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## CONSTITUTION POSTERS

Pictures of the Signers of the Posters Calling Attention to Sesqui-centennial Framed  
By Al Lindamood

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States after months of labor, was signed by the men who drew it up. The United States Government is the oldest government in the world operating in its present form. The American republic is more impressive in view of the wreckage of other governments that have collapsed since 1787.

On the bulletin boards for the past few weeks have been posters calling attention to the sesqui-centennial of the signing of the Constitution. Three fine pictures of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln were received. Albert Lindamood framed them artistically. They are now hanging in the apprentice school room.

1787-1937

"For the past 150 years, events in America have conclusively demonstrated to every American and to the world at large that the form of government and the degree of administration required by the government to attain the highest social, economic, and political development of a nation is in the final analysis, determined by the character of the people governed.

For Democracy can only be effectively established and permanently maintained when its corner stones are moored to a foundation of National character capable of self government."

And for exactly 150 years, patriots of the type of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and countless others, even though influenced by widely divergent convictions regarding the interpretation of its provisions, have by their visions and sacrifices insured the perpetuity and the integrity of the Constitution and the form of Government which it prescribes, as the Covenant between the elected Administrators of Government and the American people.

Mrs. W. T. McClure is seriously ill at the Macon County Hospital where she has been for the past three weeks. Previous to that time she had been confined to her home at 960 East Main street since the latter part of June.

## FACING THE FACTS

Plans for Community Drive and Arrangements Offered for Easy Payments

In the past several years ago at this time of year, there was much critical questioning of the Community Chest. These questions were easily answered if one had the facts, but many of the facts were not easily accessible. In the meantime much study has been given to the work of the various agencies and reliable facts are now available and in general are pretty well known.

Particulars for the year, 1937, are set forth in an eight-page publication entitled, "Facing The Facts," which was delivered to all the householders of Decatur on October 18, by the Boy Scouts. Take the time to look this over. It is well worth your while.

This year we are sending out, through the Personnel Office, a pledge card to each employe, which he may hand to his foreman or return to the Employment Office. From there it will be forwarded to the Community Chest Headquarters. Those who wish to contribute thru pay-roll deductions may do so, and receipts will be issued by the paymaster at the time the deduction is made. Thus we have a year in which to pay a pledge. A number of givers pay their pledges in the spring or summer, after the coal-buying season is over.

May we ask you to please fill out the card promptly and send it in? This will save your time and ours.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES

In the September issue of the Mueller Record we published the following item:

### SOME ONE TELL JOHNNY

"Calf No. 3 arrived at the Langdon place September 1. It was not a heifer, either. Johnny wants to know what is the matter with the law of averages."

In the Decatur Review Friday, Sept. 24, we came across a picture of a Holstein cow, Clarksburg, W. Va., which had given birth to sextuplets, five heifer calves and one bull calf.

This may help Johnny figure out the law of averages.

And to Mr. Langdon's cow we say: "Let this Clarksburg incident be a lesson to you."

## VACATIONS

Many Interesting Fall Journeys Made By Members of This Organizations

By Opal Jackson

Our leisurely trip through Kentucky and Tennessee afforded us eight very enjoyable days of interesting scenes and pleasant experiences.

We, mother, father, Mary Wilkins and I, took off from Decatur in the Ford Saturday morning, Sept. 11. We stopped in Vincennes, Ind., for an inspection of the beautiful new George Rogers Clark bridge, the Clark Memorial, and the old Vincennes Cathedral which was erected in 1826 on the site of the first church in the Northwest territory.

From Vincennes we went to Evansville and thence through Kentucky and Tennessee to Nashville where we spent the night. We were in Nashville Saturday night to inspect the market and to visit some of the stores.

### Visited "Hermitage"

Sunday morning we made our pilgrimage to the "Hermitage," President Andrew Jackson's home, and found it as lovely as Mr. Wagenseller and others had told us that it was. The estate is large, and the house, impressive in its white-columned dignity, is sheltered by hundreds of old and beautiful trees. The formal garden is at one side of the house. There the members of the Jackson family are buried.

The interior of the house is a gracious picture of life in another day. From the entrance hall with its fine curving staircase, one walks through halls, stopping at the threshold of room after room, each complete in furniture, carpet, curtains, everything.

### Jewel Cave

Sunday afternoon we visited Jewel Cave, near Dickson, Tenn., and found it, with its interesting formations, its high coloring and effective lighting, truly a jewel of a place. The cave is some distance from the highway, but it is possible to ride almost to the entrance, and there is no difficult walking or climbing necessary going through the cavern.

### Civil War Recalled

Sunday night we spent at Murfreesboro, an interesting little town. In the inevitable "square" the court house has proudly survived in spite of the holes left in it by Civil War guns. We also remember Murfreesboro for the difficulty Mary and I had in indulging in the great American pastime of buying post cards. Even the drug stores were closed on Sunday night.

Monday morning we made our way to Chattanooga. After lunch we went out to the Columbian Iron Works and were conducted through the plant by Paul Jacka. We were much interested in seeing the plant about which we had heard so much, in learning how fire hydrants, large valves, and other Mueller Columbian products are made. And, of course,

we enjoyed greatly seeing all of our Decatur friends in the plant. We were in the Jacka and Van Vleet homes, met the three young Van Vleets and were well entertained by the three little Jacka maids.

### In Chattanooga

We saw so many things in and near Chattanooga. We drove up Lookout Mountain with Mrs. Van Vleet as our guide, visited Point Park; went over into Georgia to see Chicamauga Park, commemorating the battle fought there, and Fort Oglethorpe, U. S. Army Cavalry Post. We made our way, too, of course, to Missionary Ridge. Tablets everywhere describe the details of the historical events with which these places are connected.

With three women in the party, we, naturally, or at least three-fourths of us, had to devote half a day to Chattanooga's stores. We had a lot of fun "window-wishing" in all the cities we visited, and we did especially well by all the ten cent stores everywhere we stopped.

### Smoky Mountains

Wednesday we spent in the Smoky Mountains, a day that marked the high point of our vacation in both interest and altitude. The roads through the mountains are extremely good, and the scenery cannot be adequately described. The loveliest mountain stream you ever saw, sheer walls of rock, trees, flowers of various kinds (and lovely as it was) we wished that we could see the rhododendron in full bloom, a great view from the heights of ranges and ranges of mountains over which smoke seemed to hover — all this was ours. We were very loath to leave the mountains.

We were in Knoxville Wednesday night. The next morning we drove through the town of Norris and to Norris Dam. We were conducted through the power house by a very interesting young guide. We saw the two great turbines and learned that there were twenty-six freight cars of parts required to assemble each of them. Through a window we viewed the control room and the very complex instruments by which control of every part of the giant mechanism is maintained. We were interested in learning from our guide and from the maps and pictures upon the walls of the ultra-modern reception room, of the extent of the Tennessee Valley Authority project, of which the Norris Dam is a part.

### Saw Marks of the Flood

Thursday night we were in Lexington, Kentucky, and, of course, enjoyed our glimpse of Kentucky homes, estates and stock farms. We spent several hours in Louisville on Friday. While there we visited Churchill Downs, and, naturally, we found the place quite deserted. We were amazed to learn where the flood waters of last winter had been in

Louisville; seeing Louisville today, it all seems incredible.

Saturday morning, before returning to Decatur, we took time to drive through the oil fields around Noble and Clay City. As one would expect, there was activity everywhere. Derricks dot the countryside. Oil wells were being drilled, oil was being pumped. Though we were not privileged to see a "gusher," we did see a great pool of oil that had escaped, now dammed up by earth until it can be piped away. Lunch rooms have sprung up over night, people are living in tents and trailers, roads are being built, telephone linemen, we found, were very busy — the community has taken a new and somewhat feverish lease on life. Front page news, possibly history, is being made here, almost on our door step.

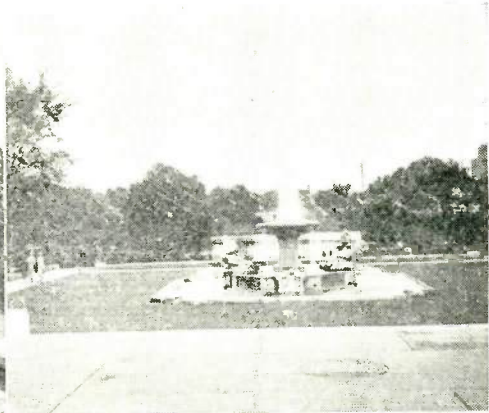
standing exhibition of ballet skating. This, as well as the double skating, was most excellent.

Streets of the World—Improved over the Chicago foreign villages. The villages were not large, but the admission was only twenty-five cents to all, and there was much to see and study. The embroidery and art shops were in a circle around International Circle. On International Circle were the performances like the one Margaret witnessed on Slovenian Day. The Slovenian women put on native dances in native costumes. There was fancy drilling by two girls from each of Cleveland's seven Slovenian drill teams for girls of high school age. The Belgian Village and the Black Forest in Chicago were the only villages more interesting than those at Cleveland.

The Midway was out of the way and not



Horticultural Grounds, Cleveland Exposition — Lily Pond and futuristic fountain with four sections of glass against which the water dashes.



Fountain in front of Cleveland Art Gallery

### GREAT LAKES EXPOSITION

Margaret Marcott Found It Not So Big, But Very Interesting

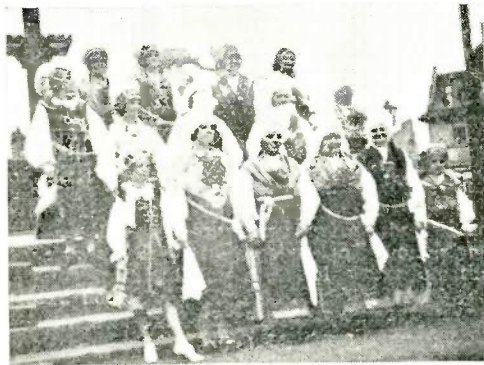
Accompanying are some photographs of attractions at the Great Lakes Exposition which has been in progress at Cleveland for its second summer, and is now drawing to a close. While it was not of the size of the Century of Progress in Chicago, it was plenty big and good enough to attract large crowds from all over the United States. Among those from Decatur to attend this Exposition was Margaret Marcott, who is in charge of the laboratory. She was well pleased with her trip and feels well repaid.

Among observations of things of genuine interest were the following:

Horticultural Exhibit—This combined flowers, shrubbery, fountains, lily ponds, pools, rock gardens, and the hillside gardens, all very beautiful.

Aquacade—Johnny Weismueller and Eleanor Helen Garrett proved marvelous swimmers and are world famous. Eleanor Garrett is graceful and exceptionally speedy. One hundred or more girls put on a fine spectacle of formation swimming. It was like a huge ballet, only performed in water.

Winter Garden—Evelyn Chandler was our-



Slovenian day, streets of the World. These women in native costumes, gave Slovenian dances at Cleveland Exposition.

mixed up with the Fair proper.

Florida had an excellent exhibit.

The cars, wagons, trailers, etc., showed the progress we have made. The oil companies had an interesting exhibit, and showed the tools used to see the strata below, and get samples. Cameras are used to take pictures of the strata in these holes from a foot to thousands of feet deep. The steel people had interesting movies.

The Fair was small in comparison with Chicago, but superior in many ways.

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## SUDDEN PASSING OF WILLIAM T. MASON

### Well Known and Well Liked Member of Organization Dies at Work

W. T. Mason, commonly known as "Billy", came to work as usual Wednesday, October 13. He was directing some men in the basement of Department 8, when he threw up his hands and fell backwards and died within a few minutes. The doctor said it was a heart attack.

This sudden passing of one who had for so long been a member of our organization was a shock to us all and especially to Mrs. Mason. She bore out bravely, however.

Beside his wife he leaves four sons, Basil A., who was on company business in the South; Wm. Rexford, employed in Chicago; Vincent P., employed by the Oakes Products Corp., and Robert Thomas, age eight. He also leaves three stepchildren.



Characteristic pose of W. T. Mason "On the Job." Taken at Athletic Club House grounds several years ago.

The family had just moved into a recently purchased home at 860 West Packard Street.

Wm. T. Mason was born in England, October 22, 1869. His parents brought him with them to the United States in 1870. They settled in Texas where young Mason grew up. His father became an American citizen. In

1887 he came to Illinois and for 16 years worked at the blacksmith trade in Bement, Hammond, and Tuscola, Illinois.

On March 13, 1903, he began work in the Construction Department of Mueller Co. and three months later was made construction foreman and has been on that kind of work ever since. He has had charge of construction and maintenance and has directed the erection of practically all the buildings constructed since that time. In 1933 he went to Los Angeles and supervised the erection of the Pacific Coast Factory. In 1934 he supervised the reconstruction of Columbian Iron Works plant at Chattanooga.

He was a resourceful, versatile, and competent construction man. He was an excellent foreman for whom the men liked to work. Under Billy Mason's supervision work was done well and everyone was happy.

### Funeral

Funeral services were held at Moran's Friday afternoon Oct. 15 at 4 p. m. There was a large attendance of friends. The Mueller organization reported a half hour earlier and the plant closed down at 3:30 so that friends and associates might attend. Following the services in the chapel brief services were held at Graceland cemetery. The active pall bearers were W. T. Auer, H. C. Camron, H. Gragg, Roy Whitaker, Burt Jackson, and M. W. Trott. Honorary—Chas. Dunaway, Wm. Ferry, E. C. Stille, C. F. Roarick, W. E. Behrns and Mr. Younger.

### BEWARE OF BUM GLASSES

A number of our people have been acquiring new glasses this fall. Properly fitted glasses are a help to anyone who suffers from eye strain or whose vision needs correction. It is not wise, however, to select a pair from the counter of the 10c store and wear them. Such glasses contain magnifying lenses and they may do more harm than good.

It is not generally known that few people have eyes of equal strength. It is important that lenses be properly fitted for each eye by an expert. This can be done at a reasonable cost. For further information see the nurse or the personnel director.

### AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Word has been received from Paul Jacka that the Columbian Iron Works is about to launch an educational program. On Monday the molders and apprentices of the Foundry discuss their common problems. On Tuesday evening there is a meeting of the shop apprentices. On Wednesday the older men of the Machine Shop meet.

In the Tuesday and Wednesday meetings blue print reading and arithmetic are studied with Oscar Brown, chief draftsman, as instructor.

For Good Eats try out the Cafeteria. None better.

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## CLARA UHL'S TRIP

## Visited Many Points of Interest In a Two Weeks' Jaunt

Clara Uhl, of the Accounting Department, spent her vacation of two weeks in a trip to the west coast, where the beauties of that country were unrolled in a never ending panorama of loveliness. The tour, planned by the American Express, was arranged to include the most interesting points to be seen, and every moment of the two weeks was crowded with thrills and excitement.

## Colorado Springs

The party left Decatur on Sunday, August 22, and by the time they arrived in Colorado Springs, Monday noon, all members were well acquainted. They started immediately upon a tour to Manitou, the Garden of the Gods, then went up Cheyenne Mountain, visited the zoo and Will Rogers Memorial, where they stopped for a steak fry.

Tuesday morning they had breakfast in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and then made a tour through the pottery and the famous Indian Detour to the Tesuque Indian Pueblo, the city of Santa Fe, and the native village. Dinner that night was at Albuquerque.

## On Rim of Canyon

Wednesday morning the party had their first glimpse of the Grand Canyon. After breakfasting at the Bright Angel Lodge, they took a two and one-half hour trip along the rim and lunched at El Tovar Hotel.

Thursday they arrived in Los Angeles, where they stayed at the Biltmore Hotel. After breakfast there was a tour of the city, Hollywood and Beverly Hills. In the afternoon a number of the party flew over to the Catalina Islands, and returned by boat where they enjoyed watching the flying fish.

Santa Barbara was the next stop, with a tour of the city, a visit to Monterey, and a drive through Carmel, a colony of artists and writers, along the rugged coast of the Pacific. The return was made through the Del Monte Forest and by the Pebble Beach, famed for the golf courses.

## A Dip in the Ocean

On the way to San Francisco they stopped at Vera Cruz long enough to take a swim in the Pacific, and a view of the giant Redwoods.

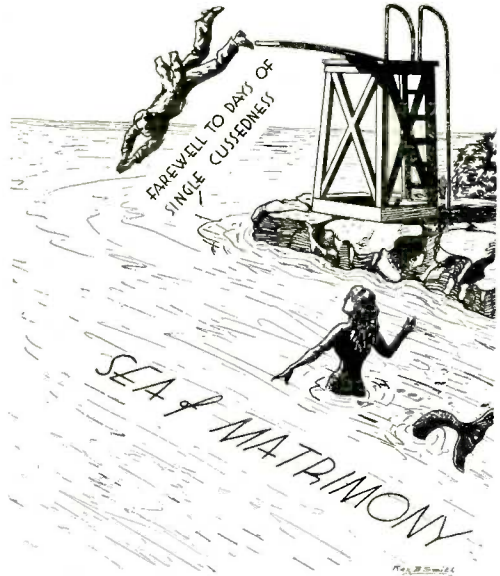
Sunday morning at San Francisco they took a ride over the Golden Gate Bridge, toured the city and the beautiful Golden Gate Park, went through the government fortress overlooking the Pacific, and returned past Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Bridge and the Oakland Bay Bridge.

## On Columbian River Highway

Arriving in Portland on Monday, they drove along the famous Columbia River highway, visited the "Shrine of Our Sacred Mothers,"

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## WEDDINGS



## Payne-Harrison

Margaret Payne of Vincennes, Indiana, and Oren Harrison, Plant 2, were married at the bride's home in Vincennes on September 11. They are now living at 1217 East William St.

## Toole-Bobb

Dorothea Toole of the Core Department, and Everett Bobb were married in Booneville, Indiana, on August 25. Mr. Bobb is now in the navy in the far East, and Mrs. Bobb is continuing her work in the Core Department.

## Rauch-Barnes

Genevieve Rauch and Paul Barnes of the Iron Foundry, Plant 2, were married at St. Charles, Missouri, August 21. They are now living on a small farm on the Rock Springs Road west of Decatur.

## JOINS U. S. FORCES

Donald Moyer went to work in the Experimental Engineering Department on December 4, 1936, as blue print boy. Soon afterward he he was accepted as an apprentice draftsman. He enrolled in the I. C. S. course and by Oct. 1, had completed the entire three years course of drafting and received his certificate.

For some time he has been in touch with the United States Army, Aviation Division, and his enlistment as aviation mechanic has been accepted. He reported for duty at Rantoul Field, October 18.

"Wearie" Willie Rohman has quit fishing for this year. He says, "Fishing has been pretty good all summer until about a month ago."

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and left for Seattle. On Tuesday they visited that city, the many lakes, the Washington University and the beautiful Volunteer Park.

#### Visit Vancouver

From there they journeyed to Vancouver, where another sight-seeing tour took them through the city and Stanley Park, where they saw the perennial forest and species of the redwood. Early Wednesday morning the party came to the Canadian Rockies, where everyone was alert to see as much of the snow capped peaks, mountain streams, and forests as possible. Crossing the Great Divide, they reached Banff in time for a dinner dance and the last big night of a wonderful trip.

#### At Lake Louise

The next day they took a trip to Lake Louise, stopping at the beautiful Chateau Lake Louise, surrounded by an Alpine garden. Coming back from a seven-mile hike to Mirror Lake, Little Agnes, and the Little Bee Hive, the party had lunch at the Chateau Lake Louise, and returned to Banff where they started out again, this time for home.

### DOROTHY DENIES

The time for Dorothy Cooper's much anticipated vacation, the last week in September, finally arrived and Dorothy ventured forth on the Banner midst a downpour of rain. Her spirits were high, although everything else was wet. She stopped over in St. Louis and Omaha, and from there took the famous streamline train, "City of Denver," to Denver. There, where the fun was supposed to begin, Dorothy became ill with a cold and was forced to abandon all plans and to return home. After a few days rest, she was again feeling fit, and consoled herself with a week-end trip to Chicago. Since her return to the office, she has continuously and emphatically denied that it was a plain case of nostalgia which sent her scurrying home.

### IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

H. L. Himstead and family spent the week end of October 2 driving through the oil fields of southern Illinois. Stops were made at Sandoval, Clay City, Olney, and Patoka. The most excitement was found at Patoka where derricks appeared in front lawns and back pastures.

On the return trip they stopped at Salem and visited the birthplace of Wm. Jennings Bryan. His home is now maintained as a shrine to the great "Commoner." It has been kept, as nearly as possible, as it was in the days of his boyhood.

### SMOKY MOUNTAINS

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dickey and children, David and Cynthia, had a delightful vacation trip to the Smoky Mountains, N. C. They went down through Louisville, Frankfort, and Knoxville and returned by the way of Lexington and Indiana.

### TWO CUTE YOUNGSTERS



These two very attractive youngsters are Duane, age 2, and Sharon Lavone, three and one-half months old, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudley. Mr. Dudley is a tinner's helper and Mrs. Dudley was Clara Dash. Before her marriage she worked in the Core Department. "Uncle Hemo" works in the Cost Department and is perhaps better known as Herman Dash.

### DOROTHY AGAIN IN NEWS

Dorothy Gepford drove to Hutchinson, Kansas, for her vacation, visiting en route the Ozarks and Meramec Caverns. She was accompanied by her mother, her aunt, Mrs. M. W. Williams of East St. Louis, and her cousin, Mrs. Doris Catton of Peoria. They were gone about ten days.

In the vicinity of the Meramec Caverns Dorothy noticed that many of the cars carried banners on the bumpers, advertising the Caverns, and decided that she, too, must have a banner. Driving into a station, she asked the attendant to sell her a sign such as appeared on the cars around her. Dorothy thought he looked surprised, and understood why when he said, "Lady, you've got one on your car now." Was Dorothy's face red?

### SOUTH BEND AND CHICAGO

Louise Whitehead's vacation was spent visiting friends in South Bend, Ind., and high spots in Chicago. She came back to work looking very rested and mischievous — claiming that nothing very exciting had happened.

A. L. Bethards, of the Brass Foundry, returned to work October 7 after an absence of several weeks due to an injured foot. He has a new pair of safety shoes.

## CHATTANOOGA

On Saturday, Sept. 17, the Machine Shop boys and "chaperons," Paul Jacka and Homer Van Vleet, enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon picknicking at Camp Jordan, which is just a short distance from Chattanooga, off the highway leading to Atlanta. Congratulations are due Bob Parsons and Johnny Quentel for their planning and serving the food — and it was unbeatable!

Marion Eckman developed a nice "fruit-jar" nose by using a fruit jar for a telescope.

A softball game was played before and after eating and there were many sore arms and backs to show for it Monday morning.

Camp Jordan is an ideal spot for an outing of this sort and the majority of the men are in favor of going there next year, if possible.

Joe Wall has purchased a home in St. Elmo.

Maurice Lee of the Core Room was recently married.

Mary Wilson entertained the girls of the office with a weiner roast last week at her home on the side of Lookout Mountain. Everybody had an enjoyable time and it was lovely on the mountain, with all the scenery and moonlight.

## HAPPY LITTLE CAROL



Carol Joan, 9-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bradley, and can you blame them of being proud of her?

## PRETTY LITTLE MISS SMITH



Barbara Ann Smith, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith. The proud papa is assistant to E. C. Stille, electrical Dept.

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

On Oct. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Marty had been married 39 years. This auspicious anniversary was properly celebrated by a visit to some of Mrs. Marty's relation in Chicago. The couple then drove to Rockford, followed up the Illinois river, which is especially beautiful in autumn, and then on to Starved Rock, and home.

Barney looked as cheerful and as pleased with himself as a bridegroom.

## SOUND ASLEEP

"Now, Robert," said the teacher, dilating on the virtue of politeness. "if you were seated in a car, every seat of which was occupied, and a lady entered, what would you do?"

"I'd pretend I was asleep," was the unhesitating reply.—Lafayette Lyre.

## SARNIA NEWS

News around the shop is rather scarce this month. The main item really concerns Dr. Dennis Tilley. Poor Doc had a very critical case on his hands last week. The patient had a sore finger, but Doc got confused and treated his teeth.

"Arry" is greatly delighted that daylight saving time is over. He doesn't have to sit up so late now to listen to Amos and Andy. We don't know what "Arry" means, but he promises some startling news in the near future.

Carl Smith is all "het up" over the election. He says he is voting Social Credit this time.

The boys are not reporting anything on Bob Moore. They don't wish to cause him any trouble at home.

We understand that "George" and "Mac" and Jack Conway had a grand fishing trip up North. The report is the first day was spent fishing, the second day they cut out the fishing — because of the rain. We learn further that a minister was their companion at "Belrose" hotel, but in spite of that these boys managed to match cards, and George came off the victor with the huge sum of \$2.66, which he donated in pennies on Sunday to the church in honor of his birthday.

Jack Wright, former salesman of Mueller Ltd., Sarnia, and now President of the Canadian Plumbing and Heating Specialties, Montreal, P. Q., visited the plant and office on Saturday, Sept. 4. Jack also brought his young son along, who looks as if he is cut out to be a business man the way he managed to manipulate the dictaphones and typewriters.

Mr. Kerrigan of the foundry became the father of a daughter during the early part of September. This gave us our first opportunity to distribute Mr. Adolph's gift of a lovely baby's layette.

We are proud to acknowledge in the Mueller Record that Jack Aitchison, employed in the tool room, completed a splendid record of twenty-five years service with this company on September 20, 1937. Mr. Al. Bannister, foreman of Dept. 16 and 18 did likewise on Sept. 25, 1937.

Ray McIntyre, Factory Supt., returned to the plant Sept. 22 looking hale and hearty after a successful business trip to the Canadian West. Mr. McIntyre was away four weeks in all, and during that time met a great many jobbers and gained much which will benefit us all, by the contacts. He made short stays in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina and Winnipeg, and also visited the Mueller California plant, which he highly commends.

From scattered conversation it has been interesting to learn that Calgary is 96% gas heated, and that during Mr. McIntyre's visit

## DRIVING FOR SAFETY



Bob Tertocha put in a part of the summer working in the brass shop. High tension wires alongside of the building have a startling habit of suddenly shooting out spluttering flames. Bob always tried to crawl into a filing cabinet for safety.

to the Turner Valley Oil fields he saw several gas burners in actual operation. Conservation of gas here is very unnecessary, as nearly one hundred million feet of gas are burned in the atmosphere daily. Saskatoon was the dark spot of his trip, for here he saw some of the dire results of the crop and drought situation. Many of the merchants are almost bankrupt, and only two new houses have been built this year. One feels that while talking with Mr. McIntyre that he had a very splendid and beneficial trip, and one which will make interesting conversation for some time to come.

Jack Conway, territorial sales supervisor, returned with Mr. McIntyre to Sarnia, and after a few days sojourn has now journeyed through to Eastern Canada.

## GOING TO MILLIKIN

William L. Draper has entered Millikin as a Freshman this fall and is working four afternoons a week in the Advertising Department.

Everett Pippin, who is a Senior this year, spends his afternoons in the office of Department 9.

Truman Reynolds, of Dept. 8, entered Millikin last February. He worked through the summer months and is continuing his studies this fall. He works in Department 8 in the afternoon.

Charles Charnetzki, who started a year ago in the Laboratory, entered Millikin this fall. He is working afternoons in the Laboratory. He aspires to be a chemist.



## BRASS CHIPS

Mrs. Robert Mueller entertained the D. A. R. at a luncheon at Mueller Lodge on October 7.

The Yonker family held their annual reunion Sunday, September 19, at Mueller Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Garver entertained their friends at the Mueller Athletic Club Saturday, October 2.

The Dickey family had a reunion at the Mueller Athletic Club on Sunday, October 10.

Russel Armstrong returned to work in the Galvanizing Department of Plant 2.

William A. Hise has been laid up for two weeks with a carbuncle on his left forearm.

Mrs. Fannie Cochran is assisting in the Cafeteria.

Robert Moore and Lee Bauer are helping take the inventory in Department 300.

Leslie Schroeder, of Department 8, was putting castings in a bin, when one of them missed the bin and came down on his big toe, breaking it. However, he was able to continue work. He now has a new pair of safety shoes.

The Aid Society of the Los Angeles Branch has had very few claims to pay of late. California is living up to its reputation as a safe and healthy abode. Keep it up, California!

Dorothy O'Byrne returned to work Monday, October 18, after an absence of several weeks for a surgical operation for goiter.

Robert Moore and Lee Bauer, of the Iron Foundry at Plant 2, are helping with the inventory in Department 300.

Mildred Morenz, daughter of August Morenz, of Plant 2, entered I. S. N. U. at Normal, Illinois, this fall. She plans to be a teacher. Her brother, Elmer, who was a student at Millikin for two years, is taking graduate work this year at the University of Illinois. He plans to be a teacher of Biology.

Ray Sailsbery, works manager of Department 8, will appear with new dentures some bright day this fall.

On August 23 Mervil Curry, time clerk in the Foundry, division quit. Eugene Cash was transferred to this work and Mervil Curry succeeds Cash at the pattern vault.

Paul Gobberdeil has given up his work in Department 9 and has taken up work in Chicago.

## GOT THEIR GOAT



This snapshot of Mr. and Mrs. William Dennis and their pet goat was taken in front of their home north of Green Switch. Mr. Dennis has been with the Mueller Co. for nearly twelve years, the last eight of which he has been known as the "Barrel Man" in the shipping department. His job is to reinforce and put in first class condition barrels in which Mueller brass stops, connections, couplings, iron service clamps and other heavy goods are shipped.

## OIL WORLD EXPOSITION.

Mueller Co. exhibited at the Oil World Exposition held in Houston, Texas, during the week of October 11. This was our first time at a meeting of the oil men. The exhibit included pressure fittings, drilling machines and valves of various kinds.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mueller, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mueller. They stopped at Houston on their return from a business trip to the Pacific Coast Factory at Los Angeles. Other members of the party were Ward L. DeWitt, George H. Hofmann, and O. J. Hawkins.

## REMARKS

The railway supervisor of a western line received the following note from one of his foremen:

"I am sending in the accident report on Casey's foot when he struck it with the ice maul. Now, under 'Remarks,' do you want mine or do you want Casey's?"

## HOUSE BLESSING

Bless our first mortgage and the second, too,  
The taxes and the lien at six per cent,  
The coal man's bill and all bills long since due,  
And keep us thankful that we pay no rent!  
—Arthur Guiterman

**BOWLING**

Eight teams took the drives at the Decatur Bowling Parlors on September 14, setting off the 1937-38 Mueller Bowling League. Pounding away at the hard maples for the first month many of the fellows are showing much improvement over their scores of previous years and should be getting right along by the close of the present season.



Carl Dodwell rolling the ball that put him in first place.

"Lefty" Adams, and "Happy" Thompson, leading the Brass Finishers to their present position in the standings, were proud possessors of their first "600" series, on October 5, getting 616 and 613 respectively. Both of the boys are just in their second year of bowling. "Lefty" attributes his success to the fact that he was using for the first time a new ball, that he recently purchased for himself. "Pee Wee" Hartwig also has a new ball, and should be turning in some nice scores in the near future.

Changes in the starting time from 7 P. M. each Tuesday to 6:30 P. M. will prevail thru-out the current season as was voted by the group.

The interest being shown this year promises nothing less than a most successful bowling season.

Team and individual scores for the first five weeks of play are listed below.

**Team Standing, Oct. 12, 1937**

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Avg.
Brass Finishers ...	15	10	5	.667	732
Specialty Div'n ...	15	9	6	.600	840
Utility Engineers..	15	9	6	.600	827
Apprentices ...	15	9	6	.600	738
Works Mgr. Office	15	8	7	.533	783
Plumbers .....	15	7	8	.467	666
Main Office .....	12	3	9	.250	703

Tool Room .....	12	2	10	.167	724
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**Individual Averages**

Brass Finishers		Works Mgr. Office	
L. Adams .....	182	J. Wiant .....	170
H. Thompson ...	171	G. Krag .....	168
L. Kramer .....	155	C. F. Roarick ...	159
C. Kelley .....	149	F. March .....	156
J. Fair .....	124	J. Morrison .....	146
R. Kileen .....	100	F. Taylor .....	137
G. Harshbarger ..	89	Plumbers	
Specialty Division		H. Maddox .....	156
A. Flaughner ...	184	C. Curry .....	155
C. Hill .....	176	R. Caudle .....	139
E. Hartwig .....	172	D. Wilkins .....	117
H. Stratman ...	162	B. Butt .....	114
W. Frantz .....	160	L. Duncan .....	113
W. Mueller .....	152	Main Office	
Utility Engineers		C. Dodwell .....	191
W. Behrns .....	188	A. Werdes .....	162
E. Blankenburg ..	185	A. Jendrny .....	147
H. Leipski .....	160	C. Draper .....	136
F. Tratsik .....	149	J. Bain .....	127
W. Bowan .....	146	O. Keller .....	122
Apprentices		A. Yonkers .....	107
M. Riewski .....	161	Tool Room	
R. Roarick .....	159	C. C. Roarick ...	180
C. Constant .....	159	L. McKinney ...	163
O. Karlowski ...	155	M. Chaney .....	154
R. Tertocha ...	136	E. Merrow .....	144
R. Uhler .....	110	C. Rubican .....	135
		M. Foster .....	134

**Ten High Bowlers**

Name	Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Main Office	.....	12	191	256
W. Behrns, Utility Eng.	.....	15	188	235
E. Blankenburg, Utility Eng.	.....	15	185	242
A. Flaughner, Specialty Div.	.....	10	184	225
L. Adams, Brass Finishers	.....	14	182	227
C. Hill, Specialty Div.	.....	11	176	203
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div.	.....	15	172	211
H. Thompson, Brass Finishers	.....	15	171	209
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.	.....	12	170	214
G. Krag, Works Mgr. Of.	.....	14	168	192

**TOM AND TOBY**



Wm. Thomas and his inseperable pal, Toby, on step of new truck. Toby regards it his personal duty to guard the truck. Bill Enloe threatens to put Toby on the payroll. Insert shows shipping department's new porte-cochere with one of the old trucks loading.

**BIRTHS**

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

**CLARENCE PIPPIN TO TEACH**

Clarence Pippin, of the Engineering Department, resigned about the middle of October to take a position as instructor in the School of Engineering at the University of Kansas, at Manhattan. It appears that this institution has a large enrollment and Clarence was recommended by the faculty of the University of Illinois. The offer was unsolicited. Clarence carries the good wishes of his many friends.

The apprentices gave a farewell party for Clarence at the Athletic Club at Mueller Heights on Wednesday evening, October 13. Others present were Marion Pippin and son. Everett, Elmer Fawley, and E. H. Langdon.

**NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN**

We fell heir to a new fangled drinking fountain from the Chattanooga plant. It is a sort of frigidaire contraption, the drinking water being cooled by electricity. The drinking stream issues from the pipe, rises to a height of about three inches and then goes to waste. It can all go to waste as far as we are concerned. In our opinion it is nix compared to Mueller bubbling head, which we have been accustomed to using. Unless the company changes back, we shall drink uncooled water from an ordinary faucet. So that's that, and we see where we are off of cooled water—

**COLUMBIAN FINANCES**

The Employee's Aid Society of the Columbian Iron Works sends in its monthly financial statement which is prepared by Joe Wall, who is accountant for the Columbian Iron Works. Reports show that the white fund has a balance of \$1119.64, the colored fund of \$36.90, and the flower fund has \$15.32. This makes a total of \$1191.86. Of this amount \$1,000 has been placed in a savings account. We congratulate the Aid Society on this showing.

**GOOD PROSPECT FOR GRASS**

A number of efforts have been made to grow a lawn in the space between the sidewalk and the curbstone on Cerro Gordo Street. This time the dirt was removed for about eight inches down and replaced with new black soil. Dick Cash planted this area in blue grass and white clover.

At present there is a promising growth and we hope that this time the lawn will be a success.

**UNIVERSITY CLUB**

The University Club held their first meeting of the season at Mueller Heights on October 7. Attorney Ed Buckner told of his trip to Europe. He thinks the war talk is mostly bluff as the countries of Central Europe cannot afford a war and they know it.

**SEE THAT SPARKLER**

Ruth Maynard, of Frank Mueller's office, flashed a new diamond ring on office companions the other day. Rex Smith, our cartoonist, discovered it and we expected to surprise Ruth in this Record but Ruth surprised us by announcing her marriage to Paul Campbell, Sept. 26.

**RECENT IMPROVEMENTS**

The Construction and Maintenance Department have been gradually overhauling the entire plant.

The roof at Plant 2 has been replaced on the buildings east of the entrance.

Repairs are now being made on the roof at Plant 3.

The interior of Department 300, the Machine Shop, has been painted, and the painters are now working in Department 90.

The Purchasing Department has also received a coat of paint.

The Traffic Office force moved back into their relined and newly painted office on Monday, October 11, after several weeks on the second floor.

**BACK TO U. OF I.**

Earl Duncan and Orville Hawkins, Jr., have returned to their studies at the University of Illinois. Earl, a Sophomore, is taking a course in Business Administration, while Orville is finishing his course in Bacteriology, this being his senior year.

L. B. McKinney of Department 8 is bragging about his new teeth. The first Sunday he had them he tried them on a beef steak, the first he had had in months, and found they were quite satisfactory.

DON MOYER



Here is a fine lad we all know and like. He has left the Mueller service to join the U. S. force at Rantoul. See item on page 5.

#### BACK TO INDIANA

W. C. (Bill) Groble, who came to us at the time we took over the Groble Regulator Company and has since been in the regulator department, is returning to Anderson where he is going into business for himself. Good bye,

and good luck to you. Say, Bill, you aren't mad about the picture of you we printed in the last Record, are you?

#### HOME STUDY

It is possible to secure on very desirable terms, I. C. S. courses of shop practice, accounting and other trades. If interested see E. H. Langdon within the next two weeks. This is a good time of the year to start a course of this kind and conditions are favorable now for a good winter's work.

#### CLEAN UP

The Traffic Office, which adjoins the Shipping Department, is being renovated. The desks were placed in the Packing Room until the weather became too cold. The Traffic Office was then moved to the second floor to the space adjoining the Employment Office.

#### ED. STILLE SUCCEEDS W. T. MASON

A bulletin under date of Oct. 19, announced the appointment of E. C. Stille as General Foreman of the Construction and Maintenance Department. We congratulate Ed. on his promotion.

Mrs. W. T. Mason and family wish to express their appreciation to the Mueller Co., to the employees, and to the Masonic fraternity, for their sympathy and services in their recent bereavement.

## SUGGESTIONS

For 1937 close November first.

If you have not made one do so now---the last one made is just as likely to win as the first.

## SLOGANS

This contest is open from Nov. 1 to December 1.

Get Busy---put on your thinking cap.