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BIG ATTRACTION JAN. 26.

First Vaudeville of 1940 Season Presenting Six Acts by First Class Artists.

Yes sir, you are going to get a bagful of good entertainment at the vaudeville show in the gymnasium, Friday, January 26—the opening event of our 1940 stage shows. Those who have attended previous shows know the quality-value of the attractions sent us by Grover LaRose, our St. Louis booking agency. We are convinced that he is giving us a new show a step in advance.

At a committee meeting January 12, photographs of the various artists were studied. Costumes, poise, expression, and expressive faces were convincing evidence that these artists will please you. They show the air, the look, the confidence of the professional artists. Some of the cast have been playing vaudeville circuits including Honolulu.

The stage presence and self-confident, self-possession of the real artist is manifest in every picture, so much so, that the committee without hesitation voted to bring the troupe here—pretty high priced—but this will not in any way affect the admission fee—15c per person. It's a bargain folks, so begin to make up your mind now to see one of the two performances at the usual hour—7 P. M. and 8:20 P. M.

The following gives a good outline of the program that's in store for you.

GEORGE DRAKE:—Acrobatic tap. He was featured out at the Municipal Opera all last season.

THE GREAT KNOLL:—He does a good contortion act. The second time out he does a trapeze act with rigging.

MARY & BILLY HILL:—Clever dancers who do ballroom, soft shoe, fast tap. Mary does a military number on her toes.

OSCAR WILLIS:—An act that was a feature of the Famous-Barr Department

store for five weeks during the Christmas Holidays. Oscar does clever and funny tramp comedy juggling and for his second act he does a very funny Punch and Judy, which will make the kids yell. His entire act is very funny.

BEVERLY SISTERS:—Who just recently returned from Honolulu.

These girls play the xylophone and dance. They have beautiful wardrobes. They also dance without the xylophone. Two nice looking girls—you will like them.

DIANA THOMAS:—Will be the singer. She makes a beautiful appearance, a good looking blonde that can really sing.

WALTER PADEFORD:—Pianist who will play for the show.

ALMA GISH:—Who will act as Mistress of Ceremonies

You'll all remember Alma Gish. She has become very popular here, and committee members always get requests to "bring her back playin'." She will also give one of her pleasing dance numbers.

The only way you can lose on this great show is by staying at home—Don't lose—Play safe by getting your tickets early.

LAST MINUTE FLASH

Mueller Employees School opens in the gym on January 22. Sessions 4:10 to 5:30 p. m. every Monday.

Dates:

January 22	February 26
January 29	March 4
February 5	March 11
February 12	March 18
February 19	March 25

Dinner, April 1

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Being Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

We've been enjoying ever since Christmas all the nice things that Santa Claus brought to our girls. There are bright sweaters and jewelry, a new coat or two. Pearl beads seem to have been popular with both St. Nick and the recipients.

A really large New Year's week-end was enjoyed by Hazel Allen. She and her husband, uncle and aunt motored to Chicago on Saturday, December 30th. In the next two days Hazel and Merle hung up something of a record by seeing George White's Scandals, Sonja Henie's revue, the Russian Ballet and Edward Everett Horton in Springtime for Henry.

Among the Santa Claus gifts we noted hereabouts are a beautiful new watch worn by John Bixler and a shiney blue car delivered to the Drapers.

It was nice having the two boys we sent to California last Winter come up to see us. Bud Simpson and Herman Dash look very well, we think.

Herman's little daughter, Arline, was pretty much the center of attraction the day she was up here. A sweet little miss, certainly, in her red coat and bonnet.

Just to show that we could, we cooked up something pretty special in the way of an Illinois snow-storm for our visiting Californians. Just good old Macon County hospitality.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Everett Roarick, the former Marjorie Bixler, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on the evening of December 11 at the home of Mary Ruth Harrison. Assisting hostesses were Helen Draper and Wera Bauer. The hostesses had gone to a lot of work in preparing Christmas decorations, which were most effective and attractive. A huge stocking hung on the fireplace held part of Marjorie's gifts, and the remainder were piled beneath the stocking. Games and contests provided the entertainment of the evening after all the gifts had been unwrapped and admired.

One on Peter

Late one night, just as St. Peter was preparing to knock off for the day, two gentlemen from Chicago knocked on the Golden Gate and loudly demanded admittance.

"Sorry, but I can't let you in," said St. Peter, "I have no instructions and the scorekeeper has gone to bed, so you'll have to wait until I look up your record."

When he returned a few minutes later, the two gentlemen from Chicago were gone.

And so were the Golden Gates!

SARNIA

An event of interest Monday evening, December 11th, was a Children's Christmas Party held in Mueller Recreation Hall.

It was attended by some three hundred children, employees and wives.

The hall and Christmas tree festively decorated added much to the Christmas atmosphere.

The programme opened with a welcome by President Adolph Mueller. He also presented service pins and suggestion awards. Each lady, whose husband received a service pin, received a rose bud as a gift from Mr. Adolph.

George Parker was chairman for the evening and the concert included the following numbers:

Christmas songs and carols lead by John Milne; dances by Doris Goodacre, Edna Helps and Joan Duncan, pupils of Miss Joan Cooper. Magic performed by Stewart James; Hawaiian guitar selections by Gordon Stuart of Dept. 6 and other members of his family and last of all two moving pictures.

After the programme Santa arrived and the children were presented with gifts. Dancing concluded the programme.

Suggestions

The following employees received suggestion awards for the year 1939.

First prize, \$10.00—Gordon Karr, Dept. 7
Second, \$5.00—George Schillmore, Dept. 8
Third prize, \$3.00—Clare Cook, Dept. 7

Additional prize money was paid for suggestions as shown below:

M. Miners, Dept. 8—\$2.50; J. Hicks, Dept. 5—\$7.50; D. Tilley, Dept. 3—\$5.00; G. Lucas, Dept. 1—\$2.50; L. Payne, Dept. 2—\$2.50; J. Rose, Dept. 3—\$2.50; M. Bice, Dept. 2—\$2.50; W. Marshall, Dept. 9—\$2.50; L. Daws, Dept. 8—\$2.50; K. Paltridge, Dept. 5—\$2.50; G. Karr, Dept. 7—\$2.50; C. Hardy, Dept. 6—\$2.50

Service Pins

Nineteen service pins were presented to different employees by Mr. Adolph Mueller. These included two more 25 year pins awarded to Rae McIntyre, Factory Superintendent and C. Brent, Dept. 9.

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On Friday evening, December 23rd, the employees received a Christmas Gift Box containing a delicious ham and roll of back bacon. Each employee received the good wishes of the management for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We don't know whether it was through the influence of the Mueller Record, or whether the fellow just couldn't wear the shoe, but Loyle Davis' lost shoe was returned to him last week, and no questions were asked.

LEFT OVER FROM CHRISTMAS



Christmas is a thing of the past but happy memories still linger. There are some "left overs" to mention in addition to the highlights published in the outside Record. The Children's party, Saturday, December 16, was one of the finest we have ever held. The attendance was unusually large and the Christmas spirit ran high. The children entered with a vim into singing carols. Ed Larrick as Santa Claus led the music. Aline Moore was pianist and Adolph made an appropriate talk. The moving pictures consisted of the following:

"Mickey's Round Up"
 "Pied Piper"
 "Silvery Moon"
 "Oh, Suzanna"
 "Christmas Around the World."

A treat of oranges, candy, etc., ended another Merry Christmas for the children.

The decorations in the gym were exceptionally pretty—a row of Santa Clauses

around the gym, two beautifully decorated Christmas trees, and on the back curtain a pretty painting of the nativity. This was painted by Miss Bradley, a niece of the late Charlie Lincoln.

During the Christmas festivities service award buttons were made to the following:

45 Year Service

Continuous: B. J. Marty (no emblem for this term).

40 Year Service

Continuous: Lewis Fagan.
 Broken: H. C. Camron.

35 Year Service

Continuous: Burt Jackson, A. C. Bork, Frank Tosh.

Broken: H. A. Wacaser-

30 Year Service

Continuous: T. E. Knowles, Wm. Ferry, Henry Gilbert-

Broken: Charles Meador, Earl Parker, A.

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HAMS AND BACON



CHATTANOOGA



The annual Christmas meeting, Columbian Iron Works, was held December 18, 1939.

A colored quartette of our organization opened the exercises with song.

In a brief talk, Mr. Adolph referred to inventions that have been made, showing samples of such inventions. He emphasized the fact of what such inventions mean to industry. He also made it clear that we should be happy to be Americans, a peace loving people.

He then presented suggestion awards for adopted suggestions, as well as the grand prizes for the best adopted suggestions.

Suggestion prizes were awarded to the following employees:

W. L. Davis, three, \$7.50; William Hall, J. C. Quentel, Clarence Utt, two, \$5.00 each; Harry Gaither, E. F. Holland, Amos Kraft, T. T. Morton, one, \$2.50 each.

The following grand prize awards were made:

1st prize—Johnny Quentel, \$25.00. 2nd prize—William Hall, \$15.00. 3rd prize—Harry Gaither, \$10.00.

This was followed by a short play presented by three of our colored employees. The play portrayed a colored employee asking for an advance in wages or a "dough-ball". It was greatly enjoyed. The skit was written by Napoleon Gaither.

Absence of space prevents reproduction of the text of the play.

At its conclusion Mr. Adolph announced the distribution of hams and bacon, and the announcement was greeted with loud applause. Taken as a whole it was one of the finest Christmas celebrations the organization has so far enjoyed.

The enclosed snapshot shows a flock of turkeys raised on the Crabtree farm. Charles and Gilbert Crabtree are shown in the snapshot. Their father is employed in our Machine Shop. They have a flock of 35 turkeys, this year—or did have, just before Christmas came along and took most of 'em.

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Things to Talk About

The happy Christmas the Columbian Iron

Works employees enjoyed.

The nice summer weather we are having! Brr....

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A certain gentleman was telling Gus Thomas not to spend his money going to the movies and then on a certain night, on Bank Nite at the theatre, this same gentleman's name was called and he wasn't there. We are told that he came to work the next day with real tears in his eyes.

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Questions

Who is Mr. Paul G. Jacka breaking in that new hat he is wearing for?

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Remarkable Remarks

(To be continued in the next issue of the Record)

Don Andrews: You can't tell me nothing.

Homer Van Vleet: I'm an old cow hand.

Wade Lowery: With my V-8, I am never late.

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Horrible Sights

Gus Thomas looking at himself in the mirror and smiling.

William (Pickhandle) Henry's feet.

Eddie (Highpocket) Stanley's ears.

Napoleon (the Farmer) Gaither's pocket-book.

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A certain little bird says that since the rates have been increased in Napoleon Gaither's home, he certainly has stopped being a night owl.

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That fellow who was in charge of the Core Room in the absence of Howard Morton on his vacation sure kept the floors clean, we hope, we hope, we hope.

WEDDINGS

Cunningham-Oakleaf

Ann Cunningham and J. V. Oakleaf were married Saturday, January 6, at 7 A. M. in St. Patrick's church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cunningham of Niantic, and John is the son of Elisha Oakleaf, polisher in Dept 9. John is employed in Dept. 8. The couple are living at 1251 N. Edward Street.

Arnold-Reynolds

Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Arnold, 1155 North Union street, and Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reynolds, 745 West Eldorado street, were married December 3 in the Methodist church in Rockville, Indiana, by Rev. Richmond Blake. The bridegroom works in Dept. 8. The couple are living at 770 West Macon street.

Kimmons-Brown

Mary Lucille Kimmons and Vernon Brown of the Core Department were married in St. Charles, Missouri on December 23. They are living at 1006 N. Edward street.

CLAIRE GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY



Standing: (from left to right)—Sylvia Zale, Claire Zale, Dee Gribble, Wilma Hyde, Santa Claus (Marie Hutchinson), Opal LeRoy, Audrey Zale,, Mary Thompson, Evelyn Blakeslee.

Second Row (left to right)—Evelyn Miller, Rebecca Skaggs, Donna Daughterty, Helen Packard, June Gardner.

First Row (left to right)—Gail Davis, Martha Jane Norwood, Dortha Warren, Yvonne Hampton.

Photographer—Helen Gosselin.

This merry group of girls of Mueller Pacific Coast plant had a joyous Christmas party at the apartment of Claire Gale, an innovation in the usual practice. It was the initial visit of guests in Claire's apartment, and they all passed their plates for a second helping. There were attractive Christmas decorations, branches with red berries from a native shrub—Claire confesses helping herself and then inviting her neighbor to come in and see how pretty they looked—and the neighbor was delighted. Then there was a beautiful sized Christmas tree beneath which were spread the presents. Around the room were individual stockings, bearing the girls' names, filled with candy and powder puffs.

It was a pot luck affair, as is customary, and everyone wore slacks expecting to play ping-pong, in the garage.

Santa Claus in person was a surprise visitor to the guests and distributed the presents in a manner equal to Adolph's best performance.

A buffet lunch was served from tables rich in Christmas decorations. In the center was a huge bowl flanked by double pointed poinsettas and two long red candles in black holders. The eats were great. There are splendid cooks in the organization. Fine meal, a glorious evening and a happy bunch of girls that rang out at 11 P.M. to dream of the good time long to be remembered.

Sure Way

Roberta: "Did you count with a daisy to see if Jack loves you?"

Ruth: "No, indeed; it might have turned out wrong. I used a three-leafed clover."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Taylor announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Mr. Kenneth Autenrieth at a party given at the Athletic Club on December 19. Mr. Autenrieth is the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Autenrieth of St. James, Illinois

BRASS CHIPS

Mrs. Grace O'Byrne of the cafeteria and daughter, Dorothy, Dept. 9, spent Christmas in Wichita, Kansas, visiting relatives there and also visiting cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hallock, in Oklahoma.

Frank Taylor and family attended the Christmas services presented by the Greenville College, Department of Music, on December 17. The college-community chorus consisting of nearly one hundred voices participated, and gave a very beautiful concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Mueller of Sarnia were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller. Bobby Mueller, grandson of Mr and Mrs. Robert Mueller, also spent the holidays in Decatur.

Paul Hines came in from his territory in the south, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, to spend Christmas and New Years with his relatives in Decatur.

So Grand

Daughter: "Oh, Father, how grand it is to be alive. The world is too good for anything. Why isn't every one happy?"

Father: "Who is he this time?"

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Golembeck, Grover Meadows, Ed Harris.

25 Year Service

Continuous: A. O. Yonker, H. Ammann.
Broken: C. F. Dunaway, Al Spitzer,
Jerome Edwards, P. A. Gaddis.

20 Year Service

Continuous: Helen Brannan, W. H. Bin-
stead, R. Dannewitz, William Thomas,
B. A. Mason, Margaret Behrend, Earl Gus-
Broken: A. D. Bashore, A. J. Ridgeway,
tin, Flossie Poe, F. W. Dannewitz.
Margaret Woodruff, Brugh Werner, C. F.
Morenz, Paul Jeschawitz, Mike Brilley.

15 Year Service

Continuous: Everett Dickey, Enola Smith,
Orval German, Hugh Harshbarger, H. F.
Snyder, W. A. Brunner, Thomas Ralston,
Jennie Kinney, Howard Williams, J. W.
Workman, L. I. Hopper, John Chalcraft,
Hugh Henley, Clyde Nester, C. F. Ed-
wards, Walter Dunn, W. A. Hays, E. E.
Musgraves, Ernest Watkins, Myrtle Carter,
Jack Bain, E. H. Potta, Augusta Morenz,
W. A. Morrissey, E. H. Humphrey, R. W.
Workman, A. J. Grossman, J. A. Hargis,
Herman Chepan.

Broken: Ethel Fogle, Chester Priddy, L.
L. Bethard, William Bradford, F. D. Stev-
enson, W. A. Hise, Guy Jones, Z. Boehm,
Hoyt Monnts, Ralph Myers, Carl Morton,
Oscar Stratman.

The following are the names of the five
and ten year continuous and broken ser-
vice employees. These employees received
their emblems in the cafeteria after the
meeting.

10 Year Service

Continuous: Dorothy Stratman, Ernest
Krumstiek, Kenneth Morrow, Fred Tratzik,
Ingard Moldenhauer, Ben Taylor, Thomas
Mudd, Huber Maddox, Pete Alckner, J. C.
Willis.

Broken: Velma Runyan, Lucille Smith,
Dorothy Gepford, Hugh Mooney, Gladys
Masterson, W. A. Mathews, Ed Foley, Ray-
mond Bulla, Jesse Dailey, W. B. Jones,
Clarence Woodrum, John Taylor, Charles
McArty, George Sulwer, Beulah Jenkins,
Dean Butler, Charles Sarver.

5 Year Service

Continuous: Velma Kushmer, August
Jendry, Jane Cranston.

Broken: Mae Gillibrand, James T. Mc-
Kown, Marion Fonner, Edwin Sturgeon,
Jack Enloe, Edwin Jeschawitz, John Mon-
ska, Wilbur Edwards, Wendell Pritchett,
Russell Armstrong.

Complete List of Suggestion Winners**One Suggestion—\$2.50 Each**

Ralph Adams	Edna Johnson
Laura Becker	Orval Keller
Margaret Behrend	A. E. Lindamood
Leon Bethards	Gladys Lloyd
Lewis Bland	Gladys Masterson
Ernest Bond	L. B. McKinney
Karl Brimm	Glen Nisenheimer
Herman Chepan	H. R. Mooney
Merlin Coates	Helen Pope

Roy E. Cook
W. E. Corley
Herman Dash
Donald Dickey
Helen Draper
George Durbin
Myron Edwards
Lewis Fagan
Ernest M. Garver
Glen Gideon
A. J. Grossman
Jess Hargis
Clarence Hays
Carl Hill
Robert W. Hill
L. I. Hopper

Ferne Pope
Marian Richards
A. G. Ridgeway
Herman Roe
Velma Runyan
Warren J. Sexson
Cecil Short
Dorothy Stratman
Harold Taylor
Frank Tosh
Louise Whitehead
H. B. Whittington
Margaret Wilson
Ernest A. Wittke
R. W. Workman

Two Suggestions—\$5.00 Each

H. Ammann
Ira Auer
Lee Bauer
M. L. Cunningham
Warren Hall
G. Harshbarger
(Deceased). Check made to
Mrs. Beatrice Harshbarger.
Dorothea Hill
Chas Johnson
Raymond Larus
Albert May

Earl McQuality
Fred Meador
Alva Moats
Harold Munsterman
R. B. Pease
Chester Priddy
Irvin M. Raebel
August Schudziara
Robert F. Taylor
Ralph Uhler
G. J. Yonker
Ancil Younger

Three Suggestions—\$7.50 Each

Ray Caudie
Marion Fonner
G. N. Hutchens
Robt. Lusk, Jr.

Hubert Maddox
Wm. A. Mueller
Frank Shade
D. R. Truett

Four Suggestions—\$10.00 Each

Carl Dodwell
John J. Smith

Rex B. Smith
Milo Wright

Five Suggestions—\$12.50 Each

Matt Like
Al Spitzer

Clinton Wright

Seven Suggestions—\$17.50 Each

Cal McQuality

P. D. Ruthrauff, Jr.

Eight Suggestions—\$20.00

Carl Yonker

Ten Suggestions—\$25.00

James Fair

Fifteen Suggestions—\$37.50

A. H. Thompson

Sixteen Suggestions—\$40.00

F. C. Hackman

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CHARLIE COCHRAN IN CUBA



If you go to Cuba and do not pay a visit to "Sloppy Joe's" place, refrain from telling anyone at home that you did not. If you do, rest assured that no one will believe you. Charlie Cochran herewith presents evidence of his visit. Inscribed on the back of the photograph is the following: Left: "Juslus Arcay, Lincoln Hotel, Habana, Cuba, 1939-1940." Right: "Sergio Hecter, Policia Sloppy Joe's, 1939-1940." The central picture needs no explanatory title. The lady in the background is Mrs. Rice of Canton, O., who with her husband made up a part of the sight seeing Americans.

Charlie Cochran drove Adolph's station car to Miami, Florida as usual, but he did not stay there long. He had something else in the back of his head which he had been nursing for some time—a trip to Cuba—and he took it. He lost no time in boarding a Pan-American plane, accompanied by Betty, his ten year old daughter, and in two hours and fifteen minutes they landed in Havana, Cuba, one of the beautiful cities of the world.

Short Air Trip

The distance across Florida Straits is 130 miles. Air time is about one third that of a boat trip. Cuba is 800 miles in length. The width varies from 20 miles in the neighborhood of Havana to 90 miles in the eastern portion.

The time of the travellers was divided between the attractions of the city and cross-country trips. The Cochrans met Mr. and Mrs. Rice of Canton, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Webber of Cleveland. The former is an engineer with the Hercules Motor Co., and the latter is in the advertising business. They proved congenial travelling companions. There were many things seen and investigated which will always remain cherished memories.

The Old Cathedral

Among these was an old cathedral 300 years old. Original paintings still decorate

walls and ceiling. To adorn the ceiling required two years, the artist being compelled to lie flat on his back. Charlie says the paintings are magnificent, standing out like statues.

Carry Pigs Home

A visit to the Produce Exchange was worth all the time and more devoted to it. As the name indicates it is a place to sell, buy and exchange products. It happened to be just a few days prior to the Christmas festival, which begins at 12 o'clock midnight of December 24. The natives were getting up steam for the celebration. It was no uncommon sight to see a man buy an 80 or 100 pound pig, tie the animal's front legs together, shoulder the load and march away with his squealing purchase.

Another eye stunner was the president's mansion. This magnificent building contains 350 rooms and 50 bath rooms.

Cuban Statue

The Cuban statue to the United States attracts all American visitors. Charlie did not know its height, but the shaft reaches toward the clouds, surmounted by an eagle. Cannons from the Maine at either side of the base represent the United States and Cuba. On the opposite side are busts of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and General Leonard Wood, with quotations from speeches by McKinley.

Burial Customs

The cemetery occupying 140 acres was another object of interest largely because of Cuban burial customs. Bodies are placed in vaults filled with lime. At the end of 3 years the vault is unsealed and the residue of the body is interred in another part of the cemetery. There is one burial charge for rich and poor alike. This is \$3.

Healthful Place

Havana has become a healthful city as a result of former American occupation. Formerly garbage was deposited at the shore line. General Wood built a sea wall to keep garbage from backing up on the shore. Now it is loaded on scows and dumped several miles out to sea.

Cuba is building up Cuban morale. Havana, a city of 750,000, is patrolled by 5,000 police made up of regular army men under government supervisions. Traffic lights are controlled by a policeman stationed on the corner and by policemen at intersections. At these points motorists use their horns vigorously. As near as Charlie could tell the driver who made the most noise got the right of way.

Workmen's Club

The Workmen's Club impressed the visitors. It is a large and beautiful structure with 43,000 members, a large library, recreational rooms, etc. It's controlled by a council of workers. Another object of in-

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BOY SCOUTS SEE BIG GAME



This group of boys, members of the Mueller Scout Troop No. 2, accepted the invitation of the University of Illinois this year to attend the football game between the U. of I. and Indiana, at which the latter defeated Illinois, 6-0. All Decatur scouts were invited to this game, the first year an invitation has been issued for one of the conference games.

Reading left to right they are: 1st row—Bob Hall, Robert Justice, Robert Walton. Second row—Jack March, Bob Harlis, Lynn Edwards, Joe Yonker, Bill Deteor. Third row—Herman Roe, Scoutmaster, Gerry Yonker, Howard Dempster, F. A. March. The last three named are scout committee-men.

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terest is a finely equipped free hospital.

The government has taken charge of the Chinese influx. In 1933 there were 5,000 Chinese residents. Today there are 1900. No more Chinese males are allowed entry. Chinese women have always been excluded. Japanese are restricted to a stay of seven days.

Demonstration Plantation

A visit was paid the government demonstration plantation showing the growing agricultural products of the island which are largely of a tropical character, including sugar cane, the leading product, tobacco, bananas, avocados, sapodillas, coffee, limes, wild cotton bushes.

There are no fleas or flies in Cuba and not many mosquitos.

This trip was a most enjoyable and instructive one to Charlie and daughter and the fine company of Americans who were in the party guided by an interpreter who spoke English fluently as well as Spanish.

The weather was delightful. The mean temperature is 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Although the island is wholly within the tropics the weather is nearly always agreeable.

Parent Eskimos never punish their children.

BIRTHS



HANSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Haldon Hansen, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, on December 27. Mrs. Hansen works in the brass foundry.

SEFTON—Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sefton, a daughter, January 15. Mr. Sefton is at Plant 2.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Pacific Coast Factory



◆ ATHLETICS ◆

Men's Ping Pong

Bob Taylor and Otha Mills are ready to go into the final round in the men's ping upper bracket with flying colors, and Taylor was too good for all the boys in the lower bracket. These boys haven't played the final rounds because Mills has been sick with the flu. Taylor says he will give him a chance to get back into tip top shape because he doesn't want to take advantage of a sick man.

Ice Skating

The sub-zero weather has frozen the ice on the small lake at Mueller Lodge to a depth of about 12 inches, and has made it very nice for skating. Several Mueller employees have been skating and playing hockey and report that the ice is very good.

The outdoor furnace at the edge of the lake is the most popular spot out there because of the warmth from the fire and also for drying the clothes of the skaters.

All Mueller employees who like to skate should take advantage of the ice now on the little lake, because it won't be here very long. It is very good skating at night since the big floodlight has been put up and you can keep plenty warm because there is a big fire there every night.

Badminton

The men's badminton tournament is well under way, and every afternoon after work you can see the contestants battling for honors in the new popular indoor sport.

Badminton may look slow and uninteresting to a spectator, but those who play the game say it is very interesting and one of the fastest of indoor games. Thirty-two men are entered in the tournament, which is about twice as many as we had last year, so the interest has increased quite a lot.

Boy Scouts

All junior officers and junior assistants of the Mueller Scout troop attended a junior staff training conference at the Masonic Temple on Thursday, December 28. This conference was held for the purpose of training the junior staff to do a better job in leadership and training in their own particular troops.

On January 22 a similar conference will be held at the Masonic Temple for all the Scout Committeemen. It has been learned that sometimes the committeemen need training just as the boys do.

Mueller Basketball

The Mueller A Squad have been playing rather spasmodic basketball. At times their playing is the best that you can see anywhere in Decatur and at other times it isn't so good.

We have some of the classiest passers and ball handlers on any one team in Decatur

and when they are all working together they can't be beat. Several good basketball men and coaches of independent teams who saw the Mueller team play Oakes at the Third U. B. Gym Friday night, January 5, said that they had never seen passing and ball handling that ever equalled that shown by the Mueller team in the first half of the ball game. Mueller won the game easily.

Below is how the Mueller team has played to date with the individual scoring. Played 16 games—Won 7, Lost 9. Mueller's average score per game—32 plus. Opponent's average score per game—36 plus.

Mueller's, 527 in 17 games—Opponents, 624.	
Brown120 pts.	H. Roe55 pts.
Raskin89 pts.	Enloe18 pts.
Coffman78 pts.	Fawley16 pts.
B. Taylor76 pts.	Johnson10 pts.
Eoff68 pts.	Hill9 pts.

For the first time since back in the days when the Mueller Gymnasium was first built and every department in the factory had a basketball team, the Mueller Co. can now boast of two very fine quintets. The first team is the "A" team, which receives all the publicity by playing in the Industrial League, and the second team, which is second to none in their own eyes, is the "Mueller Mules."

The "Mules" who are rapidly becoming a very popular team among the neighboring towns and senior church teams in Decatur, not only because of their good sportsmanship against their opponents but also among themselves. The whole idea behind the team is not particularly whether they win or lose but how they play the game. Going by only a three set of rules which are (1) no gripping, (2) everybody plays the same amount of time in each game, and (3) have more points than the other team at the end of the game. The power of the Mules is increasing with such acceleration that before long there will be a question as to whether the wrong team is playing in the industrial league.

The team is headed by Coach, Manager and Captain Brownback, and the players are "Whity" Freeman, "Flash" Taylor, "Play My Ole Heart Out" Parks, "Rough Em Up" Coates, "Pete" Edwards, "Delayed Passer" Roe, "Smoocher" Smith, "Shorty" Hackman, "Earl" Harris, "Dick" Holmes, and "Bill" Smith.

Up to date the record of the teams wins and losses has not been too impressive. On the opening game on their own court they defeated the Mobile Gas team and then lost to Macon and Mt. Zion on the road trip. However, these two losses can be blamed on over training and a new set of

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training rules is now in operation. After these two defeats the Mules took stock of themselves and easily defeated the St. Johns on their homecoming.

Like Kintner with his Decatur Reds who builds up his team for the state tournament, the Mules are not too worried about their record throughout the season since they are only preparing themselves for the great battle with the "A" team.

If you want to see some good fast, clean basketball, come out and watch those fighting Mules romp on to victory. There are some very good twin bills being planned for January and February, and notices will be put on the bulletin boards so as to keep the plant informed when the games are going to be.

Bowling

The Finishers and the Machine Shop are having quite a fight to stay in first place.

On December 12 they were tied with 28 won and 17 lost. On December 19 the Machine Shop gained a two game lead and on December 26 they increased their lead to three games. On January 2 the Finishers gained one game on them and on January 9 the Finishers came up even with them and they are now tied for first place with 33 won and 24 lost.

The Machine Shop lost three on the 9th and the Finishers won two. The Specialty Division is only two games out of first place and the Utility Engineers are only three games out, so there is a very close race in the league to see who is going to win the medals this year.

The season is only a little more than half over and any team in the league still has a chance to win.

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Finishers	57	33	24	.579	829
Machine Shop	57	33	24	.579	807
Specialty Div.	57	31	26	.544	771
Utility Eng.	57	30	27	.526	794
Pattern Makers	57	29	28	.509	794
Works Mgr. Of.	57	28	29	.491	803
Main Office	57	22	35	.386	770
Plumbers	57	22	35	.386	767

Individual Averages

Finishers		Pattern Makers	
L. Adams	178	G. Krag	175
A. Blankenburg	176	J. Bain	173
A. Thompson	170	C. Morenz	161
P. Ruthrauff	155	A. Jendry	157
E. Krumseik	154	O. Fortschneid'r	145
J. Fair	153	L. Skelley	133
Machine Shop		Works Mgr. Office	
A. Flaughner	183	W. Behrns	185
E. Hartwig	178	L. Wiant	165
L. Davis	155	H. Gragg	160
W. Edwards	154	L. Masterson	155
M. Brillley	148	J. Enloe	149
W. Mueller	145	O. Keller	144
Specialty Division		Main Office	
A. Grossman	169	C. Dodwell	183
C. Hill	165	A. Werdes	167

M. Stratman	155	O. C. Keil	154
F. March	155	F. Carroll	153
W. Frantz	144	F. Edmonson	140
R. Uhler	126	O. C. Draper	139
Utility Engineers		Plumbers	
E. Blankenburg	179	M. Riewski	175
B. Mason	166	L. Kramer	154
W. Doherty	164	P. Kushimer	154
F. Tratzik	156	E. Nalefski	152
W. Bowan	150	R. Caudle	145
E. Fawley	130	D. Wilkins	135

Ten High Bowlers

Player and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
W. Behrns, Wks. Mgr. Of.	48	185	235
A. Flaughner, Mach. Shop	54	183	224
C. Dodwell, Main Office	45	183	231
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	50	179	225
L. Adams, Finishers	52	178	224
E. Hartwig, Mach. Shop	57	178	233
A. Blankenburg, Finishers	57	176	245
G. Krag, Pattern Makers	51	175	234
M. Riewski, Plumbers	48	175	235
J. Bain, Pattern Makers	54	173	243

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Thirtyfive Suggestions—\$87.50

W. H. Bradley

Out of 590 suggestions made, 251 were adopted.

Among the suggestions were 8 in the Improved Quality classification, but no grand prizes awarded. These will be considered for grand prizes in the year 1940.

Five suggestions have been submitted for the "New Design" Contest. This contest provides possible winnings up to \$500. These five are in the hands of the committee and will be passed on a later date.

The following submitted adopted suggestions last year:

Laura Becker, Margaret Behrend, Helen Draper, Dorothea Hill, Edna Johnston, Gladys Masterson, Helen Pope, Ferne Pope, Marian Richards, Velma Runyan, Dorothy Stratman, Louise Whitehead, Margaret Wilson.

MAKES A DIFFERENCE



The cottage at the left is the same as the one at the right, except the one at the left shows the difference which white asbestos shingles make. It is the home of Night Watchman Roy Vandervort at 853 W. Marietta street, and is a good example of "before" and "after". There isn't any doubt that the value of the property has been increased.

GRANDFATHER'S PETS



Robert Lusk, Sr., takes pride in displaying this very fine picture of his three attractive grandsons, who posed for this picture and presented it to their grandfather for Christmas. They are Billy, age 9, Dicky, age 7, and Larry, 9 months old, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusk, Jr. Grandfather "Blue" is the foreman of the brass foundry, while Robert, Jr., is in the Tool Room.

FIRE HAZARDS INCREASE

In the factory, at home, or wherever you may be, keep in mind the danger of fire. Take no chances of everything being all right—be sure it is. This is the most serious time in the year for a fire. The weather conditions detract from the efficiency of the firemen. Several damaging fires during the past week demonstrate this.

AS USUAL

Winter as usual brings its perverse annoyance in the way of colds, influenza and other ailments.

Among others remaining at home in the past few days were Mabel Gates and Elois Woods of the Stationery Department.

Good Divers

Woman claims equal rights with man in Japan as a pearl diver. Before the Jap girl is 15 she knows all about diving and is used to bringing up oysters from depths of more than 25 fathoms.

DEATHS

O. C. Schooley

The news of the death of O. C. Schooley was received with deep regret by those of us who knew him while in our shipping room years ago. He went to the New York division in Nov. 1922 and has had charge of the eastern shipping room since.

He was taken ill on Sunday evening, December 10, with a chill, followed by fever. However, the attending physician did not regard the attack anything more than influenza. Pneumonia developed and Mr. Schooley passed away Thursday night at 11:30 P. M., December 14, shortly after C. J. G. Haas, manager of the New York division, had called upon him and left greatly impressed by what seemed favorable improvement in the patient's condition, but within a short time thereafter, Mr. Schooley was dead.

Funeral, Saturday, December 16, from the funeral home of Walter H. Cooke, 1 West 190th Street. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Dessie L. Schooley and a daughter, Betty Schooley. It is understood they will continue to make New York City their home. Mr. Schooley was a native of Effingham, Illinois where he was born, October 20, 1892.

Jim Thorpe and Burt Jackson worked with him and perhaps know him better than anyone now connected with the company. They say he was an efficient industrious man, and possessed one of those personalities which won him many friends.

William Hill

William Hill, who completed 31 years of service with the Mueller Co. with his retirement in 1930, died at his home on January 2 of heart trouble. He was the father of Dorothea Hill, Dept. 8.

Mr. Hill was born in Doahringen, East Prussia, Germany, and came to the United States when only seven years old. He was married in 1891 to Bertha Bredlau, who died May 26, 1938.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P. M. on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Dawson & Wikoff chapel with burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

Effie May Caudle

Mrs. Effie May Caudle, mother of Ray Caudle of Dept. 9, died Thursday, January 4, at her home, 917 W. Green street. She was born March 31, 1873 in Vandalia, and had been a resident of Decatur for thirty-one years.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, January 6, at 1 P. M. in the Dawson & Wikoff chapel, with burial at Long Point cemetery.

William Cantwell

William Cantwell, who completed 25 years of service with the Mueller Co. with

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WELCOME ETHEL RYDER!



This pretty little miss is Ethel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orral Ryder of Cerro Gordo. The mother was better known to members of the organization as Pauline Ryder, who worked in the plumbing division for nearly ten years. This picture was taken by Harold Moats of the Pattern Shop, an uncle of the little girl.

WAS FRANK'S FACE RED!

Frank Taylor received a telephone call the other day while at the cafeteria. When he answered, the voice on the other end said, "This is Foster."

Frank, thinking it was Marshall Foster, who works in the Boiler Room, said, "Hello, you little squirt. How are you?"

The voice at the other end said: "I'm sorry, but I don't believe you know who you are talking to, for this is your minister, Reverend Foster."

Then you should have heard Frank trying to get back into the good graces of the minister.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Announcement was made on December 19 of the engagement of Cecelia Cochran, who worked in the Engineering Department as stenographer for several years, to Paul Newhall, son of W. C. Newhall of Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada.

Cecelia resigned her position with the company when she passed her civil service examination, and was in Washington, D. C. for a while and later in Gary, Indiana, but more recently she has been working with the new Social Service Board in Decatur. The wedding will be in the spring and they will live on a farm near Fort St. John.

LED TO A BET

It was just a friendly discussion on the subject of drinking, the uselessness thereof, and the results on the physical activities of those who persisted in the use of alcoholic beverages. On one side was the works manager and on the other several younger members of the organization, who did not deny at least limited indulgence. The argument increased in force until it reached the betting point.

Duke announced a willingness to accept wagers from anybody at that time that they could not remain off liquor for a year, meaning that they should not drink beer, wine, or any alcoholic stimulant. One of the boys took him up and from 7 A. M. January 2, he is on the water wagon for one year. Bill Enloe was nominated as stake holder and on each pay period a small amount of money will be left in his hands so that at the end of the year the total amount of the bet will have accumulated, and if the young man goes through with his pledge he will collect all the money from the stakeholder. Name of the young man is withheld but those acquainted with him are keeping an eye on "the race".

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his retirement in 1930, died January 2 in St. Mary's hospital. He had been seriously ill for a month and in failing health for the last year. He was born in County Waterford, Ireland, September 22, 1861. He married Miss Catherine Brillely, June 18, 1882. She died March 9, 1934.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church with burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Murney L. Simpson

Mrs. Murney L. Simpson, mother-in-law of Clarence Hays of the Printing Department, died January 1 in Huber Memorial hospital at Pana. She had been ill about three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted on January 3 in the Methodist church at Assumption, with burial at Greenwood cemetery at Assumption.

Mrs. Wm. F. Dennis

Mrs. Mirtie May Dennis, age 68, wife of Wm. F. Dennis, barrel maker in the shipping Department, died December 20 at her home, R. R. 2. She had been ill for several months. Born in Kansas on March 27, 1871, Mrs. Dennis had been a resident of Decatur for the last 20 years. She was married to Wm. Dennis on February 9, 1892. One daughter survives, Mrs. Inez Louise Sloan of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted on December 21 from the Dawson and Wikoff chapel with burial in Graveland cemetery.

It is with regret that we note the passing of Mrs. Hardy, mother of Charles Hardy of Dept. 6.

HOME OF STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



This is the home of Walter Bowan at 2070 North Church street. Walt awoke to the fact that he might as well own a house as to pay rent on one, and got busy and got on the right track. It is a pretty five-

room bungalow, and we guess that it has ample room in the basement for a well equipped dark room. Walt is a "camera crank" and he shoots with fine accuracy.

GONE SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller left Wednesday, January 10th, for Miami, Florida. Their first plan had been to drive to Danville and there catch one of the fast trains south, but owing to road conditions they went to Chicago by train and caught the southern train there.

HITCH HIKER

Francis Carroll has taken to hitch hiking. Tuesday morning he came to work riding the running board of Jude Staudt's car. The one thing that interested us most was Jude's wisdom of not letting a hitch hiker ride inside of his car.

SAFETY NEWS

Asleep at the Wheel

The National Safety Council reports an average of 20,000 accidents occur annually because drivers are too long at the wheel. In other words, they were dozing. Many more accidents were attributed to mechanical failures because drivers did not want to admit they had fallen asleep.

Good Housekeeping

A clean working place means better health, better morals and greater production.

Cleanliness, order, and a place for everything, are essentials of Safety.

Dark spots are danger spots.

Well-kept working places pay bigger dividends than well-kept hospitals and cemeteries.

Norway Whalers

Norway controls 60 per cent of the world's whaling industry.

VISITED FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Trott are home from a two weeks trip to Florida. They visited Miami, St. Petersburg and other points. They got well thawed out in the balmy southern clime, and the process of getting acquainted to Illinois' rigorous winter is gradually making progress.

Licorice

Licorice is used in largest amounts in chewing tobacco, although it is also found extensively in pipe and cigaret tobaccos.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



This is Virginia Lee Kushmer at six months wishing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kushmer, a Happy New Year. Frank is in Dept. 9, Plumbing Division.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Foltz Puppet Shows adaptable for any gathering. Prices reasonable. Special rates to churches. Inquire at 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Brooms For Sale—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

For Sale—Five foot Kelvinator electric refrigerator in good condition. Will make easy terms. M. Pippin.

FOR SALE—A Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Wittchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept 9.

For Sale: One pair boys size six hi-top shoes in excellent condition at a real bargain. Harold Munsterman, Pattern Shop, or 669 W. Leafland.

FOR SALE—Rolled Rim Porcelain Kitchen Sink. Also, Force Pump for well. H. A. Wacaser. Telephone 2-2586.

FOR SALE—Six Tube Belmont Auto Radio. side cowl antenna, \$15. Radio just tuned. First class condition. L. E. Grosboll, 1209 N. Church, Telephone 2-6583.

For Sale—Small size gas stove, 4 burners and oven. Cheap. W. H. Blankenship, Dept. 9, 1034 W. Green.

For Sale: The George Tolliday property at 532 West King Street, corner of College. The lot has frontage of 136 feet on W. King Street and 58 feet on N. College. This makes available a lot amply large for another residence. The Tolliday property is substantially built, 5-room bungalow consisting of rooms, etc. It is an excellent location for one of our employees, and a good investment.

Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

If you consider building or buying a home we suggest that you first invest in this opportunity.

For complete information, see Mr. O. C. Keil, Main Office.

For Sale: Tractor in good working condition. Snow brush attachment. Good outfit for any one living in the country. Useful the year around—clearing away snow in the winter, plowing and cultivating in summer. Submit your offer to W. S. Enloe, Personnel Dept.

TRY AN "AD" ON THIS PAGE

This page continues to produce results for those who have things to sell or trade. One insertion for young canary birds, good singers in last month's Record brought buyers for all birds offered.

We wish to call attention to those who use this page and they are entirely welcome to it, but when you make a sale and have accomplished your object, through the advertisement, kindly notify the editor so that the advertisement may be discontinued. Otherwise you may have callers when you have nothing to sell.

SERMONS IN SENTENCES

Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly in the distance, but to do what lies already at hand.—Carlyle.

Oppressive laws are more dangerous than tigers.—Confucius.

Falsehood is cowardice—truth is courage.—Lowell.

One cannot always be a hero, but one can always be a man.—Goethe.

A human being is almost never too old to try self-improvement.—Walter Miles.

I don't think we'll ever have peace in this world until every dictator is gone.—M. J. MacLeod, D.D.

Fidelity is seven-tenth of business success.—Barton.

Engage in reform, certainly, but confine your efforts to your own conduct rather than to that of others.—E. W. Howe.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale—Two good well pumps; 1 type-writer, Underwood, in A-1 condition. Clinton Wright, 504 E. Division St., Clock No. 1114.

For Sale: Used Singer Treadle Machine. In A-1 mechanical condition, drop head style, round shuttle bobbin. \$22.50. Phone 2-6540.

For Sale: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown, Box. 296.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy: Large Folding Camera, postcard size. Not necessary to be in good condition. Harold Moats, Pattern Shop.