

MUELLER RECORD

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HAVE ANOTHER CUP OF VAUDEVILLE COFFEE

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*Another Fine Troop From Chicago's Loop will be
With Us March 28.*

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Another great big cup of vaudeville coffee at the gymnasium, March 28. The last cup left such a good taste in your mouth that we are certain you are going to pass your cup for more. And you'll not be disappointed.

Those boys and girls from Chicago's celebrated loop, know how to put the "English" on the ball to make it spin and the audience grin. We are fortunate indeed to have made this connection, which gives us talent of high power artists, who are at home on the stage or night club and whose experience gives them that nicety of finish which all like in a performer.

We want to repeat what we said last month, and that is that the managing committee, or the company, do not make money on these entertainments. As a matter of dollars and cents you will be interested in knowing that on the last show there was two dollars left after paying expenses of the troupe for their appearance. This does not include the expense involved by us in preparation. The shows are presented for one purpose only—to give you an evening of agreeable entertainment at a price away below any vaudeville show in a regular theatre.

Here's what we have to offer on the 28th instant:

CURLEY SLADE—M. C. and impersonating national known bands with his mouth. This man has been featured in the larger theaters, hotels and night clubs throughout the United States.

MADJA FIRMAN — Singing accordionist who will take part in the program and play the piano for the balance of the show.

OLIVE O'NEIL—Star of several musical comedies, featured delineator of popular and semi-classical songs on WGN.

ROLAND & ROLAND—Man

and girl, doing singles and doubles in the show, consisting of Miss Roland playing Viber Harp with her feet and other novelty musical numbers. Team working together in comedy dance, routines, etc.



Don't Miss It!

MARTIN BARNETT — "Society's" Favorite Magician, who has played most of the famous hotels, cafes and theatres in the U. S. Barnett has a vast repertoire that can be most favorably presented before any type of audience and always a favorite act.

GRAND FINALE — Consists of **ROLAND & ROLAND** in a comedy dance routine with a life-size dummy, after which the entire company takes part in closing the show.

The plain unvarnished statement without fringe, flowers or ballyhoo is convincing proof to us that you'll regret it if you miss this show. The good part of it is that every act is clean, wholesome, with nothing to offend the most exacting critic or censor. That's why you are safe in bringing your children or in doing your friends and neighbors a favor by telling them they are wanted and welcome to either one of the two shows March 28.

Watch the bill boards for photographs of the above artists. If they don't show personality, talent and refinement, we don't know the difference between a real artist and a "ham" on two legs.

Remember the price is always the same, fifteen cents per person, and buy your tickets early.

The best engagement you can make for the evening of March 28 is this vaudeville show in the gym.

Put it ahead of everything on your calendar—and let nothing else interfere.

Don't Forget the Date—and tell your friends and neighbors.



I'll Be There!

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

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The windows, third floor or otherwise, seem to offer too much today. Truth is we are all over-anxious for a glimpse of that elusive and ever-capricious young person, Miss Spring. But, through our windows we seem to see only gray skies, rain, snow and what-have-you. From past experience with this least monotonous of all climates, we know that we can well fasten our winter coats more securely and hope confidently for better things. Now is the time to quote with conviction: "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

The two most-talked of events of the month are past, and we wonder what people in these parts will talk about now. First, "Gone With the Wind" has had its Decatur showing and gone. Second, Mrs. Roosevelt has made her long-heralded appearance in our city as a lecturer on the Community Lecture Course. Events one and two stimulated considerable discussion among our third floor gals and boys. Seems to us that Scarlett O'Hara has outlasted the First Lady as local conversational material, tho—and that, we suppose is a commentary of sorts on that thing called fame.

That our brides speedily become accomplished cooks and housewives is proved over and over again. Harry Sackriter and Bob Tertocha were recent dinner guests of Marjorie and Everett Roarick and report that Marj. is doing all right as a culinary artist.

Dorothy (Farley) Gepford intimates that a little warm weather would certainly give her wanderlust. She's longing for a sunny Sunday so that she can take that lil' ol' gray car and go places.

Our felicitations to Mary Ruth Harrison on her March 10 birthday.

Rumor has it that Ruth Liestman and Ellen Jane Peabody had a most enjoyable week-end in Chicago recently. Nothing like a little travel as a Spring pick-me-up.

Dental Note. Our friends in the shipping department, ever on the alert for the humorous and unusual, recount this as the prize story of the season.

It was Sunday afternoon. Fishing was good, so Lou Schario decided on a nap. In order to reach a more complete state of relaxation, he had, before he began his siesta, removed his dentures, both plates. In the middle of a most pleasant dream he was startled to consciousness by a sense of something being amiss. He opened his

eyes to see his pet dog standing beside him, all solicitous. The hound had something in his mouth. Was it, yes it was—Lou's plate, his upper plate. Indignant, Lou removed the pup's prize, put the plate away, and returned to his couch to resume his nap. He was just on the point of drifting off to sleep again when once more he was startled by his dog. The pooch wagged his tail expectantly. In his mouth he carried something—yes, you've guessed it—it was his master's lower plate!

Francis Carroll a week or two ago had a bout with old man flu and was forced to stay home for a week.

Mildred Shannon remains very enthusiastic about the Shannon car. Its nice and shiny, maroon colored—or maybe it's crimson or dubonnet that they call the shade this season. Whatever its shade, it's mighty pretty.

Carol Edmonson is recovering from the chicken-pox. That's no fun, either. We can still remember how uncomfortable we were when we had that particular childhood malady.

Our friend, Miss Hambleton, forced to remain in bed for several weeks to mend a pelvic bone that was fractured in a fall on the ice, is making a good recovery. A number of the girls from the office have called and report that she is very optimistic and cheerful through the ordeal.

After receiving flowers, a book and candy from the women and men of the office, Miss Hambleton has addressed two very nice notes to the office employees. All who have stopped at the third floor bulletin board to read them have enjoyed them. Incidentally, we think them a very creditable performance from anyone who was writing from a flat-on-her-back position.

We are looking forward to seeing Miss Hambleton back—and that soon.

One of the real treats of recent days was the Florida fruit sent us by Mr. Robert and Mr. Adolph. Weren't those grapefruit and oranges delicious?

Wish-of-the-month for our Gals: May YOU be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade. And we mean all of you.

Our sincere sympathy to Miss McKee on the loss of her brother, loyal friend of many members of the Mueller organization.

DEATHS

Mathes Infant

Graveside services were held on March 4 at Graceland cemetery for the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mathes. The child died four hours after birth on Sunday. Mr. Mathes works in Dept. 9.

G. W. Wilmeth

G. W. Wilmeth, known to many of the older members of the organization, as a former paymaster, died in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, Tuesday, March 5. Heart ailment is given as the cause. He had been in failing health for 18 months but his condition did not become alarming until a few weeks ago.

Gus, as Mueller people knew him, was a native of Bloomington and came here 52 years ago and was first connected with the local freight department of the Illinois Central. Later he was for 20 years a salesman in the Bolrath shoe store and then joined us as paymaster. After leaving us he was associated with his brother-in-law, Allerton Freeman, in the insurance business.

BIRTHS

COATES—Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Coates, Standards Dept., a daughter, February 25.

FORD—Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ford, a daughter, Sandra Sue, February 22. Mr. Carroll works in Dept. 8.

MATHES—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mathes, a son, March 1. Mr. Mathes is in the Foundry Grinding Room.

SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith, Foundry, a daughter, Carol Elizabeth, February 14.

HEY! LET GO MY TEETH!



Lou Schario and his pet dog disagree over a matter of possession. The dog wants the teeth to play with and Lou has just heard the dinner bell and wants them to eat with.

CAUGHT UNAWARES



Mrs. Walter Bowan may be surprised at meeting herself, face to face. She was so interested in her game of Bingo that she did not know that her sneaking, "camera crank" husband was taking a shot at her.

WEDDINGS

Barnett-Hawbaker

Delores Barnett and Paul Hawbaker were married Friday, February 23, at 7 P.M. in the chapel of the Grace M. E. Church by Rev. Iver Johnson.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Blanche Barnett, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hawbaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawbaker are living at 629 E. Grand avenue. Mr. Hawbaker works in Department 8.

Harshbarger-Smith

Mrs. Beatrice Harshbarger and John Smith, draftsman in the Engineering Department, were married Thursday evening, February 29, in the parsonage of the Grace Methodist church. They are living on Lake Shore Drive. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Himstead, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, 960 W. Green street.

Rentch-Moore

Betty Lee Rentch, daughter of Mrs. Beryle Rentch, 302 West Main street, and Robert William Moore, son of Mrs. Earl King of Mattoon, were married Sunday, March 10, in Hannibal, Missouri, by Rev. A. H. Grant of the Baptist church. The bridegroom works in the foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are living at 1203 S. Twenty-first street.

SARNIA

It was with regret that we heard of Marjory Ansell's rush operation for appendicitis. Marjory, who was recently established as the new paymaster had to submit to the operation on Monday night, February 6th. All reports indicate that Marge is staging a good recovery and we expect to have her back on the job very shortly. Meanwhile Jesse Skippon is back on her old job as paymaster until her return.

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Cecil Spears was in Toronto, Saturday, February 24th, attending the wedding of his youngest brother, Byron, "Doc".

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Mary Glynn of the office staff attended the Pharmacy Graduation Ball in Toronto on Friday evening, February 23, 1940. The Ball was held at Eaton's College Street with some seven hundred attending. Lunch was served in the Round Room.

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What we all want to know is—which of the three dictators gave Bill Marshall permission to scuttle the coal truck?

At least we all realized that our truck needed a wash but it was somewhat of a novel idea giving it a wash by letting it slide into the river some fifty feet out and into water twenty feet deep.

Excitement was provided when a diver, wearing swimming trunks and a diving helmet went into the river, the water being about 32 or 33 degrees and fastened a hook on the truck so it could later be hauled out by a cable.

When the truck was taken out of the river it was still loaded with a load of cinders with the shovel sticking in the top.

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We would like to pay tribute in our column this month to Ed. Mackness, one of our local plumbers, who completed fifty years in the trade February 16, 1940.

Mr. Mackness served his apprenticeship in the Old Country and came to Canada some thirty-three years ago. For five years he was established in Chatham, Ontario, later coming to Sarnia.

In Sarnia he had several partners, his last one being Mr. Struthers, who left him to serve in the Great War. Since that time he has carried on alone and faithfully served his public in Sarnia.

GENESIS OF A HOUSING PLAN

Answers from Reports of Social Service Investigators

- 1—Man has ulcer on his stomach.
- 2—Roomer pays no board as he usually acts as godfather.
- 3—This woman is ill, being treated. The gas has been turned off.
- 4—Sophie is married to a sailor and her

whereabouts are unknown.

- 5—Couple's only source of income is four boarders, all out of work. They owe \$600.
- 6—Man recently had operation but is able to hold any position he assumes.
- 7—Man has diabetes and is insulated twice daily.
- 8—Couple breaking up home, friends helping.
- 9—Until a year ago this applicant delivered ice and was a man of affairs.
- 10—Applicant has one child, Lilian, who is three months old, and owes twelve months rent.

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DON'T WONDER HOW!

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Get Busy With Suggestions and Find Out How.

Breathes there a man
With brain so dead
Who never to
Himself has said,
I wonder how?

The man who wins
In any line
Is he who thinks
And takes the time
To find out how.

Don't wonder how some of your fellow worker's made good money on successful suggestions. The answer is easy. They kept eyes and ears open and found out how the company would be benefitted by a new safety suggestion that would eliminate some hazard, or how productions could be increased or overhead reduced. Then they wrote down their idea, sent it to the suggestion committee and won a prize; which you may do if you keep your eyes open, and your "think tank" working.

There is nothing mysterious in the system. Simply a matter of alertness. The suggestion does not have to be startling or revolutionary. As a matter of fact it may be of the simplest character. In an organization like this it is the little things that are overlooked and neglected because they are little and seemingly of no consequence. Any employer will tell you that these little leaks are a costly drain on business.

There is always a chance too, that what you consider of little importance, may be of great importance to the company and win for you one of the grand prizes.

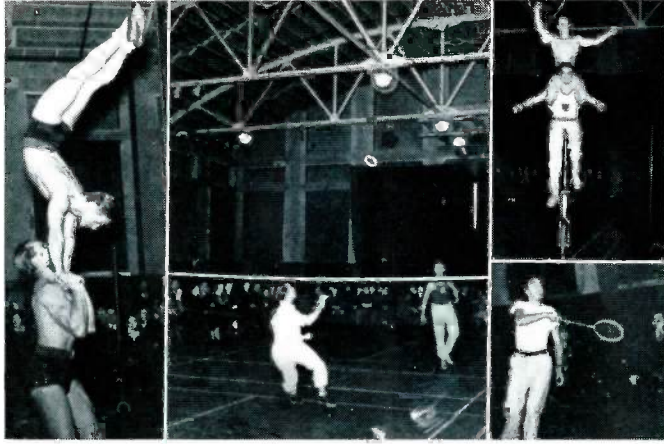
Don't wonder how—Find out how.

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THE PICNIC

Early to talk about the annual picnic next August but not too early for the committee to be nosing around after new and pleasing features, even though the picnic date is not yet set. Amusement owners, however, are making up their fall routes, and its a good time to line up with them.

U. OF I. ATHLETIC EXHIBITION



The Athletic Department of the University of Illinois put on an exhibition in the Mueller gym Thursday, February 14. On the left: Ed Jusick and Ed Parkhurst doing hand balancing. Center: Stuart Drum, U. of I. champion, and Ed Gasbarra, runner up, at deck tennis. Top right hand picture: Fred Jelovsek and Ed Jusick riding a unicycle. Lower right: A. E. Florio playing badminton.

CHATTANOOGA

We've just received word from Amos "Jake" Kraft, of our Engineering force, that he is feeling fine and hopes to be back with us shortly. Amos has been at the Willis C. Campbell Clinic in Memphis for the past few weeks.

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Famous Foundry Sayings

Wade Lowery: George, I'm broke down again on the Unit.

Oddie Moss: Froze up again — and no water for my rattlers.

"Sonny" Hall: This foundry office is the coldest place I've ever seen.

Martin Haynes: You can't make me believe that!

Homer Van Vleet: (At 3 P.M.) I meant to drum you on this early this morning. Can you get it out for me before quitting time—I just have to ship it today.

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Already that vacation bee is busy buzzing around. Lucky Mabel Phillips—she's planning a trip to the Pacific Coast! And of course, she plans to visit the factory at Los Angeles.

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Floyd Johnson was in Chattanooga the week of March 4.

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On Tuesday, March 5, distribution was made of oranges and grapefruit to the Columbian Iron Works—the gift of Mr. Robert and Mr. Adolph Mueller. We enjoyed the fruit immensely and thank Mr. Robert and Mr. Adolph most heartily.

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We're Wondering—

What fair maiden sent a Valentine mes-

sage to Eugene Morton by Western Union Valentine Day—by way of a song, at that?

How Ruby Thompson likes mountain climbing?

Why Richard Spriggs is looking forward to June?

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Paul Jacka has started construction of his new home in Fairyland, atop Lookout Mountain.

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We have a number of basketball enthusiasts this season, among them "Chuck" Coventry, "Huck" Mitchell, Homer Van Vleet, and C. E. Coffin. Homer's sons are doing quite well on their high school teams this year.

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We like the story by Walter Winchell about the anti-Nazi who was blowing off in a cafeteria.

"Hitler is a horse," he bellowed, and was promptly knocked down.

The poor fellow struggled to his feet and viewed his antagonist.

"I repeat—Hitler is a horse."

Wham! And again our friend found himself on the floor. This time he remained there.

"Where am I," he exclaimed, "in Germany?"

"No, sub," was the reply, "but ah'm from Kentucky and down there we have a high regard for our horses."

Made 'Em Go to Church

A man who failed to attend church in England during the seventeenth century was guilty of a punishable offense.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE LODGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD--BRING THE LITTLE ONES 12 AND UNDER--2:30 P. M.

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ULIE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY



Well! Well! Here we have a young fella just entering his seven—no, not “teen” but “ties”—when the photograph was taken. Now he is a few days over the line. You know him, of course, Ulie Friend. Been with the company for some 41 years. Just at present he is “on location” at Duke’s new country home south of the city. In one picture he is making the dirt fly with the tractor, and in the other he is holding his pet “Donald Duck”, and then with shovel. As many of us know, most of “Ulie’s” idle time is spent fishing or tramping through fields and timber observing and admiring nature. “Ulie” with his love of the open from boyhood is woodwise and water wise. He knows where game is most likely to be found. When Duke’s new residence is completed, “Ulie” will be at home in a bungalow nearby, from which he will have a fine view of the timber and the lake, which he has known so well throughout his life.

Smallest Needles

The smallest needles are made from wire .0085 inch in diameter and 1,000 of them weigh less than a quarter of a pound.

Electrical Trees

The “telegraph tree” of India has electrical qualities which can kill people with weak hearts.

Utah’s Salt

There is enough salt in Utah to supply the entire world for more than 500 years.

Two Year Limit

Passports issued by the American government are valid for a period of two years.

Men, like pins, are useless when they lose their heads.

Deafness No Hindrance

Beethoven composed some of his greatest works when he was deaf.

Most winners first learned how to lose.

It takes more than “breaks” to make a man.

Years make all men old—a few, wise.

Adventure is not outside a man—but within.

SHE WONDERS



Barbara Ann Hartwig is wondering what it is all about. Her father “PeeWee” Hartwig is all around mechanic and nursemaid to the thread milling machine in Department 30.

BRASS CHIPS

Al Ridgeway and family have moved into their newly acquired home east of town.

Wiley Hall, Plant 2, is still unable to return to his job because of illness.

Addie Hambleton, who fell on the ice several weeks ago, is still confined to her home by injuries incurred at that time.

John Maxwell, Plant 2, has been off duty since February 28 because of an injury to his thumb.

George Kirk, Dept. 300, is confined to St. Mary's Hospital following an appendectomy performed on March 7. His condition is reported as very good.

Charles Sarver, Plant 2, has been suffering from a sinus infection since March 5, and has been unable to work.

Robert Harvey, Dept. 9, and Otto Dannewitz, Dept. 8, returned to work March 11 following operations for appendicitis.

The flu took its toll among the employees again this last month. Among those who lost time were Ted McKown, Merle Trimmer, Dept. 11; Chester Mercer, Russell Short, Dept. 9; Paul Barnes, Dept. 6; Robert Merrow, Harold Linton, Wilbur Edwards, Dept. 30; Glen Misenhimer, Ray Collins, Dept. 8; Jennie Kinney, Dept. 5; F. E. Carroll, Sales Department, and Ted Masterson, Upkeep Stock.

Art Bauer, Jessie Ditty, and Dewey Tripp of Plant 2, and C. W. Dunaway, Dept. 11, are getting ready for spring with new sets of teeth.

Grace Hawbaker of the Core Department lost several days because of pleurisy.

Emory Langley of the Shipping Department left March 7 for a vacation in Florida.

Clarence Roarick spent several days in Sarnia recently in regard to business.

George Parker and Rae McIntyre were recent visitors from Sarnia.

Paul Jacka breezed in and flew out recently. We saw him come in, and we learned he was flying back to Chattanooga when the Advertising Department were requested to ship back all his surplus equipment, because he must necessarily travel "light." Since Paul has been in Chattanooga he has passed out of the class of lightweights, which explains why he had to empty his pockets before boarding an airplane.

George Wade, Foundry, suffered a severe

gash in his head on March 11, when the steering gear on his car broke and caused him to have an accident.

The three year old daughter of Floyd Walton, Foundry, is confined to the city hospital because of scarlet fever.

REUNITED



Friends of Wilbert "Red" Wiley will be pleased to see this snapshot of "Red" and his daughter Norma Jean, reunited after four years' separation. "Red" formerly worked in the shipping room but has been with the Pacific Coast Factory for a number of years, during which time Norma Jean has lived in Decatur. Father and daughter are happy to be together again.

Interesting Facts

A new organization has been formed in Washington called the "Informers Club" whose purpose is to obtain information on violations of income tax laws. The club says they turn the information over to the treasury, then split with the member the reward which the government pays if the information brings results.

Chinese custom requires a caller to keep his hat on while in the house, but no matter how bad his sight, he must remove his glasses.

We hear Clarence T. Utt of the Machine Shop, is becoming quite a boat builder.

We also hear that James Puffer has his eyes on the altar. What say, Jimmie?

Rules

Broken rules have a boomerang effect. They will avenge themselves.

How to avoid accidents is no puzzle to the man who knows Safety rules and uses common sense.

The man who will not listen to safety rules may have to listen to an ambulance gong.



A HALF CENTURY OF PROGRESS

The Decatur Review of February 24, 1890 printed this small inconspicuous, two line item:

"H. Mueller is in Chicago buying special machinery for brass work."



This was reprinted in the paper's "Fifty Years Ago" column of Feb. 24, 1940.

In the original printing this little item was known in newspaper parlance as "Personal mention," a column generally read after the news of the day had been digested, and then forgotten. There was sown

in that little item, however, the seed of one of Decatur's largest industries. This fact was not recognized at the time by the citizens of Decatur, but it was a fixed purpose, ambition and a hope in the mind of Mr. Mueller and his sons, and it has never been lost sight of. The trip meant not only expansion in the rapidly development of water works business, but was the forerunner of the addition of gas, brass and plumbing goods.

No One Guessed It

Mr. Mueller's fellow citizens of that day, even though they had read the item carefully, never would have guessed the activating motive of the trip, or what it meant for future Decatur and other cities in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Mueller was an inventor and highly finished machinist, combined with sound business principles and good judgment. Today he would be classified as an engineer.

Then again, he was a self-contained man, sociable and friendly enough with his acquaintances and friends, but self-reliant when it came to the solution of his own plans, problems and ambitions.

Big Things Unexpected

There was a reason for the seeming disinterested attitude of residents of this city of half century ago. There were still living

many men and women who had known Mr. Mueller from the day he opened his little gun shop in Decatur in 1857, and while they recognized his mechanical skill, and the fact that he had been reasonably successful, they did not expect big things of him.

This is typical of all small towns. The one thing home people did not recognize was the man's dogged persistence and adherence in following his ideals or ambitions, which had been part of his working hours from the day he came to Decatur.

At the time of the Chicago trip his factory occupied a three story brick building with a frontage of about 20x80 feet in the business district of Decatur. That building is now a part of Decatur's leading bank. Incidentally, Adolph Mueller has for many years and still is a director of this bank. This building had housed all the Mueller activities—water works goods, plumbing shop, gas fittings and supplies, and sporting goods.

The last three interests had just been segregated and placed as individual Mueller businesses in stores in the down town district.

This left the three story building for the manufacture of tapping machines and water works brass goods within certain restricted limits. The owner of these enterprises had been carrying heavy responsibilities supervising both business and factory details. The Mueller tapping machine, invented some fifteen years prior, had reached wide acceptance by the trade, and only needed better manufacturing facilities to greatly increase this recognition.

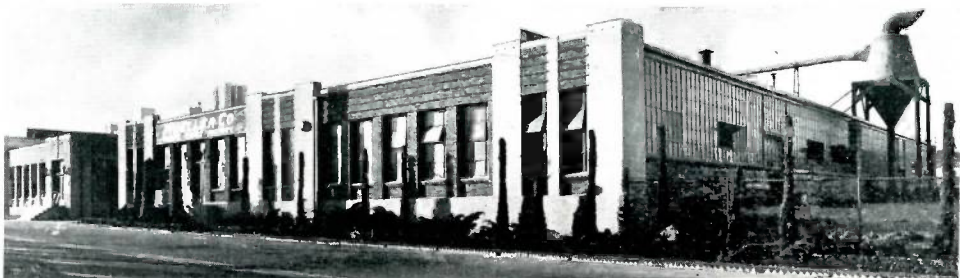
Boys Come In

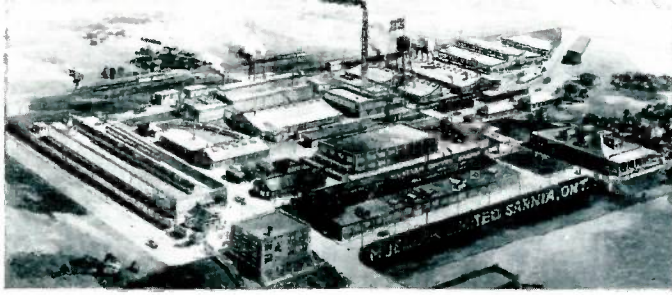
Six sons, Henry, Philip, Fred, (all deceased); Robert, Adolph and Oscar gradually entered the business and then things began to happen. Part of the Mueller boys followed their father's mechanical bent and others had been given business educations, making a rare combination. Dating from 1890 Mueller business began active progress

Beautiful Pacific
Coast Factory at
Los Angeles.



The Little Shop
From Which Mueller
Growth Came.





THE SARNIA PLANT

to the charmed circle of bigger and better business. Within five years the three story building was inadequate and the first unit of the Cerro Gordo Street plant, covering a half block was erected. From that day to this the record has been one of progress, development and expansion.

The St. Louis World's fair in 1904 afforded the company the first opportunity to "step out" in a big way. A large display was made there, a quartette gave a concert every day and evening and thousands of people from home and abroad made the acquaintance of the then H. Mueller Mfg. Co., —makers of water, plumbing and gas brass goods. **Prizes At World's Fair**

At this exposition two grand prizes and one gold medal were awarded the company, evidence that in that early day our product had already attained a reputation for quality and workmanship. Similar honors were accorded by the North Carolina Inter-State and Midwest Exposition and again at the Panama Exposition at San Francisco, 1915, three official ribbons and three medals were awarded.

In the following year an eastern division was opened in New York City to better serve that portion of the country.

In 1912 the H. Mueller Mfg. Co., Ltd., erected a large factory in Sarnia, Ontario, to serve the Canadian trade which it still does. During the first World War this plant made munitions for Great Britain.

In 1917 Mueller Metals Co. erected a large and modern plant at Port Huron, but before getting into manufacturing regular lines for domestic purposes it was used as a plant for the production of munitions for the United States. At the same time big additions were made to the Decatur plant for the same purpose.

In 1925 a large vitreous ware plant was erected south of Decatur. It is now state headquarters for the Civilian Conservation Corp. **Whistle Succeeds Bell**

In the days of the old three story factory back in 1890 a clanging bell announced starting and quitting time to forty or fifty persons. Shrill whistles have taken its place in Decatur, Sarnia, Los Angeles and Chattanooga and call together some twelve to fifteen hundred workers.

In 1933 the Mueller Co. acquired the Columbian Iron Works, manufacturers of Fire Hydrants, Gate Valves, etc., at Chat-

anooga, Tennessee, thereby realizing a long nourished plan to supply a complete line of water works service goods.

The business today is passing into the hands and under the management of the members of the third generation, schooled and skilled in Mueller policies and Mueller Methods, carrying on in the same progressive spirit that prompted "H. Mueller to go to Chicago to buy special machinery for brass work."

GUEST OF SOCIAL CLUB

Old Clothes Party Held on Washington's Birthday

The ladies of the Mueller Social Club were entertained by their husbands at a pot-luck dinner, Mueller Lodge, Wednesday evening, February 21. About fifty-five attended.

Mr. Adolph Mueller was a dinner guest, and gave a very interesting talk afterwards. Mr. M. W. Trott read a short history of the club.

The guests wore old clothes, and those who failed to conform to the rules were fined. Mrs. W. S. Enloe won the prize for the best costume, an old fashioned bustledress. Prizes for the games went to Mrs. E. F. Dickey and Mr. Earl Meador.

In Keeping With Day

Decorations were in keeping with George Washington's birthday, with red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers on the tables and light fixtures. The centerpiece was a real hatchet in a large cherry log. Small cherry logs with paper hatchets and small cherry trees bearing artificial cherries were also used as table decorations. White candles were trimmed with tiny silk American flags, and red, white, and blue cellophane straws. Meat and cherry pies, prepared by the cafeteria, were served by the men.

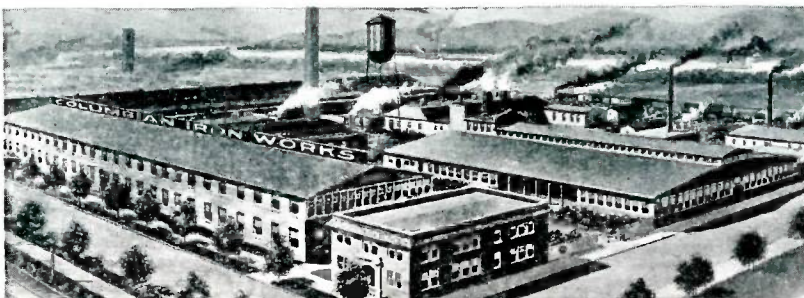
Entertainment committee: Loyle Davis, F. E. Carroll, Pete Duncan.

Decorating committee: Marshall Hobbs, Everett Dickey, John Bixler.

Menu committee: M. W. Trott, Robt. Tauber, Howard Gragg,, Wm. Dougherty.

Kitchen committee: Ed Stille, Walter Auer, F. A. March, W. S. Enloe, Burt Jackson, John Smith.

Below: Mueller Columbian Iron Works at Chattanooga.



◆ ATHLETICS ◆

ATHLETIC NEWS

Mueller Basketball League

The Mueller Basketball League is finished and Merlin Coates' Shooting Stars were too good for the rest of the boys.

The Shooting Stars never lost a game, while the next team won only two and lost two.

It was a good league considering the number of boys who had not played for several years, as well as those who had never played very much. There was more enthusiasm and spirit shown in this sport than any we have had for some time. The boys were all playing to win, rushing and scrapping all the time. Consequently, some of the games were quite rough.

Below is a standing of the teams as they finished the league:

Name	G.	W.	L.	%
Shooting Stars	4	4	0	1.000
Wildcats	4	2	2	.500
Oakey Doakes	4	1	3	.250
Supermen	4	1	3	.250
Duchlin Five	4	1	3	.250

Bowling

It looks as though the Specialty team means business now. They are out in first place, with a four game lead. A four game lead at this time of the bowling season means something, because there isn't much time left. The Finishers and the Machine Shop are still tied for second and third place. The Engineers, the Works Manager's Office, and the Pattern Makers are having quite a contest in their own division, and are battling for fourth, fifth, and sixth places, respectively. Then the Main Office and Plumbers are battling it out to see who can keep from finishing on the bottom. No one can tell how the race will finish.

Below is the team standing to date:

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Specialty Division	84	51	33	.607
Finishers	84	47	37	.560
Machine Shop	84	47	37	.560
Utility Engineers	84	44	40	.524
Works Mgr. Office	84	41	43	.488
Pattern Makers	84	40	44	.476
Main Office	84	35	49	.417
Plumbers	84	31	53	.369

"Ten High"

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Main Office	69	187	245
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	72	185	235
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	74	185	253
A. Flaughter, Machine Shop	81	184	244

L. Adams, Finishers	76	178	246
E. Hartwig, Machine Shop	84	177	233
A. Blankenburg, Finishers	84	177	246
M. Riewski, Plumbers	66	176	245
G. Krag, Pattern Makers	75	175	234
J. Bain, Pattern Makers	81	174	243

Boys' Gym Class

The boys have had such a successful season in basketball this winter in the gym that they have asked to have a softball team to play at Mueller Heights this summer.

Any son of a Mueller employee, between ages of 13 and 18, who would like to play softball this summer will please have his father turn in his name to the Employment Office, or report himself at the gymnasium any Saturday morning.

Mueller Basketball Season

The Mueller basketball squad have had a rather successful season. They didn't win quite half of their games, but considering the kind of teams they played, everyone should be satisfied with the showing they made.

Below is summary of the season and how each man in the team scored:

Games	W	L	T.P.	O.P.	Opp.	
					G.A.	G.A.
36	15	21	1290	1473	36	42
Player—		No. G.	Pts.	G.	Ave.	
Eldo Coffman	23	181	8			
Al Hill	18	179	10			
Vernon Brown	22	177	8			
Ben Taylor	30	167	6			
Herman Roe	33	156	5			
Bob Raskin	16	156	10			
Chas. Johnson	11	54	5			
Hoyt Eoff	16	71	4			
Elmer Fawley	10	33	3			
Jack Enloe	8	24	3			
Pete Edwards	6	15	2			

Deck Tennis

Two new deck tennis rings are now available for employees to use in the gym at noon and after work.

Deck tennis rather a new game to our employees, but several of them have taken quite a fancy to it, and are playing every day.

Badminton

The Badminton court gets a work out every day.

This game is perhaps our most popular indoor sport, and it is enjoyed by everyone who plays it.

Macaulay's History

Macaulay got \$100,000 for his colossal "History of England", the demand for which was so great that the vans carrying it from the publishing office blocked the street.



Safety News



Vice-president Tom Marshall, who was something of a wit, made a humorous remark that what this country needed was "a good five cent cigar."

In all seriousness we make the remark "that what this country needs is safety consciousness."

We wish that every member of this organization had the pamphlet we are looking at while this is being written. The title is "Smash Hits of the Year" issued by the Travellers Insurance Company, a 1940 book of "Street and Highway" data.

Simply Horrible

It is gruesome, appalling, horrifying—32,100 persons killed in 1940 by automobiles, 1,210,200 persons injured—many of them crippled for life. The largest number killed were pedestrians, 12,470; the next largest was due to collisions of automobiles, 8,250. Strange as it may seem, 3,300 persons were killed by colliding with fixed objects such as trees, culverts, etc.

Must Learn to Drive Safely

Until drivers of autos learn to drive safely, there is sure to be a constant increase of the death-dealing possibilities on the streets and highways. Common sense would in a large degree greatly reduce the annual slaughter. Laws and driving rules seemingly have little effect. There will be more cars on the road this year than ever, and this means more accidents.

We need safety consciousness in the factory, in the home, on the streets. A little care and thoughtfulness is needed.

Carelessness means doctor and hospital expense and loss of time.

All these things are known to anyone of intelligence, but there is not enough intelligence in too many instances to apply it to daily life in order to avert injury.

Recent Boody Accident

We have only to remember back to March 8 when Glenn Wilbur of Taylorville drove his car near a Wabash crossing at Boody, stopped and studied a road map or some other document, folded it up, and drove on the crossing with one of the fastest Wabash trains less than a hundred yards away. His car was demolished and he was killed instantly. It did not require a coroner's inquest to determine the cause. The unfortunate victim undoubtedly was so impressed with what he had read that he had no thought of railroad crossings or fast trains. That's all. He forgot that every railroad crossing spells danger.

You Should Read This Pamphlet

We have only one copy of "Smash Hits."

We will gladly loan it to you on request, or we'll get anyone a personal copy from the Travellers Insurance Company. Don't hesitate to ask Mr. Enloe.

BURNS PANTS

A garage mechanic using a cutting torch set his trousers on fire. Fellow employees who tore off the flaming garments threw them on the floor, which was covered with oil and grease that became ignited. The flames spread rapidly, destroying the buildings, four automobiles and an adjoining structure. The pants were also a total loss.

—Construction Safety.

PROTECT THE 87%

Scientists tell us that we receive knowledge of the outer world as follows:

Taste	1 %
Touch	1½ %
Smell	3½ %
Hearing	7 %
SIGHT	87 %

—and maybe you don't realize it—BUT it takes 10 firms in the United States to supply GLASS EYES! —From the Philadelphia Works News, General Electric Co.

SAFETY PRACTICE RULES

1. Walk, don't run, through corridors and stairways and use the hand rails on the stairs.

2. Report all defective machinery, guards or other equipment to your foreman at once.

3. When pushing a truck, remember that many serious accidents have resulted from this source. Slow down at intersections and keep a close lookout for other employees using aisles.

4. Keep aisles clear of trucks, stock boxes, etc., at all times.

5. Always wear sensible shoes at work. It is business-like not to wear high heels or worn soles.

6. Don't have loose ends on your clothing, such as apron strings, torn jumpers, sleeves, etc., when employed near moving machinery.

Habits

Acquire the safety habit—it is a habit that will never hurt you.

A careful habit is the best bodyguard.

The habit of Safety is just as easy as the habit of carelessness.

Success is a habit. So is Safety.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Evelyn Miller of the Polishing Department left for a month's vacation deep in Kentucky. It is to be a combined vacation and also to see her father who is ill.

Anne Ralph certainly enjoyed her birthday especially when Western Union sang "Happy Birthday" to her over the phone. Yes, she is still young enough to blush.

Mrs. Mildred Fletcher, our telephone operator left us to go to Sacramento to live. Mrs. Reas is back on the board after an absence of a year and a half. Miss Beth Noble has taken over the job of Account Payables and General Office work formerly Orvilla's work.



The picture is of Nancy Ruth Michl, 8 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Michl. Nancy was in a playful mood and seems ready to swing at her father. Bill is in our Foundry Department.

Mel Perter of our Machine Shops attended a "Pull Over Neighbor" broadcast and was selected as a contestant and won first prize.

The girls from the office enjoyed their nearly monthly gathering only this time in the form of a farewell to Millie. A good time was reported by all.

Cecil Foltz is certainly in a stew and it is all over his new home he is planning to build. It is to be a Monterey and Georgian

style stucco and will be a true dream home.

Earl Bright suffered for quite some time from a steel chip in the eye. No time was lost but a good eye could have been.

The "Katzenjammer" Kids, Dorothy Heflin and Orville Reas spent a week end in Frisco seeing the sights and visiting. Orv dropped in on Bill over at Berkely and when they left it started raining. The girls report that an enjoyable one and a half hours was spent with Lloyd Logsdon, San Francisco salesman, showing them the points of interest in San Francisco.

I guess vacation time is on us and every one will be planning trips. Plans made ahead of time are very worth while. Never take a trip on the spur of the moment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Ream, a son who has been named Lynn Duane, Feb. 10. Morton works in our polishing and plating department.

Warren says Santa Anita could do right well without him but the poor horses would starve. Judging from the moans the day after the handicap a number of people must be feeding the horses.

Kenny Potts who was only off work two weeks for his "button hole" operation is doing right well along with Reedy, Lingard, Young, Wyant and Musmecot. They bowl with Barton Lumber and are well on top in league. Guess it's the loud shirts they wear.

Decatur and Macon picnic which was held Sunday, March 3, was a roaring success. Looked like 1 section of the Mueller Co. was there. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. "Kitty" Wilkins were there and looked as if California has helped both. A George Fleckenstein mentioned that his brother Mike must have forgot about him. How about it, Mike?

That crack girls team here in the factory took it on the chin the other day when they bowled a match game with Barton Lumber girls who were led by Mrs. Reedy. Dee Gribble was awarded a 200 pin and is proud of it.

Bowling Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	H.G.	H.S.
Machiners	40	20	891	2551
Engineers	37	23	895	2465
Assemblers	34	26	822	2394
Polishers	29	31	863	2395
Founders	26	34	809	2268
Color Buffers	15	45	673	1955

Individual Averages

Machiners		Polishers	
Team	Av.	Team	Av.
W. Young	159	Higbee	156
M. Porter	163	Baker	126

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Masoni	138	Harper	142
Lingard	167	Schlegel	148
Jacobs	142	Liebherr	148
Wyant	153	Bright	152
Engineers		Portee	143
K. Potts	158	Founders	
Jolly	150	Oldham	139
Thomas	108	Polk	123
Blize	162	Henderson	133
Reedy	163	Fantuzzi	116
Gamas	143	Thomas, R.	134
Read	143	Overly	146
B. Porter	144	Oglesby	162
Assemblers		Color Buffers	
Leach	140	Gribble	120
Snook	130	Thompson	87
Simpson	127	Miller	104
Baxendale	143	Musmacci	111
Hatfield	158	Daughtery	95
Musmacci	156	Warren	124
		Davis	105
		Berg	105

Big Ten

Name	Team	Games	Av.	H.G.	H.S.
Lingard	Machiners	57	167	244	617
Reedy	Engineers	51	163	198	550
M. Porter	Machiners	53	163	214	560
Oglesby	Founders	36	162	221	567
Blize	Engineers	56	162	222	551
Young	Machiners	54	159	204	567
Potts	Engineers	45	158	209	528
Hatfield	Assemblers	57	158	225	665
Musmacci	Assemblers	57	156	203	560
Higbee	Polishers	47	156	209	554

Individual

Name	H.G.	Name	H.S.
Lingard	244	Lingard	617
Hatfield	225	Oglesby	567
Blize	222	Young	567
Oglesby	221	Hatfield	565

Team

Team	H.G.	Team	H.S.
Engineers	895	Machiners	2551
Machiners	891	Engineers	2466
Polishers	839	Assemblers	2394
Assemblers	822	Polishers	2339

POOR DUBOIS, THE GOAT

Customer's Correspondence Develops Fact That He Has "Milwaukee Goitre"

Freddie Klink, of the Pacific Coast Factory wrote to an Idaho jobber concerning slip joint nuts, which did not seem to be of our manufacture and herewith is the jobber's answer.

"Our customer claims the faucets are Mueller Self-Closing, installed in the Bancroft Hotel at Payette, Idaho, many years ago. I think Charles DuBois sold them when he was a boy. Anyway it is before his "Milwaukee Goitre" started to grow. I think he gave them these samples to pay his board bill."

The wheel slips into a rut, but has to climb out.

SH! SHH!—QUIET!!



No noise, please. Melvin Chaney, Plant Engineer, is a deep brown study. He has lost the 4th dimension and is trying to locate it. Melvin's mind is filled with space and problems. Don't misinterpret or misapply the word space. He has to figure out such things as this: How twenty square feet of furniture, leave two foot aisles and feet of space will accommodate twenty square room for desk chairs. "It can't be did," says Melvin, but he sometimes has lots of trouble proving this. It is things like this that gives poor Melvin that perpetual worried look.

AN OLD TIME SQUARE DANCE

On Friday night, March 8, a square dance was held in the Mueller gym. Mueller employees and their friends attended.

Some say that square dances are not so popular now, but if they could have seen the twelve sets on the floor for every dance and the enthusiastic participation in the Grand March, the dissenters would have to agree that the square dance is at least holding its own.

The committee, Hap Thompson, Charlie Johnson, Charlie Meador, and Bert Butt, did a fine job of managing.

Carl Chepan's Orchestra provided the music, and the crowd was still clamoring for more when it came time to go home.

About two hundred persons turned out for the affair, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Enthusiasm

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ENTERTAINMENT

Foltz Puppet Shows adaptable for any gathering. Prices reasonable. Special rates to churches. Inquire at 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Brooms For Sale—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

FOR SALE—A Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Witchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept 9.

For Sale:—Bicycle, Firestone—used less than 3 months. In perfect shape. See Robert Harvey—Polishing Dept.

For Sale: Boy's Bicycle in good condition except for the tires. \$6.00. Milo Wright, Plant 2.

For Sale—Cream and green enamel kitchen range. Good condition. 1464 E. Leafland.

For Sale:—Driving glasses, real ground lenses. Comfortable. Perfect. Mild diffusion of light. C. N. W. Stationery Dept.

For Sale—Five foot Kelvinator electric refrigerator in good condition. Will make easy terms. M. Pippin.

For Sale: Five piece solid oak, white enamel, dinette set with matching cabinet. Used five months. Will sell for half price. Robert Hutchens, 1755 N. Church. Dept. 80.

For Sale: Good 1930 Chevrolet motor, rear end, and parts. Reasonable. Kenneth Morrow, Pattern Shop.

For Sale: Ice Skates. Nestor Johnson, Ladies Hockey, Bi-Speed. Aluminum finish. Size 6. In excellent condition. \$6.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

FOR SALE—Rolled Rim Porcelain Kitchen Sink. Also, Force Pump for well. H. A. Wacaser. Telephone 2-2586.

For Sale: Ski Pants, dark green, all wool. Size 12. Have been worn very few times. Excellent condition. \$2.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

For Sale—Small size gas stove, 4 burners and oven. Cheap. W. H. Blankenship, Dept. 9, 1034 W. Green.

For Sale: The George Tolliday property at 532 West King Street, corner of College. The lot has frontage of 136 feet on W. King Street and 58 feet on N. College. This makes available a lot amply large for another residence. The Tolliday property is substantially built, 5-room bungalow consisting of rooms, etc. It is an

excellent location for one of our employees, and a good investment.

Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

If you consider building or buying a home we suggest that you first investigate this opportunity.

For complete information, see Mr. O. C. Keil, Main Office.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale: Tractor in good working condition. Snow brush attachment. Good outfit for any one living in the country. Useful the year around—clearing away snow in the winter, plowing and cultivating in summer. Submit your offer to W. S. Enloe, Personnel Dept.

For Sale—Two good well pumps; 1 typewriter, Underwood, in A-1 condition. Clinton Wright, 504 E. Division St., Clock No. 1114.

For Sale: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown, Box. 296.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy: Large Folding Camera, postcard size. Not necessary to be in good condition. Harold Moats, Pattern Shop.

WANTED

Wanted: Wall paper to clean. Reasonable price and work guaranteed. Claude Stacey, 1042 N. Union, telephone 9115.

BOBBY'S FIRST CATCH

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mueller went to Sarasota, Florida for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser. Per usual, Bobby did not do much talking about his plans, but there was an idea in the back of his head. It's out now. He went down there to fish, and he is not only doing that, but he's catching them also. The fact leaked out through the Sarasota paper which printed the following bit of news.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser caught eight bass averaging about 3½ pounds each.

Quite Agreeable

"You don't smoke cigarettes, do you, little boy?"

"No, ma'am, but I can let you have a chew of terbacker."