

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

Merry Christmas

December 1929

Happy New Year

Christmas Events



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Annual Christmas Meeting—7:30 P. M., Gym.

Singing—Mueller Quartette

Address—A. G. Webber

Presentation of Service Awards and Emblems—Robert Mueller

Presentation of Employees' Gift to Company—C. W. Hathaway

Presentation of Suggestion Prizes and Remarks—Adolph Mueller

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Office Christmas Tree

SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 2 P. M., GYM

Children's Party

Christmas Story—E. H. Langdon

Moving Pictures

Christmas Treat

Distribution of Employees Presents at Different Plants

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING

(See Cover Page for Details.)

This occasion has been set for Tuesday, December 17 in the Gymnasium at 7:30. Mr. A. G. Weber, Sr., has been asked to give an appropriate address. This will be followed by presentation service rewards and emblems by Robert Mueller.

C. W. Hathaway, president of the Foreman's Club, will present the customary gift from the employes to the Company members.

The prizes for accepted suggestions will be awarded by Adolph Mueller.

Five Years Continuous Service

\$33.33

David D. Dresback
Paul B. Andrews
Quinn L. Charlton
Earl Shellabarger
Judson Nichols
Everett Dickey
Carl Buckwald
Wera Bauer
Mrs. Ethel Barding
Lois Christy
Enola Smith
Leon L. Bethard
Chester E. Parr
Orvall German
Hugh K. Harshbarger
James C. Berry
Enos E. Musgraves
Clyde Hester
Noah B. Harlow
Adolph Schlick
Alfred Hexum
Carl I. Maurer
J. B. Montgomery
Green B. Warren
Paul H. Heschawitz
Joseph A. Davey
Chas. M. Kemplin
Gus C. Scheef
E. F. Rurchard
Charles Hobbs
Harold F. Snyder
Wm. S. Anderson
Charles S. Ward
John H. Hill
Walter E. Smith
Thomas Ralston
Roy R. Jolly
Mrs. Helen A. White
Mrs. Sarah Evans
Mrs. Marie Overfield
G. A. Hodges
C. B. Albert
George Tipsward
Mrs. Louise Estes
Jennie Kinney
Mrs. Amy Courtwright
Mrs. Blanch Kilbreier
Gideon Massengill
Michael Hielowitz
Howard M. Williams
Wm. D. Hayes
Seburn Woodrum
L. Doran Hunt
Paul T. Burk
James W. Workman
Guy E. Jones
Ruben Runion
Frank C. Huddleston
Louis B. Weber
Joe Cashen
Leslie I. Hopper
Wm. N. Knight
Hugh Henley
James O. Peifer
Lester L. Seeley
Arthur Smith

Ten Years Continuous Service

\$66.67

Earl W. Bailey
Mrs. Helen Brannan

Augustus E. Edwards
John H. Chalcraft
Leonard Grover Hubbel
Charlie Hutson
Roy M. Workman
John F. Davidson
W. Edgar Lewis
Ernest L. Schlegel
Tilden Davis
Harry E. Tertocha
Luther Morrison
Ralph Myers
Glenn Dial
Herschel V. Aubert
Raymond E. Miller
Ben F. Logan
Roy B. Pease
Leonard Woods
Walter Dunn
Louis Buck
Henry A. Tertocha
Harry W. Fletcher
Ed. German
Wm. Karloski
George B. Durkin
Mrs. Rosa A. Heil
Frank E. Hornbeck
Ernest Watkins
Myrtle Carter
Jack Bain
Joe Rouleau
Elwood Potts
August Morenz
Wm. Clough
Ernest L. Rankin
William Morrissey
A. P. Townley
Jacob Huddleston
Chas. L. Ruchbeil
E. Harlan Umphreys
William A. Hays
John W. Lines
Otto Cummings
Wm. Eifert
John S. Doolin
Edward N. Hoffman
Carl A. Brock
Wm. A. Brunner
Oscar Thompson
Anthony Grotzman
C. Herman Salefski
Jesse A. Hargis
Herman Chepan
Albert Foster
Cleo Grubbs
Ora E. Waymire
Walter Coventry
Russell Jolly
Jesse A. Keown
Fred L. Bince
Blanche Davis
R. H. Power
R. W. Baugh
Wm. T. Stahl, Jr.
George Morris
Charles Oldham

Gottfried Blankenburg
Alva Morrison

John Duffy
Ben Gregory
John Hollingshead
Chas. F. Dunaway
Glen L. Reinhart
Thos. Hill
Chas. Taylor
Paul A. Stroyeck
Richard Dannewitz
Ira L. Auer
Herman H. Hill
Wm. Thomas
Roy Wood
Allen C. Ridgeway
Clifford Gillibrand
Basil A. Mason
Roy E. Thomas
Frank J. Auburn
Margaret Behrend

Dave M. Clements
Earl Gustin
Edwin V. Winholtz
Lloyd Prosser
Glen Hester
Wm. H. Brinstead
Chas. C. Riley
Ralph Adams
Edmond Peters
W. E. Behrens
Mac Turner
Flossie Poe
F. W. Dannewitz
Mike Briley
W. F. Aaron
J. L. Logsdon
Robert T. Whitehead
Roy Baker
L. J. Evans

Fifteen Years Continuous Service

\$133.33

Anthony Yonker
Mrs. Gussye E. Allen
Edwin F. Harris
Earl Reeves
Herman P. Amman
Albert Golembeck
Fred G. Rupp

Joseph Bready
Jas. V. Keck
J. J. Fickes
Chas. Adams
Mike Fleckenstein
Jerome Edwards

Twenty Years Continuous Service

\$266.67

William Ferry
Geo. C. Campbell
Henry E. Gilbert
Mike C. Hanrahan
Chas. Reab

James Diveley
T. E. Knowle
Allen Travis
Felix Reschle
Tom F. Leary

Twenty-Five Years Continuous Service

Emblems Only

Mabel Working
Burt Jackson
H. A. Georges
August C. Bark
H. C. Cameron

Chas. E. Reeves
Frank Tosh
Lawrence Olsen
W. L. Jett

Thirty Years Continuous Service

Emblems Only

Wm. Burgess
Wm. Bain
Weldon P. Deverell
Lewis Fagan

John Kusch
Wm. Hill
Ulysses S. Friend

Five Years Interrupted Service

Emblems Only

Ethel Fogle
Clarence Linton
August Rauscheck
James Soules
Melvin Gird
Jack Bohn
Wm. J. Michel
Roy Toole
Hoyt E. Mounts
James R. Davis

Arthur Claypool
Wm. H. Bradford
Carl L. Robb
Thos. C. Goodwin
Wm. Hise
Carl R. Morton
Harold T. Waddell
Lawrence Schultz
John W. Dush
L. M. Wolpert

Ten Years Interrupted Service

Emblems Only

Mrs. Lucille Watkins
Alva D. Bashore
Cecil R. Foltz
Margaret Marcott
Dan Dunaway
Paul H. Jeschawitz
George S. Haley

Wilbur Garrett
Charles H. Tilton
Arthur Brummitt
Howard F. Jones
Wm. F. Muirhead
Smith Carder
Louis Wyant

Fifteen Years Interrupted Service

Emblems Only

Chas. F. Dunaway
Edward I. Dodwell
Albert Spitzer

Roy Baker
Paul A. Gaddis

James Ioplin
V. G. Edwards

Albert Golembeck

H. L. Roberts

J. T. Fickes

Thirty Years Interrupted Service
J. W. Simpson

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BARNEY'S GOOD ADVICE

Mueller Co. is again giving out the cash service awards this Christmas season for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. I received my 20-year service award in one amount of the sum of \$500 some years ago. I have made a check-up on the system of giving these awards as they are not distributed in periods of five years, and it is interesting to note that employees who will take these awards and invest them at 6% and let them compound, will have a net cash amount of \$644.24 at the end of 20 years, in other words our employees who will invest their service awards will have a nice profit of \$144.24. Our young employees should take note of this and profit thereby. If you take the \$644.24 and continue the investment to the 30-year period, you will have the neat sum of \$1,153.78. How many will take advantage of this manner of getting a nest egg laid aside for a future need. Our company is making the opportunity for employees to establish a fund for themselves. Take advantage of it, don't let it slip through your fingers. Save it.

B. J. MARTY.

GONE TO ATLANTA

Francis E. Carroll, who has been with our branch at Dallas, Texas, since July, 1927, was in Decatur a week or ten days in November with Wm. L. Jett. Working with them was Chester Priddy of the Shipping Dept., who will also help open the new branch house at Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Carroll began working in the Shipping Dept., February, 1925, and a year later he went on the road. About a year and a half after he went to the Dallas Branch.

Mr. Priddy has worked here a number of times and he has a good knowledge of our products. We wish them luck in their new location.

BURROS ARE CHEAP

Mr. J. B. Mertz is in receipt of a letter including a clipping from a San Jose, California newspaper, which carries a large picture of Mr. W. J. Bernhard, a prominent grocer of that city. He owns two large stores and has but recently returned with other prominent Californians from a good-will trip to Mexico. Mr. Bernhard is a man of imposing stature and considerable weight as well as height. So high, in fact, that the burro could walk between his legs.

The picture also shows Mr. Bernhard's little daughter petting the burro and smiling delightfully over her new pet. While in Mexico, Mr. Bernhard and other members of this party bought these burros at \$1.00 apiece. He is a nephew of Mr. Mertz.

CHRISTMAS AND THEN NEW YEARS

May the First Be a Merry One and the Second a Happy One

Stock-taking time is here. It's the time to make a personal inventory as well. Summing up your work for 1929, what can you say you have really accomplished? How many of the resolves you made at the beginning have you realized? Perhaps a few of them but a majority may have fallen by the wayside. This should not dishearten you in the least. You are only one of many. If you achieved a few of your resolutions you have made progress. Another chance for a new start in 1930 is almost here, and you can try again. Perhaps it will be better to make fewer resolves and then you have a better chance of making a higher score. It never pays to "bite off more than you can chew."

We have a busy month ahead—Service pin awards, Suggestion prize awards, Christmas party for the children, Christmas holiday.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE

Open an account in the Employees Investment Plan. An account started now will make a Christmas Fund. Below is a list of the investment classes.

Deduction Per Pay	Total for Year	Interest
\$ 2.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 1.68
3.00	72.00	2.52
4.00	96.00	3.36
5.00	120.00	4.20
6.00	144.00	5.04
7.00	168.00	5.88
8.00	192.00	6.72
9.00	216.00	7.56
10.00	240.00	8.40
11.00	264.00	9.24
12.00	288.00	10.08
13.00	312.00	10.92
14.00	336.00	11.76
15.00	360.00	12.60
16.00	384.00	13.44
17.00	408.00	14.28
18.00	432.00	15.12
19.00	456.00	15.96
20.00	480.00	16.80

CLOSER CONTACT WITH PLANT 3

On November 7 executives of Mueller Co. had dinner at the Cafeteria of Plant 3. On the first Tuesday of each month they will have lunch with the men out there. This will give an opportunity for better acquaintance. Those present on the first occasion were Robert, Adolph, L. W., and R. H. Mueller, J. W. Simpson, J. W. Wells and Wm. Jett.



Group of Rotarians at Vitreous Ware plant Oct. 28

In the past few weeks, we have had two distinguished visitations by city clubs. First came the Rotarians on Oct. 28th and Dec 3rd, they were followed by the members of the Kiwanis Club. These two clubs are composed of business men representing the manufacturing, retail, and professional interests of the city. They are men of standing and influence in the community, and it was interesting to us to have them pay us the visits, because it opened their eyes to the magnitude of Muellers' interests in the city of Decatur.

On both occasions the programs were very similar. The guests first assembled at the Vitreous Plant where they learned something of an industry which is practically unknown to the majority of residents of this city. The extent of their knowledge prior to this was the fact that the plant was there, but beyond that they knew nothing.

Employees of the Vitreous Ware Plant had arranged a nice display of products which included various articles of colored vitreous china. Under the direction of guides familiar with the plant, they were shown through and the various processes explained to them.

From this point they came back to the city and visited the Main Plant where luncheon was served at the cafeteria. Following this meal, they assembled in the gymnasium for a short program of speeches. Here quite a bit of effort had been expended in making the gymnasium attractive. It was decorated for the Rotarians in the colors of the Club and for the Kiwanis in the colors of their club. Quite an elaborate display was made of plumbing goods and water works goods. These were given very close attention by both groups of visitors, who manifested much interest in the uses of the various products of the company.

Then followed short speaking exercises. Mr. Robert extended an address of welcome. Mr. Adolph talked of the history of the Mueller family, leading up to the advent of Hieronymus Mueller in Decatur and his early struggle in establishing the present factory and business. The talk was of a rather intimate character and was given close attention, especially the statements concerning the company's building new

plants. Following these exercises, guides took charge of the groups of visitors and showed them all the details of the factory. The result is that Decatur's business and professional men know more of the Mueller factory now than they ever have before, and doubtless have learned enough to arouse their appreciation of one of Decatur's leading industries.

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Mr. Adolph received the following letter from Mr. E. J. Kilborn, president Rotary Club:

"As president of the Rotary Club, I want to extend to you the thanks of the Club for the very fine time you gave us Monday last. I am quite sure everybody enjoyed the trip through the Vitreous Plant, and from the contented look on the face of everyone after the luncheon I know that that was enjoyed to the full.

"I thought your talk and Robert's talk both were splendid. I feel that Rotary got a great deal of good out of the trip, and we are hoping it will also rebound to the benefit of the Mueller Company, our hosts."

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THE LAST RECORD COVER

The beautiful cover on the November issue of the Mueller Record attracted much attention. These plates were the same as used in one of our Saturday Evening Post advertisements, except reduced in size.

The Sanitary and Heating Age used this cover, giving us credit for it and the house organ of the _____ has also been given permission to use these plates.

The original of this cover was an oil painting by Karl Godwin, an artist of note.

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SURPRISE PARTY

Marie Eagleton gave a surprise party for her husband on his birthday, Oct. 3rd, at the Mueller Athletic Club House. About thirty-five couples attended. A three-piece orchestra furnished the music for dancing downstairs, and balloons, confetti, and "slappers" added to the merriment. Pinochle and Bunco were played upstairs. Several games and contests were also played and prizes awarded to the winners.



Foremen and wives who visited Decatur's organized charities.

COME AND SEE

Foremen and Wives Make the Rounds of Organized Relief Societies

Two parties of foremen, representing the day and night shifts, made the rounds of a number of institutions in the Community Chest. Their wives accompanied them. The first stop was at the Y. W. C. A. It was learned that during the last year the Y. W. C. A. had 660 members, 22 girls' clubs, a dormitory that accommodates 166 girls; 134 girls found jobs through the help of the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Campbell of the Social Service Bureau told how worthy families were helped.

The Day Nursery, where children of working mothers can receive care, was the next place visited. Little tots receive milk mornings and afternoons besides a warm dinner. Those that go to school come to the Nursery for dinner. There are from 35 to 50 youngsters there regularly.

A stop was made at the new Citadel of the Salvation Army. A lack of funds has prevented the finishing of part of this building. The finished portions are in use.

The party arrived at the Boys' Opportunity Home just as the little fellows sat down to supper. Cleanliness, good order and good management were in evidence.

At the Girls' Welfare Home the matron explained the purpose of the institution. Homeless girls here find a real home.

The last stop was at the Y. M. C. A. where the party had supper. Mr. Mitchell, boys' secretary, told something of the activities of that department. Boys in Decatur may be members of the Y. M. C. A. for fifty cents a year and have all privileges of the gym and swimming pool.

They have the boys' club, contests, games and the like. The idea that only the boys

of the well-to-do families have access to the Y. M. C. A. is no longer true. Hundreds of boys, who could not pay a fraction of the cost of the service they receive there, are welcome. Activities of the boys' department are concerned with character building and modern methods in this direction are more effective than the "rule-of-the-thumb" methods of well-meaning but untrained people.

All who have visited these agencies came away with a new idea of what they were trying to do; and hostility and indifference gave way to friendly interest.

You are invited to visit at any time the institutions in the Community Chest. You are especially invited if there is something that you do not understand or approve.



SAVE YOUR MONEY

Start that savings account in the Employees Investment Plan. Accounts maybe started at any time to mature in one year. Seven percent interest is paid on accounts that mature according to plan. Ask your foreman, or inquire at Employment Office which is now open at noon.



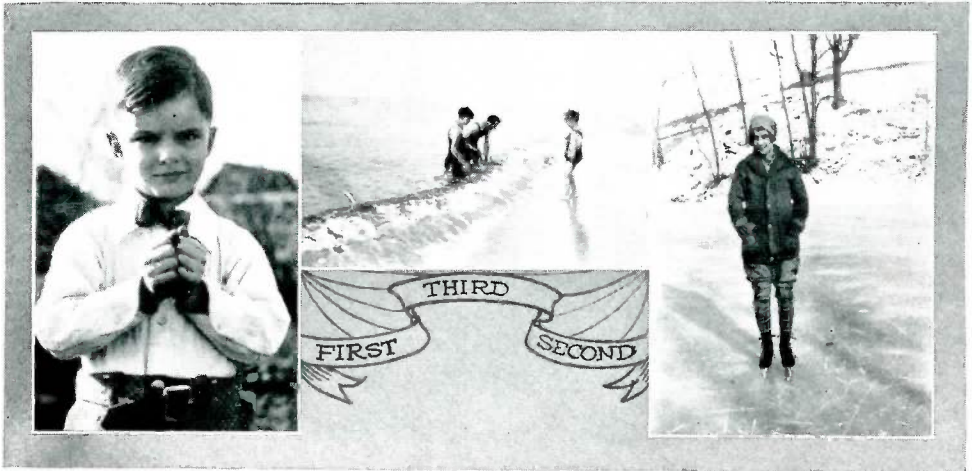
Eugene Sprinkle has returned to work in the Day Foundry.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The company has decided that hams and bacon will constitute the employees' Christmas gifts, the same as in previous years. This is a suitable and much appreciated gift. Those who do not want ham and bacon may select magazines or papers. Those who take ham and bacon may also subscribe for magazines and papers by paying the reduced rates which we can offer because of our agency connection.

THE CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club pictures for November were judged by Mr. Seitz, who awarded the prizes in the following manner:

First—Margaret Marcott. Picture exceptionally well lighted, splendid poise, pleasing composition, and detail.

Second—Marion Richards. Splendid detail, pleasingly lighted, and fair composition.

Third—Ethel Barding. Very good action picture, considering there was no sun. Composition is good, detail fair.

The subject for December is "Homes."

✚ A HEALTH INVENTORY

Are you afraid of the facts? If not, get a good physical examination. You would not run a motor until the bearings burned out before getting it oiled, would you? You would not wait until the tire was flat before taking the pressure, would you? Yet there are many men in this organization who force their bodies until there is a break, when a little attention in time would save the break. Experience and statistics in this factory prove that most accidents are preventable.

It is also true that much sickness is preventable. The loss of the time for sickness is about ten times as great as the loss from accidents.

Which do you do? Neglect your health, get sick and expect sympathy; or get the facts about your health and correct bad conditions?

What would the really intelligent man do?

✚ GUEST FROM NEW YORK

M. R. Rosse, new export manager of the New York office, arrived in Decatur on Dec. 3rd, to make the acquaintance of members of the Decatur organization, and discuss business problems.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

The Production office has been the scene of some remodeling recently. The front entrance has been changed from the north end to the west side. The First Aid room, formerly occupied by Henry Morey, has been torn away, and the space once occupied by mercurochrome and bandages given over to the hand boxes of the stock room. The time clock which was just outside the First Aid room has been moved to the west side of the Production Office.

Ethel Turley began working in the Production Office November 14th. She took Helen White's place on the books when Helen checked out to become Mrs. Goodwin.

Dorothea Hill was a visitor in Bloomington the week-end of November 16th and 17th.

The other day, just after the front door into the office was sealed up, Marshal Hobbs had a notion about experimenting on the relative destiny of the new partition and his own head. At the last minute, though, he changed his mind. The story goes like this: Hobbs was charging along in a Napoleonic manner, his head thrust down in an attitude that would have put to shame Rodin's famous thinker, when all at once he found himself standing up against a wall where the door used to be. He about-faced in double quick time, but not before several inmates of the office looked up long enough to take in the situation.

With the coming of winter the Noon Five Hundred game has been revived once more. The games are proving just as interesting as they ever were, and the way Ray Salisbury can slam is just nobody's business.

HOMES OF EMPLOYES



Four pretty, cozy homes of Mueller Employees: The owners take great pride in them as they should.

Upper left: Home of Tom Langley, 1040 North Union Street. Tom Langley is a foundry clerk.

Lower left: Home of Charles E. Cochran, 1038 North Hill Street. Charlie is foreman of Dept. 31.

Upper right: Home of John H. Brinkley, 959 West Eldorado Street. John is in the Assembly Dept.

Lower right: Home of Paul Burke, 1156 West King Street. Night Foundry.



On Saturday night October 19, Pete Aleckner of Plant 2, made a mis-step coming up on his porch and fell, breaking his collar bone. He has been laid up since.

Paul Fisher was promoted from the Shipping Dept. of the Main Plant to the Shipping Room of the Pottery at Plant 3.



THE VITREOUS WARE PLANT

Doubtless all Mueller Employees noticed the splendid illustrated article recently published by the Review in relation to the Vitreous Ware Plant. It was excellent publicity and gave valuable and interesting reading to the public.

Since the establishment of this unit only little has been said about it by the papers, and few Decatur people knew anything about the industry. The article referred to gave them an insight into a manufacturing process of which they previously knew practically nothing. The majority of Mueller employees did not know any more about it than the public.

The plant is now forging ahead in good shape.

SEEING THE WORLD

F. H. Zetterlind Travels to Distant Corners of the Earth

F. H. Zetterlind, Jr., formerly of the tool room, visited the plant October 7. Mr. Zetterlind is in the employ of the Williams Sealing Co. Since last March he has been in Paris, France, installing a plant to make bottle caps.

After a brief visit in Decatur he sailed from New York, October 14 for Sidney, Australia, where a new factory that makes bottle caps is to be put into production. Mr. Zetterlind expects to spend the next six months in this work.

Australia lies in the southern hemisphere, and he will be there for the summer months which comes at the time of our winter. Thus he gets two summers this year and no winter.



ONE WAY SNOW DRIFT

C. M. Cornelius spent Thanksgiving with home folks and one other at Morrisonville. He got stuck in the snow drift coming back. We venture the prediction that if he had been going to Morrisonville the snow drift would not have held him.



INVENTORY

The inventory went over as usual this year, probably with some improvements. This is a much bigger job than a person would realize who has not worked at it. Frequent improved methods have lightened the job.

SOON WILL HAPPEN



Carelessness of this kind costs millions in fires every year. Never throw away a match, cigar or cigaret when lighted.

Your Teeth

If you have not had a dental examination, arrange with Dr. Knapp or some other good dentist for the examination of your teeth. Do not neglect it. If you can not afford it, see Mr. Langdon and find out what assistance the Employees' Aid Society can give.

It will cost you more and hurt you more to delay this matter; besides the damage it may do to your health. It is becoming evident that a man must be in good physical condition to do his work properly; and is up to him to maintain or to improve his own physical well-being.

AID SOCIETY SELLS BONDS

At the suggestion of the Mueller Brass Co. at Port Huron the Employees' Aid Society has turned in its Mueller bonds at par. Part of the proceeds have been re-invested under the guidance of William E. Mueller. The income from the Aid Society's investments is being used to assist employees on dental and optical work.

Christmas is Coming

Don't Overlook the Festivities
Planned for Next Week.

See Front Cover

TELL THE FOLKS AT HOME

Tell the folks at home and your friends that the Mueller Co. has published a bulletin asking the employees not to have personal telephone calls sent to them while at work.

In case of a real emergency such as sickness, death or some really important matter, we will of course, be willing to get word to you promptly.

If your friends call during business hours they will be asked to state the purpose of the call, and if it is a real emergency, the message will be taken and sent to you.



For Ford Rubber Plant

Mr. George Farber advises us that A. Harvey's Sons' Mfg. Co. of Detroit, Mich., large jobbers of ours, have sold to the Henry Ford Motor Company the brass goods necessary for the Ford Company's rubber plantation in South America.



CHANGING FILES

Addah Paradee, Supervisor of Files, finds herself quite busy the opening of a new year. She and a group of men are removing from the paper files old material and lining up the cases for new papers.



BABY CRIB FOR PROBST'S SON

One of Adolph Mueller's baby cribs was sent to New York and Harold Probst writes: "Richard Eugene is very much pleased with this crib and it will prove a great convenience to Mrs. Probst during the coming year."



THE HEALTH SERVICE

Employees who wish to consult with Dr. Long for matters other than accidents are asked to see him during the noon hour.



Members of the noon-day Bridge Club which has no definite membership, but meets practically every noon from Monday to Friday in the region of the telephone desk, are quite proud of the adroitness displayed by one of their members recently. The occasion was a Benefit Bridge, given by a division of the Professional and

Business Women's Club of Decatur at the Masonic Temple, Nov. 7th. Erma Barth, the fore-mentioned member, attended together with a number of other Mueller girls, and Erma came away bearing first prize. The deed was all the more commendable when taken into consideration the fact that there were some one hundred women working for this prize. The prize was a beautiful shadow lamp, and Erma is quite proud of her trophy.



MOTHER AND CHILD

Mrs. H. C. Albright and son, Dick Leverage, age 4 months. The father is a member of the Vitreous Ware force.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving, November 28, was celebrated by the Mueller organization, as usual. The factory closed down until the following Monday morning, permitting many to make week-end trips, go hunting or to otherwise amuse themselves.

The most noticeable feature of the day was the blizzard in the evening which sent the thermometer tumbling to the vicinity of zero.

The next holiday on the calendar is Christmas, which falls on Wednesday this year. Preparations are now under way for the celebration of that day.

A RECIPE FOR HEALTH

This health recipe was handed to us by Robert Mueller:
EAT—

Fresh fruit twice a day.

Cooked fruit twice a day.

Coarse vegetables twice a day, such as cabbage, spinach, carrots, and string beans.

Drink six to eight glasses of water a day.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Christmas Party for children under the age of sixteen, will be held in the Gymnasium, Saturday afternoon, December 21. Moving pictures and a treat will feature the program.

HE WILL GET OVER IT

Hunold Sarver, electrician, recently purchased a new radio. Several days after its installation he began to look droopy-eyed and carried a harassed expression. Boys about the factory knowing of Hunold's new acquisition, kidded him about sitting up all night with the radio and losing so much sleep.

"It isn't the loss of sleep that is worrying me. It's the cursed stove poker," he replied.

"Stove poker?" asked his perplexed tormentors. "Just why should a stove poker cause vexation?"

"My wife—she can't imagine what has become of the stove poker, and has sworn vengeance on whoever took it."

"Yes? Well, we still don't get the connection. What did become of it?"

"Well, I had to have a ground post, so I straightened out the hook on the poker, and it works fine as a ground post."

If Hunold's wife hasn't already located the poker, we trust she will deem it has been used in a worthy cause. We wouldn't cause any family battles, but the boys working with Hunold thought an explanation accounting for his worried expression was due other members of the organization.

SNOWS

The first snow of the season in October was all O. K. for a curtain raiser, but the real performance came on the first of December when we had six inches of snow. Monday, December 2nd, was a busy time for the boys of the construction department making paths between buildings, etc., while the small electric street sweeper was opening up roadways.

The year of 1929 probably holds the record for shortest periods between snows. You'll remember that May 2 the earth was blanketed by snow. Four months later—in October, we again had a heavy snow.

Looks like a long, hard winter, and the real winter season does not begin until December 21st.

NEW CATALOG

A new vitreous ware catalog showing the Mueller line of lavatories, toilet bowls and tanks has been completed. It will be distributed as soon as the covers are received which will now be in about two weeks.

GOOD FISHING

Late in September Mayor O. W. Smith and his family and Ed. Stille drove to Cairo, Illinois, for a week-end of fishing. They crossed over into Missouri where they were met by Lysle Hill a former Decatur man.

Ed says the fishing was very good in a peculiar crescent-shaped lake where the water was very clear. They caught a lot of blue gills.

On this trip Ed. saw for the first time the cotton plants in bloom.

WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hake, who were married October 12, 1929, at the Church of God, the Rev. J. K. Ward, officiating. The bride was Miss Margaret Butts. Mr. Hake is in the Upkeep Stock department.

Announcement has just recently been made of the marriage of Thelma Young and Donald Ferry on May 30th in Elgin. Donald works in the drafting room and is the son of Bill Ferry of the Power Plant.

The bride is a Decatur girl but has been living in Chicago for some time. She went there to attend the Chicago Art Institute and afterwards obtained work.

Donald made a trip to Chicago for Decoration Day, and he and Miss Young went to Elgin, where the ceremony was performed. From there they went to Indianapolis and attended the races. They are now living at 1130 W. Forest St.

Mrs. Helen White, of the Production Control Dept., and Lewis H. Goodwin were married in Decatur, November 15.

V. L. Shallenberger, of the Night Brass Shop, and Elda Shorage were married in Decatur, September 28. They live at 1827 W. Decatur St.

Nola Gordy, of the Pay-Master's office, and Gerald Smithers were married at Clinton, October 12.

Edith Moore, of the Inspection Dept., and F. Jenkins, were married at Shelbyville, November 15.



DOWN THE SHAFT

On the morning of October 23, Evan Turner, of Dept. 31, was helping load a car at the Shipping Dept. The elevator had gone up and he slipped and fell backwards down the elevator shaft falling 17 feet. He recovered and returned to work November 14.

BRASS CHIPS

Rachel Watson, of the Core Dept., has gone to live in Chicago.

J. T. Smith, of the Polishing Dept., has returned to his old trade, that of a barber. He is now located in the Gelhart Block.

Wilbert Wilev, of the Shipping Dept., is now an attendant at a Standard Oil Station.

Grover Renfro, after trying a job elsewhere, has gone back to the Night Shift.

Claernee Walton, brother of Floyd Walton, is one of the new men in the Night Foundry.

Walter Carberry is working this winter in the Engineering Dept.

Chester Marson is again working in Dept. 31.

Frank Schultz, formerly of the Assembly Dept., is still laid up with a lame back.

Alonzo Davey, of the Night Foundry, has been laid up with a spell of heart trouble.

Robert Tauber, Assistant Foreman in the Machine Shop, returned to work November 11. He has been laid up for several weeks with an appendicitis operation.

Our Physical Director, W. G. Cranston, who has been laid up for several weeks with a bronchial cough, is now convalescent. He has gone to Florida for a winter vacation.

Carl Hatch, of the Tool Grinding Dept., has been laid up for several weeks with sickness.

Mrs. Roy Jolly and her nephew, A. A. Parks, visited the Plant, November 26.

J. C. Walker, brother of O. E. Walker, made a brief visit November 25.

Elmer Miller of Dept. No. 9, has been assisting the advertising department on convention and other displays during the summer months. While Elmer is a machinist and has mostly worked with metals all his life, he takes a keen pleasure in making up the display boards designed by the advertising department, as did Louie Rohr, Basil Mason and Louis Wyant, who have also aided in this particular work in the past.



SURPRISE ON OLLIE

Nov. 3rd being the occasion of Ollie Springer's birthday, a number of her friends in the office took advantage of the opportunity and had a surprise party on her. Ollie thought she was being invited to a wiener roast at the Athletic Club, but before she could leave her home to go to the Club, fifteen girls walked in on her. To say that Ollie was surprised is putting it mildly, she was dumb-founded. She was presented with a beautiful linen table cloth and napkins and a brooch.

MOTHER AND CHILD



This former Decatur girl, Mrs. Harold Probst, now a resident of New York City, is shown here with her son, Richard Eugene Probst, who was born in Decatur during the past summer while Mr. and Mrs. Probst were here on a visit. Mr. Probst, formerly of the Decatur Sales Dept., is now assistant manager of the New York office.

PASSING OF THE OLD HAND COMPOSITOR

Typographical Tourists a Thing of the Past
—A Happy-Go-Lucky Bunch

By Billie McClure

A big change has taken place in the printing trade in the last half of the past century, and the present generation of printers have but small conception of how the printing trade was conducted in the "good old days."

Some thirty years ago when newspapers were all hand set it was easy picking for the craft. Most of the metropolitan journals at that time employed from 100 to 150 compositors in their composing rooms and there were as many substitutes as regular men showed up each day for work in the newspaper offices. The regular man very seldom put in a full week's time, as he was so good natured that he thought the "sub" must have a chance, and there was always one standing around. He was asked by the regular if he wanted to work, and if so he was handed a rule and told to work on "slug so and so" which represented the regular's case. As a rule the "sub" generally worked as much as the regular man, as the printers of those days were a happy-go-lucky bunch. The regular case holder could remain off a month if he so desired and still hold his situation, providing he had on a competent sub.

All metropolitan papers in those days paid their compositors by the piece or so much per thousand ems, the prices varying in different towns and cities, ranging from 25c to 48c per thousand ems. The larger the towns the better the price. There was a dead line in most of the larger papers and the compositor who could not set over 8,000 ems was not wanted. The newspapers were more strict then than they are today in regard to typographical errors, and if a compositor made one-half of the mistakes then which appears in the papers of today he would have been "canned" immediately after the paper was off press—maybe before.

The morning newspapers were all set at night and the "dead" type was distributed the following afternoon by the compositors who put the paper in type. The evening papers were set in the day time and distribution of type made in the evening.

The printing trade was an easy occupation to travel on, and for that reason there was always a bunch of typographical tourists, who traveled from coast to coast.

Most of them, however, were generally broke when they arrived at their destination, but there was always a printer's boarding house in all the larger cities and the tourist was in "clover" because he didn't have to pay in advance. All he had to say to the landlord or landlady was that he was working on such and such a paper and they would always trust him. It was an easy matter on the metropolitan papers for a compositor to make \$4.00, \$5.00, and \$6.00 a day if he was a rapid compositor, and with one day's pay he could pay his board which could then be obtained for \$4.00 a week and have some left to buy beer with.

Quite a good many of the craft never knew what it was to ride on the cushions of a passenger train, and would ride the "white line sleepers," more commonly known as box cars. But it was almost a sure thing that they would catch a day or two's work when they arrived at their destination, and they never worried about it, and after putting in a day they could get their time cashed, either by a Shylock in the office where they worked or by a nearby saloonkeeper. The Shylock generally charged 10 per cent but the saloon keeper only wanted their trade—he got it.

The printer of the by-gone days were a happy-go-lucky bunch, but their days were numbered. The linotype was installed and those who didn't learn to operate one was out of luck, and such was the life of the hand compositor. Yes, the good old days are gone forever.



A CORRECTION

In our October issue we listed among the bridegrooms Charles Fenton. This is a mistake. It was James Fenton who was married on September 7.

HONEYMOON ROCKER



Mrs. Gerald Smithers, formerly Nola Gordy, of Paymaster Enloe's office. She is honeymooning in one of the Mueller rocking chairs purchased by the Company. During the year 45 rocking chairs were given to brides and grooms.

CREDIT UNION

We note with interest that the St. James Catholic Church has formed a Credit Union. We extend to them our good wishes in the success of this very useful service. We would like to hear from employes of this organization who might be interested in such a project for Mueller employes.



TEETH AND EYES

A number of men are learning to chew with their new teeth. After they become used to the new grinders they get along very well. All note the improvement of their appearance with the new "store teeth" in place.

Practically all of them say they feel much better. Their health is notably improved.

Another group is enjoying improved vision made possible by new glasses.

The Employes' Aid Society continues its policy of assisting its members to secure optical and dental service.

A dark room has been arranged in the doctor's office where eye tests can be given. No medicine is placed in the eye when the test is made and there is no charge for examination.



Edna Now Cost Clerk

Edna Cranston has been transferred from the Sales Promotional Dept. to the Cost Dept. She succeeds Luella Waltz who has entered Normal. Edna is succeeded by Naomi Dalschlein.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
EMPLOYERS' AID SOCIETY

Sept 26—Dec 1, 1929

Receipts

Sept 26, Bal. in bank.....		\$ 2,017.36
Froom Mueller Company		
September	50.00	
October	50.00	
Dues from members		
September	801.75	
October	817.05	
Salesmen dues Nov.....	8.15	
Clerks charged back.....	1.50	
Interest on bonds.....	101.50	
Mueller Brass Co.		
bonds paid.....	3,000.00	4,829.95
Total		\$ 6,847.31

Payments

Emergency Loan		
Fund	\$ 300.00	
Bot Thermoid Co.		
bonds	1,790.00	
Accrued interest on		
above	30.00	
Expense	1.30	
Dues refunded.....	1.60	
Flowers for funeral.....	5.00	
Death benefit E. E		
Tedford	75.00	
Macon Co. T. B.		
Association	5.00	
Benefits listed be-		
low	1,966.92	4,174.82
Dec. 1, cash balance.....		\$ 2,672.49

Resources

Bonds	\$ 4,700.00	
Bldg. & Loan Stock		
(6-1-29)	1,744.00	
Emergency Loan		
Fund	1,800.00	
Cash in Bank.....	2,672.49	\$10,916.49

E. H. Langdon, Treasurer.

BENEFITS PAID

Chas Murry \$12.00	O. C. Cole 18.00
W. L. Perkins 12.00	Henry Baker 5.00
Russel Dunham 1.25	E. F. Harris 2.50
Robt. Hill 1.50	Wm. Bradford 5.00
Fay Boggs 7.50	L. Shellenberger 2.50
Clara M. Gilbert 24.00	Ora Sluder 2.50
E. M. McDaniels 5.81	E. E. Fenton 7.50
D. Franklin 2.00	O. D. Friend 7.50
M. Anderson 5.00	Burl Dial 50.00
Ruby Finnegan 1.00	John Hollings-
C. E. Stark 10.00	sead 2.00
J. Huddelston 10.00	E. W. Connors 2.00
H. Gollahan 3.00	Albert Hahn 2.00
Wm. Brinstead 20.00	Chas. Cole 2.50
Everett Snyder 20.00	Frank Schultz 42.15
Otto Gunter 5.40	Theo Joy 5.25
Robt. March 2.25	Claude Flanders 2.40
Norman Cresse 6.75	Russel Gillian 1.80
J. E. Foster 9.00	Harvey Adams 58.80
B. J. Marty 4.00	Jas. Wilkinson 18.60
Mrs. Ada Stolle 21.00	Ernest Maller-
	nee 22.11

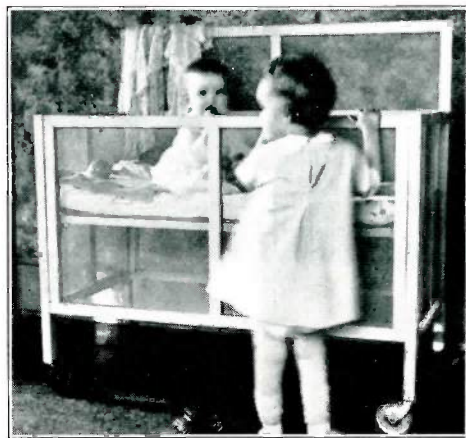
Wm. Mooney	13.75	Gladys Lloyd	6.00
W. F. Lynch	2.00	L. B. Ritchie	12.00
E. H. Langdon	4.00	Cora Wisnasky	4.00
B. F. Fagan	3.85	Imogene Peer	49.20
Luther Moore	7.20	D. Evan Turner	26.25
W. G. Cranston	61.00	A. H. Wilkins	65.00
Albert Golenbeck	5.00	Goldie Carrington	4.00
Clarence Woodrum	3.00	C. J. Welch	1.50
Jas. Dively	5.00	John Brownley	3.75
Carl Hafley	3.00	Peter Alekner	83.20
R. R. Burris	7.50	E. V. Musgraves	2.25
Ed. Manship	3.60	Dewey Tripp	2.00
Raleigh Taylor	10.00	Cecil Smith	3.00
Rupert Henry	4.50	Jesse Daily	5.00
Robt. Tauber	124.80	F. A. March	5.00
R. S. Cash	15.00	Ben Cook	83.70
Ralph Duncan	13.00	Wm. Bridwell	5.00
Ward Wright	114.00	Oscar Taylor	5.00
Margaret Behrend	16.00	Del Logue	27.00
Wm. Meehan	3.00	Frank Smith	12.25
Joe St. Pierre	2.50	Chas. Marsh	6.75
R. Sidiner	3.00	Garlin Buck	2.50
Thos. A. Mudd	3.00	Lyle Woodard	9.00
A. D. Black	3.00	C. A. Treloggen	3.00
A. E. Kropla	3.00	Wm. Clevenger	1.00
T. W. LeHew	2.50	Geo. F. Jackson	3.00
A. Claypool	15.50	Fred French	5.00
Hugh Henley	9.75	Bert Meece	13.50
Henry Stratman	2.00	John Payne	7.50
S. R. Gepfard	33.50	Oscar Dowdy	12.00
Lem Lake	2.00	J. B. Faith	57.50
Dowe Cutshall	12.00	Frank Miller	2.50
M. O. Rutherford	2.25	James Quinn	7.00
Melvin Scoles	62.40	Elmer Booher	8.00
Rachel Oren	4.00	C. M. Hatch	39.65
W. E. Behrns	12.50	Gid Massingill	2.00
R. A. Gaines	7.20	S. W. Rainwater	1.50
Marshall Taylor	74.80	Mabel Jukes	7.50
Buford Bryant	2.50	Earl Roof	12.15
H. E. Slater	5.00	Claude Roe	20.00
E. E. Tedford	25.00	Leo Woodburn	2.50
Quince Brown- ing	2.60	C. O. Ward	5.40
A. L. Wrights- man	3.75	J. E. Woodrum	3.00
Ed. Roberts	1.50	W. T. McClure	7.50
H. A. Henry	1.50	Wm. Cantwell	5.00
J. C. Berry	3.00	W. E. Busby	7.50
Derl Moomey	6.00	J. A. Dill	7.50
Chas. E. Dodd	1.50	Wm. Ratliff	27.15
Wm. Knight	1.50	John M. Smith	5.00
Chas. Burcham	2.40	A. Davey	24.90
Carl Hill	1.00	C. W. Stogsdel	10.00
Walter Good- man	1.50	Felix Beschle	4.00
		M. Fleckinstein	15.00
		John J. Marty	39.90
		Total	\$1,966.92

✦ IN NEW YORK

W. E. Mueller, who spent a few weeks in New York on business for the company, returned December 5.

✦ A thing to do is only as hard as you think it is.

COMFORT FOR BABY



Here we have one of the Baby Cribs which Mr. Adolph furnishes for all new arrivals in the Mueller Fold. He has supplied one hundred of these, thereby contributing to the comfort and convenience of mothers and children.

The accompanying picture was taken by E. H. Langdon in his home. The children are: Baby Ruth and her "big" sister, Mary Jane.

YOUR EYES

We have been making a close study in the Brass Shop of the matter of eye protection. A number of men in these shops have been fitted with glasses or goggles to meet their particular needs. Some men are enjoying new eye comfort which they did not know was possible. There are a few old timers who do not get the idea that their eyes need scientific care, but most of the men are glad to avail themselves of this opportunity.

If you wish an examination of your eyes, the Aid Society will arrange it for you without cost.



IN ST. LOUIS

Dick Moore and Carl Draper were in St. Louis, December 5th with samples of toilet bowls and lavatories nicely mounted on display. The goods were being displayed to owners and architects with a view to securing the installation of our goods in a large new building.



TURKEY DINNER

Joe Mayhew of the Vitreous Ware plant had a Thanksgiving spread Wednesday, November 27th. He gave a turkey dinner at the plant at the noon hour, having for his guests the office force of that plant, the foremen and assistant foremen. The turkey and the good things that went with it proved very acceptable and was thoroughly enjoyed.

FOUR "PHATS"



"The Four Fat Men of the Picnic." Camera caught at annual picnic at Fairview Park, Sept. 14, 1929. Rick Roarick, Barney Marty, Frank Tompkins and F. M. Schreier.

Mistakes will happen. The "wisecrackers" say the man who never makes one never does anything, just a bump on a log, afraid to move or take the initiative in anything, while the main who makes the mistakes is the man who plows ahead and sets the pace. If mistakes will happen, the thing to do is to cultivate the habit of heading them off, and to make as few as possible. In an office or factory carry a question mark in your mind at all times. The person who does this gives mental analysis to everything he has to do. Anyone who follows this plan systematically will not be immune from mistakes but he will make fewer than the one who never seeks to satisfy himself as to to the right and wrong way to a thing.



LAST OF C. G. A.

The C. G. A. Club organized about three years ago by the girls in the Mueller organization, was forced to disband early in November. New ruling of the Athletic Association left the Club financially stranded, and the girls decided to give up the struggle for existence. One last party was held Nov. 6th in the form of a dinner and theater party.



GRADUATES FROM ADV. DEPT.

Loyelle Meador, daughter of Earl Meador of Dept. 15, helped in the advertising department early in November, during the mailing of the Mueller Records. After that she was given steady employment in the core department.



PAUL'S ON DISPLAY

Paul Jacka has taken up his new place of business in the east end of what was formerly the display room on the second floor of the office building.

EXERCISE AND BE HEALTHY

Last year many of us had some fun skating at the Mueller Heights. The lake is still there and the fish are down under the ice. Skating season is now open. So make your dates for skating at Mueller Heights. Outdoor exercise is of special value in the winter when we are too much shut up indoors.

The Gymnasium is at your service. Wednesday evening it is set aside for the women and they have their own physical director on the job.

Volley ball claims the floor on Tuesday and Thursday at five o'clock. Evenings are open for basketball games.

In this issue and others we have had more or less to say about maintaining good health. One of the best ways to do this is to get recreation. There is no better recreation than participation in an interesting game that you like to play. The hours spent in athletic recreation is not only pleasant but it builds you for health and good work.

The facilities are here. Let's use them.



AN EARLY RECORD

Burt Jackson Produces a Copy Printed in 1912

Burt Jackson has handed us a copy of the Mueller Record which appeared November 15, 1912. At this time it was published for the salesmen. It appears that there was a contest among the salesmen to see which could sell the most tapping machines. At that time the Caldwell team was in the lead. He had sold 189 machines against the Whitney team with a record of 145.

On page five is one of Henry Plate's cartoons. The drawing shows the leaders of the selling teams mounted on barrels and haranguing their brother salesmen to greater efforts. Mr. Plate could really draw cartoons.

The Canadian Plant at Sarnia was preparing to get into operation. O. B. Mueller had a hand in helping improve Sarnia's water supply.

The report of the Foremen's Club's meeting states: "The proceedings were marked by an earnest discussion of co-operation, economy and efficiency."

On the last page is a list of the salesmen, 34 in number. Among them are the following who are still with us: W. C. Heinrichs, T. F. Leary, R. H. Powers and W. B. Ford.

Last of all appear these two jokes:

Deceitful Appearance

"How fat and well your little boy looks."

"Ah, you should never judge from appearance. He's got a gumboil on one side of his face and he has been stung by a wasp on the other."

No Offence

She—"Pardon me for walking on your feet."

He—"Oh don't mention it. I walk on them myself, you know."

A STRAIN ON THE FAMILY TIE

Bill Has an Experience in Bookkeeping That Opens His Eyes

"Bill, do you keep account of your household expenses?" said one of those persons who is always giving advice to other people.

"No, what's the use? I wouldn't have any more money if I did know what I spent it for," replied Bill.

"Well try it and see."

Bill shook his head doubtfully, but that evening he did mention it to his wife.

She knew that it was no use trying to talk Bill into anything but she did get a blank book and kept the family expenses for a month. Then she classified them, showing how much had been spent for rent, food, clothing, furniture, recreation, fuel, and several other items.

That evening she said to Bill:

"How much do you suppose our groceries cost last month?"

"Oh, I don't know; thirty dollars, maybe."

"It was just \$47.82."

"You don't say! Why was it so high?" he asked.

"Well, you remember that you invited your Uncle Joshua and his family for Thanksgiving and you would have turkey and all the trimmings. That one dinner cost \$1.19 a plate and we could have gone to a good restaurant down town for a dollar or less."

"Well, how in the Sam Hill, do you know so much about all this?"

"I kept account last month, as well as I could, and I have some other surprises for you, too."

"All right, let's have them," replied Bill.

"I find that toilet articles and soap last months cost \$4.72."

"Do you mean to say that we spent so much for that kind of stuff in one month?"

"We did, for a fact."

"Well I know what the telephone bill was without keeping account. It was \$2.50."

"It was, but you have forgotten the telegram that you sent to Uncle Joshua and two telephone calls to Springfield; and that increased it \$1.05."

"You darn little bookkeeper, what didn't you find out about our affairs?"

"I do not know how much your tobacco cost, do you?"

"No," he admitted, "possibly ten cents a day."

"So you only have one ten-cent cigar a day?"

"Oh no, I smoke more than one cigar, and you can't get a good cigar for a nickel."

"Well at ten cents a day it would be \$3.00 a month, wouldn't it, Bill?" No answer. "I do not know how much it costs to run the car," she continued.

"The gas and oil for this month were about \$4.00. That isn't very much."

AT SKILLET LAKE



Memories of a pleasant outing in the Okaw bottoms during the C. G. A. girls' camping party last summer. Irene Santoney, Earl Eagleston, Grace Rhodes and Lucille C. Smith.

"But that is not the whole cost for running the car, and I don't believe it is half of it. Bill, let's find out. Let's keep some real books on our affairs and see where our money goes," pleaded Mrs. Bill.

"I don't have time to keep books at home. My job takes my time."

"Well, I will do it," but you must give me the figures for every thing you spend; and at the end of the month help me to classify them, and we will both learn something about our affairs."

And Bill, who was a good sport, agreed.

A further account of their adventures in family finances will appear in a later issue of the Mueller Record.



BIRTHS

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walton, Nov. 2nd, a daughter, Devonna Mae. Mr. Walton is a member of the night foundry force.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fleckenstein, Oct. 8th, a daughter, Agnes Mae. Mr. Fleckenstein is employed in Dept. 8.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Keil, Oct. 19th, a daughter, Carolyn Jean. Mr. Keil is our comptroller.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ridlen, Oct. 29th, a daughter, Helen Marie. Mr. Ridlen is a member of the pottery.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Reedy, Oct. 25th, a daughter, Suzanne Marie. Mr. Reedy is in the Engineering Dept.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fawney Powers, Oct. 16th, a son, Jack Lee. Mr. Powers is employed at the Pottery.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sampson, Oct. 11th, a son, Harold. Mr. Sampson is employed at the pottery.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clark, Oct. 9th, a son, John. Mr. Clark is in the Shipping Dept.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Butt, June 12th, a daughter, Beverly Joan. Mr. Butt is a member of the production control department.

SOME SURPRISING FIGURES

As Many Persons Killed in Homes as in Factories

We think of home as being the safest place in the world; and a machine shop as rather dangerous.

Statistics compiled by the National Safety Council for 1928 show that as many people were accidentally killed at home as were killed in factories. The total for each is 24,000.

It hardly seems possible that 24,000 people met violent death at home in the United States in the last year. But this is true.

Decatur papers, last week, reported two deaths which were caused by the carelessness of a woman who set a can of gasoline close to the stove where she was cooking. The gasoline caught fire. She died from burns and her three-year-old nephew lost his life in the fire which destroyed the house.

Carelessness such as this would not be tolerated in any factory. How often do we read of careless women who leave boiling water within the reach of small children; who leave poisons where children can get them; who leave them in the house alone—sometimes to perish there alone!

Of this 24,000 home fatalities, 8,000 were caused by falls, 5,400 by burns, 3,600 by gas and suffocation, 2,000 by poisons and 1,500 by fires. It appears from this list that the rickety-step-ladder, the shaky box on the chair, or the slippery cellar steps are very dangerous. Many injuries result from slipping when getting out of the bath tub.

And even more dangerous than the home or the factory is the street. Last year 27,500 persons were the victims of automobile accidents, 20,500 met violent deaths in public places, 7,500 were drowned, 2,700 were killed by railroads, 1,700 by guns, 1,500 in construction work and 3,600 in various public places.

These four classifications reach the staggering total of 96,000 who lost their lives in one year by accidents in the United States. This is about twice the fatalities suffered by the American Expeditionary Force in the World War.

In addition to all this were the thousands upon thousands of non-fatal accidents.

Nor do these figures take in account the money lost which is estimated to be in one year 3,250 million dollars, an average of \$250 for every man, woman and child.

When a new policy plan of work is introduced the right thing to do is to get behind it earnestly and whole-heartedly and help put it over. In all large organizations there is always a tendency to combat changes and innovations. One is apt to get "set" in his way. Having learned to do a thing and followed the course for many years, it is natural perhaps to resent anything that upsets rou-

MUELLER LEAGUE CHAMPS



The Majors, winners of the Mueller League Championship, 1929.

Left to Right, Standing: Jukes, Friend, Daniels, Bourner, Butler.

Seated: Allison, Porter, Roper, Captain; Hobbs, Manager; Cole and Day. Other members not shown in picture: Rambo and Flaughter.

The Majors won 10, lost 2.

time. While it is natural, it is not right. If followed through there would be no progress at all. We would accept as final any and everything we are accustomed to do. Our attitude would be that "there is only one way that the thing can be done." If we object to changes that upset routine and openly or tacitly oppose them, we are unfair. Any change that is wrong will fail. There is no quicker way to make it fail than to get behind it and demonstrate that in practice the thing is wrong.

ERNEST E. TEDFORD

Ernest E. Tedford of the Machine Shop, Dept. 30, died October 23rd of cancer of the lungs after an illness of four months. Mr. Tedford was born November 11, 1885, began work for the Mueller Co., February 26, 1917 in the Machine Shop. He left our service in July 18, 1923 to give his entire time to the manufacture of potato chips. He returned to work September 25, 1924, and has been with us since.

Mr. Tedford was a pleasant, quite capable worker who had the good will of his associates and the Company. He leaves his wife and daughter, Neola who is in High school.

Mr. Tedford was insured in our group insurance.

100% AMERICAN—90% BAD

A recent bulletin from the Life Extension Institute presents a cartoon with Uncle Sam sitting in a dentist's chair and the doctor making the statement which appears in our subject.

Better see the dentist and learn what your percent is. Let him help you to improve it. Once more we state that a man owes it to himself and to his job to get himself in a good physical condition and to stay that way.