

DEPOSIT TICKET

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER

□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

DATE _____ 19__

Items received for deposit or collection are accepted on the following terms and conditions. This Bank acts only as depositor's collecting agent and assumes no responsibility beyond its exercise of due care. All items are credited subject to final payment and to receipt of proceeds of final payment in cash or solvent credits by this Bank at its own office. This Bank may forward items to correspondents and shall not be liable for default or negligence of correspondents selected with due care nor for losses in transit, and each correspondent shall not be liable except for its own negligence. Items and their proceeds may be handled by any Federal Reserve bank in accordance with applicable Federal Reserve rules, and by this Bank or any correspondent. In accordance with any common bank usage, with any practice or procedure that a Federal Reserve bank may use or permit another bank to use, or with any other lawful means. This Bank may charge back, at any time prior to midnight on its business day next following the day of receipt, any item drawn on this Bank which is ascertained to be drawn against insufficient funds or otherwise not good or payable. An item received after this Bank's regular afternoon closing hour shall be deemed received the next business day.

DEPOSITED IN

THE MILLIKIN NATIONAL BANK
OF DECATUR
DECATUR, ILLINOIS



ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CASH RETURNED BY SIGNING ABOVE.

CURRENCY		
COIN		
C		
H		
E		
C		
K		
S		
TOTAL FROM OTHER SIDE		
TOTAL		
LESS CASH RECEIVED		
NET DEPOSIT		

USE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL LISTING

⑆07110069⑆

MUELLE RECORD

INSIDE ONLY

JAN. 1936

NO. 29

THE MAN WITH IDEAS

Here is an Article Which is Worth While Reading.

The following article appeared in *Alem-item*, the house organ of the Alemite Co. at Woodstock, Illinois. Its direct bearing on our suggestion system is so applicable that we take the liberty of reproducing it with the hope that every employe will read it carefully.

"There is a man in our factory this very minute whose idea will some day triple our output and our profits. I don't know whom this man may be, but I know he is there and I know he has, or will have, the idea. It may be that he has the idea now, but because it is so simple he hesitates to suggest it. This is the greatest mistake a man can make. It took ten thousand years to discover one of the simplest industrial improvements of the age, simply because the idea in itself was so simple that no one thought of trying it.

Take for example the lowly profession of laying brick. Men made brick houses thousands of years before the Christian era, yet it remained for the twentieth century to revolutionize the laying of brick, and triple the output of the average bricklayer.

"For dozens of centuries, men had been stooping to the level of their feet to pick up a three-and-a-half pound brick. Along came a man named Gilbreth to ask why they did this? The only answer he could get was that it had always been done that way.

"So Gilbreth said—'We will stop the raising and lowering of a two-hundred-pound man to pick up three-and-a-half pounds of clay. We will build an elevated platform alongside the bricklayer, and raise the brick to the level of his hands instead of lowering the man.'

"Then he inquired why a man had to stoop again to the level of his feet to pick up sixteen ounces of mortar, and received the same answer. So he raised the mortar platform, and cut down the expenditure of energy necessary to wield a trowel at the level of the bricklayer's feet.

"Why do you tap the brick four or five times before you lay it in the wall?' next asked Gilbreth.

"To see whether it is a sound brick,' was the answer.

"Hereafter we will test these brick on the ground floor instead of having you try them out after they have been hauled all the way up

here, five or ten stories about the ground; in fact, we'll have nothing but good bricks laid on your platform. Now, why do you spin the brick in your hand before laying it?"

"To get the right face outwards."

"All right", said Gilbreth, 'we'll arrange the bricks on the platform so that when you pick them up, the right face will be out.'

"And by such simple methods as these, he reduced the number of operations necessary to the laying of a brick from EIGHTEEN TO FIVE, and tripled the output of the average bricklayer. And simple as this may sound, it took ten thousand years to think of this new method and cut out all those superfluous motions. At any rate it took ten thousand years before someone suggested it and put it into practice.

"Your own idea may be just as simple and yet just as practical and just as valuable. Don't be afraid to suggest."

OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual office Christmas party was held on the third floor of the main office on Tuesday noon, December 24. All office employes on the second and third floors, the Traffic Department, and a few specially invited guests gathered about the seven foot Christmas tree, resplendent with its gay baubles and tinsel, at 12:30. Santa Claus in his bright red suit and long whiskers also arrived promptly and began the distribution of the huge pile of gifts beneath the tree. Laughter and a lot of good natured jesting made the hour one of merriment and good will, as Santa Claus with an appropriate remark called the name of each person and asked them to step into the center of the circle to unwrap their present.

This party is a custom which the office has followed for many years, but which never fails to afford the usual amount of fun for all concerned.

MARIAN RENEGED

A sprig of mistletoe, concealed in a Christmas wreath at the telephone desk, was the cause of considerable fun and laughter for several days. Marian Richards was the first to put in her order for a good looking salesman—but when one stopped under the mistletoe and the operator obligingly called Marian to come do her duty, Marian left a cloud of dust behind her in her haste to get out of the mistletoe zone.

CORE ROOM NOTES

Fern McArthur returned to work January 6 after an absence of several weeks due to pneumonia.

Aileen Dawson, who received a broken nose and other bruises in an automobile accident south of Decatur on December 22, was able to return to work on January 6.

Harold Meador, who had the misfortune of having some bones broken in his hand while unloading ingot brass in November, was transferred from the Construction Dept. to the Core Department, January 6. Prior to that he had been making Addressograph plates for the Mueller Record mailing list for about one week.

Garnet Wall has been assisting Flossie Poe in making card board boxes in the Box Department west of Monroe street.

New girls in the Core Department are: Leah Adams, Clara Saliski, Grace Hawbaker, Mary Radke, Geneva Rifstack.

The Core Room girls have a social club which meets usually once a month. A Christmas party and chili supper was held at Blanche Kalbrier's on the Friday before Christmas. Pinochle was played for awhile, and then the girls staged a Mock Derby Show. Velma Kushner was the first contestant to fall by the wayside, and Fern Davey was finally declared the winner. The evening's entertainment afforded spills, thrills and chills for all.

There were two surprised persons at the party at Margaret Behm's house on January 9. Margaret thought the party was a miscellaneous shower on Gladys White Workman, and Gladys thought it was a birthday party for Margaret. It was both. Margaret was presented with a dresser lamp, and Gladys received many nice miscellaneous gifts for her house. Coffee, sandwiches, and cake were served.

DEATHS

Tom Waters

Tom Waters, who was for a time employed in our foundry, committed suicide December 21. He made his home with W. E. Lewis.

He had mentioned several times before that he was considering such a step, and Lewis had dissuaded him.

He began work here last fall on the yard gang, and was transferred to the foundry as a helper where he was doing good work. No reason has been given for the act.

His people live at Morrisonville, where he grew up. It was there that he knew Lewis, who befriended him when he came to Decatur seeking work.

David H. Washburn

David H. Washburn, who died on Christmas day after an illness of several weeks, was retired January 1, 1932. He had been on the cut-off machine in the foundry division most of the twenty-two years of his service here. He was a good workman, and a good man, and had many friends in our organization.

He lived at 816 N. Pine street, where he

CLAYTON DUANE DUDLEY



This bright eyed young man is Clayton Duane Dudley, four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudley, who can't be any more proud of him than his uncle, Herman Dash, of the Cost Department. The mother was formerly Clara Dash and worked in the Core Department for several years. The father, Wallace Dudley, is now working in the Polishing Department.

raised plants in the spring which his neighbors bought and put in their gardens.

He came to Decatur from a farm in 1910 with his family, and went to work here.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Julius Staudt, the former Sylvia Barnes, entertained members of the Pinochle Club to which she belonged before her marriage, on Sunday afternoon, December 15, at her new home in Maryland Heights. The afternoon was spent playing games, gifts were exchanged, followed by a waffle supper. Mrs. Ruth Betzger of Peoria was here for the party.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Clara Uhl and Evelyn Telling resolved that they will make a trip to Niagara Falls this year. Their decision, however, has nothing to do with Leap Year—they intend going together and not on a honeymoon.

A certain young man has been seeking advice before making a New Year's resolution. The mooted question being whether it is better to sow his wild oats before or after marriage.

It would seem, for the sake of peace and good will, that some sort of resolution should be made as to the giving and taking of calendar pads on the second floor.

Howard Blankenship resolves not to come to work at 5:30 A. M. any more.

How It Started

"What are those holes in the wood?"

"Those are knot holes."

"They are holes! Don't you think I know a hole when I see it?"

CHATTANOOGA CHATTER

On December 7th open house was held at the home of Geo. Hesse by the foremen of the Columbian Iron Works, and a farewell party was given for Mr. Wilkins. The meeting got well under way by 2:30 in the afternoon and at 3:00 Mr. Wilkins was presented with a Valet-Pak by those present. Dutch lunch was served and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves to the greatest degree.

On Tuesday evening, December 17th, the regular foremen's meeting was held at the Industrial Y. M. C. A. Talks were made by L. W. Mueller and by the new plant manager, Paul Jacka, as well as by J. M. Wilkins. From the inspiring talks as made by Mr. Wilkins, one could learn what the sweetness of success means when it is well earned as certainly has been the case with Kitty.

We all regretted to see Kitty leave, as was expressed by everyone here, but on the other hand each and every one of the Columbian people are overjoyed by having Paul Jacka as our leader.

Departmental Meeting

On Friday, December 20th the regular Departmental Meeting was held at the Columbian Iron Works in charge of L. W. Mueller, who gave a very inspiring talk and read a message from Adolph Mueller which was very much appreciated by all.

The suggestion prizes were then awarded as follows:

Clock No.	Name	Amount
2306	Stuart D. Waller	\$ 2.50
6304	J. C. Quentel	2.50
6004	C. H. Casteel	1.25
6041	Oddie Lee Moss	1.25
1104	William I. Davis	2.50
2305	A. V. Hawkins	2.50
6027	Walter Taylor	2.50
6019	E. E. Smith	2.50
6041	Oddie Lee Moss	2.50
6005	R. E. Gann	2.50
2616	Chas A. Gwin	2.50
6304	J. C. Quentel	2.50

Suggestion Prize Checks

1st Prize	6041 Oddie Lee Moss	\$25.00
2nd Prize	6304 J. C. Quentel	15.00
3rd Prize	6304 J. C. Quentel	10.00

Service Awards

Service awards have been made to the following people:

- J. M. Eckman—10 years service.
- J. E. Hart—10 years service.
- Geo. Tolladay—25 years service.

Burke Burt spent the last two weeks in Milwaukee, Wis. on Company business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Henderson spent the Christmas vacation with relatives in Decatur. Incidentally, this is the first Christmas Mr. Hen-

derson has spent with his parents in thirteen years. They made the trip in their new Buick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilkins wish to thank those of the machine shop whom they had no opportunity of thanking personally, for the beautiful coffee table and statuary presented them on leaving the Company. Also to thank the night men for their kind remembrance of literature presented.

The evening before Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilkins left Chattanooga a crowd of twenty of their friends whose acquaintance they had made when in the City, came out, bringing their own refreshments and enjoyed several last hours with them. The Hotel Patten orchestra came out about 9:30 to partake of the good time and furnished music for dancing.

CORE ROOM CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Core Department had the Christmas spirit so strong that on Monday noon, December 23, they had a Christmas tree and Santa Claus to help them celebrate.

Adolph Mueller in his red coat and white whiskers did his usual good job of officiating at an occasion of this kind.

There was lots of fun as the presents for each one were opened before the group. Barney Morrison was really surprised when a handsome bridge lamp, which stood under the tree, was presented to him with the good wishes of the Core Department.

Mr. Robert Mueller and Supt. Roarick were present as special guests of honor.

Clock Number Changes

A series of number changes have been put in effect in the Plumbing Division:

- 9000 includes C. W. Hathaway and his office staff.
- 9100 Brass finishing.
- 9300 Tube bending.
- 9500 Automatic rod machines.
- 9600 Polishing and buffing.
- 9700 Nickel plating.
- 9800 Chromium plating.
- 9900 Assembly.

There has also been some change in clock numbers in the Machine Shop:

- 30000 F. A. March, general foreman, assisted by Robert Tauber.
- 30700 W. S. Anderson, tool makers and machine repairs.
- 30800 Marion Pippin, tempering.

Famous Feet

Old Uncle: "You must do something to become famous, my boy. Just think of Charlie Lindbergh's great feat."

Tommy: "And Charlie Chaplin's."

NEWS FROM SARNIA

Christmas Meeting

On Dec. 20th the office and factory employees met together in the Recreational Hall. In the absence of R. McIntyre, H. S. Robertson presided over the gathering.

Wm. Twaits gave a brief talk on the business and its outlook, while G. W. Parker extended to all Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. A letter from Adolph Mueller expressing the same, was also read by Mr. Parker.

A vote of thanks was passed by the employees of Adolph Mueller and the Company for their kind Christmas Wishes.

#

Not So Good

Jim Maitland, our engineer, had a very poor Christmas present. He broke his arm while doing work at the plant on the holiday. We hope he will keep on making a steady recovery.

#

We are glad to report Mr. Milne (Scottie) is on the job again after his long illness. The office is almost back to normal, now that he is rapidly getting back into stride. He is, however, on a diet, and he had our sympathy on Christmas Day, when the only bottles he could open were milk bottles.

#

Sarnia could not complain about the weather this year for Christmas. We had all the necessary "atmosphere"—snow a foot deep, frost and slippery roads.

#

Say Alex, who is this nurse with all the personality plus?

#

Will someone elaborate more clearly on "dancing medicine" and its source of supply?

#

New Year Resolutions

We are glad to hear that Bob Moore has stopped smoking and Al Bannister chewing.

#

Harry Morris would like to thank the boys of the Brass Shop for the splendid watch received at Christmas.

#

Every time Tupper Baldwin has a cold, the boys say the Packing Dept. smells like a lady's boudoir.

#

No wonder Bert Campbell was sighing the other day about "the good old summer time." We even think he was exaggerating somewhat, when he was heard to remark, that some of the beef-steak tomatoes he grew in his garden last year, were so big he could hardly get them thru the door.

But then, Bert never does do things in a small way.

#

Sarnia offers their congratulations to the Decatur Company on their latest catalogue, Mueller Valve Specialties. It impresses us as being one of the most artistic pieces of printed matter we have seen in a long time. The data it contains, too, is most complete.

#

Dennis, we think it would be better for you, if you stayed off Fort Street, Pt. Huron.

#

W. E. Mueller visited the Sarnia Plant on Dec. 17th.

#

W. Twaits spent the week of December 8th in Toronto and Montreal. In the latter City, they are considering the exchange and overhaul of their complete Mueller pressure tapping machines.

#

Ebert Mueller of Sarnia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mueller during the holidays.

#

R. McIntyre visited the Decatur plant on Dec. 18th, and was quite impressed at the rapid strides and bright business outlook of the Company. The new machinery and equipment particularly interested him.

Congratulations

On Friday, December 13th, Mr. Parker was again made the proud father of a son.

Evidently Mr. and Mrs. Parker have no superstitious fears of these Fridays which fall on the 13th. Their daughter, Miss Betty Parker, was also born on a Friday the 13th.

#

Mr. Parker attended a meeting of the Workmen's Compensation Board in London on December 13th. If Mr. McIntyre had not run out of gas coming home, George might have seen the stork.

SERMONS IN SENTENCES

As a man grows older and wiser he talks less and says more.

#

Thousands fall just a little short of success by small carelessnesses and forgetfulnesses.

#

Its great to be great, but its greater to be human.—*Will Rogers*.

#

The man who knows how you can make a lot of money in no time is generally broke.

#

If Providence didn't knock us flat on our backs now and then we might never learn to look up.

#

He is the happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.—*Goethe*.

#

By reaching for a height we cannot quite touch we improve our standard.

BUSINESS PICKING UP AT CAFETERIA

The cafeteria showed a considerable pick-up in business during the past few weeks. Some new comers found that the cafeteria was all that has been claimed for it in the Record and by its regular patrons. We sometimes wonder why some of the organization fail to recognize the fact that the company at no profit but at a loss, provide a clean, inviting place for the noon-day meal at such a reasonable price. We have frequently pointed out what guests have said of the arrangements and the quality of the food, as well as the variety.

We hesitate to draw a member of our family into even the limited limelight of Mueller Record. We can not refrain, however, from quoting the editor's wife, who recently was our companion at lunch. Mrs. W. is not only a good cook—we know this after ten years experience—but she knows good food and still further she knows food values. In her opinion the food served in the cafeteria is not only tempting, but is well cooked, well served in generous quantities. In fact, she thoroughly enjoyed the meal and unhesitatingly pronounced it better than served in some downtown eating places which have a high rating.

BIRTHS

SULWER—Mr. and Mrs. George Frank Sulwer, Polishing Department, a son, on December 24. He has been named George Frank, Junior.

Emmett McQueen is a new comer on the Foundry force.

Jack True has returned to work in the Foundry. He was laid off in 1932.

Emery Langley returned to work in the Plating Department. He was laid off in 1933.

WEDDINGS**White—Workman**

Announcement was made on Christmas of marriage of Gladys White of the Core Department, and Maurice Workman. The wedding ceremony was performed August 17 in Bloomington by Rev. M. W. Ragan of the First Methodist church.

The bride is the daughter of Fred M. White of Decatur. She is a graduate of Deland high school and attended Bloomington State Normal college for one term. She has been in the Core Department for the last three years.

Mr. Workman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Workman, and attended the Decatur high school. He is employed at the Century Wall Paper Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman will live for the present with the bridegroom's parents at 1289 East Wood St.

Short—King

Eleanor Short of the Core Department, and Elton King were married December 22 by Judge Gray.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Cecil Short. Mr. Short works in Dept. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. King are living in the Jenkins Apartments.

Sill—Coates

Evelyn Sill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Sill, 1093 Oakdale boulevard, and Merlin Coates, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Coates, 910 North Water Street, were married at 11 a. m. New Year's day in the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Coates, who is pastor of the Free Methodist church.

The attendants were Trela Sill, sister of the bride, and William Hopkins.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to members of the immediate families. The young people chose the wedding anniversary of the bridegroom's maternal grandparents for their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates are now living at 317 W. Eldorado. Mr. Coates is employed in the Ground Key Brass Shop.

King—Daniel

Yolande King of the Core Department and Willard Daniel were married January 11 by Luther Morrison.

NEW CARS IN THE UTILITY DEPT.

L. I. Hopper has traded his Chevrolet for a 1933 Plymouth coupe.

N. C. Washburn is the proud owner of a new 1936 Chevrolet.

BRASS CHIPS

New cars and new diamonds continue to appear. Jane Hawkins is the latest recipient of a diamond ring—a Christmas gift from the boy friend.

Among holiday visitors from Chattanooga were Hugh Baker, Jr. who got stuck in the snow drifts several times on his return, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barr, M. E. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Powers, Mark Simpson and Ernest Schlegel.

Salesmen who were in Decatur for the holidays were Paul Hines, who travels in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, Harold Probst and family of Syracuse, New York, and Robert T. Whitehead and family of Minneapolis, Minn.

George Elmer Booker visited the Machine Shop on January 2. He used to grind tools in this shop. He is now supervisor of one shift of tool grinders at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria. He reports that the Caterpillar plant is very busy, working three shifts in some departments.

Cass Runyan suffered a severe injury to his hand when the china handle on a faucet in his home broke on the afternoon of December 27. He returned to work January 7.

A number of our people will remember Carl Hatch, who used to grind tools for the Brass Shop. He became seriously ill in September

1929, and has spent most of the time since in bed. His wife has given him devoted care throughout the years, and he is at last able to be up and about, and seems to be on the way to recovery.

E. J. Pasley was laid up for about a week and a half after he stepped on a nail. He was not wearing safety shoes.

We are glad to report that Arthur Arguelles, who was severely injured at our Los Angeles plant in October, had recovered sufficiently to return home for Christmas. We hope to report some of these days that he has improved enough to return to work.

Paymaster Enloe reports that the number of people carrying accounts in the Employees Savings Plan is almost double that of last year. This is a splendid way of saving money, and now is a good time to start. For further details see your foreman, the paymaster, or personell director.

Alex Brule has been transferred from the Iron Foundry of Plant 2 to the Brass Foundry.

Elmer H. Fawley, a Millikin athlete, is now employed in the Engineering Department as draftsman.

Audrey McCane and Mrs. Edith Gilmore are newcomers to the Assembly Department.

Mildred Baker announces that February 10 will be the day when she formally promises to darn socks and sew on buttons forever and a day. This announcement, however, does not indicate that Mildred is following out Mr. Adolph's suggestion that the girls take advantage of Leap Year and "get their man." Mildred announced her engagement early in December.

Ethel Fogle of the Upkeep Stock Department spent Christmas with her parents in Chicago Heights.

The Hilltop Floral Co. helped add to the Christmas spirit and festivities by sending out several beautiful Christmas wreaths, some poinsettias and other floral plants, which were used to make the reception room at the telephone desk more attractive.

Mrs. Karl Brimm was taken to St. Mary's hospital January 8th and operated on for removal of the appendix. She is the daughter of W. T. McClure and wife of Karl Brimm, both of the printing department.

SMILE AWHILE

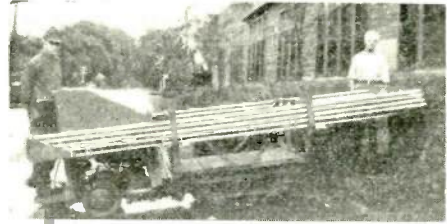
Call the Roll!

The film director was making a Western thriller, and working very hard to get action into it.

Finally he turned from the brink of a cliff, mopped his brow, and glanced at a dummy made of straw and old clothes lying on the

LOUIE ROHR'S IDEA

Saved Work and Provided Safety In Transporting Pipe, Etc.



In the safety suggestion contest, L. N. Rohr won second prize by presenting the idea of eliminating two men to accompany the rod carrying truck and eliminate the danger of accident from bars or tubing slipping off when the truck was going up an incline. It was this constant danger which called for two men to accompany the truck when loaded. On one occasion, when Peter Weber was an attendant, the load slipped from the brackets on one side and narrowly escaped injuring Peter, who explained why he was not hurt by saying: "I yumped and run like hell."

Louie has overcome all trouble by putting a plank on the skid with an upright block at the end so that tubing or bars could not slip backward when the skid was going up an incline, and the driver of the gas truck was thereby enabled to handle the whole job alone. Earl McQuality and John Kush did the work on the skid, and Louie generously divided his prize money, each man getting \$5.

ground beside him.

"Good heaven!" he cried. "Who was it we threw over the cliff?"

* * *

Student: "What happens, sir, if the parachute fails to open?"

Tough Sarge: "You come back, sonny, and I'll give you another one."

* * *

The Bees Know!

"How are you getting on keeping bees?"

"Very well. We have not had much honey, but the bees have stung my mother-in-law several times."

* * *

The End of a Gentility

The old chap, a retired storekeeper, was giving some sound advice to his nephew.

"When I was in business I never once asked a gentleman to pay up."

"But what happened when a gentleman never offered to settle?"

"Well, I naturally concluded then that he was not a gentleman, and straightway demanded the money."—Sheffield Weekly Telegraph.

TIME TO BE THRIFTY

Advice Given 10 Years Ago Is Still Applicable to Your Affairs

Just 200 years ago on the 17th of this month, Ben Franklin was thirty years old. He was a printer working hard to establish himself, and by that time he had learned to save money. So well did he manage his affairs that he was able thirty years later to maintain himself in considerable style in Paris at his own expense while doing important diplomatic service for his country.

Ten years ago the Mueller Record got out a "Thrift" number, in honor of his birthday and to stress the importance of saving.

On the front cover we carried this quotation from Adolph Mueller, "*Your Ability to Save and Meet Your Own Obligations is Evidence of Your Capability to Carry Responsibility in Our Business.*"

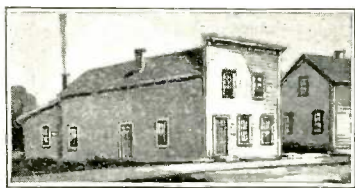
Other articles in this issue were "Can We Afford a Car?" which showed that it costs more to operate a car than the drivers realize until they keep accurate accounts. "Why Life Insurance?" explained the savings features of life insurance, showing that the cash values were a valuable protection to the man who took out the insurance. He is a little more likely to need insurance himself when old than he is to die and leave it to his beneficiaries.

"Credit with a Smile" explained the hazard of buying on installments. The intervening ten years have taught too many of us how dangerous that is. "A Friend in Need" explained the advantages of having some money of your own saved up. Our savings plan is the best way that we know for a worker to save regularly.

The principles of thrift and management so ably exemplified by Benjamin Franklin and set forth in the Mueller Record ten years ago, are in all respects true today.

In spite of changing times and conditions the fact remains that wise planning and some self-denial and saving are essential to success. If a man thinks he can save, he can, and if he doesn't think so he will not.

FROM SMALL BUILDING



This illustration of the shop in which Hieronymus Mueller began business in 1857 is, of course, familiar to all the older members of this organization, but it is reprinted here for the benefit of those who have joined us in the past few years and know little of our early history. In this little building, about 20 feet by 40 feet in dimension, M. Mueller embarked in the business of gunsmithing and general machinist

work such as repairing sewing machines, locks, etc. A replica of this shop may be seen at Mueller Lodge. Compare this original building with the present interests of Mueller Co. in Decatur and you instantly have a picture of what came from the early efforts of a man determined to win a place in the world.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 9, was Mary Wilkin's birthday, and she was somewhat surprised and a little embarrassed to find herself surrounded that noon by a group of the office girls singing "Happy Birthday," following which she was presented with a potted primrose, a gift from Hugh Baker.

After work, Mary went to a show with Louise Whitehead, and was even more surprised when she reached home to find the "Pinochle Club" gathered in her front room. A lovely birthday dinner was served to the Club by Mrs. Wilkins, who was assisted by Louise Whitehead and Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead. The Club presented birthday gifts to both Mary Wilkins and Dorothy Geplord, the latter's birthday being on the 11th.

BLUE LUSK PONDERERS

The same evening that the Gallery of Leap Year Prospects was posted at the cafeteria, Blue Lusk got on a bus to go home. A young lady got on at the same time. There was one vacant seat, and she promptly took possession. Soon after, however, much to Blue's astonishment, she tapped him on the shoulder, and inquired if he would like to have the seat.

Blue's at a loss now to know whether her solicitude was prompted by a Leap Year motive, or whether it was an example of youth showing respect for their elders. Anyhow, Blue's in a ponder—he doesn't know whether to be alarmed at the evident sincerity of the girls to "GET YOUR MAN", or to be resentful of the idea that he is ancient enough to command courtesy—especially since some one had the audacity to put two plus marks after his age.

WRONG MAN

Bill Gustin thinks that somehow the telephone operator has acquired the fantastic idea that he is purchasing agent for Hailie Selassie.

"Block and Kuhl want to talk to you about some black ladies' hose," she told him.

"Wait a minute—" protested Bill. "they don't want me. I might be interested in ladies' black hose, but black ladies' hose—never!"

Only Soft!

Mother: "What made you so late? Have a flat tire?"

Daughter, dreamily: "No, mother, I'd hardly call him that!"

* * *

Business, it seems, has found that the most reliable minds are those aged in the wood of experience.

TRANSFERRED

The following have been transferred from the Construction Department to Dept. 9: Carl Dodwell, L. D. Thompson, Lester Duncan, Ralph Runion, Clifton Shannon, Ralph King, Lawrence Mercer, Marvin Baum, Frank C. Walker, Charles Sherman, W. R. Dudley, Ralph Ellison, William L. Reynolds, Charles Constant, Herbert Glazebrook, Gilbert Sanders.

Other transfers from the Construction Department to the Foundry and Cleaning Division are: Sam Roles, Lloyd Tucker, Edward Ellis, Arthur Fox, Ernest Hetzler, Wilbur Tucker.

Floyd Wheeler has been transferred from Plant 2 to the Metal Room of the Brass Foundry.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Happy Thompson and Charlie Johnson sponsored a barn dance in the Mueller gymnasium New Year's eve. There was a good attendance. The music was provided by Ed Lewis' orchestra. Round and square dances followed each

other, and the New Year was welcomed in with appropriate hilarity, and becoming sobriety.

There is some talk of having dances periodically in the gymnasium. What do you think about it? Tell Happy Thompson, Blue Lusk, or E. H. Langdon.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Louis Robr and Billy Mason now have a telephone number of their own, a telephone having been installed for their use in the Receiving Department. The number is 7.

L. W. Mueller was in Chattanooga for several days during the week of December 6th looking after business matters in connection with the Columbian Iron Works.

Speaking of mistletoe we wonder why a certain tall blonde in the Experimental Department carried a piece in his car.



Members of Foremen's Club Remember 6 o'clock Dinner at Lodge Friday Evening, Jan. 17.