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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Take care of yourself. See to it that you are physically fit bodily and also mentally. There are many persons who habitually disregard this simple advise. They adopt the idea that there is nothing the matter with them—that they have never been ill and apparently think that they never will be. There is a simple illustration which disproves this erroneous idea. An apple may be sound looking on the outside but when cut into proves to be rotten at the core. There are thousands of Americans in exactly that condition today. It is proved hourly by the rejection by draft boards of young men who appear to be hale, hearty and perfect specimens of health.

You may speak lightly of your physical condition but in this personal disregard you are not living up to the requirements of your country. Never in our history has the necessity for healthy men and women been so urgent as now when our freedom in America is at stake.

This need has not alone been confined to military service on the battle field. It is a powerful factor on the industrial and home front.

This fact is recognized by thinking men and women from Washington down to the smallest village.

General MacArthur on land and Admiral King on the sea know it and have so expressed themselves. They know that to win they must have the loyal support of those on the home front charged with the obligation of supplying war materials. General Armstrong told you so in effect when here for the presentation of the Award for Meritorious Production.

Any of these reasons is sufficient in itself to convince a thinking person of his or her personal obligation of loyalty in keeping fit for the daily grind of war materials upon which depends our ultimate victory over the oppressors of our rights, national and personal.

It means not only careful and constant watchfulness over physical fitness but in addition when on duty or off duty protect yourself as far as possible against accidents which may result in temporary or permanent disability.

All of us have a duty to perform in these

particulars. Let us perform it gladly, willingly and patriotically.

Guard yourself against any physical disability resulting from carelessness about your health. Protect yourself from any accident which might disable you.

Remember that the man behind the machine is now as important as the man behind the gun.

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THE END IN SIGHT

Monroe street is still in a mess and will continue so for some days to come. The end is in sight. During this week we should see the completion of the walks at the Cerro Gordo street crossing.

When the big job, the street paving, was finished, those unacquainted with this class of construction work were led to believe that the finishing touches would not require much more time. What remains to be done is the curbing and sidewalks. This is a minor part of the job as a whole but it is, at the same time, the slow and tedious portion.

Those who have studied the progress of the work realize that contractor Christy has made a fine showing since the contract passed into his hands. It will not be long now until Monroe street will be opened for traffic and the worry about completion will be forgotten.

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PREPARES FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Captain Horace Bell, who has been stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, was in Decatur recently to visit his family and friends. He was formerly with the Linxweiler Printing Co. and is well known to many in this organization. The visit will be the last he will make for some time. He is now under orders for active service. Just where he does not know, might be in the Arctic Circle or in the tropics. The only information he was able to furnish was that he had orders to outfit himself with both winter and summer underwear. Captain Bell is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Woodruff of the Laboratory.

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A statistician says there are three kinds of women in the world: beautiful, intellectual, and the majority.

and again may I say 'Thanks a Million' for the treats."

Ann Hobin: "It is very thoughtful of the company to remember their former employees. I enjoyed the contents of the parcel very much. Say hello to the staff for me."

Francis Hemstreet: "I want to thank Mueller's very much for the cigarettes. I spent a very enjoyable evening reading the Mueller Record and they passed from one fellow to another. They all seemed to enjoy them a lot. Say hello to Albert and all the night shift for me."

Ernest Milner: "Thanks for the lovely parcel and please remember me to Dept. 14. Hope to see you all soon."

Tom Norris: "Thanks for the cigarettes. I certainly appreciated them. Please remember me to all the gang and say hello to Alex Hodges. British Columbia looks like the next stop. I sure will miss the bowling this winter."

Neil Turnbull: "I was quite pleased with the package I received from the company. The job I have at present is quite steady. In fact a person can't quit, and they seem to hate to fire anyone. I have gained weight and never felt better in my life. We are almost through here and will be moving some place next week, at least that is what the news is at present."

Jim Brent: "Received your letter and the package. It pleases me to know that I am being remembered by Mueller's. I am to be in the Signal Corps and have two weeks more to go."



We think we were very fortunate in securing the above picture of Pilot Officer Gordon (Ted) Harkins receiving his wings at Edmonton, Alta., this September. Ted worked in our plating and brass finishing departments for approximately three and a half years. He enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in June 1940 as a fitter armourer and followed this course right through to become an instructor. He then remustered this spring as an air observer and has also been very successful along this line. Ted is a son of Jack Harkins of Dept. 6. His brother Don works in our tool room and another brother, Bill,

prior to his enlistment, was a member of our purchasing department.

Bowling

We were very glad to see such an excellent turnout for the bowling league this year and while our male representation is cut in half, we still have one man on each team. Just think what will happen to him if we ever have another Bowling Dance. The to give the standings but with the new bowlers coming along the way they are it league is not far enough advanced as yet will be a very close race for the cup this year. Mr. Bevan of the Union Gas Co., Chatham, Ont., has donated a special cup to the girl with the highest average so go to it girls, it is anybody's cup.

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We extend our congratulations to Evelyn Quinn of Dept. 14 who was recently married to Ken Kerwin of the C.A.S.F.; to Joyce Websper of Dept. 14 on her marriage to Geo. Regan, also of Dept. 14, and to Thelma Krohn, who married Clayton Hamilton, a former employee.

J. J. Conway, our territorial sales manager from Vancouver, called at our office recently.

We don't know just what Mr. McIntyre had on his mind recently when he backed the company car out of his driveway into a milk wagon. Maybe he just wanted a drink of milk.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brady on September 24th, a son, Timothy Bernard.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollinger on September 24th, a daughter, Maryjane Elizabeth.

P.S.—Anyone wishing to send Christmas remembrances to any of their Mueller friends in the service may receive addresses from Mrs. Reeve upon request.

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RHEUMATISM

Ray Sailsbery was welcomed back a few days ago after an absence on account of an attack of rheumatism. It did not prove serious but was decidedly troublesome as long as it lasted which was entirely too long from Ray's viewpoint.

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SUGGESTION WINNERS

The last report on accepted suggestions was made by the committee on October 2nd and listed the following winners:

Clock No.	Name	Number of Suggestions	Amount
2003	R. Fleckenstein	1	\$ 5.00
2009	Frank Shade	1	5.00
2900	W. Marshall Foster	1	5.00
3105	Grace O'Byrne	2	10.00
3619	F. W. Donnewitz	2	10.00
7318	Dorothy O'Byrne	3	15.00
8029	W. Sexson	1	5.00

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Army Services of Supply have saved as much as 60 per cent in ship cargo space on certain items by scientific reduction in the bulk of packaging.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(A Few Indian Summer Ruminations
On This and That, Especially About
People You and I Know)

Blue skies, flaming forests, bright sunshine, crisp clean air, fields of corn in shock, bonfires in the evening, smoked hot dogs eaten in company with kindred spirits, spicy pumpkin pies, doughnuts and cider, the crunching of leaves underfoot—all this is ours in this happy season. And while we enjoy the Illinois countryside and the autumn institution of hamburger fries we think, guiltily, of the lads that are far from home for whom life has become a grim business of killing and privation . . . boys whom we knew. A safe return to them to Indian Summer in this our own country. . . .

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News from our boys in service is eagerly awaited. Bill Griffith, we have just learned, is in Tampa, Florida, at Drew Field.

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Al Hill writes eloquently—and we do mean eloquently—of life in the army. Al is stationed at Nashville. Looks as though the war is developing a few Private Hargroves among us. So far, though, it seems as though our boys have become as interesting stylists as the private at Fort Bragg without getting into quite so much trouble.

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Bill Draper writes interestingly of the North country. He and his buddies have made themselves lamps, using grease and rope wicks—similar to those of our pioneering forebears. A little sooty, reports Billy, but they do the trick. The days are not so long now in the Far North.

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"Sacky" Sackriter, now in the Hawaiian Islands, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

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Cards were received from Rosalyn Hawkins the other day, telling of her enjoyment of California. She lives in Hollywood and is working in the purchasing department of an aircraft factory.

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Evelyn Jendry has returned to her duties as switchboard operator after an illness which sent her to the hospital for a time.

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Ruth Liestman came home, reluctantly, she says, from a vacation trip that took her to Atlantic City and Philadelphia. That's the way with vacations, isn't it. Ruth—they are always too short. Ruth saw Staff Sergeant W. E. Harris (Earl, to us) in the course of her travels and reports that he is well and flourishing.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON PAGE 11

"JOSEPHINE"

Becomes Pet at Plant 3 Because of
Anticipated "Bow-Wow Event"

Josephine is the sensation at Plant 3 just now. She became the sporting center of the boys and girls who are always thirsting for excitement, and Josephine unknowingly and unintentionally came along just in time to relieve the gang from the "After the World Series" doldrums, and became the outlet for relief of a desire for something out of the ordinary. Josephine happens to be a little brown dog. The name she bears gives her sex without any unnecessary enlargement at our hands. In fact, Josephine has enlarged on it herself, and she accepts the condition with canine audacity and shamelessness. If she is not going to have pups, all signs fail at Plant 3.

And that's what aroused the sporting instincts at Plant 3. There is always some one around to "betcha" one way or the other, and here was Josephine at the psychological moment with plenty of sports who never overlook an opportunity to "take a chance." In this case the question of the day is what will Josephine contribute to increase the canine population. Some say there will be one, some say two, in fact there are up to twenty-nine combinations that the opportunists have figured out that Josephine may have, and this includes the possibility of a "False Alarm."



EVERETT PIPPIN WITH "JOSEPHINE"

In the meantime, Josephine unconcernedly trails along at Everett Pippin's heels until he goes home, after which she honors the guards with her presence, taking time out only to make occasional trips to the cafeteria, where she is likewise a favorite. Before the next issue of the Record the momentous question should be settled, and we hope to be able to announce at that time just who figured out the lucky score.

THE BARGAIN COLUMN

Use It For the Sale or Exchange of
Articles or For Something You Want

Don't forget the bargain column. It is free to you and will prove profitable if used regularly and at the right time. One insertion is not always enough. All experienced advertisers know this. It is as true of the big papers as it is of the Mueller Record. On the other hand one insertion frequently produces the desired result, as has been proved many times in this publication. We wrote to a number of our advertisers after the September issue had been printed to find, if possible, what results had followed the appearance of advertisements.

W. A. Mueller answered that he discontinued his advertisement for the sale of a lot in Maryland Heights because he had decided to hang on to the lot a little longer. We rather suspect that Bill scents a rise in values.

Fred Mathis wrote that he got results in short order from his advertisement for sale of his Laundry Queen electric washer and for fruit jars that he also advertised. He asked that his advertisement be discontinued. Fred priced the Laundry Queen washer at \$40. Hope you got it, Fred.

Russell Short reports that his Maytag motor and motor scooter were not sold by the advertisement he carried but had several callers on account of his bargain column.

Basil Mason offered a kitchen sink and drain board and completed a sale as a result. The small garden cultivator included in the advertisement was not sold. It is being advertised again in this issue.

These are only a few instances of what is being accomplished. The Bargain Column is a good medium for the sale or exchange of articles.

Try it. If it does not give you results you have lost nothing. If it gives you results it has cost you nothing and you are ahead of the game.

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SAFETY FIRST

Clarence Hays of the printing department was absent for several days with what threatened to become a felon on his forefinger. It developed, however, to be an infection resulting from an injury, which had not been given serious consideration in the beginning. No matter how slight the injury it should always be given immediate attention. Even a pin prick, when blood follows the injury, may develop a dangerous complication all of which may become serious. This is not to say that Clarence did not give attention to his injury, but he affords the opportunity of making him "a horrible example" for the benefit of others.

PASSED HIS FIRST YEAR



David Dwayne Oberline

This good natured little fellow is David Dwayne Oberline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oberline, 2598 North Church street. David was a year old September 24th, and was nine months old when this picture was taken. His proud father has worked in Department 8 for seven years. David has a sister, Audrey, who is four years old and the two are real pals. John Gray of the Grinding Department is David's grandfather.

"KITTY" WILKIN COMES TO TOWN

J. M. (Kitty) Wilkin and wife were in Decatur for brief visit early in October. At the present time they are located in Portland, Oregon, where "Kitty" is an inspector in an ammunition plant. After leaving Illinois they lived for a time in Los Angeles and later went to Oregon. The greatest difficulty there has been to secure suitable living quarters, which are scarce and high priced if accommodation happens to be available. They had some assurance that upon returning they would secure an apartment that would satisfy them. Despite this difficulty they are much pleased with the city and surroundings. Kitty said he got a big kick out of being an inspector. "I know something about it," he said. "I remember in the last war how those inspectors rode me—now I am doing some of the riding."

One of the objects of the visit to Illinois was to locate a farm, which would indicate an intention to return to the soil. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin looked well, happy and contented. Kitty asked that his good wishes be extended to friends in the Mueller organization of which he was a member for a number of years.

OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT AND ON THE WAY

HARRY SACKRITER



Harry Sackriter

Who is this fine looking soldier? We all knew him when on duty here, but on duty in the army seems to have made a change in him. At least three persons in a group of five failed to identify him, yet he had a wide acquaintance in the organization and was in nearly every department daily. The photograph is of none other than Harry Sackriter, familiarly "Sacky" to his intimates. Harry has been in the service for the past nineteen months. A wonderful change has taken place. Here "Sacky" showed no signs of the flesh gathering inclination as shown in the picture. "Sacky" is now in the Hawaiian Islands. He has been there for something more than two months. He had worn a sergeant's stripe for some time before moving across the Pacific but now he has been promoted to staff sergeant. We hear that he was advised to go into the officers school for something higher but he preferred to "stick with the boys."

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IN MARINE CORPS



Vincent Edwin Riley

Van Edwin Riley, who has been with the company since May 1941, checked out on October 7 to become a Marine. Van and his brother, John Allen, signed up with a contingent of fifty men from Decatur and central Illinois, who formed a special Stephen Decatur detachment, and left Friday, October 9 for San Diego.

Van has worked in the plumbing division, the tool room, and more recently at Plant 3 during his sixteen months with us. His brother, John, did not work here, but their father, Barney Riley, has been with the company about twenty years. He is at the present at Plant 2. A sister, Katherine, works at Plant 3.

Captain Charles E. Lighter, State Recruiting Officer for the Marine Corps, was in Decatur to administer the oath to this group of Marines, assisted by officers from the Chicago headquarters. The Chicago Guard presented the colors and the entire ceremony was broadcast over WSOY.

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MYERS HARRISON



Myers Harrison

Myers Harrison is located at Belleville temporarily. He left October 8 but has not yet been permanently assigned to any training camp. Myers proved a problem when it came to fitting him with army wearing apparel. The shortness of his arms made it impossible to fit him with shirts and he is now awaiting delivery of that garment which was made specially. He came home for a brief furlough last Sunday and at that time had no tip as to his future headquarters or to which branch of the service he will finally be assigned. Myers is twenty years of age and a brother of Mary Ruth Oliver of the Main Office. His first few days at Belleville convinced him that the food and beds were not strictly of the "Palmer House" pattern. Now he says both are fine and his guess is that he has grown an appetite and is so tired at night that he can't stay awake long enough to tell whether the bed is soft or hard. Myers has been with us two years, his last duty being that of assistant to Engineer Cheney at Plant 3.

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DEAN E. GRANT



Dean E. Grant

Dean E. Grant came here in 1941 to help on inventory. That was on June 11 and he stuck around until he entered the service. After his whirl with inventory he was put on a paint job and from that moved to the Ground Key division and later found himself in the laboratory. From there he moved into Works Manager's department as assistant to M. K. Chaney. Later he showed up in the tool room office. All told he was given a real workout but he always turned up with a good record. Dean is a graduate of the Decatur high school. His stepfather and his mother are residents of this city living at 2750 East Garfield. His father, Raymond Grant, is a government inspector at Wilmington, Illinois. Dean enters service in the Coast Guard branch which demands high qualifications. His friends are certain that he will measure up to them.

TED W. SUHMONSKE



Ted W. Suhmonske

Walter Suhmonske, 720 West Olive street. He was born and has always lived in Decatur. Ted was attentive to his duties and made many friends during his connection with this company.

Ted W. Suhmonske, who was in the Specialty Division, is in the army now some place but his friends are not advised just where. He checked out a week or ten days ago, said good bye to his friends and shortly afterward took up his military duties. He had been with us little over a year and was employed in the Specialty Division for general work. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs.

FERDEN HERRIED



Ferden Herreid

employed in the home plant, his previous record being satisfactory. He was well equipped for any of the positions he filled and should make a good soldier as he seems to have a foundation for that profession. His record shows that he attended Georgia Military academy and Onargo Military school. His record with us is a good one and he leaves behind him many friends who wish him well.

Ferden Herried was among those checking out recently to go into the service. He joined us in 1940 for inventory work and was later a packer in the shipping room, transferring from there to the Ground Key division, but was temporarily laid off when slack times came around the corner. In November 1941 he was sent to the Columbian Iron works. In May of this year he was re-em-

CHARLES MOORE



Charles Moore

Charles Moore, 1028 West Macon street, has been accepted for service in the army. At the age of twenty years he volunteered his services. Charles has been a member of our organization for a little over two years. He began in Department 8 but was later transferred to Plant 3 where he has

since been employed. At the time he checked out he had no idea of where he would be stationed for training. That is one thing that those entering the service never learn until the last minute. Army officers are never chummy with inductees about matters of this kind.

MELVIN HAYES



Melvin Hayes

ing is a closed book. Besides being a machine operator Melvin is something of a golf player, a fact which he demonstrated in the golf tourney at the 1940 picnic. He entered that contest and if that fact did create a sensation among the other entries it did later when the scores were figured. Melvin not only wound up in first place but he carried home with him the trophy which he held for a year. This is recalled in the hope that he shoots his machine gun as good as he does the golf balls there will be a few less Nazis and Japs to worry us.

Melvin Hayes has checked out and went to Peoria last Friday to complete the formality necessary to enter the service. Melvin has been with us for three and a half years, working in Departments 8 and 70. Speaking of his prospective service he said that he preferred the navy or marines but deferred to parental preference and accepted the army. Of course his assignment for training

JOE IS IN FLORIDA



Joe Fleckenstein

This card was posted on the bulletin board for the benefit of his freinds and acquaintances. It bears the date of September 28 and says:

"Howdy, Boys. Well, I am in Florida now, about six miles from Tampa. It is pretty nice weather down here but too darn far from home. The place is not entirely built up yet. When it is the going will be better. This is a hello card for all of you

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Joe Fleckenstein, who was a member of the Shipping Department force, got away and was in the army before many of his friends knew of the fact. He was inducted on August 28th and two weeks later he was on his way, pulling up at Drew Field, Florida, from which point his friends are receiving cards and letters. Among these is Orville German, one of Joe's "Buddies" in the shipping room.

TWO MORE IN SERVICE



Mention was made in the last issue of Mueller Record of Norman True and Orville Tennison having joined the navy. Half-tones were in process of production but were received too late to accompany the article. They are shown above. Both of these young men are now in training at Great Lakes.

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guys. Hope you will drop me a line to the address on the other side, if you have a large enough envelope."

Here is the address, to which Joe refers:

Pvt. F. J. Fleckenstein, 36,069,631,
Co. T. Barracks #2,
Signal Corps, unassigned,
Attached 50 1st SAWR,
Drew Field, Florida.

After reading all that, one would scarcely be in the humor of writing Joe if it were not for the fact that he is a fine young fellow and has lots of friends. Don't blame the address on Joe as it is no fault of his. It is just a sample of the military thirst for detail. However, it seems necessary in the service. It will be noted that Joe is in the Signal Corps of the army. In cards to other friends he tells them he is feeling fine, having a good time.

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DELMAR BAUM



Delmar Baum

Delmar Baum left Friday 16th for Peoria for induction. He has been with us for about seven years and has been switched about quite a bit. He worked with Custodian Trimmer at the Lodge, was then in the grinding room, then at Chattanooga for a while, next at Plant 3 and lately in the tool room. He lived at 865 North Mercer street and is the father of three children, oldest nine years. He says they have a good home and will be well taken care of. Delmar told us that he did not expect to return from Peoria to this city. "So long as I

TWO BREEZY LETTERS

Private Albert L. Hill Tells Us About His First Month in the Army



Albert L. Hill

Letters from our soldier boys did not come in flocks since our last issue, but Private Albert L. Hill, Medical Department, stationed at Nashville, Tenn., leaped into the breach with two very interesting letters, giving his experience and opinions on his first month in the army. Abstracts of his letters follow. They were interesting enough to print in full but space limitation prevents that.

September 27, 1942.

Hello, Gang.

How are you all Northerners? Isn't that good English? However, that's all you hear down here is "we-all, us-all and you-all, etc." I'm still working at my old job and I like it better all the time. I still haven't done any marching, and now I believe I won't have to do any.

I hope not for those shoes of mine feel like they weighed about 20 lbs. Can't understand why they weigh so much. I wear only size 10. They must plan on this war lasting for a while because the soles are at least an inch and a half thick. Okay—maybe not quite, but almost.

It has rained off and on for seven days. One day the temperature is almost 70 degrees, and the next day it is down to around 45 degrees. Think I'll talk to the Colonel and see if he can't move this camp further South where it is warmer or see if I can't go home and fire the furnace this winter.

I went to town last night, and the streets were really covered with soldiers. No kidding—I'll bet there were four soldiers to every civilian.

We can ride to town and back for a dime. That's not bad, being about three and a half miles from Nashville.

They really have good food down here. During the last week we had chicken, roast beef and pork and today we had turkey for

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must go," he said. "I prefer to be sent at once to my assignment. I have no choice of service. I am to be a soldier and that means that I take orders and carry them out to the best of my ability." When told that Wayne Leroy Moore and Emil John Bork were rejected and sent home and that he might have the same luck, his answer was: "I hope that I have no such bad luck." Should make a good soldier.

BOWLING TEAMS BUSY

First Ten Games Show Works Managers Crew In the Lead

The bowlers are at it again. They got going too late to note the fact in our September issue of the Record, and have been banging away at the pins ever since. In the first five weeks the Works Managers team and the Pattern Makers have been changing first and second places like two league teams fighting for first place to settle which one should have the privilege of playing the American team for the World's Championship. Insofar as the Mueller Record is concerned we will begin the season with the last official report of Wednesday, October 14th. Here follows the team standings and the ten high bowlers on that date.

Teams Standing—October 13, 1942

	G	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
1. Works Mgr. Office	15	9	6	.600	791
2. Tool Makers	15	9	6	.600	776
3. Pattern Shop	15	9	6	.600	755
4. Bombers	15	8	7	.533	770
5. Specialty Division	15	8	7	.533	730
6. Repair Dept.	15	6	9	.400	762
7. Tank Busters	15	6	9	.400	752
8. Products Engineers	15	5	10	.333	753

Ten High Bowlers

	G.	A.	H.G.
1. W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Office	12	184	234
2. A. Flaughner, Tool Makers	15	180	209
3. A. Blankenburg, Bombers	12	178	217
4. A. Werdes, Products Engineers	12	177	229
5. H. Stratman, Specialty Division	15	171	211
6. W. Edwards, Repair Dept.	12	171	217
7. R. Hill, Specialty Division	11	170	212
8. A. Thompson, Tank Busters	14	166	213
9. B. Taylor, Tank Busters	12	166	200
10. O. C. Keil, Products Engineers	9	163	189
C. Enloe, Tool Makers	14	163	188
E. Blankenburg, Pattern Shop	8	163	209

Make-up of Teams

For the benefit of the bowling fans we give the make-up of the eight contending teams.

Works Mgr. Office: W. Behrns, L. Masterson, L. Wiant, M. Coates, H. Gragg, O. Keller, C. Bauer.

Tool Makers: A. Flaughner, C. Enloe, H. Leipski, R. Mueller, C. Kush, J. Freeman, C. Roarick.

Pattern Shop: E. Blankenburg, L. Skelley, C. Morenz, G. Krag, O. Fortschneider.

D. Amman, K. Morrow.

Bombers: A. Blankenburg, L. Adams, L. Roe, J. Taylor, H. Maddo, C. Craft, R. Caudle.

Specialty Division: H. Stratman, R. Hill, M. Stratman, W. Frantz, E. Drew, F. Alexander.

Repair Dept.: W. Edwards, D. Reidelberger, P. Kelley, R. Taylor, C. Girard, J. Boyer.

Tank Busters: A. Thompson, B. Taylor, C. Curry, L. Kramer, E. Krumsiek, B. Butt, D. Holmes.

Products Engrs.: A. Werdes, O. C. Keil, W. Doherty, W. Bowan, O. C. Draper, E. Fawley, F. Mueller.



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dinner. I got weighed last night and I've gained six pounds since I came down here. I really feel swell; maybe due to my going to bed at a certain time and getting up early.

Your friend, Al.

Hello, Everybody:

It is your old friend, Doctor Hill, again. Just call me "Doc" for short.

It still is raining down here. It rained five days last week and turned pretty cold. I even put on my "long arms". (Long underwear to youse.) That is what they call them in the army.

While I'm thinking of it, I wish to acknowledge letters from Helen Brannan, Marjorie Tatham, Dorothy Cooper, and last but not least, Dorothy Gepford. I wish to thank all of you for them. You don't know what it means to get mail from home.

Boy I was sure surprised to get a letter from Helen Nordheim of the New York office. Thanks a lot, Dorothy Cooper.

I have been in the army a month today. The time has sure gone fast, and yet it seems like a year since I was home.

I'm not a bit sorry that I joined. The officers here are swell to us, and we still have swell food.

I can almost hear Otha Mills laughing down here and saying, "I told you so." Yes, Otha, I'll admit the Cardinals won the World Series, but I still think the best team didn't win.

I just got through writing Joe Fleckenstein a letter. I guess he ended up in the signal corps in Florida.

Still working at my old job.

We began drill last Thursday, only about 40 minutes a day. The captain said that as soon as we could march we would only have to drill an hour a week. We don't have to go on long hikes yet. I'm sure glad that is out although I don't mind just drilling. It is kind of fun. I think by the end of this week we will be through drilling daily.

Your friend, Al.

P.S. I thought I would remind you that

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DEATHS

August Chepan

August Chepan, 61, father of Herman Chepan, one of the foremen at Plant 3, passed away October 6. He had been ill since last January. He was a retired brass worker.

Mr. Chepan was born in Decatur. On March 19, 1900, he was married to Miss Katherine Bain. She, with six sons and two daughters, survives him. The children are: Charles, Herman, William, Elmer of Decatur, Edwin and Francis of Peoria; Mrs. George Koscielny of Decatur and Mrs. Ivan Lowe of Los Angeles. There also remain seven grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

The funeral services were held in the Moran Chapel, with burial at Graceland cemetery.

Homer David Personette

Homer David Personette, 55, Rt. 1, the father of Paul Personette, station wagon chauffeur, died October 2 in Stonington. Mr. Personette was a former grocer. He was born in Logansport, Indiana, the son of Myron and Ella Personette, who survive him.

He was twice married, to Miss Nannie Mathews who died in 1936 and to Miss Trena Buffington. He leaves his parents, his widow and six children, Paul W., Evelyn, Delores and Mrs. Vera Miller, all of Decatur. Carl, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Mary Woodall, Mt. Zion. There are also two brothers, Beecher, Decatur, and Walter of Atwood, two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Baker, Macon, and Mrs. Fern Clark, Montrose, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the Dawson and Wikoff Chapel, with interment in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood.

Mrs Zeke Woolfe

Mrs. Verna Woolfe, 37, wife of Zeke Woolfe, Plant 3, died in the Decatur Public Hospital October 9.

Mrs. Woolfe was born May 18, 1905, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lancaster. She and Zeke Woolfe were married in 1923. She is survived by her husband and four children, Virginia, Donald, Rosemary and Ruby, as well as her mother, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held from the Macon Presbyterian Church, with burial in the Macon cemetery.

FLASH !! - BORN —

Thursday, Oct. 22—Josephine whelped five "girls" equalling the Dionne record—and one "boy" for good measure.

Bets are being paid

BIRTHS

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gowan September 19 a daughter in D. & M. C. Hospital. The young lady has been named Nancy Joan. Her father is a member of the Plant 3 organization.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Personette in St. Mary's Hospital a son. The boy has been named Victor Ward. Paul is one of our popular chauffeurs.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Wannie Tippitt September 28 a son in St. Mary's Hospital. Kenneth Lee is the name chosen for the new arrival. The baby's father is at Plant 3.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown an 8-pound son on September 9 at St. Mary's Hospital. He has been named Jack Nelson. Vernon works at Plant 3 and has been with this organization since August of 1936.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Budd, Rt. 6, October 12 in St. Mary's Hospital, a daughter. She has been named Elma Louise. The father is employed at Plant 3.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roarick, Rt. 3, a daughter, in St. Mary's Hospital on October 11. The little miss will be known as Linda Lee. Raymond works in the tool room.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rotz, Harristown, in D. & M. C. Hospital a son on October 11. Marshall is employed in Plant 3. The baby has been named James Marshall.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Bafford, October 2, a son in D. & M. C. Hospital. Hallie is also a member of the Plant 3 force.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Burt-schi, St. Mary's Hospital, September 28, 1942, a son, named James Joseph Burt-schi. This arrival makes our James Thorpe a grandfather for the second time.

PROFESSIONAL NOW

Now the Mueller Bowling League is in the professional class. The new uniforms are here—bright blue shirts. On the back is the name "Mueller Co." in red letters and on the pocket the wearer's given name in red. Swell outfits.

American workers have a big job to do to supply Army Air Forces flexible gunnery schools with 40,000 rounds of ammunition daily in the training of gunners for America's

BUY STAMPS

BUY BONDS

BUY NOW

DELMONT PARKS

Amos Parks, watchman at the Monroe street Club House, has a letter from son A. D. (Delmont) Parks who has recently been at Maxfield, Alabama, giving him the pleasant information that he has passed his final examinations in aviation and is looking forward to the time when he will be awarded his wings. He has yet to go through with his final tests and then will be ready for service. Delmont has gone through with his pre preliminary work with flying colors and his friends feel that he will do the same thing when he gets to flying.

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JIM WORKMAN'S CARD

James W. Workman, who left late in August in answer to the call of arms is located at Fort McClelland, Alabama, according to cards now coming back to friends. The last one to Robert Blue, was dated October 11. Jim is listed as Pvt. James W. Workman, Co. L, 15th Battalion, 5th Regiment, 4th Platoon. He says that he has only been out of camp once since located because there is nothing outside which interests him. The flashy postcard shows that Jim has a taste for fine art. It represents a gentleman in the center of four mules holding aloft a large "cold one" just ready to put it down the hatch. Jim sends good luck wishes to his friends.

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TURNED DOWN

Wayne Leroy and Emil John Bork went to Peoria for their examinations but the board looked them over and decided that they did not measure up to army requirements. There was no way to convince the members of the board that they did not "know their onions" so the boys said goodbye and came back home. Wayne and Emil went back to their places in Plant 3.

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TELL US ABOUT IT

You can make the Record lots more interesting if you will let us see cards and letters received from "Mueller Boys" now in the service or give us a line or two from them. They all have friends in the organization what want to hear from them, their impressions of army life and what they are doing. We suggest that those who receive news from the front give us an inkling of what the boys write about. Of course they will be so handled that private or confidential statements will be excluded.

Will you cooperate?

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there are only 79 more days until Christmas.

O.K., Troy, go ahead and count them, for I know you will try and find a mistake.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Scout Troop that does not go hiking a lot is a poor one, we say. And so, Troop 2 stands pretty high as a camping troop. Every month—rain or shine—these hardy hikers go somewhere. September was a good test of their hardiness. The big Council Camporee was held in Pana, September 25, 26, and 27. Through the generosity of Mr. Adolph Mueller we were able to use his station wagon in addition to the truck for hauling the boys down.

Once on the spot in beautiful Kitchell Park, camp was quickly set up. It was dark and cold, and by midnight a light rain had set in. Imagine our surprise when we got up next morning to find only a small part of the many troops in the Council on the grounds. In view of the cold weather evidently many could not "take it". The Troop Two-ers certainly have learned good Scouting for there were no complaints of leaky tents, cold beds, or sickness—quite a contrast to the flood we had in this same park in 1938. The meals were generous and well balanced. Everyone had lots of fun and wanted to stay longer.

Saturday evening as a part of the campfire program our Sea Scouts assisted members of the S.S.S. Amberjack in conducting a Ship Opening and Apprentice Investiture. Sunday morning all marched downtown to church for special services or mass. In the closing ceremonies Sunday afternoon, Troop

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Neither Here Nor There

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Addie Hambleton of the Purchasing Dept. has been spending an October vacation in Iowa with relatives. Nice days for traveling, say we.

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October 11 was a Red Letter Day for the Harrison and Oliver families when Hilbert came home from Jefferson Barracks and Myers was home from Scott Field. It was quite an occasion that both boys were able to get leave the same week-end.

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WEDDINGS

Shuler-Cline

Miss Mary Elizabeth Shuler became the bride of Earl E. Cline, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Cline on September 26 in the rectory of St. Thomas' church, with Fr. Andrew Smith officiating. Attendants were Betty Elliott and John Marty. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shuler of Owaneco. She attended Eastern State Teachers' College and was graduated from the Decatur and Macon County Hospital school of nursing.

The groom, well known to the Mueller organization, attended St. Josephs' College. He is with the Barber-Coleman Company of Rockford, in which city the newlyweds will make their home.

“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: A piano, old fashioned, but fair condition, good tone. Just the thing for girl or boy taking music lessons. Call 988 W. View. Price reasonable.

FOR SALE—A used metal bed for dump truck. In good condition.—Frank Edmonson, Main office.

FOR SALE: Bed springs and dresser in good condition. Phone 2-0819 or call at residence, 924 North Warren street, or see Thomas Mudd (1124) watchman at Foundry, 2 to 10 p. m. except Mondays.

FOR SALE: Dining Room Set—8-piece walnut. Good condition, Price \$35.00. See Wayne H. Ford, Munitions Dept., or write Route 6, Decatur, Illinois.

FOR SALE: Kelvinator ice refrigerator, 100 lbs. capacity, porcelain lined, good condition. See Harold Henry, Plant 2, or call at first house after road curves beyond Mueller Heights.

FOR SALE: One French door in perfect condition, size 2'6" x 6'8". H. A. Wacaser.

FOR SALE: Small rotary garden cultivator. These will be hard to find in the spring. Better grab this chance. Basil Mason, phone 2-3866.

FOR SALE—Two men's bicycles, good condition. See Robert L. Pope, Mercer Street Gate, or call 3-3374.

WANTED

WANTED—A Model “T” truck rear end. E. W. Connors, Plant 3.

WANTED—Girl's used bicycle for girl 8 to 10 years old. Address Frank Edmonson, Main office.

WANTED TO BUY: A girl's bicycle. Wayne Wright, Dept. 90.

WANTED TO BUY: Anvil, 100 lbs. or larger; ½ to 4 H.P., 4 cycle gasoline engines. Otis Fears, Shipping Room, Clock No. 4729.

WANTED: To rent or buy a Royal typewriter. See Cecil Short, Dept. 306, Clock No. 30022.

CONVENTIONS

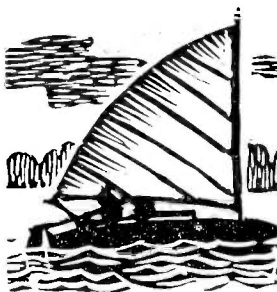
Walter Auer was in Chicago early in October attending the Restaurant Men's Convention. Walt had an experience in getting to register at the Palmer House. This required over an hour of tedious waiting while a weary line a block long edged forward a few inches at a time to the clerk's desk. With two of the biggest hotels in the city taken over by the government Chicago is somewhat at a loss to furnish accommodations.

Mr. Elmer Miller attended the War Department's School for Bomb Reconnaissance Agents at Herrin, Illinois, September 28 and 29. He was accompanied by Mrs. Miller.

Walter Bowan and Marion Pippin attended the meeting of the National Metal Congress in Cleveland on October 12 and 13.

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Two received the Grade “A” steamer for top notch camping. Nice going, Scouts! Jerry Yonker, Archie Seton, and Howard Dempster were the committeemen who drove us there and back. Thanks, men, for your help.



October 12th was “Columbus Night” in the troop with the entire program put on in nautical style by our Sea Scouts. Fine bunch, these Sea Scouts! And those new blue uniforms make them quite handsome. The Skipper took snapshots of them recently and if they come out good maybe we can print one in the next issue. Quite a bit of sailing is being done to teach the men how to handle the boat. The accompanying cut does not do justice to the trim little boat, but it gives you an idea how it looks. It is a fast sailer in a good breeze and cannot be tipped over easily.

There has been quite a bit of advancement lately, and four Scouts were at the October Board of Review. Bobby Hughes got Safety Merit Badge. Cecil Snow, Billy Hughes, and Brownie Blakeman received Second Class rank.

A lot of civic service is being done lately in connection with the United War Drive and other war activities. Bobby and Billy Hughes and Cecil Snow are our hardest workers, getting in a lot of hours at it.

The Scout salute to our newest Tenderfoot—Jimmie Myers. He met his Tenderfoot requirements almost perfect. Jimmie has lined up with the Creeping Panther Patrol. We have three new recruits—Richard Vandever, Parker Fenton, and Cecil Snow's brother. The troop sure is growing. All we need now is a good Cub Pack. Are any mothers or dads of younger boys interested?



“That wrestler doesn't look it, but he's strong as a horse.”

“Can you imagine that?”

“That's not imagination, that's my sense of smell.”—Wall Street Journal.

Shall I hold on with both hands to every paltry possession?

All I have teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

—Emerson.