



# The **MUELLER RECORD**

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## SPRINGTIME

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The poet, Wordsworth, wrote the following short descriptive poem. In twenty lines, it gives one a complete picture of spring. It must, however, have been a different kind of March days from that experienced a few weeks ago:

The cock is crowing,  
The stream is flowing  
The small birds twitter,  
The lake doth glitter,  
The green field sleeps in the sun;  
The oldest and youngest  
Are at work with the strongest;  
The cattle are grazing,  
Their heads never raising;  
There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated  
The snow hath retreated,  
And now doth fare ill  
On the top of the bare hill:  
The Ploughboy is whooping—anon  
anon,  
There's joy in the mountains;  
There's life in the fountains;  
Small clouds are sailing,  
Blue sky prevailing;  
The rain is over and gone .  
—Wordsworth.

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## MUELLER BOY SCOUTS

### Troop Now Numbers Thirty-five With Twelve Passing Tender Foot Test

For a number of years Mr. Adolph Mueller and other company executives have been interested in the promotion of Boy Scout activities in this community.

Last year a member of Mueller Co. sponsored a two weeks' camping outing at the Boy Scout Camp on Lake Decatur. Approximately twenty boys of Mueller Co. employes enjoyed this delightful camp period with all expenses paid.

With the beginning of the new year 1931, Mr. Adolph expressed his sincere desire to have organized and to act as sponsor for a Mueller Boy Scout Troop composed of sons of Mueller employes. To arouse interest in the proposed organization, Mr. Mueller personally arranged for several hikes to the Mueller Lodge grounds.

The first hike was held Jan 17th, starting at the Mueller Gym with Mueller Lodge as the destination. About fifty boys, lead by Odie Walker, Clarence Roarick, and Everett Dickey enjoyed the trip. At the



A detachment of Mueller Boy Scout Troop with 35 members and Scout Master Odie Walker.

Lodge, Ralph Varner, Scout executive, explained how to organize a Scout Troop and expressed his desire and willingness to cooperate with Mueller Co. in the organization of a Scout Troop here.

The first step in the organization of the Mueller Scout Troop was taken by O. C. Keil and under his direction a Scout Master, an Assistant Scout Master, and a Troop Committee, were chosen. They are as follows:

Sponsor—Adolph Mueller.  
Adviser—O. C. Keil.

Scout Master—Odie Walker.

Assistant Scout Master—Clarence Roarick.

Troop Committee—Van Campbell, Chairman; Frank Edmonson, Jerry Youker, Everett Dickey, Carroll Cornelius.

The first Scout Troop meeting was held in the Mueller gym Friday evening, Feb. 20th. About fifteen boys attended. Meetings have been held each following Friday evening with an increasing attendance with a present enrollment of thirty-five boys.

Twelve of these boys have passed the Tenderfoot test and are now working on the Second Class tests. On Saturday, the 14th and 21st, Scout Master Walker conducted a hiking trip for the purpose of qualifying the Tenderfoot Scouts to Second Class Scouts. Some of the tests included building a fire with only two matches, cooking potatoes and meat in the open without using cooking utensils, etc. Needless to say, all of the boys passed the test.

Boys who have passed the Tenderfoot test are:

Otto C. Keil, Jr., Dale Wilkins, Robert Taylor, Robert Rhodes, Cecil Hollingshead, Albert Hollingshead, Vernon Brown, Raymond Logan, William Shockley, Truman Reynolds, Herman Roe, Robert Lebo.

Although only twelve have passed the tests up to date, others are taking their examinations every week and we expect soon to have a full Troop of thirty-two members.

The required age for Boy Scout is twelve years or over, but if your boy has not yet reached this age, send him anyway so that he can take the work and later qualify for the Troop when he reaches the age of twelve. Seven or eight youngsters are doing this now.

Here is your opportunity to give your boy, healthful, educational recreation under excellent supervision and leadership. Don't deny him this chance. Send or bring him to the next Scout meeting, held each Friday night at 7:30 P. M., at Mueller Gym.



## CAKE FOR MARY

The girls in the Core Room surprised Mary Smith on Wednesday, March 19th, with a big angel food cake and pineapple pie at the noonday luncheon. The pie and cake were in honor of Mary's birthday.



## SUMMER HOURS

The summer office and factory hours went into effect April 1st and now we have more daylight hours for personal work or recreation. They come in very conveniently during the garden and golf seasons.

Financial Statement  
EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY BENEFIT  
FUND

Jany. 23-March 24, 1931			
Cash Jany. 23.....		\$	615.97
Receipts			
From Mueller Co.....	\$	100.00	
January Dues.....		567.00	
Feb. Dues.....		566.65	
Interest on bonds.....	\$	135.00	\$ 1,368.65
			\$ 1,984.62

Payments			
Funeral Flowers, J. F.			
F. Brown.....	\$	5.00	
Dues Refunded.....		.40	
Emergency Loan Fund		200.00	
Death Benefits—			
Ed. V. Winholtz.....		125.00	
John A. Patterson.....		100.00	
Benefits listed below.....		1,197.70	\$ 1,628.10
Balance.....			\$ 356.52

Resources			
Bonds—par value.....	\$	6,200.00	
Bldg. & Loan Stock,			
(1-1-31).....		1,921.60	
Emerg. Loan Fund.....		3,200.00	
Cash.....		356.52	
Total.....			\$11,678.12

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

John Scoles	93.00	Geo. Suliver	2.00
J. H. Ellison	10.00	Fern Davey	3.00
Roy Baker	27.00	H. L. Grand-	
Creo Tally	4.00	field	13.50
Wade Rambo	7.50	E. V. Robinson	21.90
Dewey Tripp	19.00	Ed. Carter	10.00
Ethelyn Carder	5.00	Carlo Danaha	50.50
Wm. Heddin	2.00	E. H. Langdon	4.00
Paul Fisher	10.00	Roy Jolly	36.00
Oliver Elliott	21.00	Roscoe Ridlen	17.00
Chas. W. Mur-		Frank Ander-	
ray	12.00	son	31.65
Earl Reeves	1.25	Gus Bridgewater	3.75
C. C. Riley	18.00	Frank Kuntz	3.75
Robt. Harper	3.00	Fred Schlipf	8.40
E. Wolie	5.00	J. E. Hart	7.50
B. J. Marty	6.00	M. Flecken-	
J. E. Frye	96.40	stein	2.00
Laura Becker	21.90	Keith Smith	2.25
Claude Ping	20.00	Gid Massengill	34.20
C. Albert An-		Herbert Hanley	5.00
derson	2.00	Wm. Furry	16.85
H. R. Miller	10.00	Ethel Turley	8.60
E. O. Oakleaf	5.00	S. A. Davis	2.00
Lewis Bland	2.00	H. P. Ammann	55.20
E. W. Bailey	2.00	W. W. Master-	
Frank Gard	21.00	son	5.25
Don Andrews	4.00	N. B. Harlow	32.40
N. C. Washburn	3.00	Ed. Winholtz	6.75
W. S. Enloe	15.00	Gus Rennie	15.90
Wm. Andrews	10.00	L. B. Metheny	6.00
O. R. Curry	16.00	Claud Flanders	7.50
J. B. Montgom-		Grover Mea-	
ery	30.00	dows	42.40
Jas. Joplin	7.50	Clarence Kush	1.75
Chas. Adams	6.00	Dan Burger	3.00

Thos. P. Smith	5.00	O. T. Work-	
Ben Gregory	17.00	man	27.90
Joe Wisenback-		Chas. J. Gilmore	5.00
er	8.00	Ira Auer	10.00
Carl Brock	86.80	Pauline Masters	6.00
Roy Toole	8.25	Ralph O. Cox	1.00
John Leonard	9.00	Thos. Coker	1.00
John Patterson	30.20		
Chas. Sanders	5.00		\$1,197.70



THREE DIVISIONS

A General Rearrangement of the Production  
Organization Takes Place

The production organization has now been arranged in three divisions. The shop that makes ground-key work is now known as the Utility Division and occupies the buildings between College and Mercer streets.

The Specialties Division includes Dept. 300, which makes regulators, tapping machines, sleeves and valves, and hot water heat control systems. This is located just west of Monroe street.

The Plumbing Division produces compression goods and includes Dept. 9, polishing, plating, and compression assembling departments.

Each of these divisions is under a general foreman. Frank Taylor has charge of the Utility Division; Martin Stratman the Specialty Division; and Emmett Reedy the Plumbing Division.

The Production Control Dept. has been reorganized to conform with these new divisions.

J. M. Wilkins is general planning engineer. Ray Salisbery directs production for the Utility and Specialty Divisions. His office is now located in the northwest corner of the Utilities Division and is near the Monroe street entrance. Homer Van Vleet directs production for the Plumbing Division.

Parts stock also follows division lines and is now in several locations.

The Factory Supplies and Purchased Parts are now in a department to themselves located in a frame building west of Mercer street, formerly occupied by the punch presses.

The Receiving Department is along the north wall of this building which gives access to the railroad. Marshall Hobbs is in charge of purchased parts, supplies and receiving.



"I repeat, Mr. Chux, I think you're the dearest man in town."

Bashful Butcher—"Oh—Miss Whiffin!"

Benevolent Party (cheerfully): "I see the scientists expect to cure blindness by electricity."

Blind Man (gloomily): "Yus, these inventions are allus drivin' some poor man out of business."

## THE LOW DOWN OKAW



Somebody or something is always "low" at the Okaw and often it is Ed. Stille, who took this picture a few weeks ago showing the stage of water at the big hole. It clearly depicts the results of the drouth. At a regular stage of the river the water is bank full with a depth of 25 or 30 feet.

## BE CAREFUL IN BUYING

## Credit Makes Luxuries Look Easy but Many Things Happen Between First and Last Payment

Before you buy anything on credit, especially such things classed as luxuries, things that by a little patient self-denial you can do without for the time being, figure out now you are going to pay for it—how long it will take you and what effect it is going to have on your purchasing power of the real necessities of life. It may put a different face on the proposition.

Take a radio cost \$150 as an example, \$10.00 down and \$5.00 per month. If every payment is met on the dot it will take two years and four months to complete the deal so that the machine is legally your own. But that is not all. It costs money to operate a radio. There is a constant expense attached. And that is not all. In two years the radio of today will be a back number. If you pay promptly for 24 months and then miss there is the danger of the dealer taking the machine away from you. It is not your own until the last payment has been made.

In two years and four months many things hidden by the future may happen. Some of the more common ones are—sickness, physician and hospital bills, deaths, fires and what not. These things are happening daily in thousands of families.

They are not interested in any human plan. They just come along regardless of plans, and they always bring additional expense as well as grief and suffering.

These are contingencies of course, but they should nevertheless be taken into consideration before buying any article of luxury that periodically demands payments on a stipulated date or passes back from you to the seller.

Nothing is harder or more discouraging than "paying for a dead horse."

## CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP, AND PLANT

The home-owning members of our organization have always taken pride in their homes and gardens. This year the community in general will give more attention than usual to this important spring activity because the young men's division of the Association of Commerce is backing a community-wide effort and they are doing it with the energy and enthusiasm of youth.

The chairman of the committee for Decatur is D. D. Dresback of our Sales Department. Other Mueller men who are members of this Junior Association are Paul Jacka, Bradford Brusco, E. F. Dickey, C. M. Cornelius, Frank Edmonson, Emmett Reedy.

A three-year plan provides for planting ten thousand trees in nurseries in public parks, cultivating them for three years, and in 1934 offering them to home owners.

The Boy Scouts are co-operating with the Association and both groups are doing this as a service to the community.

The two weeks beginning April 25th will be known thruout the community as Clean-Up and Paint-Up campaign. The newspapers will give this special publicity. Large posters on public sign boards will call attention to the fact that we are participating in a national movement of this kind. On April 25th the Boy Scouts will inspect all residences and surroundings in Decatur and a record will be kept of their observations; and two weeks later they will make another inspection and note what has or has not been done. You can leave it to the Boy Scouts to do this job thoroly.

In the meantime, the school children will systematically inspect the interior of their homes and make written reports. Thus the house will be inspected within and without. It is to be expected that accumulations of trash that might be a fire hazard, disorderly yards, unpainted houses, and untidy interiors will be cleared and painted and put in good order. It is clear that there will be a reduction of fire hazards, better sanitation, and more important, still a feeling of pride and self respect on the part of those who do these things.

The young men, the Boy Scouts, and the school children who make us dissatisfied with untidy and unsanitary conditions are really doing the public a service.

It goes without saying that Mueller employees will co-operate to the fullest extent in this movement.

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 IN THE SOUTH

Adolph Mueller left March 6th for Miami Beach, Fla., where he joined Mrs. Mueller who had been there for some weeks. The snow storm did not frighten him away. His plans had been made several weeks ago. Frank O'Dell of the Chicago office drove in on March 6th en route to Atlanta, Ga., and Adolph "hitch-hiked" that far, and after a brief stay at the Atlanta branch continued his trip by train.

### EMERGENCY LOANS

The Employes Aid Society has been rather liberal in making loans during the depression. Our working force has made a good effort at paying loans. Still we find that many persons are involved in debt. The Society does not loan money to pay some debts without a statement of the total indebtedness of the member. This is only a matter of justice to other creditors.

### HOSPITAL BILLS

The Employes Aid Society has been giving increased assistance in the settlement of hospital bills. The hospital must be ready at all times of the day and night to meet emergencies. They cannot reduce their force below a certain minimum, and their expenses continue whether the beds are occupied or not.

Decatur is fortunate in having two good hospitals open to working men and their families, and charges are often below the cost of the service.

The Employes Aid Society, ever mindful of this service, has been cooperating with members and with the hospitals in securing settlements. Loans have made possible cash settlements and have some times secured liberal discounts.

If sickness or an injury leaves you with a hospital bill to pay and you are unable to finance it, see Mr. Langdon, who will assist you in working out a settlement.

### RECENT CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

At Plant 3 steady progress is being made in the construction of the Dressler kiln, which is a large and rather complicated structure.

At the Main Plant a saw tooth roof section 20 feet wide, with north windows, and running the length of the building, has been placed over the second floor office. This is a much appreciated improvement, adds light and ventilation much needed on this floor.

The Purchasing Department has been moved to the southeast corner of the second floor of the main office building. The Works Manager's office has been moved forward along the south wall of the second floor office and in the long space back of this extending clear to the Advertising Department are now located the General Superintendent, Standards Department, and Plant Engineer. Across the corridor just west of the Upkeep Stock Department is the Engineering Record Department.

The space formerly occupied by J. M. Wilkins has been enlarged and is now used by the paymaster.

There is now no activity on the third floor of the old factory building which once housed the Tool Room, the Engineering and Drafting departments.

A roller conveyor has been added to the ground-key assembly line which now delivers the boxes to the Shipping Dept.

### DEBTS

In the gay days in the late period of prosperity, everyone could buy almost anything on credit, and many of our people did so. Debts were incurred on houses, automobiles, furniture, radios, clothing, groceries and loan sharks. In these lean days the creditors are clamoring for cash. It is true that many creditors and landlords have been very considerate with their debtor. Others, however, attempt to force collections.

The Employment Office is at the service of those who are harrassed by debts. We have been able to make plans whereby a number have been able to make peace with their creditors.

We strongly advise the keeping of complete household accounts and will show you just what we mean by that if you will see Mr. Langdon. The Employment Office is open Saturday mornings, which is a good time to go into such matters.

### TAX LOANS

Many people think of taxes as a charge that is due on April 30th. As a matter of fact taxes should be figured by the week or month. A man whose taxes amount to \$48.00 a year should lay aside \$4.00 a month to meet his taxes. He can hardly expect to pay that much out of his April wages.

At the last minute each year a number of people appeal to the Employes Aid Society for loans to pay their taxes. This year last minute loans WILL NOT BE MADE for this purpose. If you see that you are unable to pay your taxes and expect to approach the Employes Aid Society for a loan, do so at once. Such applications will not be received after April 15th, and you should not wait until that date.

E. H. LANGDON.

### DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES

A meeting was held on Monday evening, March 9th, for those interested in the Dramatic Club. About twenty persons were present.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Clarence Roarick.

Vice-President—Clara Uhl.

Secretary-Treasurer—Helen Pope.

It was decided that a play should be put on by the club some time during the last of April, and with this in view President Roarick named a committee consisting of Dorothy Jordan, Lucille Morthland and Clifford Gillibrand to select a play suitable to be given at that time.

A committee was also appointed for the purpose of organizing the orchestra. Ethel Fogle, Velma Olive were named as this committee.

On Saturday afternoon, March 14, the play committee met at the club house with Miss Janice Meredith and discussed the selection of a play.

BRANCH MANAGERS HERE



Branch Managers were called to Decatur recently for a business meeting. The five above are: F. A. Huntley, manager Decatur plumbing division; W. L. Dewitt, manager Dallas branch; Tom Leary, manager Pacific Coast division; C. J. G. Haas, manager New York branch; R. W. Baugh, manager Los Angeles.

LOUIE ROHR INVESTS

Louie Rohr is now a member of the Fresh Air Taxicab Company of America. He holds a 1,000-share certificate signed and counter signed by Amos and Andy. Louie is elated by the fact that he is now associated in business with the two famous radio characters. From what we know about them, however, it is our guess that Louie will have to supply the funds to pay the profit, should any accrue. This is quite likely so long as Andy retains his position as President and financial agent of the company.

Louie enjoys the evening entertainments of his black face friends and during the last holidays sent them a Christmas card. In return he received the stock certificate of 1,000 shares. It reads:

STOCK CERTIFICATE

No 7 or 8 Million 1000 Shares  
Fresh Air Taxicab Company of America,  
Incorporated

Refiled with that Great Fraternal Order, "Mystic Knights of the Sea", Incorporated under the laws of the state of insanity.

Unothorized Capital Stock 1,000,000 Check and Double Check Par Value More or Less

This is to certify that L. N. Rohr is the owner of One Thousand un-paid and non-sensical shares, of doubtful precalated value, of the Capital Stock of

FRESH AIR TAXICAB COMPANY OF AMERICA, INCORPOLATED

transferable upon the books of the Great Home Bank (when, as, and if found) in person or by any duly authorized mannancurist, upon surrender of this certlificate of propolition.

AN UNUSUAL ACT

Travelers Insurance Company Pays Policy Where Payment Had Lapsed

Helen Stoker, a packer in the assembly department, left her work on April 11, 1930, due to sickness, and was unable to return to work for a number of weeks. In the meantime, work in the department declined and she was laid off. In August she was married and late in the fall of 1930 she died of tuberculosis.

Since she had been away from us more than six months and had paid her premium on the group insurance only a part of this time, and had given up her work permanently, it did not appear that she would have a valid claim for the insurance.

However, the Travelers Insurance Co., after making a careful investigation on their own accord, paid the insurance to her mother and her sister, Lula, who were joint beneficiaries. This is a remarkable example of the extent to which employes are protected by group insurance.

Witness the seal of the Corpotation and the signatures (or marks) of its duly incompetent officers.

Dated June 31, 1930. Here they are:

ANDREW BROWN (I'se Regusted)

President.

AMOS JONES (Is I Blue?)

Secretary.

Easter Egg

Hunt

Sunday Afternoon

April 5th, 1931

at

:: Mueller Lodge ::

Take the children—Enjoy

the day in the open.

Plenty of Eggs to find

and Prizes - - - -

## SPRING TONICS

(By C. O. Sappington, M. D., Dr. P. H.,  
Director, Division of Industrial Health,  
National Safety Council.)

Do you recall the good old days when mother used to take the sulphur and molasses bottle off the shelf each spring and give the youngsters a good dosing? This was supposedly done as a tonic and as a measure to strengthen the blood, which had been depleted during the winter's activities.

But "these days are gone forever," for our best families now realize that the best spring tonics are not contained within bottles of sulphur and molasses.

This idea is not new, for Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was professor of anatomy at one time at Harvard University, years ago said that the best tonics were fresh air, exercise, sunshine, good food, work, recreation, and rest. Dr. Holmes, you will remember, was also an author, writing that famous series "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

Remember that moderation, too, is a very important point. Be moderate in all your taking of these spring tonics, and don't forget to be moderate in your point of view.



## BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Evans, January 27, a son, Joseph Eli. The father is employed at Plant 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Taylor, Feb. 4th, a daughter, Patricia Arnetta. The father is employed in the Brass Shop.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cash, Feb. 5, a daughter, Alice Louise. The father is employed in the Core Storage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walter, Jan. 15th, a son, Harold Keith. The father is employed in the Brass Foundry.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stogsdill, Feb. 21, a daughter, Irma Joan. The father is employed in the Brass Foundry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Curry, March 15th, a daughter, Gwendolyn June. The father is employed in the Foundry Office.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Langdon, Feb. 17th, a son, Seth Heber.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack True, Dec. 1st, a son, Emmett Dean. The father is employed in the Brass Foundry.



A minister consented to preach during his vacation in the country at an Episcopal church. When he arrived at the church on Sunday morning, the sexton welcomed him and said:

"Do you wish to wear a surplice, sir?"

"Why, man I'm a Methodist. What do I know about surplices. All I know about is deficits."

## CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMP

Annual Offer to Young Men to Enjoy a  
Thirty-Day Outing at Government  
Expense

Where are you going this summer? The mountains, the lakes, the seashore, Canada?

If you are a healthy American youth, between the ages of seventeen and twenty-eight, and can furnish proof of good character, you are eligible to attend one of the nation-wide encampments or the Citizens' Military Training Camps. And there's an idea for you—planning for the coming summer!

Consider the C. M. T. C., where you spend a glorious month in the great outdoors, and with Uncle Sam paying all necessary expenses including transportation, camp uniforms, good, wholesome food, medical attention if necessary, sports equipment, etc.

For more than a decade the Citizens' Military Training Camps have been conducting their annual project in the building of manhood and good citizenship. Perhaps you know some lad who has received the benefit of one of these thirty-day periods; ask him what he thinks of the C. M. T. C.!

At these Camps there is a minimum of military drill, and absolutely no obligation for further military training. But if your ambition is to win a commission as second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps, you will find attendance at the Blue Camp (fourth year) a big help. Graduates of this Blue course who successfully conclude an additional correspondence course and who have the required education, character and physical fitness may be recognized for this commission as second lieutenant, O. R. C.

Citizenship, sports, recreation, American traditions and ideals—these are the outstanding features of the Citizens' Military Training Camps. Usually, the forenoon is given over to elementary military drills—there are branches of Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Engineers and Signal Corps—and in the afternoon hikes, swimming parties, ball games, track meets are the order of the day; at night, if there is no dance, show or other big social event planned, there is usually a gathering about the roaring camp-fire and the spinning of yarns until the silvery tones of the bugle summons all hands to bed.

And how you sleep in these Camps! and eat! It's no wonder the average attendant returns home so well set up, bronzed and healthy, with shoulders squared, eyes cleared and with renewed "pep" to tackle the old job again!

Your future prospects and your value to your employer will be increased a lot by attending even one of these Camps. Detailed information and illustrated literature may be obtained by addressing the C. T. C. Officer at any U. S. Army post.

## THE CAMERA CLUB



The subject for March was "Children." The prize winners were selected as follows:

No. 1—Group picture taken by Mr. O. C. Keil of his family.

No. 2—Picture of Barbara Rubicam in her dancing costume, taken by her father, Clarence Rubicam.

No. 3—Picture of Barbara Ann Moffett, grand-daughter of W. R. Gustin, taken by Helen Pope.

Pictures were judged by Mr. Fred Lawson of Springfield.

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COURTESY

A haughty lady had just purchased a postage stamp at a sub-station.

"Must I stick it on, myself?" she asked.

"Positively not, madam," replied the clerk.

"It will accomplish more if you stick it on the letter."

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HELPING THE UNEMPLOYED

W. A. Murray is doing what he can to relieve the "unemployment" situation but the company pays the bill. Down in New Orleans, Mr. Murray left his car parked while he entered the place of business of Kreubbe Company. While he was engaged in writing up an order one of the "unemployed" having nothing to do but having a large share of curiosity assigned himself to the task of ascertaining just what a Mueller salesman carried in his car. The inspection proved immensely satisfactory to the "unemployed" gentleman who was busily employed for a few moments. When he resumed his unemployment job he carried with him Murray's 22 inch Gladstone bag valued at \$22 and containing a new suit of clothes, a half dozen shirts, toilet articles, several pairs of socks, shoes and a riotous suit of Russian pajamas. Murray sent in a distress signal to the office for help and a new bag was sent him.

## SUNSHINE AND GOOD TEETH

It would seem at first blush that there is little connection between these two subjects; but Dr. Knapp, our dentist, assures us that there is. In fact, sunshine or ultraviolet rays are essential to good health. There is less sickness in the late summer and early fall and more in the late winter and early spring because one of these seasons is rich in sunshine, and in the other there is but little sunshine that does us any good.

The sun's rays have a favorable effect on blood chemistry when they shine upon the skin. For a number of months every winter we are almost entirely isolated from sunshine, and our resistance to cold and sickness is correspondingly diminished.

Not only do we get sunshine by direct radiation, but we should get it indirectly in our food. Vitamin B, which is essential to good health, is fairly abundant in summer butter when the cows get plenty of sunshine and fresh grass. These vitamins are deficient in the winter milk when the cows are on dry feed and are housed in a barn.

Dr. Knapp states that the people in tropical countries which have an abundance of sunshine usually have good teeth, while the indoor people of foggy London are noted for their bad teeth.

The prescription for good teeth as well as good health, would include plenty of sunshine and plain food that requires chewing, and plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables eaten raw.

It is especially important that children should have a diet rich in these things in order to have good teeth and strong bodies.



## VISITS WITH LIEUT. HINTON

## O. C. Keil Receives Unusual Souvenir for His Son, Otto, Jr.

By O. C. Keil

It was my great privilege to accompany Lieut. Hinton to several of our Junior High Schools and to introduce him to the students assembled in the school auditorium. Here was a man who had achieved world-wide fame from his exploits in the air, who modestly told his hearers that his trips were not made in the sense of an adventure, but as a duty under orders from the Navy. What a wonderful, inspiring sight it was to see these tremendously interested girls and boys eagerly listening to every word of the great flyer.

Lieut. Hinton fully realizes the great hold aviation has upon the imagination of the present day youth. He knows that the high school students he addresses today will be the business men of tomorrow in whose hands aviation will move forward with even more rapid strides than the automobile has experienced.

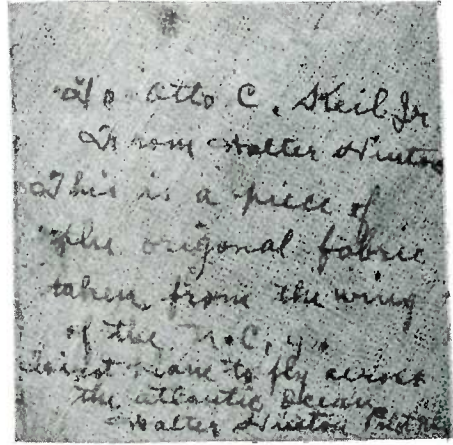
During his fifteen years of active flying service, Lieut. Hinton has not received a scratch on his body as a result of a crack-up in a plane. He confessed, however, to three smash-ups in his automobile within the past year, and naturally favors the air as the safer means of transportation.

Lieut. Hinton came to Decatur as the guest of the Decatur Exchange Club, this city being the sixty-fourth stop he has made in his airplane tour of the country in the interest of the National Exchange Club Service to Aviation Tour. The purpose of the tour is to arouse interest in aviation, assist communities in the establishment of air ports, procure roof and road markings for the convenience of cross country flyers and to assist and develop air progress wherever possible.

Lieut. Hinton was the pilot for the Alexander Hamilton Rice expedition to Brazil in 1924-1925. A very fine account of this expedition and some unusual photographs made on the trip will be found in the April 1926 issue of the National Geographic Society Magazine.

While in Decatur, the Lieutenant visited the home of an aunt and uncle who reside here and whom he had not seen for many years. These relatives were invited guests of the Exchange Club at the banquet given in the Lieutenant's honor on Monday evening, March 23rd, and they were a mighty proud aunt and uncle.

The Navy Plane NC-4 used by Hinton in crossing the Atlantic is now on exhibition in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. The Lieutenant explained to me that after they had landed in Plymouth, England, one of the wings of the plane was damaged, necessitating replacement of the fabric. He preserved the old original fabric and pulled



Lieutenant Hinton presented this souvenir to Otto C. Keil, Jr., first writing the inscription appearing there on. It is a piece of the fabric from the NC-4 now on exhibition at Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. The NC-4 with Lieutenant Hinton was the first plane to cross the Atlantic.

out a piece of it from one of his traveling bags, sat at the desk in his room and penned the following on it:

"To Otto C. Keil, Jr.,  
From Walter Hinton"  
and gave it to me for my oldest boy.



## OFFICE REARRANGEMENT

Considerable rearrangement has been in progress during the latter part of February and the first of March in the office, both on the second and third floors. The standards department and the engineering department now occupy the space formerly occupied by the purchasing department, part of the advertising department, and the works manager's office. The works manager is now located where the paymaster was, and the paymaster has moved across the hall next to the employment department. The purchasing department has moved into a new office behind the telephone desk on the second floor of the old office building.

On the third floor the entire office has been moved back several feet. Frank Huntley and W. E. Mueller have a private office on the west side, with O. C. Draper, S. W. Reynolds and Opal Jackson in the adjoining office. The mail department in charge of Betty Bennett has also been moved into this office.



"Why would you standing on a dime be like woolworth's?"  
"I'm cornered!"  
"Well stupid—it would be Nothing Over Ten Cents."—Ex.

WEDDINGS

Hammel-Hopkins

DeEtte Hammel and Marshall L. Hopkins were married Saturday afternoon, March 7th, at 4 o'clock in the parsonage of the Grace Methodist church with Dr. Walter M. Briggs, pastor, reading the marriage service. They were unattended.

The bride has been employed in the engineering department. Mr. Hopkins is employed by the Shell Petroleum Co., of Bloomington.

They will make their home with the bride's mother, Mrs. Flora M. Hammel, 1365 N. Church St.

Ross-Lukacs

Ruth Ross, stenographer in the sales department, left the Decatur office March 28th. Ruth was married on Sunday to J. M. Lukacs of Chicago, and on Monday morning took up her duties in the Chicago office, succeeding Pauline Verner, who is being transferred to the Los Angeles office. Miss Ross has for a number of years been O. C. Draper's stenographer.

German-Butler

Dean Butler, compression shop, and Helen German, surprised their folks by being quietly married in Shelbyville, Dec. 24th. They live at 827 N. Water street.

Crippen-Miller

H. R. Miller, watchman at Mercer street, and Mrs. Ada Crippen were married in Decatur, Jan. 3rd. They live at 125 S. Hilton street.

Ellington-Johnson

Chas. Johnson of the construction department and Mildred Ellington were married in Decatur, Feb. 7th.

SAFETY RECORD MADE AND SPOILED

The year ending December 1, 1930, established the lowest accident record we have ever had. The average lost time for employes for the year was four hours, which is about half the usual rate. In 1930, however, a series of accidents combined to spoil our record for the current year.

John Patterson while operating the cut-off machine, cut off his thumb.

Frank Anderson had his arm severely burned with a blow torch.

Roy Toole of the foundry got his arm cut on a sand riddle.

Fred Konditz, while helping to move furniture, had a desk fall on his foot breaking his toes.

Herman Amman had a finger severely injured in an automatic screw machine.

Mrs. Laura Becker of the Core Department, punctured her hand with a core wire. A severe infection resulted.

MR. ROBERT'S BIRTHDAY

Occasion Remembered by Foreman's Club With Beautiful Flowers

March 27th was the birthday of Mr. Robert Mueller and in accordance with the custom which has been observed for years, the Foremen's Club sent a bouquet of beautiful flowers to his desk, and he was also very appreciative of the kindness as shown by the following letter:

"March 27, 1931.

"Foremen's Club,  
"Mueller Co.

My Birthday

"My Dear Friends and Fellow Workers:

"When I arrived at the office this morning I found a very beautiful bouquet of roses, signifying that it was my birthday.

"I thoroughly appreciate the gift, in fact I appreciate it more than anything else I know of. Things of this sort bring us closer together so that in a way we are like one large family trying our very best to cooperate with each other in everything that we do.

"Again thanking you for your kind remembrance, and with very best wishes to everyone, and sincerely trusting that the unemployment situation will soon be a thing of the past, and that prosperity will come again to all of us, I remain

"Yours very truly,  
"ROBERT MUELLER."



MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club enjoyed a delightful party February 26th at the Mueller Athletic Club. Mrs. Ralph Adams was hostess for the afternoon, and she was assisted by Mrs. J. M. Wilkins and Mrs. W. T. Mason. Twenty-five foremen's wives were present.

Games and contests appropriate to Washington's birthday were arranged by the hostesses. Prizes were won by Mrs. H. C. Camron, Mrs. Howard Gragg and Mrs. W. R. Cranston.

Cherry pie with whipped cream and coffee were served.

Mrs. Camron reported that six plants had been sent during the past month to members of the club who were ill.

Gid Massengill had a severe dermatitis resulting from a number of small burns.

These accidents teach us the lesson anew, that eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

Foundrymen, construction workers, truckers, and the like should wear safety shoes. Grinders, machinists and others who are in any danger from flying particles should wear goggles. Shaky ladders should be avoided. Nervous or half sick people should not work on power driven machines. Again we repeat the old safety slogan, "ALWAYS BE CAREFUL."

## THOSE STORIES WILL KEEP 'TILL THE WHISTLE BLOWS



A good laugh is a tonic for mind and body and we always like the fellow who can tickle our funny-bones. But there is a right and a wrong time to be entertained. And the right time is not at work which requires close attention.

Back on the farm it was safe to swap yarns while doing the chores or working out in the fields. But it may be highly dangerous while working around high-powered machinery. Jogging to town behind the old gray mare didn't require much attention to the business of driving, but steering a car through city traffic is a full-time job. The times have speeded up and that means keeping the mind on the job to avoid getting hurt or hurting someone else.

The fellow who is the life of the party may be an undesirable companion on the job. Distractions, monkey business, and even amusements which are harmless at other times are frequent causes of accidents. That story which is too good to keep can wait till the whistle blows.



### FOREMAN'S CLUB

The foreman's Club met at the Mueller Lodge on Thursday evening, March 19th. There was a good attendance and the session was devoted entirely to business. The budget was under discussion throughout the meeting. Because of the importance of this subject at this time no money particulars were shown. There are two more meetings of the club before the summer adjournment.



### OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Young lady to acquaintance in lobby: "Who is that very homely man over there?"

"That is my brother."

Embarrassed young lady: "Oh—of—course—how stupid of me—I should have noticed the resemblance."

## THE NEXT QUESTION

### Soon You Will Be Called On to Pick a Mayor and Commissioners

We held city primaries on March 3rd as you all know. There was ample opportunity to select suitable candidates—five men wanted to be mayor and thirty-three wanted to be commissioners.

The successful men were:

#### Mayor

Forrest Pollard  
O. W. Smith

#### Commissioners

Earl V. Smith  
Harry Ruthrauff  
William L. Hamilton  
Thomas A. Moran  
Beecher Hughey  
Walter Rugh  
Arthur L. McNabb  
Omer Davenport

Now the voter and taxpayer has his hard job yet to do. It was no easy matter to select these ten candidates from a field of 38 aspirants. The hardest job, however, is to select the right man for mayor and the right four men for commissioners. On the five men chosen in a large measure depend the prosperity and continued advance and progress of the city. Every voter should seek to elect men who seem best equipped to handle municipal problems. There are some big questions ahead which must be solved. Among these we find sewers, grade crossing, subways, municipal ownership of electric light plant, paving and other proposals equally important. There will be others which will develop as conditions change during the coming four years. Every voter should do his utmost to get a complete understanding of these problems and then in his best judgment vote for men who seem to offer the best qualifications to meet and solve these questions correctly.

We are not even attempting to suggest how to vote. We simply feel that it is the duty of every citizen to be fully informed in municipal questions and to vote on them intelligently.

Remember that the general public welfare is of far greater importance than any man's private desire to fill an office.

This is the most important thing for every voter to understand.



### PRIZE INHALER

Muriel had been to the zoo for the first time, and was giving her grandmother a long account of what she had seen.

"And which animal did you like best, dear?" asked her grandmother when Muriel had finished.

"Oh, the elephant!" was the reply. "It was wonderful to see him pick up buns with his vacuum cleaner!"—Christian Evangelist.

MISS, A-MISS, MISSUS



Ruth Ross, who for a number of years was a stenographer in the Sales department, is missed but is not a-miss anymore. Now she is a Missus, having been married at Chicago Sunday, March 29, to J. M. Lukacs of that city, and will make her home there. She has not, however, forsaken our organization, having succeeded Pauline Verner as stenographer in the Chicago office at 333 N. Michigan Boulevard. The latter has gone to the Los Angeles office.

**SHOWER FOR RUTH**

A miscellaneous shower was given for Ruth Ross, who was married March 29th, on Wednesday evening, March 25th, at the home of Dorothy Jordan. Ruth received a number of very nice gifts. The evening was spent in playing Bunco. Hostesses were Margaret Whalen, Marian Richards, Ollie Springer, and Dorothy Jordan.

**LIGHT AND AIR**

A new sky-light is being installed on the roof of the second floor of the main office building. It is ardently hoped by all those working on this floor that this sky-light will provide much needed relief on torrid summer days.

The skylight was built and painted and sprinkled and other pipes placed without any occupant of the second floor knew what it was all going to look like. They found out Monday morning, March 30. Between quitting time Saturday and beginning time Monday, Billy Mason had a crew of men cutting out the roof. There were many "Ohs and Ahas" when the office people arrived. The light in the building has been greatly improved. Now if the change comes up to promises we will have a much cooler place to work in the summer.

NIGHT SCHOOL

**Classes in Industrial Geography and Foremanship Have Finished Studies**

On the evening of Friday, March 13th, the class in Industrial Geography held their last meeting. This course gave the members a new and more adequate idea of the resources of the United States and of Europe, of the combination of factors that make industry possible, and the varying standards of living in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Another impressive fact brought to light was the rapid rate at which industrial life is changing.

Comparisons were made of the density of population in the United States and Europe and Asiatic countries. The population in the United States has increased 70,000,000 in the last fifty years. At present 56 per cent of our people live in cities. In 1880 three-fourths of them were on the farm.

**Foremanship Class**

The class in Foremanship had their last meeting March 16th. This was somewhat larger class than the other. The main emphasis was placed on the human problem in industry. Various aspects of our organization were discussed and on the closing evening L. W. Mueller explained the Mueller organization.

A course of this kind is designed to give its members a better idea of the problems of management. One man who chose to take the course twice states that he is putting in actual practice the principles of management discussed in this class.

It has been suggested that further educational work be carried on next fall. If we have a class sufficiently large we may be able to secure Professor Melrose for a course in psychology.

There is considerable interest in public speaking and this will be considered next fall.

It has also been proposed that we have courses designed to make our people familiar with Mueller goods.

If you are interested in any of these subjects, please see Mr. Langdon.

**PRIZE WINNER**

Miss Harriet Major, Plant 3, won one of the first prizes at the Auction Bridge tournament held at the Orlando Hotel, Tuesday evening, March 24th. About three hundred players took part in this tournament, which was sponsored by The Review for the benefit of the Woman's Council Milk Fund.

**TOO STEADY**

"That new clerk you've got seems to be a steady young fellow."

"Yes, if he was any steadier he'd be absolutely motionless."

## DEATHS

**John R. Patterson**

The death of John R. Patterson, March 6th, was deplorable. Here was a man who had fought a desperate battle, but a successful one as viewed by his friends. While he never attained success measured by dollars, his moral victory stands to his everlasting credit.

Mrs. Patterson died last April. This couple through united efforts gave each of their children a high school education. This in itself is a splendid tribute to their character. There are few records equal to it.

Mr. Patterson was born April 25, 1859, in Elwin township. He entered the company's employ in 1907 and was assigned to the grinding room where he worked steadily until a few weeks ago when he was temporarily off because of an accident which caused the loss of a thumb. He leaves four children: Misses Beulah and Doris, Mrs. J. E. Mallory and George Patterson. Mr. Patterson did not carry group insurance.

**Cornelius C. Doherty**

Cornelius C. Doherty, known to all his friends as "Con", died Monday night, March 9th, at his home on North Main street. He was the father of C. William Doherty of our organization. His other survivors are his wife, his son, Walter, and his daughters, Mrs. Ned Freeman, and Mary Adeline Doherty.

He was a native of Freehold, N. J., but came with his parents to Illinois when a small boy and spent his early manhood in Champaign county on a farm. He was mechanically inclined, however, and studied steam and electricity and for eighteen years he was in charge of the power house, corner of Cerro Gordo and Edward streets. In that position he made many friends and acquaintances in our organization. Twenty years ago he quit this work because confinement was telling on him and since then has been a member of the Decatur police force. He was a man of fine physique which showed to excellent advantage in uniform, and was known to practically all Decatur people. On December 24th, he was compelled by failing health to retire from his position and since then gradually failed. His death is ascribed to heart trouble complicated by a throat ailment. At the time of his death he was 67 years of age.

**Edwin V. Winholtz**

Edwin V. Winholtz died unexpectedly of heart disease on Thursday afternoon, March 5th in the St. Mary's hospital a few minutes after he had been taken there. He was suddenly taken ill while engaged in his work in the Brass Finishing Dept., and rushed to the hospital in the ambulance, but failed to revive. He had been ill with influenza a short

time before which aggravated the chronic heart trouble from which he suffered.

Edwin V. Winholtz was born June 26, 1892, and had lived here all his life except during the period he served in the World War. He was assigned to civilian duty as a mechanic serving in Camp Holabird, Maryland and in Macon, Ga. He was married in 1918 to Miss Flossie Smith of Decatur.

He leaves his wife and the following children: June, Dorothy, Rose Mary, Harry and Billy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Winholtz, besides three brothers and six sisters.

Edwin Winholtz carried \$1,000 group insurance.

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**BRASS CHIPS**

Louise Whitehead's third finger, left hand, notifies her friends that she has listened to "the sweetest story ever told," but it does not give the date of the forthcoming happy event.

Tom A. Riggs, who has been doing advertising work for the company for the past two years, has left the organization.

Joseph Bready, retired from Dept. 9, underwent an operation in the Decatur and Macon County hospital, March 20th. He is reported to be making rapid progress toward recovery.

O. T. Workman at Plant 3 is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

R. R. Jolly of Dept. 18, who has been critically ill at the Decatur and Macon County Hospital, is reported improving.

C. A. Brock of Dept. 300, returned to work March 9th after an absence of several weeks due to an operation for appendicitis.

John Fry of the Iron Foundry, returned to work Feb. 10th after an absence of several weeks due to an injury to his foot. The edge of a one-ton mold came down on his toes, mashing them badly. The fact that he was wearing a safety shoe probably saved his toes from amputation.

Roy Baker, who lost an eye due to an acid burn, returned to work Feb. 16th.

John Scoles, punch press operator, was hurried to the St. Mary's hospital on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27th, where he underwent an emergency operation for gallstones. Prompt action probably saved his life. He returned to work Feb. 1st and is in better health than he has been for some time.

Opal Jackson has been appointed to succeed T. A. Riggs in sales and advertising.

Mary Grubbs has taken Opal Jackson's place and Marion Richards takes Mary's place in the works manager's office.

## SCENES AT VITREOUS WARE PLANT



The past winter witnessed great activity at Plant 3. Upper left: Getting rid of old kiln and preparing for new; Upper right: In the casting shop, A. H. Culver, Wm. Burchell and J. A. Richardson in the foreground; Lower left: Building the new kiln; Lower right: Cleaning brick from old kiln.

### Pitfalls

Beware of the pitfalls in signing any agreement involving future payments. The agreement is legal. The terms incorporated therein are, as a rule, the work of a shrewd lawyer. Your rights as a buyer may not be abridged, but the moment you fail in any of the stipulation you have forfeited your rights. All of the advantage passes to the seller. The agreement, backed by the law, become his weapon for enforcing collection. Then the buyer has little or no chance of escape.

Remember that all agreements read smoothly, and seemingly are understood.

But don't forget that these agreements are clothed in legal phraseology, which is English of course, but susceptible to legal interpretation.

When you hear it read and interpreted in court, its meaning is entirely different from the understanding you received by glancing over it and signing on the dotted line.

Here is what happened to one employe. He traded in an old car and bought a truck signing the regular agreement covering deferred payments.

When he failed on some points of the agreement the auto company through process of law took the truck from him. Then they sued and got judgment for the remainder due.

The result:—The man has lost his truck but will have it to pay for.

In the law this action is justifiable. It is

regular. The buyer failed to meet the stipulations of the agreement, which automatically gave the seller the legal right to proceed as he did. It looks unfair, but the law is obdurate.

It knows no friends, it is impartial, it is severe—it is final.

Perhaps the buyer did not realize what the agreement really meant or did not realize the penalty in case of failure to obey all stipulations in the agreement.

A friend might have been able to point out the pitfalls and the penalty—a lawyer could surely have done so.



### PRETTY FAR GONE

Pedestrian: "What ails your dog?"

Owner: "Oh, he's just lazy."

P.: "But laziness won't make a dog hawl like that."

O.: "Yes, but that dog is sitting on a sand burr."



### WHY SO?

She: "What would you do if I should cry?"

He: "I'd hang out a sign, 'Wet Paint.'" —High Tension News.



"What is the difference between the passing away of a hair dresser and that of a sculptor?"

"Well, the hair dresser curls up and dyes, while the sculptor makes faces and busts."

## MINSTREL MEN AND MAIDS

### Dinner at Lodge for Those Participating in Recent Entertainment

For the past few years it has been the custom of the company to entertain at dinner the casts of the shows put on by employes during the winter. Following this procedure, the entire casts of both the men and girls' minstrels, including all those in any way responsible for the success of the two shows, were given a dinner at the Mueller Lodge, Tuesday evening, March 3rd.

Following the dinner, talks were made by Miss Janice Meridith and Professor Hess of Millikin University. Miss Meridith told of her experience in organizing a dramatic club and suggested the best way to go about doing this in our organization. Considering the talent which we have and the facilities for putting on theatricals, a club of this kind has a big chance of being a success. The gymnasium which has a seating capacity of several hundred and in which can be erected a stage, and the beautiful outdoor stage at the Mueller Lodge, provide ideal locations for amateur shows.

Prof. Hess is more particularly interested in music and said he would be glad to cooperate with the company in an effort to organize an orchestra from the talent within our organization. Almost any show is enhanced by the music, whether by an overture before the play or the music used in plays such as musical comedies.

Mr. Adolph Mueller then took charge of the meeting and said that the company, having these facilities, was anxious to have the employes make use of them, and that he considered recreation a big feature today in a business of any kind.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that a director and a secretary-treasurer were enough officers to start the club going. Mr. Chas. G. Auer was elected temporary director by unanimous vote, and Helen Pope was elected secretary-treasurer. The director will appoint a committee to draw up the by-laws, and also a committee to select future plays.

Guests at this dinner were Miss Janice Meridith, Professor Hess, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpson, W. E. Mueller and Robert Mueller.

## NEW AMBITION?

Chief Duffey recently installed a watch clock station in the advertising department for the night watchman to punch. This contraption seems to be very fascinating to Dorothy Gepford. She has been noticed gazing at the box with strange expression in her eyes, and we can't help but wonder if Dorothy won't be applying to Chief Duffey for a job as watchman, in order to learn the intricacies of this box.

## ELECTIONS

Two elections this month—Tuesday, April 7th, for supervisors and township officers—Tuesday, April 21st for Mayor and Commissioners.

We have been asked so many times about the first election that perhaps a word of explanation is in place.

The county is made up of sixteen townships. Each of these townships are administered by township officers—a supervisor, town clerk, justice of the peace and constable. The supervisor represents his township on the board of supervisors which meets four times a year to transact general county business. Decatur, by reason of population has a supervisor and a number of assistants. This board is to the county what are commissioners are to the city. The board of supervisors, however, choose their own chairman to preside over their deliberations.



## RELIEF FUND

### Fund Was Devoted to Good Use Until Exhausted

The Employees Aid Society was asked to administer a special relief fund which in the total amounted to \$360.49.

Adolph Mueller and C. F. Roarick asked that the amount raised to buy them Christmas presents go into this fund. This amounted to \$187.00.

The minstrel show given in December added \$110.00 more and the girls' minstrel given in February, \$30.00.

This money is now all expended, and it has been used to buy coal, food, and clothing for worthy families of employes who have been laid off. In practically all cases the assistance was given without being asked for, and those who have contributed to this fund may have the satisfaction of knowing that it has made this winter easier for little children than it otherwise would have been.

The Employees Aid Society has expended about \$3,500 this winter in health conservation, relief, and welfare. A number of the loans are being repaid in small installments, but other loans made to employes who were laid off, of course are not being repaid.



## A STILL ALARM

Harley Himpstead admits he is pretty fast, but he also admits he didn't realize just how fast he was until his pants caught on fire the other day. Persons near Harley at that time were amazed and alarmed to see him suddenly jump up and down and begin beating himself. The mystery was explained very shortly when Harley pulled a pocket wrong side out and removed two matches which had started the fire. Luckily, there were no serious effects.