

# MUELLER RECORD

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## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

### Mueller Record Proves to be a Good Medium at No Cost to You

In the February Inside Record George Lebo inserted the following advertisement in our Bargain Column:

**FOR SALE:** a two wheel Garden plow with surface attachment. All in good condition. Prospective gardeners should not overlook this opportunity. Telephone 2-0831 or call 1525 North Clinton Street.

After the last issue was distributed George phoned a request that the advertisement be discontinued. A day or two after the advertisement appeared George sold his two wheel garden plow but neglected or forgot to discontinue the "adv." He has had other opportunities to sell garden plows but he had none in stock. George in his phone call said that he had been at a loss to know who to call.

This little item gives us opportunity to emphasize two things. We want all employees to use the Bargain Column to make known desires to buy, sell, rent, or any other thing which is given publicity in a regular newspaper. After a reasonable number of appearances or in case your "adv." does what you want it to, kindly notify us for discontinuance. Do this by phone, note or orally. Address or call C. N. Wagenseller, Editor of Mueller Record. Remember the Bargain Column is for you to use and that there is **POSITIVELY NO COST TO YOU.**

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## A POINTER

Troy Roush is one of our most persistent and successful anglers. The following is published for his benefit and in the thought that it may help him out when the stories by other fishermen grow larger and larger.

"Yes, the fish I caught was too small to bother with, so I got a couple of men to help me throw it back into the water."

## MATT TROTT ILL

Matt Trott was on duty and the next day he was home sick and a day later in the hospital for a heart examination. He has since been confined to his home bed and the latest word is that he will be there for the next six or eight weeks. The last report is that he is coming along nicely and it is believed that quiet and rest will put him back on his feet. Good news to his friends.

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Bobby Gates has recently been confined to the hospital suffering with a strained back. Roy Wood of the Foundry office was a like sufferer and compelled to spend some time in the hospital.

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## THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT

Blue Lusk was annoyed by a leak in the roof during a recent rain storm. He proceeded on a self-conducted tour of investigation and was so intent on finding the leak that he overlooked a nearby skylight and stepped on it. Naturally he went through and later picked himself off the floor eight feet below. "Never touched me", protested Blue, but I did get a few insignificant scratches."

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Walter Behrns, foreman of the core room, made a sudden get-away, and it was learned a day later that he was in the hospital for an appendectomy operation. He withstood this OK and is on the way to recovery and active duty as usual.

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## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, R. F. D. 3, on September 17 a son, Samuel Howard, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fears, R. F. D. 4, on September 22, a son in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCoy, R. F. D. 5 on September 25 a son, Benny Leroy, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Byers, R. F. D. 3 September 27, twin sons in St. Mary's Hospital.

## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Some Ruminations From a Small Corner  
of the Home Front)

As we write the world is observing, in some fashion or other, Columbus Day. Quite a person, Christopher Columbus, who demonstrated that there is virtue even in just ordinary, plain garden variety stubbornness.

Come to think of it, the demarcation line between determination and stubbornness, between resolution and wilfulness can't be very wide. We doubt that even one of our engineers' micrometers could catch the hairbreadth boundary.

This is the season of harvest, when one has considerable satisfaction in checking over the jars of canned fruits and vegetables in the basement. The frost is definitely on the pumpkins now, if the pumpkins are outside and not being made into Halloween party refreshments.

Our seed catalog enthusiasm is beginning early. Only it's roses that we are thinking about ordering for Fall planting. One description promises that 25 rose bushes will supply several hundred bouquets of hybrid tea roses during a season, each bouquet to contain at least six flowers. Pre-hatching calculations on hen fruit were never like this.

Almost as interesting as garden catalogs are the cook books, especially if they are illustrated in color. The power of the printed word, we realize all over again, is beyond estimation. And so is human credulity. We always expect the cakes and roasts to look exactly like the pictures.

Vacations have been in order for the Dorothys. Dorothy Gepford, postmistress extraordinary, vacationed the week of September 25. The week was somewhat marred, however, by the illness of her mother, Mrs. S. R. Gepford. Mrs. Gepford was in St. Mary's hospital for a time but is now improved and returned to her home.

Dorothy Cooper and her father, J. A. Cooper, have been enjoying a vacation in Chicago and Bucyrus, Ohio. Dorothy's brother Tom is stationed at Camp Millard in Bucyrus. It has been a pleasant reunion for the Coopers.

Dorothy Taylor Autenrieth of the Personnel office has left us. We miss her bright locks and cheery smile, especially when she sometimes "buzzed" us through the trick door beside the Employment office.

The new member of the Advertising Department staff is Marjorie Collins. She is a daughter of Harry and Ruth Cruse who are at Plant 3. Her husband, Raymond P. Collins, was a Mueller employee before going into military service. The sign on the door-mat says "Welcome", Marjorie.

Ruby Dodwell was a vacationer, too, during the week of October 8.

Katherine Taylor has returned to the Traffic Department where she succeeds Donna Hinton who accepted a railroad office position. Katherine's desk in the Order department has been taken over by Eleanor Balding, formerly Eleanor Bean, of Blue Mound. Eleanor is another of our service wives, her husband, Lt. Willard V. Balding, being in the Army medical corps.

Evelyn Thompson has been a-vacationing, also. She was in Chicago for several days, shopping, sight-seeing, attending the theatre. She set out on her adventures in the big city October 13, a lucky day after all.

As for us, we believe we'll have to spend a little time looking up vases and baskets and maybe just tin cans for those 327 bouquets of roses that we will be cutting next season. With that many blossoms it might be that we could graduate from just "bouquets" to the "arrangements" that professional decorators talk about. See you in the West section of the rose garden.



## BOWLING

The bowling season is now well under way and already blistering hot. Following is the standing of teams, and the high bowlers up to and including October 10th.

	G	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
Works Mgr. Off.....	6	5	1	.833	824
Pattern Shop .....	6	5	1	.833	753
Main Office .....	6	4	2	.667	762
Product Eng. ....	6	3	3	.500	732
Targets .....	6	3	3	.500	722
Gunners .....	6	3	3	.500	689
Tool Makers .....	6	1	5	.167	724
Specialty Div. ....	6	0	6	.000	728

## TEN HIGH BOWLERS

	G	Ave.	H.G.
Wiant, Works Mgr. Off. ....	6	186	257
Taylor, Gunners .....	6	175	193
Adams, Gunners .....	5	172	215
Stratman, Spec. Div. ....	6	171	191
White, Main Office .....	6	170	187
Flaughter, Works Mgr. Off. ....	6	168	193
Bowan, Product Eng. ....	5	165	229
Curry, Tool Makers .....	5	165	183
Edwards, Spec. Div. ....	6	164	183
J. Bain, Works Mgr. Off. ....	6	163	191





and your thoughtfulness so very much. I enjoy them immensely.

I was an employe at the Chattanooga plant and look forward to reading the "Chattanooga Chatter". I have been in the service now almost eight months. During this time I have completed my boot training and finished a sixteen week course in electrician's meter school at Bainbridge, Md. I volunteered for submarine service and am here in New London waiting to start sub school. This atmosphere up here really makes a fellow proud to be in the service.

Thanking you again and again for the very interesting Mueller Records. I will be looking forward for the next issue.

Very Sincerely,  
L. G. O'Neal, Jr.

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## WINS HIGH HONORS

### Donald E. Wade Made Honor Man at Great Lakes



Official U.S. Navy Photo

Donald E. Wade, 28, of 459 Longview Place, Decatur, Illinois, was graduated Sept. 23, from basic indoctrination as honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, and will go on recruit leave.

Wade was elected candidate by his fellow blue-jackets and selected honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. He has been recommended to attend Basic Engineering School for further training.

Prior to joining the Navy he was employed as a lathe operator for the Mueller Co.

He spent his leave with his wife and family in Decatur.

In checking up Donald's record in this organization we found that his application for work bore the endorsement of Adolph Mueller. Donald is married and is the father of two children, Judith Elaine, aged 2 years and Ronald Gay, aged 1½ years. He was employed at the munition plant while a member of this company.

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### CORPORAL CHARLES TURNER

We are in receipt of the following letter from Corporal Charles Turner, under date of Sept. 14, 1944:

"Am dropping you a few lines to let you know that I received the July and August issues of Mueller Record and thanks a lot for sending them to me. I enjoy reading

them very much but would like more news from the second shift at Plant 3. Tell them all "Hello" for me, and thank the gang for the long letter I recived from them.

I am located on the island of Oahu, one of the Hawaiians. Can't tell exactly where I am but have seen Pearl Harbor and have coconuts right off the tree and have seen lots of pineapples growing. The weather here is very nice, not too hot in the day time and cool at night. Go swimming in the ocean quite often and also at the famous Waikiki beach. Don't see many grass skirts, only in the store windows. My best wishes to all."

Should any of Charles' friends wish to write him his address is: Corporal Charles Turner, 36780781, 742nd Engineering Base, Equipment Co., A.P.O. 958, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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### ROY F. HARRISON



Roy F. Harrison checked out Saturday, October 7th, as the first step to army service. He is married, his wife having been Flossie Mae Wells. They have one child, Eugene Franklin Harrison, aged 4 years. Roy is a native of Arthur and is 24 years of age. Upon joining the Mueller organiza-

tion, May 27, 1941 to November 14, 1941, he was employed as an assembler in Ground Key department, Plant 1. He was rehired on March 17, 1942, and has been with us since that date.

On re-employment he was assigned to Munition division, Plant 3, and among his fellow workers he acquired the nickname of "Eight-Ball." He is due to report to local board October 17 for induction examination for military service. At the time this was written the induction center and branch of service were not known.

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### GALEN W. JENKINS

Joined us on Nov. 1, 1940 as a temporary employe to help on inventory in the shipping department. After a year he was laid off temporarily on account of work conditions, but on December, 1941, he was transferred to Chattanooga, where he worked in the munition division as an inspector and operator. He returned to Decatur May 1, 1942 and resumed employment here working in several departments, and checked out September 9 to enter the service. His wife was the former Gladys Gilette of Sidney, Illinois. They have one child, Gail Anne Jenkins born Dec. 31, 1943.

## HERE . . . THERE . . . EVERYWHERE

### Mueller Employe Fights, Travels and Has Fun Doing It

Charles Younger, B. Btry, 18th F. A., A. P.O. 252, writes to W. S. Enloe. Charles was a member of this organization from October 21, 1940 to February 15, 1942. He was in the grinding room and foundry. Since joining the army he has seen good chunks of fighting and been in many different countries. His letter is of the "Happy Go Lucky" type and interesting. It follows:

Mr. Bill Enloe,  
C/o Mueller Mfg. Co.,  
Decatur, Illinois.  
Hello, Bill,

I received a copy or several copies of the MUELLER RECORD a few days ago. I don't know any of the people mentioned in it. I did see Ben Taylor's name, about his pants legs. He's quite a guy—lucky man with all of those women around.

The last time I wrote you I was in Sicily, I believe, so I'll tell you a few of the places I've been. The first was Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland. It's been a hell of a long road but we're just about to end all of this foolishness. Then probably go to Japan.

I saw a city lit up when we came through Gibraltar on the Spanish side, the first for about two years. That's quite a while.

Being in England was O.K., only it was too quiet. The buzz bombs probably livened it up a little, but, otherwise, it's like being in the States. The English like the American soldiers, but they didn't like the (censored)

— they brought over with them. You get what I mean, I guess. I'll sign off for now.

Your friend,  
Chuck.

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### THOMAS S. McCOY



This is Thomas S. McCoy. He is in the Army now as his picture indicates. He signed up with us on July 7, 1941 and went to work in the grinding room and was later with the construction department and later worked in the munition department. In his various connections he made a good

record. He checked out to join the navy on

May 17, 1944. McCoy is married and has two children, Jackie Lee McCoy, three years old and Gloria Jean McCoy aged one year.

He is still stationed at Camp Merimar, San Diego, California.

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### RAYBURN VOYLES

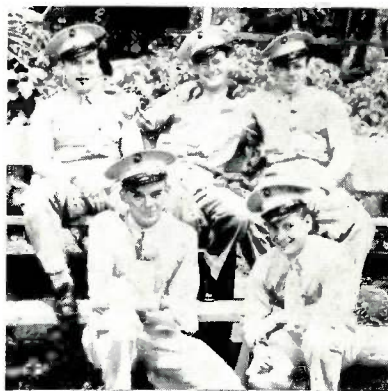
Rayburn Voyles has joined up with Uncle Sam to do his part in putting down the war. He is 24 years old and leaves at home his wife and four children, Rayburn, Evelyn, Patsy and Marshall Lee.

Rayburn is a Decatur boy and had only been with us for three months. He was accepted for seven months limited service and it was his opinion when checking out that he would be put at work boiler making or something in the mechanical line. Rayburn reported for duty Sept. 15. His father, Luther Voyles was a former employe in the foundry. Mrs. Voyles and children expect to remain in Decatur.

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### THE BIG FIVE

Here is a quintette of soldiers from Decatur and near Decatur. They have been pals in Hawaii for two years. In the front row, left to right is: Soldier Roby from Windsor, Ill., Soldier Stole from Dalton City; Back row: Joe Ducey, Decatur; Van Riley, Decatur; Soldier Bivens, Dalton City.



The one person in whom we are most interested is Van Riley. He is known to quite a few of the organization. He is a son of Barney Riley, who has been with Mueller Co., for twenty years at Plant 2 and his sister Kathryn Riley at Plant 3. Van joined the Marines on October 9th, 1942.

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## BONDS

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## BOMBS

# Chattanooga Chatter

Della Mae Call, of the Cost Department, has returned to work after having a tonsillectomy, and her voice hasn't changed one bit.

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New addition to Production Control Department is Elsie Long. She's vivacious and really enlivens the office.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Suggs are the proud parents of Patricia Louise Suggs pictured above. Patricia is five months old and weighs 18½ pounds. Mr. Suggs, better known as Ear'ly, works in the Assembly Department of Plant 1.

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Hugh Baker made a business trip to Decatur the first week in October.

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Don Andrews is on his vacation. He just stayed home "resting up".

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Some new addresses of boys in the service:

Pfc. Louis R. Bates, 34187449, Btry. C., 306 F. A. Bn., A.P.O. 77, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Earl E. Hartman, 34362732, 409 Repl. Co., 398-R, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pvt. Robert E. Harris, 34976450, Infantry Company "M", A.P.O. 15486, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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The men's bowling team got off to a bad start, but we are sure they will pick up soon as they do have a good team. The following are their averages for the twelve games played:

Coventry .....	169
Jolly .....	154
V. Riddle .....	162
Eckman .....	133
Van Vleet .....	135
Pope .....	149

The highest score for one game is 257, bowled by Vance Riddle.

Russell Jolly attended a Safety meeting in Chicago the first week of October.

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Ralph Holder of Plant 2, and Dorothy Ferguson, formerly of Plant 2, were recently married. It must have been love at first sight, as they had eyes for no one else after they met. We wish you both lots of happiness.

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Alton Wells, Plant 2, is in the hospital, the result of a broken leg.

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Rumor has it that a certain couple at Plant 2 will be altaring it soon.

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The girls on the first shift surprised Nick Pursley with birthday gifts last week. He received a lot of nice presents, but was most thrilled with a box of his favorite cigars.

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Mr. Jordan's son who was previously reported missing in action, is now reported as a prisoner of war in Germany.

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Mrs. Mildred Brooks has returned to work after an illness of about three weeks.

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John Tinker, line inspector, second shift, Plant 2, is a new papa and a very proud one too.

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Boys in the service who visited Plant 2 recently:

John Baker is back after 20 months overseas.

Corp. Herman Callahan.  
First Lt. Paul Clark back after overseas duty as a pilot of fighter planes.

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The son of Mrs. Jettie Kelly is home on leave.

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Buy Bonds!

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Sgt. James Igo was a most welcome visitor this week. He is home after about six months overseas. The last four months were spent as a prisoner of war in Romania. He said it was a most uncomfortable feeling to be in prison and to have the American and British planes bombing all around. Sgt. Igo was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

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She's a blond, rather short and has a pleasing personality. She works in the Cost Department and is plenty smart, also very active in young people's work of her church. She's married and just recently she and her husband purchased a most attractive home in Red Bank. Introducing our girl of the month: Muriel Mee.



# LOS ANGELES NEWS

Pete Briock, former maintenance man, home on leave, came in and gave his old pals the lowdown on life in the Navy. He says he would be happy if he could have his family with him. He returned to Farragut to await the opening of a school for further training.

Leonard Johnson has completed "Boot" training in San Diego. He is taking further training in Gulfport, Mississippi. Mrs. Johnson will be with him while he is stationed there.

Theo Hanna of Department 60 has taken a leave of absence to be with her husband, Sgt. Bob Hanna, stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

Are the men really planning on being the home makers when war is over? We hear that Ralph "Gordo" Korte bakes luscious chocolate cakes and Glenn Blize makes super apple cobbler. Dortha backs Glenn up on the cobbler but how about Gordo's cake Mrs. Korte?

Politics is the main topic of conversation. They have set up Roosevelt and Dewey headquarters on the two desks in the Machine shop. Weren't you surprised to discover that Bob Hesselbach is a Democrat? Awah!



Sarah Riffice is the girl Joe Morgan made buy a cake before letting her eat at the same table with him. What do you think fellas?

Ileen Marshall (Department 30) and Cpl. Lawrence Girard of the Marine Corps were married, in All Souls church of Alhambra, Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 P.M. They left for a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, the home of the bridegroom. Cpl. Girard has just returned from the South Pacific where he took part in many major battles.



This lovely bride and handsome groom are Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. McKee. The bride formerly Almeda Thomas (main office) is the daughter of Roy "Tommy" Thomas, foundry. The story of the wedding appeared in last month's Record.

Hazel Rice of the cafeteria had a birthday this month and got all kinds of sweet smelling stuff for gifts. Sweets to the Sweet, Hazel.

Many an interesting discussion takes place before time to go to work of a morning. Now that we have Frank Briski married, would anyone else like to bring us their problems?

## MUELLER CO. BOWLING NEWS

This year Mueller Co. has four teams entered in three different leagues.

In Alhambra on Friday night two teams, Mueller Varsity, Mueller Scrubs, bowl in a Mixed Five Some League. The Varsity is made up of Bill and Margaret Jacob, Ed and Sylvia Wynne, and Howard Craig. The Scrubs are Emmett and Leita Reedy, Tex Polk, Helen Wellman and Doc Oglesby. On the first night of the league the Scrubs lost two points while the Varsity won two.

On the same night in Huntington Park, a team composed of Joe Higbee, Lou Wyant, Ralph Korte, Glenn Blize, and Earl Bright are entered in the South East Center 835 Scratch league. After bowling for three weeks they are all tied up for second place.

Mueller Co. also has a three man team entered in the South Gate 515 Trio League

that is bowling on Thursday nights. This team is made up of Earl Bright, Doc Oglesby and Bill Jacob.

We will report the progress of all our teams every month.



Here we have our first glimpse of William Wayne Miller at the age of seven weeks. His mother Evelyn Miller has been employed in our plating department for more than ten years.

Zua Stoltz says Beth Noble and Orpha Borsz have been having a gay time while Orpha's husband is away. Better give her some hush money Orpha, you know what a gossip she is.

Florence Weston thought it was her popularity causing so many people to speak to her until she discovered the sign Dortha Blize had pinned on her saying, "Just Call Me Stinkie".

### PHOTOGRAPHS FOR RECORD

In sending photographs to the editor of the Mueller Record for use in that publication we suggest that you follow this procedure:

Write the name of the subject.  
Add the name of the sender, giving address or better still, write this information on a piece of paper and attach to the photograph, giving the information above and any additional points of interest.

This is all necessary for the guidance of the editor in writing a few lines to accompany the picture as printed in the Record and is of importance in returning the photograph to the owner.

Please do this!

Interne: Doctor, Mrs. Gotmuch has varicose veins. How can I cure them.  
Doctor: Rubber stockings.  
Interne: What. And get my face slapped.

He: Do you believe in free love.  
She: Yes, but let's go to the movies first.

### DEATHS

#### MICHAEL C. HANRAHAN

Michael C. Hanrahan, retired Mueller employe, died September 12 in his home at 1413 E. Orchard St., at the age of 88 years.

He was a son of the late Michael and Ellen Hannley Hanrahan and was born in Coles county near Mattoon on May 2, 1856. He had spent most of his early life in Coles County where he was married to Lucinda Shafer who died in 1929. He had been a resident of Decatur for almost 40 years. He was employed by Mueller Co. until his retirement in 1930. There are no immediate relatives surviving, as his son Chester (Chet) Hanrahan preceded him in death in 1940.

Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's church with interment in Graceland cemetery.

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#### W. N. MATHEWS

William Nelson Mathews, 77, father of Wilfred A. Mathews, died September 25 in St. Mary's hospital at the age of 77.

Mr. Mathews is survived by two sons, W. A. of Decatur and Pvt. August F. of the army air force at Dyersburg, Tenn., and by two daughters, Mrs. C. W. Dutton, E. St. Louis, and Mrs. C. W. Gideon of Decatur, and by 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Mathews was born in Edinburg and was married in Springfield to Clara Wochner who passed away August 28, 1928. He had been a miner in the Taylorville coal mines, coming to Decatur ten years ago to make his home.

Funeral rites were in St. Patrick's Catholic church with burial in Calvary cemetery.

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#### MRS. MARY J. WATKINS

Mrs. Mary Josephine Watkins, mother of Mrs. W. S. Anderson, passed away September 27 in the D. & M. C. hospital. A long time resident of Pana, she had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for the past four years.

Mrs. Watkins is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Leota Cox, Mrs. C. T. Peterson, all of Decatur, Mrs. Orville Rich of Oak Hill, W. Va., and a son, Minor Watkins of Aurora.

Funeral services were conducted in the Kirkpatrick Funeral Home in Pana, with burial in Linwood cemetery.

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#### J. A. McCONNELL

J. A. McConnell, 81, father of Williar McConnell, and a Findlay farmer, died September 7 in a Moweaqua hospital. He is survived by his widow, his son in Decatur and his son Chester at home, a son Charles of Taylorville, and two daughters, Mr. May White of Moweaqua and Mrs. Le Lindley of Chicago.

Funeral services were conducted in the Prairie Home church with burial in the Bethany cemetery.



# ... SARNIA ...

Recent additions to the office staff: June Curtin and Maida Capes.

Betty Cunningham left October 5th to join her husband Lac Charlie Cunningham at Kapaskasing, in Northern Ontario.

The son of Mr. Conway, territorial sales manager, Captain Jack J. Conway, of Seaforth Highlanders has been awarded the Military Medal for his heroic part in the Italian campaign. Captain Conway has been invalidated home because of wounds received last May 23rd.

Norma Beatton's family were surprised September 30th when Don Beatton called from New York where he'd just docked on return from Scotland and prior to leaving for Europe again. Too bad you were not home, Norma.

Evelyn Duncan had a tough blow Sept. 30th, a week prior to her wedding day. She was driving to work when her car struck a milk truck. Evelyn had facial and ear lacerations and a broken nose. Her fiancée Rus Danby was uninjured.

The bowling season is on but with a different lineup. It seemed familiar to see "MA" White and Lloyd Thomas, but not in their new role as spectators only.

September 25-27, a salesmen's meeting was held in Sarnia. Wm. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson were present and also F/Sgt. Ron Nicolson.

Visitors from the RCAF, namely Ted Campbell (Camp Borden), Murray Taylor (Moncton), Bob Bannister (Barryfield) and Ernest Milner (Dartmouth).

The Upkeep Stock Department wonder why certain of the office staff are so interested in their weight. We wonder what the answer can be?

Flt. Lieut. Douglas from Tabor Alberta visited the factory Saturday to see how the material he had bought was made. He accompanied Hank and Almeda to a baseball game, Polymer Corp. versus Fleet Aircraft of Fort Erie.

Matilda Evers, Packing Department, was rushed to the hospital Saturday, Sept. 30th, for an emergency appendectomy. Edna Pockock, same department, is off on a month's sick leave. Tup must be pretty hard on the help out there.

Jimmy Brent thinks the girls in the De-

troit Burlesque Show are "Shameful Hus-sies"—fun though wasn't it, Jim?

Wonder how Doreen and Tony are getting along. He's not bad Doreen, you lucky girl!

Marjorie Salisbury (Department 14) was married to Earle Atchinson (Bond Room) Sept. 2, at the Cannon Davis Memorial Rectory. Marjorie was becomingly gowned in a blue street length dress and wore a corsage of yellow roses. The attendants were Elaine Fleming (Department 14) and Johnny Maranchuck. Mrs. Atchinson's going away outfit was a blue suit with black accessories. They will reside at 372 Nelson street.

Maida Capes of the office staff was married to Owen Walker October 14. Maida wore a long white dress and carried yellow tea roses. Madelaine, Maida's sister, and Mat Jay attended the couple. The bride's going away outfit was a rust dress with brown accessories. After a honeymoon to Toronto they will reside at 244 Harkness street.

Is it because Joe Harris has so much gas to buy that he insists on "tossing" with the girls to see who is to pay for his milk—naturally he always wins.

What is slowing McLaughlan's production on the drill press? Could it be flat tires—or what??

Former Office Manager Charlie Browett writes: "Little did I think three months ago that I would be in 'the land of the heather' in September. The trip over uneventful. Tell Scotty Milne his homeland is really pretty. Reminds me of east coast of Nova Scotia but grass here is greener. Scotty is just outside of Greenock. Our base is on the side of a hill where there is a castle and former lunatic asylum. The children here are really thrifty. They beg pennies and with Scotch accent they pipe, 'Got any gum, bum?' Met a couple of Sarnia lads on ship—a sailor from the Maxwell Street district and an air force boy named Whiting. Meals here are good but blackouts are grim affairs. Feel fortunate in getting this draft. It's a darn good posting with a good chance to get a ship from here, better than I'd have had in Canada. Working in ship office now to get experience so I can go to sea. Met Ralph Boges of Pelrotia while at Cornwallis and caught up with him again at Halifax. We came across together. He is in the supply branch and left today going to catch his ship."

We wonder why so many of the girls quit

bowling—could it be because Alvin has gone into the Navy.

What certain waitress in the Cafeteria is making eyes at that new boy (17) in the Tool Room.

Bill Smith, now a Sergeant Air gunner in the RCAF was down for a visit with his old friends Saturday, September 30.

We wonder why a certain girl is going to all the dances at Kenwick and the K. C.—she wouldn't be wolfing would she? The "talking table" said she wasn't getting married????

I wish I were a Kangaroo  
Despite his funny stances  
I'd have a place to put the junk  
My gal takes to the dances.

Then, there was that naughty baby kangaroo who ran away and left his mother holding the bag.

The lonely soldier closed his letter of boredom lament with this comment: "Long time no she."

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### CREDIT UNION NEWS

The Mueller Co. Employee's Credit Union is entering its second month with great success.

The Mueller Co. with their splendid cooperation, have equipped us with an office in the gymnasium with hours from 11:00 A. M. to 4:15 P.M. Let's use it. Pay us a visit. Let us answer your questions.

### SAVE EACH PAY THE CREDIT UNION WAY

Membership in the Credit Union is being extended to all Mueller Co. employees of Decatur, Ill., in the armed forces.

There will be more on this later. Watch this page each month for Credit Union news.

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### COMMENDATION

Delmont Parks probably grinned and was pleased when he received the following, but Amos, his father, put on a real show when he received a copy.

Subject: Commendation  
To: S/Sgt. Amos D. Parks

1. The undersigned desires to commend you for your devotion to duty, loyalty, and excellent performance of all tasks assigned. During the time you were a member of my command you impressed me very favorably with your integrity, ability, and worthy qualities.

2. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with you in the service.

RAYMOND M. O'CONNOR,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commandant of Students.

### JACK RUBICAM

Letters came from Jack Rubicam during the last week and his friends would enjoy reading them but Mrs. Rubicam thought this would not be the proper thing to do. It is known, however, that Jack is a seaman on the U.S.S. Wasp, and is some where in the Pacific. He is feeling fine and is kept busy most of the time. An interesting experience for him was when he crossed the equator. His mates initiated him and gave him the works. They snipped his hair, and he has to exercise care in sitting down but can now answer to the name of a trusty Shellback.

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### GARFIELD SCHOOL STUDENT



Meet Barbara Ann Smith at the age of 10. She is a student in Garfield school, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith. John, as most all of us know, is the electrician for Mueller Co.

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Betty: And to think that silk stockings come from a worm.

Sally: That's ridiculous. I got mine from a sucker.

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A preacher dialed long distance in order to call a clergyman friend of his in a distant town.

"Do you wish to place a station-to-station call?" asked the operator

"No," came the answer, "parson to parson, please."

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The guards went about their task of affixing the electrodes to the body of the doomed man in the chair. The kindly chaplain bent over him.

"Any request, my poor mortal?" he asked.  
"Yes, parson," the victim replied, "it'll comfort me a lot if you'll just hold my hands."

## PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

We understand Pat's wife was not at the game, so Pat had to lose his own money.

Speaking of names that go good together, how does Ditto Nola and Henry Helen sound and while we are on the subject, just where is Spittler woods? We understand it is a rocky country.

Micky Adams had a birthday. Poor Micky! She fooled them all morning but at last they caught up with her and the way they used our birthday paddle was too bad for Micky. They gave her one to grow on and two extra for running so fast.

To have your coal hauled see Outlaw. Everything guaranteed but the weight. He doesn't weigh the truck, just the coal and if it doesn't look right he will guess it off.

We notice Bert Butt's practicing walking the tight rope. Wonder what Bert is up to now.

In checking up on Gene Latch we find we should change his name to Sixty Cent Latch. At the game he had a \$20.00 bill and 60 cents in change. He soon lost the 60 cents, then quit the game.

The spectators don't think our new fire brigade is so hot. Well, the fire wasn't so hot either. When they got there it was plumb cold.

For your basketball tickets, see Ben Taylor (the 1945 season).

Frank Shade has a new way for playing Bingo. For full instructions, see Frank in person.

There is one good thing about Red Miller's stories. He tells 'em so tall no one believes them, and according to some folks Red is perfectly harmless.

Heck Whittington said the reason he was so late getting to the fire was that he wanted them to sure have it out. Heck is scared to death by a fire, with that wooden leg of his.

These Plant 3 girls are knockouts. Take 'em one at a time, but when they come in pairs like the Gold Dust Twins, (Man, oh, man!).

We sure were glad to see Jesse Dailey, Leland Hartwig and Don Wade who were home on furloughs. They all looked fine and were sure glad to be home with their families and friends.

Charlie Hector is back on the job after being in the Navy for a while. Charlie's eyes went bad and he had to come home. He

regrets this very much. Says every time he sees a sailor it makes him home sick. There is something about a uniform that makes a fellow feel proud. Well, Charlie did his part and we respect and are proud of him.

Old Man Winter is just around the corner. We see Bob Gates is shucking his pumpkins.

Bill Knight has a new way of keeping out of the dog house. After reading the last Mueller Record in which Bill had been doing some bragging as usual, Bill decided it was real cold in the house so he made a fire in the furnace and used the Plant 3 News to start the fire with before his wife got to read it.

Now in place of Grover Meadows being in the dog house it is Helen who is in. She says she sure is sorry Grover saw her riding the goat around Plant 3.

Wanted—Chauffeur for Outlaw, one who can take him there and bring him back. Outlaw has a hard time finding his way home.

Norma and Iona sure have a cute little theme song. We wonder if they can back it up.

Pat and Latch would like to have troughs put on the sides of our ten pin table at the shop. Something like they roll the balls down when they bowl.

A new job is open for bids at Plant 3. This is the first job posted that every guy out here wanted to bid on, and the way they lied about their seniority was something awful. We can't say much about it except that it is a two point inspection job and a Plant 3 secret.

Roy Coffman must have had something on his mind besides his lunch when he took his dinner bucket back to the window in the cafeteria and started out with his empty coffee cup.

A big fight is scheduled between Charlie Johnson vs. Roy Coffman. John Dunaway is training Johnson and Outlaw is training Coffman. There is one thing that may cause the fight to be called off. We have found out Johnson is a gang fighter and Coffman refuses to fight the gang. We may have to import a fellow from Kentucky to fight Johnson. According to Charlie there sure is a one man gang fighter down Kentucky way.

Dorothy Dial won't hitch hike many more rides on empty trays. She doesn't like to darn her trousers that well.

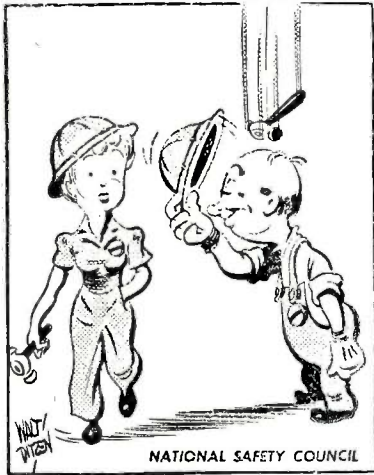
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# Safety News

## LIBERTY BELLES



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Safety first always. No injury is too small to neglect, especially if it is one which draws blood. Few of us may think they have good healthy blood, but it ends in thinking. Even though they may be right they are not immune from infection from various causes, frequently when the injury seems of insignificant character. Pin pricks, a scratch from an old or rusty nail may, as in hundreds of cases they have been the beginning of a fatal case of blood poisoning. Don't take the slightest risk. Use common sense precaution. Report to the first aid station, have the little wounds dressed and bandaged against the possibility of serious, if not dangerous, infection. You don't lose any time in doing this. It's possible that you might lose your life if you don't.

The man who does not think never gets very far. If he works around machinery, however, he can sometimes get as far as the hospital.

The time lost from accidents in this country costs millions of dollars to the victims, generally those who can't afford it.

Matches, nails and tacks have heads but no brains. You have both—use them.

Accidents do not just happen. Behind every one there is a cause—that's you if you are careless and thoughtless.

Even a cat with nine lives won't take a chance. Surely a person with only one life should be smarter and as cautious as a cat.

Workers who have some ailment, who are fighting some personal problem, who are thinking of some plan of their own, are men who should not be around machinery or working on machinery because they are thinking of something else and not of the danger that may lurk in the machine. The time to do your thinking is when you have nothing else on your mind. This is of more advantage to a man, because he can think clearly and logically to the end of his problem.

New Years is a good time to make a resolution to practice safety but there is a better time—it's now.



### SUGGESTION AWARDS

Here is another group of suggestion awards. There are only seven but among the number is Earnest Schmidt, who won three awards, \$15, which is somewhat unusual. The list of winners:

2319	E. A. Oakleaf	1	176	\$ 5.00
28007	Gladys Behen	1	180	5.00
41007	Ernest Schmidt	3	184-5-6	15.00
11023	Everett F. Miller	1	187	5.00
1153	O. B. Friesner	1	188	5.00
3633	Karl Blankenburg	1	189	5.00
23024	Joseph Fyke	1	191	5.00



### WOUNDED IN ACTION



Harold Barnett of Plant 3, and husband of Virginia, also of Plant 3, was wounded in action in Belgium Sept. 7th. He is now in a hospital in England. Harold has been in service for eight months, has been overseas since August 6th.

We all hope Harold is getting along O.K. and will soon recover.

Everyone likes Harold.

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"Liz" Bratcher came to work one morning with her shirt on wrong side out. We thought probably the washing hadn't arrived. But "Liz" said she just dressed in the dark.

Earl Lowe has decided that he makes as good a sign board as Luther Morrison. For free advertising see Earl Lowe.

New requirements for male operators in the south end of shop is S. A.

"Brakes" Gerard made the turn at River Inn so fast Sophia and Marie can't remember how she did it.

Who was Cal running from when he tore his shirt on a skid.

David says he has found his ideal woman, but she must get some folding money.

We wonder what kind of a party Virginia Barnett goes to, that begins in the middle of the afternoon.

The girls' bowling team has some new members: Alice Inman, Kathryn Riley, Iona Straight and Norma Newlin.

Roy Coffman finally brought the fried chicken he promised Nola and Helen.

Shorty Davidson's wife is working and that's why he can bet on the World Series.

Liz Raskin thought the gang had the band down to the station when she left for Chicago, but it was the Canteen opening she learned later.

Helen Causey received a swell letter from Dorothy Stacey. Her address is now: Dorothy Stacey, Y.-3-C., W. R. Unit W.-1, USNTC, San Diego, 33, California. Dorothy is well and having a swell time. We are not sure who will get her after the war. It may be us or it may be the movies as she is sure meeting a lot of movie stars, and all of them men, too, so it may be our loss and the movie's gain.

Lucille must live a long way from town. When her boy friend from Italy was out to see her the other night, she said they called a taxi at 12 o'clock to come get him and it didn't get there till 2:30. (Believe it or not.)

The Inspectors have at last found a way to keep Claude Workman put. They tied one end of a rope around his leg and the other end around his machine.

After Bob's girl friend had turned the dome light in his car off the third time that Bob had turned it on, he got his flash light and turned it on. Bob sure don't like the

dark. Another remarkable thing about Bob is, when he calls his lady friend up over the 'phone, he always uses long distance. (A young wolf).

## SECOND SHIFT NEWS

A weiner roast was enjoyed by a number of friends of Mickey Morey at the home of Ruth Brownlow a few nights before Mickey's departure for Bremerton, Washington. By the time of her arrival, after being car sick during the entire trip, her enthusiasm for points northwest had definitely waned. She was unable to find a place to live. Latest reports are that she has decided to visit Eva Oakleaf in California. Other than that we have not heard of any further plans.

Maggie Carter recently returned from a two weeks visit with her husband Roy, in Boston, Mass. Helen Wall accompanied her there and returned after a few days of seeing the sights. One of the high lights of Maggie's visit was the privilege of seeing two new ships launched.

Friends of Virgil Morrison have received word that he is now in Mississippi and his mail is in care of the Postmaster.

Third shift is no more. Most of them were transferred to second shift.

Betty Riewski has been ill for some time.

Sarah Hinderer is taking a 30-day leave of absence.

Bonnie Thompson has recovered from a recent major operation and at present is recuperating at her home.

Old friends of Chet Mercer were glad to see him while he was home a few days the early part of October.



Keith Edward Ashcraft, 8 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ashcraft. Harold is employed in the Tool Room, second shift, Plant No. 3.

# 'BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE'

## ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Studio couch. Inner springs, good condition. See Mrs. Ralph Muzzy, Second shift, Cafeteria Plant No. 3.

FOR SALE: Ice box. 75 lbs. Front-icer. A-1 condition. \$10.00. 1220 No. Monroe.

COTTON PAD: Made to fit Mueller baby crib. Call Mrs. Hubert Maddox, 1237 S. Jasper.

FOR SALE: Large size enameled Frigidaire, which has been converted into an ice box. This has four doors, a large compartment for ice, and equipped with drain. For complete information, contact O. J. Hawkins, Purchasing Agent, Main Office.

FOR SALE: Shot gun like new. Sixteen (16) gauge single, with recoil pad. 1½ box shells, \$15.00. Dick Tolladay, Phone 5682, 1003 W. North Street.

FOR SALE: Mans' 15-jewel pocket watch. Excellent condition, white case, heavy rock crystal. Glenn Roff, Shipping Dept.

FOR SALE: 2 acres on hard road, south of Harristown. Also, 3 grave lot in Fairlawn cemetery. Ralph Adams, lead dept. Tel. 2-1744.

FOR SALE: 1 Bed Davenport. A-1 condition. Color (Maroon). William Cloney, Boody, Illinois, or Mueller Plant No. 3.

## WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: A child's tricycle. Call phone 7786.

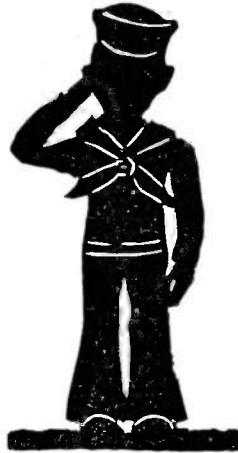
WANTED: 1 very small radio. Will buy or trade, table model. Virginia Barnett, Plant 3.

WANTED: Newspapers. We will pay highest price for clean newspapers, folded once and tied in bundles. No magazines. Please deliver to Mueller Co. Shipping Room before 10 a. m. any day except Saturday.

WANTED TO BUY—1 tire for motor scooter, tubeless type size 12 x 3.50. C. W. Murray, 840 S. 17th St. Phone 2-1339.

WANTED TO RENT: 4 or 5 room modern house in Roosevelt school district. (Would take 3 to 5 room apt. Mrs. Marie Brooks c/o Employment Office.)

## BOY SCOUT NEWS



A high spot this month was the investiture of Billy Campbell as an Apprentice Sea Scout. The "land ship" was set up on the main deck, and with all the formality and fanfare usually accompanying Sea Scout activities, Mr. Campbell was taken aboard the ship and given valuable lessons as he stood behind the helm and binnacle. This was a ceremony that was impressive to both

the Sea Scouts and the Troop. Any fifteen year old is eligible for membership in the S.S.S. Viking, but we prefer that he already be a First Class Scout.

Not too many were at the last Board of Review. Richard Hoppe got Beekeeping merit badge (and a closed eye from a bee sting!), Robert Hughes received Carpentry, and Billy Hughes earned Public Health.

Our part in the paper drive was not up to standard this time. While some did collect paper, not many collected the full thousand pounds to earn the WPB Badge award. All the reports are not in at this writing, but we believe Robert Carter made his quota. The real paper king for Troop 2 is Chick Kileen. A total of 2,219 pounds—well over a ton of paper was collected by him personally. This makes an all time high for an individual in our troop. Well done, Chick!

Stewart File, our most capable Junior Assistant, has been promoted to Assistant Scoutmaster. Formal presentation of his commission will be made when the certificates are returned. And to all the Scouts in the troop—remember, it will not be "Stewie" any more, but you will address him as Mr. File. Keep in mind that when you are eighteen and become a leader that you also will be entitled to this same courtesy, so give it to him now.

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A pastor once asked the members of his congregation to read the twenty-ninth chapter of Matthew. The following Sunday he asked who had read it, and when quite a number held up their hands, he said: "You're just the kind of people I want to talk to. You're all liars for there are only 28 chapters in Matthew."

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## BUY BONDS