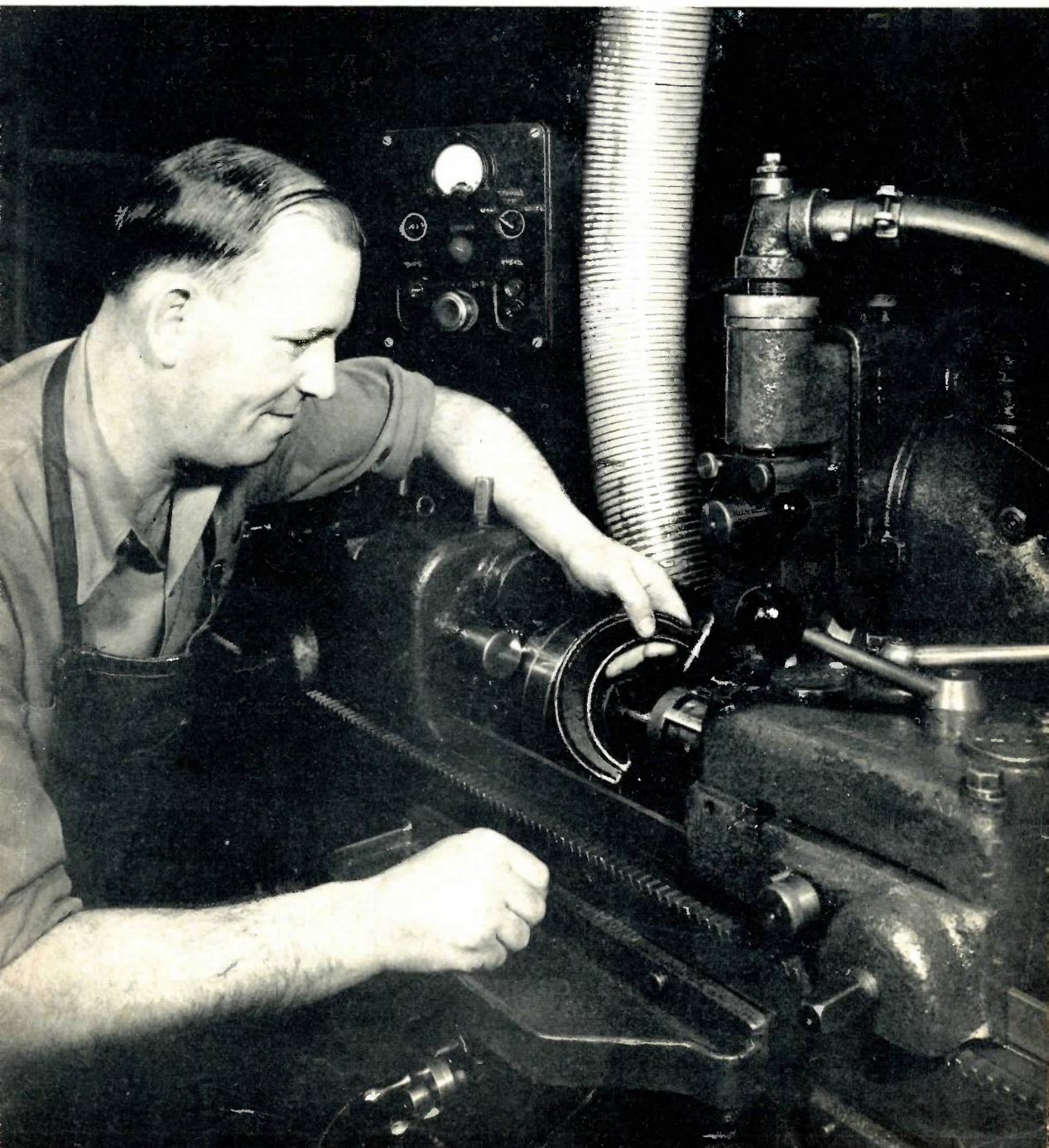


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This Month's Cover

BERT FLAUGHER, toolmaker, is shown at his machine, a Jones & Lamson precision thread grinder, which is used for making all types of threaded tools for the factory where extreme accuracy is necessary. The machine grinds alloy and high speed steel to tolerances of 1/10,000th of an inch.

Flaugher, a veteran tool room employee, has been with Mueller Co. for more than 24 years.

Back Cover

THE BACK COVER AD this month features a photograph of Mueller Co. gate valves which were installed by the City Water Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., as part of a \$700,000 expansion program now underway. The first major improvement project to be completed in

the post-war expansion program there was the installation of a 30-inch pipe line from the Citico station to the filter plant in preparation for a new 15-million gallon pump.

The advertisement appeared in the **Southwest Water Works Journal** and **Water Works Engineering**.

Not Bad Duty

WE'VE ALWAYS thought Santa Claus had a pretty good thing, what with maybe putting in a few guest appearances at department stores or ringing a bell on a Salvation Army kettle a couple of weeks before Christmas and



Old Santa Claus finds time to relax for a moment during the rush of the Christmas season. The brunette on the left is Phyllis Phipps, the blonde is Anne Lindsey.

then knocking off for another 50 weeks after Christmas Eve.

So it was not surprising that we were able to obtain a photograph of Mr. Claus (see cut) in a moment of relaxation. He had arrived in time for the Mueller children's party in a rocket ship especially designed by Ray Kileen of the engineering department, and no doubt his superdooper, supersonic flight had been a little tiring.

(Of course, if Mrs. John Angle sees this photo, Santa can explain that it was just a gag shot.)

LOCAL 838 ELECTS OFFICERS



Officers of Local 838, U.A.W.-A.F.L., who were elected January 11 are: front row, left to right, Russell Armstrong, the new president; John Curry, Richard Dannewitz, L. B. McKinney, Albert Golembeck, Clarence Woodrum, Jess Dailey and William A. Nash. Back row, left to right, Wilbur Davidson, H. R. Mooney, Eugene Latch, W. L. Adams, Glen Hazen, Fay Boggs, Martin Riewski and Wilbur Edwards, former president.

Name Russell Armstrong, plant No. 2 iron foundry, as successor to Wilbur (Bud) Edwards as president.

RUSSELL ARMSTRONG, plant No. 2, iron foundry, was elected president of Local 838, U.A.W.-A.F.L., succeeding Wilbur (Bud) Edwards, machine repair, at a meeting of the local at Union hall January 11.



Wilbur Edwards

As the result of a change in the international union's constitution, officers this year were nominated and elected from the floor at the meeting. Other officers elected were:

John Curry, ground key, vice-presi-

dent; Richard Dannewitz, pattern shop, recording secretary; L. B. McKinney, ground key, financial secretary-treasurer; Albert Golembeck, ground key, sergeant-at-arms; Clarence Woodrum, ground key, guide; H. R. Mooney, boiler room, 3-year trustee; Wilbur Davidson, plumbing, 2-year trustee; William A. Nash, 1-year trustee. Dannewitz and McKinney were both re-elected to their posts.

Jess Dailey, ground key, was elected chairman of the local's bargaining committee, which includes Eugene Latch, brass foundry, who was re-elected to the committee, and W. L. Adams, plumbing; Glen Haven, maintenance; and Fay Boggs, plant No. 2 iron foundry

Building board members elected were Martin Riewski, ground key, two years, and Wilbur Edwards, machine repair, one year.

CREDIT UNION RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

Also votes two per cent dividend at annual meeting;
list assets at \$154,694.81 with 605 members in 1947

ALL OFFICERS were re-elected, five directors were named, and a two per cent dividend voted at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Mueller Co. Employees' Credit Union January 12.

Continued growth of the Credit Union was shown in the annual report to members and in the organization's financial statement for 1947. An increase in total assets from \$57,830.05 in 1945, the first full year of operations, to \$154,694.81 in 1947 was reported, while membership during the past two years has jumped from 392 in 1945 to 605.

Officers re-elected at the meeting were:

Otis Fears, shipping department, president.

Haldon Hanson, department 30, vice-president.

Harold Munsterman, pattern shop, treasurer.

Ruth Miller, core room, secretary.

Board members elected for 3-year terms were: Dorothy Isome, main office; Charles W. Johnson, ground key; Wallace Dudley, maintenance department; and Ruth Miller and Frank Ridgeway, brass foundry, who were re-elected.

In addition to the election of officers, Credit Union members voted to change the organization's by-laws to raise the amount of secured loans from \$1,000 to \$1,600 and unsecured loans from \$50 to \$300. The new maximum loans are the top amounts permitted by state law.

Also named at the meeting were a credit committee, which passes on loan applications, and a supervisory commit-



Credit union directors and officers are, front row, left to right, Harold Munsterman, treasurer; Haldon Hanson, vice-president; Ruth Miller, secretary; Earl Parker; Otis Fears, president; and Frank Ridgeway. Back row: Wallace Dudley, Howard Dempster, Raymond Roarick, Ernest Watkins, Charles Brown, and Charles Johnson.

STATISTICS TRACE CREDIT UNION GROWTH

	1944—4 mos.	1945	1946	1947
Members	369	392	511	605
Total Assets	\$9189.25	\$ 57,830.05	\$100,337.53	\$154,694.81
Shares Paid in Each Year.....	9456.38	68,084.27	75 152.04	109,376.28
Shares Withdrawn Each Year.....	365.33	19,792.25	33,933.27	56,107.61
Outstanding Shares.....	9091.05	57,380.57	98,599.34	151,888.01
Average Shares Per Member.....	24.64	146.38	192.95	251.05
Outstanding Loans	4223.42	15,136.94	38,617.15	55,903.98
Amount Loaned Each Year.....	5251.00	29,669.00	93,485.94	140,769.22
Average Outstanding Loan.....	87.98	133.95	160.24	194.79
Average Loan Made.....	87.51	113.75	166.63	193.63
Number of Borrowers, Dec. 31.....	48	113	241	287
Number of Loans Made.....	60	247	561	727
Gross Earnings Each Year.....	168.16	833.84	3,545.55	6,068.61
Operating Expenses	151.19	201.73	408.45	1,808.07
Insurance Premiums Paid.....	11.02	322.06	752.15	1,188.52
Insurance Claims Paid.....	91.05	253.46
Net Profit Each Year.....	5.95	310.05	2,384.95	3,151.61
Dividends Paid	(1½%) 986.37	(2%) 2,032.67

tee, which audits the books and checks accounts, loan applications and other loan papers.

Members of the Credit committee are Frank Ridgeway, Ernest Watkins, Howard Dempster, Charles Johnson and Dale Cloney. The supervisory committee includes Charles Brown, Ray Roarick and Haldon Hanson.

The amount of money loaned each year by the Credit Union, as well as the amount of the average individual loan, also shows an increase. In 1945 the Credit Union loaned \$29,669 to 247 borrowers for an average loan of \$113.75; in 1946, \$93,485.94 was loaned to 561 borrowers for an average of \$166.63; and

during the past year \$140,769.22 was loaned to 727 borrowers for an average of \$193.63.

Harold Munsterman, who has been general manager of the Credit Union since its establishment, said that the increase in the amount of average individual loans during the past year was due in part to inflation and high prices.

Net profits during the past year amounted to \$3,151.61, compared to \$2,384.95 in 1946 and \$310.05 in 1945. A one and one-half per cent dividend was voted last year with \$986.37 being paid, while in 1947 the two per cent dividend amounted to \$2,032.67.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1947

RECEIPTS

Shares Bought.....	\$109,396.28
Loans Repaid.....	123,332.69
Interest Rec'd.....	5,687.61
Entrance Fees.....	56.00
Reserves.....	149.21
Other Income.....	381.00
Total Receipts.....	\$239,002.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Shares Withdrawn.....	\$ 56,107.61
Loans Made.....	140,769.22
Operating Expenses.....	1,415.38
Insurance Expense.....	1,188.52
Other Expense.....	392.69
Bonds Purchased.....	30,000.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$229,873.42

BALANCE SHEET, January 1, 1948

ASSETS

Loans.....	\$ 55,903.98
Govt. Bonds.....	60,972.00
Cash.....	37,818.83
Total Assets.....	\$154,694.81

LIABILITIES

Shares.....	\$151,888.01
S.S. & Wh. Res.....	43.37
Guaranty Fund.....	1,600.42
Undivided Earnings.....	1,163.01
Total Liabilities.....	\$154,694.81

Harold Munsterman, Treasurer

Service Emblems

H EADING A LIST of 288 Mueller Co. employees at the Decatur, Chattanooga, Los Angeles and Sarnia plants who became eligible for service emblems as of December 31 was Burt F. Kitchen, veteran salesman, whose retirement on that date ended 45 years' service with the company.

The next highest employees in years of service with the company were Emma M. Thomas and J. Ralph Adams, both of Decatur, who received 40-year pins, and O. C. Draper, John Bixler and Ray T. Sailsberry, Decatur, and John A. Aitchison and Allan W. Bannister, Sarnia, who received 35-year pins.

In addition, there were 15 employees who received 30-year emblems, 17 in the

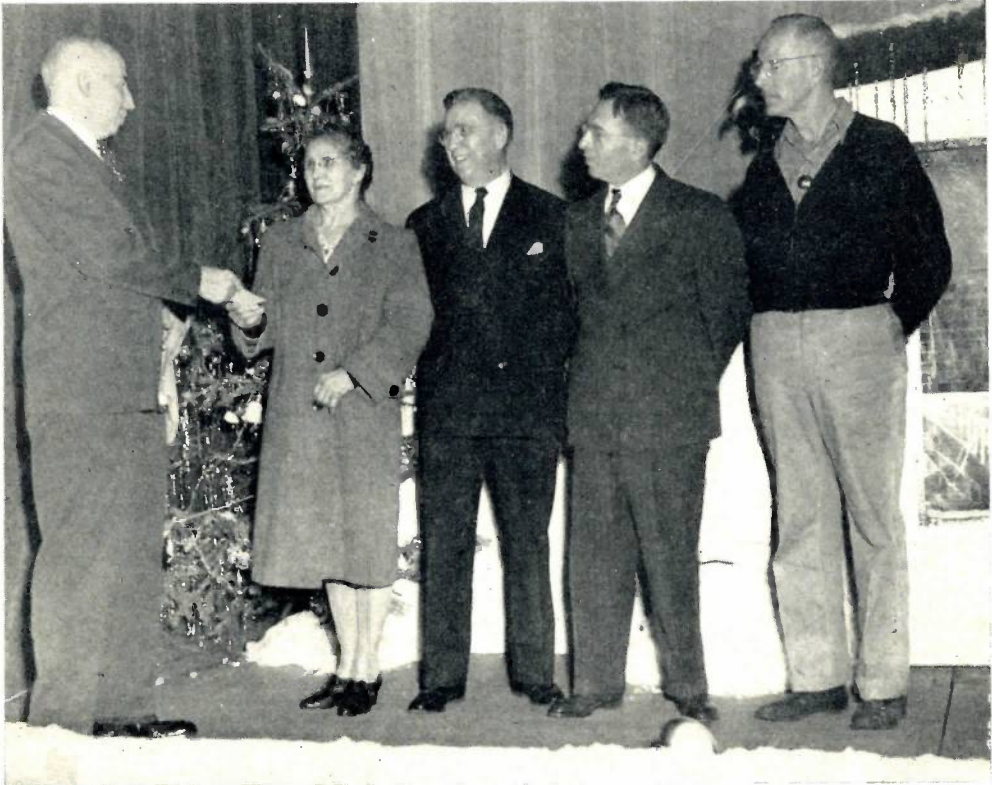
25-year group, 30 in the 20-year group, and six in the 15-year group. The largest groups included the 204 employees from the four plants eligible for 5-year pins and the 35 employees who received 10-year service emblems.

Service emblems were presented to the following:



Decatur

William C. Dixon	Logan H. Pettit
Henrietta Phillips	George Shotton
Wilma Maleska	Albert R. Griffith
Elizabeth Tolladay	J. A. Ridgeway



Emma M. Thomas receives a 40-year service pin from Albert G. Webber, Jr., Mueller Co. president. Looking on are John Bixler and O. C. Draper, who received 35-year service pins, and J. Ralph Adams, who received a 40-year pin.



Among those receiving service pins at Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory were, left to right, Dale L. Hutchins, 10 years; Cecil Foltz, 25 years; and John L. Royer, 10 years.

Evelyn Thompson	F. T. Edwards
Harry W. G. Chase	Claude Stacey, Jr.
J. M. Holbert	Pearl Kemper
Verlin H. Mackey	Edward Ellis
Carl O. Smith	John H. Enlow
Marva Witts	Harry A. Swim
Ruth Brownlow	Samuel H. Beck
Max J. Maleska	B. W. Wilkerson
Scott M. Redmon	Robt. E. Leake
Robt. G. Leipski	Harry E. Benton
Hubert L. Cook	LeRoy Ashby
Floyd E. Huffman	J. N. Brownlow
Charles Friesner	E. D. Spencer
E. Blaine Adams	Harry Cruse
Joe Toth	Harold Barnett
James R. Morrison	Thos. Adams, Jr.
Pauline Harris	Byron Mullins
Betty Nash Brown	Bernole Manley
Emma Rambo	John Morrison
Vera Tippitt	R. C. Davidson
Mildred Johnson	A. Theodore Smith
Clifford W. Auer	Eugene Gibbs
Wm. C. Clutter	Lewie Rogers
Henry J. Suuva	Dale Streight
Charles Brown	Willard Grider
Lewis Hamilton	Eldon Griffith
Fayne Marohl	Robert L. Combs
C. David Isome	Alfred Degand
Herman Allison	Floyd I. Curry

Chattanooga

Lyle J. Allgood	Wm. R. Miller
Rufus Bohanan	James Morris
Theo. Campbell	Sidney Porter, Jr.

Earl Cole, Jr.	John L. Rice
Melvin Conner	Chas. Richmond
Marvin L. Davis	Willard Riddle
Bernia Fischer	Ben W. Roy
Otto Glass, Jr.	Clyde D. Scott
Arch M. Guth	John Simmons
Robt. E. Harris	Frank Spencer
Claude Howell	Cliff Thornton
Charlie Kyles	Eddie Whitaker
James Lewis	Hugh T. White
B. L. McClendon	B. E. Willbanks
Jack N. Malone	Wm. E. Woods
Noble May	

Los Angeles

Walter Arnett	John Hesselback
Dorothy Barnett	C. O. Holloway
Evelyn Boehme	John Kennedy
M. Brandolino	J. Livingston
Rosa G. Cooper	Gladys Reed
Wm. A. Dixon	Eldridge Slocum
Stefano Ercole	Clinton Stewart
Anna Green	Zula Stoltz
May Belle Harris	Harvey Zehner

Sarnia

Carmen E. Weese	Max Fletcher
Charles J. Perkins	John Main
Muriel Burkholder	Cyril Mathews
Jean Ridley	Joseph Ayres
Dorothy Kay	Wilfred K. Payne
Frank Sewter	Kathleen M. Harri-
Margaretta Russell	son
Thomas Muxlow	Melvin Dawson

Robert Gillson
 Albert Hiller
 Donald Cuthbertson
 William A. Colborne
 Walter R. Edwards
 John Salak
 Dolf N. Jacques
 Andrew Ironside
 Joseph I. Harris
 Chester Bartley
 William Melick
 Howard Taylor
 Ralph Turnbull
 Fred Tribbeck
 Thomas M. Heath
 Gordon Kirk
 Elmer A. O'Dell
 Fred Sheppard
 Graydon Brock
 Walter Stevens
 George Foslett
 John Round
 Leroy Barnes
 Frank Tithecott
 Albert Walsh
 Ivan Hunter
 Wilbur Duggan
 John Mullen
 Gordon W. Wilson
 George German
 Maurice Bryan
 Alexander Reavie
 Annie Grigorsky
 Henry Jewitt
 Walter Irvine
 Andrew Mackrell
 Norman Harrison



Decatur

E. J. Stevenson
 Tilmon O'dell
 Carl Charnetzki
 W. E. Dunaway
 R. H. Roarick
 Lorin Grosboll
 Ralph H. Uhler
 Fedora Walton
 Clarence Albert
 W. Russell McCoy
 C. Raymond Byers
 M. Fleckenstein

Chattanooga

Dexter M. Haney
 Gladys C. Jones
 Lawrence Neal

Los Angeles

June Gardner
 Dale L. Hutchins

John L. Royer
 Bruce Stotler

Milward J. Heath
 James W. Chaytor
 Edward B. Campbell
 Murray Robinson
 Charles Harrison
 Norine Boulton
 John Cain
 Bernard Brady
 James Bullock
 George A. Scott
 Katherine MacDon-
 ald
 Gladys Green
 Alvin McKellar
 Roy Abell
 Frank Vidler
 Roy Gibson
 Henry P. Hardy
 John Evoy
 William Bedard
 John W. McClure
 Bruce Preece
 William L. Smith
 William Foster
 John Agar
 Fred Dunn
 James White
 Albert Marcy
 Alvin Smith
 Herman Sitter
 Donald MacDonald
 Henry Juneke
 Harold Brown
 Albert Muxlow
 Frank Nesbit
 Garnet Denomy
 Ward V. Boyle

Sarnia

William L. Turnbull
 James A. Brent
 Willis J. Dennis



Decatur

Elvis Musgraves
 Helen O'Dell

Sarnia

John Kerrigan
 John Rose



Decatur

Leo O. Wiant
 Opal L. Jackson
 Claude Stacey
 Carl I. Maurer
 George A. Krag
 Clarence Ruch
 Frank Kuntz
 Wm. T. O'Dell
 Keith R. Smith
 Clure Lane

Geo. C. Henne
 Glenn Dial
 Geo. B. Durbin
 Fred A. Meador
 Coy M. Butler
 Daniel Boggs
 G. R. St. Pierre
 LaVerne Walley
 George Hofmann



Thirty-five year service pins were presented to J. Aitchison and A. W. Bannister by O. C. Spears, personnel manager of Mueller, Limited.

Sarnia

Everett R. Shrigley Henry Morris
 Claude D. Chappell Mike Kozachuk
 Joseph S. Hicks Harold Coates
 Harold Fennell Percy Knight
 Dennis F. Tilley Charles D. Snider
 Wilson Jenken

Sarnia

John J. Conway Buelah Rose
 Milton Windover Raymond Lambert
 Edward G. Cook William Marshall
 Wm. B. Campbell James Jack
 Henry S. Robertson Lyle Shortt
 Leo O'Neill



Decatur

W. S. Enloe W. Arthur Nash
 Estella Stille Z. H. Grinestaff
 Helen Pope Emmett Holderby
 J. A. Morrison Matt Like
 Julius A. Staudt Roy Harper
 Chester Priddy Milo Wright
 L. B. McKinney W. C. Frantz

Los Angeles

Cecil Foltz

Sarnia

John A. Baldwin Gordon S. Geary



Decatur

Frank E. Taylor William Kuntz
 Niena Cochran Floyd V. Johnson



Decatur

O. C. Draper Ray Sailsberry
 John Bixler

Sarnia

John A. Aitchison Allan W. Bannister



Decatur

Emma M. Thomas J. Ralph Adams



Decatur

Burton Kitchen



Among those honored at a dinner by Mueller, Limited, were these employees who retired December 31. Front row, left to right: John Fraser, Clary J. Brent, James Jack, Robert Murray, Reginald A. Brock, John R. Rose and Charles Garrick. Back row, left right: William W. Melick, Fred B. Hamilton, Erastus Mead, Don McDonald, George A. Scott, Albert Williamson, Alfred Taylor, Milton Windover and William Young. Mead had previously retired.

Decatur Dope

THREE \$50 GRAND prizes for employee suggestions adopted by the Mueller Co. during 1947 were awarded recently by Albert G. Webber, Jr., company president, to the following: H. Myrle Carter, increased production; Lester Dean, reduced overhead; and Otto J. Peake, safety.

Each of the three grand prize winners had more than one suggestion which was adopted by the company. Peake submitted four suggestions that were adopted, including his grand prize winner; Carter had three; and Dean had two.

Second prize winners in each of the three divisions received \$30 for their suggestions, and third place winners received \$20. In addition, there were 44 employees who received \$5 each for single suggestions adopted, 12 who had two suggestions adopted, four who had three suggestions, three who had four suggestions, four who had five suggestions, two who had eight suggestions, and F. W. Dannewitz topped all comers by submitting 15 suggestions which were adopted.

Other grand prize winners were:

Increased production: Virgil Rutherford, second; and Fred Nash, third.

Reduced overhead: Maynard Buckta, second; and Mildred Bailey, third.

Safety: Bonnie Clark, second; Robert Ridgeway, third.

Each suggestion adopted by the company was worth \$5, and each of the following had one suggestion adopted:

Charles Ashmore	Mildred Bailey
Elmer Baker	Howard Beecher
Arthur Berry	Tom E. Branson
Bonnie Clark	Lacy Coleman
Robt. Dannewitz	Marvin O. Davis
Pauline Harris	Marion Fonner
Dean E. Grant	Haldon Hanson
Chas. E. Hector	Truey E. Hoy
Bob Hutchens	Irwin E. Keller
Frank Kuntz	Albert Lindamood
Henry Luka	Ruth McKown
Albert May	Thos. A. Meece
H. R. Mooney	Chas. W. Murray
Fred Nash	Helen O'Dell
Roy B. Pease	Robt. L. Pope
Dale Reidelberger	Mae Sencenbaugh
A. T. Smith	F. L. Stevenson
Robt. F. Taylor	Roy True
Wilbur Tucker	Emilie Walters
Van Walters	Franklin L. Ward
N. C. Washburn	Dewey West
H. W. Williams	R. M. Workman

Each of the following employees had two suggestions adopted:

Maynard Buckta	Coy M. Butler
Rich'd Dannewitz	Lester Dean
Jesse Ditty, Sr.	Harold Ferguson
Chas. L. Girard	Orville Hinderer



Suggestion winners who were awarded grand prizes in three divisions were, left to right, Maynard Buckta, Bonnie Clark, Fred Nash, Lester Dean, Mildred Bailey, H. Myrle Carter, Otto J. Peake, Virgil Rutherford, and Robert Ridgeway.

William Kuntz Maurice Paslay
E. E. Schmidt Al Spitzer

The following had three suggestions adopted:

H. Myrle Carter G. N. Hutchens
Elvis Musgraves Esther Turley

The following had five suggestions adopted:

Clifford Carter Laura F. Becker
Robt. W. Moore Virgil Rutherford

The following had eight suggestions adopted:

Geo. Anderson, Jr. Robert Ridgway

Fifteen suggestions adopted:
F. W. Dannewitz

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Mueller Co. officers and directors for the company and its plants at Decatur, Chattanooga and Sarnia, Ontario, were elected January 15 and 16 at the annual directors' meeting.

Officers elected for the Mueller Co. were: Lucien W. Mueller, chairman of the board; Albert G. Webber, Jr., president and treasurer; J. W. Simpson, executive vice-president; Otto C. Keil, secretary; W. H. Hipsher, assistant treasurer; Robert H. Mueller, chief engineer; Frank H. Mueller, head research and production engineer.

Elected directors of Mueller Co. were:

Addie E. Mueller, Lucien W. Mueller, Pauline V. Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, J. W. Simpson, Lenore M. Staley, Albert G. Webber, Jr.

Officers elected by the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, were: Lucien W. Mueller, chairman of the board; Albert G. Webber, Jr., president and treasurer; J. W. Simpson, executive vice-president; O. E. Walker, vice-president and plant manager; Otto C. Keil, secretary; J. H. Wall, assistant secretary; W. H. Hipsher, assistant treasurer.

Directors of Columbian Iron Works elected were: Hugh L. Baker, Otto C. Keil, Lucien W. Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, J. W. Simpson, O. E. Walker, J. H. Wall, Albert G. Webber, Jr., A. C. Werdes.

Officers of Mueller, Limited, at Sarnia are: George W. Parker, president and treasurer; R. M. Nicolson, vice-president and sales manager; J. Milne, secretary; R. J. Skippon, works manager.

Directors of Mueller, Limited, who were elected: J. Milne, E. B. Mueller, Lucien W. Mueller, Robert H. Mueller, R. M. Nicolson, George W. Parker, J. W. Simpson, Albert G. Webber, Jr., A. C. Werdes.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES

The Mueller Co. in cooperation with its employees is constantly seeking ways and means of improving working conditions.

The cafeteria, furnishing inspected, wholesome and attractively prepared food, is strictly a non-profit activity for the pleasure and convenience of the employees. The short period spent there at noon, relaxing with good food, should help to make the work day more pleasant.

The company has invested several thousands of dollars in the building and equipment of this cafeteria, and less than 50% of the employees are using it, thereby causing the company to lose considerable money on this operation. This expense for the benefit of less than one-half the employees cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.

Each employee is of course privileged to decide for himself whether or not he wishes to use these facilities. On this basis the small patronage indicates the cafeteria is either not desired by the employees or there is something wrong with its operation.

Will you help us to help you?

What can we do to enlist your cooperation and use of these facilities?

Please tell us by sending in your suggestion or criticism.

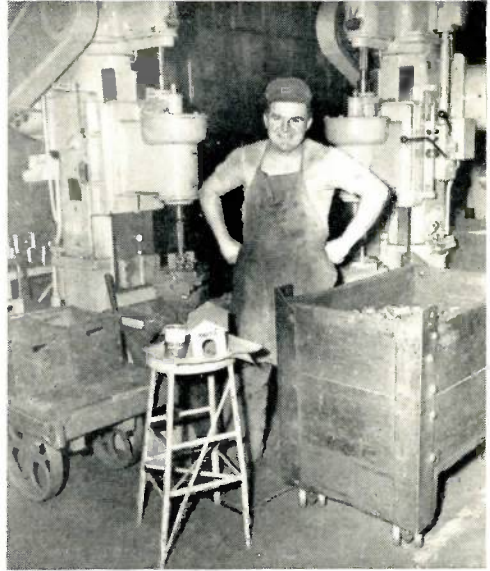
You don't need to sign your name, just write out how you feel and send it in to the Personnel Office.

If you have a bellyache, now is the time to get rid of it.

Lucien Mueller



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris are shown following their marriage Christmas eve at the West Side Church of the Nazarene. Earl is assistant paymaster, and Pauline is in the engineering department. She is the daughter of Jerome Edwards, long-time Mueller Co. employee, who recently retired.



Melvin Hayes, ground key department, is shown at his machine after having been "dogged" recently for the first time in two years for turning in the low individual average score on the Experimental Shop's bowling team. Shortly after this photo was made, C. W. Doherty was low man, but the dog, dog house, and the tin of dog food had mysteriously disappeared. They have since been found.



Judging from the interest registered on the faces of children in this section of the audience, the Mueller Co. children's party, which was held in the gymnasium December 20, must have provided a good time for the small fry. About 725 sons and daughters of Mueller Co. employees attended the party.

❖ Sarnia Stuff ❖

Mueller, Limited, held open house from 2 until 4 o'clock the afternoon of December 23 for all employees' immediate families, and approximately 500 adults and children availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the new, modern plant and see their respective parent, brother or sister at their regular employment.

At 4 o'clock, Christmas turkeys, hams and bacon were distributed to employees by their respective foremen. Christmas boxes of fruit, nuts and candy were also included for all employees' children. George W. Parker, president, and other officials were on hand to extend season's greetings.

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The engagement of Patricia M. Smith, accounting department, to M. D. (Jim) Phillips, an engineer at the Polymer Rubber Plant, has been announced. The wedding will take place at the bride's home, Kenogami, P. Q., in the early Spring.

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Irene Cowan, production office, in the loss of her mother January 4; to William Topliff, department 8, in the recent loss of his mother; to W. J. Payne, department 2, in the recent death of his mother; and to Miss Erie Parsons, office, in the sudden passing of her father.

Seventy members of the plant, including 16 who retired December 31, were guests of Mueller, Limited, at a dinner in the plant dining hall December 11. The guests of honor were employees with more than 20 years' service with the company and retiring employees.

Frank Vidler, representative of the employees' union, brought greetings from Local 456, U.A.W.-C.I.O., and George W. Parker, company president, spoke briefly on the contribution made by all personnel to the company.

He said that he hoped the new, modern plant would always serve as a monument to the loyalty of those men who were about to retire, adding that great credit was due to the late William E. Mueller and other officials of the firm, who had a major part in establishing the firm's annuity plan.

A minute's silence was observed in respect to the memory of Mr. Mueller, who died September 22.

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Recent births include a daughter, Nancy Irene, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kirk; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Payne; and a son, John Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Harrison.



Mueller, Limited, employees who had served more than 20 years with the firm and retiring employees were guests of the company December 11 at a dinner held in the plant's dining hall.

Chattanooga Chatter

Chin up, Higdon! After all, what's a loss of nine games for any bowling team?

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NOTICE: All fishing enthusiasts, please confer with Wade Lowery. Total expenses to and from Chickamauga Lake, \$3.50 per person. This includes Wade's breakfast, lunch and cigarettes.

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Whether it is a desire for cleanliness or an attempt to drown Mr. Andrews, is the question. See the foundry employees for an answer, because the bright spot, shining with new paint and decorated with fall flowers, is Mr. Andrews' pride

and joy—his new office. All that is lacking is a secretary and a typewriter. Appointments to see Mr. Andrews made from 9 til 10 A.M., through Mr. Robinson.

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Incidentally, will somebody tell Bohanon that you don't go fishing on Lookout Mountain. Mr. Morton's report is that there has never been a fish up there unless it was brought up by somebody.

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A neighbor of Bob Parsons had the brick foundation laid for a new house when he had visitors, namely, Bob's goats. They knocked down all the bricks,

Howard Morton Retires at Chattanooga



HOWARD MORTON, center, recently retired on the "rule of 80 plan" as foreman of the core room, left the Columbian Iron Works after 33 years of service, having started to learn the trade of core-maker on December 1, 1914. During these 33 years he has been a faithful, cooperative and cheerful employee as well as "core-making boss."

"Uncle Bud," as he is better known, has been the originator of many pranks and jokes, and proof of this statement may be gained from Don Andrews, George Robertson, Wade Lowery, Coy Jones or Carl DeSha. Among the many gifts presented to him on his retirement by his "boys" were a fishing rod and reel, which will handle his favorite sport quite

well. Uncle Bud likes to fish and to garden on his small farm on Lookout Mountain, where he has lived for many years. His interests are many, and he has made many friends during his work with the company.

Mr. Morton's skill in core-making and his leadership abilities were recognized in 1936, when he was made foreman of the coreroom, a position he has since held. During this year, Mr. Morton plans to keep a diary of his activities which will be presented to employees next Christmas. This should prove very interesting, and Chattanooga employees are looking forward to seeing Mr. Morton and hearing him recount his activities next year.

causing a great deal of angry excitement. Bob volunteered to pay for the damage or to do whatever the neighbor wanted. So . . . complying with his neighbor's request, Bob sold his goats.

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Had it not been for a tremendous down-pour of rain a few Saturdays ago, Lester Denton would have been well on the road to realizing his ambition of making his "first million" before he reaches the age of 30. Rumors have it that "Thar's lead in them thar hills." The hills are the recently acquired 65 acres on Lookout Mountain. It seems that a legend, told to Lester by some of the old settlers, states that a large vein of lead is some where on his acreage. Cheer up, Lester, it won't be long before the rains will be over. When you find the mine you can pour off two tons any old day!

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Next Christmas, Charles Sutherland plans to guard his home with a gun. He says this past one was a sad time after he had burglars who gently borrowed \$40 which they haven't returned.

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The Core Room has a very quiet, settled atmosphere now that Mr. Morton has resigned. No jokes nor pranks pulled on anybody.

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C. I. W. employees are now entitled to insurance protection which includes both life insurance and hospitalization. The enthusiastic manner in which this group protection was received resulted in 98 per cent of the employees participating. In bringing the plan up to date, the group life insurance benefits were revised, adding sickness and accident weekly indemnity, hospital and surgical and medical expense benefits. The cost in excess of employees' contributions is paid by the company. The revised plan is underwritten by the Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.

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Judy and Andy Anderson had as their Christmas guests Andy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Anderson of Wilmington, Del.

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The Christmas party proved to be a huge success, according to all reports. Everyone enjoyed the program and appreciated the nice bag of groceries given by the company.

Mary O'Kelley was hostess to the annual office Christmas party for the girls at her home in St. Elmo.

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"Tomcat" Lewis' most recent complaint is that he has been ostracized from Billy Goat hill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burt Davis announce the birth of a son on September 26.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lige Daniel have a new son, born November 12, whom they have named Isaaah Benjamin.

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Oscar Hubble and George Hackler, foremen of the tool room and maintenance department, respectively, represented the Columbian Iron Works in a course, "Thoughts on Management," which was offered to Chattanooga industries by the Chattanooga Industrial Trainers' Council.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Palmer announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Lou.

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Welcomed to our midst again are Nedra Davis, former personnel assistant, and Evelyn Wilbanks, secretary to the plant manager, who have been on sick leave. We are glad to have you back again, girls.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusk are the proud parents of a daughter, born November 22.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Harp announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte, on December 8.

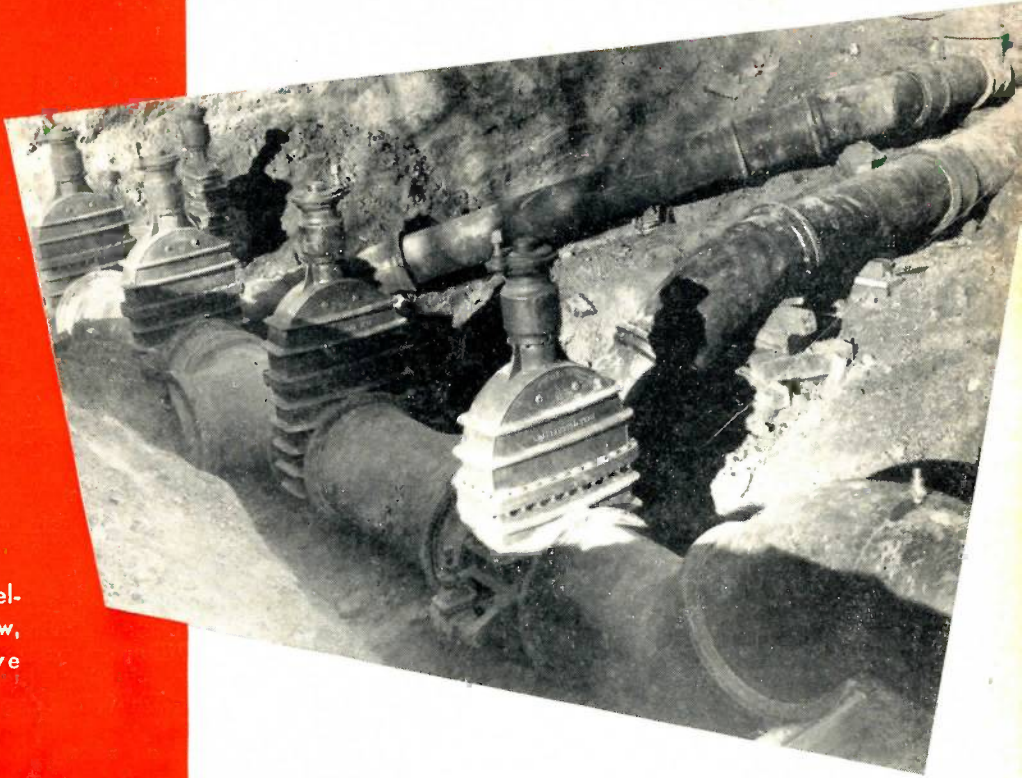
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This month we welcomed Betty Brown and Gladys Nite to the sales department, and said goodbye to "Huck" Mitchell, Ernest Browning, Elizabeth Gardner and Doris Fraley.

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Frank Williams received a \$50 grand prize for his suggestion which was judged the best of the year from employee suggestions adopted by the company, it was recently announced. Other grand prizes for employee suggestions went to Mike Briock, who received \$30 as the second prize, and Robert Hamlin, third prize winner, who received a \$20 prize for his suggestion.

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