

MUELLER RECORD

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NOW FOR GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

It's the good old summer time again and we are glad to shelve Chinese checkers, the easy chair, the magazines, roller skating, ping pong, vaudeville shows, indoor games, and so on to answer the call of the great outdoors.

How can we resist the whack of the bat for a clean home run with the bases full, the boating, the fishing, and those restful but exercising games of croquet, badminton, horse shoes, or a beef steak dinner beneath the trees?

No Cost to You

And just think of this for a moment! You have everything above enumerated without a cent of cost to you. It's a part of Mueller Co.'s recreational activities program. The company wants you and your family to enjoy these entertaining, invigorating, restful games and to get the most possible out of the beautiful grounds surrounding the Lodge and the Athletic Club House.

The croquet, horse shoe, and badminton courts and the baseball diamonds, steak ovens, everything in fact are being put in first class shape for the summer of 1939.

Lining Up

We are lining up programs in every division of sport, and with the coming of seasonable temperatures will have something to attract and entertain everybody and anybody showing symptoms of desiring healthful recreation.

There will be something going on pretty much all the time and many of the events will be in the evening so that you may have uninterrupted time for relaxation with no factory or home work to claim attention.

There are no hard and fast rules governing the use of the games intended for your indulgence. It is the committee's thought that such rules would detract from full enjoyment of the privileges extended, and prefers to depend upon your spirit of good sportsmanship, so that everyone will get a share of the pleasures.

Up to the Players

The committee has no desire or intention to impose arbitrary rules but will leave it

to those who indulge in various games to show the same consideration for others that they would like others to show to them. Just bear in mind that frequently there are those standing nearby awaiting an opportunity to play. Seldom will they ask the privilege from those whose love of a game makes them forgetful of others.

Do Unto Others

It would be a fine thing if our consideration for our fellows would prompt us to offer to release the court at the end of a game then in progress.

The dominating thought should always be that the grounds and equipment are supplied so that **All Employees May Get Some Enjoyment From Them.**

However, if it is found that such a plan does not give the desired results, it may be necessary to limit the time employes may use the courts when others are waiting their turn to play.

You Will be asked to Register

It is also our plan to register the name of everyone using the croquet, badminton, and horseshoe courts this year. This is being done so that we may be in a position to determine whether or not additional facilities are needed. And your cooperation will be appreciated in seeing that those who are delegated to do the work obtain the information necessary. Also, register at the stoves. There is a register there and please see that you register each time you use the stoves.

TRUE ENOUGH

The sexton had been laying the new carpet on the pulpit fluff r'n. and had left a number of tacks scattered on the floor.

"See here, James," said the parson, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of those tacks right in the middle of my sermon?"

"Well, sir," replied the sexton, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on." —Pasadena Post

"I wish I'd enough money to buy an elephant."

"What d'you want an elephant for?"

"I don't. I want the money."

—NCR Factory News.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Soft Ball

On April 26 there was a general meeting of all interested in soft ball, and about thirty factory and office fellows attended. It was decided to have a league consisting of teams throughout the factory. Due to the fact that the factory is small and some of the departments are small, the teams will be picked from all departments and not limited to just one department.

A committee was chosen to form the league, govern, and make all decisions. Bill Young was elected chairman. Other members: Mel Porter, Howard Lund, Kenneth Potts, and Bert Dobbins.

It is planned to play evenings in a vacant lot next to the factory. So enthusiastic are the members that about fifteen of them came down Saturday and worked nearly all day cleaning off the lot in order to have a place to play.

The league got under way on Saturday, May 6, with five teams in the running. All games will be played on Saturdays. The teams are: Office, Founders, Machiners, Assemblers, and Polishers. The Founders beat the Polishers 12-11, and the Machinists beat the Assemblers 14-5. The Office had a bye but four teams will play again next Saturday. We intend to play two rounds.

Even Monte Henderson is interested and has promised to bring a picture of himself and a few others who were playing ball back in 1914. To see "Buddah" Henderson playing ball will be a sight we hope not to miss.

Bowling

The bowling finals are as follows:

Team—	G.	W.	L.
Machinists	90	52	38
Assemblers	90	49	41
Officers	90	47	43
Founders	90	46	44
Engineers	90	41	49
Polishers	90	35	55

FOUR HIGH BOWLERS

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	Hi G.
Hatfield, Assemblers ...	90	168	210
Reedy, Engineers	81	165	222
Baker, Officers	90	163	255
Oglesby, Founders	75	160	213

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAMES

Single		Series	
Wyant	257	Hatfield	599
Baker	255	Potts	577
Musmecci	231	Higbee	575
Reedy	222	Young	571

TEAM HIGH GAMES

High Series		High Game	
Engineers	873	Engineers	2533
Assemblers	867	Assemblers	2422
Machiners	856	Officers	2419
Officers	854	Machiners	2338

SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS

First—Hatfield, 563

Third—Potts 559
 Second—Roy Baker 560

Ping Pong

Ping pong has just been started and with the acquisition of a new table the sport has really gotten under way. Claire Zale is so enthusiastic about the game that she spends every spare moment practicing, and she and Lee Brumby have a game every noon. Over the week end Claire, thinking to steal a march on Lee, decided to play a little ping pong and ended up in bed with a sprained ankle. But we're betting on Claire—she'll probably have the table in her lap and still get in a few games. We go in for sport in a tough way out here.

PAY AS THEY GO



Pictured above is Mr. and Mrs. Dale Scott and their small home. Dale is employed in the Assembly Department, and is a fine, energetic young man full of ambition. He has been with the company for two and one-half years.

About a year ago Dale and his wife bought a lot in a new addition called Garvey, about ten miles from work. Although the town is not incorporated as yet, it stands as Garvey, California. They are paying \$10 a month for their lot and are building their home by the pay day or only as they have the cash. The house is small as yet, but they can look the world in the face free of debt. Each pay day

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"FLASH" WITH A FULL LOAD



Bob "Flash" Taylor, (the "Flash" is put in to prevent confusion with the movie actor), son of superintendent Frank Taylor was caught in this pose while delivering some of Frank Mueller's candid camera equipment. Bob reminds one of the old-time plumber who carried everything but the office sink on his back when he started out on a job. Bob is working in the experimental department studying drafting and machining.

A BAD ACCIDENT

Goggles Again Save Eye Sight this time for Dean Butler

Dean Butler, Plant 2, is thankful that he was wearing goggles recently when an emery wheel broke and struck him in the face. His goggles were badly shattered and he received a few minor cuts about the forehead, but his eyes are in perfect condition. The goggles were mounted on a display board and have been shown about the factory—mute testimony of the wisdom of goggles. There is no doubt of what the effects of this accident would have been had it not been for these goggles.

Had Him Puzzled

Doctor (at lunatic asylum)—Mrs. Sharp was here today and wanted her husband sent home and placed under her care.

Superintendent—Did you let him go?

"No. He said he would rather stay here."
"H'm! The man must be sane."

The mind is like a parachute; it functions only when it is open.

OFFICIAL SUMMER OPENING

May 23rd Named for Beginning of Athletics

The official opening of Mueller Lodge is to be May 23rd featuring Tony Aceta, world champion professional fly and bait rod casting.

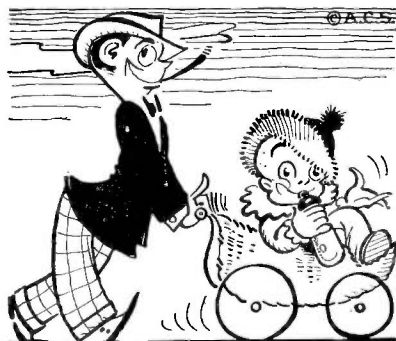
Also baseball—Mueller vs. Staley.

Croquet, Badminton and Horse Shoe courts open for use on above date.

Watch bulletin boards for further information concerning official opening.

Going to be a big year.

BIRTHS



TAUBER—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tauber, a daughter, Constance Roberta, on April 15. Mr. Tauber is in Dept. 300.

CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Curry, a 9½ pound daughter on April 15. She has been named Bonnie Kay. Mr. Curry is in the Polishing Department.

Martin—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, a daughter Marilyn Carol, March 30. The father is in the Polishing and Buffing department.

Jones—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jones, a son, Douglas Norman, April 1st. Mr. Jones is in Dept. 2.

FAIR ENOUGH

The following notice was inserted in a rural weekly:

"Anyone found near my chicken house at night will be found there next morning."

Famous last words: "I'll get those brakes fixed tomorrow."

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DEATHS

Glen Hester

Glen Hester, for 12 years an employee of Department 8, died April 17 at his home at Opdyke near Mt. Vernon. He had been a resident of Decatur until two years ago. His brother, Clyde, is now a member of Department 8.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, and one daughter, Wanda; his mother, Mrs. Zora H. Hester, Decatur; three brothers, Clyde of Decatur, Eldo of Danville, and Luther of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mrs. Velma Crossno of Decatur, and Mrs. Mary Evans of Danville.

Funeral services were held in Mt. Vernon with burial in Hickory Hill cemetery south of there.

J. D. Campbell

J. D. Campbell, age 65, died April 20 in St. Anthony's hospital at Effingham. He was the father of Mrs. Merle Cunningham, whose husband works in Department 9. Funeral services were conducted in the Moran chapel with burial in Graceland cemetery.

Wesley Kates

Wesley E. Kates, age 77, died May 7 in the Decatur and Macon County hospital following a stroke suffered on the previous Wednesday. Mr. Kates was a resident of Decatur for 40 years, and an employee of the Mueller Co. for 28 years. He had been retired since 1930. Almost the entire duration of his employment with the company was spent in the Brass Assembly Department.

Mr. Kates leaves only one brother, William of Lyons, Indiana, his wife and five children having preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the Moran chapel with burial in Graceland.

Michael Oakleaf

Michael Oakleaf, 71, died April 30 at Mattoon. He was the father of Elisha O. Oakleaf of the Polishing Department. Funeral services were conducted in the Dawson & Wikoff chapel with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

Otto Halmbacher

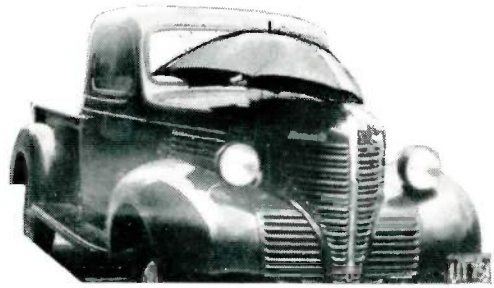
The many friends of Otto Halmbacher heard of his death Saturday, May 6, with feelings of deep regret. His death was due to a heart attack.

Otto joined the Mueller organization in 1902 and had served 23 years when he left us. He was the head of the electro-plating department and was known to nearly all members of the force. Upon retiring, he established himself in the plating business and carried it on as long as his health permitted.

He was a native of Decatur, having been born here June 9, 1871. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Anna Aberle of Indianapolis, and one son, Paul, of Milwaukee, and a brother, Max, of Oklahoma City, formerly circulation manager of the Review.

The funeral was held Monday morning from St. James Catholic church.

CHARLEY'S LITTLE RED BUS



One morning during a pouring rain the staff photographer received a hurry up call to come to the cafeteria. Hurriedly donning a raincoat and grabbing an umbrella, flash lights, tripods, etc., we set out, expecting to find almost anything short of a murder. Charlie Johnson's new red Plymouth truck stood just outside the cafeteria, and we mean red. Even on a cloudy day the truck puts to shame any of the city's scarlet fire fighting equipment.

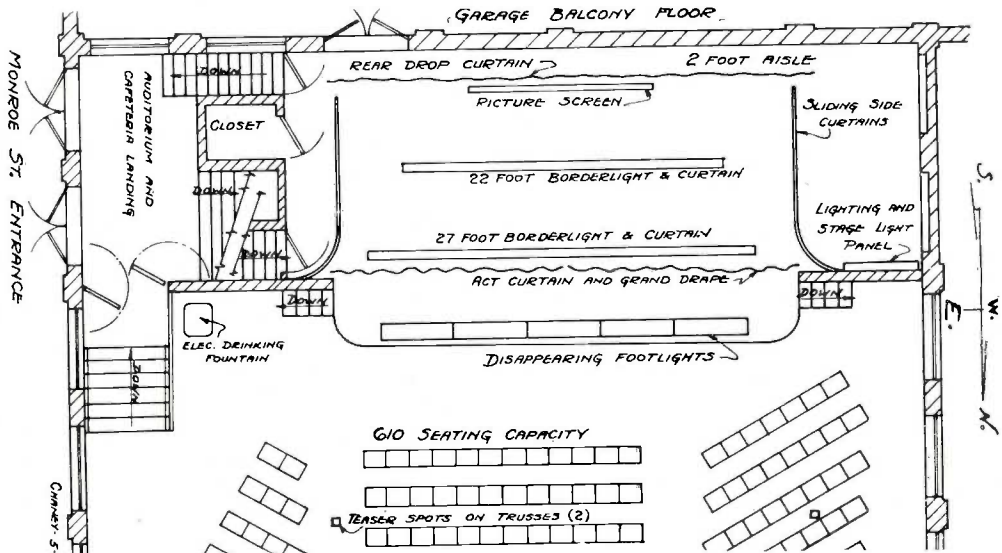
The cafeteria staff were all expectantly waiting our arrival and greeted us with the announcement: "Charlie was afraid his new truck would get wet, and we think it's worth a picture."

The accompanying photograph was made, and as we gathered up our equipment, Charlie came along. He took one look at his truck and inquired (we were the only one in sight by that time), "Who did that?" Of course, we admitted nothing but went on our way, and as we looked back we saw Charlie furiously wiping away all the little rain drops that had been so bold as to land on his new, shiny speed wagon.

ONE RABBIT—FIVE MONTHS

It was an expensive and painful ordeal which Ernest Watkins experienced as the result of one hunting trip last November. On May 8, five months later, he was released by the doctor and pronounced able to work—five months of aches and pains, chills and fever, delirium and eleven weeks in the hospital, a victim of Tularemia. His life was despaired of at one time, but now Ernie returns looking fine—he has gained weight and has a sun tan. When asked if he was taking orders for rabbits this fall, he replied in a very emphatic manner, "There'll be no more rabbits for me."

PLANS FOR THE NEW STAGE



Brief mention was made in the April Record of proposed improvements in the gymnasium which will give the organization the advantage and pleasure of a real theater. This month we present line drawing which will indicate in a general way what you may expect when the vaudeville and other professional attractions come to us during the winter season.

Stage architecture is a rather technical subject, difficult to make clear in a written description. This is due to some of the queer names, which are instantly understandable to persons familiar with theatrical technique, but are Greek to those who are not.

The quickest and easiest way of explaining the plan without going into elaborate detail is to tell you that the new stage will be almost a duplicate of the one in the high school. Nearly everyone has seen the school stage at some time during past years. Our new stage will be equipped with draw curtain and footlights and other accessories to justify the classification with stages in standard theatres. Outside of giving performers ample room for their acts, properly lighted and spot lighted, it will give a theatrical atmosphere which will materially enhance the pleasure of the spectators. There will be dressing rooms for the performers, comfortably lighted and heated which is too frequently not the case in the strictly professional show houses.

To get a correct and satisfactory conception of the picture, you will have to wait until the "Grand Opening" in the fall.

The most radical change necessary will be the elimination of the balcony, which is seldom used, to make room for the stage which will be at the south side of the room. This will not interfere with basketball or roller

skating or any of the other sports which have grown in popularity during the past few years, or with regular moving pictures.

Entrance will still be on Monroe street, but upon entering one turns to the right and passing through swinging doors, passes into the gymnasium.

Enough of the seating plan is shown to give an idea of what it will be like. There will be seating accommodations for 610 persons.

These improved facilities will meet the approval of the professional people and the committee feels the appearance and accommodations, giving a theatrical atmosphere, will have a tendency to improve the quality of attractions.

Theatrical people are not only clannish, but they hang on to the tradition that their act calls for a real stage and accessories which the regular theater provides for them.

We think this is wonderfully fine gesture of the company to make these improvements, and feel that members of the organization will show their appreciation by liberal support of the efforts of the committee to not only bring you good attractions but to make it possible for you to see them in comfort.

Bulk Demand

King Solomon had occupied the royal box on the opening night of the musical comedy, and naturally the producer was anxious for his approbation.

"What did you think of that chorus, Your Majesty?" he asked nervously.

"Great!" ejaculated the potentate. "I'd like to date up the first three rows some evening."

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

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Willie Rohman has been receiving sympathy on the loss of a prized collection. Willie, it seems, collects other things besides Lake Decatur fish, notably the "trinkets" such as miniature animals and so on that one occasionally obtains with peanuts from the peanut machine. Well, Willie's collection grew and grew until it consisted of more than 230 of the pygmy objects. The collection was his pride and joy. He threaded the tiny prizes together and hung them inside his car.

And now comes the villain. Willie left the car parked down town one evening, the collection intact. He returned to find that the car had been broken into, and, sad to behold, the collection had been stolen.

Nothing else in the car was disturbed. The theft, to all appearances, was committed by a rival collector.

Nothing daunted, Willie has begun collecting all over again. He and his friends are a bit dismayed, however, when they consider how many peanuts somebody will have to eat to build a new collection equal to the old one.

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Ed. and Stella Stille are moving soon into a new home that they have purchased on West Forest. The house is in the 1300 block, and from what we've heard, is very nice. We've heard some of the folks up here threatening to call as soon as the Stille's move.

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Agnes Reid, formerly of Mueller Fixture company and lately of the Cost Department, has been transferred to Frank Mueller's office to take over the work of Ruth Campbell, who has resigned.

Miss Hambleton, whom we all associate with the Mueller Fixture Company, where she was secretary and purchasing agent, has begun work in the Cost Dept. at Agnes' desk.

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We're so glad that Spring and Summer are here and that people are talking about vacations. We enjoy writing about people's vacations. And this year there really are vacation plans for trips East. We've heard Helen Rinehart, Erma Barth, June Krumseik, Edna Johnston, Helen Pope, Louise Whitehead talking about projected vacation jaunts to New York and way points. We're informed that the Everett Wacaser's and the Don Boggs' are also planning Eastern trips.

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As a matter of fact, the travel literature is very alluring this year. With a folder or

a map at hand, one can speculate or day-dream of the grandest sort of excursion. The copy-writers have certainly gotten in some good licks this season.

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That shriek of terror that you heard on Monday morning, the 8th, from Helen, our newest bride, was occasioned by the following: Helen Rinehart handed the other Helen a nice-looking jar, saying she had obtained a new kind of hand cream. Wouldn't Helen B. like to try it? Of course she would. Mrs. Bailey thereupon removed the lid, and, dear, dear, out slithered a perfectly monstrous looking snake.

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A number of our boys and girls were present at the dance in Mueller gym on May 3rd. We are told that Willie Rohman, Joe Fleckenstein and Bob Tertocha distinguished themselves by their playing and singing during the evening.

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E. F. Dickey and family spent several days, including the week-end of May 7, visiting relatives in Kansas.

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MAN-OF-THE-MONTH. With the opening of the season for the Great American Sport, we rather believe that the Man of the Hour wears a baseball uniform. Or, maybe he's just the humble fan whose interest is responsible for the popularity of the game. In any case, we're feeling pretty smug about living in a country where interest runs higher in batting averages than it does in boundaries.

HIGH PIN HONORS

Karl Blankenburg and Edgar Hartwig, two Mueller men, won high pin honors in the scratch singles bowling tournament at the Decatur Parlors on Sunday, April 23. Keglers with averages of 174 and under were bowling.

Blankenburg totaled 1,017 in five games, with individual game scores as follows: 226, 174, 214, 201, and 202.

Hartwig came in fourth with a total of 948, his five games showing 172, 153, 191, 198, and 234. He also took high game with his score of 234.

Pleased Lady: "Thank you so much, that was very kind of you to give me your seat."

Hod Carrier: "Not at all, ma'am, not at all," protested the man. "I know some men don't give up their seats to anyone except pretty girls, but looks don't make any difference to me."



A STORY IN THREE SCENES

W. H. "Bill" Campbell Reaches Three Score and Five and 47½ Years with the Mueller Co.

Several weeks ago Frank Mueller found on his desk the following note:

"I won't be at work May 2. That's my day to howl. Bill Campbell."

Upon investigating this startling and unexpected statement from conservative Bill, it was learned that on May 2 he would reach that magic age when the government provides for one's future welfare.

To celebrate this gala occasion, members of Department 44 bought the necessary ingredients and Margaret Marcott, head of the laboratory, volunteered her scientific and renowned ability to concoct a delectable devil's food cake with 65 candles on it.

The first picture shows the mighty blast Bill produced to blow out this conflagration. Below shows Bill generously and precisely cutting the cake into 19 perfect pieces under the watchful and expectant gaze of his fellow workers. The last picture shows all Bill had left, a few crumbs and a card signed by all the members of the department.

Bill began working for Mueller Co. in 1891 when 17 years old and when the entire Mueller Co. consisted of a three story building about 50' x 150' located in the heart of the business district of Decatur. He started as an errand boy studying to be a

machinist. He helped Hieronymus Mueller, founder of Mueller Co., build a motor boat. Bill's natural aptitude and industriousness soon brought him to a proficiency that had him making such precision items as combined drills and taps for tapping machines. He also made such things as gasoline buggy heaters, side-walk edging tools, and beef-steak masticators—items which seem quite alien to the present Mueller line. Later Bill was made foreman of the Machine, Construction and Repair Department, and when this department was abandoned he came to his present work as expert machinist in the experimental department where his skill and experience have proved of inestimable value.

VISITING

Visiting is a pleasant and agreeable past time in its right place, which is not during office hours. Those who visit while on duty are unconscious, perhaps, of the fact that they are not only losing their own time but are causing another to lose his or her time. It is a bad habit and one that grows on those who indulge in it. It causes a double loss of time for which the company pays.

A bride was flying around on her wedding morn preparing for the great event. Her brother looking very serious, asked, "Sis, are you sure you are marrying the right man?" The bride, a gentle girl and refined, replied, excitedly, "Well, this is a hell of a time to ask me."

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CAVEAT EMPTOR

A Man Who Knows Gives Some Valuable Advice Well Worth Remembering

The heading means—Let the buyer beware. The man who knows says:

"In buying property proceed cautiously. The purchase of a lot, either improved or unimproved, involves some technical and legal questions, which are not generally known and understood even though they are put before you in black and white. Read, in fact study, every sentence of such papers, before signing, and be sure you understand the meaning of each word and sentence. After a sale it is not what you thought or what the seller told you verbally that counts—it's the wording and meaning of the words and sentences in the contract that settle any dispute. Here is a bit of good advice given by a lawyer. Read it and remember it. He says:

"One of the first requirements is the contract of sale. Generally these contracts of sale contain in the printed part a strict forfeiture clause. Most buyers are hopeful when they buy, that they are not in the class that will be very much concerned by a strict forfeiture clause; they are confident that their employment assures them of being able to meet all their required payments, and in most instances they are right. No one however, is absolutely sure of his health or his job, but the contract with its strict forfeiture clause is sure and in many cases is enforced and the inevitable result is the loss of the property and of all the payments made on the property.

Each buyer is vitally interested in having the strict forfeiture clause modified to read: When one fourth of the purchase money is paid, then no forfeiture shall be declared on this contract until six months after any default is made. And when one-half of the purchase money has been paid, then no forfeiture shall be declared on this contract, until one year after any default is made on this contract.

Should such modification of the strict forfeiture clause be refused, then the buyer must take the consequences. Let the purchaser beware."

STREAK OF ILL LUCK

Ill luck seems to have been dogging the Dotson family. John, who works at Plant 2, contracted "Barber's Itch" a form of syphilis affecting the bearded parts of the face and neck, and in addition to being very disagreeable, certainly does not enhance John's beauty. He has not been able to shave since April 27 and when he called on Mr. Enloe on May 5 he had quite a beard.

John's wife has been seriously ill in the Decatur and Macon County hospital, and his brother has had pneumonia and is still in quite a serious condition.

FAITHFUL TO THE LAST



Joe Fleckenstein's loyalty to Mueller products, even in distress, is shown by his affection for Mueller-Columbian fire hydrants. There's an old saying that six feet of earth make us all of one size—but not so with Joe. When the clutch on his bike locked, Joe was catapulted into space and landed embracing a hydrant, while the bike embraced Joe. All in all—hydrant, Joe, and the bike—covered more than six feet of earth, because Joe occupies about 6'2" vertically, and stretched out horizontally he would cover about 8'.

BOY SCOUTS

It is estimated that 5,000 persons attended the two days exhibit of the Central Illinois Boy Scout Merit Badge show held in the Armory on April 21-22. Thirteen hundred scouts from seven counties participated in the show in which exhibits of plumbing, carpentry, religion, safety and first aid, weather, farm and home planning, electricity, chemistry, radio, personal health, study of birds, bees, reptiles, dogs, poultry, and many other allied subjects were made.

Mueller Troop 2 received an A rating for their plumbing display.

GONE WEST

Bob Green who had been working with Sam Yonker, Tool Grinding Dept., headed west for California April 25th. He will drive by himself for the entire distance and is not figuring on getting lonesome. Bob rather suspects that there will be too much happening for that. When asked if he expected to get or take a job on the coast, he replied; "Oh, I might, if someone makes a worthwhile proposition."

The Shelby (Ala.) Democrat reports the case of a man who was defeated ignominiously when he ran for the office of Sheriff: He got 55 votes out of a total of 3,500, and the next day he walked down Main Street with two guns hanging from his belt.

"You were not elected, and you have no right to carry guns," fellow citizens told him.

"Listen, folks," he replied, "a man with no more friends than I've got in this country needs to carry guns."

Mrs. D. — "Where is the car?"

Prof. D. — "Dear me, did I take the car out?"

Mrs. D. — "You certainly did. You drove it to town."

Prof. D. — "How odd. I remember now that after I got out and turned around to thank the gentleman who had given me a ride, I wondered where he had gone."

BRASS CHIPS

Jimmy Freeman, Dept. 8, lost two days work in April due to illness. That was before he tied and sacked up 40,000 Mueller Records in preparation for delivery to the post office. At the last report Jimmy had survived the ordeal.

A. W. Gordon, Dept. 9, has been ill since April 20.

Ray Caudle, Dept. 9, injured his arm on April 28 and has been unable to work.

Monroe Tate, Dept. 8, suffered a set back and has been confined to the Decatur and Macon County hospital. His condition is reported as very serious, although he is gaining and feels much better. He is allowed a few visitors for a very short time.

Dick Cash, who has been confined to his bed for nearly three months, is in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital. His condition is such that he may have a few visitors.

Bert Flaughter attended the American Bowling Congress in Cleveland and the Elks National Bowling Tournament in Toledo.

Charles Sarver, Plant 2, has been granted a leave of absence to care for business affairs in southern Illinois and to visit in Kentucky.

Lucille Smith of the Purchasing Department and four other girls from Decatur drove to Oklahoma City to attend the 22nd annual Women's International Bowling Congress. Lucile reports regretfully that none of the Decatur girls toppled the defending champions from their thrones, but that they all had a grand time.

N. C. Washburn, Dept. 8, was off work two weeks with a streptococcus sore throat.

Eugene McCauley, Dept. 8, still remains off duty following an illness which began on February 8.

Fay Boggs, Plant 2, returned to work April 24 after being off duty since March 1.

August Morenz, Plant 2, has been making daily visits to the hospital for treatments for neuritis which settled in his feet and legs about March 28. He is now having his teeth extracted and hopes to be able to return to work in the near future.

John Shephard of the Boiler Room has been ill and off duty since April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Masterson were both victims of the flu for several days in April.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith were called to

CHATTANOOGA



This young lady is Barbara, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Newman. Mr. Newman works in the Machine Shop at Chattanooga.

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The wedding bells rang out on May 6 for Miss Sara Gennoe, of the Sales Dept., and Calvin Hale. We wish to extend our best wishes to these two.

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John was relating an experience at Church. "I was called upon to offer prayer at Church last Sunday, an' stood up an' says 'I'll give five dollars'."

Next Sunday they were taking up an offering and Scottie was asked to give five dollars. He said "Let us Pray."

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We didn't know Homer Van Vleet could blush, but word got around that he did at a basket ball banquet the other night, when the Coach of the team called on Homer to return thanks.

It's an old Southern custom, Homer—better be prepared next time.

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Don Andrews' little daughter, Roberta, is improving after a recent serious illness.

Vandalia on April 19 on account of the sudden death of Mr. Smith's brother-in-law.

Frank Mueller attended the Gas Distribution Conference in Chicago on April 17, 18, and 19.

Margaret Behrend reported on April 25 that the ice box advertised in the April issue of the Mueller Record had been sold.

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SWEEPSTAKE WINNER

Leo Wiant in First Place and His Season's High 626

The Mueller Bowling League ended the season on the evening of April 18 with Leo Wiant high man and winner of first prize in the sweepstake. The prize was \$4, but this was nothing compared to his satisfaction with his total of 626 pins, the first time during the season that he made the 600 class.

Other prize winners were J. Enloe, second \$2.50; L. Adams, third, \$1.50, and L. Masterson, fourth, \$1.00.

Auggie Werdes, scratch man, was not able to attend, having an engagement at Chattanooga.

While the league consisted of only four teams, a better interest was developed and "King Pin" Wiant advises that next fall the season will open with a league of eight.

Following is the record of the sweepstakes bowled April 18 in which Lefty Adams scored high with 248.

Player—	1	2	3	Hp.	G.T.
Wiant	215	174	226	11	626
Enloe	165	203	163	92	623
Adams	172	173	248	14	607
Masterson	180	171	172	77	600
Frantz	139	166	200	81	586
Thompson	192	181	183	23	579
Hartwig	177	197	196	5	575
March	146	198	198	25	567
Gragg	204	142	175	41	562
Draper	143	170	185	61	559
Wilkins	135	181	151	86	554
Caudle	178	146	152	59	545
Morrison	152	167	163	61	543
Krag	166	151	150	29	536
Keil	144	172	160	52	528
Foster	171	160	125	72	528
Stratman	142	193	128	59	522
Mason	169	147	163	34	513
Ruthrauff	158	142	140	63	503
Kushmer	138	165	143	52	498
Fair	128	186	127	54	495
Bowan	129	176	127	45	477
Carroll	141	111	149	72	473

JUNE WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the engagement and the approaching marriage of Miss Julia Sawyer to Robert Dodwell of the Core Department, was made at a buffet supper in the home of Miss Helen Eshelman on Sunday evening, May 7. The supper was for Miss Mary Margaret Roach, the principal of Roach school, where Miss Sawyer has been teaching for three years. It was Miss Roach's birthday anniversary. The announcement was revealed by reading of lines of poetry attached to miniature May baskets used to decorate the table.

TOO HAPPY TO BE MAD

Office Mates Made It a Dump Pile—But Happy Helen had to Smile



The desk of Helen Wallisa Bailey as it appeared on the morning she returned to work following her wedding on April 7. There was rice in every conceivable place, and many that weren't conceivable. The decorations included somebody's old shoes, which had seen better days. Helen didn't bother saving them for the poor and needy—in fact about that time the remarks were "Poor girl, she needs help," but no one offered to help. Helen labored long and arduously and finally restored order out of chaos, but it is safe to assume that even today she finds a stray grain of rice or two lurking in some hitherto unnoticed corner of her desk.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer, parents of Wera Bauer of the Billing Department, have been receiving congratulations on their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary. More than a hundred of their friends called at their home on North Church street Sunday afternoon, April 30, to extend their good wishes. There were also present relatives from out of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer were presented with a number of handsome gifts by their well-wishers.

Suitor: "There isn't much I can say for myself. I am just a plain citizen and taxpayer."

Prospective Father-in-law: "Taxpayer, eh? Income or dog?"

Better to carry on with safety than be carried off by accident.

What did your last near-accident teach you?

Carelessness has put many a guy in the dog house.

You're never safe enough to be careless.

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LARGEST OF SEASON

Ninety Plates for Last Party of Social Club

Mueller Social Club enjoyed the largest party so far this season when ninety places were filled at the supper table. Baked beef and noodles were served for the meat dish, and banana ice box cake was enjoyed for dessert.

The table was gaily decorated for spring with bouquets of artificial apple blossoms spaced along the center. The petal nut cups and paper napkins were of assorted pastel colors that added a border of color around the table.

Mr. Lucien Mueller entertained the group after supper with an interesting description of Florida, followed by color moving pictures that he had taken there.

Bob Parrish, Jack Davis, Marshall Turner, and John Eberly were members of a quartette that appeared on the program. They were accompanied by Ruth Gragg at the piano. Their songs were highly enjoyed. Mary Ellen Emerick, a charming reader, was given a big hand for her two readings. Ruth Gragg pleased everyone with her piano selections.

Mrs. W. S. Enloe was the hostess and the members of her assisting committee were: Mrs. Walter Auer, Mrs. Howard Gragg, Mrs. Al Bashore, Mrs. F. A. March, Mrs. Francis Carroll, Mrs. Burt Jackson, Mrs. Everett Dickey.

ROBERT W. OBERLINE WINNER



In the commercial contest held April 15 at the Decatur High School, Robert W. Oberline, age 15, won the event for individuals in book-keeping. Nine other high schools competed in the contest. Robert's work not only showed record speed, but was without an error. He will enter the sectional contest on May 6 as an individual contestant from Decatur High School.

Robert, who is a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Oberline, 2028 N. Lower street. His father is employed at Plant 2.

Yesterday is gone—why worry about tomorrow—today is the day to prevent accidents.

SMALL BOY—BIG "CAT"



Bobby Bauer, Aged 8 years, did not catch this big 12 pound "cat" but with a small boy's intuition he was on the spot when it was caught and therefore steals the glory of the catch as well as the catch. However Bobby, likes to go fishing.

The fish illustrated was caught by Edmund Webb, a close neighbor of Bobby whose father Albert Bauer works at Plant 2.

VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alfrey of Shawnee, Oklahoma, who were in Decatur visiting Roy E. Cook, Boiler Room employee, visited the factory on April 24. They were accompanied by Mrs. G. E. Cook, mother of Roy, and Mrs. Roy Cook. Mr. Alfrey is an employee of the Shawnee Milling Co.

Ten students from the Lovington High School, accompanied by their instructor, Mr. Renshaw, visited the plant on May 5, and had lunch in our cafeteria. Harley Himstead conducted them through the factory.

Industrial Arts students from Eastern State Teachers College at Charleston, Illinois, visited the plant on April 1. The group were studying machine shop methods under John A. McClure.

Get Some Kind of
OUT DOOR SPORT
In Your System

ATHLETICS at the LODGE
begin May 23.

THE MUELLER RECORD

ON SWITCH TRACK



Reading left to right: Mrs. Paul Campbell, better known as Ruth, Miss Agnes Reid, and Miss Addie Hambleton. Ruth, who resigned on May 12, came to work for Frank Mueller in September 1935. Agnes Reid, who succeeds her, began work for the Mueller Fixture Co. in July 1919 and remained on the job until they were liquidated in 1938. Addie Hambleton began with the Mueller Fixture Co. in April 1919 and served as secretary of the company until the last official document was signed and the company completely out of business. Since that time she has been assisting in the Advertising Department, and Miss Reid has been working in the Cost Department. Miss Hambleton becomes a member of the Cost Department.

BIG MONEY IN SIGHT

In the April issue of the Record announcement was made of an addition to the suggestion contest to be known as "Products Design Special Contest." For this cash prizes from \$2.50 but not to exceed \$500 are offered. Here is a chance to win a handsome prize. It can be done. It requires some concentrated thinking, but the reward is worth the effort.

This contest is confined to design of products only. A suggestion must be complete and practical enough that it is reasonably an operating idea. To merely state a desired result is not a suggestion. Any employee desiring a more complete explanation or assistance in putting a suggestion on paper is at liberty to apply to Walter Auer, secretary of the Works Manager.

WHERE THE EATS ARE GOOD

You will make no mistake in taking your noon day lunch at the cafeteria. Clean tables, clean silver and trays, and good, well cooked seasonable foods are included in the service. Why not avail yourself of these advantages. All you want at reasonable price, whether it is a big lunch or a modest one. There are some in this organization who have never tried our cafeteria. The best way to learn all about it is to take your noon lunches there for one week. This will give you an idea of all the advantages of a carefully prepared menu, and the wide diversity of foods to tempt your appetite.

SAFETY FIRST AND LAST

"Ozzie" is an imaginative dumb bell typifying the thoughtless, careless workman, always hurting himself or one of his fellows. His idea of a joke is one that leaves its scar physically and mentally. With "Ozzie" nothing can happen to him. He uses tools in the wrong way, disregards warnings, rules and advice. In fact he is the human embodiment of the dumb bell. Don't be an "Ozzie".

Accidents do happen, but back of each accident is a cause—generally thoughtlessness and carelessness.

Eyes were made to see with, not to poke greasy fingers in or to expose them to flying chips, instead of protecting them with glasses made especially for that purpose.

And ears were made to hear with and not to poke into with wires and matches. The mechanism of the ear is delicate and susceptible to injury. Don't monkey with them—go to some one who knows ears and their usefulness.

A second's carelessness may cause a life time of sorrow.

Trivial wounds are not to be ignored or scoffed at. Any injury that opens the skin to the escape of blood, at the same time, opens a wound that carries infection into the system.

Those who do physical work all day do not as a rule require any more exercise. What they need is rest.

You have intelligence, machines have none—don't monkey with a buzz saw.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stratman, who were married several weeks ago, were guests of honor at a party on April 28, attended by quite a few of those with whom Hank works. He has been subjected to some severe kidding because of his absence from work the week following his wedding, presumably because of a cold.

CAN'T BE DONE

Herman Dash, writing a few notes from the Los Angeles factory, suggests that Rex Smith draw a cartoon of Monte Henderson playing ball and that we give him a nice "send off" in the Record.

Sorry, Herman, it can't be done. We have a distinct and pleasant recollection of Monte's good natured facial expression, but we don't know his girth circumference, which we are given to understand has expanded to quite a talkable size.

FARRAGUT'S FLAGSHIP



This scale model of Admiral Farragut's flagship, "Hartford" was made by Milton Goerges, Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and displayed by him at the annual hobby show of that company. The ship is an exact miniature replica and represents many hours of exacting detail work. It is only 3" wide, 37" long, and 27" high. It required something like six hundred and seventy-five hours to make. Mr. Goerges' entry was outstanding not only in attention drawing value, but in prize winning value as well. It took first prize in handicraft and grand prize by popular vote, the last named being a gold cup 12" high, appropriately inscribed. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goerges. His father is a member of Dept. 8's force.

SARNIA

The Canadian section of The American Water Works Association held their annual convention in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on April 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The convention proved to be a decided success and the papers presented, with the discussions following, created very high interest among the members and other officials attending.

Registration for this convention showed an all time high, with nearly 450 registrations.

The Royal York Hotel has special facilities for such conventions and the manufacturers were given a hall of large dimensions for their exhibits. This allowed the presentation of the various exhibits to be made in the best possible manner. Mueller, Limited again exhibited the usual line of water works equipment, including tapping and drilling machines, bronze service fittings, tools, gate valves, etc.

The new C drilling machine, coupled up to a sleeve and valve on pipe, again attracted considerable attention.

SQUEEZE PLAY

She: "Thanks for the hug."

He: "Oh, the pressure was all mine."

Sour Owl.

NOTHING FROM NOTHING



Billy—They say, you know, that what a man eats he becomes.

Jessie—Dear me. You must be eating practically nothing.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED TO BUY—Girls Bicycle with balloon tires. In good condition. Helen Draper, Phone 6975.

"WHAT HAVE YOU PAGE?"

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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.

ICE BOX—100 lb., save 2 to 4 dollars on this \$1.00 buy. W. C. Hays, 761 N. Monroe St.

KEROSENE STOVE—5 burner, range, oven insulated. Covered with cream and green porcelain of high quality. This stove sold new for \$29.50, has had good care, is good as new and goes for a reasonable price. See W. C. Hays of Printing Dept., or 761 N. Monroe St.

LOT FOR SALE—Over Looking Lake Decatur and the new Lake Shore Drive one of the largest most desirable lots in Shore Acres. Excellent drainage and shade. H. L. Himstead. 982 W. Marietta St. Phone 2-7348.

STEVENS—"Little Scout" 22 Cal. Rifle. Good as new in every way. Sell for \$2.00. Walter Hays. 853 W. Packard St.

For Sale: A baby bathinette. Babies like it. Reasonable price, perfectly clean and sanitary. Karl Brimm, Printing Department or 1853 N. Maple St.

For Sale—Four new unfinished kitchen chairs which have never been used. Very substantial. Will sell for 50c each. If interested call 2-6540 or see at 1434 East Moore Street.

FOR SALE—75 lb. Ice Box, good condition. Call at 1452 E. Walnut.

For Sale—Late Model 1928 "A" Ford. Good clean job. See Earl McQuality, Shipping Dept.

FOR SALE—Lovely, New Peach Colored Chenille Bedspread. Has never been used. Three dollar value for \$1.95. Mrs. Ralph F. Oberline, 2028 N. Lowber Street.

For Sale—One Lloyd Loom baby carriage, good condition. Price \$5. August Rauschek, Dept. 44, or call at 1221 E. Decatur Street.

For Sale—Paint gun, compressor and hose. D. S. Avis, Truck Dept.

For Sale—Royal typewriter, good condition. Telephone Operator.

For Sale—Size 2 pink flannel coat and bonnet, \$1.50. Good baby swing 50c, baby buggy \$2.00. Mrs. Ernest Bond, 1931 N. Edward.

FOR SALE—Tomatoes, Cabbage, Peppers, and Flower Plants. Stratman and Son, 1027 W. King St. Phone 7684.

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they save something for the house and when they get enough money on the line they buy some furniture or build on another room. In the picture it will be seen that he has a cement floor poured for another room and after the house is completed they will add hard wood floors and have a very fine home. Dale does all the work himself either after work hours or on Saturday and Sunday. Of course, it is unnecessary to say that he uses nothing but Mueller goods.

Dale and his wife deserve credit for the sacrifices they are making but some day they will have a nice home completely paid for and secure in the knowledge that "Dale built the house" and not Jack, as the story goes.

They have put nearly \$300 in the house including their payments on the lot which is the same as rent. Hats are off to a couple wanting something and willing to sacrifice a lot to get it.

HAS "CALIFORNIA-ITIS"

Herman Dash, we fear, has been bitten by the inescapable bug and now has California-itis. He writes: "All you folks in Illinois should try to come to California for a vacation. Although the Chamber of Commerce hasn't used this, my slogan to you all is:

Don't Roast Come to the Coast
and see
Herman."

HELEN W. BAILEY IS LUCKY

Helen Wallisa Bailey found Mueller Record "What Have You?" page (classified advertisements) valuable to her in the sale of articles for which she had no further use or desire.

She had a guitar and advertised it one time. The result was a sale for which she says, "Please cancel this advertisement and thanks a lot."

Here is another evidence of the value of Mueller Record as an advertising medium. Roy Vandervort writes:

"Discontinue my advertisement in Mueller Record. I have sold out of canaries. Thanks."

WANTED

Wanted—Phonograph records to be used to supply music for the skaters in the gymnasium. If you have records stored away in your home and no longer in use, or records of which you have become tired, get them out and either loan or donate them for use in the gym. Notify W. S. Enloe or Loyle Davis and arrangements will be made to call for these records.