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COVER PICTURE. This month we feature our own Decatur cover girl—Helen M. Alberts, plant nurse. Miss Alberts was graduated in 1947 from St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. She has charge of our First Aid rooms in the Personnel building, and works under Dr. S. G. Smith and Dr. R. V. Atz, company physicians. She has been with us a year and can very capably attend to all your splinters, aches, pains, and other injuries. The smart thing to do, however, is to **BE CAREFUL** in all that you do; then you won't need any first aid.

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Have Any Inventions?

THE COMPANY HAD, until two years ago, maintained a Suggestion System, as is well known to the entire organization. Much thought and effort was given during past years, in an effort to develop a Suggestion System that was at once workable, as well as fair and equitable to the employees and to the company. All of this presented questions of greater difficulty than might appear from the casual consideration of the subject.

From time to time, changes and modifications were made, all looking toward the goal above stated of a workable system fair to both sides.

The employee submitting a suggestion, being like any of us, is prone to overestimate its importance and value to the company. This, in no sense, criticizes his point of view because it is only natural and normal for one to be as proud of his brain-child as any other child. On the other hand, those charged with the passing on such suggestions, being equally human, can fall into the error of underestimating the significance of the suggestion.

All of this adds up to the fact that it is doubtful whether the Suggestion System in the past has been altogether satisfactory and it is equally doubtful whether any system can be devised or developed which will measure up to the necessary qualifications. For these reasons the operation of the suggestion system was suspended two years ago.

The second policy which the company followed is the belief that certain key personnel who develop inventions during working hours should make them available to the company. Here again, consideration has been given from time to time as to the soundness of such a policy tested in the light of fairness to all concerned. It is not unreasonable to expect such personnel as development engineers, time study engineers, and methods engineers, to disclose inventions to the company because that is precisely what they are employed to do, but it may well be questioned whether other employees should be required to do likewise.

The third policy which has been pursued is that of acquiring an interest in inventions developed by persons outside of our own organization. This has generally been done in the form of a royalty contract although occasionally a patent has been purchased outright.

It seems entirely possible to work out a very fair and equitable arrangement by merging the first two policies into the third. That is, dropping the Suggestion System, as we have previously known it, releasing all employees except development engineers, time study engi-

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Seated are the officers of the Credit Union. They are, left to right: Herman E. Jackson, Otis Fears, Jr., Harold Munsterman, and Ruth Miller. Betty Newlin was absent when the picture was made. Standing are the directors: Cecil D. Kelley, Charles Brown, Carl Maurer, Harold Taylor, Howard Dempster, Ernest Watkins, Frank Ridgeway, Melvin Boggs, Orville German, and Haldon Hanson.

Credit Union Elects Officers

Directors Declare Annual Dividend

On January 14, members of the Muel-ler Employees Credit Union met in the Personnel building for their annual meeting. The chief business was the Annual Report, the announcement of the dividend, and the election of officers.

The report by the treasurer showed a substantial increase in all departments over last year. There were more members, more share dollars, more bonds purchased, more loans made, more profit made, and greater assets than we had last year.

Since we began in October 1944, there has been a steady gain in the assets of the Credit Union. During October and November the assets were over one-half million dollars. That really is big business! There was quite a bit of money loaned out around Christmas time. The assets dropped a bit then, and were \$496,157.43 at the end of the year.

The net earnings were \$18,496.88. According to law twenty per cent must be set aside in the Guaranty Fund as a protective reserve. This left a total of

\$14,284.14 to be distributed to the shareholders as dividends. For those less familiar with the workings of the Credit Union, there are two major sources of income: interest from government bonds held and interest from loans to members. This year, with financial conditions a little better, we loaned less money in proportion to the shares held than last year. So the earnings were slightly less per share.

The big news everyone was waiting for was the announcement of the dividend rate. The directors were pleased to declare a three and one-half per cent dividend upon all shares held on December 1, 1951. This is a good return upon one's money and represents a big jump from that first dividend of one and one-half per cent paid in 1946.

In the election of directors Harold Munsterman, Otis Fears, Jr., Ernest Watkins, and Cecil Kelley were re-elected for three-year terms. Two new directors were elected: Melvin Boggs of Tool Engineering and Betty Newlin of the Traffic department.

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Service Emblems



Albert G. Webber, Jr., company president, left, presents 40-year service pin to Roy Wood, foreman in the Foundry. The pin has four rubies in it.

H EADING THE LIST of 361 persons to receive service emblems in December were two Decatur men, Roy Wood, Plant 1 Foundry, and Orville J. Hawkins, purchasing agent, each with forty years of service with the Mueller Co.

We wondered how a man felt after working in one place for forty years. So we asked Roy Wood about it. "I've seen a lot of changes take place," he said. Roy began work in the old plating department of the plumbing division. He held a number of different jobs the first few years. "In those days," he told us, "you had a chance to get ahead if you had ability. They just came down and took you off one job and put you on a better one. It was that simple." Roy said that they worked nine hours a day and six days a week then. In time he was put in charge of Foundry Production Control, and he has held that position ever since.

Mr. Hawkins, whose rise from factory

clerk to purchasing agent was more fully described in the September Mueller Record, told us that he wasn't much on moving around from job to job. "When I first went to work here," he said, "I lived on a farm near Sangamon. I drove the five miles to work with a horse and buggy. The livery stable kept the horse for ten cents a day and I furnished the horse feed. By today's standards that was a little rugged but I liked my job. By attending to business and watching for opportunities I stretched the first few years into forty."

Following is a complete list of those persons receiving service emblems.



Decatur

Roy Woods

Orville J. Hawkins



Orville J. Hawkins, right, who is Purchasing Agent, looks pleased as he is presented his 40-year service pin by Albert G. Webber, Jr.



Sarnia

John J. Conway Edward G. Cook



Decatur

Cal L. McQuality Martin H. Stratman
Robert H. Tauber Henry O. Leipski
 Cecil D. Kelley

Sarnia

John A. Baldwin Carlyle Smith



Decatur

Frank Mueller Melvin K. Chaney
Carl Hill J. Harold Linton
H. B. Whittington Arthur W. Bauer
Alva E. Moats Charles Johnson
Carl W. Buchwald Ina D. Grubbs
C. C. Reidelberger Hugh L. Kerwood
Chester M. Mercer Charles F. Walker

William L. Adams Norman H. Poole
Haldon Hanson John T. Curry
August J. Dworak Ray E. Collins

Sarnia

Claude D. Chappell Harold S. Fennell
Joseph Hicks Henry Morris
Everitt Shrigley Charles D. Snider
 Dennis F. Tilley



Charles Portee, who received a 25-year service pin, is shown here at his desk in Los Angeles.



Decatur

Jas. R. Armstrong	Virgil R. Morrison
Ernest Hetzler	Leo Siloski
Emilie J. Walters	Roy W. True
Lester C. Wallace	William F. Shade

Sarnia

Albert J. DeKolver



Decatur

August Werdes	Leland Hartwig
Robert F. Taylor	John W. Lotson
William O. Rohman	Robt. W. Ridgeway
Earl C. Dilbeck	Preston Ruthrauff,
W. Marshall Foster	Jr.
James O. Fair	Robert L. Dodwell
Lester Duncan	George W. Curtis
Chas. L. Schroeder	Rex B. Smith
Wilbur Tucker	Edna Rybolt
Wm. Earl Harris	Edith M. Gilmore
Robert Moore	Carl Charnetzki
William R. McCoy	Paul V. Barnes
W. H. Jeschawitz	Gerald Sarver
Carleton Hackman	Dale A. Wilkins

Chattanooga

Arvel Black	Walter Paris
Charles Paris	L. D. Satterwhite

Los Angeles

Earl Bright	Myrtle Baber
Doc Oglesby	Gene Simpson
Glenn Blize	Chuck Musmecci
Bill English	

Sarnia

James A. Brent John Woodcock

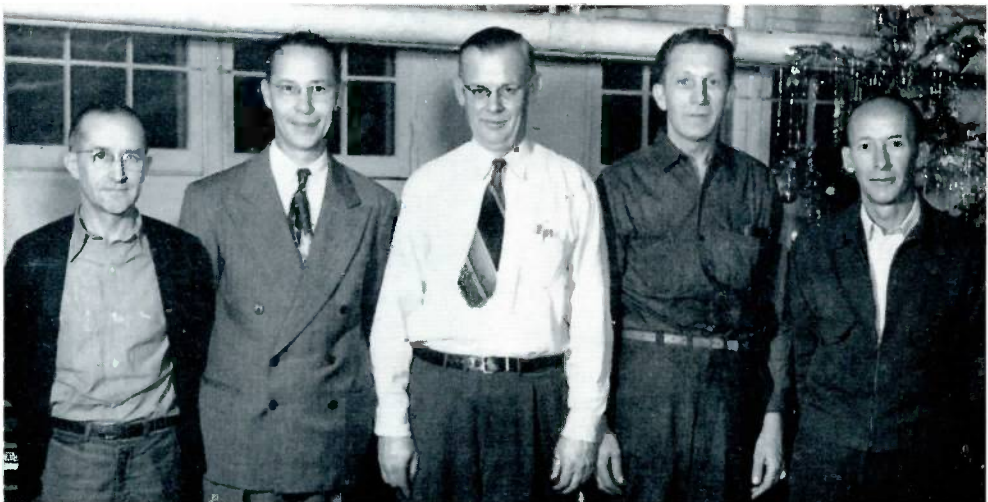


Decatur

Loyle Davis	Herman E. Jackson
C. Artie Carter	Ralph E. Wyne
Charles Girard	Marvin O. Davis
John Puckett	Orville Hinderer
Roy C. Wall	Dean E. Grant
John H. Drake	Coleman R. Griffith
Warren H. Enloe	Max L. Dukeman
Carl Fleischauer	Dorothy Chamber-
Lois B. Harper	lain
H. Clay Ransey	Thomas S. McCoy
Herman Allison	Leslie Epperson
Pearl Kemper	James Ridgeway
Darel E. Jones	Ted W. Suhomski
Harland H. Rhodes	Roy C. Jones
Orville Spencer, Jr.	Charles E. LeHew
Isaac L. Gowan	Roy Harrison
Helen L. Campbell	Charles Ditty
Wilbur H. Davidson	Edwin F. Elliott
Lew Miller	Marvin D. Wilhelm
Donald Bateman	Troy C. Jones

Chattanooga

Jacob Cobble William J. Farrow



Recipients of the 30-year pins at Decatur were, left to right: Henry O. Leipski, Robert H. Tauber, Martin H. Stratman, Cecil D. Kelley, and Cal L. McQuality.



Employees who received 25-year pins at Decatur were, seated, left to right: Melvin K. Chaney, Ina D. Grubbs, Carl Hill, Frank H. Mueller, William L. Adams, Norman H. Poole, and Frank Walker. Standing: H. B. Whittington, Ray E. Collins, Charles Johnson, John T. Curry, August J. Dworak, Arthur W. Bauer, Alva E. Moats, Carl W. Buchwald, Chester M. Mercer, Haldon Hanson, Clarence C. Reidelberger, J. Harold Linton, and Hugh L. Kerwood.

J. P. Ramsey	Alfred Logan	Larry Adams	Heman Thompson
C. L. Slater	Noble May	Joseph Bartlett	Marvin Davis
Jas. E. Richardson	Fred McDonald	Leroy Snow	Ed Nelson
Willie Powell	Raymond Bible	Hirston Russell	R. B. McKibben
Ronald Rogers	Warren Chappel	Major Hopper	T. B. McGinis
Roy Denton	Paul O'Neal	Coy Jones	Morris Chapman
Louis Gamblin	James E. Johnson	Levi Sanders	Lawrence Glenn
Vance Sims	Hood Longley		



Twenty-year service pins were presented to these Decatur people. Seated, left to right, are: Ernest Hetzler, Emilie J. Walters, and James R. Armstrong. Standing: Leo Siloski, Virgil R. Morrison, William F. Shade, and Lester C. Wallace.



Receiving 15-year pins at Los Angeles were, front row, left to right: Earl Bright, Myrtle Baber, Doc Oglesby, and Gene Simpson. Back row: Glen Blize, Chuck Musmecci, and Bill English.

Los Angeles

Orphia Borsz	John Blevins
Morris Cooper	Tom Lindsey
Cyril Wolfe, Jr.	Lewis Hall
Bob Bonham	Marshall Cook

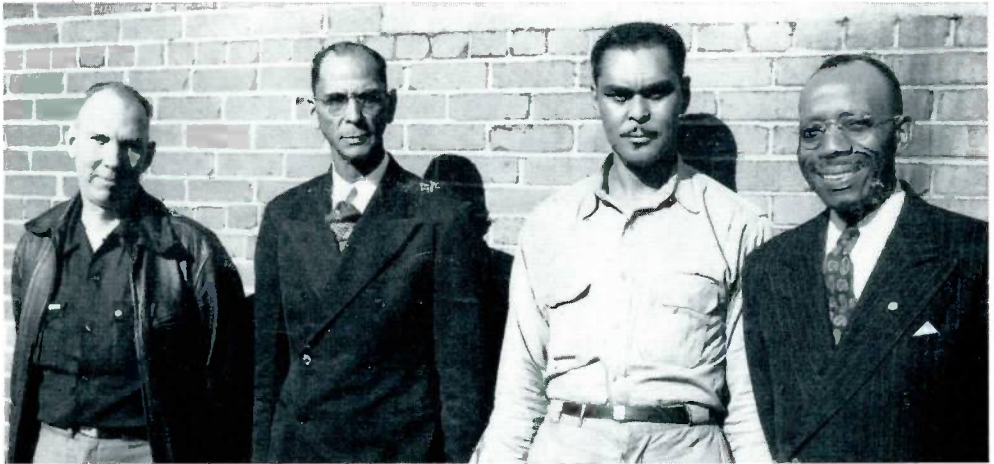


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Roy C. Abell	Thomas M. Heath
Leroy Barnes	Ivan Hunter
Ward V. Boyle	Lyle Izzard
Graydon J. Brock	Gordon Kirk
John Cain	Cyril Matthews
Edw. B. Campbell	John Mullen
Merlin F. Coates	Elmer A. O'Dell
Donald Cuthbertson	Charles Perkins
Garnet Denomy	J. M. Robinson
Fred Dunn	Herman A. Sitter
Maxwell Fletcher	Walter K. Stevens
Henry Hardy	Howard Taylor
Milward J. Heath	Fred Tribbeck
Albert M. Hiller	Frank Vidler
John Agar	Carmen E. Weese
Norine Boulton	Dorothy Kay
Bernard P. Brady	Andrew Mackrell
Charles S. Browett	Albert Marcy
Muriel Burkholder	Wilbur Nesbitt
James Chaytor	W. Keith Payne
William Colborne	Bruce Preece
Melvin Dawson	John Round
Wilbur Duggan	Alvin H. Smith
W. Raymond	Clyde B. Smith
Edwards	Frank Tithecott
George Foslett	Ralph G. Turnbull
Norman Harrison	A. Clarence Walsh
James M. White	

Decatur

Charles H. Martin	J. R. Vandevanter,
Vivian L. Turner	Jr.
John C. Dennis	Gilbert L. Sanders
Virginia Benton	Harry C. Craft
Helen Hettinger	Charles H. Ashmore
Ernest Ray	J. R. Vandevanter
Wm. L. Brownlow	Lynn T. Harper
Ellis P. Boles	Richard Westerfield
Richard S. West	Howard J. Gleespen
Paul Jones	Leonard W. Eckhart
Otto J. Peake	Roy A. Thompson
J. L. Collinsworth	George Denning
Alfred F. Alde	James A. Mulvaney
George F. Binkley	W. J. O'Brien
D. W. McQuality	Dale R. Shinneman
Paul Parson	Howard L. Plummer
Barbara Vaughn	David C. Rauch
Marjorie Hess	William E. Boehm
Barbara Diehl	Willie L. McCoy
Wilma E. Knorr	Lloyd L. Smith
Gerald A. Stanley	John R. Boyd
D. P. Billingsley	Bonnie B. Clark
Keith K. Kirkwood	George R. Lebo
Paul J. Shaw	Dewey O. West
Joseph L. Crane	Tom E. Branson
Ralph Frydenger	James L. Butler
Burril Paslay	Wayne Lynch
Merlin Scott	George V. Perry
Betty J. Newlin	Osborn W. Madden
Ralph H. Brown	Paul D. Funk



These four Chattanooga men who were presented 15-year pins are: Arvel Black, Walter Paris, Charles Paris, and L. D. Satterwhite.

Edna Cornwell
Robert C. Wiley
Robert L. Pate
Robert J. Boehm

O. E. Gilmore
N. E. Hoffmann
Walter Andes
Carl Wilhelm

Billy Andrews

Sammy Waller

Ira Loftin

Los Angeles

Pat Prewett
Paul Packer
Lillie Harp
Glenn Huff
Rudy Ramoneda
Ed Rathke
Al Camarena
Henry Payan
Ray Santos
Richard Rowe
Katherine Worley
Don DeDoncker
Henry Thompson

Ray Ballesteros
Agnes Kemmer
Floyd Marple
John Fritzer
Tony Flaco
John Marshall
Victor Manzo
Ed Vogel
Leonard Goostree
Frank Williams
Ralph Hall
Edith Harrop
Rudy Gordines

Chattanooga

John Tate
John Howard
Elmer Coffman
Wallace Jones
Glenda Wilson
Henry Tyson
Robt. G. Lansford
Willie Fletcher
Robert Hogue
Willie C. Johnson

John C. Graves
Dave Brooks
Leroy Sims
Dalpha Holmes
J. C. Rutledge
John Thornton
Will Usher
Y. C. Cothran
Charlie Martin
John McFadden



Eight Los Angeles employees were given 10-year pins. They are front row left to right: Orphia Borsz, John Blevins, Morris Cooper, and Tom Lindsey. Back row: Cyril J. Wolfe, Jr., Lewis Hall, Bob Bonham, and Marshall Cook.



Grouped outside the plant are these Chattanooga 10-year veterans. They are: Jacob Cobble, J. P. Ramsey, C. L. Slater, James E. Richardson, Willie Powell, Ronald Rogers, Hirston Russell, Major Hopper, Coy Jones, Levi Sanders, William J. Farrow, Alfred Logan, Ed Nelson, Noble May, R. B. McKibben, Fred McDonald, T. B. McGinis, Raymond Bible, Roy Denton, Louis Gamblin, Vance Sims, Larry Adams, Joseph Bartlett, Leroy Snow, Paul O'Neal, James E. Johnson, Hood Longley, Heman Thompson, and Marvin Davis.

Sarnia

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| Leona Addy | Mathew Barker |
| Russell A. Caudle | William Currie |
| George Dennis | J. Claude Furlotte |
| V. H. Griffiths | Thomas Hawkins |
| Andrew Hayes | Helen Joleun |
| Harold Juneke | Oldrich Juneke |
| Morris C. Lester | G. Eric Maguire |
| Mike Marchuk | Jean P. Poirier |
| William Popoff | Andrew Richmond |
| Bruce Robertson | Joseph Rosina |
| John W. Saunders | Wilfred A. Scott |
| Albert Seguin | Malcolm Tigwell |
| Calvin Turnbull | Cameron Wiggins |
| William C. Wilkins | |



Inventions

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neers and methods engineers from making any disclosure of inventions to the company. That involves handling all such matters through the same policy as inventions submitted by outsiders.

The Company has previously adopted a specified procedure for investigating inventions submitted by those outside of our organization which safeguards the interests of all concerned. That is, enough information is given to the company to indicate whether or not the invention may be patented. At the same time, sufficient safeguards are thrown around the entire transaction to reassure

the inventor that his rights will be protected and that no advantage can or will be taken of his preliminary explanation or disclosure.

It is desired to give this new policy a trial in all the company's plants. Therefore, if anyone except development engineers, time study engineers, and methods engineers feels that he has developed something which is patentable and wishes to consider entering into some arrangement with the company, full details may be obtained from the Patent Department in the Engineering Division.

While it is doubtless preferable to deal only with matters which can be made the subject of a patent, yet it is always possible that the company might be interested in a development that for some reason or other, is not eligible for patent. Such a case will be made the subject of a separate negotiation.



Credit Union Elects

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Following the annual meeting, the directors met to elect officers. These are: Otis Fears, Jr., president; Herman E. Jackson, vice-president; Harold Munsterman, treasurer; Ruth Miller, secretary; and Betty Newlin, assistant secretary.

Decatur

OTTO C. KEIL ELECTED

Otto C. Keil, secretary of Mueller Co., was elected president of the Salvation Army board on November 8. He had previously served as first vice-president, having been interested in this organization for some time. We congratulate both Mr. Keil and the Salvation Army.

Mr. Keil is very active in civic affairs. He is now in his 17th year as a member of the Decatur Board of Education and he has been its president since 1945. He is also a member of the Decatur Playground and Recreation Board, and is chairman of the insurance committee of the Association of Commerce. He has been active for years in Boy Scout work, twenty of them with Troop 2, which until last year was sponsored by Mueller Co.

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PEANUT BRITTLE FEUD

Every year around Christmas time there is passed around to selected friends of the makers some mighty good peanut brittle. One brand of this tasty treat is made by Margaret Woodruff who heads our Laboratory. She has been making peanut brittle for some 25 years. One of her trade secrets is that her brittle is cooled on a marble slab.

Chief contender for the title of "Best Peanut Brittle Maker" is Robert Mueller, Chief Engineer for Mueller Co. Now Bob is an exponent of the fresh air treatment and cools his brittle in the breezeway of Oak Acres, his country home. Bob, of course, passes some of his candy around the Engineering department where he works.

This year some of Margaret's peanut candy found its way to the Engineering department. Presumably the idea was to let the exacting engineers with their critical taste buds determine which candy was superior. But in some mysterious way the two sample batches became mixed up in the same sack and the matter could not be settled.

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4-X'ERS SWAP TIES

On December 12 the 4-X Club put on a bang-up party. This was in charge of the Works Managers Group. Chief attraction was the "all-the-chicken-you-could-eat" dinner. For the program, C. C. Roarick, vice-president in charge of Decatur factories, gave a very interesting talk. The Four Majors, a barber-shop quartet from Decatur, provided some real music. The highlight of the meeting was the tie swap. Everyone



Pvt. Francis E. Boyd, son of J. R. Boyd, Department 70, sent these photos from Germany where he is stationed. At left is a castle in Budinger. At right is a typical scene showing narrow streets and type of homes. Usually there is no castle but this one at Budinger may be seen in the background.



The handsome wide-awake boy pictured above is Michael Rohman son of William Rohman of the Sales department. Mickey was fifteen months old when this photo was taken.

was to wear a loud or atrocious tie. This was taken away upon entering, and later in the meeting the ties were re-distributed to other persons. There were fines for getting the same tie back, for swapping ties, or for not wearing the tie to work the next day. If you will pardon a pun, everyone laughed until they were fit to be tied.

The January 9 meeting featured moving pictures of the 500-mile race at Indianapolis and a visit from an F.B.I. man.

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Those of you who are sports-minded should remember that fishing and hunting licenses may be procured at the Credit Union Office.

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BIRTHS

Paul Jeschawitz, of Machine Repair, is a happy, beaming grandfather these days. His daughter, Ruth Greene, gave birth to a five pound baby boy on December 28. Ruth was formerly employed in the Stationery department.

The Al Hill household is all agog these days over the arrival on December 4 of a daughter who was named Nancy Sue Hill. Little Miss Hill weighed seven pounds when she arrived at the Decatur and Macon County hospital at 3:00 a. m. Al heads the Order department.



When William Knorr left for the service in December fellow workers presented him with a leather kit in which to keep his accessories. Here we see him laughing at a cartoon folder especially drawn for the occasion. Looking on, left to right, are: Donald W. Ferry, H. G. Whittington, Melvin Boggs, and Jim Morrison. William had been with us for five years and was assistant record clerk in the Production Control department.



In November, Richard G. Ross left to enter the army. He was a machine molder in the Foundry at Plant 1. Here the boys are grouped around him as Pete Workman, left center, presents a cigarette lighter, a gift from the foundrymen, and Shirl Tish, right center, hands him his pay check.

When Annette Marie Woods arrived at the Decatur and Macon County hospital on November 15, she decided that just about the nicest parents that she could have would be Earl and Catherine Woods. The parents and their first daughter, Jeanette, agreed that the new baby was pretty nice, too. So everything turned out all right. Annette weighed 6 lbs. and 13 ozs. at birth. The proud father is a molder at Plant 1 Foundry.

On November 4 there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tohill a son. This is their third child as they already have one boy and one girl. Ken is our new salesman who now covers the state of Iowa.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Jean Traughber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Traughber of Decatur and Everett E. Riley, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Riley of Niantic, were united in marriage on October 27 in the Niantic Christian Church. Rev. Leroy Kronkite read the service. The lucky groom is in the Shipping department.

Miss Ina Grubbs of the Core Room and Louis Banning were married December 29 in the Lakeview Gospel church in Chicago. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. H. Waltermann. The happy couple are living at 419 East Johnson avenue.

Miss Janet Wadsworth and Pvt. John A. Wagner, Jr., were married in the First

Methodist church on December 26. Rev. Laren Spear performed the ceremony. The couple went to Louisville, Kentucky, on their honeymoon. Janet was in the Cost department of the main office. Private Wagner is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

DEATHS

The entire office force was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Dorothy L. Gepford on January 3. She had been taken to St. Mary's hospital that morning and passed away at 1:20 p. m. Dotty was mail clerk, and because of this, had many contacts and made many friends. We are all going to miss her sunny smile and her cheerful disposition. In fact, there will never be another quite like Dotty.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Paul Jeschawitz of Machine Repair and Henry Jeschawitz of the Brass Foundry in the death of their father and grandfather, Henry C. Jeschawitz, in November. Mr. Jeschawitz had lived a long and useful life and died at the age of 94.

We also extend our sympathy to August Folkers, plant messenger, in the death of his wife on November 30.

We offer sincerest sympathy to Herman "Jack" Chepan in the death on January 12 of his wife, Marguerite, after a long siege of illness.



Top picture, taken from the balcony, shows most of the 900 people who attended the Decatur Children's Christmas party. On the stage, Herman E. Jackson is seen at his easel giving a chalk talk. Left center, Santa Claus talks to the children. He actually climbed down the chimney and out the fireplace in the background. Right center, Rev. C. W. Flewelling is seen presenting the Christmas message to the children. Bottom view shows pleased youngster receiving his gift of candy and fruit. Every child was given a gift from the company.



Highlight of the Decatur Christmas Party was Red, the trained mule. At the microphone is Harry Beiler, his owner. Watching at far left is Harold Hetzler, son of Ernest Hetzler, Plant 1 Foundry. The girl is Jerrie Deibert, daughter of Herb Deibert, molder at Plant 2. We did not learn the name of the other boy.



Home talent featured the Chattanooga Christmas Party. At left is Charles Bynum of the Core Room who sang the ever popular song, "The Holy City." At right is Albert Gurley, Brass Foundry, singing the classical number, "The Voice In The Wilderness."



At left is a colored quintet from the Foundry who sang "Have A Little Talk." They are, left to right: James Malone, Lindsey Lawrence, James Young, S. B. Crowell, and Leron Carter. At right the quartet is singing "The Old Ark's A Movering." The men are, left to right: L. D. Satterwhite of the Machine Shop, Marvin Montgomery of the Core Room, Willie Mitchum of the Assembly department, and Theodore Cochran of the Brass Foundry.



At left is Odie Walker, Jr., who again this year acted as our very capable Master of Ceremonies. He kept things moving at a very lively tempo during the program of the Chattanooga Christmas Party.



At left is our Barbershop Quartet singing "Seeing Nellie Home." They are, left to right: Claude Howell of the Maintenance department, Jack Malone of the Production Control department, Coy Jones of the Foundry, and Ronald Rogers of the Sales department. At right are our own "Three Stooges" which added the necessary note of hilarity. Reading left to right are: Jack Pope of the Foundry, Billy Andrews and Dick Anderson of the Pattern Shop.



At left Dr. J. Fred Johnson, one of the local pastors, leads the group singing. At right is Audrey Emery of the Sales department who sang "Because of You."

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent



Featured performer of the Los Angeles Christmas Party was Santa Claus, himself. Here Patti Clark smiles as she talks to Santa while brother Steven has his eye on the photographer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Mueller Christmas Party was held at the Alhambra Y.M.C.A. An excellent dinner of Smorgasbord and choice of ham or roast beef was served. This was followed by a picture show, after which the children would visit Santa Claus. Here we see Patti and Stephen Clark having an important discussion with Santa. All arrangements were handled by Ralph Korte and Marlene Ballard.

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BIRTH

Congratulations to Ray and Dorothy Ballesteros on the birth of their son, Aaron. The child was born December 6th at White Memorial hospital and weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs. This is the third child for the lucky couple.

QUARTER-CENTURY MAN

On page 5 is Charlie Portee, at his desk in the receiving department. Charlie started with Mueller Co. in Decatur in 1925 and worked as a trucker and later in the polishing department. He came to Los Angeles when that branch opened and served as set-up man on the polishing line. During this time, he had an interesting side-line as a professional boxer; had a good record, too. There came an intermission in Charlie's career when he served two and one-half years in the Navy during the war; had a good record there, too. Now Mr. Portee is our receiving clerk and we congratulate him on his tenure.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO—

January:

Richard Rowe, Vance Ziebarth, Orphia Borsz, Katy Thompson, Hattie Zylicz, John Blevins, Francis Campbell, Bill Devor, Bill Thompson, Cecil Foltz, Floyd McCown, Gunnerd Nelson, Rudy Gordines, Clayton Travis, Frank Williams, Leonard Goostree, Clota Prinson, Eli Lockard, James Pappa, Steve Cirar, Edna Hathaway, Robt. Koon, Willard Green, Vivian Danaher, Robt. Garcia.

February:

Earl Bright, Fred Tercero, John Marshall, Flo Llewellyn, Andy Gessner, Val Stach, Lillie Harp, Art Werner, Warren Belonga, Ed Rathke, Gene Warren, Cliff Branum, Bill Baker, Don MacIntyre, Edith Gustin, T. W. Hale, Johnny Dale, Virginia Schlegel, Velva Shearl, Archie Fiechter, Jerry Montoya, Don Frickel, Faustina Cuellar, Hazel Lehman, Bryan Thomas, Betty Norris.

Sarnia, Ontario

Almeda Reeve, Correspondent



Above: Phyllis Pearce and Bruce Moore pose for a wedding picture. At right: They prepare to leave the church as man and wife. Apparently they paid no attention to the sign in the background which reads: "STOP".



PEARCE-MOORE NUPTIALS

Miss Phyllis Pearce of the Personnel department and Bruce Moore were married on Saturday, October 27, 1951. The marriage took place in the Canon Davis Memorial Church of Sarnia. Bruce is the son of Robert Moore of Department 3.

Our congratulations also go to Norine Boulton of Department 7 and William Moore who were married on December 24, 1951, in Point Edward, Ontario.

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Mrs. Gwen Fisher, Cost department, terminated her employment with Mueller, Limited, on November 23, 1951. Following a two-week vacation in Florida she plans to devote her full time to her home and other wifely duties. Gwen was presented with a gift of china by C. S. Browett on behalf of the Main Office. Everyone joins with us in extending best wishes for a long and happy future.

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January 1, 1952, was a memorable day for the Seguin family. It was then that Albert Seguin (Department 10) and his three sisters met at the North Vic-

toria street Marcotte-Paquette home to enjoy a New Year's dinner and reminisce. The previous reunion to this took place in 1919 at Iroquois Falls, Ontario.

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We are pleased to see Wilson Jenkin, Department 9, back on the job following surgery.

The many friends of Gordon Callum, Department 2, are glad to learn that he will be able to return to work shortly.

We are happy to know that W. John Flood, foreman of Department 5, Archie Reeve of Department 6, and Earl Brown of Department 6 are progressing favourably and will soon be able to return to their work.

Everyone was happy to note that Ernie Miller of Department 7, and J. Meere of Department 6 were able to return to their work following surgery.

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Phyllis and Bruce Moore had the good fortune to win a 17-inch screen General Electric television set through a radio bingo conducted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Sarnia. Congratulations, folks!



Mrs. Maizie Brereton



James Keys, who retired recently.

Mrs. Maizie Brereton, engineering clerk, in Department 11, has decided to devote her full time to her home and other household duties. She left the employ of Mueller, Limited, on December 7, 1951. Gifts of china and crystal were presented to Maizie on behalf of the staffs of the Main Office, Production department, and Engineering department. Everyone extends to her sincerest wishes for a long and pleasant future.

Our Folks Buy Bonds

The employees of Mueller, Limited, are to be congratulated for their purchases of Series 6, Canada Savings Bonds during a recent campaign. The purchases made by Sarnia employees totaled \$39,500.

New Muellerites

Our congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosina on the birth of a son, Robert Joseph, on October 13, 1951. The father is employed in Department 2.

Mr. and Mrs. John Round on the birth of a son, Douglas John, on November 30, 1951. John works in Department 8.

Deaths

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Russell Caudle of Department 2 in the death of his mother on November 25, 1951.

JAMES KEYS RETIRES

On December 28, 1951, James Keys, who lives at 415 Cromwell street in Sarnia, Ontario, retired on pension. Mr. Keys was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland. Early in life he learned the blacksmith trade under his father while still living in Ireland. He came to Canada in 1910. For a number of years he was self-employed, having been a partner of "Keys and Brown", a well known blacksmith firm on Victoria street in Sarnia.

He was first employed by Mueller, Limited, on May 10, 1943, in the Brass Forging department. Later he worked as a blacksmith.

Mr. Keys is married and has one son who resides in Sarnia. He is a lover of dogs and owns a large collie which may be seen in the photograph. His other hobbies include gardening and fishing.

He was presented a Lazy-Boy chair by F. Cuthbertson, foreman of the department, on behalf of his fellow employees. We join them in wishing Mr. Keys many more years of happiness in his retirement.

Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

Chattanooga Man Retired

Carl DeSha is pictured receiving a gift presented by Jack Pope on behalf of a group of fellow employees on the occasion of his retirement on the "rule of 80 plan" after more than 19 years of service.

Carl first came to work for Columbian Iron Works in April, 1912, and worked until August, 1913, when he was laid off. He returned December 21, 1933, and worked until April of 1934 when he left again. He returned in June of 1934 and has been here since until the day of his retirement, December 31, 1951. All of the years of his service have been in the foundry as a molder.

Carl has been a most cheerful, faithful and cooperative employee. Now he plans to work with his flowers, do a little repair work around his home and just take

it easy. He has already been to Miami, Florida, to visit one of his daughters and will probably make it to California for a visit with a son there some time this year. We hope he has many, many years filled with leisure and happy hours.

Christmas Party a Success

Our Christmas Party was the best ever this year. As most folks know, we do not have to go outside our factory for entertainment. Every person on the program except the minister, Dr. J. Fred Johnson, works for Mueller Co. Classical music, spirituals, barbershop harmony, and even slapstick comedy was packed into the program. This year's program topped all others according to opinion throughout the plant. Our thanks go to the committee which planned this enjoyable affair.



Carl DeSha, left, is given a gift by fellow employees when he retired after 19 years of service with our company. Jack Pope, right, makes the presentation.