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COVER PICTURE

With pride we picture on the cover the new Reception Center. The photographer caught the building in early afternoon on a June day when there were bright sunlight and cool shadows. The picture shows the South entrance to the building with the doors used by employees and visitors.

UNSEEN BUT IMPORTANT

Early this Spring a highly important, although unspectacular, improvement at the Main plant was completed. Except for the temporary inconvenience it caused in the parking of employees' cars this addition might have gone unnoticed. It was an improvement, however, which benefits all who work in the plant and offices. This was, of course, the new and larger water main laid on the Mueller Co. property. The new line insures an adequate water supply and ample fire protection from the sprinkler system.

To accomplish the desired result Mueller Co. laid a new 12" main from the existing main at the southwest corner of the foundry building across the parking lots between College and Monroe

streets and west of Monroe street. The new main joins a 16" main at Pine and Eldorado streets. The water supply and the water pressure have been greatly increased.

The work of excavating, installing and tapping was accomplished with a minimum of confusion. Temporary parking arrangements were made in which all cooperated. In a few days the work was done, parking lots were again in normal use.

A good and sufficient water supply is one of the essentials of life which we take for granted. It is hard to remember when we did not have it. Even we sometimes forget, we who by the nature of the products we make at Mueller Co. should be particularly conscious of the importance of water and the water industry. It's very easy to overlook what we do not see. Whether we realize it or not, the underground installations are serving us smoothly day in and day out. They help us to do our work in health, comfort and safety.



Salute to the Graduates

On page 8 we present sons and daughters of Mueller employees who are 1953 high school graduates. This is one of the most pleasant tasks assigned to a MUELLER RECORD reporter. Introducing these boys and girls is a tradition with this magazine, and we think an eminently worthwhile one.

The Commencement orators in their fine phrases have each season exhorted and advised. They have clearly charted all the paths offered to the young people. There is nothing we can add. We have an idea, though, that the graduates we are picturing in this magazine have been well prepared for their future. Their parents have given them guidance and understanding. Modern science has contributed to their physical health. Their teachers have unlocked knowledge for them and taught them how to think. As if these gifts were not enough, our young people have special good fortune in that they are maturing in a time of great opportunity. By anyone's definition this is the most challenging age of history. To be graduating into the future of today's youth is the most exciting of all prospects.

RECEPTION CENTER A BUSY PLACE



Inside Reception Center. Guard on Duty: J. J. Patterson. Elmer Miller, Plant Protection Officer.

THE NEWLY constructed Reception Center at the southwest corner of Cerro Gordo and College streets is a busy place. Through its doors pass hundreds of people every day. The Center is serving admirably its three-fold purpose. In this building visitors wait until they can be received by officials upon whom they are entitled to call. Here employees of all departments East of Monroe street pass when reporting for duty or leaving at the end of the day. This is, further, the nerve center of the Company's plant protection program. Admittance to plant and offices is possible only through the Center.

The Center is attractive. Here the visitor receives his first impression of the Company. The walls are finished with natural colored plywood. The floor covering is green and gray rubber tile. Overhead there are fluorescent lights in the acoustical ceiling. For the waiting visitors there are comfortable settees upholstered in green. The visiting salesman as he waits may read one of the

magazines on the reading table, or he may visit the museum on the West side of the room.

The building is kept spotless, as becomes what is really the show window of the plant. Floor and furniture are always free from dust and dirt. The window-washer's ministrations are frequent. The Center is always ready for company.

To understand how the Center operates for visitors we might assume that we are Mr. Brown of the Smith Sand and Gravel Co., and we are anxious to see the Mueller Co. purchasing agent. Or we could be from the Southbank Water Co. and wish to see someone in the Sales Dept. We have driven in from, say, St. Louis. We park our car in the clearly marked visitors' parking space West of the Center, and we come into the Center.

We are greeted by the guard on duty and asked to wait. The Purchasing department is informed that we, the imaginary Mr. Brown, wish an interview. When the purchasing agent is available.

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MUSEUM COMBINES OLD AND NEW

THE WEST alcove of the Reception Center is reserved for the Company's museum. In glass cases and on specially designed glass enclosed shelves are displayed company products and other objects associated with early Decatur. Through the efforts and the interest of Mr. L. W. Mueller these historic items have been collected and preserved. In the Center they are now appropriately shown.

A prominent spot in the museum is given to a coal oil fired steam boiler and reversible engine that was built by Hieronymus Mueller, Company founder. Mr. Mueller used the engine to operate a boat on the Sangamon river. The boat could carry 16 passengers and was in popular demand on Sundays and holidays. The engine illustrates the inventive genius of Mr. Mueller, creator of so many products made by his Company. The engine, incidentally, was recently tested out under air and found to be still workable.

In the cases are tools used by Hieronymus Mueller, an early gooseneck made by him. There are tools that are the

handiwork of Mr. Adolph Mueller. There are Mueller stops that have been in service scores of years. There are trumpets from the early Decatur Volunteer Fire department with which the late Mr. Fred B. Mueller was actively associated. There are souvenirs of the Civil War. There are guns made by Hieronymus Mueller. It was from Mr. Mueller's little gunshop that the Mueller products and Mueller Co. grew.

On the South side of the museum we come to the present. Contrasting with the mementoes of other days the present day Mueller products are displayed for the visitor. There is that old reliable, the "B" tapping machine. There are curb stops and corporation stops, regulators and relief valves, copper service fittings, meter hangers. Here are some of the newest products: the No-Blo equipment and fittings. Here, surely, is the answer to that often heard layman's question: "Just what is it you manufacture at Mueller's?" The Sales Dept. which sponsors the current products section of the museum, is seeing to that.



New Inserting Valve Equipment Goes to Water Works Convention



The newly developed Mueller inserting valve and equipment were featured in the Company's display at the annual convention of the American Water Works Assn. May 10-15 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These new products and the steps in their use, as shown in the center panels of the exhibit pictured above, aroused much interest on the part of convention goers.

Also displayed were the well-known Mueller fire hydrant, Mueller gate valve, tapping and drilling machines, corporation and curb stops, water meter hangers and service fittings.

The convention program was planned with both general sessions and separate special sessions for delegates interested in water works management, water purification, transmission and distribution or water resources.

Our Company was represented at the convention by Messrs. L. W. Mueller, F. H. Mueller, W. H. Hipsher, R. H. Morris, L. J. Evans, J. L. Logsdon, Jack Rubicam, Clifford Auer, Wilson Augustine, Lloyd George, Russell Jolly, Richard Medick

NEW BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board has been added to the Reception Center for the purpose

of acquainting Mueller Co. personnel with the Company's advertising program. Copies of current advertising will be displayed on this board. There are new products being introduced and improvements being made in old ones which employees will be interested in following.

Advertising on Mueller products has attracted notice in many quarters. The magazine **Industrial Marketing** has just recently had a story on one series of the company's ads in cartoon form on No-Blo equipment.

Reception Center

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the Center is so instructed by telephone. We are then sent through the main entrance and directed to the office where we are expected.

When the Reception Center was set up provision was made for a parking area between College and Monroe street where the cars of employees and visitors could be accommodated. To accomplish this several old buildings such as the Green Parrot restaurant, the corner building, as well as several houses, were razed. The whole area was transformed from its former to its present state in a surprisingly short time.

GROUND KEY FINISHES IN FIRST PLACE



Winning Ground Key Team, left to right: R. Adams, E. Nalefski, B. Taylor, G. Jenkins, H. Hanson.

The Ground Key Division finished at the top of the Mueller League for the 1952-53 season. Three teams, the Experimental Dept., Regulator Division and the Pattern Shop, tied for second place honors.

Ben Taylor with an average of 177 pins, was high individual bowler. Bob Leake, with 176 average, was runner-up.

Dale Reidelberger was winner in the Sweepstakes.

This last season was the 24th for the Mueller League. Old-timers believe that the Mueller League is the oldest in the city to retain its original set-up. It has gone through the years without major changes.

The final standings of the teams were:

	Won	Lost
Ground Key Division	63	45
Experimental Dept.	57	51
Regulator Division	57	51
Pattern Shop	57	51
Tool Engineers	55½	52½
Specialty Division	53	55
Works Manager	53	55
Plant No. 2	50	58
Brass Finishers	49	59
Product Engineers	45½	62½

Standings of the individual average high bowlers came out this way:

B. Taylor	177
R. Leake	176

E. Nalefski	175
D. Reidelberger	175
K. Blankenburg	172
A. Degand	172
A. Grossman	171
J. Bain	170
H. Stratman	168
C. Hill	168
M. Riewski	168

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WOMEN'S BOWLING NEWS

The girls on the two Mueller bowling teams have concluded an enjoyable season.

The team captained by Margaret Blankenburg celebrated the end of the year with a dinner on June 3 at Cedar Knolls. Team members were, in addition to the captain, Ellen Jane Stevenson, Virginia Benton, Bonnie Ray, Marilyn Nelson and Shirley Curtis. Ellen Jane was high bowler for the team which was in the Classic Junior Ladies league. Virginia Benton won second honors and Bonnie Ray fifth in the league Sweepstakes.

Wilma J. Poe was captain of the second Mueller team which has played in the Sunset league. Her team-mates were Mildred Duquenne, Ellen Jane Stevenson, Eva Rich, Gertrude Hedges. Earlier in the year Helen Alberts and Nancy

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Three New Salesmen

Three new salesmen have this year been appointed to help tell the story of Mueller quality products to the water works and gas trades. Here we introduce them to members of the Mueller organization.



Edward
D. Ayers

Edward D. Ayers represents Mueller Co. in the Eastern New York territory. He has a rich background of sales experience in the utilities field and is well fitted for this post. He is a veteran of World War II, having served extensively in the European theatre and is a holder of the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action. He is married and has a daughter and a son. His headquarters address is Cooperstown, N. Y.



Edmund C.
Fenstad

Edmund C. Fenstad is our sales representative in the Western New York area. He has a wealth of engineering experience and is well equipped to serve our trade. He is a World War II and Korean veteran. He and his wife, the former Virginia Doolittle of the New York office, are making their home in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Ayers and Mr. Fenstad travel in the sales territory formerly served by the late Harold A. Probst.

Our third new salesman is Robert B. Herrin. Mr. Herrin will assist Robert T. Whitehead in the Missouri and Eastern Kansas territory. He has had an extensive sales background and is well qualified to sell Mueller products. He and his wife and their small daughter now have their home in St. Louis.

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BOB JETT TO WEST COAST

Robert L. Jett, who has been attached to the headquarters organization at Decatur, was transferred to the West Coast plant June 1.

In accordance with the Company's policy of leaving no stone unturned to find business, Mr. Jett has been transferred from the Decatur organization to the Los Angeles territory to concentrate on the development of industrial business. His primary objective will be to seek out places in industry where our regular products can be used.



Robert
B. Herrin

MEET THIS YEAR'S



Philip R. Wiant



Roberta Ann Gross



Shirley J. Hall



Forrest N. Baum

On these two pages there are presented eleven sons and daughters of Mueller employees of the Decatur organization, boys and girls who have graduated this year from high school. Eight of the graduates received their diplomas from Decatur High School, one was graduated from St. Teresa High School, another from Argenta High School and a third from the high school in Assumption.

Forest Neal Baum was a May 29 graduate of Decatur High School. His parents are Marvin Baum of Dept. No. 80 and Iris Baum of Dept. No. 50.

Robert L. Bolsen, who received his diploma from Decatur High, is a son of John L. Bolsen of Dept. No. 90.

Patricia Ann Daily is another graduate whose parents are both Mueller employees, Jesse C. Dailey of Dept. No. 90 and Olive L. Dailey of Dept. No. 50. Patricia Ann is a Decatur High School graduate.

Jean Dannewitz, daughter of Otto Dannewitz, was graduated from Decatur High School.

Roberta Ann Gross received her diploma from Argenta High School. Her father is Robert Gross.

Don Grossman is a son of Buddy

Grossman of the Tool Room. Don is a graduate of Decatur High School.

Shirley Jane Hall was graduated from Decatur High School May 29. Her father, Warren Hall, is second shift foreman of Dept. No. 70.

James Preston Howard graduated May 27 from Assumption High School. His father, Floyd Howard, is in Dept. No. 80.

Mary Frances Kramer was graduated from St. Teresa High School. Her father is Lawrence E. Kramer, foreman of Dept. No. 90.

Donald Lee Matthews is a graduate of Decatur High School. He is the son of W. A. Matthews of Dept. No. 61.

Philip R. Wiant was a May 29 graduate of Decatur High School. He is the son of Leo O. Wiant, Industrial Engineering Vice President.

SALESMEN'S MEETING

The week of August 17 has been set as the date of the Annual Mueller Salesmen's meeting. The Sales Dept. is completing the program for the meeting when the company's sales representatives from all territories will be in Decatur. Information on new products and their use and design, advertising and sales helps will be emphasized in the sessions of the meeting.



Don Grossman



Jean Dannewitz



Donald L. Matthews

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Robert L. Bolsen



Mary F. Kramer



Patricia A. Dailey



James P. Howard

TRAVELING NO-BLO EXHIBIT

The May issues of the magazines **Gas** and **American Gas Journal** carried stories on the Mueller No-Blo Exhibit which is currently touring the country. Up to that time the exhibit, then in charge of Frank B. Miller and Francis X. Uhl, had traveled about 25,000 miles, bringing the exhibit to more than 300 companies and more than 8,000 people in the gas industry.

This exhibit is primarily designed to acquaint men in gas utility and pipeline companies with the latest and safest methods of working on gas lines under high pressures. At the conferences where demonstrations are conducted questions from the audience are encouraged to bring out information valuable to all concerned.

NEW NURSE

Betty Hubbell is the name of the young lady who is the new plant nurse. She began her duties in the medical department June 1, succeeding Kathryn Kinert who had come back into the organization after the resignation of Helen Albert.

Betty is a resident of Decatur and is a graduate of the Decatur and Macon County Hospital School of Nursing.

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Definitions

Modesty: The feeling that others will discover how wonderful you are.

Brilliant conversationalist: One who talks about you.

Acquaintance: One you know well enough to borrow from, but not to lend to.

BEEES FOR ELMER

One morning in mid-June Elmer Miller found himself confronted with a new type of problem in the line of employee and plant protection. A swarm of bees reported in for duty. At first the visitors swarmed about menacingly in a tree in the parking lot South of the Core Room. Elmer, who was quite sure the bees were not authorized to remain either as employees or visitors, telephoned around to find a beekeeper who could use another colony of honey-makers. Meantime the bees left their tree and settled down on a parking block under the back of a gray car. Elmer renewed his efforts to locate an apiarist. He wanted the visitors out and gone before the lunch hours began and the quiet of the parking lot was broken. His quest was successful, and a bee expert came, bringing an empty hive. By this time the bees had had enough of camping out and moved, docile as could be, into their new home. "Operation Bee" was thus completed—and, so the report goes, without anyone being stung.

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BURGENER-CLINTON

Charles M. Burgener, factory messenger, and Miss Louise M. Clinton were married June 14 by the Rev. Verne F. Oglesby in his home. After a short wedding trip they are making their home at 820 W. Leafland Ave.

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Golfer (far, far off in the rough): "Say, boy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"

Caddy: "It isn't a watch, sir—it's a compass!"

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SHOWER FOR MARIAN



Marian Dihel of the Personnel Dept. was guest of honor at a shower given for her in the Cafeteria June 17. Hostesses at the party, which was attended by some 34 women of the organization, were Helen Lee, Grace Glenn, Edna Rybolt, Ethel Turley, Mabel Herrick, Kathryn Kinert, Louise Whitehead, Margaret Blankenburg. Prizes were won by Gladys Masterson, Margaret Griesbaum, Wilma Poe. In the accompanying illustration Marian is shown opening one of the many gifts she received.

Marian and Ferden A. Herreid of Dept. No. 80 were married June 28 in the English Lutheran Church. A wedding dinner and reception at Cedar Knolls followed the ceremony. The bride and groom are making their home at 975 W. Main St.

PLANT CLOSED FOR WEEK

The Mueller Co. plant at Decatur was closed the week beginning July 6 for the annual vacation week shut-down. Some departments and individuals were required to work during the period. This annual shut-down affords an opportunity for various maintenance and housekeeping activities to be completed with the least possible confusion.

FOREMEN AND SUPERVISORS DINE

One hundred fifty-five Mueller Co. executives and foremen, with their wives, enjoyed a company sponsored dinner May 20 in the Hotel Orlando ball room. The pictures on the opposite page indicate some of the highlights of the evening.

Albert G. Webber III served as toastmaster. The evening's program included: Invocation—Fred Tratzik
Welcome—Clarence C. Roarick
Dinner

Introduction of New Foremen—Mr. Roarick
Vocal Music—Mrs. Eileen Tertocha
Address—W. H. Hipsher
Monologue—Howard Hughes, character actor.

Mr. Hipsher, in his speech, stressed the need for action to translate the faith that inspires into lasting achievement. He emphasized, too, the responsibility of the supervisor and foreman.

A string trio provided dinner music.

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Five Newcomers Added to Mueller Organization

Announcement is made of the appointment of these five men who have recently come into the Decatur organization:

Thomas L. Harding, a 1953 graduate of the University of Illinois, is working in the Personnel Dept. as job evaluation engineer.

Carl Floren has been transferred from Mueller Co., Los Angeles, to Mueller Co., Decatur, as engineer in the Development Engineering Dept.

Gilbert Werner has joined the Mueller organization as general foreman of maintenance in the Maintenance Dept.

Verle Utzinger rejoins Mueller Co., after an absence of about two years, as Foundry engineer for both the brass and iron foundries.

Frank R. Seevers has been transferred to the Decatur Sales division as assistant to the General Sales Vice President. Dick was formerly one of our Decatur salesmen, operating in the Nebraska and Southern South Dakota territories.

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An addressee is the last person to read a postcard.



AT THE DINNER

Above—The dinner guests.

Center — Mr. W. H. Hipsher
speaks, Mr. C. C. Roarick at
right.

Below—Mrs. Tertocha sings.



MAIN OFFICE - BEFORE AND AFTER



The "Before" and "After" pictures above indicate the transformation that took place in the Main Office during the recent remodeling operations. Since the overhauling job was completed the office is virtually new. At least, it has a new ceiling, new walls and new floor covering. The new color scheme of green and soft cream is light, clean and eye-pleasing.

Outstanding in the modernized office

is the new lighting system. This was a complete electrical project with new wiring and attractive filtered fluorescent lighting.

A new sprinkler system was installed, which means that the office is not only pleasant to look upon, but it's a safe and a comfortable location in which to work. The remodeling has produced, also, better heating and better ventilation. From a housekeeping standpoint, too, it

has its advantages: it's much easier to keep clean.

One remarkable feature about the remodeling program here in the office is that the greater part of the work was completed in one week. This, surely, sets a record of some kind.

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Woman's Bowling News

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Williams played with them. Mildred Duquenne was high bowler. The team ended in fifth place and was second in the Team-Hi series. The girls had their post-season banquet June 5 at the South Side Country club.

Three Mueller women bowlers stepped into Big Time play when they participated in the Women's International Bowling congress. Wilma Maleska, Betty Walker and Betty Dehority bowled at the WIBC in Detroit on May 23 and 24. There were 5,000 teams entered there, and the local girls were much pleased with the experience. Entrants included several Decatur teams.

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Graduates from Normal



Harold K. Walton, son of Floyd E. Walton of the Brass Foundry and Mrs. Walton, has just received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Illinois State Normal University. He will teach in one of the Decatur schools this year. He is one of the nine children of the Waltons whose home is in Niantic.

June was an important month for the young man, for not only did he take his degree on June 6, but on June 14 he also took a bride. He and Miss Mary E. Gorden, a teacher in the third and fourth grades in the Boody school, were married in the Blue Mound Christian Church.

The Long and Short of Maintenance Stock Room



Diminutive Ernie Schmidt (5', 1½"), here discusses a stock problem with his capable assistant, big Walt Zerfowski (6', 4½"). This smooth working team has charge of all parts stocked for use in factory maintenance, all 2500 parts. Ernie has been in this department approximately ten years, and big Walt joined him shortly after he returned from service in the Italian campaign in World War II, as Technical sergeant. The picture is by that zealous Camera Club member, Walter Bowan.

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CHUCKLES

Two friends were discussing their automobile troubles. "What model is your car?" asked one.

"It isn't a model," retorted the other. "It's a horrible example."

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Money can't buy happiness, but you can have a lot of fun shopping for it.

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A small porcupine was taking a morning walk. Suddenly he stepped back into a cactus plant and asked, "Is that you, ma?"

Chattanooga

Evelyn Wilbanks, Correspondent

Seems that summer finally arrived after such a cool spring and this can readily be determined by the number of employees who have been coming in lately with sunburns. To mention only a few there are James Potter of the Office and Coy Jones of the Foundry. Seems that Coy played golf for one whole day in shorts and really got himself a good case of sunburned legs. Says he has learned his lesson though—and the hard way.

Jane Witt, of the Production Control Dept., was entertained on Monday, June 1, 1953, with a party at the home of Odell Reich in North Chattanooga. Jane became the bride of James Brackett in a beautiful church wedding on June 7, 1953, at the South Rossville Baptist Church where her father is pastor. We wish Jane and Jim lots of happiness as they go to their home in Athens, Georgia, where Jim is a student at the University of Georgia.

Another member of our office force became a bride recently. Irene Belcher of the Sales Dept. and Steve Manley were married May 23, 1953, in Lakeview, Georgia. Our congratulations to them!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Thelma Hawthorne, of the Production Control Dept., in the recent death of her father, and to Russell Cheatham, of the Foundry Division, whose one-day old son passed away.

Also our sympathy is extended to Henry Tyson of the Foundry, in the recent death of his father, and to William Tyson, of the Assembly Dept., in the loss of his brother, who was the father of Henry.

We are glad to have Charles Bible, of the Maintenance Dept., back at work after recuperating from a major operation.

Elsie Hill is off again due to illness. He had been off several weeks recently and the doctor says now that he must return to the hospital for another operation.

We wish to extend our congratulations to several employees who have recent arrivals in their homes. Among them are:

Stanley Kuhne—Son born May 24, 1953.

James Boston—Son born May 10, 1953.

Alboan Glass—Daughter born May 12, 1953.

Eddie Calhoun—Daughter born April 11, 1953.

Joe Racz, Factory Lubrication Engineer, has recently returned from Camp Rucker, Alabama, where he attended a two weeks Army Reserve Training Camp.

By the time this RECORD is published Mary O'Kelley, of the Engineering Dept., will have been on her vacation which will have taken her to parts of Canada, New York, Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

From all reports we hear it won't be long until Frank and Virginia Kellett will be in their beautiful new home in Stuart Heights. Frank is in the Sales Dept.

The last Foreman's Club meeting for the current year was held May 14, 1953, at the Maypole Restaurant in the form of a dinner meeting. New officers for next year were elected as follows:

President—Joe H. Wall

Vice President—O. E. Walker

Secretary—Stanley B. Kuhne

Treasurer—O. E. Walker, Jr.

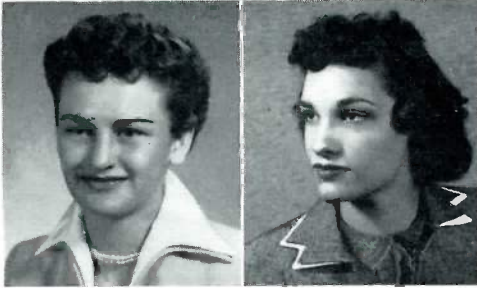
We are very proud of our ball team this year and there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm. In the Industrial League—slow pitch, we are tied for first place with Combustion Engineering Co. We hope the boys will keep up the good work and that we will end the season with top honors.

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There's no better way to get ahead than to use the one you've got.

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent



Donna Rae Fraser

Sally Marie Cook

The Los Angeles plant proudly presents its two June graduates, Donna Rae Fraser and Sally Marie Cook.

Miss Fraser was graduated June 18, 1953, from Whittier Union High School. Her mother is employed in Dept. 60 as an inspector.

Miss Cook graduated from El Monte Union High School, also on June 18. Her father, Marshall, is employed as a tool grinder. She will continue her education at Mt. San Antonio College where

she will work for a teaching certificate for violin.

Congratulations to these young ladies.

Birthday Greetings to:

July—Leonard Johnson, James Musso, Robert Bonham, Glenn Huff, Garnett Smith, Rudy Ramoneda, Claud Beckham, Charles Portee, Robert Laviguer, Martin Hammel, Fred Uhler, Donald Smaby, June Kokoszinski, James Kirby, Donna Jully, Alex Padilla, Obia White, Zora Aldabe, Gilbert Medina, Fred Liebherr, JoAnne McDonald, Carol Christianson, Homer Van Laethem, Montgomery Harmon, Reba Farrow, Lorraine Layton, James Rondeau.

August—Ben Piott, Marshall Cook, William Young, William Cosman, Eulayla Prewett, Cyril Wolfe, Daniel Reschke, Laura Noggle, Anna Denton, Violet Rowe, Vernon Lamb, Lillian Olson, Hal Murray, Jasper Hendrickson, James Palmer, Bernerd Bussell, Clive Blankenship.

Al Ridgeway Dies Suddenly

The entire Mueller organization at Decatur was shocked and saddened June 26 by the news of the sudden death early that morning of Allen G. Ridgeway, for many years head receiving clerk. Al had been at work as usual the day before and was his customary cheerful self with a smile and a greeting for all. Al had been with the company since 1919.

Funeral services were conducted June 29, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to Al's widow, the former Miss Lillie Picon; his father; his three sons, Frank, James, Robert, his daughter, Mrs. Alwilda Hartbank. All four children are Mueller employees.

WE'RE SORRY

Due to a bad complication of circumstances, which include a tornado in Sarnia, Ontario, and an early deadline for this magazine, it was impossible to have our usual news from our Canadian plant this issue.

Hot Weather Safety Hints

Health and safety experts declare that the old laws still apply when the weatherman delivers high temperatures and humid days. In hot weather as in cold the Safety Alphabet is still spelled Always Be Careful. Being careful means following these familiar rules:

1. Avoid over-long exposure to the sun if you are not used to it.
2. Do not drink large amounts of excessively cold liquids when you are very hot.
3. Dress as comfortably as possible.
4. Obtain a sufficient amount of rest.
5. Obey the old law of moderation.

It's wisest not to overeat, overdrink, overexercise or overworry — especially about the heat.

Post Mortem Jingle

John Doe's family

Is now bereft:

John signaled "right"

When turning left!

SEVEN OLD-TIMERS RETIRE



Howard Baldis

Since the first of the year seven Mueller employees have joined the ranks of the retired. Their years of service with the Company total more than 211 years.

Howard Baldis, engine room foreman, retired March 31 after 24 years, five months, 13 days of service. He and his wife have gone to California to make their home so that they can be near their son Don.



Zacharias Boehm

Zacharias Boehm of the foundry retired March 13. He had been with Mueller Co. 29 years, one month, nine days.



Ed. Foley

For Ed. J. Foley February 23 was retirement day. He was employed in Dept. No. 80. His service record indicates 23 years, three months, seven days.

Orville J. Hawkins, purchasing agent, retired the last day of 1952, and his years of service come to the grand total of 41 years, five months, 21 days. Mr. Hawkins' first duties with the company were as a stenographer and time clerk. He for many years headed the gas and regulator division of the Sales department. He was named purchasing agent in 1938.



Otto Sharlock

On January 31, 1953, George H. Hofmann retired. Mr. Hofmann had been an enthusiastic member of the sales force for 25 years and two months. He has been in the Texas territory with headquarters at Houston.



Orville Hawkins

Otto H. Sharlock, another salesman, also retired on January 31. Mr. Sharlock has been with the company 38 years, six months and 17 days. He began his Mueller career in the office at Decatur but has been a sales representative for many years with headquarters in Pittsburgh.



George Hofmann

Emmett M. Reedy retired December 31. He had been with Mueller Co., in Decatur and Los Angeles, 29 years, three months, six days. He was originally with the Engineering department in Decatur and served in other capacities until the Pacific Coast plant was opened. Then he went to Los Angeles to be superintendent of the new factory. At the time of his retirement he was Vice President in charge of the Los Angeles plant.



Emmett Reedy