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Cover Picture: The cover this month shows another view of our plant taken from the east side of College street, near the Core Room. At the far left can be seen the former gymnasium, now the new offices of the Personnel Department. Other manufacturing buildings are seen in the center and to the right.

In the foreground is the new parking lot constructed this spring. For a long time we had complaints from our neighbors that our workers took all the parking places on the streets in this area, leaving no place for these neighbors to park their own cars. The new lot is completed now—adequately covered with cinders and having a fence around it. As may be seen, this particular lot is an entire block long and a half block wide. Behind the spot where the photographer stood is another lot next to the Core Room. The size of this one was recently doubled.

All should be grateful to the company for providing this additional space. Approximately 184 cars may be parked in the lot shown here. That relieves the parking situation a great deal, especially for the office force who begin work a half hour later than the factory workers. It is no longer necessary for anyone to park around College Square. Neither need anyone leave his car parked all day

on Eldorado street, where the constant stream of fast traffic daily exposes his car to the hazard of being damaged in some accident.

Just one thing has us puzzled. Where did all those cars park before we had the new parking space?

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AN EXPLANATION

From time to time people come to us with news of various happenings in and out of our plants. We like that. It is through just such means that we secure many interesting items. Often a person will take the time to write us a letter and drop it in his department mail basket or slip it through the slot in the door of our editorial sanctum. Many include pictures. We always get this mail and are delighted to have it.

We carefully consider everything sent to us. And we always print it if possible. But there are times when we cannot print your story. It may be that there just isn't enough space for all the material we have. Then by the time the next issue comes around two months later, the news is stale and there would be no point in running the story.

On other occasions, folk come to us with stories of amusing incidents, freak bets, and pranks. Stories about a fellow worker who found himself in an awkward or embarrassing situation for some cause. Always there is the question of whether or not such a situation should be written up in the Mueller Record for all to see.

In every case, we have made it a rule to ask ourselves, "Would we want that said about us?" And often the answer has to be, "No." In such cases we feel that we ought not print the story. We find that this rule is an excellent guide for our writing. With a slight twist, it will make a good rule for all of our people. "Never say anything about anyone that you would not want said about yourself."

A speed violation is a contributing factor in one out of every three fatal traffic accidents, according to the National Safety Council. Here's a good driving tip—the faster you go the harder you hit.



NOT TO BUY A REAL PIG, of course. But pig iron, steel, brass, copper, lead, zinc, and factory supplies—the materials used in making our products. To buy tools, drills, and machines. To buy a host of other items needed in our day to day work. Everything from a two-story sand mixer to a small box of carpet tacks.

And who is it that goes to market to do this buying? A specialized team known as the Purchasing Department. Here is one group on which all of us depend. For unless they obtain the material to work with, none will be able to make any products nor will the company be able to deliver the goods it sells. There would be no jobs for any of us.

The Purchasing Agent and his staff are literally a “jack of all trades” but master of all. These buyers must know a great deal about every operation in the factory in order to know what materials to buy. They must know a thousand and one sources of supply. Which ones can give us the best prices, which ones can deliver the goods when needed, and so on. In addition, there are the many new governmental directives issued in connection with our national defense program. The Controlled Materials Plan, priorities, allocations, and many other regulations. And despite all this maze of restrictions and controls our buyers must devise ways to cut through all this to get the materials and tools

we need when we need them. That requires a kind of shrewd genius.

Heading this busy department is a man who has that ability. He is Orville J. Hawkins, Purchasing Agent. Here is a person who not only possesses business acumen, but he has a vast knowledge of markets, metals, materials, and methods. One is reminded of those lines from “The Deserted Village”:

“And still they gaz’d, and still the wonder grew

That one small head could carry all he knew.”

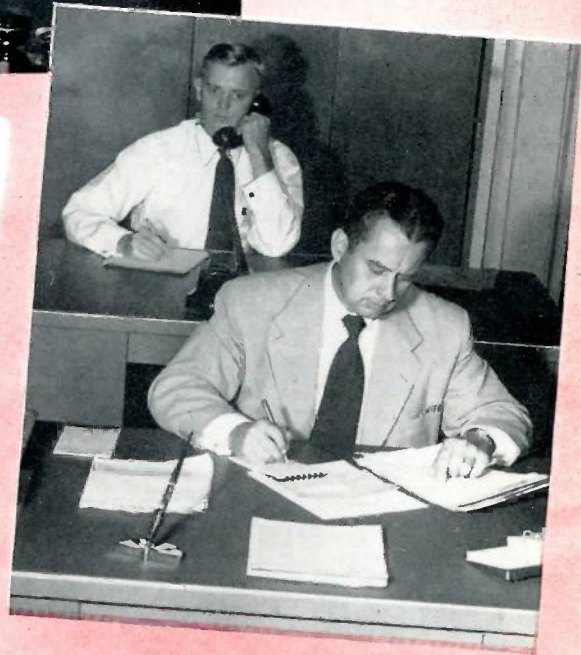
In 1911 Mr. Hawkins was graduated from Brown’s Business College as a stenographer. He knew shorthand well, and many are surprised to know that he still uses it. He often takes down in shorthand, statements made by salesmen calling on him. He began work with Mueller Co. that same year as a clerk in the factory. Six months later he was transferred to the Main Office and worked in the Upkeep Stock department. Later, he went into the Billing department. From this he stepped up to the Sales department as assistant to J. W. Simpson, Sales Manager. Here he had charge of the gas and specialties division as well as the entire regulator sales. This knowledge was very helpful when he was appointed Purchasing Agent in 1938.



Of necessity, Mr. Hawkins must keep in touch with the latest developments in all fields. So he is eager to interview all supplier salesmen who call. He sees an average of 50 a week. All are given courteous treatment, whether or not they have what we need. In addition, he must carefully read business and commerce papers which tell him of the current prices of metals or foretell economic trends. Up until 18 months ago he carried most of this heavy load himself, with the aid of three girls. And a real load it was during World War II.

Today he has a capable man helping him, Ray C. Kileen, Assistant Purchasing Agent. Mr. Kileen, who has been with us for 23 years, is admirably suited for this task, for he has a long record with the company as an engineer—in research and development, design, and process. This work required very close cooperation with the sales department and gave him a thorough knowledge of its problems. All of which helps him in his buying.

Purchasing isn't just seeing salesmen and placing orders. There are dozens of other details which must be attended to. For this, four capable women assist the buyers. Niena G. Cochran, a Mueller employee for 34 years, is Chief Purchase Order Clerk. She prices all orders, checks



all invoices, passes these invoices for payment, and checks purchases against allotments.

Addie S. Hambleton, also a long-time employee (thirteen years with us), is a Record Clerk. She must keep a record of commitments, a record of metals and the daily uses of them, and the perpetual inventory. She matches Receiving department copies and freight bills with invoices. She is also a notary public, and can certify papers when necessary.

Two stenographers complete the staff. They are Barbara Diehl and Norma H. Burgstahler. Unfortunately, Barbara was ill at the time the photographs were

taken, and she is not shown here. These girls write up all purchase orders, handle stenographic work, make copies of quotations, letters, and so forth. They see that the right certifications and stamps are put on purchase orders requiring them.

Actually, there is a lot more to it

than the brief summary of tasks listed here. Always there is the ever-present possibility of errors slipping through. Requisitions that call for the wrong sizes, quantities, or specifications. Orders that exceed allotments. Prices that do not match quotations. Discounts that must be taken on time. And many more. But no matter who slips up—from clerk and foreman or on up—the Purchasing Department must catch it before the order is written up.

No, it isn't an easy task being a purchasing agent. But the constant battle of wits that it requires gives the work a zest not obtained elsewhere. When a real bargain is found, when quantities of difficult-to-get metal are secured, when thousands of dollars are saved by a bit of ingenuity—then there is a real pride of accomplishment that makes the position worth all the headaches attached to it.



OPPOSITE PAGE, top: Orville J. Hawkins, Purchasing Agent; below: Making notes, is Ray C. Kileen.

THIS PAGE, top: Niema G. Cochran; center: Addie S. Hambleton; bottom: Norma H. Burgstahler.

Workers Receive Free X-rays

IN ORDER TO HELP in the state-wide effort to find and eliminate tuberculosis, the Mueller Co. cooperated in the recent county-wide x-ray survey. On July 18 and 19 the mobile x-ray unit was set up outside the factory. The first day it was on Cerro Gordo street near the main entrance. The second day it was stationed on Mercer street at our west end factory entrance.

While it was not compulsory to have an x-ray picture taken, many of our employees availed themselves of the opportunity to do so. No cases of active tuberculosis were discovered. There is some satisfaction in thinking that perhaps the excellence of our working conditions contributed to this fine record.

The bad thing about tuberculosis is that in its first stages, the person who has it rarely knows it. So he goes about as usual, and if he has the habit of spitting, or coughing without covering the mouth with a handkerchief, or if he lets people eat or drink after him, he can readily give TB to his own family or those with whom he works. In fact, he can spread it over a wide area if he is careless enough.

Fortunately, tuberculosis can be cured

Upper photo: Georgiana Latch, machine core molder, smiles as the attendant photographs her chest with the x-ray unit.

Lower photo: Fedora Walton, of the Core Room, was the first lady in line to be x-rayed the first morning the mobile unit was here. All departments went through at scheduled intervals.

in a short time if found early enough. Advanced cases take a long time. The purpose of the chest x-ray survey is to help people find the disease in its early stage should they have it. It isn't wise to assume that you do not have the disease. Only an x-ray will determine whether or not you are free of it. Next year we ought to have 100% of our workers in the survey.



"I Think That I Shall Never See . . ."

WE KNOW THAT WE shall never see 15 of the beautiful elm trees that recently lined our streets. The last week in July a tree removing crew was busy cutting down and hauling away a number of trees on Cerro Gordo street in front of Department 8 and the Shipping department. Others on Mercer street next to Departments 9 and 300 were removed. All these trees were elms, victims of the elm disease. A total of 15 trees were removed. Those remaining were given a special spray to help them resist the disease.

Out of those trees still standing there is one in particular that deserves mention. On the north side of Cerro Gordo street about 80 feet from Monroe street stands a beautiful tree. (We have shown the picture of it here.) This is presumably an elm; at least certain characteristics lead us to believe that it is one. It was first brought to our attention by our company president, A. G. Webber,

Jr., whose second floor office is located so that he can look out his west windows and study it. Later, Harley Himstead of Production Engineering, also called our attention to the peculiarities of this tree.

If you will watch the tree the next few weeks you will notice that the leaves do not fall off when the other elms shed their leaves. In fact, they will remain green and very much alive long after many another tree is completely bare. Mr. Webber has suggested that there may be a heat pipe close enough to the roots to keep them warm. That perhaps there is a drain tile or something of that nature from which the roots in some manner obtain the needed moisture.

No one we have talked to knows the real reason. But if any reader has the answer—perhaps some of our older employees will know—we will be glad to tell our folk all about it.

Large elm tree on Cerro Gordo street escapes the axe.



WEBBS GO WEST

George W. Webb, third shift watchman, reports an interesting trip west. He and his wife, their granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. MacRae, and Mrs. Webb's sister, Stella Alexander, went together. On the way out they stopped at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and at Wichita, Kansas.

Their goal was Trinidad, Colorado, and a short trip into New Mexico. While in Colorado, they visited Colorado Springs where they ascended Pike's Peak and visited the Garden of the Gods. Following this they went to Canon City and the Royal Gorge. This being their first trip west, George stated that they enjoyed the mountains and scenery very much.

By contrast, on the way home they encountered the floods, both in Kansas and Missouri, and had to make many detours. By this time the old home town looked pretty good.

KARNES FAMILY VISIT TEXAS

Monkota Karnes, Sr., who hauls freight from Plant 2, took his wife, children, and his mother on a vacation to Palestine,



Texas. They left Decatur at 1:30 a. m. on June 9 and were at their destination by 4:30 p. m. the next day. That called for pretty steady driving. Their route went through Little Rock, Arkansas, and Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Karnes family stayed out in the country with Monkota's Aunt Hanna Cook. Mrs. Cook has an interesting background. Her mother was a full-blooded Indian and her father was half-Indian.

At her birth her father was 95 years old. When he died at the age of 105 he had all his original teeth and not a single gray hair on his head. Of course, all the Karnes children enjoyed life in the wide open spaces and were introduced to the "Texas sand burrs." In the accompanying photo, Heap Big Chief Monkota Karnes, Jr., is seen with his great aunt Hannah. Apparently she isn't afraid of the gun and the stern look on the Chief.

VISITORS FROM THE EAST

On July 31 Peter Schluter, of Princeton, New Jersey, son of Mrs. Charlotte Schluter, a Mueller Co. director, and P. D. Murphy of nearby Trenton were visitors in the Decatur plant. Mr. Murphy is with a gas utility company in Trenton and was interested in our gas products and how they were made. From here the young men went to Chicago where they visited Russell Jolly in our Chicago office. From there they went to the Pacific coast where they visited our Los Angeles factory.

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Elizabeth Tolladay, switchboard operator, spent her vacation in St. Louis and Decatur. We need but one guess to find out that the little grandchild was the chief drawing card for the Tolladays.

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Helen Lee, Engineering department secretary, along with her husband made a trip to the west in July. Their itinerary included Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Salt Lake City, and Colorado Springs.

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WESTERN VACATION FOR KEILS

Mr. Otto C. Keil, company secretary, and Mrs. Keil had an interesting trip out west. The first stop was Boulder, Colorado, where they attended the graduation of their daughter, Carolyn, from the University of Colorado. From there the three drove to Washington state. They saw herds of buffalo and elk in Moran, Wyoming. Stopped at Yellow-

stone National Park; saw the snow-covered Tetons, and Jackson and Jenny lakes.

At Spokane they spent a week with their son Edwin and his family. Here they visited Grand Coulee Dam and had a picnic on Mount Rainier. Their next stop was Vashon Island, Washington, for a visit with another son, Girard, and his family.

On the way back they came through the Columbia River basin and Salt Lake City. West of Denver they took in a rodeo. Here they met a Scotch trainer with his jockey who had hauled three race horses 200 miles over the mountains just to be in one day's races. There was a ski run in the neighborhood, something one would never expect to see in July. The slide was made by sprinkling ice crystals on the ground and using hay to land in. Of course, Carolyn was interested as she does both skiing and horseback riding.

Mr. Keil told us that he covered 5,890 miles on the trip. Except for getting his car stuck in the mud in Colorado, the trip was otherwise perfect.

BIRTHS

On July 11 there was born to John and Jean Wakeman a baby girl named Kathryn Anne. The little daughter weighed 8 lbs. and 4 oz. when she dropped in at St. Mary's Hospital. Office workers were treated to something a bit different in the way of baby announcements when they came to work the next day. On the counter at the switchboard in the Main Office was a box of cigars and another filled with candy. Above it there was made out a typical traffic sheet giving details of the birth—all in traffic terms. John, of course, works in the Traffic department.

There was born to Cecil and Betty Baker on July 30 a baby girl. The new daughter, who was named Brenda Kay, tipped the scales at 8 lbs. and 9 ozs. when she arrived at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital. Cecil is in the Plant 1 Brass Foundry.

WEDDING BELLS

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett who were married on June 24. The ceremony was performed in the Wesley Methodist Church. Mrs. Everett was formerly Jennie Lou Oyler. Jack works in the Shipping Department.

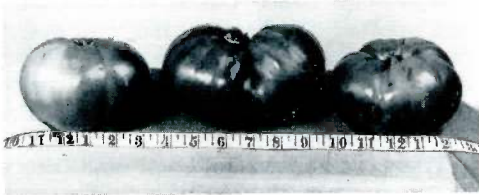
Upper Left: Snow in July on Mt. Rainier. Lower Left: A bear in Yellowstone National Park. Lower Center: Buffalo in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Lower Right: Mrs. O. C. Keil (right) and daughter Carolyn (left) on the shore of Jenny Lake. Mt. Moran of the Tetons in the background.



DEATHS

We were all saddened to learn of the death of David William Rohman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rohman. The little boy was born August 21 at St. Mary's Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. and 10 ounces. His untimely death occurred on September 2. The father is in our Sales department.

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WEST GROWS BIG TOMATOES

On Monday, August 20, Dewey West of the Boiler Room crew, brought to us three king-size tomatoes. He grew them in his garden in Macon. They were the largest we have seen this season. We show them in the accompanying photo. The center one was a little over 18 inches in circumference and weighed over two pounds. After we had our photographer take the picture, we returned the tomatoes to Dewey. He very generously gave us one of the smaller ones. The large one he saved for seed.

At last, we have attained the status of a country editor. The idea appeals to us. Next year, if you folk will bring in enough samples, we can give up the small garden patch which we cultivate every year with such great difficulty. Your vegetables will be so much bigger and better than ours.

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CREDIT UNION HAS PICNIC

As an extra feature of the monthly meeting of the Mueller Employees Credit Union, the directors held a picnic in Nelson Park on August 14. The officers, their wives, and their children met in the small pavilion. Nearly 50 persons were there. The surprise of the meal was a big, baked ham. This was accompanied by all the good food that goes with a pot luck supper.

Following the meal, the ladies gathered in one corner, the children headed for the playground, and the men conducted the regular business meeting around the park tables. An interesting

item was the financial statement which showed Credit Union assets to be nearly a half million dollars. Yes, your organization is getting to be big business.

While on this subject, a new member in the Credit Union brought up a question that has not been answered in these columns. He wanted to know if all money had to be put into the Credit Union through payroll deductions. No, that is not necessary. If you have some savings in an old sock, a baking powder can filled with dimes, or if your Great-Aunt Hepsibah left you a tidy bit of cash, you can take it over to the Credit Union office any time. Mrs. Glenn, the clerk usually on duty, will be happy to add it to your account. Just be sure to take your pass book along. This sum will be in addition to your usual payroll deduction which will continue as in the past.

If the Credit Union again pays four per cent dividend as it did last year, we can't think of a better place to put your extra savings.

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MAIN OFFICE OUTGROWS SPACE

For some time our Decatur office quarters have been crowded. Too crowded to permit needed expansion that has accompanied our continued growth. So new space had to be secured. Alterations, new construction, and moving of departments have all added to the general noise and confusion.

First, the gymnasium was remodeled into offices. The Personnel department moved over there. With it went the First Aid quarters and the nurse with all her tubes, bandages, bottles, and pills. A new conference room was provided for meetings of small groups. The Credit Union, already in the building, was given a nice, new office in the change. At the same time the Standards department, with all its time study files, was moved to the Engineering department.

The next step was to remodel the old Personnel quarters. Clarence Roarick, Vice-President in charge of Decatur factory, was provided with a new office attractively done in fir paneling and fitted with mahogany furniture. On the floor was a green carpet, but this did not appear to be the one people get called upon. The Purchasing depart-

ment was then moved into this end of the building, followed by the Payroll and Cost departments. Dorothy Gepford was given a special room for her Mailing department.

The vacancies thus created made possible other changes in the west portion of the office. A beautiful new Directors' Room in fir paneling was built next to the switchboard. Another similar room was built for Hugh Baker, General Sales Vice-President. Two smaller offices were built for Robert Levey and Robert Morris. The Sales Department was moved into this area. The old directors' room is being remodeled to make a larger office for Albert G. Webber, Jr., company president. Enclosed coat closets were added to the men's rest room. Just about every desk in the place was moved in the latest shuffle.

We threatened to put a map in the *Record* so everyone here could know whose desk was where. But the changes were so frequent in this game of human checkers that we had to drop the idea. Nor could we take a photograph of the new arrangements. There were shavings, boards, plywood, ladders, scaffolds, tools, and men all around the desks. And nothing was permanent at the moment. But it is nice to know that the carpenters and painters are about through, that the new arrangements provide for greater efficiency, better light, and more space between desks.

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KUTE KID

Leo Douglas Latch seems interested in something important. At the time this was taken he was six months old and weighed 23½ pounds. His daddy, Eugene, works in the Foundry and his mother, Georgiana, is in the Core Room.



Woolaroc Lodge, the summer home of the Phillips.

Mae Sencenbaugh of the Stationery department, and husband, Ray, spent a week in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. While there they were given a special invitation to visit the Frank Phillips ranch and museum. Here they saw famous paintings of the west and many other priceless treasures of the early pioneer days on the frontier. One of the highlights of this visit was the opportunity to talk to Scotty Steagall, former Millikin basketball star. He had signed up to play on the Phillips Petroleum basketball team, but Uncle Sam had beckoned. The following day Scotty left for the army without playing a single game for Phillips. From here Mae reported that she went to Fredericksburg and Wichita Falls, Texas, returning by the way of the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. They got home August 10.

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SOLDIER SAVES A LIFE

Buddy Grossman, of the Tool Room, recently received word that his son, Robert, who is now in Korea, received a citation. The story, as we have it, is that Robert and some other Americans were doing some work on the dock at Inchon. There was a large barge tied up to the pier at the time, and a South Korean fell off the pier and into the space between the piling and the hull of the barge. When he failed to come up again in a reasonable time, Robert dived in, located the man, and brought him to the surface. His head had struck some object in the water, inflicting severe wounds, and the man was already unconscious. For his quick thinking and prompt rescue Robert was given a military citation.

BOWLERS READY TO GO

The Mueller Bowling League began its 1951-52 season with an organization meeting in August. The perennial president, Ollie Fortschneider, Pattern Shop foreman, was re-elected for the sixteenth time. Earl Harris, Standards department, was elected secretary-treasurer. Buddy Grossman of the Tool Room was named Bowling Association representative. The league was organized 21 years ago.

There are again ten teams this year. The Works Managers team did not enter this season, and a new team from Plant 2 will replace them. Regular bowling time will be every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The place will be the Eldorado Bowl. You won't have any trouble recognizing

our bowlers as the shirts this year are bright yellow with black lettering. If you want to see a little snappy bowling go out some Thursday and watch our boys strut their stuff. They will appreciate your support.

PRE-CHRISTMAS NOTE

Donald W. Ferry, Engineering department, and his wife took Mary Christmas over to Santa Claus, Indiana, on September 1. It appears that Mary wanted to pick up a little background data in preparation for her appearance in Decatur next December at the Christmas Village downtown. Mrs. Ferry, who is very active in the Little Theater Guild in Decatur, gave Miss Christmas the benefit of her professional experience.

Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

VACATION NEWS

It seems that this is the time of year when most people like to get away from it all and take off to different parts of the country, or just lazily stay at home and not even think of work. Some of our recent vacationers are:

The Hughes sisters, Phyllis, of the Cost department, and Delores, of the Engineering department, with three other girls drove down Florida way, taking in Daytona Beach and Miami. Others who chose Daytona Beach as their vacation spot were Audrey Emery of the Sales department and Betty Cade, our switchboard operator; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bullock and Mr. and Mrs. George Wright. Julius is employed in the Machine Shop and George in the Assembly department. I really think George was glad to get back to work. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Long also spent their vacation in Florida. At the present time Jimmie is at Ft. McClellan for a period of training with the National Guard.

Mary O'Kelley spent a few days at Ridgecrest, N. C., then off again to Virginia.

Gene and Joe Racz, Gene of the Cost department, and Joe of the Maintenance

department, motored up to Joe's home in Altoona, Pa. It seems that they had a wonderful time.

Ione Mulkey of the Sales department had a trip planned for Florida, but her little daughter just couldn't choose her time to have the measles, or maybe it was chicken-pox, so Ione spent her vacation at home taking care of Janet.

Chuck Coventry spent one week doing nothing at home, then the next week was spent at a cabin on Lake Chickamauga, probably doing nothing. We wonder how it feels to not even have to take a bath?

Marion Eckman reports that he had a very nice and enjoyable trip up to Illinois.

By the time this is read Stanley Kuhne will have spent his vacation in Centralia, Missouri.

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Mary Lou Stewart of the Production Control department was entertained recently at the home of Edna Ruth Mavity on John Ross road. Mary Lou is leaving the employment of the company soon and we wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new role as housewife.

Jane Witt is the new girl in the Production Control department. We welcome

Jane and hope she likes being with us.

Maynard Mitchell in the Assembly department has been on the sick list for a few days. Hope you improve and are able to return to work soon. We're also missing Dexter Haney of the Machine Shop who is ill.

DEATHS

It made us very sad to learn of the tragic death of one of our employees,

Dewey Arnold, of Lafayette, Ga. Dewey was killed in a plane crash July 23. He had worked with us for only a few months in the Machine Shop, but was well liked by all who knew him. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Oscar Brown of the Engineering department in the recent loss of his father.

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent

HOSPITALIZED

The entire organization joins in hoping for the best for Gunnerd Nelson of Dept. 80, who has been hospitalized with a serious ulcer condition. We sincerely hope that when this reaches publication, "Red" Nelson will be back with us, passing on sage advice regarding the coming football season.

ENTERPRISE NOTE

Glenn Blize has entered the business world, as of August 2, with the opening of Rod's Grill on Atlantic Blvd. near Beverly. Glenn joined Rod Wellman, of Alhambra, to open the new place and business is good. With that food, it's understandable.

ACTIVITY NOTES

Saturday evening, August 11, marked the first of an intended series of dances, sponsored by the Aragon Ballroom, at Ocean Park, in which Mueller Co. employees were invited to participate. The turnout included Don McIntyre and Lorna Kehler, Dorothy and Barney Barnett, Stella and Al Rodak, Kathryn and Earl Worley, Pat Anderson and Dee Purdy, Lucky Katherman and Jerry Henry, Kelene Waldner, Carolie Payette, Don Casler, Gene and Marie Simpson, Glenn and Bernice Blize, Bill and Mickey Baker. We are expecting a larger turnout for our second session, Sept. 29.

A new bowling league has been started with Bob Laviguer acting as president. Teams are being formed and opening night will be Sept. 10.

Several Muellerites were on hand to witness the defeat of the Chicago Bears at the hands of the L. A. Rams. They were Tony Flasco, Gene Simpson, Paul and Warren Packer, Ben and Bill Price, Cy Wolfe, Eli Lockard, Bill Baker, Don and Elaine DeDoncker and Don McIntyre and Lorna Kehler. Don DeDoncker was the Bear supporter who took the worst beating, what with wife Elaine being a rabid Ram fan.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO—

September

Paul Caho, Kay Worley, John Cybulski, Ramon Ballesteros, Ralph Hall, Ed Vogel, Anna Green, Warren Wunderlich, Hazel Rice, Bill Michl, Bill Jacob, Robert Newell, Betty Cosman, Stella Rodak, Nick Chavez, Raymond Oronoz, Frank Purdy, Ethel Vassar, and Edward Brainard.

October

R. Louise Korte, Fay Purinton, Tom Lindsey, Carl Arvidson, John Fritzer, Ed Sturgeon, Donald Levie, Jack Warren, Charles Musmecci, Dudley Banks, Glenn Blize, Fred Klinck, Velma Pruitt, Marlene Ballard, Edna Gipson, Robert C. Wright, Phyllis Acosta, George Knudson, Robert Dussault, Larry Raffaelli, James Holmes, Les Weaver, Charles Stinnet, Jose Apodace, Gale Johnson, Muriel Louderback.

Sarnia, Ontario

Almeda Reeve, Correspondent

Approximately 500 persons attended the Mueller picnic which was held on Saturday, July 14, at Canatara Park, Sarnia, Ontario.

Special feature of the day was the discovery of "Miss U.A.W.-C.I.O.," Mrs. Lois Campbell, by Eric Wood, Dept. 3, and the discovery of "the Mueller Mystery Man," Percy Knight, by W. A. Scott.

Other items on the agenda were the Baby Show, Tug-of-War contests, races for all ages, and Plug Casting contests for ladies and gentlemen.

John Fraser, 83, received the prize as the oldest pensioner present at the picnic. Prize for the largest family went to Milton Eleanor, Dept. 10, with a family of eight. Mrs. Lane, wife of Wilfrid Lane, Dept. 5, and Everitt Shrigley were the winners of the attendance prize. And Hartley Cornell's baseball team won the big baseball game.

The success of this event was largely due to the hard working committees under the direction of Jack MacClure, chairman, Bill Currie, co-chairman, and O. C. Spears.

WEDDINGS

Judging from the number of marriages reported it would appear that a number of the Mueller employees decided that the annual plant vacation period was a good time for a honeymoon.

We extend congratulations to—

Marilyn Hardy (Order Dept.) and Ted Lea who were married at Devine Street United Church on July 28, 1951.

Mary Janchula (Accounting Dept.) and Steve Kaban (Shipping Room) who were married at the St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church, Forest, Ont., on August 4.

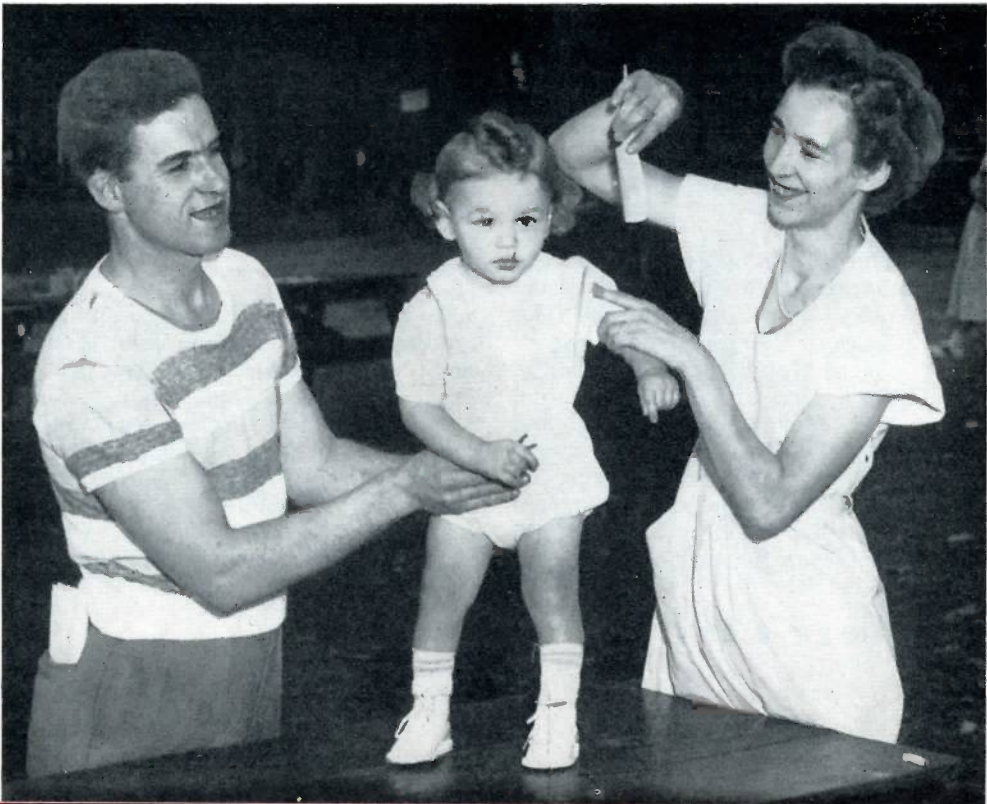
Kenneth Miles (Dept. 6) and Marjorie Irene Croucher, who were married in July.

William Passingham (Dept. 2) and Lucille Marie Stokes, who were married in July.

Stanley Pulyk (Dept. 9) and Constance St. Onge, who were married in Montreal, July 28, 1951.

Barbara J. Evans, secretary to G. W. Parker, and Donald McGibbon, who were

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Cote (Department 10) and Ronald preparing for the baby show.





Fathers' Day at the Mueller Picnic. A few of the contestants and their beaming fathers. Left to right: Malcolm Tigwell (Department 1) holding Louise Helen; Ralph Hall (Department 1) with son, Ronald; Robert J. Bannister (Department 11) holding Paul Douglas; and Leo Mackesy (Department 3) with Douglas.

married in Albert College Chapel at Belleville on July 7.

Helen Knowles (Dept. 11) and William Rankin who were married at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, Ontario, June 23.

DEATHS

Our sympathy is extended to—

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Skippon in the sudden passing of Mrs. Skippon's father, Mr. Harry Jones of Sarnia.

Mr. Donald McHenry (Dept. 1) in the passing of his father, Mr. John McHenry, Sarnia, Ont.

NEW MUELLERITES

To Mr. and Mrs. Felix Duffy, a daughter born on August 5, Ellen Elizabeth. Felix is employed in Dept. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durocher, a son, Gary, born on August 10. Fred is employed in Dept. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Meredith, a son, William George, born July 25. Clayton is employed in Dept. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens, a son, Michael David, born July 28. Walter is employed in Dept. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Currie, a son, Larry George, born in July. Bill is employed in Dept. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray, a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, born in August. Jack is employed in Dept. 3.

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT



When entering and leaving the company grounds, be especially careful and alert in the parking area. In walking, do not hurry and look where you are going at all times. When driving a vehicle, keep an eye out for fellow workers on foot and take your time. Be especially careful at dusk or after dark. The extra minute or two involved, may prevent an accident.

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