



*The*  
**MUELLER  
RECORD**

FEBRUARY, 1930

**BASKET BALL**

AT MUELLER GYMNASIUM

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p. m.**

WILLIAMS OIL-O-MATIC

of Bloomington

VS.

MUELLER

of Decatur

GOOD GAME—BE THERE

# THE MUELLER RECORD

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## PRESENTS APPRECIATED

At Christmas time the employees gave presents to Adolph and Robert Mueller. Handsome office chairs with a silk umbrella for each constituted the offering. The gifts were practical and serviceable and were much appreciated as expressed in the following letter:

December 31st, 1929.

Christmas, 1929

To All of Our Employees:

We wish to sincerely thank all of our employees for the wonderful Christmas remembrances which they gave us in the form of a nice office chair and a very serviceable umbrella.

The presents came in mighty handy, because we surely needed new office chairs and umbrellas.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT MUELLER,  
ADOLPH MUELLER.



## Physical Examinations

Doctor Long now spends his mornings examining employees who were not fortunate enough to have a physical examination when they were hired. They are called one at a time and examined. In order to save the Doctor's time a number of men have volunteered to come during their lunch hour. If you wish to be examined before your turn we can properly arrange it during the noon hour.



## Mike Comes Back

Mike Fleckenstein, foreman of the Night Polishing Dept., who had a long illness last fall, suffered a relapse and was laid up again for ten days. He returned to work January 27.



## BRASS CHIPS

Alonzo Davey, of the Night Grinding Dept., has been confined to his home since November 30 with heart trouble.

John Faith, of the Foundry, who was laid up November 1 by sickness, is now able to be about.

Robert Harris, of the Foundry, was off for about two weeks in January with rheumatism. He is at work again.

Iona Reed, of the Core Dept., who was taken to the Deatur and Macon County Hospital, is recovered sufficiently to return to her home.

Cecil Harrison, of Plant 2, has had considerable sickness in his family. His wife and two children were down with pneumonia. Arrangements were made to take them to St. Mary's Hospital. He has returned to work.

## MR. ADOLPH GIVES PARTY

### Has Boys of Opportunity Home As His Guests

On Saturday, January 25th, Mr. Adolph Mueller had for his guests a crowd of boys from the Opportunity Home. The good time which these little fellows enjoyed will undoubtedly live for many years in their memories.

The youngsters were first taken on a hike led by Mr. Adolph and Mr. Cline, who has an interest in this work for boys. The party finally broke up at the Lodge after the youngsters had put in a part of the afternoon skating, sliding on the ice with their sleds, and coasting down the hillsides.

This group proved most interesting to the older persons, who were struck by the brotherly interest manifested by the bigger boys in their care for the younger ones, and the confidence the younger ones showed in their elders in their willingness to accept advice and instructions from them.

A bunch of Mueller girls were in the party to assist in the direction of the games, both indoors and out, including Mary Wilkins, Clara Uhl, Helen Brannan, Lois Christy, Edna Cranston, and Lucille Morthland. Frank Edmonson was also a member of the party and helped with the entertainment. As the afternoon drew to a close, the party was taken to the Lodge, where they devoted several hours to singing, playing games, and feasting. The amusements were continued until about 8:30 o'clock, and the little fellows were taken in cars and returned to the Opportunity Home.

Some of the girls who assisted in making this affair enjoyable and successful expressed a willingness to visit the home once or twice during the month and direct these boys in games and other diversions, which would contribute to their physical and mental growth.

The Opportunity Home is one of Decatur's outstanding philanthropies and is doing a wonderful work in starting boys on the right road to correct living and good citizenship.

Quite a few of the boys who were guests wrote to Mr. Adolph expressing their thanks and appreciation. Several of the letters are appended just as they were written:

Decatur, Ill.

January 28, 1930.

Dear Mr. Mueller:

I had a good time and sure did preshyate

goin to the pond and also to supper we had.  
I shure would thank you.

CECIL WHITROCK.

Decatur, Ill.,  
January 28, 1930.

Dear Mr. Adolph Mueller:

I will write a few words. I will thank you for the big party we had. I had a good time playing games. I wish you will send some girls to play games with us. I like it very much to play games. I wish you would come back again some time. I like to go on the ice with the sled with the boys pulling it on the ice fast. Good bye.

From VINCENT TROVATO.

Decatur, Ill.,  
Jan. 28, 1930.

Dear Mr. Adolph Mueller:

Thank you for the party you gave us. We wold like to have those girls teach us to play games. I had a nice time at your party and I want to thank you.

GLEN.

Dear Mr. Adolph Mueller:

This is William Doggett. I am the boy that standed on my head. Will you send some of the girls out to play some games.

When our you going to have a nother party again. One of them girls live out by us. our any of the boys an girls coming out any more. please send some girls and bou out.

be sure to send them out. goodbye.

Billy Doggett an William Doggett.

January 28, Dectrue.

Mr. Adolph Mueller. Thank you for the party. We sure did have some fun. I wish you would send some of your girls out to teach us some games. I liked the games we played. it was some fun. I sure had a good time on the pond. We sure had a good supper. We liked the song your girls sang. We liked too play on the little pond.

FRANK TROVATO.

1942 E. Cantral,  
Decatur, Ill.  
Jan. 28, 1930.

Dear Mr. Adolph Mueller:

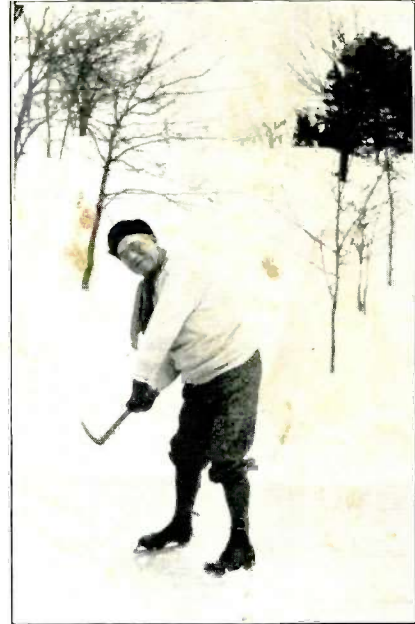
Thank you for nice time we had. We had a good time with the girls. We had a good time singing. I hope you can come to some of our partys and the girls that played with us. I thank you for takeing us there. We had a good time on the pond. I am nine years old.

Your friend,  
WALLACE REED.

### POTTERY FORGING AHEAD

The pottery is coming to the front in good shape. January was perhaps the best month in its history. Carload shipments were

### ON ICE



We have had Adolph on ice all winter. In fact he puts himself there. You can't keep him off. Just as soon as skating is accessible he puts on his runners and enjoys himself. At every opportunity presenting itself he has been at the lodge. The ice has been a large attraction for others of the organization. This splendid winter scene with Adolph in the foreground was taken by Lois Dickson.

made every day or so and the trade has already begun to recognize the fact that Mueller Vitreous Ware is as good as the best and much better than the greater majority of this material put on the market.

With the growing demand for our pottery, there will unquestionably be an increased demand for our plumbing goods, because the two work together, and as a complete unit, we know that there is nothing better in the country. The high standard of quality of Mueller Plumbing Brass Goods together with the equal high standard of our Vitreous China Ware, gives us a new opportunity for the development of a bigger business than we have ever before enjoyed in the line thus far developed.

Mueller bronze plumbing goods assembled on Mueller Vitreous China Ware is a combination that makes a strong appeal to plumbers.

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Customer: "Are those eggs strictly fresh?"

Grocer: "George, just feel if those eggs are cool enough to sell yet."

—Wall Street Journal.

**BUTTON UP YOUR OVERCOAT**

By C. O. Sappington, M. D.

Director, Industrial Health Division, National Safety Council.



The fellow who brags about his cold baths is a pest during the winter months to those who shiver in the cold blasts. To some, a cold bath brings a warm, healthful reaction; to others it may be positively dangerous.

Many have the idea that wearing as little clothing as possible is a good way to "toughen" themselves against cold weather. It is true that some people can wear light clothing in winter without serious discomfort but the idea of any toughening process is entirely wrong.

The body is actually a heating plant stoked with food. Insufficient clothing for the season permits too much heat to escape for bodily comfort and welfare, and resistance to colds and other diseases is likely to be weakened rather than strengthened. Comfort is a safe guide in deciding whether to wear long flannels or D. V. D.'s.

Years ago people were afraid of cold air, particularly night air. They slept with rooms sealed tight. Then many went to the other extreme and opened the windows wide, even with strong, cold winds blowing in. Too low a temperature in a sleeping room is not desirable. It should be about ten or 15 degrees below the temperature of a living room. On a cold night it is sufficient to open the window about two inches to secure ample circulation of air.

Engineers are careful to insulate heating systems to avoid waste of fuel, and the body needs a similar insulation. Cold weather is exhilarating if you are comfortably dressed but if you are numb or chilly your resistance is being lowered.

All persons do not require the same amount of clothing so let the other fellow brag about his hardiness. Let comfort be your pride.

**BROUGHT BACK CORPSE****Matt Trott Has a Good Southern Negro Story**

Matt Trott, who returned from Atlanta, Georgia, the other day, tells the following incident as a fact:

Most of the colored people, there, carry burial insurance. Thus they are sure of a fine funeral when they die.

One colored man, who was so insured, died and was laid away in a grand manner. His relatives, however, collected the insurance and, when the undertaker presented the bill, had nothing to pay him.

So he went to the cemetery, dug up the dead man, and delivered the corpse to his home with the statement that he would leave him there until the funeral was paid for.

They rattled the "bones" and the undertaker won.

**WEDDINGS.**

Wm. T. Odell, of the Pottery, and Luella Downing were married in Decatur December 11. They will live at 1630 N. Broadway.

Wm. D. Hayes, Grinding Dept., and Mrs. Kathryn King were married in Decatur December 24. They will live at 1259 N. Clinton.

Goldie Karl, of the Assembly Dept., and L. E. Stollard were married in Springfield December 15. They live at 1115 E. Clay.

Roy Neil, Inspector at Plant 2, and Helen Ryan were married in Decatur November 27.

Leslie Hopper, Dept. 8, and Irene Durbin were married at Beecher City November 27. They live at 1355 E. Moore St.

R. J. Reidelberger and Ethel Dempsey were married at Pickneyville, Illinois, on October 26. They live at 423 W. King St.

**PLANT THREE.**

Chester Coombes has been recently re-employed and is now working in the Slip House.

Cassie Bartlett has returned to work in the Casting Shop.

**CHANGE THEIR LOCATION**

Paul Andrews, who has been in the Main Office Sales Dept. for the past seven years, resigned January 18 to take a position with the Rome Brass Company, Rome, New York. Our good wishes accompany Paul and his wife to his new work.

Bart Allen, of the Night Foundry, left January 8 to make his home in California.

**Cutting**

A girl met an old flame, and decided to high hat him. "Sorry," she murmured, when the hostess introduced him to her, "I did not get your name." "I know you didn't," replied the old flame, "but that is not your fault. You tried hard enough."

## AIRPLANE MODELS

Y. M. C. A. Boys Give Interesting Exhibition at the Gymnasium.



Eight boys from the Y. M. C. A. gave an exhibition of model airplanes in flight in the Gymnasium at noon on January 22. They were guests of the Company for dinner that day.

This proved a very interesting occasion and quite a crowd gathered to watch the tiny planes circle about the Gym. The boys had made the planes themselves. With them was Paul Mitchell, boys' secretary, who supplied the following information about the model planes:

The Y-Fliers' Model Airplane Club of the Y. M. C. A. Boys' Department was organized at the Y. M. C. A. last winter. The boys have been studying model airplane construction and aerodynamics thru their various meets and exhibitions and have interested three or four hundred boys in and around Decatur in this splendid educational hobby.

Model airplane building is divided into three divisions. The flying stick models, known as the R. O. G.'s and Tractors, are the types of planes used for endurance records. These models have just a straight motor stick with a rudder, stabilizer, and wing. The national indoor record for flying stick models is eight minutes and 33 seconds. The outdoor record for this type of plane is 10 minutes and 30 seconds.

The second type of model, and the one which is the most fascinating to construct is the commercial flying model. These ships are flying models copied after real airplanes. They must be slightly out of proportion in order to balance them for flight. They are very realistic and their flights, take off, zooms, loops, and three-point landings are just like real ships. Flights of two and three minutes are considered excellent for this type of ship.

The third type of model building is that of actual scale models. These ships must have a wing span of 24 inches and every other detail of the ship must be exactly

scaled to the dimensions of a real commercial airplane. In the national contests, scale models made by the boys were so perfectly done that they included illuminated dial boards, movable controls, propeller etchings, inspection badges, and turn buckles.

The wood used in model construction is balsa, which grows in the jungles of South America. This wood is only half the weight of cork and is 92 per cent air. When a plane is complete and ready to fly, it weighs about one ounce.

The Y. M. C. A. is the district headquarters for the Airplane Model League of America. Any boy who wishes to secure information on the construction of planes, to purchase materials, or to receive official recognition for endurance flights may do so at any time by coming to the Boys' Department.

The official Y-Fliers' Model Airplane Club meets on Wednesday afternoons and any boy who is capable of making a good model plane can become a member of this club.

If enough of the employees' boys are interested in forming a Model Airplane Club the Y. M. C. A. will gladly furnish leadership and training for them, holding meetings once a week at Mueller Gymnasium and taking part in all city and regional model meets. This would also give a Mueller boy an opportunity to try for the National Championship, which means a trip to Europe for the four winners.

#### NIGHT FORCE IS OFF Has Been Consolidated With Day Force for Present at Least

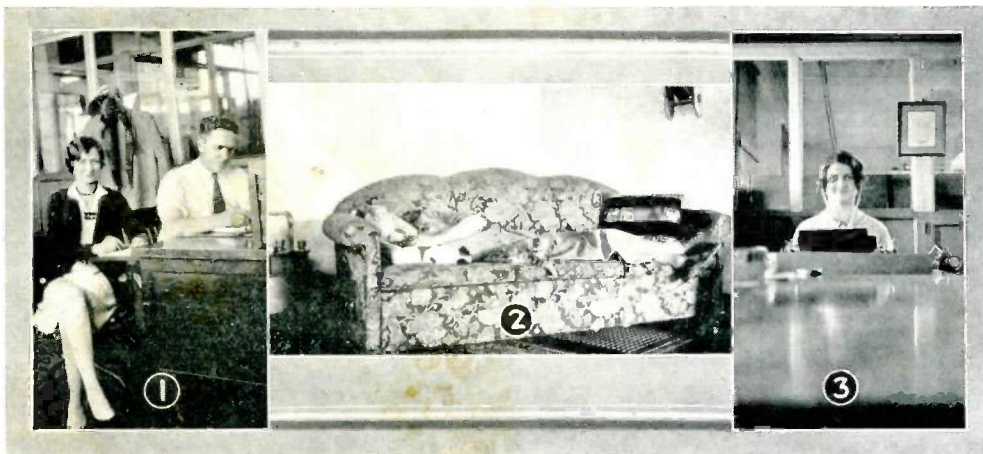
When the night force finished Friday night, Feb. 1st, it marked the discontinuance of that force for a time at least.

The purpose of the company is actuated by two motives. Economy and efficiency. While the night force has been a recognized department in Mueller activities for a great many years past, its necessity has for some time been under consideration because of its detachment from the regular daily routine. It was thought by amalgamating the night and day forces not only the manufacturing process would be simplified, but it would eliminate a very considerable expense of maintaining the factory practically every twenty-four hours in the day. This thought crystalized into a purpose at this time by reason of the hesitancy of business opening up as early as usual.

The night force may be reinstated later on, but this will depend largely on the necessity of meeting the demands of business. It is thought that under conditions, better results can be obtained by the entire force working in the day time.

The night workers consisted of 150 or more employes and practically this entire force is being placed in day jobs as quickly as possible.

## THE CAMERA CLUB



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The subject for the month of January was "Interiors," and the pictures were judged by Mr. T. C. Kingston, Vice President of the Osgood Engraving Co., of Chicago. His selection of the winners was as follows:

First Prize—Marie Eagleton.

Second Prize—Helen Pope.

Third Prize—Mary Wilkins.

A short business meeting of the Camera Club was held Jan. 21st, and new officers elected for the coming year. Helen Pope was elected president, and Marian Richards secretary. It was voted to have the same subjects as last year, as the selection of subjects seems to be quite appropriate. The subject for February is "Miscellaneous" and everyone is urged to submit pictures, as this is one of the easiest subjects on the list. Pictures must be turned in to Marie Eagleton on or before Feb. 10th.



## Emotion

A man was discovered by his wife one night standing over his baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw in his face a mixture of emotions—rapture, doubt, admiration, despair, ecstasy, incredulity. Touched and wondering alike at this unusual parental attitude and the conflicting emotions, the wife with eyes glistening arose and slipped her arms around him.

"A penny for your thoughts," she said, in a voice tremulous with tenderness.

Startled into consciousness, he blurted them out:

"For the life of me, I can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for three forty-nine!"

—Gas and Electric News.

## DANGEROUS DRIVING

## Mueller Folks in St. Louis Trip See Plenty of Evidence in Wrecks

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pope, Ruth Whitman, Marian Woodworth and Dorothy Gepford drove to St. Louis, Sunday, Feb. 2nd. The return trip was made late at night and the roads were covered with a thin coating of ice which made driving extremely hazardous. It was impossible to apply the brakes without skidding and sliding all over the road, and this of course, retarded the speed. Mute evidence of the dangerous condition of the roads was manifested by seven wrecks which were encountered along the roadside. An immense drayage truck had turned over in the ditch on the wrong side of the road spilling its contents. A sedan had skidded off the road and evidently turned over twice, as it was standing upright with the entire top caved in. A roadster and a sedan had met and the roadster came out the loser. It had its nose buried in a three foot ditch, wheels broken, and fenders bent, while the sedan resentfully rested on the opposite side of the road with a bent fender and broken wheel. A truck that must have been traveling at a good speed had left the road and embraced a telephone post with such a force that the engine had buckled up and the wheels, fenders and engine were a mass of wreckage encircling the telephone post. And another car was encountered which had hit something so hard that the entire engine had been knocked back into the body of the car. Almost everyone of the wrecks looked as though the driver must surely have been killed. To have escaped appeared impossible. The enjoyment of the trip for the party was somewhat lessened by these sights.

### MR. ADOLPH MUELLER ADDRESSES HOME STUDY MEN

On Thursday noon, Jan. 30th, a very interesting and instructive meeting was held in order to stir up interest and enthusiasm in those men who are enrolled for correspondence or home study work. There was a very good attendance, which in itself contributed much to its success, but most of the credit must be given Adolph Mueller who very simply but clearly pointed out the value of personal efficiency and initiative.

Special invitations were sent to all men who have reported their enrollment to the Employment Dept. If you are a home study student and did not receive a notice, please let the Employment Office know of your outside activities.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Adolph Mueller.  
Mr. E. H. Langdon.  
Arthur Nash, Dept. 8.  
Dean Butler, Dept. 9.  
Donald Phipps, Main Office.  
Arthur Galloway, Dept. 18.  
Melvin Anderson, Main Office.  
Paul Baldwin, Plant 2.  
Walter Bowan, Dept. 44.  
Claude Eaton, Dept. 5.  
"Happy" March, Dept. 5.  
Harold Kruzan, Dept. 5.  
Fred Feltz, Dept. 38.  
Paul Jacka, Night School Instructor.  
C. M. Cornelius.  
Wallace Gould, Dept. 44.  
Oscar Stratman, Dept. 35.  
Wm. Kuntz, Dept. 36.  
Ed. N. Stark, Dept. 60.  
Robt. Lusk, Dept. 60.  
Louis May, Dept. 29.  
Al Christy, Dept. 30.  
Albert Flaughter, Dept. 30.  
Hubert Johnson, Dept. 18.  
Thomas Langley, Dept. 38.  
J. A. Morrison, Dept. 41.  
O. E. Walker, Dept. 41.  
Homer Van Vleet, Dept. 95.  
Geo. Whitney, Dept. 95.  
Geo. Grubbs, Dept. 90.

Mr. Mueller's remarks centered around the statement that Prosperity is not the result of lost motion, or that Success, as we usually think of it, results from conscientious, concentrated, honest effort toward some future goal which becomes only complete and full when the task is finished. No matter what may be ones task, one need never fear the outcome if in its accomplishment there is that effort and desire to do the honest, the fair, the right thing.

"Mueller Co. need never fear competition if in its organization we have a loyal and efficient personnel, working honestly toward producing the best goods that we know how to produce.

"Men who are endeavoring to raise the standard of their personal efficiency should

### TWO HAPPY KIDDIES



Mary Ruth Hester, age 6 and Myron Clyde Hester, age 4, children of Clyde Hester of the inspection department.

in a measure advertise their undertakings and qualifications. Of course, in a modest way, let the boss know that you want to get ahead—that you are interested in going forward instead of remaining placed where you are."

A little later Mr. Mueller referring to the ratings that are taken periodically of foremen and employes said: "Please don't forget that in estimating the value of a foreman or an employe to this organization, we must take into consideration their outside interests and activities. We find that those men who have initiative, who for themselves conserve their health and energy, who lay aside part of their earnings for a day in need, those who manage themselves in a business-like way, are our best employes."

As a parting remark Mr. Mueller summed it all up briefly when he said "For character and personality, there is no substitute."

### † SCHOOL CHILDREN VISIT POTTERY

On the afternoon of January 22 the Fourth and Fifth grades of the Mary W. French school visited the pottery. Alice Mayhew and Dean Simpson arranged the party. The trip was made in automobiles provided by parents of the children. The teachers also accompanied them. The total number in the group was about eighty. When they arrived at the Pottery they were greeted by Manager Mayhew. Then they made the rounds of the various departments with guides furnished by Plant 3.

The children asked many questions to get material for essays, which many intended to write about the visit.

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The hired man rises to remark that he hasn't got much use for a woman that cuts a punkin' pie into six pieces.

## THE TRIUMVIR'S



Rome had her triumvirs but Rome has nothing on us—look at our triumvirs at the new Atlanta branch—Chester Priddy, W. L. Jett, manager southern division and F. E. Carroll in conference in the new office.

The branch at Atlanta is now open and going along very smoothly under the direction of Manager W. B. Ford. The Atlanta papers have given us several nice notices and we have already become known as a part of the commercial interests of that thriving southern city.

Matt Trott, who was in Atlanta for several months looking after the construction of the building, has returned to Decatur.



## Super-salesmanship

Sergeant O'Neill came upon downhearted Smith contemplating suicide from the Brooklyn Bridge.

"Before you commit this act," said the sergeant, "talk it over for fifteen minutes with me."

Whereupon the two strolled over to a bench and conversed for fifteen minutes. Presently they both walked back to the bridge and jumped over together.



## Kipling's Comeback

When the report went around that Rudyard Kipling was getting a shilling a word for something he was writing, some Oxford students set about "ragging" him. Wiring Kipling a shilling, they said: "Please send us one of your words."

And right back came the answer, "Thanks."

—Cheese and Crackers.



## He Knew Her

Mrs. Campbell: "Dear, I saw the sweetest little hat downtown today."

Campbell: "Put it on and let me see how you look in it."

—Cigar and Tobacco Journal.

## PLANT 3 NOTES

## Celebrates Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Al Culver celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary at their home January 25. Mr. Culver is the foreman of the Sliphouse at the Vitreous Plant. This is their first anniversary celebrated in Decatur.

Those present: Mr. Wm. Burchell, Mr. Fred Colendar, Mr. Richard Cash and secrecy covers the names of the other members of the party.

It was reported that plenty of refreshments were on hand, also plenty of consumers.

However, the evening was spent in singing and dancing" and "general merry making." A very pleasant evening was had by all, and all got home in a very organized fashion.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Armstrong of Moweagua on Jan. 18th, a son weighing 11 pounds. He has been named Robert Edward, this being the seventh child and the first boy.

## A Run for the Time Clock

A great deal of confusion occurred on the morning of January 29 when practically the entire working force of the Mueller Pottery was held up by an I. C. freight train. Even the early birds were held back. Thirty cars were parked on the shoulder of the hard road for about one-half hour.



## FROM CUBA

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Mueller have returned from a winter vacation trip to Havana, Cuba, where they spent nearly two weeks in this fascinating city. Automobile trips into the surrounding country. They were delighted with their trip. Havana, Cuba has become a popular winter playground for Americans who flock there by thousands for the winter.



"Dear, dear, you mustn't play with daddy's razor, baby. Mother has a can of peaches to open."



### FAREWELL TO MR. ROSSE

#### Our Export Representative Given a Fine Send Off on Trip

Mr. Rosse of the Export Division of the New York office spent a week or more in Decatur during the month of December getting acquainted with the Decatur organization, the company's business and its poli-



M. R. Rosse

cies. This was all done in preparation of an extended trip he is making to the West Indies and Central America in the interest of Mueller export business.

After leaving Decatur Mr. Rosse returned to New York, where he had two or three busy days in completing his final arrangements. He sailed for the West Indies on Dec. 28th. On the evening of the 27th, the New York office thought it would be very appropriate and interesting to give him a farewell party, which they did. It was more or less of a surprise. Mr. Rosse entered the office after a strenuous day completing the final details for an ocean voyage, and found a miniature size globe-trotter's bag on his desk and a red bandanna handkerchief, and in both of these parcels were many numerous useful as well as ornamental gifts, together with a good deal of advice from different ones who have travelled extensively, some as far as the Jersey shore and Hoboken.

With each gift was an appropriate line to describe the article and to convey to Mr. Rosse a wish for a Bon Voyage and a successful business trip. Among these gifts was a suitcase, a red bandanna, a wrist watch, fishing line, garlic, aspirin, bottle opener, fan, umbrella, Life Savers, mule, tooth brush, row boat, a small book entitled "What I Know About Spanish," guitar, address book, Boals-Rolls, pamphlet on traveling hints, hot water bottle, lemon, and a notebook entitled "My Memoirs."

The reader will of course discern that

some of these presents were beautiful while others were made in a spirit of fun. Some very clever verses accompanied these articles, but unfortunately the pages of the Record are not big enough to publish the entire account in full.



#### Skating at Mueller Heights

Skating on the little lake between the Club House and Lodge has been in full swing for the past two weeks. The ice has been in good shape due to the efforts of the Maintenance Dept. in removing the snow off and in keeping the surface smooth by sprinkling and flooding at the proper time.

The ice is being enjoyed by many, but, as yet, there has not been a capacity crowd, a thing that we would like to see. There is always a warm fire in the small house near the west end of the dam, making it an ideal place to change shoes and to warm before starting home. There is also an open fire, in a newly constructed fire place, at the edge of the ice.



#### Painful Accident

Lee Bloxam, of the Night Shift, went hunting Saturday morning, January 25. He had a twelve-gauge repeating shot gun. In some manner one shell exploded in the loading device before it got into the magazine of the gun, injuring Mr. Bloxam in the mouth. The lower lip was cut through and a number of teeth were broken. However, he returned to work January 27 with a bandaged face.



#### With Steamship Orchestra

Bruce Wilkins, son of J. M. (Kitty) Wilkins, has a very interesting job. He plays in the orchestra on the S. S. Virginia, which plies between San Francisco and New York.

The Virginia is a passenger liner and makes the voyage in seventeen days. Bruce plays the saxophone in the seven-piece orchestra which gives daily concerts for the passengers.

On each voyage they pass thru the Panama Canal and tropical waters, but start and finish in the temperate zone.



#### New Teeth for Old

A number of our men who have new teeth are gradually getting used to them and find increased comfort and improved health by having a healthy mouth and artificial teeth.

There are still others who are much in need of dental work and who continue to delay it.

Nothing is gained by putting off necessary dental work and much maybe gained. It will cost less and hurt less to have dental work just as soon as needed instead of delaying until the teeth decay or become infected.

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**New York Office Has a Nice Celebration**

It's a trifle late for Christmas news, still we are interested in the account of the party by New York employees. The account furnished says:

"The Christmas Celebration was held in the New York office on December 24th and a good time was had by all. There wasn't an iota of doubt as to the gayety adopted by all the employees. Everyone seemed in the proper spirit and there was an abundance of the 'Good Will' atmosphere that it seems only the Yuletide season can bring.

The office was decorated very gaily with festoons, bells and wreaths and a very pretty tree which is so necessary for the occasion. A victrola provided the music and dancing was taken up by most everyone.

Mr. Haas started the events with a speech to all employees, which was followed by Mr. Power, the genial New York salesman, acting the roll of Santa Claus inimitably.

There was a present on the tree for everyone and with each package there was some of Santa's witticism which was always added to by our Mt. Stenner.

When Santa opened his own package there was a great deal of mirth. He found a miniature stein of beer and much to his consternation, no brass rail was provided to go with it.

Mrs. D. F. Brady had been joshed a good deal about having a pickle with her lunch every day and when she opened her package what should she find but a pickle made of soap. "Not so good for the digestion, Mrs. Brady."

Mr. Lou Wolpert received a carpet sweeper to start a clean sweep.

Miss Grace Timm has always been afraid of mice and therefore was given a mechanical mouse to keep her in constant fear.

Miss Elsie Krescholleck received a baby bottle just to keep the blues away.

Mrs. Mary Burkland received a hot water bottle—one, by its size, would wonder what she will keep warm with it.

Miss Mazie McMahon received a crystal and immediately started to tell John Stenner's fortune. We think she wanted to satisfy her curiosity.

There was a miniature gun in a holster for George Knipe and it is wondered if George needs this for protection, George being quite a hit with the ladies.

Among the numerous other gifts that we cannot mention, there was a rubber face for Mr. Haas which when pressed stuck out a long red tongue. Santa enjoyed this immensely.

After the proceedings, the girls of the office was each presented with a box of chocolates by the "49" club and the men received cigarettes and cigars. There was also a lovely boudoir pillow for each girl

**FRANCIS CAROLYN YONKERS**



Mrs. Carl Yonkers and baby. Francis Carolyn, age 2 months. Mrs. Yonkers looks down upon the little mite with all of a mother's love, devotion and admiration. Her friends who have met Francis Carolyn say she's "the cutest baby they ever saw."

and a leather wallet for each man given by Mr. Haas.

George Knipe sang "Singing in the Bath Tub," accompanied by a ukulele, which, to say the least, was most appropriate.

After this special entertainment, there was more dancing and fun, which left everyone in the proper spirit for Christmas.

Mrs. Brady and Mr. Evans wish to thank the officials of Mueller Company for the ten year service pins and for the checks which accompanied same."



**New Glasses.**

Since we have reported last, a number have had their eyes examined and glasses properly fitted. They are enjoying eye comfort they did not know before, and are more efficient in their work.



**Tell the Folks at Home.**

If you have not done so, please explain to the folks at home and to your friends the Company rule about the use of the telephone for personal calls. If it is really necessary for your folks to talk to you during business hours, of course we will accommodate them. But make sure it is important and then ask them to state just what the emergency is.



**FOUND**

Arthur Teike, of the Pattern Dept., found a twenty-five year Mueller service emblem. It has been turned in to the Employment office, where it awaits the owner.

**BILL SENDS CARDS**

Physical Director Recuperating in Florida  
Likes to Hear From Friends

W. G. (Bill) Cranston is still at Miami. Quite a few of his friends have received postal cards and all these bring good news that he is retrieving lost weight, feeling fine and having himself a good time. We all hope and expect to welcome Bill back one of these days, looking and feeling his old self.

At the present time Bill always has his eye on the postman and is always glad to hear from his friends in the organization. Drop him a line or a card.

The following is a letter recently received:  
Miami, Fla., Jan. 23, 1930.

Mr. E. H. Langdon,

Dear Friend: The big letter just received. It is very kind of the fellows to express themselves. I can only wait until we can mingle together again for mutual interest.

I slept better last night than that of any other time. The periods of rest come more in the nature of naps than of prolonged sleep. But they rest the nervous system.

I want to remain here until the first of May.

I am sending Johnny a picture card. I have written over two hundred letters and cards. It has been a great pleasure. I can not recall the names of a lot of people to whom I would like to send postals. I do not keep a copy of the letters I send out or the kind of postals.

By going slow and watching my step I do very well within limitations. Every day I can note some improvement. Quick movements or long walks I can not stand. I am building up solidly and hope to be better than ever eventually.

Regards to all,  
W. G. CRANSTON,  
338 N. E. 21st St.,  
Miami, Fla.

Will send postals to all the boys who wrote the letter.—Bill.

Bill will be glad to hear from you. Send him a line.

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**The Wrong Statistics**

In the course of the trial the judge turned to the negro woman on the stand and asked:

"How old are you?"

"I'se seventy-three, judge."

"Are you sure?"

"Yass, suh."

"Mandy, you don't look seventy-three."

"I'se sure, judge."

After a few moments the trial was interrupted by Mandy.

"Judge, I'se mistaken about my age being seventy-three; that's my bust measure, suh."

Cheese and Crackers.

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"Not many fellows can do this," said the magician as he turned his Ford into a lamp post.

**MADE HIM LAUGH**

There was nothing about the photographer or his camera to worry or scare Edwin Martin Chepan, age 14 months. In fact he got a big laugh out of it. He is the son of Herman Chepan, a machinist in Dept. 30.

**1000 YEARS OF MUELLERS**

In nearly every city there is a Mueller family and in some there are dozens of families. The town of Much in Western Germany has one which claims a distinct record in the matter of combined ages. A Pennsylvania paper tells about it in a short news item as follows:

"The entire population of the village of Much, in Western Germany, joined in the celebration when the combined ages of 15 brothers and sisters of the Mueller family reached 1,000 years."

The average age of these brothers and sisters was something over 66 years, and is perhaps a record unequalled anywhere. This item of interest was brought to the attention of Mr. Adolph by a member of the night force.

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**BASKETBALL**

A big basketball game is scheduled for the Gymnasium, Tuesday night, February 11th, when the Williams Oil-O-Matic team meets the Mueller team.

The admission will be fifty cents for grown ups and 25 cents for kids. Both teams are strong and a hot contest is anticipated. Come out and see a fast, hot game.

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The rolling-pin throwing contest was won by Mrs. W. H. Upsall, who threw the rolling-pin 67 feet. Mr. Upsall won the 100-yard dash for married men.

Financial Statement  
EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

Dec. 1, 1929-Jan. 28, 1930		
Dec. Cash		\$2,672.49
<b>Receipts</b>		
From Mueller Co:		
Dec.	\$ 50.00	
January	50.00	
Refund by Edgar Hartway	5.00	
December dues—from pay roll	819.55	
Dues paid in full	113.95	1,038.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,710.99</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Investments, Gateman Power Co. Bonds	\$ 1,860.28	
Dues refunded	1.20	
Benefits listed below	1,405.10	3,266.58
Jan. 28, cash balance		\$ 444.41
<b>Resources</b>		
Bonds	\$ 6,700.00	
Bldg. & Loan Stocks	1,797.55	
Emergency Loan Fund	1,800.00	
Cash	441.41	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,738.96</b>	

E. H. LANGDON, Treas.	
Homer Disney	\$ 1.00
W. G. Cranston	125.00
B. J. Marty	2.50
Jacob Stark	5.00
E. Beneze	7.50
Paul Jones	49.50
T. L. Gillespie	6.00
John Monska	11.25
Chas. Easley	5.40
Wm. Lynch	12.60
J. B. Faith	134.60
Roy Anderson	1.80
Marshall Taylor	36.00
M. Fleckenstein	99.50
Wm. E. Nichols	39.90
George Butz	5.00
Lem Lake	3.00
Fred Galka	3.00
Joe Hall	3.00
W. S. Anderson	4.50
Clarence Masters	1.50
A. Davey	72.60
M. O. Anderson	5.00
D. Burger	10.00
Jack DeFratus	24.00
H. B. Whittington	19.20
John Allen	5.50
Dorothy Hill	.50
Ethel Ervin	.50
Iona Reed	57.50
Lowell Greene	2.20
G. A. Whitney	1.80
Thos. Mudd	30.90
O. T. Brown	5.00
Elmer Miller	41.50
H. V. Aubert	7.00
Benj. Heffner	9.00
Ned Blakeman	42.00
Dick Sheley	16.00
Wm. A. Lee	35.40
Wm. Griffiths	10.00
E. R. Bailey	9.00
Nell Greer	17.60
C. O. Foster	6.00
R. Dannewitz	2.50
Tom Langley	2.50
Howard Taylor	2.00
Walter Bowan	3.00
Clarence Ruck	4.50
Paul Stroyeck	2.50
Cleta Smith	5.00
Louise Estes	6.00
Hugh Henley	5.00
F. D. Smith	2.50
Willard Hake	2.50
Chas. Meador	11.50
Cecil Harrison	14.40
Dewey Trinn	8.00
Raymond Kramer	1.50
E. McDaniel	5.00
Frank Hornbeck	6.00
Robt. H. Harris	23.50
Marie King	6.00
J. A. Morrison	2.50
R. K. Duncan	4.50

Chas. E. Hanes	51.90	Elsie Hart	7.00
C. M. Hatch	24.30	Rex Funk	5.00
Geo. W. Holt	5.00	Leo. Wiant	3.50
S. Woodrum	5.00	Ralph Duncan	12.50
Jas. Critchlaw	3.00	Lois Quinn	2.00
Harlan Waddell	5.00	W. F. Bainter	14.00
Frank Taylor	5.00	Fern Davey	1.00
Chas. Morenz	3.50	Chas. Jerden	10.20
A. A. Warren	2.50	Mrs. Mary Hoard	6.00
R. C. Stafford	5.00	Embry Robin-son	4.50
A. Grossman	4.10	Jess Fuqua	5.00
B. Bryant	6.35	J. E. Hart	6.00
S. R. Gepford	10.00		
W. A. Atkin-son	77.20		
Jack W. True	4.50		
Marion Bandy	3.00		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,405.10</b>

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TWO KINDS OF CREDIT

One Kind Is Desirable as It Makes Money in End

There are two kinds of credit. One line is not only justifiable but desirable. We mean by that the credit which enables a man to add to his resources over a long period of years, and while doing this enjoys greater comfort and happiness. This refers particularly to the purchase of a lot and the building of a home. The man who takes advantage of this line of credit is simply saving his money. In the end he will have secured a home, the comforts of which he has enjoyed throughout his life at little or no greater cost than the man who has each month doled out his money in rent.

There are plenty of opportunities here in Decatur for every wage earner to do this. The rapid growth and the development of Decatur makes it practically impossible for one to make a mistake in the selection of a site for a home. What are now the outskirts of the city will in twenty years be well within the city limits, and the lot that sells today for \$300 to \$600 will have materially increased in value.

The other kind of credit is one which too many of us perhaps take advantage of. It is the kind of credit which leads one to the purchase of luxuries which do not have any permanent value, and do not, like the other line of credit, add any value as they grow older. On the contrary, luxuries of any kind lose value more rapidly than any of the necessary commodities. More than this, they become back numbers within a very short period of time, due to the constant change and improvement which now mark many lines that appeal to popular desire.

Anyone who wishes to store up for the future at an almost certain increase in value, cannot do better than suggested, and at the earliest possible opportunity get a start on the road to buying a home or investing money in a way that will add to your present income.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### The Young Folks Like St. Valentine's Day —Party Suggestions

The month of February is not as full of days as other months but it is full of anniversaries. There is:

- Ground Hog Day, Feb. 2.
- Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12.
- St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.
- Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

The one most interesting to the younger folks is St. Valentine's Day, because of its sentiment and romance, and by others because of the opportunity to express their opinions of various persons by medium of comic Valentines. The boys and girls show their juvenile love for each other with pretty paper symbols and mushy verse. The young men and women "say it with flowers."

It has become quite a day for parties whereby clever ideas may be carried out. Here are a few suggestions by Miss Betty Somerville, Editorial Staff of The Party Magazine:

Cupid is usually depicted dancing in gay abandon, so what could be more appropriate than a dancing party on February fourteenth? At home, with the living room rugs pushed aside, or in a large hall—wherever the party is held—you can have an equally good time. Here are some suggestions that will help.

The Tree of Fate, laden with hearts—each bearing the name of a famous lover—is the novel method used for matching partners at a St. Valentine's dance.

The girls pick the white hearts and the boys select the red ones. Then Romeo must seek his Juliet, Anthony his Cleopatra, Napoleon his Josephine, and so on until every person has found his true love.

The tree itself is easy to "rig out", since it is only ordinary clothes-tree to which natural branches have been wired. The branches are hung with slender strands of red and white crepe paper moss, which form the background for the cardboard hearts.

The large conventional flower-pot is really just a piece of red cardboard the base of the tree. It is joined together at the back with paper fasteners. A large white paper heart, decorated with small red hearts, is glued to the front of the pot.

#### Pulling Cupid's Heart Strings

Another way of matching partners for a game or dance. Hang two cardboard hearts from a chandelier or in a doorway about two feet apart. Cut a slit in the bottom of each heart so that when the strings are pulled they will come through the bottom easily. Attach hearts numbered in duplicate to the ends of red twine about six feet long and place them so that the ends hang down from each one. At a signal the boys take the hearts at one end and the girls

## NEWLY WEDS



Ralph Masters of the Drafting room and bride to whom he was married July 4, 1929. Ralph recently visited the main plant and gave to Mrs. Masters the opportunity of getting acquainted with his friends as well as getting first hand information on the extent of the big plant.

those at the other. Those with hearts of the same number are partners.

#### Cupid's Dart Dance

Partners are selected in the usual way and dancing proceeds for a few minutes, when the music stops. The girls form in one circle and the boys in another. A cardboard arrow about 30 inches long is placed on the floor in the center of each circle. The music starts again and all join hands and dance around and around until the music stops suddenly. The person to whom the arrow in each circle points is to drop out and these two become partners. They may begin to dance at once or may wait until all partners have been allotted, just as the hostess prefers. The whole point of this is—"make it snappy." The music should be fast and only a few measures at a time between the stops so that the partners may be selected quickly.



The new hardware clerk prided himself on always having a snappy comeback.

"Do you keep refrigerators?" the timid-looking woman inquired quietly.

"No," he snapped, "we sell them."

"Anyway," she said, as she strolled toward the door, "you'll keep the one you were going to sell me. Good morning."

—De Laval Monthly.



A lake in Madagascar has milk-white water.

**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chaney, Dec. 12th, a son, named Melvin Gene. The father is a member of the drafting room force.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Burchell, Dec. 27, a daughter. The father is employed at the Pottery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moats, Jan 1st, a daughter Marie Evelyn. Mr. Moats is employed in the Pattern Shop.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton, Dec. 29th, a son. He has been named Jack Mowry. Mr. Fenton is employed in the Production Dept.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Musser, Nov. 19th, a daughter, Anna Belle. Mr. Musser is a member of the night shift.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Toole, Jan. 3rd, a son. The father is employed in the Brass Foundry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Blakeman, Nov. 30th, a daughter Betty Joan. Mr. Blakeman is employed in the Foundry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Anderson, Nov. 17, a daughter. She has been named Barbara Joan. Mr. Anderson is employed on the Night Polishing force.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gard, Jan. 22, a daughter. She has been named Margaret Rose. Mr. Gard is in the Regulator Dept.

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**SAFETY**

While we have improved our safety record, we have not stopped all the accidents as the following list of recent happenings painfully illustrates.

**Minor Accidents**

John Curry, of the Rod Dept., cut his hand with a hand saw on December 18. Although he lost no time, he had a sore hand for several weeks.

Charles Dodds, of the Day Brass Foundry, was burned January 17 in the eye with metal which splashed from the floor.

Charles H. Jerden, of the Night Ground Key Dept., pinched his finger in an air vise January 17 and has been off work since.

Thomas Mudd, of the Day Ground Key Dept., was filing keys when his hand slipped and was caught in the air vise. At the same time he tripped and knocked off a lead weight off the bench, which broke his toe when it fell. He lost three weeks. A safety shoe would have saved the injury to the toe.

Ernest Schlegel, Night Repair man, got emery in his eye. Bernie, where were your goggles?

Fred Stack, of the Polishing Dept., was hit on the upper lip by a casting that flew from the wheel.

**PROTECT YOUR FEET WITH SAFETY SHOES**

Leonard Morrow, father of Kenneth Morrow, apprentice pattern maker, died at his home near Clinton January 12.

**COMPANY OFFICIALS**

Meetings of stockholders and directors have been held and officers of Mueller Co. elected for 1930. There was no change in the list of officers but for your information the list is given below:

Mr. Adolph Mueller—President and General Manager and Chairman of the Executive & Budget Committee.

Mr. W. E. Mueller—Executive Vice President and Treasurer, in charge of Finance and Vice-Chairman of the Executive & Budget Committee.

Mr. Robert Mueller—Vice President, in charge of Public Relation.

Mr. L. W. Mueller—Vice President, in charge of Purchasing, Works Management and Engineering.

Mr. J. W. Simpson—Vice President in charge of Selling.

Mr. J. W. Wells—Secretary of the Company and Assistant to the President.

Mr. R. H. Mueller—Director of Research & Development.

The directors for 1930 are:

Robert Mueller.

Adolph Mueller.

Robert H. Mueller.

W. E. Mueller.

L. W. Mueller.

J. W. Simpson.

Ora M. Blair.

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**Quarantined**

Ned Blakeman, of the Foundry, was quarantined for several weeks when his children had scarlet fever. A new baby arrived at about this time. Ned had his hands full for several weeks. Fortunately the children had mild cases of scarlet fever and in due time they recovered.

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**Had His Leg Broken**

W. A. Atkinson, whose leg was broken in an automobile accident on December 12, is still at St. Mary's Hospital. Considering the seriousness of the fracture he has been making fairly good progress and hopes to be home soon.

**Submitted to Operation**

Frances Schuerman, of the Assembly Dept., underwent an operation at St. Mary's Hospital January 27. She is reported to be doing well.

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**Unhealthy Life?**

After a temperance lecture in Scotland, one of the audience tarried and greeted the anemic speaker as follows:

"Did I understand ye to say ye never took a drink in a' yer life?"

"Yes, sir, liquor has never passed my lips."

"Weel, sir, my old man now deid was a bit o' a drinker a' his life, an' three days after he died he was a healthier looking mon than you are now."

## AT THE PICNIC



At the last picnic at Fairview Park we had as one of our guests, William Brookman of the Plumbers Trade Journal. Armed with his camera, he took a shot at Frank Williams, Dept. 8 and August Kusch of Dept. 18. They were the "long and short" of the picnic.

## MORE STRAINS ON THE FAMILY TIE

## Mary Gets the New Coat, and Bill Waits for the Radio

Bill Jones was tired when he came home from work and none too cheerful; but the baby greeted him with a smile, and a good supper was on the table. He washed up, ate a hearty meal, and played with the baby, and his good humor returned. Mrs. Jones put the baby to bed and Bill settled himself to read the evening paper.

In due time the baby was asleep and Mrs. Jones joined her husband in the living room.

"Bill, how do you like my new coat?" she stood before him in a new broadcloth coat trimmed with fox fur.

"Gee Whiz, Mary, you look swell. Where did you get that, borrow it?"

"I bought it at Spifkin's sale. It is a regular sixty-dollar coat."

"Good Heavens, woman, you didn't pay \$60.00 for a coat, did you?"

"No, this is the month they are having sales and I got it for \$35.00. Five dollars down and \$10.00 a month. Don't you think it is a good value?"

"I suppose so, but is the coat all there is to it?"

"Well I need a new hat, of course, and some shoes and a hand bag to match."

"And how much would that set you back?"

"I haven't figured that yet. They have some very nice hats for \$5.9 and some lovely black suede slippers for \$7.55 and a special in hand bags for \$3.98."

"That would be fifteen or twenty dollars more, wouldn't it, Mary?"

"Yes, but every woman needs some new clothes once in awhile."

"Sure she does, and you certainly set them

off line; but what about that budget you are keeping? I don't remember anything in it about fifty or sixty dollars worth of clothes all of a sudden."

"I know that, Bill, but these are real bargains."

"Well, even if they are, that doesn't give us any more money to buy them with, does it?"

"I thought we were going to save money by not spending it. Come on now, let's play this budget game. Where are your figures?"

Mary took off the coat and brought him the account book.

"Well, here are a lot of figures all right, but they don't mean anything."

"I haven't got time to add them all up and sort them out. Every time I start to work at them the baby cries, or the telephone rings, or the postman comes, or Mrs. Smith is in and wastes an hour for me."

"Well, give them to me," growled Bill. He cleared a space on the dining room table and set to work with pencil and paper. He classified all the expenditures under such headings as rent, food, clothing, furniture, fuel, recreation, operations, insurance, savings, and so on.

He learned that Mary, in fact, had managed very well and a saving had been effected in several ways. She had bought potatoes by the bushel instead by the peck, and had bought in quantities at sales and had paid cash instead running bills. These savings amounted to about ten dollars for the past month.

"Well, Mary, your budget idea seems to be working all right but even then we have to go slow on new purchases. It is time we get a license for the car, the taxes will soon be due, and I did want a radio. I see no radio on the budget for me."

"How much did your tobacco cost last month, Bill?"

"I didn't keep account of it. I want to enjoy my smokes with it a lot of bookkeeping."

"If you would keep account of it you would find it would be enough to buy a radio."

"Ah, you are just guessing."

"Well, keep the figures for a while and see."

Bill said nothing but it started him to thinking.

Mary continued, "I must let 'em know tomorrow morning, whether I keep this coat. I really need it now while it is cold weather, but I must have a hat to match. I could get along without the shoes and the hand bag."

"All right, Mary, get them. You really have saved \$10.00 last month, I like to see you look nice. But that radio will have to wait. We can't buy anything more until these things are paid for. We can manage it if we are careful."

Bill said a mouthful, as later chapters of our story will show.