

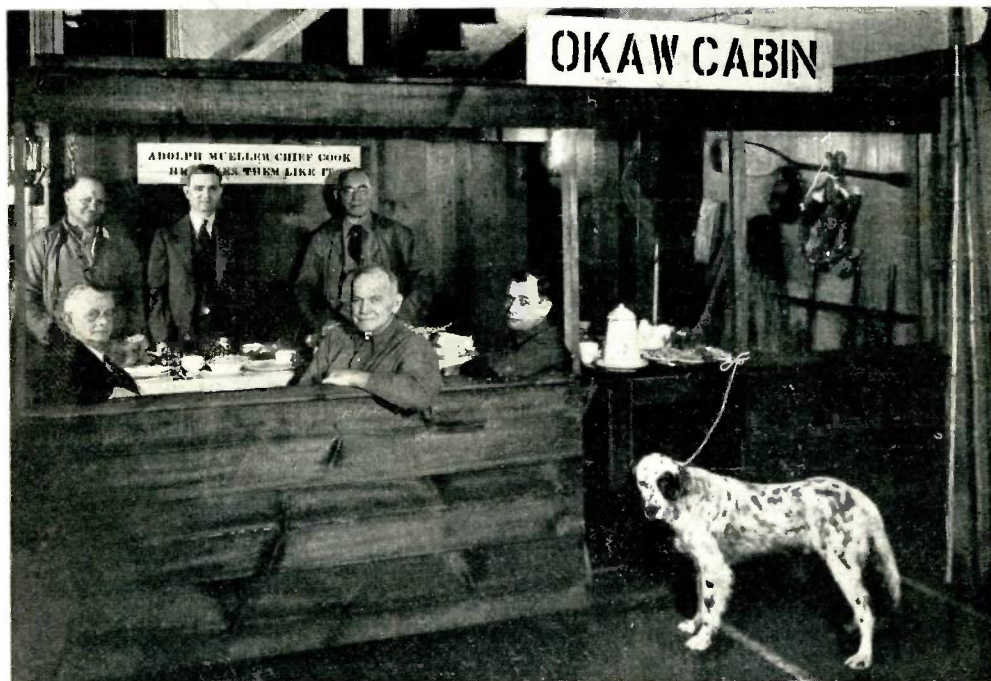
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This reproduction of the dining room at Adolph's Okaw Cabin was shown at the recent hobby show and attracted a lot of attention. Adolph served the meals for the party, consisting of the following: Charles Cochran, J. W. Wells, Adolph Mueller, W. T. Mason, Bill Ferry and Ed. Stille.

MAKES DIFFERENCE WHERE IT LODGES

Juanita Harper, fifteen year old daughter of Roy Harper of the Polishing Department, went to a basket ball game the evening of Friday, March 1. As she was returning, she ate some pop-corn. By some mischance, one grain went down the wind-pipe, choking her. So great was her distress that she was taken to the Decatur Macon County Hospital. The doctor, after an hour's hard work, was unable to dislodge it. She got some rest in the night, and next day was advised to go to a specialist in St. Louis.

Mr. Harper appealed to the Personnel Department and arrangements were made for Elmer Miller to drive Juanita and her father to Barnes hospital in St. Louis. On arrival there,

the specialist was at last able to remove the pop-corn. Next afternoon she and her father returned to Decatur.

One grain of pop-corn more or less in the stomach makes little difference. One small grain in the lungs is almost a matter of life and death.

ADVANCES IN C. C. C.

Kenneth Watkins, oldest son of Ernest Watkins of Plant 2 enlisted in the C. C. C. last August, and was sent to Washington state.

Within two weeks he was put in charge of a small group of men who were laying out work in a park. In a very short time his special ability came to the attention of officers, and since that time he has been in the office of the engineering corp on drafting work. Ken-

neth took mechanical drawing in high school and some of his work was on exhibit at our hobby show. We congratulate him upon his success in camp.

NEW TEETH

Several of our men are getting new dentures. This is a fancy name for artificial teeth. It is our observation that when teeth get to the condition where they are a menace to health, the best thing is to have them out. It is well to have the advice of a physician and a dentist in so important a matter. Where it is necessary, teeth should be extracted. Usually there is a marked improvement in health after the teeth have been removed, and when the new teeth are in and the patient can chew his food again he notices further improvement.

For a number of years, the Employees Aid Society has been assisting in matters of this kind. Eighty new sets of teeth have been financed in part by the Society.

WHY NOT OUR OWN COMMUNITY SALE?

Have you a chair, child's bed, stove, some dishes, a hoe, some used clothing that you would like to sell? It has been proposed that we have our own community sale in the Gymnasium some day this spring, in the belief that many items can be exchanged to the mutual advantage of all concerned. Before going into any further plans, we should like to hear from you. Tell Langdon about it.

GARDENS

We do not know just how much land will be allotted for employes' gardens this spring. Therefore, we are asking you to inform the Employment Office if you wish a lot this year. Do it at once, please. We aim to prepare enough ground for those who want gardens, and we advise you to get your name in early.

BUD'S ONE

Bud Simpson has been transferred from the Shipping Room to the Printing Department. This newest worker in a print shop is always known as the "devil." You all know Bud. He is a regular devil.

ADOLPH HERE

Adolph Mueller arrived home Tuesday, March 5, for a few days. He came on business, but Ed Stille and Bill Ferry say he smelled the Okaw cabin and could not stand the sea side.

MODELING

Bud Simpson is now modeling as well as printing. Some days ago he posed in a bath tub, while the camera man took a shot at him. Bud was presumably taking a bath. Bud is quite an old hand at this. Several years ago he posed in a bath room scene with his brothers and sisters, and this picture was used in advertising for many years.

MARILYN-MAXINE



Marilyn is the nine months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stratman. Mr. Stratman was formerly of the pattern shop. She has an Uncle Martin in the tool room, an Uncle Henry in the machine shop, and an Aunt Dorothy, clerk in the receiving department.

GOOD PLACE TO EAT

There is one thing about the meals at the cafeteria. They are prepared in clean, sanitary equipment and surroundings. In addition, the food is of excellent quality. You can do no better anywhere in Decatur. The meals consist of choice meat, wholesome vegetables, and tasty desserts. The soup and chili are always good, plenty of vegetables and well seasoned. And then remember you are meeting your fellow workers in a social way. Nothing adds more zest to a meal than eating it with friends for a gossipy, cheery time. It helps digestion and makes a pleasant break in the days duties. Patronize your own cafeteria. It is not conducted for a profit, but for your convenience.

BACK TO TOWN

W. T. Mason and family, who for the past two years have been living at Mueller Heights, decided to move into town this spring. They have been active in neighborhood affairs while living in the country, and on the evening of February 21 about eighty of the neighbors came in with a surprise party to wish them well. The affair was planned by the Mothers' Club of the local school. They came just at supper time with baskets, and everybody had a fine time in a good old fashioned way.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ray, who are also leaving the neighborhood were also included in the party and came with the group to the Mason house.

One evening while Ben Taylor was playing basketball some one accidently struck Ben in the back with his knee. Several days later a bad case of shingles resulted, involving the back and left leg. Ben was laid up for about two weeks.

BRASS CHIPS

Dick Cash gave his back a twist on the afternoon of February 21 when he went to lift a heavy joist from the floor. He has been laid up for the past two weeks.

Jesse Ditty at Plant 2 bruised the end of his finger early in February. At first it appeared to be a small matter, but the injury was slow in healing and it kept him away from work about three weeks.

Elvis Musgraves of Plant 2 who has been laid up for the past month with pneumonia, is now convalescing.

The general interest we all have in Sylvia Barnes leads us to report that her condition is gradually improving. She is back at the switchboard, and her dentist gives her hope that a suitable denture can be worked out.

The wood pattern department has been making some special flasks to be used at the iron foundry. These are for castings to be used in connection with the Columbian line.

After somebody put a dent in the rear fender of Julius Grabenhorfer's car the other day, Julius

WHO'S THIS?

It is none other than Billy Campbell one of the veterans of the force.

Orland Matthews, formerly of our Polishing Department, and his cousin, R. V. Elmes of Esby, Arizona visited the plant February 28. Mr. Elmes is connected with the University of Illinois and is engaged in research work in economics.

WHEN YOU AND I WERE YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Watts in sweetheart days

averred that it would be necessary to put guards down the sides as well as the front and rear ends of his car. We are awaiting the result with interest.

We are glad to state that the surgical work done on C. N. Wagenseller's eyes has been quite successful and that his vision is largely restored and is improving. His patient efforts ably assisted by Mrs. Wagenseller have had this happy result. We congratulate them both.

Walter Dunn of Dept. 8, in swinging over the conveyor last week slipped and bruised his side on the edge of the bench. He has been laid up for the past ten days.

Lou's Wallenbrock of the Tool Making Shop was laid up for several days in February by sickness.

Charles Taylor, who fainted at the shop one day and was removed to the hospital, returned to work the next morning, and since then has gone about his work as usual. He was much relieved to find that his trouble was not serious.

Oscar Gerhart, who use to work in Dept. 300, is now with the Mueller Brass Co. at Port Huron, Michigan. His experience here enabled him to get in their brass finishing shop. Oscar had been out of work for several years.

The boys in the Machine Shop and Tool Room report all injuries however slight to A. J.

(Tony) Grossman, who administers first aid. This sensible method of getting first aid at once has prevented infections. Several years ago Tony took the Bureau of Mines course in first aid. He wore his button for awhile, but it brought him so much business he no longer needs it.

A letter received from Frank Mueller states that the arrangements made by the Traveler's Insurance Co. for disability under our group contract is quite satisfactory to him. Once more the value of this insurance has been demonstrated.

Joe Morgan, clerk in our Los Angeles factory, has been quarantined for scarlet fever since February 22. We hope that he has a mild case.

A. L. Bethards of the brass foundry returned to work February 18 after an absence of eight weeks due to infection in his neck.

There has been some absence on account of the flu this past month, but on the whole less than usual at this time of year. We are glad also to report that we are having fewer accidents the last several months than we use to have. This, we believe, is due to the fact that people are more careful of their safety and more careful of their health. In both cases, prevention is better than cure.

E. M. Reedy, superintendent of our Pacific Coast Factory, spent several days in Chattanooga late in February. He returned to Decatur with L. W. Mueller, and they showed up at the plant Monday, March 4.

Gordon Pollock, son of William Pollock of the Regulator Dept. is home from Fenn College of Cleveland, Ohio. Gordon is taking an engineering course under the co-operative system, which allows the student to be out part of the year to gain practical experience.

Celia Cochrane, who did stenographic work on the second floor for several weeks, now has a position with the Hi Flier Kite Co.

An article in the local papers recently mentioned a Macon County picnic held at Los Angeles and several people formerly connected with the Decatur factory, but now living in Los Angeles, were listed as attending the picnic.

Ernie Schlegel, a member of the night Tool Making Department several years ago, but now associated with the Columbian Iron Works, returned to Decatur late in February for a few days visit. He reported that residents of Chattanooga had radishes and lettuce up in their gardens. He encountered snow and rain enroute and arrived in Decatur in time for one of our recent brief cold spells.

Mr. Robert Mueller, who is spending a number of weeks in Tuscon, Arizona, has written several interesting letters about the sights they have been seeing and the rodeo held in that city

recently. He also sent generous supply of cactus candy to the office force.

W. E. Mueller was here and in Sarnia on company business during the week of Nov. 18.

Charles Johnson has recovered from an attack of measles. He missed them in childhood days, but in some way they caught up with him and gave him a right hard tussle.

Matt Trott made a business trip to Kalamazoo recently.

CHATTANOOGO NOTES

Joe Martin, chief watchman, died suddenly on the morning of February 20. His death was a shock to every one. Mr. Martin did not take out a policy in our group insurance.

He has been succeeded by John Andrews.

The following men have organized a bowling team. They are hopeful for a good showing when they have had more practice.

S. M. Peace, Joe Hart, E. E. Cline, Harry C. Earle, Hal Moseley, Wayman Black, Louis Newman.

Lloyd Pease, of the Accounting Department, left the Company February 15 to accept a position with the T. V. A. at Knoxville, Tennessee. Lucien L'heureux is now working in his place.

FORMER DECATURITE

Here is a face that many of the older employes will remember. It's a photograph of Roy Baker, formerly of the Shipping Department, but for many years attached to the San Francisco branch. He is now connected with the Pacific Coast Factory and holds the position of cashier. He has been with the company in Decatur and San Francisco for the past fifteen years. There are two Roy Bakers in the coast factory. The second went from Decatur a year or more ago to take charge of the plating department. He finished his twenty years term this year, but through a confusion caused by names his photograph did not appear in the January issue with the other twenty year men.

OFFICE CHANGES

Paymaster Enloe moved his office March 8 to the third floor to be near the Accounting Department. He will occupy the space in the southwest corner of the room formerly used by the mail department. Mrs. Gilbert and her work moved farther forward in the space occupied by O. C. Draper. Mr. Draper moved into the office occupied by Mr. Bixler about Christmas time, and Mr. Bixler joined the Credit and Claim Department in the center of the main office.

BIRTHS

CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. John Curry, Dept. 9, a son, Donald Wayne, on January 28.

CLOSE RACE IN LEAGUE

Any One of Four Bowlers Stands Good Chance for First Place

The bowlers in the Mueller League are still hard at it. Since the last report in the Mueller Record there has been very little change. The standing of the teams is the same as is the standing of the ten high bowlers with the exception that George Krag has nudged ahead of C. F. Roarick.

Blankenburg still leads but Behrns is giving him plenty to think about. "Humpy" is only a few points behind. C. C. Roarick last season's champion is in 3rd place only a point behind "Humpy", while Ed Stille is in 4th, only two points behind Roarick. Any one of this quartette has a chance to win first place. It's the prettiest race in the life of the league. The standings follow:

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Works Mgr. Office	78	49	29	.628	840
Specialty Division	78	46	32	.590	842
Ground Key Division	78	42	36	.538	767
Pattern Shop	78	40	38	.513	813
Tool Room	78	38	40	.487	766
Utility Engineers	78	36	42	.462	717
Regulators	78	31	47	.397	751
Plumbing Division	78	30	48	.385	696

Individual Averages

Team	Player	Average	
Works Mgr. Office	W. Behrns	184	
	L. Wiant	176	
	C. F. Roarick	169	
	J. Bain	164	
	M. Chaney	159	
	M. Curry	151	
	Specialty Division	K. Blankenburg	184
		R. Hill	167
		A. Flaughcer	167
		C. Hill	166
E. Hartwig		164	
A. Grossman		157	
Ground Key Division		E. C. Stille	181
		J. Taylor	162
		H. Gragg	149
		F. Taylor	147
	G. Edwards	140	
	N. Washburn	103	
	Pattern Shop	H. Leipski	177
		C. Morenz	172
		G. Krag	172
		A. Lindamood	160
R. Lusk		157	
Tool Room		C. C. Roarick	183
		A. Radke	164
		C. Rubican	149
		M. Stratman	148
		H. Stratman	133
	L. Siloski	118	
	Utility Engineers	B. Mason	167
		W. Gould	156
		J. Morrison	152
		H. Fairchild	148
F. Tratzik		124	
W. Groble		111	
Regulators		W. Smith	162
		A. Olsen	159
		F. March	150
		J. Pollock	147
	G. Hutchins	139	
	Plumbing Division	K. Keck	193
		P. Jacka	145
		A. Jendryn	145
		O. C. Keil	135
		L. Kramer	129
C. Hathaway		125	

Ten High Bowlers

Name—	G.	W.	L.	Ave.	H.G.
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div	78	184	235		
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	72	184	241		
C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	78	183	241		
E. C. Stille, Grd. Key Div.	54	181	222		
H. Leipski, Pattern Shop	60	177	226		
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.	78	176	215		
C. Morenz, Pattern Shop	74	172	236		
G. Krag, Pattern Shop	78	172	227		

C. F. Roarick, Wks. Mgr. Of.	63	169	222
R. Hill, Specialty Div.	69	167	241
A. Flaughcer, Spec. Div.	69	167	243
B. Mason, Utility Engineers.	78	167	213

WEDDINGS

Baker-Roepkke

Miss Mildred Baker, daughter of Roy Baker, of the Pacific Coast Factory, and Al Roepkke, of Hollywood, California, were married February 11 in Vermont Methodist parsonage in Los Angeles. They are living in Los Angeles. The bride is well known in Decatur, having lived here until her father was transferred to the coast in the fall of 1933. She attended the Decatur High School where she graduated in 1933. Kenneth Potts, Gober Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wyant, Lloyd Baker and Herbert Roepkke, all formerly of Decatur attended the wedding.

DEATHS

Mrs. Sylvia Grossman

Mrs. Sylvia Grossman, wife of Anthony Grossman, draftsman in Dept. 300, died in St. Mary's hospital March 9 after an illness of three months.

She was born July 4, 1907, and was married to Anthony Grossman January 10, 1928. She was a member of St. James Catholic church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Robert Gene, 6, Colleen Ann, 2, and Donald Dean, two months, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Copsy, of Pana, and a sister, Mrs. Alma Buechler, of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in the Moran & Sons Funeral home and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Alonzo Davey

Alonzo Davey, father of Fern Davey of the Core Department, died February 19. For the past five years Mr. Davey had been disabled by heart disease. He left his work on May 1, 1930 and drew total disability benefits under our group insurance plan.

For about seven years he was employed in the night grinding room as utility man and cut-off operator. He was a willing and good worker, and often served on short notice as extra watchman. Before coming to Decatur, he lived at Lanesville, Illinois, where for twenty years he was employed in the grain elevator.

Lee Wright

Word was received by Milo Wright of Plant 2 on March 7 that his brother, Lee Wright, had died in Oklahoma of spinal meningitis.

Lee was employed for four years as a core maker at Plant 2. He left us in the summer of 1932 to make his home in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

He leaves his wife and two children, Frances, age 11, and Maxine, age 8.

His parents, who live in Decatur, went to Muskogee for the funeral.

Roy Waddell

Roy Waddell, age 56, of Harristown, died

suddenly February 2 of heart failure. However, he had been in ill health for several years. Mr. Waddell worked for Mueller Co. from 1922-1930 in the Core department and Foundry. He was the father of Earnest Waddell, of the Machine shop.

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SAFETY

March generally has a few days tinged with the temperature of spring, which invites children to a resumption of roller-skating, kite flying, scooters, bicycle riding, and ball playing, and most of these childish sports are practiced in the streets. They bring one of the many summer hazards to automobile drivers. Children have small conception of the danger in which they place themselves. Any one competent to drive a car should have. It's up to these drivers to protect the kiddies. Do your part.

Frank Huntley of the Chicago office spent a couple of days in Decatur the first of the month.

Everett Dickey left Decatur March 9 on a business trip to Charleston, South Carolina. He expects to return in about a week.

O. C. Draper and J. W. Simpson were in Cleveland recently on business.

Jimmy Hamilton, son of J. C. Hamilton of the Sales Dept., celebrated his fourth birthday on March 8 with a party of fourteen of his little friends.

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“Prisoner: “I took the money so I could get married. I thot I could pay it back after the wedding.”

Lawyer: “You took the money thinking you could repay it after marriage? “Well I'll get you off on the grounds of insanity.”

