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FOR YOUNG FOLK, FISHERS AND HUNTERS

Interesting Booklets On Outdoor Illinois —Game, Fish, Snakes, Etc.

The Illinois Department of Conservation has supplied us with the following circulars, pamphlets and booklets.

1. Hints and Facts for the Illinois Angler.
2. Elements of Forestry with Special Reference to Illinois.
3. More Game Birds by Controlling Their Natural Enemies.
4. Forest Trees of Illinois — How to Know Them.
5. Planting Black Walnut in Illinois.
6. Quail Breeding Manual.
7. Game and Fish Codes of Illinois.
8. Digest of Game and Fish Codes of Illinois.
9. Game Birds—How to Make Them Pay on Your Farm.
10. Pheasant Breeding Manual.
11. Manual of Illinois Snakes.
12. Wild Ducks—(Beautiful Color Illustrations).
13. Illinois Conservation—Summer Number 1941.
14. Illinois Conservation — Fall Number, 1941.
15. Migratory Game Bird Regulation.
16. Illinois Conservation—Winter Number.

The publications listed above are authoritative and reliable on subjects treated. They should be of invaluable interest to boys and girls, giving as they do so much valuable information on wild life, forestry, etc., of our own state. We cannot urge too strongly their reading by growing boys and girls. Take for instance, "The Manual on Snakes." This book upsets some erroneous beliefs regarding snakes, many of which are really beneficial while only a few are poisonous and dangerous.

This collection is likewise of interest to our fishermen and hunters, giving information and descriptive data of practically all fish and fowl in the state. They should be of assistance in settling questions of shooting seasons and laws. Nearly all of this literature is profusely illustrated. We have decided to make these books and pamphlets

into a "Circulating Library" for the benefit of those employees who are sufficiently interested to make use of them.

We have arranged with the conservation department to supply us with all additional literature as it is published.

The above list will be kept in the Stationery Department from now on for your convenience.

ALWAYS A CHANCE

There is always a chance for a young man. Its not always easy to make him see it but it is there just the same. Consider the record of Fred L. Thompson, vice-president of the Engineering department of the Illinois Central. Mr. Thompson has just recently retired. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1896. His first job on the railroad paid him 12½ cents per hour. In 1918 he had reached the position of Chief Engineer of that great system and in 1925 he was made vice-president with tremendous responsibility. When Mr. Thompson left college, he knew that he had the educational foundation but he knew also that he needed practical experience and to get that he was glad to work for the small wage of 12½ cents per hour. More chances for advancement to high and responsible positions are open to young men now than when Mr. Thompson started and there will be still more before this war is over. It is up to the young men to find and grab them.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

One of the landmarks facing the factory on Cerro Gordo street between College and Monroe streets is disappearing. It is the Muzzy restaurant. In the Herald's "25 Years Ago Column," Thursday, February 26 we found reference to the site of the building being graded by the late Bob Muzzy. Soon after that the restaurant was opened and has been in continuous operation since. Now meals have been discontinued and the small stock of cigars and confections is being sold out. This is due to the illness of Mrs. Muzzy which makes it impossible for her to give attention to the business. She has been in charge of it ever since the death of her husband.

ALL FOR YOUR BENEFIT**Some Innovations at Cafeteria Will Be For the Good of All**

To say that our cafeteria is better than ever is hardly the right thing to do because it has always been maintained on a high quality plane. It has always been good. It can be said, however, that it has been improved as a result of having satisfactorily supplied fine food through a long period of years. This is a fact due to two reasons. One is the knowledge acquired by the women who prepare and cook the food. They know what the patrons of the cafeteria like, and how they like food cooked. Then there is the other potent reason. The experience of these women has been thorough and varied. They have learned a lot about preparing food in large quantities. This is an entirely different problem from preparing a family meal. No matter how skillful a woman may be in preparing home meals for a family of five or six persons, she will find herself at some disadvantage when her cooking must be satisfactory to three or four hundred persons. This is why our ladies have acquired an experience that does not come to the average house wife.

It is this experience which is leading to a diversified duties which contemplates an assignment of different tasks to members of the crew to particular lines for which they are especially fitted. This plan is now being put in operation. In effect it means there will be one assigned to preparation of salads, to preparing vegetables, another meats, another pastries, and another fruits, and so on. Specializing thus each will be better fitted to make the necessary daily changes so that there will be more variety in the various foods from day to day. The serving of sandwiches is a good illustration of this point. A sandwich is generally accepted as a slice of ham between two slices of bread. This is O.K. occasionally, but day after day—NO. There will be more kinds of sandwiches for those who are satisfied with a light lunch.

Increasing patronage and duties which demand time of those who have constituted the force results in some addition. These include Dorothea Toole, will be on duty all day while Nellie Fishburn, Vera Haupt, and Elizabeth Raskin will be there to help at meal time.

All of this means better service, more appetizing food at a price within the reach of all.

Seven Per Cent

Six New England states, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, have seven per cent of the total population of the country.

Cocoa first was introduced into Europe 400 years ago.

SAVE TIRES BY**HELPING OTHERS****Factory Bulletin Tells You How to Do This**

Some of us may be more concerned with tire problems than with the war. Of course, personal inconvenience or interruption of acquired habits is bound to demand first attention. Our first consideration should be to cooperate and make sacrifices when it is necessary to win the war. However, that spirit need not keep us from doing things wisely and helpful to each other when the opportunity presents itself. Lot of us live so far from the factory that an automobile becomes a real necessity. In many instances four or five of us may live close to each other, or we may pass homes of other Mueller employes on our way to work. In either of these or similar cases we can still ride and save tires.

A recent factory Bulletin issued by the Works Manager tells us how just like the following:

"It is apparent from the information available at the present time, that it will probably be impossible for civilians to procure any additional tires until after the end of the war.

There are only two ways that we see to prolong the service of the present tires. One way is to walk whenever possible. The other way is to join with two or some people who use their cars going to and from work, and take turn about in the use of individual cars. Obviously if a man can join with three other people on that basis, his wear on his tires will be reduced three-fourths."

Even the government is advocating the above plan as well as others which tell you how to do things which will not only be to your advantage but help friends and neighbors and friends as well.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE**(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)**

And now March, traditional time of high winds and famous for that day, March 21 or 22, we never can remember which, when Spring officially comes into our world again. We're all for March on both counts. We like the clear blowy days, when the sunshine and vigorous air currents (something conservative in description, if you ask us) blow out the dirt and restrictions and discontents of the winter. And we are very much in favor of Spring. It hasn't been a long Winter, but it has brought sorrow and disappointment to many of our friends and anxiety and much uncertainty to all of us. We shall be glad for the confidence and hope that the Spring days always mean for us.

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Mildred Shannan, who has been away

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SAFETY

40,000 killed by automobiles and 1,488,000 injured.

That is the slaughter record for 1941—the greatest number in automobile history.

DRIVE SANELY

In regard to the above, the expert statisticians of the Travelers Insurance Company say:

"Automobile accidents are the result of individual carelessness. Every motor accident is the result of somebody's doing something the wrong way," and adds: "Traffic authorities have always known one sure-fire formula for obtaining an immediate reduction of accidents.

ONE—Reduce speed limits, and
TWO—Enforce them vigorously."

In abnormal times like these, it becomes of much greater importance.

TOO MUCH SPEED

Is Blamed By Experts for the Terrible Slaughter on Highways

In the May issue of the outside Mueller Record we give reliable figures of the overwhelming recklessness of automobile drivers in 1941. A bare outline of the appalling fatalities and the maimed and crippled is given on the safety page of this issue. These figures are compiled by trained statisticians of the Travelers Insurance Company. Their correctness cannot be successfully denied. We feel that it is not only a duty of drivers of cars to study these figures which will be given at greater length in May. Automobile drivers should not only study the statistics but should ponder them seriously, and with a desire to do their part in reducing the number of accidents. Get out of your head that flimsy idea that "it couldn't happen to me." A large per cent of the 40,000 killed outright in 1941 nursed the same idea, but it did happen just the same. The Traveler experts say that all persons in safety authority on the highway in active work or in analytical work, such as statisticians do, are of one opinion as to the chief cause of accidents—TOO MUCH SPEED. And they might add that is a rate of speed not necessary and not justified by any set of circumstances.

Every company has certain rules which have been found necessary in carrying on business. They make it easier for both old and new employees in that they know what is expected of them. Among the most important rules are those pertaining to safety and accident prevention. Obedience to these



rules backed up by your own common sense means fewer accidents.

Horse play, monkey business, village cut-ups, have no place in business or industry. Many serious accidents have resulted from such practice. Horseplay is unbecoming grown men. Those who do indulge in it, prove by their action that they have not got their minds on their work.

A careless man and a job never get along together and are soon parted.

THAT BULLETIN?

If the skating and dancing party at the gym on February 27 was equal in merriment as Helen Pope's bulletin announcing the affair was attention compelling, it must have been great fun. But like all circus advertising, there was more on the bulletin than there was on the program or floor. It is whispered that all the embonpoint girls after seeing the bulletin practiced safety first and remained at home. The prospect of being a show off did not appeal to them.

They that make the best use of time have no time to spare.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Geraldine Porter left us to go to Fort Lewis, Washington, and it was at that time we learned of her marriage to Private Robert Glass on June 21, 1941 in old Mexico. Gerry kept her secret well, as her immediate family knew of it only recently. The office girls presented her with a pair of pajamas, and sincerely hope to see her again when her two months leave of absence is up.

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Dressed in a powder blue travelling suit and standing before the altar in the Pasadena Wedding Chapel, Miss Jane Widman became the beautiful blushing bride of Robert Allison on March 22. Jane chose as her bridesmaid Miss Barbara Dunn. John Allison, brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding was performed by Rev. Wesley G. Nichols in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. After a week's honeymoon spent at Idyllwild, Mr. and Mrs. Allison will reside in Santa Monica.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Blevins, a daughter, February 14.

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Cy Wolfe, knowing that the draft would catch him on the 14th, caught cold just thinking of it and consequently lost a week's work. Cy shouldn't worry about getting in the Army, for if the tax payers could see how he eats they would protest to Washington, as it would be cheaper to let him work and pay for it himself.

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Well, we've all had our pictures taken and we now have our new badges. But it took Vance Zeebarth to break the camera, and really we can't see why it should have been Vance. We know a lot more who would be more eligible.

And he Warden Said "D——"

Game Warden: "Show your license." One man darted off across the meadow. The warden gave chase and after a mile or so caught up.

"Now," spluttered the protector of the law breathlessly—but before he could go further the runaway handed him a hunter's license, all in good order.

"Why the devil did you bolt," queried the warden, "when you had a license?"

"Well, it's this way," puffed the sportsman, "I have a license, but my partner hasn't."

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And That's That

An Irishman died, much to the relief of a long suffering wife. At the wake, one of his cronies inquired the time of burial. On being informed quite shortly, "in the morning," his friend remonstrated, "he is hardly cold yet." Whereupon the long suffering widow replied, "Hot or cold, he gets out of here at 9 a. m."

BERT KITCHEN'S HARD LUCK

Mind Too Much on Business When Driving a Car

B. F. Kitchen, salesman with headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, went down for the count on February 13 and at the last report Bert was still flat on his back. Bert tells of his accident, which was rather unusual, in a letter written on the 18th, in which he says: "Tried an old stunt I have done hundreds of times, and pulled something loose. Have a habit of when wanting something in my brief case while on the road to just reach over the back of the front seat and lift it to me, without stopping the car, of course, off balance. Did it once too often."

Eyes front always when driving a car, Bert.

WEDDINGS



Musgraves-Vaughn

Madeline, daughter of E. E. Musgraves of the Plating Department, and Sgt. James M. Vaughn, were married Sunday, March 8 in the First U. B. church at 2:30 P.M. by Rev. Paul W. Milhouse.

Ushers were Sgt. Leon Mann, Sgt. Carl Harrison, Corporal Dale Mitchell, and Sgt. Reuben Fugate was best man. All are stationed at Chanute Field where the bridegroom has been since December 1940.

Dorothy Boggs and June Gaffron were bridesmaids, and Wilma Isaac was the maid of honor. The church was decorated with an American flag and the Christian flag, palms, white flowers, and candelabra. The organist played "Madeline," "Ave Maria," and Schubert's "Serenade," and Melvin Bateman sang "Because" and "At Dawning."

Sgt. and Mrs. Vaughn will live at Rantoul after a short wedding trip to Iowa, where the bridegroom's parents live.

Grow New Legs

Tarantulas shed their skin once a year and, should they lose a limb at any time, the following year, when the molt takes place a new leg will appear.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Statton on February 25th, a daughter, Joan Elizabeth.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hardick on Feb. 27th, a son, Richard Derek.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dallier on March 4th, twin boys, as yet unnamed.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker on March 5th, a daughter, still unnamed.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Brock of Dept. 14, a daughter, still unnamed.

Congratulations, folks!

The Sarnia General Hospital would like to know just what kind of War Production we are on down here.

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On February 25th a number from our plant motor-ed to London to see the movie "Copper Goes to War" put on by the Anaconda American Brass Co. of New Toronto, in the Hotel London. This feature explained in detail the part copper and its alloys are playing in this war. A discussion period of half an hour was held after the picture during which time any questions could be asked. Refreshments were served.

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On February 26th Jas. Barrie of the forging department had a streak of good luck when he was fortunate enough to have his name drawn for the \$175.00 cash prize being offered by the Imperial Theatre.

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Jack Cleave and Bob Bannister of Dept. 14 left on Monday, March 2nd for a four months' course in the Galt Training School after which they will become members of the R.C.A.F. We wish you the best of luck boys.

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Miss Anne Hobin of Dept. 14 joined the active forces this month and is now doing canteen work in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in Toronto. Anne is our first girl to join up and we are very proud of her.

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Herb Callister, time keeper from Dept. 14 will leave on April 28th for the Air Force. Herb is going in for a pilot and we expect will be stationed at Toronto for a while.

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Reuben True of Dept. 6 had the misfortune to fracture his leg in two places last Saturday night. We do not know the details but understand it happened in a car accident.

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Alf. Flynn of Dept. 8 is confined to his home, through illness.

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Charlie Fischer of the Automatic Dept. had his legs and hands badly burned last week when some gasoline he was working with ignited. Charlie is now in the Hospital and will probably be off work for some time.

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Gerald Barnes of Dept. 14 underwent a successful emergency operation for rupture in Sarnia General Hospital on Thursday night.

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A number from our office have recently lost time with the flu which is very prevalent now. Scottie Milne, Mollie Hillier, Shirley Scott and Belva Sleeth have been the victims to date.

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Betty Hart and Mary Glynn are walking on air around the office these days having just recently become engaged; Betty to Bill Bates in the Merchant

Marine, and Mary to Ray Miller of Toronto. Congratulations Gals.

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VICTORY STATISTICS

In the recent Second Victory Loan Bond drive, 465 employees of this plant subscribed for a total of \$10,300.00, an average of \$86.67 per subscription. With Income Taxes due on March 31st this "ain't bad."

The local plant campaign was carried on by the employees of the Company which accounts for the striking success of the effort. The Boys were "champing at the bit" and by the time the campaign started nothing would keep them back. The drive was over in less than 48 hours after it started making Mueller, Limited, the first local industry to finish.

The quota which was set for this plant was exceeded by 220%.

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Letters from Canadian Soldiers

HAROLD COATES England, January 11:

"This being Sunday night, we are not so busy. We are as busy here as though we were a regular office. We seldom see any enemy planes overhead, and occasionally in the distance hear rumbling of bombs exploding.

"When we first came over it was rather strange for us. The money was puzzling and still is if making rapid calculation. We do not get enough of it nor spend enough to get familiar. A six pence is about the same as our ten cent pieces. Most of the boys, when buying anything which came to ten pence, would give a six pence and think it was all right. But it is six pence (tanner) and not ten pence like we say ten cents or a dime. Get a few of their pennies and you have some weight. Their smallest bill is 10 shillings. They also have a dollar or equivalent of one. A dollar to them is five shillings. Our dollar is 4 shillings.

"Since we arrive in this country we have been in three different places. Just now we are near the southern coast, the other two units from Sarnia being 8 to 25 miles from here. They drop over now and again for visits.

"The blackout over here is something one would have to see to really understand. At night it looks as if the towns were deserted, no light of any kind showing. Yet the buses run on the highways at the regular speed, making one wonder how they do it. Where we are we are surrounded by trees and when we say it is dark we mean dark.

"We are still waiting for something to happen so we can get it over with and go home. Thanks very much for the package."

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POSTCARD FROM SGT. W. H. WHITING, "On Active Service."

"Thanks a million for the 1000 Buckingham cigarettes. Boy, they sure came at an opportune time because everyone of my pals was running short besides myself. I'm feeling fine. Give my regards to Mr. McIntyre and the rest of the employees."

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BUD DAWES, West Coast:

"Thanks for the cigarettes and letter. I'm still working on the guns of the different destroyers. You will be glad to hear that I have been promoted to Chief Petty Officer. My uniform is a little different now, as I have three buttons on each arm and a laurel wreath underneath my cap badge.

"I received a letter from Clair Cook, who has just come off patrol duty and is stationed in Newfoundland.

"Say hello to all the fellows for me, Mac, Ed, old George and the others."

BRASS CHIPS

Loyle Davis dropped in Saturday morning, February 28, to say "hello" and tell us how much he enjoyed his new job in St. Louis. He and Mrs. Davis have located in Normandy, suburb of St. Louis.

Mrs. Ethel Marshall, who worked in the Cost Department ten years or more ago, visited the office recently and found that many changes had taken place during the years she had been away.

Otha Mills and his family returned to their home on Sunday, March 1, to find that thieves had ransacked the house and taken a number of valuables. The letter "V" had been scrawled on the bathroom mirror, the same marking left in several north end homes looted the same day.

In a letter dated March 7, Billy Ford advises that he has been ill for about a week, adding that he is slowly recovering. His friends in the organization and the salesmen will be glad to hear that he is coming around all right.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Draper recently spent two weeks in Los Angeles. Carl went there on company business connected with the Pacific Coast Plant. While there they had the great pleasure of visiting with their son, Billy, who is in training at one of the camps.

Mr. H. S. Robertson, Production Manager and Assistant Superintendent at the Sarnia plant, was a recent visitor in Decatur.

Mrs. Robert Lusk, who was operated upon at the Macon County hospital on February 25, is reported as making rapid progress toward a complete recovery.

Nola Lowry, Dept. 90, returned to work on March 9 following an absence of several weeks, during which time she underwent an appendectomy.

Bobbie Hartbank, little grandson of Al Ridgeway of the Receiving Department, is confined to St. Mary's hospital suffering with a nervous ailment.

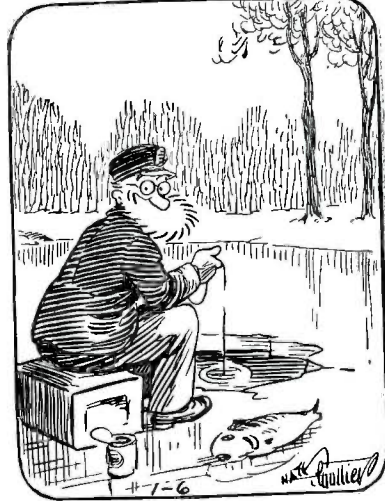
Bill Thomas, who has been in ill health for several months, suffered another heart attack on March 5.

Laura Becker, Core Department, returned to work on March 9 after an absence of one month because of sciatic rheumatism. Part of the time Laura was confined to the hospital.

Lorine Durbin, Dept. 8, became ill and entered the hospital for treatment on March 5.

George Durbin, Dept. 80, has been ill

UNCLE ABNER SAYS:



The darned fool fish'ud never get cotched ef he had sense enough to keep his mouth shut. Same is true about men—allers openin' their yawpers at the wrong time.

and unable to work since February 16. He has been in the hospital but is now at home.

John T. Shepherd, underwent a nose operation on February 27.

Paul Wood, Dept. 110, had a tonsifectomy recently.

Cherry Tosh, assembler in Dept. 90, has been seriously ill in St. Mary's hospital for several weeks.

Ina Grubbs, Core Department, was a recent victim of the flu.

Pete Alekner, Plant 2, was off for two weeks following an operation.

BIRTHS

COFFMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Coffman, Dept. 80, a son, March 8. He has been named Terry Lee.

GORDY—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gordy, Dept. 110, a son, February 23.

BLANKENBURG—Mr. and Mrs. Eric Blankenburg, Tool Room, a son, February 26.

CONNORS—Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Connors, Dept. 9, a son, February 25.

CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curry, Dept. 80, a son, February 13. He has been named Ronald Glenn.

ABOUT SNAKES

One of the Books Which Should Interest Young Readers

In another column we have told you about and given you a list of booklets and pamphlets on Illinois forestry wild game, snakes, etc. Take the one on snakes. It not only tells you about poisonous and non-poisonous snakes but upsets many myths such as using whiskey for protection against the effects of snake bites. Its the wrong thing to do. It is harmful and of no benefit.

Snakes do not charm their prey as many persons believe.

The glass snakes does not break into pieces and then reassemble the parts.

The "hoop snake" is a made-up name. It does not put its tail in its mouth and then roll along hoop fashion.

The blue racer is not as fast as a horse.

The milk snake does not milk cows as it has been reported to do.

This particular book carries some thirty illustrations of snakes that are found in this state. It is full of valuable information.

● Trouble Ahead

Mrs. Love Bird: "Darling, do you know that soon there will be three sharing our little love-nest?"

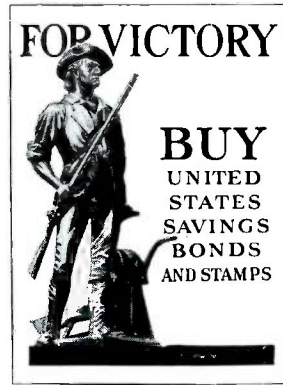
Mr. Love Bird (eagerly): "No, honey, are you sure?"

Mrs. Love Bird: "Positively, I had a letter from mother just this afternoon and she is coming to live with us next week."

MISS KARR GRADUATES



Introducing to readers of the MUELLER RECORD, and especially to the friends of Roy W. Karr, his attractive daughter, Miss Marilyn Karr, who graduated from the Portland High School, January 22. Miss Karr is preparing to enter the Oregon State College this fall. Mr. Karr is a Mueller salesman with headquarters in Portland.



Its Bonds or Bondage—there is no compromise. **DO NOT DELAY.** Bonds are security's two-edged sword for the nation, for the individual. **Begin Buying NOW.**

● EVEN GOOD DRIVERS ERR

Are you an average driver? If so, do you believe that you may commit as many as 131 errors in driving within a twenty minute test period. This is possible according to the Chicago Automobile Club's publication which is known as "Motor News". You might not be guilty of all of them, but you are quite apt to break some of them even though you rank as a good and careful driver. The paper mentioned above has this to say on the subject.

"The average driver can commit 131 errors in good driving practice when traveling over a standard route in city traffic during an interval of twenty minutes.

"The 131 points of sound driving technique have been presented in chart form to the Red Cross and the Office of Civilian Defense which these agencies will use as a means of determining the ability of their volunteer drivers. Many of the points which are important to safe driving are frequently overlooked even by seasoned drivers.

"Among them are: Failure to check the proper position of the rear view mirror before starting. Straddling marked lanes: failure to adjust seat for relaxed position at the wheel; Maintaining an over-cautious attitude which usually results in too slow speeds and nervousness."

● Knew What Was Coming

"There's a sort of bump on your chest," said the tailor, pausing in his measurements, "but we can make the clothing so that you will not realize the bump is there."

"I know you will," sighed the customer. "That's my pocketbook in my inside pocket."

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The fish will soon be caught that nibbles at every bait.

CLARK LINTON INDUCTED



Clark Linton, who was inducted into military service with the February quota from Macon County, checked out February 25. He had been employed in the Ground Key division since September 26, 1939 until recently, when he had been transferred to Dept. 70. Clark, who is 6'1" tall, is a native of Patoka, Illinois. He was born there August 21, 1912, and is a brother of Harold Linton of the Regular Division.

Clark is now located with Company C, 35th Signal Training Battalion, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

ALL LIKE THE RECORD

Here is a letter from one of the boys at the front which indicates that the outside Record is doing something in the way of overcoming the tedium of life in the training camps. The writer is the son of E. V. Myers, one of our plumber friends in Willard, Ohio, and consequently knew of the Record by reading it when at home. We were glad to put his name on the list during the training period, and are now especially glad to know that all of the soldiers in the barracks with him are enjoying Mueller Co.'s publication. His letter follows: Mueller Co., Decatur, Illinois:

Your publication, the MUELLER RECORD, has always been a source of amusement and entertainment to me, and I was delighted beyond description to receive your letter along with the recent issue of this magazine. I remember commenting in a letter to my parents that I appreciated all of the contents of a package they sent me—especially the copy of the MUELLER RECORD. I explained also that many of the boys in the barracks had also read it, and had enjoyed it to the extent that they requested that in the event I should receive any more copies they also wanted to share in the fun. Hence, I am writing this letter to thank you not for myself alone, but for the whole gang.

Most sincerely,

Sgt. Charles F. Myers,
41st School Squadron,
Lowry Field, Colo.

EUGENE GRUBAUGH writes from the west coast referring to the reported air raid. "We had a little fireworks out here the other night, which I suppose you heard about. If what I saw wasn't airplanes there must have been some sea gulls fly-

ing pretty high. Things were really popping for a while. I am driving a truck here and it was pretty dark without any lights. I like my job, no kidding. Tell the boys in the foundry that we were shooting at pink elephants the other night."

ABOUT BIRDS

Some of Early Visitors Which Are Due At This Season

This article and perhaps some others to follow are written with the thought in mind that they will be especially instructive to young folks.

Birds make a strong appeal to young and old alike. They are an interesting subject of study. The little folks should be taught to learn to identify birds and know their habits. There are some birds which are pests but the majority are man's friends and a benefit to him. They destroy insects which are a menace to crops. With or without knowledge of birds, nearly everyone is on the lookout for the first robin in spring. They may be here now. As a matter of fact, a few robins remain in the north throughout the winter.

Early Arrivals

Among the early arrivals each spring is the blue bird, the robin, the meadowlark, the woodpeckers, and thrushes, or as known to bird students, the brown thrasher.

The blue bird generally comes early. It is bright blue on the back and is domestic in habits. It breeds in the United States as far west as Colorado and Wyoming, and as far north as southern Canada. Its winters are spent in the south of the United States and Guatemala. The male as usual is more brilliant in color than the female. These birds will take a nesting box. Their diet is 68 per cent insects and 32 per cent vegetable matter.

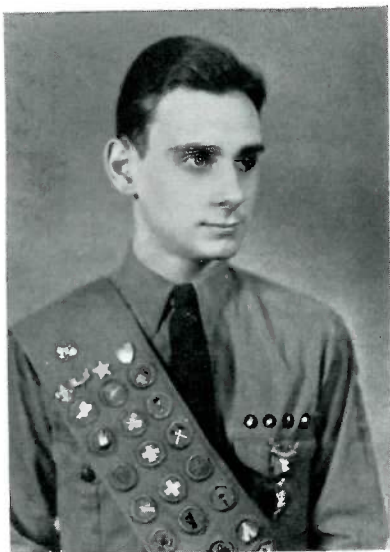
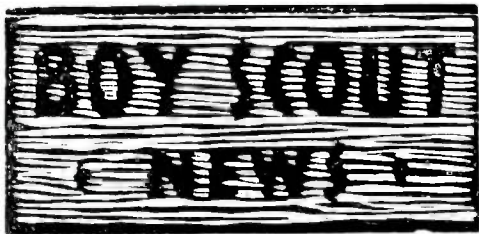
Meadow Larks

The meadow lark is an early arrival. There is an eastern and western meadowlark. They can be seen and heard through spring and summer in Fairview Park. They are about 10 inches long, brown streaked back, bright yellow breast, marked in the male with a conspicuous black crescent. They nest on the ground, live on insects and in limited degree on seed. Their melodious note is a delight to hear.

Best Known

The robin is the best known of all birds. It has figured in song and story for hundreds of years. With few exceptions it leaves this section in winter and goes as far south as Guatemala. Its song is one of the most melodious and most easily recognized of all of our birds. Much as this bird is admired, its habits are not the best. While it eats many varieties of insects, it also goes after fruit to the extent of 58 per cent for diet. There is one extenuating circumstance, which is its prefer-

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On Feb. 17th at the Annual Boy Scout Dinner held in the Masonic Temple our own Jack March was presented his Eagle Badge. This not only is the highest honor obtainable, but represents a lot of real work by Jack who had difficulty mastering some of the harder projects which he selected. Jack, who is the son of Happy March, joined Troop 2 in June 1936. And, by diligent effort, pushed himself right up to the top in the rank. He is at present a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and a great deal of credit should go to Jack for standing by Troop 2 when the going was rough because of frequent changes in Scoutmasters. He is quite popular, and was elected last month a Commissioner to help rule Decatur during Scout Week. Mrs. March made a special trip to Decatur to see Jack receive his badge and have him pin upon her the miniature Eagle Mother's pin. Congratulations to them both, and to all the loaders who had a part in training him!

The Scout salute and handclasp to our newest recruit, Richard Adams. Richard recently joined Troop 2 and knew his Tenderfoot requirements almost perfect. Another candidate, David Kruzan, was almost ready when he broke his arm. David says he can do all but the knots, and will get to that as soon as his arm is well enough to let him make his knot board. Another newcomer is Ceell Snow who will be ready before long. Won't those shiny Tenderfoot badges look good on those manly chests?

Quite a bit of advancement was done on our pe-

cent week-end hike. George Bridwell, Richard Sef-ton, David Buck, Brownie Blakeman, Jesse Bridwell, and Billy Hughes all met some of their requirements. Herbert Harner went up to the last Board of Review for First Aid Merit Badge. Nice going Herbert!

In January our first year of hikes was completed, and on our February trip Robert Hughes and Scoutmaster Jackson were awarded those nifty leather badges marked with the Blazing Footprint. This makes them full-fledged members of the Fire Trailers Clan. Both now have thirteen straight monthly hikes to their credit.

We still have a few vacancies in the troop for boys who are now twelve. Come around any Tuesday night and look us over.

Our Sea Scout boat is slowly but surely taking shape and one of these days we hope to be present at her launching. First Class Scouts who are fifteen or older are eligible for this branch of Scouting Activity.

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BE A CUB SCOUT

This is written just for you fellows who are 9, 10, and 11 years old. No doubt you have heard of the fun Cub Scouts have. There is your weekly Den meeting in which the Den Mother helps you make things: — scrap books, handcraft, Indian costumes, tom-toms etc. You play lots of games, sing Cub Songs, and have a big time in that dandy blue uniform. Once a month all the Dens get together for a pack meeting. Here you display the things you made, show your hobbies, and compete with the other Dens. Every so often the Den Dad takes you out on a "walk" somewhere, or maybe you do some backyard camping. Lots of fun.



Do you want to be a Cub Scout? If you do, tell Dad and Mother about it. Have them come down to the gym some Tuesday night and talk to one of the Scout leaders. We need a good Cub Pack for our younger Mueller boys right now, and if enough of you get your parents interested we CAN have one pretty soon.

Honeymoon Kiss

In a wedding-gift roadster a honeymooning couple skidded around a corner, jumped into the air, knocked down a lamp post, smacked against three cars, ran against a stone wall and stopped. Slowly the girl climbed out of the wreck.

"Honey," she exclaimed, "that's what I call a kiss."

—Wall Street Journal.

Got Early Start

He—"My ancestors came over in the Mayflower."

She—"It's mighty lucky for you they did, for the immigration laws are much stricter now."—Wall Street Journal.

Egyptian Carpenter Tools

Egyptian carpenters possessed practically every tool used by the modern members of the craft 3,500 years ago.

Argentine Likes Cricket

Cricket is becoming also as popular, as a summer game, as football is for winter, in the Argentine.

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One of these days is none of these days.

MID-YEAR GRADUATE



Veta Maxine, daughter of Jess Ditty of Plant 2, was a mid-year graduate from the Decatur High School. Her father has been employed in the Machine Shop at the Iron Foundry since 1920. A brother, Charles, works in the Polishing Department, and another

brother, John, who formerly worked here, has been in the army several years.

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ence for wild fruit. In some locations it is harmful to fruit crops.

Good Singer

The brown thrasher (thrush) is dressed in rich brown tints and lavishly spotted breast. It is about 11" long, which includes tail of 5". It ranges from Canada south, wintering on the Gulf of Mexico. The brown thrasher is a musician of high standing rivaling the mocking bird in richness of melody. Generally speaking, this bird likes nesting in thickets and hedge rows.

Mourning Dove

The mourning dove is one of man's best friends, and man is one of its worst enemies. Its food is 99 per cent vegetable. The seed it eats is 99 per cent weed seed. One mourning dove's stomach contained 6400 seed of foxtail. Another 7,500 seeds of the yellow wood sorrel. Most of the weed seed eaten by this dove are from troublesome plants. The mourning dove breeds throughout the United States and Canada. It gets its name from its few sad, mournful notes. The law makes it a game bird, and in the fall of the year hunters kill it by the thousands, regardless of its usefulness to man.

This dove is also called the turtle dove by many, but we find no authority for it. Turtle dove applies to any old world wild dove, especially the common European specie, which is also known as the ring dove, another name which some give the mourning dove.

The Chinese Like Birds

While writing you about birds, the following clipping is interesting:

"Nature is close to the life of every Chinese, says Nature Magazine. All the feathered folk that go to make up the finishing touches for the charm of the out-of-doors are held in high regard by the laborer, the student, the water-shop keeper.

More than mere incidents in the complete scheme of all things natural and of the earth, they were long ago given a rank of high importance in Chinese literature, art, and science.

Perhaps, too, that is the secret of the

LONG MAY IT WAVE



An unusually good snap shot of the Stars and Stripes floating over the plant alongside of the smoke stack bearing the name Mueller. Long may they fly, always together. The snap was taken by Ed. Stille. He does not say whether he was up in a plane or on some convenient spot on the roof. We suspect the latter.

abundance of bird life in China, in spite of the fact that the country has suffered periodic cycles of famine and scarcity since the dawn of history. Evidently this love has been so sincere that the birds have been protected.

Floody In Body

The average human being has from one to one and a half gallon of blood in his body. It represents about one-twentieth of the body weight.

GIVEN BRONZE MEDAL

Donna, daughter of Clark Mansfield, Dept. 110, entered the Decatur High school with the mid-year class graduating from Centennial Junior High school. For the last five months of her attendance at Centennial, Donna was on the honor roll. In addition she received a bronze medal awarded for spelling.



Clark has been with the company since November 1939.

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from the office for some time, is making a good recovery in Decatur and Macon County Hospital from an operation sustained February 28.

Jack Rubican was on the sick list for several days a couple of weeks ago but was soon back at his desk and able to hold up his own both in repartee and bowling.

Norma Roarick, the lucky gal, has been a-vacationing. She returned March 9 after a trip into the deep South. She traveled through Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi and had a grand time. And so far we haven't detected a trace of Southern accent.

Our friends in the Shipping Dept. tell us that they've a bicycle dealer down there. First thing we hear he's buying a bike, next thing he's selling it. Pretty rapid turn-over, too. Here we thought Orville was a bicycle enthusiast, liked the great outdoor and was interested in getting some more exercise and all that sort of thing, and here he is getting his fun out of the business end of the transaction. My, my . . .

Marjorie Tatham was called to Hannibal, Missouri, February 17 by the death of her aunt.

We know now that Spring is coming soon. Mr. Adolph Mueller has come up from Florida to visit us, and that's a good sign. You can't go wrong on Mr. Adolph and the robins.

The biggest event of the season and maybe of several seasons in the Cost Dept. was the Cost Department Pot-Luck Dinner at Mueller Athletic Club house on February 18. Twenty-six members of the department, husbands, wives and children arrived with dishes of tempting food and remained to enjoy a pleasant evening. Table decorations of a patriotic nature were prepared by Erma Barth and included red, white and blue decorative paper and candles. The menu had been planned by Aline Moore and Dorothy Cooper, with Ruth Liestman as general assistant, and everybody enjoyed the food. "Smitty" Smith and Erma were in charge of the games, and the ever riotous Cork game and good old Crazy Bridge were mirth-provoking for all. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ruthrauff, Carolyn Keil, and Frank Edmonson.

The evening was voted a big success, and "those present" are looking forward to the next get-together.

Third Floor almost adopted a mascot the other day. A young gray cat found its way up here and was very willing to stay with us. It was at home in the Mailing Dept. and in the Cost Dept., but, alas, Frank Edmonson removed it forcibly, setting it out into the cold world. We still feel a little

bad because we didn't have any liver or cream for its breakfast.

Another of our early Spring visitors has been Mr. Dill, manager of the Los Angeles plant.

The O. C. Drapers were California visitors in February. Between days at the Los Angeles plant, O. C. and Mrs. Draper had an opportunity to see their son, Billy, one of Uncle Sam's children and stationed at that time in California. They report that Billy is looking well and is in good spirits.

BOWLING SEASON ENDS
Annual Sweepstakes Event Won by
R. Leipski

The bowling season is over and the big climax—the Annual Sweepstake was played on the evening of Tuesday, March 10th. R. Leipski was the top-notch and pulled down the first prize. Below is the list and performance of the six prize winners.

Prize Winners						
Name	Prize	1	2	3	Hep.	G.T.
R. Leipski	\$8.00	214	180	222	32	648
W. Edwards	\$6.00	188	231	199	20	638
H. Gragg	\$3.00	174	180	197	83	634
R. Taylor	\$2.00	177	223	135	97	632
L. Adams	\$2.00	157	237	188	32	614
V. Riley	\$1.00	153	145	160	146	604

There were 49 participants in the sweepstakes. In addition to the prize winners the remaining 43 finished in the following order:

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| O. Fortschneider | H. Blankenburg |
| C. Curry | R. Roarick |
| J. Fair | C. Morenz |
| M. Foster | M. Coates |
| A. Werdes | L. Masterson |
| B. Flaughter | C. Roarick |
| J. Bain | M. Stratman |
| F. Edmonson | O. C. Draper |
| L. Skelly | A. Grossman |
| H. Thompson | M. Hayes |
| O. Mills | R. Caudle |
| B. Butts | J. Rubicam |
| E. Hartwig | L. Wiant |
| P. Monska | J. Freeman |
| L. Roe | B. Fonner |
| R. Larus | AJ Hill |
| W. Behrns | C. Dodwell |
| E. Nalefski | C. Kelley |
| B. Taylor | E. Krumseik |
| O. C. Keil | R. Salogga |
| H. Stratman | O. Keller |
| D. Reidelberger | |

Profitable Deafness

"Hello! This is long distance. I have a call for you from Miami."

"Hello! This is Ben. Listen, Jack, I'm stranded here and need \$100."

"I can't hear. Something is wrong with the 'phone."

"I want \$100."

"I can't hear you."

Operator: "I can hear it O.K."

"Well, you give him the \$100."

—Punch Bowl.

Marmaduke, a tortoise in the London zoo, is said to have been alive in Queen Anne's day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE:—Boody, Illinois, lot 40x160 ft. facing on the main street; good well. Price \$180.00 cash. Phone 2-7348.

FOR SALE CHEAP: "Handy Man" garden tractor. 8 inch plow, disk, cultivator, and hilling shovels. H. M. Carter, Plant 2.

FOR SALE: Choice suburban lot in Maryland Heights. 75 ft. x 140 ft. east frontage. Two blocks off hard road, close to school. Bill Mueller, Dept. 800. Phone 8-3207.

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

FOR SALE:—Ping-pong table and equipment. Used only three months. See Elizabeth Raskin, Core Department.

FOR SALE: Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. 8c a lb. George L. Hunt, 566 N. Monroe St.

FOR SALE: Yellow Popcorn—9c per pound. Roy Pease, Harris-town. Telephone 296.

FOR SALE: 1 Motrola record player and 70 records. Also 7 record albums in good condition. A bargain at \$20.00. F. W. Dannewitz, Dept. 36. Phone 2-6984.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: A used, water softener in good condition. See Robert L. Pope, Sylvan Shores, or Helen Pope, Stationery Department.

DEATHS

F. W. Dannewitz, Sr.

F. W. Dannewitz, Sr., father of F. W. Dannewitz, Jr., Otto, and Richard, died March 9 in his home at 1305 E. Locust street. He had been in failing health for several years. He worked for the Mueller Co. as a grinder in the Ground Key Department from 1897 to 1927, when ill health forced his retirement.

Mr. Dannewitz, a native of Germany, became a naturalized citizen in 1900. He is survived by his wife and nine children, 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

F. W., Jr. and Richard work in the Tool Room, while Otto is employed in the Ground Key Division.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday at the Moran & Sons funeral home, and at 2:30, in the St. Johannes church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Fred R. Peebles

The death of Fred R. Peebles, February 28, called for expressions of sorrow and regret from his old friends and associates in this organization. He was a member of the main office force some years ago and his

uniformly good nature and friendly disposition won him many friends. Soon after the A. W. Cash company was formed he went with that organization and became purchasing agent. He remained in that position until a few years ago when ill health forced him to retire. Recently he entered St. Mary's hospital and after eight days of serious illness passed away. Fred was 60 years of age. Despite his long illness he maintained much of the buoyant spirit which was characteristic of him.

He lived on rural route 7 and was born there on August 13, 1882, the son of Charles E. and Margaret Mary Peebles. He was married to Margaret Frazier in Peoria June 10, 1905, and she survives him together with three children, Mrs. David Peters Jr., Charles W. Peebles and Mrs. J. J. Morant, Jr. Burial was in Fairlawn cemetery.

Gottfried Hill

Gottfried Hill, father of Clarence in the Engineering Department, and Robert in the Regulator Division, died March 3 at the family residence at 1304 East Orchard street. He had been in failing health for three years.

Funeral services were held at the family home at 2 P.M. on Friday, followed by services at the St. Johannes Lutheran church. Burial was at the Lutheran cemetery.

Mr. Hill is survived by his wife, four sons, one daughter, two grandchildren, two sisters, and three brothers. He was an uncle of Clarence Roarick.

Mrs. John Like

Mrs. John Like, 73, mother of Matt Like, Dept. 90, died February 27 in her home at Farina, Illinois. The next day would have been her 53rd wedding anniversary. Besides her husband she leaves two sons, seven daughters, 21 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Hartzell Popejoy

Hartzell Coleman Popejoy, brother of Blanche Kallbrier of the Core Department, was one of the victims of the explosion in the melting unit of the Burlington, Iowa, TNT plant March 4. A former resident of Decatur, Mr. Popejoy, age 36, had been employed at the plant for about two months. Scheduled to go to work at midnight, he had reported early and was talking to some friends when the explosion occurred. He lived for two hours and died in the Burlington hospital.

He leaves besides his sister, his wife and three children, who live in Fairfield, Iowa, and his mother at Colfax, Illinois.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 P.M. Friday, with burial at the Evergreen cemetery at Fairfield.