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HOBBY SHOW

Will Be Held at Gym January 18—Supper and Dance 10c

Oh, oh—here's something new. Just bursting with fun—a hobby show at the gym Friday evening, January 18. Come and bring your hobby. Any hobby goes except a grouch, which is not a hobby—it's a disease. If your hobby's a pet, box it up and bring it along. It's "Louie's Heingemacht" put a padlock on it. Any hobby goes. That's what's in store for a regular after Christmas bargain sale—all for ten cents.

Supper at the cafeteria 5:15 to 7:30 P. M. Menu: Biscuit with chicken and chicken gravy, slaw, coffee. Pie optional at 5c the cut.

If you don't want to eat, your ticket will be good for 10c worth of candy.

From 7:30 to 10 there will be dancing in the gymnasium to the music of the Eagle Hot Shots.

Get your dimes ready—the ticket sellers will now pass around with a plentiful supply of tickets.

Bring the wives and kiddies and have a good sociable time.

SPEAK WITH A SMILE

We've had a lot to say in the past about telephone courtesy. Now we are trying to improve our telephone manners. The company sponsors the effort. When you use the telephone put a smile in your voice. You'll get better cooperation if you do.

How many times have you said you did not like a certain person, then became acquainted with him and did like him?

It's much the same way in telephoning. An abrupt way of speaking causes resentment, in those you address. They may like you but they don't like your manners.

Pleasant personality is an asset to business. It's also an asset in using the telephone. Cultivate the habit when using the phone—

SPEAK WITH A SMILE.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Robert and R. H. Mueller are in receipt of advices from Warm Springs, Ga. to the effect that Frank H. Mueller is making good progress. This is good news for Frank's many friends both in and out of the organization.

COMPANY OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual meeting of the stock holders of Mueller Co. was held in the Director's Room on Wednesday, January 9. The officers chosen follow:

Adolph Mueller—President and General Manager.

Robert Mueller—Vice-President in Charge of Public Relations.

William E. Mueller—Executive Vice-President and Treasurer in charge of Finance and Vice-Chairman of the Executive and Budget Committee.

Lucien W. Mueller—Vice-President in Charge of Works Management and Engineering.

J. W. Simpson—Vice-President in Charge of Selling.

J. W. Wells—Secretary of the Company and assistant to the president.

R. H. Mueller—Chief Engineer.

Directors Re-elected—Adolph Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, and Lucien W. Mueller.

An 18% increase of business over 1933 was reported and the company feels that future outlook is more promising. Sarnia also showed a small increase over the preceding year.

RE-ELECTED

Adolph Mueller and O. C. Keil were re-elected as officers of the executive board of the Decatur Area Boy Scout council at an election held January 7. O. C. Keil serves as vice-president, and Adolph Mueller will be the board's official national representative, a position which he has held for twelve years.

BUD AND HIS BRIDE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpson, Jr., who were married on December 22, left Decatur on December 23 in their car and drove to Bradentown, Florida, for their wedding trip. The trip going down was by the way of Chattanooga, Nashville, Atlanta, Sarasota, Tarpon Springs, but on the return trip they came through Macon, Georgia, and found this was one hundred miles shorter. The trip either way took two and one-half days. They arrived home on January 5.

L. W. Mueller, Plant Manager, has been at his desk in the Main Plant for the past few weeks. For the most of the past year he has been at the Columbian Iron Works.

AND THE BATTLE IS ON

Matt Trott's Gang Get Mary to Do Favor and Then—Mean Things Poke Fun at Her.

There's a feud waging in our midst. To date there have been no casualties worth mentioning, but it promises to become more serious, especially now that the battle has been given publicity in the Record. The opposing sides consist of Mary Wilkins vs. the Shipping-Traffic Departments. Any one who has ever had an occasion to oppose the latter combination knows that the battle is practically lost before it is begun, for the Shipping-Traffic Department will hang together and swear that the sun rises in the north if necessary.

It all began one day when Julius Staudt promised to send some papers to some one on the third floor via the "dummy". Mary Wilkins came through the office just at that time and Julius asked her to deliver the papers. Mary, willing to oblige, departed with the papers without knowing that they had originally been routed via the dummy. Nothing more would have happened if the Shipping-Traffic Dept. could have resisted the opportunity to razz Mary about being "the dummy"—but they never let anything go by without getting all the fun they can out of it. Many things have been said—too many, according to Mary, who declares that the end is not yet, although the score at the present may seem slightly in favor of her opponents.

PAGE THE PIED PIPER

G. Blankenburg, worked hard all day making a very intricate mold. He had it finished and pasted up by quitting time, and carefully covered the mold with boards and gunny sacks to keep it from drying out over night. The next morning when he removed the covers he found that a mouse had dined well, for wherever paste had been used, nothing remained. The mouse had eaten the paste and the paper, and ruined the mold. Some day that will be a mouldy mouse.

There was a discussion going on about pipes, and Pickle Offenstein joined in with: "Say, you know that Missouri Meerschaum pipe that I smoke backwards and forwards—" then with a laugh he corrected, "Oh, well, going and coming?"

Fred Treloggen: "What is it, a push and pull pipe?"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mueller Social Club and their families had a potluck and Christmas party at the Mueller Lodge, Monday evening, December 17. There was a grab bag and everyone received a ten cent gift. Following the dinner there were games and stunts which added to the merriment of the crowd.

HIS NAME IS KENNETH



This bright looking young man is Kenneth Eugene Morrow, and his proud father is Kenneth Morrow of the Pattern Shop. This picture was taken when he was seventeen months old. His mother was Helen Albert and formerly worked in the Core Dept.

BRASS CHIPS

Dorothea Uhl and Ruth Meyers assisted in the Cost Dept. during the Inventory.

Cecilia Cochran has been doing some special work in Mr. Landgon's department.

R. T. Whitehead, traveling representative with headquarters in Minneapolis, and wife and daughter, Roberta Jean, were in Decatur over the holidays visiting Bob's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitehead. They also attended the wedding of J. W. Simpson, Jr. to Miss Esther Sherman on December 22.

Paul L. Hines, traveling representative in Arkansas and Louisiana, spent the holidays with relatives in Decatur.

Ward Robinson, of the Engineering Dept., resigned December 27 to take a position with a concern of industrial engineers in Cleveland, Ohio.

J. L. Botts, who has been serving as night watchman at Plant 2, has been transferred to the Plating Dept.

George Henne, who has been in the Grinding Dept. for a number of months, has returned to his old job in the Polishing Dept.

G. R. St. Pierre has been transferred from the Galvanizing Dept., Plant 2, to the Machine Shop, Dept. 300 where he formerly worked.

Herman Dash, Main Office, who has been on the Order Register, has been promoted to the Accounting Dept.

W. E. Mueller, was here from Chattanooga last week having come up to attend the annual meeting of the Company.

NEW UNIFORMS IN CORE DEPARTMENT



Several weeks ago the girls in the Core Dept. voted to adopt uniforms, and this picture was taken to show what an attractive sight twenty girls in bright blue smocks trimmed with white collars and cuffs can make.

Front row (left to right): Elsie Roarick, Gladys Lloyd, Margaret Behrns, Jennie Kinney, Fern Davey, Mildred Fenton, Helen Warren, Beulah Allen, Lillian Tomalla.

Back Row: (Left to right): Freda Toole, Marjorie Cathcart, Agnes Hendrian (hidden behind Gladys Lloyd), Ina Grubbs, Helen Waddell, Gladys White, Hazel Cunningham, Garnet Cochran, Fern McArthur, Velma Kushmer, Laura Becker.

HATS AND CHOCOLATES

The Hendersons and Wilkins' Victims of Pilferer While at Country Club.

The Monte Hendersons' and Kitty Wilkins' are now members of the Meadowlake Country Club, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The first evening on which they attended a dance, they left their car unlocked. Monte and Kitty did not feel it necessary to take their "sky pieces" with them, and the ladies followed suit regarding a box of fine chocolate candy. Before entering the club house, Mrs. Kitty Wilkins remarked jokingly, that she wished some one would "swipe" Kitty's hat.

The quartette enjoyed a fine evening, dancing until a late hour. When they returned to their car there was great surprise. Not only did Mrs. Kitty Wilkin's wish come true as to Kitty's hat, but she got an extra per cent to her batting average on Monte's hat, which was also missing. That greatly added to the material for kidding Monte and Kitty, but the ladies changed attitude when they discovered the pilferers had also appropriated their chocolates.

In the end Monte and Kitty triumphed and the ladies were the only losers, because the president of the club mailed receipts for January dues to the men in compensation for the loss of their hats.

And now Monte and Kitty are laughing at and kidding their wives. No one to date has offered to replace the stolen chocolates or even offered consolation.

SORRY FOR SYLVIA

Sylvia Barnes, telephone operator, who was injured in an automobile accident on December 24, returned to work on January 8. She was returning from Tower Hill with her brother during the sleet storm, when their car collided with a car parked on the hard road. Sylvia was cut about the mouth and lost several teeth, and was compelled to spend Christmas in the hospital.

WEDDING

Collins-Eades

Pauline Collins of the Assembling Dept. was married to Oscar Eades on Friday, December 14. The ceremony was performed by Judge McCoy at his home. They will live on a farm near Argenta.

The girls in the Assembling Dept. had a shower for her at noon on December 21 and she received many beautiful gifts.

Paul Jacka, Plant Engineer, was at the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tenn. last week on Company business.

"In what book do we find the greatest deeds of heroic men inscribed?"

"The Marriage Register."

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There is only one thing worse than falling down on a job and that is laying down on it.

BOWLING

Works Manager Team Still in Lead—
Specialty Division Second.

The situation in the Mueller Bowling League has undergone some changes since previous report. The Works Manager's team still leads. Their position has been considerably strengthened. The Specialty Division has dropped from second to fourth place, the Ground Key Division going into second place, and the Tool Room into third place. The Pattern Shop traded the Utility Engineers sixth place for fifth place. The Regulator Division remains in the seventh position and the Plumbing Division is still soldered to the tail end.

High Bowlers

In the high bowlers, Blankenburg, Behrns, C. C. Roarick still lead in the order named. Wiant forged ahead of Leipski for fifth place, the latter taking sixth. Morenz still clings to seventh, while C. F. Roarick broke into the charmed circle for eighth place. A. Flaughner falling back to ninth, while B. Mason tumbled to the tail end. R. Hill, who held tenth place at last report had the door shut in his face and is out in the cold—at least temporarily.

The record up to January 8:

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.	H.G.
Works Mgr. Of.	54	37	17	.685	839	1004
Grd. Key Div.	54	30	24	.556	769	918
Tool Room	54	30	24	.556	762	935
Specialty Div.	54	28	26	.519	845	1008
Pattern Shop	54	27	27	.500	802	960
Utility Engineers	54	25	29	.463	718	964
Regulators	54	22	32	.407	742	968
Plumbing Div.	54	17	37	.315	683	917

Individual Averages

Works Mgr. Office	Pattern Shop
W. Behrns . . . 186	H. Leipski . . . 175
L. Wiant . . . 175	C. Morenz . . . 172
C. F. Roarick . 170	G. Krag . . . 166
J. Bain . . . 161	A. Lindamood 162
M. Chaney . . 160	R. Lusk . . . 159
M. Curry . . . 150	E. Foley . . . 105
Ground Key Division	Utility Engineers
E. C. Stille . . 179	B. Mason . . . 158
J. Taylor . . . 162	W. Gould . . . 155
L. McKinney . . 159	H. Fairchild . 150
H. Gragg . . . 152	J. Morrison . 150
F. Taylor . . . 139	F. Tratzik . . 121
G. Edwards . . 134	W. Groble . . 108
Tool Room	Regulators
C. C. Roarick . 185	W. Smith . . . 163
A. Radke . . . 162	A. Olsen . . . 155
C. Rubican . . 147	F. March . . . 150
M. Stratman . 147	J. Pollock . . 145
H. Stratman . 134	G. Hutchins . 136
L. Siloski . . . 117	Plumbing Division
Specialty Division	P. Jacka . . . 145
K. Blankenburg 186	O. C. Draper . 144
A. Flaughner . 168	A. Jendryny . 141
C. Hill . . . 167	O. C. Keil . . 141
R. Hill . . . 166	E. Krunseik . 137
E. Hartwig . . 164	L. Kramer . . 128
A. Grossman . 153	C. Hathaway . 126

Ten High Bowlers

Name	G.	Ave.	H.G.
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div.	54	186	235
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	51	186	241
C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	54	185	241
E. C. Stille, Grd. Key Div.	45	179	222
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.	54	175	215
H. Leipski, Pattern Shop	40	175	225
C. Morenz, Pattern Shop	50	172	236
C. F. Roarick, Works Mgr. Of.	39	170	222
A. Flaughner, Spec. Div.	51	168	243
B. Mason, Utility Engineers	54	168	213

CHRISTMAS LETTERS

Fourteen thousand letters expressing Christmas sentiments and best wishes for the new year were mailed to our jobbers and the water and gas trades. These letters printed on beautiful Christmas letterheads in three colors, red, black, and gold, were handled by our own printing department and printed on our own printing presses during the week of December 17-22. Helen Warren, Jennie Kenny, Fern McArthy, and Agnes Hendrian of the Core Dept. assisted in the folding, stamping, sealing and addressing of the letters, and the entire fourteen thousand were completed and in the mail before noon of the 22nd.

THE CAFETERIA

The food served at the cafeteria is good—it is wholesome—it is prepared under sanitary conditions, largely by machinery. The cafeteria was installed as a convenience to the employes. It is not a money making venture. It furnishes employment for four or five persons. Your patronage will help to keep them employed. That thought is worth consideration in these times.

BIRTHS

HARTWIG—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartwig, Foundry, December 16, a daughter, Doris Jane.

GROSSMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Grossman, Dept. 36, January 6, a son, Donald Dean.

HE'S ALL WET

If Adolph had been home during the past few weeks, he would have been skating on the lake. Being in Florida, he went swimming every day in the Atlantic Ocean. You can't keep him off or out of the water.

MESSENGERS

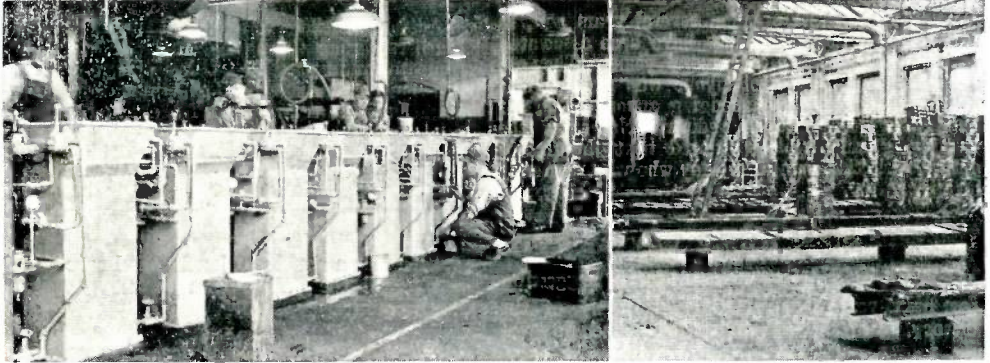
Earl Duncan was promoted from messenger to a job in the Main Office recently. He was succeeded by Delmont Parks, who runs the route in the forenoon and goes to school in the afternoon. Jack Enloe handles the work in the afternoon and Saturday morning. Jack was out at the Iron Foundry for a time.

John H. Stille

E. C. Stille, electrician, was called to Sunman, Indiana, Christmas day by the death of his father, John H. Stille. Mr. Stille was 85 years old. Funeral services and burial was held in Sunman on December 27.

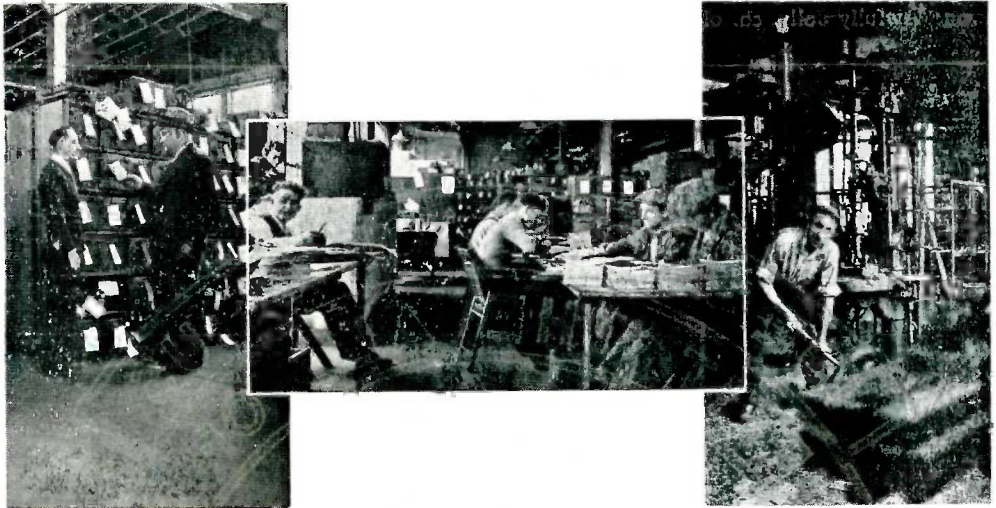
GENERAL FACTORY CLEAN-UP AND INVENTORY

While the plant was closed down for inventory during the last few days in November most of the departments were given a thorough cleaning. In some places this included walls, ceilings, windows, as well as the floor. Some of the equipment was washed with kerosene to remove grease and then painted.



The picture on the left shows the testing equipment in the ground key department being painted.

The right picture is a view of the brass foundry after it had been cleaned and inventory taken.



Photographs by E. H. Langdon

Left picture C. F. Roarick and F. A. March discussing the inventory.

Center: Working on inventory records in the brass shop.

Right picture: John Chalcraft cleaning up the brass finishing shop.

GUESS WHO



These pictures were taken several years ago, in fact, both of the young ladies have been associated with the Mueller Co. for several years. They are not offering any prizes to anyone who guesses their identity, but they are challenging anyone to do so. Send your guesses to the editor. Names of the two young ladies will be printed next month, together with the names of any who correctly identify them.

RUSS JOLLY WON

Get an early start on your slogan suggestion for next year. Russell Jolly, formerly of the factory, then of the selling force and now of the Los Angeles factory was the winner of the 1934 contest. His slogan was

"Ideas by each of us benefit the all of us."

The selection was made by judges without any knowledge of the identity of the author. In fact, the list of fifty-two suggestions was sent to a selected group to pick out what appealed to them as the best of the bunch. Jolly won. Awfully Jolly, eh, old top!

DEATHS

A. W. EICHMAN

Arthur W. Eichman, vice president and general manager of the Mueller Fixture Co. for fifteen years, died January 16 in St. Mary's hospital. He had been ill since September. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Maude Flower Eichman. Funeral services were held at the Dawson & Wikoff chapel on Friday, January 18.

MUELLER FIXTURE CO. OFFICERS

Adolph Mueller was elected president of the Mueller Fixture Co. at the annual meeting of the company of January 16. Other officers are F. P. Whalen, vice president and general manager; A. S. Hambleton, secretary; and Robert Mueller, treasurer.

Hugh Baker, now a resident of Chattanooga, visited his father in Decatur during the holidays

"I'd like a couple of hard boiled eggs to take out," said the young man to the girl at the lunch counter.

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Nurse: "I think he is regaining consciousness, doctor. He tried to blow foam from his medicine."

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"Laugh that off," said the fat man's wife as she sewed his vest button on with a wire.

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Being behind with their work never seems to bother some people.

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If you can't get fun out of your job try something else.

