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VALUE OF HEALTH

Never So Important as Now When
Production is So Necessary

Everything we do these days becomes a comparative measuring stick for what these efforts would accomplish if applied to some needed equipment for defense. This is right and proper. There are too many of us not giving thought to what we are capable of doing. Take the necessary and fundamental element of health. You might ask what effect individual good health means to the war. Well, it has everything to do with it. If you are sick or unhealthy, you can't work. This means the loss of man power. It is upon man power that defense now rests. We have got this man power in collective pounds spreading into millions in weight to produce goods that will end aggression, which can't be done in any way than by the production of American factories. This is why our health is so precious at this time and why we should protect it to the extent of our power. Dr. Victor Heiser, famous health pioneer and author of "An American Doctor's Odyssey" says:

"The speed of a machine depends on the quality of the fuel used; the speed of a factory depends on the diet of the men on the Assembly line."

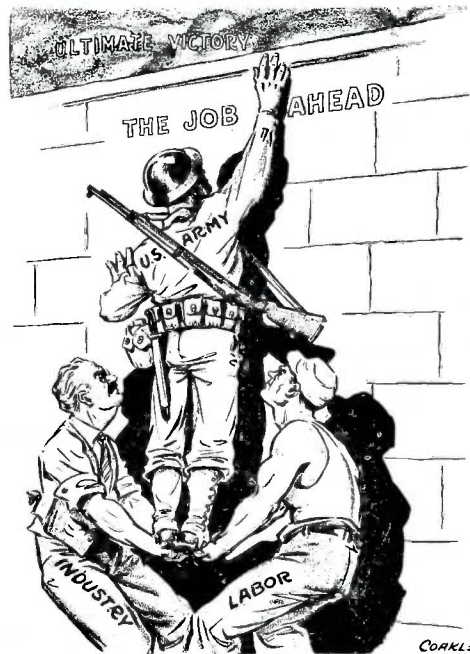
In his "Prescription for Production" he goes further, saying:

"The number of men in the battle line no longer is the decisive factor in determining the outcome of a war. This is a day of mechanization when victory or defeat depends upon the efficiency of men in the factory assembly lines."

What is the cost of illness in terms of war production? In one month according to a Gallup poll, one month alone, the time lost by men in war industries or war-connected industries because of illness could have built two heavy cruisers, 448 medium bombers or 3,200 light tanks. Another authority estimates that in a normal year, not war time, 1,000 "Flying Fortresses" could be built in that time—100,000,000 man hours all-to'd—lost annually because of sickness.

These are the reasons for you doing all

INVINCIBLE TRIANGLE



A STORY WITHOUT WORDS.

you can do to keep fit and healthy—first, for your own sake and next, for the good of your country. A large per cent of all illness comes from faulty diet. We all eat much food that satisfies the taste only. We should eat normally of food for health and strength building. Think it over.

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VARIETY OF NEW YEARS

The Athenians began the year in June the Macedonians in September, the Romans first in March and afterward in January, the Persians on August 11, the ancient Mexicans on February 23, and Mohammedans in July.

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In South Carolina the law does not allow divorce for any cause.

VACATION ON MACKINAC ISLAND



Upper left:—"Alabama," well-known Great Lakes steamer which called at the island.

Insert:—Dorothy Cooper.

Upper right:—Arch Rock, limestone natural bridge, one of showplaces of Mackinac.

Lower left:—Horse and buggy days. The Decatur girls out for a sight-seeing tour.

Lower right:—Blockhouse at Fort Holmes. Dorothy Cooper in doorway.

(By Opal Jackson)

A vacation at famous Mackinac Island was enjoyed late in August by Dorothy Cooper, Opal Jackson and their friends Florence McConnell and Juanita Sweeney. The trip was made by train, Wabash and Pennsylvania lines. Life on the island, sometimes called "the Bermuda of the North" proved very interesting to the local girls. They were especially charmed by the water and all the activities in the Straits and in the harbor.

Mackinac Island is a three-quarters of a mile ride by ferry from Mackinaw City, northern tip of the Southern Michigan peninsula. All supplies, foods, etc., come to the island by boat, and at boat time there is always a crowd at the wharf, watching the people and cargo arriving. It is safe to say that our Decatur friends didn't miss a single boat.

The girls' hotel was next door to the U. S. Coast Guard Station, and their windows overlooked the harbor and yacht basin.

An Interesting History

Aside from its popularity as a Summer resort, the island has had its moments historically. Father Marquette, who explored the whole region, setting up missions for the Indians of the vicinity in many places, was closely associated with Mackinac. The island was called by the French Michilimackinac. The name has under British and

American regimes been shortened to Mackinac, but the French sound of the ending has been retained in the "aw" sound.

The island was a center of fur-trading and fishing. In the former John Jacob Astor was often at the island, and a building still stands known as the John Jacob Astor House.

Under Three Flags

The island, as local people are quick to point out, has been under three flags. The British won it from the French in the French and Indian War, when Colonel Rogers of the famous Rogers Rangers (immortalized in the modern novel "Northwest Passage") distinguished himself. The old Fort Mackinac, with its walls and block houses, is a survival of the British occupation. It overlooks Marquette Park.

The Americans occupied the island following the Revolution, but during the War of 1812 the British made a surprise landing at a spot now known as British Landing on the back of the island (the girls ate lunch on the beach at British Landing one day) and overwhelmed the local garrison. Because of the slowness of communication in those days, the American commander of the fort was not even aware that war had been declared. The British built another fort, Fort Holmes, further inland, but the United States again obtained possession of the is-

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IN THE ARMY NOW



MERLE 19



ROBERT 22



RILEY 25

THREE MORRISON BOYS

In the Same Infantry and Medical Detachment Somewhere in the Pacific

Here are three fine looking young men who are doing their bit in the service. They are, reading left to right, Merle Morrison, age 19, Robert Morrison, age 22, and Riley Morrison, age 25. They are brothers and strangely enough they are with the same company in the 132nd Infantry, Medical Detachment. At the time they last wrote home, or rather when this letter was written, the trio was somewhere in Australia or one of the islands adjacent thereto. The letter was written April 22, 1942, and was received by their parents about a month ago. The father of these fine looking young men is Alva Morrison, familiarly known as "Blackie," one of our veteran employees in the foundry. The letter follows. Note the necessary data at the beginning.

Pvt. Merle M. Morrison
A.S.N. 20604066
Med. Det. 132 Inf.
Task Force—6814
A.P.O. 502

Care Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

April 27, 1942

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to let you know that us three boys still receive the Mueller Record tho it is usually a month late, but it is still as interesting as ever and is about the only book that we see out here on this lonely Southeast Pacific Island.

I'm writing this letter by candlelight as it is just now getting dark. We had to work all day, and our mail didn't come in until late this evening.

Two Sacks of Mail

We have had two sacks of mail since we

left the States. We left Camp Forrest on January the 17th and arrived in Australia the 28th or 9th of February after a safe voyage thru the Atlantic and Pacific.

We were billeted in private homes in Australia and had the best go I have had since enlisting with the National Guards in Decatur.

Where?

We were in Australia about a week, and then we continued our voyage to this lonely island.

As yet our unit hasn't seen any action, so we are allowed to go fishing, swimming and deer hunting providing there are no details to be done.

There is also plenty of wild fruit such as limes, lemons, oranges and coconuts and also other wild vegetation.

Last week our company went up into the hills and mountains to learn the trails and paths so that in case we would have to use them we would know where they were and where they would take us.

The streams are spring fed from up in the mountains and so we have clean, fresh water in which to swim and fish, and the boys do plenty of both. Our main hindrance for fishing is our lack of equipment, but the boys have been doing fairly well with what little equipment we could buy on the island tho it wasn't much.

Record Like Old Friend

I received three letters and your Mueller Record, in which I read about the tragic death of Mr. Joseph M. Brownback and wish to send my deepest sympathy to you.

Well, I will close this letter for this time, and I will appreciate your kindness to continue sending us boys the Mueller Record, for we really enjoy it immensely.

Yours sincerely,

Merle, Riley and Robert Morrison.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

In An Interesting Letter Willie Rohman Tells of Army Life

"Hello gang!

"Greetings from the desert, and I do mean desert. It's so hot here that the only way they can take the temperature reading is to keep the thermometer packed in ice—then subtract the temperature of the ice from the thermometer. There were 7 thermometers cracked from heat last week because we only had 150 pounds of ice on them.

"All jokes aside, though, it is plenty hot here. A soldier from the medical dept. claims it was 150 yesterday. Well, whatever it was, it was really hot.

Dust Storm

"Last night we had a terrific dust and sand storm. It blew all of the tents down and put fine sand in everything including watches, suit cases, guns, and there is even sand in my envelopes which were in my suitcase. It lasted over an hour, and everyone wore their gas mask for protection. It was awful.

"We took time out in the middle of all this to kill a snake about 2 ft. long that was crawling between two tents. That makes about seven or eight snakes killed to date between the tents. I killed another scorpion this morning.

"We left S. J. on Sunday morning. At noon a truck burned out some bearings. Another mechanic stayed with me to fix it. Lacking parts, we had to borrow a truck and proceed down to the desert. It was 417 miles—and covered it in 12 hours.

Covered California

"We took the borrowed truck back and drove all over California before we got a new motor for it. In all from Sunday morning until 3:00 P.M. on Saturday I traveled over 2,100 miles. This includes a trip that another mechanic and I took that covered 18 hours of steady driving. I was a physical wreck, believe me. Being out all night Saturday and driving all night three times was a little too much for me.

"I am sitting in my tent with no clothes on and a canteen full of water, and I am slowly roasting. It's cool at night after 12:00. The only newspaper in camp is "our" Decatur Herald, and everyone reads it."

As ever,

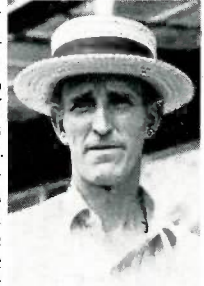
"Willie."

BUSINESS TRIP EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller are in the east. Adolph's object was to visit the New York division, attend the annual convention of the New England Water Works Association and to look after other business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schleuter while in the east.

JAMES W. WORKMAN

Among those called to the colors was James W. Workman, who got the summons late in August. He has been a member of our organization since 1924 and during that time made many friends who wish him all kinds of good luck. He was caught in the 24-45 draft. James was a former resident of Moweauqua and his wife and son returned to that town to reside during his absence. He was sent to Camp Grant but beyond that he has no idea where he is going—maybe to the shadows of the Egyptian pyramids or to the frozen Arctic circle. Like all good Americans he will be doing his duty regardless of location or climatic conditions.



ERNEST K. MOUNTS

Ernest K. Mounts started with us December 16, 1938, to help on inventory in the Plumbing division and later was transferred to the Specialty division. His next advancement was to the Munition division, and according to his foreman made a good record. He is a son of Hoyt Mounts and a brother of Raymond Mounts, both employed by this company. Besides his separation from family ties he leaves behind a bride of a few months. He was married to Miss Norma Dixon January 30, 1942. Ernest was inducted into the service during the month of August.



LLOYD RE-ENLISTS

Lloyd Cunningham is back in the navy. He stuck it out as long as he could and then gave way to that "yearning in his legs" for the roll of a good ship under his feet, and lost no time in again offering his service to his country. Lloyd served a full term on his former enlistment and had more fun than he is likely to have now. That time he cruised in South American waters and visited the Hawaiian Islands. This time it is likely to be real business of fighting enemy ships.



Superintendent of Insane Asylum—"Did you get those five men that escaped?"
Guard—"Five? We got thirteen."

ALBERT HILL "AT BAT"

Albert L. Hill has taken the first step in defense of his native land. He left Tuesday, September 8th for Peoria and from "there," said Albert with his customary smile, "I don't know where, but there is one thing certain and that is I'll go where they send me and there will be no argument about it. Uncle Sam is the umpire, you know and will not stand for disputing his decisions. Just like talking back to an umpire in a ball game. All I've got to do now is to listen and keep still."



He is hopeful, however, of becoming a member of a ground crew in the aviation division. Albert became a member of the organization three years ago, making his first appearance "at bat" as messenger boy. Then he became an order drummer or as Albert would put it in his baseball vernacular "a coach." After a year in that position he became an inspector at Plant 3. His unflinching good humor and willingness to discharge any duty entrusted to him won many friends. His prominence in athletics contributed to his popularity. We have no doubt that his pleasant personality will be maintained in any branch of the service to which he may be assigned.

WACASERS VISIT EVERETT**They Answered a Long Distance Call That He Will Soon Be Leaving**

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Wacaser made an unexpected trip to Ft. George G. Meade near Baltimore, in response to a message from their son Everett, who advised them if they wished to see him they had better come at once. That meant just one thing—Everett is about to get into the thick of it. Knowing that Herschel was absent from his regular guard duties, we asked the reason when he returned to work. We asked him where he had been and what he had been doing. When he told us we replied with a request that he give us a story about it. Herschel demurred but we insisted that we all knew Everett and of course were interested. Herschel hid behind the flimsy excuse that he was not a writer, but we think our read-



ers will disagree after reading his interesting account of his journey. It follows:

"Last Thursday night (September 3rd) we received a long distance message from our son who is now stationed at Ft. George G. Meade near Baltimore, Md., telling us if we expected to see him before he went across we had better come at once. I immediately got in touch with my boss, Charlie Cochran, who is always ready and willing to give his boys a break when they are caught in a jam on such short notice and he told me to go ahead and let him do the worrying about a substitute for me. So we took the 10 o'clock bus out of here the next day for Baltimore, via Danville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Pittsburgh, a distance of about 750 miles.

If one had the descriptive ability to put such a trip on paper it would rival some of the novels of Zane Grey, but as I do not possess that ability I can only say that the scenery through Pennsylvania, and Northern Maryland is simply breath-taking in beauty with its rolling foot hills and blue haze colored mountains in the distance and leave it to your imagination. There are many beautiful homes, some of them with historic interest around Gettysburg and Littleton, Pa. One of these in Pennsylvania being the home of our fifteenth president, James Buchanan.

We arrived in Baltimore at 6 o'clock Saturday morning and found Everett and his wife waiting for us.

He told us many interesting things about army life that probably the average civilian does not know. Among these he related of being told by officers to put their houses in order by making their wills, getting copies of their marriage certificate and details of all their business affairs in general. The boys are told by their officers that they are going 'some place some time' and no more. In a trip such as this through the great industrial centers with their vast expanse of steel mills and various other industries extending seemingly for miles along the highway, the great flying fields and army camps in various stages of construction, the little fellow from the midwest corn belt can begin to sort of visualize the enormous task in which we are engaged. We arrived home early Tuesday morning without accident considering the large number of people traveling by bus. Every large city is simply a madhouse with every one scrambling to get on and get the first seat, or get off and be on their way."

Editor's Note:—In addition to the above Herschel said the boys at Ft. George G. Meade have been told to draw summer underwear and other light clothing indicating that they will land somewhere in the tropics. Regarding reference to the home of President Buchanan, this is at Lancaster, Pa., and has been made into a shrine by a local organization. We have on hand photographs and data for an article which will appear later in the Outside Mueller Record.

FINE GROUP OF GUARDS



Back row, left to right: Geo. Turner, Virgil Morrison, Vernie Wall, John Drake, Tim O'Dell, Clinton Keller, Wm. O'Dell and Charlie Cochran.
Front row: Earl C. Dilbeck, Ray Caudle, Glen C. Dial, Clarence Sutton, Geo. Hunt, Chas. Miller, Monkota Karnes and Wm. Severe.

The air raid demonstration at the Athletic Field on the evening of September 2, under the direction of Charles Cochran, in charge of Plant protection, and Elmer Miller his assistant and air raid warden, was an interesting spectacle. The attendance was beyond all expectations. Newspapers placed it at from 6,000 to 10,000 which must be accepted as correct, based on the hundreds of automobiles filling every foot of available parking space. In addition to this both sides of adjacent highway parking space from the Lake Bridge for a half mile or more south and east was crowded. Across the lake reaching east from Franklin street were additional cars filled with interested spectators. The demonstration was more than simply a show. It was very impressive and left the crowd with serious thoughts of what a real raid would mean.

Every Phase of Defense

Every phase of organized defense and attending necessary duties was illustrated. These included the roaring planes overhead, first aid to the injured, the piercing warning of the ambulance siren, extinguishing a fire in one section of the field and the explosion of bombs giving a touch of realism which the spectators will not forget at least for the duration which may bring to us almost any catastrophe.

The field had been marked off with line to show from the air the approximate dimensions of the Mueller plants with the defense units on duty at designated points.

Attack by Planes

The attacking planes from the Decatur Air Port were piloted by Frank Hubbard, city electrician, and commander and first lieutenant with the civil air patrol here, and

Rev. Father Harry Wathen of St. Patrick's Church, second lieutenant. The two planes circled the field a half dozen times. They flew high and at the right moment dived low and with bombs exploding on the ground they rose again for another circle of the field. It was all very realistic and just as near to a real air raid as any of the spectators cared to come. Sergeant Louie Rost of the Decatur Police Department and acting coordinator of Macon county was at the loud speaker and kept the distant spectators advised of what was taking place.

The final touch of the program was a bursting bomb in the air, a parachute flying the American flag was a part of this spectacle.

Valuable Demonstration

Regardless of what any one may think of the demonstration we feel that Charlie Cochran and Elmer Miller not only did a valuable thing for our organization but for the citizens of Decatur as well.

Credit is due to all the various units which contributed to the success of the demonstration. All Mueller men in civilian defense efforts have attended evening schools of instruction on their own time and of their own volition, eager to learn the correct practice to follow in emergency cases. We are quite certain that Mueller Co., as well as the community at large, appreciate this willingness to volunteer this service through a patriotic desire to strengthen local defense.

President W. E. Mueller was very much pleased with the demonstration and considered it a splendid coordinating example of what may be accomplished in event of a real emergency of an air raid due to present conditions.

AND IT'S FREE TO YOU

HIS FIRST PICNIC

Mueller Record Bargain Column Has Helped Many—Why Not You?

When you insert an advertisement in our Bargain Column you have something like 1,000 chances, or even more, to get what you want or to make a sale. This is a modest estimate. If you keep quiet about your desire to make a sale, trade or purchase something you'll never get anywhere. You will be in the class of the man who once operated the little restaurant at the corner of College and Cerro Gordo streets. According to "Bobbie" Mueller this man put in a brand of candy which proved quite a good seller. Bobbie went there to invest. The candy was not in the usual place on the counter.

"Have you quit selling it?" asked Bobbie.

"Nope," replied this enterprising merchant, "I've got it under the counter. When I keep it on top they buy it so fast that I can't keep it in stock."

Just another example of hiding the candle under a bushel basket.

That is what you are doing when you fail to use the Mueller Record bargain column. We have ample evidence of its value as a medium of sale or exchange. It's all free to you.

Write your advertisement or let us write it for you. We will be glad to do this.

Claude Stacey carried a bargain column advertisement for several months calling attention to the fact that he was prepared to do wall paper cleaning. Claude makes a specialty of doing this kind of work at odd times and has been quite successful. He tells us this advertisement brought him a lot of business.

John Willis of Department 70 dropped in to ask us to discontinue the advertisement for the sale of a scale. The advertisement had accomplished its purpose. The scale had been sold.

This splendid medium is at your service. With fall housecleaning under way you doubtless will uncover things for which you have no further use and which you would like to sell or trade. Your opportunity for doing this is the Mueller Record bargain column. Try it and be convinced.

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Proud Mother: "Yes, he is a year old now, and he has been walking since he was eight months old."

Bored Visitor: "Really? He must be awfully tired."

"Are you engaged to Harold?"

"Yes, I have promised to marry him as soon as he has made his fortune."

"That isn't an engagement, that's an option!"

—Voo-Doo.



Jon Bartlett Enloe, son of Jack Enloe, is enjoying his first Mueller picnic although not a year old. His grandfather, Paymaster Enloe, is doing all he can to make it a happy day for Jon. His father, Jack Enloe, was for a number of years a member of our organization but has always been much interested in aviation and when only 16 years old learned the art of flying. At the present time he is an instructor of army and navy students at the Decatur Airport. Little Jon's mother died two days after his birth and he is now only seven months old.

ENJOYED CHICKEN DINNER

Dorothy Stacey, Helen Causey, Jiggs Jeschwitz, Helen Chamberlain, Lucille Zerfawski, Helen Campbell, and Dorothy O'Byrne enjoyed a chicken supper with Dorothy Chamberlain at her home northwest of Harristown on August 19th. This item was too late for the August issue but the girls have not yet forgotten the dandy time they had. They sure made a raid on the "chicken house." Dorothy's mother elected herself cook and certainly proved herself a past master in the art of preparing chicken to fit the most discriminating taste.

Dorothy Stacey proved her ability at dishwashing which was a strenuous task for all the girls. The dishes were Dorothy's grandmother's Haviland china which called for careful handling. After this the evening was spent in playing games in the yard, piano music and singing. The girls voted that Dorothy was an ideal hostess and are ready to prove it again on any return of the occasion.

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Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.—Shakespeare.

MARRIED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Baldis looking fine and fit on the 25th anniversary of their wedding. The half tone made from a photograph appeared in a recent issue of the Decatur Herald. The accompanying halftone was made from the same photograph but is in reduced size because it has to fit the size and space of the Mueller Record. Mr. and Mrs. Baldis did not indulge in any special or formal observance of their anniversary on August 23rd but contented themselves by remaining quietly at home, 1632 East Whitmer Street. Howard is a veteran of the first World's War and served several months with the army overseas. He has for the past fifteen years been foreman of our boiler room. Their only son, Donald, was formerly a member of this organization, most of the time as a press feeder in our printing department and we know by association that he is capable and dependable. He left some months ago to take a position with the Consolidated Aircraft company in San Diego, Calif. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Baldis will join us in congratulating the couple on the occasion of their important anniversary.

ALMOST FALSE PRETENSES

Adolph appeared recently carrying six enormous tomatoes in a basket. He exhibited these with great pride. They were nearly large enough to fill a clothes basket. Having made a reputation as a grower of fine, large, juicy tomatoes, he did not bother to say anything about who grew them. Knowing his past reputation he permitted his friends to form their own conclusions which was nearly always in his favor. Some inquiring souls wondered how a man so busy with involved business problems could find time or inclination to grow any kind of vegetables. As usual there were some "inquisitives" who could not restrain their curiosity and asked:

"Did you grow them?"

"No," was the reply, "Bobbie Mueller did."

Adolph is truthful, but those of us who know him best, recognize the fact that he is also something of a kidder.

SARNIA

Our Baby Department is thriving this month with six new babies to report—

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sloan, a daughter, Sharon Lee.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Kettle, a daughter, Mary Catherine.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Smith, a son, Raymond Eugene.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Temple, a daughter, Nancy Anne.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Lee, a son, Danny Edgar.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Trumble, a son, Lorne Richard.

Congratulations folks.

We extend our sympathy to Cecil Spears of the Accounting Dept. on the recent loss of his father; also to Jimmie Jack of the Iron & Steel Dept. whose brother passed away recently.

On August 29th Doris Rooney and Freddie Cuthbertson of Dept. 14 were married.

On Sept. 2nd Ruth Wise of Dept. 14 was married to Jimmie Chapman of the Royal Canadian Navy.

We wish the young couples every happiness.

In the recent popularity contest to elect a Miss Victory for the War Savings Campaign now being held in the city, Miss Eric Parsons of Dept. 14, Night Shift, was the successful Mueller Contestant. All Muellerites are urged to support their candidate to the fullest.

Frank Wren, formerly of the Ground Key Dept., who for the past three years has been associated with the Salvation Army, renewed acquaintances at the plant this week. Frank is now a Captain and is in charge of No. 2 Hut at Debert, N. S.

Herb Callister of the R.C.A.F. Long Branch was also a recent visitor at the plant.

Betty Hart of the Stenographic Department is vacationing this week at her parent's home in Port Lambton. Betty's fiance has just returned from a seven months' trip on the Merchant Marine to the Persian Gulf, Bombay, India, Capetown, South Africa, and other points east. We expect Betty will have many interesting things to tell us about when she returns.

Mary Glynn, formerly of the Priorities Dept., has accepted a position with the John Ingliss Co. of Toronto.

We are sorry to say that we still have nothing favorable to report from Rex Gammon who has been missing since July 28th Somewhere in Egypt.

Although we have nothing official it sounds very much like wedding bells are ringing in the Core Room again. How about it Muriel and Jack.

Misses Shirley Kirkland and Betty Carter are now assisting in our Priorities Department.

Allen Dallier practically popped a couple of buttons recently when the Mueller Rec-

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ord came out with the Dallier Twins picture in it. Can't say that we blame him.

The following excerpts are from a letter received by Mr. Parker from Harold Coates who has been recuperating in a Hospital, Somewhere in England, following an operation.

"Many thanks for the parcel that was sent to me. It arrived in good condition and was certainly used in the evenings when one felt like relieving that hungry feeling which prevails. We are at present in a woods about five miles from town. We eat at five and after that it is rather hard to get anything to eat by buying it. One could take the bus into town to the Y.M.C.A. but that is not so convenient.

"We are in tents and in the mornings our clothes are quite damp. We have no electric lights but do have low pressure lamps which give almost as good a light. We have put in our own showers with mixers which, incidentally are not Muellers'. Some of the boys instead of using tents have made themselves little shacks which I think are more comfortable and home-like.

"After leaving the Hospital and before settling down to work I was able to get one week's leave during which I went to London. It is quite interesting for a visit but is so crowded one is hardly able to walk around. Most of the places that I visited look more interesting in the movies than actually seeing them. Buckingham Palace is quite plain and looks like an ordinary office building."

Any information leading to the whereabouts of Pepper Martin's badge will be greatly appreciated.

P.S.: We don't know whether Anne Marcy has changed her shift or just what is the trouble but Mr. Parker met her going out the gate on the 3:30 whistle quite convinced it was time to go home. Mebbe our Anne is in love.—Who knows?

OUT FOR A SPIN



Arline Carroll of the Employment department and Carney Carroll of the Experimental department out for a spin on their motorcycle, and remember that pictures do not lie—They are having a "roaring good time."

A TEAM OF "DONKS"



Tire regulation does not give sleepless nights to the owner and driver of this outfit. It attracted more attention than a new Packard when it pulled up in front of the shipping department recently. The diminutive donkeys were not in the least interested in the crowd that gathered nor in the photograph taken. They made an excellent subject and never "blinked" an ear. What is more they were never known to exceed the speed limit which is more than can be said of many "two-legged donkeys" driving cars through city traffic. The owner of the team brought in a wagon load of old newspapers.

BIRTHS

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Drew a 7 lb. 12 oz. son, August 28 in D.M.C. Hospital. He has been named Stephen Edward. Edward works in Dept. No. 300, and Emma Jean, the mother, is formerly of the Core Room and Dept. No. 90.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Artie Carter, August 24 in the D.M.C. Hospital, a son. He has been named Mark Allen. Artie works in M. Chaney's office.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tucket, August 20 in St. Mary's Hospital a son. He has been named Stanley Louis. Lloyd is employed at Plant No. 3.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burge, September 6 in Decatur and Macon County Hospital a son. Roy is a member of the Plant 3 organization.

THE END IN SIGHT

There is a prospect that Monroe street will soon be completed. And won't that be a relief. Contractor Christy began pouring concrete on Tuesday morning, September 15th. It is generally agreed that he has handled this job expeditiously, and efficiently. The work of pouring the concrete began at King street which is the north end of the improvement. Cerro Gordo is to become a dead end street when the job is done. There will be a barricade on the east side to prevent autos from turning into Monroe street. We are not advised why this is so but probably because buildings on the corner will block a good view of Monroe street, making it hazardous to turn into it.

SUGGESTION PRIZES INCREASED

All employees have received a bulletin advising a new plan regarding suggestion prizes. It has a double purpose—urging the necessity of getting behind Uncle Sam in this most crucial test for democracy in our history and offering an increase in prize money for suggestions as one means to that end. Now is the time to produce to the utmost of your strength and ability, to practice greater safety in order to be on the job all the time thereby maintaining mass efficiency and next to increase reducing of expenses wherever and whenever possible.

These three principles should not only apply to your daily work hours but should govern your home life as well when applicable.

Notwithstanding the warnings in every paper and magazine of the danger to our country, the anxiety that prevails in Washington at the threatened possibility of the outcome of the war, we sometimes feel that a large portion of the American people do not fully realize the seriousness of the present situation. It is already demanding all men, women and even children to do their utmost in every way to strengthen our defense to save our country, our liberty, and habits of life and our freedom of following them as we have been accustomed to do since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is going to require tremendous sacrifice on the field of battle and in our civilian pursuits.

Think this over seriously and prayerfully—and do your part.

Change in our plan of prize suggestions should have your earnest cooperation.

We are reproducing here the paragraphs relating to it as printed in the bulletin in order, if possible, to emphasize the importance of it.

“Our suggestion system is still in force, but with improvements. \$5.00 will be paid for each suggestion adopted. For those already adopted since Nov. 1, 1941, an additional \$2.50 will be paid. Grand prizes have been increased as follows:

1st Prize	\$50.00
2nd Prize	30.00
3rd Prize	20.00

Each suggestion will be promptly acknowledged, and, if accepted, will be paid for promptly the following month. Grand prizes are awarded at the end of the year. Blanks will be located conveniently, or ask your foreman.

Your company expects your cooperation at all times and feel that they get it.

The point to the prize plan now is to spur you to greater efforts in showing us ways of securing

**GREATER PRODUCTION
GREATER SAFETY
REDUCED OVERHEAD**

Let's make "ALL OUT FOR VICTORY" more than a slogan—MAKE IT A REALITY.

DON'T FORGET IT

It Is Important That You Register to Vote. Do It Now and Save Yourself Trouble Later

In a previous issue of the Record attention was called to the new law for the permanent registration of voters. This is a matter of much importance to every male and female voter who should see to it personally that their name is on the permanent list. The county clerk is the official registrar and maintains a permanent office on the fourth floor of the court house building. In addition to this the polling places will be open on September 19th and October 6th for the purpose of registration. Each person must appear in person either at the county clerk's office or at the regular polling places. It requires only a few moments to go through the formality. You sign a card and make affidavit that you are qualified to vote at the forthcoming and future elections. Attorney Albert G. Webber, Jr., in an opinion given the company says:

“It is illegal for the county clerk to leave his office for the purpose of registering a voter at some other place.

“If it is impossible for a voter to comply with the registration requirements he may be sworn in at the polling place on election day according to the procedure already used for that purpose. However he can be sworn in only one time and that time must be the first election in which he appears to vote following the passage of the registration law. After being sworn in it is the voters duty to complete his registration at the county clerk's office. If a voter fails to complete the registration after being sworn in, the one time allowable, he is disqualified for future voting until he is regularly qualified.”

By the terms of the statute this procedure will be in force at least until the year 1946, or unless, of course, the legislature of Illinois changes the statute in the interim.

The simplest and most satisfactory way is to get the registration over with before election day. Then you will not have to bother with it every year as is now the case.

We advise all employees to give the matter attention.

The election this year will be for congressman, senators, a few state and county offices. This is the year when an entire new congress will be elected, which is a matter of great importance under existing conditions.

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All Wood

“How many kinds of woods are used in making a match?” asked William.

“Two kinds,” replied Harriet. “He would and she would.”

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(More Ruminations from Several Fronts)

Al Hill, formerly of the Order Dept., and more recently Plant 3, left Decatur on September 8 to become one of Uncle Sam's boys.

Bill Griffith, of the Cost Dept., "Mort" to his cronies, left us on the 9th to begin his stretch in the national effort.

We shall count on letters from both boys. Naturally, everybody wishes them the best of luck and a safe and quick return.

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The A. O. Jendrys were St. Louis visitors on Labor Day Sunday. Yes, you guessed it, they attended and enjoyed a ball-game.

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"Show Boat", last opera to be presented this season by the St. Louis Municipal Opera Association, claimed many visitors from these parts. The week-end of August 22 the A. O. Yonkers saw the show, as did Estella Stille, Dorothea Uhl, Ruth Liestman, Aline Moore and her mother, Morris Tucker and his mother. The following week-end Bob Tertocha attended a performance, as did Dorothy Cooper and Opal Jackson.

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Mabel Gates left on the early morning train (and we do mean early) September 5 on the first lap of her vacation trip that took her to Toledo, Akron and Cleveland. Happy Holiday, Mabel!

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Mary Ruth Oliver has been a-vacationing with her soldier husband during the first two weeks in September.

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Newcomers to our office organization during recent days include the following: Evelyn Ballard, who is assisting Miss McKee; Henrietta Phillips, in the Paymaster's Office; Wilma Maleska, in the Cost Dept.; and Geraldine Yonker, in the Billing Dept. Of course, Geraldine is no stranger, as she has been with us before, and as Jerry Yonker's daughter, she has many friends in the organization.

Welcome, newcomers, say we.

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New recruits in the Advertising Dept. are Elizabeth Tolladay and Reba Rentfro. Mrs. Tolladay is also relief operator on the switch-board.

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Aline Moore has left for a vacation trip to North Carolina. That makes two vacations in the Southland for Aline in succession. Last year we remember she came back from her vacation in sunny Tennessee all enthusiasm.

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We have a new messenger boy. His name is Woodrow Cummins. He and Bill Dixon have a nice arrangement whereby Woodrow is messenger in the morning, Bill in the afternoon. When they are not working for Mueller Co., they are attending school.

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament ended with August, and the result follows:

1st low net—Francis Carroll.....	\$1.00
2nd low net—Adolph Mueller.....	.75
3rd low net—J. W. Wells.....	.50
1st low gross—A. C. Werdes.....	1.00
2nd low gross—Richard Holmes.....	.75
3rd low gross—Carl Dodwell.....	.50
Low on 3 blind holes—Elmer Fawley....	.50
High on 3 blind holes—	
Archie Meador50
Myers Harrison50
Ted Masterson50
Greatest difference between nines—	
Melvin Hayes50
Greatest difference on 2 Blind Holes—	
Ollie Fortschneider50

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land under the terms of the treaty of peace ending the war.

For some years the island has been a State Park. It abounds with carriage roads, historic spots, pine forests, beautiful homes and miles of beach.

Dorothy, Florence, Juanita and Opal had a week full of boat riding, hiking and bicycling. One day they spent six hours cruising among Les Cheneaux Islands, fisherman's paradise.

Most Strenuous Day

Their most strenuous day was possibly the day of the combined bicycle and walking circle tour when they made the complete trip of nine miles around the island, two of the group traveling in one direction by bike and the other two hiking. When the two parties (they called themselves Stanley and Livingstone) met, they had lunch on the beach.

The horse and the bicyclist and the hiker have no competition from the autoist at Mackinac. There are no cars on the island, and after the first surprise is over, the more leisurely way of life seems the most natural thing in the world.

The girls stopped for a night and day in Chicago on the way to Michigan and had another day in the big city on the return trip.

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BOY SCOUT NEWS



The big news this month seems to be the activities of our Senior Scouts. First off:—the Sea Scouts held the ship investiture for the new apprentices on August 17th. The "land ship" was set up in the gym, and at the proper time in the troop meeting a snappy ship opening was presented with Mate Jack Allen in charge

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BIG MONEY IN SIGHT

Red Cross Launches Photographic Contest, Offering Generous Prizes

The American Red Cross has \$5,125 to give away in prizes to camera enthusiasts at home and abroad. There will be 122 prizes and the competition through October, November and December.

Two classes of awards will be made for the best photographs submitted each month, 36 prizes will be awarded, to be followed with 14 grand prizes from selections to be made from among the monthly prize winning entries.

Entrants may submit as many pictures as they desire during the contest. No photograph heretofore published are eligible. All entries must portray activity of the American Red Cross or be symbolic of the spirit of the organization. Red Cross chapters throughout the country are prepared to assist photographers in the selection of subjects.

This competition is known as the "Red Cross National Photograph Awards." Headquarters are at 598 Madison avenue, New York City and all entries must be sent to that address.

Under the rules of the contest amateurs and professional photographers are eligible. Louis C. Boocherer, Cornell University, is director of the contest. All awards will be war bonds. Values indicated represent maturity value of the bonds.

The Prizes

Monthly awards will consist of: First prize \$200 in war bonds, second prize \$100 in war bonds; third prize a \$50 war bond, and 33 Special Merit Awards consisting of a \$25 war bond each.

First prize in the grand awards consists of war bonds with a maturity value of \$500; second prize, \$300 in war bonds; third prize, \$200 in war bonds; fourth prize, \$100, and 10 honorable mention prizes, of a \$50 war bond. Negatives and publication rights of all prize-winning pictures become the property of the American Red Cross, which also reserves the right to purchase, at \$5 each, the negative of any photograph entered in the contest that does not win an award.

Funds for the contest are provided by the Photographers Society of America and other friends of the Red Cross. Winners in the monthly contests will be announced during progress of the same. Grand prize winners will be announced on February 1, 1943.

Glass Negatives Out

Any type of film may be used but no glass plate negatives. No print or enlargement over 10 inches in longest dimension may be entered.

There is no minimum limit but prints no smaller than 5x7 are preferred. Mail flat and unmounted. Print name, address and brief title and description on back of each picture. Submit no negatives but save same for turning over to the contest director if

called for. Only those in the military or naval service may submit negatives with prints. These may obtain printed copies of rules governing contest from Red Cross field workers with armed forces. Civilians may obtain these from photographic supply dealers.

Photos of military or naval activities or equipment must bear the approval for release and publication by proper military or naval authorities.

DOWN IN DEEP SOUTH

A letter received from Charles H. Johnson, formerly of the New York Branch billing department advises that Charlie has graduated from Radio School at Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois, and is now at Gunnery School 'way down in the deep South.

JOINS THE NAVY

Orville Tennison, who has been in Dept. 300 since August 4, 1941, resigned September 1 to enlist in the Naval Reserves, and left immediately for Great Lakes Training Camp. Orville's father, George Tennison, worked in the foundry as a rattler about nineteen years ago.

JOINS NAVAL RESERVES

Norman True, son of Jack True of Plant 3, resigned September 1 to enlist in the Naval Reserves as 3rd class seaman, machinist mate. He left at once for Great Lakes where he will have six weeks training.

Norman has been with the company since July 22, 1940, and most recently worked at Plant 3. He graduated from the Stonington Community High School in 1937, where Ross Emerson, now First Aid Director of Mueller Co., was his principal from the first to eighth grade. Norman is married and has a five months old son, Dale Anthony. One brother, Kenneth, is now in Panama with the Coast Artillery, serving as postmaster at Fort Clayton.

Jack True, father of Norman and Kenneth, has been with the company about fifteen years.

"Why is it that you have no hair on your head?"

"Sir, grass doesn't grow on a busy street."

"Oh, I see. It can't get up through the concrete."

Magistrate: "So you broke an umbrella over your husband's head. What have you to say?"

Defendant: "It was an accident, sir."

Magistrate: "How could it be an accident?"

Defendant: "I hadn't the slightest intention of breaking the umbrella."

She: "How did they ever come to marry?"

He: "Oh, it's just the same old story. Started out to be good friends, and later on changed their minds."

DEATHS**Elbert Meece**

Elbert (Bert) Meece, 1069 West King Street, died at St. Mary's hospital, Friday, September 11th. His illness extended over a period of four years. Bert was formerly a Mueller employee. He was employed in the department of the late Billy Mason and for some years had charge of one of the yard crews. He was a conscientious and faithful worker and had many friends. He retired in 1938 with a service record of 33 years. Mrs. Meece and eight children survive him. The children are:

Mrs. Noble Owens, Elbert, Jr., John, Dale, Billie and Gene Meece, all of Decatur Mrs. L. A. Johnson of Chicago and Mrs. W. H. Scott of Urbana.

Henry C. Hagen

In the August 21st issue of the Decatur Herald the death of Henry C. Hagen was announced. His death occurred in the St. Francis hospital at Peoria, where he had been ill for five months. This was sorrowful news to his many friends and to the older members of this organization who knew him as a citizen and as a fellow worker. He was at one time a member of our force. Henry had been a life long citizen of Decatur until recent years. He was a machinist and a good one, having been identified with some of the leading industries of this city as well as ours. At one time he was the foreman of the Union Iron Works. Aside from his mechanical abilities he was active in civic affairs. Prior to the adoption of the commission form of government he served as a member of the city council, representing the Fourth ward. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The son of Henry F. and Helena Hagen, he was born on July 8, 1869, in a residence on whose site, 602 East Decatur street, he lived his entire life. He was married to Catherine Higgins in Decatur on Oct. 20, 1898, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 1941.

Surviving are a son, Harry W., Peoria; a granddaughter, Shirley Hagen; brother, John, Denver, Colo., and a sister, Miss Helena Hagen, Decatur.

WEDDINGS**Kimmons-Harrison**

Miss Helen Kimmons of Plant 3 became the bride of Myers Harrison of the Plant Engineer's Office August 29 in Central Christian Church parlor. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Carrel W. Flewelling.

Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimmons of Macon, while Myers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harrison, route 2 and a brother of Mary Ruth Oliver of the Billing Dept.

The couple was attended by Miss Ruth Roarick and Dale Reidelberger. The bride wore light blue with navy accessories and white roses.

Mrs. C. E. Lowery and Mrs. C. R. Myers, aunt and grandmother of the bridegroom,

GOLDEN WEDDING

A Golden Wedding of much interest to all the Mueller organization was observed September 6 by Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gepford. The Gepfords were "at home" to their friends on Sunday afternoon, and considerably more than a hundred friends and relatives called to offer congratulations.

Miss Arletta Crow and S. R. Gepford were married in Decatur 50 years ago. They formerly lived on a farm near Warrensburg, but for some years have lived in Decatur. They have four children, Sylvan of near Warrensburg, Russell Gepford, Mrs. Maude Park, and Dorothy Gepford, our popular mailing clerk. There are five grandchildren. Mr. Gepford was formerly at Plant 2, and is now employed at Plant 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gepford received many lovely gifts including a great many bouquets of yellow roses and other flowers, as well as dozens of congratulatory greetings.

Miss Leah Gepford and Miss Dorothy Jane Park, granddaughters, served at the reception.

LOUISE TRANSFERS

Louise Whitehead gave most of us a surprise by severing connection with the Works Managers office and transferring to plant three.

VISITED IN OHIO

Miss Mabel Gates is back at her post in the stationery department after a pleasant vacation trip to Akron, Ohio, and Cleveland where she visited friends.

enthusiastic and well-known gardeners, decorated the church with flowers from their own gardens.

Following a trip to the Ozarks, Myers and Helen are at home at 716 West North Street.

“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DANCING LESSONS—Ball room dancing taught any evening, Central School of Music, by Geraldine Yonker. Telephone 4760 for appointment. Class dances on Wednesday nights, private lessons on other nights. Geraldine is the daughter of Jerry Yonker of the Shipping Department, and worked in the office during her summer vacation last year.

ITEMS FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE: A twin Maytag motor and a motor scooter. See Russell Short, Dept. 36.

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

FOR SALE: Choice suburban lot in Maryland Heights, 75 ft. x 140 ft. east frontage. Two blocks off hard road, close to school. Bill Mueller, Dept. 300. Phone 2-0819.

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

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

FOR SALE: Laundry Queen electric washer. Good condition. \$40.00. Fruit jars cheap. Fred Mathes, 1107 No. Morgan.

FOR SALE: Sink with drainboard and sink combination. Also small rotary garden cultivator. Basil A. Mason. Phone 2-3866.

FOR SALE: Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. See a lb. George L. Hunt, 556 N. Monroe St.

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

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: At Mueller Picnic. Two boys' sweaters, one brown with tan sleeves. The other dark blue with light blue sleeves. Were left in Clubhouse by two Scouts on duty at Picnic. Return to Scoutmaster Jackson—Adv. Dept.

WANTED

WANTED A Model "T" truck rear end. E. W. Connors, Plant 3.

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

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

WANTED TO BUY: Anvil, 100 lbs. or larger; 1/4 to 1 H.P., J cycle gasoline engines. Otis Fears, Shipping Room, Clock No. 4729.

WANTED: To buy a child's play pen. Wm. Misenheimer, 7413, Dept. 70.

WANTED: To rent or buy a Royal typewriter. See Cecil Short, Dept. 300, Clock No. 30022.

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Skipper Jackson was piped on board, following which the investiture took place. This was in charge of Committeeman H. O.

Hughes. It was a beautiful and impressive uniforms certainly made for a clean-cut appearance, and the dazzling array of white pearance. The lucky apprentices were Jesse Bridwell, Jr., Herbert Harner, and Stewart File. The new charter of the S. S. S. Viking was also presented to the Ship. Guests present included Mrs. H. C. Harner, Betty Harner, Mrs. Jesse Bridwell, Sr., Mary Bridwell, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, and Lois Jackson.

The second item on the list was the launching of the Sea Scout sailboat on September 2nd. While not a large one, it certainly is a beauty, and a credit to the boys who built it and Mate Allen who supervised its construction. The launching, though very informal, was a thrilling moment for the boys. No name has been given it yet. Things are really looking up for the Sea Scouts. Four new candidates are on the waiting list. . . . Incidentally, Committeeman O. C. Keil recently bought a "Snipe" sailboat which he calls the "Sea Jay".

Announcement of new officers for the coming year has been made. The list follows: Jesse Bridwell, Senior Patrol Leader; Stewart File, Scribe; Herbert Harner, Quartermaster; Richard Sefton, Patrol Leader, and Brownie Blakeman, Assistant of the Creeping Panthers; and Bobby Hughes, Patrol Leader and George Bridwell, Assistant of the Tigers. The bugler has not been named. All wishing to try out see the Scoutmaster at once. With the new officers in charge, the troop should make progress. School has started and every Scout should talk up for old Troop 2. We have several prospects on our waiting list, but need a few more.

A big week-end hike was held in August. A high spot was the "Commando Raid". Rain prevented the Scouts from sleeping out in the open as had been planned. The climax came with the presenting of the Fire Trailers Clan badge to David Buck. This was for his first cycle of year-round hiking. And does David's chest stick out? And why not? Only two others have earned this coveted honor.

The Annual Council Camporee will be held in Pana September 25, 26, and 27. Exact details have not been worked out but it is hoped the rubber situation will permit us to go.

We have our older boys taken care of. Now we need some Cub Scouts for the 9 to 12 year olds. Mothers or fathers who want their sons to become Cubs should get in touch with Scoutmaster Jackson any Monday night at the gym.

You cannot dream yourself into character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.—Froude.