

# MUELLER RECORD

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## An Afternoon and Evening Picnic



Come on, Boys and Girls!

Big day coming. Picnic on July 15th at Mueller Heights. It's not the same old picnic. It's going to be different. Instead of an all-day affair the hours will be from 1 p. m. to 11 p. m. This should insure a large crowd. Of course, there will be no objection if you, the missus and the kiddies want to go out early in the morning and spend the day. We would be glad to have you do this.

There will be many of the old-time popular features, including the Merry-Go-Round, Horse-Shoes, Croquet, Badminton, Beano, refreshments. The usual dance and some of the old features will come back, including Pony rides, Beano, and refreshments.

Balloons are out this year. Rubber is scarce, you know, and badly needed by the Government. If for no other reason, it would be a patriotic move not to have balloons.

There will be interesting platform exercises, some features being unusual, so un-



Bring your wife and children,—or sweet-hearts—for a day that will be long remembered.

should call out a large attendance.

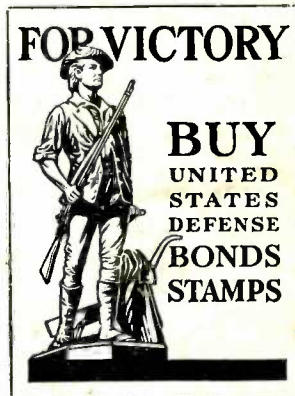
Keep the day in mind. Make your plans to be on hand for a period of recreation and pleasure. And keep your eye on the bulletin boards for any succeeding announcements.



An afternoon and evening brim full of fun and patriotism. Goodman's Band, Merry-Go-Round, Pony Rides, Dancing.

usual that they may occur but once in a lifetime.

The limited time given us for preparation makes impossible full details in this issue, but insofar as possible, the picnic will be abreast of any that has preceded it. Centering the affair to afternoon and evening



Put your money back of the boys on the front.—That's where it spells Victory.

Buy all the bonds and stamps you can—forget needless, useless spending.

## BIG JOB WELL HANDLED

### Example of Mueller Efficiency Shown In Move To Plant 3

Plant 3 has overnight, so to speak, become a beehive of activity. The big task of transferring the machinery was accomplished with the minimum of interruption. This was due to the well thought out plan, and the speedy preparation of the building. It's easy to write these facts which, however, fail to convey an understanding of the complex question involved in planning the job of picking up the routine work with the least interference with the urgent necessity of meeting delivery of goods on order.

The Engineering Dept., and all those connected with the work, is worthy of unstinted praise. To describe it in detail is not possible, but some general statements may be made.

#### Building Came First

The great buildings South of the city were given a general overhauling to fit into the new plan. There was much cleaning up and painting to be done, electrical equipment and wiring to be installed, installation of machinery necessary to carry out the preliminary plans, and a general understanding of the ultimate objective. This occupied several months. When all this was completed, the actual moving of machines was completed in 10 days and the reconstructed plant was a scene of production activity. Before a machine was moved, its location had been determined, necessary space marked off, and electric power ready for immediate connections. This carefully planned procedure worked out without a hitch.

#### Small Production Time Loss

Within an hour or so after a machine was unloaded, it was in production. Within an hour after the last machine arrived, a stranger entering the shop would accept it as one that had been active for years. This mere outline does not take in the busy cafeteria which was equipped and staffed ready to furnish meals with promptness characteristic of this branch of our service. Neither does it tell of the busy excavating machines levelling the surrounding grounds or preparing a new entrance to the plant from the north. This road begins a short distance West of the Illinois Central viaduct. When completed, it will not only save distance but will eliminate the necessity of crossing the bridge over Lake Decatur just East of the water works.

#### Splendid Illustration

We make no special mention of individual records because it is a case of many individuals completing a whole—a splendid illustration of what can be accomplished through co-operative effort.

## OWNERS OF AUTOS

### Give Heed To Advice Here Offered By Works Manager

Works Manager L. W. Mueller has issued a bulletin on the subject of "Private Automobile Insurance on Cars Used for Hire." Those who received the Bulletin are familiar with its contents, but it is advisable that all our employees owning cars should be advised. The bulletin is, therefore, reproduced:

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#### FACTORY BULLETIN

From: WORKS MANAGER

W. M. No. 322 Date: JUNE 23, 1942

Subject: ORGANIZATION—Welfare Activity—Private Automobile Insurance on Cars Used for Hire.

Our insurance agent advises us that on June 1, 1942, a bulletin was issued by the automobile insurance companies to the effect that owners of all private passenger cars will be permitted to operate without increase in premium to the owner, where the passenger car owner is hauling passengers to and from some place of business.

Some insurance companies issue policies at reduced rates; in which event, the policy may be restricted, making it void if the car is used for carrying passengers for hire.

Therefore, we recommend that should any of our employees use their cars for this purpose, each individual so doing should get an immediate interpretation of this ruling from the insurance company or its agent in which the car is insured.

**WE REPEAT THAT IF YOU ARE USING YOUR CAR FOR THIS PURPOSE SEE YOUR INSURANCE AGENT IMMEDIATELY TO GET A CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THIS RULING.**

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#### NEW IDEAS

Wire splices can now be soldered with a small capsule of solder and flux, heated to the melting point by the flame of an ordinary match.

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Like a can opener, a new rotary unit cuts a smooth edged opening in metal drums.

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A new instrument enables an inspector to see around the corners of castings, pipes, dies, etc.

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In thousands of prefabricated housing units in California, glue instead of nails is being used to affix plywood and wallboard panels (exterior and interior) to framing members in wall, floor and ceiling.

# Neither Here Nor There

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

During recent weeks these old windows have been generously washed by frequent rains, so that we should be able to achieve a clearer outlook, a little better understanding of what makes the wheels go 'round. But maybe that's once more putting too much of a burden on the weatherman.

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The Fourth of July, Independence Day, came and went without the usual fanfare. Personally, we enjoyed missing the fire-crackers. And if there was an abundance of oratory, patriotic or otherwise, we missed it, too. Most of us thought a little more about what the day stood for than we usually do. We were much interested in hearing that some of the vital industries hung up new production records by way of celebration. And we don't mind admitting that our sense of gratitude led us to do a little old-fashioned blessing-counting. What a land—where you can have not only bread or butter or jam, but all three at once if your tastes run that way!

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A near catastrophe was on the verge of overtaking our Dotty (Gee-Gee) Gepford a week or so ago. Dotty had a visitor. It was a wicked looking creature, with many legs, a long body and, we think, horns. Gee-Gee very bravely stayed off her desk, but she admitted that she was just plain scared. To make matters worse the monster crawled out of sight. Dotty didn't know when he might descend upon her. But, at last, he came out into the open. Little Dotty retreated, to avoid being carried off bodily. She screamed for help. Then came Bernard Morton, a modern St. George, who quickly rescued the damsel in distress and slew the dragon—we mean cockroach.

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Summer time is vacation time. And we were glad on the 15th of last month to welcome home a vacationer, Marjorie Bixler Roarick, now of Milwaukee, who, with her husband, was having a vacation in Decatur.

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Our enthusiastic horse-owners, Jack Rubicam and Frank Edmonson, were definitely "there" at the Horse Show put on at Big Creek Park July 5 by the Trail Riders. It was quite an exhibition of horses and riders. We are proud to report that Betty (you know that two-toned job) owned by Jack and ridden by Billy Hise, got into the upper brackets once more. Betty's rider won a ribbon in the competition for boy and girl riders under 15.

In this same event Carolyn Keil, daughter of O. C. Keil, rode "Tommy" (of the Edmonson stables!)

The show attracted a good deal of interest, with entrants from many localities. A large crowd enjoyed the many attractions,

but there were no prouder owners we are sure than Jack and Frank.

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Since Mae left us for Plant 3, Norma Morenz has become relief telephone operator. Norma, having a pleasing and pleasant personality, will, we are sure, enjoy her new assignment.

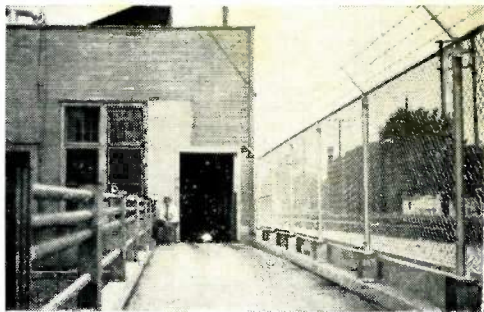
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POPULAR LINE OF THE WEEK:  
See you at the Picnic!

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## LONGFELLOW AND HERSCH

Longfellow stood on the bridge at midnight which mildly amazes us. It is just natural to a reader and admirer of the beloved poet to think that a man of his talents should confess this when he should have been home and in bed. However, he



that as it may, we have a man on the bridge who doesn't hang around to stand at midnight to watch the moon come over our big smoke stack. He stands some of his time but mostly he "sits, sets and sats," while he guards the door to the engineering and other departments. This person is none other than Herschel Wacaser, as you may have already guessed by the snapshot. With no disrespect to "Hersch", the camera fiend was not shooting at him but at the bridge. "Hersch" just happened to be an innocent bystander. No, that's wrong—"an innocent setter."

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## LOST AN ARM

Corporal Noel E. Durbin, who visited his mother in Decatur about June 18th, was the deserved object of sympathy and admiration from fellow-townsmen. His empty coat sleeve told the story of his part in the defense of Pearl Harbor. Corporal Durbin is a son of Mrs. H. K. Beasley, 1129 S. Broadway, and a nephew of Flossie Poe of Plant 3. During his visit here he was an honored guest of the State organization of the Order of the Purple Heart, composed of wounded soldiers of previous wars.

# The Picnic Program

On this page we are giving you the program for the picnic combined with the "Army Award for Meritorious Production" by Brigadier-General D. Armstrong. This high compliment to the force of Mueller workmen is surely worthy of their appreciation.

Limited time of preparation has involved a great deal of hurry-up work. The general outline of the program is subject to any slight changes that may be found necessary.

Be sure and wear your souvenir badge.

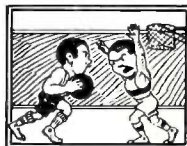
- 12:00 M. —Merry-Go-Round installed and in operation  
(Will operate continuously from 12:00 M. to 2:00 P.M. and from close of afternoon platform exercises until 10:30 P.M.)
- 12:00 M.—Pony rides for children, continuous until 6:30 P.M.
- 2:00 P.M.—Selections by Goodman Band
- 2:30 P.M.—Address by W. E. Mueller, President
- 2:50 P.M.—Address by Adolph Mueller, Chairman of the Board

## Presentation of Army Award for Meritorious Production

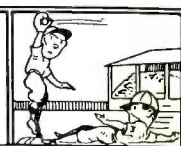
- 3:10 P.M.—Selections by Goodman Band
- 3:15 P.M.—"Star Spangled Banner"
- 3:20 P.M.—Flag Raising by Mueller Scouts
- Introduction of Brigadier General D. Armstrong and other army officers by L. W. Mueller, Vice President and Works Manager
- Presentation of Banner—Brigadier General D. Armstrong
- Acceptance—(6 employees chosen by vote at Plant 3)
- First shift—G. H. Safefski, Eldora Cross
- Second shift—Raymond Oakley, Mary Yonker
- Third shift—Robert Brown, Beulah Staudt
- Closing Music and Group Singing—"Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America"
- 3:30 P.M.—Drawing for doll and wagon (children of employees)
- 3:30 P.M.—Contests and games on platform
- 5:00 P.M.—Presentation of Bank Books to babies born since last picnic, and photograph taken (Mueller Athletic Club)
- 5:30-6-30 P.M.—Beano (Tent west of refreshment stand)
- 7:00-8:00 P.M.—Entertainment from WGN
- Kadet Kozak—Nylophone
- Bill Talent—Master of Ceremonies and Juggler
- Rogers Bros.—Comedy Acrobats
- 8:00 P.M.—Ball Game (athletic field)
- 8:00-11:00 P.M.—Dancing to music by Lee Homebrook's orchestra, platform, Amphitheater.

First bus leaves Transfer House at 12:00 Noon.

Last bus leaves Lodge at 11 P.M.—Twenty minute service.



# Athletics



## BASEBALL GOING GOOD

### Those New Red Uniforms Make Bright Spots On The Diamond

Between a late start and showers, we are doing quite well at baseball under the guidance of Director Merlin Coates. Up to the time of the last report for this issue we had played eight games, won four and tied one. The attendance has been good and interest is manifested by the enthusiasm of the fans.

The Mueller team in bright red uniforms make a dandy showing, and teamwork shows improvement with each game. Here follows the record up to June 30:

		R.	H.	E.	Pitcher	Catcher
June 2	Decatur	Indees	6	6	3 Hill	Raskin
	Mueller		14	16	4 Lotsgezell	Kenney
June 6	Young	Democrats	4	8	2 Milo	Rienbelt
	Mueller		4	10	2 Taylor	Kenney
June 8	Casner		8	3	0 Ruch	Sponsler
	Mueller		6	8	2 Shell	Kenney
June 12	Mississippi	Valley	5	6	3 Cripe	Becker
	Mueller		7	8	3 Taylor	Kenney
June 16	Decatur	Indees	13	14	2 Hill	Raskin
	Mueller		2	3	8 Taylor	Kenney
June 23	Tenney	Pontiac	4	9	0 Curry	Daniels
	Mueller		0	4	3 Taylor	Siebert Bradford Kenney
June 28	Staley		1	7	1 Nuendorf	Ellis
	Mueller		5	7	1 Taylor	Daniels
June 30	Morehouse & Wells		2	2	3 Findley	Catheart
	Mueller		6	6	1 Taylor	Keller
<b>BATTING AVERAGES</b>						
	Taylor		.526		Rokush	.222
	Maddox		.388		Hetzler	.208
	Kenney		.360		Craig	.206
	Morgan		.260		Brown	.166
	Annara		.260			

The golf tournament is under way with some forty entrants. There is a lot of interest, but we are unable to give definite results because of failure to turn in results.

### ALL TOGETHER

It is upon factory owners, factory workers, men and women in all walks of life to help win the war. The boys at the front can't win unless they have our active support, and our best efforts to supply their needs, military and personal. So let's dig in and do our best—do it willingly, honestly, and whole-heartedly.

New soft rubber wheels, impregnated with polishing compounds, simplify many metal polishing jobs.

## LET'S GO OVER THE TOP

### Help Make Sale of Bonds Over 90% By Pay Roll Deductions

A general letter signed by W. E. Mueller, president, inclosing a circular referring to the purchase of bonds, has been sent to all employees. You have, no doubt, given this the careful attention which it deserves. Tremendous efforts are being made to boost the sales of these bonds. It is one way in which the Government can raise money without taking more drastic steps. In buying these bonds you are doing more than proving your patriotism. You are making an investment which will be profitable to you. There is in addition to this a pride taken by industrial organizations in showing sales of bonds over 90 per cent by payroll deductions. President Mueller in the letter referred to, explains this, saying:

"If over 90% of our organization subscribe to Savings Bonds through regular payroll deduction, then our organization will receive a banner and be put on the Honor Roll. Therefore, we would ask that you give thoughtful consideration to the attached circular, and if you feel able to do so, fill out the subscription blank, authorizing the paymaster to make regular deductions from your pay check for purchase of Savings Bonds."

### TEAM WORK

A minister was horrified one Sunday to see a boy in the gallery of the church pelting his hearers in the pews below with horse chestnuts.

As the good man looked up, the boy cried out:

"You tend to your preaching, mister; I'll keep them awake!"

### Strange

"Did any one ever tell you that you had a pretty chin?"

"No—why?"

"Then why did you try to grow another one?"

### AUTO ZOOLOGY

A balky mule has four-wheel brakes.

A billy goat has bumpers;

The firefly has a bright spotlight.

Rabbits are puddle-jumpers.

Camels have balloon-tired feet.

And carry spares of what they eat;

But still I think that nothing beats

The kangaroos with rumble seats.

## HE HAS NO WORRIES



This smiling youngster is showing his satisfaction with six months' experience in this troubled world, which gives him no worry at all. The fact that he has two teeth which he did not bring with him may be a contributing factor to his good humor. His name is Gary William Brimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brimm. The father is a pressman in the printing department, and his mother is a daughter of Bill McClure, formerly of the same department.

## TELEPHONE DISCOURTESY

## The War Department In Arms Against Misuse of A Great Convenience

Columns have been written about the use of telephones. The War Dept. is fed up on the misuse of these convenient and indispensable instruments. Among the reasons is the person who bangs the telephone down on desks and tables. This does no good, but is a very good index to the character of the "banger." However, it is an awful shock to the ear of the listener. Then there is the "Cultured" voice in answering which snarls, "Well what do you want?" or "No, I don't know." Emphasized by banging the receiver back on the hook, to the discomfort of the listener. These are only a few instances of the rudeness of daily occurrence. Just now telephones should be handled with care. In these days the material of which they are made is almost out of the market. If you are guilty of any of these improprieties, not to say discourtesies, just remember that telephones are hard to replace. This may lead to more courteous conduct when answering calls. Notice that "it may"—we doubt it. Discourtesy over the telephone is just as repugnant as it is in face to face conversation.

## BRASS CHIPS

If the June rains continue through July, we may see Monroe street washed out instead of being dug out.

Walter Auer spent Monday, July 6th, in Chicago. His object was to complete arrangements for some of the picnic features and other business.

LeRoy Evans, travelling in the New York territory, dropped in on his Decatur friends following the convention of the American Water Works Association at Chicago, June 21-25. Mrs. Evans came West with Roy, but did not accompany him to Decatur.

Paymaster Enloe, Walter Auer and Engineer Cline drove to Peoria June 19th on a business trip.

There are many things puzzling in weather conditions, but one thing which we of this organization cannot explain or understand—why does it rain at lunch hour and at quitting time?

Burt Jackson reports a record-breaking shipment recently. This consisted of fourteen 1" eight-branch goosenecks. This is said to be a record-breaker.

Delmont Parks, who came home from his aviation training in California on a furlough, expected to remain about a month. When his time was up, and he was preparing to return, he got a message giving him an extension. Just why he does not know, and in the service, when told to do a thing, you are not expected to ask reasons why.

Beulah Jenkins, who was a clerk in Dept. 9 but later at Plant 3, has gone to California on a vacation trip.

Charles Ditty of Dept. 9 left July 6th to be inducted into services. His father is employed at Plant 3.

Clara and Dorothea Uhl and several friends went hiking in the woods and had a lot of fun, but the after-effects were not so pleasant. Poison ivy has a nasty way of being no respecter of persons, as the hikers found out.

## JINGLES

Life hasn't any laurels  
For cowards in disgrace.  
Life hasn't any plaudits  
For sluggards in the race.  
Life hasn't any riches  
For proud and selfish aim.  
But life has countless blessings  
For one who plays the game.

## WEDDINGS

### Van Rheelden-Spencer

There was a very pretty little wedding at the Decatur Church of God on July fourth when Miss Janet Van Rheelden became the wife of Eugene Spencer. Some two hundred friends of the couple assembled for the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. G. Finney.

Following the church services there was a reception at the home of the bride's mother at 1336 E. Eldorado St.

Among the guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Rheelden of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Rheelden of Fairmount and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller of Tuscola.

The groom is a member of Department 30 and a son of Orville Spencer for many years attached to the shipping department.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have begun house-keeping in the home they had already furnished at 322 North 17th St.

### Orkowski-Dahlin

The marriage of Miss Doris Orkowski to Harold Dahlin was celebrated on July 3rd at St. Louis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Neal J. Ostrushe of the Marcus Lutheran Church. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. H. McCracken. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlin are at home at 1631 N. Water St.

The groom's home town was Eveleth, Minnesota, but he has made his home in Decatur for several months and is an inspector at Plant 3.

The bride is a Decatur girl and formerly worked in the Cerro Gordo plant but later was transferred to Plant 3.

### Lash-Disney

Glen Lash and Miss May Ellen Disney were recently married in Decatur. They are living in Forsyth. The groom works at Plant 3.

### THREE BOOKS

A negro preacher walked into the office of a newspaper editor and said: "Mistah Editah, dey is forty-three in my congregation who subscribes fo' yo' papah. Do that entitle me to hab a church notice in yo' Sat'day issue?"

"Sit down and write it out," invited the editor.

And this is the notice the parson wrote: "Mount Memorial Baptist Church. The Rev. John Walker, Pastor, preaching morning and evening, in the promulgation of the Gospel. Three books is necessary, the Bible, the hymn-book and the pocket book. Come tomorrow and bring all three."

When Noah sailed the waters blue,  
He had his troubles, same as you.  
For forty days he drove the Ark,  
Before he found a place to park.

## HANDCUFFS FOR HIM

### An Interesting Story of A Quick Turning of The Tables

Saboteurs and enemy spies are everywhere, doing their utmost to undermine the government's military efforts, of which production suddenly becomes a most important factor. At the present moment industry carries a heavy responsibility to meet demands, and this makes it a field for cultivation of discontent and indifference.

While spies and saboteurs are performing their obnoxious and disloyal acts, there is another element of loyal men who go silently but earnestly about their duties in military as well as industrial fields. They are the nemesis of the saboteurs and enemy spies as shown by the fine work being done by the F.B.I.

#### A Case in Point

Here is one of the many incidents appearing in the papers during the past few days. It appeared in the Review a few evenings ago and is reproduced here:

#### "WARPLANT WORKER, SEEKING SLOWDOWN, RECEIVES SURPRISE

NEW YORK—The Wall Street Journal, under the heading 'The Story of the Week' today reported this occurrence at a midwestern plant:

"A big tough worker told a new employee he was turning out too many units a day and had better slow down. Next day the new man upped his output. 'We're at war,' he explained. The third day, when the new man's production reached another new high, the other worker violently told him he was out.

#### This Way Out

"So are you," replied the bullied one. He showed an F.B.I. badge, attached handcuffs to the tormentor and marched him the entire length of the assembly line."

One may as well understand the attitude of the governmental authorities. They are asking peaceful cooperation to the limit of effort by industrialists, and their employees. Any disregard of this means that the federal authorities will insist on the government taking charge of the situation.

A lawyer was demanding that a witness answer a certain question either in the negative or affirmative.

Witness: "There are some questions that cannot be answered by a 'yes' or 'no' as anyone knows."

Lawyer: "I defy you to give an example to the court."

Witness: "Are you still beating your wife?"

Stainless steel can now be drawn and worked without heat.

## IT IS HOME SWEET HOME



This is the cozy little home of Glenn Miller and family, and they are justly proud of it, for more reasons than one, the principal of which is the fact that it was built by Glenn at odd times. The house was built with used lumber. It is located at 3600 North Union Street near the Pythian Home, and has been occupied for the past five years.

It is a fine illustration of the old adage, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Glenn is a member of the tool room force.

## THE WREN WAS VICTOR

### Harley Himstead Gets a Lesson In Natural History

Harley Himstead has a wren house and some nearby trees are the abiding place of squirrels, with which Harley seeks to establish friendly relations. Generally this can be done if one's patience holds out. Naturalists tell us that squirrels are friendly little beasts and some species are especially susceptible to a cordial entente. Harley's progress was fairly good until the squirrel, lacking knowledge of the fact that Jenny Wren, though small is full of fight, and that size, agility or inquisitiveness mean nothing to her, was unknown to the squirrel when he perched on Jenny's house for preliminary investigation of what the small box contained. He never did find out.

Mrs. Wren for a brief period, foresook her brood of young chatters and alighted on the back of Mr. Squirrel, and from that moment until the squirrel reached his favorite tree top, did he find any escape from the small torrent that delivered more vicious pecks in one round than Joe Louis was even able to do in his fastest fight. Harley acquired considerable knowledge of natural history. The squirrel will never be tamed as long as the wren is on the premises. And that a wren asks no concessions when it comes to a fight.

Cold immersion of greasy parts in a new solvent, emulsifies hard mineral dirt and grease accretion so that they may be instantly sluiced away with a water hose.

## IMPORTANCE OF DETAIL

### No Matter How Small It Is, It Is Part of a Plan

We are living in a period of history, which demands co-ordination and cooperations, down to the smallest detail. Every plan, every thought-out scheme must click from the time it originated until successfully completed. This is true in industry as well as on the field of battle. No matter how small your part may appear to you, remember that it is important to the whole plan.

#### The Horse Shoe Nail

It would not be there if it were not. Illustrating, let us quote the saying of the wise Benjamin Franklin:—

"For the want of a nail the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe, the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost; being overtaken and slain by the enemy; all for the want of care about a horseshoe nail."

#### A Lesson to Remember

There is one of the best lessons in carelessness of details known to the world. A string of catastrophes followed the neglect of some one to provide a nail for the shoeing of the horse. It was only a minor detail, the importance of which was not realized. But it was responsible for the loss of the man. In your work, especially now, there are details of equal importance to the failure to have a horseshoe nail at the proper moment.

It is not necessary for you to remember all that the wise Benjamin Franklin said. Just get "Franklin" and "Horseshoe nail" into your mind when working on what seems a minor detail. It should remind you instantly that

#### DETAILS ARE IMPORTANT

### THIRTY TO ONE

#### Remember the Parrot and Don't Talk Too Much About War

It is said that there are thirty spies in the United States against one in the first World War. It is knowledge of this character which prompts the Federal authorities to issue pictorial warnings against talking, especially by those who are identified with governmental defense work. Now is the time for all good men to seal their lips. Remember that old, old parrot and monkey story.

The parrot provoked a fight, and when over the talkative bird returned to its roost, surveyed its ruffled plumage—that is, what was left of it, and said, mournfully: "I know what's the matter with me, I talk too much."

A new clear, tasteless, harmless liquid added in minute quantities to the water as it is put into a system prevents rust and clears out loose rust from old pipes and tanks.



**EARLY DAYS IN ILLINOIS**

**Hardships Mixed With Resourcefulness  
Stamped Their Mark on Pioneers**

Putting aside the trips of Joliet and Marquette away back in 1672-3 most Illinoisans are content to go back to 1783 as a starting point of our history. This was 35 years before admission to the Union in 1818, which could not be accomplished until the territory could show a population of 45,000. It required considerable scratching around to get this number. For comparison it is interesting to remember that 45,000 represented the territory while Decatur's population is now between 50,000 and 60,000 inhabitants.

**From Canada**

Prior to territory's admission, much of the State's population came from Canada. There was no such thing in those days as luxury as we of this period understand the word.

The pioneers raised flax, wool and hemp from which the women carded, spun and wove the coarse fibre cloth for the men's clothing.

The woods and lakes provided much of the food, including wild grapes, nuts, fowls and fishes and venison. Shoes and moccasins were made in the home from leather cured in a primitive tannery.

Summer hats for both sexes were made at home by plating straws and wild grasses. The older ladies wore homemade sunbonnets.

In every home there was a rifle for protection against Indians and for use in securing wild fowl and deer for meats.

**No Church Weddings**

There were no church weddings with bridal veils, flowers, etc. Justices of the Peace performed the ceremonies. In bringing about the match, the immediate families on both sides had a hand in the arrangements.

Unbelievable patience was necessary, especially in the winter, awaiting the coming of spring. No amusements, no newspapers. Added to this was the constant danger from starved wild beasts and murderous Indians.

**Drastic Laws**

Laws in those days provided severe penalties. Branding with a hot iron was one. Whipping was common. Pillory, stocks, fines, loss of citizenship and temporary slavery were others. Crimes and misdemeanors included:

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| treason          | rape            |
| murder           | profanity       |
| arson            | disobedience of |
| burglary         | parents         |
| robbery          | drunkenness     |
| forgery          | cock-fighting   |
| perjury          | gambling        |
| larceny          | duelling        |
| Sabbath-breaking | bribery         |

**State History Worth Studying**

It might do our younger generations rid-

ing around in cars, on bicycles, going to picture shows three or four times a week, etc., some good to read and study these scraps of history. The pioneers who lived as described briefly knew little or nothing of pleasure or recreation. To them, however, we owe a great debt. They instituted rigid rules on a foundation of suffering, severity and hardship. They paved the way to our modern civilization.

**STARTS SMILIN'**



Sharon Lee Barnett has decided to make the most of life by smilin' through. Made a fine start, hasn't she? Sharon Lee is the 3½ months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barnett and the granddaughter of August Bauer of Plant 2. Lee Bauer, Plant 2, is an uncle.

**GIN AND SIN**

The vicar had a certain truculent woman parishioner noted for her fondness for a drop of gin. One day she went to church hiccupping with painful distinctness.

The pastor bore it for a few moments; then, looking at the verger, he proclaimed, publicly, "Smith, kindly remove that person from the building."

Smith rose reluctantly to obey. The congregation held its breath, expecting a scene, but to his relief the woman rose and left without a murmur.

After the service the vicar congratulated his man on the tactful way he had removed the culprit.

"How did you manage it?" he asked.

"Well, sir," said the verger, "I just went to her and whispered, 'Come on, ma; come out and have one with me!'"



With the nation at war, the American Red Cross has launched a drive for \$65,000,000 for a War Fund with which to back our armed forces and civilian defense. Americans—individuals and corporations — are rallying to support this drive by prompt subscription. Have you made yours?

—From Architectural Record.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Former Decatur Boy Wins Degree With High Honors

In the June issue of the Inside Record we carried a small item concerning the graduation of William Lapsley Jett, Jr., and have since received a photograph of the young man in cap and gown, which is reproduced together with additional notes concerning his work, as follows:

The University of Southern California confers upon William Lapsley Jett, Jr., the degree of Bachelor of Science at the 59th



Annual Commencement Saturday, June 6, 1942, University Park, Los Angeles.

Bill attached the grade of "A" in Materia Medica, Bacteriology and Theoretical Pharmacy and received the second highest grade in the State of California on the California State Board. He is eligible for a commission in the Medical Corps, but has been deferred until he receives his degree.

Bill is the son of W. L. Jett, Sr., who has represented our firm in California for the past thirty years, and he was also an employee of the Mueller Co. while the family was located in Decatur, being connected with the Advertising Dept., under Mr. Wagenseller, the editor of the Mueller Record.

## WE HAVE BUS SERVICE

Increased "local travel" necessitated increased transportation facilities between the Cerro Gordo street plant and Plant 3. This was established on June 23rd when two station wagons were added to other transportation conveniences. Its popularity as well as its necessity was demonstrated within a day. It began as a 30-minute service but was quickly changed to fifteen minute service. The plan has worked perfectly, and the schedule maintained so as to leave room for no complaint. The drivers on the two cars are Paul Personette and Tommy Cook.

## IDEAS ARE IN DEMAND

### The National Inventors Council, Washington, Asks For Them

Invention is the step following suggestion, or perhaps follows the thought preceding even the suggestion. The files at Washington are filled with patents producing profits which were suggested by someone simply as an idea but patented by another who saw possibilities in the idea. Just now the Government is hunting for ideas which will contribute to the winning of the war. The National Inventors Council is now a portion of the Department of Commerce. It was established in 1940 for the purpose of promoting submission of new and original ideas of practical value.

#### Big Men Decide

Among the notables composing this council are: Orville Wright, co-discoverer of human flight, Dr. William D. Coolidge and Dr. Thomas Midgley, Jr., who respectively introduced the Coolidge X-ray tube and tetraethyl lead gasoline. The chairman is Dr. Charles F. Kettering, vice-president of General Motors, who has long been known as one of the foremost American scientists, and who devised the self-starter and various automotive ignition and lighting systems. No doubt these distinguished men were called crackpots when they first advanced their ideas. There is no limitation of age. The council welcomes the ideas of a juvenile as well as the venerable dreamer.

#### A Boys Idea

A few examples. Walter Boyne, 12 year old eighth grade school boy, East St. Louis, suggested that American submarines preying on enemy shipping should release false periscopes to attract bombers so that the real submersibles could go unmolested about their business. This boy's suggestion is being seriously considered.

In our organization there are minds capable of as much or more as the St. Louis boy. Most people say, "I can't think," an admission of mental incapacity and dumbness. They can think. They would come nearer the fact, and escape the charge of mental incapacity if they would say, "I don't think."

## HELLO! PLANT 3

Mae Gillibrand, for several years relief operator, and between calls, a member of the printing branch, is now a full-fledged switchboard operator at Plant 3. This is going to be a busy and important unit of production. Mae will be kept busy answering calls in and out and round-about. Her friends feel that she will be fully equal to the occasion.

The route travelled is from the Garage south to Wood St., east to South Main, south to State Route 51, across the county bridge to Plant Three. This reverses for the return trip.

## SARNIA NEWS

**BIRTHS**—To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dawson on July 6th, 1942, a Daughter, Judith Anne. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fischer, a Son, Thomas Charles. To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cassidy, a Son, Donald George.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee attended Wing Presentation Ceremonies last week at Aylmer, Ontario, when Freddie Daws, a former Mueller Employee received his Wings. Freddie will be home on a 22-day leave after which he will receive a Commission at Prince Edward Island.

We have also received word recently that Bill (Ducky) Knowles, formerly of Dept. 14, has passed second high in a class of 56 and will receive his Wings very shortly.

We are very proud of our Boys in the service.

The Night Shifts of Mueller Limited held a picnic at Canatara Park on Saturday, July 4th, which was very well attended. They had Sack Races, Relay Races, Wheelbarrow Races, Threelegged Races, Married Ladies' Race, Fat Mens' Race and Foremen's Race. Mr. McIntyre said he would have won the Foremen's Race if he hadn't had to pull Bob Moore along with him. There was also a soft ball game between the Night Shift in the Regular Factory and the Night Shift in Dept. 14. This was won by Dept. 14. There was a Girl's soft ball game between Mueller Girls and Daughters of the Employees. We really couldn't say who won this game since it took so long to retire the sides we imagine the game went far into the night. A Tug-of-War between the Forging Dept. and the Forward End of Dept. 14 was another feature of the picnic. This was won by the Forgers.

The final ball game between the Mueller City League Team and the Night Shift was won by the League Team and we understand the Night Shift players were all minus Fifty Cents when the game was over. The Picnic was voted a huge success by all who attended.

We really cannot keep up with the Newlyweds these days but will do our best to keep you informed.

Mary Davison of Dept. 14 married Norman Lasenby. Vincent Lane of Dept. 14 married Eleanor Fleming. Francis Bettridge of Dept. 14 married Ellen Doyle. Neilena McDonald of the Core Room married Charlie Hanson.

Maxine Nichols of the Stationery & Advertising Dept. married Harold McKay.

Mona Edgar of the Shipping & Drafting Dept. married Morley McGregor.

Miss Marjorie Van Horne is supplying in the office during her Summer Vacation from Western University. Maizie Nichols is taking Mona Edgar's place in the Drafting & Shipping Rooms since Mona has decided to take up the finer art of housekeeping.

We give up—Our one confirmed Bachelor of the Plant has finally decided to take the leap. Alex and Jeannie got talking things over and decided two could live as cheaply as one or sump'n. Anyway they are going to take the final plunge late in July. Best of luck.

Charlie Browett got his new bike and came steaming into work grinning from ear to ear about all the gas he was saving. It wasn't so funny by noon though when you could hear Charlie groan all over the office every time he sat down. Never mind Charlie you'll get used to it—Mr. Parker did.

We are enclosing some excerpts from letters received by Mrs. Reeve in acknowledgment of the packages sent to our boys in the Service by Mueller Limited.

Yours very truly,  
M. ANSELL.

Excerpts from Letters received from the boys in the services of our King and Country—

H. L. Miller—I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the cigarettes sent me. It was a most pleasant surprise and I am enjoying them very much.

Lewis Daws—I received the parcel you sent to me the other day and I'd like to thank all you people back at Mueller's. Lots of fellows in the same C.P.O.'s mess as myself worked in different plants from all across Canada but I haven't heard one of them say they got the same treatment as myself. Tell Ed that I was near where he went for his motor trip. It sure is nice there. That is one thing that a fellow

does in this outfit is travel an awful lot. I'm feeling fine these days and I'm going to take some pictures very shortly and I'll send some to you. If I could take pictures of everything I see I sure would have an interesting picture album. Please say hello to all the boys for me and tell them we are taking the stuff over. Things are rolling along a little better now. There's nothing big enough to stop us now.

Floyd Higgins—Received the cigarettes and I thank Mueller's very much. I like this life very much. Please say hello to Ed. Cook and the rest of the Boys.

Anne Hobin—I'm in receipt of the parcel sent by you and I would like to send my sincerest appreciation. It was a pleasant surprise and very thoughtful on your part. The magazines are very interesting, also it is very nice to receive something that keeps one in touch with civilian days. It seems to bring one closer to home when people are so thoughtful. I find life very enjoyable in the Royal Canadian Air Force. My work is very interesting so that is half the battle.

Andrew Mackrell—Received the cigarettes which were sent to me by Mueller, Limited, and I want to thank the persons responsible for sending them.

Herb Callister—Coming back after a very pleasant 72-hour pass and having the luck to be charged with AWOL for 1½ hours and spending four lovely warm evenings in the "Pot Room" where pots have been used for approximately four thousand fellows and ones that are greasier than anyone could imagine, to come back to your bunk and start in on the "Mueller Record" along with a few treats from the box sent. It certainly did help.

Otto Foster—I'm in a fighter squadron now and I like it fine. We are sleeping in tents here, it really gets cold at night but gets quite warm in the daytime. It is a very nice place. I am going to try to get over to Vancouver to see Ted Penbleton one of these days. Thanks again for the smokes.

Bill Allen—I do want to thank you for the cigarettes that were sent and for the note of sympathy that I received after my mother's death. It is hard to express just how much such remembrances help make it easier to be so far from home. I have been posted from the SFTS and am now attached to the 135th Fighter Squadron. This is a new station and is rather isolated, it is situated in a very barren part of the country. Of course to an easterner who is used to the lakes and hills, the flat shrubless prairie at its best does seem desolate. With my sincere best wishes to all the staff.

Fred Daws—My wings test is over and I am now considered to be a pilot. I will be presented with my Wings on July 3rd, the big moment in my life, as I have been looking forward to it for some time. Our Class is now stationed at a sub-port, taking an advanced course in war tactics, a very interesting course, believe me. Keep 'em rolling.

### CALLED THEM "NUTS"

A Methodist centenary speaker at Ohio State University began an address to the students the other morning in this way: "Now, I'm not going to talk very long, but if you get what I'm going to say in your heads, you'll have the whole thing in a nutshell." And he looked surprised when a roar of laughter followed his unintentional slam.

### DAMAGE BY WEEDS

Damage done by weeds in the United States every year involves a loss of more than a million dollars.

He who believes in nothing is less remote from the truth than he who believes in what is wrong.

—Thomas Jefferson

“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WALL PAPER CLEANING**—for good reliable work, see Claude Stacey, telephone 9115, 770 W. Olive street.

**DANCING LESSONS**—Ball room dancing taught any evening, Central School of Music, by Geraldine Yonker, Telephone 4760 for appointment. Class dances on Wednesday nights, private lessons on other nights. Geraldine is the daughter of Jerry Yonker of the Shipping Department, and worked in the office during her summer vacation last year.

ITEMS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** A folding baby buggy. Price reasonable. 2097 E. Lawrence St.

**FOR SALE:** A piano, old fashioned, but fair condition, good tone. Just the thing for girl or boy taking music lessons. Call 988 W. View. Price reasonable.

**FOR SALE:** Baby Scales. Phone 2-0118, or see John Willis, Dept. 70.

**FOR SALE:** Bicycle, man's large size; also a Gas Engine Maytag, reasonable price. See Watchman 1124 at Foundry, T. A. Mudd, 924 N. Warren or Phone 2-0-19

**FOR SALE:** Choice suburban lot in Maryland Heights, 75 ft. x 140 ft. east frontage. Two blocks off hard road, close to school. Bill Mueller, Dept. 800. Phone 2-0819.

**FOR SALE:** Kelvinator ice refrigerator, 100 lbs. capacity, porcelain lined, good condition. See Harold Henry, Plant 2, or call at first house after road curves beyond Mueller Heights.

**FOR SALE:** Laundry Queen electric washer. Good condition. \$40.00. Fruit jars cheap. Fred Mathes, 1107 No. Morgan.

**FOR SALE:**—One complete paint spray less motor, in fair condition. \$10. Wm. T. O'Dell, Dept. 80.

**FOR SALE:** One large dining room suite, table, 5 chairs and buffet. Good condition. \$15.00. See Ted Smith, Dept. 80., or at 416 W. Grand.

**FOR SALE:** Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. 8c a lb. George L. Hunt, 556 N. Monroe St.

WANTED

**WANTED TO BUY:** A girl's bicycle. Wayne Wright, Dept. 90.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Anvil, 100 lbs. or larger; ½ to 4 H.P., 4 cycle gasoline engines. Otis Fears, Shipping Room, Clock No. 4729.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

That our Boy Scouts stand ever ready to serve their country in such a manner as they are able is being amply demonstrated. Last fall President Roosevelt issued a call to collect waste paper. Our boys in Troop 2 collected a lot of it. Several will be able to pay their entire way to camp from the sale of paper collected. Billy and Bobby Hughes are the most ambitious collectors—having a regular route they follow every Saturday.

In the recent rubber drive Troop 2 canvassed every house in the territory assigned them and did very well in view of the fact that the oil companies held their rubber drive at the same time. About half of our Scouts rode the oil trucks and obtained a lot more rubber this way. Many war posters and much literature has been distributed by our boys, the most recent being an OPA price circular.

June 23rd was a big night in the life of the troop. All the Scouts with their fami-

lies gathered in Fairview Park for a steak-fry and pot-luck. Some 30 or more attended. There was plenty of good food on hand, and some of the fathers proved as adept at outdoor cooking as their sons—(or their wives?). After the dinner all joined in singing popular Scout songs. Following this the troop charter for the coming year was presented, and the Scoutmaster awarded certificates to all the Scouts and Scouters present.

The regular monthly hike was held on June 27th. This marks the seventeenth month the troop has had a hike without missing a single month.



A big turnout and a live program—including swimming—made it a trip long to be remembered. The Scoutmaster introduced the Scouts to a new trick in food cookery — “pioneer drumsticks” — which made a hit. Next trip out

no doubt all will want to try out this tempting way to cook meat.

The next thing to come is camp. The troop is going out on July 19th and the following have already signed up to go: Herbert Harner, David Buck, Billy Hughes, Bobby Hughes, Richard Sefton, and Brownie Blakeman. It is hoped that all can go. It will be money well spent. Our motto for that week is: “Every camper advance a rank.”

As in the past Troop 2 will be very much in evidence at the Mueller Picnic, lending a hand wherever they can do a good turn for someone.

PREACHER HELPED

A parson, walking along the street, was attracted by some very strong and colorful language close by. Turning, he observed a man having difficulty in slipping the rim of his spare on the wheel.

“My good man,” he said, “That kind of language won't help you. When you are in trouble, you should ask the Lord to help you.”

“Well,” replied the angry driver, “I've tried everything else so I might as well try that.” So saying, he bowed his head for a moment, then raised up, took the rim and slid it smoothly and easily on the wheel.

The parson looked, scratched his head. “Well, I'll be damned,” he said.