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This Month's Cover

THAT'S PAUL A. GADDIS, a Mueller Co. employee for almost 33 years, behind that mask, photographed by Walt Bowan, engineering department.

Gaddis was welding a flange to the top half of a 6-inch line stopper fitting when Walt made the photograph.

The photograph has won several prizes, and is an outstanding welding shot. Only the intense white light from the electric arc was utilized in making the photo.

That Housing Shortage

WE HAD A sincere interest in wanting to write about the Johnsons—Shirley and Clarence—and to learn at first hand just what trailer life really involves, for at the time the article was written our own personal housing problem was far from a solution and there

was little hope that it would be solved in the very near future.

However, calling on the Johnsons must have brought some measure of luck, because our spies located a place with a roof just a few days later. No, it wasn't a trailer, but we'd be glad to trade the Johnsons even up.

For the story and pictures of the Johnsons and how they are meeting their housing difficulties, see pages 4 and 5.

A Word About Ads

CONTINUING ITS policy of publishing current advertisements of the Mueller Co. in its employees' edition, the MUELLER RECORD this month is reproducing on its back cover an advertisement which appeared in *Gas* and *Gas Age* of the Mueller H-11400 gas stop, which is manufactured at the Decatur plants.

The grey iron body is cast at plant No. 2, and the red brass key, washer and nut are made at the main plant. The stop also is assembled, inspected and tested at the main plant.

Belated mention also should be made that fire hydrants, featured in last month's advertisement, are manufactured at the Chattanooga plant.

These advertisements will continue to be run to keep employees who *make* these products informed of the manner in which the manufactured products are presented to those who *buy* them.

Sideboards, Maybe?

SPACE LIMITATIONS are becoming more of a headache than are deadlines, about which this column complained in last month's issue of the MUELLER RECORD, for again we were forced to omit several pages of copy simply because there wasn't room for it all.

There are several possible remedies. The most logical would be to increase the number of pages or to enlarge the page size or format of the magazine. However, neither of these are practical at this time, due to the continued critical shortage of paper.

Until such time as some practical solution to this problem can be worked out we hope that our plant and departmental correspondents will forgive us for cutting items on which they perhaps spent a great deal of time and effort in obtaining.

But it's better to have too much than too little.

Apprentice to Hieronymus Mueller

Albert G. Webber, Sr., Dies

ALBERT G. WEBBER, SR., first associated with the Mueller Co. at the age of 16 as an apprentice to Hieronymus Mueller and later general counsel for the company into the third generation of the Mueller family, died at his Decatur home May 2 at the age of 93.

Mr. Webber had retired from active legal practice in 1942, after completing 64 years as an attorney. He was Decatur's oldest lawyer, both in age and in the number of years of practice in his profession. His son, Albert G. Webber, Jr., is now general counsel for the Mueller Co.

Mr. Webber was born July 23, 1853, in the village of Winesburg, near Heilbrunn, Germany, the son of Frederick and Margaret Wenkle Webber. His father died when he was two years old, and several years later his mother married a German army sergeant who came to the United States to enlist in the Union army during the Civil war.

In 1863 his mother and her two children, Albert and a sister, came to this country to join the husband and step-father. Shortly after the family was reunited, they moved to Decatur and established their home here.

As a boy of 14, Webber, like many other youths of his age in that period, started to work. In 1870 he became an apprentice to Hieronymus Mueller, whose appointment as "city plumber" in charge of making water connections at mains and of plumbing was made by Decatur's city council the following year.

In 1872 Hieronymus Mueller invented the tapping machine and Mr. Webber often recalled how he helped Mr. Mueller make taps of water mains with the machine during the early installation of water service in the city of Decatur.

Mr. Webber became interested in telegraphy, and, after a period of part-time study, he was hired by the Wabash Railroad Co. He held the position of telegraph operator and station agent at Taylorville, Litchfield and

Tolona, and while working at the latter place he met an official of the Rock Island Railroad Co., who hired him as a passenger conductor.

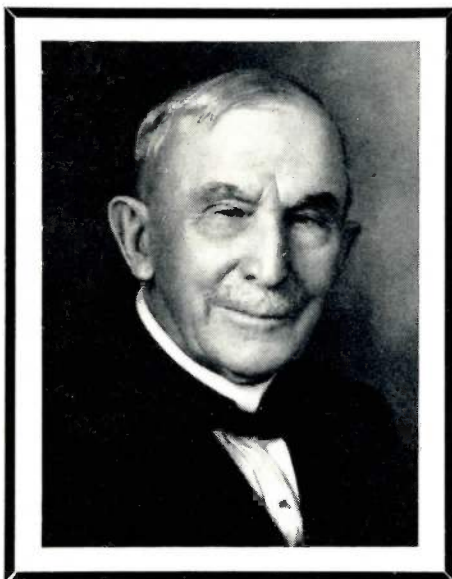
Not yet 21, he made his first run as a conductor on July 1, 1874, on a local passenger train between Keokuk and Des Moines, Iowa. It was during this five-year period as a railroad conductor that he arranged to read law in law offices at Keokuk and Des Moines during his lay-over time. He also enrolled in a Des Moines law school.

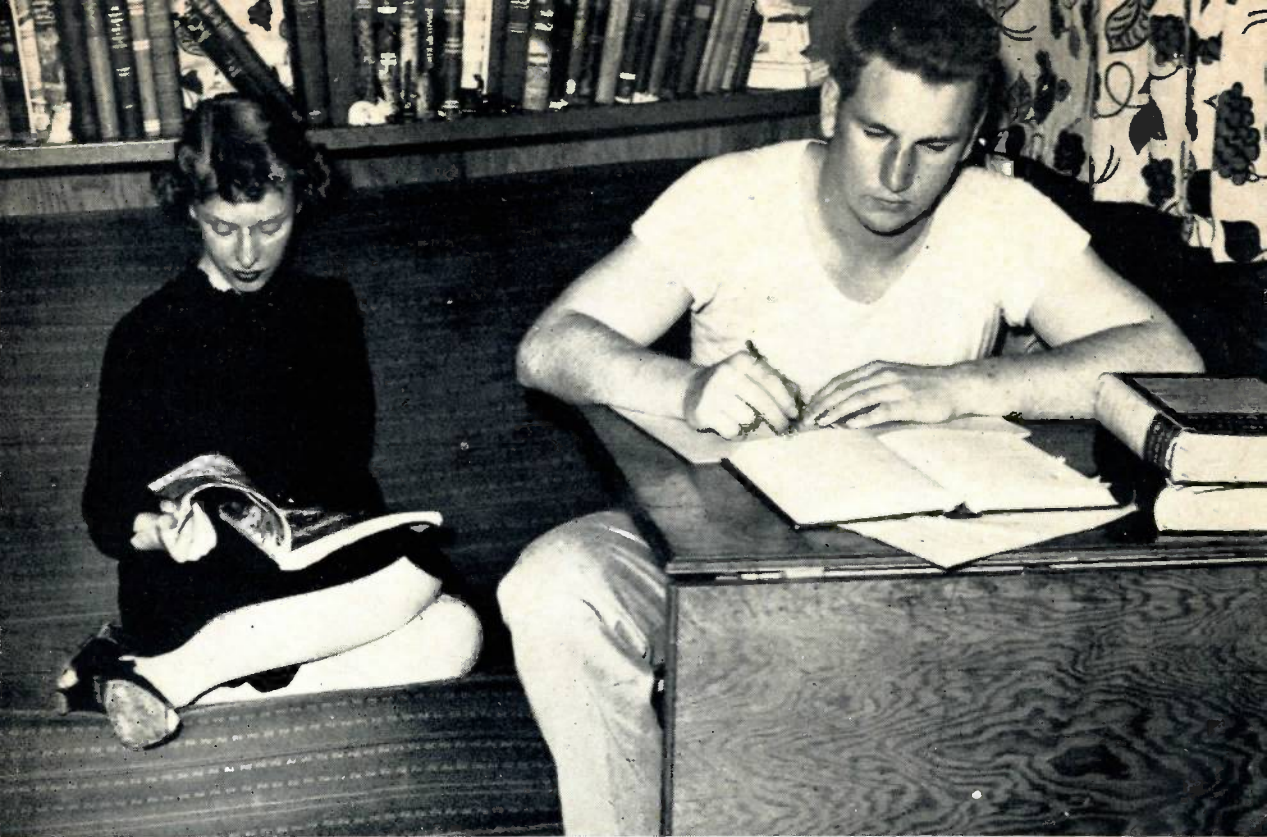
He was admitted to practice law in Iowa in 1879, and he left his railroad job to devote himself to his profession. He returned to Decatur, and opened a law office on November 1, 1879. He practiced law continuously until August 1, 1942.

Mr. Webber was first engaged by the Mueller Co. in 1893 in his capacity as an attorney, but was not retained as a regular counsel until 1900.

W. E. Mueller, president and treasurer of the Mueller Co., in recalling the long association of Mr. Webber with the company said, "Mr. Webber was always kind and considerate; he was respected and esteemed by all members of our organization, and was one of Decatur's outstanding citizens."

Mr. Webber was a hiking enthusiast and for many years he and the late Adolph Mueller took long walks through the country south of Decatur and the two were lifelong and devoted companions.





Shirley Johnson, engineering department secretary, and her ex-GI husband, Clarence. James Millikin university student and football player, have found a trailer is somewhat cramped in space, but that it's one solution to the housing problem.

Home, Sweet Home

SEASONED VETERANS after one school year of life in a trailer, Shirley Johnson, engineering department secretary, and her husband, Clarence (Red) Johnson, an ex-serviceman and a student at James Millikin university, have found that the somewhat cramped quarters offer at least one means of whipping the housing shortage and that the discomforts haven't been too great.

With their neighbors, the Johnsons reside in a community of 28 trailers set up on the university campus as an emergency housing project for former GIs and their families.

"We like it," Shirley says in reply to the first and most obvious question the couple usually is asked about trailer life. "We're all about the same age, and since our husbands are all veterans who are attending school, we have a lot in common."

Last September was a busy month for the Johnsons. Shirley and Clarence, former high school sweethearts, were married September 4, and after a honeymoon in Chicago, they moved here, so that Clarence, a sophomore

who lettered at fullback last fall on the university's football team, could enroll. On September 26 Shirley began working in the engineering department.

Like many other couples, housing was the deciding factor for the Johnsons when it came to selecting a school. Clarence had attended the University of Washington, intending to major in forestry, but after a two-year stint in the Navy as a second class gunner's mate on an LST in the Pacific, he decided to switch to business administration.

Out of five universities and colleges to which inquiries were made regarding housing facilities, Decatur's Millikin university was the only one that could offer any help. The couple hastily decided that a trailer would be fine, and a trailer it has been for the past ten months. And Red has made out well enough to ask for more, since he has enrolled for the summer term. Or perhaps it was just that the couple has been promised a double trailer which will provide some relief from their present crowded home.



Meals are prepared on the trailer's small and sometimes temperamental gasoline stove, while an oil-fired stove, also built on miniature lines, is used for heating. Bathing at the trailer community requires a stroll down the boardwalk, a discouraging prospect in winter.



Martin Riewski Wins Sweepstakes

MARTIN RIEWSKI, a member of the Ground Key Division team which captured first place in the Mueller Bowling league, won the annual sweepstakes event May 13, the concluding feature of the season.

C. Hackman was second place winner in the sweepstakes, and W. Morrow was third. Others who finished in the money were W. Edwards, J. Dailey, J. Taylor, V. Riley, J. Harding, A. Degand, G. Hartwig, C. Morenz and B. Taylor.

Team play in the league was completed May 10. The Ground Key Division team, which had cinched its first place position well ahead of the season's wind-up, held a comfortable lead over the second place winner, the Specialty Division. The Works Manager's Office and Machine Repair teams were tied for third.

The ten high individual scoring averages for the season were W. Behrns, 181; A. Flaugh-er, 179; G. Hartwig, 177; B. Taylor, 175; H. Stratman, 175; Al Hill, 173; E. Nalefski, 173; A. Degand, 172; M. Riewski, 170; and L. Adams, 170.

HOW THEY FINISHED

Team	G	W	L	Pct.
Ground Key Division.....	108	71	37	.658
Specialty Division.....	108	62	46	.574
Works Mgr. Office.....	108	59	49	.546
Machine Repair.....	108	59	49	.546
Tool Room.....	108	55	53	.509
Main Office.....	108	49	59	.454
Experimental Shop.....	108	49	59	.454
Brass Finishers.....	108	49	59	.454
Product Engineers.....	108	44	64	.408
Pattern Shop.....	108	43	65	.398

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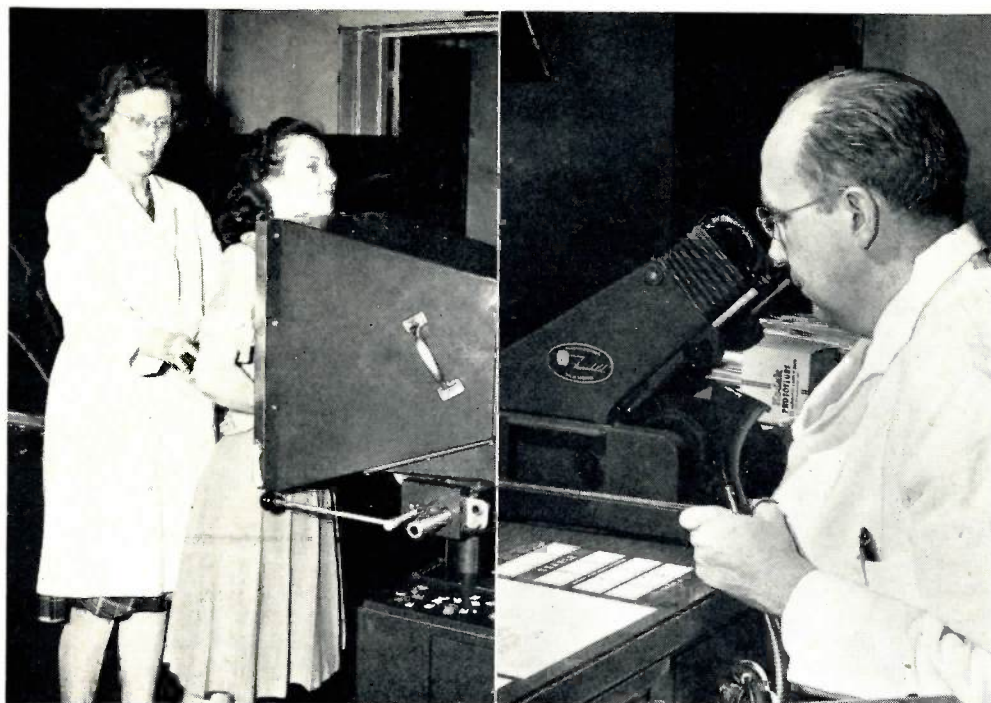
GOLF TOURNEY UNDERWAY

Play in the Mueller 72-hole golf tournament, which is open to both men and women employees, got underway June 2 with the first of four 18-hole rounds scheduled to be completed June 22.

The second round will begin June 23 and continue until July 13, and the third round will start July 14 and end August 3. The fourth and final round will begin August 4 and continue until August 24.



Members of the ground key division team, which this year finished out front in Mueller Bowling league play, are, left to right, Haldon (Teaberry) Hanson, Van Riley, Eddie Nalefski (captain), Ben Taylor, Galen Jenkins and Martin Riewski.



Eva Huie, state public health department x-ray technician, readies Mrs. Elizabeth Bahlow, personnel office, before the portable x-ray machine. Once before the camera, it was just a matter of, "Take a deep breath—hold it—that's all." At the right Dr. D. F. Loewen, superintendent and medical director of the Macon County Tuberculosis sanatorium, is shown as he read the results of the x-rays made in the survey.

Employees Volunteer In TB Survey

A TOTAL of 745 Mueller Co. employees received voluntary chest x-rays May 5, 6 and 8 as part of a community-wide tuberculosis survey, which is being conducted through the combined efforts of the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Macon County Tuberculosis and Visiting Nurse association, and the Macon County Tuberculosis sanatorium.

The mass survey, which by the middle of this month will exceed 20,000 persons in Macon county, is the largest case-finding program ever undertaken in this area, and constitutes another offensive in the fight against tuberculosis, which is both an infectious and a communicable disease.

Health officials have pointed out that x-rays make possible the diagnosis of tuberculosis in its early stages, far in advance of the appearance of the usual symptoms of the disease. Early discovery is highly important in effecting a cure.

Dr. D. F. Loewen, superintendent and medical director of the Macon County Tuberculosis sanatorium, interpreted the x-rays, and results of his findings have been mailed to employees who participated in the survey.

X-ray technicians from the state department of public health set up the portable unit, one of seven portable and mobile units now being used in Illinois for tuberculosis control work, in the Mueller gymnasium Monday morning, and the first group of employees began filing through shortly after noon. The complete process, from the making of records to the final "shot," required only a few minutes for each employee.

Cost of the survey is being defrayed by the state department of public health and the Macon County Tuberculosis and Visiting Nurse association. The state health department furnished the equipment and technicians, and other expenses were met by the local tuberculosis association from funds realized from the sale of Christmas seals.

More Lead Than a Horse Opera

The Hot Stuff Gang

MACHINE METHODS of mass production have largely supplanted handiwork in modern manufacturing, but the hot lead boys of the ground key division are definitely production workers, and they're practising a skill almost as old as plumbing itself.

The history books, of course, do not record which of the Roman emperors employed the plumber who made the first wiped joint, but since that time the making of a wiped joint has been part and parcel of the plumber's trade.

The boys in the lead department aren't plumbers, but they do make wiped joints—or, more technically, they make wiped joint goosenecks. And plumbers are the customers who use the products from the department.

The gooseneck itself is used to form a flexible coupling between the water main and the service pipe which goes to the consumer's house or building. Since the gooseneck is coupled at one end to corporation stop, inserted into the main with a tapping machine, its development as a Mueller Co. product can readily be seen.

Years of experience in the wiping of lead joints makes the job appear to be fairly simple when such experts as Ralph Adams, group leader of the department, or some of the older men are wiping a joint.

However, the job has a three-to-four year training period, and Adams says a production wiper requires anywhere from four to five years before he's really good.

The trick is to heat the brass coupling and the lead pipe with the molten solder, pouring enough of the solder over the pipe to heat the pipe to the melting temperature of the solder, so that the pipe will supply heat to keep the solder plastic until the joint is wiped.

The solder is poured at about 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and because of its composition—lead and tin—it "freezes" when it cools to about 350 degrees. As the solder cools after being poured on the joint, the lead crystallizes out of the mixture in small cubes, forming a plastic material that can be worked.

The joints are wiped with a cloth wiping pad, which is made by folding sail cloth or bed

ticking and then impregnating it with tallow to prevent it from sticking to the metal.

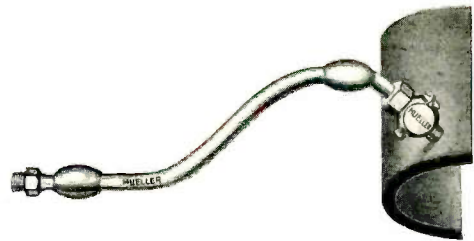
The wipers want it understood that the plastic solder is not merely molded to form the connection, but that the joints are wiped. A properly wiped joint is a matter of pride with the men in the lead department.

Since there is only a thickness of sixteen layers of wiping cloth between the molten solder and the men's hands, small burns are common occurrences, and the lead wipers' heavily calloused hands show the marks of their craft.

Adams said that he had read of a number of persons who had deliberately and unsuccessfully tried to scar their fingers to avoid being fingerprinted, but that he doubted if a fingerprint expert could read his prints.

However, Adams, who has been in the lead department for almost forty years, said the experienced joint wiper seldom receives a serious burn.

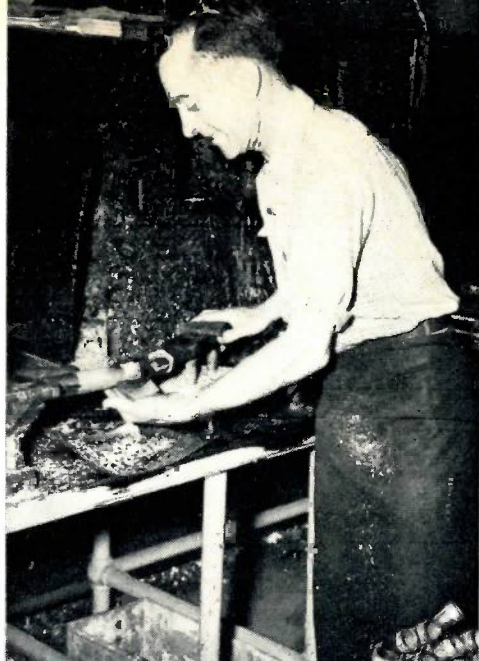
A skilled workman can wipe joints to dimensions that do not vary more than a small fraction of an inch. But it's a skill that isn't learned overnight. Patience, tough hands and a soft touch are the leading requisites for the job.



The gooseneck furnishes a flexible connection between the city water main and the water service pipe to the consumer's house or building. As shown above, the gooseneck is coupled to a corporation stop, and the soldering nipple at the other end is joined to the service pipe. The plumber making the tap bends the lead gooseneck into a double curve, forming a coupling that will withstand any movement of the water main or the service pipe and a coupling that also takes up the strain of backfilling a ditch.



1 Ancil Younger pours the molten solder onto the joint, moving the ladle back and forth until the lead pipe and the brass have reached a temperature high enough to hold the solder in a plastic condition long enough to allow the joint to be wiped.



2 Experience has proved to be the best means of determining when the proper heat has been reached and there is sufficient solder to shape the joint. Using his tallow-impregnated wiping cloth—and an occasional swipe with a bare finger, Younger begins shaping the joint.



3 The finishing wipe shapes the bottom of the joint. Since the solder has begun to "freeze" as the wiping of the joint continued, leaving still plastic metal beneath the outside surface, the joint is quickly cooled with water.



4 Final step in the making of the wiped joint goosenecks, as in all other Mueller Co. products, is the testing operation. Here Eugene Simpson just has completed testing the gooseneck, which must successfully pass a 200-pound hydraulic test.

This Year's High School Graduates



Roberta Brownlow



Robert Brownlow



Louise Allison



Lois Allison



Lois Jones



Donna Fonner



John W. Rambo



Carolyn Jean Keil



Maurice E. Gordy



Gene Grossman



Margaret Armstrong



William S. Miller



Richard Sefton

TOPPING THIS year's group of 1947 high school graduates, whose parents are members of the Mueller Co. organization at Decatur, were two class salutatorians and two sets of twins.

The class salutatorians were Donna Mae Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walton, who was an honor student at Niantic high school, and Richard Sefton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sefton, who was graduated from Warrensburg Community high school. Floyd is in the brass foundry, and Archie is production superintendent. Young Sefton also



Donna Mae Walton

was honored for his high scholastic record with an Illinois State Normal college scholarship and a Bausch and Lomb science award.

The twins, shown in the top row, are Roberta Irene and Robert Dean Brownlow, who were graduated from Maroa Community high school, and Louise and Lois Allison, graduates of the Assumption Township high school. James Brownlow, department 80, is the father of Roberta and Robert, and Herman Allison, department 63, is the father of the identical twin daughters.

Among the other graduates from schools in this vicinity were:

Lois Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones, who was graduated from the Atwood Township high school. Troy is in department 30.

Donna Fonner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fonner, who was graduated from the Mt. Zion high school. Her father, Pat, is in the core room, and her mother, Leone, was formerly a core room employee.

John W. Rambo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rambo, who was graduated from Deca-

tur high school. Wade is a truck driver at the garage, and Mrs. Rambo is in the core room.

Carolyn Jean Keil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Keil, who was graduated from Decatur high school. Mr. Keil is secretary of the Mueller Co.

Maurice Gordy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gordy, who was graduated from Maroa high school. Earl is a watchman at the Decatur plant.

Gene Grossman, son of A. N. (Buddy) Grossman, was graduated from St. Teresa high school. His father, "Buddy," is supervisor of the tool room on the second shift.

Margaret Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Armstrong, was graduated from Decatur high school. Russell works at plant No. 2.

William S. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, who was graduated from Decatur high school. His father is at plant No. 3, and his mother, Ruth, is in the core room.



Sarnia Stuff



On Saturday, April 5, Miss Muriel May (Mollie) Hillier, became the bride of Charles Vincent Frame. The marriage was solemnized at the Central United Church parsonage at 3 o'clock, the Rev. E. W. Jewitt officiating.

On Friday evening, April 18, the annual Mueller Bowling league banquet was held at the Sarnia Riding club, under the direction of W. B. Campbell. Following the dinner the cup presentations were made as follows:

Mueller, Werdes and Parker Trophy—presented by George W. Parker to W. C. Cook, captain of the "Faucets", the top bowling team.

Bevan Trophy for lady with the highest average—presented by Pat Patterson to Miss Maizie Nichols of the engineering department office.

French Trophy for men's high average—presented by E. W. Geddes to Maxwell Fletcher of department 6.

The first three teams of the league sharing in the cash awards were:

"Faucets"—Captained by W. Claire Cook
 "Goosenecks"—Captained by Maizie Nichols

"Regulators"—Captained by W. B. Campbell.

Dancing was enjoyed by the bowlers and their guests until the wee small hours, to music supplied by William Glass.

The warm weather has started softball enthusiasts thinking of prospects for the summer and everything points to a full season. The City Softball league is planning floodlight games, and if the mosquitoes can be persuaded to delay their attacks in the evening, success is certain. Eight teams are expected to start the season, a Mueller Co. team having been entered by Henry P. Hardy, representative to the City league. Harold (Slim) Fennell is acting as manager and Phil Hamilton as coach.

Dick James, engineering department, being one of these far-sighted persons, has scheduled his spare time for the next four to six months. Dick has commenced to lay the cement foundation for his new home on the Lakeshore Road and plans to construct same largely by himself, with a hope of having a few rooms ready to occupy in the not too distant future.

Decatur Dope

Gene Cash, foundry office, has once more justified his reputation for thrift.

Recently, his wife had a birthday anniversary. In a burst of sentiment Gene selected a beautiful birthday card, and had the members of the family sign it. This, he thought, would really make an impression. Mrs. Cash, Gene chuckled to himself, would remember this occasion.

Came time to open the card. Gene waited breathlessly. Mrs. Cash removed the card from its envelope. She looked startled, puzzled, uncomprehending.

"What's wrong?" asked her husband.

Mutely, she pointed to the card. There in shining letters Gene read, for the first time:

"Happy Birthday, Grandfather."

Just Gene's good old Scotch foresight, content fellow-employees. The card can be saved until he becomes a grandfather, and then be used for him.

A recent visitor to the Decatur plant was Don Amman, former pattern shop employee, who is now a co-pilot for United Air Lines, flying out of Chicago. Don was a B-24 pilot during the war, and is now flying United's 21-passenger DC-3 transport.

Miss Mildred Louise Moore, daughter of Robert J. Moore of Niantic, and Howard W. Hartwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hartwig of Heyworth, were married May 24. Howard, a World War II veteran, is in department 37. The couple is at home at 345 Burtschi court.

Ray Kilcen and Maxine Griffith, engineering department, are extremely display conscious these days, being up to their necks in sketches and plans for a Mueller Co. display, which will be sent to the annual convention of the American Water Works Association at San Francisco July 21-25.

W. A. Bailey, cafeteria manager, received a birthday card May 9, which bore the best wishes of exactly 193 Mueller Co. employees (Bill made the count with the aid of a magnifying glass). The occasion marked his forty-first birthday anniversary.

Among those who attended the Passion Play at Bloomington last month were Fedora Walton, Dorothy Chamberlain, Laura Becker of the core room, and Helen Campbell, department 8; and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ashmore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ater and Mr. and Mrs. Pershing Griffith.

George P. Kost, department 11, has purchased a seven and one-half acre tract of land three miles outside the city of Decatur on the Ravena Park road, and plans to improve the property, either as a small truck gardening farm or as an investment.

Hoyt Mounts, brass foundry, returned to work June 2 after a two-week trip, during which he visited relatives near Houston, Texas, and also went to Texas City, which recently was the scene of one of the most devastating tragedies ever experienced in the United States. Hoyt said that from the appearance of Texas City news stories of the tragedy did not exaggerate the damage incurred in the blast.

Fred A. Meador, chief drum clerk for department 8, received his high school diploma through the general education development test for GI's June 6 at the Decatur high school.

Mildred Glock, a former Mueller Co. employee and a junior at James Millikin university, has been employed in the advertising department for the summer.

Business in Chicago compelled Walt Bowman, engineering department, to miss Sally Rand's appearance (with fans) at a modeling session with members of the Decatur Camera club.

McI Chaney, plant engineer, and Ollie Fortschneider, pattern shop, are still crying over the result of a golf foursome at Bloomington recently in which they were paired with Mrs. Fortschneider and Marshall Foster, department 12, with the losers paying the dinner check. Mrs. Fortschneider and Foster won, and Foster insisted on the \$3 steak dinner. Foster obviously enjoyed the meal, and when

he had finished, the waitress asked if he would like another cup of coffee.

"Does it cost extra?" Foster asked.

"Yes, it does," the waitress replied.

"Fine. I'll take it," Foster said.

Chaney and Fortschneider say they didn't mind the steak order, but that extra cup of coffee did it.

Big-time bowling tournaments last month attracted these participants from among Mueller Co. employees:

Carl Dodwell, accounting department, who competed in the American Bowling Congress tournament at Los Angeles May 5-6.

Erma Barth, accounting department, who participated in the Women's International Bowling Congress tourney at Grand Rapids, Mich., May 16-17.

Clarence Roarick, division superintendent of tool making and machine repair; Edgar Hartwig, department 9; and Albert Flaughner, department 36, who competed in the Illinois State Bowling Association tournament at Chicago May 17-18.

Core room employees are wondering what caused Georgianna Latch to become so excited a few afternoons ago that she put on her jacket to go home at 2:30 o'clock.

E. F. Dickey, credit manager, and his family had planned a vacation for the first two weeks of June, but all plans were cancelled when he received a summons for jury duty.

Ellen Jane Stevenson, pay roll department, returned to work June 2 after spending a two weeks' vacation at Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., and Mexico.

Steel chips from department 300 . . . Spring has finally arrived in "30". Jerry hurt his finger in spring training. Warren turned off the heat and opened the window. Jess finished painting his kitchen the last day of his "spring vacation." Things sure are happening in the department. Warren got back from Detroit, John Harding got a 200 game in the sweepstakes (his first in three years), Heck got rejected as he passed through the department, Bob Hill got his kettle and bell after the fellows found out he is now an official in the Salvation Army, Simon outbid Oscar (the Popcorn King) Stratman on the old thread

millier, Hank finally got rid of his old cap, and Hugh has discarded his well-worn clock. Did you hear about Ted, Paul and Clarence waiting 35 minutes for a ride home while the ride was waiting across the street for them all the time? Some famous last sayings: Pete to Smitty when the bomb on the motor of his car exploded—"Blew a head gasket." "No, the gas line is on fire." "Better jump Smitty—she's going to blow." Al May—"No one is going to tell me how far or how fast.." Vern Walley—"I'll bet that old Studebaker will do a hundred."

PLANT NO. 2 NOTES

Employees at plant No. 2 were sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, their daughter, Mrs. Bertha Landus, and her husband, Glenn Landus, who were killed May 18 when their automobile collided with a Pennsylvania passenger train near Hagarstown, were an aunt, uncle and cousins, respectively, of Mike Wright, foreman. Harold Moats, pattern shop at the main plant, was similarly related to the four persons killed in the collision.

Those who read in this column in the MUELLER RECORD last month of the tragic death of our cat, which had survived being hit by a stop box core and a dipping in the paint tank only to be run over by an automobile, will be comforted to learn that another cat has been donated by Vernon Brunner.

Gerald Hawkins, timekeeper, will begin his studies at the summer session of James Millikin university June 16.

During the Memorial Day holiday, Coy Butler and family visited his daughter, Lois, at Greenville, Ill., where she is attending college.

Don Robinson has been breezing to and from work of late in his new Kaiser.

It seems that on May 24 Elwood Potts went fishing. No more need be said.

Last month it was reported here that Orville Hinderer was hauling five women to and from work. This column wishes to report that this number has now dropped to one.

❖ Chattanooga Chatter ❖

When we look around and see all the cases of sunburn and freckles, we can really say that summer is on the way. Everyone is talking about picnics, boat rides and fishing trips. The season for them is definitely on the way and it looks like all of Columbian Iron Works has turned vacation minded.

Columbian boasts one high school graduate in the class of 1947. Pauline Nave, who has been a part-time employee in our sales department for some time, was graduated from Central High school May 21. We wish Pauline a lot of success and happiness in her future life.



Homer Massey and Joe Bartlett of the machine shop have just returned from a week of doing nothing, so they say. Carl Veal and Vance Sims got in on the spring house cleaning at their homes and spent their time plastering and painting.

J. T. (Jack) Suggs, 17, son of Earl, one of our assembly men, and Mrs. Suggs, is now stationed with the U. S. Army in Tokyo. Jack writes that he finds Japan very interesting and has been learning a lot about the world, but he hasn't found any place like home yet.



Roy Denton claims to be a mechanic, but some of the boys in the machine shop are beginning to doubt it after Roy's little repair job on his truck. Roy refused the help of Russell Miller, and after two days of hard work, the only way he could get the truck to run was down hill. Some say it probably

wouldn't have run even down hill, if Russ had had a hand in helping. Roy finally had to swallow his pride and ask "Junior" Hixon to give him a tow. (The truck still isn't fixed.)

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kempainen, Ontonagon, Mich., announce the birth of a son, Robin, May 11. Mrs. Kempainen is the former Leah Nell McCarthy, whom we all remember as Pat. She was employed at Columbian as nurse until her enlistment in the U. S. Army, where she served at Kennedy General hospital, Memphis, Tenn., until her marriage.

Hoyt Sorrells, core room, has been released from Erlanger Hospital, where he has been confined since last November for several operations on his leg.

The disposition of our first aid man has definitely improved since he has resolved not to go on any more all-night fishing trips. What makes it so bad, so Charles says, is the fact that he didn't catch anything.

Rufus Bohanan is going to be very careful how he ends up his next fishing trip after the lesson he learned from the last one. At least, he knows better than to put his fish in the bath tub and not to eat his Sunday dinner on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Black announce the birth of a daughter, Sonjia Kay, born May 24. Alfred is one of our foundry boys.

One of our new maintenance department boys is sporting a big smile and handing out cigars. Carlie Lowery reports a new daughter, Glenda Sue, born May 22.

A glamorous addition to the office force is Reva Brown, who is our new personnel assistant. Reva comes to us from Oak Ridge, where she worked in stock control for the Army. She is already making lots of friends with her nice personality and bright smile and we will be hearing from her later when she takes over the handling of our news for the MUELLER RECORD.



Los Angeles Report



Flo Weston, our very efficient cafeteria manager, jumped off the deep end April 28. She sneaked off to Las Vegas, Nevada, and is now Mrs. Donald Llewellyn. As moral support she took along Mr. and Mrs. George Borsz. Mrs. Borsz is our paymistress. The temptations of Las Vegas! It was a long two weeks between pay days.

Angeline Sullivan, the pint-sized whizz bomb of the core room, has been a bride for three months. She had promised her parents that the wedding wouldn't be for a year or so. But since it is a woman's privilege to change her mind, the mind was changed—but it involved a climb out of an upstairs window in the middle of the night.

Virginia Cronn and Bernice Mahon, also of the core room, are engaged to be married. They're both sporting new diamonds, but they won't come forth with the date of marriage. Virginia says it will be this summer. Glenn Blize, time study engineer, placed the ring on Bernice's finger.

What certain red-haired assistant foreman doesn't whistle at the girls anymore—and why?

Glenn McCoun and Clyde Valentine of the polishing department left after work May 29 for a trip to Indiana and Ohio. The highways probably will be scorched, since they planned to be at their destination in three days.

The Mueller Co. Bowling league wound up play for the season May 16 with the Falcons out front after a whirlwind finish in the last few weeks of play. League play began February 7.

Each member of the Falcon team received a bronze trophy on which his name was engraved, not to mention the \$18.72 in prize money.

The high team game was won by the Larks and Eagles, with \$10 in prize money. The Robins won the high team series and \$10 in prize money. Charles Portec won the men's high game and \$5 in cash, and Dolores Saewert won the ladies' high game and \$5. Beth Noble won the ladies' high series and \$5.

In the sweepstakes the doubles was won by

William Young and Charles Crider, with second place going to "Pop" Baker and L. C. Sutton. The singles was won by William Young, and "Pop" Baker was second.

By the way, what "young" old foreman was holding two girls on his lap at the bowling alley? But then he must be all right, for the Mueller Co. has held on to him since 1911.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL graduates whose parents are members of the Mueller Co. organization plant include, top row, left to right: Carla Margene Warren, a mid-term graduate of Huntington Park high school, and Suzanne Reedy, a graduate of Ramona Convent high school, Alhambra, Calif.; bottom row, Doris Jensen Saewert and Robert E. Morgan, both graduates of El Monte Union high school, El Monte, Calif.

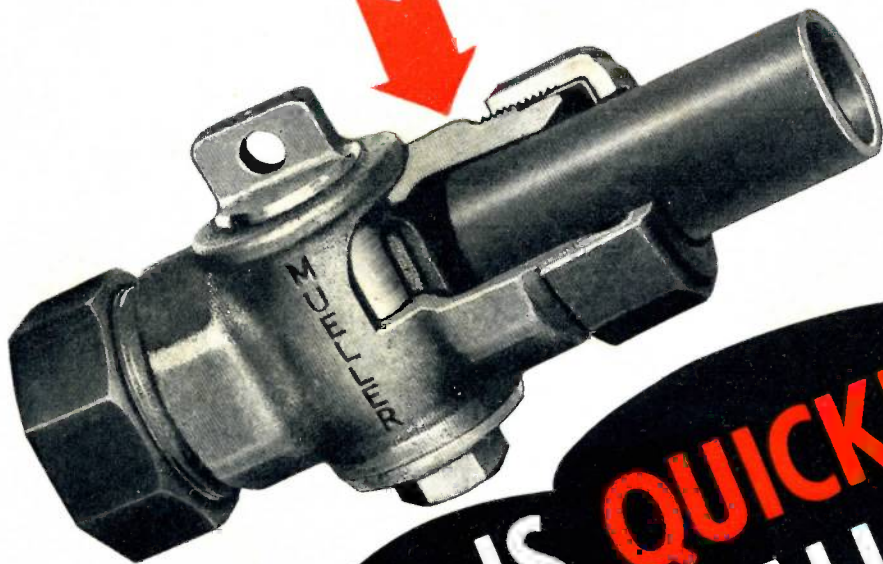
Miss Warren's father, Gene Warren, is a tool and die maker.

Miss Reedy's father, Emmett Reedy, is factory manager at Los Angeles.

Miss Saewert is the daughter of Mrs. Dolores Saewert, core department.

Bob Morgan is the son of Joe Morgan, tool grinder and building maintenance department.

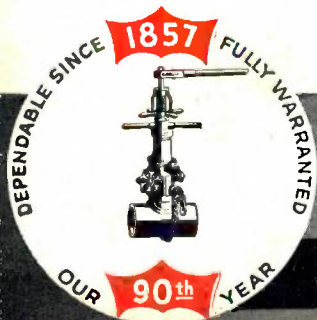
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