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IT COSTS YOU NOTHING

To Advertise in the Mueller Record and It Produces Results.

In the October issue of the Inside Record Merle Fleckenstein, Dept. 9, carried a "For Sale" advertisement on our "What Have You Page." He offered a "Firestone Hot Water Heater. Good Condition, cheap." The Record was distributed on Thursday, October 21.

Under date of October 25 we received from Merle the following note:

"Please discontinue my ad. Sold out Monday."

Before Frank Edmonson quit work on Oct. 21, date of distribution, he came down to us to inquire about an advertisement by F. W. Dannewitz. This ad had been ordered discontinued but through oversight this was not done. In the body of the Record there was, however, acknowledgment of notice to discontinue. This somewhat contradictory condition confused Frank, who did not want to make a useless trip to the Dannewitz home.

The Dannewitz advertisement offered for sale a folding baby buggy, a 25 gallon stone jar and four tires. Questioning Frank E. we learned he wanted to purchase the 25 gallon stone jar.

We have always thought Frank was up to date and were somewhat taken back to find that he didn't know home-brew has been out of fashion for nearly 10 years.

There is only one alibi for him—perhaps he was intending to make sauerkraut.

It pays to advertise in our classified column. Use it if you have anything to sell, rent or if you want to buy or trade something. The ad COSTS YOU NOTHING.

CORRECT BREATHING

Is Beneficial and Contributes to Prevention of Physical Disorders.

The first thing some people do when they feel "out of sorts" is to call a physician. Then there are thousands of persons who read the articles in the daily papers as prepared by paid physicians, and try to make any pain or slight disorder fit the doctor's article. This is not a hard thing for those who do not recognize the power of suggestion. Then there are

a few who use their common sense and manage to keep fit and well.

Take the simple thing of breathing, necessary to life, and done by all living creatures unconsciously but all too often improperly.

Always breathe through the nose, not through the mouth. Handlers of prize fighters are generally men of low mentality, but they do know what many of intelligence seem not to know and that is habitual mouth breathers cannot go a fast hot pace in the ring. Deep breathing is of benefit to those who work indoors. In ordinary breathing only ten per cent of the air in the lungs is changed at each breath while a much larger per cent is changed by deep breathing. Muscular exercises stimulate deep breathing but without exercise it is also beneficial.

If, before retiring each night, you take fifteen or twenty, slow, deep inspirations and expirations, the expansion of the lungs will soon become much greater, sleep will be improved and you will be less likely to contract any physical disorder.

ANNUAL SLOGAN CONTEST

The annual Slogan Contest is on. If you have not already thought of it begin thinking now. It's a good way to shorten the long winter evenings. Gives you entertainment and may win you \$2.50. you have from now until November 30. That is the day on which the contest ends. Just as a guide on suggestion here are a few winners from past years.

AN IDEA SMALL MAY BE GREAT AFTER ALL.

USE YOUR HEAD TO GET AHEAD.

SUGGESTIONS PAY IN EVERY WAY.

IDEAS SUGGESTED ARE THOUGHTS INVESTED.

Silence

It was in the churchyard. The morning sun shone brightly and the dew was still on the grass.

"Ah, this is the weather that makes things spring up," remarked the passer-by casually to an old gentleman seated on a bench.

"Hush!" replied the old gentleman. "I've got three wives buried here."

MUELLER ATHLETES AND MANAGER



Top row, left to right: Herman Roe, basketball, softball, ping pong, volley ball; Jack Enloe, basketball, softball, badminton; Ben Taylor, basketball, softball, badminton, ping pong, volley ball; Myron Edwards, basketball, volley ball, softball; Pete Duncan, manager basketball. Front row, left to right: Carleton Hackman, basketball, volley ball, ping pong; Loyle Davis, recreation director; Vernon Brown, basketball, softball, ping pong, volley ball; Lawrence Roe, basketball, softball, ping pong.

RECREATION IN THE GYM

Ping Pong

The winter program is now getting under way, starting off with the girls' ping pong tournament. Fourteen girls entered and they are out to take the crown away from last year's champion, Gladys Masterson.

The competition should be keener this year, because a number of the girls have been practicing ardently.

Badminton

After the ping pong tournament is over, badminton will start. There will be a tournament for both men and women.

Badminton is a very good indoor and outdoor game. For those who enjoy tennis, this game is a good substitute because it requires all the technique and skill that tennis requires.

Basketball

The first basketball practice brought out enough boys to make two squads. We now have an A and B squad, so there will be plenty of basketball for our boys this winter.

The A squad has new suits of the regular Mueller colors. The suits are red trimmed in white, with jackets of blue trimmed in red and white.

There are several new faces on the A squad, and they have plenty of height, which is going to be a great asset to our team this year.

Our boys entered the invitational tournament sponsored by Oakes Manufacturing Co. and played two games. The first was with the Mississippi Valley which we won, 30-21. The second game was with our old

rivals, Staleys, and we lost 40-34 in a rough and tumble affair.

The Industrial League started Monday, November 14, and we drew the Mississippi Valley for the first game, which we won by a score of 30-21.

We are going to have a good team this year. We have a lot of big boys who are good basketball players.

Notices will be posted on the bulletin boards throughout the factory and at the cafeteria of the games to be played, and we would like to have a lot of Mueller boosters attend these games.

Roller Skating

Don't forget the skating in the gymnasium every Thursday. Friday and Saturday night from 7 until 10. Every Mueller employee, members of their families, and the friends they bring with them are welcome at the gym. We have the latest records for our phonograph, in order that skaters may enjoy skating to the most popular music.

WANT TO PLAY P. O.

The Recreation Department sent out a questionnaire to ascertain what sports the employees were interested in for the coming winter. One list came back with an added request for "Post Office" and the names of eleven girls and two boys had been checked as showing interest. The Recreation Department thought this a good joke, and submitted the names for publication, but it was such an obvious case of sculduggery that it seemed wise to repress this "choice" bit of news.

THE SPECIAL CONTEST

Here is An Opportunity to Win from \$2.50 to \$500.00

In the October issue of Mueller Record we gave a complete description and the rules governing the suggestions on design of product. No doubt you read it and are therefore fully informed on the plan.

The awards will range from \$2.50 to \$500.00 and are waiting for any employee who may make a suggestion on design or improvement of our products, or new products that may be accepted by the company under the rules that have been given to you in our October issue.

Here is an opportunity for employes and their families to submit ideas from which each of them may profit. Perhaps some of you think that to win an award you must present an idea that is novel and extraordinary. This is not at all the case. Simple improvements may be suggested in accordance with the rules of this contest and such suggestion may bring a substantial award.

The history of all modern products shows gradual development. Someone gets the idea and someone else sees where an added improvement creates a more serviceable and efficient article, and finally all possibilities have been worked out of the product. This as a rule covers a considerable period of time.

The law of nature provides that we must creep before we can walk and so it is with the design of a product which must develop by addition of small pieces and individual improvements, one at a time. The typewriter furnishes a good example. One man got the idea and a cumbersome machine was the result. The present modern machine is the result of many refinements, which were suggested by many different persons.

If you are interested in entering this contest, may we suggest that the first step is to familiarize yourself with our products, how they are used, in what manner they seem to be superior, and wherein they may lack something that would make them better.

This information may be obtained from our catalogs, advertising literature, your foremen, the engineers of the company or through special schools, which the company has sponsored in the past and which we hope to have more of for the encouragement and education of our employes.

Such a school was held a few years ago which had to do with our products, and we feel that those who attended got a real benefit from their study.

The suggestion is made that a similar school be held this year and this is being given consideration.

With the knowledge of the use of the products, its good points and weak points, the next logical step would be to suggest an improvement that will make a better

product of the item to which the suggestion pertains.

We feel sure that every Mueller employe, if willing to make the study, is capable of suggesting improvements of real value.

Mueller Co. is anxious that their employes be liberally rewarded for their efforts in improving and developing Mueller products, but the company realizes that to enable an employe to do so, the employe must have an understanding of the use of the products.

The company will be glad to help you.

Don't forget that we are not looking for startling, elaborate or extraordinary suggestions, but practical ideas that can be applied to various items that we manufacture.

NOW SALES MANAGER

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wagenseller of Baltimore, spent a day with their father, C. N. and Mrs. Wagenseller. Dean was formerly a member of this organization, having been clerk in the office of the late John Shelton. He has been a member of Swift & Co. organization for the past twenty-five years, and now holds the position of divisional sales manager with headquarters at Baltimore. He has a force of thirty salesmen under him. Dean inquired about his acquaintances in this organization including Billy Simpson, the late John Shelton, Roy Wood, and others.

SAFETY SHOES SAVE FOOT



Donald Dickey of the Maintenance Department found out the full value of safety shoes while assisting in the unloading of a carload of metal. He dropped a 75 lb. bar on his foot—something which could not have been done without mashing his foot and perhaps fracturing his toes if he had not had on safety shoes. As it was the shoe was cut, but the safety plate did not bend, and Donald's only injury was a numbed toe.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

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Bill Jett recently attended a public auction of a plumber who had gone broke. At this auction he found that Mueller goods sold for more than their cost. Competitive goods sold for less than their value, but each time a piece of Mueller plumbing was put up for sale it sold for more than its cost. This proves that Mueller plumbing has attained a high standard which the plumbers on the west coast realize, and everyone who appreciates fine plumbing wants Mueller goods because of their fine workmanship. The auctioneer remarked that never in all his years had he seen anything sell at auction for as much as its original cost. He had no trouble selling any of the Mueller fittings, and he wondered if they were made of gold.

Myrtle Baker who works in our Assembly Dept. is spending a delightful three weeks vacation travelling by car and train. Myrtle left L. A. by car with friends who will take her and her son to Alabama and she will then take a train into southern Indiana and parts of Ohio. She will not only visit relatives but also friends. Pictures of her trip will be forth coming for we know she is having a fine trip.

Evelyn Berg spent a week end visiting her relatives in the picturesque San Diego.

The World's Series was pushed completely out of sight when the factory recently enjoyed a friendly set to by two boys from the factory. Bud Porter and Glen Blize decided to settle a few petty differences by the use of gloves. It was to be a fight in rounds of 2 minutes each. Chas. Portee was the third man in the ring with E. M. Reedy time keeper. Eight ounce gloves were used and the ring was around the pitchers box on our ball diamond. At the sound of the bell each man stepped to the center and started swinging. No boxing whatsoever, it was to be a free for all slugging match. At the end of the first round each man was beginning to feel the effects of the match. Blize weighing 158 pounds had brought along his tennis shoes and was using them to a good advantage. Porter at 160 pounds still had his heavy work shoes on and it seems that was what held him down to the ground after one minute in the second round. A left cross hook clipped Bud on the chin and he had enough. Cars had stopped along the street and by the time the fight was over quite a crowd had gathered. Bud though beaten by a younger man took it in a true sportsman manner.

George Leach took a four day vacation staying at home and resting. Mr. Dill called Geo. one morning and it seems as tho Geo. was shaving in bed. Must be quite a feat. Must try it some day.

The girls bowling team seems to really be

getting started. When playing the Foundry the game ended in a tie and had to be played in another frame. When the extra frame was over it was found the foundry had won but the girls insisted they have their spot in the extra frame. Of course the Foundry found they had lost and it is now up to the A. B. C. tournament committee to decide. Hope no more close games come up for we do want the Foundry to be in line when the season is over regardless of who beats them.

BOWLING STANDINGS

As of October 26, 1939

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Assemblers	8	1	.889
Founders	6	3	.667
Machiners	5	4	.556
Polishers	4	5	.444
Engineers	3	6	.333
Color Buffing	1	8	.111

The Big Ten

Name and Team—	G	Av.	H.G.
M. Porter, Machiners	8	160	214
E. Reedy, Engineers	9	159	192
J. Higbee, Polishers	6	157	204
E. Wynner, Founders	9	155	184
M. Liebherr, Polishers	9	153	202
C. Musmecci, Assemblers	9	152	179
K. Potts, Engineers	9	151	178
J. Lingard, Machiners	9	150	175
A. Hatfield, Assemblers	9	148	164
R. Jolly, Engineers	3	148	158

Russell Jolly has lost some time from his bowling due to the fact that a post indicator fell on his foot breaking his big toe. Russ used a cane for a while and continued working. His foot is almost back in shape and soon he will be back firing that 16 pound ball down the hardwood alleys.

Dorothy Heflin spent a week in San Francisco but did not take in the Fair. Dot must have been too busy with the fleas to even hear there was a fair in Frisco. She did drop in the Frisco office long enough to drop a line to the office crew telling them she was having a good time.

Geo. Toliday and wife decided to take a vacation and did so by going completely out of the country. They visited Tijuana and also took in Ensenada. George reports a good time and noting that Ensenada in old Mexico is a honeymoon haven we wonder if Mr. and Mrs. Toliday were enjoying a second honeymoon.

Two new cars were seen in our parking lot recently. Pat Dudley is driving a new 1940 Willys and Joe Lingard has a new Pontiac.

"Cadet" Bud Simpson lost more than his equilibrium when he fell at the dance. We

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wonder if from some where he heard orders to drop or was it just his style of dancing?

The Hallow'een masquerade dance, held Friday, Oct. 27, was not only a howling success but was well attended and proved to be a well enjoyed affair. Those who attended certainly seemed to enjoy every minute and the turnout in costumes was very gratifying. There were at least 45 in costume and the judges had no easy time deciding to whom the prizes were to be awarded. The best costume for women was won by "Mickey" Wanderlich as an old witch and Kenny Potts as Little Lord Fauntleroy was best for men. "Poppy" Reedy had them all guessing but was out in the cold for a prize as the judges couldn't tell whether to give him a man's or a woman's prize. Boy, what a gal.

Many beautiful costumes were seen including Irish lads, Scotch lads and lassies, Cos-sack, Shiek, peasant girl, gypsy, pirate, cigarette girl, and an old fashion girl along with an assortment of bums. The committee in charge should be given a good hand for the fine job they accomplished. May we have more of these affairs.

KEEP IN CIRCULATION

by Gloria Brumby

Keep in circulation
If you want to feel spry
The slogan is "wake up and live"
Or else lay down and die.

You can have an April
Or a December heart
And calendars don't matter
Nor records on a chart.

Fill life with adventure,
Be cheerful and be gay.
Keep stepping and don't let yourself
By years be walled away.

Get into the center.
Laugh and shout and prance.
You'll never need a tombstone
As long as you can dance.

TRAGEDY OF A TIME CLOCK

The Editor is Having His Woes Since the
Clock Was Moved.

"Ring the Clock or You'll be Docked."

This has become the Editorial slogan since it was transferred to the second floor, and still we seem not to remember. Half of our office mates have established a vigilant committee and watch our arrival and departure so that they can shoo us clockwise, an attention deeply appreciated with a certain sense of humiliation because of our absent-mindedness.

P. S. Since adopting the above slogan and writing the above, we moved stealthful down the aisle, muttering our slogan, "Ring the clock or you'll be docked." Inserting our time card, we grasped the clock lever and

BOB'S BUTTERFLIES



Herewith is a reproduction of a photograph taken of Mr. Robert as he held his collection of butterflies which he secured while in South America last year. It contains many rare specimens, and Bob takes great pride in them. They are now on display in the reception room, head of stairs, second floor. We feel quite sure you will enjoy seeing them.

Incidentally Bob has returned home after a few days in the hospital. He went there solely for a little rest, and this proved beneficial. While he was there the Foreman's Club sent him a beautiful bouquet to which this message was written on the card:

Mr. Robert Mueller:

Thanksgiving Day is drawing near.
Its goose and gobblers big day of the year,
We are hoping that you'll be on your
feet,
To attack the good things the day brings
to eat.

—Foreman's Club.

gave it a vicious jab. Bing went the bell! With a sardonic grin we withdrew the time card, muttering, "There, damn you—you didn't get me that time," and reversed the card to note results.

Ministers of grace defend us—some one had switched the clock to the ring in position.

Damn all time clocks—or the people who use them.

Marian Richards won for herself a new nickname because of the speed she exerts in order to get to the clock before the rush from the back of the office. "Flash" Richards she is known as now.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

Dorothea Uhl returned on the last day of October brimming over with enthusiasm for the vacation trip she and her sister Cecelia had just enjoyed. They spent several days in New Orleans, where they were greatly charmed by the quaintness of the French Quarter. They also visited with friends in Crawley, La.

Another recent vacationer was Ellen Jane Peabody who spent several days with her uncle and aunt in Raymond. She also visited Litchfield, Hillsboro and nearby towns.

Harry Sackriter was one of those fortunate ones who attended the University of Illinois Homecoming, November 4 and saw that beautiful foot-ball upset of the season that was the game between Illinois and Michigan.

It's been rumored hereabouts that one of our most popular girls has—yes, you've guessed it—taken a husband. It's a big, dark secret, and so far no-one has been able to learn the identity of the lucky man. And we mean lucky, too. Well, gals, better save your quarters and half dollars, for it looks as though there would be a shower before long.

It seems as if being a Mueller messenger is a passport to bigger and better accomplishments. First there is Bob Tertocha, who doubles for the messenger and for Willie Rohman. Bob is a member of the cast of the Decatur High School senior class play and stars December 1.

Then there is Joe Fleckenstein, recently "graduated" messenger. Joe's orchestra ran away with the honors at St. Theresa's High School Homecoming.

Willie Rohman, that inveterate big game man, was on hand on the 10th to help open the hunting season. Willie, we understand, really went to town, and the stories we've been hearing of that eventful Friday are something for the anthologies. One favorite has to do with Willie's crowning exploit of stopping six rabbits with his last five shells.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dickey on their new little son, John Joseph.

WISH-OF-THE-MONTH: To have turkey enough for both Thanksgiving days.

National Anthem

"My, how fast your heart is beating. It sounds like a drum."

"Yes, that's the call to arms."

BRASS CHIPS

The Wilson Corleys accompanied by the Carters drove to Monticello, Sunday, Nov. 12, and had an enjoyable day visiting with friends.

Gladys Lloyd, Core Department, returned to work November 6, following an illness of several weeks.

Harve Camron, Dept. 8, has been off work since October 23 because of illness.

Charles McAarty, Dept. 8, returned to work November 1. He has been off since August 29.

Jesse Workman, who suffered a burned foot at Plant 2 some time ago, returned to work October 25.

Howard Williams, who has worked in the foundry for the past fifteen years, has been transferred to Plant 2 as watchman.

Henry Bashore, Plant 2, has returned to his old job in the Galvanizing Department.

The wife of Harry Grandfield, Dept. 35, was painfully injured in an automobile accident when the car in which she was riding was struck by a truck driven by L. D. Thompson, who formerly worked here.

Chester Wood, Plant 2, suffered a sprained back while lifting a hay rack at his home on October 28, and has been unable to work since.

Myron Edwards, Dept. 8, lost one week on account of the flu.

Charles Pettus was badly cut and bruised about the face when the car in which he was riding struck a culvert on Route 36 near Harristown. His injuries caused him to lose one week of work.

Mrs. Merle Cunningham has been seriously ill in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital for several weeks, but is reported to be improving now.

William Ferry, whose serious illness kept him off the job for two months, was able to return for part time duty beginning October 23.

Medical authorities say that every human being grows a complete new skin every seven years. It would appear that Bob Lusk has grown a bit impetuous and is doing the job all at once. He's certainly shedding his old one—the result of a form of hives.

Pathetic—Not These Days

Pathetic Figures—The boy that lisps trying to tell a girl that he likes her size.

WEDDINGS

Hill-Davis

Miss Beatrice Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hill of Sullivan, and Loyle Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis of Findlay, were married October 21. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Barnett in Sullivan Christian church in the presence of three hundred guests. A reception followed in the Hill home, and after a wedding trip to St. Louis and other points in Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Davis are at home in 1430 West Macon Street.

The bride has been teaching music and physical education in the Stonington high school, while the bridegroom has been connected with the Mueller Co. as director of recreation for two years.

Jeschawitz-Keller

Erna Jeschawitz of the Core Department and Irvin Keller of the Shipping Department, were married November 4 in St. Johannes Lutheran church in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Attendants were Hildegard Jeschawitz, sister of the bride, and William Jeschawitz, her brother.

The bride is the daughter of Paul Jeschawitz, Dept. 300, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Keller of Toledo. They are living in their new home at 1145 East Division street.

Ewing-Merrow

Miss Florence Ewing and Elmer Merrow were married Saturday, November 4, by Rev. Geo. Hart at St. Charles, Missouri.

THIRTY YEARS AGO



The young lady with the off face bonnet with the flower garden on it, and the sly young man are none other than Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, as they appeared thirty years ago. Ralph has been employed in the Lead Department since he first came to Muellers in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Adams took an extensive western automobile trip this summer, the account of which appeared in the last Record.

ALBERT HILL, MESSENGER



By this time Albert Hill needs no introduction for he's been on the job nearly two months delivering mail throughout the factory and serving as office messenger. He has the qualities of a good messenger—cheerful and willing cooperation, and a desire to serve. His speed was somewhat retarded by an injury to his knee incurred while playing basketball on the 14th, but we trust this will be only a temporary affliction and that he will soon be dashing around with his usual momentum.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ewing.

Elmer is a lathe operator in Department 8. Mr. and Mrs. Merrow are living with the bride's parents at 145 N. 19th Street.

Boppre-Jeschawitz

Bernice Boppre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Boppre, and William Jeschawitz, son of Paul Jeschawitz, Dept. 300, were married at 4:30 P. M. Saturday, November 11, in the St. Johannes Lutheran church by Rev. E. C. Wegehaupt. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. George Scharcin. Following a wedding dinner at the Orlando Hotel there was a reception in the home of the bride's parents at 1927 E. William street. The young couple have gone to housekeeping at 425 West Eldorado street. Mr. Jeschawitz is employed in the Brass Foundry.

Nichols-Wright

Mary Nichols and Wayne Wright, Dept. 9, were married Sept. 10 in St. Louis at the priest's parish house. They are living at 1127 N. Main street.

Meeks-Coulter

Golda Meeks of the Core Department and Ollie Coulter, employed by the Oakes Manufacturing Co. were married Friday, November 10, by Rev. B. Lee Towsley at the Trueblood Memorial U. B. Church. Ella Curtis, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Glen Spitzer was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are living at 1445 N. Water street.

Mueller All Star Soft Ball Team -- 1939 Season

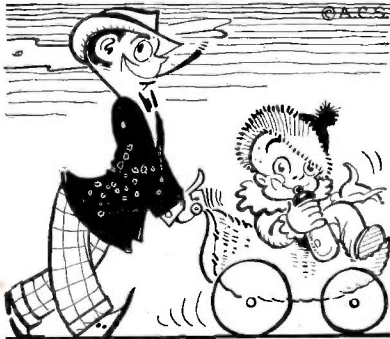


Back row, left to right: Wade Rambo, Charles Hester, Richard Rokash, Preston Ruthrauff, Sr., Manager, Edwin Jeschawitz, Ellsworth Daniels, Edwin Nalefski. Front row, left to right: Preston Ruthrauff, Jr., Hubert Maddox, Ernie Bond, Ben Taylor, Herman Roe, Homer Dillman.

FOUND US O. K.

Two representatives of the State Dept. of Health, Division of Industrial Hygiene, visited the plant on November 10. They were Dr. Teleky and Mr. Zetterlind, chief chemist. After a careful inspection of the entire main plant, they reported complete satisfaction with health and working conditions existing in the Mueller factory.

BIRTHS



DICKEY—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dickey, a son, October 19. Mr. Dickey is in the Credit and Collection Dept.
BOLZ—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolz, Dept. 9, a daughter on October 13.

Said an excited citizens to a candidate: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Angel Gabriel."

To which the politician replied: "If I were the Angel Gabriel, you wouldn't even be in my precinct."

DEATHS

Mrs. Emma McKinley

Mrs. Emma McKinley, 49, mother of Dewey McKinley, Dept. 9, died October 28 in her home at 508 East Leiland Avenue, after an illness of one year.

Besides Dewey, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Eva Brandt of Decatur, five grandchildren, and two brothers and two sisters, O. W. and John Hill, and Mrs. Andrew Foltz of Peoria, and Mrs. Charles Martin of Sullivan.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 3:30 in the Moran chapel with interment in Graceland cemetery.

Albert Barber

Word was received in Decatur recently of the death of Albert Barber in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 27. Mr. Barber worked with the Mueller Co. Grinding Room, from 1904 until 1920, when his failing health forced his retirement.

Ma Has Her Way

Two Children were arguing.

John: "It is."

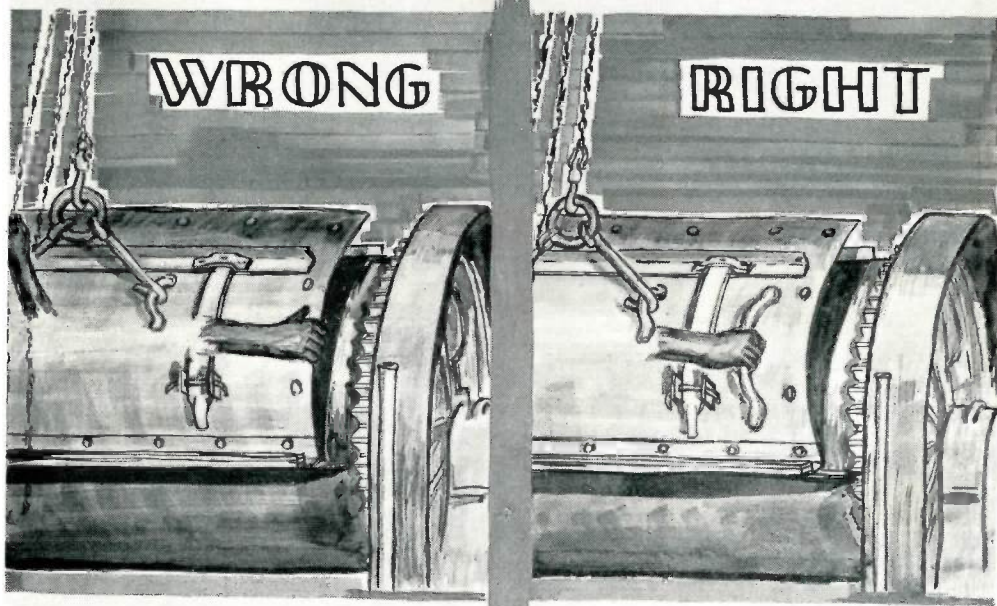
Mary: "It isn't."

John: "I tell you it is, because Mummy says it is, and if Mummy says it is, it is, even if it isn't."

Civil Service Ex.: "How far is it from the earth to the sun?"

Applicant for Mail Route: "If you're going to put me on that route, I'll resign before I begin."

3 FINGERS LOST



Lid of rattler was lowered by means of hoist with left hand while right hand was in unsafe position.

BE SURE THAT YOUR HANDS ARE CLEAR BEFORE STARTING ANY MACHINE

John Maxwell, Plant 2, lost three fingers on November 8. He was lifting the lid of a rattler by means of a hoist, and caught the release chain instead of the lift chain. His right hand was gripping the edge of the lid and when the lid was released instead of being lifted, the three fingers on the right hand were caught by the lid and crushed so badly it was necessary to amputate. Be sure your hands are clear before starting any machine!

HUNTING QUAIL

The hunting season on quail, pheasants, and rabbits opened in central and southern Illinois on November 10. There was the usual Okaw week end party attended by Adolph Mueller, Bill Perry, Blue Lusk, Frank Taylor, J. W. Wells, A. C. Werdes, A. G. Webber, Jr., J. W. Simpson, O. C. Keil and Charles Cochran.

In addition we had reports of Roy Whitaker, Roy Wood, Ed Stille, Frank Edmonson, Loyle Davis, and Earl Lowe also going hunting with varying degrees of success.

MUELLER ATHLETES IN GROUP PHOTO



Following the dinner given to the Mueller Champions of 1939, on Oct. 16, Pfile took a group photo of those participating. Maybe you can find yourself.

BOWLING

The Mueller Bowling League is well on its way to a successful season. At the end of one and one-half rounds the Finishers are tied with the Machine Shop for first place. Both teams have won 21 and lost 12 games for a percentage of .636.

So far the Finishers seem to be the strongest team. In ten weeks of bowling they have been on the top seven times and never lower than second place.

The Machine Shop started out in fifth place and has gradually worked up to first.

The boys have all been making a special effort to shoot a high game during the last two weeks, because the Decatur Alleys have offered a turkey for Thanksgiving to the highest bowler in each particular class.

All Mueller employees are invited to watch the bowlers any Tuesday night. They start at 6:30 P. M. and you will see more good natured fun and kidding than anywhere else in Decatur.

Team Standing

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Finishers	33	21	12	.636
Machine Shop	33	21	12	.636
Works Mgr. Office...	33	18	15	.545
Specialty Division ..	33	17	16	.515
Pattern Makers	33	15	18	.455
Utility Engineers ...	33	15	18	.455
Main Office	33	14	19	.424
Plumbers	33	11	22	.333

Individual Averages

FINISHERS		PATTERN MKRS.	
L. Adams	183	G. Krag	179
A. Blankenburg	173	J. Bain	173
A. Thompson	170	C. Morenz	161
P. Ruthrauff	155	A. Jendry	153
J. Fair	151	O. Fortschneider	145
E. Krunseik	150	L. Skelley	129

MACHINE SHOP

A. Flaughner	182
E. Hartwig	179
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Explorers

Kind Old Gentleman—What do you call those two kittens, Johnny?
 Small Boy—I call 'em Tom and Harry.
 K. O. G.—Why don't you name them Cook and Peary after the great explorers?
 S. B.—Aw, mister; these ain't pole cats.

SARNIA

Weddings have been the vogue during the latter part of September at the Sarnia Plant.

Cecil Spears is now back to work looking very contented and satisfied with married life to date. Cecil was married September 30 to Miss Edna McIntyre. St. Paul's United Church, Sarnia, was the church chosen for this lovely and well attended wedding. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon touring through Pennsylvania, and visiting Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

Herbert Jackson of Dept. 6 was married to Miss Teraise East during September. This pretty wedding took place in Devine Street United Church. The bride and groom took a motor journey through part of the States on their wedding trip.

Our best wishes go to these newly married folk.

Mr. Frank Wren, formerly of Dept. 5, left our employ during September to attend the Salvation Army Training College at Toronto. Recent reports indicate that Frank is enjoying his new work very much.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. E. McDonald, Sept. 30, a baby daughter, Barbara Ann. Mr. McDonald works in the Foundry Division.

THE SALESMEN'S MEETING

Everything seemed to be humming at the plant August 31st to September 2nd when Wm. E. Mueller, J. W. Simpson of Decatur, Frank O'Dell of Chicago and the salesmen were present for the salesmen's meeting.

From the exuberant spirits of everyone, it looked as if the meeting was enjoyed by all and proved satisfactory from a discussion standpoint.

During the meeting a fish dinner was enjoyed one evening at the Sarnia Riding Club on the lake. The fish were caught (?) by Wm. E. Mueller, J. W. Simpson, Mr. G. W. Parker, Mr. R. McIntyre and Mr. J. J. Conway who spent two or three days prior to the meeting on a fishing trip at Tobermory, Ontario.

Ye Country Editor

Most any man can be an editor. All the editor has to do is sit at a desk six days a week, four weeks a month, and twelve months a year and edit such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones, of Cactus Creek, let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry. Joe Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, landing on his back porch. While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square. Mr. Frang, while harnessing a broncho last Saturday, was kicked just south of his corn crib.

ANOTHER WHOPPER

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COMING Thursday Dec. 7

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MUELLER GYMNASIUM

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Our Booking Agency says
it's a marvelous bill.

Keep your eye on the bulletin boards.

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"SUGAR FOOT" DALY and
"HONEY GAL" COBB— Black
Face Comedians.

EDDIE WILSON'S DRIFTERS— 3
People - Just the Act We've Been
Looking For.

DILLON and PARLOW— Boy and
Girl Dance Team with Comedy
Juggling.

JEN RENARD— Vocalist - A Radio
Product of KMOX.

HAGERMAN and NEWLIN— Won-
derful Acrobats.

AGNES MORSE— A Whiz on the
Accordion.

—o—

PRICES THE SAME

—o—

We think this a wonderful show.—
You'll say so, too, when you see it.

He Said No More

Smart Man (boarding car): "Well, Noah, is
the ark full?"

Conductor: "Nope. Only one jackass so far.
Come on in."
—Capper's Weekly.

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ITEMS FOR SALE

Brooms For Sale—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

FOR SALE—A Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Witchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept. 9.

For Sale: A good second hand sewing machine including attachments for sale at a reasonable price. Inquire at 1327 E. Orchard street. Mrs. Irving Raebel.

For Sale—Decatur Pump Co. Centrifugal Electric Pump. 250 gallons per hour. Complete with motor. Guaranteed in first class condition. Call on or address H. A. Wacaser or telephone 2-2586.

FOR SALE—Ice Box. 50 lb. Top Icer. 616 E. Grand. Phone 21276. Albert Lindamood.

For Sale—One vanity dresser, one single bed and springs. Price reasonable. 1452 E. Walnut Street.

For Sale—Pears—25c and 50c a bushel. Claude Stacey, 1042 N. Union Street, Phone 9115.

For Sale—Roller Skates, size 6 only. Used two times. Good as new at \$3.00. R. R. Pease.

For Sale—Two good well pumps; 1 typewriter, Underwood, in A-1 condition. Clinton Wright, 504 E. Division St., Clock No. 1114.

FOR SALE—Young Canaries (good singers). Mrs. Roy B. Pease, R. R. 3.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy: Pair roller skates, size 5. Also, would like to trade one pair size 2 for one pair size 1. Troy Roush, Billing Dept.

Half Inch Or More

"Half an inch, half an inch, half an inch shorter,

The skirts are the same of mother and daughter,

When the wind blows, each of them shows
Half an inch, half an inch more than they oughter."

And Full of Holes

Little Herbert arrived home one evening with his clothes full of holes.

"Your new suit is ruined," exclaimed his mother. "What have you been doing?"

"Well," he said, "I was playing at the grocer's with Reggie and John. All of us had to be something—and I was cheese."

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

Local Tuberculosis Association Hopes to Realize \$7,000.



The annual campaign for the sale of tuberculosis seals opens December 1. Twelve thousand or more letters containing seals will be mailed to residents in this county. The local branch has set their goal at \$7,000.

This is the 33rd year of the annual Christmas seal sale. The seals cost a penny each.

The money is used throughout the nation to carry on a campaign of tuberculosis prevention, detection, cure, research, education, clinics, etc.

In Macon County

In Macon County the money provides nursing care for tuberculosis patients in their homes, (704 visits were made last year), assistance at weekly chest clinics, health teaching materials for schools and colleges, year-round program of health education (talks, radio, movies), tuberculin testing material to physicians of county, literature, posters, etc. to business and industrial firms.

Macon County has had a continuous program of tuberculosis prevention since 1917. It now has the lowest death rate for county of comparable size of any in the State. Present death rate from tuberculosis (1938) is 21.8 per 100,000 population.

The ability to speak several languages is valuable, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in one language is priceless.