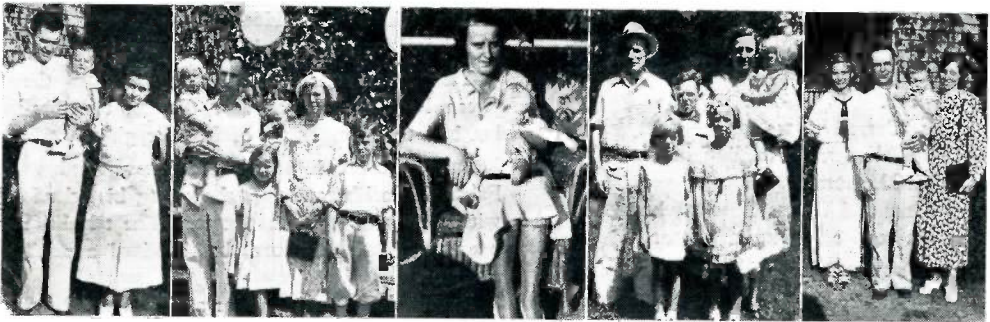


# MUELLER RECORD

## FAMILY GROUPS AT PICNIC



1. Marvin Ford, Dept. 8, wife and Richard Duane.
2. Earl Tague, box maker and family, two more children were not in the picture.
3. Mrs. Guy Jones and Janet Ruth, born Feb. 29, 1936, (Leap year baby.)
4. Baker Keller, of Foundry and Family.
5. Hugh Henley, of Dept. 8 and Family.

SEPTEMBER 1936

## TEN YEARS AGO

Glancing through the Records for 1926, we found numerous references to employes which are especially interesting after an elapse of ten years.

Chester Priddy, located at Palatka, Florida, was writing home enthusiastic descriptions of that state, trying to make the Traffic Department envious.

Francis Carroll was an assistant salesman under J. A. Keown, travelling in the states of Texas and Oklahoma.

Paul Hines and Walter Coventry had just been put on the road as junior salesmen.

Dept. 8 reported to the Record that "our new production manager, Duke Mueller, is not letting any grass grow under these brass castings.

Orders are moving through very nicely."

It was suggested that Louise Whitehead and Paul Jacka might make a good team to do the Charleston.

The Athletic Club House had just been completed and opened for the use of employes.

There was considerable rivalry between the Green Parrotts and the Gold Eagles, two basket ball teams made up of Mueller girls.

Julius Staudt had just been transferred to Palatka, Florida, and was showering his friends with souvenirs from that state. The telephone operator, Marie Eagleton, had received a small alligator.

Russell Jolly was a junior salesman travelling with Otto Sharlock.

# MUELLE RECORD

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## LET'S QUIT BREAKING ROCK

### And Help in the Work of Building the Cathedral

This is an organization of men and women banded together for one definite purpose, which is to manufacture saleable goods of a character and quality that will give long and satisfactory service to those who buy them. To do this we strive to make them desirable in appearance and as near as humanly possible to make them perfect mechanically.

A world old economic law decrees that some shall be employers and some shall be employes. It will, in all probability, remain the same economic law for centuries to come, but there is no law, legal, economic or moral which prevents any person feeling a pride in being a part of an organization which keeps in mind certain ideals as well as profits. Advancement comes to those who grasp these ideals and live up to them. to those who feel that this is "my company and it's my business which returns to me a larger success through the pride I have in my work."

No workman ever measured higher than his wages, who does not feel a thrill of satisfaction in producing an article to which he can point with pride and say "I made that, or I helped make that."

Let us illustrate the thought with the following:

"An American traveler was walking down a dusty road in France, when he came upon workmen breaking rock.

"Stopping the first he said, 'My good man, what are you doing?'

"'Breaking up rock,' doggedly answered the workman, without looking up.

"To a second workman nearby, he plied the same question.

"'Earning three dollars a day,' came the second indifferent response.

"Approaching a third, he tried again to gain information. This time the workman stopped, raising up with difficulty. He placed his hand on his tired back.

"When his eyes met those of the stranger, a light broke over his face.

"Pointing across the road to a building in construction, he said proudly, 'I'm helping to build that Cathedral.'"

There is the story in a nutshell. The first man was a dullard of the man with the hoe

type. No aspirations, no hope, no pride.

The second had no conception of his part in a great undertaking. His one thought was the amount that he earned.

But the third man was an artist. He was working for the love of work, he was working to earn money, but these were secondary considerations. His mind, his brain, his physical power were contributing to the erection of a magnificent cathedral.

It is men and women of this type who put their whole being into their daily tasks, who learn all they can of their own specific duties and all they can about what the factory produces and how the goods they create are used in service.

Love of work, of ideals, and enthusiasm are the great hill climbers which have put thousands of men and women in prominent positions which they fill today. They will put you there someday "if you quit merely breaking rock, and instead help build the cathedral."

## BEATING OUT FALSE GRINDERS

Soon after Roy Vandervoort, of the Foundry Grinding Dept., had all his teeth out, he received notice of the Hensley family reunion at Keyesport, Illinois.

Now, he knew there would be fried chicken a plenty at the feast and his problem was to enjoy it despite the lack of teeth.

A hundred or more kinfolks attended the reunion and all were joshing Roy, asking him what he would do about the fried chicken. He went down the line with the others and got his plate well filled and took his place at the end of the table. Then he produced a food grinder, clamped it to the table, and proceeded to grind the chicken, much to the merriment of his relatives.

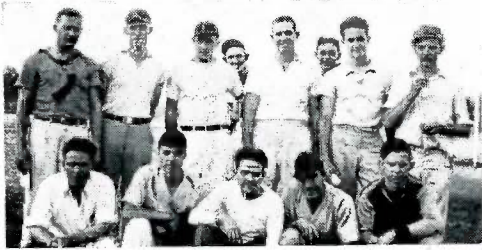
His brother, Homer, who used to work here, was present, and he, too, had all his teeth out and was awaiting for his new dentures. Neither brother knew the other one was without teeth.

Homer, then went down the line, filled his plate with chicken, borrowed Roy's grinder, and proceeded to enjoy a chicken dinner. The brothers received a round of applause for their ingenuity.

Jack Bain, of Plant 2, returned to work August 10 after an absence of three months due to a broken leg.

## Main Plant Team Winner of Soft Ball Game

PICNIC DAY



**MAIN PLANT TEAM**

First row, reading right to left: G. Yonkers, 3rd base; G. Anderson, short stop; H. Maddox, short field; Wm. Adams, first base; H. H. Roe, left field.

2nd row, C. C. Roarick, 2nd base; W. Dudley, center field; E. Fawley, right field; A. Flaughter, pitcher; W. Schlie, catcher; A. Fortschneider, right field.



**PLANT 2 TEAM**

1st row reading left to right, C. Curry, short stop; L. Bauer, short field; D. Butler, second base; J. Woodrum, catcher; B. Taylor, pitcher.

Second row—E. Musgroves, 3rd base; E. Connors, right field; D. Wilkinson, 1st base; H. Hanson, center field.

### GETTING READY FOR THE PICNIC

#### Mr. Langdon Tells About it.

Those who attended the picnic and glanced casually at the eight-page program of entertainment probably do not realize how much preparation had been made.

Months before, the general chairman, C. N. Wagenseller, gets his organization under way and the central committee goes over the complete details. Various activities are then assigned to persons who have proved their ability to handle them. Every bit of equipment, every little item used in the contests has to be thought of and had to be on hand at the right time.

The children's parade, which made such a brilliant spectacle as it marched around the shaded lane to the club house, was of unusual interest this year. Much thought and skill had gone into the making of paper moch masks which were a unique feature of the parade.

The assistance of the Decatur Playground Association, under the direction of Hank Gill, together with the pony rides, gave the children a full and happy day.

The diversified program of the W. P. A. Orchestra was a new feature this year and was much appreciated. Some people liked especially, the rendition of classical music and others were pleased with vaudeville performance.

The Goodman Band filled a space on our program, which has become an indispensable feature of the picnic.

Of course, the day could not be closed without Lee Homebrook's dance orchestra.

There were twenty new babies and each received a new dollar bill with the suggestion that a savings account be started. A number of Mueller children have received their tenth "Mueller dollar."

The addresses of Mr. Robert and Mr. Adolph Mueller were received with interest. On this occasion, a statement of the company policies and pro-

### PICNIC DAY GOLF TOURNEY

The golf tournament under the management of Robt. H. Mueller, Frank H. Mueller and Wm. C. Groble, was held at Sunnyside in the morning of picnic day.

First low net score was won by Ernest Bond, who received the championship trophy for one year and an engraved watch fob to keep permanently.

Other scores were as follows:

2nd low net score—Walter Bowman, 3 golf balls.

3rd low net score—Joe Brownback, 2 golf balls.

4th low net score—J. W. Wells, 1 ball.

1st low gross—A. C. Werdes, 2 balls.

2nd low gross—R. H. Mueller, 1 ball.

High score on No. 11—George White, 1 ball.

Low score on No. 13—George Sulner, 1 ball.

High gross score—Robert Green—1 ball.

gram is appropriate.

Auer Brothers were in charge of the refreshments and the service prompt and satisfactory.

After the work was over there was a day's work for a force of men cleaning up the grounds.

Ward Robinson, formerly of the Engineering Department, was visiting in Decatur at picnic time and came out to the grounds to meet old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. March and children spent two weeks at Lake Tomahawk in August.

Betty Hunt, who had been stenographer in the Plumbing Division for several years, checked out recently to move with her family to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpson, Jr., were in Madison, Wisconsin, the week of Aug. 9, for a vacation.

## PICNIC BIG SUCCESS

## Fine Weather, Big Crowd and Bushels of Fun All Day.

The annual picnic of August 8 goes down in factory history as one of the best and most enjoyable we have ever held. Members of the company feel this way about it, and Mr. Adolph in his picnic talk in the evening said as much from the stage.

The committee having the affair in charge worked zealously to make it a success and did so through fine cooperation of those taking part in the program, wearing costumes, etc.

The weather was all that could have been asked. There was a cool bracing atmosphere, and at no time during the day was the heat oppressive or disagreeable. The crowd was large, in fact the best attendance we have had in several years, and everyone entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. It was a busy day, full of music, games and sports. Hank Gill and his helpers from the Community Recreational Association rendered valuable aid to Burt Jackson in pulling off the children's games and contests on the baseball diamond, and in the Lodge, where the little tots from three to six were entertained. This is a new feature introduced, and it is expected to make it a permanent part of the picnic program. If parents take advantage of it, they will feel secure in the fact that the little ones are being well cared for, giving the parents a better opportunity for participating in the picnic.

## Pony Rides

The morning did not bring out many of the older people, but the kids were there for the pony rides, and King Master Jackson and Assistant Jerry Yonker had a busy time. The ponies were in big demand throughout the day. The popularity never decreases.

## Children's Parade.

In the afternoon, the program was carried out on schedule time, the first event being the children's parade, which was a gay affair and quite colorful. The big sausage balloons made a hit with the children. Goodman's band headed the parade with August Rauschek leading as the clown drum major. The twelve ponies arrayed in colorful pompoms were next, and then came Happy Hooligan, who was a policeman for the day. Harold Moats entered into the spirit of Happy Hooligan, and with a huge star and a wooden pistol, scurried about clearing the way for the monstrosities which followed.

## The Animals

Richard Dannewitz, in red trousers, was Mr. Big Head, whose head was really big, so big in fact, that Mr. Dannewitz, who is rather a small man, was half head and half legs. Under that huge elephant head and loose and floppy grey flannel suit was Willard Hake, but few guessed it. Robert Lusk, Jr., as the rhinoceros, and Clarence Ruch as the hippopotamus, cavorted about as nimbly as they could with their huge heads and caused many "ohs" and "ahs" from the youngsters. H. G. Williams and Jerry Yonker, as Mutt and Jeff, came in for their share of the laughs, and the yellow spotted giraffe who towered above everything, was Clarence Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Henpeck were played by W. T. Mason as the wife with the buxom figure, and Elvin J. Pasley was the husband tied to his wife's apron strings. Poor Mr. Henpeck, he wasn't

allowed to stop to talk or look at any one along the line of march, but the children thought his antics quite funny.

Walter Schlie was the green alligator, whose gaping mouth displayed a set of jagged white teeth but he wasn't as vicious as he looked for a little girl lead him by the hand in the parade, and a group of small boys and girls trudged as closely as they could without stepping on his long, scaly tail.

## The Villain and Vampire.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brimm were the villain and vamp, and the vamp in her bright green and orange costume and floppy hat might have given Mae West a few pointers on the art of getting your man while the villain was Hair-breadth Harry come to life.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse were there with their Papa, Elmer Harshbarger being the Papa Mouse, and Harold Edward Moats and Janette Ruch were Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Don Baldis was a bear, Wesley Koontz a monkey, while Van Riley and Rex Smith were ghosts, and Eddie Skelley was a clown.

The children's games were under the directions of Burt Jackson with Hank Gill and the Community Recreation Association Supervisors cooperating in management of the different groups. Freda Combs, Lucille Morthland, Josephine Weigman, Dorothy Van Gundy, Elmer Burns, Paul Mahoney and Russell Hoendorf were the leaders. The following were the winners of the contest:

Jump the Brook (Girls 10-12 years).

1st—Vinta Watkins.  
2nd—Esther Sheets.  
3rd—Bernadette Cassidy.

Jump the Brook (Girls 6-8 years).

1st—Barbara Jean Gorman.

Broad Jump (Boys 12-15 years).

1st—Ed. Skelly.  
2nd—John Oakleaf.  
3rd—Bob Swigling.

Cotton Ball Throwing (Boys 12 to 15 years.)

1st—Harold Schlesier.  
2nd—Bob Thompson.

Jump the Brook (Girls 12-15 years).

1st—Erna Watkins.  
2nd—Norma Vaughn.  
3rd—Edwina May.

Step-On-It (Girls 12-15 years)

1st—Edwina May.  
2nd—Vinta Watkins.  
3rd—Marvin Malow.

25-yard Dash (Girls 10-12 years).

1st—Vinta Watkins.  
2nd—Alice Davern.  
3rd—Cynthia Ferrare.

50-Yard Dash (Girls 12-15 years).

1st—Erna Watkins.  
2nd—Betty Beck.  
3rd—Rosella Ferrare.

Baseball Throw (Girls 12 to 15 years).

1st—Edwina May.  
2nd—Rosella Ferrare.  
3rd—Betty Beck.

Throwing Handkerchief.

1st—Vinta Watkins.  
2nd—Esther Sheets.  
3rd—Geraldine Yonker.

Jump the Brook (Boys 9-11 years).

1st—Billy Finley.  
2nd—Everett Oakleaf.

Crab Race (Boys 9-11 years.)

1st—Billy Finley.  
2nd—Everett Oakleaf.

75-Yard Dash (Boys 9-11 years).

1st—Donald Martin.  
2nd—Junior Garver.

Twin Race (Boys 9-11 years).

1st—Billy Finley—Everett Oakleaf.  
2nd—Joey Yonker—Eritz Roderick.

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## JULY PARTY AT THE OKAW



Campers pose for a group photograph



Frank Mueller surprises the camp by his feats of horsemanship.

### OKAW PARTY

Here is the last Okaw party, consisting of Robert Mueller, Bill Ferry, C. F. Roarick, George White, J. W. Simpson, Adolph Mueller, Billy Mason, Burt Jackson, Charlie Cochran, W. E. Mueller, Frank Mueller, Allan Larry, Ed. Stille, Bob Lusk and J. W. Wells. Some of the party went down July 31 and the others followed on Saturday. It was one of the most enjoyable camping parties these Okaw addicts have held in a long time. There was a big fish dinner, a game dinner, both of which were accompanied by many delicacies. The Okaw grounds are looking their best this year, despite the drouth. Just why Frankie Mueller took his electric razor was a mystery to all members of the party and to Frank as well. The closest electric socket was Vandalia, about 16 miles away.

Quite a few snap shots were taken, some of which are reproduced. The size of the vegetables shown do not indicate any serious damage from drouth "down on the Okaw."

### WEDDINGS

The marriage of Miss Eloise Brownback to Paul Derringer was celebrated at the First Presbyterian church, at 12 o'clock Wednesday, Aug. 19, Rev. F. W. Clippinger officiating. There were no attendants. Immediately following the ceremony members of the family and a few invited friends drove to the Brownback home at 1305 West Main street, where a wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Derringer left during the afternoon for Cincinnati, where the groom will rejoin his team, Cincinnati Reds. He is a member of the pitching staff.

Mrs. Derringer is a granddaughter of Mrs. Philip

Mueller, and makes her home in Decatur and Sarasota, Florida, where her mother has a winter home

### Reynolds-Lusk

Eva Reynolds and Robert Lusk, better known as "Blue," were married Saturday morning, Aug. 8, in the Christian church in Bloomington by Rev. L. H. Hooe. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore of Decatur.

The bride wore blue linen crepe with blue accessories, and both she and Mrs. Gilmore had corsages of roses and baby's breath.

Mr. and Mrs. Lusk left Sunday for a four week's motor trip to Yellowstone Park, Seattle, Los Angeles and Texas.

Mr. Lusk is foreman of the foundry.

### Spittler-Fawley

Josephine Spittler of Marshall, Illinois, and Elmer Fawley of the Engineering Dept. were married Friday, August 21 at 1:30 in the First Methodist church by Rev. Thomas B. Lugg. There were no attendants and after the ceremony the couple left for Wisconsin where they passed the week end.

Mr. Fawley played varsity football at Millikin for four years, and last season played professional football with the Detroit Lions and Kentucky Bourbons. The bride attended Indiana State College in Terre Haute.

After September 1 they will live in Decatur.

### BRASS CHIPS

Ernest Campbell, foreman of the Assembly Dept., Columbian Iron Works, spent two days

of his vacation in Decatur. He visited the plant August 12 and 13.

Beaula Jenkins has been transferred from the Compression Room to the Core Dept.

Ted Sharpes, of the Compression Assembly was returning from Clinton in an automobile Saturday night, August 15, when the car was forced off the road by a transport truck and upset. His right arm was thrust through the glass and was severely cut and bruised. None of the other occupants of the car was hurt.

E. H. Langdon and family visited Peoria and Starved Rock August 12 and 13. They were especially impressed with the fine view of the Illinois Valley obtained from the observation tower in Peoria Heights.

Mr. Timothy A. Larry, of our Engineering Dept., has moved his family from Los Angeles and now lives at 1258 West Macon Street.

Fern Harrison returned to work at Plant 2, August 3.

Clyde Oldham, molder at the Los Angeles plant, his wife Vera, and daughter, Lois, spent their vacation on a visit to Illinois. He visited the Foundry August 6.

Clyde learned to mold in our Brass Foundry and Mrs. Oldham was formerly employed in the Core Dept.

OVERCOME BY HEAT

Wiley Hall, Plant 2, was overcome by the heat on August 20. The thermometer that day registered 102 degrees. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment and was able to go to his home the next day.

A CORRECTION

When a printer goes hay wire and a proof reader is asleep, queer things happen—mistakes that get a laugh because of seeming supine idiocy. Such is the case on page 7 of this issue, in an item headed "Good News" in the next to the last paragraph. This paragraph was written:

"He urged upon all employes to be awake to their opportunities, and referred to a Spaniard who recently invented a method of welding metals for which he received millions of dollars."

And here is how it appears:

"He urged upon all employes to be awake to their opportunities and referred to a Spaniard who recently invented a method of wedding medals for which he received millions of dollars."

We make this somewhat elaborate correction regretfully, knowing what a bitter disappointment it will be to the girls in Leap Year, when "wedding medals" are in demand, especially the kind which brings enormous wealth. We feel it a duty, however, to head off a stampede.

On page 2 in the soft ball game line-up the name "D. Wilkinson" was furnished by the baseball reporter. He should have given us the name of "D. Wilkins." Also, there was an error which almost corrects itself. This was in Walter Bowman's name which appeared as "Bowman."

SPRAINED WRIST

Bill Bridwell of the Shipping Department suffered a painful accident on August 19 when a hand truck upset on his hand. The right wrist was sprained and one of the fingers injured.

VIEW OF THE NEW ROAD LEADING OUT FROM THE CABIN, CHARLES COCHRAN DISPLAYING OKAW VEGETABLES



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50-Yard Dash (Boys 12-15 years).

1st—Ed. Skelley.  
2nd—Harold Schleigler.**Open Air Theater**

The exercises at the Open Air Theater began at 2 o'clock with the flag raising ceremony and music by Goodman's band.

Mr. Robert Mueller made an address of welcome. He was followed by Mr. Adolph Mueller, who spoke at some length on business and local conditions. Among other things, he told of a letter he had received from Herman Martin of Denver, Colorado, who is an uncle of Mrs. Helen Brannan, and a former resident of this city. Herman gave a list of members of Goodman's Band who have passed on. He is the sole surviving member of the original band. This reference to the band is of interest to the Mueller organization because Philip and Henry Mueller were also members of the band with Herman.

**The W. P. A.**

The W. P. A. program was presented to an audience which filled every shady spot in the Open Air Theater. It consisted of classical selections by the orchestra, and was followed by a vaudeville program which was much enjoyed by the spectators. It was a long program continuing until nearly 5 o'clock.

The baseball game between Plant 1 and Plant 2 was a walkaway for the former team by a score of 15-3.

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Batteries: Main Plant—Flaugher, pitcher; Schlie, catcher.

Plant 2—Taylor, pitcher; Woodrum and McKinley, catchers.

Features: Flaugher's home run; Anderson's three hits in five times up.

**Picnic Patter**

Kitty Wilkins, former superintendent of the Main Plant and the Columbian Iron Works, accompanied by Mrs. Wilkins, mingled with old friends and had a good time. Kitty is now farming near Morrisonville, Ill. He enjoys the life and reports his oats crop was a whopper.

Paul Hines, who travels in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, was in Decatur for his vacation the week preceding the picnic and spent the day on the grounds visiting with old friends.

C. E. Lincoln of Indianapolis, R. K. Levey of Columbus, Ohio, and P. T. O'Dell of Chicago, arrived in Decatur on Friday and remained over Saturday for the picnic.

Hugo Hendrian, who was a messenger about the factory several years ago, and

who has grown about a foot since that time, dropped in on Friday before the picnic, and then came out to the ground on picnic day, bringing one of his two sons with him. Hugo now lives in Quincy.

Not only was Popeye and his army in the children's parade but Popeye's Poppa—two of 'em.

Erna Watkins, fourteen year old daughter of Earnest Watkins, is a consistent winner in the children's contests. Her name has been appearing among the winners for several years, and last year she won twenty-nine tickets. This year she came in first in two contests, "Jump the Brook" and 25-yard Dash.

**Horseshoe Tournament**

Martyne Harrison, son of Cecil Harrison, and Oran Harrison, Cecil's nephew, won the championship of the horse shoe tournament. Martyne has been champion of the Decatur playgrounds for the last five years.

**Sink Combination Drawing**

The winners of the sink combinations in the drawing this year were Coy M. Butler, first, and Edgar Stark, second.

**Costume Winners in Parade.**

Carolyn Telling and Billy Miller won the prizes awarded to children wearing the best costumes in the parade. Carolyn, the daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Telling, switchboard operator, was dressed as Martha Washington, and Billy Miller, son of Charles Miller of Plant 3, and grandson of Elmer Miller, was arrayed in a striking cowboy costume.

**Platform Contests**

Bob Swingle and Charles Murray were the winners of the water melon eating contest, Billy Finley and Samuel Sanner winners of the pie eating contest, while Lorraine Amman and Vivian Harper won the marsh-mellow eating contest. There was no decision in the blindfold boxing contest between Bob Swingle and Bob Thompson.

Helmuth Opalka, who worked in the printing department about four years ago, paid us a visit recently.

**CHATTANOOGA****Vacations**

Alice Burkhart, with her son and daughter, spent several days at Daytona Beach, Florida, in July.

Ray Egebrecht has returned from a visit with home folks in Decatur.

Charles Hall and son, William, both of



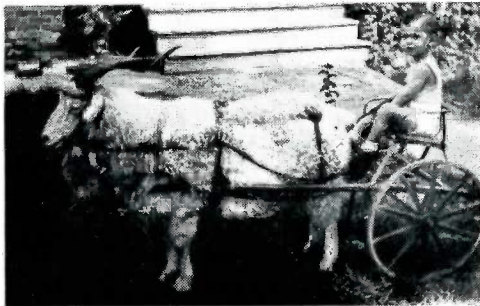
the Machine Shop are back from a fishing trip to the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. They report that the swimming is fine, too.

Martin Haynes, of the Machine Shop, is back at work after a week of sunning at Daytona Beach.

Charles Utt, of the Machine Shop, was in Decatur and Chicago a few days in July.

**Snapshots**

We are enclosing a snapshot of "couple of kids." The young man is Charles E. Chamberlain, III, son of Charles Chamberlain, who recently joined our Engineering Department.



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**Golf**

We understand that Paul Jacka, George Hesse and Joe Hart are bitterly opposed to giving either instructions or handicaps to inexperienced golfers. How much was it you won, Don?

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**Poet**

It is rumored that Oscar Brown is now writing poetry in his spare moments.

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**Found**

A girl who isn't afraid of a mouse?

Mary Wilson, of the Sales Department, has a heart not unlike that of Richard, the Lion-Hearted.

The other day Mary saw a mouse in the Stationery Department. Instead of mounting a chair and calling for help, Mary calmly caught the mouse and asked Russell Davis, of the Engineering Department, if he would kill it. Russell very obligingly put an end to the little fellow's troubles.

**DEATH OF F. A. HUNTLEY.**

The passing of Frank A. Huntley, Aug. 3, following an emergency operation for appendicitis, was a shock to his friends in this organization. Every one who knew Frank liked him. He had been with the company eleven years. A more extended reference will be made of him in the September Record going to the frade.

**GOOD NEWS**

On Friday, Aug. 7, there was one of those happy meetings in the gymnasium attended by the entire organization. It looked like old times to see a crowd of between 650 and 700 assembled in one room. Adolph was the only speaker. He commenced by kidding the girls about leap year, warning them that the time for getting their man was growing short and that a similar opportunity would not present itself for four years.

Without mentioning names he called attention to Blue Lusk's wedding to be celebrated the following day but told the girls that Billy Campbell and George Kraag were still unspoken for.

He urged upon all employes to be awake to their opportunities and referred to a Spaniard who recently invented a method of wedding medals for which he received millions of dollars.

He ended by announcing the glad news amid much hand clapping.

**MAKE A SUGGESTION**

The time for making suggestions will soon be over. It is not too late, however, to put on your thinking cap and break into that prize money. Don't be discouraged by thought that so many suggestions have already been made and that you have no chance. The date of a suggestion or the character of it have nothing to do with the case. By a little application you may win a grand prize. In an organization such as this constant changes are taking place. They are of daily occurrence. Many of them call for new methods. Again there are innumerable methods which have been in use for many years, susceptible to improvement. You may have a plan that will reduce overhead, increase production or secure employes against danger of injury. Try it.

**FROM THE DECATUR REVIEW**

**Fifty Years Ago—1886**

The following "fifty years ago items" taken from the Review will be of interest to the old timers in the organization:

A. G. Webber has been appointed school treasurer of Decatur township, succeeding John A. Brown.

Superintendent A. E. Kinney of the Citizens' Street railway is trying to purchase the Mueller steamer "City of Decatur" for use on the lake in Oakland park.

**GOOD EATING**

The Cafeteria offers to those who eat there a diversified list of good things to eat. The cooking is excellent, the helpings generous and the surroundings clean and inviting. If you have not eaten there you are cordially invited to do so. We believe you will like it.

## BACK FENCE DIALOGUE

## A Feature of the Picnic That Was Amusing to Those Hearing It

A feature of the picnic program which was interesting, but which unfortunately was not clearly heard in the amphitheater, was the "Back Fence Dialogue" by Mrs. Guy Brian and Mrs. Herbert Snider. A number of those whose names were mentioned were curious to know just what was said about them and we take this method of easing their curiosity.

The conversation was supposed to have taken place between Clara Uhl and Evelyn Telling, the latter who had "gobs of news on the end of her tongue." Evelyn was on her way to the store to lay in a supply of groceries as she expected Bert Meece, the new minister, for dinner, and Ethel McKee had her cap set to catch him, and she wasn't giving her any advantage.

Clara evinced surprise and asked how many husbands Evelyn had already had, to which Evelyn replied: "Let's see, there was Langdon, and Walter Auer, Billy Mason, Rick Roarick, and Fuzz Reinhart. Course, Ed Stille didn't count because he didn't last more than three months."

Evelyn then told Clara that Jack Rubicam had just eloped with Dorothy Gepford, that Burt Jackson had the chickenpox and Ralph Adams had swallowed his false teeth.

After all these announcements she proceeded on her way to the store, immensely pleased because the new minister had an important question to ask the next day.

## MOTHERS AND BABIES ON DISPLAY



Altho there were twenty babies in this year's list, only twelve were present with their mothers for the picture.

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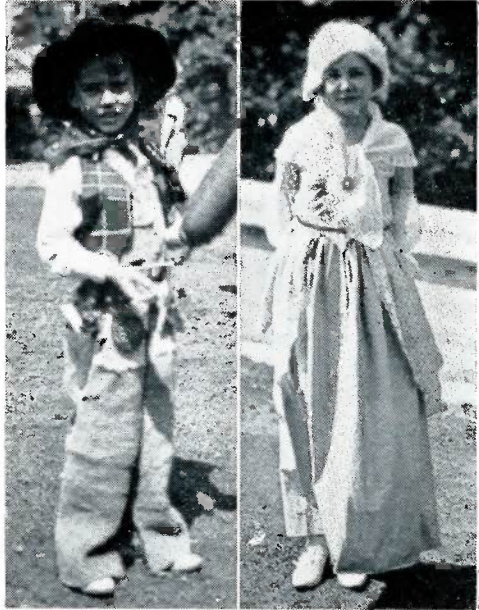
Father: "And can you give my daughter everything she wants?"

Suitor: "Yes, sir. She wants only me."

Clarence and Everett Pippin are planning to attend the Baptist Young Peoples Conference at Syracuse, Ind., Sept. 4 to 7.

Jack Rubicam is now getting shop experience in Dept. 300 and Harry Sackriter is now in the Shipping Room.

## PRIZE WINNERS AT PICNIC



Carolyn Telling, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Telling, in her Martha Washington costume, and Billy Miller, son of Charles Miller, Plant 3, dressed in his cowboy outfit.

These children won prizes for the best home made and original costumes in the parade.

This feature was a late thought in the preparation of the picnic, and consequently did not excite as much interest as we had hoped for, but we feel certain that with this idea announced in plenty of time next year, we will secure quite a few entries, and be presented with some beautiful costumes. Mothers and little folk might keep this thought in mind.

## CABIN IS POPULAR

The following employes and their families have occupied the Mueller Cabin at various times this summer: Herman Dash, Velma Runion, Hazel Virden, Raymond Roarick, C. F. Roarick, Harley Himstead, and John Bixler.

Ethel Dixon's family had a reunion at the Mueller Athletic Club August 16.

The Paul Schultz Biscuit Co. employes are scheduled for a picnic at the Athletic Club September 6.

## BIRTHS

MERROW—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mellow, a son, William Richard Lee, Aug. 4, at St. Mary's hospital.

DASH—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dash, a daughter, Arline, Aug. 18, at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

ROARICK—Mr. and W. E. Roarick, Dept. 8, a daughter, Martha Ann, Aug. 14.

### A RUN OF BAD LUCK

On the afternoon of Saturday, August 15, which was a hot day, Ray Sailsbery went to dig his potatoes. He must have worked too hard as he was overcome by a heat stroke and was, for a few days, in a critical condition. He is gradually recovering we are glad to say.

On the night of Saturday, August 22, a wind storm blew Ray's barn to pieces, taking one section of the roof across the road. It was a new barn built last year.

### FELL OFF A PONY

John Wesley, the nine-year-old son of Charles Stogsdill of the Brass Foundry, fell off of one of the ponies at the picnic and struck his chin on the cinders of the parking place. Hank Gill gave him first aid and Elmer Miller took him to St. Mary's hospital where he was treated by a physician. Altho he suffered some from the wound, he had much grit and self-control. The Employes Aid Society paid for the hospital and doctor bill.

### THERE WITH A COME BACK

Mrs. Gilbert lives on a small farm west of town. Her chief crop this year has been grasshoppers. When asked why she didn't turn the grasshoppers over to the chickens, she replied, "I tried that but the grasshoppers ate the feathers off the chickens and I had to quit."

### CONNORS-GOWAN WEDDING

Eldred Connors and Florence Gowan were married Sunday, August 23, at the home of Rev. Tuschhoff. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Halden Hanson. They are now living at 1192 West Eldorado Street.

### TEN YEARS SAVING

Several children have recently completed their ten-year savings under the savings plan. Among them are Mary Langdon and Ralph Kramer.

The average savings account for thirty-three children, which began before this year, is \$19.85. The highest is \$51.08.

William Ray, the little son of Coy Butler, has been receiving treatment for stomach trouble and is in the hospital at Taylorville. His condition is reported to be improved. Coy and family live at Stonington.

B. J. Marty has been busy at Plant 3 for some time closing out the stock there.

Betty Hunt, who has been stenographer and clerk in the Compression Office, for the last two years, resigned August 13 and joined her folks in Akron, Ohio.

She has been succeeded by Edna Johnston, whose father used to work in the Polishing Dept.

Earl McQuality was a State Fair visitor last week.

Louis Rohr is up and about but does not feel able to return to work.

Walter Auer attended the circus and State Fair last week.

### MORE PICNIC PREPARATIONS

On page 2 of this issue, we enumerated the various details of the picnic, but failed to mention the two weeks of work for the Employment Office in checking up the entire force to provide tickets for refreshments, bus rides, balloons, pony rides and tags.

The paymaster prints a list of names of all on the force. These are given to the department clerks who find out from each individual just how many tickets are required. Provisions are made for the employee, his wife, and children up to the age of sixteen.

It might be of interest to know that a bus ride one way to Mueller Heights costs about seventeen cents. Insurance has to be procured for running the busses outside of the city limit.

When these sheets are returned to the Employment Office, it is a full-time job for one person for a week or more to make up the envelopes and check the lists. The envelopes are then taken to the clerk, who delivers them to the workers. Corrections, if necessary, are then made and this is usually finished by Thursday or Friday.

Lists for the Mueller Fixture Co. are checked and tickets are supplied to them. Various guests are, also, remembered.

When the picnic is over, the Auer Brothers turn over to the Accounting Dept. the tickets taken in. The Accounting Dept. then audits the tickets, of which there are many thousands.

There is, also, a special payroll for those who work during the picnic, and various details, such as paying for the pony rides, bus rides, for the music and the many other details which go into the program.

### PENNSYLVANIA PLUMBER CALLS

W. H. Motsch, Master Plumber, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and his family stopped in Decatur, August 24, and made a brief visit to the Plant.

Mr. Motsch has been in the plumbing game for 22 years. He was particularly interested in Mueller regulators. His son, William, expects to be a plumber.

Pete Aleckner, iron molder at Plant 2, bought an acre of ground near Milo Wright, just east of the Decatur Country Club. Recently, he and his wife adopted two children, William H., age four, and Lucille May, age one year and nine months.

George Tolladay, who has been doing time study at the Columbian Iron Works since February, 1935, visited the Main Plant August 25. He has finished his work at Chattanooga and is returning to Los Angeles, where he worked in the Pacific Coast Plant.

Harvey Washburn and wife took care of the Mueller Lodge during the Johnson's absence.

John Bixler and family are spending a week at the Mueller Cabin.

## SARNIA NEWS

There seems to be a lull in the plant news these days. We almost feel it in our bones that we are in the so called, "lull or quiet before the storm." One only has to gaze straight into the eyes of several of the "lads" to know that soon they will be embarking on the sea of matrimony. These same "lads" have been seen dodging in and out of furniture stores, asking questions about having hydro and gas turned on in homes, coming to work spattered with paint after wielding paint brushes the night before.

However we innocents are all blind, and have noticed none of the signs. When the news is given out we will all appear genuinely surprised, congratulations will gush forth perhaps covering the sigh of sympathy withheld.

Go to it boys—The Best of Luck! !

Jim—"Why don't you like girls?"

Cec—"They're too biased."

Jim—"Biased?"

Cec—"Yes—bias this, bias that, until I'm broke."

And after that, we still hear of Alex Hodges taking his chance on a blonde from Detroit.

One of the most spectacular news events of the office during the past month was Wm. Twaits making a hole in one at the Golf Club.

George Lee has just returned from visiting the quints. We hope the trip proves beneficial.

Dennis Tilley can be seen of an evening carrying lumber home. We are told he is making furniture, for what we wonder.

### "Our Dear Dog Chummy"

Great sorrow was caused throughout the Mueller Plant, by the passing of Chummy Gark on August 14th. That day will henceforth be known as Chummy Day, and a one minute silence should be observed.

Incidentally, shortly after the sad day, Ross Thompson was seen selling Hot Dogs at the Horse Racing grounds.

### Vacations

Vacations are still being taken in the plant and office, and many enjoyable holidays have been spent, the only regret being the vacation seemed just one week too short.

We hear Mrs. Young took her husband, Bill, on his yearly trip to Niagara Falls, in recognition of his splendid services. While there he visited the neighboring farm to see a very interesting team of oxen, consumed much of the fruit, leaving a general shortage in these parts, and proving that the days of the depression are

over, and the day of miracles not yet passed, by buying another fellow a glass of beer.

Closing with a :

Knock! knock!

Who's there?

Miner.

Miner who?

Miner gone, give me a cigarette.

### FARMER LANGDON

E. H. Langdon and family are moving to a small farm at the edge of Macon. Mr. Langdon is not sure that he is much of a farmer but he hopes to learn how to raise crops, chickens and children.

Mrs. J. W. Simpson entertained the girls from the Main office at her home, 1017 West Prairie street, on Thursday evening, August 27. The party was a shower in honor of Mrs. Clifton Shannon, who received many very pretty and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Keil and family left August 23 for a two weeks vacation in the west. They plan to visit Yellow Stone Park in particular.

Mrs. Irene Otis has been added to the Main Office force.

James W. Spawr has been transferred to the Iron Shop in Dept. 8.

Celia Cochran, of the Engineering Office, has taken a leave of absence for three months. Virginia Smith has been added to take her place.

Lester Duncan has been transferred to the Compression Dept.

Ernest Hetzler, of the Pattern and Core Storage section of the Brass Foundry, underwent an operation for hernia at the Decatur and Macon Hospital, August 19. He is making a good recovery.

Last week August Schudziari finished wearing out a temporary set of teeth he got in 1921. He is now happy with a new set made by Dr. Knapp.

Rhodell Holderby, son of Emmett Holderby, is working in Dept. 8. For the past fourteen months he has been in the CCC camp at New Canton, Illinois, in the quartermaster's office.

Lloyd Cunningham, who has worked in the Grinding Dept. and with Billy Mason's force, resigned July 31 to join the Navy.

Henry Zehner, of the Los Angeles Plant, is laid up by two operations. The first one removed his appendix and the second repaired a hernia.

Charlie Johnson and wife spent a ten-day vacation with home folks in Kentucky. They report good crops in that region.

After Labor Day, the Cabin will be occupied for ten days by six of the men in Dept. 309. Albert Flaughter got up the party.

How to succeed—start at the bottom and wake up.