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CHRISTMAS PLANS

Annual Party for the Children at the Gym
Saturday, Dec. 18

Come on, Mueller kids, get busy. Christmas is coming and with it your good old pal Santa Claus. He is going to meet you at your annual Christmas party in the gymnasium on Saturday, December 18, at 1:45 p. m. The gym has been recently overhauled and redecorated.

The committee is now working on the program and details will come later. There will be singing, entertainment and moving pictures and a fine treat to finish off the afternoon.

One feature that will interest old and young alike will be the initial use of our new moving picture machine. This has been received and the electrical department is getting it ready for the coming holidays. A part of the equipment will be the microphones for speaking. These are said to be much superior to the one that has been in use at the open air theatre. The entire outfit can be used at the theatre or gym or any place, being portable. E. C. Stille will have charge of it and his assistants and operators will be John Smith of the Electrical Dept. and Robert Ridgeway of Plant 2.

The bulletin boards will keep employees fully advised.

HALLOW'EEN JOKE ON US

The best hallow'een joke we know about happened to the editor of the Mueller Record.

On the morning following that prankish night we stepped out to get the paper. Glancing across the street we espied a garbage can perched on the lawn of a neighbor. Now, garbage cans have a very strong family resemblance, and it was natural therefore to think his particular can belonged to the Mueller family. Consequently we crossed the street and dragged the can back to our own garage. The first thing that greeted us upon entering the garage was our own garbage can in its proper place. Then we dragged somebody's garbage can back to where we found it. Fortunately it was early and the neighbors were taking their usual Sunday nap. We were thankful that no one saw us. If they had they might have taken a pot shot at us.

THANKSGIVING SAFETY AND PLEASURE

Thursday, November 25, is Thanksgiving Day and will be a holiday for all. It's the big feast day and the big football day. Hundreds of thousands of persons will sit in the big stadiums and see rival college teams battle for victory. The highways will be filled with rushing automobiles and the accident record which will be reported in the daily papers the following day will be appalling. There is nothing new in this to any one, but the destruction of life and limb could be materially curtailed if all drivers would resolve to drive safely and sanely on this holiday. It would be a good idea to add to your chance of a safe and pleasant day by keeping off the main highways. Let the speed devils and the reckless drivers have these highways to themselves. Under the system of road building which has prevailed in past years there are many good dirt and macadam roads, which really take you into the country when traffic is light and safety almost a certainty. Added to this is the glory of Illinois' Indian summer. If you haven't tried this kind of a trip do so. We find this much more interesting and enjoyable than clinging to the arbitrary route of the cement highways.

WALLACE DUDLEY SURPRISED

Did Not Know He Had a Ticket But
Won \$500

Wallace Dudley, assistant tinner, was agreeably surprised at the St. James Bazaar when notified that he had been awarded \$500 on the lucky ticket. Wallace was unaware that he had a ticket, which made it even more of a surprise. A brother-in-law had purchased a number of tickets and assigned one to each member of his family. Wallace was still suffering from the shock the next morning, as he called and asked to be excused from duty that day.

THE KIND THAT CLINCH

Marigold: So you managed to get a loan from the bank? You must have had good paper.

Claribel: I did. I had some love letters the president once wrote me.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF C. F. ROARICK

Came With Shocking Suddenness When It
Was Believed His Recovery
Was Certain

CHAS. F. (CHICK) ROARICK



—Photo by Helen Pope

General Superintendent in Characteristic
Pose at His Desk

The death of General Superintendent, C. F. Roarick at St. Mary's Hospital, Wednesday, November 10, at 5:45 P. M. came with unexpected and shocking suddenness following favorable and encouraging reports received only a few hours prior. On November 3rd he submitted to an operation for hernia, and his quick recovery was confidently expected. E. H. Langdon called on him during the afternoon Wednesday and found him cheerful and hopeful.

Charles F. Roarick, known to us all as "Rick", joined the Mueller organization at the age of 16 on April 9, 1903. He entered the ground key department under Charlie Laughlin and was assigned the task of washing stops. A few months later he made nuts and washers. Within a year he was operating a turret lathe and within a few years had worked on all the machines in the brass finishing department.

During the busy period of the war in 1917 he was made assistant foreman of Department 9 and became foreman in 1918. Under a system of yearly rating of foremen it was developed that he was one of the best all around foremen in the organization. On February 19, 1925 he became assistant to Superintendent J. W. Wilkins.

In 1926, beginning May, the time study and scientific rate setting was started. Mr. Roarick learned this work very thoroughly and became foreman of the Standards Department, which worked out the basis for a group bonus system.

He trained a number of men in this work, who have successfully carried it on since.

He was named General Superintendent June 5, 1927, and since then has been known personally and intimately by the entire organization. In this important position he grew and measured up to all requirements.

Charles Roarick possessed an even temperament, was patient and just, and both firm and generous, always endeavoring to be fair to both the men and the company. Always in close touch with all plant activities, he knew in detail the problems of production and administration. He will be deeply missed both as a superintendent and as a man.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Martin Lorenz and Miss Norma E. Roarick, two sons, Clarence C. and Raymond H., two sisters, Mrs. Gottfried Hill and Mrs. William Bastian, two brothers, Henry and Fred, and one grandson, Richard Charles Roarick, all of Decatur.

He was a native of Decatur, born April 16, 1888 and attended St. Johannes Lutheran school and was a life long member of St. Johannes Lutheran church. In the affairs of this church he took a deep interest and was Chairman of the Board of Elders.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday, November 12 at 2 o'clock followed at 2:30 by services at St. Johannes Lutheran church. The burial was in the Lutheran cemetery. There was a very large attendance of neighbors, friends, and Mueller employes. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

The sympathy of our entire organization is tendered to the widow and relatives in the heavy loss they have sustained.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. C. F. Roarick and family wish to express through the Mueller Record their deep appreciation of the sympathy, flowers, and kindly services rendered to them by Mueller Co. and by Mr. Roarick's fellow workers in the Mueller organization.

Worth While

As a rule we do not accept poetry or rhymes for publication but the following lines, however, seem to justify an exception to the rule.

AFTER SUMMER

My home is in the country,
Just a little ways from town,
Come out some time, when winter comes
I'll show you all around,
I'll show you all the fruit we've got
A sittin' on the shelf
There's every kind we know of,
That Mom put up herself.
I dug the taters from the ground
And picked the apples too,
And now that summer's over
There's not much else to do
But fatten up the porker
And pity guys like you.

L. B. MCKINNEY, Dept. 8.

WITH THE BOWLERS

PATSY JUNE O'DELL

Bert Flaugher Now High Bowler—Leading Dodwell by Three Pins

Setting a pace just a little too fast for their opposition, the Specialty Division downed the Utility Engineers into second place, taking the leading position themselves. Going into their match of November 9, the Utility Engineers held a one game lead over their rivals, but were unable to cope with the fancy work of the Specialties, and were defeated in all three games.

Bert Flaugher, bowling with the league leaders, turned in two consecutive "600" series in a row, getting 646 on November 2 and coming back with 603, November 9. He now leads the ten high average bowlers, holding a three pin lead over Carl Dodwell, who dropped into second place.



In his customary art of razzing, Martin Riewski of the Apprentice team, seems to have slipped away from the chatter of trying to ballyhoo the opposition out of pins, and has taken up with members of his own team, that of especially annoying Bob Tertocha. The results are amazing. The Main Office team won their first match game of the season taking three games from Martin's team, and then adding three more the following week to make it six straight wins. Jack Bain and Carl Draper especially go in for Martin's razzing. Jack shot a total of 186 pins above his average, while Carl went crashing through 100 above his usual scores. Here are a few interesting scores since last October 15.

High Scores Since Oct. 15

W. Behrns	191	177	233	601
Bert Flaugher	249	201	196	646
H. Stratman	197	193	191	581
M. Riewski	211	171	200	582
J. Bain	213	194	169	576
C. Dodwell	198	175	216	589



Patsy June O'Dell is smiling at the camera man with as much unconcern as if it were Daddy or Mamma. It was not necessary to spring the birdie stuff on her. She enjoyed the experience. Her father is Tilman B. O'Dell, who is a member of Department 11 force.

This Year's First 200 Games

H. Liepski	202
W. Mueller	203

High Single Games Since Oct. 15

Bert Flaugher	249
Left Adams	235

Interest is still good and increasing right along, by the fact, that some of the so-called "weaker" teams are making the more advanced. "really get in there and pitch for what's at stake."

Team and individual scores are listed below including November 9.

Team Standing—Week Ending Nov. 9

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Div.	27	17	10	.630	846
Utility Engineers	27	16	11	.593	827
Brass Finishers	27	14	13	.519	727
Apprentices	27	13	14	.481	741
Plumbers	27	13	14	.481	665
Main Office	24	11	13	.458	749
Works Mgr. Of.	27	12	15	.444	770
Tool Room	24	9	15	.375	742

Individual Averages

Specialty Division		Plumbers	
A. Flaugher	189	H. Maddox	154
C. Hill	173	R. Caudle	139
H. Stratman	171	B. Butt	118
E. Hartwig	171	D. Wilkins	116
W. Frantz	158	L. Duncan	114
W. Mueller	150	Main Office	
Utility Engineers		C. Dodwell	186
W. Behrns	183	A. Werdes	159
E. Blankenburg	179	A. Jendryn	159

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MUELLER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Classes Are Now Under Way With Good Interest

The first classes in physical education this fall were held at Mueller gym after work Monday, Nov. 1. The factory men start at 3:45 and the office group at 4:20. These classes repeat on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Thus there are four sessions a week for each group. Calisthenics are followed by games, such as volley ball, basket ball, and indoor baseball. A group interested in weight lifting is being formed.

There is a class for boys ten years of age and over that meets Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. It is for sons of employees.

Loyle Davis, who is training to be an athletic coach, and who has had considerable experience as a director, leads the classes and will assist in coaching basketball.

This program is the result of the active interest of Walter Auer, Clarence Roarick, and Elmer Fawley, who have acted as a committee to bring this about. The response on the part of the men has been good, and we seem to be assured of about two fairly large classes.

Wednesday evening is open for the girls if they want a class. See the committee if interested.

The members of the gym class must wear gym shoes and most of them have secured gym suits. Meanwhile the basketball players are getting ready for their winter season under Manager, R. K. Duncan. The first game of the Industrial League will be held Monday, November 15. The question of departmental basketball teams is under discussion, and if such an arrangement is made these games will be played in the gym in the evening.

Here is a chance for all Mueller employees who are interested in improving their health through exercises and games, to have the use of the gym and the showers, and the leadership of a physical director all free of charge.

A lot of people had fun last fall watching the baseball games at Mueller Heights on the new lighted field. People expected to go, and did go, and had a good time.

If, and when the basketball season gets under way, you can have lots of fun watching the departmental teams play their schedule in the gym. There is no admission charge for these games. Come out and root for your team.

The Industrial League games will be held at the Y. M. C. A. gym and for these games there is a door charge of 10 cents.

Exercise and the fun of playing games have an important bearing on health, and indoor workers especially need such relaxation.

Mr. William Harris, Superintendent of Schools, visited the plant October 26 and had luncheon with the company executives.

Don't forget the Big Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec. 18.

BREATHING

There is a Right and Wrong Way — Adopt the Right Way

There are many persons who do not know how to breathe — natural, simple and necessary as it is. According to the Sanskrit, life is only an interval between breaths, and therefore he who only half breathes only half lives. Strangely enough there are many persons who seem to fear to take a long, deep breath when in the open air, especially in cold weather. Of course the way to breathe in cold weather is to take in the air through the nostrils and discharge it through the mouth. In this way the air is naturally warmed while passing through the nostrils and before it reaches the lungs. This is the way of correct breathing at all times. The hair which grows at the opening of the nostrils is there for a purpose, which is to intercept dust and other foreign substances.

There are other important reasons for correct breathing, some of which are given as follows:

When we feel depressed we practically stop breathing. When we are excited, our breath comes quickly but not very deep. We usually associate deep breathing with a calm, serene mental attitude. Folks of a pessimistic turn of mind are generally shallow breathers while optimists breathe deeply.

According to psychologists, we can control our moods by our breathing. Deep draughts of oxygen carried into the lungs will dissipate the black clouds of despair, replacing these with the sunshine of hope. Lack of a sufficient supply of this life-sustaining element has caused men to fail in their attempts to reach high altitudes, whether in mountain climbing, airplane flight, or in the humdrum of the daily routine.

Opening the windows, filling your lungs with oxygen, will fill your heart with a song and your soul with new hope not to mention strengthening your body and mind for the successful continuation of your work. And the very act of squaring your shoulders and throwing your head back restores a feeling of confidence and self-respect that is lacking when the head is bowed and the shoulders sag.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Berdaine Shain of the Core Room was surprised on her birthday, October 22, by a group of girls from her department. The party was planned by Berdene's grandmother, with whom she makes her home. A lovely supper was served to the girls and Berdene received many nice gifts. Those attending were Nellie Fishburn, Clara Salefski, Velma Kus hmer, Marjorie Evans, Dorothea Bobb, and Thelma Coffman.

Charley Johnson's social club held its first party at Mueller Heights on October 31.

TEACHERS VISIT PLANT

Make a Complete Inspection and Enjoy Lunch in Cafeteria

Monday, November 8, the Mueller plant was visited by a group of principals and teachers from grade and high schools. They came to inspect the factory and learn something about the process of manufacture. Guides were assigned to various groups, and a leisurely trip was made. The guides explained factory operations. The visitors evinced much interest and were observed making notes as they visited various departments. The brightness of the plant, cleanliness of the floors, and general orderly arrangement of stock, and work in progress, came in for favorable comment. It was quite evident that the visitors were impressed with the variety of operations necessary to produce Mueller goods, as well as the working conditions of the plant.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock they were luncheon guests at the cafeteria, which has recently been painted, including all furniture. It has never looked better. The gymnasium, which has also had a complete renovation with its fine floor, resanded and laid out for various games, was another spot that pleased the teachers.

During the lunch hour Adolph made a brief address, expressing pleasure in welcoming the teachers. In the course of his remarks he gave some statistical information which included the following:

"Our business was established by our father, Hieronymus Mueller, who came to Decatur and opened a small gun and repair shop here in 1857 which was gradually expanded into our present business. Therefore we have been in business 80 years.

In addition to the main plant at Decatur, we have a plant at Chattanooga, one at Los Angeles, and one at Sarnia, Canada.

At our Decatur plant we have 627 employes, out of which:

144 men and 57 women are under 30 years of age.

166 men and 28 women are from 30 to 39 years of age.

105 men and 4 women are from 40 to 49 years of age.

94 men and 3 women are from 50 to 65 years of age.

25 men and 1 woman are 65 years of age or more.

37% of our people are 40 years of age.

Oldest employee, age 74.

We have 84 grandfathers and 1 grandmother, this being almost one for every 7 persons employed.

GOOD TIME AHEAD

Dorothy Cooper has all the car marks of one anticipating a pleasant trip over the Thanksgiving holidays. The trip will include a performance of "You Can't Take It With You," that much talked of comedy which won the Pulitzer prize, and is now showing in its tenth month in Chicago.

APPRENTICES



Seated: Ralph Uhler, Rex Smith, Clarence Pippin (teacher), Lee Bauer.

Standing: Russell Short, Robert Tertocha, Raymond Roarick, Robert Moore,

Several of the Apprentices have decided to extend their studies somewhat. Robert Moore will investigate the iron industry and report to the class on the sources, transportation, and reduction of iron ore.

Raymond Roarick plans to study the history of machines and to enlighten the class on the progress of the machine tool making.

Lee Bauer will tell of the foundry industry, its history and modern developments.

Robert Tertocha will give a summary of the weeks news.

These features are held at the close of the study hour on Saturday morning.

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H. Leipski 162	J. Bain 150	
F. Tratzlk 158	C. Draper 143	
W. Bowman 150	O. Keller 125	
Brass Finishers		
L. Adams 179	G. Krag 170	
H. Thompson 165	L. Wiant 168	
C. Kelley 147	F. March 155	
L. Kramer 145	J. Taylor 141	
J. Fair 127	J. Morrison 140	
R. Kileen 103	Tool Room	
G. Harshbarger 101	C. C. Roarick 181	
Apprentices		
M. Riewski 161	M. Chaney 156	
R. Roarick 160	L. McKinney 156	
C. Constant 159	E. Merrow 143	
O. Karlowski 149	C. Rubican 141	
R. Tertocha 131	M. Foster 139	
R. Uhler 115		

Ten High Bowlers

Name	Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
A. Flaughter,	Spec. Div.	21	189	249
C. Dodwell,	Main Office	24	186	256
W. Behrns,	Util. Eng.	27	183	235
C. C. Roarick,	Tool Room	15	181	211
E. Blankenburg,	Util. Eng.	24	179	242
L. Adams,	Brass Finishers	26	179	235
C. Hill,	Specialty Div.	21	173	215
H. Stratman,	Specialty Div.	22	171	204
E. Hartwig,	Specialty Div.	27	171	213
G. Krag,	Works Mgr. Of.	23	170	193

A BUNCH OF OLD TIMERS



A bunch of old timer photographed at the last picnic by E. H. Langdon. The old timers still on the job will recognize most, if not all of those in the group. They had a great day at the picnic meeting and visiting with old friends.

SARNIA NEWS

Everything seems to be going smoothly around the plant these days. Of course, you would hardly recognize us since we have rehabilitated part of our plant, concentrating production, in the hope that we will manufacture even more efficiently than previously. All the machines have been painted green, giving the shops a more cheerful atmosphere.

During this month Wm. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson visited the plant. O. C. Spears of the Cost Department spent a week at the Decatur plant.

Frank Wren of the Ground Key Dept. had the misfortune to be in an automobile accident. At the time of writing this we do not know the extent of the injuries but hope Frank will have a speedy recovery and will soon be on the job again.

The Maritime Provinces

S. T. E. Fetterly of Halifax, N. S., who represents us in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, reports general conditions good. He is of the opinion returning prosperity is "solid" and not of the boom type.

The coal and steel industry in Nova Scotia is exceptionally good and it was of interest to note one in every five persons are dependent upon this industry. Some of the impetus given the steel industry was due in part to the re-armament programme. When mentioning agriculture, he said the worst crops were the apples in the well known Annapolis valley. A

great crop was in evidence but between 30 to 50% of this crop was destroyed by a severe wind storm in September. Increased prices will somewhat cover this loss. He reported that construction, which is vital to all of us, continues good, and that a considerable amount of building is being done.

Births

Mr. Payne, of the Foundry, became the father of a daughter this month. The baby was presented with the lovely layette set, gift of Mr. Adolph Mueller.

Chemical Analysis of Man

Element—Man.

Symbol—\$.

Occurrence—Found in proximity of alcoholic beverages, on the heels of women outside, and on their toes at a dance.

Preparation—From earth.

Physical Properties — Frequently decomposed, either stewed or in pickled state. Face covered by hair, which when unshaven, gives striking resemblance to his ancestors. Often very peppery, though inclined to sour, but may turn sweet when treated with care.

Chemical Properties — Possesses marked affinity for food, drink and trouble. Boastfully inclined and given to vanity in the presence of the female of the species. Turns blue when depressed or in frigid atmosphere, turns brown when exposed long out of doors, and green when laid low by smarter specimen. Turns cold when ignored.

Use—To worry women.

Note—Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

MISPLACING THE MOON



The moon is a gay old girl. Out at nights gallivanting around the earth at all hours. That's why she's a she. Then she has other peculiarities, such as moonshine, full moon, half moon, moon-beams, moon-blink, moon-eyed. That is what she was and what she passed on to J. J. Payton, our Boston salesman, when he was driving by moonlight at 7:30 in the evening with the thought that the full moon came up in the west. This all happened down in Maine at the close of the New England Water Works Association Convention, which was held at Poland Springs. He had for companions, Adolph and Charlie Haas of the New York office, taking the former to Portland to catch a train. Adolph was the first to discover that something was wrong, remarking that it was strange that the full moon was coming up in the west. Out here where the tall corn grows, it always comes up in the east. Adolph figured that Payton was going in exactly the reverse of the route he should be travelling. He insisted that Mr. Payton stop at a filling station and make inquiries, which he did, and came back rather choppfallen to admit he was wrong. Fortunately, he had plenty of time and retraced the route, reaching Portland in time for Adolph to catch his train.

MICKEY MOUSE

The Real Article Paid Visit to the Second Floor

"Mickey Mouse" paid us a visit on November 4. He was quite small but plenty large enough to give all the girls on the second floor a sense of uneasiness. He began his meandering back in the Stationery Department which he thoroughly investigated. "Mounted Police" in the persons of Clarence Hays and Carl Dodwell went out to "get their man," but with poor results. "Mickey" found every conceivable hiding place while the girls sat with muscles tense ready to hurdle the tables at any moment. Every time the "Mounted Police" thought they had "Mickey" where it was time to draw and fire, "Mickey" established an alibi by being somewhere else. Last seen going east toward Duke's office and then disappeared. Then he got familiar and a trifle naughty by invading the girl's rest room. There he took refuge in the folds of Edna Johnston's cloak much to her consternation and that of Mabel Gates, who finding nothing higher to climb on, sought safety on the couch. Mabel is known as a good dancer but was never suspected of being a high jumper.

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At the picnic last August, E. H. Langdon took photographs of a number of family groups, four of which are presented to our readers in this issue of the Record. On the left—Cleo Craft, Department 11, with wife and children. Second—Cecil Smith, Department 8, wife and children. Third—Guy H. Jones of the Brass Foundry, wife and children. Fourth—Ernest Hetzler, Core Storage, wife and children. Seated in center—William B. Jones of Department 8 with wife and children. The smiling faces of all indicate that they were enjoying the day.

PRESENT FOR OLIVIA PANDO

Successful in Soya Bean Contest—Gets Trip to New Orleans

Olivia Pando of the credit Department, one of the successful contestants in the recent Queen Soya contest conducted by the merchants of Decatur, was honored Tuesday noon by Third floor office employees.

Mr. Adolph Mueller, in a short address in humorous vein, extended to Olivia the good wishes of all for a happy journey, and, on behalf of her fellow workers, presented her with a gift for her trip, a handsome satin robe, pajamas and hose.

Olivia will leave in a short time for a week's trip to New Orleans, her reward in the contest. A very complete program has been arranged for her for the entire week by the competition sponsors, and, needless to say, Olivia, after participating in the coronation ceremonies last week, is now looking forward with eagerness to the enjoyment of her hard-earned prize.

EASY SOLUTION

Friend—"What's up. Looks like you had seen a ghost?"
 Jones—"No; I've been having a quarrel with Jackson."
 Friend—"Did it lead to blows?"
 Jones—"I certainly would have punched his head if I had not been held off."
 Friend—"Who held you off?"
 Jones—"Jackson."

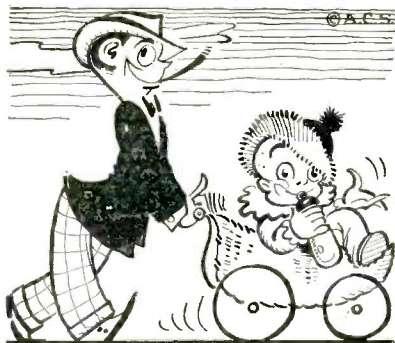
GOOD SHCOTER

Visitor—"How did you get that new son-in-law of yours?"
 Mountaineer—"In the seat of the pants, at 800 yards."

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When "Mickey" become frightened and jumped for the floor, Louise Whitehead, "the bravest of the brave," grabbed a coat hanger and challenged "Mickey" to battle but he scampered away and was lost to view. We are hoping he found his way to the third floor. There are more girls there and consequently greater opportunities for a riotous time.

BIRTHS



MATTHEWS—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Matthews, a daughter, Beverly Rose, September 30. Mr. Matthews works in the Brass Foundry.

TAGUE—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tague, a son, George Marvon, November 2. Mrs. Tague is a box maker in the Shipping Department.

TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor, a son, John Richard, November 8. Mr. Taylor works in Department 8.

FRANK TAYLOR MOVES UP

Head of Ground Key Department Named
General Superintendent



Bulletins were posted November 15 announcing the appointment of Frank E. Taylor to the post of general superintendent.

Frank Taylor first came to work for Mueller Co., February 9, 1916, at 15c an hour as a stop washer under Grant Moon.

In January, 1917, he went to make his fortune in Detroit. He returned in March and worked for a year on the night shift under Barney Marty. In the spring of 1918 he quit to go on the farm. The following August he returned to the ground key department as a lathe operator. In 1921 he became job setter for drill presses and lathes and supervisor of the women then working in the ground key department.

In the spring of 1926 he was appointed assistant to Foreman B. J. Marty. In April, 1927 he was made foreman of the ground key department, Mr. Marty then being chief inspector.

During the course of the years Frank Taylor has studied courses in foremanship, psychology, economics, first aid, and last year took an extension course in physics at Millikin.

Robert Taylor, in the engineering department, is Frank's son; Dorothy Ann attends Decatur High School, and Joyce Rosemary, age 5, keeps things lively at home. They live on a small farm near Long Creek and are enthusiastic about country life.

Frank's many friends in the organization congratulate him on his merited promotion.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

E. H. Langdon attended the conference of the Industrial Relations Association at the University of Chicago, November 12. He spent the week end visiting his brother in Evanston.

SCOUT CABIN RECONDITIONED

Troop 2 of the Boy Scouts now meet in their cabin at Mueller Heights. This is located on high ground across the ravine from the log cabin.

During the summer the scouts reconditioned, painted, built twelve bunks and set up a heating stove. They now go there for their Monday evening meetings.

Scoutmaster Don Boggs supervised this work which lasted for several months.

The three patrols are decorating the interior of the cabin with trophies of outdoor life. On display will be the troop's collection of flint arrow-heads, knot boards, and pictures displayed in rustic frames.

When a scout builds a fire in the woodland retreat no matches are used, no indeed. He gets out his flint and steel and strikes these together until he gets a spark which will start a fire. He then says to himself, "George Washington couldn't have done better."

SALESMEN COMING IN

Mueller Employes Invited to Meet Them at
Lodge Sunday Afternoon, Nov. 28

All Mueller salesmen are coming to Decatur for a general sales meeting opening on Monday, November 29. They will arrive in Decatur on Sunday, and will be at the Lodge during Sunday afternoon.

All members of this organization—that includes all the girls—are cordially invited to visit the Lodge and meet with the salesmen and others Sunday afternoon. Just a family gathering for a better acquaintance all around. Make it a point to be there.

Business sessions will be held at the Lodge, November 29, 30 and December 1.

GIVEN A SHOWER

Ruth Maynard Campbell, whose marriage to Paul Campbell was announced in the last Record, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Tuesday evening, October 26, at the Mueller Athletic Club. Thirty-eight girls from the office attended and Ruth received many lovely gifts. Mrs. Maynard assisted the hostesses in making the shower a complete surprise, and Ruth came out to the Club expecting to find a Girl Scout meeting in session. The evening was spent in playing Cootie and guessing contests. Ethel Dixon, Irene Otis, Aline Moore, and Jane Cranston won the prizes. Hostesses were Mabel Gates, Louise Whitehead, Edna Johnston, Evelyn Telling, Margaret Marcott, Jane Hawkins, and Helen Pope.

On Monday, November 15, the Ministerial Association was entertained at luncheon at the cafeteria by Adolph Mueller. The clergymen went through the plant in the morning and after luncheon heard something of the history and policies of Mueller Co.

On the morning of November 15, Paul Jacka of Chattanooga, E. M. Reedy of Los Angeles, and R. McIntyre of Sarnia, arrived in Decatur for a conference of superintendents with F. E. Taylor.

Y.M.C.A. INDUSTRIAL BASKET-BALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

First Round

- Nov. 15—Monday
 7:15 Camp Decatur vs. Staley
 8:15 Miss. Val. S. S. vs. Wabash.
- Nov. 17—Wednesday
 7:15 Oakes vs. Camp Macon
 8:15 Wagner vs. Mueller
- Nov. 22—Monday
 7:15 Camp Macon vs. Camp Decatur
 8:15 Staley vs. Wabash
- Nov. 24—Wednesday
 7:15 M. V. S. S. vs. Mueller
 8:15 Wagner vs. Oakes
- Nov. 29—Monday
 7:15 M. V. S. S. vs. Oakes
 8:15 Wabash vs. Mueller
- Dec. 1—Wednesday
 7:15 Wagner vs. Camp Decatur
 8:15 Staley vs. Camp Macon
- Dec. 6—Monday
 7:15 M. V. S. S. vs. Camp Decatur
 8:15 Wabash vs. Oakes
- Dec. 8—Wednesday
 7:15 Camp Macon vs. Wagner
 8:15 Staley vs. Mueller
- Dec. 13—Monday
 7:15 Camp Macon vs. M. V. S. S.
 8:15 Mueller vs. Oakes
- Dec. 15—Wednesday
 7:15 Wabash vs. Camp Decatur
 8:15 Staley vs. Wagner
- Dec. 20—Monday
 7:15 Wabash vs. Camp Macon
 8:15 Staley vs. Oakes
- Dec. 22—Wednesday
 7:15 Mueller vs. Camp Decatur
 8:15 M. V. S. S. vs. Wagner
- Dec. 27—Monday
 7:15 Camp Decatur vs. Oakes
 8:15 Camp Macon vs. Mueller
- Dec. 29—Wednesday
 7:15 Wagner vs. Wabash
 8:15 Staley vs. M. V. S. S.

SPARE RIBS

An elderly lady afraid of passing her destination, poked the street car conductor with her umbrella. "Is that the First National Bank?" she asked.

"No mum," replied the conductor; "them's my ribs."

AVOIDING COLDS

"Keep away from that radio," Alfie, said grandma, sternly, "that fellow what's speaking has got a nasty cough."

J. B. Weck and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hirning, of St. Louis, attended the funeral of Mrs. W. T. McClure Wednesday, Nov. 3. Mrs. Weck, who had been at the bedside of her sister for several days returned home with them Wednesday evening.

DEATHS

Mrs. W. T. McClure.

Mrs. W. T. McClure died at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital Monday, Nov. 1, after an illness of four months from a complication of ailments. She had been in the hospital about seven weeks.

Funeral services were held at Moran's chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. Tuschoff, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church. Burial at Graceland cemetery.

Besides her husband six children survive: Mrs. Elmer Tippet, Miss Mildred McClure, Mrs. Karl Brimm, Mrs. Loren Rankin, Maybelle and Doris Jean McClure, all of this city, also one sister, Mrs. J. B. Weck of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Miss Shirley Jean Tippet, Ronald Lee and Richard Rankin, Decatur.

Miss Bessie Jones McClure was born in Olney, Ill., December, 8, 1884, moving to Newton, Ill., with her parents while quite young. She was married to W. T. McClure in that city October 3, 1907, where he was then editor and publisher of the Newton Democrat.

Deceased had been a resident of Decatur for the past eighteen years. She was a member of St. Paul's Methodist church and was a devoted companion and mother.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the office force and the Mueller Co. for their beautiful floral offerings.

W. T. McCLURE
 and Daughters.

"DER GOES ANNUDER ONE"

Several times the story has been told in the Record of the Mueller employe losing a finger in a machine and of the two other employes injured while trying to point out just how the accident happened. Here's a story of a colored man with a somewhat similar experience.

Wash White got a job in a sawmill. The boss put him in charge of a buzz saw, showed him how to saw the work, warned him of its dangers, and then went away.

Wash was fascinated by the shining whirling saw. But was it, truly, as sharp and terrible as the boss had said? To test it he touched it gently with his finger. Bzz! and the finger was no more.

As Wash was ruefully tying up his hand in his bandana the boss came back.

"Hullo there, Washington. What's the matter?"

"Buzz saw done cut off my finger, sah."

"How the dickens did that happen?"

"Ah dunno, sah," said Wash. "Ah just touched de darn contraction like this an'—Fo' de lan' sake, der goes anudder one!"

ALMOST ANY OLD THING

She: "We made fifty miles an hour coming home in Bill's car last night."

Her: "What did you quarrel about, dear?"

SHIRLEY ANN METZGER



Shirley Ann is the 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Metzger. Art is in Department 300 and he is prouder of Shirley than he is of his tap dancing, but he isn't any prouder than the little girl's mother.

The Sefton family had a reunion at Mueller Athletic Club on the evening of October 29.

The Boy Scouts and their parents had a social evening at the Mueller Athletic Club on November 5.

Don Moyer, respndent in an army aviator's uniform, called on his friends at the plant November 15.

Alaska Volcanoes

Alaska contains a number of volcanoes that have been active in the last century.

South Pole Coldest

The mean temperature at the South Pole is estimated to be colder than that at the North Pole.

LOYLE DAVIS



Athletic Director



Christmas Seals

are here again!

They protect your home from Tuberculosis

OUR CLUB BUILDING

LOOKS LIKE NEW

The Mueller Club building on Monroe Street has been reconditioned from the roof to the basement floor.

The roof has had a layer of black roofing material. The gymnasium floor has been scraped and covered with a special varnish which takes the wear without being slippery.

The most marked improvement has been the repainting of the cafeteria walls and ceiling. They are white with a band of black. The table tops has been finished in the natural wood with a waterproof varnish which brings out a beautiful grain. The chairs have been painted. The room now appears spacious and light to a marked degree.

IN CHICAGO

Carl Dodwell of the stationery department took a vacation last Friday, leaving at noon on the Banner Blue for Chicago to make the acquaintance of the Windy City. He returned home Monday.

Testing Out Fences

The University of California has started a series of long range tests to determine the ideal type of fences for various farm purposes.

NEXT

"F-E-E-T, what does that spell?" said teacher. Johnny didn't know. What is it that a cow has four of and I only two?" Johnny's answer was as surprising as it was unexpected.

WHICH?

Visitor—"If your mother gave you a large apple and a small one and told you to divide with your brother, which apple would you give him?"

Johnny—"D'ye mean my big brother or my little one?"

Record 27 Years Old

Mueller Record is twenty-seven years old with this issue. Ten years ago the Record was being sent to the trade four times a year, and printed for factory distribution eight times a year. Now it is mailed to the trade every other month, and an issue printed every month containing factory news.

Originally the Record was sent only to the salesmen and a selected list of a few persons in the plant. Its purpose primarily was to present to the salesmen information of a somewhat technical and confidential character. Later its scope was enlarged to include foremen and heads of departments, and still later to include all employes.

Bound copies of the Record are kept on file, and in addition to being exceedingly interesting, their value is unquestioned. The history of the company and its employes is recorded in the pages of these books.

(From Record 10 years ago)

(Nov. 1927 issue of Mueller Record)

C. F. Roarick had just departed upon his annual fishing trip.

Marion Eckman (now Machine Shop Foreman at Chattanooga) had returned to work at the Vitreous Plant, which had been closed on account of damage done by a cyclone in the spring.

August Raushek and Edith Dropp were married Sept. 28.

Adolph Mueller was passing out cigars in honor of his second grandson, William Everett Schluter.

BOYS GYM CLASS

Athletic activities have now extended to the younger boys—sons of Mueller employes over ten years of age. The class was organized Saturday morning, November 6. About a dozen boys were given their first workout under the supervision of Loyle Davis, athletic instructor. The plan includes volley ball, indoor base ball, basket ball and calisthenics. Parents are urged to encourage their boys to take advantage of this opportunity to develop themselves physically and mentally. The gym is always kept at a comfortable temperature. This finely equipped gymnasium offers to the younger sons of Mueller employes a safe place to play under instruction of a competent director. It's an opportunity that none of the boys should overlook, nor should the parents overlook it. They will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that the boys are in a good, clean moral atmosphere and through supervised play are developing their bodies while having a good time. If your son, over ten years has not joined the class, have him do so by all means.

BRASS CHIPS

Marian Richards visited Turkey Run on Sunday, October 31.

Howard Blankenship, of Department 9, returned to work November 8 after an absence of two and one-half weeks due to an injured hand.

Ray Sailsbery, of Department 8, is proud of his new dentures.

Helen Rinchart, of the Cost Department, returned to work November 8, following an absence of several weeks due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Lee Bauer and Robert Moore are working with B. J. Marty in cleaning up odd corners of the plant. When Barney leaves an area, everything is cleaned and in good order.

Glenn Misenhimer has taken leave of absence to shuck corn.

Warren Sexton returned to Decatur November 9 after a three weeks' trip to California. He enjoyed his experiences but was glad to get home. He found that jobs were as scarce there as they are in other places. He did not see Lum & Abner nor our Pacific Coast Plant. He thought Los Angeles was a hard city in which to find one's way about.

On the evening of November 1 the Langdon children greeted their father with great excitement all trying to tell him something at once. At length he made out that the old white hen, who hid her nest under the hedge, had hatched ten black chicks from eleven eggs. Something had to be done about it right away. The old chicken coop was dusted off and lined with straw and Biddy started bravely off with her family.

BAILEY-HARTWIG

Amy Bailey and Leland Hartwig, of the Brass Foundry, were married in St. Louis, October 16. They are now living at 136 West Washington Street.

COMMUNITY CHEST

The trustees of the Employees Aid Society appropriated \$200.00 in their contribution to the 1937 Community Chest.

WHY NOT AN AQUARIUM?

After the plumbers had finished repairs on the new "frigidair" drinking fountain on the second floor of the office building, it was declared O. K. for service. It was, until the bowl filled up with water which refused to disappear.

Suggestion No. 1.—Let the water stand and take up a collection with which to buy goldfish. An aquarium would prove attractive and a novelty as well.