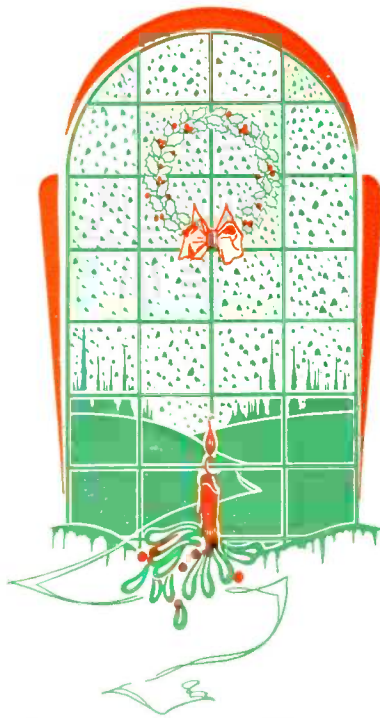


# MUELLER RECORD



The  
Seasons  
Greetings

Christmas, December 1937



# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Written for the Record in 1920)



**How** very, very old that wish is: It echoes and reechoes far down the dim avenue of time. How many times it has been expressed in hovel and palace, in paths of peace, and on sanguinary fields of battle. Babies lips have lisp'd it, and toothless gums have mumbled it, It has revived the bright light in the eye of the invalid, given new hope

and courage to the downcast and despondent; it has brought joy and happiness to countless millions of little children, revived memories of other days and been a solace to the old. It is threadbare with usage yet it is always new and bright, cheering and inspiring. It is twice blessed — it blesseth him who gives and him who takes. Without it and the spirit it carries, the day would be a sham, devoid of its meaning, and the lesson of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men would go amiss. Let us hope that the real spirit of the day will touch every heart in this organization, and in that hope we extend to all our co workers, the same old, old wish, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MUELLER CO.



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## SOCIAL CLUB CALENDAR

Includes a Christmas Party with Grab Bag of Presents for All.

A very neat little directory of the Mueller Social Club has been prepared and issued by Mrs. F. E. Carroll, president, and don't let us leave out Francis, of the regulator division, who helped in a mechanical way. It is done by neat typewriting by Hazel Virden Allen and neatly bound in brown paper cover. It contains the schedule of meetings, officers, and members. In this connection announcement is made on Christmas stationery for a Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 15, but we hope to have this record published by that time and therefore have to tell about it beforehand.

There will be a supper and a program and a grab bag, which will produce plenty of fun.

For the grab bag each lady brought a 10c gift for ladies. The men a 10c gift for the men and the children a 10c gift for the children. That a happy time was had goes without saying.

### The Officers

These are the officers of the Mueller Social Club:

President—Mrs. F. E. Carroll.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Archie Sefton.  
Sec'y and Treas.—Mrs. Burt Jackson.  
Flower Fund Treas.—Mrs. O. C. Draper.  
The 1937-38 schedule of meetings follows:  
September—Hostess, Mrs. M. W. Trott.  
October—Hostess, Mrs. Al. Bashore.  
November—Hostess, Mrs. Everett Dickey.  
December—Hostess, Mrs. Howard Gragg.  
January—Hostess, Mrs. Marshall Hobbs.  
February—Hostess, Special.  
March—Hostess, Mrs. Raymond Kileen.  
April—Hostess, Mrs. Frank Edmonson.  
May—Hostess, Mrs. O. J. Hawkins.  
June—Hostess, To be announced.

The members of the class are:

### MESDAMES

W. S. Anderson, Walter Auer, Al. Bashore, W. E. Behrns, John Bixler, Walter Bowan, F. E. Carroll, M. K. Chaney, E. E. Cline, C. E. Cochran, Frank Edmonson, O. C. Draper, C. F. Dunaway, Ralph Duncan, Everett Dickey, W. S. Enloe, William Ferry, C. J. Gilmore, Howard Gragg, Earl Gustin, W. R. Hobbs, O. J. Hawkins, H. Himstead, Burt Jackson, Marshall Hobbs, O. C. Keil, Raymond Kileen, Lawrence Kramer, E. H. Langdon, Earl Lowe,

F. A. March, B. J. Marty, Basil Mason, W. T. Mason, Earl Meador, Elmer Miller, J. A. Morrison, Marion Pippin, C. F. Roarick, Clarence Roarick, Ray Sailsbery, Archie Sefton, J. W. Simpson, Ed. C. Stille, R. H. Tauber, Frank Taylor, James Thorpe, LeRoy Trimmer, M. W. Trott, C. N. Wagenseller, J. W. Wells, A. C. Werdes, Roy Whitaker, Leo Wiant, Roy Wood, A. O. Yonker.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

I am man's love for his fellow man. I banish misery, cold, fright, cheerlessness, hunger, and poverty from my presence. I bring joy, thanksgiving, renew faith and hope.

I enter into the hearts of those who toil and are weary and bring them rest and refreshment. I give renewed strength, belief and gladness to those who stagger under their crosses.

For I am Love and my handmaiden is Charity.

I strive to prevent little children from receiving the harsh blows of life which will strike them all too soon. I make them laugh and shout and distract their minds with pretty baubles, colors, games, toys, and evergreen trees. These things are all my symbols—the symbols of giving that one may receive.

I am the reminder of the birth of One who died for all mankind and who was the Great Giver.

I am the Christmas Spirit.

—Verses in Chicago Tribune, 1922.

## TWICE A GRANDFATHER

Howard Blankenship was a grandfather twice over in November. His son, Ray of Dubuque, Iowa, who formerly worked in Department 9, is the father of a boy born November 15. A second grandson was born to Mrs. W. E. Kurr, the former Violet Blankenship, on November 27. Mrs. Kurr used to work in the advertising department. Congratulations Howard, and again we congratulate you.

## SKATING

The skating season opened at Mueller Heights December 10. The lake was reported to be in good condition and Mr. Trimmer is going to keep it that way, weather permitting.



## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Open on Friday with Service Awards and  
Distribution of Hams—Children's  
Party

The Christmas spirit is already in the air, and beginning Friday, December 17th, there will be the usual bustle and excitement inseparable from the world's greatest day of happiness, good fellowship, peace on earth, good will to men. Everybody believes in Santa Claus, at least for the season which makes him abide in the hearts of old and young. The committees working on the plans for the holidays have progressed far enough to announce them. Here are the outstanding features:

**Friday, December 17, 3:45 P. M.**

Meeting in Gymnasium for making service awards, suggestion prize winners, and winner of the slogan prize.

Distribution of hams and bacon in the cafeteria.

**Office Christmas Party**

Friday immediately following lunch hour.

**Saturday, December 18**

Children's Christmas Party in the Gymnasium at 2 p. m.

The children's party on Saturday will be the great event for the little folks. The tentative program follows. It is not thought that there will be any change necessary.

2 P. M.—Arrival of Santa Claus to lead in singing Christmas songs—E. W. Larrick.

Piano Accompanist—Thelma Coffman.

Showing of moving pictures of picnic last August.

Christmas Story—Miss Maxine McCulloch, children's librarian, Decatur Public Library.

Marionette Show—Willard Foltz.

Ventriloquist—Charlie McCarthy — C. H. Cushman.

Moving Pictures.

Remarks by Adolph Mueller.

Treat for the Children.

We are looking forward to a large attendance. Come and bring the little folks and let's make this the best and happiest of all children's Christmas parties.

**Service Awards**

At the meeting Friday afternoon service emblems will be awarded the following:

**FIVE YEARS**

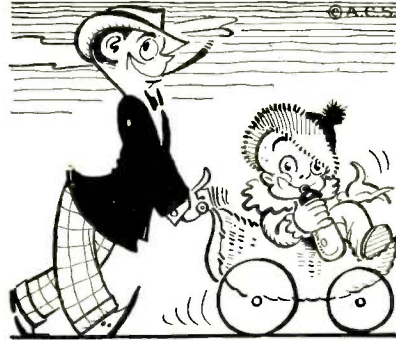
BROKEN—Dorothy Uhl, Carl Chepan, Eric Blankenburg, Perry Wray, Jack True, Ernest Hertzler, L. Marvin Ford, Thomas Mudd, Frank Shade, Clark Curry, Ray Caudle, Marvin Baum, Glen Gideon, Leo Siloski, Wilbert Wiley, Fred Kroschwitz.

**TEN YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—Claude Stacey, Lee Ellington, George Krag, Clarence Ruch, Leo Wiant, Keith Smith, Fred Meador, August Dwork, Dewey Tripp, Coy Butler, LaVerne Walley, Geo. H. Hofmann.

BROKEN—Opal Jackson, Wm. F. Dennis, Emory F. Langley, Charles Johnson, Carl I. Mauer, Blanche Kallbrier, Floyd Walton, Clure

## BIRTHS



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SIMPSON—Mr. and Mrs. Gene W. Simpson, a daughter, Peggy Jeanne, November 26, in St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Simpson works in the main office.

Lane, Wm. T. O'Dell, Geo. B. Durbin, Marie King, W. L. Adams, A. H. Thompson, Harvey L. Adams, V. T. Williams, E. O. Oakleaf, Chas. F. Walker, F. D. Boggs, W. E. Smith, G. R. St. Pierre, Frank Kuntz, Wayne Howard, Robt. Harper.

**FIFTEEN YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—W. S. Enloe, M. W. Trott, Julius Stoudt, Estella Stille, Milo Wright, E. A. Matthews, L. B. McKinney, Z. H. Grinstead, J. A. Morrison, Arthur Nash, Walter Tucker, Matt Like, Roy Harper, Emmett Holderby, Frank O'Dell, Grace Timm.

BROKEN—Helen Pope, Orval Keller, Chester Priddy, Barney Riley, Elmer B. Miller, Marie Overfield, C. E. Masters, Roy D. Coffman, Wm. S. Anderson, Cecil Foltz, L. R. Wyant, Chas. H. DuBois.

**TWENTY YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—Neina Greening, H. V. Seev-ers, Floyd F. Holler.

BROKEN—Alva Morrison, Wm. Kuntz, Sales, Floyd V. Johnson; Los Angeles, Frank Nash.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—O. C. Draper, Robert Lusk, Roy Wood, Ray Salisbury, M. E. Henderson, Chas. J. G. Haas.

BROKEN—John A. Bixler; Los Angeles, George Tolladay.

**THIRTY YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—Ed. A. Waltz, Julius Shaw, Earl H. Packer.

BROKEN—Emma Thomas, Henry Goerges, Ralph Adams, Herman Salefski; Los Angeles, W. N. Dill.

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—Ethel McKee, Roy Whitacre, Peter Weber, S. M. Yonker.

CONTINUOUS—H. C. Camron; Sales, Bert Kitchen; Sales, Thos. F. Leary.

**FORTY YEARS**

CONTINUOUS—Louis Wallenbrok; Sales, Wm. B. Ford.

**BOWLING NEWS**

**C. Dodwell Still Holds Lead With Flaughter a Close Second**

Going into the closing stages of the second round in the Mueller Bowling League, most of the fellows have hit their "mid-season" form and are giving the hard maples some terrific punishment. Since our last report, there has been considerable increases showed in high single games and three game series. From all indications there are plenty more high scores on the way.

Winning nine out of their last possible twelve games the Specialty Division were able to maintain their leading position and hold a two game margin over their nearest opponents, the Utility Engineers. Both teams along with the Works Managers Office and the Apprentice team



Everett Dickey

have been battling for top honors since the beginning of the season. Noticeable progress has been made by the Main Office, who after brounsing around in the cellar all along have finally pushed their way up to lead the second division.

In the ten high bowlers, C. Dodwell has again retained the top notch with Bert Flaughter right on his heels. E. Blankenburg, who was fifth has jumped into third position, tying with W. Behrns and C. C. Roarick. The rest is very much the same with the exceptions of A. Werdes, who wiggled into tenth position pushing Geo. Grag clean out of the charmed sector.

**600 Series Since November 15**

E. Blankenburg	622
A. Werdes	615
C. Dodwell	609
W. Behrns	608
C. Dodwell	605

**High Single Games Since Nov. 15**

C. Dodwell	236
C. C. Roarick	234
W. Behrns	233

E. Blankenburg	230
E. Blankenburg	230
A. Werdes	228
L. Adams	222
H. Thompson	218
H. Leipski	212

Below are listed the team and individual standings including December 7.

**Team Standing to Week Ending Dec. 7**

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Div.	39	26	13	.667	839
Utility Engineers	39	24	15	.615	840
Works Mgr. Of.	39	21	18	.538	772
Apprentices	39	21	18	.538	748
Main Office	36	18	18	.500	776
Brass Finishers	39	15	24	.385	730
Plumbers	39	15	24	.385	681
Tool Room	36	13	23	.361	746

**Individual Averages**

Specialty Division		Main Office	
A. Flaughter	187	C. Dodwell	190
H. Stratman	173	A. Werdes	168
C. Hill	171	A. Jendryn	155
E. Hartwig	169	J. Bain	150
W. Frantz	158	O. Draper	147
W. Mueller	150	O. Keller	133
Utility Engineers		Brass Finishers	
E. Blankenburg	184	L. Adams	178
W. Behrns	184	H. Thompson	163
H. Leipski	163	C. Kelley	149
F. Tratzik	160	L. Kramer	147
W. Bowan	154	J. Fair	128
		R. Kileen	102
		G. Harshbarger	99
Works Mgr. Office		Plumbers	
L. Wiant	167	C. Robb	180
G. Krag	164	H. Maddox	156
F. March	157	R. Caudle	139
J. Taylor	150	B. Butt	119
J. Morrison	144	D. Wilkins	118
		L. Duncan	116
Apprentices		Tool Room	
R. Roarick	164	C. C. Roarick	184
M. Riewski	163	L. McKinney	158
C. Constant	161	M. Chaney	155
O. Karlowski	151	E. Merrow	145
R. Tertocha	130	C. Rubicam	143
R. Uhler	115	M. Foster	140

**Ten High Bowlers**

C. Dodwell, Main Office	36	190	256
A. Flaughter, Specialty Div.	30	187	249
E. Blankenburg, Utility Eng.	36	184	242
C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	22	184	234
W. Behrns, Utility Eng.	39	184	235
L. Adams, Brass Finishers	38	178	235
H. Stratman, Specialty Div.	34	173	206
C. Hill, Specialty Division	31	171	215
E. Hartwig, Specialty Division	39	169	213
A. Werdes, Main Office	27	168	228

**Highlights Since November 15**

Ray Roarick's consistent shooting, not going below the 500 mark in the past four weeks.

C. Constant shot his highest series getting 573 on December 7.

E. Blankenburg came through with two games of 230 each and turned in a 622 count.

O. Karlowski and H. Maddox shot their first

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## MUELLER BOYS GYM CLASS



Here are sons of Mueller employees with their instructor, Loyle Davis. The boys meet in the Gymnasium for their weekly workout Saturday mornings. They enjoy it immensely.

## A WORD OF CAUTION

## Carelessness in Christmas Decorations May Bring Disaster.

Christmas is second to the fourth of July in disastrous accidents brought about by carelessness. Both are holidays for real enjoyment, and it is regrettable that both bring about so many fires. It is especially deplorable that these fires are frequently accompanied by injuries that prove fatal. A little forethought will prevent many of these unhappy incidents.

Remember this in preparing your Christmas trees and holiday decorations.

In the city of Minneapolis the Civic and Commerce Association and the Fire Prevention Bureau stage a yearly Christmas Safety Campaign. Every Christmas tree, when sold, carries a bright red tag upon which is printed the following warnings:

Avoid lighted candles in the decoration of the tree.

Use carefully wired electric lights.

Place tree a safe distance from stove or fireplace.

Use a metal tinsel for trim and mica or flake asbestos for imitation snow.

Cotton trimming and cotton-whiskered Santa Claus are very dangerous. Santa suits and whiskers can be made fire-resistant. Consult your insurance man about this.

Never leave lighted Christmas trees unguarded.

Do not place the tree where it will obstruct any room exit.

Keep candles and open lights away from window curtains, paper wreaths and Christmas bells.

Remove the tree from the house before it be-

## SNOOP'S LETTER

Snoop and Snitches Corp. has organized and one member Snoop is haunting the plant. Snoop doesn't stop at anything—even stoops so low as to read Santa's mail.

"Dear Snitch:

"I uncovered a rare bit of the latest—a letter to Santa from Muellers. Wrap your ears around this.

"Mark Simpson wants a shirt, just to see how it feels. The sweater is sorta—er—worn out. Just for good measure throw in a package of green dye for Irvin Keller's red shirt.

"Gracie, from the office, wants a snow suit.

"Walter Auer would like an endless chain conveyor from the cafe to the telephone desk to load the sandwiches 'n stuff on for the gals.

"Everyone else would appreciate rubber heel plates on Willie's shoes. An' Bob, the lil' fellow, some squeak-proof shoes.

"Send Velma Runyan a portable furnace for cold days.

"Give Elois a picture of Robert Taylor to sit on her desk—or else himself in person.

"Please send Cupid some more arrows 'cause he was caught empty handed when the salesmen were here. Three more men are still safe.

"I've gotta hurry now and go down to the shipping room for a game of hop-scotch on the newly painted floor. See you later.

"Your brother,

"Snoop."

Note:—The editor assumes no responsibility for Snoop's letter. Any objections must be fought out with "Snoop," but we'll bet you won't want to fight when you meet this contributor.



## THE YOUNGEST DANCERS



Little girls from Saturday afternoon dancing class with Miss Lucille Flint. There are three sections, little girls meet first, then middle size, and then older girls. They will appear in a dance revue next picnic, and you may anticipate some clever toe work, as these youngsters show marked aptitude in learning fancy steps. More than that they are acquiring grace of movement — and still more they are having lots of fun doing it.

## BASKETBALL

The Mueller basketball team is well into its season. They have been playing a very good brand of ball, and at the present, they have won four and lost four games.

The class of teams which they have met thus far, are of a very high caliber and are composed of some of the best athletes of this section.

The scores of the games have been very close, with the winning team being out in front only by a few points. This always means a thriller for the spectators and a headache for the coach.

We feel sure that many Mueller employes would enjoy seeing these Industrial contests. The admission is only ten cents, and you are certain to see some outstanding basketball players in action.

Then too, we have games at the Mueller gymnasium, and no admission is charged. The basketball team would appreciate the support of their fellow workers in the bleachers. The soft ball team had a large crowd of Mueller fans, and we are sure that basketball can give you just as exciting an evening of entertainment. Get behind Mueller athletic projects and watch them thrive. We hope to see a big attendance at the

next basketball game. Watch the posters in the cafeteria for the date.

The Mueller squad is composed of ten members at the present time. They are as follows: Jack Enloe, Vernon Brown, Bob Green, Herman Roe, George Harshbarger, Ben Taylor, Elmer Fawley, "T-Berry" Hanson, Carlton Hackman, Pete Edwards.

## RECREATION

The interest and attendance in the gymnasium classes has fallen off considerably the last week. This, we feel, is possibly due to the extremely cold weather which has been hovering over this section. However, there are many who have defied this hazard and continued to attend. They realize the value of exercise. They know that exercise keeps one physically fit, assures better health, makes one mentally alert, and creates a better outlook on life.

Many do not realize the fine opportunity that Mueller Co. is offering their employes in the way of recreation. This recreation is free and sponsored entirely by the company.

There are thousands of men and women who pay for the privilege of getting supervised recreation each year. They realize just how beneficial it is to them.

We should take advantage of this fine opportunity to build and maintain a strong body. The gymnasium and director is at your disposal. Join the classes and enjoy the Recreation program.

Employe's Aid Society, Columbian Iron Works, statement for the month ending November 30 shows: income \$141.38, payments \$161.23, and cash \$1224.66. The cash on hand is provided as follows: flower fund \$13.54, white fund \$1123.32, and colored fund \$87.80.

## HAD HER GUESSING

Friend—"Say, there's a bunch of people outside waiting to see you. Among them is a bishop who says he married you some time ago."

Film Actress—"Gee, I'm practically certain I never married a bishop."

## BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

Wall Street Journal: A priest offered twenty-five cents to the boy who could tell him who was the greatest man in history.

"Christopher Columbus," replied the Italian boy.

"George Washington," answered the American lad.

"St. Patrick," shouted the Jewish boy.

"The quarter is yours," said the priest. "but why did you say St. Patrick?"

"Right down in my heart I knew it was Moses," said the Jewish boy. "but business is business."

## SECOND-HAND

"I'm a self-made man."

"You're lucky. I'm the revised work of a wife and three daughters."

## PAY VISIT TO FACTORY



Here is a group of visitors to our factory on Monday, Nov. 29. Unfortunately we were unable to secure all the names but the group includes business men, principals of rural schools, members of Millikin University faculty. In the party was Mrs. Cora B. Ryman, county superintendent of schools, J. J. Maloney, of the Chamber of Commerce, and A. G. Webber. The visitors were taken through the factory and were very much pleased with what they saw and heard. The orderly and clean conditions came in for favorable comment. Between 11 and 12 o'clock they were served with lunch in the cafeteria and then listened to a brief address by Adolph Mueller.

## IMPROVEMENT IN GOODS

There have been in recent months a number of improvements made in Mueller goods. At the salesmen's meeting held in Decatur, November 29, 30 and December 1, these improvements were brought out vividly in the displays that lined the walls of the gymnasium. These were explained in detail by representatives of the engineering and sales departments. Demonstrations and discussions were precise and to the point, and the salesman evinced much interest in acquiring a thorough understanding of our line.

## Marrying Age

The minimum age of marriage for females in various foreign countries is: France, fifteen; Belgium, fifteen; Holland, sixteen; Germany, sixteen; Switzerland, sixteen.

"On my trip to South America I saw a lot of beautiful panoramas."

"I thought you told me you wouldn't run around with these native girls."

## THE LITTER ON THE WAY

One may appreciate the chagrin of the father when he read his telegram: "Congratulations. Mary gave birth to three boys this morning. Litter follows."

## NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGA

Judson Lyle, who works in the Iron Foundry, has been absent from work several weeks due to illness.

We have now completed our Community Chest campaign at the plant. A large number of the employees contributed to the Chest this year.

An Engineer is said to be a man who knows a great deal about a very little—who goes along knowing more and more about less and less until finally he knows practically everything about nothing.

A Salesman on the other hand is a man who knows a very little about a great deal and keeps on knowing less and less about more and more until he knows practically nothing about everything.

A Purchasing Agent starts out knowing practically everything about everything, but ends up knowing nothing about anything, due to his association with Engineers and Salesmen.

## FLASH!

Chattanooga cop catches "Chuck" Coventry's Chevrolet coach. Chuck's check chilled \$3.00. Chuck's feelin' "fine."

We are afraid Don Andrews' method of answering the fire call would not be approved by the Underwriters'. The other day when fire drill was in order, Don, with might and main (and a long pole) beat upon the fire horn. He said he thought the darn thing was stuck.

We understand that the suggestion to put thermometers around the plant was met with the statement that the men didn't believe that the thermometers would furnish enough heat on cold days.

A Florida vacation card from Oscar Brown stated that he was getting sun-burned over the week end. We are waiting patiently for information as to whether he had to stop wearing a hat or eat his meals standing up.

One of our colored helpers wanted a "dough-ball." His reason was that his mother-in-law was "dead again."



## SUPERINTENDENTS MEET



During the latter part of November Decatur was the meeting place of our four superintendents, namely: Paul Jacka, Chattanooga, Emmett Reedy of Los Angeles, Rae McIntyre of Sarnia and Frank M. Taylor of Decatur. They compared notes and discussed policies as well as factory practices.

## BACKFIRE FROM THE SALESMEN'S MEETING

Are all the west coast salesmen members of the California Chamber of Commerce or just good salesmen? They seem to have sold several persons around here on California.

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Does Ferne Pope like figures? Indications seem to point that way.

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It looked for a while as though Mabel Gates had gone into training for a dance marathon. But she can take it. Next night she went to a Pinochle party and won first prize. If there had been any prizes awarded for dancing she probably would have taken them, also.

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A hurry up call for a ten-gallon hat for that wild westerner, Dan Gannon, failed to find one in this vicinity, and that is the reason Dan lead the grand march in a fifteen-gallon stove pipe hat.

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Louise Whitehead remained bright-eyed and wide-awake during the day time, but was compelled to send her regrets to her regular Wednesday night card club.

## SARNIA NEWS

## Brass Chips from Sarnia

We are sorry to state that Bill Young's domestic troubles have started all over again. It is the same old question, "Is it turkey or not turkey?" since his wife has left him again to go home to mother's for Christmas.

People have been mystified by the number of fish that follow the ferry boats these nights. We are wondering if the pound of liver carried under Ed. Cook's arm has anything to do with it?

The boys of the Brass shop seem to be going "istic" these days. Jack Rose—puglistic; Bob Moore—evangelistic; Bill Young—pessimistic; Dennis Tilley—communistic; George Lee—teetotalistic.

We wish to announce a new tinsmith in our midst. Ted Brent is open to receive orders at any time and will execute same with promptness and efficiency??

We note that "Hot Dog" Thompson has inflicted us with another misery. The other day he started yodelling when he was painting a rafter high up in the Brass Shop.

## "Honker Brent"

Honker Brent pulled a fine one the other day. Very smartly dressed and equipped for the occasion with a brand new shot gun slung over his shoulder he fared forth to shoot geese. Sighting a bird he raised his gun and fired. Next thing we beheld Honker Brent sat on the ground, looking very dazed and holding up a shot gun with four inches shot off the end of the barrel.

He tells us he really was out to shoot geese but the barrel of his gun became jammed with snow, causing his dilemma when he fired.

Jack Harkins spent a pleasant few days hunting deer. All he caught was a severe cold.

## Births

Reta Noel, now Mrs. Harris, and formerly employed for many years in the Core Room—a son on November 9, 1937.

George Lucas of the Core Room became the father of a daughter, Patricia Ann, on November 22, 1937.

Our congratulations go to the above.

## At the Dance

Alex—Do you call me "mustard" because I'm such hot stuff?

Her—No, because you're always on my dogs. Obesity is something like poverty, it does not interfere with being happy after you quit fighting it.

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

What the country needs is dirtier finger nails and cleaner minds.

As a matter of fact, your neighbor thinks just as disagreeably about you as you do about him.

—●—  
Eat at Mueller Cafeteria where eatin' is good.

## BRIDE AND GROOM



Meet Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morrison, who married on July 20. Virgil is a member of the Plant 2 organization.

## IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO

To Apologize  
 To be unselfish  
 To admit error  
 To face a sneer  
 To be charitable  
 To be considerate  
 To avoid mistakes  
 To endure success  
 To keep on trying  
 To be broad-minded  
 To forgive and forget  
 To profit by mistakes  
 To think and then act  
 To keep out of the rut  
 To make the best of little  
 To shoulder deserved blame  
 To maintain a high standard  
 To recognize the silver lining.  
 BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

—Selected.

## ALMOST A BRIDESMAID

A good time was had by all—the all being Opal Jackson and Dorothy Cooper and the good time a visit to Chicago over the Thanksgiving holidays, shopping, attending "You Can't Take It With You," "First Nighter" performance at the NBC Studios, and a concert by Fritz Kreisler. Opal confessed that she had almost been a bridesmaid, and that big black cigars and bachelors had a part in story.

The original District of Columbia, which was ten miles square, included a tract south of the Potomac ceded by Virginia. The present District of Columbia, comprised of about seventy square miles, is entirely in Maryland.

GENERAL MEETING OF  
DECATUR EMPLOYEES

## Company Gave Generous Bonus—Memorial Service Part of Proceedings

A departmental meeting was held at the Mueller gymnasium on the evening of November 24. All employes attended and were seated by departments.

Adolph Mueller, in a heart to heart talk, told us his views of the present business situation and the conditions which make it necessary to go on a four day week beginning November 29. At that, we are in a better position than many other industries which went to shortened time a month or more ago. The forth coming meeting of salesmen was announced and assurance was given that the sales department was doing its utmost to get orders. One interesting bit of information was the fact that Mueller Co. spent in Decatur in 1936, \$1,300,000 and sold goods in Decatur to the amount of \$31,000, or about two and one-half per cent.

At one point in his address Mr. Mueller turned the meeting over to Mr. Webber, Sr., who conducted a brief memorial service for members of our organization who have passed on during the last year. Memorial was given to:

L. W. Reynolds, Department 300.

Foreman, W. T. Mason.

Superintendent, C. F. Roarick.

Mrs. Mary Mueller.

This service was closed by all standing and repeating together The Lord's Prayer.

Altogether this meeting was remarkable for its spirit, its good fellowship and the company's big surprise.

## African Elephant Eggst

The average African elephant is somewhat larger than the average Asiatic elephant, weighing about 9500 pounds as compared with about 7,000 pounds for the latter.

## Oldest Company

The oldest company in the world is said to be that which owns the Falun mine in Sweden. This mine has been working for 700 years without a break and has never changed hands.

## Lion Most Powerful

According to naturalists, the blow of a lion's paw is the most powerful that any animal can deliver.

The Sahara Desert covers an area equal to two-thirds of Europe.

Samuel Osgood, of Massachusetts, was the first postmaster General of the United States.

The greatest earthquake area in the world is said to be in Italy.

The Amazon river of South America, has more than 1200 tributaries.

The Suez canal is 103 miles in length.



## MINISTERS PAY US A VISIT



We had a distinguished group of visitors to the plant recently, ministers of churches in Decatur. They were escorted through the factory and were much interested in what they saw. At noon they were luncheon guests in the cafeteria and listened to a brief address by Adolph Mueller.

## A BOY'S LETTER

George Sprague, R. R. 1, Clinton, Illinois, recently made a trip through the factory. Under date of November 19, he wrote Harley Himstead, giving his impressions, which are not bad for a boy nine years of age. The letter:

Clinton, Illinois, R. R. 1,  
November 19, 1937.

Dear Mister Himstead:

I was glad to get to go through your factory.

I'm in the fourth grade. I am nine years old. When we left the factory we went to the Herald and Review Office. There we saw them print papers. When 50 papers went up one would go up crooked.

Then we went to the bakery and saw them make bread. They took the dough out of a vat. Then the man gave each of us a package of rolls.

Your friend,  
George Sprague.

## COMMENDABLE ACT

The men in Department 300, machine shop and pattern shop, took up a collection for Fred Galka. The Aid Society added something to it, and \$50 were presented to Fred by a committee from the shop last week. Fred has been disabled from work since March 1.

## Meeting Paw Halfway

At dinner time father asked little Seth if he shouldn't wash his hands. He looked them over and said: "Well, I might wash one of them."

## Aviators See 60 Miles

Provided the air be clear, an aviator at an elevation of 6,000 feet can see more than sixty miles.

## SALESMEN'S VISIT

## A Complete Account Will Be Found in the January Issue

All Mueller employes know about the recent visit of Mueller sales managers and salesmen. Many of the organization met and became acquainted with the visitors or renewing old acquaintances. This meeting was one of the best we have ever held and it was profitable in every way. Ideal winter weather contributed to the success of the gathering. In view of the fact that a complete account of the meeting has been prepared for the January Record only brief mention is being made in this issue.

## SHOULD HAVE MET "BUTSEY"

Hannen Swaffer, the English newspaper writer, visited Decatur as "a typical midwest town" and then went back to London and wrote his impression. He characterized, "Decatur the town where nobody laughed." Too bad he could not have been here during the salesmen's visit to meet up with Butsey Dill.

## Head Hunters

There are head-hunters in Burma, Siam, New Guinea, Africa, Borneo and many other places in the world. The practice survived in England as late as the middle ages.

## Greatest Railway Center

Chicago is the greatest railway center in the world and the greatest waterway center in the interior of any continent.

A single palm tree has produced as many as 4000 dates.



## UP AND COMING



Arletta Marie Roe is only 13 months old but a live wire, interested in everything in sight. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roe. He is employed in Dept. 8, and the mother, formerly Miss Helen Warren, was formerly in the core room.

## DEATHS

## Otto Jesse Probst

Otto Jesse Probst, 65, father of Harold A. Probst, Mueller salesman, with headquarters in Syracuse, N. Y., died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital Monday, December 13. Besides Harold, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Margaret Scanlon, Edward and Edith Probst of Decatur; Goldie Probst of Chicago; Delbert of Detroit, Mich., a brother, Pete Probst of Hanna, Ind. Margaret, Edith and Delbert worked for the Mueller Co. several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in the Moran & Sons funeral home on Thursday, with burial at Graceland cemetery.

George Krag of the Pattern room, was called to St. Louis on November 29 on account of the death of his father in that city.

Children  
Must Have  
a Ticket  
to  
Gain Admission  
to the  
Christmas Party  
Exercises

Get these from your  
Foreman

## EDNA AND DOROTHY



Here are two popular girls in this organization—Edna Johnston and Dorothy Stratman. The former is accumulating a wide experience. She has a new job every few days. Edna has worked in the purchasing department, the traffic department, the stationery department, and the main office. Dorothy Stratman, in the picture, has a place in the receiving department.

LOOK HAPPY, EH?



These two little ones have Christmas expectancy written on their faces. They are Colleen, aged 4, and Donald Grossman, aged 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Grossman. Tony, as he is known to his friends, works in Department 30.

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500 series of the season getting 505, and 504 respectively.

M. Chaney and C. Rubican broke into the 200 column this month, both getting 201.

Orville Keller has raised his average eight pins in the last four match games.

C. Dodwell shot two 600 series getting 609 and 605.

H. Stratman has bettered his average week for the past eleven match games.

The most outstanding feature since the last report—A. Werdes waited until December 4 to get his first 200 game, but that wasn't good enough.

Taking the "just an easy game" attitude he fired away and gave them both barrels on December 7 and really brought home the bacon, blasting out a 228 score his first game, he came back with 205 and had some tough breaks his last game, but emerged with 182, giving him a total of 615, his first 600 of the year.

### THE COMMON MATCH

Any match is dangerous especially in factories where gasoline, grease, and oil are used extensively. The common match is the chief danger of these little firebrands. Dropped on the greasy floors they ignite by friction. All that is required is for someone to step on such a match, and the chances are that a blaze will

result. Safety matches are a smaller threat because they do not generally ignite unless scratched on the side of the box. No one should bring common matches into our plant for the simple reasons given above. In many big plants they are positively forbidden.

### BRASS CHIPS

Chester E. Wood, Plant 2, now displays his new set of store teeth with a broad smile.

Richard Funkhouser, of our Pacific Coast Plant, returned to work November 29, 1937, after an absence of several weeks due to an accident.

Warren Frantz, of Department 300, has been confined to his home, 2083 North Locust St., with rheumatism since November 8. He will be glad to have the boys drop in and see him.

Norman Poole, of the Polishing department, is breaking in a new set of teeth.

Paul Barnes, Elvis Musgraves, Arthur Bauer, and John Monska have returned to work at Plant 2 after several weeks in the maintenance department.

Ralph Runion, Howard Dempster, Cleo Craft, and Lee Merrow have returned to Department 8 after a period on the maintenance department.

Wm. C. Draper, who has been working part time in the advertising department while attending Millikin University, goes to the Herald and Review as supervisor of afternoon paper carriers.

L. D. Thompson, of Department 110, entertained some of his friends at a party at Mueller Athletic Club on the evening of December 4.

On Friday, Dec. 10, Marian Richards was hostess to a party at the Athletic Club.

### SCHOOL FOR STUDY OF MUELLER GOODS

The success of our school last year has led the company to plan a similar school to open early in January. The exhibits that were prepared for the salesmen will be of interest to many of the men that work here. Announcement will be made later as to the time and place of meeting.

We take this occasion to suggest that those who would like to go into this school leave their names with the personnel director together with any suggestions that they may have to make in regard to time and place.

### Tooth Paste

Countless numbers of sea shells of the famous chalk cliffs of southern England furnish material for most tooth pastes.

## DEATHS

## Isaac Popejay

Isaac Popejay, father of Blanche Kallbrier of the Core Department, passed away November 18, 1937, at his home in Colfax, Illinois. He was fifty-eight years of age. His death was caused by double bronchial pneumonia.

On November 24, six days later, Mrs. Mirah Kallbrier, mother of George Kallbrier of the Decatur Store Fixture Company, passed away at her home in Lexington, Illinois, at the age of seventy-six years. Her death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. Kallbrier wish to thank members of the Decatur Store Fixture Company, the Core Department, Mrs. Laura Becker, and friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and the kindness extended during their bereavement.

## Mrs. William Body

Mrs. William Body, sister-in-law of Mrs. O. C. Draper, died Sunday, December 5, after an illness of two and one-half years. She leaves her husband, one sister, Mrs. C. C. Henricks of Cerro Gordo, and four brothers, Charles E. and A. W. Derr, Cerro Gordo; Henry L. Derr, Tremont City, Ohio, and W. A. Derr of Decatur. Funeral services were conducted at the Dawson and Wikoff funeral chapel and burial was at Cerro Gordo cemetery.

## Mrs. Iva Nettie Bland

Mrs. Iva Nettie Bland, mother of Lewis Bland of Department 9, died at St. Mary's hospital on November 11. She had been in failing health for the last year and a half. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at the Moran Chapel, and burial was at Boiling Spring cemetery.

## COLDS

The time of year is coming when the common cold will be prevalent. As common as this human ailment is the best physicians know little about it. As common as it is may be the reason for many persons treating it lightly. They try to wear it out, but in too many instances the cold "wears out the victim." Colds are dangerous. If allowed to go untreated and unchecked it all too frequently leads to serious illness. One authority says all colds and catarrhs are germ disease. Correct living, simple foods without over-indulgence, and cleanliness of the skin are given as among the best preventions of colds. Fresh air does not give a person a cold. On the other hand foul air, fatigue, constipation and lack of sleep are predisposing causes. Should you have a cold do not get close to a person when coughing or sneezing. Colds are spread when one sneezes or coughs in the presence of others. When forced to cough or sneeze always hold a handkerchief in front of nose or mouth. This should always be done under all circumstances, and especially so when you have a cold. Don't expose yourself to draughts, if

sensitive to them, and in particular if you have been perspiring. Cold weather does not give one a cold. There is good evidence of the fact that sailors and explorers in the arctic regions never take cold, although constantly exposed to all kinds of rough weather, but they do take colds when they return to regions where the people are afflicted with them. The temperature of a living room should not be above 68 degrees. Healthy and robust people and those who are actively employed should be comfortable in temperatures 5 to 10 degrees less than 68°.

## Well Dated Up

Civilized life reached its first stages in 5,000 B.C., soon after the disappearance of the Ice Age.

## Crane Guards Sheep

The trumpeter crane of Venezuela is trained by the natives to guard sheep. All day it keeps an eye on its charges, and at night brings them back safe to the fold.

## Hawaii Imports Vegetables

Hawaii, with its land devoted largely to sugar cane and pineapples, imports 10 million dollars worth of vegetables from the mainland annually.

## Fish Cookery

Special fish cookery lectures and demonstrations have been inaugurated by the U. S. bureau of fisheries at the request of the Consumers' Council in Washington.

## Difference in Fingers

The first finger on a man's hand is usually shorter than his third, while a woman's first finger is longer than her third.

## Plenty of Time

There are about 360 clocks and watches in Windsor Castle, England, including the first lever watch ever made.

## STILL, YOU'RE LUCKY

"My husband left me a million dollars when he died."

"My, you're awfully lucky!"

"Oh, I don't know. I had five million when I married him."

## THE TRAINER LITHPED

Manager: Why don't you get on with your animal act. Make it snappy.

Litpeth: This, I can't find my panther.

Manager: Never mind your clothes—get on with the act.

E. H. Langdon advised one of the men in Department 30 to get some safety shoes, although he said he didn't need them. Something slipped the other day and broke a toe.

Clark Curry, Ray Caudle, and Lorin Grosboll of Department 9, have been assisting Irene Otis for the past week and a half in changing the files.





## And We Say God Bless It

In all Christmas secular literature there are few, if any, who will not give "Dickens Christmas Carol" a high place. It's always new and is habitually read every Christmas by lovers of the great English novelist. In the following paragraph the poor nephew of the rich, grasping uncle, Old Scrooge, gives voice to sentiments, especially worth reading:

"I have always thought of Christmastime, when it came 'round, apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem, by common consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers x x x and not another race of creatures bound on to other journeys. And, therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good; and I say, God Bless it."

—From Dickens Christmas Carol.





## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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“What means this glory round our feet,”  
The magi mused, “more bright than  
morn?”

And voices chanted clear and sweet.

“Today the Prince of Peace is born.”

“What means that star,” the Shepherd  
said,

That brightens through the rocky glen?”  
And angels answering overhead,

Sang “Peace on Earth, good will to men.”

And they who do their souls no wrong,

But keep at eve the faith of morn,  
Shall daily hear the angel song,

“Today the Prince of Peace is born.”

—James Russell Lowell.

