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# VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Annual Reunion and Picnic at Mueller Lodge August 22.

The annual reunion and picnic of the Decatur Volunteer Firemen's Association was held at Mueller Lodge, Sunday, Aug. 22. Five members of this once popular organization answered roll call. They were:

William Danzeisen, president. John Seeforth, 1st vice president.
Tony Walser, 2nd vice president.
W. H. Barnett, secretary and treasurer.
T. S. Ronan.

At one time these volunteer firemen were an outstanding feature of Decatur's civic life. They worked for the glory of it, drawing no pay. In the course of their activities the membership included 150 members, many of whom became prominent figures in Decatur's mercantile, professional and industrial life. The interest of the Muellers is due to the fact that several members of the family were identified with the volunteer firemen's organization. Glancing over the membership list we find the names of H. Mueller and Fred B. Mueller.

While the arrangements were being made for the picnic two of the surviving members called on us several times. They were called on us several times. They were William Danzeisen and W. H. Barnett and they told of some interesting and spectacular fires. The editor of the Mueller Record in early days was a member of the Herald editorial force, and many of the fires mentioned were recalled. Among them was the burning of the B. O. McReynolds residence on West Prairie avenue, just a few doors west of the-First Presbyterian church. It was a spectacular fire. It happened about 1:30 A. M. with a temperature of 22 degrees below zero. Any one who witnessed it might have forgotten the fire but never the intense cold. Water froze at the nozzle of the hose and that which reached the house became sheets of ice. The house was not completely destroyed but was badly damaged and the contents were a total loss. The paid fire department was established. lished about 1887. Mr. Barnett tells how a fire in the John Zellar's butcher shop on a night similar to the McReynolds fire was very difficult to control. The firemen had to re-turn several times. Finally Chief W. W. Foster left three men to guard the place, promising them they would be paid. He pre-

sented a bill to the city council for \$6. It was turned down. The chief paid it out of his own pocket. Out of that little incident grew the paid department. One who knew the late W. W. Foster can easily believe he started the ball rolling. He was a determined man to begin with and a past master in politics.

Incidentally the gathering at the lodge this year was very enjoyable for the old firemen and the friends who called on them.

#### CHANCE TO BUY A DOG.

The other day Francis Carroll received a letter that gave him a laugh. Here it is minus names:

A few days ago I wrote you asking for some information.

I asked for a reply by air mail, and your letter was received this morning. However, my dog got hold of it first, and there was not a damned bit left for me to read, except a corner of the envelope.

This matter was of much importance to me, and I will greatly appreciate it if you will kindly send me, immediately, a copy of your Very truly yours reply.

E. W. K. P. S.: For two cents I would send you the dog.

# HAD BEEN ADVISED

The owner of a big plant addressed a new employee: "Did my foreman tell you what you will have to do?

"Yes, sir, he told me to wake him up when I see you coming.—Forbes Magazine.

# WRONG INTERPRETATION

Sergeant: "Hey, you can't go in therε—that's the Colonel's tent."
Rookie: "Then what have they got 'Pri-

vate' over the entrance for?"

Breathless Spinster: "Give me a large size rat trap in a hurry—I want to catch the street car.

Dealer: "Sorry, madam, we don't make them that large.'

# **VACATIONS**

#### PLEASURE AND PAIN

Combined to Make A. C. Werdes' Vaca-

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Werdes have returned from an automobile trip to Boston and other points east. The trip was a mixture of pleasure, trouble and worry. Soon after starting Mr. Werdes discovered a "hickey" on the back of his neck, which gave him no immediate pain or trouble, but as it gained size the "hickey" was on 24 hours duty and busy every second, while at the same time the victim suffered severe pains in his right side which seemed to point the way to an appendectomy. A stop was made and a physician was called. He found that the "hickey" had been masquerading in false colors, and in reality was an active carbuncle. He had Mr. Werdes go to a hospital in Utica where he was detained four days receiving medical attention. The rest of the party had nothing to do but wait for his recovery, and during that time they explored Utica from end to end. When Mr. Werdes was discharged the travelers proceeded to Boston and after a visit there and other points near by they came back home. Mr. Werdes is back at his desk and will carry through the year pleasant and unpleasant thoughts of his 1937 vacation.

#### TRIP TO NIAGARA

Margaret Wilson of the Standards Department and Lucile Smith of the Purchasing Department took a very interesting three-day trip to Niagara Falls early in August. The trip was conducted and planned by the Wabash, to include the most interesting points in the short time allowed. The girls left Decatur on Saturday night, Aug. 7, and arrived in Detroit Sunday morning, where they had breakfast at the Fort Shelby hotel. Sunday was spent in sight seeing in Detroit which included the Ford plant, Shrine of the Little Flower, Edison Museum, and the Greenfield Village, where they rode in a carriage drawn by horses.

Late in the afternoon they boarded a steamer and crossed Lake Erie to Buffalo where they were met by a bus and taken for a thirty mile drive to Queenston, Canada. There they took another steamer across Lake Ontario to Toronto, Canada, and visited the district of Rosedale, which is strictly residential without even a corner drug store. The streets in the district were very winding and

That night was spent at the General Brock hotel, just opposite the Falls in Canada, which gave the girls an excellent view of the Falls illuminated. Tuesday they toured Niagara, N. Y., and visited Goat Island, Three Sisters

Island, and the Cave of the Winds, leaving Tuesday afternoon for the return trip to Decatur

# GIVE AID TO A TRUCKER

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith have returned from a vacation trip which took them as far north as Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they visited relatives and spent several days sightseeing. The trip north was made through the state of Wisconsin, touching Madison and other points of interest. On the return trip they visited Mayo Brothers Hospital at Rochester, and followed the Mississipi river south. stopping over at Davenport and Dubuque, Iowa. Twenty miles from Lincoln, Illinois, they were flagged down by a trucker whose hand had been badly cut, and they took the man to a doctor in Lincoln, driving through a blinding rain storm which flooded the road and streets. This incident was the only unpleasant occurrence on the whole journey, but they had the satisfaction of knowing that they brought the man to a doctor before he bled to death.

# TRIP OF 1500 MILES

Irene Santanen, stenographer for Mr. J. W. Wells, accompanied by her mother and friends, have returned from a "Gone With the Wind" trip into the south. They were gone six days and covered 1,500 miles. Their itinerary included Shawneetown, where they saw evidence of the January flood still visible. Houses washed completely away from their foundation and overturned still remained in that condition with the inhabitants living in them the best way they could. This is the town, the oldest in Illinois, to be moved to higher ground within the next two years. They visited Churchill Downs, where Irene reports that one horse was "at home" Mammoth Cave, Clingman's Dome, the second highest point east of the Rocky Mountains, Asheville and Hot Springs, North Carolina, although the latter was closed for the season. On the return trip they stopped off at French Lick, Indiana.

#### MARGARET VISITS CLEVELAND EXPO

Margaret Marcott, of the Laboratory, took a vacation and visited the Great Lakes Exposition at Cleveland. This enterprise has been written up in the Outside Record on two occasions, last year and this year. Margaret says its a fine exposition, although not so large as the Century of Progress. However, there is plenty to see and lots to learn. It is clean looking and attractive and the amusement

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# **CHATTANOOGA**

Blanche Denton, of the Sales Department, has returned after spending her vacation at Daytona Beach, Flortda.

Claude Crowell is buying a home in Red Bank. Claude works in our Shipping Department.

The marriage of Miss Frances Noles and Louis Phillips was solemnized on July 17. Mr. Phillips is connected with the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company. Tuesday evening, August 10, the girls in the office attended a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Phillips at the home of Miss Blanche Denton.

Hugh Churchill, foreman of our Pattern Shop, is vacationing at home this week.

Thus far this month, our safety board shows that the Machine Shop is the only department whose men have lost time from work due to accidents. We hope the other departments of the factory continue to be safety-conscious about their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Massey and wife announce the birth of a son on Saturday, August 7.

# WEDDINGS

John Sanders and Miss Annie Ganger were married at Rising Fawn, Georgia, on July 23. Mr. Sanders works in the Iron Foundry.

Sam Wise, of the Machine Shop, and Miss Nancy Smith were married on May 8. Why didn't you tell us sooner, Sam?

We are told that Russell Davis, of the Engineering Department, has very serious intentions about a certain young lady. At any rate he is showing much interest in weddings and vacations. He plans to leave on his vacation on September 15, at which time we feel sure we will have a big news item for you.

Here is a plumbing article:

Backwoods Joe and his family had spent their lives in a one-room cabin. Joe's kids and his ma had slept generally in a space as big as your living room. Joe could spit from one corner of his house to the other side with ease.

When an oil company brought in a well in Joe's back yard, he took his family and moved to Wichita. Here is a letter a pal of his received shortly after:

"Dear John:

We got a house. It has six rooms. One room we eat in, another we just kind o' sit in,

then there is "a room where ma does nothin' but cookin'. But the wash room is the one we all like best. There is a lookin' glass on the wall where you can see yourself. Under the glass is a big bowl where you can wash your hands and face. When you get real dirty there is a big tub against the other wall where we wash ourselves all over. Then there is another bowl with a handle on it that sits on the floor. This had us fooled for awhile, but we got it figured out, it is to wash your feet in. It had two lids on it when we moved in here, but I took them off as they kept falling on my feet. The top lid ma is using for a dough board and we framed pa's picture with the other.

"Come and see us some time."

# DISAGREEABLE ECHO OF PICNIC

A few days before our last picnic the writer inspected the new rest rooms in the Athletic Club House. They were spotless—gleaming new fittings and spotless vitreous ware. Nothing in that line could have been more invitingly clean. In the afternoon we visited the men's rest room—what a transformation. Wet, sloppy floor and used paper towels scattered about—general disorder and disregard for the simplest sanitary rules—nothing could have been more uninviting. We are told that similar conditions prevailed in the women's rest room. It seems strange that men and women working to produce sanitary and hygenic goods should so utterly disregard first principles. We do not think this condition resulted from any desire to create it, but we do think it the result of thoughtlessness and carelessness.

The very nature and purpose of any rest rooms requires scrupulous observance of neatness and cleanliness, virtues that should be practiced by all people, especially by those who make goods that are advertised as Mueller goods are.

# HAVING FUN WITH TONY

George Hofmann writes us a letter in which he says: Here is Tony Yonker, writing me here in Texas about the city of Milwaukee, Wis., after just returning from his honeymoon. Well, I guess that he is not the only one that has gotten excited over getting married.

Right George, but not Tony. After long years of association with him we have never seen his ultra-placid disposition ruffled. We rather ascribe his slip to his dreams of matrimonial bliss.

# POINTER TO HOUSEWIVES

Customer: You said this blanket was all wool and yet you can see it is plainly marked "Cotton."

"Clerk: Well, you see we marked it cotton to fool the moths.

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# SOFT BALL NEWS

The Mueller Soft Ball League is nearing the end of its schedule. The Specialties team still leads the league to date, but can be tied by the office.

Several fine games were turned in by our Mueller All Stars. The record of these games are as follows:

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Muellers—Taylor, p.; Roush, c. H

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Batteries-Nokomis: Bauer, p.; Jackino, c. Muellers-White & Taylor, p.; Roush, c.

The game with the Staley team was really an outstanding game, as can be seen from this summary. This was a hard fought game and the Mueller team should be given credit for fighting an uphill battle all the way.

Batteries-Staleys: Siweck & Williams, p.: Smith & Cham-Muellers Taylor, p.: Roush, c.

Ħ Garffeld Aces... 3 Muellers.... 0 Batteries-Garfield Aces: Hill, p.: Engle, c. Muellers-Fawley, p.; Lake & Roush, c.

Н Assumption: 0 5 1 4 1 2 0 2 2 17 18 Muellers... 1 0 1 2 2 1 1 1 0 9 7 Batteries — Assumption: Sybert & Johnson, p.: Swinnen, c-Muellers—Dash & Fawley, p.: Roush, c. 0 2 2 1 1 0

н 10 Batteries-Y. M. C. A.: Chamberlin, p.; Shumate, c. Muellers-Flaugher, p.; Roush, c.

Interesting features of inter-factory league

soft ball games are as follows:

Bert Flaugher, one of the outstanding
Mueller league pitchers, entered the elusive hall of fame with a no hit game, played be-tween the Specialties team and the office. Bert did not get a shut out, due to some spotty fielding but during the course of the game, walked only two men and struck out six. Nice going Bert.

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  Batteries—Office: Dash, p.; Roush, c.
Specialties—Flaugher, p.; Edwards, c.
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The East Side, West Side all star game picnic afternoon was a very nice game with the

East Side .... 0 West Side ... 2 West Side..... ô

Batteries-East Side: Dash, p.: Roush, c. West Side Flaugher & Curry, p.; Edwards, c.

East Side turning out on top.

On the night of the Departmental meeting the East Side and the West Side all stars again met on the field of battle and the West Side reversed their decision on this occasion and nosed out a close vistory, after the lead had changed several times during the course of the game.

East Side ... 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 West Side ... 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 3 x Batteries-East Side: Taylor & Fawley, p.; Roush, c. West Side: Flaugher, p.: March, c.

The Foremen's Club team and the Maintenance Department battled through seven innings on even terms in their first meeting.

Foremens Club . . . 2 0 3 0 3 1 3 Maint. Dept . . . . 2 0 1 3 0 1 4 Batteries Foremen's Club: Chancy, p.; March, c. 19 Maint. Dept.-Thompson, p.: Moony, c.

In the second meeting between the Foremen's Club and the Maintenance team the latter team had no chance against the power by the old timers.

0 0 Foremen's Club .. 3 1 6 16 13 Maint. Dept. . . . 2 0 0 a Batteries-Foremen's Club: Chaney, p.; March, c. Maint. Dept.-Dudley & Thompson, p.: Mooney, c.

The picnic morning game between the Foremen's Club and the Apprentices ended in a wild decision for the Apprentice lads.

H Apprentices.. 5 6 10 Foremen's Club 4 0 2 0 2 1 0 Q

Batteries - Apprentices: Roarick & Pippin; Bauer, c.

Foremen-Chaney & Morrison, p.; March, c. Ten High Ave. Batters-7 or More Games

Players	Team	Ave.
Lake	Polishers	.610
Flaugher	Specialties	.519
Chaney	Specialties	.486
E. Duncan	Office	.466
Grossman	Specialtiss	.458
Uhler	Apprentice	.456
Rambo	Plant 2	.428
Bauer	Apprentice	.422
Harris	Apprentice	.412
Taylor	Apprentice	.400

Team Standing to Date in 2nd Round of Play

Team	Won	Lost	Ave.
Specialties	6	0	.1000
Office	4	1	.800
Apprentices	4	2	.666
Utility	4	2	.666
Plant 2	2	4	.333

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features are good. Outside of what she saw in the exposition she enjoyed the beautiful city of Cleveland and the lake, and found the trip well worth the time and expense.

### TO THE COLORADO MOUNTAINS

Francis Carroll of the Sales Department, accompanied by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Ella Carroll, and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Scott of Cerro Gordo, went to the Colorado mountains for their vacation this year. They were gone about two weeks, and covered 3100 miles. Mr. Carroll tells of his trip as follows:

"We left Decatur Saturday, noon, July 24, and went through Iowa, Nebraska, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the way out, and Kansas and Missouri on the return trip. Found excellent roads all the way.

"We spent two days in the Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado Springs, Royal Gorge, Pueblo, and drove up Pike's Peak while at Colorado Springs.

"We were in Cheyenne a couple of days before the opening of their annual "Frontier Days" celebration. Everyone was dressed in western costumes, and the city was highly decorated.

"The Colorado mountain roads are remarkably safe and well improved, being mostly paved. Everything possible is done for the tourists convenience. The Trail Ridge Road in the Rocky Mountain National Park reaches an elevation of 12,000 feet, and you travel for miles in the snow fields. The entire trip can be made in high gear."

### TRIP SOUTH

Following the picnic Mr. and Mrs. Walter Auer and daughter decided on a vacation and chose the south and southeastern portion of the country for investigation and exploration. They drove to Chattanooga where they spent two days and then continued to Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. Coming back they came through the Smoky Mountain section, Cherokee Reservation, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. They were gone about a week, enjoyed fine weather and a good time.

# BROKEN WRIST

Helen Rinehart, Cost Department, received a broken wrist and bad cuts on her knee and chin when the car in which she was riding was struck by a Checker cab in Springfield Saturday night, September 11. She was taken to the hospital but was able to be returned home on Sunday. Her condition is not serious but very painful and she will be laid up for several weeks.

Ernest Krumsiek, of Department No. 9, underwent a tonsilectomy early in August.

#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT



there is Charles Johnson cultivating his garden during the summer Bill Groble caught him in the act and Charlie cannot now deny the fact that he was working — or at least posing—as cameras do not lie.

#### SPENDS LABOR DAY AT WEST BADEN

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Ridgeway, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridgeway and Robert Ridgeway drove to West Baden and French Lick, Indiana, to spend the Labor Day holiday. They left here on Saturday and returned Monday, coming back through Annapolis, Illinois, where they loaded up their car with peaches. West Baden is the old home town of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Ridgeway, and they visited relatives there. Al. is in the receiving department, Frank in the Foundry, and Robert at Plant 2

### IN THE OZARKS

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Himstead, accompanied by their daughter, Beatrice, and George Harshbarger, visited the Ozarks over the Labor Day holiday.

# NEW DENTURES

L. B. McKinney. Department 3. is exercising his new dentures.

Charles Taylor, Department 300, will get his one of these days before long.

C. E. Wood of Plant 2 has his teeth out and will get them this fall.

Norman Poole got his upper plate Sep'ember 13.

### GOING TO COLLEGE

Leonard Gilmore, who has been working in the Foundry for a year, has returned to Fort Wayne, to attend the Indiana Industrial College, where he is taking a course in mechanical engineering. He said that he had a very thorough course in brass foundry practice under "Professor" Blue Lusk. He regards this as most valuable.

Gober Hickman has had his front teeth replaced he lost in a ball game about six weeks ago.

#### MEETING AT HEIGHTS

### Music, Speaking and Moving Pictures Draws Big Crowd

The meeting at Mueller Heights on the evening of August 31 attracted a large crowd. The amphitheater was nearly filled by members of the organization and families. There was a slight delay in the beginning of the exercises owing to trouble with the loud speaker. This was quickly corrected, however, and there was no particular annoyance, because the evening was delightfully cool.

The first number on the program was two piano solos by Miss Marguerita Elsasser, who with her mother, Mrs. Clarence Elsasser, of Omaha, are visiting in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Adolph Mueller.

This young performer of 11 years was introduced by Adolph and made her own announcement of her selections with a professional assurance which captured the crowd. In introducing the young performer Adolph explained that she was a grand niece. At the conclusion of her two selections he explained that this grand niece had been playing the piano since she was five years of age, and that she practiced five hours a day. Her difficult selections were executed with a technique and expression which would be accredited as good in a much older performer. Miss Marguerita was given warm applause on both numbers.

Adolph followed with a brief talk which had to do with our internal affairs. Among other things he announced an educational plan whereby children of employes completing high school and desiring a collegiate course will find the company willing to assist them, under conditions which Mr. Wells will explain. He finished his talk with a number of jokes which brought laughter from the au-

dience.

While these exercises were going on Pfile, the camera man, entertained the children in the lodge with several reels of moving pictures. These were greatly enjoyed by the children.

#### **BRASS CHIPS**

Ellen Jane Peabody of the Paymaster's of fice spent one week visiting relatives in Davenport, Iowa.

Jane Cranston visited relatives at Pana and vicinity during the week of August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson and daughter, Opal, made two trips to St. Louis to the Municipal Opera. The first trip they saw "Prince of Pilsen" and next time "The Pink Lady."

Dorothy Cooper, that peripatetic member of the Cost Department, visited St. Louis August 7 and saw "Pink Lady" at the Municipal Opera. Other spare moments of her time this month were taken up in trips to Mt. Zion and Cerro Gordo.

# BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

# Mueller Troop Air Ship Met With Crash — Good Workmanship

Mueller Troop 2 activities for the month of August have been many and varied. One of the high points was the troop entry in the Gasoline Model Airplane meet at Decatur Airport, August 29. Although the plane, shown in the above picture, crashed badly on



a take off, the thrill of competition was well worth the cooperative effort of the troop to win. The boys spent several hours constructing the seven-foot model for the race.

The plane had a seven-foot wing span, was four feet long, and weighed four-and one-half pounds, with one-fifth h.p. motor at 3800 r.p. m. The body and tail frame of all steel tubing, a novel innovation in model building which is the only one of its kind.

The troop cabin at Mueller Heights is a scene of building activity as the boys of troop 2 are repairing and getting it into shape for fall and winter use. The cabin suffeted considerable destruction from the hands of vandals during the last year.

Homer Van Vleet of Chattanooga spent his vacation in Decatur visiting familiar surroundings.

Ethel Fogle spent the first week in August in Detroit where she visited her brother.

Fern Pope and Marian Richards went to St. Louis to see "Wild Violets" on August 28.

# SOUND ASLEEP

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

"I would pretend that I was as leep," was the unhesitating reply."—Layfette Lyre,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) ^{2}$ 

# Try out our Cafeteria

# ANOTHER HOPPER BIT THE DUST



Behold the mighty hunter, August Rauschek. When August heard of the presence of enormous droves of grasshoppers he got his gun and went out in the field to see what he could do about it. Now he's glad he took his gun. Had he not he might have been devoured alive, judging from the size of one hopper he brought home. He only killed the one because it was all he could carry, so he said. Of course we have heard lots of big fish stories during the summer, but this is the only big hopper story that has come to our notice. And you can't deny it. Look at the evidence in "Auggie's" hand. Rex Smith, our promising young cartoonist, had nothing to do with the story — but draw the picture.

# OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldis observed their twentieth wedding anniversary on Monday, August 23. Their son, Donald Howard, 17, is a member of the Mueller Scout Troup 2, and Mr. Baldis has taken quite an interest in Boy Scout activities.

# BAD HABIT

Chatty—O, he's so romantic. When he addresses me he always calls me "Fair Lady." Catty—Force of habit, my dear. He's a conductor.

#### TWO MORE GRADUATES





Two belated pictures of High School graduates in the 1937 classes.

Above Roy Thomas, Jr., a graduate of the Huntington Fark High School, Huntington, California. His father, Roy, Sr., was formerly a member of the local organization but became a "native son" of California when the Pacific Coast Factory was established at Los Angeles,

Below Morris Atchison, who graduated from the Decatur High School. Morris is a son of Charles O. "Slim" Atchison of the Decatur organization, and is well known—practically everybody knows "Slim."

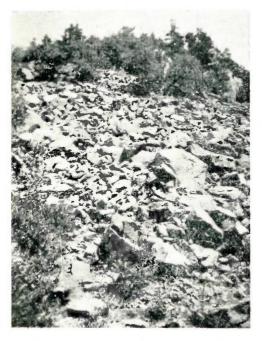
They are two live lads and they have our best wishes for their future.

She: "And don't you think, Mr. Brown the most successful marriages are those of opposites?"

Mr. Brown—"Well, yes, I suppose you're right. I'm looking for a girl with money!"—Glasgow Bulletin.

# SCENERY AT DEVIL'S LAKE

A Balanced Rock and a Descent Which Makes Business for Shoe Dealers



There are many interesting sights in and around the Dells, Wisconsin, where Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Kurr spent their vacation. Above is one of them—five hundred feet of broken rock. Concerning this Mrs. Pope says:

"Descending the rock pile pictured above, after a three mile hike along the bluffs five hundred feet above Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, I lost whatever urge I may have had for

mountain climbing, to say nothing of a pair of shoes being cut and scuffed beyond repair. The ascent had been gradual along well defined paths through shaded woods, but the descent was steadily downward and we were all glad to reach the bottom."



"The rock shown here is "Balanced Rock," so named because the thirteen tons of quartzite is perfectly balanced on its small end, approximately two feet across. The top is about six feet in width. The trail leading to this rock is the most rugged at Devil's Lake, and leads half way down the side of the East Bluff. The first impression one has upon seeing this rock is that a slight push would send it crashing over the side of the cliff, but Sir Walter Scott's well known lines might have been written about this rock:

"Come one come all! This rock shall fly From it's firm base as soon as I."

#### CHICKEN FRIES

This is the season of chicken fries. It is apropos that they come in flocks. An automobile drive of 20 miles to a chicken fry means nothing and the fry is always worth the while. Ed. Stille, Bill Ferry and many others in this organization are regular addicts and seldom miss. The dinners the church women get up are surprising in the abundance and variety of food. They are never disappointing, except when there are two the same evening. On that occasion we found Ed. Stille and Bill Ferry after 45 minutes of eating arise from the table and commiscerated with each other that there was another fry twenty miles away which they could not reach on account of the lateness of the hour.

#### VISITS FACTORY

William Damewitz, who retired eleven years ago, after serving twenty-nine years in the Brass Shops, and who has three sons working here, visited the plant on September 8 and saw many of his old friends.

#### SHIPPING ROOM IMPROVEMENT

Billy Mason and his men have been engaged in putting up a shelter in front of the shipping room on the Cerro Gordo street door. The frame work is of iron and will not obstruct the sidewalk; but will be a great protection to the truck drivers when loading in inclement weather.

# ADD TO SAFETY

The operators of the paint sprayers are now equipped with special respirators, which add to the safety and comfort of their job.

### SOME ONE TELL JOHNNY

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

Mrs. Jack Enloe and Mrs. Helen Clark have been helping in the Advertising Department.

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Teams		AB.	R.	H.	B.B.	SO.	2BH	3BH.	HR	AVE.		
Apprentices			131	140	36	25	24	8	12	.355		
Utility			139	155	22	23	23	3	7	.354		
Specialties		369	118	130	19	19	27	5	14	.353		
Plumbing		446	118	143	43	26	25	7	13	.321		
Maintenance .		402	92	117	26	29	15	13	6	.291		
Plant 2			95	111	25	18	19	8	8	.291		
Polishing		274	61	78	28	24	11	3	4	.285		
Office		346	100	86	20	17	16	3	7	.249		

# SARNIA NEWS

The Sarnia plant employees seems to have settled quite agreeably into their usual routine after their vacations the week of Aug. 1. The boys have had quite a time outdoing each other in their accounts of their vacations. We have heard that:

Bob Moore spent his holiday in the Niagara district but also managed to take in the Goderich Old Home Week.

George Lee toured most of Eastern Conada and some of the New England states.

"Arry" Morris journeyed to Callender to see Mr. Dionne. He got his autograph and a number of lucky stones to send to a number of his friends over 'ome. Naturally he saw the famous quintuplets and advises Dennis Tilley to take the trip to complete his educa-

We have had no word from Carl Smith but realize that we won't know about Carl until everyone else is through talking.

Bill Young enjoyed a real Scotch vacation He sat on his porch and let his mind wander

Jack Tedder gave us quite a surprise when we learned he had been in Chicago looking up Sally Rand.

Ve don't know much about Jim Brent but we heard a lady relieved him of seventeen

Uncle Bill's and Uncle George's nephew, Alex, was given a dollar to spend by Bill, so he thoroughly enjoyed himself gazing at the bathing beauties all day long on Crystal Beach.

From the Stenographic Department Mollie Hillier had an ideal holiday touring Eastern Canada in a trailer.

Marion Burke visited similar places, only sailed instead of motoring to Montreal.

Mrs. Reeve also visited North Bay and vicinity and saw the sights of the Capitol City, Ottawa.

Last but not least, we have Alan Bannister, who spent his vacation attending the Annual Bannister Conclave held in Brantford every year. We had hoped that Al. would be successful in landing the position of Chief but the election proved to be hotly contested and Al. had to be contented with Vice Chief. But watch Al. next year.

We are wondering if we shall see a new Studebaker being driven around here 'ere long. It won't be before it should, for we hear straight from Mr. Parker that one needs rubber boots, raincoat and umbrella handy if you are going motoring with Ray McIntyre.

By the way, even George tried the trailer idea with his family and spent a week end at that at Stony Point. It was really too much for him, he was stiff and crippled for a week

Mr. E. B. Mueller was in Decatur attending the funeral of Mrs. Phillip Mueller, whose death occurred on August 17, 1937.

#### PAUL JACKA'S PIPE

Several days ago Louise Whitehead was showing occupants of the second floor a calabash pipe owned by Paul Jacka. It was formerly the property of Paul's father and had just been returned from a pipe factory where it had been cleaned and reconditioned. It had all the earmarks of a meerschaum pipe. It was beautifully colored. Paul prizes the pipe very highly.

### TRIPLE "EYE"

Secretary: "The man you inquire about

works here and is a tripoli buffer."

Voice on telephone: "Triple eyes? How could he?"

# \_\_\_ PAGE STILLE

Why didn't you send your man to mend my electric bell?

I did, madame, but as he rang three times and got no answer, my man decided there was no one at home."

Send in your news items to the Record editor. They will be greatly appreciated.

# PRIZE WINNERS AT PICNIC



Right—Harold Walton, winner of wagon in children's drawing contest.

Left—Joyce Taylor, winner of the doll in children's drawing contest. Center — Horseshoe champions, Alvin and Orville Karlowski.

Announcement was made on August 31 of the marriage of Violet Collenberger and Lisle Edward Austin, which took place August 23 in Dana, Indiana. The service was read by Rev. Reedy in the First Baptist parsonage. The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Collenberger, has been an employe of the Core Room. Mr. Austin is with the Dunlop Tire and Battery Co. The couple are at home in 2604 North Main street.

#### AH! HA! IT'S YOU. BILL



Some unknown enemy turned in this picture, thinking we could not detect the identity of the subject, but we did. It's Bill Groble of the Regulator department. Even his attempted disguise as a "merman" did not save him.

"The Smiths are very old-fashioned, aren't

"I'll say, they even still make jelly out of the grapes they buy."

# THIRTY-THREE BABIES.

#### Have Been Born to Mueller Employes Since 1936 Picnic

There were thirty-three babies entered in the annual baby show at the picnic. Below is a complete list of parents and babies:

PARENTS NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dash
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roarick BABY'S NAME Elsie Martha Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Runion Shirley Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roe Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Musgraves Arletta Helen Thomas Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gideon Mr. and Mrs. Julius Staudt Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shockley Sylvia Cecil Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley Carol Joan Ronald Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Curry Jackie Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shannon Glenda Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Curry Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dunn Dicky Judith Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmonson Thomas Mr. and Mrs. Orville T. Brown Patsy Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Dell Glenda Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dial Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lewis Mervil Nancy Arleen Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ford Dale Mr. and Mrs.Albert Flaugher Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Coats Ronald Jola Mr. and Mrs. John Monska Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Stogsdill Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bond Vernon Dean Jack Rosalie Mr. and Mrs. Halden Hanson Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudley Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Constant Sharon Sandra Frankie Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Lebo Mr. and Mrs. August Raushek Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Tripp Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sarver Chas. Dale Patricia Michael Eugene Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Baum Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith Kenneth

#### BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE PARK

Robert Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore, and Mr. and Mrs. Winters of Moweaqua, took a holiday trip to Jackson, Michigan. They were particularly impressed by the Sparks II-

luminated Cascades.

Jackson has a rich man who has developed in the city of Jackson a fine private park of four hundred acres, with beautiful landscaping, flowers and water. The park is maintained by an endowment which he has provided. At one side of the park is his handsome dwelling. The public has the use of this beautiful park without cost to the city, other than keeping up the streets.

On the hillside of the park has been developed the cascades, a series of terraces and water falls, bordered by fountains, flower gardens and stairways. The whole thing is illuminated in colors, somewhat like our foun-

tain in Central Park.

When this is illuminated on a summer evening, it is a unique and beautiful spectacle. There is only one other like it in America.

#### **BRASS CHIPS**

Miss Mildred McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McClure, spent the week end in St. Louis.

Mrs. A. D. Bashore underwent a surgical operation in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital in August, and made remarkably good recovery. She is now at home and going about her work as usual.

W. E. Corley spent the week he was laid off building an addition to the kitchen on his home on North Taylor street.

Wiley Hall, of Plant 2, who was laid off on August 20, has a good job on a farm at Dalton City.

A number of men have been transferred from Department 8 to the Maintenance Department under W. T. Mason. They are L. Walters, Lee Merrow, Cleo Craft, H. Dempster, Harold Moore, Charles Atchinson.

Orville Karlowski was transferred from Department 8 to the Core Department.

The following were transferred from the Maintenance Department to the Foundry: Victor Ford, James Sparr, James Freeman.

A. W. Gordon, of the Polishing Department, sprained his left wrist when he caught it in a wheel on August 26. He was laid up for ten days.

Russell Short returned to work September 1 after an absence of a week due to a skin eruption on his face.

Pete Aleckner, molder at Plant 2, returned to work August 30 after an illness of six weeks, due to arthritis.

Under the stimulus of our nurse's drum list and Dr. Knapp's dental clinic, a number of men are having their teeth repaired and cleaned. When the work is done, all say, "Well, I'm glad of it now."

While Tom Ralston, truck driver, was cutting weeds in his back yard on July 26, he got some kind of poison on his face that laid him up for a week.

Fred Galka, of the Tool Making Department, who has been absent from work since March 5, was allowed permanent disability on his group insurance policy in the Travelers Insurance Company.

#### **DEATHS**

#### Louis M. Revnolds

On Sunday morning, August 30, Louis M. Reynolds, of the Machine Shop, died at his home at 985 West Marietta street. He had been in failing health for several years but worked at his bench until August 19.

He was employed by Mueller Co. March 29, 1918. He worked in the Brass Finishing Shop about eighteen months and was then transferred to the Machine Shop, then under Kitty Wilkins. Part of the time he was operating a machine but most of the time he spent in assembling. Before coming to Mueller Co. he was employed seven years by the Decatur School System.

His first wife died in 1921. Later he was married to Miss Lillian Collins who survives

him. He had no children.

Mr. Reynolds was a member of Grace Methodist church, and belonged to the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges.

He was a man of excellent character and was held in high esteem by his many friends

here

Funeral services were held at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, August 31. Burial was in Fairlawn cemetery. Men from Department 30 acted as pallbearers.

#### IN WISCONSIN

Mr. O. C. Keil and family spent a week or ten days on a Wisconsin tour and had a delightful time in the cool north woods. They took a cottage near Portage and enjoyed themselves swimming, fishing and other outdoor sports.

### SAFETY SHOES

Almost every week some one tells of saving a toe by wearing safety shoes. It is now possible to get a safety shoe suited to any job and on any foot. A new oil proof shoe has appeared, the sole of which is unaffected by either oil or water.

#### THIS FOR HUMPY

# And the Memory of Some Old Timers of This Organization

(From February Record 1924)

After R. D. Coffman's indoor baseball team sent Humpy and his followers back so far it would take a modern scientist to determine whether or not any of the bunch ever did play ball, Dear Old Charles Morris has organized the following team. So beware, boys, beware!

Back Stop—Tom Goodwin.
Front Stop—C. Wilson.
R. Long Stop—John McKinley.
L. Long Stop—Frank Miller.
First Base—J. Layman.
Second Base—J. Major.
Third Base—D. Carson.
R. S. Stop—John Curtis.
L. S. Stop—B. Butler.

Now, if you think it was an easy matter or mere play for Charles to organize these veterans of bygone days, you are very much mistaken, for, as we understand it, he spent many a restless night and ate many a meal half-heartedly while rounding up the old boys. And so it was his noble character that made Charles Morris self-appointed manager of the Seniors of the West End.

#### POT LUCK SUPPER

Sixteen Core Room girls gathered at Nelson Park September 3 for a pot luck supper as a farewell for Garnet Wall, a former Core Room girl who now lives in Chattanooga; a shower for Mrs. Maurice Workman, the former Gladys White, and another former Core Room Girl; and a bridal shower for Mrs. E. W. Bobb, the former Dorothea Toole. After the supper Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Bobb were surprised with their gifts, each girl thinking it a surprise for the other. A grand time was had by all.

The girls attending were Garnet Wall, Gladys Workman, Dorothea Bobb, Mildred Fenton, Geneva Reifsteck, Margaret Behrend, Fern Davey, Helen Wadell, Helene Franklin, Blanche Kallbrier, Laura Becker, Hazel Cunningham, Jennie Kinney, Clara Salefski, Grace Hawbaker, and Thelma Coffman.

# Himstead-Harshbarger

Miss Beatrice Himstead, daughter of Harley Himstead of Frank Mueller's Department, and George A. Harshbarger Department 9, were married September 4 in St. Louis by Justice John E. Clooney. The bride's parents accompanied them. Following a week end trip to the Ozarks, they are living at 1117 West Cerro Gordo street.

Bernardine Shain, clerk in the Core Department, spent a few days the latter part of August visiting her father near Norris City in Southern Illinois.

# LOS ANGELES

August 27, 1937. Enclosed herewith please find snapshot of three of our employes, namely: (From left to right) Pat Dudley, Leonard Johnson and "Shorty" Casper.



This picture was taken while the three boys were down in Old Mexico for a few hours. All three were thoroughly convinced while in Agua Caliente that the place is full of "foreigners," who are hard to understand.

From the looks of the picture, the green sombrero held by Leonard Johnson will just about make him look like a "foreigner," also if he manages to wear it."

The boys called their trip the "Mueller Mexican Expedition."

#### Married

Last Saturday morning, August 28, Joseph Lingard and Melba Mae Turner were married at the home of Rev. C. E. Baker in Alhambra. The ceremony took place at 10 A. M. with close friends of the happy couple attending. The bride wore a white satin gown with hat to match, and the groom was dressed in gray.

After the ceremony they cut the large wedding cake and everyone joined in to wish the couple good wishes and congratulate them.

A short time after the wedding the blushing bride and groom took a short trip to Santa Barbara over the week end.

Joe is one of our turret lathe operators in the Machine Shop.

Don Andrews, of the Brass and Iron Foundry of the Chattanooga Plant, spent a few days of his vacation in Decatur. Don reports that all foundry men at the Chattanooga plant, who handle hot iron and brass, wear knee length leggings. This has resulted in almost a total elimination of foot and leg burns, while safety shoes are the beautotection against a mashed toe.