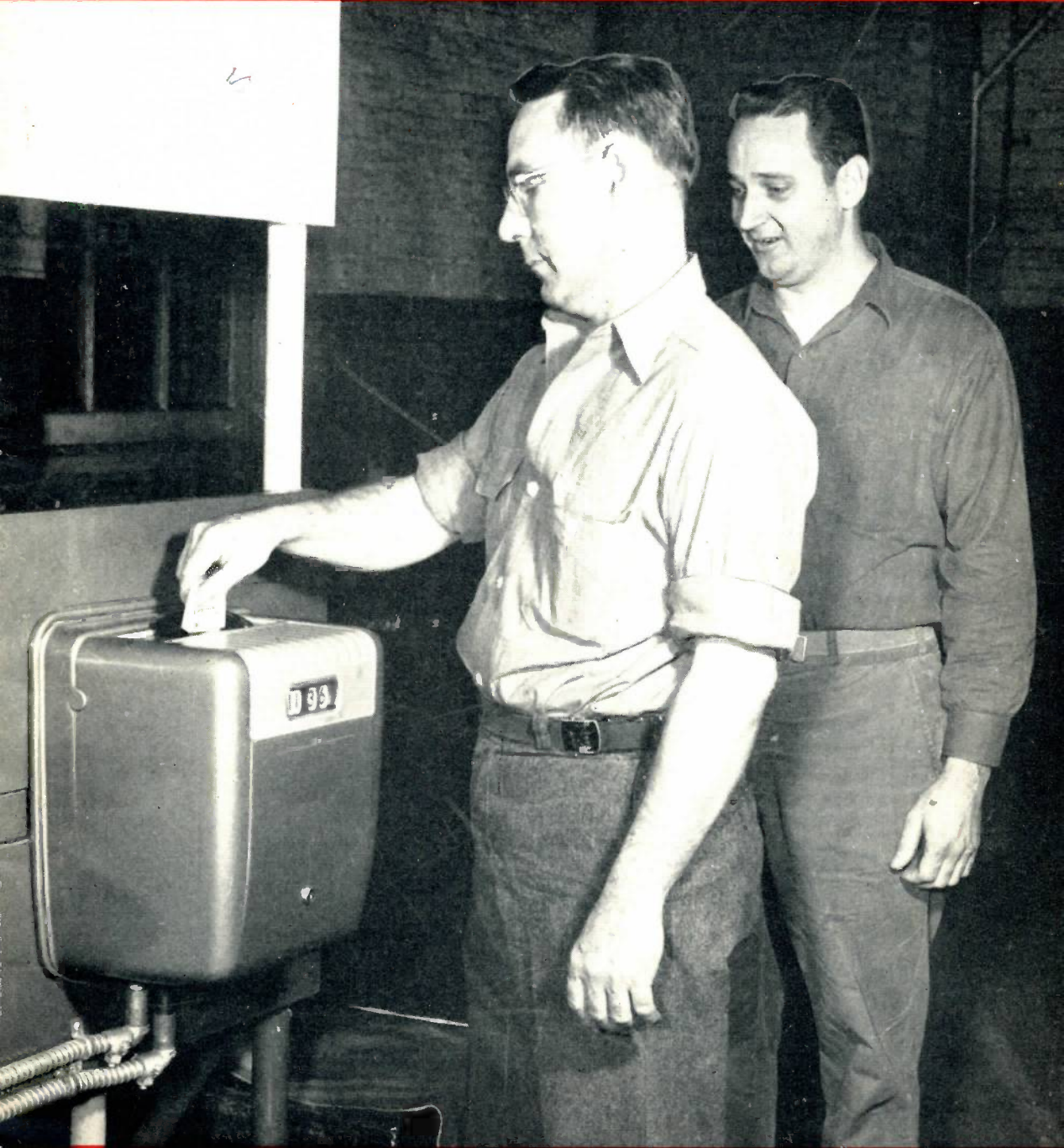



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**A**BOUT THE FIRST of December new time clocks made their appearance throughout the Decatur plants. The new clocks are the product of International Business Machines, and, though somewhat complicated in their construction, are very efficient and practically fool-proof.

All department clocks are controlled by a master clock in the main office. Most electric clocks vary in time as peak loads on the generators come and go. But not our clocks! The master clock is driven by springs. These springs are automatically wound by electricity at frequent intervals to maintain an even tension on them. This makes the clock very accurate. In the event of a power failure, the master clock will run ten hours without winding.

The departmental clocks are connected to the master unit by two sets of wires. The 24-volt circuit controls the clock motors. The 110-volt circuit actuates the ringing mechanism. Should the power be cut off, the department clocks will stop, but as soon as it comes on again each clock will start up, and automatically will set itself on the fifty-ninth minute. The figures representing the minutes will move once every two seconds until the clock is set correctly. If a clock gets ahead of the master clock, it

will stop on the fifty-ninth minute and wait until the master clock catches up with it. At three o'clock in the morning all clocks adjust themselves for the next day's program. The card slot moves over one column and drops down to permit ringing in on the top line as was done the day before.

The way the time is punched on the card is interesting. Figures for the day appear in vertical columns instead of across the card as on the old ones. All clocks are set for prearranged intervals. If you ring in at the same time each morning, a row of figures across the card show that you were on time each day. If you are late one minute or more, the figures will print one space below the regular figures. The same thing is true of the ringing out time. This saves the payroll girls a lot of work. The clock in each department is set to fit that department. In the foundry, for example, there are four different starting times and a total of sixteen different settings. One cannot ring in or out on another clock as the program for that department is different. The figures would be stamped on the wrong lines, and this would be very confusing to the clerks and the payroll department. It is important that on the first of the pay period the side marked "FIRST WEEK" face outward. Turn the card over for the second week.

Some people, we have noticed, do not hold the card correctly for ringing, and it bends. We have shown on the front cover a photo of Howard Dempster holding a clock card in the correct manner. Grip the card at the top with the thumb on the front side and the first two fingers on the back and spread apart a bit. This puts a curve in the card and stiffens it so that the ringing mechanism can be tripped readily.

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**Cover picture.** Shown this month is Howard Dempster ringing out on the new time clock in Department 8. Waiting his turn is Ferden Herreid of the same department. Don't be fooled by those figures — 11:36 — showing on the clock. These men are not really ringing out. No photographer would risk an expensive camera and flash equipment in the noon hour time clock rush. (Remember those safety slogans? "WALK, DON'T RUN.")



At the Annual Meeting those above were named officers and directors. Seated, left to right: Ernest Watkins, Harold Munsterman (treasurer), Herman E. Jackson (vice-president), Ruth Miller (secretary), Frank Walker, Charles Brown, Frank Ridgeway. Standing: William Johnson, Orville German, Cecil Kelley, Otis Fears, Jr. (president), Carl Maurer, Howard Dempster, Harold Taylor, Haldon Hanson.

## CREDIT UNION PAYS 4% DIVIDEND

Highest paid in seven years of operation.

Assets pass \$400,000 mark.

**F**ROM TIME TO TIME we have written about the various good points of the Credit Union: a good place to borrow money, insurance features, managed by people you work with, under state supervision, and so on. But we never have emphasized the fact that it is a good place to invest your money.

This year the directors felt that the Credit Union had experienced a healthy growth and that ample reserves were on hand. A four per cent dividend was declared to all shareholders. This climaxes a steady increase in dividends over the years. The first two years it was necessary to build up reserves and the members felt that it was unwise to pay dividends. In 1946 a dividend of one and one-half per cent was announced. In 1947 it was increased to two per cent. 1948 saw it raised again to three per cent. The same amount was paid in 1949. This year it is to be four per cent! Sounds good, doesn't it?

Perhaps many of our employees operate on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. They have no need to use the Credit Union to borrow money for worthwhile purposes.

With prospects of four per cent dividends, there is a new appeal. How many other savings plans pay four per cent? Many new members may wish to join.

That it is considered a sound investment by many Mueller people is borne out by these facts. There were 471 members by October 1945, the end of the first year. Of this number 240 still belong. Ten of those dropping out were lost by death, 20 retired, and most of the others worked at Plant 3 and had to drop out when the war ended and they were laid off. Present membership is 782. Total assets this year have reached an all time high of \$417,561. The net profit was \$11,618. Total dividends paid this year were \$11,973.

Actually, the Credit Union is big business. Since it first opened its books in 1944, over \$1,310,000 in loans has been made. Total shares now amount to \$408,343, an increase of \$110,000 in the last year alone. There was purchased in 1949 \$14,800 in government bonds, the total now being \$142,042.

When the three per cent dividend was

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# Service Emblems



Julius Riewski, left, of Department 8 in Decatur, receives his diamond studded 45-year service pin from Archie Sefton.

**D**ECEMBER IS THE MONTH when our company recognizes the various service records of employees by the presentation of service pins. At the top of the list this year is Julius Riewski, of Plant 1 in Decatur, with a total of 45 years of service. Next to him are Otto Sharlock, one of our salesmen, Ira L. Auer of the Tool Room, Decatur, and Gordon D. Callum, of Sarnia, each with 35 years of service. Counting all four factories, there were a total of 272 service pins presented.

Surely, we thought, a man who has been here 45 years has seen a lot of changes. So we had a chat with Mr. Riewski and asked a few questions. Julius began with Mueller Co. in 1906. His first job was washing stops in De-

partment 8. That was when Eight was where the Grinding Room now is. Philip Mueller was superintendent of the plant at that time. Julius began on the night shift, but quit after a while. Being a good worker, he was rehired promptly for the day shift, and has been in Eight ever since. Later on he was a grinder, and for a good many years now he has been a key lathe operator. He likes his work and says it isn't as monotonous as some may think. His motto is: "Do a good job, give a full eight hours of work, and you'll get along all right." Must be so, for Julius has been on the job for a long time and says he would not want to work anywhere else for Mueller is a good place to be.

A complete list of all employees who received service emblems at our four factories follows.



**Decatur**  
Julius Riewski



**Decatur**  
Ira L. Auer                      Otto Sharlock

**Sarnia**  
Gordon D. Callum



**Decatur**

Paul L. Hines	Orville T. Brown
George White	Marshall Hobbs
Jesse Ditty, Jr.	Michael Brilley
Barney Riley	Howard E. Gragg
Amos Reynolds	A. L. Fleckenstein
Harley Himstead	Frank H. Williams
William H. Padrick	Charles Sanders
C. W. Doherty	Lawrence Kramer
Earl W. McQuality	Wm. L. Shockley
Harold Probst	



Gordon D. Callum of Sarnia, left, receives his 35-year service pin from G. W. Parker.

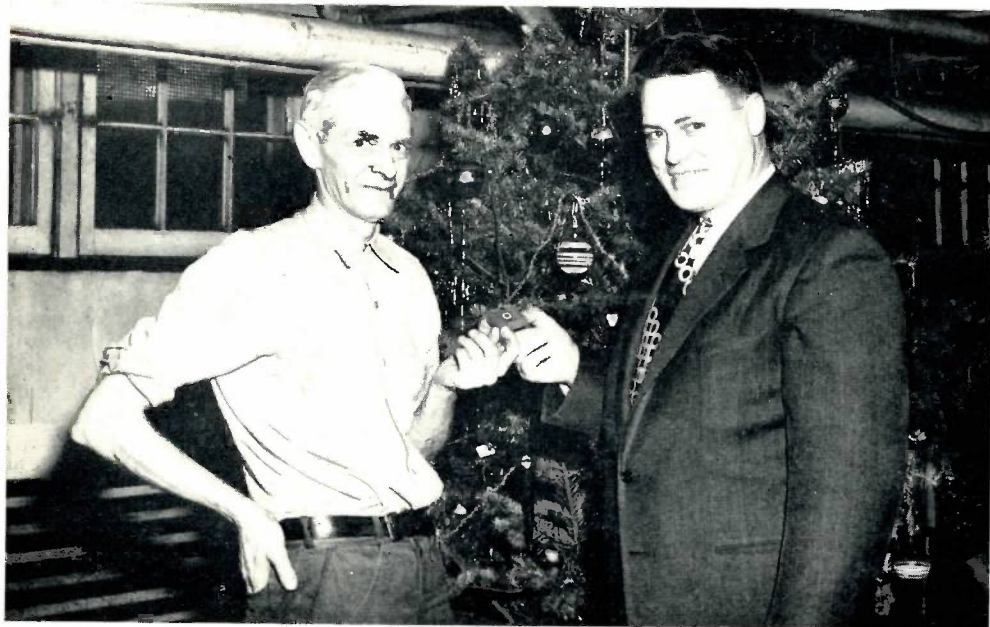
**Sarnia**

W. John Flood	George W. Parker
John Milne	George Schillemore
Robert Moore	John Tedder



**Decatur**

Francis E. Carroll	Troy A. Roush
Willard E. Hake	Erma Barth



Ira Auer, left, of Decatur Tool Room, receives his 35-year service pin from Loyle Davis.

Leslie Schroeder	A. L. Bethards
Donald Ferry	Eugene Cash
Charles Murray	George E. Hartwig
Ollie Fortschneider	Robert W. Hill
John M. Smith	W. E. Smith
Elvin J. Pasley	M. L. Cunningham
Louise Whitehead	Bert E. Butt
Walter Bowan	Eldred W. Conners
Leon L. Bethard	Otto Dannewitz
Harry Myers	Truman A. Peifer
Leroy H. Stout	Luther A. Morrison
John W. Spawr	C. N. Washburn
D. B. Truett	

**Chattanooga**

Don Andrews      Joe Wall

**Sarnia**

Gordon H. Karr      Samuel Johnston  
Harriett Ramsay



**Decatur**

Robert K. Levey	E. Ray Caudle
Wayne R. McCoy	Archie Meador
Charles E. Burcham	Glenn W. Gideon
Emory F. Langley	Eric Blankenburg
Perry W. Wray	Fredk. Kroschwitz

**Chattanooga**

Robert Lusk

**Sarnia**

Albert B. Banting



**Decatur**

Ray D. Fallon	Theron E. McGill
Amos Parks	Wallace Dudley
Carl M. Dodwell	Robert Gross
Jack Rubicam	Cecil E. Coffin
Gaylord R. Tripp	Wm. A. Mueller, Jr.
Vernon H. Brunner	John T. Smith
Otis E. Bethard	Frank M. Ridgeway
Charles E. Miller	Robt. L. Oberline
Elmer Fawley	Dwayne E. Lebo
Harold Munsterman	Cleo L. Craft
Ernest Garver	Howard Dempster
Clarence R. Curlin	Martin Riewski
Ethel Turley	

**Chattanooga**

Russell Davis      Harry Gaither  
Ulysses Reed

**Los Angeles**

Gene Warren	Bill Young
Jerry Art	Ed Schlegel
Vance Ziebarth	Ben Piott
Lacy Mayfield	Mike Liebherr
Jimmy Musso	Ida Lou Hughes
Warren Wunderlich	

**Sarnia**

Norman Gilbert      Archibald E. Reeve



Among those at Decatur who received 30-year pins were, seated, left to right: Harley Himstead, Howard Gragg, Roy Fleckenstein, Michael Brilley, Earl W. McQuality, Lawrence Kramer, Frank H. Williams, Marshall Hobbs; standing: Harold A. Probst, W. L. Shockley, William H. Padrick, C. W. Doherty, Jesse Ditty, Jr., Amos Reynolds, Barney Riley, Claude T. Smith, Charles Sanders.



Employees who received 25-year pins at Decatur were, seated, left to right: Francis E. Carroll, W. E. Smith, Erma Barth, Edgar Hartwig, Louise Whitehead, Walter Bowan, Eugene Cash, Ollie Fortschneider; second row: Leslie Schroeder, Robert Hill, Leroy H. Stout, Otto Dannewitz, Leon Bethard, A. L. Bethards, Elvin J. Paslay, Charles Murray, Willard Hake, Dan Truett; third row: Don Ferry, Merle Cunningham, Eldred Conners, John M. Smith, Harry Meyers, Luther Morrison, John W. Spawr, Truman Peifer, Bert Butt, N. C. Washburn.

**Decatur**

Curtis Bauer  
Joseph J. Fyke  
Melvin T. Hardy  
Harry K. Smith  
Frank R. Grider  
Herbert W. Diebert  
Lloyd E. Dilbeck  
Paul Ammann  
Otis Fears, Jr.  
Robert G. Leipski  
Dale Reidelberger

H. W. Blankenburg  
John F. Pritchett  
M. Myers Harrison  
Margt. Blankenburg  
Clifford L. Carter  
Elmer W. Baker  
Lois B. Harper  
Marie Adams  
Hilda M. Golembach  
Robert C. Workman  
D. Eugene Latch

Paul Monska  
A. Stanley Ashby  
Raymond Schroll  
Colva Mayberry  
L. E. Grider  
Lloyd Walters  
Monkota Karnes  
Ferden Herreid  
Eugene P. Graeber  
Leonard Lourash  
W. E. Nottingham  
Walter L. Ford

Maynard Buckta  
Delbert L. Walley  
Kennes K. Karnes  
Wm. C. Misenheimer  
Morris Cotner  
Carl O. West  
Leon C. Meyer  
Jack Krohn  
Roy Burge  
John A. West  
Galen W. Jenkins  
Claude Inman



Don Andrews, left, and Joe Wall, right, of Chattanooga, receive their 25-year service pins from O. E. Walker.



Twenty-year service pins were presented to these Decatur men. Seated, left to right: Wayne R. McCoy, Glenn Gideon, Charles E. Burcham, Emory F. Langley; standing: Eric Blankenburg, E. Ray Caudle, Archie Meador, Robert K. Levey.

John A. Harding

**Chattanooga**

J. H. Pursley  
Luther Sparks  
Hollis N. Marsh  
Murphy Paris  
Carl Veal  
Leslie Higdon  
Lem Warren  
Fred Brown  
Wesley Hicks  
Lige Daniels  
Eugene Drake

Henry Rutledge  
John Allen  
Luther O'Neal  
Leroy Crutchfield  
Harold Roberts  
John W. Hixon, Jr.  
James Teeters  
Ben Long  
James Johnson, Jr.  
Thomas Crowell  
Jack Pope

John Sparks



O. E. Walker, right, presents to Robert W. Lusk of Chattanooga his 20-year service pin.

**Los Angeles**

Clayton Travis      Bill Adams  
Frank Fritzer      Beth Laster  
Claude Beckham

**Sarnia**

Alexander Aiken      William J. Ingles  
Robert Bannister      Walter Irvine  
W. Bruce Barrett      Francis Kearney  
Chester Bartley      George Maitland  
L. Merlin Coates      J. Edgar McIntosh  
Fredk. Cuthbertson      Alvin F. McKellar  
Felix J. Duffy      John W. McClure  
L. William Eady      James Mitchell  
Edgar Ellenor      Frank L. Nesbit  
Frederick Fletcher      John J. W. Payne  
Donald Foreman      E. Murray Taylor  
Otto W. Foster      Robert B. Thompson  
William J. Foster      William Tomkins  
Thomas H. Geary      Fredk. J. Trumble  
Harold Hannam      Robert J. White  
Joseph Harris      John B. Woolley  
Michael F. Higgins      Eric R. Wood



**Decatur**

William H. Hipsher      Louis Nash  
August Folkers      Robt. L. Smith, Jr.  
Betty Dehority      Wib Workman



Orpha C. Perkins	Leslie Gambée
Eula F. Walker	H. K. Ashcraft
Roy M. Robbins	Harry H. Miller
Zodius Embry	Stanley B. Johnson

#### Chattanooga

Sam Roy Smith	Eddie Edwards
Clifford Tankersley	Hershel Deems
Gene M. Racz	Curtis Hicks
Clatice Hill	Ed Parham
Mitchell Foster	Jack Moss
Ernest Cowan	Oliver McDuffie
	Willie Ware

#### Sarnia

Reita A. Burgess	Roy Parr
Albert Churchman	Phyllis Pearce
Marion J. Dennis	Alfred Poole
Manuel Firlotte	Stanley Pulyk
John Haladey	Leo J. Ryan
Alfred Kemp	William G. Ryan
Herbert Kewell	Howard Sayman
Ivan R. Maw	Earl Sitter
Orval McClemens	Hartley Cornell
Ernest Miller	Richard James
Paul Mino	Daniel Kapala
Bessie Olson	Percy Webb

### SANTA VISITS DECATUR

Because of the large number of employees now working for us, the gymnasium was not large enough for our Children's Christmas Party. So it was held in the Masonic Temple auditorium on December 16. Over 1,000 enthusiastic children and some parents were there to enjoy the splendid program.

There was organ music, a Christmas talk by Dr. Malone, singing of Christmas songs, Professor Gatchel and his trained dogs, the Dipsy Duo, movies, and, of course, Santa Claus. Following the program all children received a treat from the company—a big sack of candy and fruit. (See pictures on Page 13.)

For the same reason, lack of space, the usual Service Award party for the employees had to be cancelled this year. All employees who were eligible for service emblems gathered in the cafeteria the afternoon of December 14 to receive their pins and have pictures taken. At the close of the regular shifts, all went to the old storage room to receive the Christmas gift from the company. For these gifts we are truly grateful.



Above are represented Mueller veterans, with a combined service of 340 years, who received their service pins at the Sarnia factory. They are, seated, left to right: Samuel Johnston (25 years), John Milne (30 years), John Tedder (30 years), Gordon Callum (35 years), G. W. Parker (30 years), Robert Moore (30 years), Harriett Ramsay (25 years). Standing: Geo. Schillmore (30 years), W. J. Flood (30 years), Gordon Karr (25 years), Norman Gilbert (15 years), Archibald Reeve (15 years), Albert Banting (20 years).

# \$UGGESTION AWARD WINNERS\$

EVERY YEAR a number of suggestions have been received from employees. These were ideas that could cut overhead, increase safety, increase production, or improve working conditions. Each December those suggestions which were adopted are gone over carefully, and the best suggestions for the year are selected. The persons who thought them up receive the suggestion awards. This year, in the Decatur plant, nine people were singled out for this recognition. No distinction was made as to the types of suggestions chosen. The three best were rated first place, the next three, second, and so on.

The winners of the first prize were:

Ernest Wittke  
O. T. Brown  
Coleman Griffith.

Second prize awards went to:

Frank Ridgeway  
George Binkley  
Al Spitzer.

The third place winners were:

Dewey O. West  
Edwin Elliott  
Helen O'Dell.

In Chattanooga the winners were:

First place: Lois Trotter  
Second place: W. Harrison Myers  
Third place: J. C. Quental.



Grand prize winners for suggestions submitted at the Decatur plant were, seated, left to right: Coleman Griffith, Dewey O. West, Helen O'Dell, Al Spitzer; standing: Frank Ridgeway, George F. Binkley, Edwin Elliott, Ernest Wittke.



Mrs. Lois Trotter, grand prize winner for suggestions submitted at the Chattanooga plant, receives her prize from O. E. Walker.

### CREDIT UNION

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declared last year many persons saw the value of the Credit Union as a safe place to keep their money and make a decent return on the investment. There were 152 new members signed up last year. More people saw the wisdom of using the Credit Union to eliminate time payments with high interest charges on such things as refrigerators, radios, and washing machines. They found that for an emergency need money could be secured quickly. And so we learned that there were 481 borrowers last year, an increase of 133 over the year before. To these people the Credit Union loaned \$428,749.

When one considers the insurance features, that FOUR per cent dividend, and the safety of the Credit Union, it is no wonder that the directors predict that

many new members will sign up this year. The Credit Union is open to all Mueller employees. If you are not fully acquainted with the features, ask any member, or go over to the office in the gym. Mrs. Grace Glenn, who is on duty there, will be glad to answer your questions or sign you up.



# Decatur

## FLORIDA VACATION

Ernest Garver and wife spent the last week in October on an extended vacation in the South. They stopped in Chattanooga to look over our factory there. Then on to Atlanta and Jacksonville. Here they ran into the near hurricane that most of us read about. Took them over half a day to drive from Jacksonville to St. Augustine. While driving along the east shore of Florida the offshore islands broke the force of the wind. But when they came from behind the shelter of one, their car would jump as much as six feet off the course. They went on to Miami where they spent a day with Jack Enloe, former Mueller employee. The final destination was Key West.

On the return trip they stopped at a place called "Monkey Jungle" twenty-one miles south of Miami. Here the people were in the cage and the monkeys ran around free. There was no fence around the jungle, but a wire enclosed runway into the woods made it possible for the people to watch the monkeys perform their antics and feed peanuts to them.

Farther north, at Crystal Lake, the Garvers went out in a glass-bottomed

boat. The guide dropped a doughball into the water right where some catfish were. The ensuing battle among the fish for the dough resembled a football game. Some of the catfish were as large as 40 to 50 pounds. The fish were easily photographed through the glass bottom of the boat.

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Mr. J. L. Logsdon of our Los Angeles office was in Decatur for several days of the second week in December. We were all happy to see him.

William and Adolph Mueller, sons of Mrs. W. E. Mueller, were home for the holidays. William attends Principia College near Alton, and Adolph is in the Lawrenceville School, an academy in New Jersey. Both young men are well known in our plant as each year they work with us during their summer vacations.

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Kathryn Kinert, plant nurse, left us January 12 to take up the busy role of housewife. Succeeding Kathryn as company nurse is Helen Alberts. Helen was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago in 1947. Already she has won a place in the hearts of all of us. Welcome, Helen!



Surrounded by his fellow workers, Robert "Red" Ritchie of Plant 2 gives the photographer a big smile as Elwood Potts, foreman, presents him with a cigarette lighter. Red was a molder helper and had been with us seven months. He left the last week in November for an all-expense tour with the U. S. Army.



Top: Here is seen a small portion of the thousand people present in Decatur. Children hold up hands as Santa asks if they are having a good time. Middle: A study in expressions. Santa Claus chats with three of his admirers. Right: This small fellow, holding tightly to his treat, listens intently to the girl who is passing out the candy.



### Big Time Gambling

The 4-X Club, made up of foremen and executives, held their regular social meeting at the lodge on December 13. The Factory Managers' Office group were hosts, and they put on a whoop-tee-doodle affair that will be remembered a long time. Activities started with an "all-the-chicken-you-can-eat" dinner. Next was a skit—a take off on one of the Factory Manager's meetings.

Following this, the lodge was turned into a "gambling" den. Everyone started with \$1,000 in MAZUMA money. This was contributed by the Printing and Stationery department. It appeared to be counterfeit, but no one cared. With three gambling tables, chuck-a-luck, and other devices, money changed hands fast. Some of the boys were really rich for a while.

The closing event was the auction. Colonel Heck Whittington was the capable auctioneer. Jack Chepan bid in the top prize—the bathroom scales. The lucky bidders paid off in MAZUMA. Brick Kramer had the winning number on the big drawing for the "dressed turkey."

The committee which planned the fun was composed of F. C. Hackman, chairman, Cecil Coffin, Bill Mueller, Loyle Davis, Ralph Wyne, Artie Carter, Charles Moore, and Skipper Jackson.

### Births

There was born on January 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luka a son. Henry, who is the wire man in the Core Room, told us that the new baby has been named Henry Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ammann are the parents of a baby boy who was named Richard Lynn. The new son was born on his mother's birthday, November fourth. His father is a draftsman in the Engineering department.

Rickey Eugene Gowan, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gowan, was born December 18, 1950. The happy father is a body lathe operator in Department 8.

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### Deaths

Mrs. Anna C. Grossman passed away on December 17. She was the mother of Anthony Grossman of the Tool Room. Since then we have received a letter from the family expressing their sincere appreciation of all the kindnesses extended by employees and friends within the Mueller Co.

James McRae of Department 38 met death accidentally when he fell from the third floor of the foundry building on December 28. He was helping take barrels up on the barrel hoist at the time. He suffered a fractured skull and other injuries and died on the way to the hospital.

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### Wedding Bells

Miss Edna Johnston and Mr. Cedric B. Rybolt were united in marriage at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church on December 29, 1950. Edna is in the Works Manager's office and is secretary to Mr. Roarick. Our heartiest congratulations go to the new bride and groom.

# Chattanooga

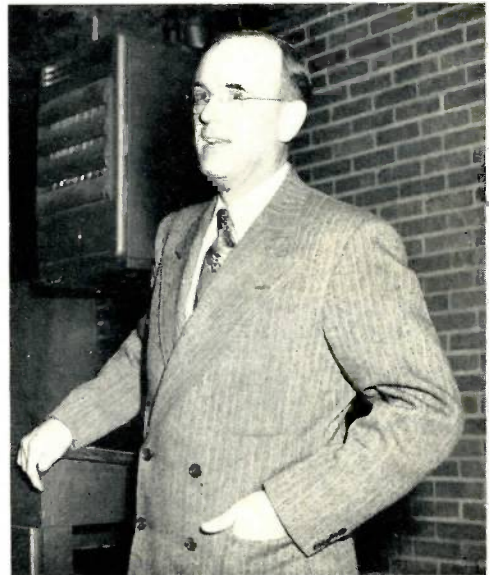
*Marcella Lykins, Correspondent*

Because of the seriousness of the world situation today, our Christmas party was a more serious occasion rather than a gay, festive affair. It was held in a portion of our new shower room which is in the last stages of construction. The time was Friday afternoon, December 22. The presentation of service pins and prizes

for the best suggestions for the year were made. A wonderful Christmas message was given by Rev. J. Fred Johnson of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. As we left the building we were given a Christmas gift on behalf of the Mueller Co. For this lovely gift, each of us want to extend our hearty thanks.



Above: The audience was so large that the photographer had to make two pictures of the group coming to the Chattanooga Christmas Party. Right: Rev. J. Fred Johnson, of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, gave us a thoughtful and stirring Christmas message.



# Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent

## BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY

From all indications, the annual Christmas party in our factory was a big success again this year. There were 440 people in the audience to see the fine program.

There was a delightful variety to the entertainment. First was Mignon the Magician who had us fooled with her tricks; The Settelita Dancers, a clever group of girls who danced beautifully; Blackie, an educated raven; and for most of the youngsters the highlight of the show was the visit by Santa Claus. At the close of the stage shows four reels of comedy motion pictures were shown.

Following the program, refreshments were served. Each was given a choice of a cold plate or chile, tea or coffee.

## SPORTS NOTE

We show an exclusive shot of one Baron Michele, a professional wrestler, and one Mickey Cooper conducting some sort of business. Could we look forward to a match in the near future?



## UNCLE SAM'S CORNER

Several more of our boys have answered their greetings. We send along our best wishes to: Bill Stach, Carol Butterfield, Bruce Anderson, Bernell Larson, Guy Taylor and Roman Patryla.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO—

### January:

Richard Rowe, Vance Ziebarth, Orphia Borsz, Katy Thompson, Hattie Zylicz, John Blevins, Francis Campbell, Fred Dunne, Bill Devor, Bill Thompson, Cecil Foltz, Floyd McCown, Gunnerd Nelson, Rudy Gordines, Clayton Travis, Frank Williams, Leonard Goostree, Barney Pacheco, John Lowell, Ed Dirby, Eli Lockard, James Pappa, William Brogan, Richard Grant, Don Almour.

### February:

Earl Bright, Fred Tercero, John Marshall, Flo Lewellyn, Andy Gessner, Ann Ralph, Val Stach, Lillie Harp, Art Werner, Warren Belonga, Ed Rathke, Gene Warren, Cliff Branum, Bill Baker, Donald MacIntyre, Edith Gustin, T. W. Hale, Thomas Reid, Hazel Lehman, George Olivas, Gene Johnson, and Jack Jancich.

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## JEST FOR FUN

1st Stude: "Going to the dance tonight?"

2nd Stude: "Nope! Have to save my money."

1st Stude: "What for?"

2nd Stude: "To go to the next dance."

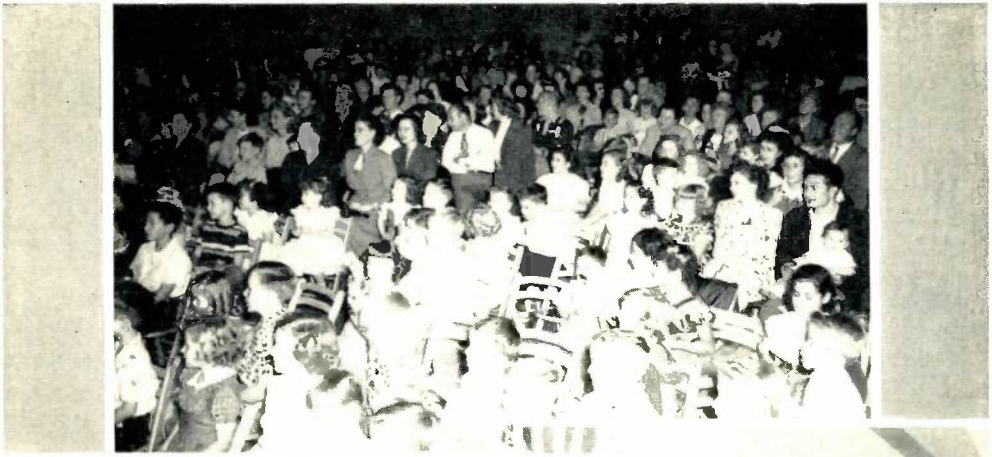
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Boss to secretary: "I'm in a hurry, Miss Grundy, so don't bother with your shorthand."

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Society is like a pie. There is the upper crust, there is the lower crust, and then there is all that good stuff in between.





Top: Part of the large crowd. Middle, left: Mignon the Magician does a rope trick with the aid of two assistants. Middle, right: Herman Dash mooches a cigarette from Blackie the Raven. Lower, left: A little fellow, talking it over with Santa Claus, man to man. Lower, right: The Settelita Dancers, executing a graceful movement.

# Sarnia, Ontario

Almeda Reeve, Correspondent

From all reports the Mueller, Limited "OPEN-HOUSE" held on Friday, December 22, was a complete success.

Approximately 500 persons, members of the families of employees of Mueller, Limited, were taken through the plant, where they had an opportunity to have an on-the-job visit with their respective parent, brother or sister during regular production hours as well as seeing for themselves the various processes of our products.

Following the plant tour the guests were taken to the company dining-hall, where refreshments were served by the girls of the office staff. A background of carol music was provided by William Glass.

Santa was on hand to greet the children and presented each child under 10 years of age with a Christmas stocking filled with candy and fruit.

A pleasing programme was presented, with Jack McClure, of Dept. 9, as master of ceremonies, and featuring dances by pupils of the Humphries School and feats of magic by F. O. Dayton. Also solo numbers by Mac Jay, Dept. 9, and Geraldine Brydges, daughter of Nelson Brydges, Dept. 2.

Commencing at 3:30 o'clock gifts were distributed to each employee by departmental foremen with G. W. Parker and R. J. Skippon on hand to extend the season's greetings to everyone.

Congratulations are extended to the committees in charge for the excellent arrangements.

Bill Baines, Cafeteria Staff, who recently returned to work after a severe illness, had the misfortune to fracture his left wrist a few days before Christmas.

Clyde B. Smith, Time Study department, left the employ of the company on December 8. Bob Bannister presented Clyde with a brief case as a parting gift from his many friends in the general office, engineering and production department office, and expressed the good

wishes of all. Clyde had been employed with Mueller, Limited, for 10 years and worked in several departments throughout the plant.

Lois McPhee, Plumbing Sales Clerk, and Violet Waller, Streamline Sales Clerk, left on January 2 for three weeks vacation in Plante City, Florida, with Violet's parents.

"Ah! 'Tis love, and love at last I've found you."

An old song with a new meaning was sung by Barb Evans, Phyllis Pearce, and Marilyn Hardy who are wearing sparklers. We are not sure of the tune the lucky fellows are singing.

CONGRATULATIONS, FOLKS.

## NEW MUELLERITES

Our congratulations are extended to: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barrett on the birth of a daughter, Karen Diane, born January 1, 1951. Bruce works in Department 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Furlotte, on the birth of a son, Terry, born on November 30, 1950. Claude works in Department 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kapala, on the birth of a daughter, Elaine, born on December 30, 1950. Dan works in Department 1.

Our congratulations and good wishes to Clarence Walsh, Department 8, who journeyed to Cornwall, Ontario, during the holiday season, to take unto himself a wife and thus chisel the income tax department by making himself eligible to be classed as married for the year 1950.

Reita Burgess, Stenographic department, spent Christmas in Chicago with her sister and family. Reita reports having a wonderful time.

Eleanor Embree, Cost department, and her husband spent the Christmas holidays under the parental roof in Port Colborne.

Barbara Evans, Secretary to Mr. Parker, spent Christmas weekend in Belleville with her family.

## DEATHS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to those bereaved recently:

Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Department 6, in the tragic death of her son-in-law, Robert Young.

Mr. Geo. I. Lucas, Cost department, in the recent passing of his father, Mr. Geo. Lucas, Sr.

Mr. James Keyes, Department 28, in the sudden passing of his brother, Mr. Samuel Keyes.

Mr. James Bullock, Department 7, in the death of his step-father, Mr. John Merritt.

Mr. Felix Duffy, Department 3, in the passing of his mother, Mrs. James Duffy Courtright.

Mr. Jack Evoy, Department 5, in the death of his father, Mr. G. Evoy, Petrolia.

Mr. Percy Webb, Department 11, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Louisa Webb.

The family of the late Frederick B. Hamilton, pensioner, who passed away quite suddenly a few days before Christmas.

The family of the late Robert Murray, pensioner, who passed away following a lengthy illness.



Above: Part of the crowd during a lull in the program at Sarnia. Below, left: Linda Junek is giving Santa the low-down on what she wants for Christmas. Below, right: Geraldine Brydges, daughter of Nelson Brydges, Department 2, sings "Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer."





# Traffic Valentines



To those in back of Straddlin' Jane,  
Her driving is a riddle;  
She never heard of a traffic lane  
And breezes down the middle.



If you would like to live some more  
And in this life abide,  
Then don't get out the left-hand door  
Upon the traffic side.



If repairs on your complexion  
Will please your Valentine;  
Gals, don't choose an intersection  
To use that calcimine.



A traffic lane ain't lovers' lane—  
There's always trouble brewing;  
So keep your driving safe and sane  
And park to do your wooing.

*Ralph Moses*

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

## DRIVE CAREFULLY

The Life You Save May Be Your Own