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GIRLS SHOWING GOOD

Five Out of Thirteen Represented In Year's First Award for Suggestions

The first lot of suggestion awards for the current year was made in April, too late for that month's issue of the Record. It is interesting to know that of the thirteen winners six were girl employes, and one of them had two adopted suggestions to her credit. Girls seem to be doing good this year, but remember it is leap year and they are especially active.

Name	No. of Suggestions	Am't.
Charles Girard	1	\$ 5.00
Eldred Connors	2	10.00
Ward Thomas	1	5.00
Lelah Causey	1	5.00
Maynard Buckta	1	5.00
James W. Tilley	1	5.00
Claude Price	1	5.00
Velma Kushmer	1	5.00
Gladys Lloyd	2	10.00
Laura Becker	1	5.00
Ancel G. West	2	10.00
Ethel Turley	1	5.00
Albert May	1	5.00

HELP Y.M.C.A.

Proposed New Building Plan Worthy Of Your Support

The Decatur Y.M.C.A. has served thousands of Decatur young men and boys, by far the largest percentage of them coming from the city's industrial areas. There is, however, a definite need for a new "Y" building to accommodate more members and to enlarge the program.

This being the one hundredth year of the Young Men's Christian Association, it is an ideal time to plan for a modern, better equipped Y.M.C.A. This will make possible a greatly expanded program for the industrial youth and the men with dormitory rooms, clubs, safety classes, shop nights, swimming, social events, gymnasium, and a host of other activities.

James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobil-

ization, recently said: "With a century of service, rich in value to the community life of the nation, the Y.M.C.A. can face the new world era which will follow this war confident of its ability and power to render even greater service. Our youth and our community life will be faced with many perplexing post war adjustment problems. The Y.M.C.A. is equipped in every way to help in dealing with them."

"So they caught you with this bundle of silverware. Whom did you plunder?"
 "Two fraternity houses, your Honor."
 "Call up the downtown hotels and distribute the stuff."

Doctor: "The general is sick."
 Chaplain: "What's the matter?"
 Doctor: "Oh, things in general."

LET THAT BE A LESSON



"Don't ever again call me Miss Few Clothes."

to see flak (ack-ack) bustin' all around us, but in that case you're just lucky or unlucky. When Reg yells "Bombs Away", it's a fine feeling, but in turning back it's a much better feeling to see our home field come up.

I was surprised to get assigned to the same squadron as four of my buddies whom I knew in advance, at one time or another. One of them, Kamensky, was one of Pete Ward's students with me at Lubbock. The Operations officer is a member of 43-F and also another flying student with me under my first advance instructor.

As yet I haven't visited any of the nearby towns, but maybe I'll go today. We can get hair cuts in town real cheap, and they have other things like shows and an officers' club, but not much more. Our PX is open once a week. Everything is rationed and then they're usually out when we get around.

Our officers' mess hall and club opened recently and we don't have to eat out of mess kits any more. Italians wait on tables for us.

It's still cool at night but we managed to keep pretty warm with our flying clothes and other sundry wearing apparel over us. We even have an electric light in our tent which gives off almost enough light to write by.

The boys have decided they don't like 'Betty Boom' for a name for the plane, so I think it'll be changed to 'Ole Ironsides' with a picture of some gal struggling with a corset or some darn fool thing. I like 'Betty Boom' myself, but since the other guys don't, we'll call it what they want.

Tell June and Girard to write, everybody else too, 'cause it takes more than a month for mail to get here.

This is a bad malaria spot here, so we really take a lot of precautions against it.

A little Italian boy took our laundry for us and brought it back today, pretty well fixed up. Gave him 75 lire (75c) for it, and he seemed happy.

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THOMAS McCOY

Thomas McCoy, aged 23 and married, is on his way to naval service. Mrs. McCoy was the former Grace Blinton of Taylorville. There are two children: Jackie Lee aged three years and Gloria Jean aged one year. Tom took his preliminary examination at Chicago May 7th. He will report for assignment to training quarters May 26th. He does not know where that will take him, neither does he know in what division of the navy he will be. "All I know," he says, "is that I'm in the navy and I'll take anything they give me." He joined us three years ago; was first in the brass grinding room, then in No. 7 as inspector and machine operator and finished as lathe set-up man in Plant 3. Mrs. McCoy and children will go to Taylorville and make their home during Tom's absence.

CPL. LELAND MORROW

Mueller Employee Photographed With English Beauty Spot for Background

Cpl. Morrow has been in Britain for more than a year and a half, landing there October 29, 1942. He was inducted into the Army May 6, 1942, is with the Medical Corps and at present is a chaplain's aide, serving in a hospital.

Leland began his Mueller career in the stationery department and later worked with Ernie Krumsiek in the production of War materials on the West Side. He made his home with his mother, Mrs. Alice Morrow at 1439 N. College. His brother Ken-



Corporal Leland Morrow

neth is a member of the Pattern Shop organization.

The corporal writes that he tries to be impartial so far as English and American girls are concerned, and he has friends among both the WACS and the WRENS, but, when all's said, he prefers the American girls. He's looking forward to Victory Day, as that will make it possible for him to come home again.

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FROM WM. T. O'DELL

Hello to all my friends at Muellers. This finds me feeling fine, and gaining weight, I'm deep in the heart of Texas—that's true, but my heart is not here. What I'm looking forward to, is when this thing is over and we all get back to normal. I miss seeing your smiling faces, but hope to be with you again soon. I'm in my eleventh week, and have six more to go to finish my basic training. If anyone wishes to write me, my address is: Pvt. William T. O'Dell, A.S.N. 36901195, Co. B, 128th T.D.T.B., 2nd Regt. T.D.R.T.C., Bks 3922, 3rd Plt., North Camp Hood, Texas.

RAY ROARICK

Ray Roarick, son of the late Superintendent Roarick, and brother of Clarence, superintendent of the tool division, is waiting a "call to arms". He is 25 years of age and married, his wife having been Mary Oetzel. The couple have one daughter, Linda Lee, aged two years. Ray has been working in the tool room. When he joined the organization it was a member of department 30. He was accepted for service on April 15 and left Wednesday, May 17th, for assignment to a training headquarters, which will likely be Fort Sheridan. Mrs. Roarick and baby will reside with her mother during the absence of husband and father.

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FRANCIS ALEXANDER

Francis Alexander, is another Dept. 30 man called to the colors. He is 24 years old and married. His wife was the former Lorene Wright, daughter of Clinton Wright working in the cafeteria at Plant 3. The couple have one child, Janis Jeene, aged 15 months. Francis joined this organization November 1940 and has since worked in the specialty division. He took his pre-induction examination April 5th and left May 16 for the Navy. He did not know what division of the navy he would be assigned to, but was hopeful that it would be in mechanical lines.

Mrs. Alexander will continue to make her home at Burtschi Court.

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FROM FRANK EDMONSON

J. W. Wells received an interesting letter from Ensign Frank A. Edmonson who joined the navy recently. He has been in preliminary training at Hollywood, Florida, and expected to be in Decatur on May 27th. He said that he thought he would be too late for service in the European theater of war but would be ripe for duty in the Pacific Area, which will be largely a naval and air affair. He predicts that the naval force for this will be far beyond any one's imagination. So far none of Frank's class has any information of what their next assignment will be.

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LAWRENCE E. GRIDER

Lawrence E. Grider is 24 years of age, married and has one son, Jimmy, 4 years. Mrs. Grider was the former Margaret Buster. Lawrence has been with the company for about four years. He started in the grinding room, was in the maintenance department for a time and for the last two and a half years has been in the munition division. He was accepted for service last February and left May 1st for Chicago for final induction and assignment to Fort Sheridan. Lawrence like most of the others takes his service philosophically.

He says: "I'll try for the air corps first, and then take what they give me." Mrs. Grider and young son will continue to reside in Decatur.

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RUSSELL T. SHORT

Russell Thomas Short of Harristown aged 26, leaves a wife at home but no children. Mrs. Short was the former Ruth Marie Rhoderick. He worked in various departments, mostly in the foundry and for a time was employed at the Columbian Iron works. Russell took his examination in Chicago, April 4th and was ordered to report three weeks later. He was hopeful of being assigned to the mechanical division in the Army. Mrs. Short will continue to make her home in Harristown.

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DALE REIDELBERGER

Dale Reidelberger, aged 22, has been with the company about four years and was a member of the tool room force. His father, Frank, is one of our old timers, being in the 20 year group. He is a member of Department 30. Dale went to Chicago March 10th for his preliminary examination and reported for assignment to training quarters on March 2nd. All Dale knew about his service was that he was going into the Navy, probably in the mechanical division.

Dale was one of the good bowlers in the league, a member of the Tool Room team. He was among the ten high bowlers during the season just closed and in the individual high (1) game, leading with a score of 274.

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HARRY BOLZ

Harry Bolz, aged 28, married and the father of five children: Harry Thomas, aged 7; Novella Marie, 6; Roberta Helen, 4; Donna Lee, 3; Ruth Ann, 1.

Harry has been with us since 1935, except for a few short periods when temporary lay offs were necessary. He started in the polishing and finishing department and checked out as a lathe operator in the munition division. He took his preliminary examination April 7th and reported for assignment to training camp May 2nd. He will be in the navy. Mrs. Bolz and children will remain in their home at 105 Longview.

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COLEMAN GRIFFITH

Coleman Griffith entered Mueller service in April 1941. He is married but has no children. Mrs. Griffith's maiden name was Vera May Walls. She is a daughter of Walter Walls, who has been a member of the core room force for about 30 years. Coleman began work in the ground key department. In December 1941, he was transferred to the Columbian Iron works, but

came back to Decatur in May 1942 to work in the tool department. He took his first physical examination April 7th and has entered the mechanical division as a tool maker. During his absence. Mrs. Griffith will make her home with her parents on North Van Dyke. Coleman left May 18th to begin his training.

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PICKED THE NAVY

Herbert Mathes is 26 years old and married and has two children: Judy Ann, age 5, Sandra June, 15 months.

He was in Chicago March 10th for his physical examination and was accepted for the navy. He reported for duty May 2nd. Herbert joined us in January, 1936 and was employed in the munition department. Mrs. Mathis and children will remain in Decatur and continue their residence at 551 Longview place during Herbert's absence.

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JOINS UP AT LITTLE ROCK

Edwin Mowry, aged 25 is married and father of two children: Gary Eugene, 4, and Larry Edward, 2.

The family lives in Decatur and will continue to make their home at 250 Longview Place. He has been with us for one year, doing guard duty at Plant 3. From here he went to Little Rock, Arkansas for examination. He did this because he has 80 acres of land near Little Rock which he wished to look after before leaving. It was his intention to get in the marines if possible and failing in this to enlist in the army. It was his intention not to return to Decatur unless rejected—and he was not expecting any such thing as that.

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IN WASHINGTON



Chester M. Mercer, U.S.N.A.T.B., Ship's Service Store, Solomon's Branch, Washington, D. C. That's the way he is classified now but we knew him best as a former member of this organization. He joined us October 15, 1925 and worked in Dept. 15, nickel buffing. He was absent in 1927 for a few months, returning in

July, 1928, for a job in the polishing department. He entered the navy July 23, 1943. He had a good record throughout the 15 years service. Among other things he is credited with a good personality. This photograph of Chester indicates that he is ably maintaining this trait. His wife was the former Elva O. Hunt. At the time of his enlistment the Mercers were living at 2536 East Prairie street, where Mrs. Mercer continues to make her home. She is an inspector in the factory.

GRANDCHILDREN



Standing at the left is William Leroy Ridgeway. Seated at the left is Judith Ann Ridgeway. These are children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridgeway. Frank is a member of the brass foundry force.

Standing at the right is Robert Carlyle Hartbank. Seated at the right is Nancy Joan Ridgeway. Robert is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hartbank. Alfred was formerly of Plant 3, but is now in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium, traces of the disease being found when he was called for enlistment.

Nancy Joan Ridgeway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ridgeway. Robert was formerly of Plant 2, but is now in the Navy, attending an electrical school.

And to give a happy ending of the story, the little folks are all grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Ridgeway, and as is well known, Allen is receiving clerk.

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RAY LARUS

Ray Larus, aged 36 and married. Mrs. Larus was the former Lucile Eckhart. There are no children. Ray has been in the navy since last December. He leaves for Chicago, Wednesday to finish up preliminary details and from there goes to Farragut, Idaho, for training. He will have a naval classification of machinist's mate first class. Ray has been with us for 10 years and during that period has been in several different departments. He remembers that his first task was cleaning brick but he checked out from Department 30. Mrs. Larus will continue to reside in the family residence, 1405 East Logan street.

Wife: "You never remember our wedding anniversary."

Husband: "I do, distinctly. According to your present age, it occurred when you were three years old."

"How do you figure her old man swindled you out of fifty thousand dollars?"

"It was this way, he wouldn't let me marry her."

... SARNIA ...

On Thursday, April 13th the annual bowling banquet was held at the Sarnia Golf Club. A special guest from the Union Gas Co., Rus Perkins, presented Alison Street with the Bevin cup for the ladies highest average. This is the second year in a row Al has won the cup. And the dinner and steaks—practically pre-war variety! Everyone nearly fainted. After dinner each captain gave a short speech. In the absence of Cooper, Helen Upton spoke for their team, since she "and Old Coop are good friends". Then came the dance. The man shortage was really acute, in fact the ratio was about 35 women to five men, and two of the latter had eyes for none but their current "flames". A busy popular young lady was Mazie Nichols, who was trying in vain in one or two cases, to teach some of the girls to jitterbug. Parker, Milne and McIntyre were present to "keep an eye on things" but as Parker says "It was all in fun"—maybe he was right at that. Judge for yourselves from the pictures below.



To Whom It May Concern

Sweater girls are nice
 Rolled stockings are nice too,
 If the girls dont want the boys to look
 They know what they can do.

Boys of the Tool Room Table

Lloyd Thomas' 'prepared' speech created a furor aided by his inimitable drawl. We should like to reproduce it in full—space forbids. "We Ferrules", he said, "after a deal of luck, unbelievable bowling, and from some spares, smoke screens laid down with 5c cigars, nipping, swearing, etc., have finally come out on top of the Mueller League. It affords much satisfaction and leads to believe that some day after hacking a little more varnish from Barney's alleys we may learn to bowl. We feel that our Mueller girls are the most glamorous bowlers in the county including the 8th line of Moore. The Ferrules enjoyed the play offs with Alex's Goosenecks, though at

times fearful Smokey and Paint were going to torpedo our chances. We noticed they were not sitting on radiators or "fussing around" the ladies room. Barney's on a meter girls, and the pin-up boys seem to have priority.

The Goosenecks boast of some of the cutest girls in the Mueller Bowling League—more glamour there than in "Broadway Rhythm." Bob and I had a devil of a time concentrating on bowling. At last we got the system. When he'd bowl I'd look and vice versa.

Fortunately for us Alec was off his game for the finals. One of his 300 stunts would have been a block buster in our chances and blown them to Paducah.

Shirley Scott was unable to play in the finals because of illness. Gertie Jenkins was also absent.

The Golf Club has misplaced the 19th hole. Liberal reward for return. Should you come across it in your strolls we'd be glad to have it turned in.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Ferrules, Muriel Burkholder, Ma White, Shirley Scott, Bob Gilbert and myself, thanks to all concerned for well spent Monday evenings and hoping that in the future we shall all be bowling together again.

Lloyd Thomas.

A GOLFING PARODY

I think that I shall never see a hazard
 rougher than a tree—
 A tree o'er which my ball must fly
 If on the green it is to lie;
 A tree which stands that green to guard
 And makes the shot extremely hard;
 A tree whose leafy arms extend
 To kill the mashie shot, I send;
 A tree that stands in silence there,
 While angry golfers rave and swear,
 Niblicks were made for fools like me
 Who cannot ever miss a tree.



We wonder?—Who is the exalted personage that can afford to give away autographed golf balls in these war times.

We saw Mildred "prettifying up" several times during the bowling dance. It paid dividends. Bob had eyes for no one else. None of the other girls had as much as a chance of a dance with him. In the spring the young man's fancy, etc. Great stuff, Eh Bob?

By the way girls for a real flash, you should see actor Earle Atchinson in his black derby. Ritz, Earl.

Among last month's callers were these former employes: From the RCAF came Bill Smith, Ted Campbell, and Murray Taylor. Also Boy Sloane (dept. 14), excuse me P/O Sloan, resplendent in new uniform after receiving his wings at Centralia as a bomber pilot.

Sgts. Pat Parrot, Jack Round, Ward Boyle formerly of Dept. 14 and P/O Sam Round, Dept. 7, have arrived safely overseas say cablegrams received by their families.

Two impressive speakers from London helped open our Victory Loan Drive. F/O Bud Parsons gave some of his experiences during 1,000 plane raids over Germany. Lieut. Smythe, Quartermaster Stores, of Camp Ipperwash. The lieutenant was well known in Sarnia since he joined our local units and served overseas with them. He also spent leaves here as guest of Melville (Med) Chappell.

The tri-ennial box for our employes in the service has been packed and mailed. Much credit is due Mrs. Reeve, who keeps accurate and up-to-date addresses of servicemen and to Norman Beaton who did most of the packing and wrapping. If you wish to correspond with a former employe in service, give the name to the time keeper and he will do the rest.

Some "less lucky" individuals yearn to know what to do to get to go to a convention, just now favorite pastime of some of the elite. For instance, the Waterworks Convention attended by O'Neil, Woodcock, Milne and Morton (who it seems is quite a wow with women but maintains it was only business while Mr. Milne maintains his 1946 technique isn't all business and he still is looking for that order Hugh was supposed to have cinched.) Then there was the Mueller Cup presented to the Chatham Bowling League by Mr. Parker. Scotty said they had a "whale of a time" though sober,

and Parker "worked" all night on one fair secretary only to find she was already "booked" (too bad eh, and all that wasted effort.) Sorry to say we can't get the low-down on the Plater's Convention yet—I'll bet Hillers disappointed?

Having finally calculated what our income tax is to be, all we want to know is, how can we get the money to pay it? What a problem!

At a recent show two couples ahead were 'necking'. We thought, tch, tch, these Americans. When they walked up the aisle who should they be but Gertie, Pauline, Alvin and some other fellow. To make matters worse Alvin wasn't at work next morning. What was wrong Alvin, did 8 o'clock Monday morning just come too soon?

Weddings

On Saturday, April 8th, at 3 o'clock Marguerite Fleming was married to Ivan Gowing at the Presbyterian Manse by the Dr. MacGillvray. Following the reception held at the bride's parents home the newlyweds left on a trip to Windsor and Detroit.

Births

An 8 lb. 13 oz. boy, Ronald Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardy on April 8. Charles is in Dept. 6.

An 8½ lb. boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cox at the C.E.E. Hospital at Petrolia. Cliff is in Dept. 14 and has not as yet decided on a suitable name for his new son.

Before I heard the doctors tell
The dangers of a kiss,
I had considered kissing you
The nearest thing to bliss
But now I know Biology
And sit and sigh and moan,
Six million mad bacteria
And I thought we were alone.

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"I tried to find your house yesterday but I couldn't find it. Didn't you say it was near water?"

"Yeah."

"Well, I didn't find any water."

"You didn't look in the basement."

"And to think I mortgaged the house to send my boy to college. All he does is go out with the girls, drink and smoke."

"Do you regret it?"

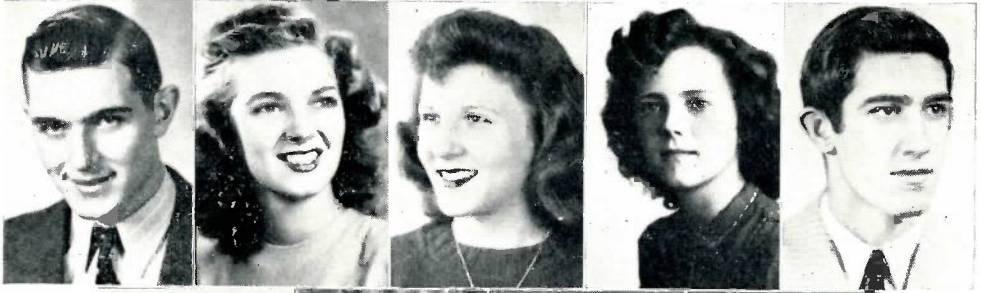
"Sure. I should have gone myself."

"What you a-doin', chile?"

"Nuthin', mammy."

"My, but you's a gettin' more like youah daddy ev'ry day."

FIFTEEN 1944 GRADUATES



Top Row, Left to Right:
 George Clinton Curtis
 Betty Auer
 Gloria Jean Tolladay
 Virginia Riedlinger
 Edward Dale Edwards



Bottom Row:
 Betty Ann Jones
 Doris B. Wharton
 Evann Gilmore
 Barbara Jean Armstrong

Left Side:
 Richard Allan Griffith
 Marvin Spitzer

Right Side:
 Merle Pasley
 Robert Eugene Keller

Bottom:
 Mary Whittington
 Janet Hawkins
 Lorraine Bain



THE GRADUATES

Brief Reference for Identification of Pictures on Opposite Page

On the opposite page is a fine group of young women and men, daughters and sons of Mueller employes, who have finished their high school course and are ready to pursue their studies in some higher institution of learning or to face the practical realities of life. We leave it to our readers if they are not a fine group of young folks, a credit to any organization or community.

Whether they desire to attend college or to accept graduation as the finale of their schooling, they are fortunate in two ways. First, in having parents who made their schooling possible, and second, in having the advantage of schools of the standing of those in Decatur.

Brief reference is made to each of these graduates:

Janet Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hawkins, won coveted honors in her Decatur High School work. She was elected to membership in the National Honor Society. This was in her junior year, and is especially noteworthy because the distinction of such membership is generally withheld until the senior year. She will also receive the Gold Delta award. These honors are given those students through selection by their teachers whose judgment is based upon studious habits, high grades, conduct, plus character. Miss Hawkins is planning continuance of her education at the University of Illinois, which she hopes to enter in the fall.

George Clinton Curtis, Decatur High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Curtis, 861 West Sawyer. George is in the machine repair department at Plant 3.

Betty Auer, daughter of Walter Auer is a member of the Decatur High School class graduating in June.

Gloria Jean Tolladay is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Tolladay, switch board operator in Plant 1, and the granddaughter of Bobby Gates, of the gardening crew at Plant #3.

St. Teresa

Virginia Riedlinger graduates in June from St. Teresa High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel Riedlinger and granddaughter of Mrs. Maria Overfield, both of the Plant #1 cafeteria. Before entering St. Teresa, Virginia attended St. Patrick's school.

Decatur High School

Lynn Dale Edwards, is a son of Jerome Edwards of Plant #1. Lynn took an active part in football, basketball and track teams while pursuing his studies. He is a brother of Pauline Edwards, of the experimental engineering department of Plant #1.

Betty Ann Jones is another member of the June class. Betty is the daughter of Guy E. Jones.

Doris B. Wharton is the daughter of Raleigh and Pearl Wharton, both members of the war plant force. Doris has a wonderful school record of which she may well feel proud. She has missed only one day of school in all of her high school work, and that was due to the death of her aunt. More than this, she has never been tardy. The Wharton family live at 350 Long View Place.

Evaun Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore, Moweauqua. She graduated from Moweauqua High school on May 12. Her father, Charles Gilmore, is a machine moulder in the brass foundry on the day shift.

Miss Barbara Jeanne Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Armstrong, of Moweauqua. She graduated with her class from Moweauqua Community High school during this month. She is Drum Majorette of the school band and active member of the Dramatic and Glee club. Her father, Karl, is a member of the maintenance crew.

Richard Alan Griffith is a son of Albert Griffith and resides on rural route 2. He graduated from the Maroa High school on April 28. His father is a machine operator in the munition plant.

Merle Paslay graduated from the Macon High school April 21. Merle has a triple connection with our organization. He has three relatives associated with Mueller Co. They are his father, E. J. Paslay in the tin shop, his aunt, Lanore Werries in the Personnel office and his brother Maurice, in the tool room office.

Mary Whittington is a daughter of H. B. Whittington, chief inspector at the war plant.

Marvin Spitzer is a son of Albert Spitzer who works in the plumbing division.

Robert Eugene Keller graduated from the Niantic High school May 19th. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Keller.

Miss Lorraine Bain is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bain. The father is a member of the force of Plant #2.

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"What are they playing?" he whispered to his neighbor.

"The Fifth Symphony," came the low answer.

"Well," muttered the little man. "Thank God. I've missed four of 'em, anyway."

Friend (visiting hospital patient): "Do you know, old man, that's a swell looking nurse you've got!"

Patient: "I hadn't noticed."

Friend: "Good Lord! I had no idea you were that sick!"

PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

Received a card from Dorothy Stacey. She is getting along fine and wants every one to write. Her address: Dorothy June Stacey A.S., ASNTS (W.A.), Reg. 30 D-2521, Bronx N. Y. (63), N. Y.

Address: John E. Taylor, F 2/c, Brks. 307, Sec. B-4-34 U. S., U. S. N. Service School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pfc. Hubert G. Maddox, Co. F, 11303 Engrs. Regt. G. S., APO 527, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pfc. Huber J. Maddox, 36671871, Co. F, 1303 Engrs. Regt. (G.S.), APO 527, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Harve Camron has been warned for several years about smoking cigarettes. Well, the other day after lunch, Harve lit his cigarette, threw the match in his cap which was on the floor and burned the top out of it. We never get too old to learn.

We have a number of different personalities at plant 3, but here is a new one. They say Paul Woods has a magnetic personality.

You can't always tell about the men. Now take Ed Stark for instance, who (outside of his politics) we have always thought an ideal young man, but how about those Pin Up pictures all over his desk. Ed says the second shift put them there, but the second shift says no.

Carl sure looked sweet in Harper's apron, but the critics say something more should be added.

Outlaw and Nola made an inspection trip through the shop one day. Guess that's what it was although it looked like an Easter parade.

Things are going better in the south end of the shop now that Sophia is back on the job. Even Cal says he don't know what he would do without her.

Who is this Johnnie that Helen sings about and Nola don't seem to want to talk about.

Charlie Hector says when he goes to Chicago he is going to take a babe under each arm. We hope Charlie don't take 'em from here. We sure have some babes but none to spare.

Hap Thompson helped make a big wooden paddle to use on Frank Slade on his birthday but Hap plumb forgot his birthday was on the same day as Frank's. They used the

same paddle on both of them. (two birds with one paddle).

They say True Hoy strained his back cranking his bicycle. Anyway, he was off from work with a strained back and he rides a bicycle.

Saw Dorothy and Ruby going to the dance the other evening. Sure thought it strange they didn't take their boy friend along.

Will Lefty Adams ever get old enough that his wife will not have to put him to bed.

Norma got her alarm clock set five minutes ahead so she got up five minutes early. It took her two days to catch up on that five minutes sleep.

Bill Knight has quieted down now. In the spring and the fall Bill always does.

Liz Raskin is learning to play the saxophone—and does that saxophone moan, but no wonder you would moan too if you could see Liz's face when she blows it.

Received a nice letter from Paul Spreitzer who was one of our government inspectors some time ago. Paul is in the air corps at Sheppard Field, Texas. We all remember Paul as he is sure one fine fellow. Everyone at Plant 3 liked him and all his friends wish him well.

Now that Liz Bratcher has her fence everything would be fine if Liz could just figure out where to put it.

Wanted—Gardens to spade with plenty of sod on them. (See Nola).

FOR SALE

One gas or coal stove; one set leather work harness. Geo. Henne, Plant 3, or 1411 Wilson Ave.

Also received a letter from Dale Wilkins. He is O.K. and sends best regards to all his friends.

A nice long letter from Jesse Dailey; Jesse is well and getting along fine. Said to tell everyone hello and to write. Jesse doesn't seem to feel the same about the Republican prospects as Jim Freeman does but Jesse and Jim never did see things alike. They are two swell fellows even if Jim is a Republican.

Outlaw presented Roy Coffman with a

horse whip. Now they are trying to force Roy to join the teamsters union.

Received a nice letter from Jim Freeman. Jim is getting along fine. Said to give his best regards to the fellows. Also said everything was going Republican from now on; his baby girl is a Republican just like her Dad. Well, we are not so sure about that, these women can change their mind, and Roy Coffman hasn't had a chance to talk to Patricia Ann yet.

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PLANT 2

2nd Shift News

Iva Steiling recently returned from a visit with Raymond, who is in the Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Marguerite Poole has been threatening to quit for a long time and now she's "dood it." We miss her chuckle and her big smile around here.

Raymond Donaldson, now in the Army, visited friends at the plant the other day. He is attending radio school at present.

Lewie and Dora Rogers have purchased a home in Assumption and moved there from Elwin. We are all invited to come down and use their outdoor fireplace. Gasoline will keep most of us from accepting.

Sina Pettit has had her tonsils removed.

La Voice Minix has returned from Kentucky where her baby has been undergoing medical treatment.

Dorothy Isome recently spent a few days vacation visiting friends.

Johnny Maxwell, home after finishing with boot camp, visited us. He looked fine. Navy life seems to agree with him.

Elva Mercer has returned from spending a 72 hour leave with Chet in Washington, D. C.

New employees include Jessie Arney, Elishu Jones, Robert Vanderford, Dollie Dinger, Grace Bushart and Lurine Tittle.

We are not very proud of our absentee list of late. Vacations, we are entitled to, sickness we cannot help. But when we hear that it's too hot, or there is something more pleasant to do, sounds a little off the beam. Wonder what would happen to us if our fighting men took just one day off to go fishing, or to do a little shopping or to go to the movies. It may be tiresome to stay on

the job day after day but it's much easier than being on the battle field 24 hours each day for weeks on end.

Margaret Carter recently spent a weekend in Chicago with Roy.

Now we know how Eva gets the easy jobs. It's the lilac in her hair.

Who calls who "Bright Eyes".

Lucile should learn that it takes at least two persons to make a meeting.

Sophia says it was bad enough for Bob Leake to act like a cave man, but now Claude Workman has taken it up, it is too much.

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SEASON ENDS

Mueller League Finishes Up Successful Schedule

The bowling season is over and the final scores are in. Mueller bowled 35 nights during the season, totaling 105 games. The showing by Walter Behrus is interesting. He never practiced or went beyond the regular schedule of three games weekly.

Here are the final standings:

SWEEPSTAKE PRIZE WINNERS

1—W. Bowan, 660; 2—L. Kramer, 628; 3—D. Reidelberger, 618; 4—A. Thompson, 579; 5—R. Caudle, 565; 6—R. Runion, 560; R. Foster, 560.

Individual high (1) game tie: A. Thompson, 219; D. Reidelberger, 219.

Individual high (3) games: W. Bowan, 613.

DETAILS

TOOL MAKERS

1st Place Standing.
1st Team High (1) Game.
1st Team High (3) Games.
1st Individual High (1) Game (Dale).
3rd-4th Tie Ind. High (1) Game (Edwards).
2nd Individual High (3) Games (Edwards).
4th Individual High (3) Games (Bert).
2nd Individual Average (Bert).
3rd Individual Average (Curry).
6th Individual Average (Edwards).

TARGETS

2nd Place Standing.
4th Team High (1) Game.
3rd Team High (3) Games.

PRODUCT ENGINEERS

3rd Place Standing.
2nd Team High (3) Games.
3rd-4th tie Individual High Game (Bowan).

PATTERN SHOP

4th Place Standing.
3rd Team High (1) Game.

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NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(A Few Ruminations from One Who Humbly Confesses to More Than a Little Ignorance as to How and Why These Things Come About)

In these days of international and personal sorrow one clings gratefully and perhaps greedily to the consolations of the natural world. In these trying times the world of nature is renewing itself. Grass, foliage, quickly blooming flowers have never seemed more abundant. For all of us there is comfort in the touch of the soil and the strength and beauty of growing things. The embellishments of our not always so laudable civilization have not yet made it possible for us to dispense with the healing powers of sunshine, clean air, rain and the good earth.

Service men have been much in our thoughts in these pre-invasion hours. A new letter-writing gadget for our own Mueller boys has been developed and built at the instigation of Ed Stille. Paper is placed in the machine, and each employee invited to write to the soldier, sailor or marine who is the "Man of the Day." Each correspondent wites his message, turns a lever, the paper moves on, and there is no chance of "peeking" at the other fellow's message. And that makes for longer and more interesting letters for the recipient. At the close of the day Postmaster Dotty Gepford removes the long letter from the machine and mails it out to the "Man of the Day," who may be in Fiji, Italy or points unknown. The writing machine will make its appearance in the various departments in turn.

The week-end of April 21 and 22 was special for several of our office people who made trips. Mabel Gates was in Milwaukee, Ruby Dodwell was in Chicago, Dorothy Cooper visited St. Louis, and Reba Rentfro visited the home folks in Marion.

Gladys Masterson left May 10 for a visit with her husband Ted in Florida. On the same train, Florida-bound, were Opal Rhodes and her sister who were on their way to join Opal's brother.

Elizabeth Tolladay, our switchboard operator, enjoyed a last of April vacation which she spent in Decatur and Peoria.

Nellie Fishburn Sheehan was entertained at a miscellaneous bridal shower by the girls of the office in Mueller Club on May 5. Pink and white were used with crystal and crab apple blossoms being used on the tables. Nellie was literally showered with beautiful and useful gifts and good wishes.

Hostesses were: Dorothy Gepford, Enola Smith, Lucile Robinson, Lenroe Werries, Gladys Masterson, Mildred Robinson, Marie Tratzik.

ONE BLUE, ONE BLACK

They've been telling a story in the Cafeteria about Mrs. Marie "Ma" Overfield. Seems as though on the morning of April 19 she came to work very much dressed up. Her co-workers thought it a little strange, however, that her shoes didn't match. One was black and the other blue. Just a slight difference. You know how it is when you get up early and dress in a hurry. "Ma" insisted that it was all right, however, because she had another pair just like them at home.

BIRTHS

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Blue Mound, Illinois, April 20, a son.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. William Clutter of Assumption, Illinois, April 27, a son Ronald Lee.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Uhler in St. Mary's Hospital, May 7, a son William Carl.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tucker in St. Mary's Hospital, May 18, a daughter, Jana Kay.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Robinson in St. Mary's Hospital, May 14, a daughter.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Maddox in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, May 12, a daughter.

THIS IS PAPA HILL



Albert Hill and wife were here from Tennessee recently where Al is still in camp. They brought with them their baby and during their stay visited the main office with the youngster—a lovely little mite of humanity. Al carried the baby around with surprising care and skill, and speaks excellent baby talk for a beginner.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Lacy Mayfield formerly of Dept. 30 but more recently of the Navy, was home on leave and dropped in for a visit. He returns to Farragut, Idaho, for instructions but will let us know where he goes from there.

Alice English, Dept. 83, is back at work after a 15 day vacation while her husband, Pfc. Bill English, who was home on furlough from George Field, Illinois. Bill visited with old friends in the plant.

Beverly Drum Y2/c, formerly in the superintendent's office, and Lieut. Earl Stearns of the Paratroops were recently married. They were married in San Francisco, and came home on a flying visit, after which Beverly returned to San Francisco and Earl to South Carolina. Those meeting Earl say he is a really swell fellow, and handsome too. Congratulations to Beverly and Earl.

Kenny Foltz EM 2/c, son of Cecil Foltz in the Superintendent's office, surprised his parents April 16, by walking in the door unannounced, after two years in Pearl Harbor. Cecil and wife had no idea he was coming, but there is much rejoicing and Cecil is beaming with pride and joy. Kenny has 30 days and then entrains for New Jersey and an officers training school.

Hebard Churchwell in the Army for three years, dropped in to tell of his medical discharge. Although he has not been overseas, he has just about been everywhere in the United States.

Roy Long, Boatswain 2/c, was in to say hello. He has been seeing plenty of action in Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, the Fiji Islands and Samoa. He has been on a minesweeper but came home via aircraft carrier.

Johnny Currado MM 3/c, formerly of Dept. 30, on leave this month, came in to see the changes in the plant and visit old friends.

Congratulations were in order this month when birthdays were celebrated by Iva Willis, Marion Giddings, Lillian Zieser, and Mary Kayl, all in Dept. 60.

Helen Young, Dept. 60, must have had a wonderful time in New York. She enjoyed the shows and places of interest while visiting Vi and Bill Young. She even got to see "Oklahoma." It must have taken some tall talking as the tickets are sold out months in advance for that terrific show.

Bill Jacob, Foreman of Forge Dept., is enthusiastic over his fishing trip to Lake

Henshaw. He was there relaxing but worked harder than ever on his return as the forging department is really being changed. They say you won't recognize the department when changes are finished.

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BOWLING NEWS

The Thunderbolts and Mustangs are tied for first place in the Mueller Mixed League, after eight weeks of bowling. The P-38's follow and the Liberators, Warhawks, Wildcats and Boston Bombers all are tied for third, with the Aircobras in last place.

Ennmett Reedy has 624 for high series.

High games shot so far:

Chas. Musmecci.....254	Bob Hesselbach....209
Joe Higbee215	Glenn Blize210
Archie Hatfield....202	Ed Schlegel229
Doc Oglesby211	Howard Craig219
Lou Wyant207	John Hesselbach 208
Earl Bright203	George Young.....246
George Knudsen 240	Sylvia Wynne.....236
Roy Thomas224	Helen Wellman....204



Edna Porter Rose, formerly in the main office, who is a Corporal in the Wacs, stationed at Albany, Georgia, with her brother Clyde (Bud) Porter, a Corporal in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Van Nuys, California, while they were both home on furlough.

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Jones: "Here's that last pair of trousers you made for me. I want them re-seated. You know, I sit a lot."

Tailor: "Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted. You know I've stood a lot."—Christian Science Monitor.

"Yep, I had a beard like yours once, and when I realized how it made me look I cut it off."

"Well, I had a face like your once, and when I realized that I couldn't cut it off, I grew this beard."

LOS ANGELES (Cont.)

The enclosed snapshot is of three very handsome service men, namely: (from left to right) James Kenneth Potts, Plin 2/c, Robert Potts, Pfc. U. S. Army and Wib Potts, Yeoman 2/c. The picture was taken at Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif., a few months back when the three brothers were able to meet there. Since then the boys have been transferred to various places.



Kenny is now somewhere in the Pacific, near Honolulu. From a letter recently received from him, he is stationed at a land hospital, and says so far everything is okay, however, he is anxious to get back to the States to be with his wife and daughter again. The friends of the boys will be glad to hear that all of them are doing a swell job. Employees in the Los Angeles plant especially, want Kenny to know that they miss him a lot and are all in there trying to do their part in helping him, and all our other boys, get home again and resume their old jobs.

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WORKS MGR. OFFICE

5th-6th Place Tie Standing.
2nd Individual High (1) Game (Behrns).
1st Individual High (3) Games (Behrns).
1st Individual Average (Behrns).

MAIN OFFICE

5th-6th Place Tie Standing.
4th Team High (3) Games.
8th Individual Average (Werdes).

GUNNERS

7th Place Standing.
3rd-4th Tie Individual High (1) Game (Ben)
7th Individual Average (Ben).

SPECIALTY DIVISION

8th Place Standing.
2nd Team High (1) Game.
3rd Individual High (3) Game (Hill).
4th Individual Average (H. Stratman).
5th Individual Average (Hill).

Dear Sir:

Hello everybody, here at last I am just getting around to writing you. There has been a lot happen since I last wrote to you but as yet I can't tell you. I received two Records last night and I enjoyed every bit of them. I always look at the plant 3 Potpourri first as that was where I was working when I left. I think that plant 3 always has a good write up. I also enjoy the letters from the boys in the other theaters of war. I think the picture of John Maxwell and family is very good. I remember him when I first started working for the Company in the iron foundry. Boy was it ever hot. My A.P.O. has been changed to 638 the rest of my address is the same. Well, I guess I have run down, so tell everyone hello for me. I'll be glad to hear from them.

Sincerely,

Clifford R. Allen

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FIGHTING IN THE AIR

**Billing Clerk in New York Office
Now In Thick of It**

Charles H. Johnson's former address was "Billing Clerk, Mueller Co., New York." Now it is T-Sgt. Charles H. Johnson, 344th Bomb Group, 496 Bomb Squadron A.P.O. 140, care Postmaster, New York. Charles is somewhere in England when not engaged in peppering the Germans. Our New York office forwards the following interesting letter received recently:

April 20th, 1944

Dear Helen:

Just to let you know my A.P.O. is now 140. Had my picture 'took' by an Associated Pressman and a letter of commendation. Happened to be in the lead ship one day when we did an exceptionally good job on one of our missions. If you think I had some grey hairs before coming overseas, you should see them now—whew!!

As I write this I have a beautiful red head on my lap. She is so young and the nicest soft eyes! I am extremely fond of the gal. She is a cocker spaniel called Spinner, the Flight Mascot, we all spoil her and how.

Have seen London, but still prefer New York.

See what you can do about getting a couple of Mueller shower heads for us. Boy, we sure could use 'em.

The AP picture won't appear in the papers for at least a month, but Lt. Larverys wife saw our plane "Six Hits and a Miss" coming in for a landing in one of the newsreels, did you see it, too?

Bye the bye, do tell everyone I haven't forgotten them, but it is just that I really haven't time to wash sometimes, let alone write. Do wish someone would tell these Germans they are licked 'cause they don't

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DEATHS**Mrs. Henrietta Boltz**

Mrs. Henrietta Boltz, mother-in-law of William Kuntz, died May 18 in her home at 125 South Twentieth street, after an illness of three days. She was born in Minonk September 12, 1876, and was married to Paul Boltz, who passed away in 1935. She had lived in Decatur practically all of her life and was a member of the St. Johannes Lutheran Church and an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. William Kuntz, a son, Ernest, both of Decatur, and four sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held in Moran's chapel and the St. Johannes church, with burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Burt Jackson

Mrs. Burt Jackson, wife of Burt Jackson, Shipping Department foreman, and mother of Opal Jackson of the Advertising department, passed away in her home May 17. Although she had been in frail health for some years, death came suddenly after only an hour's critical illness.

Mrs. Jackson, the former Rosa May Kirk, was born in a farm home between Dalton City and Mt. Zion May 11, 1875, the daughter of George W. and Rachel McVey Kirk. Her girlhood and young womanhood was passed in the village of Macon. She and Burt Jackson were married in Decatur December 22, 1901, and Decatur had been their home for more than forty years. Their only child, Opal L. Jackson, with her father, survives.

Devoted to her home and family, Mrs. Jackson's interests extended to her church and her community, and as long as her strength permitted she actively participated in the organizations and enterprises to which she had given a place in her life. She was a member of Grace Methodist church, the order of the Eastern Star, Royal Neighbors of America, Mueller Social Club. She was an enthusiastic gardener, and almost until the hour of her death was concerned with the progress of the flowers, shrubs and birds in her flower garden.

Funeral services were conducted from the Brintlinger Funeral Home on May 19. Pallbearers included Earl C. Sweeney and from the Shipping Department, Harry Myers, Leon Bethard, Orville Spencer, Irvin Keller, and O. C. Draper of the Main Office. Flower girls were Dorothy Cooper, Juanita Sweeney, Ellen Jane Stevenson, Florence McConnell, Mary Ellen Wilson, Lucile Schulz, Reba Rentfro, Mabel Gates, Evelyn Thompson, Dorothy Gepford, Mary Williams, LaVone Moore.

Burial was in the Macon cemetery.

John D. Smith

John D. Smith, father of John Smith

passed away May 16. Funeral services were conducted in the Moran Chapel.

William Talley

William Talley, father of Creo Talley, passed away May 3. Funeral services were held in Ramsey, Illinois.

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FIGHTING IN THE AIR (Cont.)

seem to know it. Imagine they even use real bullets! Remember the story about the fighter who was taking an awful beating, and his manager said that the other fellow was missing him? The fighter told the manager to keep his eye on the referee cause someone sure was beating the devil out of him! In short things are plenty rough on the E.T.O. (European Theater Operations).

Oh, yes, I am now the proud possessor of an Air Medal along with three million other guys by act of the President. Congress and anybody else they could rope in.

Please send the Mueller Record my way, and also send best regards to Dorothy Cooper and Opal Jackson if you get the opportunity to write them.

Remember me to everyone in the office, and thanks for writing, sure appreciate letters.

Sincerely,

Charles.

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KENNETH L. REVIS

Kenneth L. Revis entered Mueller organization in June, 1941, beginning as a sand cutter in the iron foundry. After a lay-off on account of slack in work he returned and was assigned to the munition plant as inspector and machine operator. He was inducted in service in September, 1943. His factory record was very good. Kenneth is married, his wife having been the former Elda Claudine McDonald of Shelbyville. They have one son, Lyle William Revis.

Kenneth is no stranger to military service. He was formerly a private in the Army, Coast Artillery, from January 17, 1941, to June 5, 1941.

"BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE"

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Plants: Cabbage, Tomatoes, sweet potatoes. 1027 W. King St. Phone 7684. M. H. Stratman.

LAWN MOWERS SHARPENED: Work done on Foley machine. Satisfaction guaranteed. Robert L. Pope, Plant 2, telephone 3-3374.

FOR SALE: Canvas tent, 7x7 ft., three feet side walls, six feet high, with poles and stakes—\$8.00. See Ancil Younger, Dept. 8 or 2014 N. Monroe St.

FOR SALE: A two wheel Garden plow with surface attachment. All in good condition. Prospective gardeners should not overlook this opportunity. Telephone 2-0831 or call 1525 North Clinton Street.

FOR SALE: 2 acres on hard road, south of Harristown. Also, 3 grave lot in Fairlawn cemetery. Ralph Adams, lead dept. Tel. 2-1744.

FOR SALE: 1 Bed Davenport. A-1 condition. Color (Maroon). William Cloney, Boody, Illinois, or Mueller Plant No. 3.

WANTED

WANTED: 1 very small radio. Will buy or trade, table model. Virginia Barnett, Plant 3.

WANTED: Newspapers. We will pay highest price for clean newspapers, folded once and tied in bundles. No magazines. Please deliver to Mueller Co. Shipping Room before 10 a. m. any day except Saturday.

WANTED TO BUY—1 tire for motor scooter, tubeless type size 12 x 3.50. C. W. Murray, 840 S. 17th St. Phone 2-1339.

WANTED TO RENT: 4 or 5 room modern house in Roosevelt school district. (Would take 3 to 5 room apt. Mrs. Marie Brooks c/o Employment Office.)

MISSING—Vernier Caliper, 6 in. Notify Geo. Krag, Pattern Shop.

Coach—"Calif?"
 Frosh—"Fourteen inches."
 Coach—"Thigh?"
 Fosh—"Twenty-six inches."
 Coach—"Neck?"
 Frosh—"You betcha!"

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Right now big preparations are under way for the big spring camporee at Fairies Park. We plan to specialize in Indian dancing as our feature of the campfire program. Most of the fellows already have their masks made and some bright costumes are being sewed together by mothers, or, we hope, by the Scouts themselves.



At the last board of review Sea Scout Hoppe added one more merit badge to his string of accomplishments. He is more than proving that he isn't going to quit advancing just because he has his Eagle. This makes his 26th now. Unfortunately no one else appeared at the board with him. The Scoutmaster is getting pretty disgusted with you fellows who haven't done any advancing.

Richard Sefton has gone to work on a farm for the summer. Shucks! Just when he was old enough to join the Sea Scout Ship. We will have to get a substitute scribe.

Billy Hughes bowled us all over by taking a trip to the hospital for an appendicitis operation May 13th. Got there just in time, too, so the doctor said. Billy may get to visit the camporee, but the Indian dancing is out for some time. The troop sent him a beautiful potted plant.

Billy Campbell is now a registered member of the S.S.S. Viking. He made a mighty conscientious plebe and says "Aye aye, Sir" like a veteran. He never had many marks in his little "black book". Billy is rapidly fitting into the life of our troop and ship.

In case we forgot to mention it before, Mr. R. W. Carter, Robert's father, is now a member of our Troop Committee. Don't forget to salute him when you see him as he is entitled to the same courtesy shown all our leaders.

The Campers' Savings Club is booming. The Hughes brothers have all their camp money paid. They saved 75c by earning the three free stamps. Next FREE STAMP date is June first. Be up-to-date by then and save a quarter! If you did not get a passbook or do not understand the plan, ask the Scoutmaster or Herbert Harner who sells the stamps. It is the easiest way we know to save the money for camp. Stamps are only a quarter each. . . . See you next month!