

# MUELLER RECORD

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## MUELLER AID SOCIETY

### December Statement Shows Organization In Good Financial Condition

#### MUELLER CO. AID SOCIETY

December 1944

Cash on Deposit.....		\$	137.61	
<b>Investments</b>				
Mutual Home & Sav- ings Ass'n.....	\$ 1,685.58			
Peoples Savings & Loan Ass'n D-7096....	381.32			
Peoples Savings & Loan Ass'n D-8601....	340.79			
U. S. Gov't. Savings Bonds Series C & D	11,040.00			
Real Estate.....	1.00			
U. S. Gov't. Savings Bonds Series F.....	6,840.00	20,288.69		
				\$20,426.30
<b>Detail of Surplus</b>				
Balance Dec. 1, 1944....		\$20,675.47		
Dues Collected ....	\$700.40			
Clock Fines.....	3.50	\$703.90		
Less: Benefits ....	\$927.00			
Dr. Smith's Sal.	25.00			
Bank Charge..	1.07	953.07	249.17	
				\$20,426.30

#### Sick, Accident and Death Benefits Paid December, 1944

Name	Days	Class	Amt.
Opal McKnight .....	4	C	\$ 6.00
Clarence Curlin .....	13	C	19.50
Claude Inman .....	15	C	22.50
Letha Murray .....	13	C	19.50
Clara Dotson .....	18	C	27.00
Logan Pettit .....	18	E	45.00
Sina Pettit .....	4	C	6.00
Ed F. Harris .....	5	D	10.00
Claude Workman .....	11	D	22.00
Mable Gates .....	24	D	48.00
Lovell Pruett .....	23	D	46.00
Lovell Pruett .....	Death	D	100.00
Orval Keller .....	24	F	72.00
Orval Keller .....	Death	F	150.00
Robert Oberline .....	13	F	39.00
Ollie Fortschneider .....	2	F	6.00
Roy Whitaker .....	15	F	45.00

Ancel West .....	16	E	40.00
Ray Caudle .....	2	F	5.00
George Sims .....	4	D	8.00
Ethel Willis .....	4	C	6.00
Emma Dean .....	6	D	12.00
William Cloney .....	5	D	10.00
Cloyd Collins .....	25	D	50.00
Ernest Schmidt .....	4	D	8.00
Gerald Sarver .....	5	C	7.50
Ida Cochran .....	4	C	6.00
Arthur Bauer .....	5	D	10.00
Walter J. Dunn .....	17	F	51.00
C. Reidelberger .....	20	C	30.00
Total .....			\$927.00

### A CALIFORNIA BABY



Here's a pretty chunk of four months old babyhood. His name is Ralph Dewain, son of Mr. and Mrs. King, of Hollywood, California. The mother was the former Helen Reinhart, who worked in the cost department while the father was a former member of Department 8. Mrs. King will be better remembered as a sister of Mrs. Ed Stille, who becomes an aunt while Ed edges in on the side lines as an uncle. Ed's lucky. He gets in on everything.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery.

Impossibilities are all equal, and admit no degrees.

## CREDIT UNION

### Officers and Directors Elected—Financial Statement Makes Good Showing



In the last issue of the Record we promised that the results of our membership contest would appear in the January issue. We are now very proud to say that the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union won first prize in the contest sponsored by the local Ralph Long Chapter of Credit Unions. We showed 130 per cent increase in membership as of September 15th to December 15.

Besides the great honor of such an accomplishment we also received a cash prize of \$15 which helped us come out at the end of the year with a small profit.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their splendid cooperation and welcome all new members to our organization.

#### Save Each Pay Credit Union Way

At our annual membership meeting Jan. 8th, four directors were reelected and two new directors were installed in office. The directors reelected were Ross Emerson, Helen Pope, Ernest Watkins, and Frank Ridgeway.

The two new directors are: Roy Coffman and Thelma Ater, father and daughter, who we are glad to say accepted. Both are well known to us and are interested in the work.

The meeting was conducted by President Albert E. Lindamood who made a short talk and called upon Harold Munsterman, for the financial report. Chairmen of the different committees were called upon for brief reports of their activities. These were Clark Curry, of the Credit Committee, Ross Emerson of the Supervisory Committee and Galen Hutchens of the Education committee.

Minutes were read by Thelma Ater.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the picture of "Return to Guam" and "Shop 13" were shown together with two comedies.

#### Teach Your Dollars to Have More Sense

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were elected:

President—Albert Lindamood.  
Vice President—Galen Hutchins.  
Treasurer—Harold Munsterman.  
Secretary—Thelma Ater.

Reelected to the Credit Committee were: Clark Curry, Ernest Watkins, L. B. McKinney, Frank Ridgeway and Art Bauer.

Reelected to the Supervisory Committee were Ross Emerson, Helen Pope and Frank Kuntz.

Oris Whiteacre, Roy Coffman and Otis Fucars were elected to the Education Com-

mittee. Roy Coffman was elected to fill the position formerly held by Howard Atterbury and Thelma Ater to fill the position formerly held by Nellie Sheehan.

After the election of officers was completed it was unanimously voted that our Credit Union purchase three one thousand dollar bonds, Series G United States War Bonds.

#### Financial Statement for December Receipts

Shares .....	\$2268.40
Entrance Fees .....	14.25
Interest .....	24.79
Loans repaid .....	413.67
Other income .....	15.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2736.11</b>

#### Disbursements

Loans .....	\$2026.00
Expenses .....	10.42
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>2036.42</b>
Cash on hand .....	4965.83
Balance from Nov. ....	4266.14
Cash Balance for Dec....	699.69
	<b>\$2736.11</b>

No. of members.....	369
No. of borrowers .....	48

#### Balance Sheet as of Jan. 1, 1945

##### Assets

Loans .....	\$4223.42
Cash on hand .....	4965.83
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>9189.25</b>

##### Liabilities

Shares .....	9091.05
Reserve Fund .....	93.44
Undivided Earnings .....	4.76
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>9189.25</b>

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## MUELLER BOWLING LEAGUE

JANUARY 16, 1945

Team	G	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
Product Engineers .....	3	3	0	1.000	742
Works Mgr. Office .....	3	2	1	.667	821
Pattern Shop .....	3	2	1	.667	754
Specialty Division .....	3	2	1	.667	744
Main Office .....	3	1	2	.333	764
Tool Makers .....	3	1	2	.333	755
Targets .....	3	1	2	.333	559
Gunners .....	3	0	3	.000	594

#### Ten High Bowlers

W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Office	3	198	211
J. Bain, Works Mgr. Office.....	3	172	214
J. Morrison, Tool Makers.....	3	171	178
H. Stratman, Spec. Division .....	3	171	207
A. Jendry, Pattern Shop .....	3	170	174
W. Bailey, Main Office .....	3	167	178
W. Doherty, Product Engineers	3	162	186
G. Krag, Pattern Shop .....	3	162	201
M. Stratman, Spec. Division .....	3	162	187
R. Dannewitz, Product Eng.....	3	161	192

# Mueller Boys At The Front

## KILLED IN ACTION

### Los Angeles Mueller Man Pays Supreme Sacrifice

It is difficult to express the profound shock felt by everyone, on hearing of the death of our co-worker, Pvt. Lloyd McMahon. He was killed in action in Germany on Dec. 15, 1944.



Pvt. Vivian Lloyd McMahon entered service October 27, 1942; killed in action in Germany December 15, 1944.

Lloyd began work with the company way back in 1936 as a ground key assembler and polisher. Later he transferred to the machine shop, where he worked until his induction into the Army on Oct. 27, 1942.

He was very faithful about writing and coming in to see us on his furloughs. His last visit was in July before leaving for overseas duty.

He had received his Mueller Christmas box and was very prompt in writing his thanks and wishing his friends a "Merry Christmas".

Bill Baker, of our machine shop expresses our sentiments so adequately in the following statement:

"That was quite a shock to learn of the death of Lloyd McMahon. We read the news and hear countless reports of casualties, but when someone close or a fellow worker is reported, "killed in action", well that is hitting pretty close to home. One should stop a moment and realize just what we are up against.

We all knew Lloyd. He was one of the first boys to go on Swing shift when we went into war production—turned out good work too. Sure we knew Lloyd as a clean cut likeable fellow worker.

Lloyd, it's too bad we couldn't tell you these things when you were here, but a man seldom praises another to his face, that's nature. You had a dirty job to do and we know you did your best, and in so doing made the greatest sacrifice a man can make. No man or no country can ask more. So long, Fella."

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## LETTER FROM EARL HARRIS

An interesting letter comes from Sgt. W. E. (Earl) Harris, formerly of the paymaster's office, dated December 9th. Extracts from the letter follow:

Dear Gang:

Your letters were very nice but can't understand why it takes so long to reach me. The last one had enough stamps and directions to have been in every post office in France. But it got here. That's the main thing, and it has been read and re-read. Several of you asked about the French girls—asking if things you had heard about them were true. Hesitate to answer. Don't be fooled into thinking we have been met with open arms.



At left, Earl Harris. Others are Army pals. Center an Engineer. Right, head of Counter Intelligence.

Where I have been they refuse to speak to Yanks. They look at us like we were dirt under their feet. We pretend not to notice it. Good Thanksgiving dinner—turkey and all the trimmings. Have received several nice packages from friends in the states and England. We are trying to salvage a Christmas tree from somewhere but the Lord only knows where. May have to use rifle bullets and howitzer shells for trimming. It's rained almost constantly for weeks. The

French tell us the rains cease in April. What a treat to see the sun! Am enclosing a picture taken just before we left for France. The fellow in the middle is an engineer and the one on the outside is head of Counter-Intelligence. I was acting as top kick of the outfit at the time and until we hit the beach of France but was not half as tough as I tried to look in the picture. Wish each of you the best of luck and a Merry Christmas.

#### CLIFFORD RIGBY

Clifford Rigby has been accepted for service but when he left for Chicago January 3rd for induction, he did not know whether it would be on land or sea. Clifford is among the younger men called. He is only 18 and was a resident of Stonington and came to work for us in June, 1944 and was employed in both Plant 2 and 3 working in the heat treating department. He told us when leaving that while he did not know which branch of the service he would be in, his preference was the navy or in the air force. He has two brothers already in the air division. One of them, Guy, has been in service four years, mostly in India. The last heard from him he was acting as trainer of aviators. Delmar, the other brother, has been in England for two years.

#### JOHN E. TAYLOR WRITES

John E. Taylor, formerly Department 20, wrote a letter to J. W. Wells, from somewhere in England dated December 22nd, 1944, and then reached home on a furlough just about the time his letter did. However, John had some interesting things to write about. He said: "Am writing on some paper I picked up in New York. We had quite a rough trip coming over but never lost a ship on this trip. Hope General Eisenhower's plea for ammunition and supplies were answered. We had lots of material to make war on Germany in our convoy this time. It was my second trip to England. On the first one we also convoyed a large supply. It looks over here like we are getting closer to the war's end. When we finish here we can put all power against Japan and wind the thing up for good. We start back Christmas Eve. There is talk here about 20 German subs in the channel, to prevent our leaving but I'm betting we reach the good old U.S.A. safely. This country is very much torn up and they have very little to eat. Can't buy anything ashore without "Chits" something like our stamps at home. Then again they don't have anything to sell. Little odds and ends we sailors would like to bring home are not to be had. I am to get leave when we get back this time and know dog-gone soon I'll be seeing you. Read in November Record of the passing of Clarence Rubicam. He was a swell fellow and I know he had many friends in the organization. Sure eat the news out of the Record and always glad to get it. My ship mates also like to read it. Thanks to Department

80 for the long letter. Tell Enloe, Frank Taylor, Howard Gragg and all my friends 'Hello' for me."

#### HERBERT DEIBERT

Herbert Deibert, writes under date of December 20, as follows: "I was happy to receive the Christmas package you sent me. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to you for your kindness in remembering me this Christmas season. This package came through in good condition and everything will be useful. We always look forward to receiving the Mueller Record each time. It is of great interest to me to know the whereabouts of other employes and what they are doing. I am still at the same place since I came overseas for a repair base in the Southwest Pacific in New Guinea. Some time ago I was interested in meeting one of the employes from Plant 3. I am interested in coming back to the good old U.S.A. to see my friends in Decatur, Ill. Glad I am an American. Thank you again for the gift and wish you as a company—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

#### FRED KLINCK'S SON PROMOTED

Fred Klinck's son, David, has been in the U. S. Navy since September 25, 1944. He spent his basic training period at San Diego, California, and is now located at the following address:

Davis M. Klinck, 881-75-24, Advanced Base Aviation Training Unit, U. S. Naval Air Station, St. Louis, Mo.

Before his induction he was employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corp. at El Segundo, Calif., for three years as service and liaison engineer. Because of his experience and his high recommendation he has been assigned to the Advanced Base Aviation Training Unit.

A number of people in the organization knew Bud, and even more are acquainted with his father, Fred, who has been with the company 27 years; in the Decatur plant first and more recently in the Pacific coast plant. He is now a Sales Engineer in the Pacific Coast territory.

#### CARL DODWELL WRITES

Sgt. Carl M. Dodwell, Co. A, 93rd I.A.T.B. writes from Camp Maxey, Texas. It is the first letter his former office mates have had for a long time. He says:

"Received the long chain letter before leaving Ft. Bliss. It certainly was nice hearing from all of you. From indications it seems the old gang is dwindling and there must be a lot of new faces in the office. Some crew we had just a few years ago and remember every one. Heard from Willie last week. He is still in the groove and not missing a thing. Heard from Gene S. still in California and perfectly contented. The old 218th was finally liquidated. The need of A.A.A. is just about zero since our air force

has grown to present proportions. I was transferred to Infantry Advanced Training school as part of a cadre, training men for immediate overseas replacements. Twelve line sergeants comprise the cadre and we have 600 men to process in only six weeks. I like it much better than I did in Tupce. The cadre is subject to immediate shipment, so who knows, I may get into the scrap yet. Camp Maxey is near Texarkana, about 600 miles from Decatur. Walking along a dark street here in camp the other night, met a fellow who called me by name. Couldn't remember him but it turned out his name was Hardy from Decatur. His brother works at Plant 3 and the boy I met had also worked there. We had a pleasant visit. It was swell meeting some one from back home. Haven't heard from "Joe" for some time but imagine he has his hands full with the navy."

### SGT. HARRY SACKRITER

Another letter from Sgt. Harry Sackriter in which he confesses that he is a heel to which we do not agree, but we don't deny him the right to classify himself as he elects. He says: "Here it is almost New Years and I did not write to wish you a Merry Christmas. I also owe Mr. Wells a letter. Now how could anyone be in the dog house anymore than that. If you know, tell me. Well, here is a Happy New Year to each and every one of you. Next year maybe we will all be together again. Realizing that I am not yet out of the doghouse will go on a little further. I want to thank all of you for the Christmas cards and have one point in my favor as I did not send out any cards at all. There were none available here except the V-mail for which I did not care. Not going to try answering your grand letters now as I haven't much time and I am afraid I might slight some one, so I'll follow up blow by blow in the next one. Keep your ears open for if you should hear a great noise it will be that Jimmy and I should meet up. Helen B. I wrote you and Bill not so long ago but in case you did not receive my letter your Christmas gift was wonderful and was enjoyed by two other fellows in the tent. Better close now but will write soon. Again a very Happy New Year to all of a swell bunch of people."

### A NEW RECRUIT

Thelbert M. Martin is one of Mueller men recently called to the colors. He is 18 years old and lived with his parents at 200 West Macon street. His father, William A. Martin is a member of Department 8 crew. Thelbert has been on Ed Stille's maintenance crew. The family moved to Decatur from Arkansas, Thelbert joining them about six months ago. He was accepted for service November 17th and will be inducted January 17th. He is unadvised as to what division he will be assigned. His personal choice is

the navy. He has a brother who has been in the service four years and is now on duty in Texas.

### INJURED IN ACTION

Mrs. Nellie Sheehan has been advised of a serious accident to her husband, S/Sgt. Edward B. Sheehan while with the army invading Germany. While disembarking from a jeep he had the misfortune of breaking his ankle. He was well into Germany at the time but was sent back to France, where he was in the hospital when his wife heard of his injury. Mrs. Sheehan is known to most members of the organization as the pleasant young attendant who sizes up the plates at lunch hour and passes out the checks. Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan were married last March 22nd.

### NOW FIRST LIEUTENANT

In the December issue of the Inside Mueller Record we printed an article with two illustrations showing Donald Ammann's likeness and also showing him receiving some sort of decoration or recognition. This was quite likely his promotion to a first lieutenant in the aviation division. The Daily Review of Wednesday, January 17th, contained the following news item:

Donald W. Ammann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ammann, 1413 East Division street, has been promoted to first lieutenant, according to word received from his base in Italy.

Lieutenant Ammann, a graduate of Decatur high school and a former pattern maker for the Mueller Co., serves as pilot with a Liberator bomber group in Italy. He entered service in December, 1942 and received his commission as second lieutenant last April.

### FINE LOOKING BOY



This fine looking little chap is Montell Karl Denson, son of Frances and Karl Denson. He is one year old, proud of his parents and relatives and family friends. Father Karl Denson is employed in Department No. 60, Plant 1.

## WEDDINGS

### HINES—DUESTER

Paul L. Hines, popular Mueller salesman in the Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi territory, was at the Main Plant during the holidays, receiving congratulations on his recent marriage.

On December 27 Miss Elizabeth Duester of Fort Smith, Arkansas, became Paul's bride in the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Poteau, Oklahoma. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Father Frank Duester. Attendants were Miss Cecilia Koller and another brother of the bride.

The new Mrs. Hines, whom we are all anxious to meet, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Duester. Paul is a Decatur resident.

A reception followed the ceremony in the home of Father LaBonte. Paul and his bride were in Decatur and Chicago on a wedding trip and are now at home at 602 North 35th street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

### REID—REEDY

Agnes Lucy Reid became the bride of Daniel L. Reedy on January 16 in St. Patrick's church, with Father Albert Ettelbrick officiating. The attendants were Miss Elizabeth Reedy, sister of the bridegroom and Francis Moran, brother-in-law of the bride.

Agnes has been secretary in the Engineering Department for some time and before that was with Mueller Fixture Co. Mr. Reedy is a farmer near Dalton City.

Agnes wore a suit of soft green, with brown accessories with a corsage bouquet of gardenias and pink carnations. The maid of honor wore brown with yellow flowers.

A number of Mueller employees were in attendance at the wedding, and Agnes' co-workers among the engineers had rice in readiness as the newlyweds came out of the church.

Agnes was honored at a shower given by the girls of Mueller Co. offices and engineering departments in Mueller Club the night of January 8. The bride-to-be received a great many beautiful gifts for her new home on the farm. Special guests were her sisters, Mrs. Francis Moran and Miss Linda Reid.

Dub's bridge was played, and prizes were won by Niema Cochran, Dorothy Cooper and Agnes herself. Refreshments were served on a long table attractively decorated with white paper lace, smilax, and white tapers.

Hostesses were Addie Hambleton, Helen Pope, Maxine Griffith, Edna Johnston, Louise Whitehead.

### GILLIBRAND—SENCENBAUGH

Mrs. Margaret Mae Gillibrand, better known to us of Plants 1, 2, and 3 as "Mae", and Raymond B. Sencenbaugh were married January 18 in the parsonage of the First Christian church, with the Rev. W. T. Nichols performing the ceremony.

The bride wore an olive green suit and an orchid.

Mae is well known to all of us. She was formerly relief switchboard operator at the Main plant and an assistant in the Advertising Department. For the past two years and a half she has been chief operator at our munitions plant.

Mr. Sencenbaugh is assistant claim agent for the Wabash Railway Co., with which he had been identified for many years.

After a short wedding trip the bride and groom are at home in an apartment in the 200 block West Leafland Avenue.

## MORE THAN ENOUGH

### Call For Blood Donors For Mabel Gates Met Generous Response

When it became known early the morning of January 8 that Mabel Gates, for some time a member of the Advertising department staff, would be in need of a blood donor, the quick response from her friends at Mueller Co. was most gratifying. In less than ten minutes there had been more than enough volunteers for the list of six prospective donors deemed necessary.

Mabel is undergoing an operation for collapsing of the lung, and it was requested by the doctors that a blood donor and a reserve donor be available. By the law of averages it was thought that six volunteers would prove enough to insure two donors with blood of a type matching Mabel's. Mr. O. C. Keil, office manager, dispatched Mrs. Helen Brannan, cashier, to obtain, if possible, a list of six individuals who would give blood. Almost instantly Helen had a good sized list, not only of six, but of several additional names. All of which proves that we want to do everything in our power to restore Mabel to health quickly.

## PRESENT OFFICERS

On the front cover page of the January Outside Record we carried the list of officers as usual. These should have been corrected as the following officers were named at the annual meeting of the company:

William E. Mueller—President and Treasurer

Lucien W. Mueller — Vice-President in charge of Administrative Sales Engineering.

J. W. Simpson—Vice-President in charge of Sales.

Robert H. Mueller—Chief Engineer.

O. C. Keil—Secretary.

### Preference

Shirley: "When Rolly grumbled that you did not give him any encouragement, what did you say?"

Mona: "Why, I told him I preferred a man who didn't need any!"

## W. N. DILL RETIRES

Was Identified With Mueller Co. For a Half Century as Salesman and Manager



William N. Dill

W. N. (Billy) Dill, who joined the Mueller organization February 1, 1893, fifty-one years ago, has resigned his position as manager of Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast Factory at Los Angeles and will give his time to private interests. This is wholly voluntary on his part. His motive is fully understood as well as the surrounding circumstances which prompted his decision. However, this in no way lessens the regret of severance of a half century's pleasant relations which we feel are mutually appreciated.

### Joined As Young Man

Billy Dill is a Decatur boy, born and educated here. He joined the Mueller Co. in his early manhood. After a brief connection with the company's home plant, he "took to the road" and thus became one of our early travelling men. He was assigned to the western territory and it is there that he has spent most of his active life. He not only built up a good trade but he made many true friends in the water, plumbing and gas business. He liked the country and the people and they liked him, which in itself leaves no cause for wonder that he grew to regard himself as a part of that great domain.

### As New York Manager

The expansion of our business called for changes and the occasion arose when an experienced man was needed in the New York branch as supervisor and manager. Quite naturally we turned to Billy and for a number of years he proved that the difference in people is largely imaginary. It was another instance of the people liking Billy and Billy liking the people. Then came the erection of our plant at Los Angeles and again Billy answered the call to take the management of the new enterprise and for the last ten or twelve years he has been the directing head, proving equal to the exacting duties, most satisfactorily.

With the exception of a brief period when his attention was temporarily diverted to his own personal affairs he has been with us for more than a half century. We've had plenty of time and opportunity to find out what kind of a man he is, and didn't miss the opportunity.

### He's Alright

We found that he is all right as a citizen, a business man, a husband and a brother of two sisters.

By the way, the two sisters referred to throw a creditable light on the family name of Dill.

Miss Minnie Dill filled most satisfactorily for 50 years the position of public librarian. Within the past few weeks she tendered her resignation.

Miss Maude Dill was for quite a few years a member of the Mueller Co. office force, filling the position of sales director. She resigned several years ago, to manage home affairs and look after her aging father.

So long Billy. Don't forget what Benjamin Franklin said:

"He that can take rest is greater than he that can take cities."

### NICE COUNTRY HOME



Front and back view of Everett Dickey's country home, just across the Stevens Creek bridge, west of the city. There are five acres surrounding the pretty little residence mostly in pasture.

# LOS ANGELES NEWS

The bulletin board looks very gay with holiday greetings from our men in service. Those remembering their Mueller friends were: Bob Alsop, Red Latt, Paul Young, Pinky Daugherty, Mort Ream, Bill Young, Carl Hazen, Herb Mead, Neil Pullen, Bill Adams, Herb Churchwell, Kenny Potts, Bill English, Lacy Lee Mayfield, and Claude Beckham.

Pete Briock and Duke Driggs made December visits to the plant. Duke was expecting to take off for unknown parts immediately and Pete has been transferred to San Diego. We should be seeing him occasionally.

The time has rolled around again for the awarding of service emblems. The following people will receive awards this year:

30 Years:—Roy Baker, George Tolladay.

25 Years:—Roy E. Thomas, Louis R. Wyant, J. L. Logsdon.

20 Years:—William J. Michl, Cecil R. Foltz.

15 Years—Ed. Wynne, Robert Harper, Theodosia Hanna.

10 Years:—Russell Hubbard, Wilbert Wiley, Emmett S. Long, Edwin L. Sturgeon, Evelyn B. Miller, Jack Warren, Wilma Hyde.

5 Years:—Dorothea Blize.

SERVICE MEN: 10 Years—Kenneth Potts.

5 Years:—Leonard Johnson, Morton J. Ream, Fred Weickert, Duane Driggs, Ben Piott, Jr.

The Mueller Employees Association recently held an election and chose the following representatives for the year 1945.

Chairman—Wayne Oglesby.

8300 Group Secretary—Helen Wellman.

Machine Shop, Days—Robert Hesselbach, Mildred Bishop.

Machine Shop, 2nd shift—Warren Wunderlich.

Assembly—John Royer.

Forge Dept.—Dorothy Skipwith.

Office and Shipping—Bruce Stotler.

The Foremen were the first to initiate the new cafeteria. They held a dinner meeting in December. Mr. Logsdon and Mr. Reedy were the chefs for the occasion. All guests were at work the next day and there were no evidences of indigestion. In fact they were all very complimentary. It is good to know we have two such efficient substitutes when the cafeteria girls are absent.

Twenty-seven Mueller friends attended the farewell luncheon for Mary Hobbs at Taix French Restaurant. Mr. Logsdon

presented the farewell gift, a wrist watch. There was much merriment over the fact it had to be passed well down the line before finding someone who could read the inscription. The bifocals were not focusing well that day. The inscription read, "From the Gang" Dec. 15, 1944. Kathryn Thompson baked two delicious cakes for the dessert. Looks like Lillian may have a little competition. Mary is off to Nevada now with all of our best wishes.



Pvt. Claude Beckham formerly of Dept. 30 was in to visit us this month, before leaving for overseas. Girl friend, Jeanie Clark snapped this picture and we begged it from her.

Wilma Hyde, Assembly foreman took plenty of razzing when she was late to work the other morning. It was the first time "Blondie" had been late in all the ten years that she has been here so of course everyone got in their two bits worth. In all fairness we must tell that the fog was so thick out her way that the busses weren't even running. South Gates Chamber of Commerce won't like me, Wilma.

## Swing Shift Christmas Dinner

The holiday season was ushered in with the finest of style, in so far as the Machine Shop Swing shift was concerned.

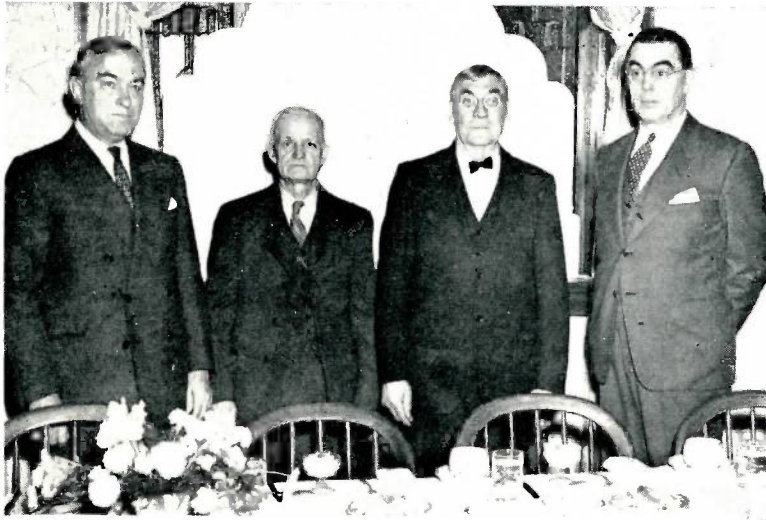
Yes, the guys and gals had themselves a dinner—AND what a dinner! Those two delicious turkeys prepared by "Mom" Baker and Mabel Barnett, complete with oyster dressing and mashed potatoes were toothsome enough to have brought acclaim from the most fastidious gourmet.

After dinner night superintendent "Pop" Baker introduced the guest of honor, Lloyd Logsdon, our new general manager and Mr. McCown. Mr. Logsdon after a welcome address played the role of Santa Claus with the assistance of Pop Baker. They distributed the gifts the "Swing Shifters" were exchanging through the name drawing system.

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# Reward Given for Long Service



Left to right: W. E. Mueller, president; William H. Campbell, William Seeforth and Lucien W. (Duke) Mueller, vice-president.

At the St. Nicholas Hotel, Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, Mueller Co. were hosts at a dinner given in honor of employes with service records from twenty to fifty years. These constituted a company of some two hundred persons. The gathering was remarkable in the fact that the combined service years of employes present totaled 5617 years, over fifty-six centuries, or an average individual service of 28 years. There are few industries in this country which can exceed or equal this record. The terms of yearly service reached from 20 years to 50 years. Four Mueller

men have attained the half-century mark. They are W. H. Campbell, William Seeforth,



Lucien W. Mueller, toastmaster, presenting \$1,000 checks to W. H. Campbell and William Seeforth upon completion of fifty years continuous service.

and Bernhard J. Marty. The fourth half-century man, William B. Ford, traveling salesman with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala., was not present. The distinctive significance of this unusual service is its evidence of the harmonious relationship of employers and employes. Few companies can show such a record. Associated with this fact is another equally unusual. In this organization there always has been and remains so today, a close intimacy instead (Cont'd on Page 10)

Right: B. J. Marty, with a record of 50 years continuous service preferred continuing work instead of accepting the \$1,000 check. Barney has proved his versatility by the various positions he has held. He has perhaps "joined hands and circled to the right" oftener than any other employee.



Left: W. B. (Billy) Ford, like Bernhard, prefers sucking to the job rather than retire. Billy joined us when a very young man and was among the first of our traveling salesmen. He has made his headquarters and home at Birmingham, Ala., for years and is widely known to the southern trade.



Left to right: Bernhard J. Marty, W. E. Mueller, Lucien W. Mueller, W. H. Campbell, William Seeforth, H. A. Wacaser, (blocked out by post) Louis Schario, James P. Thorpe, R. H. Mueller and J. W. Simpson.

of a formal barrier. That is why we get together at a banquet in a spirit of equality.

This particular banquet had for its main purpose that of honoring three employees who have been in the service of the company for a period of fifty continuous years or more.

#### Checks For Veterans

The feature of the evening was the presentation of \$1,000 checks to each of two employees who had completed a half-century of continuous service. The recipients of this substantial recognition were W. H. Campbell and William Seeforth. They are the first of Mueller Co. employees to receive such recognition on voluntary retirement. The other two men with a half-century record—Messrs. Marty and Ford—were not included because they are still actively employed.

#### Connecting Link

In this connection it is interesting to know that there are employees whose years of service reach back to the time when the late Hieronymous Mueller was still the head of the company's business which he established in Decatur in 1857. Seated at the speakers table were W. E. Mueller, president; Lucien W. Mueller, vice-president in charge of factories; Robert H. Mueller, chief engineer and J. W. Simpson, vice-president in charge of sales; and the 40 year or more group of employees: W. H. Campbell, William Seeforth, Louis Fagan, Burt Jackson, Chas. H. Laughlin, B. J. Marty, Louis Schario, August Schudziara, James P. Thorpe, H. A. Wacaser, Roy Whitaker, Attorney A. G. Webber, and other guests.

#### Friendly Fellowship

The spirit of the party was one of good-natured friendliness and fellowship. Dinner was served at 6:30, menu being as follows:

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| Fruit Cocktail     |               |
| Swiss Steak        |               |
| Mashed Potatoes    | Spring Salad  |
| Parker House Rolls | Butter        |
| Celery             | Coffee Olives |
| Chocolate Sundae   |               |

Below, left to right: Frank E. Taylor, Jean DeShon, A. C. Bork, Burt Jackson (blocked out by post), Charles Laughlin, Lewis Fagan, Roy Whitaker.



### The Program

Introductory Remarks

Lucien W. Mueller, Toastmaster

Short Talks by Veterans

W. H. Campbell, B. J. Marty

William Seeforth, Louis Schario

A. Schudziara

F. E. Taylor

W. E. Mueller, R. H. Mueller

J. W. Simpson, A. G. Webber, Sr.

Presentation of Semi-Emblems

L. W. Mueller

Throughout the dinner an orchestra contributed lively music, and when familiar tunes were given, the diners "took time out" to join in singing with enthusiasm and vigor.

Toastmaster Lucien Mueller opened the speaking exercises with a few happy remarks and briefly sketched plans of the engineering department for the production of new goods and mechanical devices which fit in with our present products.

Generally the other talks were brief and of a humorous character, recalling bits of history, laughable occurrences and jokes involving various members of the organization which have outlived more serious occurrences in our business history. This is an outstanding characteristic of this organization when we get together for a social evening. It makes no difference whether the victim is a company member or an humble employe—he has to take it.

Short responses were made by J. W. Simpson, Robert H. Mueller and A. G. Webber.

The last named was in the earlier days an employe of Hieronymous Mueller and for many years legal adviser of the company. He spoke briefly and referred to the established policy of the company and placed emphasis on the guiding rule which is to do a thing right.

The presentation of the \$1,000 checks to Billy Campbell and Billy Seeforth by Toast-

**WILLIAM CAMPBELL—52 YEARS**

Born May 2, 1874. At the age of 69 years Billy leads all other employes in length of service.

He began with the Mueller Co. when 17 years old, and worked continuously until December 31, 1944, when he retired on monthly pension beginning January 1, 1945, having completed 52 years service.



His first work was in the Machine shop as a trainee, and he spent all of these years of service in the machine departments, serving several years as foreman and the last few years as experimental engineer.

Billy was at his best in handling people and was liked and respected by all fellow employes with whom he worked, and was especially adapted to training young men in machine shop work.

He was never married, but maintained a home for his mother throughout her life.

He was a great lover of the outdoors and Lake Decatur was his favorite spot, and his special hobby was boat building, both power and sail boats, and building boat models.

He intends to devote some of his leisure time to machine shop hobbies, especially building boat models.

**WILLIAM SEEFORTH—50 YEARS**

William is a native of Decatur. He was born January 4, 1869 and is now 76 years of age.

He joined the Mueller Co. March 1, 1894, having been employed by Oscar Mueller to work on the construction of the new plant built at College and Cerro Gordo streets.

He has been employed continuously since for 50 years and 9 months. His attendance has been a matter of great pride with him and in all of this time he has never been late for work. He requested retirement under the pension system as of November 30, 1944.

William served his apprenticeship as a blacksmith, and worked many days with Frank Zetterlind, the veteran blacksmith of the Mueller Co. The last several years of his employment was at Mueller Co. Plant 2 where the blacksmith shop is now located.

He has been very proficient in making such tools as used in the plumbing trade.

His greatest interest has been his family and his home, which is located adjacent to the Millikin University campus. He is married, and his wife and two daughters live at home. (Since above was written Mrs. Seeforth passed on.)

He has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow workers, and was always willing to lend a hand to a young man wishing to learn something of the blacksmith trade. William tells us that he turned the first shovel of ground when the company erected the first unit of the Cerro Gordo Street plant.



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master Lucien Mueller was quite informal, but was listened to by all with deep interest.

The last feature of the evening was a short outline by President W. E. Mueller of the pension plan which has been worked out by the company in accordance with governmental rules. It provides for age limit and the period of time the pension will be sustained. However, this problem is somewhat involved in details which will all be clearly explained in a booklet to be issued within the next few months.

In our many meetings of this character we recall none in which the spirit of good fellowship and friendliness was more obvious and sincere. It was a great evening for all those attending and will linger long in memory.

Absent from list of members over forty years were: William B. Ford, William L. Jett, B. F. Kitchen, Thomas F. Leary.

In the list of those credited with twenty to forty years we find the following women: Laura Becker, Margaret Behrend, Helen Brannan, Niema Cochran, Ethel Dixon,

Gladys Lloyd, Flossie Poe, Helen Pope, Enda Smith, Estelle R. Stille, Marjorie Tatham, Emma M. Thomas, Margaret Woodruff.

The following is a complete list of those employes who have served from 20 to 50 years. There were very few absent from the meeting.

**OVER FORTY YEARS**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| A. C. Bork        | B. J. Marty       |
| W. H. Campbell    | William Seeforth  |
| Lewis Fagan       | Louis Schario     |
| William B. Ford   | August Schudziara |
| Burt Jackson      | James W. Simpson  |
| William L. Jett   | James P. Thorpe   |
| Burton F. Kitchen | H. A. Vacaser     |
| Chas. H. Laughlin | A. G. Webber, Sr. |
| Thomas F. Leary   | Roy Whitaker      |

## TWENTY TO FORTY YEARS

Warren F. Aaron  
 John Ralph Adams  
 Hazel V. Allen  
 Hermann Ammann  
 Wm. S. Anderson  
 Virgil Roy Athey  
 Ira L. Auer  
 Walter T. Auer  
 Jack Bain  
 Alva D. Bashore  
 John G. Bauer  
 Laura Becker  
 Margaret Behrend  
 Walter E. Behrens  
 Wm. H. Binstead  
 John A. Bixler  
 Lewis Bland  
 K. H. Blankenburg  
 W. H. Blankenship  
 Zacharias Boehm  
 William Bradford  
 Helen Brannan  
 Michael Brilley  
 Orville T. Brown  
 W. A. Brunner  
 Daniel D. Burger  
 H. Myrle Carter  
 John H. Chalcraft  
 Herman Chepan  
 Niema Cochran  
 Roy D. Coffman  
 Otis R. Curry  
 F. W. Dannewitz  
 Richard Dannewitz  
 Art Davlin  
 Ward L. De Witte  
 Everett Dickey  
 Jesse Ditty  
 Ethel Dixon  
 C. W. Doherty  
 O. C. Draper  
 C. H. Du Bois  
 C. F. Dunaway  
 G. F. Edwards  
 Jerome Edwards  
 William S. Enloe  
 Leroy J. Evans  
 Albert H. Flaughter  
 Mich'l Fleckenstein  
 Roy Fleckenstein  
 Warren Frantz  
 Calvin M. Frizzell  
 P. A. Gaddis  
 Henry A. Georges  
 Orvall German  
 Henry Gilbert  
 Charles J. Gilmore  
 A. Golembeck  
 Howard E. Gragg  
 John C. Gray  
 Z. H. Grinstaff  
 A. N. Grossman  
 Earl Gustin  
 J. A. Hargis  
 Roy Harper  
 Ed. Harris  
 Hugh Harshbarger  
 Roy Glen Hartwig  
 Orville J. Hawkins  
 William A. Hays  
 Hugh Henley  
 Clyde Hester  
 Harley L. Himstead  
 Paul R. Hines  
 Marshall P. Hobbs  
 E. W. Holderby  
 L. I. Hopper  
 Truicy E. Hoy  
 P. H. Jeschawitz  
 Floyd V. Johnson  
 Jennie Kinney  
 Cecil D. Kelley  
 Richard E. Kirchner  
 T. E. Knowles  
 Harry Koontz  
 L. E. Kramer  
 William F. Kuntz  
 Henry G. Leipski  
 Matt Like  
 A. E. Lindamood  
 Gladys Lloyd  
 Earl W. Lowe  
 Robert Lusk  
 Watson McCarty  
 L. B. McKinney  
 Earl W. McQuality  
 Cal Lee McQuality  
 Basil Mason  
 E. A. Matthews  
 Albert May  
 Charles M. Meador  
 Earl Meador  
 Grover Meadows  
 Elmer B. Miller  
 C. F. Morenz  
 William Morrisey  
 Alva L. Morrison  
 James A. Morrison  
 Carl R. Morton  
 Hoyt Mounts  
 Lucien W. Mueller  
 Robert H. Mueller  
 William E. Mueller  
 E. E. Musgraves  
 Ralph W. Myers  
 Fred Nash  
 Wm. Arthur Nash  
 Frank T. O'Dell  
 Maria T. Overfield  
 William H. Padrick  
 Earl Parker  
 Geo. W. Patterson  
 Roy B. Pease  
 Marion A. Pippin  
 Flossie Poe  
 Helen Pope  
 E. H. Potts  
 Chester T. Priddy  
 Thomas Ralston  
 Wade Rambo  
 Amos Reynolds  
 Julius Riewski  
 A. G. Ridgeway  
 Barney Riley  
 Lewis E. Runion  
 Preston D. Ruthrauff  
 Ray T. Sailsbery  
 Carl H. Salefski

Charlie Sanders  
 Harry V. Seevers  
 Archie L. Sefton  
 Otto H. Sharlock  
 Lester J. Shelley  
 Wm. L. Shockley  
 H. E. Slater  
 Claud T. Smith  
 Ed. C. Stille  
 Enola Smith  
 H. F. Snyder  
 Orville F. Spencer  
 Al. Spitzer  
 Julius A. Staudt  
 John P. Stenner  
 F. L. Stevenson  
 Estelle R. Stille  
 Martin H. Stratman  
 Oscar Stratman  
 Marjorie Tatham  
 Robert Tauber  
 Charles W. Taylor  
 Frank E. Taylor  
 Henry A. Tertocha  
 Emma M. Thomas  
 Jesse L. Tippitt  
 Shirl A. Tish  
 Matt W. Trott  
 Roy Vandervort  
 C. N. Wagenseller  
 Walter Walls  
 Ernest Watkins  
 J. W. Wells  
 Brugh Werner  
 Oris J. Whitacre  
 George W. White  
 Rob't. T. Whitehead  
 Frank H. Williams  
 Howard Williams  
 Roy M. Wood  
 Virgil Ralph Wood  
 Margaret Woodruff  
 R. M. Workman  
 James W. Workman  
 Clinton R. Wright  
 Milo M. Wright  
 Gerald J. Yonker  
 Anthony O. Yonker

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## A CONNECTING LINK

Formed by Nine Employes Who Knew  
 and Associated With Founder

The retirement of W. H. Campbell, and William Seeforth after a half century of service, leaves only nine employes who were identified with this company when Hieronymous Mueller was the directing force of the business. Mr. Mueller died March 1, 1900. The nine men who were members of the organization prior to 1900 and are still actively engaged, had a personal acquaintance with the founder. These nine men are:

Barney J. Marty  
 W. B. Ford  
 Louis Schario  
 Louis Fagan  
 August Schudziari  
 Thomas F. Leary  
 Charles Laughlin  
 James Thorpe  
 J. W. Simpson

The last named, perhaps, has the clearest recollection of Mr. Mueller, because of his close association with him. Billy was, so he says, "the flunkiey" or in other words, errand boy. He was constantly at Mr. Mueller's side, to serve him in handing tools, running errands and performing other odds and ends of small task. Billy was with Mr. Mueller when the lamentable accident occurred with its fatal termination two weeks later.

All of the above men knew Mr. Mueller intimately and still recall incidents of a fine friendship and pleasant associations with the founder of the business. They now have a feeling of pride in forming the connecting link between the present and the past.

## LOS ANGELES NEWS

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The affair was very aptly summed up, with a note of our trying times by Pop Baker, "We've had a good dinner and a good time gang, so let's get back to work."



Jean Clark, Modena Boles and Evelyn Lockhart all of the machine shop, went on a recent trip to Frisco. The girls said they had a wonderful time.

Vivian McGarry after being away for more than a year, has returned as our new "Hello" girl. Alice Preuett, our former operator, left to join her husband, who has returned from the South Pacific.

Inez Mooring has taken over Mary Hobb's work, while Evelyn Boehme replaces Inez.

Lois Clark and Lou Anderson were our Christmas carolers. They beat them up a bit, but good.

This is really one for the Record. Chuck Musmecci was actually seen running away from the girls with the mistletoe this year.

Mr. Stephens showed Sarah Riffice she couldn't get by with little pecks on the cheek, if she was going around holding mistletoe over peoples heads.

Tex Arnett and Tex Polk were certainly working a good racket on their mutual birthday December 15th. They were taking up a collection to buy themselves a birthday present. Can you believe it? People were actually giving them money.

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. William (Bill) Young are the proud parents of a baby boy weighing 7 pounds 8¾ ounces. He was born December 13th and has been named William Craig Young. We understand Bill had several bets out that the baby would be a boy, so all of his mates must be paying off.

## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations By One Who Enjoys a Reserved Seat for the Grand Show Called Life)

June used to be the month of brides, but it looks now as though January is running a close second. The Engineering department as well as a few representatives from the Main office turned out to see Agnes Reid become the bride of Dan Reedy January 16 in St. Patrick's church.

Then Mae Gillibrand, claimed both at the Main Plant and at Plant 3, and Ray Sensenbough were united in marriage two days later in the Christian parsonage.

There are rumors, too, of more weddings, talk of trips and plans for ceremonies at army chapels. There are showers being arranged and there is conversation about wedding gifts and what to wear when one is an out-of-town wedding guest.

Mueller Co. was well represented at the Blood Bank the week of January 15 when a larger number of employes gave the pint of blood to form the life-giving plasma. We all hope that none of the boys dear to us or dear to anyone will need our blood. But may it be available if it is necessary.

The worries of each one of us are the worries of all of us these dark War days. When Mary or Lulu have a long-expected letter from Belgium or Leyte, we all breathe easier. When there are anxious days and weeks, we are all burdened. Most of the time all we can offer is our blood—in the blood bank—or sweat—in the effort of doing an honest day's work—and our tears in sympathy. And, of course, our prayers for a happier tomorrow.

Our hearts go out to Mabel Gates, whom we all know and love. Mabel is undergoing some surgery in order to speed up her convalescence at the Macon County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. A quick recovery, Mabel. And we'll be seeing you soon.

Phyllis Paslay and Thelma Bahlow have been assisting in the Advertising Department with the mailing of the last Outside issue of the Mueller Record.

Troy Roush and J. A. Bixler have both been away from the office because of illness. Nice to see them back at their desks again.

To date everyone has survived the Christmas holidays pretty well, and by this time everyone is resigned—pretty well—to waiting until May for the next holiday.

Famous last line for the day—See you at the Wedding.

# - Chattanooga Chatter -



Chattanooga employes listening to the speakers below:—Lucien W. Mueller, left; O. E. Walker, right.

Our Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 21, with employees from both plants assembling at Plant 1. Among the outstanding features of the program were the colored quartet and quintet from Plant 2 and Plant 1 respectively. This music was enjoyed by all and they received several encores, especially after the quintet's rendition of "Old McDonald", and the quartet's "Dem Bones."

Short talks were made by L. W. Mueller and O. E. Walker, after which time the service awards and suggestion prizes were given. Those winning suggestion prizes are as follows:

Plant 1—First prize, J. C. Quentel, \$50.00; Second prize, Jacob Cobble, \$30.00; Third prize, C. G. Bible, \$20.00.

Plant 2—First prize, Arch Guth, \$50.00;



Second prize, James Holland, \$30.00; Third prize, Wylie C. Dicks, \$20.00.

As a whole, the party was a big success and we are looking forward to the one to be held this year at which time we hope Mr. Mueller can again be with us. Martin Haynes was Master of Ceremonies and he really acted like a professional.

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Mr. Van Vleet is all smiles and there has been plenty of excitement in the Van Vleet household since receiving word that Donald, who was wounded in Germany, December 1, is resting in a hospital somewhere in England and hopes to be home soon.

Another reason for excitement is that Junior recently received his bombardier's wings and his commission as Second Lieutenant, then on the evening of December 21st he



was married to the former Anna Bruce Cartwright of this city. Lt. and Mrs. Van Vleet have gone to New Mexico where Lt. Van Vleet will receive further training.

Lt. and Mrs. Merle Van Vleet are now in Ephrata, Washington, where he is an instructor, training pilots for P-38's.

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Marion Moss, of the Sales Department, has returned from New London, Conn., where she attended the graduation exercises of her husband, Jack, who received his commission as Ensign. Jack returned to Chattanooga with Marion for a few days' visit before going to New Orleans where he will be assigned to active duty. Jack is a former employee of the Columbian Iron Works.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Frank Puffer whose father passed away this last week.

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Mildred Phipps, of the Sales Department, spent the Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives in Atlanta, Georgia and South Carolina.

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Six personal emissaries of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, all enlisted men, and Capt. Samuel Hunting, from the South Pacific, will visit Chattanooga this week in the interest of the "Firepower for Eisenhower" program. The soldiers will visit the Columbian Iron Works' Plant 2 and talk with the workers. Odie Walker will introduce the speakers. These soldiers are sent to stress the necessity for shells and emphasize how serious the shortage really is.

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We were very glad, indeed, to see so many of our servicemen home in December. They were: Noble L. May, U. S. Army; Samuel Adair, U. S. Army; Harold Roberts, U. S. Army; Junior Van Vleet, Army Air Corps; Jack Moss, U. S. Merchant Marines; Carl Veal, U. S. Marines; Claude Howell, U. S. Army; and Rufus Bohanan, U. S. Army.

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Lt. Herbert Nappier, U. S. Marines, son of Mr. H. C. Nappier of Plant 2, attended our Christmas party and was called upon to say a few words. We agree with Mr. Nappier that he makes a mighty fine looking Marine.

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Mr. Robert Lusk, better known as "Blue", was a welcome sight to his many friends here. He didn't think much of the Southern climate as it rained the whole time he was here. Don't let that discourage you, "Blue", we'll order sunshine the next time.

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Here's a girl who is never too busy to smile and give a helping hand. Her cheerfulness, friendliness and imperturbable good nature are her outstanding assets. She has sparkling eyes and beautiful natural curly hair and is an important peg in our Cost Department. Introducing our girl of the month: Della Mae Call.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Campbell family due to the loss of Lonzo Eugene, who was killed in action November 23 in the South Pacific. Arnold Campbell is an employee at Plant 2 and Luther Campbell, former employee, is with the U. S. Navy. Both Arnold and Luther are brothers of the deceased.

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Myrtle Hixon is recovering nicely from a recent appendectomy.

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Everyone really appreciated the bag full of groceries which we received after our Christmas party. Just think, all those groceries and no ration points.

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Happy New Year, Everybody!

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### SEND YOUR DIME

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, not only found time to endorse the March of Dimes, but also to send his personal contribution, even before the drive opened on January 14th. In a letter to Basil O'Connor, President of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, General Eisenhower declared: "Needless to say I, in company with all other Americans, applaud the fight you and your organization are making against infantile paralysis. I earnestly hope that your Campaign for raising funds during the coming January will be the most successful in your history. Enclosed you will find a personal donation."

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES  
JANUARY 14 — 31

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These two fine looking boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Uhler. Clarke Edmund on the left is 2 years and 7 months old, while at the right is William Carl, aged 8 months. The proud father, Ralph is a member of the Engineering Department.

# ... SARNIA ...

Thursday before Christmas the office staff had their annual Christmas party at the home of Shirley Guthrie. After a riotous game of Charades a sumptuous lunch was enjoyed—our only mishap was Mona backing into a cake and transferring some of the white frosting from the cake to the back of her dress.

Quite an influx of office help to help on inventory. Shirley Isom from Department 5, Mary Haslip, who stayed only 1 day, and Trace Trapp, who is now helping Ahneda.

Glancing out of the office window we got a bit of a jolt when we saw Gord Callum, Alex Hodges and Carl Smith shepherding 55 small boys on a tour of the factory. Oh well, the kids enjoyed it anyway.

December 22nd Mueller personnel received their annual Christmas turkey. After much work Mr. Campbell was able to get the turkeys. The same night boxes were given to each Mueller child and some of the men were really loaded down, an empty lunch box, turkey and several children's boxes.

December 28th a meeting of the Employees Aid Society members was held at the Cafeteria. Percy Knight and Harold Barnes were elected trustees. At the meeting of trustees Gord Karr was elected president and Wilf Jenkins, vice president. O. C. Spears, secretary-treasurer, is company representative.

Alison Street—pardon, Lyford—is back after an extended vacation. Roy has reported to King's College, Halifax, and Al is home, but "Contented", her own very apt description of herself. Just before the wedding a dinner was held in the Cafeteria for Alison and at that time she was presented with an occasional chair and wished much happiness by her friends.

Before Christmas we listened with interest to Izzy Lucas' description of the building of the doll house for his daughter—it was complete with electric lights, furniture and plumbing fixtures (Mueller, of course).

It's suggested that W. B. Campbell have a "showing" of his newest and best calendars. Maybe Alex would also enter his creation "The Girl With The Bow."

We have been watching the progress of Mona and Norma's "love life"—Mona is currently interested in the army and Norma in the navy. Also noted that Annie Wallace received a diamond. Charlie Gibson pulled

a last one on us and we didn't know of his pending marriage until announced in the paper. Congrats, Charlie.

January 12th Isabel McFarlane left Mueller's prior to going to South America approximately February 1st. Hubby Pete left the first Saturday in January and will have everything pretty well in hand when Isabel arrives, maybe even to having all the servants trained. Imagine no work—just sit around in the sun all day and relax (just like our office, joke!)

The second half of the bowling season has started, with a clean sheet too. Team standing for first half: 1st Cooper's Modarts, 2nd F. Cuthbertson's Showerheads, and 3rd Ted Penbleton's Service Clamps. The other teams are resting in ignominy and will no doubt wish to remain there, nameless and unaccounted for.

Green-eyed jealous wives suspicious about their husbands and the modern working gal will rest more easily when they see the new "glamour hat"—the current fad of the factory gal. Better watch out McClure or Maz will "slap your ears" as she warned at the bowling alley if you don't stop that teasing.

Here's an interesting excerpt from a soldier's letter: We quote: "The people (in Britain) don't show the strain of nearly five years of war at all and have a wonderful war spirit. One thing that really struck home with me was watching the kiddies line up for their milk with large cups at the rear of an immense milk wagon (some-what like, only larger, than our gasoline truck). I could picture the milk bottle in the stores back home with the card on them saying "Milk Fund", milk for kids in England. I was awfully glad that I had at least on one or two occasions donated a few pennies toward some. Given the same opportunity again I would have poured out all my loose change and tossed it in on each and every occasion".

Udders are sending milk to Britain—Why not YOU?

Then there was the girl so dumb she thought a panhandler an interne in a hospital.

Reporter: I've got a perfect news story.

Editor: How come? Man bite dog?

Reporter: No, but a hydrant sprinkled one.

A fellow met a friend all bandaged up and on crutches. "What happened to you?"

"Well, I had a date with my girl friend last night. We were jitterbugging when her



father came in. He is deaf and couldn't hear the music."

In every barroom in the land,  
The experts lend a helping hand.  
And exercise their mental power  
Advising Dwight D. Eisenhower.

He: "Say, whatever became of those old-fashioned gals who fainted when a boy kissed them?"

She: "Huh! Whatever became of the old-fashioned boy who made them faint?"

### IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Meetings have been arranged for special information concerning the return of war veteran employes and veteran relations, which will be held in the Mueller gymnasium on January 18th and January 25, 1945.

These meetings have been arranged through the Association of Commerce and are open to all employers in Decatur and vicinity. We are hoping for an attendance of more than 200.

We feel that these meetings are of special interest to all foremen and invite you to attend. The information given is directly in line with plans for foremen meetings during the winter of 1945.

The first meeting will be January 18, 7:30 p. m. The speaker will be Mr. Homer G. Bradney, Administrator, Governor's Committee on Veterans' Rehabilitation and Employment. This meeting will be in reference to the "human" element of veterans.

January 25, Lt. William S. Bishop, USNR, will be the speaker. This meeting will be in reference to the legal side of veterans employment and rehabilitation.

We feel that these meetings will be of definite interest and of immense benefit to you and the entire Mueller Co. organization. Plan to attend.

### BIRTHS

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall of Dalton City, December 19 in St. Mary's Hospital, a son.

### Tit for Tat

She: "Well, of all the nerve! Don't ever try to kiss me again."

He: "All right. If that's the way you feel about it, get off my lap."

### Up To Snuff

Mother: "What are you children playing?"

Jackie: "We're playing at church."

Mother: "How nice, but worshippers shouldn't whisper in church."

Jackie: "We know that, mother, but we're in the choir."

"This government report states that the life of a paper dollar bill is only seven or eight months."

"Well, I have never had one die on my hands."

## DEATHS

### MRS. LOUIS SCHARIO

Mrs. Margaret Ann Schario, wife of Louis Schario, passed away December 20 in St. Mary's hospital. She had been in poor health for some time and seriously ill for four weeks.

Mrs. Schario was born near Sullivan May 19, 1871, a daughter of William H. and Arvilla McKown. She had been a resident of Decatur for 62 years. She and Louis Schario were married in Decatur on May 16, 1895. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

She leaves her husband, long-time employe with our company, and five sisters, Mrs. A. A. Ackerman, Glendale, Md., Mrs. Dolly Bohenkemper, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Hannah Bobb, Mrs. Dora Harpstrite and Mrs. Mary Tyson, all of Decatur.

Funeral services were held in the Monson Funeral home with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

### JOHN WARREN SEXSON

John Warren Sexson, baby son of John W. Sexson, died at noon Dec. 25 at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Hartwig near Blue Mound. The child was born October 18, 1944 and leaves his parents and a brother David Dean, also his grandparents, Mrs. Hartwig and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitney of Decatur.

Funeral services were held in the Dawson and Wikoff funeral home, with burial in Bethel cemetery.

### WILLIAM CURTIS WALLACE

William Curtis Wallace, father of Lester Wallace, died January 11 in St. Mary's hospital, where he had been a patient for eleven days. He had lived in Decatur for one year, coming here from Litchfield. He made his home at 1070 West Sunset.

Mr. Wallace was born April 28, 1869, near Paris, the son of William and Elnira Wallace. He was married to Alma Grace Davey who died in 1940. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Doris Gruen of Rosamond, Illinois; Lester of R. R. 4; Lt. Edward A. Wallace in England, ten grandchildren and a brother, David Wallace of Gibson City.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church in Litchfield, with burial in Elmwood cemetery there.

### FREDERICK W. LIESTMAN

Frederick William Liestman, grandfather of Ruth L. Liestman of the Cost Department, passed away January 6 in his home at Deland at the age of 81.

Mr. Liestman is survived by his wife, Nettie Rannebarger Liestman and the following children: William, Milmine; Cecil, Davison, Michigan; Harold, Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. V. L. Tennerty, Chicago; Mrs. James Hewitt, Elgin. Services were conducted in the Deland Christian church with burial in Weldon cemetery.

## PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

We, the people of Plant 3, do hereby make the following New Year's resolutions for the year of 1945 and if we haven't already broken them we are going to try to keep 'em a little longer any way:

Roy Coffman—To do all in his power to keep the gossip that he hears out of the Record that certain people tell him and last but not least all of that bunk he makes up himself.

Charlie H.—Not to put bluing or grease on the handles of a single machine this year.

Pat D.—Not to tell things about Bill Knight—so they won't get in the Record.

L. Adams and Outlaw to try to get across the tracks before the long freight gets there instead of waiting for it to pass so they can't get across. (The last long freight was a switch engine.)

Oakly—To treat his neighbors better especially Outlaw—for instance shovel his snow now and mow his lawn next summer.

Bert Butts—That Brick either quit wearing that shop coat or find him a new buddy.

Clara Dotson—To call Johnny Honey at home the same as she does at the shop.

Helen Causey—To quit flirting if Nola won't help her out of the jams she gets in.

Mickey Adams—To not call Lefty over three times of a morning to get up.

Nola—To be more careful what words she uses.

Gladys—That if Santa forgets to put something on our Christmas tree for her next year she won't believe in him any more.

Liz R.—To get a cob pipe and smoke Granger.

Liz B.—Almost made a New Year's resolution last year and almost kept it. May make the same one this year and keep it.

Bill Knight—To quit bragging so much.

Amy—Not to eat so much.

Mike—Not to drink any more in 1945 than he did in 1944.

Cobb—Never again to try to drink alcohol.

Heck W.—To start to the fire if there is one about a half hour before the rest of the Fire Department does.

Ben'ah—That if she had the same thing to do in 1945 that she did in 1944—she would do it.

Brick—To get Bert Butts a shop coat like his for a birthday present.

Cal—To get himself a bicycle or a jeep.

Norma—Not to believe the way Oakley and Bowman figure things out.

Margaret—I won't talk so sassy.

Ethel—I won't blackmail my friends.

Marie—To get to bed early.

Sophia—I won't talk to strange men.

George Bryant—Will stay out of the Fair.

Eva—To get to work on time, at least once a week.

Archie—To continue speaking to every one he meets each morning.

Ernie—To keep on enjoying talking about our old baseball teams.

Bill Mueller—To have patience with his steno.

George H.—To keep on trying to teach Outlaw something.

Hill—To keep on kidding the girls.

Juanita—To try to like Decatur as well as she does Pana.

Ann—To inspect the shot that ends the war.

Bessie W.—To get snow shoes for her car.

Dorothy Dial—To be a good girl—no more pranks.

Margaret Girard—To sleep more.

Eula LeHew—To stop fussing at Frank.

Frank Auburn—To break none of his resolutions because he isn't making any.

Dorothy Saulver—To start the New Year right. She came to work.

Every one at Plant 3—To join the Credit Union as we believe it is surely a fine place for our extra money. We are proud of our Credit Union and we know that some day we will be glad we joined and placed our savings in it.

We also Resolve—All of us at Plant 3, to make all the 155's we possibly can and make them as perfect as they can be made. We made 37's, we made 57's, we made bomb caps and now we sure will make 155's. So look out Hitler, you and your mob, Plant 3 is on your trail.

So a Happy New Year to all at Plant 3, a Happy New Year to all at Mueller's and may 1945 be one of the happiest of all the years we have known. We pray that it will be the end of the war.

We wonder what nationality a fellow is who will wear green pants, red vest, a brown coat, pink tie and black shoes. He didn't wear his hat or socks so we don't know their color. Not mentioning any names, but Ralph Emerson can answer this one for you.

A suggestion—that a subway be built under the railroad track at Plant 3 for Outlaw and L. Adams.

Received a nice Christmas card from Dorothy Stacey. She wishes all her friends a very Merry Christmas and would be glad to hear from us all. Dorothy Stacey, Y-3/C, W. R. Unit W-1, USNTC, San Diego 33, California.

Every one had a nice time at the south-enders Christmas party—even the old "hens."

796 YEARS OF SERVICE

Men at the speakers table who had been in the service of the company for forty years or more, totaled 18, with a grand total of service adding up to 796 years.

Names and individual records, follow:

	Years	Combined Years
<b>Fifty Years Service</b>		
W. H. Campbell .....	52	
Wm. Seeforth .....	50	
B. J. Marty .....	50	
W. B. Ford .....	50	
Total .....		202
<b>Forty-five Years</b>		
Louis Fagan .....	45	45
<b>Forty Years</b>		
H. A. Wacaser .....	40	
A. C. Bork .....	40	
Burt Jackson .....	40	
J. W. Simpson .....	44	
James Thorpe .....	44	
Roy Whitaker .....	42	
Charles Laughlin .....	44	
Louis Schario .....	49	
B. F. Kitchen .....	40	
August Schudziaria .....	46	
Thos. F. Leary .....	40	
W. L. Jett .....	40	
Total .....		509
Grand total of 17 employees with records of 40 years or over .....		756

The absentees were: Bert Kitchen, Tom Leary and W. L. Jett.

Just Like Them

"Why did your wife leave you?"  
 "It was like this. She was away all last month. I wrote her that I was spending every evening at home catching up on my reading, and last week the light bill came in with only 50c minimum charge. Darn these power companies."

Too Wise Now

Boy: "Say whatever became of those old-fashioned girls who fainted when a boy kissed them?"  
 Girl: "Huh! Whatever became of the old-fashioned boys who made them faint?"

Missed Fire

Young Niece: "Auntie, were you ever proposed to?"  
 Aunt Polly: "Once dear—a gentleman asked me to marry him over the phone, but he had the wrong number."

What a slight foundation for virtue it is to be good only from fear of the law—Seneca.

Tobacco was not known in the Golden Age. So much the worst for the Golden Age.—Cowper.

NEW PAY DAY PLAN

A new pay day plan has been laid out for the year according to a bulletin issued by Factory Manager Taylor, and was put into practice in January. In order that the new plan may be clear to all employees and their families we are reproducing the bulletin.

The following chart shows the dates of pay and the dates the pay periods end for the months of January and February, 1945, according to the new setup:

January														
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7								
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	End of pay							
							Payday							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21								
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	End of pay							
29	30	31												
							Payday							
February														
				1	2	3	4							
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	End of pay							
							Payday							
12	13	14	15	16	17	18								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	End of pay							
26	27	28												
							Payday							
March														
				1	2									

Proposed January 1, 1945, our pay rolls will be prepared every two weeks and checks will be issued and made ready for payment each Friday following the close of the two week period.

We will continue using the same time clock card and pay check. Each pay check will cover a period of exactly 14 days. Twenty-six even pay periods each year.

THE LATCH BOYS



The famous Latch brothers in childhood days. To look at them then you wouldn't think that Gene (at right of picture) would grow up to be a great rabbit hunter. While Leo (center) is not the rabbit man that Gene is but he has sure grown up in height and has broadened out more. The other boy is a playmate.

## "BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE"

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—Child's kitchen cabinet. Well made, 4' high, with glass doors. Also, a child's table with three chairs, of sturdy construction, iron and varnished. Call 2-2007 or see Troy Roush.

**FOR SALE:** Simmons steel bed and springs. Marie Brooks, 202 West Grand Ave., City, or Tool Room Engineering.

**FOR SALE:** Cast iron Heatrola. 5 room size in good condition. Raleigh Wharton, 1168 North 35th St., Decatur, or Plant 3.

**FOR SALE:** Studio couch. Inner springs, good condition. See Mrs. Ralph Muzzy, Second shift, Cafeteria Plant No. 3.

**COTTON PAD:** Made to fit Mueller baby crib. Call Mrs. Hubert Maddox, 1237 S. Jasper.

**FOR SALE:** Shot gun like new. Sixteen (16) gauge single, with recoil pad. 1½ box shells, \$15.00. Dick Tolladay, Phone 5682, 1003 W. North Street.

**FOR SALE:** Mans' 15-jewel pocket watch. Excellent condition, white case, heavy rock crystal. Glenn Roff, Shipping Dept.

**FOR SALE:** 1 Bed Davenport. A-1 condition. Color (Maroon). William Cloney, Boody, Illinois, or Mueller Plant No. 3.

### BUSINESS SERVICE

**WALL PAPER CLEANING**—Call 9115 or 770 West Olive St. My work will please you. Claude Stacy.

### WANTED

**WANTED TO BUY:** Long or short 22 Rifle shells. See Mickey Morey, Second shift, Plant 3.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Shot gun in good condition. See Stanley Shannon, #4420.

**WANTED TO BUY:** A child's tricycle. Call phone 7786.

**WANTED:** 1 very small radio. Will buy or trade, table model. Virginia Barnett, Plant 3.

**WANTED TO BUY**—1 tire for motor scooter, tubeless type size 12 x 3.50. C. W. Murray, 840 S. 17th St. Phone 2-1339.

**WANTED:** Newspapers. We will pay highest price for clean newspapers, folded once and tied in bundles. No magazines. Please deliver to Mueller Co. Shipping Room before 10 a. m. any day except Saturday.

### BOY SCOUT NEWS



The Camper's Savings Club will be opened soon. Here is an easy way to save money for camp. As before, free stamps will be awarded to Scouts who fill the pages by certain dates. Hurry, fellows! Get in now!

The big news this month seems to be the hike. We slopped and sloshed our way through melting snow to our cabin on the thirteenth. Stayed overnight, cooked breakfast in the dark, and then slipped and splashed back home again in time for Sunday School and mass. Yep! Several were convinced that a hot rock by one's feet really keeps the bed warm.

The chief point is not that the hike was a super-duper, but that this one marked the end of the fourth full year that Troop 2 has gone on a hike every month without missing a single month. There is not a single troop in Decatur that has such an outstanding record for consistent hiking, and there are few elsewhere that can match this figure. Bobby Hughes and Scoutmaster Jackson have attended every one of the 48 hikes. Fire Trailers Clan badges will be awarded them.

Troop 2 was not very well represented at the January Board of Review. Richard Hoppe was the only one there, and his loyalty kept the troop tradition alive—that of having someone at the board every month. He came away with Chemistry Merit Badge.

Citations were read in the S.S.S. Viking this month. Richard Hoppe was promoted to crew leader or Bos'n's Mate. Billy Campbell was made Ship Quartermaster, a very responsible job. The Annual Inspection comes soon. Any Scout over fifteen is eligible for membership. If you like water and sailboats here is your chance to get in something big.



#### Picking the Baby

Young and inexperienced father (looking at triplets the nurse had just brought out): "We'll take the one in the middle."

#### Big Drop

"My husband's face dropped a mile when he visited Grand Canyon."

"Disappointed?"

"No, he fell over the rim."

A Swede walked into a tavern and asked for a drink of squirrel whiskey.

The bartender said: "I haven't any squirrel whiskey, but I have some 'Old Crow!'"

The Swede replied: "I didn't want to fly, I yus wanted to yump around a little."

Jokes should have sheep's teeth, not dogs.