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# MUELLER RECORD



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WINNING 1936 SLOGAN

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January, 1937

## *The New Year and Thrift*

At the beginning of a new year every good business man takes an inventory of his stock and of himself. He wants to know about his business affairs and he wants to know what errors he has committed, if any, in order to correct them and thereby avoid them in the coming year.

You may not have a business to correct, that is a general business, but every man, whether he works or sells, is in business. You have a personal business, your physical effort is invested in your job—it's your capital stock. Your wage is the income you get for your efforts. Therefore you should take inventory of the results of your efforts at the beginning of each year.

What did you do with last year's income? Did you keep an account of your income and expenses? This is the first necessary step in thrift. Did you lay aside a part of it in profit—that is to say, savings? If you did you have been a good business man, and are succeeding.

Regrets are useless, so forget the past, look to the future, and begin a policy of accumulating a reserve fund from your income.

We have a Savings Fund which will pay you 5 per cent if savings are left for one year. The amount you wish to save can be deducted from your wage.

We are writing this to those who have failed to do so heretofore, and to the new employes. Here are a few thoughts that will help, if you will give them serious consideration.

There is nothing so valuable to you as credit — there is nothing so menacing to your interest as overworking it.

Credit is a standing invitation to go into debt. To over reach your credit means you are in danger. To build credit within your ability to pay is building character and habitual thriftiness.

Never obligate yourself beyond your ability to pay. If you obtain credit from reputable business men under a pledge of periodical payments, be sure you will be able to meet these payments.

Beware of installment houses. Seemingly you pay no interest — that's because the interest is in the price of the goods.

See your way out before you go in.

Never sign an agreement until you have studied every clause of it.

Many installment agreements contain a wage assignment clause. This means in case you do not pay, the seller can step in and compel your employers to hand a part of your wage over to him — to put it in plainer words, you make a collection agency of your company. Few employers will permit this. They take an easier course and discharge the employe.

Where the assignment clause is missing, there is yet left to the seller the legal right to sue you and then garnishee your wages — that is he can collect a stipulated amount of your wages until his claim is satisfied. This is just as objectionable to an employer as an assignment of wages.

Employers pay their debt to you in cash each pay day. They expect you to keep clear of such debts that they may not be forced into acting as collecting agency.

Most printed agreements are couched in legal language. They are very adroitly framed and some clauses are so involved that the average person has difficulty in understanding them. Consult the personnel director, E. H. Langdon.

Don't get into any credit trap. Don't try to borrow yourself out of debt.

Remember our 1937 slogan—"To get ahead—Use your head." It was put on your shoulders for that purpose.

# MUELLER RECORD

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## THE INSIDE MUELLER RECORD

### It Needs Your Help and Cooperation to Make It More Interesting

Occasionally we fail to mention some bit of news relating to members of the organization. It's through no intention of ours, but for the simple reason that we did not learn of it.

As you all doubtless know, we print two Mueller Records. One goes to members of the gas, water and plumbing industries. In addition, it goes to members of the architectural profession. The other is for inside circulation only. This means an entirely different type of treatment. Outside readers have no personal acquaintance with members of this organization, except company members, executives, and salesmen. In consequence, local or inside gossip means nothing to them, with the exception of company members, executives, and salesmen with whom they are more or less acquainted. They are to some extent interested in company policies, and mass events such as picnics, Christmas parties, or happenings of a similar character.

We are all interested in the inside Record because we know each other and we are interested in what those we are associated with are doing in the factory or in their homes. To obtain this class of news, we must have cooperation. The publication of the Mueller Record is as much a company policy as selling goods, and every employe should support this policy. Don't hesitate to report news concerning your own personal movements. You will always find Mr. Langdon, Mrs. Pope, or the editor, C. N. Wagenseller, not only willing but glad to accept it.

Here are some suggestions as to news suitable for the inside Record:

- Social events at your home.
- Social events of employes.
- Personal items.
- Vacation—where you spent it and how you travelled, what you did, and what you saw.
- Births.
- Marriages.
- Good natured, clean jokes on each other.
- Unusual incidents you have witnessed.
- Special trips such as visits to Muny Opera at St. Louis.
- Pictures of things you see on trips.
- Baby pictures.
- In general, anything sufficiently interesting to you to tell to a friend is sufficiently interesting

to tell to all of us through the Mueller Record.

In regard to jokes, we must be careful and not get rough. The last thing we would do would be to hurt some one's feelings or hold them up to ridicule.

See what you can do this year in helping make the Record more interesting.

## WHAT DID THEY DO WITH IT?

The morning after the bonus meeting, we stood at the main entrance a few moments before ringing in, and panhandled for fifty cents from Stell Stille, Marge Tatham, and a host of others. Did we get a cent? Not one. They all claimed to be broke. Perhaps they followed Adolph's advice and showed the check to their lords and masters which would, of course, explain the financial distress following the check shower. We reached this conclusion and did not try panhandling any of the men folk, who had been advised to show their checks to their wives. It would have been a useless effort.

*(P.S. by the Printer's Devil.)*

Which explains, perhaps, why the editor was reduced to the state of pan-handling the morning after.

## BUSINESS GOOD AT CAFETERIA

Business is good at the cafeteria. The number fed at the noon hour is between 275 and 280, the largest in quite a few years. The increase is, of course, due to the recent additions to the force. Many of the old timers reinstated knew of the high quality of the food and cooking, and were glad to get back to home cooked meals, while many of the new comers were quick to realize the advantages of a good warm noon-day meal. The present timing arrangement of different groups is working out satisfactorily. If you have never tried out the cafeteria, do so some day.

## BACK TO THE "PEN"

George H. Hofmann, the Texas salesman, is one of those individuals who resents the misspelling of his name. We are now convinced that this is all assumed, and that he doesn't care how his name is spelled, and if he has the temerity to refute this statement, we shall pull the evidence on him. Recently we received a letter from George and he signed himself "G. H. Hogmann." Get back in your pen there, George.



OFFICE CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa Claus There As Usual With  
Jesting and Jokes



Above is pictured the Christmas tree around which centered the annual office Christmas party at noon on December 15. As per his usual custom, Santa Claus arrived amid a loud clatter of sleigh bells, bubbling over with fun and good wishes for all, particularly the girls. There was a gift for everyone, under the Christmas tree, and there was much laughter and good natured jesting as Santa Claus commanded each one to come to the center of the circle to unwrap his or her gift.

Later the tree was moved to the reception room at the telephone desk, and remained there until after the holidays, a cheery symbol of the Christmas spirit which pervaded the entire plant.

WEDDINGS

Gray - Porter

Beulah Gray and Clyde Porter, of the Foundry, were married December 22, in the parsonage of the Third United Brethren church by Rev. Isaac Summers. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oberline, brother-in-law and sister of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of John Gray of the Grinding Department.

The couple are living at 1016 N. Edward street.

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LEARNING OUR PRODUCTS

An Opportunity to Learn About the  
Goods You Work With

Every Monday evening for some time, a group of fifty or sixty employes have been meeting in the gymnasium at 4:30 P. M. for a one hour class of instruction on Mueller products. This class is conducted under the supervision of Frank H. Mueller and L. W. Mueller.

The subjects under discussion have proved so interesting that scarcely a one of those originally signing up for the course, have missed a meeting. In fact, each week several newcomers are added to the group.

The first meeting began with the water service in the street, and the entire water works line has since been covered. Some very interesting demonstrations have been made, such as the testing of copper service pipe under pressure, and the actual tapping of a water main under pressure using the regular "B" tapping machine.

The study of gas goods was started on December 28th.

It is the plan to meet every Monday night during the winter and early spring, and to thoroughly cover the entire Mueller line.

It is not too late to begin attending these meetings. The fact that you may have missed the early meetings will not make the remaining ones less interesting. Every Mueller employe is welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Girls of Core Room Have Good Time  
at Sunshine Tea Room

A club, composed of Core Room girls, held a Christmas party, December 15, in the Sunshine Tea Room on North Union Street. The Tea Room is conducted by Laura Becker's two sisters. Chicken dinner was enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in music, singing, dancing, cards, and a gift exchange. Every one had a wonderful time, but before goodbyes were said, Garnet Wall, one of the club members, let the girls in on a secret. She and her husband, Joe, are leaving Decatur during Christmas vacation for their new home in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Joe has been transferred to the Columbian Iron Works. We are all sorry to have Garnet leave us, but hope she and her husband will be happy in their new home.

Those attending the party were Laura Becker, Garnet Wall, Dorothea Toole, Thelma Coffman, Velma Kushmer, Jenny Kinney, Blanche Kalbrier, Helene Smith, Fern McArty, Margaret Behrend, Fern Davey, Mildred Fenton, Helen Roe and Geneva Rifstack.

An Unenjoyable Vacation

Julius Staudt, Assistant Traffic Manager, returned to work on January 4 after a four weeks absence on account of a throat infection. Part of his "vacation" was spent in the hospital.

**SMILE AWHILE**

Judge: "Shame on you for assaulting your wife. I never saw a blacker eye. Do you see any reason why I should not send you to prison?"

Bridegroom: "Yes, I do. It will break up our honeymoon."

**ONE MYSTERY EXPLAINED**

Erma: "Why does a girl raise one foot when a man kisses her?"

Stell: "So she can kick him on the shins if he tries to back away."

**GUS EXPLAINS**

Our purchasing agent is not very talkative, and he has no bad habits that any one knows of. Recently a salesman called on him and said

Salesman: "Have a cigar?"

Gus: "Think not."

Salesman: "Have a cigarette?"

Gus: "No, thanks."

Salesman: "Have a chew?"

Gus: "Don't use tobacco at all."

Salesman: "In the name of all that's holy, what do you do with your mouth?"

Gus: "Tell salesmen I don't need anything to-day."

**PROTECTING HIS EXTRA KEY**

The new messenger boy reported to the office manager that he had lost the key to the stamp box, and could not get into it.

J. W.: "Well, we gave you a duplicate key just to take care of such cases as this."

Boy: "Yes, sir, but I locked it up with the stamps so I would not lose it."

**MOVED IN WRONG DIRECTION**

This happened in Leap Year:

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And now and then they kiss,

And then he says some darn fool thing, and then they sit

Like.....this.

And that's why some of the girls failed to get their man.

The human being of average size has about 16 square feet of skin surface on the body.

What's an average size? Bill McClure, the printer, or Bill Gustin, purchasing agent.

**NOTHING ON SPARK PLUG**

The electric eel can apparently regulate the power of the current it releases. The eel has nothing on "Spark Plug" Stille.

**SUGGESTIONS**

The editor likes our suggestion system. It causes one to think, to study, to strive to do something, so I'm going to bust into the charmed circle and make a suggestion to prevent lateness. That is: "The last person in blows the whistle."

**OUR GRANDSON**



Herewith is Kirk Wagenseller, son of Kirk and Myrtle Wagenseller, Wilmington, N. C. and the only grandson of C. N. and Mary Wagenseller, Decatur, Illinois, who think he is just about the finest mite of humanity they have come in contact with. The father is a Decatur boy and is credit manager for a large southern territory served by Swift & Co., Chicago.

**GIRLS, 4 YEARS OF WAITING**

**Unless Some Man Comes Along and Asks You**

Well, girls, it's did done. Leap Year is gone, and if you did not get your man, it's your own fault. Adolph did everything he could and was only partially successful. Ed and Stella fell for his enthusiastic support, and what's the result? Why another happy couple, of course. Those of you who missed out are now at the mercy of "mere man" for four years. If he does not come along and ask you, you're going to be out of luck and must wait four years, and that will be in 1940.

And if you don't watch out some of you will be forty by that time.

J. B. Week and wife, Joseph Hirning, wife and son, Donald Gene, of St. Louis, were guests of W. T. McClure and family Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26 and 27.

The English Channel is more salty in summer than in winter.

The White House grounds consist of about seventeen acres.

Wigs were commonly worn in Eg 3000 years ago.

## SCRUB SHOOTERS AND LADIES

## Carry Away Honors While Experts Were Losing

On the afternoon of December 23, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Mueller, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riedel participated in a shooting match near Assumption. The prizes were poultry—geese, ducks, and turkeys. The Decatur party had a gay time and were lucky in capturing a number of prizes. The two Franks—Mueller and Riedel, were classified as scrub shooters, but they each won a goose the first time up.

On the other hand, Bobbie and Lucien were classified as experts, and in a number of times they were tied with other shooters, but in each case were beaten in the shoot off, a fact which gave the "scrubs" an opportunity for some "hot shots".

And the ladies were not behind. Mrs. Frank Mueller won two turkeys and a goose in five entries on splatter shots, while Mrs. Frank Riedel won a turkey in the same manner.

It would seem to the writer that the ladies carried off the honors.

A splatter shot, it is explained, is a series of squares marked off on a paste board with a cross in the center of each square. The shooter who gets a shot closest to one of these crosses in the squares is adjudged the winner.

## NOW'S THE TIME TO START

Start the New Year by making up your mind to win a suggestion prize next November. Perhaps your own job, no matter what it may be, offers you the most fertile field. In your unoccupied moments study your job, think of what the machine does, what you do, and figure out a quicker, and less expensive way of doing your work. If you find nothing that can be improved, you might hit on an idea of how the procedure or the routine now being followed might be improved. And again, while you are doing all this, you are making yourself more valuable to the company and this in itself will rebound to your credit and benefit you. Men who think and apply themselves are always in demand in every organization.

## THE 1937 SLOGAN

"To Get Ahead—Use Your Head." That's our 1937 slogan. It was offered by Opal Jackson, daughter of Burt Jackson of the Shipping Department.

It bristles with meaning and has the ring of a true slogan. Apply it to yourself, and get busy on suggestions for the 1937 contest. They are already coming in.

Well, the holidays are over and we should all settle down to a steady grind. Discipline, like everything else, relaxes under the influence of Christmas. Everybody had a good time and in return every one in the organization should feel and show appreciation by hitting the ball from now on.

## DEATHS

## John J. Burkholder

John J. Burkholder, for 25 years a brass taster, died at the family home, 411 Stuart Avenue, Sunday, December 13. Death was caused by heart disease and complications.

He was born in Martinsburg, Ohio, June 19, 1858. On February 10, 1884, he and Kate Redmon were married, and in 1902 they came to Decatur to live. He went to work for the Mueller Co. on February 28, 1905, as a taster, and continued at this work until his retirement, June 6, 1930.

Mr. Burkholder was a quiet, efficient, and faithful worker, and highly regarded by all who knew him. He had been in ill health for the last two or three years, and was attended by his devoted wife.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters and two sons, all of Decatur. Funeral services were conducted at the Central Christian church on Tuesday, with burial at Fairlawn cemetery.

## Miss Fredericka J. Webber

Miss Fredericka J. Webber, sister of our company attorney, A. G. Webber, died Monday, December 21, at the home of her brother, and was buried Wednesday, December 23. Miss Webber was 84 years of age. Her last illness came shortly after returning from church service. She was a native of Sulzbach, Wurtemberg, Germany. Miss Webber was an expert telegraph operator, and had for many years held responsible positions with the Western Union and Wabash companies.

## Mrs. Belle Lloyd

Mrs. Belle Lloyd, age 77, died in her home at 877 West Leafland street on December 12. She was the mother of Gladys Lloyd of the Core Room, and three other children, Earl of Decatur, Albert of Detroit, and Mrs. Ethel Spence of East St. Louis.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday in the Moran & Son chapel, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

## Mrs. Maude Alice Merrow

Mrs. Maude Alice Merrow, age 43, died Sunday, January 3, in St. Mary's hospital, after an illness of two months.

She leaves five children, Elmer, Lee, Robert, and Leona Merrow, and Mrs. Ruby Hall. Elmer, Lee and Robert are employed by the Mueller Co.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at Moran's chapel.

## Which?

It's been worrying us all through 1936 whether it's Jim Thorpe's long legs or his appetite that gets him to the cafeteria so fast when the lunch whistle blows.



## WHAT DOES HE READ?

Cultivate Reading Habit in Children  
For Their Future Good

Cultivate the reading habit in your children, but see that they read good literature. For your son as young as twelve years, let him read such books as "Two Years Before the Mast," by Richard Henry Dana. This is credited with being "the most graphic and truthful picture of life at sea that has ever been given to the public. Dana came of an aristocratic family of Cambridge, Massachusetts. As a student at Harvard, he was stricken with an eye malady which did not yield to treatment. He therefore decided that he would secure an entire change of scenery, and shipped before the mast bound for California. He was absent from home for two years. His book is a faithful daily record of life aboard the Pilgrim. This was in 1834. His description of California, at that time scarcely known, are wonderful word pictures. He writes in simple words about life on shipboard, and of the countries he visited. There is history, humor, and adventure. We read the book when a boy and reread it recently. It had lost none of its charm.

## BRASS CHIPS

Helen Pope of the Stationery Department, was another thrifty one with her vacation allowance, which gave her several days in which to do her Christmas shopping in a leisurely way.

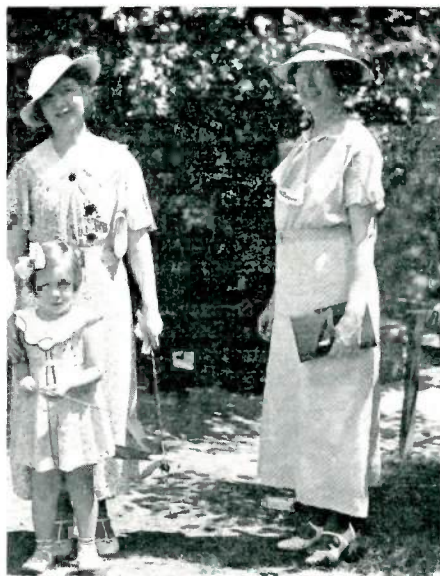
Mabel Gates of the Stationery Department, had looked forward to Christmas, intending to spend the day with friends in Bloomington. She went to Bloomington all right, but was compelled to spend that day and the two days following in bed with an attack of the flu.

Horace Clark, an old time Mueller office employe and salesman, came back from Los Angeles to enjoy the holidays with his brother, Linn and family, and to renew old acquaintances. Accompanied by Mrs. Clark, he came by train to Flint, Michigan, Mrs. Clark's old home. While there he picked up a Chevrolet, and drove to Decatur. Horace found a few familiar faces in the office, but there were many new and strange ones. Driving across Ohio and Indiana, he encountered a great deal of snow and ice on the highways. After a pleasant visit here, Mr. and Mrs. Clark drove back to their Los Angeles home. At present, Horace is travelling in the west, selling advertising novelties.

A new series of musical and talking pictures, covering interesting and educational subjects, were presented by the Chevrolet Motor Co. at the Mueller gym on Thursday evening, January 7. Admission was free to all employes and their friends.

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## ECHO OF THE PICNIC



The above picture is an echo of the Mueller picnic, August 8. The two "grown-up" young ladies, while not so well known in the factory, are quite well known in the office. They are the Misses Hambleton and Reid of the Mueller Fixture Co. office. The other young lady is Miss Philis Ann Moran, niece of Miss Reid, who like all fond aunts holds her niece in high esteem.

## BIRTHS

- OVERHUEL—Mr. and Mrs. Menno Overhuel, October 11, a daughter, Sally Joan. Mr. Overhuel works in Dept. 11.
- CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. Otis R. Curry of the Foundry Cleaning Department, a daughter, Glenda Faye, January 3.
- MEADOR—Mr. and Mrs. Archie Meador, Department 11, a daughter, November 30. She has been named Glenda Marline.
- TIBBS—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tibbs, Foundry, a daughter, December 15. She has been named Shirley Leah.
- DU FRANE—Mr. and Mrs. Jack DuFrane, Dept. 8, a daughter, December 16. She has been named Sandra Kay.

## VISITORS

A party of women from the Class in Adult Education visited the plant on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 6.

Margaret Brady has gone to work in the Core Department. She is the young woman who trained the girl tumblers, who appeared on our picnic program in 1935.

The best twenty-five cent meal in town by far is that served by our cafeteria.

## CHATTANOOGA

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Our annual Christmas meeting was held on Friday, December 18th. Mr. Adolph Mueller, Mr. W. E. Mueller, and Mr. L. W. Mueller were present at this meeting. Mr. Adolph was the speaker at the meeting and made a very interesting talk to the employees.

The following suggestion awards were made for 1936.

The Grand Prize given checks were as follows:

1st Prize—L. M. Swaney.....	\$25.00
2nd Prize—Clarence Utt .....	15.00
3rd Prize—William Hall .....	10.00
<b>One Suggestion—\$2.50 Each</b>	

William Hall, Howard Morton, Clyde Painter, C. H. Casteel, L. M. Swaney, Louis Newman, Alice Burkhart, Sam Wise, James Young, William Stoner and Howard Alge.

**Two Suggestions—\$5.00 Each**

Oddie Lee Moss, G. W. Swanson, W. I. Davis and Roy Harris.

**Three Suggestions**

J. C. Quentel.....\$ 7.50

**Eight Suggestions**

Clarence Utt .....

An additional prize was awarded Clarence Utt inasmuch as he had more than five suggestions which were adopted.

Burke Burt has been absent from work for several weeks due to an accident he received while at work in the Machine Shop.

Ray Egebrecht, Ralph Coffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Coffin left Chattanooga Thursday noon, December 24th, to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Decatur.

On December 24th, members of the office force had a Christmas party during the noon hour at the office. A Christmas tree was decorated for this occasion and Santa Claus presented gifts to the various individuals in the office.

Cecil Coffin has been transferred from the Machine Shop to the Sales Department. Cecil only recently announced his marriage to Miss Rosemary Sherman, of Decatur. The wedding took place in July.

Miss Frances Noles is spending the holidays with her parents at Deckerd, Tennessee.

Miss Margaret Wallace left Chattanooga Wednesday for a visit with her parents at Spartanburg, South Carolina during the holidays.

Oscar Brown also left the factory Thursday, but for where—nobody knows. However, we have our suspicions.

On December 14th a visit was made at the

plant by a metallurgist, at which time this man would have lost his life had it not been for the quick thinking of negro operating the freight elevator at the Cupola House. The metallurgist, not thinking, stepped upon the elevator, which elevator is prohibited for passenger use. The negro operating the elevator quickly released the valve controlling same and kept this man from being crushed to death. Mr. Adolph Mueller presented this negro employee, whose name is Ezell Thomas, with a \$10.00 bill at the Christmas meeting.

The girls at the Chattanooga office had their annual Christmas party at the home of Mildred Chandler this year. Gifts were exchanged at the party, and every one present spent an enjoyable evening.

### BRASS CHIPS

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Fred Willmon of the brass foundry, who has been ill in St. Mary's hospital, is reported to be improved.

L. M. Reynolds, of Dept. 30, has been laid up since November by illness.

Wayne McCoy of Plant 2 was riding with a friend on the evening of Saturday, January 2, when the car went out of control and crashed into a tree. Wayne suffered a broken arm and severe bruises in the face and chest. He is still in St. Mary's hospital.

Velvum Cummins of the brass foundry returned to work this week after an absence of a month, due to a foot burn.

F. A. Burke, of Plant 2 underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital in December. He is reported to be recovering.

Ralph Woods of Dept. 8 has gone to the Veterans' Hospital at Dwight for treatment.

William Rohman took over the job of factory and office messenger the week before Christmas, replacing Paul Goberdiel, who was transferred to Dept. 9. William, who prefers to be called Willie, was formerly a Postal boy.

The Cost Department girls wish the auditors would come equipped with life histories, explaining in detail their past, present, and future intentions.

After attending the company meeting here following our Christmas parties, L. W. Mueller and W. E. Mueller went to Chattanooga to attend a meeting there and to give personal attention to Columbian affairs.

The common spider carries on his feet a comb, which helps in the weaving of his web.



## SARNIA NEWS

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Christmas has come and gone, and now we are wondering how many pays are mortgaged by Christmas expenditures, and just what is going to happen next?

All at the Sarnia Plant seemed to be in a cheerful mood, after the holidays so we presumed everyone fared fairly well.

Mr. Adolph Mueller visited the plant during December and extended to all of us Christmas greetings and wishes for the coming year. He also showed moving pictures of our fellow-workers at the other branches, all of which proved very interesting.

The employees at the Sarnia Plant received an attractive Christmas package on Christmas Eve, containing a ham and bacon. It was a lovely gift and very much appreciated, but we expect our tails to be curling before long as we are all eating so much pork.

One expected to find a few of our number with the so-called hangovers after the holiday celebrations, but little did we think that Mrs. Reeve in the office would show any effects.

However, we are at a loss to know why she came down to the office wearing odd shoes the day after Christmas.

It just goes to show you—

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Mueller of Sarnia, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve spent Christmas in Petrolia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McIntyre spent Christmas with relatives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear old Scottie Milne wished to be back in good old Scotland but contented himself eating shortbread and Fry's Chocolate bars received in a hamper from home.

Bert Campbell is all set for another year, he entertained all his relations at a pot luck supper Christmas Eve. We don't know whether they entertained him afterwards or not, but he still has circles under his eyes.

Scottie Milne was very disappointed when the girls of the Office opened their gifts to one another. He expected a Fashion Show for his benefit but the girls didn't come across.

Tenders for Chauffeur's uniforms are asked to be submitted. The sizes of the uniform must fit Dennis Tilley, who has now become a chauffeur. Kindly note his roller skates and wheel for sale to the best bidder.

Hotdog Thompson has applied for a job on the police force. That is the reason for the riding breeches and leggings. He says he wants

### APPRENTICE SCHOOL

The school for apprentices held their first session in the school room in the Employment Office on the evening of Thursday, January 17.

Clarence Pippin has been appointed instructor, and the following apprentices are enrolled. From the Machine Shop—Ralph Uhler, Raymond Roarick, Robert Tertocha, Russell Short. From the Iron Foundry—Lee Bauer, Robert Moore. From the Engineering Department—Donald Moyer. From the Pattern Shop—Rex Smith.

Beginning on January 23, the class will meet Saturday morning in the Employment Office at 8:15 A. M.

The men who are taking correspondence courses in drafting, shop practice, mechanical engineering, may come to this school and have the assistance of the instructor.

The apprentices are taking an I. C. S. course suitable to their trade.

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### Arthur B. Clough

Arthur B. Clough, age 26, died in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital on January 6. He had been in poor health for several months.

Mrs. Clough was Alice Runion, who worked in the Core Department, until her marriage in 1930. She returned to work in the Core Department on December 10.

Besides his wife, Mr. Clough is survived by two children, William, age 4, and Wanda Jean, age 2, his mother, Mrs. Nannie Clough, two sisters, Mrs. Linnett Mize of Beecher City and Mrs. Minnie Boles of Argenta, and two brothers, Bert and Jake, both of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Clough is a daughter of L. E. Runion of the Foundry and sister of Ralph Runion of Department 8.

Funeral services were conducted in the Moran & Sons funeral home, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

to look like a mountie. He does too—a *mountie-bank*.

What's the old slogan Alex about.

"Once we used to help the Plumber, but now our employees help us, by helping the plumber's daughter?"

She was only a plumber's daughter.

But she swept me off my feet—

Watch your step Alex, the spies are out.

### OH, JESSIE!

Jessie: "Say, Jim, what has Mrs. Simpson got that I haven't?"

Jim: "Well, she has a king visiting her flat."

Jessie: "Well, I have a flat."

Jim: "Thanks awfully for the compliment."

Dr. Long now comes to the plant three days a week at noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

A half century makes a wide difference in the habits, amusements, fashions, and sports of a people. Those of us who have lived long enough note the difference, remembering that 50 years ago—

That no Decatur person had ever seen an automobile.

That the first paving was being laid from Lincoln (the old square) north on Main to Cerro Gordo and east on Cerro Gordo to the Union station.

That the Union station was east of the Illinois Central tracks and the Wabash tracks were north of the depot which was combined with a hotel.

That there were few dining cars. When a train arrived the hotel clerk bear on a big brass gong to attract passengers to lunch or dinner.

That a narrow gauge street car line, from the square to Cerro Gordo and then east to the station was the principal means of transportation. The home made cars were drawn by a single mule. The car had a bad habit of jumping the track. Passengers disembarked and helped lift it back.

That hacks were also used for transportation.

That gentlemen owning fast horses and a cutter (sleigh) used Prairie Ave. from the Robert Mueller home to Church street for a race track.

That I. R. Mills, states attorney, Billy Downing, D. A. Moffit, were among the racers.

That the best dressed men wore sealskin caps, fur collars and fur gloves.

That no one thought of wearing oxford shoes.

The opera house (Smith's) was on Water Street built back of the stores. Entrance was through a long hall between Stewarts dry goods store and Beck's jewelry store.

That such attractions as Joseph Jefferson, McCullough, Barret, James, tragedians; Fay Temple, Rose Coghlin, Lillian Langtree, Emma Abbot, and a host of other top notchers played engagements there.

That fashion balls were given in the St. Nicholas Hotel dining room and the Guards Armory (third floor of Walgreen drug store).

That the ladies kept open house on New Years and served Tom and Jerry or Eggnog which the gentlemen callers drank.

That friendly calls were made on Sunday afternoon.

That everybody wanted enough cold weather to insure an ample ice crop for winter.

That coal at local mines was \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton.

That bob sled parties were popular.

That people who gave parties entertained in their own homes.

That many people still used wood stoves for cooking and heating purposes.

That few people had telephones in their homes.

That book-keeping and letter writing were

done with pen and ink.

That a very few persons had type writers, in consequence of which there were very few stenographers.

That some of the largest stores down town were groceries. There were very few groceries outside of the business district.

That the police force numbered about 16 patrolmen.

That bicycles were just coming into use and people were more afraid of their speed than they are of automobiles today.

That there was not an apartment house in the city.

The best "snipe" shooting in this section is the Monroe St. yard gate any noon and the next best is the main entrance on Cerro Gordo. Any taste satisfied—Camels, Luckies, Chesterfield, Old Gold. "Roll your own variety" are scarce.

### JOLLY'S BASKETBALL TEAM

#### First Game Won from Los Angeles Examiner Team in Close Contest

Mueller Pacific Coast factory at Los Angeles has an up and coming basketball team, which was organized by Russell Jolly, head of the Shipping Department. This team has been playing competitive teams since December 3. The organization was brought about by the employes, who made donations to the cause and a party held in the new addition to the shipping room provided funds for purchasing uniforms. These are black with white trimmings.

Under Russell Jolly's management, the new team met and defeated the Los Angeles Examiner team in a hard fought, close game. The winner was not determined until the final whistle. The lead switched between the contestants and so frequently that partisans were kept constantly on edge. High point honors were divided between Rade of the Examiner and Blize and Hanna of Mueller Co., each scoring eight points. It was the first game of the season for Mueller Co.'s team, but the members played in excellent form. The Pacific Coast force is proud of their representatives and look to the boys giving a favorable account of themselves in future games.

In the game above reported, Manager Jolly did not make a single substitution. The lineup was as follows:

MUELLER CO.—25		EXAMINERS—20	
Swarberg	forward	Rader	forward
Porter	forward	Lyle	forward
Blize	center	Smith	center
Bright	guard	Hogan	guard
Hanna	guard	Bradford	guard

Thanks for the account, Claire Zale, Send more Pacific Coast news.

Jim Thorpe of the Upkeep Stock Department, had vacation credits still due him at Christmas, and proceeded to collect them and have himself a good time for several days.

## IN SECOND PLACE

Mueller Team Makes Good Showing  
In First Half League Games

Mueller basketball team finished second in a three way tie in the Industrial Basket Ball League. They were tied with Junior Mechanics and Mississippi Valley Steel, each with four victories and two defeats. Muellers two defeats were from the hands of Staley, the first half winner, and the Junior Mechanics. Their wins were chalked up against Wabash, Ireland-Thorton, Camp Macon, and Mississippi Valley Steel.

In the Camp Macon-Mueller game, the factory team played ragged ball, but came out on top 33-30. In the Mississippi Valley game, "Teabury" Hanson did a superb job on defense to hold Wayne Jackson, a clever and accurate player, to no points without fouling him. The score ended with Muellers 30--Mississippi Valley 23.

In outside games, the locals were defeated twice, once by Macon 33-31 with Greed starring, collecting 13 points. Fawley was a stalwart on defense. Rosenberg's took the home club 30-26 in an overtime game. Muellers engaged Mt. Zion in a well played contest, winning 32-26.

In the second half of the Industrial League, Muellers got hot at the hoop against Ireland-Thorton, coming out with a 16 point margin, winning 51-35. Every boy was on his toes that night. Hanson collected 15 points. Leipski 11, Brown 11, Taylor 7, while Fawley and Green were very efficient at the guard positions. Muellers then lost to Junior Mechanics in a thriller, 26-25, in the last forty-five seconds. The factory boys played a poor first half, but came back strong in the last half after trailing 17-8 at half time. Brown and Green were the only ones that were able to connect to any extent.

In the third game of the second half of league play, the locals won a thriller from the Mississippi Valley, 26-24. Brown tied the score only to lose it again, then Fawley knotted the count at 24 all with forty-eight seconds to play. In a scramble with but twenty-seven seconds remaining, Green slapped the ball to Benny Taylor, who sank the shot from the edge of the free throw circle to give Muellers a victory.

There will be two games at the Mueller gymnasium, Monday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 13 at 7 o'clock. Muellers meet Mattoon Merchants on Monday, and Hammond Indees on Wednesday. There is no admission charge to these games.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Layman, 709 W. Eldorado, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary the afternoon of January 6. Mr. Layman worked for Mueller Co. twenty-eight years, and was retired in 1933.

Donald Moyer has been transferred from the Brass Shops to the Experimental Department under Frank H. Mueller.

## READ THIS CAREFULLY

## Social Security Registrations

Your Social Security registration card was sent from the Employment Department to the Post Office early in December. We have received from the Post Office your account number, assigned by the government.

Your card, bearing your name and your account number will be in your pay envelope on January 22. This card you should keep carefully the rest of your life. On the third line write your name (usual signature) in ink.

The Decatur Herald and Review offers to enclose these account-number cards in a special transparent envelope. They will do this service without cost if you will take your card to their office.

Be sure to make a record at home of your account number, so that if your card should be mislaid you will still know what your registration number is. Take good care of this card.

The first deduction from your wages, 1%, will be taken from your pay check of January 15, which you get on January 22. On the back of your check is a notation showing the 1% deduction. If you wish to keep a record of your deductions, do so before cashing your check. When you sign your check you give the company a receipt for this deduction.

The money deducted from your wages is matched by an equal amount contributed by Mueller Co. and this money is turned over to the Treasury Department of the United States to be saved to provide a pension for you when you reach the age of 65.

In case of death before the age of 65, the employe's estate will get his proportion of the fund according to the terms of the law.

Although these records have been made with great care, if you do find an error in the spelling of your name, please report it to the Employment Department.

## SAFETY SHOES SAVE FOOT

A trucker in the Brass Shop the other day stopped Langdon and said: "Gee, I'm glad I got those safety shoes. See that?"

He pointed to a scuff on the toe of his left shoe where a box of castings was saved from mashing his toe by the steel cap in the toe of his shoe. Most any wearer of safety shoes can tell you of accidents that didn't happen.

The new men who are going to work now willingly wear safety shoes and goggles. There is a much more friendly attitude toward these forms of protection than was the case several years ago. We have better shoes and goggles than formerly, and people seem to be more safety-minded.

Arnold Blankenburg went to work in Department 8 on Monday morning, January 4. Just before noon he got his left fore finger in the machinery and the end was clipped off before he knew what had happened.



THE BOWLERS

Record of Standings as Summed Up  
January 5th

The interest in bowling continues. Since the December report, however, there has been but little change in either team or individual bowlers. The record follows:

Name	Team Standing			Pct.	Ave.
	G	W	L		
Specialty Division	51	33	18	.647	803
Plumbing No. 2	51	30	21	.588	700
Office	51	29	22	.569	784
Utility Engineers	51	25	26	.490	801
Machine Shop	51	24	27	.471	764
Plumbing No. 1	51	23	28	.451	693
Plant No. 2	51	21	30	.412	659
Tool Room	51	19	32	.373	760

Individual Averages

SPECIALTY DIV.		MACHINE SHOP	
K. Blankenburg	176	A. Flaughter	183
C. Hill	171	H. Leipski	159
H. Stratman	167	A. Olsen	156
A. Grossman	163	M. Brilley	145
W. Frantz	132	G. Hutchens	141
		W. Mueller	124
PLUMBING NO. 2		PLUMBING NO. 1	
M. Riewski	159	L. Kramer	147
J. Morrison	150	C. Constant	144
C. Curry	145	L. Adams	143
R. Caudle	134	H. Thompson	141
H. Maddox	119	E. Krumsiek	135
G. Hickman	118	C. Kelley	115
OFFICE		PLANT NO. 2	
C. Dodwell	176	A. Jendrny	158
C. Cochran	162	R. Roarick	148
A. Werdes	160	E. Merrow	137
L. Wiant	156	M. Foster	123
H. Gragg	143	R. Tertoca	121
O. Draper	139		
UTILITY ENG.		TOOL ROOM	
E. Blankenburg	177	C. C. Roarick	177
W. Behrns	172	M. Chaney	158
B. Mason	159	A. Radke	157
M. Curry	157	G. Krag	156
C. Charnetzki	152	C. Rubican	144
F. Tratzik	138	A. Raushek	124

Ten High Bowlers

Name	G.	Ave.	H.G.
A. Flaughter, Machine Shop	51	183	246
C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	45	177	228
E. Blankenburg, Utility Eng.	47	177	226
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div.	51	176	214
C. Dodwell, Office	51	175	236
W. Behrns, Utility Eng.	48	172	245
C. Hill, Spec. Div.	51	171	246
H. Stratman, Spec. Div.	42	167	235
A. Grossman, Spec. Div.	51	163	217
C. Cochran, Office	38	162	202

Carl Yonker has returned to work in Dept. 8.

Virginia Smith, who was stenographer in the office of Frank H. Mueller, during the absence of Celia Cochran, is now employed by the Decatur and Macon County hospital.

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WEDDINGS

Shrake-Kramer

Nellie Shrake of Assumption and Wayne Kramer of Dept. 8 were married at Macon, December 23. They are living at 333 W. Eldorado.

Malone-Ridgeway

Bessie Malone and Frank Ridgeway were married in Decatur on November 14. They live at 1334 East Leafland. Frank works in the Brass Foundry.

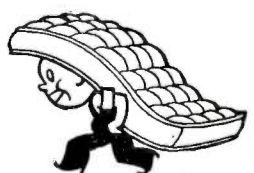
ABOUT COLDS

Coughs, sneezes and frost bites are needless discomforts of winter. The National Safety Council says that if one will watch a few things, the chances are that he will have little occasion to worry about his health.

On winter days, there is no danger of catching cold from the air. On the contrary, the cold, fresh air is stimulating and healthful. However, one should dress warmly. He should wear his overcoat, his overshoes for trudging through the snow, his hat and scarf and even ear muffs. Ear muffs may not be the snappiest thing in headgear, but they do prevent bad cases of frost bite.

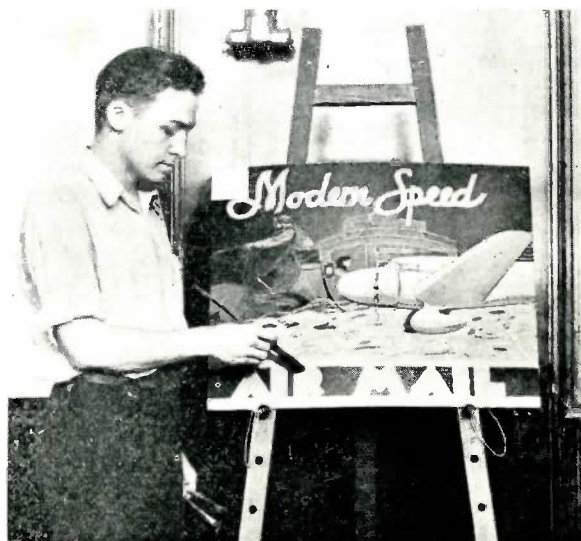
As frost bite can be severe and in some instances may be followed by gangrene, one should be able to recognize the symptoms and know something of the treatment. The affected part of the body becomes painfully cold and then suddenly loses sense of feeling. The frost bitten part becomes white or greyish-white in color. The object of first aid treatment is to bring the frozen part back to a normal temperature gradually and to restore circulation. Keep the patient away from fire or warmly heated rooms. Apply the palm of the hand, wool or fur to the affected parts, or cool water. Apply ointment as you would to a burn as frost bite is the same in effect. If the part is blistered, or the skin broken, consult a doctor.

Fruit and vegetables, with enough but not too much meat, will play a big part in preventing colds. Orange juice is one of the best preventatives and should be taken freely. Drink plenty of water. Keep away from people with colds and out of crowds. Get a proper amount of sleep and recreation and live and work in well ventilated rooms.



**Even if Your Job is Soft that is no excuse to Lay Down On It**

## NEW HONOR FOR REX SMITH

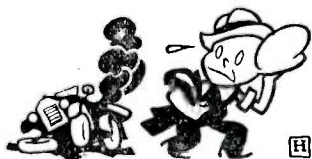


Readers of the Record will perhaps remember that Rex Smith entered a poster contest sponsored by the postal officials of Washington. Rex's poster was entered at the meeting of the Illinois Postmasters in session at Springfield. More than 100 posters were entered by high school boys, six of these by Decatur students.

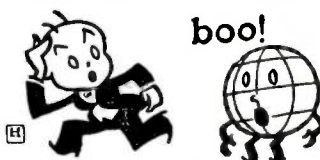
The prize-winning airmail poster of Rex Smith, Decatur high school student, will be sent to New York for exhibition during inauguration week at the National Air show by Postmaster James M. Allen it was announced Saturday.

The poster will be on exhibition from Jan. 28 to Feb. 6 it was stated. Smith's design won first in the amateur and second in the open or professional division last May in Springfield.

Rex is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 2 and at present is working in the pattern room. He has a good record as a scout and a student and devotes much of his time developing his artistic talents.



**Those trying to  
ride through life  
on a Bluff  
Eventually Walk**



**If You can't Trust  
Yourself then don't  
expect credit  
from others**

## ARE YOU READY?

**M**ANY men think they are fitted for a bigger job and able to handle men, when actually the reason for being where they are is lack of ability to accept greater responsibilities, says the Midvale Safety Bulletin. Try these twenty questions which may help you decide whether you are prepared.

1. Did you ever deliberately decide to break yourself of a habit, such as smoking, and succeed in doing it?
2. Do you control your temper and not "fly off the handle" when things go wrong?
3. Are you usually cheerful and free from "grouchy" spells?
4. Do you think for yourself and not let the opinions of others unduly influence you?
5. Do you "keep your head" in an emergency?
6. Do you remain calm when your own mistakes are pointed out to you?
7. Do your men respect you and cooperate with you?
8. Can you maintain discipline without often resorting to the use of authority?
9. Have you ever been selected to take charge of a group of dissatisfied men because of your ability to handle men?
10. Can you adjust a difficulty and retain the friendship of the person with whom you differed?
11. Can you get men under you to do things without irritating them and causing them to be resentful of your authority?
12. Are you patient when dealing with people who are hard to please?
13. Can you meet opposition without becoming confused and saying things you wish afterwards you had not said?
14. Are you sought out by your friends to handle delicate situations because of your ability to do such things?
15. Do you make and retain friends easily?
16. Do you make it a rule not to quarrel about petty things?
17. When thrown with a group of strangers do you adjust yourself easily?
18. When talking to superiors, do you feel free from embarrassment?
19. When interviewing subordinates, do you put them at ease?
20. Are you able to express your own ideas without causing others to feel that you are overbearing and narrow-minded?