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FIRST MEETING

Foreman's Club Opens Winter Sessions with Ed Stille as President

The first meeting of the Foremen's Club was held at the Lodge on the evening of October 17 with a good attendance. Paul Jacka, president of the club, called the meeting to order and explained that the first matter to consider was the election of a vice-president. Charles Cochran, Frank Edmonson, and Marshall Hobbs were placed in nomination.

Ed Stille, who had served as vice-president, was duly inaugurated as president. No music or fireworks but a little good natured wise-cracking in which the new president had his share.

The tellers returned the count on vice-president and President Stille announced that Marshall Hobbs had been elected, closing with the remark that he expected the same loyal support from Marshall that he (Stille) had given Paul Jacka. Under these circumstances, he promised a R.R.R. regime (a rip-roaring-regime). Please note that Ed has been following another illustrious president, and will initial all his policies and plans.

L. W. Mueller made a detailed explanation of changes to be made in the standard cost system, expressing the belief that the system as amended will work out much better than the old way. Referring to Frank Mueller, who is at Warm Springs, Ga., Duke said he was showing improvement and his family and relatives were hopeful that he could be returned to Decatur in the spring.

Adolph Mueller talked along general business lines.

The club members were invited to give Paul Jacka "a hand" which they did. Paul leaves in a few weeks for Chattanooga to succeed Kitty Wilkins as manager. Kitty has resigned and expects to retire and go on his farm and take things easy.

DOUBLE SURPRISE

Mistress (discovering butler helping himself from cellorette) — "Robert, I am surprised."

"So am I, ma'am. I thought you was out."

WEDDINGS

Barnes-Staudt

Sylvia Barnes, telephone operator for the last three years, and Julius A. Staudt, assistant traffic manager, were married October 12 at 3 p. m. in their new home at Maryland Heights, north of Decatur, by Homer E. Sala of the First Christian church. The bride wore aquamarine crepe with grey accessories.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Barnes of Tower Hill, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Staudt of Kenney.

Out of town guests were the bridegroom's brother and parents from Kenney, the bride's parents and Mrs. Oscar Barnes and family of Tower Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schnittker and family of Carlinville, Mr. and Mrs. Coral Barnes and son of Loda, and Charlton E. Barnes of Quincy.

Brown-Riedel

Ada Mae Brown, a member of the cost department for several years, and Max A. Riedel, were married October 20 at 2 p. m. in the First Methodist church by Rev. A. Ray Grummon in the presence of the two immediate families.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Brown, 1015 W. Marietta street, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Riedel, 1026 N. Water street.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Riedel left on a wedding trip to Washington, D. C. They expect to go to house-keeping soon in their own home.

Creighton-Blankenship

Madel'ne L. Creighton and Dean Blankenship of Department 9 were married October 23 in the parsonage of the First Christian Church by the Rev. Homer E. Sala, pastor.

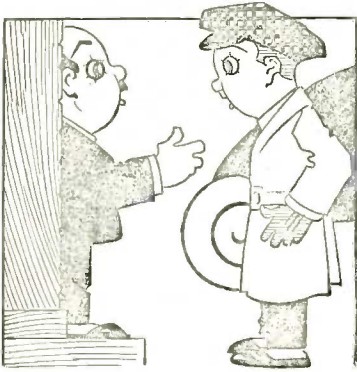
The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Creighton, 1166 E. Walnut street, and the bridegroom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blankenship, 1037 W. Green.

They were attended by Irving Applebaum and Louise Creighton, a sister of the bride, and the immediate members of both families were present.

The bride wore a rust colored dress and carried a corsage of gardenias.

They are living with the bridegroom's parents.

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GEORGE SHOULD KNOW

Billy Simpson: "It's as useless as a fifth wheel to a wagon."

George White: "That adage is out of date. All automobiles carry extra tires."

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Cloyd-Ruch

Announcement was made on October 28 at a Halloween dance of the Delta Theta Chi of the marriage of Miss Nettie Cloyd and Clarence Ruch, clerk in Dept. 35. The wedding was in Bloomington August 11. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker of Springfield were the only attendants.

Mrs. Ruch is a graduate of Springfield High School and Brown's Business College and for three years has been employed at the Hunter-Pogue Lumber Company. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cloyd of Bluffs. Mr. Ruch is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruch of Shelbyville.

They are living at 1566 North Church St.

LINEN SHOWER FOR BRIDE

Ada Mae Brown, who was married on October 20 to Max A. Riedel, was honored with a linen shower on October 11 at the home of Erma Barth. Many lovely gifts were presented her by her friends in the office.

PRESENTED WITH GLASSWARE

Sylvia Barnes' last day on the telephone board was made more pleasant by the presentation of eight beautiful crystal sherberts and eight matching goblets with an etched design by her friends in the main office.

WISE GIRL

He: "If you could have two wishes come true, what would you wish for?"

She (frankly): "Well, I'd wish for a husband."

He: "That's only one."

"She: "I'd save the other wish until I saw how it turned out."

EAT AT OUR CAFETERIA.

SLOGAN CONTEST

The time is drawing near when the suggestion slogan contest will be closed. November 30 is the last day. Any slogans received on or before that day will be eligible for the cash prize to be awarded at the Christmas meeting about the middle of December. A check for \$2.50 will be awarded for the slogan judged the best, and the slogan will be printed in red on the suggestion blanks next year.

Russell Jolly of the Los Angeles factory won the prize last year with the following:

"IDEAS BY EACH OF US BENEFIT THE ALL OF US."

Submit as many slogans as you wish, marking your entries for the attention of the Suggestion Secretary. Drop them in the mail basket in your department before November 30.

A little thought and concentration now may give you a little extra money at Christmas time—some one will win—it might be you.

GET ACQUAINTED MEALS

New employees are now given a pass entitling them to a "Get Acquainted" meal in our cafeteria, without charge. This is done in order that they may see for themselves the excellent food served in liberal quantities at reasonable prices in the clean, pleasant surroundings of our cafeteria.

An invitation is also extended to them to suggest any ways or means of improving the quality of our cafeteria service. Suggestions are always welcome from any employee, new or old.

INVENTORY

A new kind of inventory ticket will be used this year. Heretofore, these have been printed in our own plant. This year they will be made by the Tabulating Machine Co. whose machines we use in the Cost Department. By this plan it is expected to greatly expedite the work and make it much easier for those who figure the inventory. Inventory used to be an annual nightmare. After the inventory had been completed all members of the main office force had to work two hours every night to figure up the tickets. It took a week or ten days to complete the task.

TRIALS OF THE GREAT.



The Orchestra Man—Isn't that new piece of yours very much like Chopin's "Funeral March"?

The Composer—Most likely. Them cheap guys are always swiping from us successful song-hit writers.



Mrs. Sabertooth—I see young Skinpants hangin' 'round our cave, watchin' our girl. Wonder if his intentions are serious?

Her Husband—Serious, notin'! He ain't got nothin' heavier'n a bamboo walkin' stick with him.

ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

We are not going to tell who it was, but the almost tragic circumstances which beset two popular Muellerites on their wedding day suggests it as a duty to warn all young folks contemplating matrimony to be sure and have all details well arranged far in advance.

The groom in this instance delayed securing a marriage license until a few hours prior to the ceremony. Arriving at the court house, he was surprised upon finding the building locked and all the offices vacated. He anxiously asked persons about the court house why it was so, and was informed that it was a holiday (Columbus Day to be exact), and public offices were not open. Then followed hurried telephone calls and scurrying messengers racing to official homes to locate some one authorized to issue a marriage license. One such was finally found, the day was saved, and the groom was fully recovered in time for the ceremony.

The time to get a marriage license is the day before the wedding day. If the bride should change her mind you can always get your money back. As we said in the beginning, we shall not give names, but will say that when the bride was a part of the organization she was always saying "hal'oi" and "number please" while the groom is always fighting freight rates and shipments. A fuller explanation will be found in the wedding which took place October 12, notice of which is in another column.

Mule in the barnyard, lazy and sick.
 Boy with a pin on the end of a stick.
 Boy jabbed mule, mule gave a lurch—
 Services Monday at M. E. church.

Employee: "Do you have an opening for a bright young man?"

Employer: "Yes, and don't slam it as you go out."—Clift.

Robert Mueller was in Chicago October 15 to 17 attending the annual convention of the American Gas Association. Bob has seldom missed a gas convention in the past, 30 or 35 years. By reason of this he has a wide acquaintance with members of the association throughout the United States. This year there was no exhibits but Bob kept busy attending the various sessions of the association.

AID SOCIETY CONTRIBUTES

The annual statement of the Employee's Aid Society will probably appear in the next issue of the Record. It will show that the Society is in strong financial condition. All claims have been paid, and in addition, about \$1,000 in various forms of welfare and health conservation. In addition to this, the Society's surplus has increased about \$1,000.

In view of these circumstances, the trustees on October 17 unanimously approved an appropriation of \$300 to the Decatur Community Chest in the name of the Mueller Co. employes. A number of members have expressed themselves as heartily in favor of this action before it was taken. We trust that the membership in general will approve.

DEATHS

George F. Bitrolff, age 54, died in St. Mary's hospital at 4 A. M. October 31 after an illness of four years, following a paralytic stroke.

He was first employed by Mueller Co. in the fall of 1911 after the close of the baseball season. He worked here for a number of years between seasons. In the 20's he began to spend full time in the shop. For several years he coached the Mueller baseball team.

On November 24, 1931 he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was unable to work thereafter. In the spring of 1932 he was allowed total disability on his insurance policy.

George Bitrolff worked in Department 9, plumbing division, on turret lathe and automatic machines. He was a good brass finisher, a likeable fellow, and a life long baseball fan.

He was born May 2, 1881, grew up in Evansville, Indiana, and for twelve years was a professional baseball pitcher, chiefly in the Three I League.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in the Moran chapel with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

SELF-EXAMINATION

Dr. Frank Crane, a distinguished minister for many years contributed to newspapers and always gave good advice. "It's a good thing," he says, "for each of us to examine himself once a day." For instance, just before we go to bed it would be a good thing to ask ourselves such questions as these:

- Have I been cowardly and evaded things I should have met squarely?
- Have I been vacillating and weak, or firm and decided?
- Have I indulged in self-pity?
- Have I been deceitful?
- Have I been disloyal?
- Have I indulged in vanity?
- Have I eaten or drunk too much?
- Have I done my work the best I could?
- Have I been entirely honest?
- Have I spent money uselessly?

You can lengthen out this list for yourself. These are just samples."

Try it. It will do you no harm—it might do you a lot of good.

SPELL SUGAR



J. W.: "See here, Miss Poudre, in this letter I dictated to you, you have spelled sugar 'suggar.'" "

Irene: "How careless of me! I left out the 'h.'" "

HAIR PROTECTION

A lathe operator leaned over, and his head came close to the rapidly revolving shaft he was turning. His hair was a little long, and it fell forward. He let out a screech and fell to the floor. A large area of his scalp had been pulled from his head, and was whirling about the shaft.

Yes, there is a very good reason why both men and women should protect their hair with caps, while working around machinery.

Loose hair is just as dangerous as loose clothing. It will catch on a perfectly smooth revolving shaft almost as readily as it may be drawn into more gripping parts.

Wear a cap that itself presents a smooth surface, has no loose ends, and completely covers all loose hair. Make sure it fits you comfortably and is of the proper weight for the temperature of the room in which you work.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

On October 2, Arthur Arguelles, time clerk at our Los Angeles factory, helped the boys in the shipping department to roll a hand truck of heavy goods from the car to the shipping department. The fish-plate slipped and the heavy load fell upon Mr. Arguelles, injuring his chest.

Since that time he has been in the Good Samaritan Hospital in a precarious condition. Recent reports say that he is making good progress, but that he will be disabled for some time.

CHATTANOOGA VISITORS

Ernest Schlegel, Raymond Egebrecht, Charles Uhl, George Tolladay, and Cecil Coffin drove from Chattanooga, Friday night, November 1, to spend the week end in Decatur. They left Decatur about 1:30 Sunday afternoon and were back on the job Monday morning.

Ferry: "For the last time I am asking for that three dollars and a half."

Stille: "Thank goodness that's over with."

Prison Warden: "You say you have a complaint to make? Well, what is it?"

Convict No. 9875423: "There ain't enough exits, sir."

David Simpson, son of J. W. Simpson, has gone to work in Department 36.

THE FOREMAN'S PLACE

M. P. Grady, Pennsylvania Shop Foreman at Canton, Ohio, spoke on the foreman's place in accident prevention at a recent Safety Congress. He said:

"If I were to answer the question 'What are the most necessary qualifications of a Foreman to secure that smooth, warm cooperation that is so indispensable?' I would say:

"First of all he must be a 'square shooter' which means he must be honest with himself as well as others.

"Second he must be fair and impartial and give consideration and credit to those who deserve it.

"Third he must not retard promotion and must see that his men have a safe and comfortable place in which to work.

"Fourth, he must be able to think ahead and plan ahead in order to prevent accidents.

"Fifth, he must possess tact and ability to diagnose his problems.

"Sixth he must be able to encourage and develop initiative.

"Seventh, he must know the proper technique for safe and efficient production.

"Eighth, he must set the example by obeying all rules and regulations.

"Ninth, he must be a disciplinarian who can coat discipline with justice."

KNEW HER ONIONS

"Can you serve company?" asked the housewife when she was hiring the servant.

"Yes, mum, both ways."

"What do you mean?" asked the puzzled one.

"So's they'll come again or stay away." — Mutual Magazine.

SPILLED MILK



Stell: "Smitty is always crying over what might have been."

Ernie: "Yeh; she has wasted enough time crying over spilled milk to buy a cow."

SARNIA

With nearly everyone satisfied with the results of the World Series, election arguments over, and the Liberals installed in the Government, a general plant topic seems somehow to be lacking. Taking our inventory is evidently the next thing on the list, and the boys are all anxious to get the job overwith.

The office force have had an interesting time of late. They have been staging a war on the mice, which have been subsisting on the dictaphone records. The office staff have been divided, Ethiopians and Italians. We find that to date the Ethiopians are five dead mice ahead of the Italians. However, our big trouble is keeping our cheese bait from being eaten by an ardent cheese eater on our staff. And so life around the plant progresses.

It was interesting to note that our Bert Campbell won a case of Rinsol the other day. There will be no excuse for Bert now, if he is "not whiter than snow."

We are wondering whether Dennis Tilley is enjoying life around the shop better, since he has lost his "pal." What does it feel like to have full option to a towel now Dennis?

Congratulation Tupper on your new "bus." You look pretty nifty these days, and we are wondering if it would raise our status any to work in the packing department.

Who is the certain young man who has enough courage to take three young ladies over the river—and bring them back??? Seen by an eye-witness.

Let us correct any misunderstanding. Jimmie is not rushing Almeda.

We cannot help but comment on that member of our staff who sets us such a glowing example always, namely; by having his shoes always shined so that one can see their face in them.

"Back to the Fold"

Everyone is delighted to see Hank Robertson, of the Production Dept. back on the job, and looking so much better. We all wish you the best Hank, and hope that everything will soon seem more like old times, after your leave of absence.

Once again we welcome Sam Johnston back to the molding department. Sam left us in the early summer to rejoin his people in Ireland. However, conditions in Belfast were a little too stormy or something, because Sam is now back with the gang.

Travelling

R. McIntyre made two trips to the London

Gas Co., in London, Ontario.

E. Hiller spent a day in Toronto at the Canadian Hanson Van Winkle Co.

During the month of October, E. Hiller attended the funeral of his father-in-law at Dashwood, Ontario, and Mr. Bannister his uncle at Forest. We extend our sympathy at this time to these two employees.

Illustrated Gas Price List

We have just received off the press our illustrated gas price list, A-4, which we feel will be of much interest and service to those engaged in gas distribution.

The price list, so far as we know, is the most complete yet issued in Canada. Full lines are shown of tapping and drilling machines; sleeves and valves; bronze and iron body gas stops; meter fittings; service boxes; service clamps; lavatory fittings, and gas regulators.

This list will fill a long felt need of those engaged in gas production and distribution and we confidently expect a further increase in our sale of gas goods as a result. Copies are being mailed immediately to those engaged in the production and distribution of gas, and in certain territories where members of the plumbing trade are interested by making service connections to homes.

Mrs. Lillian Embrey, who for several years worked in the Upkeep Stock Department, has returned to work and is now located in Ray Sailsbery's department.

Cecil Foltz of the Pacific Coast Factory writes the Record Editor of his deep appreciation of the sympathy and kindness extended him by friends in Decatur and Chattanooga owing to the death of his mother.

George White has a new Oldsmobile of which he is justly proud. A few days after its acquisition he was generously promising rides to everyone, and if half of them accepted George probably has a waiting list of considerable length.

Robert Tauber, who has been general foreman at Plant 2, has been transferred to Dept. 300 to succeed James Pollock who resigned October 1.

AMITY CLUB

The Amity Club held its regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, at the home of Mrs. George Hesse, on Oak St. Eleven members were present.

The regular order of business was carried on, after which, various contests were played. Prizes awarded as follows. Mrs. Powers, first; Mrs. Waller, second; Mrs. Partridge, third.

The rest of the afternoon was spent socially, after which a delightful lunch was served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Powers, on Barton Ave.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY AND CHICKEN SUPPERS

Core Room Girls Form Club

A number of girls from the Core Room have formed a club and plan to have parties and dinners all through the winter. Mrs. Laura Becker was elected the only officer. A name has not been chosen as yet, but will be in the near future.

The first session of this club was a chicken fry at the home of Mrs. Laura Becker. Two weeks later they participated in a chicken supper at the home of Mrs. Garnet Wall. After supper the evening was spent in playing games and cards. The girls attending were Dorothea Toole, Helen Waddell, Fern Davey, Fern McArthy, Mrs. Helen Roe, Jennie Kinney, Gladys White, Margaret Behrend, Velma Kusher, and Mrs. Mildred Fenton.

The third event was a masquerade party at the home of Mrs. Helen Roe, 417 W. King street, on October 24. The girls there were:

Jennie Kinney—"Cowboy Red."
 Laura Becker—A tramp.
 Blanche Kallbrier—"Aunt Samantha."
 Garnet Wall—Indian.
 Helen Waddell—"Rastus."
 Gladys White—Farmer boy.
 Helene Smith—An old-fashioned girl.
 Fern Davey—Scotch girl.
 Fern McArthy—Gypsy.
 Dorothea Toole—Gypsy.
 Velma Kushmer—Baseball player.
 Margaret Behrend—Clown.

Mildred Fenton and Helen Roe were not masked. Jennie Kinney was voted the prize as the best costume.

The evening was passed with games and dancing. Popcorn, candy and apples were eaten during the evening. Pumpkin pies (made in the Cafeteria) with whipped cream and coffee were served about eleven o'clock. Everyone present had a very good time.

Adolph Mueller, W. E. Mueller, and Charlie Cochran spent a few days at the Okaw in mid-October.

FRANK MUELLER HERE

Frank H. Mueller, who has been at Warm Springs, Ga., for nearly a year, surprised his friends by calling on them at the factory Monday, Nov. 11. He is looking fine, feels good and is hopeful of a complete recovery. While now he is in a wheel chair, he can stand alone, although the physicians do not permit this. During his enforced idleness Frank has maintained a cheery, bright and hopeful mental attitude, which undoubtedly has been a very considerable factor in helping him regain his former good health. He expects to remain here about one week and will then return to Warm Springs. Hopes are entertained that he may come back permanently in the spring.

BRAKES ON



"Do you practice deep breathing as I told you?"

"Can't do it, doctor, without getting my lungs full of gasoline."

DEATHS

Clarence F. Kush

Clarence F. Kush, pattern maker, died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital at 4:40 p.m. November 9. He had been removed to the hospital just one week before for an appendicitis operation, but complications developed and he became steadily worse.

He and Miss Grace Stout were married last June. Beside his wife he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kush, 1434 East Hickory street, and two brothers, Walter of Bloomington and Charles of Decatur, and three sisters, Edna and Mildred Kush, and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, all of Decatur.

Clarence Kush was born Nov. 10, 1911, and came to work for the Mueller Co. on July 9, 1928. He was a steady and reliable worker.

"I am going to shoot you."

"Why?"

"I always said I would shoot any one who looked like me."

"Do I look like you?"

"Yes."

"Shoot!"

YOUR CAFETERIA

Invites You to eat where the surroundings are

Sanitary and the Food Good

THE COST IS SMALL AND COOKING EXCELLENT