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Mueller Employees Annual Outing



Fairview Park

Decatur, Illinois

August Twenty-fifth, 1917

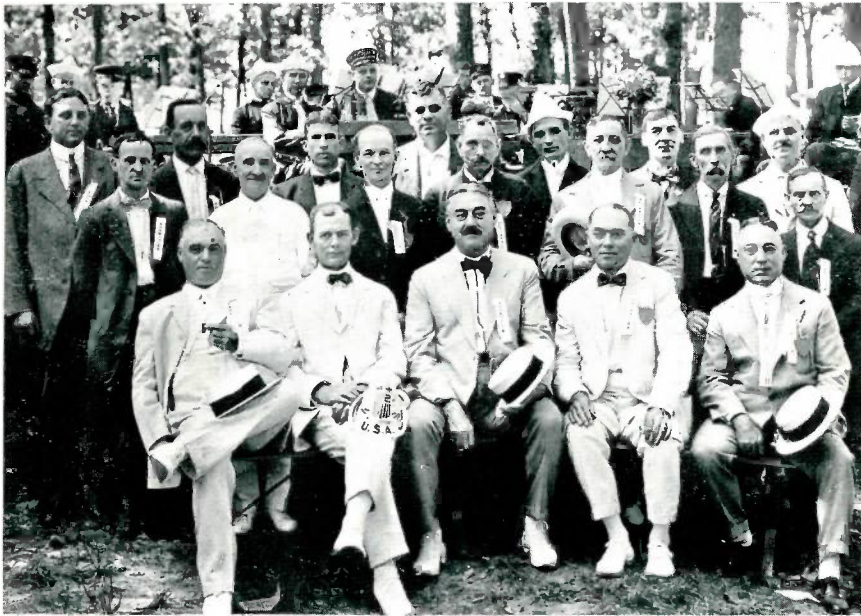
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MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY And Some of the 20 Year Men



Left to right—Sitting—Philip Mueller, F. W. Cruikshank, Fred B. Mueller, Adolph Mueller, Robert Mueller.
Standing, first row—Wm. Campbell, Walter Screeton, Grant Moon, Wm. Donnewitz, W. E. Pease, Frank Zetterlind, Theodore Shepperd.
Standing, back row—Louis Wallenbrock, George Zwilling, Harry Zetterlind, E. W. Larrick, Theodore Scherer, Wm. Seeforth, B. J. Marty.

The annual picnic of the Mueller employes was held at Fairview Park, Decatur, Saturday, August 25th. Of course all picnics are the best ever. We have said so much of our own past affairs, that there seems left but little to say of the 1917 picnic, without danger of repetition or of being stilted. However, if we summarize the opinions of the participants in the last endeavor we are compelled to say that the 1917 picnic stands well to the front in such of our undertakings.

And there are many reasons why this is so. In the beginning it was an ideal day. The sun traveled his course through a

cloudless sky, but the temperature was made most pleasant by cooling breezes. Again, there was not an unpleasant or disturbing incident to cast a shadow on the day's pleasure.

Above and beyond all these, however, was the picnic spirit and the Mueller spirit which made the day pass all too quickly for the 5000 persons who visited the grounds while the picnic was in progress.

Meeting at the factory at 8:30, the parade was formed with about 600 marchers in line and girls in automobiles. It was the finest parade we have ever had, and attracted more attention. Each marcher was supplied

with a small American flag and a white felt picnic hat ornamented in red and blue with a shield and the words in front, "We are for the good old U. S. A." On either side were the words, "60 years in Decatur" and "Mueller Picnic, 1917." The display throughout was marked by patriotic colors. A squad of police led the parade. A little further back sixteen men carried an enormous American flag. The marching and the order were excellent for civilians, and the parade from the factory to the square, where the cars were taken for the park, was watched by hundreds of spectators.

The formation of the column was as follows:

Squad of City Police
 Mueller Band
 American Flag with Guard
 Members of the Firm
 Large American Flag
 Employes of 20 years service
 Office and Factory Employes
 Girl Employes in Automobiles.

The park was reached before 10:00 o'clock and the day's sport was quickly inaugurated and continued without interruption until 11:00 o'clock at night. Old and young alike imbibed the spirit of the occasion, and gave themselves up to a thorough enjoyment of the athletic and musical programs provided for their entertainment. Members of the firm circulated among the employes and their families, renewing old friends and acquaintances.

In the evening there was a dance in the pavilion, music being furnished by the Mueller Band. Those who did not dance were entertained with a moving picture show on the lawn. Toys were provided for the children and ice cream soda was served free to all employes, while refreshment stands supplied food to those who came without lunch baskets.

It was a great picnic and will not be forgotten very soon. It brought out the biggest crowd, it produced the most fun, provoked the best feeling, and sent everybody home in the best humor.

We will have to travel some next year to beat it, but we will sure do it. The Mueller spirit is one that calls upon us to make a new record each year. While the organization handling the picnic has learned to get by without serious interruptions to

the program as laid out, they learned some things Saturday which will enable them to make next year's event a still greater success.

One of the features of the day was the presentation of checks for \$500 to three men, Wm. Dannewitz, Louis Wallenbrock and Harry Zetterlind, who have completed 20 years of faithful and loyal service. This took place at noon when Mr. Adolph made a brief speech.

The children had a merry day. With free ice cream soda and toys, they were made to thoroughly enjoy the occasion from beginning to end.

The program for the day follows:

Morning

8:30 A. M.—Meet at Factory.

9:00 A. M.—Parade: East on Cerro Gordo to N. Water; south on Water to East Wood; west on Wood to South Main; north on South Main to West Main; west to Church St. and disband.

Band Concert.

10:30 A. M.—Race across wading pool and return, for boys under 13 years.

10:45 A. M.—Potato Race for young ladies.

11:00 A. M.—Three-legged race for men.

Afternoon

Band Concert.

1:30 P. M.—Speaking and Presentation of \$500 to 20 year men.

2:00 P. M.—Ball throwing contest for young ladies.

2:15 P. M.—50-yard foot race for boys under fifteen.

2:30 P. M.—50-yard foot race for girls under fifteen.

2:45 P. M.—75-yard foot race for men.

3:00 P. M.—Baseball Game, Mueller vs. Water Works.

Evening

Dancing.

Moving Pictures.

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN

The company provided toys for the little folks. These consisted of paper snappers which opened up with a report, and snake blowouts, a coiled paper tube which unrolled when blown into.

They proved interesting to the kids.

Presenting The \$500 Checks



Left to right—Wm. Donnewitz, Louis Wallenbrock, Harry Zetterlind, President Adolph Mueller.

THREE MEN REWARDED

Address by Mr. Adolph Mueller When Presenting Checks for \$500

Nearly all the people on the ground assembled at the band stand at 1:30 o'clock to hear the speaking and see the three 20 year men receive their checks for \$500 as a reward for 20 years' faithful service.

Mr. Adolph made an excellent impromptu address, one of the best that he has ever delivered on an occasion of this kind. He said:

"Mueller Employes and Friends:—We are assembled here today for our annual picnic which commemorates the anniversary of our sixty years in Decatur. There are many here who are not that old, at least among the ladies. They never grow old.

There are many men here who were born and reared in foreign countries but chose the United States as their home because it offered them greater opportunities. This country gives to every man an opportunity but cannot guarantee success. That is up to the man himself.

Here workingmen are paid a higher rate of wages, live better, under more favorable

conditions than under any government or with any people on the globe.

Love His Work

Every man should love his work. If he does not there is something wrong with the man. He should go about his duties cheerfully and not be a burden or a drag. We feel that our employes do love their work and are contented and we have evidence of this fact in the long years of continuous loyal service which many of you have given us.

Policy of Company

It has always been a part of the policy of our company to foster and encourage the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood among our employes and we feel that any company which does not do this is falling short of one of the greatest rewards that business brings. Why should we go on working without feeling that it brings us closer together and makes us more than co-laborers? We are glad to feel today that our company is close to our men, not only as employers but as fellowmen.

One Great Issue

In the present world crisis there is only one issue and that one is universal in its scope. This world must be made a place

where everyone doing what is right, will be rewarded with what is right. The battle today is one of democracy against autocracy. Our company has enlisted on the side of democracy and you and I and all of us must do our part and we will do our part.

While we may not all fight in the trenches, we can all do our part in industry. It is said in England that it takes seven men at home to support one in the army. Each can help by being loyal and standing back of the government.

Helping Government

Our factory, of which you are a part, has already been helping the government, and will continue to help. We have commenced to do our bit. You no doubt remember the order which we recently received from the government for 56,000 lavatory stop cocks, which order we completed in ten days' time.

It was received on July 22 with the understanding that we would deliver 11,000 cocks every fifteen days until filled. On July 28 the government telegraphed that the order must be filled in ten days' time. We held meetings with the heads of departments. The next day reports came in that we could and would comply with the government's demand. We said, "We will," and we did. I never saw a more splendid demonstration of get together, stay together and pull together. Nor did I ever see such enthusiastic support and fine co-operation. You made it possible to do this thing. It was your earnest, sincere co-operation with the office that made possible this splendid manufacturing achievement.

Three More Awards

In 1907 the golden anniversary of our company was celebrated by giving to each of seven men who had worked for us twenty consecutive years, a reward of five hundred dollars. Nearly every year since some man has been rewarded. We have today three more, making a total of twenty-five to receive this \$500 recognition.

Among these men is Henry Zetterlind, whose father received a check ten years ago. The others are Louis Wallenbrock and William Dannewitz, to whom it is now my pleasure to present checks of \$500 each on behalf of the Mueller Manufacturing Company.

THE COMMITTEES

The management of the picnic was in the hands of the following committees:

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS—Philip Mueller, Fred B. Mueller, Robt. Mueller, Adolph Mueller, F. W. Cruikshank, and A. M. Cobb.

RECEPTION—Frank Schutz, W. E. Pease, and the 20 year men.

ATHLETICS—W. G. Cranston.

DANCING—E. W. Larrick.

MUSIC AND AMUSEMENTS—Roy Coffman.

PARADE—Geo. W. Stoy, J. W. Layman; Assistants, Bert Jackson, John Shelton, Hal Maxwell, and B. J. Marty.

CASHIER—C. G. Auer.

AUTOMOBILES—R. H. Mueller and Otto Halmbacher.

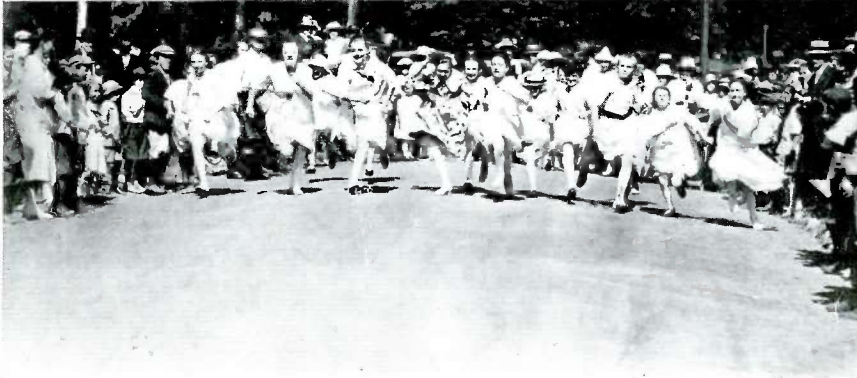
REFRESHMENTS—W. T. Mason and Karl Merris.

ADVERTISING AND STREET CARS—C. N. Wagenseller.

THE POTATO RACE FOR GIRLS



FIFTY YARD DASH FOR GIRLS UNDER 15 YEARS



ATHLETICS AT PICNIC

Every Event Caught a Crowd—Ball Game Big Feature

The athletic events this year were exceptionally good and attracted large crowds of interested spectators. This portion of the program was under the personal supervision of William G. Cranston, expert extraordinary of physical culture. The list of events and the winners follow:

Race across pool and return for boys under 13—Claude Johnson, first, \$1.00; Ora Barnhart, second, 50c.

Potato race for girls—Juanita Roberts, first, \$2.00; Marjory Imes, second, \$1.00.

Three-legged race for men—George Tolladay and Bill Barber, first, \$2.00; Harold LaBrash and Leslie Johnson, second, \$1.00.

Ball throwing contest for girls—Dolly Bolton, first, \$2.00; Juanita Roberts, second, \$1.00.

50-yard dash for boys—Robert Moessner, first, \$1.00; Fay Foltz, second, 50c.

50-yard dash for girls—Thelma Pease and Marjory Imes, tied for first; money divided, \$3.00.

75-yard dash for men—Ray Youker, first, \$2.00; George Kretzamer, second, \$1.00.

Ball Game

At the conclusion of the 75-yard dash for men the crowd flocked to the ball diamond to witness a real contest between the Water Works and Mueller nines. It was for a prize of \$15 with a box of cigars to the loser. We lost the game by a score of 7 to 5, by failure to get away good at the start. The Mueller team was probably a little over-anxious in the presence of so

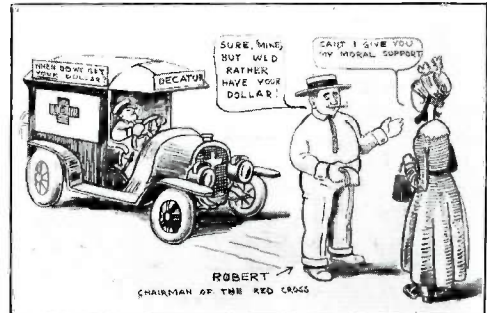
many of their friends, but the crowd was nevertheless impartial and appreciated good plays on either side. In the 7th inning it seemed for a moment that the Muellerites would retrieve themselves. With three men on bases, Adams drove out a three-bagger and sent three runs over the plate. After that, however, we were unable to do anything and the game went to the Water Works. The lineup:

Water Works	Muellers
Moore.....	Third base
McWerter.....	Shortstop
Rushing.....	Pitcher
Young.....	Center field.....
Devore.....	First base.....
Schweinbold.....	Left field.....
Bowman.....	Right field.....
Lord.....	Catcher
Vertrees.....	Second base.....
	Best
	Behrns
	Dressen
	Augustine
	Barker
	Adams
	Tolladay
	Watkins
	Galka

The score by innings:

Muellers	1 0 0 1 0 0 3 0 0—5
Water Works	2 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—7

OUR RED CROSS BOSS



FIFTY YARD DASH FOR BOYS UNDER 15 YEARS



SOME PICNIC PICKUPS

Fred Mueller began dancing with the first selection of the band and was dancing when the band played "Home, Sweet Home" at 10:30 p. m.

The cartoons in this issue were intended to be shown in the moving picture show, but the operator broke his holder, and consequently the best part of the program was left out.

Mrs. Herb Moore was the "errand boy," using her automobile for many hurry up trips to the city and back.

We have again demonstrated that a soda fountain picnic has the old beer keg variety backed into the keg.

Mr. Adolph was a busy man, with an eye alert to smoothing out any little hitch in the program. Adolph has fun keeping after business even on picnic day.

Snyder was there, you bet, and Mrs. Snyder was with him, and they had a good time, too. But Snyder always has a good time. He gets fun out of juggling a ton of freight around on a truck. Some of the rest of us might learn a lesson from Snyder.

Mr. Robert went about smiling and happy, shaking hands with parents and patting the little ones on the head. Bob had a joyful day helping others enjoy themselves.

They say that Charley Lee did a good job of marching this time. Charley's exuberance

sometimes gets away with him, but this year he held it in until he reached the grounds. Bobbie Mueller is responsible. He attached a pressure reducing regulator to Charley. It worked all right until the ground was reached, and then Charley busted the diaphragm and cut loose for a good time.

If Billy Mason meets up with a pound of hamburger during the next six months he will throw up the sponge. He's got the smell out of his hair, but he can't get it out of his nose.

Mr. Fred's sporting days are not over yet. Just note his interest in the girls' potato race, with Jack McMillan as his right bower. Two husky guys to be bossing a few timid little girls.

Mr. Philip took it easy through the day, but when the dance began in the evening he threw aside all reserve and was the biggest and busiest duck in the pond.

A bigger and better picnic next time—that's the mark to aim at.

There wasn't a "slacker" in the crowd. Everybody toed the scratch and did his duty—that is, had a good time.

C. G. Auer counted the cash and kidded the girls, of course.

Frank Cruikshank did some fine rescue work. He rescued three picnic hats for some of the clerks in a bank. Everybody wanted those hats.

SEVENTY-FIVE YARD RACE FOR MEN



Chris Hendrian got them all out with his Ford and the aid of the street cars.

Frank Schutz did not appear to be as popular with the girls as in the days when he used dog soap to revive his hair.

William G. Cranston, as head of the athletic committee, covered himself with glory as is his wont. That seems to be about the way to express it.

Roy Colfman is recovering from his accident and was at the picnic on crutches. He was an interested but disappointed spectator of the ball game. Roy would rather see the Mueller team win than eat. He gets more enjoyment out of it than Mr. Adolph does winning a game of golf.

Floyd T. Short, of the Federal Advertising Agency of Chicago, was a guest of the firm during the day, and enjoyed the picnic with the rest.

HO! HO! ADOLPH



GRANDFATHER, FATHER AND SON

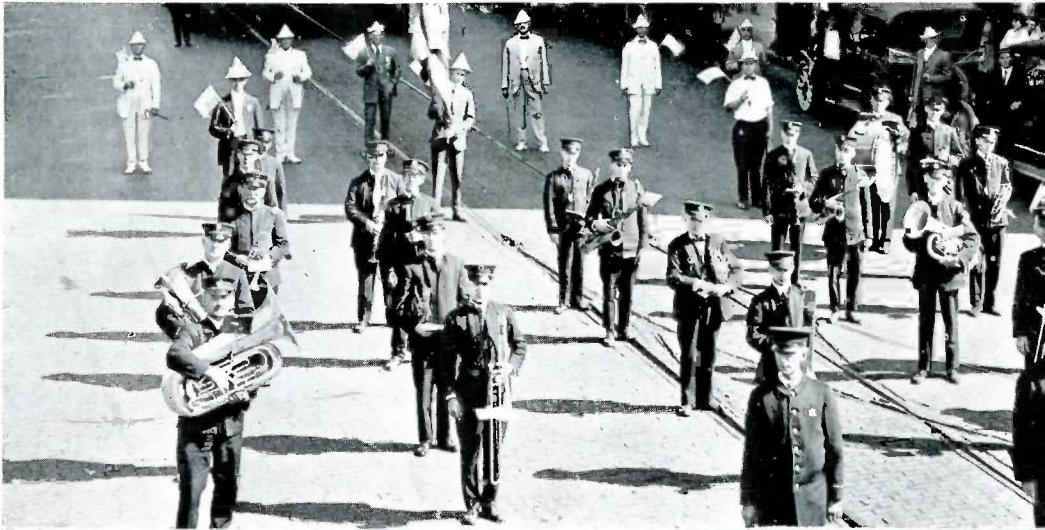
Receive Fifteen Hundred Dollars for 60 Years' Service

The presentation of \$500 checks to three 20 year men on picnic day brought out a record which, we hazard a guess, has not been equaled by any company in the United States. The fact was brought to notice by Harry Zetterlind when he thanked the company for their gift of \$500 in recognition of his 20 years' service, that his grandfather, his father and himself had now received checks for \$500. Their combined service is over 60 years. N. A. Johnson, the grandfather, now dead, and Frank Zetterlind received their checks in 1907, being among the seven original 20-year men.

In expressing his thanks, Harry Zetterlind said that he was present at the golden anniversary picnic at Mechanicsburg in 1907 when checks were handed his grandfather and father. He was much impressed by this generous recognition on the part of the firm, and explained that a deep-seated desire was implanted in his heart to work for the company until he, too, might stand in the presence of a picnic crowd and be rewarded. He said his wish had been realized and he was proud of the fact that he had served 20 years for the Mueller company and that his appreciation was beyond his ability to express his thanks.

Harry made a very nice little talk and the crowd applauded him.

We would get more enjoyment out of a dollar if it took as long to spend it as it does to earn it.



The Mueller picnic parade has come to be an event in Decatur. A few years ago we were not particularly swelled up over the appearance we made, but now we feel a mild degree of exultation. We are growing to be better marchers every year. For civilians we certainly put up a good front this time. All spectators agree to that, and there were lots of them. We all agree that it was the best parade we have yet given. Each one in the column did his or her best to make a good appearance, with the result that the total effect was very pleasing. We may not have marched with military precision, but for an untrained body of civilians we sized up above the average.

Those marching do not know of course how good an impression was created, but the three pictures of the parade will give an excellent idea.

The one at the top shows the platoon of police, the band, and the firm members.

At the bottom is the big American flag and the main body of the column.

In the center is the automobile section, which is always a most interesting feature of our picnic parades.

What the Papers Said

The local press spoke very favorably of the parade. The Review said:

"The parade Saturday morning was perhaps one of the very best turnouts the Mueller employes have ever had. It attracted more attention and thousands in the streets stopped to look.





"Practically every person in the whole line was a member of the firm or an employe of the company.

"The parade was entirely patriotic in decoration. One large flag on a pole was at the head. A short distance back was the big flag carried on the shoulders of the men. All other marchers and the occupants of the autos carried and waved small American flags.

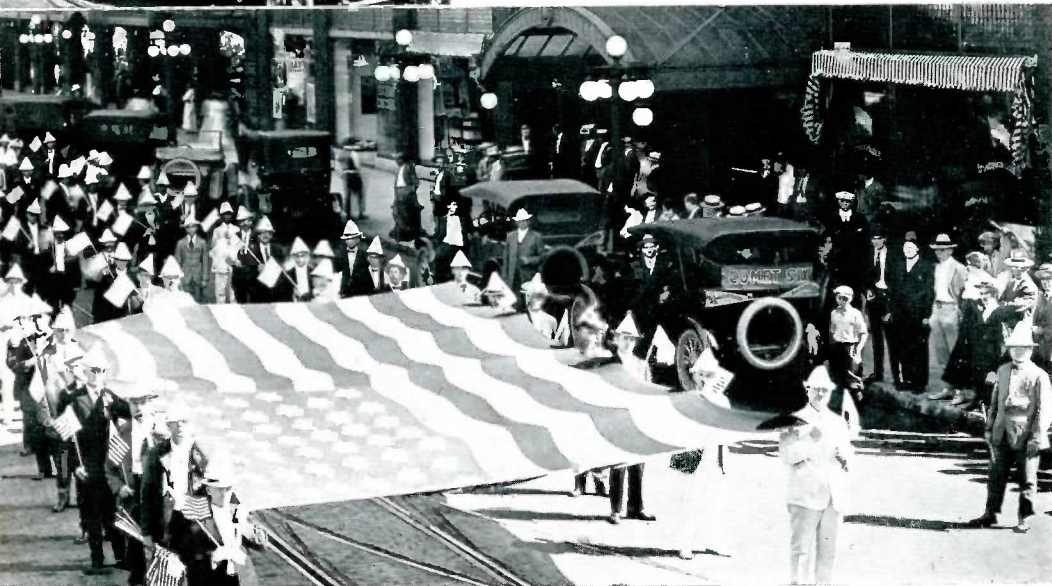
"All wore white soft hats, on the front of which was a large American shield and the words, 'We are for the good old U. S. A.' in red and blue letters. On one side in blue letters were the words 'Sixty Years in Decatur' and on the other side 'Mueller Employes' Picnic, Decatur, Ill.'

"The parade moved from the factory promptly at 9 o'clock, went east on Cerro Gordo, south through the business district, and disbanded at the transfer house, where cars were boarded for the park.

"'Say, those men don't all work for one firm here, do they?' said a traveling man who was standing in the lobby of the St. Nicholas hotel as the Mueller parade went by.

"'Sure they do,' said a Decatur citizen who stood near him, 'and all those handsome young women who are coming along just here in automobiles are also employes of the plant.'

"'That's what makes a town, all right,' said the traveling man. 'Two or three bunches of citizens of that kind add real value to the business and property of any town.'"



THREE-LEGGED RACE FOR MEN



120 GALLONS OF ICE CREAM

Soda Fountain Was the Busiest Place on the Grounds

Merle Cobb and Claude Zimmerly were kept bobbing around behind the soda fountain for many hours, serving soda water and ice cream. The crowd had a thirst that was appalling, the same being accentuated and intensified by the free tickets given out by the company. The extent of this thirst and the desire to cool off inwardly may be approximated at least when the statement is made that 120 gallons of ice cream were used during the day and evening. The amount would have been larger had not the ice cream given out in the evening when it was impossible to replenish the stock.

Others assisting were Otto H. Sharlock, Charles Tilton, John Seitz, Arthur Watkins, E. Anderson of the Decatur Fountain Co.,

EASY PICKING FOR PHIL



and numerous small boys who worked when not industriously eating ice cream.

THE COMMISSARY

Large Quantity of Eatables Consumed During the Day

Billy Mason, as chief cook and bottle washer, was on the job early and late, busier than a man fighting hornets. He had a tip top organization, and he fed the multitude regardless of consequences in the form of acute indigestion or permanent disability. It surely must have been a hungry crowd for Billy's statistician compiled the following summary of the consumption of eatables, drinkables, etc.:

- 130 pounds of hamburger
- 23 pounds of wieners
- 10 pounds of boiled ham
- 1200 buns (dry variety)
- 68 ten cent loaves of bread
- 10 five cent loaves of bread
- 60 pounds of peanuts
- 20 pounds of salted peanuts
- 70 cases of pop
- 49 gallons of coffee.

This list comprises the bulk of material consumed by the hungry picnic crowd.

Mr. Adolph has been selected by the Chamber of Commerce as delegate to a national gathering of these bodies to be held in Atlantic City, Sept. 18-21. The object of the meeting is to consider special problems raised by the war.

Many a man has lost lots of money through the hole in the top of his pocket.

THE MUELLER FACTORY BAND



THE BAND CONCERTS

Our Own Organization Furnished Music That Was Most Pleasing

Hats off to the Mueller Band. There may have been a time that we could not swell up with pride over their music, but that's long since forgotten. Now we point to this organization with immense satisfaction. It has worked its way out of the kinks and confusion incident to the building up of an organization of this character. Today it stands forth prominently as one of the best bands in Central Illinois. Bandmaster Schwarz has his men well trained. They were showered with compliments picnic day, not only from their enthusiastic factory admirers, but from all visitors to the grounds. The picnic day program:

Morning

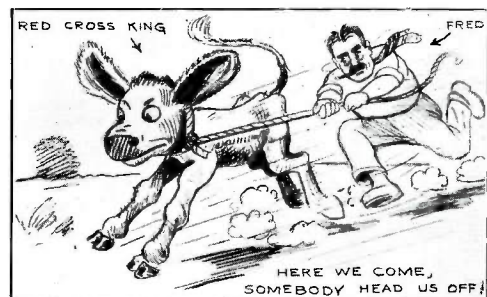
1. "America Forever Victorious," March (H. C. Miller).
2. "La Burlesque Overture" (F. Suppe).
3. "The Mill in the Forest," Idyll (R. Eilenberg).
4. "In Twilight's Witching Hour," Serenade (D. W. Phipps).
5. "Sky High," Witmark Popular Medley, Overture No. 33.
6. "The Eagle's Home," March (F. A. Myers).
7. "Indian Summer," Intermezzo (N. Moret).
8. "Xylophone Rag" (H. L. Booth).
9. Selection from the Opera "Tannhauser" (R. Wagner).
10. "The Miracle of Love," Cornet Solo (F. W. McKee).

11. "American Fantasia," Gems of Stephen Foster (T. M. Tobanie).
12. "First Battalion March" (Crosby).

Afternoon

1. "Long Live Our U. S. of A. March," Patriotic (H. C. Miller).
2. "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," Overture (F. Suppe).
3. "La Paloma," Spanish Serenade (Gradier).
4. "Hawaiian Selection" (M. L. Lake).
5. "Water Lilies" (F. I. St. Clair).
6. "The Boy Scouts of America," March (John P. Sousa).
7. "American Patrol" (F. W. Meacham).
8. "The Sunny South," Selection of Southern Plantation Songs (I. Bode-walt Lampe).
9. "Shadowland" (Lawrence B. Gilbert).
10. "Bits of Remick's Hits," Medley Overture No. 18 (B. Lampe).
11. "The Naval Parade," March (L. Allen).
12. "Our Nation," Medley of National Airs (Mackie Beyer).

FRED'S DAILY WORKOUT



VICTORS AND VANQUISHED IN WATER RACE



LETTERS FROM SALESMEN

Jett:—Have just noticed in the July issue of the Record where you wish the salesmen to vote on a captain for each branch in the Tapping Machine Contest. I wish to place my vote for Mr. Charles Haas of Portland, Oregon.

I find that Charley has made some sales of our large tapping machines and from information received through the Record I believe he is the best man on the Pacific coast for captain. I will be very glad to help him in any way possible to make the San Francisco branch win the prize.

I have several prospects in view and hope to have my quota by the time we come in to the salesmen's meeting.

P. S.—I have noted your report of how the salesmen stand on sales and am sorry you did not get the San Francisco men as well, and also the New York men. You know we are selling a few goods out here and would like to have our report as well as the main office, and would also like to

see how our friends in the East are getting along. I don't know how the boys all stack up according to their quotas, but I think I have my quota for the year now, and I know also that some of the boys back east have had theirs for some time, but wait until the year closes and we will be in the running. I noticed with lots of interest and wish to thank you for the report of men that increased their sales over their quotas last year, and although two Decatur men were first, still one New York man was third and one San Francisco man fourth, so you see that we men at the branches are very much interested and are right up in the running.

Odell:—I received today in my mail a blank form asking that each salesman who had not already voted do so by filling out this blank. It also asks that each salesman fill out space if he reads the Record or not. This would lead me to believe that the firm are wondering if the Record is being appreciated by the boys and believe they are on the wrong track, as I think all the men enjoy getting it and reading it. Personally I look forward to it and enjoy it as well as a letter from home.

B. J. Marty spent part of his vacation at Sarnia and found everything moving smoothly in that plant.

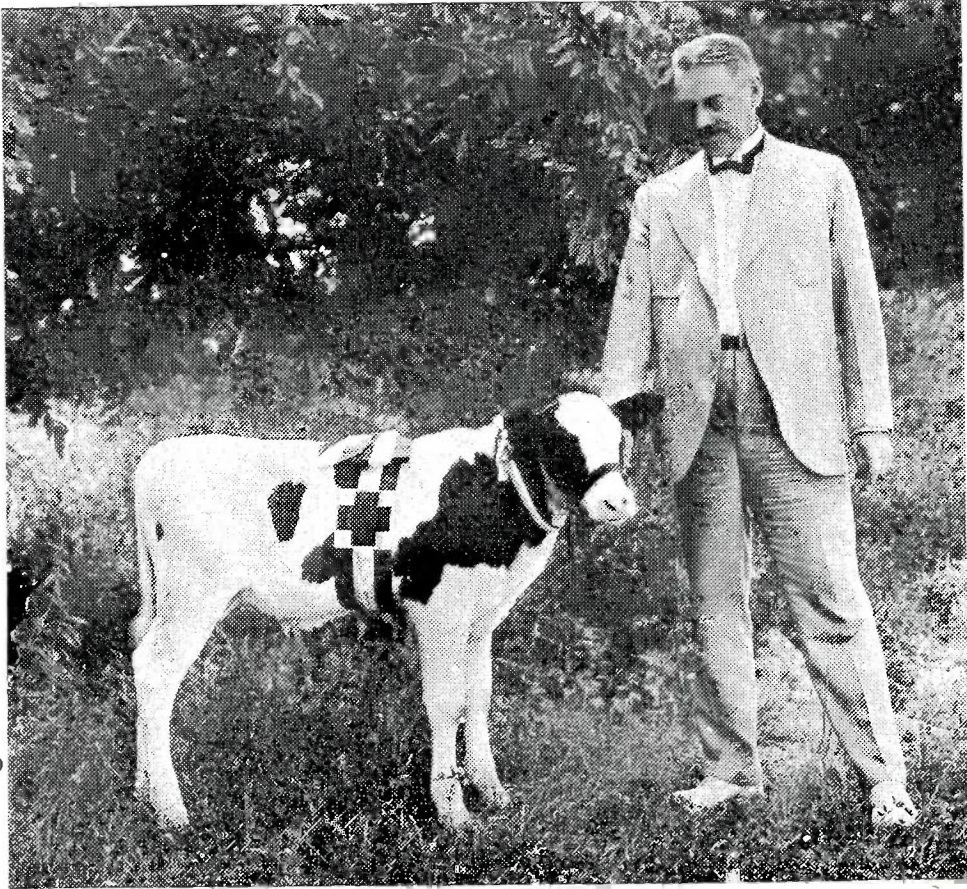
Paul Devers of the Stationery Department and Len Herman of the superintendent's office are victims of typhoid fever.

Mr. Fred has gone to Port Huron, Michigan.

HUNTING & FISHING FORBIDDEN



WHERE FRED GETS THE "BULL"



We are showing herewith an excellent picture of Mr. Fred Mueller and his thoroughbred Holstein calf "Red Cross King." The latent agricultural instinct in Fred has been thoroughly aroused during the past few years as a result of the development of the Allen place. He has added stock raising as a side line to his farming proclivities. When Fred is at home he puts in all his spare time at the Allen place superintending the grounds and seeing to it that the stock is properly cared for, especially his pet shown with him in the picture.

Some time ago the Calf Club of Decatur had a sale. Red Cross King was presented to the executive committee of this club by Mrs. S. P. Stevens of Chicago, who is an enthusiast on dairy farming. The calf was sold at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross, and Fred bid him in at \$450.00. He was listed at the sale as plain "John," a

name too common for the son of a \$20,000 blue-blooded Holstein sire. Immediately upon his acquisition he was rechristened as "Red Cross King."

The bidding for this blooded little animal at the sale was very spirited, some of the largest stock dealers in the state making an effort to secure possession of him, but Fred had his mind made up to own the little beauty and stayed with the bidders until his offer was finally accepted. Red Cross King is now installed in the modern dairy barn at the Allen place and receives special attention. It will be noticed by the picture that both Fred and the calf are "all dolled up," the proud owner having invested several dollars in sashes and ribbons with which to ornament the animal. "Red Cross King" is destined to head the Mueller herd at the Allen farm, which will gradually be developed into high quality dairy stock.



WM. DONNEWITZ

20-Year Man—Entered Company's Service
1897.

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TWENTY YEAR MEN

Mueller Company Has Distributed \$12,500
in the Past 10 Years

In 1907, our company celebrated their golden anniversary in business in Decatur. A big picnic was held at Mechanicsburg, and the event was made noteworthy by the presentation of checks for \$500 to each of seven men, in recognition of 20 years' faithful and loyal service. These men were:

N. A. Johnson
Fritz Voelcker
Frank Zetterlind
Anton Schuermann
Walter Screeton
F. H. Hubbard
W. E. Pease.

Since that time, as other men have completed their 20 years, they have been similarly rewarded, until the total now reaches 25 men. The company has in the past decade given rewards to the amount of \$12,500. Of the 25 men who have received this recognition, four have died:

Fritz Voelcker
N. A. Johnson
F. H. Hubbard
Harry Hayes.

Two have left the service of the company to enter other lines. They are:

Paul Kastner
Nicholas Coy.

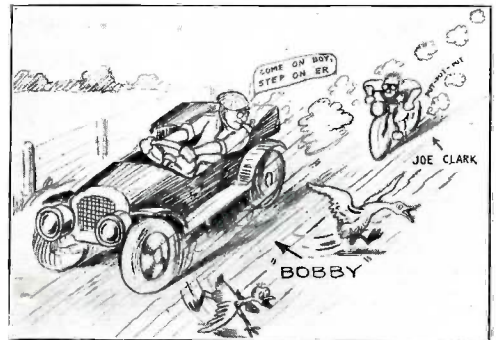
The remainder are still with the company. Two of the three men rewarded Saturday, August 25th, were among the youngest ever receiving checks. Harry Zetterlind is only 34 years old, having entered the employ of the company when he was 14 years of age. Louis Wallenbrock is just a year older, having entered the company's service at the age of 15 years.

The complete roster of 20 year men follows:

Twenty Year Employees

Mr. Len Herman
Mr. B. J. Marty
Mr. U. G. Moon
Mr. W. H. Campbell
Mr. W. E. Pease
Mr. Anton Schuermann
Mr. F. O. Zetterlind
Mr. Walter Screeton
Mr. George Zwilling
Mr. Theodore Scherer
Mr. Philip Reab
Mr. Otto Scharnetzki
Mr. William Seeforth
Mr. Harry N. Zetterlind
Mr. Edward Larrick
Mr. William Donnewitz
Mr. John Ronan
Mr. L. Wallenbrock
Mr. Theo. Shepperd.
Mr. Paul Kastner
Mr. Nicholas Coy.
Mr. Fritz Voelcker
Mr. N. A. Johnson
Mr. F. H. Hubbard
Mr. Harry Hayes.

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THE MUELLER SPEED KING





HARRY ZETTERLIND
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CAPTAINS NAMED

Caldwell Chosen in New York Territory and Ford in Decatur Territory

The item in the July issue of the Record concerning the vote on captains for teams in the tapping machine contest had the effect of stirring salesmen up to the point of voting on leaders as was suggested. Captains have been chosen as follows:

Decatur—W. B. Ford.

New York—G. A. Caldwell.

When the men got to voting there was quite a little rivalry for captaincy. In the Decatur territory Mr. Ford received five votes and R. L. Moore and W. C. Heinrichs four votes each.

In the New York territory W. F. McCarthy received two votes against five for Mr. Caldwell.

Now that captains have been named we look for selling schemes to be developed which will bring up the team averages as well as the individual averages of the men.

San Francisco has not yet reported the selection of a captain.

Mr. Oscar was here for a few days the first of the week.

EBERT MUELLER'S WAR RING

An Interesting Relic Made by a Belgian Soldier

Brief mention was made some time ago of an interesting war ring received by Ebert Mueller. The Decatur Herald makes mention of this relic as follows:

Ebert Mueller, son of Robert Mueller, has an interesting souvenir of the battlefields in Belgium, in the shape of a finger ring as illustrated. The ring is made of aluminum and the set is a button taken from the uniform of a German soldier. Ebert secured the ring from his uncle.



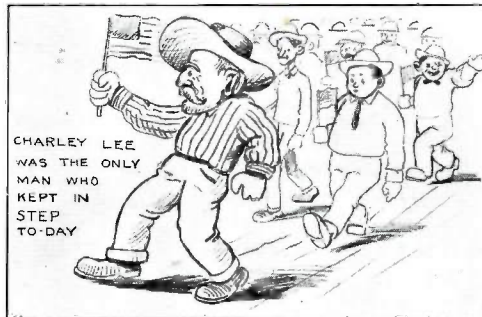
Oscar Mueller, manager of the Eastern division of the Mueller Mfg. Co.

The ring has an interesting history. In Belgium the Mueller company has a customer named G. Willems. He owed the company several hundred dollars. After the Germans got through with Belgium, he could not pay. Oscar Mueller said he could not be expected to, and notified Mr. Willems that the charge had been cancelled.

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There is no hope for the man who begrudges himself an occasional hearty laugh.

CHARLEY MAKES A RECORD





LOUIS WALLENBROCK
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THREE IN SERVICE

Lieut. Paul Wagenseller has been home on a visit to his father of the advertising department. He recently won his commission as second lieutenant in the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan and has been assigned to duty at the Rockford camp. His brother, Dean, is a private in that camp, having enlisted in the First Regiment of Chicago, afterward federalized, when war was declared. A third brother, Kirk, is in the navy as a signal man, attached to the battleship Michigan, "somewhere on the Atlantic."

HUNTERS

The game law protecting doves has expired in Illinois and the hunters around the factory and office have been busy with their guns during the past week. The hunters include all the members of the firm except Mr. Fred, who does not hunt anything but "Chickens." The law protecting this game is an open one.

Jagsby—"What shall I take to remove the redness from my nose, doctor?"

"Take nothing for three months. Two dollars, please."

Ebert Mueller's War Ring.

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Mr. Willems showed his appreciation by sending a number of rings like this one, with the following letter:

24 Rue de Constantinople,
Paris, France, June 7th.

Mr. P. J. McGoldrick,
My dear Mr. McGoldrick:

I hope you will be in possession now of the six aluminum rings I sent you a fortnight ago and will be glad to hear that you were satisfied with them.

For your guidance the crown (2) on top of the rings are made out of buttons taken from German soldiers. The brass ring is made from 77 German shell non-exploded.

I am so happy that you are doing all things so splendidly in the States and everyone is so delighted here now to reckon the States amongst the Allies. You can imagine that I was glad, too.

You will let me know please if you want any more rings. As I told you already more than once, they are genuinely made by my brother-in-law of the Belgian army at the front, out of war material.

Hoping to hear very soon from you, also from Mr. Mueller, I send my best greetings; also from my wife and the children.

Yours faithfully,
G. WILLEMS.

THE SONG THAT SNYDER SINGS

