

# MUELLER

## Christmastide

# RECORD



**C**HRISTMAS is coming with blessings untold:—  
Rarer than gifts o' silver or gold;  
Giving us happiness, hopefulness, HOPE,  
As in the darkness we stumble and grope;  
Giving us gifts o' contentment and cheer;—  
Setting us free from the bondage o' fear;  
Christmas is coming, and so, fellowmen,  
Here's wishing you all,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

—James Edward Hungerford

December 1930

## :: LONG LIST OF AWARDS ::

There are more names on the 1930 service list than in any time in the past, notwithstanding the fact that service awards do not accrue after July 1, 1930.

In the July issue of the Mueller Record the announcement was made of the program for discontinuing the service awards. All service awards are figured only to July 1st and the plan works out as follows:

An employe hired April, 1910 will at that date, July 1, 1930, have completed 20 years of service. One employed September, 1910, and is in continuous service July 1, 1930 will be allowed an accrued service award of 19½ years. The same would be true of any other period of continuous service up to 20 years. A person who has been in service 8 years by July 1, 1930, will have an accrued service award of three-fifths of \$66.67, or \$40.00, which will be paid to him in December, 1932, if he is in our service at that time. The same principle applies to the payment of accrued service awards for all terms of service up to and including 20 years. When the five-year period is up, if the employe is still in service, he will then receive the service award accrued to him up to July 1, 1930.

Service awards have been paid only upon the completion of a given period of service. The end of service for any reason before the expiration of that period has, of course, meant the forfeiture of the service award.

Thus it is seen that each year thru 1934 that there will be some service awards accrued to July 1st, 1930 to be paid at the end of a five-year period. The list for 1930 appears below:

### Service Awards Due December 31, 1930 (Accrued to July 1, 1930) Decatur Employes

Name	Years of Service	Amt of Award
C. A. Anderson	5	\$ 33.33
W. T. Auer	9½	60.00
Elmer Baker	14½	120.00
Roy Baker	4½	30.00
Jos. Baldridge	20	266.67
Erma Barth	4½	30.00
Arthur Bauer	5	33.33
J. G. Bauer	20	266.67
E. H. Beneze	5	33.33
A. L. Bethards	5	33.33
H. Blankenship	9½	60.00
Jack Bohm	5	33.33
Jas. Borders	10	66.67
I. L. Botts	5	33.33
C. C. Bourner	4½	30.00
Tom Bowman	4½	30.00
W. H. Bradley	5	33.33
Wm. Bridwell	4½	30.00
Carl Brown	5	33.33
Jos. Brown	4½	30.00
O. T. Brown	10	66.67
Alex Brule	4½	30.00
C. E. Burdick	4½	30.00
Daniel Burger	9½	60.00

Bert Butt	5	33.33
Geo. Butz	10	66.67
Wm. Cambridge	5	33.33
Smith Carder	10	66.67
A. Carroll	10	66.67
E. R. Cash	5	33.33
Richard Cash	4½	30.00
A. T. Christie	5	33.33
H. P. Clannin	5	33.33
Wallace Cochran	10	66.67
Geo. Collins	5	33.33
Lyle Corrington	5	33.33
Geo. Craig	4½	30.00
M. L. Cunningham	4½	30.00
Carlo Dana	19½	240.00
O. Dannewitz	5	33.33
Alva Davis	4½	30.00
Jas. Davis	10	66.67
Wm. Dennis	5	33.33
Jesse Ditty	10	66.67
W. Dougherty	10	66.67
Dunaway, Dan	10	66.67
J. M. Eckman	5	33.33
Lillie Embry	4½	30.00
G. England	5	33.33
H. E. Fairchild	10	66.67
R. Fleckenstein	10	66.67
Ethel Fogie	5	33.33
Wayne Fortney	4½	30.00
John Frye	5	33.33
M. Fullerlove	4½	30.00
Rex Funk	20	266.67
Wm. Gurry	10	66.67
S. R. Gepford	5	33.33
W. German	5	33.33
M. Girl	5	33.33
H. Glenn	19½	240.00
H. Gollabon	9½	60.00
A. W. Gordon	5	33.33
J. Grabenhofer	20	266.67
H. Gragg	10	66.67
John Haines	10	66.67
W. E. Hake	4½	30.00
Viola Hall	9½	60.00
H. Hanson	4½	30.00
Robt. Harper	4½	30.00
J. E. Hart	4½	30.00
Edgar Hartwig	4½	30.00
Harold Haug	4½	30.00
H. A. Henry	4½	30.00
Robt. Hill	5	33.33
H. Himstead	10	66.67
M. Hobbs	10	66.67
W. F. Howard	5	33.33
P. G. Jacka	5	33.33
H. Johnson	4½	30.00
Dorothy Jordan	4½	30.00
Orval Keller	4½	30.00
F. B. Keen	10	66.67
Carl Kierstein	4½	30.00
L. E. Kramer	10	66.67
Chas. Kuntz	19½	240.00
F. Landram	5	33.33
G. I. Lebo	4½	30.00
J. Leonard	5	33.33
J. M. Major	10	66.67

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## ONE MAN'S SUCCESS

Charles H. Markham died a few days ago in California. That statement carries no information except to his friends and acquaintances. When you know a little of his life, however, the story becomes of deep interest.

Here was a man born of immigrant parents. His schooling ended at the age of fourteen years. Born at Clarksville, Tenn., he moved with his parents to a small city in New York where he found employment in a small grocery store. At the age of 17 he came West with two companions to seek his fortune.

At Dodge City, Kansas, he entered the service of the Sante Fe railroad as a section hand. He held this humble position for several years and then gained a promotion to a clerical position which was a stepping stone to further minor executive positions.

The Southern Pacific took notice of his ability and he went with that road as superintendent for many years. He left this road to become president of the Gulf Oil Refining Co., and remained in this position for six years. It was then that he was called to the presidency of the Illinois Central, remaining in this position until made chairman of the board. As president of the Illinois Central his marked ability in developing that system to a high state of service and efficiency is a well known story to all railroad men and business men.

What an inspiration the life of this man should be to the young man of today.

Think of it. A lad quitting school at 14 years, beginning a life as a section man and ending as president and chairman of the board of one of the world's great railway systems. He fought a victorious battle against great odds and won. Despite his handicap of limited education he ended his career as a widely read, clear thinking man, and he wrote with vigor and logic and was a friend of men. In his success he did not scorn the base degrees by which he did arise.

Mr. Markham's success is only one of many which occur in American life, another instance of the fact that it is not always birth or education that counts.

It's the man—the man with vision, ambition and determination to win. The man who yields to no obstacle, or handicap but plunges ahead determined to win his goal.



Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year  
to All

## "IF WINTER COMES"

When the evening of Life draws on apace,  
And the road seems long and drear,  
And the sunbeams cease and the shades  
increase,  
And the Future is fraught with fear.

Thank God for the grip of a small firm hand,  
And the flash in a love-lit eye,  
And a heart that is warm in spite of the  
storm  
Which blots out the snow-filled sky.

Then "If Winter Comes", as come it will,  
(For its path too has been planned),  
We'll welcome the thrill of its snow and  
its chill,  
For we'll meet it with hand in hand.  
—Anonymous.



## MAKE YOUR RESOLUTIONS

### One Good Resolution for the New Year Is Safety

Time to make resolutions. There are two kinds of resolves—those you make to break and those you make to keep. The former being more easily lived up to are the most popular. One good sensible resolution observed throughout the year is worth a hundred of the other kind. There is one related to your every-day duties which every employe should make. This concerns the question of safety. We print safety articles, Mr. Langdon talks safety, and foremen urge it, but still we have accidents. Many of these could be averted by a little thoughtfulness and a little care. There is a hazard in any piece of machinery. It is in itself harmless but a machine cannot and does not think. When an operator places himself on an equality with a machine something is certain to happen. The one sure way to reduce accidents is to cultivate the thoughts of safety in your mind to the extent that it will unconsciously be there in everything you do. This can be accomplished with no special mental effort. When we all learn to think safety we will unconsciously measure every hazard associated with every bit of work. Then accidents will decrease to the minimum.

This safety habit should not be confined to your work only. Carry it with you in the home. Preach it to your family. Statistics just compiled show that more accidents happen in the home than in any other walk of life.

Let's make 1931 a safety year and a record year for absence of accidents.

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E. Mallernee.....	4½	30.00
H. Mansfield.....	5	33.33
L. Matthewson.....	5	33.33
Albert May.....	15	133.33
Arch Meador.....	5	33.33
Earl Meador.....	10	66.67
W. J. Michl.....	4½	30.00
Homer Miller.....	5	33.33
W. H. Moats.....	4½	30.00
Henry Morey.....	4½	30.00
Ed. Moore.....	10	66.67
H. A. Myers.....	5	33.33
W. M. McCarty.....	19½	240.00
E. McCauley.....	10	66.67
W. T. McClure.....	9½	60.00
T. E. McGill.....	4½	30.00
E. McQuality.....	10	66.67
Fred Nash.....	4½	30.00
Roy Neil.....	4½	30.00
Chas. Norman.....	5	33.33
E. O. Oakleaf.....	4½	30.00
Wm. Padrick.....	10	66.67
E. J. Pasley.....	4½	30.00
Geo. Patterson.....	15	133.33
Gus Pauschert.....	19½	240.00
T. A. Peifer.....	5	33.33
C. E. Pettus.....	4½	30.00
Claude Ping.....	4½	30.00
M. Pippin.....	20	266.67
N. Poole.....	4½	30.00
Chas. Portec.....	5	33.33
L. Redmond.....	4½	30.00
J. G. Reed.....	5	33.33
C. Reidleberger.....	5	33.33
Amos Reynolds.....	10	66.67
W. L. Rhodes.....	5	33.33
Marion Richards.....	5	33.33
Roscoe Ridlen.....	4½	30.00
J. Riewski.....	20	266.67
L. B. Ritchie.....	5	33.33
P. Rittenhouse.....	5	33.33
Fred Roarick.....	5	33.33
Carl Robb.....	5	33.33
L. W. Rollins.....	9½	60.00
Ruth Ross.....	4½	30.00
Troy Roush.....	5	33.33
Pauline Ryder.....	4½	30.00
Joe St. Pierre.....	5	33.33
V. L. Sampson.....	4½	30.00
E. T. Sanders.....	5	33.33
Frank Scholes.....	16	66.67
L. Schroeder.....	4½	30.00
Wm. Shockley.....	10	66.67
R. Slayback.....	10	66.67
Wm. Severe.....	4½	30.00
C. Shewmaker.....	5	33.33
C. T. Smith.....	10	66.67
John Smith.....	4½	30.00
I. H. Smith.....	5	30.00
T. P. Smith.....	4½	30.00
Thos. Snyder.....	10	66.67
J. W. Spawr.....	4½	30.00
Fred Stephens.....	5	33.33
E. C. Stille.....	10	66.67
C. W. Stogsdill.....	5	33.33
Goldie Stollard.....	10	66.67
L. R. Stout.....	5	33.33
W. B. Tarr.....	10	66.67

Monroe Tate.....	10	66.67
Oscar Taylor.....	10	66.67
Chas. Tilton.....	10	66.67
J. L. Tippitt.....	9½	60.00
Roy Toole.....	5	33.33
C. A. Treloggen.....	5	33.33
Wilbur Trotter.....	10	66.67
D. B. Truett.....	5	33.33
Chas. Tucker.....	10	66.67
C. T. Utt.....	4½	30.00
H. Vandervort.....	9½	60.00
R. Vandervort.....	9½	60.00
Hazel Virden.....	4½	30.00
E. Waddell.....	10	66.67
Frank Walker.....	4½	30.00
O. E. Walker.....	9½	60.00
Wm. Wall.....	15	133.33
A. A. Warren.....	10	66.67
Dave Washburn.....	20	266.67
N. Washburn.....	4½	30.00
Lucile Watkins.....	5	33.33
Geo. Webber.....	20	266.67
Margaret Whalen.....	4½	30.00
Louise Whitehead.....	5	33.33
Mary Wilkins.....	4½	30.00
Frank Williams.....	10	66.67
Cora Wisnasky.....	5	33.33
E. Wombacher.....	4½	30.00
F. L. Wyant.....	9½	60.00
Carl Yonker.....	5	33.33
Ancil Younger.....	5	33.33

Salesmen and Branch Houses

Decatur Branch

Name	Years of Service	Amt. of Award
P. L. Bean.....	15	\$133.33
R. V. Benton.....	10	66.67
Thos. Gaither.....	4½	30.00
Paul Hines.....	10	66.67
F. A. Huntley.....	4½	30.00
Otto Sharlock.....	15	133.33
G. F. Sullivan.....	15	133.33
Geo. White.....	9½	60.00

New York Branch

H. A. Probst.....	10	66.67
A. A. Rice.....	20	266.67

Atlanta Branch

F. E. Carroll.....	5	33.33
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San Francisco Branch

S. E. Chapman.....	5	33.33
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The plan of paying service awards has required that the employee be in service at the time the award is made in December. This year, however, a number of men who have earned their service awards have ben layed off. The Board of Directors, however, have, byb special resolution, allowed the service awards already earned before the time of lay-off to be paid as though the men were working here.

Employees Laid Off Who Have Earned Service Awards

Name	Years of Service	Amt. of Award
Noah Beck.....	4½	\$30.00
H. Bevenuto.....	10	66.67
E. J. Doolin.....	5	33.33
J. H. Ellison.....	5	33.33



E. F. Hill.....	10	66.67
Chas. Hector.....	4½	30.00
C. E. Horn.....	4½	30.00
J. A. Johnston.....	5	33.33
August Kelch.....	5	33.33
Wes Lake.....	5	33.33
Albert Masters.....	5	33.33
H. E. Metzger.....	5	33.33
Geo. Moore.....	10	66.67
Wm. Ratliff.....	4½	30.00
Teddy Richard.....	4½	30.00
A. H. Roper.....	5	33.33
Helen Stoker.....	5	33.33
H. H. Weikle.....	5	33.33
Geo. Whitney.....	5	33.33
F. J. Moran.....	4½	30.00

The men who were retired last June and a few others have in cases of service emergency been allowed the service award in advance of the annual date of award in December. This list follows:

**Awards Paid in Advance**

Name	Years of Service	Amt. of Award
Frank Albright.....	5	\$ 33.33
Wm. Andrews.....	5	33.33
Burl Dial.....	4½	30.00
Wm. Doyle.....	19½	240.00
O. D. Friend.....	10	66.67
Chas. Meador.....	20	266.67
Earl Myers.....	5	33.33
W. J. Wallen.....	10	66.67
S. L. Walters.....	5	33.35
Wm. E. Davis.....	9½	60.00
W. T. Lemmon.....	20	266.67
Ezra McDaniel.....	20	266.67
Kelley Morgan.....	20	266.67
J. L. Parker.....	9½	60.00

These lists have been carefully compiled and the Employment Department believe them to be correct. They are published now to give time to make corrections if any should be necessary.

The service emblems will accompany checks when they are distributed.

The following employees are entitled to emblems for interrupted service.

**Interrupted Service**

The annual meeting for distribution of service emblems, awards, and suggestion prizes will be held in the Mueller gymnasium Friday, Dec. 19th, at 7:30 P. M. All concerned are expected to be present.

Five more long service men were retired Dec. first. This brings the present total to forty. The terms of service for the men in the December list varies from 18 to 31 years.

**List of Interrupted Service Employees Button Only**

Name	Yrs.	Geo. A. Hill.....	5
		Opal Jackson.....	5
Chas. Adams.....	20	Jesse Jones.....	5
W. L. Adams.....	5	Jesse Keon.....	5
Ira Auer.....	5	(Salesman).....	15
H. Bashor.....	5	F. W. LeHew.....	15
E. E. Blan.....	5	Alva March.....	10
H. Blankenship.....	20	Elbert Meece, Sr.....	25

Walter Bowan.....	5	A. C. Metzger.....	10
Chas. Cole.....	10	Henry Morey.....	5
Eldred Conners.....	5	Chas. Murray.....	5
Fern Davey.....	5	L. E. Runion.....	10
Dennis Doolen.....	5	Chas. Sanders.....	10
Donald Ferry.....	5	Bruce Sattley.....	5
Lloyd Flanders.....	10	John Schifferd.....	15
Mike Fleckenstein.....	20	W. S. Smith.....	25
Ollie Fortschneid.....	5	M. H. Stratman.....	10
er.....	5	Harlan Waddell.....	5
J. E. Foster.....	5	Walter Walls.....	15
Wm. Furry.....	15	A. A. Warren.....	20
E. F. Harris.....	20	Adam C. Welch.....	5
Robt. H. Harris.....	5	H. A. Wilkins.....	20

**List of Continuous Service Employees 25 Years; Button Only**

Name	Yrs.	P. D. Ruthrauff.....	25
C. O. Foster.....	25	Fred Schliff.....	25
J. W. Layman.....	25	Frank Smith.....	25
G. Leipski.....	25	G. Teike.....	25
L. F. McKibben.....	25	J. M. Wilkins.....	25

**BIRTHS**

Father, Floyd Landrum, Dept. 300; baby, Floyd Richardson, born Nov. 12th.

Mack Dennison, Plant 3; Mary Ellen, born Nov. 30th.

Dewey Tripp, Iron Foundry; Donald Oliver, Aug. 31st.

John Hollingshead, Polishing Dept.; Robert Eugene, Oct. 8th.

Eugene Beneze, Polishing Dept.; Anna Belle, Oct. 28th.

E. H. Ray, Plant 3; Wanda Joan, Oct. 10th.

Bruce Pugh, Plant 3; Wilma Alene, Oct. 5th.

Wm. Stockton, Plant 3; twins, Barbara Ann, Beberly Lee, Sept. 18th.

**TEETH AND EYES**

A number of men and some of the women have taken advantage of part time work and are having dental work done and glasses fitted. The Employees Aid Society continues to give assistance to members who have work of this kind done. Slowly we are learning that it is better to take care of our teeth, eyes and our general health than to neglect them and suffer danger. The Health Department is at your service.

**SIX STILL STICK**

There are six apprentices who continue faithfully to keep up their study courses. Effort so spent will eventually be well repaid.

There have been a number of other young men who expressed themselves as eager to take apprentice courses suitable to their trades, but who got tired of study and quit. It is keeping everlastingly at it that brings the desired results.

While the plant was closed down over Thanksgiving until the following Monday, there was considerable activity in various departments to the work of taking inventory.

## BOWLING

## The Kitty League Composed of Mueller Men Now Fighting for Championship

Bowling is popular in Decatur this year and Mueller employes are right in the swim with their own league of four teams. It's known as the "Kitty League" but individual team names seems to indicate that it has passed the "Kitty" and reached the "Catty" stage. The league got under way October 14th and the standing November 1st was:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Black Cats.....	14	4	.729
Tom Cats.....	8	10	.643
Crazy Cats.....	8	10	.641
Wild Cats.....	6	12	.648

The personnel of the four teams is as follows:

Black Cats	Tom Cats
C. C. Roarick (Capt.)	Langley, (Capt.)
Lusk	Bruso
Fortschneider	Reedy
Mills	Curry
Morenz	Cheetham
Leipski	Fairchild
Crazy Cats	Wild Cats
Morrison, (Capt.)	Walker, (Capt.)
Skelly	Alberts
Galka	Krag
Behrns	March
Schwartz	Whitaker
C. F. Roarick	Taylor

## High Average Men

Avg.		Avg.	
C. C. Roarick.....	174	Behrns.....	145
Morenz.....	162	Fairchild.....	144
Krag.....	149	Reedy.....	142
Alberts.....	148	Mills.....	140
Walker.....	145	Galka.....	136

## High Games to Nov. 24

Walker.....	239	Fairchild.....	205
Alberts.....	219	Morenz.....	202
Roarick.....	210	Krag.....	197

Games are played at the Decatur Bowling Parlors each Tuesday at 8 p. m.

## HARD WORK

Two men met in the street one day.

"Hullo, Bill," said one, "I have not seen you for weeks! But what's wrong?" You're lookin' seedy. Been ill?"

The other passed his hand across his brow. "No, I ain't been ill," he replied; "it's work what's doin' the harm—work from eight in the mornin' till six at night, and only one hour off, think of it!"

"Awful!" agreed the first. "And how long have you been there?"

"I ain't been there yet," explained Bill, gloomily; "begin tomorrow."

Mueller Minstrel at Gym

Date, Dec. 13. Admission 10c.

Reserved Seats 10c Extra

Don't miss it.

## THINK AHEAD



Christmas is a time to which we all look forward, even if it does shrink the bank account. Opening the heart and the pocket-book for those we love and for those less fortunate than ourselves brings a real feeling of happiness.

Lack of money will spoil a Christmas; everyone will admit that it is the hardest time of the year to be broke. But money alone won't make a Christmas as many a rich man has found out.

One of the most important things for a merry Christmas is having the whole family safe and sound and able to enjoy the day's celebration. That is one of the rewards of working safely; it ought to be sufficient compensation for being careful when the unsafe way looked quicker and easier.

When you feel like taking dangerous shortcuts during the coming year, just think of Christmas, 1931.

## PLANT NO. 3 NOTES

Mack Dennison, kiln fireman at Plant No. 3, has been going around with an unusually broad smile on his face. Upon a great deal of investigation we are happy to learn that a new baby girl, weighing 8¾ pounds, arrived at Mack's house the other day. The baby has been named Mary Ellen; she is the fourth child—the more the merrier. Mack and his family have our best wishes.

We are glad to inform you at this time that the water tank at Plant No. 3 is not solid silver. It is just a new overcoat of light gray paint which was recently put on. We are real proud of this tank as it can be seen for miles around and has caught the eye of many passing motorists.

We are also glad to report that we have had our "vital spots" sign brightened up in a very attractive way. The work was done by Mr. Carlo Donaha, Mueller painter.

## AMERICAN MINSTRELS

## Brief History of a Form of Entertainment Which We Are Helping Keep Alive

In connection with the minstrel show to be given at the gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 13th, a brief history of this form of entertainment is of interest. F. D. Powers, of Plant 3 provides the following very interesting sketch.

Little is known about the real birth place of the American Minstrel or of its origin.

Tradition tells us that as early as the early part of the nineteenth century negro slaves on the southern cotton plantations would, after their day's work, join together in their merry-making with songs, many of which were of their own composition, and dancing to the music of such instruments as could be devised by their own hands, generally the five stringed banjo, tambourines and bones. Many people failed to see the humorous side of the lives of these colored people at that time. Especially was this true with those who were with them most of the day either in the cotton fields or in their homes as house servants.

## The First Troupe

However, such humor could not be overlooked by all. Thomas D. Rice, Southern Plantation owner, organized some of his slaves into what was to be known as "Rice's Minstrels." (The word "Minstrel" being adopted from the Egyptians meaning entertainers). He selected a group of fifteen colored men who could sing, dance and play their instruments well. He then traveled from town to town, but met with little success. He then re-organized his group, this time in a new and entirely different arrangement. His fifteen men were always seated in a semi-circle, placing himself as middle man, known later as the interlocutor. The two men on each end were to be the main outstanding characters with a cross-fire of jokes and conundrums. These men were provided with the customary bones and tambourines.

## Follow English Taste

Even with this arrangement and their humorous jokes the American people would not accept it as good comedy. At that time very few plays and comedies were successful that originated in this country unless they were first introduced in England, and if they were accepted in England the American people gladly made them a feature on the American stage. Thomas D. Rice soon realized this and immediately sailed with his colored troupe for England. Here they were acclaimed as the greatest comedy of the time.

After several successful months in England this merry-making troupe of colored people sailed back to America to stage their first successful show in Virginia in 1843. At once the American people, having learned of their success in England, filled the Colonial show houses to their fullest capacity and

accepted these colored entertainers as a feature for the American stage. The style in which these minstrel shows were presented then has remained very much the same ever since.

## White Imitators

Editor's Note:—The theatrical profession recognized this type of entertainment as profitable and troupes composed of white men were organized. They extended the scope of American minstrelsy, introducing specialty artists of all kinds, such as trapeze and horizontal bar performers, soft shoe dancing, musical acts, slight of hand and what not. Some of the noted names in this line of entertainment were Jack Havorly, Billy Emmerson, Hi Henry, McIntyre & Heath, Barloy, Wilson, Primrose and West and scores of others. The public grew to like the imitation negro minstrel better than the real article and any good minstrel company was always sure of a packed house.

Now this form of entertainment is practically lost to the American public. Along with the actors and actresses of the legitimate spoken drama they have been backed off the board by moving pictures until now they are mostly a memory.

## MINSTREL SHOW RECEIPTS

## Money Realized to Go Into a Special Relief Fund

As announced elsewhere, the Mueller Athletic Club will give a minstrel show at the gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, December 13th. The admission is only 10 cents.

The management of this affair has decided that the receipts shall be turned over to a special relief fund under the direction of E. H. Langdon. This gives an added incentive to attend this entertainment. You'll enjoy your fellow workers in black face specialties and repartee and you will be contributing a dime to a worthy cause. There is a long, hard winter ahead and there will be relief work todo.

Let's all help. Buy tickets for the minstrel show.

If you can't get a laugh out of Adolph and Bert Jackson, you have no funny bone.

## IN THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller accompanied by their son, Ebert, leave December 14th for a trip to the Pacific Coast. It's largely a business trip. Mr. Robert and Ebert will visit the San Francisco and Los Angeles branch and ascertain the outlook for 1931. The party will return by the Southern route in order to visit the Dallas branch with the same purpose in view.

## SPLENDID RECORD

Alva Moats of Dept. 300 began work for the Mueller Co., October, 1926, and has never missed a day's work since that time nor has he been late once. Congratulations, Alva.



### FACTORY REARRANGEMENT

Rearrangement of various factory departments to secure greater efficiency in production of goods is still in progress. At this time some very important changes are in progress or are included in the contemplated plan of rearrangement.

The tool making, tool grinding and machine maintenance department is to be located in building 1153 at the north end of the old brass shop.

A complete rearrangement is being made of the compression machinery to secure better operating results. The machinery for making traps is to be combined with the compression machinery.

The nickel plating department is being moved into building 1157 to the space formerly occupied by Ray Sailsbery.

The garage is to be moved into the building now occupied by the receiving dept.

The punch press department will be divided and the machines will be distributed to departments to which they belong.

The receiving department, purchased stock department and box making department will be where punch press and drop dept. was formerly located.

The assembling department, color buffing

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### THREE GENERATIONS



Meet three generations of the Grabenhofer family. Make your own selection of the best looking and most popular but we advise that the family votes for the grandson. Those present on this occasion are Julius, Jr., of Staley Co., Julius, Sr., of our tool room and grandson Robert.

### 1930 PRIZE SUGGESTIONS

#### Committee Completes Work and Announces the Winners

The committee passing upon suggestions made during the past year has completed their work. This committee was composed of George Haley, chairman; C. F. Roarick, M. H. Stratman, Frank Taylor, J. A. Richardson, C. W. Hathaway, Emmet Reedy and W. T. Auer.

There was a total of 314 suggestions and each of these was given careful scrutiny and impartial consideration with the result that the committee has announced the following prize winners. The successful contestants will receive their checks at the employees meeting on the evening of Dec. 19th. The following are the winners of the principal prizes:

#### Safety Suggestion

First prize, Henry Morey.....	\$100.00
Second prize, Joe Roulean.....	60.00
Third prize, W. E. Lewis.....	40.00
Fourth prize, J. C. Gray.....	25.00
Fifth prize, E. L. Rankins.....	15.00
Sixth prize, C. D. Kelly.....	10.00

#### Increased Production

First Prize, C. M. Guard.....	\$100.00
Second prize, Leo Wiant.....	60.00
Third prize, Joe Brady.....	40.00
Fourth prize, W. W. Adams.....	25.00
Fifth Prize, C. T. Utt.....	15.00
Sixth prize, G. A. Hodges.....	10.00

#### Reduced Overhead

First prize, Charles Johnson.....	\$100.00
Second prize, Abner Shirk.....	60.00
Third prize, George Morris.....	40.00
Fourth prize, Joe Roulean.....	25.00
Fifth prize, Marshall Hobbs.....	15.00
Sixth prize, L. B. McKinney.....	10.00

#### Five Dollar Prizes, 1930

W. W. Adams, Dept. 50; Wm. Brady, Dept. 70; R. R. Burris, Dept. 350; Garlin L. Buck, Dept. 350; John Curry, Dept. 38; Mervel Curry, Dept. 38; R. K. Duncan, Dept. 29; Marshall Hobbs, Dept. 38; L. Kramer, Dept. 90; John Leonard, Dept. 16; Matt. Like, Dept. 95; L. B. McKinney, Dept. 80; Lawrence Olsen, Dept. 161; Roy Pease, Dept. 16; F. D. Powers, Dept. 350. 2 prizes; Joe Roulean, Dept. 230; Pauline Ryder, Dept. 38; Cecil Short, Dept. 300; Wm. Tarr, Dept. 38; Dewey Tripp, Dept. 230; Dorothea Uhl, Dept. 38; C. T. Utt, Dept. 33, four prizes; J. B. Van Bellehem, Dept. 41; Leo Wiant, Dept. 41; Milo Wright, Dept. 21; G. J. Yonker, Office.

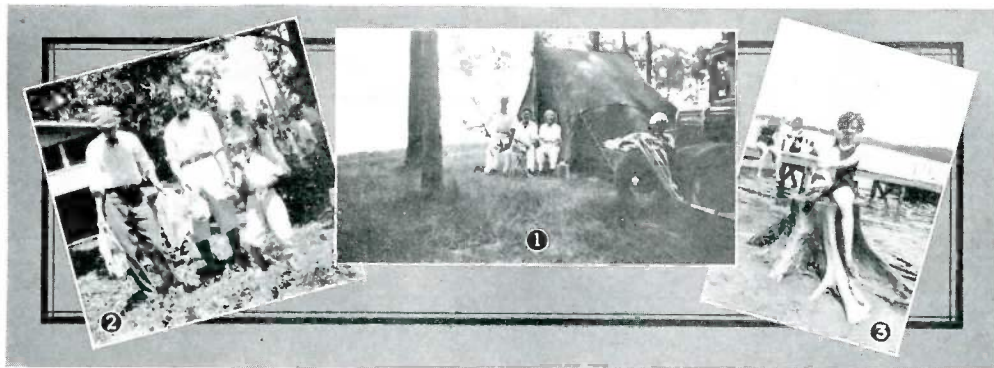


#### SEND IN THE NEWS

The Record is published to circulate inside news. We want and need items of personal character as well as news of what is going on in the factory. Send your news items to the Record.



## THE CAMERA CLUB



The subject for November was "Vacation" pictures, and although quite a number of pictures were submitted which were equally good from a photographic standpoint, the three pictures illustrated above were selected by Mr. Seitz of Seitz Studio as being the three most expressive of a vacation.

The first prize was awarded to Helen Pope for her picture taken at Eagle Lake, Michigan, while on a camping trip.

Second prize went to Margaret Marcott for picture taken of some very choice fish which were caught at the Homewood Fishing Club.

Third prize went to Marian Richards for picture of Eloise Dickson taken at Faries Park.

The subject for December will be "Homes" and the January subject will be "Interiors."



## OPENS TEA ROOM

Mrs. Ella Rost, formerly in charge of our Cafeteria, has opened a tea room in the old residence of W. C. Armstrong on West Prairie avenue. She has named it Louie and is assisted by her son, Louis, who formerly assisted in our cafeteria. The many friends of Mrs. Rost in this organization wish her success.



## THE RIGHT PLACE

At noonday lunch, several of the girls were discussing the merits of their husbands and their habits at home, when the conversation turned to making the morning fire.

"My hubby goes down to the furnace in his pajamas in the morning," said Corinne.

"Does he make a fire in his pajamas?" asked Helen.

"Oh, no," answered Corinne innocently, "he makes it in the furnace."



## Stratman-Nolan

Oscar Stratman of the Pattern Making Dept., and Gladys Nolan were married in Decatur, Nov. 5th. Their address is R. F. D. No. 7.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

## An Industry in State of Washington Which Calls for Protection

Where do the Christmas trees come from? Just where Santa Claus comes from—snow land.

The pine woods of the great North, Northwest and Northeast provide the supply. Santa Claus does not have time to look after this part of his job, so men, women and children have to heave to and help him out.

Some of the trees come from away up in Michigan and Wisconsin. They are brought down to Chicago and other big centers. Maine helps out in the East, and Washington in the far West. In the latter state it has become a big industry. Last year a million and a half Christmas trees were shipped out of the state of Washington. They came from there in 350 freight cars, in ship load after ship load and even by motor truck. These trees were sent to all parts of the United States, Philippine Island, Hawaii and other distant lands, where Christmas trees do not grow.

The trees vary in height from two feet to 20 feet. They are cut, tied in bales and protected as far as possible against breakage or damage in transit. The work of cutting the trees begins about Thanksgiving and continues up to a few days preceding Christmas.

The industry has become so important that it called for protective legislation. The state still owns a great deal of land on which these trees grow and penalties are imposed to protect them from poachers, also protecting private ownership for depredations.

Steps are also being taken to protect trees for future cuttings. Careful surveys and development of plans to this end are being made. While an acre of ground may be heavily forested it is found that it provides only about 300 trees suitable for Christmas purposes because of commercial demands for trees of certain height, symmetry, and general formation.

### MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The wives of the foremen held their monthly social meeting for September on Thursday, the 25th, at the Mueller Athletic Club. Mrs. W. S. Enloe was hostess. At this meeting it was voted to call the club "Mueller Social Club," which was the name suggested by Mrs. J. A. Richardson.

Mrs. M. W. Trott was elected president, and Mrs. H. C. Cameron was appointed chairman of the Flower Committee.

It was also decided to hold the regular monthly meeting on the last Thursday in each month.

On October 30th, the October meeting was held at the Athletic Club with Mrs. F. A. March acting as hostess. A Halloween program consisting of games and stunts was presented.

On account of Thanksgiving coming on the last Thursday of November, the meeting was held on the 20th. Mrs. O. C. Draper was hostess.

There were 26 present. Games were played, and Mrs. W. R. Gustin was winner of the attendance prize.

Mrs. Roy Whitaker will be chairman of the December meeting which will be held on December 18th, in as much as the last Thursday falls on Christmas. A grab bag will be a feature of the meeting, and all members are asked to bring a gift not to cost over twenty-five cents, for this bag. All wives of foremen who are interested are urged to attend. Those desiring to go who are without means of transportation should get in touch with Mrs. Whitaker.



### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The annual Christmas gift to employes will be the same as in the past—a ham and a slab of bacon. A more sensible or practical gift could not be given. The person who carries home a ham and slab of bacon has more than a meal for a day. There are several good meals in this gift and there are various ways in which the meat can be served.

What's better than ham and eggs, anyway.

Those who do not want ham and bacon may subscribe for magazines at special rates and a credit of three dollars.

This too, is an exceptionally fine offer to those who enjoy current literature.

Those who take more than the \$3.00 credit allowed by the company have still an advantage of getting their magazines at special low price.



### FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT

Martin Van Buren was the first president of the United States who had not been born a British subject.

### INDIGESTION

By C. O. Sappington, M. D.

(Director, Industrial Health Division, National Safety Council).

Indigestion is not a disease, but a series of complaints which are registered by the digestive apparatus. Nature protests when improper food is taken, or when it is taken in the wrong way or when some part of the digestive system is so diseased that it prevents the normal reception, digestion and assimilation of good food.

Of course, the kind of food and its preparation is important. Even when good food is improperly prepared or poorly served, indigestion may follow.

The way in which one eats is also of equal importance. When the noonday meal is eaten rapidly, say in seven minutes at a lunch counter, it means that the eater is preparing the way for digestive upsets and perhaps disease later in life. According to the "Ohio Health News," seven-minute eaters rarely reach seventy years of age.

Nervous and mental excitement is a frequent factor in the causing of indigestion. It is better not to eat at all or to eat just a small amount, than to try to eat a full meal, when in a hurry or when emotionally disturbed.

As far as real disease of the digestive tract is concerned, there is evidence available that indicates that the stomach is diseased in less than twenty per cent of people who experience indigestion. This would place the responsibility either upon improper eating habits, improperly-prepared food, or improper food.

Nevertheless the day is past for guessing what is happening in the digestive apparatus when the patient has indigestion. What should be done is to take a good examination if the difficulty exists for an unreasonable length of time.

A few suggestions may help:

1. Find out what foods agree with you and restrict your diet to these.
2. Eat your meals with someone else if possible; be sociable, talk and laugh a lot and see that the surroundings are pleasant.
3. Eat enough to partially satisfy your hunger, but don't stuff yourself.
4. Eat dairy products and fresh vegetables and fruits at least once a day.
5. It is a whole lot better to go without a meal entirely than to eat when you are depressed or worried.
6. Drink water or other liquids with your meals, but do not wash the food down.
7. Have regular times for your meals and see that you fulfill these important appointments.



### LOW POINT

The lowest point of dry land is the shore of the Dead Sea in Palestine, 1290 feet below sea level.

**MOVING DEPARTMENTS ARE TAKING INVENTORY AT SAME TIME**

Although the plumbing goods division is being laid out on a new plan described elsewhere in this issue, the annual inventory in charge of Superintendent Roarick and Production Manager Sailsbery was carried through in record time this year. The force completed the annual physical inventory between Thursday and Monday. The shops resumed work on Monday morning without any inconvenience.



**ARMISTICE DAY NOT FORGOTTEN**

Armistice day was not forgotten. Acting on a bulletin issued by L. W. Mueller, works manager, the whistle was blown promptly at 11 a. m., when every employe stopped work and stood facing the east for one minute. No doubt in every mind there was a memory of that day 12 years ago when the order "cease firing" was passed from division to division, and the great world war ended.

Wild, hysterical demonstrations broke forth throughout the world and were kept up all day long.

It was not necessary on that day to issue formal instructions not to work.

Everyone quit by unanimous consent to join in the demonstration of joy over the end of the war.



**Decatur's Chrysanthemum Show**

A number of Mueller people were among the eight thousand who visited the chrysanthemum show at the Y. M. C. A. Annex on Sunday, Nov. 16th. In addition to the thousands of chrysanthemums of all sizes and colors, there were little gardens and big ones, garden furniture, trays for invalids, shadow box pictures, and tables decorated for various occasions, such as bridge luncheon, child's birthday party, spring luncheon, breakfast and dinner. Mrs. Robert Mueller had a table set for Thanksgiving dinner which was especially charming and attractive and brought many favorable comments from the crowd.



**SKATING**

The boys enjoyed the first skating of the season at the Thanksgiving holidays. This is not unusual, but it is rare. The temperature of 7 degrees recorded on Wednesday night preceding Thanksgiving was the lowest known in twenty years according to the local weather record. The skating was not confined to low, flat places on the prairies or on roadside puddles, but the lake at Fairview was an attractive sheet of ice.



C. F. Roarick, G. S. Haley and George Krag were at the Sarnia plant on business several days last month.

Helen Brannan took a two weeks' vacation early in November and visited friends at Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis.

**BASKET BALL**

Mueller A. C. Basketball team opened their home season on Friday, Nov. 28th when they met the Pana Zippers in a good game that was a close one all the way through. Mueller A. C. was victorious by a score of 30-25. Their play was featured by good defensive work by the Keller brothers and Ted Anderson lead in the scoring with 16 points.

Following is the box score:

**Pana Zippers**

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
H. Hawkins, f.....	2	0	4
B. Hawkins, f.....	0	0	0
Johnson, f.....	4	1	9
Vincent.....	1	2	4
Crow, g.....	1	2	4
Evans, g.....	1	2	4
Totals.....	10	8	25

**Muellers A. C.**

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Poole, f.....	1	0	2
Hansen, f.....	1	1	3
Taylor, f.....	1	1	3
G. Anderson, c.....	7	2	16
C. Keller, g.....	2	0	4
I. Keller, g.....	1	0	2
Totals.....	13	4	30



**FOR HOLIDAYS**

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Schluter at Greenwich, Conn. Mr. Adolph will combine business by visiting the New York branch, getting a line on the present situation and the prospects for the New Year. We are all hoping that the prospects will be so many and so big that he will not be able to count them.



**POPULAR UMBRELLA**

It has been said that on rainy days, Irene Santanen's umbrella has a capacity for keeping an alarming number of persons dry. Of course, Irene isn't very large, and the umbrella is of fairly good size, but the young men who have found shelter beneath it aren't noted for their miniature size. Which makes us wonder whether the young men who walk beneath the umbrella keep as dry as they insist they do.



**AN OCCASIONAL VISITOR**

W. G. Cranston is an occasional visitor to the office and factory. Bill says he is growing stronger and feeling better all the time and hopes that ere long he will be back in the gym handling the athletic activities. His numerous friends will be pleased to know of his progress toward a hoped for complete recovery.



## CHRISTMAS TIME

Minstrels Performance, Service Awards,  
Children's Party and Other Events

And again we are going to meet Santa Claus. There will be much merriment for old and young. The committees have been at work for weeks and the plans they have made are now assuming shape with promise of a lively time beginning on Saturday evening, December 13th, with the minstrel performance at the gym. (See elsewhere in this issue).

The first event will be the annual meeting of Mueller Employees at the Gym Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m., when the service awards will be made. The list of those who will be honored on this occasion will be found on another page. There will be an address by Adolph Mueller, presentation of service buttons and awards, prizes for accepted suggestions and other presents to various officers in the organization.

Children's party Saturday, December 20th at 2 p. m. in the Mueller Gym. This is going to be a big time for the little folks.

The program will consist of dances by the girls of Miss Van Dyke's class, moving pictures, games and a Christmas treat.

Wednesday, December 24th, presents to employees will be distributed at the different plants. The presents consists of a ham and slab of bacon or \$3 in subscriptions to any desired periodical.

Make your plans to attend these various events. Let the Christmas spirit prevail.

## TRUCK DRIVERS' CONTEST

Claude Ping, truck dispatcher and all Mueller truck drivers are pleased and elated by their standing in the Commercial Drivers Safety contest. The last report is for October. The three leaders are:

A. E. Staley Co.—2665 truck miles.

Mueller Co.—2274 truck miles.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—2084 truck miles.

None of the drivers for these companies had a single accident. The standing is determined by the number of truck miles driven. Dispatcher Ping and his crews are diligently working to maintain this no-accident record for the remainder of the period.

This contest has been conducted in Decatur for the past two years. It has had a good influence in promoting careful and cautious driving habits.

## THE GIRLS

The girls bowling team went on the rocks. Somebody rocked the boat. Quite a few of the girls are still bowling as individuals or as members of other teams but they no longer assemble under the Mueller colors.

Mueller Minstrel at Gym  
Date, Dec. 13. Admission 10c.  
Reserved Seats 10c Extra  
Don't miss it.

## SPRING ELECTIONS

Candidates Are Already in the Field for  
Mayor and Commissioner

Like it or not, the election is over which brings to mind that in the spring we will have an election for mayor and city commissioners. This does not have the importance of a national election, but it does possess tremendous importance to Decatur residents. Just remember that the men elected will spend your money and in these times we need men who will spend the money judiciously and for the best interests of this whole city and its residents. The daily papers are already discussing candidates. It's worth your while to keep posted and study the men aspiring to be your local representatives. The selection of the candidates at the primary is what concerns you. The successful candidates for nomination will in all likelihood be the men who comprise the city council. Keep posted on the developments as they unfold themselves between this and primary day. As an individual, this election is just as important to you as the late national election. In fact it is more so because it touches directly your personal affairs and your pocket book.

## THE FIRST SNOW

As a matter of record, the fact is printed that the first snow of any consequence fell on Tuesday, November 22. Prior to that, there had been a flurry or two but not sufficient to cover the ground.

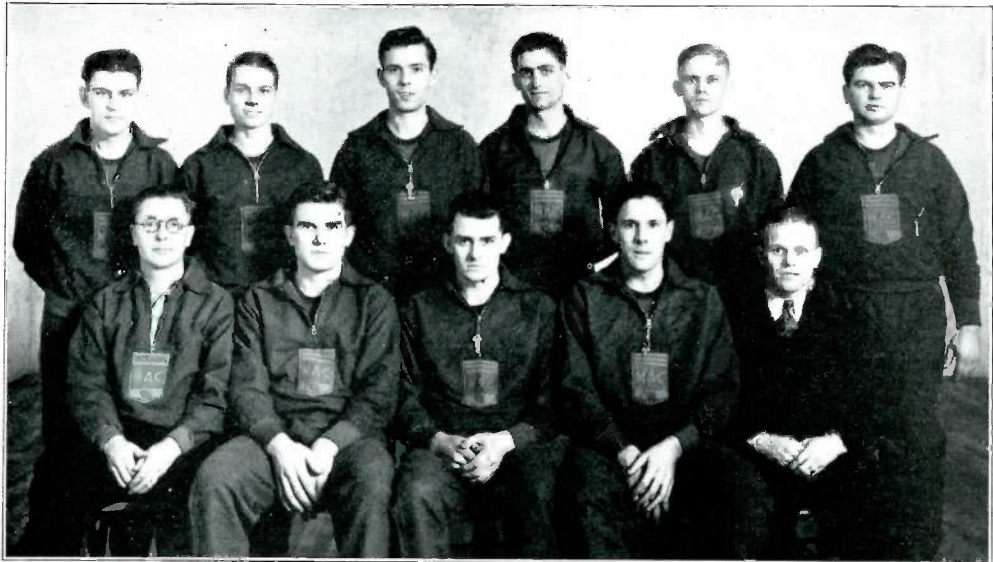
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## JUST KIDS



This attractive snapshot has been greatly admired because of its child-like naturalness. The little tots did not know their picture was being "took" and consequently there was no self-conscious pose. The subjects are Richard Enger Probst, son of Mr. Harold Probst and Delsia Marian Probst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Probst.

**:: MUELLER BASKET BALL TEAM ::**



Seated, left to right: J. E. Hart, manager; Clint Keller, Halden Hanson, Ted Anderson, Frank Smith.  
 Standing: Dean Butler, George Anderson, Buck Poole, Earl Lowe, Hank Stratman and Irvin Keller.

Our company is represented in the Y. M. C. A. Industrial Basketball League, whose season is now well under way. In the games played we have won one and lost two. The record to date is:

- Nov. 5—Mueller 22; Cash, 18.
- Nov. 10—Mueller, 25; Century, 33.
- Nov. 18—Mueller, 20; Staley, 32.

The remainder of our games per schedule is:

- Nov. 26—Mueller vs. Wabash Blues.
- Dec. 1—M. V. S. S. vs. Mueller.
- Dec. 10—Mueller vs. I. T. S.
- Dec. 15—Mueller vs. Biflex.
- Dec. 29—Cash vs. Mueller.
- Jan. 5—Century vs. Mueller.
- Jan. 12—Staley vs. Mueller.
- Jan. 21—Wabash Blues vs. Mueller.
- Jan. 26—Mueller vs. M. V. S. S.
- Feb. 2—I. T. S. vs. Mueller.
- Feb. 9—Biflex vs. Mueller.

The members of the Mueller team are:

Norman Poole, forward; Halden Hansen, forward; Ted Anderson, center; Earl Lowe, guard; Clint Keller, guard. Substitutes: Dean Butler, forward; Irvin Keller, guard; Hank Stratman, guard.

All the games are played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and there is no admission fee. Members of our organization should get behind our team and encourage them by attending the various contest in which they play. There is already a strong rivalry and this points to spirited rivalry and one of the

**MINSTREL SHOW**

**Mueller Athletic Club Will Put on Entertainment at Gym December 13th.**

Rehearsals are now well under way for the Minstrel Show given under the auspices of the Mueller Athletic Club Saturday night, December 13th, at 7:30 P. M. This show is given under the direction of Mr. C. C. Roarick and the cast is made up of members of the Mueller Athletic Club.

We feel real fortunate in having Mr. Roarick put this Minstrel on for us in view of the fact that he is a most capable man, having had considerable experience in the production of such plays. This Minstrel Show promises to be one of the most entertaining features of the year.

With the admission price of 10 cents to all we are expecting one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the Mueller Gym.

You are invited to bring your guests and enjoy an evening of real entertainment.

We advise you to mark your calendar on December 13th "Minstrel Show" to avoid any disappointments.

most interesting basketball seasons ever put on in Decatur. Thus far the attendance has been large at every game.

While the Mueller team (at the time this was written) had won only one out of three, the enthusiasts hold to it that it is a strong team and will be a factor in the race.

## MUELLER DANCING GIRLS

Miss Van Dyke's Class Numbers About 60  
—Christmas Program

Miss Van Dyke's dancing classes held each Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium for daughters of Mueller employes is coming along in fine shape, and plans are being made for a Christmas program. About sixty girls are now members of the two classes.

The following girls are registered as regular members:

Gretta Anderson, Betty Lou Blankenship, Bernice Bixler, Marjorie Bixler, Maxine Burchard, Sarah Burchard, Marie Borders, Ruth Burchell, Marcella Cashen, Aletha Chalcraft, Alberta Chalcraft, Rotha Chandler, Mary Cochran, Betty Corder, Jane Cranston, Helen Draper, Jewel Dial, Dimple Dial, Ilene Pagan, Virginia Pagan, Betty Delores Gard, Thelma Mae Gilbert, Imogene Guysinger, Eileen Guysinger, Nellita Hart, Lorraine Harris, Mary Harpstrite, Jane Hawkins, Beatrice Himstead, Elsie Hobbs, Beulah Huble, Elizabeth Hunt, Elizabeth Jane Keck, Delores Keck, Vera Keen, Alverda Koontz, Edwina May, Eva Morrison, Mary Louise Mudd, Esther Muirhead, Elsie Opalka, Doris Mae Ponewash, Verna Padrick, Martha Quinn, Elizabeth Quinn, Norma Roarick, Lucille Roarick, Barbara Rubicam, Priscilla Sattley, Mary Catherine Sattley, Eldora Simpson, Lucille Smith, Orlea Thomas, Nina Vinstead, Bernice Webber, Betty Jane Wright, Norma Jean Wyant, Geraldine Youker.



## PAUL JACKA IN NEW YORK

Paul Jacka's futile attempts to reduce through the medium of perpetual pedestrianism, while directing changes in the factory have created some interest and considerable speculation as to the result. His sudden absence led some to believe that he had given up in despair and gone home to recuperate. This is incorrect, however. He has gone to New York on a business trip for the company. His indefatigable tramp, tramp, tramp during the year should have put him in excellent shape to make the trip afoot, but just the same he took a first class train. We haven't much hope of his reducing while there. We can see him now in Jansen's gloating over pigs-knuckle, sauer-kraut, potato pan cakes, rolls, coffee, mince pie, sour-brouten, pumper-nickel, and other things for which Jansen is famous, and which were never invented as suitable food stuff for reducing.



Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ross of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were in Deatur over Thanksgiving on a visit to Mrs. Ross parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wood. Mr. Ross represents the company in the Iowa territory. They returned home Saturday, November 28th, driving back.

## TWO FORMER FIREMEN

Chief Duffy and Claude Ping Had Long  
Connection with Decatur Department

Claude Ping, our truck dispatcher, and his pets in the days when he was a member of the paid fire department and drove this team to the big fire steamer No. 1.

Our company has always been in close touch with the Decatur Fire Department. Years ago the late Fred B. Mueller was an active member of the crack volunteer fire department Rescue No. 1. He was also a member of the Rescue running team that competed at tournaments and time and again won state and national championships. In later years Oscar B. Mueller was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Since then no company member has been actively identified with the city department, but close association is still maintained through ex-members of the fire department identified with the organization. Jack DeFratus for many years gate watchman on the west side was a member of the old volunteer fire department. Jack Duffy, our fire chief, served for years on the paid fire department, as did Claude Ping, the truck dispatcher. The latter recently brought to our attention a booklet issued in 1903 illustrated with pictures of member of the paid department, apparatus and trained fire horses, pets of the firemen and objects of every citizen's admiration. Motor apparatus is faster on its wheels than the horses were on their feet, but never will equal the horses as a spectacular display in a run to a fire. It was more thrilling than a horse race. Claude Ping was one of the drivers of these teams which pulled No. 1 steamer and he can tell you all about thrills and fires. Jack Duffey and Claude Ping have faced and combatted some of the most dangerous and destructive fires the city has ever experienced, but it's all memories with them now. They are happy and content with their routine duties in the Mueller organization.



## WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmonson

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Miss Edna Cranston and Frank Edmonson were married by Dr. G. A. Papperman in the study of the Westminster Presbyterian church. The wedding was a surprise to many of the young couple's friends outside of our organization but not to us.

The couple were unattended. The bride wore a gown of blue chiffon trimmed in shades of flesh and cream georgette. Her hat was a gold metallic creation and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and tea roses.

Both of the young folks are well known in the office and factory circles. Mrs. Edmonson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cranston. She graduated from the Decatur High School in the class of 1924, and then attended the Charleston Teachers' College for two years. Since then she has been in the cost department, where Mr. Edmonson is also employed. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Edmonson of Atwood, but Decatur has been his home for several years. He graduated from the Atwood High School in 1924 and from Millikin in 1928. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Following the ceremony the young couple left for Chicago on a honeymoon trip. For the present they will reside with the bride's parents on West Eldorado street.

### Owen-Brilley

Miss Lillian Owen and Michael Brilley were married Oct. 18th in a Catholic church in Champaign.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. R. P. Owen, 2170 North Water street, and Mr. Brilley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brilley, 436 Central Ave. The bride is a graduate of Decatur High School and attended Normal University. She also studied music in the Millikin Conservatory under Fredric Butterfield. The bridegroom is employed in Dept. 30.

### Batson-Flaughter

Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Miss Kathryn Batson and Albert H. Flaughter which took place on May 31st in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. A. Dickerson in Alton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Batson, 638 E. North St., and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Flaughter, 1172 E. Marietta street.

Mr. Flaughter is employed in Dept. 30.

### CHARLIE RILEY'S MISFORTUNE

Chas. Riley, blind man, who worked for a number of years in the Brass Shop, has been selling brushes since leaving our service. On Oct. 30th, he fell from the porch of a house where he made a call, came down on a concrete sidewalk and broke his hip.

He will be laid up at his home for a number of weeks. He is bearing his affliction cheerfully and will be pleased to have his friends call on him at 1111 N. Monroe street.

Although Mr. Riley was laid off last year, the Aid Society, in view of the fact he was a member for more than ten years, and had never collected any benefits, allowed him benefits for this disability.

Ches. Albert made a business trip to the Atlanta branch early in November. He didn't get away to a "flying start" but for a time it appeared that his choice was between flying and walking. It was necessary to go to Mattoon to catch the train to Atlanta but when he got to the station Sunday afternoon there was no train to that city. Finally Julius Staudt was located and drove the traveler down to Mattoon and made connections with the train.



She—"Do you know any stories?"  
He—"Not of a parlor nature."  
"Then let's go out in the kitchen."



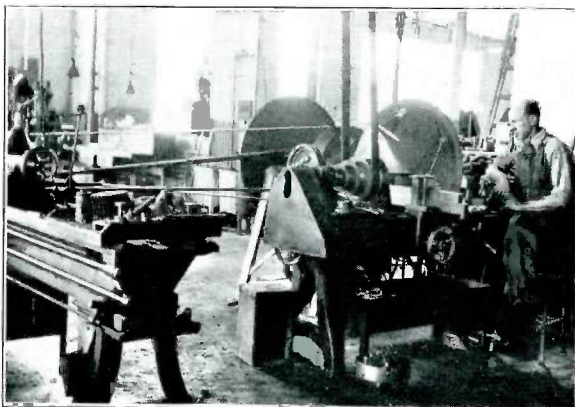
**Financial Statement  
EMPLOYES' AID SOCIETY BENEFIT  
FUND**

Oct. 2—Nov. 30, 1930		
Oct. 2, Cash in Bank.....		\$1,609.49
<b>Receipts</b>		
From Mueller Co., Nov.....\$	50.00	
Sept. Dues.....	574.20	
Oct. Dues.....	576.20	
Salesmen's Dues.....	15.50	
Int. on Bonds.....	60.00	\$1,275.90
		\$2,885.39
<b>Payments</b>		
Loan Fund.....\$	100.00	
Benefits Listed.....	943.28	\$1,043.28
Cash Bal. Nov. 30.....		\$1,842.11
E. H. LANGDON, Treas.		

**BENEFITS PAID**

W. F. Bainter 96.40	Wm. Butler 8.00
U. S. Friend 9.50	Chas. Riley 40.50
Albert Masters 89.40	Chas. Tilton 12.50
H. D. Fletcher 10.50	Claude Flanders 15.00
Fred Kushmerz 18.00	H. W. Fletcher 10.00
O. T. Brown 6.00	Dan Dunaway 15.00
Chas. Schwartzle 2.00	J. E. Schifferd 12.50
J. L. Tippet 36.00	L. E. Runion 10.00
S. W. Rainwater 1.00	Owen Lourash 35.00
Julius Graben- hofer 10.00	V. R. Athey 8.00
E. Beneze 11.76	Wm. A. Hays 9.00
Frank Albright 54.02	Geo. Haenny 5.25
Fred Tratzik 3.50	George Butz 12.00
Chas. Hutson 10.00	J. G. Offenstien 2.00
Ralph Adams 17.50	E. L. Rankins 8.00
Roy Neil 20.00	Raymond John- son 3.00
Jas. Johnson 33.60	Wm. Cam- bridge 10.50
Ed. Waltz 15.00	Thomas Mudd 5.00
John Patterson 15.00	Everett McVey 2.00
Frank Evey 4.00	Otto Dannewitz 21.50
Hugh Henley 1.50	

**SIMPLIFYING WORK**



Clarence Utt, machinist in the repair department, found a way to turn large discs which were too large for any lathe in the shop. The scheme worked all right and Clarence is shown herewith watching the operation of his "riggin".

D. Washburn 5.00	Peter Weber 17.50
Wm. Seeforth 21.25	John H. Smith 12.00
Ralph Wood 34.50	Corwin Guard 7.50
Earl Tague 10.00	C. E. Smith 5.00
Frank Smith 3.00	Goldie Stollard 21.90
Chas. Johnson 2.00	H. Himstead 2.00
Chas. Luker 10.00	Otha Mills 2.00
C. E. Reeves 5.00	O. G. Moore 7.50
C. F. Roarick 2.00	Wm. Hedden 39.20
Albert Foster 25.00	
Joe St. Pierre 1.50	Total \$943.28



**BRASS CHIPS**

Mrs. Clara Gilbert of the Employment Dept., and Miss Layton, her friend, have built a house in the suburb of Harristown, seven miles west of Decatur on Route 10. Other Mueller people who live in this community are Roy Pease, Earl Meador and W. L. Rollins.

Halden Hansen has been transferred from Plant 3 to be clerk in the Construction Dept.

Ernest Malernee has been transferred from the Polishing Dept. to Plant 3.

C. Albert Anderson is again night watchman and fireman at Plant 3.

Norman Poole has been transferred from the Polishing Dept. to Plant 3.

Goldie Stoddard of the Assembly Dept., was laid up for three weeks by the flu.

W. F. Bainter has been laid up for several months with a stroke of paralysis and is now convalescing and eager to return to work. For a number of years he has been galvanizer at Plant 2.

Wm. Hedden of the Iron Foundry, returned to work Dec. 1st, after an absence of three weeks due to an accident. He was burned about the face by hot metal.

We are confident that considerable sickness and many accidents have been prevented by our work in health conservation and in safety during the past year.



## :: GLORY OF THE MORNING ::



Last month we noted the performance at the open air theatre, Mueller Lodge, of the Indian play, "Glory of the Morning". It was a one-act play given by the Workshop players of Millikin University and greatly pleased the audience assembled to see it. The play was written by Prof. E. Leonard of the University of Wisconsin. It told a very pretty little story and the surrounding hills, the autumn leaves and the nearby lagoon furnished an ideal setting as shown by the illustration.

### JOIN THE CAROLING

Come out and join the caroling,  
 Good friends and neighbors jolly!  
 Across the candle-lighted snow,  
 A troop of singers we shall go  
 And stop 'neath magic mistletoe  
 Or laughing wreaths of holly,  
 To sing the songs of yesteryear,  
 That old and young delight to hear.

The snow will hush our eager feet,  
 And we shall fill the silent street  
 With bursts of happy song,  
 That those who sleep may dream more  
 sweet,

Because we pass along;  
 That those who make true joy may take  
 In this our festive throng.

The hollow night will be our bowl,  
 The wind, our wassail stinging;  
 Good will flows forth from soul to soul  
 As underneath the stars we stroll  
 Exultant in our singing.

But when the chimes in yonder tower  
 Give warning of the midnight hour,  
 The winding way we shall retrace  
 And, with a good-night's parting grace,  
 Shall leave the frosty skies behind,

And each a hearty welcome find  
 Within the Yule-log's warm embrace.

Come out and join the caroling,  
 Good friends and neighbors jolly—  
 Come! let us wreath the world in song  
 More brilliant than the holly!

—Rowena Bastin Bennett.

### THE MYSTERY OF THE CLOCK

The small alarm clock, which has graced the desk of the telephone operator for several years, recently disappeared. The clock wouldn't run, so there was no general hue and cry raised, but a private investigation was conducted by the relief operator. Then one day, quite as mysteriously as it had disappeared, the clock returned. And low and behold, it ran! Furthermore, it kept perfect time! Spurred on by this more recent clue, Ollie kept investigating until, after being put through a couple third degrees, Otha Mills confessed he had borrowed and repaired said clock. Then Sylvia confessed that she had known the clock's whereabouts all the time. Ollie was so crestfallen at having a perfectly good mystery case, which she had just solved, spoiled that she can't enjoy the clock's ability to keep perfect time.



## FOREMAN'S CLUB MEETS

## Interesting Pictures Tell How Paper Is Made—Short Talks

At the meeting of the Foreman's Club at Mueller Lodge, Thursday evening, Nov. 20th, there was a very good attendance and marked interest in the proceedings.

Frank Taylor, president of the club, called the meeting to order and announced that the first feature would be the showing of a moving picture of paper making. This was both interesting and instructive. Duke Mueller was the operator.

Following this, there were short talks by Robert Mueller, who told about departmental rearrangement, W. E. Mueller, who spoke on business and also the improved conditions anticipated as a result of the rearrangement of the factory departments.

L. W. Mueller spoke on the subject of waste and quoted startling figures of the volume of waste through carelessness and thoughtlessness and what it means to the owners of plants in the course of the year.

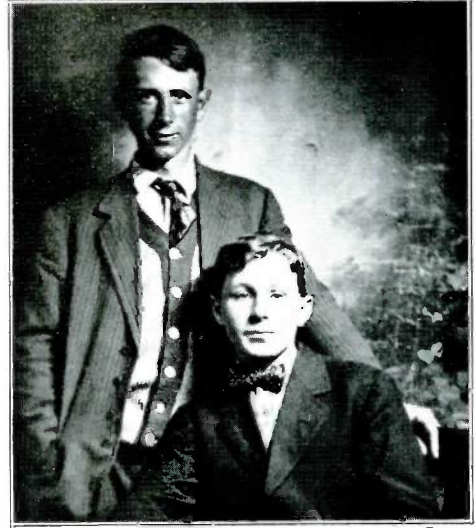
Adolph Mueller closed with a general talk interspersed with humorous references to various members of the company and organization. In a serious vein he commended the effort of those who seek self-improvement. He wonders at persons whose whole life and thought turn to entertainment in leisure hours. Foremen's classes such as we have had in past years and study clubs were suggested by him.

## No December Meeting

There will be no meeting of the Foreman's Club in December. That's the Christmas month and it's going to be loaded to the nozzle with social activities, including minstrels, children's parties, and dances.

An industrial film was shown illustrating the art of making paper. This is one of the great industries. Paper is an article which everyone uses but it is an industry and a product on which few persons are informed. They use it and accept it as paper. It is made both by hand and machinery. Like all other products the hand-made sheet is the best and most expensive. Paper is made of either wood pulp or rags. It is made in hundreds of sizes and weights for purely writing purposes and also for printing purposes. Cheap paper will no more produce good printing than cheap metal will produce good brass goods. The idea of weight is never associated with paper by the average user because used in small pieces. In bulk it is heavy. A ream of paper may weigh, according to size, from 10 pounds to 220 pounds. Paper as most of us know it is for writing upon or to read from papers or books, but in the industry the term includes everything up to the common corrugated paper shipping cases. Up to the 19th century paper had to be made laboriously by hand. The Fourdrinier machine was invented and put in operation in 1803. The same machine is still in use. It has of course been refined

## IN DAYS OF OLD



Earl Reeves has dug up an interesting old photograph of Beecher Hughey and Ralph Adams of the Lead department. Beecher Hughey is now a city commissioner. The photograph was taken about 1910 when the subjects were all dressed up with lots of places to go.

and improved. The machine was the invention of a French printer.

The detail of paper manufacture is too long and too intricate to describe here. Generally speaking, all paper, no matter what the base may be, is reduced to a semi-liquid state and as such is smoothed out into a thin pasty substance. Gradually the moisture is eliminated and the sheet dried out and finished by passing over a series of rollers. The Chinese and Japanese were the first to discover the secret of making paper and they retained the process in secrecy for several centuries.

At the end of the 7th century the secret was wrested from them by Arabs and Moors. It was not until the 12th century that the process became known in Europe, spreading first to Italy, France, Switzerland, and Holland. It was not so well established in England until 1685 and the first paper mill in the United States was erected near Philadelphia in 1690. The paper then was all hand made.

The importance of paper is inestimable. It's the agency by which human thought spreads from the originator to the multitudes. Without paper modern business as now organized would be impossible.



Mueller Minstrel at Gym  
Date, Dec. 13. Admission 10c.  
Reserved Seats 10c Extra  
Don't miss it.

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and packing departments will move to the south end of building 1157 and into the garage building.

The final plan in this rearrangement and the one expected to add materially to the progressive movement of goods in course of manufacturing process is the installation of a monorail system through the entire compression department. This will provide for conveying goods from the buffing department through to the nickel plating department, color buffing, chromium plating department, assembling and finally the packing department.

Another important improvement is concreting the floor in No. 9. This is a big job. The floor will be given a top dressing of uncrete.



**AT THE CABIN**

Messrs. Adolph, Robert, Ebert, Everett Mueller, J. W. Simpson and others spent a week or more at the Okaw cabin the past month. Mr. Adolph was there about two weeks while others made briefer visits. This probably will be the farewell visit to the cabin until spring. The weather on the last trip was damp, misty, and cloudy, a condition which does not contribute much to the enjoyment of a party in the woods. But you can't entirely dampen the spirits of a crowd at the Okaw and the last visitors report a good time.



**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is almost here. It's a little more than two weeks distant and falls on Thursday. This means that the factory will close down Wednesday until the following Monday morning. There will be excursion rates on the railways and those who plan to visit friends out of the city will have four full days in which to do so. You can begin making your plans now.



**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard, Nov. 20th, a son. Mrs. Howard was formerly the stenographer at Plant 3.



Ches. Albert made a business trip to the Atlanta branch early in November. He didn't get away to a "flying start" but for a time it appeared that his choice was between flying and walking. It was necessary to go to Mattoon to catch the train to Atlanta but when he got to the station Sunday afternoon there was no train to that city. Finally Julius Staudt was located and drove the traveler down to Mattoon and made connections with the train.

W. L. Jett was at the factory for several days the early part of November.



**LOTS OF LICKIN'**

About 18,000,000 postage stamps are used in the United States every year.

**DEATHS**

**Mrs. Augusta Kush**

Mrs. Augusta Kush, wife of August Kush, died at the family home 735 N. Woodford St., Thursday, Dec. 4, after an illness of nine weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kush were married in Germany July 15, 1880 and soon afterward came to America and settled in Decatur. John Kush of Dept. 7 is the eldest of their six children.

Funeral services were held at the St. Paul's Methodist church, Sunday afternoon. Burial at Graceland.

August Kush, who has been a Mueller employe for 34 years, was retired last June. John Kush has been with the company 31 years.

**Dennis Masters**

As Dennis Masters, age 19, was riding a bicycle last Tuesday, Dec. 2, he was struck by an automobile driven by Merle Trimmer. The accident occurred at Franklin and Macon streets. Although he was hurried to St. Mary's hospital, he died soon after arriving there.

Dennis Masters worked in the polishing department for a short time in 1928.

Merle Trimmer was officially exonerated from blame by the coroner's jury.

Dennis Masters was a son of Albert Masters of the polishing department. Mr. Masters has been unable to work for the past three months due to a paralytic stroke. He had just filed his claim for total permanent disability under our group insurance plan a few hours before the fatal accident to his son.



**OUR BALD EAGLE EMBLEM**

The bald eagle was adopted by the United States as the national emblem in 1782. This bird ranges about three feet in length, with a wing spread of perhaps seven.



**BRAINS**

The average weight of a man's brain is three and one-half pounds; women's are two pounds eleven ounces.



**TRANSFERRED**

In rearranging factory plans Elmer Miller, formerly in Dept. 9 has been transferred to the tool room.



**HOLIDAYS**

The last two holidays of 1930—Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the first of 1931, New Year's, fall on Thursday. At Thanksgiving the major part of the different plants closed Wednesday evening, making a four-day vacation. It afforded many employes a good opportunity for short trips to other cities. During the brief shut-down inventory was taken.

## History of the Christmas Tree



EVERY one knows the fir, spruce or so-called Evergreen as symbolic of Christmas, but have you ever wondered about its origin? It would seem to have no connection with the religious significance of the day, and has not. It is of German origin. Many years ago they inaugurated the custom of using trees for holding the gifts, and to add to their beauty decorated them with candles, colored baubles, candy in small sacks and the presents. The custom soon spread throughout the world, and many persons would not consider the festal occasion complete without the traditional tree. In early days it was considered unlucky to bring the tree or other greens into the house before Christmas Eve.