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Cover Picture: The clutter of old houses and Muzzy's Cafe, all located across the street from our main building, made it impossible to get any good photographs of our plant. But when these were torn down this past winter to make room for the new parking lot, we got a view of the plant we never saw before. Now one is really impressed with the size of our Decatur factory. For the benefit of the folks in our other factories the building in the center is the largest of the units comprising Plant 1. At the right edge of the picture is seen a part of the first building erected when the factory was moved to its present location. The group shown represents less than half of the buildings that make up Plant 1. Constant growth has made new units necessary and most of these are to the left of the street shown in the foreground.



Proof Of The Pudding

ALMOST EVERYONE who understands what the Credit Union is and does agrees that it is a fine thing for our employees. In the January issue of the Mueller Record we carried an announcement about the 4% dividend declared by the directors. At that time we stressed the value of Credit Union

membership as a profitable and safe place to invest one's money. Recently, a story came to our attention which illustrates effectively how important the Credit Union can be to our employees as a place for borrowing money.

Not too long ago a young man in our employ (we will call him Mr. X) decided to buy a car. When the word got around, one of the loyal boosters of our Mueller Employees Credit Union suggested to Mr. X that he arrange for a loan with the Credit Union. But Mr. X, probably because he did not fully comprehend the benefits of the credit union plan, passed it up. Instead he arranged for a loan with a firm downtown.

He decided to borrow \$500. The loan was arranged and his payments for the required 15 months were to be \$40 a month. Later he mentioned the loan to a co-worker who was a director in the Credit Union. Mr. X was surprised to learn that in the 15 months he would pay out \$100 in interest alone. The total cost to him would be approximately \$600. The rate of interest actually would figure up to be about 15%.

It was then pointed out to him that a loan for the same amount with the Credit Union would cost him \$42 a month for the 15-month period. The actual interest charged would be \$40 which is close to 6½%. But the best part of it would be the savings feature. At the end of 15 months Mr. X would have \$90 in his share account. Thus for a total cost of only \$630 this young man could pay off his loan in the same time and add a handsome sum to his savings. In addition to that, the loan would be insured, and should he die at anytime before the loan was repaid, the Credit Union would cancel the debt, and none of his relatives would be left with the loan to pay.

Mr. X now, for the first time, really understood the advantages of the Credit Union. As a result, he arranged for another loan of \$500 with the Credit Union, and with that money he paid off the first loan at the finance company. But the ironical part of it was this: he had held the original loan only nine days, yet it cost him \$2.75 in interest charges.

Next time you need money, see your Credit Union first.



Here is Earl Lowe, head of Production Engineering. He is responsible for the accuracy of thousands of records used in our plant.

The Mechanical Memory of the Factory

“JUST NAME ANY PART and we’ve got it on paper.” That was Earl Lowe talking. It was in answer to a question put to him about the Production Engineering department which he heads. A little investigation proved that his assertion was correct.

Every part of everything we make or use from a simple set screw to a worm gear in our C-1 Drilling Machine is recorded on paper. Not only for the parts we use today, but for the pieces made “away back when.” In fact, this efficient department has tracings and prints on the old Mueller automobile made in the nineties,—something well out of our regular line of products.

One might compare this department to a doctor’s office. In the Physician’s files are case histories of every patient. A record of all that has happened to him and the treatment prescribed. So it is with the files in Production Engineering. There is a record of every part used in our products. Every time a part is changed in any way, a record is made

of the change. Perhaps the diameter is reduced; a slot is made wider; a hole in a key head is removed. It is all recorded on a tracing, a card, or a blueprint.

But accurate records are not the only tasks of this department. There is also an efficient group of draftsmen. Some of their work is copy work. That is, a record is made on a tracing of some special stop, for example, that we are producing for a customer. More often the work is creative. A new part is to be made, say a lever handle with a shorter length. A man at the drafting board can design a new one that will replace the old one. For this reason, Earl told us, each man must know something about the foundry and core room and their methods. Something about metals and their machining. A little bit about everything that goes on in our factory.

At one time the Engineering Department was split up in several sections. Around 1940 these operations were all grouped together and placed in the capable hands of Frank Mueller, now Engin-



William Knorr, assistant clerk, looks on while Harley Himstead, record clerk, compares some records with our meter setter catalog.

earing Vice-President. He welded them together into an effective organization. The present record system in the Production Engineering department is under the active supervision of Earl Lowe.

Approximately 75,000 drawings are kept in the huge safe. Dozens of file drawers hold the records. Three sets of large record books filled with catalog file blueprints are used constantly. Some idea of the work that goes through this busy department may be obtained when we check on the blueprint division. Thousands of blueprints are made there. Just in the last year 49,140 square feet of blueprint paper was run through the electric printing machine. Enough to paper the walls of 22 houses.

During the last war there was considerable activity going on in our plant and in the former Plant 3 south of Decatur where we made munitions. War-time restrictions made changes in some of our products necessary. Earl told us that his department did not do much direct work on the records of the muni-

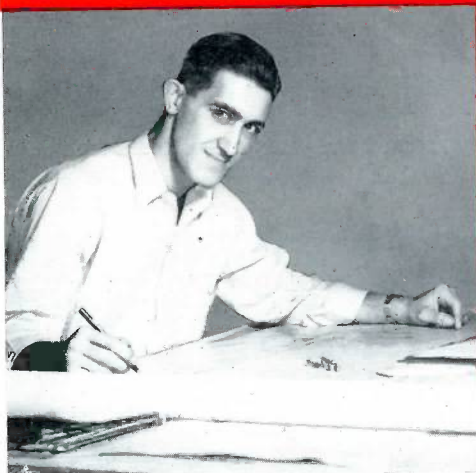
tions plant. However, help was given on inspection work, and a number of drawings were made for the government. Due to the service calling many of our men, he often had his draftsmen help out the tool room when it got behind. In spite of the shortages in manpower, the department was able to carry on.

It has been built up to a staff of ten. Among them are three who have had long service with the company. Earl has been with us twenty-eight years. Harley Himstead has had a total of thirty-one years working for Mueller Co. Don Ferry began as a draftsman and has been on our payrolls since August 1926 for a total of twenty-five years.

We have referred to this department as the mechanical memory of the factory. It is literally that. To err is human. People forget instructions, sizes, changes, and so on. But here is one department that never forgets. They don't dare! No matter what your question may be about anything we make, you will find the right answer in the records of this very progressive department.



William Morrison, blueprint clerk, is developing a blueprint. He makes hundreds of them every month.



Top to bottom: John Shepherd, Thomas Cooper, and Lynn Edwards, draftsmen.

Top to bottom: Robert Dannewitz, and Paul Ammann, draftsmen, and Donald W. Ferry, chief draftsman.

Boy Scout Troop Gets New Sponsor

TROOP 2, which has been sponsored by the Mueller Co. for twenty years, has a new sponsor. This live troop of boys, which has been meeting in the gymnasium since 1931, has been taken under wing by the Oren L. Davis Post No. 99, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As everyone knows, conditions in Plant 1 are becoming overcrowded. There just isn't space enough for all that must take place in our busy factory. The large space afforded in the gym is needed. So after a good many years of loyally standing behind our troop, the company reluctantly gave up the sponsorship.

The history of Troop 2 is long and interesting. Mr. Otto C. Keil, now company secretary, was the moving spirit behind the founding of the troop. He secured the active interest of Mr. Adolph Mueller, then president of our company. The Mueller Co. agreed to sponsor the troop. On January 17 a hike was taken from the gym to the Mueller Lodge. Some fifty boys were there. The first steps to organize a troop were taken at this meeting. In due time ample leadership was secured. Mr. O. E. Walker, now Vice-president in charge of the Chattanooga plant, was the first Scoutmaster. Mr. Clarence C. Roarick, now

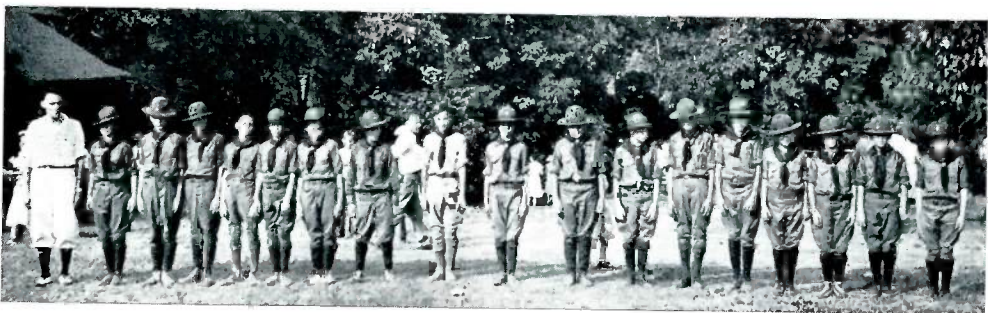
Vice-president in charge of the Decatur factory, was the first Assistant Scoutmaster. The first Troop Committee was composed of Van Campbell, chairman; Frank Edmonson, Jerry Yonker, Everett Dickey, Carroll Cornelius, and Otto C. Keil, adviser.

Friday, February 20, the first troop meeting was held in the gym. Thirty-five boys were in attendance. The troop was officially registered in April 1931, and on May 15 the Scouts and leaders were appropriately invested with their badges and certificates. A candle ceremony for the occasion was put on by Troop 7. It was very impressive.

At first, membership in the troop was limited to sons of Mueller employees, and all leaders were secured from within the company. But after some time it was discovered that these limitations handicapped the success of the troop. Any boy was accepted and the troop grew rapidly.

Scout Cabin Is Built

Through the cooperation of the company and with a lot of hard work by the Scouts and leaders, a cabin was built at the far end of Mueller Heights. This was used the year 'round until torn down when the ground was sold to private



Taken in 1931 a few months after the troop was organized. At the extreme left is Odie Walker, Scoutmaster.

buyers. The boys had many happy experiences out there. A highlight of each year was the company picnic. Then the Scouts set up camp at the picnic site, and served as messengers, color guards, bugler, and did many other good turns for the Picnic Committee on that day.

A good many of our present employees were once members of Troop 2. Some have responsible positions with the company, one is a salesman on the road, and all speak highly of their former Scout connections with the troop. Mr. Adolph Mueller always believed that the Scout-trained man was a better worker. And it has proved out over the years.

The Hikin'est Troop In Decatur

Troop 2 has an enviable hiking record. Since the present Scoutmaster, Herman E. Jackson, took over in February 1941, the troop has had at least one outdoor trip every month. Most of them were overnight. The April hike marked the 123rd consecutive month that the troop has hit the trail. That means over ten years of continuous hiking. No troop in the council can even approach that mark, and we know of but one other troop nationally that has a longer record.

The Scouts and their leaders are grateful for the splendid support the Mueller Co. has given over the years. It has provided transportation on many occasions, given financial help when equipment was needed, and supplied them with the best meeting place in town. Those active in the troop will leave with regret. Yet they know also that the new sponsor is a live, growing post and will do right by our boys.

Have Any Series "E" U. S. Bonds?

IF YOU DO, you will be interested in new legislation recently passed by Congress. Instead of cashing in these bonds when they reach maturity, you may do one of two things.

(1) Just keep them, as you always have, in a safe place. The new law provides that you may hold the Bonds for another 10 years. Interest will add up at the rate of 2½% each year you hold them for the first 7½ years. Then, the interest rate increases for the rest of the 10 years until it reaches about 2.9%. However, if you need the money, you can cash in these "extended" Bonds any time. You will receive the accrued interest. You do not have to pay income tax on the interest you get until you cash your Bonds.

(2) Maybe you would like to get a check from the U. S. Government twice yearly. Well, the new legislation allows you to turn in your "E" Bonds when they reach maturity (10 years) for "G" Bonds of \$500 and higher denominations. These "G" Bonds pay 2½% interest annually until their maturity in 12 years, and you get your check for the interest twice yearly. You can cash your "G" Bonds in, if you need to, any time after six months from the date you invest in them.

This "automatic extension" seems to be a pretty good idea. So why not hold on to your Series "E" U. S. Bonds? They are still America's best buy in securities.

This picture, made in 1934, was taken at the company picnic held at Mueller Heights. It shows our Scouts in the opening parade. Second from the left in the front row is Rex Smith of the Plant Engineer's office.



Bob Mueller Says, "Thank You."

The gift of blood by friends and fellow workers has meant life itself to Bob Mueller, chief engineer of the Mueller Co. On March 24th Bob, who was in St. Mary's Hospital, suddenly started hemorrhaging and the doctors immediately ordered blood transfusions. Bob has O RH negative blood which approximately 6 people in 100 have. Fortunately three pints of this type blood had been given at the blood bank the day before by volunteer donors who gave their blood to aid anyone in the community needing it, and that person turned out to be Bob. While these three pints were given other donors volunteered and went to the hospital and gave their blood. On Monday 288 Mueller employees volunteered and were typed. The 12 who had the O RH negative blood needed went immediately to the hospital and gave their blood. However, with all these

donors time was running out. Bob was having continuous transfusions and two at a time and in addition it was necessary to have a supply on hand before he could undergo a major operation. Consequently O RH positive blood was drawn in the hope that enough would properly cross match with Bob's blood and could be used. Altogether 35 Mueller employees and 12 others shared their blood with Bob who had 22 transfusions in 72 hours.

Today, Bob is well on the way to a complete recovery from the critical illness and operation. He asked to express his eternal thanks to the blood bank volunteers and to the Red Cross who make this life-saving program available to everyone in the community. He especially thanks the many friends and fellow workers who offered to share their life with him, and for the many pints of blood they gave to him that he might live.

4-Xers See Demonstration



On April 11, members of the 4-X Club, composed of foremen and executives, met in the No-Blo conference room for their monthly meeting. Bob Levey, Assistant Sales Manager, is shown above giving a condensed version of the No-Blo demonstration presented to visiting gas men. Watching intently are, left to

right: Leo Wiant, Charles Girard, Herman Chepan, F. C. Hackman, Walter Bowan, Francis Carroll, Earl Tinker, R. C. Kileen, Stanley Ashby, Ernest Krum-siek, Robert Rhodes, and, in the lower right corner, Lawrence Kramer. Refreshments followed the program.

Decatur

DODWELL WINS FIRST PLACE

Last issue we mentioned Betty Walker and her bowling prowess. We would have you know that women are not the only ones who can bowl a few really good games. Carl Dodwell, accounting supervisor in the Main Office, is quite a kegger, too. This winter he bowled with the Central Illinois Mortgage & Realty Co. In the 11th Annual City Association Championship Tournament held in Decatur the latter part of February, Carl won first place in the scratch division of singles with a total of 664 pins. In the handicap match he took twelfth place with 664 pins. In the all-event feature Carl knocked down 1704 pins which netted him third place. The team itself did not fare too badly. In their three-game series they won first place in scratch division, and seventh place in handicap. Nice going, Carl. Do it again next year.

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WEDDING BELLS

Mary Ellen Davis, daughter of Mrs. Eva Davis, and Arthur L. Peel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Peel, were united in marriage by Rev. Laren Spear on March 16. After the wedding, which was held in the First Methodist church, the couple took a honeymoon to Chicago. Arthur is employed on the second shift and works in Department 8.

The wedding of Florence Henry and John Ossowski took place on March 30 in the home of Rev. A. J. Jenkins, the officiating minister. John is a molder in the Plant 1 foundry. The couple are living at 750 North Edward street, and fortunately for John, it is just around the corner from his work. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Little Dan Cupid is quite a shot. With one arrow he pierced the hearts of Miss Louise Storm of Nokomis and James Carroll, who works on the second shift of the Foundry. This event was culminated April 15 when the two were married in St. Mark's Lutheran church. Our congratulations go to the newlyweds.



Above is a picture of Pvt. John W. Hall now assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. John, who was formerly in the Receiving Department, wrote us that he had been there seven weeks and had seven more to go before being shipped to the west coast. He says that the army feeds him well, as you can see, but on a recent furlough home he added that the home cooking really tasted good.

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Al Ridgeway was finally permitted to come back to work April 2 after a long period of recuperation from his operation. We are glad to see him on the job again. Now that Al is back, Leon Bethards has returned to his old post in the Shipping Department.

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DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rex and John Smith on the death of their mother, Mrs. Hallie R. Smith, following an automobile accident on April 27. John Smith is in the Engineering department. Rex Smith, who is in the Plant Engineer's office, was critically injured. At the time this is written he is still in the hospital with a fractured vertebra.



Mary Louise Rogers was graduated May 4 from Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Her father is Lewis Rogers, sand cutter on the second shift at Plant 2.

Fears, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Ruth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, Ernest Watkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Halden Hansen.

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BIRTHS

Another income tax deduction for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Levey arrived at the St. Mary's hospital on March 12. The new daughter weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz. The pleased parents have named her Christina Grace. Bob is Assistant Sales Manager.

Little Janet Ann Ruthrauff, traveling via Stork Rapid Transit Air Lines, made her appearance at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital on March 24. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ruthrauff, reported that she weighed 6 lbs. and 12 ozs. upon arrival. The proud daddy is a foreman in Department 70.

'Twas a regular Mueller family celebration when Richard Perry Tibbils was born on April 18 at Decatur and Macon County Hospital. The new father, Ralph Tibbils, is in the Credit department, and the mother (formerly Betty Tolladay) used to work in our office, too. The happiest of all is the new Grandma, Elizabeth Tolladay, switchboard operator. The new baby tipped the scales at 9 lbs. and 8 ozs.

Friends of Shirley Johnson, formerly secretary in the Engineering Department, will be pleased to know that a little boy came to live in the Johnson family on March 21. Born at Decatur and Macon County Hospital, the new son weighed 7 lbs. and 13 ozs. They have named him David James.

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Merlin Coates of the Sarnia office was a visitor in Decatur on March 22. From his appearance we are sure that the Canadian climate and food agree with him. Merlin was in the Time Study group when he worked with us.

Do You Like Mountain Music?

If so, you can tune in on some of it by turning your radio dial to get WHOW of Clinton. The time is 9:05 a. m. every Saturday. The occasion is the amateur program sponsored by that station. You may be ageeably surprised to hear one of your co-workers, Wayne McCoy, bench core maker from Plant 2. Wayne is no slouch when it comes to handling a guitar or violin. Or should we call it a fiddle? He does a lot of playing for square dances, that vigorous pastime that is so popular just now. Wayne, whose professional name is "Cannonball Jack", is no newcomer to radio. He has played on both WSOY and WDW on numerous occasions. Tune in next Saturday and hear our Plant 2 troubador.

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On page 8 we show a picture of a portion of our 4-X Club group. The monthly meetings attract a lot of our foremen and executives. These feature both business sessions and purely social affairs. It has been brought to our attention that since the regular meetings began last fall, eight men have had 100% attendance at all the programs. These are Frank Kushmer, Howard Gragg, Elwood Potts, Earl Lowe, Bill Doherty, Jack Chepan, Harley Himstead, and Wally Gould.

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The annual meeting of the Illinois Credit Union League was held April 13 and 14 at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. A number of directors from the Mueller Credit Union were at the meeting. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Munsterman, Grace Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Otis

Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

We have visiting us at this time from Decatur, Mr. Clarence Roarick and Mr. M. K. Chaney. Other recent visitors were Mr. Hugh Baker and Mr. George White.

Our own Mr. Chuck Coventry is at this time in Miami, Florida attending a convention of the American Waterworks Association. We just know that he will have a wonderful time and hope that he has time to get a good tan.

I noticed on the daily absentee report that Wade Lowery of the Foundry and Dave Smith of the Machine Shop are two of our early birds taking vacations. Didn't have time to find out where they were going but if anything interesting develops I'll let you in on it.

The girls of the office entertained with a party on April the 26th at the home of Marcella Lykins in Lakeview. The honoree was Betty Adams of the Production Control department who is leaving industrial employment. As a very lovely and pleasant surprise a housewarming gift was presented on behalf of the office force by Marcella.

Norena Gann of the Cost Department and Elizabeth Gardner of the Sales Department who have been absent because of illness are back with us and we certainly are glad. Mr. Homer Van Vleet of the Production Control Department is ill at his home with pneumonia. We're so sorry and certainly will be glad when he's able to be up and about again.

The very pleasant new voice you hear these days when you pick up the telephone is that of Betty Cade, our new switchboard operator. Betty became one of our Mueller family in March. We are also glad to have several other new faces in our office which we want to tell you about. In the Sales Department we now have Lucille Verble and Al Metcalf. In the cost department Mary Fugate is the new girl and in the production control office we have Annette Griffin.

NEW MUELLERITES

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollingsworth, a

son, James Leo, born March 4, 1951. Roy is our Assistant Shipping Clerk.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Myers, a son, Jackie R. Myers, Jr., born March 5, 1951. Jackie is the second shift clerk in the Assembly Department.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the following: R. B. and Henry McKibben in the recent deaths of their mother and brother. Melvin Conner in the death of his mother. Dewey Careathers in the death of his daughter. Willie Beneford, Sr., in the death of his father.

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JEST FOR FUN

There is nothing strange in the fact that the modern girl is a live wire. She carries practically no insulation.

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The butcher was waiting on a customer when a woman rushed in and said, "Give me a pound of cat food, quick!"

Turning to the other customer she said, "I hope you don't mind my getting waited on before you."

"Not if you're THAT hungry," the other woman replied.

2801 E. 12th St. L.A. California, 3:30 P.M.



That 3:30 p.m. parking lot tangle at our Los Angeles factory. Cartoon was drawn by Bill Baker of L. A.

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent



SPORTS NOTE

The din of battle has died away, the final curtain has descended, the sun has set, and our winter bowling league is now ancient history. Because of the latter fact, we will not go into great detail here, but perhaps the reminder of the activities will whet the interest of prospective participants in a future league.

First place was won by the Alleycats. In the picture above, left to right, are Ed Webster, Frank Mecado, John Laviguer, Gene Warren and Don Casler (not present). That guy on the right is Jim Musso and we don't know how he got into the picture. Place money went to the Beavers: Warren Packer, Paul Caho, Lil Alfano Doe Perez, and Earl Bright. The show position ended in a dead heat between Eagles: Gunnard Nelson, Rudy Gordines, Mary Nelson, Jerry Henry, and Lloyd Sutton; and Woodchucks: Evelyn Miller, Charlie Portee, Doc Oglesby, Bob Laviguer, and Velma Portee, Fourth place—Cougars: Frank Williams, Flo Llewellyn, Hector Valdez, Jim Musso and Cyril Wolfe, Jr. Our sympathies go to the Gophers who wound up in their natural habitat, the cellar they burrowed. They are: Betty Jones, Ben Piott, Al Camareno, Jim Holmes, and R. Louis Korte.

Individual honors went to Lil Alfano, High women's series, 483. Mary Nelson, High women's game, 181. For the men, Earl Bright took high series with 606; with high game going to Frank Mecado's

219. Winners in the Sweepstakes were Gene "Slicker" Simpson and Doc Oglesby.

The league was presided over by Jim Musso, president, and Evelyn Miller, secretary.

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SERVICE NOTE

We were favored recently by a short visit from Sgt. Ismael Tercero who, by now, must be somewhere in Korea. Best of luck, Izzy.

Bosn's Mate Ralph Kittelson also dropped in to say hello. Ralph is presently stationed at Los Alimitos Air Base, (formerly known as South Alhambra Rest Home).

The following men have left us recently, for duty in the service: Art Werner, Frank Mecado, Joe Montoya, Cal Hilgenberg and John Gonzalez.

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MARRIAGE NOTE

Culmination of a courtship that began in our own plant, took place recently when the former Joyce Poe, of the Laboratory, and Ronnie McKinnon, of the Foundry, were married. The ceremonies were held in the Highland Park Lutheran church, and the couple spent a short honeymoon in San Francisco. They plan to make their home in Alhambra, and they may be assured of our best wishes for a happy marriage.

BIRTH NOTES

A brand new, and justly proud, grandfather is Ed Sturgeon of the Brass Machine Shop. Ed's daughter, Mrs. Marylyn Baldwin, presented husband Ralph with a baby girl weighing 8 lbs. 5¾ ozs. last April 22. Mr. Baldwin is with the armed forces in Korea, but Ed will do a good job of beaming until he gets back.



Your correspondent wishes to announce the slight addition to his own family of the following: George, Brunhilde, Hans, Frank, Gretchen, Otto, Wilhelm, Henrietta, Hildegard and Sam. The ten youngsters are the offspring of Heidi, Mrs. B's German Shepherd. All are doing nicely at the present time.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO—

May:

Lloyd Logsdon, Bruce Stotler, Floyd Marple, Cruz Jaques, Agnes Kemmer, Del Satterfield, Bill Stach, Evelyn Saunders, May Harris, Zua Stoltz, David Garcia, Clyde Porter, Elinor Wann, Don Casler, Bob Ward, June Duncan, Ernest Looney, Helene Waldner, and Robert Jett.

June:

Herman Dash, Kenneth Potts, B. F. Desmond, Mike Liebherr, Anthony Flaco, Donald Killee, Johnnie Livingston, Fred Lorendo, Ed Schlegel, Manuel Valdez, Al Hembree, Alfred Camorena, Bernell Larsen, John Laviguer, Betty Jones, Reba McClure, Ed Webster, Joyce McKinnon, Harry Hawthorne, Margaret Church, Vic Vanderbush, Glenn Cox, and Jim Goodrich.

P. S.

Jerry Henry, of the Shipping department, garnered a trophy at the Saugus A. M. A. Drag Races. He came by this cup in the class C motorcycle event by travelling one-quarter of a mile, in less time than his competitors. From a standing start, Jerry attained 90 miles per hour at the finish of the quarter.

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Sarnia Skater

Equally at home at the keyboard and on "flashing blades" is Yvonne Brennan, daughter of William R. Brennan, manager of the Streamline Division. This attractive member of the Ice Cycles tries her skill at the grand piano. The picture was taken during an Easter weekend visit with her parents. This visit was first in almost a year for our Sarnia skater who has toured the British Isles, Mexico, the U.S., and Canada since leaving last May. Yvonne was to return home about May 1 for a two-month vacation. She will leave early in July for Atlantic City to commence rehearsal for the 1951-52 show. This summer's scheduled English tour was cancelled, presumably because of the international situation.



Watching her play are, left to right, Miss Dorothy Brasnett, Calgary, a skating colleague, and Mrs. Brennan.

Sarnia, Ontario

Almeda Reeve, Correspondent



Left to right: Joyce Fischer, Jean Hoover, Lois McPhee, Flora Mann, Violet Henderson, Ron Nicolson, Minerva Johnson, Marilyn Hardy, Sylvia Rice, and Geraldine Mackesy.

Miss Flora K. Mann, who has served for 33 years in the office of Mueller, Limited, was honored the evening of March 16 by several office associates upon her retirement.

The guest of honor was presented with many lovely gifts from her associates; a wrist watch from fellow employees, an attractive bouquet of roses from the male members of the sales division, and

a corsage from three old associates of the company, E. W. "Curly" Allen, James Wightman, and Harry Savage.

During Miss Mann's time spent with the company, she has been employed in the Filing department, the Purchasing department, telephone operator, and finally head of the Filing department. On entering the employ of Mueller, Limited, she worked in the War Material Dept.



Miss Flora Mann, seated at the desk. Behind her, left to right are: Phyllis Walpole, Minerva Johnson, Violet Henderson, Joyce Fischer, Marilyn Hardy, Jean Hoover, Amy Cooper, Geraldine Mackesy, Lois McPhee, Reta Gavigan, and Marian Dennis.

NEW MUELLERTES

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Forbes, (Dept. 3) a daughter, Barbara Ann, March, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Browett, (Comptroller) a daughter, Carol May, March 28, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudle, (Dept. 2) a son, Terrance Wayne, March 3, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Maguire, (Dept. 28) a daughter, Carolyn Ann, March, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrew, a daughter, April 3, 1951. Tom is in Dept. 3 and Alice worked in Dept. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frame, (Nee Molly Hillier, secretary to Mr. G. W. Parker) a daughter, Donna Isabel, March 9, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carman Weese, (Dept. 1) a son, Robert Guy, by adoption, April 8, 1951.

CONGRATULATIONS, FOLKS!



DEATHS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to: William and Otto Foster in the death of their mother. Bill works in Dept. 3 and Otto in Dept. 7.

Henry Scripnick in the death of his father, Mr. W. Scripnick. Henry is employed in Dept. 28.

Myrtle Tricker (Main Office) in the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Tricker.



WEDDINGS

Our congratulations are extended to: Violet Waller (Streamline Sales Office) and Robert Henderson, who were married on March 17th at St. Paul's United Church parsonage.

Donald McHenry (Department 1) and Reta Maccio who were married recently at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Stanley W. Smith (Department 8) and Janet Ethel McLaughlin who were married on February 24th.



It is an old saying that: "In spring a young man's fancy often turns to thoughts of love", but we have found out that a certain young lady's thoughts have also turned in that direction. Mary Janchula (Accounting Dept.) is wearing a sparkler on her left hand and stars in her eyes.

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On Friday, April 13, Virginia Doolittle left the employ of Mueller Co. to be married to Lt. Edmund Fenstad, U.S.M.C. We had given her a shower luncheon in the office and presented her with a silver carving set and cold meat fork. We had a wedding cake, finger sandwiches, potato salad, and coffee. We gave the bride-to-be a corsage of baby white iris. Ginny was very surprised and happy as the photos on the next page show.

She was married on Saturday, April 21, at four o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank, and had six bridesmaids, a maid of honor, and flower girl. There were four ushers. The bride looked lovely dressed in a white satin gown with lace bodice and a long train. The bridesmaids were all in white and carried bright red carnation bouquets with variegated ivy. The maid of honor carried the same except in white. After the ceremony there was a reception at Jumping Brook Country

Club for 150 guests. There the bride was toasted with a champagne cocktail. A buffet supper was served with dancing until nine o'clock.

George Knipe almost caught the bride's garter when she threw it, but it was snatched from him by a six-footer usher. So we guess he will still be a bachelor for another year.

The bride and groom left for a cross country auto trip to Camp Pendleton in California where he will now be stationed. We wish Ginny all the best of everything, and hope she will be very happy. Attending the wedding from the New York Office was Mrs. L. Robar with her husband and Geoge W. Knipe.

Allan Larry is in New York for two weeks at the Statler Hotel with the No-Blo Gas exhibit the company is giving for the surrounding gas companies. Prior to the New York exhibit, he was in Boston, and then Albany. The meetings are an extreme success, and are well commented on by the customers.

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Top row: The New York office has a party for Ginny. In group are, left to right: Lillian Jarman, Ginny, George Knipe, Lillian Robar, and Mildred Bowser. Ginny relaxes after the excitement. Here she is leaving the office for the last time. Second row: Ginny and her mother spruce up Father Doolittle for the wedding. Bridesmaids and the flower girl. Traditional placing of the blue garter. Third row: Ginny comes downstairs. Ginny leaves for the church. Ginny and Ed just after the ceremony.