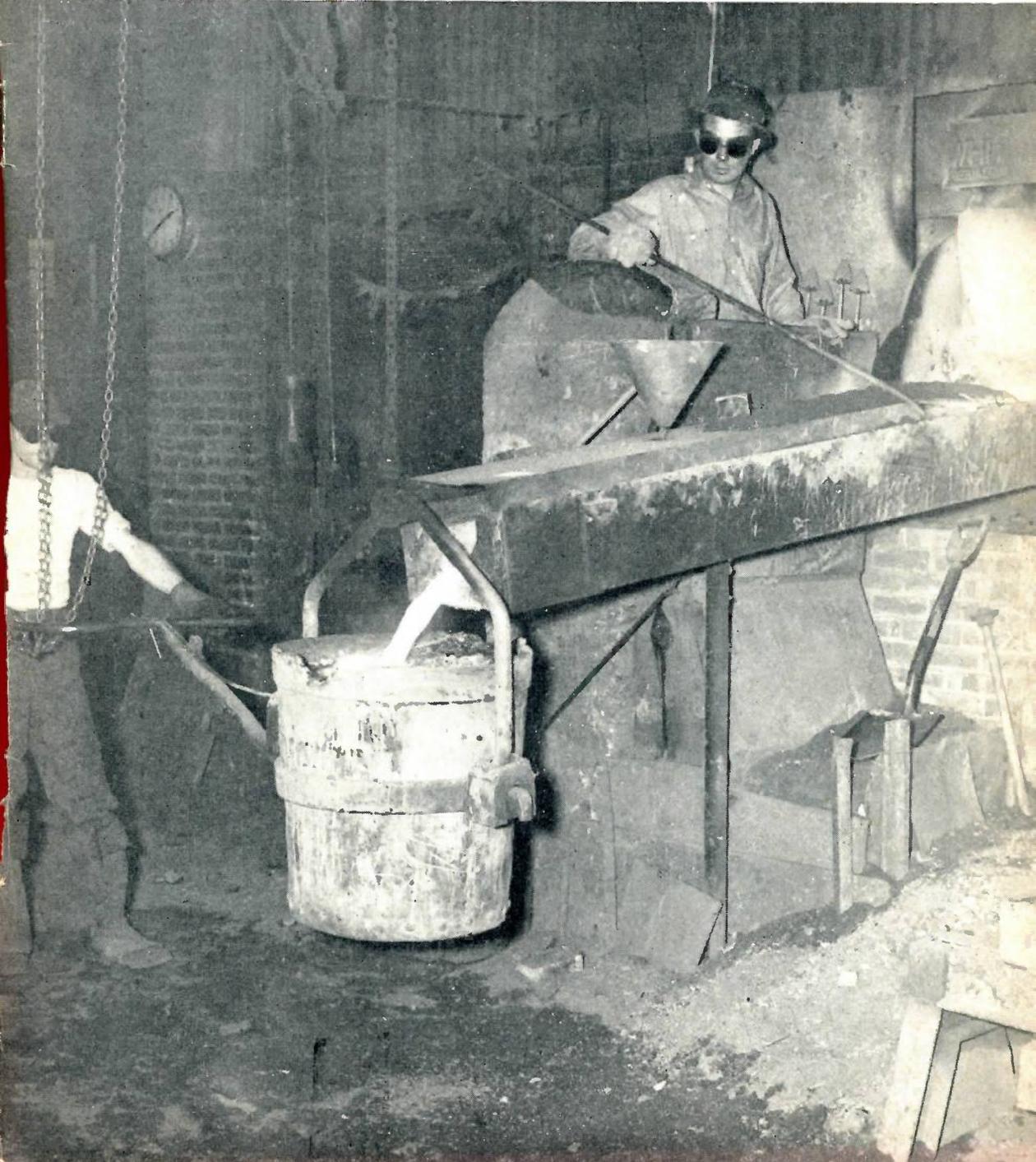


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Back Again

WITH THIS issue the MUELLER RECORD makes its first appearance since August, 1946. In resuming publication, the editor hopes that the MUELLER RECORD will be everything the name implies—a record of the Mueller Co. organization, the employees and their activities.

This first issue, of course, leaves much to be desired. The defects are numerous, but perhaps these can be remedied somewhat in later issues. However, it was desired to return the MUELLER RECORD to a regular publication date as soon as possible, and at least a few of the magazine's rough spots can be blamed to haste.

From the amount of interest noted on the part of employees who have known the MUELLER RECORD in past years, the editor, a newcomer to the Mueller Co., is convinced that the publication has performed a real

service in the interests of employees. Every effort will be made to continue that service.

Suggestions and criticisms are welcomed to the end that the magazine will more nearly conform to the best principles of an employee publication. The friendly and helpful attitude demonstrated during the preparation of this issue has been greatly appreciated.

Several changes have been made in this issue, including the addition of a cover, the use of two colors, increased use of photographs, and the inclusion of a current advertisement of the Mueller Co. on the back cover.

But underneath the new paint job, it's the same MUELLER RECORD. We hope you like it.

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This Month's Cover

EDWIN H. (SPARKY) JESCHAWITZ, cupola tender at the Mueller Co.'s Decatur plant No. 2, is shown just after tapping the cupola at the iron foundry. R. Dale Streight, bull ladleman, stands by to the left.

Dark goggles shield their eyes from the glare of the hot metal as it leaves the cupola, and also protect their eyes from possible sparks from the molten iron.

Both Jeschawitz and Streight are World War II veterans, and were employed by the Mueller Co. before entering the service. Jeschawitz has been with the company for thirteen years, and Streight first was employed as a machine operator at plant No. 3 in 1942, when the Mueller Co. was manufacturing munitions.

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Scratch Two

COPY DEADLINES are a headache for any publication—and the MUELLER RECORD had two headaches this month, when copy from the Los Angeles, Calif., and the Sarnia, Ont., plants arrived too late to be included in this issue.

However, the plants had extremely short notice in which to prepare their copy, and can be excused for that reason. We'll try to do better by them next month.

In general, the copy deadline for following issues will be the last day of the month preceding publication. For example, the deadline for copy for the June issue will be May 31, and for the July issue the deadline will be June 30.

According to present plans, the magazine will be ready for distribution within the first ten days of the month of publication.

1,050 Loans Total \$160,000

Your Credit's Good Here

IN LESS than three years the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union has made more than 1,050 loans, totaling in excess of \$160,000, and has established itself as a going concern through its continuous growth in membership and financial strength.

The organization, which is managed entirely by employees, began operations September 1, 1944, with the backing of the Mueller Co., which aided the new enterprise in getting underway with a \$100 contribution for the purchase of stationery and supplies, provided office space, and furnished a clerk to help with the paper work.

Employees soon learned the value of the credit union. It not only was able to help them in times of financial emergencies, but it also enabled them to effect savings by paying cash for appliances, cars, and in making similar purchases, thereby eliminating carrying charges.

During its first year of operations, the credit union had 369 members; the following year its membership was 392; and in 1946 the membership had increased to 511. At the

present time the credit union has 575 members, and four departments have 100 per cent memberships: payroll department, standards department, plant No. 2 machine shop, and the pattern shop.

Harold Munsterman, pattern shop, who has held the office of treasurer and general manager of the credit union since its establishment, points out that the non-profit, service organization is more than a lending agency—that it also exists for the purpose of encouraging savings and that it offers a life savings insurance.

Advantages of the credit union are available to all Mueller Co. employees who join the association. To become a member of the credit union the employee is required to purchase at least one \$5 share of its stock. However, the stock may be turned in at any time the person may wish to terminate his membership. An entrance fee of 25 cents also is made.

The credit union is subject to the same state and federal restrictions on making loans



DIRECTORS OF THE CREDIT UNION caught in what appears to be a particularly solemn mood. Front row, left to right, Haldon Hanson, Otis Fears, Earl Parker, Mrs. Ruth Miller, Harold Munsterman, Roy Coffman, and Frank Ridgeway. Back row, left to right, Howard Dempster, Charles Brown, Raymond Roarick, Dale Cloney, Ernest Watkins, and Donald Ferry. Van Walters, another director, is not in the picture.

that govern banks and similar loaning agencies. Any ideas that the credit union operates on a "friendship" basis are erroneous.

Loans are made on a strictly business basis, and the percentage of liquid assets of the credit union in relation to the amount of outstanding loans indicates sound banking practices are being followed. In general, loans are not made to persons who have been employed with the Mueller Co. less than 30 days, and certain loans must have co-signers or the applicant must furnish collateral. Loans are limited at present not to exceed \$1,000, although, of course, the majority of loans made are for amounts much less than that.

Applications for loans are passed upon by a five-member credit committee, composed of elected directors of the credit union. Members of the credit committee at present are: chairman, Frank Ridgeway, brass foundry; Howard Dempster, ground key department; Ernest Watkins, iron foundry; and Donald Ferry and Earl Parker, engineering department.

Three other directors form a supervisory committee which audits the credit union's books and checks accounts, loan applications and other loan papers. This committee includes: chairman, Charles Brown, brass foundry; Haldon Hanson, department 30, who also is vice-president of the credit union; and Raymond Roarick, tool room.

In addition to Munsterman and Hanson, the credit union's officers are Otis Fears, shipping room, president; and Mrs. Ruth Miller, core room, who recently succeeded Norma Lowrey, main office, who resigned. These officers are elected, in turn, from among the directors who are elected at the annual meet-

ing of members of the credit union. Ordinarily, the credit union has fifteen directors.

Still other directors are members of the educational committee, which serves to promote the credit union throughout the Decatur organization of the Mueller Co. They are: Roy Coffman, department 30; Dale Cloney, maintenance department; and Van Walters, plant No. 2 machine shop.

The credit union's financial statement for the month of March, 1947:

Receipts	
Shares	\$ 7,952.87
Loans Repaid	8,812.71
Interest Received	438.38
Entrance Fees	6.25
Other Reserves	205.52
Cash on March 1	34,407.77
Total	\$51,711.00

Disbursements	
Shares Withdrawn	\$ 5,637.77
Loans Made	9,812.39
Expenses	208.18
Cash on March 31	36,052.66
Total	\$51,711.00

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Loans	\$ 43,013.28
Govt. Bonds	31,341.00
Prepaid Insurance	26.25
Cash on Hand	36,052.66
Total Assets	\$110,433.19

Liabilities	
Shares	\$107,851.95
Other Reserves	205.52
Guaranty Fund	586.05
Undivided Earnings	1,174.39
Net Profit	615.28
Total Liabilities	\$110,433.19
Number of Members	575
Number of Borrowers	252

SICK LIST

Otis (Monk) Curry is recuperating from a finger injury which he sustained at plant No. 2 March 29.

Hugh Harshbarger is recovering from a foot injury he received December 12. Hugh is unable to work yet, but we hope he will be back on his job soon in the building maintenance department.

Priscilla Smith of the main office is off sick.

Herman Jackson, advertising department, is recuperating at home, following an operation at the Decatur-Macon County hospital.

Wib Workman, boiler work, has returned to work following a knee operation.

Ada Wood, department 50, has been absent from work for some time as a result of influenza.

Benton Fonner, maintenance department, is still a patient at Mercy hospital, Champaign, Ill. It's good news to hear that he will be moved home in the near future.

Claude E. Roe, watchman, has missed a few days' work, due to illness.

Cecil Kelly, department 360, recently underwent an operation.

Ed Foley, department 60, is at home recuperating after suffering a relapse from a recent illness.

Luther Morrison, department 80, is back on the job after a week off with leg trouble.

Eugene Latch, department 60, is back at work after a week's absence due to illness.

A large number of employees have been flu victims this year. Just one of those times the "bug" really got around.

KEY MEN CINCH BOWLING TITLE

The Ground Key Division cinched the team championship for the season in the Mueller Bowling League April 29, leaving a scramble for second and third place honors between the Specialty Division, the Works Manager's Office and Machine Repair teams as play in the league neared its close for the year.

Play in the league has been stepped up to permit holding the annual sweepstakes May 13, two weeks earlier than originally scheduled.

Members of the championship team are Ben Taylor, Edwin Nalefski, Martin Riewski, Galen Jenkins, Haldon Hanson and Van Riley.

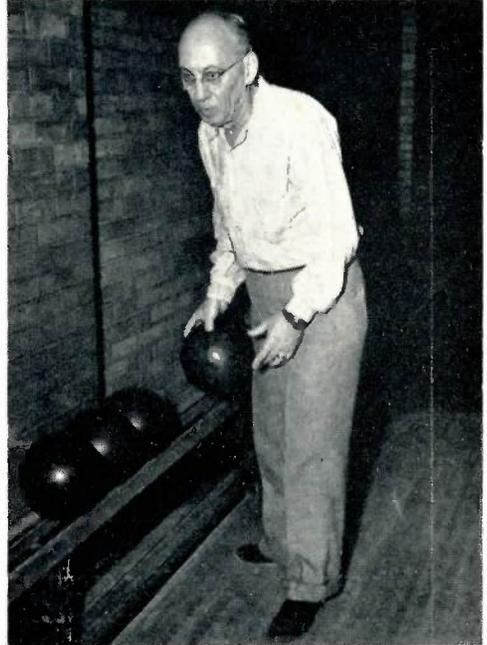
W. E. (Humpy) Behrns, core room foreman and a member of the Works Manager's Office team, apparently has comered the high individual scoring honors for the season.

Incidentally, Behrns has had an average score of 182 over a ten-year period. His average for 66 games this season is 181.

Behrns, despite the number of years he has been bowling, never bowls a practice game. He bowls three games a week in league play, and that's the size of it. Bowling is just a hobby with him, only he happens to be good at it.

As this issue of the MUELLER RECORD goes to press, the following are the league's ten high bowlers: Behrns, George Hartwig, Ben Taylor,

LEADING SCORER



W. E. (Humpy) Behrns

H. Stratman, A. Hill, Edwin Nalefski, A. Degand, Martin Riewski, L. Adams, and W. Edwards.

PLAN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

Tentative plans for the annual Mueller Co. employees' golf tournament have been made, and the first round, a blind bogey tournament, has been scheduled to start May 26.

Elmer Fawley, gage laboratory, chairman of the tournament committee, said that according to present plans the first round would be completed June 15. The second round is expected to get underway June 16 and continue until July 6, and the third round will begin July 7 and end July 27. The fourth and final round will get underway July 28 and end August 17.

Fawley said that the committee hoped to have a fifth round during the annual meeting of company salesmen late this summer.

Two dozen golf balls will be given as prizes at the completion of each round. Grand prizes for the tournaments include a putter, a golf bag, and a pair of golf shoes.

Other members of the tournament committee are R. K. (Pete) Duncan, F. E. Carroll, Carlton Hackman, James Fair and Anthony (Buddy) Grossman.



TO CLOSE FOR VACATIONS

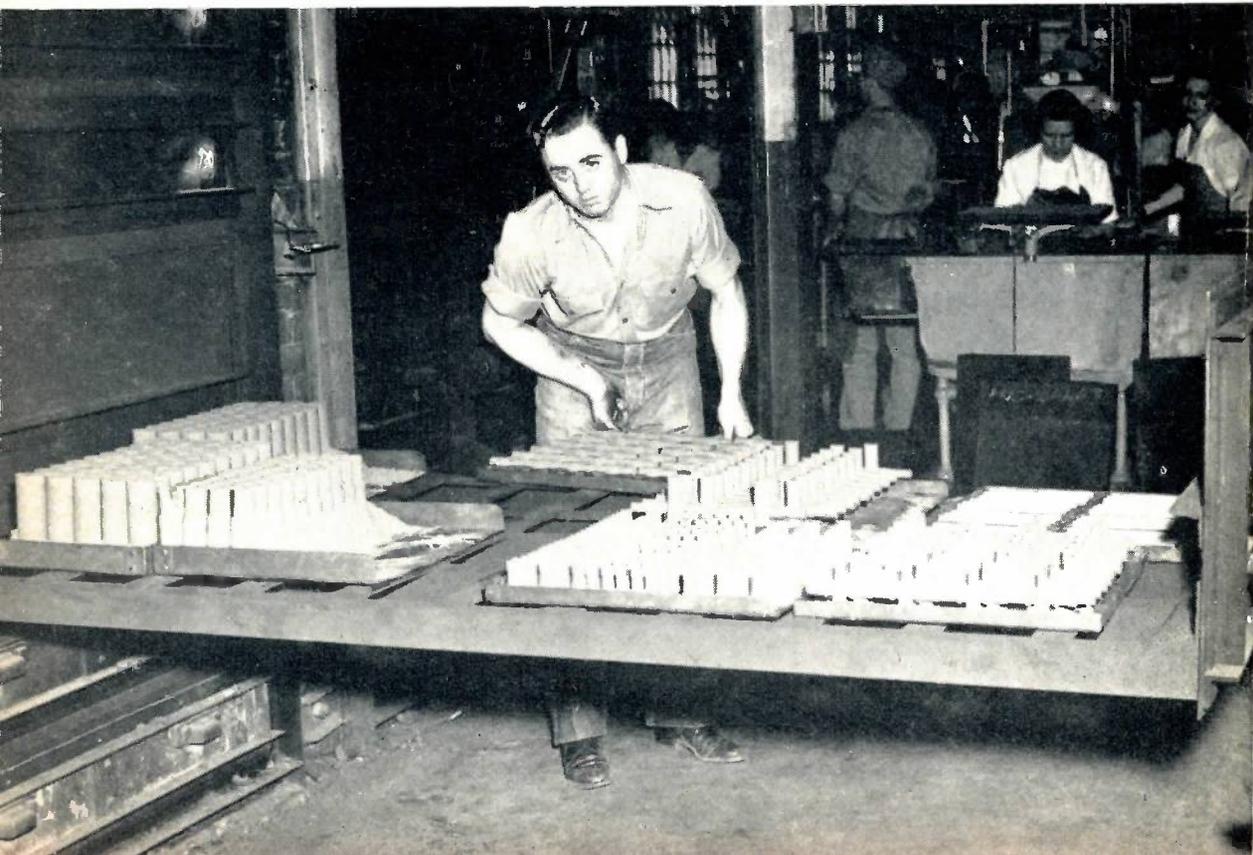
Mueller Co. plants will begin shutting down the latter part of June to provide vacations for eligible employees.

The Decatur plants will close June 30, and will resume regular operations Monday morning, July 7, and the Chattanooga, Tenn., plant will follow the same schedule.

The Sarnia, Ont., plant will be closed June 30 for a period of two weeks, and the Los Angeles, Calif., plant will be closed the second week in July, from July 7 to 12, inclusive.



This core-blowing machine gang turns out scores of cores—fast. This “gang” includes, left to right, Edna Cornwell, Eula Walker, Lula Nash (back to camera), and Nola Lowry. Below, Howard Beecher readies cores for the baking oven. Several different types of cores are shown in their trays.



They Make the Holes

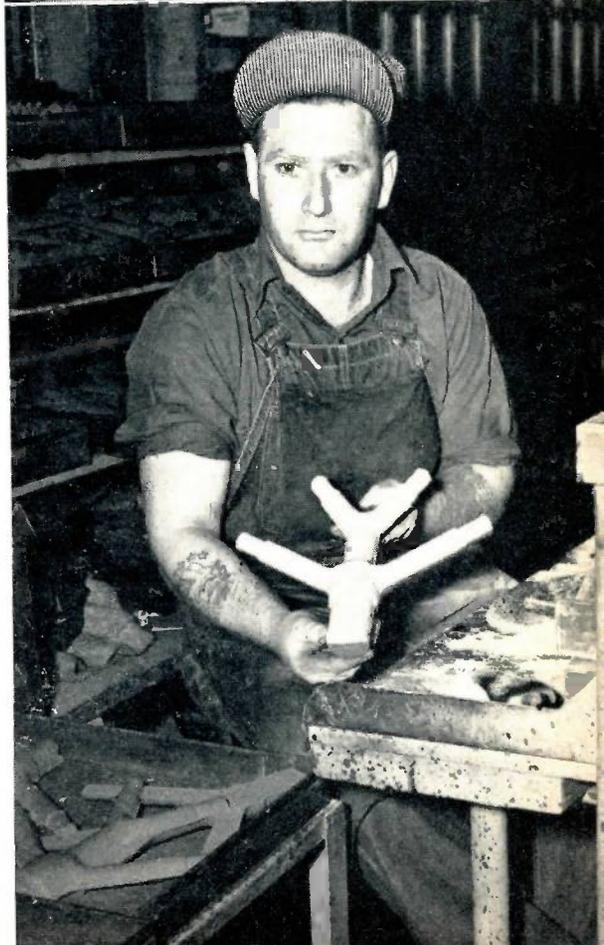
THERE'S MORE to a hole than meets the eye, particularly if that hole happens to be the inside of a casting. For one thing, that hole or cavity was formed by a core, and the making of cores is an old and precise skill.

Hundreds of thousands of cores in a variety of shapes and sizes are used annually in the manufacture of Mueller Co. products, and by far the greater number of cores are made at the Decatur plant's core room. The core room employees are predominantly women.

For the smaller cores, used in making stops, tees and similar products, women have been found eminently suited to this type of work, because the nature of the core requires delicate and careful handling. Women also are employed to inspect, sort and clean each of the cores before it is permitted to go to the foundry for use. This inspection process is extremely important, for an imperfection on a core will result in an imperfection in the casting, cutting down the thickness of the metal wall and causing a defect that may not be discovered until the product is put into service.

Cores are made by mixing white silica sand, water, special core oil and other ingredients to the consistency of damp sugar, then either ramming them to shape with hand tools or blowing them to shape in a special machine, using aluminum core boxes. The cores are then baked in large ovens. The baking process drives off the water, and the core oil combines with the oxygen of the air to form a thin, tough film, which holds the core together in a hard, solid mass.

Irmgard Moldenhauer, above, a Mueller Co. employee for 18 years and a veteran of nine years in the core room, sets another core in its tray, which, when full, will be collected and taken to the bake oven. In the lower photograph, Elmer Baker holds a core for a four-branch water connection. Because of its length and comparative fragility, half of the core has been baked before the other half is joined to it.





THIS MONTH'S WEDDING PICTURES: Left, Robert C. Workman helps his bride, the former Wanda Jean Griffith, to a bite of wedding cake. Center, left to right, Mrs. Alma Mays, matron-of-honor; Celia Ann Ray, flower girl; Mrs. Marvin Spitzer and Mr. Spitzer, the bride and groom; Donald Ray, ring bearer; and Maurice Paslay, best man. Right, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Daniels.

Weddings

Hutchison-Daniels

Miss Virginia Hutchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchison, route 6, Decatur, and Mr. Jesse Ellis Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daniels of Blue Mound, were married April 11 at the home of the Rev. Edward Blankenship, Decatur.

Mr. Daniels is employed in department 300.

The couple is at home at 1063 West Eldorado street, Decatur.



Ray-Spitzer

Miss Ruth Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray, Decatur, and Mr. Marvin Spitzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spitzer were united in marriage by the Rev. B. C. Dutton at the Trueblood Memorial Church at Decatur March 30.

Marvin is employed in department 360 and his father is in department 9.

Mrs. Alma Mays was matron-of-honor, and Maurice Paslay, tool and gage laboratory, was the best man. Celia Ann Ray was the flower girl and the ring bearer was Donald J. Ray.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 880 West Olive street.

The couple is at home at 930 East North street, Decatur.



Griffith-Workman

The marriage of Miss Wanda Jean Griffith, daughter of Mrs. L. E. Griffith, cafeteria,

and the late Mr. Griffith, and Mr. Robert C. Workman, son of Mr. Wib Workman, Macon, Ill., and the late Mrs. Workman, took place at 7:30 p. m. April 12 at the Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Workman, brass foundry, is a World War II veteran, having been in service five years with 30 months' duty overseas. Mrs. Workman was formerly with the Signal Corps depot in Decatur.

The couple is at home at 735 North Monroe street, Decatur.



Honor Mrs. John Brown

About thirty friends of Mrs. John Brown, nee Lenore Werries, attended a shower held in her honor at the Mueller Athletic club on the evening of April 29. Lenore received many beautiful gifts and she was ably assisted in the unwrapping and acceptance of the presents by her young daughter, Mary Margaret.

The guests played Dub's Bridge, which always affords considerable amusement for the participants.

Decorations consisted of spring flowers, daffodils, forsythia, jonquils and snapdragons, and the tables were very attractive.

Hostesses were Margaret Hovey, Elizabeth Bahlow, Muriel Hallock, Helen Schnake, Marie Tratzik, Enola Smith, Elizabeth Tolladay, Gladys Masterson, and Mildred Bailey.

Mrs. Brown before her marriage was secretary to the factory manager, Frank E. Taylor, and is now at home to her friends at 130 Pythian avenue.

❖ Chattanooga Chatter ❖

We are very proud to introduce Clyde B. (Jack) Barker, son of Mrs. Marguerite Barker, cost department, who will be graduated from the University of Chattanooga June 2 with a bachelor of business administration degree.



Jack has been very active in campus activities, having been president of the university's Y.M.C.A.; secretary of Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity for 1946; alumni secretary, Blue Key honorary fraternity, 1947; junior class representative to the Student council, 1946; university cheerleader, 1946-47; a member of the Campus Religious council, and a member of the student-body election committee for 1947.

Marguerite has every right to be proud of Jack and we wish him every success in his business career.

They say Ben Roy talked "Tomcat" Lewis, both machine shop boys, into moving from East Terrace to Billy Goat Hill in East Chattanooga. That seems like a good place for Bob Parsons and his herd. At least the goats will feel at home.

Earl Suggs, assembly department, and Mrs. Suggs finally got out of Tennessee after 22 years and spent a week in Baltimore, Md. They report having had a fine time.

We understand that Ernie Campbell had a very strenuous weekend at his mountain farm, setting out tomato plants. If it takes him two days to set out 49 plants, summer is going to be over before he gets started on his spring planting. His chicken farm also is doing well—with one hen and one rooster.

Gene Gann, another assembly department employee, reports a new girl at his house.

L. W. Mueller and J. W. Simpson, Decatur, were recent Chattanooga visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denton are the proud parents of Roy, Jr., who was born March 3. Roy, Sr., is a machine shop employee.

How about it, Bob? We hear Bob Parsons, machine shop, fed his lunch to Butch McClendon's pigs—thought they were Mr. Walker's.

The boys are saying that the difference between a STOP sign and a SLOW sign is \$8.25 to C. T. Utt.

Lee Brown, assistant shipping clerk, is recovering from his second operation in as many months at Erlanger hospital. We hope to have you back with us before long, Lee.

Evelyn Wilbanks, secretary to the plant manager, has gone to Florida for an extended visit. Her address is 744 Majorca avenue, Coral Gables, Fla., and she would like very much to hear from all of her old friends.

Charles Ferre, machine shop, is a Hixonian now, and he says he doesn't like the pucker-brush worth a darn.

The way the boys move back when the new goat driver climbs aboard indicates that he's just a little reckless. The way he took off the first time he tried the new one was even a surprise to him—and CIW was almost minus a time study man. A little less pressure on the starter, Harris.



New York Letter

All members of the New York office have been vaccinated for smallpox, following an outbreak of several cases of the disease in the city.

Mrs. Lillian Robar is the latest addition to the New York office. She started as a stenographer with us April 1.

This is not news around New York any longer, but our Helen Nordheim is now Mrs. Ralph Rannbury. She took the fatal step October 6. The couple flew to Sea Isle, Ga., for their honeymoon. Helen was very fortunate in finding an apartment in her home town, and is now settled down to married life.

Decatur Dope

A select group in the core room has about decided to abandon plans to form an association for the admiration of snapshots of favorite grandchildren, since no agreement can be reached on a favorite. Core room workers who are among those eligible for membership in the grandmother's club are: Mrs. Laura Becker, Mrs. Lucille Dailey, Mrs. Lois Harper, Mrs. Emma Rambo, Mrs. Lora Shade, Mrs. Fedora Walton, Mrs. Vera Tippitt, Mrs. Edna Cornwell and Mrs. Marie West.

However, grandmothers don't have a complete edge on things. The Mueller Co. also has some grandfathers, the latest being Allen Ridgeway, receiving department, whose grandson, Larry Allen, was born April 17. The new arrival is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridgeway. Bob is employed at plant No. 2.

And speaking of grandfathers, here's Hugh Kerwood, department 300, with his arms full of twin granddaughters. They're 17-months-old Joyce Elaine and Judith Ann Roby, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roby of Kenney, Ill. Mrs. Roby is the former Berniece Kerwood. Mr. Roby now has his funeral home in Kenney, after serving three years in the Navy, including a 15-month tour of duty in New Caledonia.



With the advent of something like normal spring weather the boys in department 110 have officially opened the horse shoe pitching season, and every lunch period sees a group pitching ringers (some of the time, that is) and a good-sized audience on hand ready to offer coaching advice or other suggestions.

Archie Sefton, production superintendent, has been telling a real production story of late. It's about a rooster that laid 187 eggs in 200 days. Well, that's what he said, anyway.

A current report has it that Jack Bain, a member of the Works Manager's Office

bowling team, placed a pair of bowling shoes on sale the morning of April 30. Probably just a coincidence that the Mueller Bowling League had a session the previous night.

Walter Bowan, engineering department, attended the annual meeting of the National Society of Corrosion Engineers which was held April 8 and 9 at the Palmer House in Chicago.

Painting and car washing sometimes are closely related jobs, five painters from the maintenance department found recently when they attempted to paint the south fence of the parking lot. A strong wind carried the paint from the fence to the cars, and the crew spent about half their time cleaning cars. Those who qualified as car washers are Jack Houk, Lee Ellington, Karl Armstrong, Elvis Musgraves and Wesley Davisson.

Four members of the Mueller Co. organization were among the speakers at the Decatur high school's third annual vocational guidance day April 16. Purpose of the day was to acquaint students with the educational requirements, cost of training, opportunities for advancement, and personality traits required for various vocations. Those from the Mueller Co. who spoke were Loyle Davis, personnel director; Earl Lowe, products engineer; Frank Kuntz, tool and die maker; and Edna Johnston, department 33 secretary.

William E. Mueller, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Mueller Co., was appointed as industrial chairman in a drive to raise \$12,650 for renovation of the Salvation Army Citadel in Decatur. The drive began April 23.

"Tony," a western stock horse recently purchased by Frank Walker, head heat treater, and his wife, Mrs. Eula Walker, core room, will be entered in the equitation and pleasure horse division of the Decatur horse show, which will be held June 7 and 8. Mrs. Robert Walker will ride the horse in the pleasure class, western equipment. The show will be sponsored by the Trail Riders association, and \$2,750 in prize money and trophies will be awarded among the twenty-five classes of the various divisions.

Color movies of the annual Easter egg hunt were made by Leo Siloski, tool and die maker, and Bill Pfile, commercial photographer, and previews of the shots show good results from both photographers.

Lunchtime observation by a worker in the ground key department: "Well, back to the old grind."

Alva C. Davis, a veteran Mueller Co. employee, and Mrs. Davis celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary at New Iberia, La., March 16 while on a two-week trip to Louisiana. They also visited their three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren while in New Iberia.



Mr. and Mrs. Davis also took several sightseeing trips to points of interest in Louisiana, including one to the famous jungle gardens, to the old church and other buildings in the Evangeline country.

Mr. Davis became a Mueller Co. employee in 1925, and is in department 300.

Mrs. Wanda Jean Workman has succeeded Mrs. Beulah Fears as clerk in the credit union office. Mrs. Fears has resigned.

Freeman Gulley, 21-year-old son of Sam Gulley, Department 110, died April 18 at Jarman hospital, Tuscola, Ill., following a collision of his motor scooter and an automobile. A skull fracture was given as the cause of death.

Stray scraps from department 300: Since the new move has relocated part of department 8 between departments 9 and 300, Art Nash, Otto Dannewitz, Jess Daley and some of the other boys have come over to run the machines. Otto observed that Art must be getting absent-minded since he forgot to ring in two days in a row. However, Art has another explanation—he's practicing to be an executive . . . We understand Del Parks who used to work in department 9 but who is now a salesman around the Charlotte, N. C., territory, is receiving a lot of mail from up this way. Seems that Del is quite a Card fan and

the paper work that put the Cards on top for this season thus far has failed to function. So the Cub fans have been letting him hear about it. As they stack up: redhot Cub fans—Roy Coffman, Mike Brilley; Card fans (?)—Al Degand, Buck Poole; against everything, especially the Cards—Haldon (Teaberry) Hanson.

Four members of the Mueller Co. organization attended the annual meeting of the American Foundrymen's Association at Detroit May 1 and 2. One of the highlights of the convention was a series of visits to Detroit manufacturing plants in the foundry and allied industries. Those who attended were Archie Sefton, production superintendent; George Krag, general foreman of the brass and iron foundry division; Leo Wiant, standards engineer; and Carleton Hackman, assistant foundry engineer.

PLANT NO. 2 NOTES

The boys at plant No. 2 are really walking the chalk these days. Mike Wright, foreman, has a new set of store teeth, and they're afraid he'll snap at them.

Wonder why it always takes Orville Hindcrer so long to comb his hair every evening before he starts home? Suppose hauling five women to work has anything to do with it?

The other day, Elwood Potts, our foundry foreman, came into the office dressed in his Sunday best, and as yours truly thought these were pretty fancy clothes to work in, we asked where he was going. He said he was going to George Krag's office at the main plant. Now what would cause a man to dress up like that just to go to Krag's office?

Employees at plant No. 2 went into deep mourning April 30 for our poor cat. He was struck the night before by an automobile. After the cat had survived being hit by a stop box core and a dipping in the paint tank, everyone figured he must have a few lives remaining.

As almost everyone knows, Milo Wright lives on a hill. This hill is so steep that the cement truck which came at Milo's call rolled over and scattered cement all over the side of the hill.

*Behind-the-Scenes Work Saves the Day***EASTER EGG HUNT DRAWS 1,800**

APPROXIMATELY 1,800 persons—Mueller Co. employees and their families and relatives—attended the annual Easter egg hunt at Mueller Heights on Easter Sunday, after rain had forced its postponement from the preceding day.

The rain also caused members of the hunt committee to make a hurried revision of plans to avoid disappointing the youngsters. Some 1,800 eggs had been boiled, colored, and sacked Friday night, and then were hidden Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of the lodge.

Then the rains came. The committee hopefully scheduled the hunt, which was resumed last year for the first time since the war, for Sunday afternoon.

Fearing that moisture and exposure might have damaged the eggs, they were picked up Saturday afternoon and destroyed.

A group of committee members and volunteers then bravely set aside their Easter finery and devoted Sunday morning to repeating the process of boiling, coloring and sacking—this time using 1,440 eggs. By noon the eggs were in their hiding places, and shortly after 2:30 o'clock the first group of youngsters started on the hunt.

Those who spent the morning at the Mueller cafeteria on the egg boiling-coloring-sacking production line were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Emerson, Joe Toth, Betty Nash, Mrs. Norma Loggans, Ruth Cruise, Claude Roe, Harry Chase, John Drake, Loye Davis, Ed Stille, Helen Pope and Fred Gelonck.

More than 770 children participated in the hunt. The children were divided into four groups: those under three years of age, those from four to six years of age, from seven to nine, and those from ten to twelve.

All children received a treat of either gum drops, candy corn or chocolate coated mints. In addition, the following won special prizes:

Rabbits—Chris Bashor, Harold Hetzler, Mary Katherine Henne, Martha Jean Grosboll, Nancy Kinney, Jimmy Blankenburg, Kay Wenger, Nancy Gowan, Sharon Keyes, Dale Ford, Lloyd Brownlow, Richard Rutherford, Jeanne Rutherford, Fred Staudt, Carol Mooney, Ronald Carter, Gary Hines, Dickey Ford, Johnny Loye Davis, Clarence Byers, Lyman Sunderland, Brice Sunderland and Cecil Shockley.

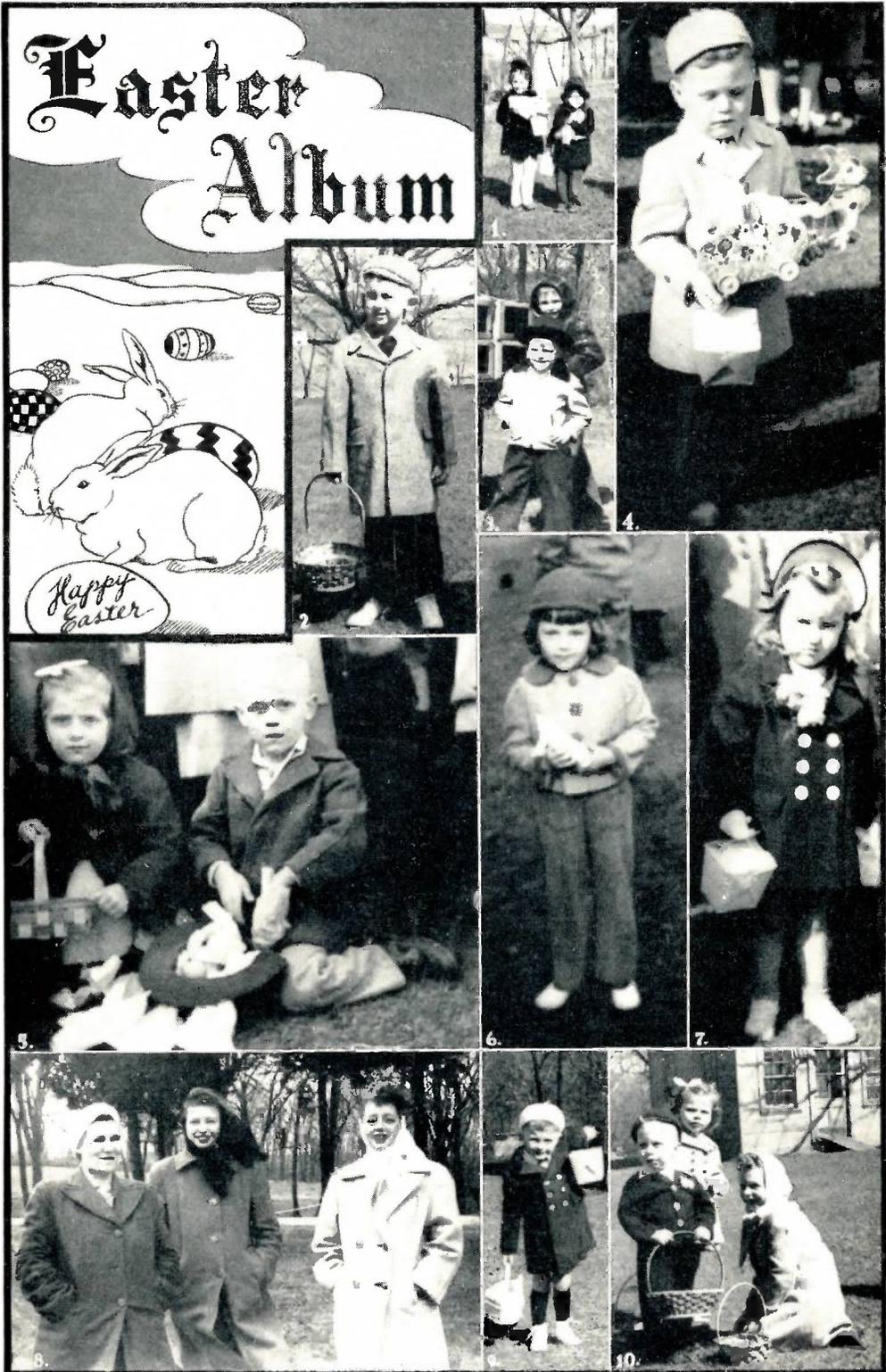
Ducks—Dianne Dieterich, Brenda Sue Huff, Derry Dulancy, Nancy Morgan, Jimmy Taylor, Judy Hendrickson, Allen Nash, Wanda Dillinger, Juanita Taylor, Chris Bashor, David Moats, Jerry Rucker, Lola Lee Mason, Beverly Schroeder, Linda Kay Kinney, Ruth Monska, Larry Gibbs, Mary Ann Keck, Jimmy Allen, Anthony Dietrich, Sonny Monska, Nancy Kinney, Ruth Ann Henne, Jeanine Walton, Jimmy Blankenburg, Edward Allen, Delilia Brunner, Robert Kramer, Larry Minner, Rachel Walters, Betty Miller, Patricia German, Keith Coats, Carol Mooney, Nancy Ford, Judy Stark, Nancy Curry, Jerry Lee Siloski, Sally Sanner, Audrey Oberline, Kenneth Mullins, Ruth Westerfield, Jean Dannewitz, Rommie Gordy, Bill Elliott, Colleen Rohman, Betty Rohman, Carl Enloe, Cecil Shockley, June Everett, Evelyn Koutts, Ronald Brady, Ruth Sadowski, Karen Kushmer, Norman Rambo, Loren Hetzler, Marsha Churchman, Bill Thompson, Harold Meador, Richard Taylor and Myrtle Delancy.

Box of chocolates—Paul Monska, Ronald Brunner, Robert Hartbank, Patty Sarver, Sharon Dudley, Barbara Donaldson, Marilyn Woodrum, Audrey Oberline, Beverly Porter, Mary Enloe, William Nash, Jerry Haynes, Dorothy Gargus, Donald Curry, Jola Monska, June Walton, Ronald Brady, Brice Sunderland, Ruth Sadowski and Charlotte Attilie.

Easter novelties—Chuck Jolly, Mary Zerfowski, Mary Henne, Leo Chase, Wanda Dillinger, Dixie Compton, Nancy Hazlet, David Moats, Shannon Van Walters, Leland Baker, Kenneth Walton, Kenneth Tippet, Carl Monska, Donna Clark, Dickie Peyer, Ronald Curry, Billie Ridgeway, Anthony Dietrich, William Van Deventer, Otto Peake, Marilyn Schmitt, Lloyd Brownlow, Dale Ford, Billie Donaldson and Roger Westerfield.

Easter Album

1. Marilyn Jenice and Gloria Jean Schmitt, daughters of Bob Schmitt, brass foundry. 2. David Toth, son of Joe Toth, cafeteria chef. 3. Dan Hovey, son of Mrs. Margaret Hovey, secretary to the factory manager, and Louis Harshbarger, stepson of John J. Smith, department 44, and grandson of Harley Himstead, department 440. 4. Ronald Curry, son of Glenn Curry, department 8. 5. Jim and Jean Kinney, niece and nephew of Jennie Kinney, core room. 6. Betty Miller, daughter of William L. Miller, department 8. 7. Janet Charnetzki, daughter of Carl Charnetzki, chemist. 8. Mrs. Lucille Dailey, Betty Nash and Vera Behrends, core room. 9. Larry Rhodes, son of Robert Rhodes, engineering department. 10. Barbara, Gayle and Gary Reed, children of Guy W. Reed, department 63.



Paying Bills Is Her Specialty

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, both incoming and outgoing, cross Helen Brannan's desk in the main office each day, although perhaps she's better known to fellow employees as keeper of the company's not so petty cash, used for making smaller purchases.

Certain purchases under \$10 are made out of the petty cash account to avoid the paper work involved in making requisitions and invoices, and during the course of a day's work these amount to a tidy sum. But the handling of these transactions constitutes only one phase of a busy and responsible job.

As cashier she also issues checks in payment of company bills, makes the daily bank deposits, notarizes legal papers and affidavits, makes out the executive and salesmen's pay rolls, and also keeps books on several other accounts.

Helen's first job with the Mueller Co. was as a clerk. After a rapid succession of positions demanding more and more responsibility, she became cashier sixteen years ago, and has been capably handling that key spot ever since.



Helen Brannan

Deaths

The Mueller Co. organization wishes to extend deepest sympathy to the following:

Frank Edwards, department 60, whose mother-in-law, Mrs. Emma Sunderland, died April 8.

Walter Andes, department 80, whose father-in-law, James Bivens, died April 8.

Harry Koontz, department 80, whose mother, Mrs. Emily Belle Baker, died April 14.

George Lebo, department 30, whose father-in-law, Orval Bernard, died April 21.

Roy Fleckenstein, department 80, whose mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Hemrick, died April 21.

Edgar Stark, department 30, whose father-in-law, Claude L. Wright, died April 24.

Lawrence Syfert, department 80, and Joe Syfert, department 11, whose mother, Mrs. Martha Syfert, died April 26.

B. J. Marty, retired Mueller Co. employee, whose wife, Mrs. Lena R. Marty, died April 29. Mr. Marty retired October 23, 1945, after having served 50 years with the Mueller Co.

Carl Brock, department 30, whose mother, Mrs. Luella Brock, died April 30.

BIRTHS

A son, Larry Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridgeway, April 17, at the Decatur-Macon County hospital. Bob is an assembler at plant No. 2.

A daughter, Melissa Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Coifman, April 19, at St. Mary's hospital. Eldo works in the tool room office.

A daughter, Virginia Nadine, to Mr. and Mrs. Kennes Karnes, April 24, at St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Karnes was formerly Miss Mabel Kirk of department 80, and Kennes works in department 80.

A daughter, Ardie Charlene, to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Reimer, April 24, at Vandalia, Ill. Bill works in the shipping room.

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TO RESUME SERIES

Plans are being made to resume the feud between the Foremen and Wildcat baseball teams again this summer for a three-game series.

Ted (Alibi) McKown is manager of the Wildcats, and Artie Carter is the mentor for the Foremen.

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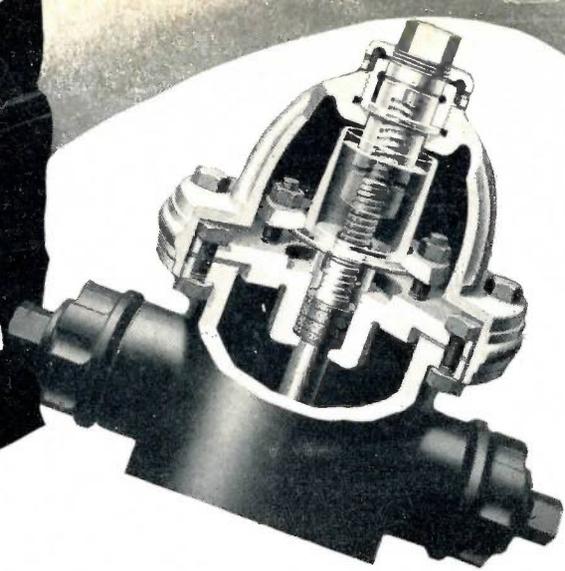
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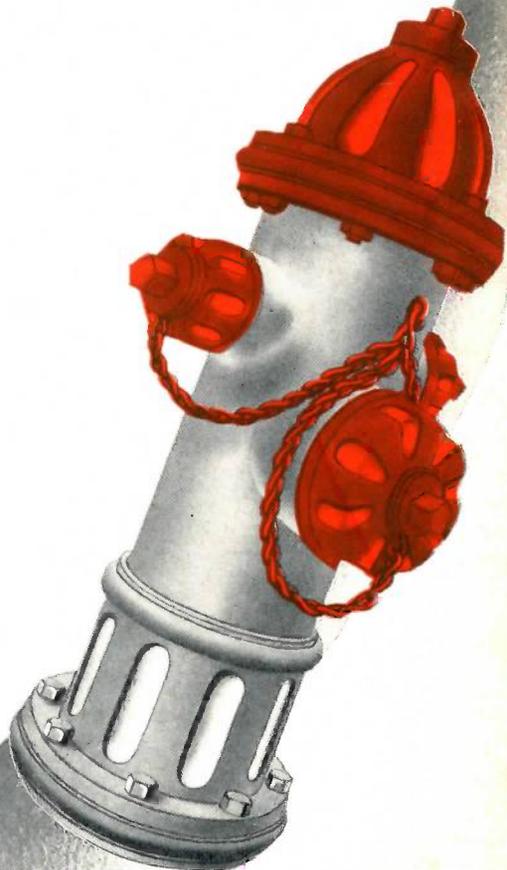
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