they would rather not discuss. The reason for the lack of volubility on this subject is the absence of a winning streak or any part thereof. (Correction, Mueller Co. 30—Douglas Vernon 2). This condition can best be explained however, by the fact that the only time the boys could practice was about twenty minutes before game time. This was due to the fact that three men worked day shift and four on the night shift.

It was all very interesting, the boys played for sheer love of the game; in some instances they played in the driving rain. You don't scamper around a field clad in shorts and T shirts during a cloudburst unless you like what you are doing—and they did. Spirits undampened by weather or scores, the boys are looking forward to next season when they will be better prepared with new plays and regular practice sessions. The roster? Here it is: Captain Joe Higbee, Roy Dabey, Glenn Blize, Jim Musso, Chuck Boggio, Frank Briski, Bill Baker.



We are showing a picture of Jimmy Logsdon. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Logsdon, our General Manager. Jimmy took his boot training at Catalina Island and was appointed to the Technical Radio School at Gallups Island at Boston. He was commissioned a warrant officer the latter part of October and is now somewhere on the high seas. His commission as an ensign will soon be due and we are looking forward to seeing Jimmy in the near

future with a new set of gold braid.

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MAY LIVE IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gates are at Sierra Madre, California, with the expectation of making it their home providing they can adapt themselves to the climate and their surroundings. Bob is widely known in the Mueller organization with which he has been associated many years, except for a period as superintendent of Graceland cemetery.

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A new undertaker, handling his first funeral, startled the mourners when he said to them: "Now we will pass around the bier."

CALLED TO THE COLORS

Lawrence Voyles, who has been an inspector in the grinding room, left February 27 for Chicago for preliminary examination for service. He began work here in January. His father, Luther Voyles, was formerly an employee but is now with the Wabash. Lawrence did not know to which branch of the service he will be assigned but he was hopeful that it would be the Navy.

SURE SNAPPY



George F. Sulwer, Camp Haan, California, was home in August and had this picture taken. He makes a right snappy looking soldier, does George, and the Army hasn't taken away his grin, whatever else they may have done to him.

PRESENT WAS SWELL

From Munroe, Calif., Lawrence S. Roe writes his appreciation of the Christmas gifts from the company, saying: "It is very seldom you find a company giving its service men such gifts. The contents of the Christmas box were well planned. Every item came in handy. It was highly appreciated by me and I imagine even more so by fellows overseas. It was swell."

FROM CLAUDE L. STACY, JR.

Was sent first to Scott Field, and since then been on the move. Next was Camp Maxey, Texas, for infantry training. They didn't expect us so soon and we went on to Camp Howzi where we started our training. That completed we moved to Fort Meade.

DONALD CARL WADE

Writes from the Diesel school in Richmond, Va.: "It's a fine school and very interesting and I feel I am learning quite a bit about Diesel marine engines. It's not the mystery as most people think; much easier to understand than gasoline. Spent holiday in Washington, D. C. Saw all the sights and the crowded railroad station which I do not want to ever get in again."

Explained

Many a jealous wife accuses her husband of being bewitched by a fan dancer when as a matter of fact the guy is only suffering from a form of hip-notism.

Planning Ahead

Boy Friend: We're gonna have a swell time tonight, Hon. I've got three seats for the movies.

Sweetie: Three seats? What do we want with three seats?

Boy Friend: One for your Pop, one for Mom, and one for your kid brother.

—Capper's Weekly.

IN ITALY



This picture of Raymond W. Schroll was taken during his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Following his furlough he came home for a visit to his wife, two sons and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Schroll of Forsyth. After that he reported to Fort Meade, Md., and is now stationed with the infantry somewhere in Italy. He has been overseas since December 1944 prior to which he was employed in the tool crib at Plant 3.

His address is Private Raymond W. Schroll, 36993416, 1st Plt., 289th Replacement Co., APO, 781-R c/o P.M., New York, New York City.

TO JOIN MERCHANT MARINE

Kenneth Morrow of the Pattern Dept. left Thursday, March 1st, for San Francisco for physical examination for service in the Merchant Marine of the War Shipping Administration. Several months ago he passed the examination for Naval duty. If he makes the grade on his physical he will go to school for 6 weeks on Catalina Island. After that comes the actual sea training of eight months after which he will be eligible for a 3rd Assistant Engineer's license. Those who know Kenneth have no doubt of his ability to measure up to requirements. In so far as known now his service will be on a freighter or tanker. Kenneth has been identified with the pattern room for 16 years. In so far as known at this time to keep him out of the Navy will be failure to pass the physical examination. Those who know him as a bowler on the Pattern Shop team testify that he has proved up physically. He is in the charmed circle, among the ten high bowlers.

Mrs. Morrow and his two sons, Kenneth Eugene, 12, and Donald Duane, 10, expect to continue their residence in Decatur.

STANDING BY



Private Donald W. Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Travis, enlisted in the Marines and was inducted into the service March 7, 1944. He received his basic training in San Diego, California. From there he was promoted to the Control Town School at Santa Ana from which he graduated and was assigned to a dive bomber squadron. He is now standing by for further orders. Before entering the service he was employed at Plant 3. His wife, the former Pauline Swim and two children, Judith and Donnie, are making their home in National City, Calif., during the war. Donald's present address is: Private Donald W. Travis, VMSB, 484 USMCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif.

"That girl you've been going around with is on her way to the doctor's office!"

"Well, I'll be blamed!"

PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

Their intentions were good when Helen and Nola started to the Union meeting at 1:30 Sunday but at 1:40 they met two soldier boys. We don't know about their intentions from there on but they forgot all about the Union meeting until 6:30 when Nola said "we had better get to that meeting" and Helen replies, "Oh, forget that meeting, this one suits me."

Charlie Hector likes his oranges. He is paying 80 cents apiece for them.

We owe Pat Davidson more than words can tell. We owe him for our jobs and maybe our lives. When a small fire started in an old tin pan, what did Pat do—call the fire department? No, not our Pat, he jumped on the pan, stamped with his feet, beat with his cap and soon the fire was out, just a little smoke left. In fact, it was just a little smoke in the first place. Then out stepped Pat, the No. One Hero.

We don't know which is the worst, the man shortage or the woman shortage. Now across the tracks there are no women and it is sure hard to keep the fellows over there.

One of our inspectors complained she was all in; danced till 1 o'clock, then had lunch and this and that. Now we understand the dance and lunch but what did she mean by "this and that"?

Mildred doesn't care what their name is, just so it is Bob.

We don't know what to do with Brownie. Pat won't have him and now Coffman has turned him down. But never mind, Brownie, we will take care of you.

After eight attempts to drive his car without gas, Outlaw finally gave it up and is now riding the bus. We understand he puts on a tie each morning, wears it while on the bus, then takes it off and puts it in his pocket until next morning.

Wanted—Dimmers for Frank Shade's bedroom lights.

A certain young man from the main office; a guy that rolls his own was out at Plant 3 the other day. Next day after he was here we discovered tobacco rust in the shot. It looked like Granger or Duke's Mixture. Anyway, we have troubles of our own a-plenty without some one starting something new.

Bill Knight says since he is working 12 hours a day he has forgotten all about spring and may disregard fall, too.

Poor Lefty Adams—By the time Lefty gets up in the morning, starts the fire, gets breakfast, then gets Mickey up and ready for work, comes out to the shop, works 12 hours, goes home, makes the beds, washes the dishes, cleans the house, puts Mickey to bed, it is time to start all over again.

The morning after the night before Pat recommends black coffee.

Liz Raskin would sure rather sleep than eat. She had a date with Thelma Ater to meet Thelma down town at 8:30 for supper. Well,

Thelma waited until 9:30, then called Liz over the phone. Just as was expected Liz was sound asleep. Even the phone didn't awaken her. The neighbors hearing the phone ring so long went in and after a few hours got her up, but it was too late for supper so she and Thelma had a late breakfast.

While Clara and John Dotson were on a visit to Taylorville last Sunday, John went for a boat ride or a boat ride is what he told Clara after being gone almost all day. He said they got about 18 miles down the road and ran out of gas and had to paddle the boat back. Now Clara can't figure what they were doing with a boat on the road.

Clarence Roarick sure likes his pink tie, or was it pink?

If you have fresh meat to cure, see Outlaw. He cures it and it spoils while you wait.

Charlie Johnson thought he had a good job helping two good looking ladies inspect shot, but Charlie forgot wife Mildred was working not far away. Charlie soon lost his good job and had to move on.

Dorothy Sulivar still says that culvert was in the middle of the road.

Sophia broke her New Year's resolution—she talked to a strange man.

George said he had a flat tire after he left the skating party, which of the four girls was it?

Cal will look for train engines, before crossing the tracks next time.

BIRTHS

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bulla, R.F.D. 7, a daughter, Judith Kay, January 23.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Flaughter, 463 North 24th St., a son, Gerald Eugene, January 23.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Miller, 1860 N. Morgan, a son, Garry Lee, January 3.

BORN TO: Pfc. and Mrs. Wheeler a daughter, Emily Jane, January 30. Mrs. Wheeler is the former Jane Hawkins and was for some years secretary to Credit Manager E. F. Dickey. Purchasing Agent O. J. Hawkins is now a member in good standing of the Grandfather's Club.

Burgh Werner is peddling a story about Alva Davis' big parsnip grown on Alva's garden plot on North College street just off Eldorado. It was 21 inches long, not counting the portion of the root broken off in the ground. It was a good story until a farmer came along with a story of the one he grew—three feet long. The great difference may be due the fact that Alva's forty-foot garden plot is not so large as the farmer's 40-acre field.

Ray Cronin writes: "Received a copy of the November Mueller Record from a friend back home. I certainly did enjoy reading it. Before enlisting in the Seabees I was in the plumbing business in Binghamton, N. Y., and received copies of your magazine regularly. I am in the Marianas Islands and would like to continue receiving the Record while in the service."

CREDIT UNION NEWS

The Board of Directors of the Credit Union has decided to purchase another \$1,000 series "G" War Bond, making a total of \$4,000 since January the first.

Our Credit Union is now serving over 400 members. The new officers and the department in which they are employed are:

President—Albert E. Lindamood, Pattern shop.

Vice-President—Galen Hutchens, Dept. 300.
Treasurer—Harold Munsterman, Pattern shop.

Secretary—Thelma Ater, Tool Room.

Supervisory Committee—

Ross Emerson, Main Office.
Helen Pope, Engineering Office.
Frank Kuntz, Tool Room.

Credit Committee—

Clark Curry, Machine Repair
Art Bauer, Plant 2
Ernest Watkins, Plant 2
Frank Ridgeway, Brass Foundry
L. B. McKinney, Department 8

Education Committee—

Roy Coffman, Plant 3
Oris Whitacre, Department 8
Otis Fears, Shipping Room

Feel free to consult your nearest representative on any questions. If he doesn't know he will find out for you.

Regarding your own personal problems we recommend you to call at our office, Mueller Gym, hours 11:00 A. M. to 4:15 P. M.

SAVE EACH PAY CREDIT UNION WAY

Financial Statement for January, 1945

Receipts—	
Shares	\$3,661.66
Entrance Fees	6.25
Interest	41.63
Loans Repaid	863.41
Total Receipts	\$4,572.95
Disbursements—	
Shares Withdrawn	364.00
Loans	1,515.00
Bonds	3,000.00
Expenses	14.81
Total Disbursements	4,893.81
Cash Balance from Dec....	\$4,965.83
Cash on Hand	4,644.97
Cash Balance for January	320.86
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	\$4,572.95

Number of members—394.
Number of borrowers—65.

Financial Statement for February, 1945

Receipts—	
Shares	\$7,329.01
Loans (paid back)	910.25
Entrance Fees	5.75
Interest Received	52.80
Total Receipts	\$8,297.81
Disbursements—	
Shares Withdrawn	228.35
Loans	2,030.00
Government Bonds	1,000.00
Expenses	17.65
Total Disbursements	3,276.05
Cash on Hand	9,666.73
Balance from January	4,644.97
Cash Balance for February	5,021.76
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	\$8,297.81

Number of members—406.
Number of borrowers—73.

DEATHS

LEWIS P. COOK

Lewis P. Cook, employed as cafeteria janitor, died February 19 in his home in Dalton City. Mr. Cook had previously been a blacksmith.

He was born in Mercer County, Ohio, September 14, 1871, the son of the late Frederick and Wilhelmina Koch. He moved to Dalton City from Portland, Indiana, in 1896, when he changed the spelling of his last name. He was married in Dalton City to Timmie Stieger, September 21, 1899. They moved to Geneva, Indiana, where Mr. Cook managed the famous Limberlost Farm of the well-known novelist, Gene Stratton Porter until 1906. In that year they returned to Dalton City.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Cook is survived by his son Hubert of Dalton City, also a Mueller Co. employee, and his daughter Elvora Gene of Dalton City, also by three grandchildren. There also remain three sisters, Mrs. Anna Martin of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Rosa Brock of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. Eunice Stoltz of Bryant, Indiana, and a brother, William H. Cook of Denver, Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted in the Dalton City United Brethren church of which Mr. Cook was a member. Interment was in Mt. Zion cemetery.

LEWIS E. RUNION

Lewis Edward Runion, employed as an inspector, passed away March 1 in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

Mr. Runion was born in Kinnmudy September 4, 1889, the son of William and Meta Runion. He was married in December, 1910 to Alta Parish who died in 1917 and in November 1933 to Mary Wood. Besides his wife, he leaves three children, Mrs. Alice Madding, Decatur; Ralph Runion, now in the Army General Hospital in England; Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Mammoth, Oregon; two stepchildren, Mrs. Eldora Rozanski and Mrs. Ruth Taylor, both of Decatur. There are also three brothers, Ellis and Charles of Decatur; Rubian Runion, Macon and fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Moran chapel, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

MRS. FRANK MILLER

Mrs. Susan Miller, mother of Elmer Miller, passed away March 5 in her home at 1643 North Oakland, at the age of 80. Death followed a stroke suffered a few hours previously.

Mrs. Miller had lived most of her life in Decatur. She was born in Rochester, Illinois, September 20, 1864, the daughter of Harry E. and Sarah Jones Money. She and Frank E. Miller were married September 9, 1885. She was a member of the First Methodist church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Miller is survived by her son, Elmer E. and two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Oates and Mrs. Maude Diehl, both of Decatur, and by six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in the Moran Chapel with burial in Graceland cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM SEEFORTH

Mrs. William Seeforth, wife of William Seeforth, for more than fifty years a member of the Mueller organization, passed away January 14. She had been in failing health several years.

Mrs. Seeforth, the former Emma Marie Abel, was born March 3, 1873 in Washington,

Indiana, and moved to Decatur with her parents, John and Josephine Abel, as a child. She was married to Mr. Seeforth November 22, 1897.

In addition to the husband, survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Shoemaker, Mrs. Lorraine VanMeter, and Mildred and Marie Seeforth, all of Decatur, and a brother, L. J. Abel of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. John McShane, Chicago and Mrs. Mildred Ferguson of Denver, Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted in the Dawson and Wiloff chapel, with interment in Fairlawn cemetery.

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JOHN F. TOLLY

John F. Tolly, father of Leroy Tolly, died February 5 at the age of 78 in his home in Moweauqua.

Mr. Tolly is survived by his wife, Ida; his sons, Charles, Findlay; Berne, Assumption; Roy, Macon; and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Angel, Chicago.

The funeral was held in the Little Flock church near Moweauqua with burial in the church cemetery.

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MRS. WILHELMINA SALEFSKI

Mrs. Wilhelmina Salefski, mother of Herman Salefski, died February 12 in her home, at 928 North Woodford, after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Salefski was born the daughter of Gottfried and Louise Sadowski, October 5, 1858 in East Prussia. She was married to August Salefski in 1880 in Germany. He died 18 years ago. She had been a resident of Decatur since 1888, coming here from Germany. She was a charter member of St. Johannes Lutheran church.

She is survived by three sons, Herman, William, Otto, all of Decatur; three daughters, Mrs. Freda Artze, Mrs. Emilie Minter, Mrs. Marie Foley, all of Decatur. She also leaves 21 grand children and 18 great grandchildren.

Funeral rites were conducted in the St. Johannes Lutheran church with burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

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MRS. GERTRUDE FRIESNER

Mrs. Gertrude Friesner, wife of Charles Friesner passed away February 24 in her home in Lovington at the age of 61.

Mrs. Friesner is survived by her husband and her sons, Ward Henry; Ralph Donald, Mt. Zion; Leoda Dean with the army in Europe; Charles Jacob, Newton; her daughter, Mrs. Othel Ball of Decatur. Also there are brothers as follows: Leoda and Jay Ball, Decatur; Homer Ball of Chicago; Don Ball, Lovington; her sisters, Mrs. Salome Rheim, Chicago; Mrs. Virginia Kruger, Lovington.

Services were conducted in the Lovington Methodist church, with burial in Keller cemetery.

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WEDDINGS

LENTZ-TAYLOR

Sarah Ruth Lentz and Robert F. Taylor were married February 10 in Macon, Georgia.

Sarah was formerly a member of the Billing department and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lentz of Elwin. "Bob", formerly of the Mueller organization, now of the U. S. Army, is the son of Superintendent Frank E. Taylor.

The bride was dressed in a green wool suit with brown accessories.

Bob and Sarah are making their home for the present in Georgia, where the bridegroom is stationed.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(By Way of Ruminations on a Few Matters Not Yet Considered Essential by the WMPB)

Our favorite neighborhood robin reminds us persistently every morning that Spring must surely be on the way. And that's good news to us who long to bury our hands in the warm ground and sniff the moist air of April. For our money the next snow can be postponed until January of 1946 or later. . . . Understand even the small boys have had all the snow they want this year. . . .

The news from Mabel Gates continues to be good. On visiting days we find her looking rosy and rested and pretty as a picture in a bed jacket and wearing a pink flower in her hair. Her convalescence in the San. will be shortened considerably by her recent successful operation.

It's nice seeing Helen Pope back at her desk again in the Engineering Department after an illness of several weeks.

Ethel Pogle Leonard called at the office a few days ago, bringing with her her new little son, Charles, who is a nice healthy looking blue-eyed boy. We might report that young Charles was not too much impressed by his mother's former fellow-workers even though he himself was very much the center of attraction for a few minutes.

And here's St. Patrick's Day again, another occasion for the wearing of the green. The late Mr. Fred Mueller, we are told, used to enjoy celebrating March 17, and there are still recollections of the green that he wore on such occasions. Sometimes in tribute to the Irish he'd change his name for the day to O'Mueller.

Bettie King is the name of the very newest member of the Personnel Department.

Arlene Carroll has temporarily rejoined the staff of the Personnel office. Welcome back, Arlene.

Newcomers in the Paymaster's Office are: Adolf Ernst and Frances Cade. Frances is a former office employe.

Wera Bauer Colglazier has returned to the Billing Department, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Sarah Lentz Taylor.

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FOR OPERATION

Everett Dickey checked out Tuesday, March 13, preparatory to going to the hospital for a hernia operation. He will be in the Decatur and Macon County hospital, and with good luck and progress toward recovery will be back with us in about a month.

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AGAIN WITH US

Matt Trott and wife are home from Florida, where they finished out the winter to escape the uncertainties of northern climate. Matt seems to have recovered his health and is back on the job in the traffic department.

Mrs. Helen Pope, who had a siege of several weeks, is also back by easy stages. As this Record goes to press she was working half days until such time as she is fully recovered.

TWO GIRL GRADUATES

One From Decatur and One from Los Angeles Win Diplomas

Here are pictures of the forerunners of high school graduates for 1945, and are mighty good-looking subjects to head the procession which will be in full marching order in June.



Phyllis Leach

The above likeness was the first to reach the editor's desk. Miss Phyllis Leach is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Leach of Los Angeles. She graduated from the Huntington Park High School and will continue her education in Woodbury College in Los Angeles, taking up the commercial course, which includes fashion, arts, designing and merchandising. George Leach is a member of our office force in the Pacific Coast Branch.



Loretta M. Ammann

Up to the present time this young lady is the first connected to an employee of our company to finish her high school studies in 1945. Miss Ammann graduated from the Decatur High School January 26. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ammann. Loretta was 18 years of age on February 18, 1945, and had a good school record. Herman, father of this young lady, has been connected with Mueller Co. since 1914 and now works in the Machine Repair department.

The greatest number of accidents in homes happen on stairways. All stairways should have hand rails. And all people using stairways should also use the hand rails.

It is shown by statistics that two out of every three bicyclists injured and killed in traffic accidents were violating a traffic law at the time.

BRIEFS FROM NEW YORK

Miss Alberta Wanzer, our steno, not only received her five year service pin, but upon arriving home found a registered package from her fiance containing an engagement ring—a diamond at that. The young man, Francis Murray, a former employee of the New York branch, is now serving in the Army, stationed in Oahu T. H.

Helen Nordheim spent last week-end with Grace Hall, nee Timm. Grace left us when we had to take smaller quarters due to war restrictions on shipments to New York Stock.

Among recent visitors was Hugh Baker from Chattanooga. He was here to attend the Valve and Fittings meeting in the Biltmore and on other business in Worcester, Providence and New York. While he was here our new salesman, Stanley Johnson, covering New England, was in the office learning operations. The other salesmen came in and a sales meeting was held.

FRENCH AND POLITICS

Troy Roush is just in receipt of a letter from Pvt. Woodrow Cummins, a former messenger boy in the main office. It is dated January 27th.

He says: "Received the Christmas greeting today. Thanks a lot. Did you study French? Surely do wish I had. Maybe I could get better results over here. I'm in Luxemburg now, but French is one of the principal languages. I've already requested the first course in French. It is pretty cold in these parts of late but I like cold weather. Gee, I wish I could be back there to argue politics with you again. I can do that here anytime, however."

(Continued from page 5)

We hear that Clyde Clark, formerly of our shell plant and wounded in Germany, is now recuperating at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis.

Congratulations to David Lawson, our new cut-off operator on the first shift, who was married February 5th to Miss Jean Hall.

Floyd Sewell, foreman of our third shift at the shell plant has received news that his brother, Dewey, former employee at shell plant, has been wounded in battle and is now back in the States recuperating. He won the Purple Heart.

Duke Hollingsworth has passed his physical examination and he sees Uncle Sam beckoning.

Myrtle Hixon has returned after several weeks absence due an operation. Glad to see you Myrtle!

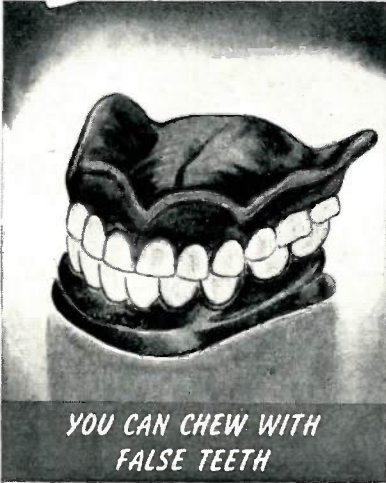
Mrs. P. Ramsey and Mrs. Marvin Davis were visitors at our Foundry recently.

Four-fifths of all gas fatalities in 1943 occurred in the home. Gas was originally introduced in the United States in 1813—one hundred and thirty-two years ago. In all those years it has been known as fatal to life when misused or mistreated. There are thousands of people who have never found this out. And there are thousands of more who never will.

Based on mileage, special studies show that drivers under twenty years of age have the highest accident rate.



Safety News



*YOU CAN CHEW WITH
FALSE TEETH*



*BUT YOU CAN'T SEE WITH
A GLASS EYE*

You can walk with a wooden leg, you can chew with false teeth, but you can't see with a glass eye. Your safety lies in goggles. Wear them when the job calls for them. Nothing is more precious to you than your eye-sight. Keep it by using every known protective measure.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harshbarger Overcomes Five Nazis—Promoted

Staff Sergeant Elmer O. Harshbarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harshbarger, has again distinguished himself. A Fifth Army news release gives the following details:

"WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Staff Sergeant Elmer O. Harshbarger, 22 of Decatur, Illinois captured three Germans and wounded two on the Fifth Army front in northern Italy recently.

Acting platoon sergeant in a rifle company of the 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th "Red Bull" Division, Harshbarger noticed six Germans advancing from the left flank of his company's position. When they opened up with their machine pistols, Harshbarger fired on the Nazis, wounding two and causing three more to give up. A sixth German escaped. Harshbarger's company held its objective.

For wounds received during the action at the Anzio beachhead, Harshbarger has been awarded the Purple Heart. He also wears the Combat Infantryman Badge.

A brother, Ben Harshbarger, is serving with the navy in the States. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harshbarger, live at 717 West King Street, Decatur.

Harshbarger entered the army in January, 1943, came overseas in June, 1943, and joined the 168th in July."

Since the above was released Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harshbarger have received word of Elmer's promotion to Technical Sergeant.

Sergeant Harshbarger was a former employee of the company working at Plant 3. He checked out to go into the service January 3, 1943.

FROM NEW CALEDONIA

Sgt. Orville Hendrickson writes that he had received a very interesting letter from the company, telling him he is the "proud owner of a very neat sum of war bonds; also, a nice box of things I needed and also a copy of the Mueller Record. Lot of new names since I left but a lot of the old gang left. I'm in charge of the night shift of a nice machine shop. We repair anything and everything. Am not relating any of my experiences but will have lot to unravel when I get home."

Time lost in 1943 due to disabling injuries of workers, on and off the job, amounted to a shut down of the nation's ship building and aircraft industries for 38 days, according to the National Safety Council reports.

To highway walkers:

Wear something white or carry a light, so you can be seen by drivers at night.

During the first three years of the war more than 5200 people were killed in skidding accidents. All fatalities are not limited to the battlefields.

Wear your glasses. The National Safety Council says: "Today and every working day of the year, 17 more American working men have unnecessarily lost the sight of one or both eyes as a result of occupational hazards."

SARNIA

When Alison (Street) Lyford, payroll dept., left to join her husband in Halifax, office and factory friends gave her an alarm clock and a travel Cutex set. Before leaving she was busy packing and getting tips from Belva, who has crossed Canada 4 times, on the "Do's" and "Don't" of wartime travelling.

Isabel McFarlane left recently for South America. On her departure she was given a lovely Elizabeth Arden traveling set. A card from her dated Miami shows a sunny south-land day, quite different from our blizzards.

Belva (Sleeth) Stephenson is back in the office after two years absence. Husband Joe is overseas but she had a lot of fun travelling with him as long as she could. Travelling and "roughing-it" in northern British Columbia gave her many experiences.

Recently Norma B. wears a pretty signet ring given her by sailor, Bruce—who has reported back to the west coast.

Miss Phyllis Jenkin, daughter of Wilf Jenkin of the Tool Room, was carnival queen at the Point Edward Ice Frolic. Wilf was also busy helping run off the races. This event, first of it's kind for a number of years, was highly successful.

Gunner Roy Robertson—nephew of Hank Robertson—has been invalided home as a result of wounds suffered in France last August.

Shirley Isom received word her brother Jack will be invalided to Canada and is expecting his arrival any day now.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hodges, a daughter, Gail Alexandria.

Mickey Higgins, formerly of the Tool Room, and Marian Donald were married when he was home on leave after 2 years sea service.

Edna Pocock, Dept. 7, has been in the office helping the payroll dept. bringing the year's work up to date.

Who is the handsome "butter and egg" man that sends the "little blonde" all the free lunches? We're looking for a diamond to follow.

Have you noticed how few men are asking for first aid treatment since Marg (Red) Kelley left? She left to finish her hospital training.

We wonder what changed Elenor's mind about wartime marriages? Hubert must have done some pretty fast talking, or was it Hubert?

Several others have caught the marriage fever. Evelyn Wilkins got under the wire for a leap year marriage to Jimmie Taylor, December 14th. Marjorie Randall was married to Harold McCrae January 23rd. Robert Bryce and Dorothy Johnston on January 27th. Evelyn, Marjorie and Bob are from Dept. 14.

Margie (Pudge) Wagner has been ill of scarlet fever.

Carmen Weese, formerly of Dept. 14, paid us a visit. He was on sea duty 23 months and participated in the invasion of France.

Minnie and Frank Nesbit don't seem to mind being snowed out of their home in the country. They are now enjoying a taste of life in the city.

JUNE WRITES FRIENDS

A letter from June M. Krumstiek dated February 24 has been making the rounds. It has been some time since she has been heard from but provides a good excuse. On the day she wrote she had just been released from the hospital after a two weeks tussle with scarlet fever. She was still feeling the effects of her illness but confident that she will soon be back to good physical condition. She says: "This is a fine time to mention it but I certainly thank all for cards and notes at Christmas time. You have no idea how much they mean when you are away from home and old friends. And the Record is another thing I always look forward to receiving." June is located at Bainbridge, Md.

SUGGESTION WINNERS

The following employes have submitted adopted suggestions:

Name	No. Sug.	Amt.
Brugh Werner	1	\$ 5.00
Karl Blankenburg	2	10.00
Maxine Griffith	1	5.00
Bob Moser	1	5.00
Wm. Kuntz	3	15.00
F. W. Dannewitz	2	10.00
Karl Blankenburg	1	5.00
Cloyd D. Collins	1	5.00
John C. Willis	1	5.00
Ancel G. West	1	5.00
Stanley Ashby	2	10.00
Van Walters	1	5.00
Margaret Behrend	1	5.00
E. Pearl Wharton	1	5.00
F. A. Schwendemann	1	5.00
John Monska	1	5.00
Verian Sternes	1	5.00
F. W. Dannewitz	4	20.00
Everett F. Miller	1	5.00

FATHER IN NAVY



Here we have Mrs. Marian Bailey and baby, Karen Kaye, born December 13, 1944, in St. Mary's hospital. The father, a former employe at Plant 3, is in the Navy located on Yerba Buena Island just a short distance from San Francisco. He is expecting assignment to active service at any time. Mrs. Bailey was formerly in the main office.

TWO AT A TIME

This month I received two Mueller Records. They sure come in handy. First we find out what's going on back there. Now here is one more reason. The doctor has just opened up a second front on me. I have just finished with two operations of this kind. Now I have something to read. I found the address of one of my pals. I was a molder at the Columbian Iron Works, this pal was my helper. I feel fine now and am looking forward to another crack at the Japs.

Cpl. Geo. Brown, 34321187, 4th Gen. Hospital, A.P.O. 322 c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Child's kitchen cabinet. Well made, 4' high, with glass doors. Also, a child's table with three chairs, of sturdy construction, iron and varnished. Call 2-2007 or see Troy Roush.

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

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

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

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

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

FOR SALE—One large trunk for sale—double deck. Price \$5.00. Ask Wm. N. Cloney at Mueller Plant 3, 1st shift, or at Boody, Ill.

FOR SALE: Plate camera 3¼" x 5½" comp. in leather carrying case, tripod and plate holders, first class condition. H. A. Wacaser.

BUSINESS SERVICE

WALL PAPER CLEANING—Call 9115 or 770 West Olive St. My work will please you. Claude Stacy.

WANTED

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

WANTED TO BUY: Shot gun in good condition. See Stanley Shannon, No. 4420.

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

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

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

WANTED: Anyone working days if interested in caring for 3-year-old child at night, in exchange for room and board get in touch with Mrs. Bud Baggot, 415 W. Grand Ave. for further particulars.

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WANTED TO BUY: The Credit Union is in need of a fireproof safe. Anyone having one for sale or knowing of one for sale please get in touch with any one of the Directors or the Credit Union Office.

Harold Munsterman, Treasurer.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

At last, Anniversary Week is over and we can come up for air. And was it exciting! Troop 2 outsmarted all Decatur and had the only officially nominated candidates for the mayor and commissioners who were to rule the city on Scout Saturday. The final election, however, was not in our favor. Opposition developed and because of the general confusion among most troops we found ourselves running a full slate against all other troops—something no other troop dared try before. At that we polled one out of every four votes. Our candidates were: for mayor, Richard Hoppe; for commissioners, Robert Hughes, Richard Setton, William Campbell, and Billy Hughes.

The recruit business is booming now. Dallas Hayes, a Scout from Troop 23 of Springfield, has transferred into Troop 2. So has Frank Houck of Troop 14. Jerry Elliot, a Cub Scout from Pack 14, has signed up for "The Livest Troop in Decatur". Welcome to all of you, Scouts! We need a few more recruits. Ask your twelve-year-old friends to join.

George Bridwell gave us and himself a real thrill when he hit the board for First Class. Nice going, George. He has his Junior A. S. M. papers now and will be promoted as soon as he takes his examination. How about some of you other fellows getting in some advancement?

David Kruzan and James Hansen are the newest members of the Fire Trailers Clan—each with one cycle. Both are good campers. And that reminds us,—the Camper's Savings Club is open now. Pass books and stamps are ready. Better get started on them now.

The big paper drive starts soon. Each Scout collecting 1,000 pounds of paper will receive the General Eisenhower Medal. If the troop averages 1,000 pounds per boy we will also receive a real shell case from the battlefield suitably lettered. Collect that paper, Scouts! Remember the Mueller Co. will accept only newspaper. You must take magazines, boxes, etc., direct to the Atlas Company for sale.

CUTE LITTLE CURRY



Here we have Philip Lee Curry, the happy little 6-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark L. Curry. Clark is in Dept. 360. Mrs. Curry was the former Eleanor Zerfowski.

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