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COURTESY IN BUSINESS

A Letter On the Subject Worth Consideration and Observation

A letter on this subject was written by Adolph during the holidays and was given general circulation throughout factory and office. We hope that every member of the organization read it carefully, and we hope further that they will give thought to it and heed the advice.

The question of courtesy in business is an important one, especially in the use of the telephone, a subject that has frequently been called to attention.

Telephones are strictly an adjunct and an aid to business. They never were designed or manufactured for social purpose. We should bear this in mind. Telephone calls should not only be answered politely and courteously, but they should be answered promptly, the second the bell rings. The main purpose of the telephone is to save time and expedite business. It is for this reason that calls should be answered promptly. This is a good fact to bear in mind at all times.

There is another thought expressed in the letter which relates to improving service. It is not the operator's duty to "get so and so on the line and call me back." Her principal duty is to make the connection when you have given her the number you have called for. To call some one and then call you back is just doubling her work for your convenience. Those of us on the second floor realize how busy the operator is kept throughout the day.

Let's keep these thoughts in mind throughout the year and help instead of hinder the good service we all want and expect.

DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA

Mickey, that cute little pup of Velma Runyan's, found great delight in snatching the sheet that Velma had placed around the Christmas tree to protect it from Mickey, and running through the house with it. He did not bother the tree, but apparently he did not like the idea of having things hidden from him.

A life of ease is a difficult pursuit.

FOREMEN'S DECEMBER PARTY

The Foreman's Club meeting was held in the cafeteria on Thursday, December 16, following the afternoon quitting whistle. Rain, sleet, and ice covered streets and highways made the change from the lodge necessary. There was a large attendance. Lucien Mueller opened the meeting with a brief statement regarding hours and wage rates and yielded to Adolph, who had recently attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York. His remarks were largely on the proceedings of that organization, and pertained to the business outlook. Among other things he said that he was unable to believe that the so-called recession of business was caused by big manufacturers in an organized movement. He said he could not believe that any sensible man in business would sponsor a move that would bring about a loss instead of a profit. He told of listening to an address by Dorothy Thompson, who has sprung into prominence as a newspaper correspondent, and pronounced her a woman of great intelligence and a brilliant speaker, as well as writer.

Another subject was that of courtesy in the use of the telephone, and he said he had learned that people in the factory were more courteous than our office force.

His address was interesting throughout.

GOOD ADVERTISING

Following the salesmen's meeting a series of post cards were printed in our printing department. These were distributed to various departments and signed by employees. There is no use in describing them because you all know what they were like. The thing that you may want to know is the fact that they really did some good. Quite a few of the salesmen answered them and promised to hustle for more orders to make more work in the factory. One noticeable thing about these answers was that the majority of returned cards were addressed to girls. Ain't salesmen funny fellows?

TO LOS ANGELES

A. C. Werdes, of the accounting department, left for Los Angeles during the holidays to look over affairs in the Pacific Coast factory.

ECHOES OF THE HOLIDAYS



Reading left to right—Lorene Bisonette, Fedora Walton, Dorothy O'Byrne, Beulah Jenkins, Santa Claus, Edna Johnston, Helen Pope, Mae Gillibrand, Blanche Kallbreier, Thelma Fishburn, Jennie Kinney, Nellie Fishburn.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The holiday season of 1937 has been left in the past, but many happy memories still linger with us. For ten days it was a round of pleasure, beginning with the bonus meeting and ending with New Year's Day.

The annual office Christmas party was held on Friday noon, December 17. All members of the office on the second and third floors gathered around the brightly lighted Christmas tree immediately after lunch. There was much laughter, joking and merry-making as Santa Claus distributed a gift to each one.

On Tuesday noon Santa held a party in the Core Room and invited all the other girls in the factory. There were forty-eight persons present, and to each one Santa gave a toy or game, accompanied by a good natured quip as to the appropriateness of the gift.

Although we gave the suggestion grand prize winners and the slogan winner in the outside Record, they are reprinted together with the names of all the suggestion winners just to make a complete record.

1 Suggestion, \$2.50

C. A. Anderson
Ernest Bond
Roy Coffman
Lewis Egan
R. Fleckenstein
Raymond Fritts
Henry Gilbert
Harry Grandfield
A. J. Grossman
Hugh Henley
W. E. Lewis
Bert Meece
Lawrence Olsen
Carl Reynolds
Herman Roe
H. Raymond Sarver
Edgar Stark

George Anderson, Jr.
Mike Brilley
Herman Dash
Elmer Pawley
Marion Fanner
Henry A. Georges
Wallace Gould
Robert Greene
Edgar Harwig
Wm. B. Jones
Albert May
Glen Misshheimer
Fern Pope
Marjan Richards
Clarence Ruch
John J. Smith
Henry Strazman

Ethel Turley
LaVerne Walley
H. B. Whittington
C. L. Woodrum

Ernest Waddell
E. S. Watkins
Frank H. Williams
Aniel Younger

2 Suggestions, \$5.00

Ruth M. Campbell
Otto Dannowitz
Lee Ellington
Roy Pease
Mildred Shannon
Robert Taylor
C. Wright

F. W. Dannowitz
Myron G. Edwards
August Jendry
Clarence Reidelberger
Rex B. Smith
Bugh Warner

3 Suggestions, \$7.50

Gober Hickman
Raymond Larus
Robert Merrow

Harry Koontz
L. B. McKinney
August Schudziara

4 Suggestions, \$10.00

Ralph Adams
Robert W. Lusk
Al. Spitzger

Matt Like
A. C. Metzger

5 Suggestions, \$12.50

Charles H. Sarver

Oris Whitacre

6 Suggestions, \$15.00

L. I. Hopper

9 Suggestions, \$22.50

Gale Hutchens

Fred Meador

10 Suggestions, \$25.00

Ira L. Auer

W. E. Corley

Grand Prizes

W. E. Corley	\$25.00	Increased Prod.	1st
Clarence Reidelberger	15.00	" "	2nd
Herman Ammann	10.00	" "	3rd
E. H. Umphries	25.00	Reduced Overhead	1st
Ernest Watkins	15.00	" "	2nd
Orville Keller	10.00	" "	3rd
Roy Pease	25.00	Safety	1st
Lee Ellington	15.00	" "	2nd
Edgar Stark	10.00	" "	3rd

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\$2.50 to each of the following because each submitted at least five and less than ten suggestions which were adopted.

Name	Submitted	Adopted	Suggestions
L. I. Hopper	6	6	
Fred Meador	9	9	
Chas. H. Sarver	5	5	
Chris Whitacre	5	5	
Gale Hutchens	9	9	

The following submitted ten and less than fifteen adopted suggestions: They received \$5.00

Ira L. Auer submitted 10 adopted suggestions.

W. E. Corley submitted 10 adopted suggestions.

\$2.50 for Roy Fleckenstein who submitted the prize winning slogan for this year. The slogan is:

"SUGGESTIONS PAY IN EVERY WAY."

Children's Party

The annual party for the children was held at the gymnasium on Saturday, December 18, and was carried out in accordance with the program. It was a fine affair, pronounced by company members as the best we have ever held. Those who contributed to this were: Thelma Coffman, pianist; E. W. Larrick, Santa Claus; Maxine McCulloch, Christmas story; Willard Foltz, Marionette show; C. H. Cushman, ventriloquist. The moving pictures, under the direction of E. C. Stille, assisted by John Smith and Robt. W. Ridgway, made a big hit. These were given with our own new moving picture equipment. The reels, showing scenes at our last picnic were greatly enjoyed, as were the other reels. The usual treat for the children was the grand finale of an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

LITTLE MISS DIAL



Here's a future prospect for a beauty show—little Miss Glenda Grace Dial. The name has nothing to do with a clock but it is a heap more attractive to proud papa and mama who glance at it more often than they do all the clocks in their home. Glenda Grace was a year old on January 3. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dial. The father is to be found in Dept. 8.

"ROUND ABOUT"

If anyone calls you on the telephone and asks: "Is this the city dump?" it — might be Helen Pope. This is her diversion for initiating newly installed telephones, and who knows, she might try it on some old ones.

Eight-day clocks that play a melodious tune and chime with a gong, gong, gong every fifteen minutes have a particular charm for Carl Dodwell. The Dodwells received such a clock for Christmas this year, and Carl is so entranced by it that he lies awake nights just listening to it.

Harry Myers, of the shipping department, wants to know what you would think of a girl that on one of the iciest mornings in December came to work carrying her galoshes. Dot Stratman might be able to help him with the answer.

Now, what we want to know is, "what do you think of a man who always wants to know what you think."

Ray Roarick, that cute little brother of Clarence's, has been seen just measuring and measuring in the advertising department. We suppose that when we go back to get a pencil some of these bright sunny days (when? everything will be moved around.

Did you see that old familiar face that helped Mr. Langdon during the week after Christmas? None other than our pal and star baseball player, Earl Duncan. You know, the one that always approaches first base with such terrific speed that the brakes fail to hold him until he is in the outfield.

Evelyn Telling's kitten caused quite a tumult at Christmas time. He found great fun in scampering up the Christmas tree and knocking off the decorations. Removed from the tree the kitten would immediately climb to the top again and peer through the branches with a saucy look on his tiny face as though to say: "If you take me down, I will climb back up again." Evelyn tells us that the kitten has an appetite for green things, such as fern leaves, potted plants, potato salad, and her mother-in-law's ear.

It is rumored that Robert Taylor's admirer in the traffic office has become interested in banking.

Santa Claus left a diamond ring for our early morning "hello" girl.

Ouch! for Carlo

Our painter, Carlo Danaha, seems to be unable to keep from under people's feet. Twice in the week after Christmas someone stepped on his little toe. Carlo said, "I even saw red stars."

BRASS CHIPS

Warren Frantz, of the Machine Shop, is reported to be improving in health but not yet able to return to work.

Wm. L. (Sally) Johnson bumped his chin while playing basket ball the other evening and severely cut his tongue. Five stitches were required.

Robert V. Gulso, of Plant 2, has enrolled for a course in the I. C. S. He will meet with the apprentices on Saturday morning.

Christmas, 1937, is now a happy memory and clouded only by the prospects of Christmas accounts to be paid early in January. Father will then have to settle up for that which mother thought was "so nice" for the children.

Clarence Pippin, of Kansas State College, was here for a brief visit on December 28.

Joe Wall, who is now our accountant at Chattanooga, spent several days of his vacation in Decatur. This is the first time that Joe has been back since he went to Chattanooga a year ago. Mrs. Wall was back once last summer.

George C Leach, of our Los Angeles plant, is spending several weeks in Decatur studying Mueller methods.

Barney Marty and his crew have been busy on the third floor of the building east of College street and now have that cleaned and in good order.

Frank Mueller's office is being enlarged and more space laid out for experimental laboratories.

Department No. 9 has been overhauled, the equipment painted, and the shop now presents a fine appearance.

The tools for Department No. 9 have been separated from those of Department 300 and have been placed along the east wall of Department 9. Roy Workman is in charge of this crib. Floyd has charge of tool crib for Department 300.

For a number of years we have been using the telephone operator as a directory and asking her for the party by name. A new directory, listing eight pages of names, has recently been distributed, and we are now endeavoring to look up the number in the directory instead of depending upon the memory and good nature of the operator.

We could say a good deal, and darn little of

THREE OF A KIND



Here is a trio of fine looking children, the pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartwig. Three of a kind are hard to beat, and in our judgment, this trio ranks high. The photograph was taken especially to send to relatives at Christmas. The father is a member of the force in No. 30, and the mother was the former Birdie Brady, of the Core Room. Reading from left to right the children are: Doris Jane, 3; Betty Joan, 8; Ray Eugene, 5

that complimentary, about the December weather — slippery, foggy, muggy, sloppy, but we will forbear. We hope that the weather man will give us more nice weather in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Mueller spent the Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller.

Due to the fact that Christmas and New Year came on Saturday there has been three weeks between the meeting of the apprentice school, the boys' gym class, and the girls' dancing class. These three groups met again Saturday, January 8.

The girls are still having gym class and the attendance has been better the last few times. Outside of a few sore muscles, everyone has been having a fine time. We would like to have about eight more girls attend the class every Wednesday night so that we may have two teams play volley ball.

A Contented Cow

It was a wet banquet with the exception of one guest. His glass of milk was furnished, but en route to him a wag of the party poured in a stiff drink of gin. The exceptional guest sipped the milk, smacked his lips, then gulped the whole glassful. Wiping his lips gracefully, he murmured: "Some cow!"

SARNIA NEWS

Traveling

G. W. Parker, William Twaits and John Milne of the Sarnia plant spent some time in Decatur between November 28-30, attending the Annual Salesmen's Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronkhite of Cronkhite Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, visited the Sarnia plant en route to Whitby for the Christmas holidays.

Births

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Everitt Shrigley on the birth of a daughter on Dec. 15, 1937. Mr. Shrigley has worked for some years in the Iron and Steel division.

Deaths

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Mr. Shrigley, father of Everitt Shrigley, who died on Friday, December 17, 1937.

A Visit From Mr. Adolph

The employees of Mueller Limited, Sarnia, assembled in the Recreational Hall on Monday, Dec. 13, to meet and welcome Mr. Adolph Mueller.

Mr. Mueller delivered his usual friendly talk, acquainting us with the happenings at the other plants.

During the meeting presentations were made to the employees of service pins, suggestion awards, and Christmas Bonus Checks.

We were proud of the fact this year that two of our employees, Jack Aitchison and Al Bannister received twenty-five year pins, while eight received twenty year pins, one a fifteen year, four ten year pins and one a five year pin.

The grand prizes for suggestions were won by Curly Chappell, Albert Gilbert and Dennis Tilley. Ten other awards of \$2.50 each were also won by employees for suggestions.

Finally Christmas Bonus Checks were distributed to all employees.

Needless to say, these checks and the Christmas hampers, containing a ham and bacon, which were given to employees Thursday, Dec. 23, were very gladly received and very much appreciated by all.

Severely Burned

Chester Wood, of Plant 2, was severely burned about the upper part of his body on Monday, December 20. He was very fortunate that the metal did not burn his face or eyes. Of course, if he had been wearing goggles it would not have injured him much anyhow. He returned to work shortly after the first of the year.

OUR GRANDSON



The editor has always had nice things to say about the babies whose pictures have been presented in the Record. Now we are "tooting our own horn" about our one and only grandson, aged 13 months. We think he is a peach and a pippin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Wagenseller, and his name is Kirk, Jr. His father is southern credit man for Swift & Co.

WEDDINGS

Reifsteck-Hoffman

Miss Geneva Reifsteck and Fred B. Hoffman were married December 19 at noon in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reifsteck, of Cowden. Mr. Hoffman is the son of A. F. Hoffman of Lovington.

Rev. F. G. Brown, of the First Christian church in Cowden, performed the ceremony. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Noble Corley, of Cowden, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. The couple left after a reception for a honeymoon in Chicago, and are now at home in Lovington.

FOREMEN'S CLUB

There was an interesting meeting of the Foremen's Club at the Lodge on Thursday evening, January 6. Marshall Hobbs, president of the club, called the meeting to order. L. W. Mueller spoke on factory matters, and after that W. E. Mueller showed some moving pictures taken on his South American trip last year. They were very good and much appreciated. He did not cover the entire trip but expects to have another showing later on.

"Teacher: "Willie, do you know what a bat is?"

Willie: "Sure, my pop is on it."

SIC 'EM, SNOOP—SIC 'EM, SNITCH

SNOOP'S LETTER

Dear Snitch:

Sane and sober, here I am again after the holidays, and what holidays they were.

Ah, me, what a shame you didn't see Ray Kileen singing in the Mill New Years — you just simply missed the fun of your life.

Then for a gala night Jack Rubicam offered his "sweetie" an evening of sipping cokes at Peck's and watching the stews go by.

But back to brass tacks, Snitch, my good fella, you should watch your spelling, tsk, tsk, such radical changes in Webster you made. After this, the editor assumes no responsibilities for your errors. (Two bit word.)

Don Boggs was dreaming or just unconscious — anyhow he came prancing into the office some time ago with his vest on wrong side out. Must be this climate.

Speaking of climate, did you ever see such dismal days as we had — cross your fingers — 'cause the sun is out while I am writing this.

Now, Snitch, comes the secret scoop. Remember this is a secret, but yours truly knows for a fact that Louise Whitehead was seen at a hop in Bloomington doing the shin dig with a man named — something or other from the Chicago postoffice.

Have ya noticed the big grin on Karl Brimm, lately? Yep, he is a proud papa of a bran-spanking new baby girl, Nancy Lou.

In case you saw Charley Cochran carrying around a big red sack, it had something to do with his return from Florida. I haven't received any dwarf oranges, or whatever those funny looking things are yet, but I am waiting till the next time he falls asleep to get my share.

During the hustle of the holidays, it was ru-

mored that Paul Hines was going to be married. Ask him about Betty.

Seriously now, if you were Elois, which Robert Taylor would you prefer? Leaving you under this heavy question, I remain

Your loving brother,
SNOOP.

ANSWER TO SNOOP'S LAST LETTER

Dear Snoop:

I am answering your letter which just recently appeared in the Mueller Record. I, too, have uncovered some very amazing facts about our friends in this organization.

For instance, have you heard the latest? I heard that while attending the Empress theater one evening recently the flashy little bell hop from Dept. 300 met up with another one of the fairer sex, and what took place afterward no one seems to know, but a romance is hinted.

Many employes in our factory are wondering just which Robert Taylor Elois is wishing for. After all, you know we have a Robert Taylor on the payroll.

And have you been following the records of the players on our basketball team? If you haven't, I have a little news. Our former football star doesn't seem to be doing so well. Wonder why? He has been oversleeping lately, and you know we can't have this.

I must warn you to watch your actions from now on, because we have a cameraman in our midst. He is none other than Don Ferry of Dept. 44, and they say he is a whizbang, too.

Well, I guess I had better close now, because here comes the bull of the woods. You know who I mean.

Your loving brother,
SNITCH

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SHOWER

Fourteen girls gathered at the home of Margaret Behrend on December 9 for a Christmas party and shower for Geneva Reifsteck, who became the bride of Fred Hoffman on December 19. Each girl held a string, receiving the present attached, and then Geneva was given her gifts from the entire core room. Games were played, refreshments served, and a grand time was had by all attending. Those present were Laura Becker, Hazel Cunningham, Jennie Kinney, Mary Harpstrite, Helen Waddell, Dorothy Amon, Erna Jeschawitz, Clara Salefski, Helene Franklin, Helen Stearns, Geneva Reifsteck, Dorothea Bobb, Thelma Coffman, and Margaret Behrend.

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“What do the three balls in front of a pawn shop mean?”

“Two to one you won't get it back.”

DEATHS

George A. Johnson

George A. Johnson, age 70, died December 21 in the Decatur and Macon County hospital. He had been ill since November 28. He was the father of Floyd V. Johnson, salesman with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. In addition to Floyd he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Elma L. Patson of Decatur, Mrs. Rena M. Kennedy of Detroit, and Mrs. Edith G. Lang of Los Angeles, and a son Thomas L. of Detroit.

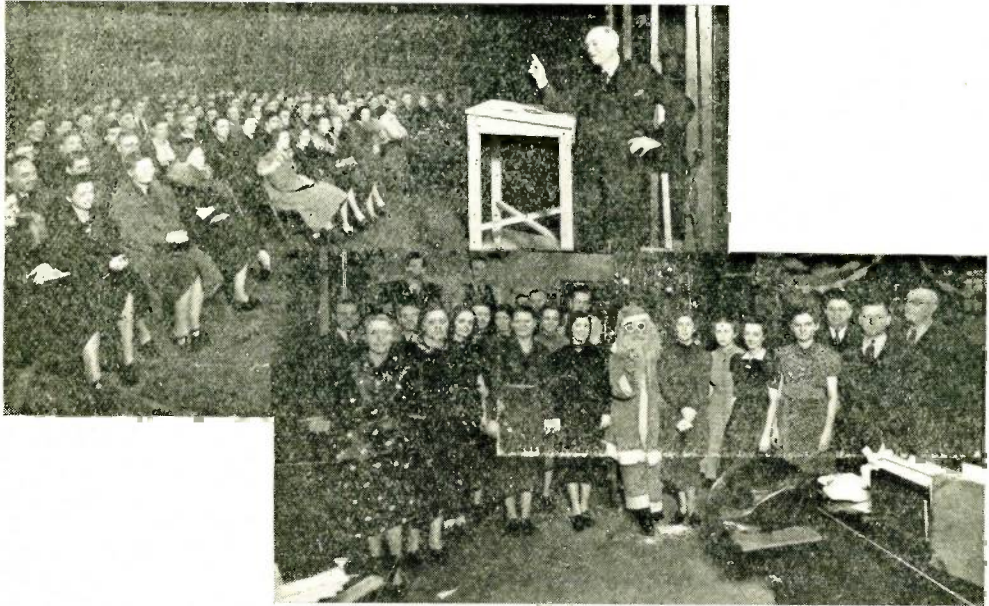
Funeral services were conducted on Thursday at the Dawson & Wykoff cemetery.

You Bet She Flew

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“Do angels have wings, mother?”
 “Yes, darling.”
 “Can they fly?”
 “Yes, dear.”
 “Then when is nurse going to fly, 'cause I heard daddy call her an angel last night.”
 “Tomorrow, darling.”—J. B.

SANTA CLAUS IN THE SOUTH



CHATTANOOGA

Wednesday, December 22, was a day of cheer at Columbian Iron Works.

Mr. Adolph Mueller arrived in Chattanooga the early part of the afternoon. At 3:30 the entire office force gathered on the main floor of the office building where a Christmas tree had been set up. Santa Claus was there with gifts for everyone—

Then to add to the enjoyment of everyone, Mr. Adolph sang "Old Black Joe."

Immediately following our office party, all departments of the factory assembled in the south end of the Machine Shop building for the general Christmas meeting.

Mr. Adolph spoke on business in general and also on American standards of living as compared to standards of living in other countries.

He stressed the importance of managing financial affairs wisely.

As usual, throughout his address Mr. Adolph scattered bits of humor.

Following the address, the following prizes were awarded for suggestions adopted during the year.

George Moore	\$ 2.50
Oscar Hubble	5.00
J. C. Quentel	7.50
Frank Puffer	2.50
William Hall	10.00
C. H. Casteel	2.50
Napoleon Gaither	5.00
Sam Spence	2.50
W. I. Davis	2.50

Reuben Wilson	2.50
Arvel Lee Black	2.50
Clarence Utt	2.50
Oddie Lee Moss	10.00
Oscar Brown	2.50
Izcar Tyous	2.50

Also the following grand prizes were awarded for the best adopted suggestions:

Reuben Wilson (1st prize)	25.00
C. H. Casteel (2nd prize) ..	15.00
J. C. Quentel (3rd prize) ..	10.00

And then came the greatest surprise of the day when the announcement was made that all people who had been in the employ of the company from December 1, 1936, to December 1, 1937, would receive a bonus check and in addition, a present of a ham and a side of bacon for each person who was in the employ of the company on December 1 and was still employed on December 17

We all join in saying that this Christmas meeting was the friendliest, happiest one we have had at the Chattanooga plant.

Told in Rhyme

"Twas the day of the party
And we were a jingle
Awaiting a visit
From dear old "Kris Kringle.

Then into the room
He came with a laugh, sir,
Closely followed by the
Champion Dish-washer."

After a smile for "Aunt" Mable
He went to the tree
To distribute the presents
Amid shouts of glee.

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A balm for old Oscar
For his sun-burned "weak-end"
A brush for Russell
To lather his chin.
A girdle for Gladys
Seemed just the thing
For her to use to
Cut down on the "swing."
A fork for Stanley
(To kill snakes it said)
A salesman for A. B.
She wanted one bad.
Something for Hope
We won't mention the name
But it looked very nice
Like an old picture frame.
To dear little Paul
The Saint brought a train
And a powder puff for
L'Ernestine
To Margaret a pill
To Lois some gum
To Homer some girls
Instead of a drum
Yep, all got presents
and good ones too
Even George Duda and
Sales Manager Hugh
So thank you, Santa
And to you a great cheer
Please bring us
S'more fun next year.

Famous Statements by Famous People

Russell Davis (after reading notice of lay-off.)

"I told my wife if she didn't quit work I would, and by golly, it looks as if I have!"

Christmas Party

On the evening of December 21, Alice Burkhart entertained the girls of the Columbian Iron Works at her home on Narragansette Drive. Her home was decorated with Christmas greens and red candles, the center of attraction being a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. During the evening bunco was played, high score being won by Mildred McCullough, one of the girls who formerly worked at the office, and second by Margaret Wallace. Christmas gifts were exchanged.

TIME: 7:30 A. M.—Any cold day.

PLACE: Office of Mueller Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Paul Jacka enters and goes to his desk. Looks at the thermometer (his thermometer always registers 78 degrees.) He then removes his coat, vest and hat and sits there and freezes. As you have probably heard, we are heating our buildings by the use of thermometers.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Esther Sadler to Arch Massey on December 22. Mr. Massey works in our Machine Shop.

Comment on Chattanooga Party

There was a very fine spirit manifested at the meeting on Wednesday, December 22, when Mr. Adolph distributed suggestion checks, and bonus checks, which were supple-

mented by hams and bacons for the employes. The proceedings were virtually the same as those held in Decatur. The employes were enthusiastic about the generous attitude of the company and were pleased beyond measure by all details of the program. A distinct change in the attitude of the employes from previous occasions was noted. Gradually those connected with the Chattanooga plant are becoming to note Mueller Co.'s standards of policy and are in every way a better and more loyal group than at any previous time. They are interested in their work and in the company and, almost without exception, it might be said that they wish to continue in the service of the company. We have known numerous instances where employes have for some reason or other withdrawn but later came back and have been very glad indeed to return to their old positions

TRIP TO FLORIDA

Charlie Cochran and Family Have a Fine Winter Vacation

Charles Cochran drove Mr. Adolph to Miami Beach, Florida, early in the week of December 20. They stopped on the way at the Chattanooga plant where Mr. Adolph presided over the annual Christmas meeting at the Columbian Iron Works.

The next day's journey brought the travelers to Valdosta, Georgia. This enterprising southern city maintains a beautiful tourist camp which was all decorated for Christmas. Charles says that this is the finest Christmas decorations he has ever seen. His eight-year-old daughter, Betty, could hardly be led away from the Community Christmas tree with Santa Claus and his sleigh with six reindeers. The absence of snow was scarcely noticed. The third day brought the party to Miami Beach. A swim in the Atlantic Ocean, the sights of Miami Beach, and a visit to the air port of the American Airways made a very interesting day.

On the return trip they passed through the cypress swamps, the orange district of central Florida. Oranges were selling for 80 cents a bushel and tangerines at 70 cents. They filled the car up. They spent another night in Valdosta and the next day in Henderson, Kentucky. They reached Decatur about 9:00 a. m., December 29.

In the ten-day trip the party had fine weather for the three days that they were in Florida and the same kind of weather we have been having in Illinois the rest of the trip.

The Law of Attraction

"Father, you were born in California, you say?"

"Yes, my son."

"And mother was born in New York?"

"Yes, my son."

"Well, father, don't it beat the Dutch how we all got together."

OLDER EMPLOYEES AND PRIZE WINNERS



Here is a group of thirteen of the older employees photographed by E. H. Langdon during the holiday season. Ten of them have served twenty years or more. Reading from left to right, standing, are: S. M. Yonker, thirty-five years; Earl Meador, 25 years; Ralph Adams, 30 years; F. F. Holler, 20 years; Henry Goerges, 30 years; Fred Meador, ten years; Roy Wood, 25 years; Julius Shaw, 30 years.

Seated: Peter Weber, 35 years; Miss Ethel McKee, 35 years; Ed. A. Waltz, 30 years; Leslie Hopper, 13 years; and Charles Sarver, 7 years.

Fred Meador, Leslie Hopper, and Charles Sarver are not in the picture because of unusually long service, but because they were among the notable suggestion prize winners. Meador had nine adopted, Hopper six, and Charles Sarver five.

We have another similar group which will be in the February Record.

GOOD FOR BARNEY

Old Time Mueller Man on Decatur Housing Committee

Barney Marty was appointed by Mayor Charles E. Lee on December 29, a member of the committee to study Decatur housing conditions as the first step in the developing of a local housing plan. There are eight other local men on the committee. A recent survey made by the city health department showed more than 1,000 homes in Decatur as unsanitary and lacking in modern conveniences. The committee will make a study of the local housing conditions and collect data concerning necessary improvements. When the study is completed Allan C. Williams of the Illinois State Housing Board will come to Decatur to give the local group further assistance.

MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club enjoyed their Christmas party on December 15, and due to the icy roads it was held at the gymnasium instead of the Mueller Lodge, with between 60 and 65 attending.

Chicken and noodles were served along with the regular pot luck supper. The tables were decorated with crystal covered branches that looked like miniature snow covered trees, red crepe paper, and candles gave the right touch for Christmas.

After supper every one gathered around the Christmas tree to listen to the program of readings and musical numbers given by the children of the club members. The grab bag, made to represent a red brick chimney, held gifts for every one.

SMILE AWHILE

Father: "Now, you've been fighting again. You've lost your two front teeth."

Son: "No, I ain't pop; I've got 'em in my pocket."

"Was your bride's father violent when you told him you had eloped with his daughter?"

"Was he? Why, I thought he would shake my arm off."

Mrs.: "Did you kill all the germs in baby's milk?"

Mr.: "My, yes; I ran it through the meat chopper twice."

Local Woman: "My husband is the only man who ever kissed me."

Neighbor: "Are you bragging or complaining?"

YOUR CAFETERIA

**A Statement of Facts and Conditions—
Bring the Wife and Kiddies if
You Want to.**

If you were in business under an annual expense of \$15,691.10, balanced your books at the end of the year and found a loss of \$45.59, you probably would shut up shop. This is exactly what happened to our cafeteria, but we do not intend to "shut up shop."

Employees have frequently been advised in the Record that there was no intention or desire to make a profit out of our cafeteria service. The cafeteria in whole and in part is operated on the thought of giving members of the organization a clean, comfortable, and inviting place to eat, and well cooked, wholesome food at a low cost. The cafeteria never has returned a profit. From a money-making standpoint, it has always been a losing venture.

Itemized Expenses

The following itemized expenses for one year are of interest:

Food Purchases	\$10,909.54
Labor	3,629.30
Gas, Water, Electricity, Steam for steam tables only	480.00
Compensation Ins.	89.88
F. O. A. B. Tax	31.98
Retailers Occupational Tax	469.37
Maint. of Equipment	81.03
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	\$15,691.10
Sales	15,645.51

Loss\$ 45.59

These expenses do not include anything for building rent, supervision or management, heating of building, depreciation, or repairs on building. All of the foregoing are legitimate charges against a regular business undertaking.

Notice the taxes. There are two items of taxes totaling \$501.35. The taxes, as in practically all business of today, are a big item of expense. It is inevitable in most cases, that the consumers pay the tax, but not in the case of the cafeteria. We accept this tax as an item of expense in maintaining the cafeteria and have not, as the average business men do, added it to the selling price of the product.

Wives and Children Welcome

We have advised you before that your wives and children are welcome to the cafeteria for meals. This invitation is repeated here. Any day you wish to bring them do so. They will not only be welcome, but will be well cared for.

No Substitute

We wish to repeat that we use pure products, fresh eggs for all desserts, icings, etc. All gravies are made from fresh meats. It may not be known to you, but many eating places buy prepared gravy by the barrel. In all foods we use pure and natural products. In no instances do we use substitutes.

UP AND COMING



Meet Master Franklin Dwayne Lebo, age four months and so full of fun and good humor that it bubbles over all the time. You can see that by the picture herewith. In fact, the sparkle of his eyes and the smile on his face proves that he is ready for a romp. He is the first child of Dwayne Lebo of the polishing department, who with Mrs. Lebo get a great deal of enjoyment out of him. Grandpa Lebo is a member of the foundry force.

BIRTHS

BRIMM—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brimm, a daughter, Nancy Lou, December 29, at St. Mary's hospital. Karl works in the printing department.

College Humor

Collegiate Reporter: "I've got a perfect news story."
Editor: "How come? A man bit a dog?"
Reporter: "No, a hydrant sprinkled one."

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



"In de summer time I could set all day en jes' look at de ocean."

"B-r-r-r! Why people bathe in it!"

"Yep, but then youse don't have to drink it."

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

Ruminations From a Third Floor Window

January birthdays were celebrated by Mary Wilkins on the 9th and by Dorothy Gepford and Hazel Allen on the 11th. Mary, with a shoulder bouquet to differentiate her as guest of honor, was observed dining at the Canton Tea Garden on Sunday.

A group of Dorothy's long-time friends honored her with a party at Helen Pope's home Tuesday evening.

Hazel was observed by your correspondent shortly after the four o'clock end-of-the-day bell in a not altogether dignified position under Ethel Dixon's desk. Whether this procedure was resorted to in order to elude pursuing friends who would have given her a birthday spanking or whether these same friends were responsible for putting her there we just don't know.

Many happy returns, gals, many happy returns.

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O. C. Draper and George W. White called on customers in Staunton, Edwardsville and East St. Louis, Illinois, December 13th and 14th—those icy days, if you remember. In spite of treacherous pavements, the travellers returned home safely.

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We were all sorry to learn of Mrs. Martin's misfortune last week. Mrs. Martin, mother of Helen Brannan, suffered a broken hip and is at present in the hospital. We all hope for an early and complete recovery for her.

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"School Days" seems to be the theme song of a number of the third floor girls who have enrolled in night classes at high school conducted under WPA Adult Education auspices. Bookkeeping, business English, shorthand, type-writing are popular subjects for those who want to brush up on some phases of past study or to branch out in new fields. The students include Clara Uhl, Dorothea Uhl, Dorothy Cooper, Mary Wilkins, Opal Jackson, Mary Ruth Harrison, Mildred Shannon. The second floor also has its share of students, including Evelyn Telling, Louise Whitehead, Ferne Pope, Edna Johnston, and Helen Pope. Willie Rohman is among the boy students.

Jane Cranston is continuing her study of psychology under Dr. J. A. Melrose at Jamer Millikin University.

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To digress from the intellectual or near-intellectual—a number of new coiffures have been in evidence on third floor in recent weeks. As we recall it all now, we wonder if Olivia Pando didn't start it when she came back from New Orleans wearing front locks arranged with a difference. Probably the charming Louisiana belles whom Ollie met on her Queen Soya tour gave her the idea.

During the holidays June Krumseik came out with such a complex arrangement of curls that we all worried about how in the world she would ever be able to comb them all before

time for work in the morning. But, of course, we needn't have lost sleep over the matter. June with her usual competence, had the matter well in hand.

the New Year, your correspondent has noted several other new styles of hair dress in these parts, and we must confess that we like them. They're a pleasant bit of variety to touch up a Winter day.

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There were a number of Third Floor babies at the Children's Christmas party in the Mueller gym on December 18, and, in spite of the extreme youth of some of them, they seemed to have a grand time. There was Arline Dash, already a bewitching little miss; Jackie Shannan who is the friendliest little soul you ever saw; Carol Edmondson who demonstrated her ability to take care of herself; dark-eyed Patty Roush, who is becoming a young lady, attractive Cynthia and David Dickey—those were just some of them whom we saw. Sweet kids, all the Third Floor youngsters.

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To our unredeemed mind, the marionette show at the Children's Christmas party, which concerned the eclipse of one Mr. Sunshine by one Miss Rain, was almost too painfully apropos.

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It's a little late, perhaps, to talk about Christmas gifts, but we still think that Hazel's and Erma's Christmas watches are pretty swell.

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With the resumption of the Community Lecture series on Monday evening last, an adjourned meeting of the After-Lecture-Debating Society convened shortly thereafter at Ridgleydale. While some attention was given to who said what in the debate on whether or not Our Society Has Reached a Decadent Stage, by far the hottest part of the argument was reserved for the discussion of hot fudge sundaes.

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Mr. W. E. Mueller and Mr. Frank O'Dell are on a business trip into the Southern States.

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After the holiday bustle, Third Floor seems strangely quiet. Then, too, so many of our friends have deserted us. First, Mr. Adolph left shortly before Christmas for a vacation in Florida. Soon after, Mr. Werdes left for California, and we understand that Mr. Leach will soon do likewise. The visiting auditors have departed. Third Floor has slipped back into its accustomed routine, and the next holiday on the calendar would seem to be Ground Hog day.

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Aline Moore is the proud, and we might say undaunted, owner of a nice new pair of ice skates.

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See you later.

THE GAME OF TEN PINS

Tool Room and Brass Finishers Drop Out Leaving a Six Team League

In a meeting held at the gym on Monday, December 20, the captains voted and agreed to drop the Tool Room and the Brass Finishers from the Mueller Bowling League. For some reason, the Tuesday nights were getting to the point where several of the teams were poorly represented, and rather than to shoot "blinds" the remaining part of the schedule, it was decided to have a six team league instead of an eight. All the members of the two teams dropped, who wished to continue bowling, were placed among the six remaining teams, making a more secure league for the rest of the season.

See-sawing back and forth from the first to second, the Utilities and Specialties are taking their turns holding the peak position. At the present time the Specialties have the edge by one single game, climbing into first place with the aid of the Works Managers, who defeated the Utilities two games on January 11.

The standing of the ten high bowlers remain very much the same with C. Dodwell still leading, closely followed by Bert Flaughner. C. C. Roarick stepped into third place, nudging E. Blankenburg and W. Behrns into fourth and fifth.

Highlights Since December 7 Report

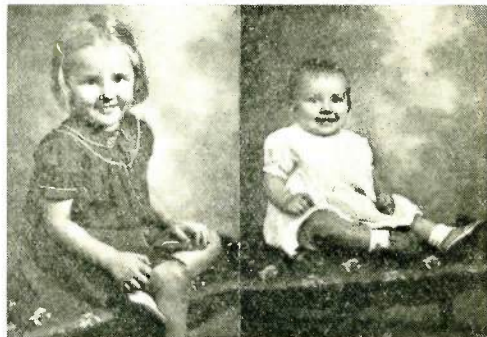
"Pee Wee" Hartwig goes into first place in the high individual three games series. On December 21 he really got "hot" and shot three two hundred games, 238, 210, and 207 for a grand total of 655, and a new mark to shoot at in that particular field. He came through



again on January 11 with an even 600 series.

M. Foster must be one of those boys that just can't stand prosperity. On the night of December 28, he sent the pins crashing for 200 and 216 on his first two attempts for a nice

THE LITTLE EDMONSONS



Here are the little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmonson, bright, happy, and full of life. Their names are Carol Lu, at the left, age three, and Judith Ann at the right, age one. They make a great team of playmates and there is no time out in the Edmonson household when these little ones are not taking a work out. Carol Lu was quite generally observed at the Christmas party. She took up the task of entertaining herself, and made a success of it. The mother of these two happy little ones was the former Edna Cranston, and was a member of the main office force. Their Aunt Jane, who also thinks the little girls are top notchers, is a stenographer in the sales department.

start. Then he went to the opposite extreme and rolled a mere 86. Anyway, he hung up his first 500 series of the year.

C. C. Roarick finally broke into the 600 class on January 11. After getting some tough breaks his first game, he came through with two beautiful scores of 233 and 230 for a total of 612.

C. Rubicam snagged his first 500 series on December 14 getting 519.

A. Jendry and J. Taylor also got their first 500 this year, getting 525 and 501 respectively.

Augie Gendry has taken the razzing crown from M. Riewski. Ask Martin.

Eric and Karl Blankenburg, together with Carl and Al Dodwell journeyed over to Peoria on January 9 to bowl in the Annual Brothers Tournament. The results were disappointing when the Blanks turned in a total of 1026, and the Dodwells a mere 989.

Individual High Score

HIGH 1 GAME		HIGH 3 GAMES	
C. Dodwell	.....256	E. Hartwig	.....655
W. Behrns	.....255	A. Flaughner	.....646
A. Flaughner	.....249	W. Behrns	.....623

Team High Games

SINGLE GAME		3 GAMES	
Main Office	.....979	Specialty	.....2763
Specialty	.....976	Utility	.....2741
Utility	.....974	Main Office	.....2699

600 Series Since December 7

E. Hartwig	.....655	C. Dodwell	.....602
Bert Flaughner	...619	W. Behrns	.....600

C. C. Roarick.....612	E. Hartwig .....600
High 200 Scores Since Dec. 7	
W. Behrns .....255	C. C. Roarick ...230
C. C. Roarick ...246	H. Leipski .....245
C. C. Roarick ...233	Leo Wiant .....230

Below are listed the scores including January 11th.

Team Standing to Jan. 11, 1938

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Div.	54	34	20	.630	836
Utility Eng.	54	33	21	.611	843
Apprentices	54	29	25	.537	749
Main Office	51	27	24	.529	778
Works Mgr. Of....	51	26	25	.510	781
Plumbers .....54	21	33		.389	727

Individual Averages

Specialty Division

A. Flaughter .....187
E. Hartwig .....174
H. Stratman .....172
C. Hill .....170
W. Mueller .....148
R. Caudle .....140

Main Office

C. Dodwell .....189
A. Werdes .....167
A. Jendry .....158
J. Bain .....156
J. Morrison .....146
O. Draper .....143
O. Keller .....133

Utility Engineers

E. Blankenburg ..184
W. Behrns .....184
H. Leipski .....165
F. Tratzik .....159
W. Bowan .....154
M. Foster .....145

Works Mgr. Office

C. C. Roarick ..186
L. Wiant .....166
G. Krag .....164
F. March .....159
J. Taylor .....156
D. Wilkins .....124

Apprentices

M. Riewski .....164
R. Roarick .....163
C. Constant .....159
C. Rubicam .....146
R. Tertocha .....135
R. Uhler .....120

Plumbers

L. Adams .....181
H. Thompson ..163
H. Maddox .....155
L. Kramer .....143
J. Fair .....129
R. Kileen .....105

Ten High Bowlers

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Main Office.....	48	189	256
A. Flaughter, Specialty Div....	42	187	249
C. C. Roarick, Wks. Mgr. Of..	31	186	246
E. Blankenburg, Utility Eng....	51	184	242
W. Behrns, Utility Eng.	54	184	255
L. Adams, Plumbers	53	181	235
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div....	54	174	238
H. Stratman, Specialty Div....	49	172	225
C. Hill, Specialty Div.....	39	170	215
A. Werdes, Main Office.....	33	167	228

Lady (with seven children): "Mister, what is the fare to Dallas?"

Station Agent: "A round trip ticket will be \$30.00 with berth."

Lady: "Law, man, I don't want that ticket, I've had seven kids already."

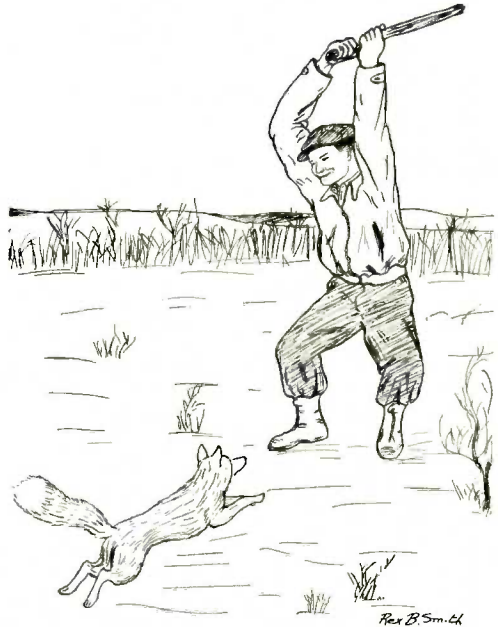
A man bought a parrot and tried to teach him to talk. Going over to the bird, he repeated for several minutes the words, "Hello, hello."

At the end of the lesson the parrot opened one eye and answered, "Line's busy."—Mutual Magazine.

"How to keep the boys on the farm. That's the question."

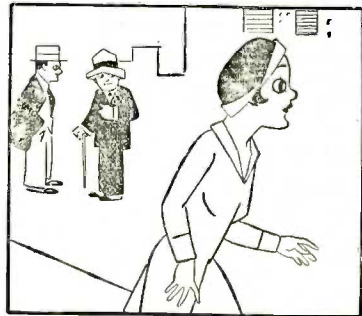
"It's simple enough," declared Uncle Hemlock. "Put an auto track in the meadow, a ball park in the cornfield, and a continuous vaudeville in the barn."

FINISHING TOUCH OF FOX HUNT



Supt. Frank Taylor has never made any claim as to his hunting prowess that we have heard of, especially that good old English sport of riding to the hounds in scarlet coat and jockey cap. However, he joined the Bearsdale fox hunt, consisting of several hundred farmers and distinguished himself by putting the one fox out of the way. He did not want to do it, but you can see by Rex Smith's cartoon, that the fox headed straight for a bite of Frank's ankles and he merely resorted to the first law of nature—self preservation. He did not even have time to side step the fox.

MISS BUSY



Mr. X.—I never saw a woman so full of energy.

Mr. Y.—Nor I. Why, merely correcting her mistakes keeps two men busy.

ILLINOIS VS. CALIFORNIA



We had some rather rough weather when the salesmen met here in early December. When the California group got back home they found weather and temperature of the quality they like. The kidding "Butsy" Dill immediately wrote a letter to George C. Leach of the Pacific Coast factory sympathizing with him for having to remain in Illinois. George was photographed in the open on a January day to show "Butsy" how little he knows of his native Illinois. George's witnesses and companions in the picture are Fern Pope and Frank Edmonson.

DAN GANNON KICKS BACK

Readers of the Record doubtless remember an item in the December issue of the "Inside Record", which had to do with the search for a high hat for salesman Dan R. Gannon to wear as leader of the banquet parade. This high hat happened to be one of the "props" for the picnic parade. Dan came across the item, and here is the way he "high hats" residents of this section.

"In the December issue of the Mueller Record we came across a paragraph expostulating at some length about the 'Quest of the High Hat' for the (parade to the Banquet) writer.

Definite mention was made of the failure of this search due to the size required.

"In our country MEN wear Hats in Men's sizes: 7 $\frac{3}{4}$, 8, 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ but all we could find in Decatur was boys' sizes.

"Come West my hearties and expand—every way."

OUT-OF-DATE



Neverwed—The good old mother-in-law joke seems about played out.

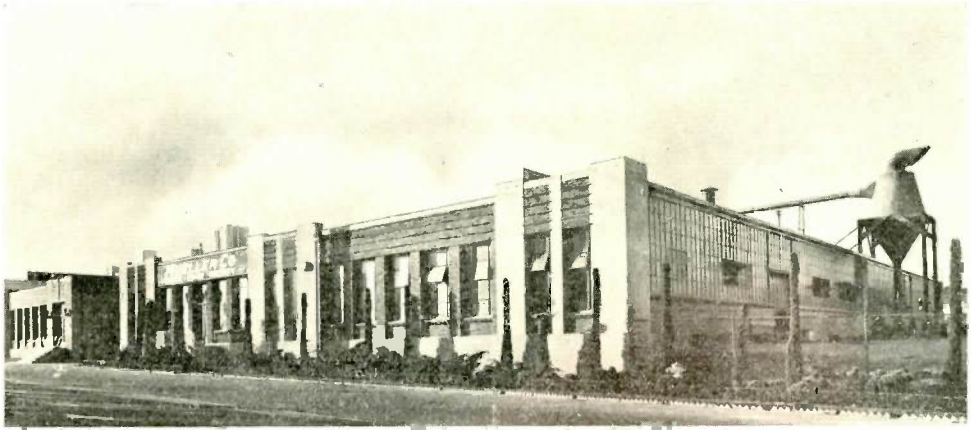
Longwed—The real mother-in-law never was a joke except to you guys who were never un against one.

GRADUATED



Lloyd D. Shockey, son of W. L. Shockey Dept. 8, was graduated from the Decatur High School January, 1938.

OUR PACIFIC COAST FACTORY



Here is a late photograph of our Pacific Coast factory at Los Angeles. It is located at 2801 East Twelfth street and one of the most attractive buildings in that section of the city.

REMEMBER THE SLOGAN

SUGGESTIONS PAY

IN EVERY WAY

WINNING
1937
SLOGAN

NOW FOR 1938
DIG IN YOU MAY WIN