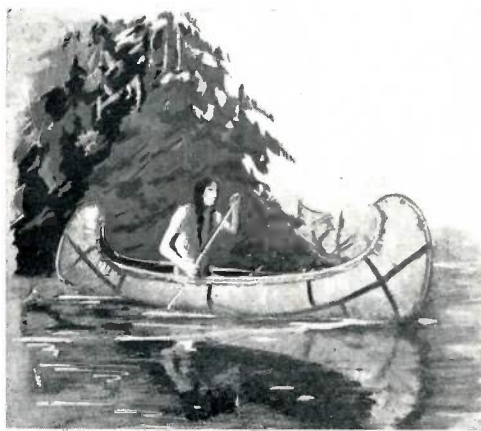


The **MUELLER RECORD**

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VACATION



It is there that we are going,
With our rods and reels and traces,
To a silent, smoky Indian that we know;
To a couch of new-pulled hemlock
With the starlight on our faces,
For the Red Gods call us out, and we must
go.

—Kipling

Your Vegetable Garden and the University of Illinois

We have known that the University was interested in higher mathematics, art, and culture generally; but we did not know until last week that our vegetable garden was a matter of interest to this erudite institution.

On July 31st J. C. Readey, whose photograph adorns this article, was in and explained that the University Extension Department now offers its services to the small gardener. This makes available scientific in-



J. C. READEY

formation in usable form for any of us who have the initiative and enterprise to use it.

Prof. Readey would probably come to Decatur by appointment and visit the gardens of a neighborhood, give practical suggestions somewhat as a farm adviser would assist the farmers.

A number of pamphlets are available covering the following subjects:

- Injurious Insects.
- Home Gardens
- The Long Row Garden
- Vegetable Storage
- Vegetable Canning and Drying
- Fertilizers

and many others. These may be secured by writing to Mr. Readey.

You are invited to visit the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Illinois. It is located southeast of the campus, and Mr. Readey assures us that anyone employed in this section by the University, or any officer of the department, will be very glad to show visitors about and explain to them the workings of the school.

The University of Illinois maintains one of the most important agricultural experimentation stations in the world. It is visited by experts and students from America and from abroad. It is your school and it is at your service. Why not plan to spend a day there?

Any inquiries or requests for literature may be sent to

Mr. J. C. Readey, 107 Vegetable Green House, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

DAIRY OF A HARD LUCK SALESMAN

- 9:11—Looked over racing results.
 - 9:46—Stopped to see show window circus put on by lady advocating hair tonic.
 - 10:05—Held curb-stone conference with old acquaintance.
 - 10:37—Helped one thousand other people watch messenger boy feeding pigeons.
 - 11:00—Called on prospect. No luck.
 - 11:02—Had measure taken for new pipe.
 - 11:30—Phoned my favorite boyish bob. Closed big deal for Saturday night.
 - 12:18—Went to see about radio batteries.
 - 12:45—Time out for lunch.
 - 2:10—Joined excited posse watching man put on new tire.
 - 2:31—Called on prospect. This fish is dead and buried from the eyebrows back.
 - 2:33—Watched derrick lifting steel beams. Very educational.
 - 3:12—Had argument with guy for stepping on my foot.
 - 3:35—Called up prospect I forgot I had date with. No luck.
 - 3:49—Joined class studying modern methods of moving a safe.
 - 4:15—Called on prospect. No luck.
 - 4:32—Bulletin: Landed safely!
 - 4:41—Quit for the day. Lotta hard work. No luck.
- Harry Daniel in Thrift Magazine.

VACATION BLUES

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

Vacation blues are quite usually the result of an improperly-spent vacation, which causes a psychological let-down upon return to work.

This means that the proper apportionment of physical and mental energy during the vacation period would permit return to work rested, refreshed and re-created.

Such a mental and physical condition is dependent upon avoiding dietary errors; the use of discretion in exposing the body to the sun, getting a gradual tan instead of an intensive burn; avoidance of undue exertion both mentally and physically; due observance of adequate rest periods and hours of sleep; and family, a mental viewpoint which looks upon a vacation as an opportunity for recreation, but not as a debauch.

The remedy for vacation blues is work and plenty of it. If you find yourself submerged and do not know where to begin, the important thing is to plunge into your work and make a start.

In using this simple suggestion you will soon discover that there are really interesting things in your work which you had not before realized.

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LESSON BY BLIND MAN

Billy, the blind man who peddles his wares at the main entrance every noon, put out his cigaret the other day and carefully deposited it in the metal receptacle. It was necessary for this blind man to walk ten feet to do this. Blind though he may be, he recognizes the laws of order and neatness. Many of us who see can learn a lesson from this unfortunate man. If you doubt it, take a look at the cigarette strewn ground at the main entrance. It speaks loudly of a lack of order and neatness and a disregard of fire hazards.



THE TERRIBLE TAXES

The drain of taxation becomes terrific. There is no end to it. National, state, municipal and township taxes mount year by year. When real estate and personal taxes have more than carried their burden other means are devised to raise money for public purposes. Articles of luxury become a target. The taxing bodies seem to have no thought of the tremendous burden they impose on the rich and poor alike. With them it is money, more money, all the time. You are taxed to build miles of hard roads, which would seem to justify the thought that you could use them, having paid for them, without additional expense. But you can't. To ride on them you must pay several kinds of tax penalties on your car. Oddly enough every time a new taxing proposition is submitted to the victims themselves, they join in with a whoop and help make it a law. Recently the local papers published the personal tax assessment in Decatur. One stands aghast at the figures retail stores must fork over. Sums up to \$50,000 or \$60,000 is their share for the privilege of doing business. Big business takes the count for five or six times that sum. Times may be hard but taxes are harder. One wonders where it all leads to and where it will all end. Private citizen may be extravagant but he is a small town piker when stacked up against public extravagance. When a retail business has to pay \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year in personal taxes, the individual citizen's is per usual the goat. The taxes are added to the price of the article he buys. You not only pay your own tax but you help pay the tax of every merchant you patronize in exact ratio to the amount of money you spend with each merchant.



CATCH IN BACK

Odie Walker was laid up last Tuesday with a lame back. He got a catch in his back when taking a shower bath.

DECATUR PARKS

The new refectory has been opened at Nelson Park. Quite a few Mueller folks have already tried it out. Refectory is a Ritz name for a dining room. Originally it was applied to a dining room in a monastery or convent. A New York writer said recently that when you entered an eating place called a refectory be sure there is plenty of dough in your jeans. What Nelson Park really has is a very pretty pavilion with ample room for picnic parties or those who want to lunch in the open and in connection an attractive dining room. Nelson Park is rapidly becoming the prettiest and most attractive of Decatur parks. The new pavilion, which, by the way, has been equipped with Mueller vitreous and plumbing goods, adds to it in a marked degree. In addition is the sunken garden which reminds one of some of the nooks in Shaw's Gardens at St. Louis. The landscaping is being developed. Then there is the lake, stone and cement walks, parking space and in fact about everything that goes to make up a park. Nelson Park is getting the crowds now and doubtless will continue to do so. Decatur's original recreation center was Central Park in the business center. This was given the city by Captain Allen who was the owner of the land now occupied by the Mueller Lodge, the Athletic field, etc. Fairview was our second park and is still very popular and a favorite with many Decatur people for family reunions, picnics, concerts and religious meetings. This park, too, is gradually being beautified. Eventually our park system will be something to swell us up with pride.



ACCIDENTS

In spite of all efforts toward increased safety, we still continue to have miscellaneous accidents. One day it is a chip in an eye, another day it is a first degree burn, or perhaps it may be a fractured bone resulting from a fall or perhaps a slight scratch which has become infected.

Always have Safety in mind while on the job and be careful. If you have any injury, however slight, report it at once. The recent failure of one of our men to have a small scratch treated promptly, sent him to the hospital and only after extraordinary good results was the doctor able to save this man's hand. Be careful—it might be your hand the next time.



Dorothy Gepford of the stationery department took her vacation the week of August 3rd, going to St. Louis for a visit with friends.

ENJOY AT OUTING

Company Makes Possible a Fine Opportunity for Employees

The company has made available the use of the Employee's Club House on the Athletic Field and the log cabin east of the Lodge for the use of employees for outings. This makes possible a very inexpensive outing and at the same time enables the employees to remain on their jobs. Of course, this arrangement will have to be governed by certain rules which must be observed. Those who are to enjoy the benefits of this policy must be employees of the company.

Club House for Girls

The Club House is to be set aside for the use of girls of the office and factory for camping parties. At the Club House there are plenty of single cots and mattresses, but each girl participating in an outing will be expected to supply her own sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc. At the Club House there is a well equipped kitchen furnished with dishes and cooking utensils and a coal range for which the company will supply the fuel. There is also a good refrigerator, but each party will provide ice for same, and will of course, provide food during their outing.

The Club House is of sufficient size to handle a party up to 15 in number, but smaller crowds can be organized, if desirable.

Some of the Advantages

Here are some of the delightful advantages which the Club House will furnish for a party:

A new porch has been built on the lagoon side of the Club House and this is screened in, making a delightful outdoors dormitory. The view from this point is across the lagoon toward the Mueller Lodge.

There is an excellent Orthophonic Victrola there to supply music, but each group will be expected to furnish their own records and needles.

There are shower baths in the basement with hot and cold water available.

All these advantages will be available for the very modest sum of \$10.00 per week, which will govern the per capita cost according to the number in the party.

Weekly Periods

It has been decided to arrange weekly periods for these camping parties, these periods to begin Saturday morning and ending on the following Saturday morning. In this way each party gets the benefit of one Saturday and one Sunday at the Club. Any party arranging for the use of the Club House can leave their baggage with C. G. Auer at the Cafeteria before 8:30 A. M., Saturday morning and it will be delivered at the Club House, but personal transportation will have to be arranged by members of the party themselves.

The following periods have been arranged for parties beginning:

First period, Saturday, August 8.

Second period, Saturday, Aug. 15.

Third period, Saturday, Aug. 22.

Fourth period, Saturday, Aug. 29.

As groups for these outings are formed or are contemplated, reservations should be made with C. G. Auer at the Cafeteria.

Log Cabin

The Log Cabin which is very comfortable and desirable as a place for an outing, has been set aside for the use of married employees and wives and families. The rental on this cabin will be at the rate of \$7.00 per week, \$2.00 per day or \$1.50 per day for two days or more. The cabin is equipped with electric lights, an oil stove for which the tenant will have to supply the oil, dishes and cooking utensils, refrigerator, cots and mattresses. As in the case of the Club House, occupants of the Log Cabin will have to supply their own sheets, pillow cases, towels and personal belongings.

This cabin will be available for occupancy on Aug. 12th and reservations should be made in advance with C. G. Auer at the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Philip Mueller has occupied this cabin quite a bit during the summer and found it very cozy, comfortable, and delightful in every way.

It is hoped that employees will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for an outing without leaving the city or, unless they desire, quitting their work during their vacation period.

LOST TIME ACCIDENT CHART

A large chart showing the ground floor plans of Plants 1, 2 and 3 is being used to emphasize and easily locate our lost time accidents according to the department in which the accidents happen. A red star is located on the chart at the place where each lost time accident occurs.

Come to the Employment department and look over the record for your department. If you have been unfortunate in having had a lost time accident come in and "your star" will be pointed out for you. Help keep your department's record clear by being careful and not getting hurt.

Safety is not a one-man job. It's Everybody's Job.

NEW BUILDING—PLANT 3

Billy Mason has a good-sized force of bricklayers and helpers at work completing the new shipping room and warehouse at the vitreous ware plant. The building is located just west of the main plant. It is a one-story structure and is well lighted. It will be of great value in the addition of more room for the purposes stated. It is constructed so that an extension can be made at any time. Much of the brick used comes from the dismantled kiln which was removed to make room for the new and modern kiln which is now in daily operation.

PASTOR AND FLOCK VISIT US



On July 30th, Rev. Mr. Jordan of the Methodist Church at Taylorsville brought a group of his people and visited our Brass Shops and Plant 3, and a number of the other Decatur industries. To many of these young people it was their first visit to a manufacturing plant.



VALUE OF VISION

Men Who Years Ago Saw and Grasped the Possibilities of Decatur

All big undertakings were originally dreams of one man. The majority of residents of this city know little and care less about the growth of Decatur. It's sufficient to them to know Decatur as it is today. The same applies to many in our organization. Seventy-four years ago Hieronymus Mueller conducting a little gun shop envisioned a greater city of Decatur and a greater Mueller organization. Less far sighted persons looked upon him as a dreamer. Decatur to them was a small country town and would remain a small country town. It's the dreamer who pioneers the way. Nearly seventy-four years prove the correctness of Mr. Mueller's views and his faith in himself and the city of his adoption.

More Beautiful Decatur

Twenty-five years ago Decatur had a lawyer, John A. Montgomery, who at one time during his residence was an alderman. Civic pride was a very pronounced trait of this man's makeup. He talked park systems, boulevards and a more beautiful Decatur. He had some adherents but more scoffers. Here are a few things he advocated:

To retain our parks—then Fairview and Lincoln parks.

To connect these two parks by boulevard.

Continue the boulevard along the river to the water works, then to what was known as Riverside Park, the Country Club and then around to the east side of the city.

Establish a park in the east end for residents.

Include the new Pythian Home as part of the system.

Playgrounds for the children including wading and swimming pools.

Decatur today shows that many of Mr. Montgomery's ideas have materialized, but little credit is accorded to this man of far sighted vision. The credit goes to others.

That, however, is not the main point. The moral to be drawn is for the scoffer or the man, who lacking in vision, fails to comprehend its value in others.

Would Be Too Bad

It would be just too bad if we admitted that Decatur had gone far enough and there was nothing left to do but stop. Or that there was no future development for Mueller Co., and we might as well quit and sit down. Yet there are some who feel that way on both propositions.

Henry Ford was a dreamer and a visionist, whom many doubted, including bankers. Many men could have bought a few shares of original Ford stock and be wealthy today but they doubted a dreamer—and lacked vision.

Doubt and lack of vision are shackles holding thousands of men back from success.

MR. WEBBER HAS A BIRTHDAY

Receives Letters and Congratulations From Friends



A. G. Webber

Nearly every one in our organization knows our good friend, Mr. A. G. Webber, who has been engaged in the practice of law for a great many years, and at the age of 78 years is still actively engaged. As a newspaper man and since my association with Mueller Co., the writer has known Mr. Webber more or less intimately. We have met him under many conditions—in his law library engrossed in studying some knotty problem of law, in the court room under the tense excitement of a hard fought legal battle, in the heat of an arduous political campaign, in the quiet of his home or in religious and social gatherings. Under all circumstances he was ever the kind, courteous, considerate man with a deep sympathy for his friends and acquaintances, yes, more than that—for all mankind. We do not recall any member of the Macon County Bar, who had a better understanding of a reporter's duties or was more willing to help a newsgatherer, than A. G. Webber. Many times we have known him to drop important legal documents which he was studying to explain to reporters technicalities and legal phrases, the meaning of the Latin terms in court trials in which he had no professional or personal part. It was just a part of his nature to be helpful, regardless of whether he was personally interested.

How good it is that a man of this type should live in splendid bodily health and mental vigor to his present age, retaining to a remarkable degree the buoyancy and enthusiasm of his youth, to have an interest in everything about him, to be able to walk six or ten miles across country with Adolph and Bob, to keep fully informed on local, state and national events and to love his law books and literature with increasing fervor. And more than that to have lived a clean, strong, vigorous, manly life without digression from the paths of moral, civil or private rectitude, and to have reared a family which reflects the outstanding characteristics of the father.

On his recent 78th birthday, Mr. Webber received from Adolph Mueller the following letter:

Letter of Congratulation

July 21, 1931.

"Dear Old Friend and Councilor:

May I be the first to congratulate you upon reaching your seventy-eighth birthday. What a wonderful thing it is that you

should have obtained this splendid number of years still in possession of such marvelous mentality and vigorous body. You have much to be thankful for and nature has, indeed, been most generous in fostering you and preserving you with so little visible change from your mid-age until the present day. Perhaps it may be as one of the great poets said:

"Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty;

For in my youth I never did apply
Hot and rebellious liquors in my blood;
Nor did not with unabashed forehead woo
The means of weakness and debility;
Therefore my age is as a lusty winter,
Frosty, but kindly."

That you never applied hot and rebellious liquors to your blood is quite clear to me, both by association and experience. For well do I remember two years ago in Germany, when the day was hot, the steins were overflowing, and the price was small, you stood on your rock of self-denial and maintained your record without a blemish. Taking into account your nativity, the habits of the people and the surroundings, make one feel that this was a wonderful accomplishment, worthy of the iron cross decoration.

May I say that your years of study and the application of your knowledge to the solution of other people's difficulties and yet today standing unimpaired in intellect and body recalls to mind the words that:

"While words of learned length and thundering sound
Amazed the gazing rustic rang'd around.

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And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
That one small head should carry all it knew."

And now in the twilight of a life so generously and thoughtfully given to your family your friends and your fellow citizens, let me assure you that it has been a life-long pleasure to me to have known and enjoyed your wisdom, your counsel and your friendship, and it is my sincere wish that you may still be preserved with no lessening of your physical or mental powers for many years to come.

Again my congratulations and best wishes to you."

We are sure that all Mueller employes join Messrs. Adolph and Robert in extending congratulations to Mr. Weber.

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INFECTED TOE

Sylvia Barnes, our accommodating telephone operator has a foot of trouble during the past few days. She was afflicted with an infected toe which was so serious that she had to retire to her home one day.

Mueller Scout Troop No. 2 Attends Robt. Faries Scout Camp

The following boys, sons of Mueller employes and members of Mueller Scout Troop No. 2 attended a two weeks outing and instruction school at the Robt. Faries Scout Camp—the period extending from July 8-22.

During this time the Scouts in attendance were subject to regular discipline, sports and play being interspersed with the more serious business of Scoutcraft including boating, swimming, woodcraft, over night hikes, etc. A number of the Mueller Scouts were advanced to second class scouts directly as a result of the advantage offered by the Camp.

This most instructive and recreational outing was made possible by members of the Mueller Co. who very whole-heartedly agreed to pay all the expenses of the Scout Troop while attending Camp.



Boys attending Robt. Faries Scout Camp:

1. Lloyd Shockley
569 W. Green Street.
2. Dale Wilkins
1160 W. Cerro Gordo Street.
3. Cecil Hollingshead
908 E. Condit Street.
4. Truman Reynolds
640 W. Packard Street.
5. Charlie Hollingshead
906 E. Condit Street.
6. Howard Reynolds
640 W. Packard Street.
7. Raymond Logan
421 S. Water Street
8. Vernon Brown
R. R. No. 2.
9. Robert Rhodes
1718 N. Gulick Avenue.
10. Raymond Mounts
1554 N. Gulick Avenue.
11. Herman Roe
568 W. Green Street.
12. Lawrence Roe
568 W. Green Street.
13. Shirley Reynolds, Jr.
1195 W. King Street.
14. Lyle Wacaser
Sunset Crest.
15. Fred Klinghamer
R. R. No. 3.
16. Clarence Smith
(Care Lee Smith—Fdry.)
17. Wendell Smith
(Care John Smith—Fdry.)
18. Wesley Koontz
19. Vern Vandervort
853 W. Marrietta Street.
20. Clarence Grubbs
936 W. Division Street.
21. Junior Keil
22. Edwin Keil
23. Junior Rauthrauff
24. Robert Taylor.



Dog Catcher—Do your dogs have license?
Small Boy—Yes sir, they're just covered with them.

TWO HAPPY COUPLES



At the left we have Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Russell and son, Robert Dean. Mr. Russell works at Plant No. 3. On the right Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Duncan and Caroline Joan. Mr. Duncan works in the drafting Dept. These pictures will remind them of picnic day at Mueller Lodge.



PAINTED OVER

I'm looking prosperous, you say,
As though my bank account were swelling;
And my new house you passed today
Is really quite a nifty building!
I thank you. I am more or less
What is sometimes known "clever",
But, well—the house, I must confess
Is just the old one painted over.

You hope I will not lose my thrift
And get too reckless with my money?
Now, that new car—I get your drift,
And frankly, it is very funny,
For though she seems a doggy boat,
Some fifty thousand miles I drove her
Before she got the present coat—
She's just the old one painted over.

What's that? You fear prosperity
Has made me fickle and capricious,
And that gay blonde you saw with me
Might make my little wife suspicious?
Cheer up, old top! Thru all my life
I've been a sticker, not a rover;
That's not a new, prospective wife—
She's just the old one painted over.

—Gasco Bulletin.



"What funny names these Chinese towns in the news have," remarked a man from Schenectady as he read a Poughkeepsie newspaper on his way to meet a friend in Hoboken.

TEXICODENDROL

It's Poison Ivy and Can Cause You a Lot of Discomfort and Suffering

In this season of picnics and visits to woodlands be alive to the danger of Toxicodendrol. If you ever get it you'll be more than sorry and you would not have to go to a dictionary for a definition of the imposing Toxicodendrol. You would quickly learn that you had been in contact with poison ivy.

Myths About It

There are many myths and superstitions about poison ivy. One is, that like some gentlemen, it prefers blondes and that brunettes are practically immune. This is not true according to tree experts in the well known Davey organization. Poison ivy recognizes no difference in persons. It attacks all classes regardless of rank, size, or color, but some persons are more susceptible to it than others, which is due to some physiological condition and not to complexion. A person who is immune one year may be quite susceptible to the poison another year and vice versa. Those who are particularly susceptible may be affected by merely being in the proximity of the vine without even coming in direct contact. There are cases on record where persons have been poisoned by standing close to smoke arising from the burning vines. Also there are cases where persons have been afflicted by handling the clothes of others who have been in contact with the plant. This explains why persons working in laundries acquire ivy poison without ever being in the woods or in contact with a victim.

24 Hours After Exposure

Poison ivy shows 24 hours after a person has been exposed. Accompanying an itching sensation is a rash which frequently covers a large portion of the body.

Many cures have been advocated and a few are recognized as standard. Among these are potassium permanganate. Sugar or lead is another old and effective favorite, generally effecting a cure if used in time. Full strength fluid extract of grindelia robusta also has merit and good liniments often relieve the burning and itching but are not regarded as effective as cures.

The poison of the ivy plant is an oily substance and slow in evaporation. It is a climbing plant, but in the absence of any support it grows readily on the ground.

This description of the plant by the Davey experts may aid you in recognizing it.

"The leaves are pale green in color and are egg-shaped, with the broadest part below the middle and terminating in a well defined angle usually less than ninety degrees. The edge of the leaf is notched with teeth which are angular and pointed outward. The under side of the leaf is slightly downy. In autumn, the leaves are colored a beautiful scarlet or orange, but there are

other ivies, which are non-poisonous, which color in this manner. The flowers have a greenish tint and are in loose, open branched clusters. The fruit is whitish, nearly spherical in form, about one-fifth of an inch in diameter, and remains on the stem during the winter months."



BIRTHS

WILLIAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. H. M., a son, April 19. He has been named Orville Wayne. Mr. Williams works in the foundry.

FLECKENSTEIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy, April 20th, a daughter, Martha Ann. Mr. Fleckenstein is employed in the brass shop.

POTTS—To Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Potts, of the Iron Foundry, on May 7th, a daughter, Marilyn.

STARK—To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, of the Assembly Department, June 7th, a daughter, Norman Lee.

VAN BELLEHEM—To Mr. and Mrs. James, of the Standard Dept., June 7th, a son, James Bryce, Junior.

GERMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Dept. 11, December 12, 1930, a daughter, Beverly Delores.

HARTWIG—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Machine Shop, March 24th, a daughter, Nadine.

SPENCER—To Mr. and Mrs. O. F., Shipping Dept., a daughter, Mary Louise on July 12th.

PEEK—To Mr. and Mrs. William Le-Roy, Plant 3, a son, July 10th. He has been named Edwin Lee.

NASH—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nash, Brass Shop, a son, William Arthur, on March 9th.



DIRECTS DANCE FOR PICTURE

Miss Annette Van Dyke, who instructs daughters of Mueller employes in dancing, left in her new Chevrolet coupe July 23 for Los Angeles, Calif. She was accompanied by a lady friend and little Dorothy Collins, of Clinton, one of her most talented pupils. Just before going she superintended the dancing of Mueller girls for the moving picture to be shown in Decatur about the last of August. The dance was staged at the open air theatre on the morning of July 23rd. The girls who participated were in costume and the scene presented was extremely pretty.



BULLETIN BOARDS

The Plant bulletin boards have been recently repainted and repaired. The Main Information and Safety bulletin boards are located at the various entrances to the plant. Smaller departmental bulletin boards have been located in each department where departmental notices only are posted.

Please keep yourself well posted concerning the plant news by looking over the bulletin boards regularly. Make it a habit.

HERE'S A HOMEY COTTAGE



The pretty little country home of Charles C. Dunham, Plant 3, located on Rock Springs Road, southwest of Decatur. He is a neighbor of August Schudziaria. Mr. Dunham is so conveniently located that he can fill the role of citizen of Decatur or gentleman farmer.



BUT NO ONE ASKED HIM!

Adolph and Robert Mueller, J. W. Wells, J. W. Simpson, and R. H. Mueller were in Sarnia during July for a conference with Manager Burleigh and other officials of the company. They found that the Sarnia plant has been going very good up to the present time. The party was in Sarnia for only one day. In the evening they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Burleigh and as the country editor use to say, "a very pleasant time was had by all." Some regret was expressed that the editor of the Record was not there to report the affair in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion.

"BOYS OPPORTUNITY HOME"

Billy Jett, Jr., began working in the stationery department July 14th. Billy intends to remain with us only until Sept. 8th when he will return to Nashville, Tenn., where he enters his senior year at Bramer and Hall Military Academy. Jack Enloe, son of the paymaster, has also been provided with work in this department, which we have renamed "The Boys' Opportunity Home." Come on boys if you're good—and don't talk too much.

Gene and Mark Simpson are also among the vacation recruits. Gene is helping in the main office and Mark in the foundry office. These boys are the sons of J. W. Simpson, Vice President in charge of Sales.

Melvin Beaman took a vacation the week beginning July 20th and went on an auto trip to Wisconsin.

NEWS AT PLANT 3

The Casting Department at Plant 3 has been built up recently of selected young men from various departments of the organization. The following have gone in as apprentice casters:

Robert Lusk, Jr.
Dewey West.
Virgil Sampson.
Paul Fisher.
Donald Ferry.
Lyle Woodward.
John Taylor.
Claude Eaton.
Louis Bland.
Robert Ross.

Foreman Burchell finds that his job as a teacher is quite as important as that of supervisor. He takes pride, however, in training good casters.

The carpenters are putting the roof on the new warehouse at Plant 3. As far as possible, labor on this building was given to Mueller men who were temporarily out of work. Unfortunately there was not work enough to go around.

Norman Poole and Elbert Meece, Jr., are green ware inspectors. The spirit of these young men in taking up an entirely new line of work is to be commended.

Other men who have found work at Plant 3 are F. P. Willis in the shipping department, Otha Mills in the office, Gid Massengill in the slip house, Travis Johnson in the shipping department, Jess Moore on the kilns.

Bessie Alstatt and Fern Davey of the Core Dept., are now inspectors in the Polishing Dept.



CRITICALLY ILL

John Scoles, formerly of the Punch Press Dept., is critically ill at his home at 518 N. Mercer St. It is at such times as this that our group insurance proves its worth.

OUR NEW STEEL BATH TUB

Exhibited in Old Morehouse & Wells Building to Large Crowds

From July 16 to July 29 we exhibited in the old Morehouse & Wells building on East Main street the display of Mueller goods at the convention of the National Association of Master plumbers in Milwaukee during the month of June.

This was a very striking display especially designed by Mr. Ianello, a Chicago architect, to show to the best advantage our new steel bath tub and vitreous ware.

For the display made at the Morehouse and Wells building, Mr. Fred Riddile, Mueller representative traveling out of Peoria, was called to Decatur to take charge of the display.

Hundreds of Decatur people and visitors to the city, called and looked the display over. The new enameled steel tub possesses so many advantages that it is certain to become a favorite with the plumbers, architects and the public. It is easily superior to any cast iron tub which is most generally used. It has two very important advantages. Steel is a much smoother metal than cast iron. It follows that a coat of enamel is much smoother on steel than on cast iron, and again it follows that the enameled steel tub is more sanitary and more easily kept clean.

In the question of weight there is a vital advantage which architects and builders will be quick to see and grasp. A cast iron tub of the same pattern and size weighs 463 pounds while our enameled steel tub weighs 144 pounds—319 pounds or 60 per cent lighter.

The weight of a single tub is not such a serious consideration when placed in a building, but in large hotels and other buildings it becomes a momentous problem. Take the Stevens Hotel in Chicago with its 3,000 rooms with baths and for example say that these 3,000 tubs are of cast iron and the same size and pattern as our steel tub. (As a matter of fact, the Stevens Hotel tubs are vitreous ware and very much heavier than a cast iron tub.) Three thousand cast iron tubs would weigh 957,000 pounds or a trifle in excess of 478 tons more than an equal number of our steel tubs. To meet this tremendous difference the architect must give added strength to every floor in the building and the owner cannot escape an added building expense of thousands of dollars. An equal number of vitreous ware tubs would double the excess weight and also double the cost of the building to say nothing of the increase in the cost of the tubs.

Another very strong argument in favor of our tub is the fact that it lessens cost and labor of installation. It would be an exceptionally strong plumber who could handle a 463 pound tub unaided but a plumber of average strength could slip our 144 pound steel tub into place without any great exertion.

Then there is the saving in freight which is in all business a big item.

The Mueller enameled steel tub bristles with good selling talk which will be developed, and when Mueller salesmen begin telling these points to plumbers, they are going to tie into the greatest advance in bath tub manufacturing that the trade or public has ever known.

We should all learn the advantages of this wonderful Mueller tub and acquaint our friends with the facts.



FORTY-TWO PERCENT

There are various loan and finance companies in Decatur who offer financial help to those in need of money. Many of them loan money at legal rates of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ or $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. So far as we have been able to learn, the exact significance of this interest is not explained to the borrower. Three and a half per cent a month is twelve times that much, or 42 per cent a year. Two and a half per cent a month is 30 per cent a year. Borrowers have no idea that they are paying interest at such rates as this.

We maintain that no working man can afford to pay interest at such rates as this. For Mueller employes it is not necessary. Before taking on an obligation of this kind, consult with our Personnel Department. We have many times been able to make adjustments with the creditors without involving the payment of excessive interest rates. If you are in financial difficulties, see us first.



SAFETY BULLETINS

Every month a new supply of Safety Posters is received from the Natl. Safety Council. These posters are placed conspicuously about our plants and each carry a message worth pondering over. Be wise and look them over.

Out in Fairbanks, Alaska, posters are used in an effort to prevent forest fires. Carelessness in the use of matches, smoking materials, and camp fires causes tremendous losses every year. The following poster is a striking illustration. It reads:

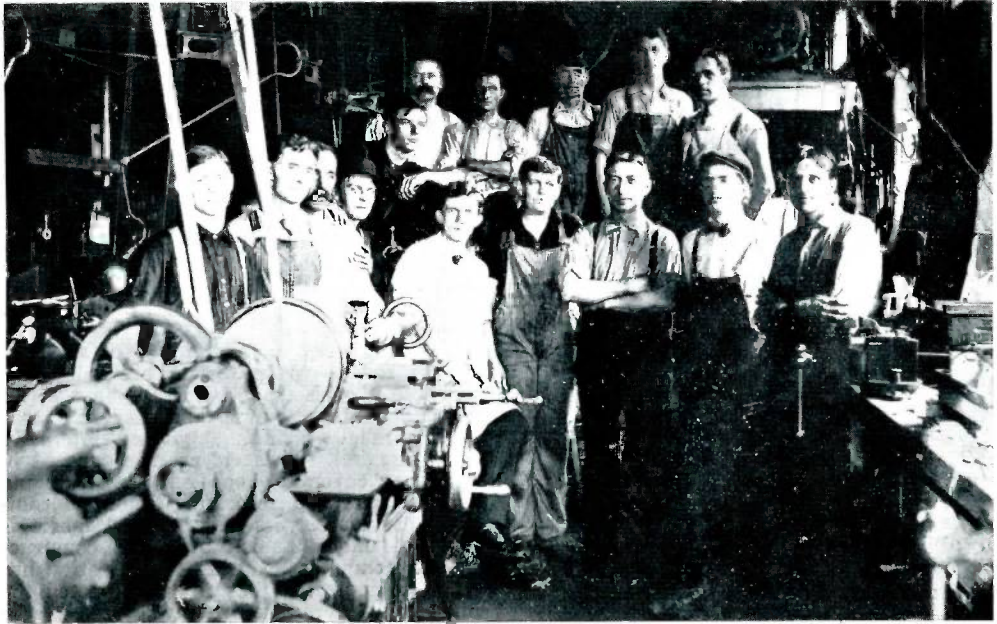
This is
God's Country
Don't
Set it on Fire and
Make it
Look Like Hell



CARL IS BACK

Carl Brimm, who formerly was a press feeder in the printing department but was laid off about a year ago, has returned to his old job. The retirement of Mamie Nottingham made a vacancy in the stationery and printing department.

20 YEARS AGO IN TOOL ROOM



There was a house cleaning the other day in the Tool Room and this old picture came to light. Louis Rohr is the authority for the statement that it was taken about 1908. It is he who has identified the persons in the picture.

Left to right, back row: Robert Kortum, John Parker (Foreman), unknown, Henry Hagen, Ed Owens, Ethan Viall.

Left to right, front row: Russell Grubbs, Wilbur Funk, George Zwilling, Frank Schuermann, Jake Voelcker, Louis Rohr, W. P. Deverell, Harry Addis, Louis Wallenbrock.

This picture started Louis to reminiscing. Twenty-three years ago John Parker was foreman. He found an old clock which wouldn't run, worked over it a short time, made a dial of galvanized iron and mounted it on a plank without a case. The clock was rehung the other day in the office of the Tool Department and when set on a true perpendicular began to run and keep good time. It may be seen on the east wall.

Louis says that Parker was a man of a great deal of grit and would go to considerable trouble to prove it. One time he stepped on a nail and injured his foot slightly. That evening he made himself a peg-leg, strapped it to his knee and at much discomfort to himself, walked to work the next morning. He was not going to let a little thing like a nail puncture disable him. He hobbled around on the peg-leg about two hours and then discarded it.

Ethan Viall is said to be the technical editor of some mechanical journal, but Louis

did not remember which one.

Those remaining in the department are Louis Rohr and Louis Wallenbrock. W. P. Deverell was retired last spring and George Zwilling gave up work six years ago this summer and still lives in Decatur. Henry Hagen also lives in Decatur. The present whereabouts of the other persons in the picture is unknown to us.

Mr. Parker was followed by a foreman by the name of Hill, who by the way, Louis says, was somewhat of a rake in his day, and his interest in women extended to others beyond his own family. It appears that a tool maker, who left his work in this department, wrote back to Mr. Hill to know if he could get his job back. Louis also came to ask Mr. Hill if he had a job for this man. Hill said: "Sure, I've got a letter from him. Read it." He handed Louis a letter which Louis read. The letter in question asked Mr. Hill to take No. 1 train to Taylorville where the writer would meet him at 6 o'clock, and was signed "Hannah." Louis said: "Is this the letter you mean?" Then Hill said: "Did you read it?" "Of course," said Louis. "Have you answered Hannah yet?"



Bill Cranston, our physical director, is an occasional visitor to the plant. He feels that he is gradually increasing in strength and looks forward to the day when he will return to his duties. Bill retains his bright and cheerful disposition and greets his old friends with a smile and happy remark. We are all pulling for Bill and the day when he will again be in charge of the gym.

During the latter part of July a moving picture film was made of persons and factory scenes for the picture "Decatur in Review." This film will be shown at Lincoln Square theatre the latter part of August or the first week in September and will include scenes in and about Decatur as well as local industries. The enterprise is sponsored by the Decatur Daily Review. It's a picture that all Decatur people should see and we especially urge our people to see it. It will be a sound picture. The company doing the filming did the same thing ten and twenty years ago. They state that scenes will be shown from these old films so that the contrast of the present with the past may be emphasized. Among pictures made for our part of the show are the following:

Dance program of Miss Van Dyke's Mueller girls dancing class. This was filmed at the open air theatre with the girls of the class in costume.

The C-1 motor driven drilling machine.

The B machine.

Moving picture of the exterior of the Main plant, which includes the iron foundry.

Frank Zetterlind and Billy Seeforth whose combined service reaches 87 years. These men were filmed at work at their anvil in the blacksmith shop.

Employes entering the cafeteria at the noon hour.

Interior views of the Vitreous Ware Plant, showing the casting room and a tram load of finished product coming from the kiln after traveling 343 feet in a temperature of 2200 degrees.

The plumbing display in the Morehouse & Wells building on East Main street with Mr. Riddle in charge showing and explaining the various goods.

A picture of the old automobile imported from Mannheim, Germany, by Mr. Mueller and rebuilt by him. It won the first road race ever run in America. Another scene will be Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan in the car with Mr. Hieronymus Mueller, Henry Mueller and other Decatur people in the car when Bryan paid his first visit to Decatur as a presidential candidate.

Meeting of the board of directors seated at a meeting in the directors room.

✦ ON VACATION

Mr. O. C. Keil and family enjoyed a vacation trip during July, motoring through Wisconsin and Minnesota. They visited many points of interest in these two states which are spotted with beautiful lakes and rugged hills. They thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

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Japan outranks all other Asiatic countries in the use of commercial fertilizers, its soil conditions and density of population requiring intensive cultivation on all available land.

AIR HOSE

Some Interesting Facts of How This Valuable Aid to Manufacturing Is Made

Compressed air has an important place in manufacturing of all kinds. A special hose is necessary to secure the greatest efficiency. The perfection of suitable hose has played an important part in the development of varied uses of compressed air. It has made possible the use of tools for different manufacturing processes, which otherwise might not have been conceived. We use compressed air throughout the factory but as in many instances no thought is given to its importance, the care necessary in its manufacture or the advantages of one kind of hose over another.

There are two distinct kinds of air hose in use today—wrapped and braided. The wrapped type is made by wrapping a series of rubber-impregnated fabric layers over a rubber tube which is supported internally by a mandrel. These layers are encased in a rubber cover to keep out moisture and prevent wear and abrasion. Before vulcanization several layers of untreated fabric is wrapped under tension over this construction to compress it during vulcanization but when vulcanization has been completed the untreated layers are removed as is the mandrel.

Braided hose is so called because the cotton re-enforcement consists of yarn braided over a rubber tube. There is a distinct layer of rubber between the braided layers and the final ply or braid is covered with a layer of rubber forming a covering similar to that on wrapped hose.

Before it is vulcanized the hose is placed within a lead tube or pipe, and then internal pressure is applied during the process of vulcanization. As a result, the hose becomes a very compact mass of rubber and fabric that will withstand the most severe service conditions.

Wrapped hose is limited to fifty-foot lengths. Braided hose can be made in 500 foot lengths, but 50 foot lengths is practically standard.

Air hose derives its strength to resist rupture from the fabric and the method by which the fabric is built into the hose.

Both wrapped and braided hose have their champions, but it has never been definitely proved which is the better. Wire wound hose increased the bursting strength by fifty per cent but this kind of hose has gradually passed out of the picture because of difficulties in service chiefly because pressure may be decreased or completely shut off if the wire is crushed.

Standard service calls for hose of 60 to 125 pounds pressure with the demand ranging from 80 to 90. The greater number of plies means greater strength. More plies of a lighter fabric makes a stronger product than few plies of a heavier weight fabric.

HERE'S A GOOD LOOKING OFFICE



This is one of the best looking offices in the plant—especially in picture by E. H. Langdon. It is the office of the Standard Dept. and Plant Engineers located on second floor.



INJURIES AND OPERATIONS

Some Bad Results of Accidents Which Might Have Been Averted

Mike Brillely of the Machine Shop returned to work Monday, Aug. 3rd, after an illness of three weeks.

Albert Flaughter of the Machine Shop, suffered a painful injury on the morning of June 29th. When he came to work in the morning the room was warm and he thrust his right hand against the window sill to open it. The window stuck and his hand went through the glass, cutting to the bone. He is reported to be recovering nicely and it is hoped he will regain the use of his hand.

Roy Vandervort, who has been working at Plant 3, broke a bone in his wrist on June 23rd and was disabled for about five weeks.

Paul Tate of the Iron Foundry failed to get first aid for a slight injury to the palm of his hand. Infection resulted which laid him up for two weeks, part of which time he was in the hospital.

G. Leipski of the Brass Shop went to Wisconsin for a short vacation at the end of June. He was injured in an automobile accident and has been disabled for the past month.

Roy R. Jolly returned to work July 20th after an absence of more than three months due to sickness. He allowed his tonsils to go too long and severe internal infection developed from which he nearly lost his

life. When at length he was able to have the operation, the offending tonsils were removed and he recovered.

Oscar Gerhart of the Machine Shop has been disabled since early in July by sickness.

In the face of this list of accidents and sickness it may seem a bit presumptuous to call attention to our safety and health work. We should remember, however, that these are exceptions. There are fewer accidents and less sickness than there used to be, but there is still enough to warn us that we need to be careful.

The little injury that is neglected, the little pain that is disregarded, would probably yield at once to proper treatment. If neglected it may have very serious results.

One man neglected a small injury and had to go to the hospital for an injury too slight, as he thought, to require first aid. One man disregarded the doctor's suggestion that he have his tonsils out and he was laid up for months and then had to have them removed.

We never hear of those who do take proper precautions. It is the exceptions that makes news. While there are so many exceptions, we must be on the alert.



SAVING REPAIR BILL

Robert, aged six, ardently desired a sister, and was told if he prayed for one a baby might come. So he added to his nightly prayers petition for a little sister.

Results not coming as soon as he wished, one night he added:

"If you have the baby almost finished don't wait to put in her tonsils or appendix, as they usually have to be cut out, anyway.

SAFETY ALWAYS



One of the difficulties in preventing infection is the attitude of some people toward first aid. Some of these big he-men think that going to the first aid room to get a trifling scratch dressed is like a child going to mother to have the bump kissed. Nurses and doctors hear that protest regularly.

A wholesome respect for germs is one of the first principles of safety. A germ is too tiny to be seen without a powerful microscope but it has millions of relations. They wait for a break in the skin—a cut or even a scratch that hardly draws blood—where they can enter.

The human body is a wonderful piece of mechanism and not the least remarkable thing about it is its ability to kill off the germs that enter the blood stream. But there is a limit to what the body can stand. If it is not in first class shape or if there are too many million germs, a case of "blood poisoning" results. No man can tell when he is in a position to resist the germs of infection. He may be as big and as strong as an ox but it sometimes seems that the bigger he is the harder he falls.

Germs of infection can put the K. O. on even a heavy weight champion. You needn't feel ashamed to go to the first aid room for help.



THE HUMAN DUMB-BELL

Red Head: "I hate that man."

Blonde: "Why, what has happened? I thought you liked him so much."

Red Head: "He said I couldn't whistle and just to show him I could, I puckered up my mouth just as sweet and round, and what do you think he did?"

Blonde (blushing): "How should I know?"

Red Head: "Well, the fool just let me whistle."

GARDENS AND GRAIN SUFFER

This Summer Has Furnished New High Temperature Records at Many Points in United States

If your garden withered and died in mid-summer, blame the heat. And in future years when talking weather, refer to 1931 as a record-breaker. Rains have been more plentiful than in 1930 but did not produce the maximum amount of good because of the dry sub-soil which resulted from the drouth of 1930. One thing this year's rains did do was to arrive at a time when most needed, and in many instances thereby saved or prolonged the use of gardens. The statement that this has been a record heat breaking summer is not guess work. The information comes from the weather bureau at Washington, which says:

"Extreme heat in the Northwestern and Central parts of the United States this month has established five all-time temperature records at various points and new July records at six points, and has about completed the ruin of the unmaturing wheat in the drought districts of North Dakota and Montana.

"The unusually high temperatures of July followed still higher figures for June, when 46 records were either equalled or broken. All-time high temperature records were set at Modena, Utah, July 20 with 100 degrees; at Winnemucca, Nev., the same day with 108 degrees; at Pocatello, Idaho, July 21 with 104 degrees; at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 24 with 106 degrees; and again at Modena, Utah, July 24 with 102 degrees.

New high records for July were established at Binghamton, N. Y., July 1, with 98 degrees; at Ithaca, N. Y., July 2, with 102 degrees; at San Francisco, Calif., July 3 with 98 degrees; at Modena, Utah, July 19 with 100 degrees, fractionally lower than the recorded 100 degrees of the following day which set an all-time record; at Pueblo, Colo., July 22, with 104 degrees; and at Rapid City, S. Dak., with 104 degrees. The July record for Tampa, Fla., was equalled July 25 with 106 degrees."



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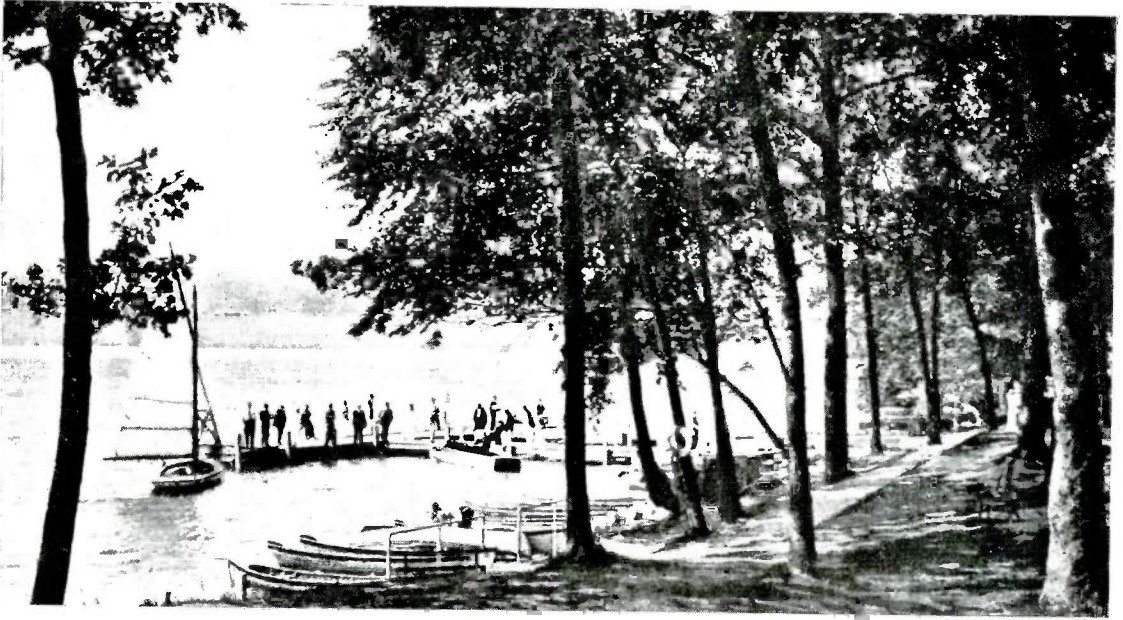
Rankin-Granfield

Harry Granfield of the Pattern Making Department and Thelma Rankin of Shelbyville, were married at Shelbyville, April 25th. They live at 1199 West King St.

Lankin-Hetzler

Ernest Hetzler of the Mold Shop at Plant 3 and Gertrude Lankin were married in Decatur, June 24th. They live at 1360 North Morgan street.

AN INVITING CAMP GROUND



WHERE Y. M. C. A. MEETS

The boat landing at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis. Mueller executives attend a conference held here each summer on Human Relations in Industry.

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DEATHS

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mueller were shocked and surprised at the announcement July 13th that their son, William (Billy) Mueller had died in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital. The fact that he was ill and in a serious condition was known to only a few persons. During the vacation period Billy had been working in the main office and the stationery department and became a great favorite with all those with whom he came in contact. The cause of his death is given as sinus infection contracted while in swimming.

On Wednesday, July 8, he accompanied some boy friend on a canoeing trip on the lake and incidentally took a swim with his companions. On his return home he complained of feeling badly and grew steadily worse. On Friday, July 10th, he was taken to the hospital but all efforts to save him were futile and he passed on Monday afternoon as stated.

Billy Mueller was born in Detroit, Nov. 15, 1916 and from the time he was two years old had lived in Decatur. He was a pupil at the Roosevelt Junior High School where he would have finished next year, and according to plans would have then entered St. John's Military Academy at Delafield,

Wis. Billy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Boy Scouts and was popular with his companions and school mates.

Funeral services were held at the family residence on West Main street, Wednesday, July 15. The burial was at Fairlawn. There was a large gathering of friends for the services.

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Phyllis Cunningham, the 3½ year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cunningham, died July 2nd of pneumonia following measles.

Another daughter, Wanda Lou, was born July 12 at Decatur and Macon County hospital.

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OUR PSYCHOLOGY CLASS

Since our last issue arrangements have been completed for Dr. Melrose's class in psychology.

There will be eight lectures in the series, beginning Thursday, Oct. 1, 1931, 7 P. M., at Mueller gymnasium, and continuing for seven Thursday nights. The last meeting of the class will be Nov. 18, just one week before Thanksgiving.

This is the best time of the year for this course, and we are fortunate that this convenient arrangement has been made.

The price of the course of \$3.00, payable early in October. We can still accept a few additional enrollments. For further particulars, see E. H. Langdon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees' Aid Society Benefit Fund, May
27—July 31, 1931

Balance May 27.....		\$ 439.07
Receipts		
Mueller Co. June, July \$	100.00	
Dues—May and June....	1,099.25	
Picnic concession.....	71.18	\$ 1,270.43
		\$ 1,709.50
Payments		
Emergency Loan Fund \$	500.00	
Benefits listed below.....	945.31	\$ 1,445.31
July 31 Balance.....		\$ 264.19
Resources		
Bonds—Par Value.....	\$ 6,200.00	
Bldg & Loan Stk 7-1-31	1,979.23	
Emergency Loan Fund	4,000.00	
Cash.....	264.19	\$12,443.42

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

BENEFITS PAID

R. R. Jolly	\$67.25	C. M. Frizzell	23.00
Wm. L. Rhodes	13.00	Roy Neil	9.00
Emanuel Miller	10.00	Melvin Chaney	5.00
Carl Maurer	14.25	E. H. Ray	6.00
John Scoles	18.00	Jacob Kraft	7.50
Gus Rennier	4.50	Walter Lunn	4.00
Wm. Stockton	8.00	Oscar Gerhardt	64.40
Joe Cashen	15.00	Roy Vander-	
Boneta Hoots	4.50	vort	39.90
Chas Marsh	38.00	Floyd Carr	6.00
Gladys Lloyd	4.00	Walter Walls	12.00
Wm. Ferry	10.00	Earl Meador	2.00
Kenneth Mor-		Albert Llaugh-	
row	9.00	ert	24.00
F. F. Holler	6.00	Wm. Cambridge	3.00
Eugene Benezé	12.50	Faye Boggs	17.50
S. E. Allen	8.00	Leonard Wood	6.00
D. M. Clements	5.00	M. Pippin	7.00
Naomi Daesch-		Smith Carder	4.00
lein	50.00	H. Camron	10.00
Jesse Moore	6.00	Emery Langley	3.00
L. B. Metheny	7.50	Ed. German	3.00
Barney Riley	1.50	Merle Cunning-	
Wm. O'Dell	7.50	ham	50.00
Chas. Dunham	7.50	L. B. McKin-	
Robt. Tauber	43.50	nev	3.00
Elmer Miller	74.50	J. W. Easley	11.75
Archie Miller	.75	Mike Brilley	41.00
Rose Heil	2.00	G. Leipski	20.00
Roy Heffing-		Paul Tate	36.00
ton	18.00	Julius Staudt	10.00
F. D. Powers	6.50	Chas. Early	5.00
Otha Mills	7.50	Mack Dennison	5.00
W. A. Matthews	3.00	Cassie Bartlett	4.00
Ed Foley	.50	Cecil Smith	4.00
Helen Pope	2.00		
Ben Taylor	7.50	Total	\$945.31
Lewis Owens	6.50		

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A temperance lecturer demonstrated to his audience the deadliness of alcohol, by first dropping a worm into a glass of water, where it wriggled happily—then dropping it into a glass of alcohol, where it sank to the bottom dead.

The lecturer asked if there were any who

OUTSIDE OF REGULAR BENEFITS

Some of the Things Aid Society Has Done
in Past Eight Months

During the past eight months the Employees' Aid Society has spent an average of \$216 a month or a total of \$1,730 for assistance to members, in addition to regular benefits.

This is a service not included in the immediate objectives of the Society, but has been developed in recent years to assist members in emergencies. The largest item is for dental work and amounts to \$504, relief assistance, \$330; help on hospital bills was given to the amount of \$332, and on the care of eyes \$286 was allowed, medical and surgical assistance claimed \$141.

It is our hope that eventually the Aid Society will be able to assist members in meeting whatever emergencies in the matter of health that may arise. This is possible because the Society enjoys the confidence and general support of the entire working force.

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THE UNKNOWN TEACHER

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. He lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For him no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. He keeps watch along the border of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. Patience in his daily duty; he strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager, and steadies the unstable. He communicates his joy in learning, and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of his mind. He lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward. No one has deserved better of the republic than the unknown teacher. No one is more worthy to be enrolled in a democratic aristocracy.

—Henry Van Dyke.

desired to ask questions. A man in the audience arose. "You say that is whiskey in the glass with the dead worm in it?"

"Yes, sir."

"What kind of whiskey?"

"Old Crow."

"Have you any more of it?"

"Yes."

"Will you please give me a drink of it? I have been troubled with worms for three months, and can't seem to get rid of them."