

# The **MUELLER RECORD**

JANUARY, 1927

## *Winners of Suggestion Prizes—1926*



Back Row—Left to right: Paul Jacka, G. A. Hodges, Walter Auer, Lewis Bland, Ira Auer, W. J. Baldwin, C. F. Dunaway.  
Front Row—Left to Right: Roy Hartwig, W. F. Daunewitz, W. E. Smith, John Mertz, Glen Hester, G. J. Yonker, Roy Pease.

# Mueller Dance Club

has a dance the

**Second and Fourth Saturdays of Each Month**

Membership—\$1.00 entitles you to bring one guest to both dances.

Single Admission—\$0.35 per person.

Place—Mueller Gymnasium

Best music in town

Tickets sold by the following:

Tom Hill, Manager: Mrs. Ella Rost, Blue Lusk, Wm. Mix, Ed. Kushmer, Bill Cranston, Marie Eagleton, Paul Andrews, Bill Daugherty, Happy March, R. L. Pope—Plant 9, Jack Frye, Plant 8.



## *Even Your Best Friends Won't Tell You*

But others aren't so polite. Learn to dance now and stop explaining how your sprained ankle keeps you from fox-trotting as well as you usually do.

Miss Annette Van Dyke will teach you.

Two classes every month at the Mueller gym.

*1st and 3rd Saturday Evenings Every Month*

*4 Lessons \$1.00*

*Everyone is going*

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## EDITORIAL

"Repose," says a writer in "The Kalends," has been well called the cradle of power. In America there are not many clinging to the cradle.

A business man of India, a Hindu, was asked recently to address the Chamber of Commerce of New York City, the world's greatest metropolis. As was to be expected, the Hindu expressed his amazement at the signs of material progress and the evidences of such material wealth; "but," said he, "I would not accept all your wealth and all your progress in exchange for the two things which India possesses and which America so obviously lacks, namely, calmness and repose." Is the Hindu right?

This hustle, this bustle, this rushing hither and thither, this nationwide unrestfulness, this mad haste, what is it all about? what is gained by it? and whither is it trending? Nothing is so obviously true than that the vast majority of Americans are living under a strain which human nature was never intended to bear. Millions of us are habitually stretched to the breaking point to meet the demands of the complicated relationships of our overly vaunted progress and civilization.

The results are evident on every hand in the overflowing insane asylums, crimes of violence, disregard for accepted moral codes, sumptuary legislative statutes which are inspired by emotional fanaticism, and an increasing disregard for and lack of appreciation of those spiritual forces which alone enable men to build up worth while characters—characters which are strong because erected upon firm moral foundations.

It seems that the Hindu is right, for material wealth and progress without spiritual calmness and mental repose is the answer to the unparalleled moral chaos of America today."



We talk of victory, said Emerson, as of something fortunate—work is victory; wherever work is done, victory is obtained. There is no chance and no blanks.

Speaking of victories, half of those won come from a stubborn confidence that one is going to win. Few victories have ever been won by men who did not believe in themselves.

March brings us primary elections of the greatest importance to all residents of De-

catur. We will nominate candidates for Mayor and City Commissioners. This election is of more vital concern to us than any other which we vote because it directly affects our interests. Attention of employes is called to this primary, and they are urged to vote. A full list of candidates has not been announced, but there will be plenty. We hope that every qualified vote in our organization exercises his or her right to vote—for the person that they feel is fit for the office.

"It is somewhat amazing how few set the standards for all human activities."

And still more amazing how the horde follow without knowing they are being led. If told with abundant proof that they followed blindly they would deny it, vehemently and indignantly.



And Omar said:

"The moving finger writes and moves on,  
And all your tears etc.

No lines in the English language ring truer. The fact is inconvertible. 1926 slips away into the past with its unchangeable, incorrectable record, good or bad. All the moaning, wailing, appealing supplications—will not change that record one iota.

Every act, every thought, every deed, good or bad is written there to remain, but look, whose this to greet us and stir a hope in our hearts for better things. No other than 1927. And what can he do for us? Not much, he deals only in time, and that he distributes to each and everyone fairly, generously and impartially with every living object on earth. No one will get the best of 1927. We all start on an equality, knowing that each one of us is to receive 60 seconds each minute, sixty minutes each hour, 24 hours each day, seven days each week, a certain number of weeks and days each month and 12 months in the year. No one will get a single second in addition, knowing this in advance, and being able to compute exactly how much time we have at our disposal during 365 days from January 1st to December 31st, it remains for each individual to employ this time in the way that will be most valuable to him.



There may be a wrong way of doing right but there isn't any right way of doing wrong.

Learn to Dance—Join the Dancing Class.



The line of Employees is not visible. It reached from the front entrance of the cafeteria clear to College street.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

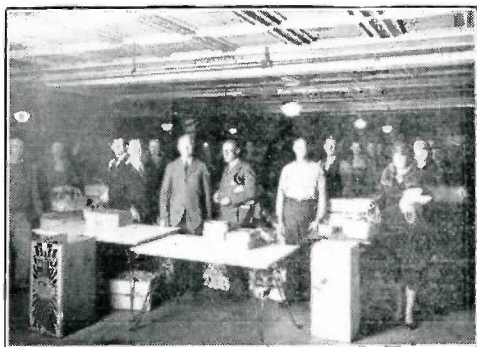
Christmas day brought many happy hours to Mueller Employees.

The week proceeding the greatest of all holidays was filled with joyous hours and much unusual excitement attending preparations for meetings, presentation of gifts, etc.

There was more of the Christmas spirit, the real happy, forgiving, smiling Christmas, good fellowship, good wishes, good nature, than ever before in this organization.

The office group had a Christmas tree and Mr. Adolph dressed as Santa Claus distributed appropriate and inappropriate presents, each one provoking laughter and good natured guying.

The big exercises were held the day before Christmas in the gymnasium. Orville Hawkins presided and presented firm members with handsome desk pen stands, each one holding a beautiful fountain pen. The company gift was a suite of wicker furniture for the lodge.



In the cafeteria, day before Christmas, during the distribution of hams and bacon. In the foreground are Messrs. Robert and Adolph Mueller and Bobbe Mueller. The picture was taken just as the distribution started.

Rick Roarick assistant superintendent, was given a complete fishing outfit lacking nothing, but a bait bottle, but there is no use for that nowadays.

Superintendent Kitty Wilkin got a wrist watch, a pen and pencil set and other gifts.

Company members made addresses and service awards were distributed.

At 4 o'clock the quitting whistle blew and the employes received baskets with hams, bacon, cigars and oranges.

Members of the company met them as they left the building and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### ILLINOIS PLUMBERS

The state association of Illinois Master Plumbers met in annual session at Springfield on January 18, 19 and 20.

The sessions were held at the new Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Exhibits were made in adjoining rooms. We had a very pretty little exhibit in parlor D, where Carl Draper of the Sales Department, Geo. White and P. L. Bean, travelling salesman did the honors.



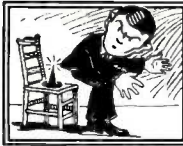
The dancing class under the instruction of Miss Annette Van Dyke had a good attendance on Jan. 15th in spite of the extreme cold.

The Mueller Dance Club had exceptionally good crowd the night of Jan. 8th. The music was furnished by Wilkin's Sernaders.

This sign is said to have been seen on the back of a sport roadster:

"This car stops for all railroad crossings—and for blondes and brunettes."

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# Safety News



### DON'T SPOIL THE FINISH

Have you ever been the proud owner of a new car? If you have, it's a safe bet you were mighty careful of it for the first few hundred miles. It hurt you more than it did the car every time you splashed mud on the shiny enamel and whenever another automobile came within an ace of sideswiping you it almost gave you heart failure.

But what a difference after driving a few months! After the brilliant finish became dimmed and it collected a few dents and scratches, you weren't so particular.

Many a safety record ends the same way. A campaign starts out with a bang and everyone does his part. Then someone slips up and there is a lost-time accident. From that time on it is hard to keep up interest and the safety record too often becomes battered like a 1916 flivver.

On January 1 a brand new safety record will be delivered to us. It is easy to make a good start but—don't spoil the finish.

### THE MAN WHO COUNTS

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deed could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat—Theodore Roosevelt.

### TRAFFIC NOTE

Under recent ruling cows may walk the highways of Panama without "head or tail lights, bells or other warning devices."

### WHY COLDS CATCH US IN WINTER

1. Overheated homes and offices.
2. Closed bedroom windows.
3. Lack of outdoor exercise.
4. Overeating.
5. Constipation.
6. Crowds in poorly ventilated buildings.

7. The thoughtless sneezer, cougher and spitter.
8. Eating without first washing the hands thoroughly.
9. The public drinking cup.
10. The roller towel.

### FOR ANTISEPTICS, TOO

"Big future for razor company—the European field has only been scratched," says a Boston financial paper.

### TAKE CARE OF THAT COLD

Much time is lost on account of colds. The following simple procedure is usually enough to break up a cold if started promptly. Go on a light diet, drink large quantities of hot lemonade (do not put much sugar in it) and rest. Keep the bowels open. If this treatment is followed it should not be necessary to take medicine. Avoid quinine. Eat plenty of raw vegetables and fruit.

Get the cold before it gets you.

### Join the Dancing Club.

Sing a song of sixpence  
 A bottle full of rye  
 Four and twenty dollars  
 Was what they charged the guy.  
 When the guy was opened  
 The doc began to sing  
 "Gee, what awful T. N. T.  
 They sold to this poor thing.

Jack and Bill picked up a sill  
 To place it in position.  
 The hoist fell down and broke Jack's  
 crown  
 And Bill's in worse condition.

Little Jack Horner now is a mourner  
 For when he was setting a die,  
 It wouldn't stay plumb so he stuck in his  
 thumb  
 Then yelled, "Gee, a thumb shy am I!"  
 Mother Goose as evised by the  
 American Car & Foundry Co.

You may not be superstitious or believe in signs, but don't disregard these:  
 Danger—10,000 volts!  
 Powder magazine—no smoking.  
 Railroad crossing.  
 Poison.  
 Dangerous curve ahead.  
 Gasoline—keep open lights away.

Learn to Dance—Join the Dancing Class.

### O. B. MUELLER ACKNOWLEDGES GIFT

The following letter has been received from Mr. O. B. Mueller, thanking the employes for the Parker desk set sent him at Christmas time:

Bradentown, Fla.  
Dec. 31, 1926.

Fellow Workers of the Mueller Co.,  
Dear Gang:

I just received Wagenseller's letter of Dec. 28th telling me of the ink well and fountain pen you all so kindly sent to me. I received same Christmas day, and it sure is a dandy, very convenient and in fact has already improved my spelling.

Also note the Wicker furniture for the lodge. Hope there is one chair there for me when I play in the big League. It sure goes hard when one gives the party, and especially when sitting on a hard seat.

However, you all know I appreciate your gift, especially as I am so seldom with you, and to be remembered by you all is indeed very gratifying.

With my kindest regards and wishing you all a most Happy, contented New Year, I remain.

Yours truly,  
O. B. Mueller.

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Judge to a negro woman in court—  
"Are you sure that your husband, Rastus, was not at the scene of crime when it happened?"

Eliza—

"I shure am, Judge, or else I busted a brand new rollin pin on some other nigger's head.

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Learn to Dance—Join the Dancing Class.  
"What makes Marie so nervous?"  
"One of the clocks in her stocking has started to run."

### Home of G. W. Hawkins



The above is the home of G. W. Hawkins of the Night Foundry. It is located at 1305 E. Moore St. It has five rooms and a garage, is thoroughly modern and is equipped with Mueller goods throughout.

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Snap shot of Phil Cruikshank and A. V. Lawton of the Viterous Ware plant. This pair is putting the name Mueller on the map in a new industry.

### KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

A press dispatch says:

"Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, works only two hours a day in steel now, and is increasing his golf, he told the Chicago Association of Commerce today. In a retrospective mood, he said he was getting 'pretty near the end of my rope,' and that he is interested in farming near Loretto, Pa. He reiterated, however, his faith in the continued growth of American industry. 'I'll pass along to you,' he said, 'the advice a caddy gave me yesterday in Minneapolis. I asked him to advise me about improving my game. He said: 'You big slob, why don't you keep your eye on the ball?' I say the same to you, keep your eye on the business ball.'"

Mr. Schwab has learned what hundreds of other business men have learned: that a man is all the better for mixing play with business!

Play has become a part of American life. It's not limited to business men. All the industrial world goes to it—and it's a great toner and a great leveller.

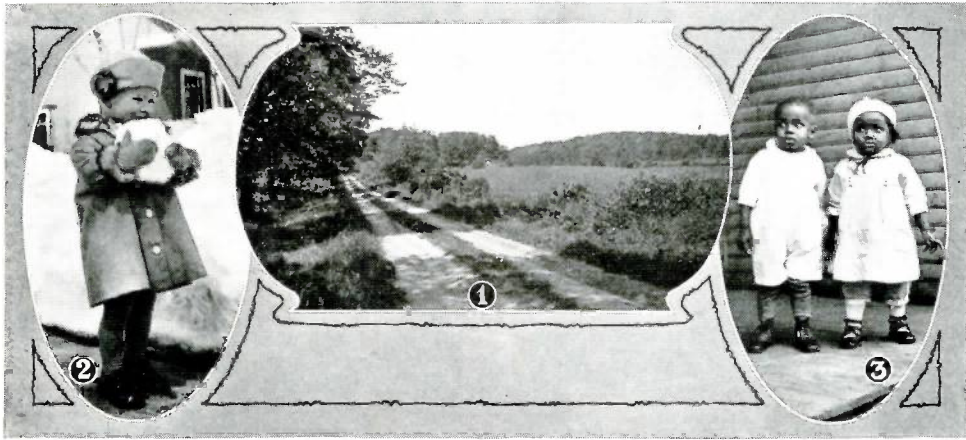
Any kind of play—baseball, volley ball, basketball, golf, develops concentration, activity and fairness, at the same time that it is developing muscle and giving relaxation.

All sports show a man as he is. If he's fair and square in sport these qualities will show in his work.

Sport brings men closer together, shows up qualities ordinarily hidden, makes men tolerant and likeable.

With our daylight saving plan and a good athletic field we have plenty of time for play which will be especially true next year if this day light saving is increased to one hour.

# The Camera Club



Due to the fact that the December Record went to press earlier than usual, it was impossible to have the results of the December contest in that issue. We are showing at this time the prize pictures for both December and January. The pictures for both months were judged by Oscar E. Myrvold of Linquist & Myrvold.

Mr. Myrvold's comments were as follows:  
**December—Subject, Miscellaneous**

1st prize—Helen Pope. This print has all the qualities which makes a good outdoor print. It has very fine detail, the composition is good, the finishing and the tone of the print is very good.

2nd prize—Paul Burke. This print tells a story. The position is fine, expression good, fine detail. Being a snow picture makes it the more interesting. The printing quality of the print could have been improved.

3rd prize—Marie Eagleton. This is a fine quality print, although it could have been masked down some. It has good light, expression, detail and tone.

**January—Subject, Indoor**  
 Pictures below

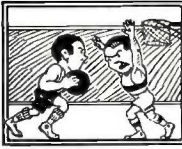
1st prize—Marie Eagleton. For an indoor picture this is very good. It has all the qualities which make a first class print, good detail, position, light, and the finishing is just right.

2nd prize—Paul Burke. This is a splendid group picture. It shows fine detail in all the children. The grouping is fine. Light is good and the expression could not be better. The finishing of the print could have been a little better.

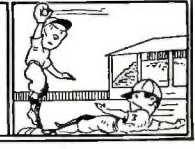
3rd prize—Marie Yonkers. This should have a prize. It lacks detail in the chair,  
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# Athletics



## MUELLER BASKET-BALL LEAGUE

At the end of first round of the MUELLER BASKET-BALL LEAGUE, we find Dept. 50, the only undefeated team. By leading the league at the end of the first round Dept. 50 has won the right to play for the Championship with the winners of the second round. Should the draftsmen win the second round they will have an undisputed claim for the championship. The first round saw many interesting games, especially the games between the Night Hawks, Dept. 27 and Dept. 50. 50 won over both Dept. 27 and the Night Hawks, by making a last minute rush, in both games the draftsmen were holding the tail-end of the score at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The second round of the MUELLER BASKET-BALL LEAGUE swung into action January the 24th with 8 teams on the bill, an addition of two teams; all teams are strengthening their line-ups and reinforcing weak spots, even better and stiffer competition, than was had in the first round, is expected in the second round.



## PLANT EIGHT ELECTS BASE-BALL MANAGER

At a banquet held in the MUELLER Gym recently, the Plant 8 team, winners of the 1926 MUELLER BASE-BALL championship, elected Jack Frye manager for the 1927 team. Mr. W. G. Cranston, Athletic Director presented the pennant to the Plant 8 team. Mr. Leck Ruthrauff last years manager, accepted the pennant and gave a short summary of the games and experiences of last season. Mr. Frye after his election, made a short speech in which he made it plain, that it would be tougher going for the opposing teams this season, than it was last.

After the banquet, which we might say here, consisted of chicken and all of the trimmings, the boys took up the study of Hoyer.

After a very pleasant evening the game wound up by some of the boys seeing Al Bruckman, and his shoes, which he still had possession of, home.



## VOLLEY BALL

Should a person desire to see some of their employes and co-workers in an altogether different mood from that in which they usually do they should take a peek in at the Mueller Gym, Mondays and Thursdays, after the five o'clock whistle. For then is when Volley Ball holds the floor or better the air.

During the early part of the season one never knew where the ball would travel, but as time wore on or as practice made perfect, one could judge just about where every third ball would land. But it will take a lot more practice before some of the would-be "Volley Ball-ers" change their minds as regarding the moving of the steel girders overhead or the adjusting of a quick release attachment to the net so that a few more of their shots will fall over the net instead of in it or up amongst the girders.

So far there are no shining lights at the game so that if any newcomer is contemplating joining the "would-be" athletes he will not feel out of place.

It would be a great deal better for themselves if some more of the heavyweights of the company would come down Mondays and Thursdays and loose some of their excess poundage or blow off some of the excess steam that has been piling up throughout the day and then go home with a smile and an enormous appetite, rather than hurry home at the whistle, grab the paper and the easy chair, grumble as to "when do we eat," and then finish the evening the same way--grumbling.

We have a dandy bunch out each day, but we need recruits and you need the exercise, so—let's go!



## MUELLER BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT—2ND ROUND

Monday, January 24—7:30 P. M.—Office vs. Sky Pilots.

Thursday, January 27—7:30 P. M.—Plant 9 vs. Dept. 50.

Saturday, January 29—2:00 P. M.—Dept. 27 vs. Morning Stars.—3:00 P. M.—Night Hawks vs. Dept. 55.

Monday, January 31—7:30 P. M.—Dept. 27 vs. Sky Pilots.

Thursday, February 3—7:30 P. M.—Dept. 50 vs. Dept. 55.

Saturday, February 5—2:00 P. M. vs. Plant 9 vs. Night Hawks.—3:00 P. M.—Morning Stars vs. Office.

Monday, February 7—7:30 P. M.—Dept. 27 vs. Dept. 50.

Thursday, February 10—7:30 P. M.—Office vs. Dept. 55.

Saturday, February 12—2:00 P. M.—Sky Pilots vs. Night Hawks—3:00 P. M.—Morning Stars vs. Plant 9.

Monday, February 14—7:30 P. M.—Dept. 55 vs. Dept. 27.

Thursday, February 17—7:30 P. M.—Sky Pilots vs. Plant 9.

Saturday, February 19—2:00 P. M.—Office

Join the Dancing Club.



vs. Night Hawks.—3:00 P. M.—Morning Stars vs. Dept. 50.

Monday, February 21—7:30 P. M.—Plant 9 vs. Dept. 55.

Thursday, February 24—7:30 P. M.—Office vs. Dept. 27.

Saturday, February 26—2:00 P. M.—Dept. 50 vs. Night Hawks—3:00 P. M.—Morning Stars vs. Sky Pilots.

Monday, February 28—7:30 P. M.—Dept. 50 vs. Office.

Thursday, March 3—7:30 P. M.—Sky Pilots vs. Dept. 55.—8:00 P. M.—Plant 9 vs. Dept. 27.

Saturday, March 5—2:30 P. M.—Night Hawks vs. Morning Stars.

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CORE ROOM NEWS

Where, oh, where has Happy's mustache gone,

Where, oh, where, can it be?  
That little black strip,

That adorned his lip,  
No longer can we see.

The girls at the hand core benches celebrated Margaret Baron's birthday, January 9th, by presenting her a beautiful green umbrella. Margaret is very proud of her gift.

Miss Marie Jagggers entertained a few friends in honor of her friend's birthday, Wednesday evening, January 19. Sandwiches and pickles, coffee and cakes, were served, and every one spent an enjoyable evening.

Marie Hendrian has been suffering from a nervous breakdown, and it is not certain when she will return to work.

A little dog visited the core room lately and amused the girls by trying to pick a fight with his reflection in the looking glass.

Lloyd Wilkerson has not yet acquired the art of sewing, so he supplies a new substitute. He tore his overall leg—not a small tear, but from the bottom up past his knee. He drew from his pocket a shoe string and a knife. With the knife he cut small eyelets on each side of the tear and very artistically laced the two sides together.

Mrs. Dorothy Stolle Carter was presented a beautiful bed spread by a number of girls in the Core Room. The spread is pink and

Married New Years



Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roush, who were married Jan. 1st. Mr. Roush is a member of the Billing Dept.

tan rayon silk, and Dorothy seemed very proud of it.



DEPT. 7

This is a job for Sherlock Holmes. We have been informed that a certain young "Sheik" in this Dept. has taken the step to Holy Matrimony, but we haven't heard of him getting a rocking chair. Most everybody smokes cigars, "Bill"!

We would advise Archie and Red to walk home alone after this. Bill was seen in their company one evening and so as a result, both Archie and Red were not back to work for several days. We wonder if Bill had anything to do with it.

Ed. says there is only one thing he would rather do than loaf and that is to run the Monitor Lathe.

If a medal was given for the one that was late most, there would be no question about who would get it in this Dept.

PHONETIC P-O-TREE

O, MLE, what XTC  
I always feel when UIC,  
I used to rave of LN'S eycs,  
4 LC I gave countless sighs,  
4 KT, 2, and LNR,  
I was a keen competitor.  
But each now's a non-NTT,  
4 U XL them all UC.

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the little girl is fine and the cake sure looks good to me. The light on the little girl is good.

The subjects for February and March will be winter scenes. Get your pictures in not later than the 10th of the month.

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#### Helen Bunch

Cores are the inside of the things that surround them. Some times they contain seeds, such as apple cores, pear cores and etc. Some times they are edible, such as cabbage or pineapple cores and sometimes they are sand cores such as are made in the Mueller Core Room. Now these cores contain an edible ingredience, syrup, but I advise against them for eating as sand is only prescribed for the other type of chickens.

Sand Cores are cheated, so to say. When the faucets, which they so carefully helped to make, are sent away to their users the cores are junked and forgotten. An apple without a core is imperfect, but a faucet with one would be of no value.

Provino, "we can't judge all cores by apple cores."

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#### A TRAGEDY IN THE CORE ROOM—ALMOST

A blood curdling shriek from Velma Clannan startled her machine pals who immediately turned to assist her. What was the trouble?

"A worm, a worm," she gasped.

Now our brave young Faye Daniels ventured forth and with her brush handle declared war upon that unkindly creature. She raised it's long limp body aloft for closer investigation which revealed a harmless piece of binder twine.

Motto: "Don't lose your head over a little piece of string."

#### Mack's New Truck



This picture shows the new Ford truck which Mac McCutcheon is now driving. Mac is very proud of his new truck.

#### A Few Years Back



This picture shows what a sweet baby one of the Dictaphone girls was a few years back. We would really like to let you guess the identity, but in view of the fact that the parties who were instrumental in getting this picture for the Record may not live to reveal the secret after this "baby" sees her picture in print, we'll tell you now that it is Marion Richards.

James Dively and Frank Hines are particular to be at work on time. On the morning, Monday, January 17 they awakened in the early hours of the morning. James looked at the clock; rubbed his eyes, and said,

"Hey, Frank, time to get up."

"So soon? I've only been in bed a couple of hours," growled Frank.

"Yep, time to get up," Jim said sleepily.

So they rolled out of bed; ate a hasty breakfast, and hastened down to the factory. Apparently they were the only ones coming to work. James again consulted his watch, and in the dim light of the early morning discovered it was then ten minutes until 6:00. They had read the clock an hour early from the first.

#### BIRTHS

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. G. R. St. Pierre in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a son, weighing 8 lbs. 11¼ oz. He has been named Daniel Dean. Mr. St. Pierre is employed as a green-ware finisher at the Vitreous Ware plant.

#### Carnival Dance



Saturday, February 12th  
Cripe's Orchestra  
Mueller Gym

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## WEDDINGS

### Dougherty-Lindsey

Miss Mildred Dougherty and Marshall Lindsey were married on December 24th. The bride has been employed at the telephone office and the groom works in the shipping room. They took a wedding trip to Peoria, and are living at 225 W. Eldorado St.

### Camp-Sloan

Marie Camp and Leon J. Sloan of Dept. 57, were married on December 27th by O. C. Johnson at the home of the bridegroom, 2034 E. William St. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Giddeon. Mr. Giddeon works in the Night Brass Shops. The couple will reside at 2034 E. William St.

### Doty-Grove

Margaret Doty of Dept. 18½ and L. E. Grove were married Nov. 29th in Hopkinsville, Ky., by Lorenzo K. Ward, County Judge of Christian County. They were attended by Ida F. Peerie and T. S. Winfree. The bride wore a blue satin dress and hat with accessories to match. The couple were married while on a trip to Memphis, Tenn. The bridegroom is employed as garage mechanic at the Decatur Ice Cream Co. They are living at 337 N. Church St.

### Warnick-Catlin

Fayma G. Warnick and Ralph D. Catlin were married December 5th at the residence of O. H. Wray, by Rev. C. F. Rogers. They were attended by Evelyn Warnick, sister of the bride, and Virgil Burham, cousin of the groom. The bride wore a dress of white crepe de chene trimmed with spanish lace and pearl beads, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and baby's breath. The decorations were in pink and white. They are living at 740 W. Decatur. The bridegroom is employed as caster at the Vitreous Plant.

### Brute-Gillmar

Rose Brute and Glenn V. Gillmar of the Polishing Room, were married at Effingham on Thanksgiving Day. The wedding was a quiet affair and a surprise to their friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. W. Howell. The bride wore a dress of blue velvet. After a short visit with relatives at Effingham the couple returned to Decatur and are living at 224 W. King St.

### Bready-Sowers

Rhoda Llyn Bready of the Employment Dept. and Herschel F. Sowers were married December 11th at the Parsonage of the Luthern church, by Rev. George Catlin. They were attended by Miss Lois Frank and Rex Fisher. The bride wore a dress of black and white satin and carried a corsage of sweetheart roses, sweet peas and baby's breath. The wedding came as quite a surprise to friends of the young couple. The bridegroom, who was employed at Linn

and Scruggs, has accepted a position with the Weibolt Department Store in Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Sowers left immediately after the holidays for Chicago, where they are living at 3465 W. Madison. They plan to take a trip during the summer through the eastern states.

### Haddock-Roush

Helen Dorothy Haddock and Troy A. Roush of the Billing Department, were married on New Years Day, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was preformed by Rev. Wilbert Dowson. The attendants were Mr. Cleotis Whitesell and Miss Eileen Markwell, both of Blue Mound. The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe and carried a corsage of white lillies. The bride has been employed at the Hi-Flier Kite Co. They will live at the home of the bride's parent's, 1523 N. Water St.

### Doolin-Whillock

Edna Whillock of the core room, and Dennis Doolin, were married December 31st at the home of Rev. Boyd of St. Paul Methodist Church. They will live at the home of the bride, 1847 E. William St.

### Sweeney-Cooley

Miss Margaret Sweeney and J. K. Cooley of Dept. 9, were married at the Parsonage of the Grace Methodist Church on Christmas Day, by Rev. Dowson. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns. They are living at 615 S. New St.

### Leigh-Schwartzle

Freida Leigh of Hanson, Illinois and Clarence Schwartzle of the Polishing Department were married on Sunday, December 19th at the First Nazarene Church by Rev. Jensen. They are living at 628 W. Eldorado St.

### Saner-Coventry

Miss Irene Saner and Walter Coventry were married Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, December 12th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Saner, 929 E. Grand Ave. by the Rev. M. F. Grose, pastor of the First Nazarene Church. They were attended by the bride's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shadoan of Mattoon. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bridegroom is a junior salesman to J. A. Keown, with headquarters in Oklahoma City, where they will make their home. The bridegroom formerly was employed in the office of the Decatur Dry Goods Co.

### Borders-Lawler

Minnie Borders and John H. Lawler of Dept. 7 were married on Jan. 8th at Taylorville. The ceremony was preformed by Rev. Thomas J. Phillips of Pana, Ill. They were attended by Ida Turrentine and John Bilyen of Taylorville. The bride is the daughter of J. W. Borders of Dept. 8. The wedding came

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### John Robert Butts



This is John Robert Butts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Butts, Mr. Butts is assistant foreman in the machine shop. John Robert was one year old on the 22nd of November. He is standing with his grandmother in this picture. Mrs. Butts was formerly Anna Zipse, who worked in the Purchasing Department for a number of years.

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as a complete surprise to relatives and friends. Mrs. Lawler has been employed at the Schudel Model Laundry. For the present they will live at the home of the bride's parents, 945 N. Clinton.

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#### DIFFERENT MEANING NOW

Before they were married he whispered to her:

"Were I drowning in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean—going down for the third time—you would be the last person I'd think of."

It made her feel happy.

After they had been married several years, he made the same speech.

It didn't seem to have the same meaning then. Besides, she didn't like the way he said it.

So she hit him with a plate.

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#### Regrettable

"Your newspaper has reported my death. You see, I am still alive."

"I am very sorry."

### HAVE YOU THESE ISSUES OF THE MUELLER RECORD

We would like to obtain copies of the following Mueller Records to complete our file, in order that the Records may be made into bound volumes.

November 1920, September 1921, October 1921.

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone having these old issues, would send them to C. N. Wagenseller of the Advertising Dept.

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### PHOENIX GETS PHUNNY

Tells About Decatur's 22 Below—and "Ten Feet of Snow"

We had a letter from Billy Jett the other day. With it came a clipping from a Phoenix, Arizona paper. The paper in a carton was having some fun with Decatur. Jett joined in the chorus, singing and had some fun himself. Billy used to be a pretty good Illinoisian until he became saturated with the California spirit. Now he is a western outwailing even Tom Mix's screen portrayals.

But, going back to the Phoenix paper. It shows two thermometers—one labelled "Phoenix", depicting a temperature of 74 degrees, soft breezes and warm sunshine. It must be warm because an old geezer in short sleeves sits at a table sipping a highball, standing nearby a sylph like female, who is extremely shy on wearing apparel. The thermometer depicting Decatur shows 22 below zero, with a raging blizzard in progress, at the bottom inspecting the mercury are two heartily clad hobo-like men with terror in their faces. It's all very good but, the artist is easily a second rater compared with the writer who furnishes the description of the horrors of our recent cold snap. He says:

"While Phoenix was enjoying balmy sunshine that called thousands to open roads, the north east were in the grip of a blizzard that piled up snow 10 feet deep, sent the mercury as low as 22 degrees below zero and marooned hundreds of motorists, some of whom were saved from death only by prompt rescue. The temperature reached a maximum of 74 here yesterday, a difference of 96 degrees between Phoenix and Decatur, Ill., where a minimum of 22 below was registered. There is, indeed, a reason for living in Phoenix.

Langdon Says, 6 Ft. 2"

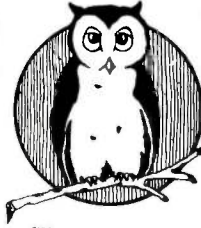
We saw Donald Prestley coming to work in that snow, "piled up over 10 or 12 feet," and it did not reach his shoe tops.

Let the Cost Department apply its mathematical ability to finding out Donald's height, when ten feet of snow fails to submerge his shoes.

Join the Dancing Club.

# THE OFFICE OWL

## HOO! HOO!



There are several people around the office who would like to know how it happened that the Pullman porter set Chester Hathaway's baggage off at Marion, Ohio.

The telephone book on Betty's desk is almost worn out because one of the girls in the office calls her sweetie at noon and uses the telephone book to deaden the sound of her voice. Oh boy, if that bookcover could only tell more than is printed on the outside.

Violet Blankenship, who has been transferred from the Core Room to the Advertising Department, appeared one morning with a wedding ring on the proper finger. When questioned she imparted the knowledge that the bridegroom's name was R. E. D. Pepper, but otherwise than that the information obtained was vague. We notice that the ring disappeared the following day.

Lois was flying around the office one day in her impetuous way, and spying a tin box on the telephone desk cried "Oh, I do love marshmallows," and opened the box. The look of dismay on her face and the speed with which she left the scene, when she found the box contained a fruit cake belonging to a salesman who was sitting nearby, caused the onlookers a good deal of merriment.

For information concerning postal rules and regulations and prison reform, see Paul Jacka of the Drafting Room, but mention Dutch Masters to him at your own peril.

Louis Heisler is the new messenger in the office, who succeeds Milo Burnell. Louis has quite a complicated relationship with the Mueller Co. as he is a nephew of Louis Rohr, a cousin of Barney Marty, and a brother of Judy Heisler of Plant 9.

Learn to Dance—Join the Dancing Class.

MEOW!

"It must be three years since I saw you last. I hardly knew you—you have aged so!"  
 "Really! Well, I wouldn't have known you except for that dress."

Join the Dancing Club.

### Good Bye, Jean

Jean Archer, a daughter of E. H. Archer, formerly with the company, has gone to Detroit to school herself for professional nursing.

For about four months preceding her departure she worked in the advertising department and made a good record by attention to business and the energy she put into her work. She also made friends in the organization who regret to see her leave, but wish her abundant success in the profession she expects to enter.

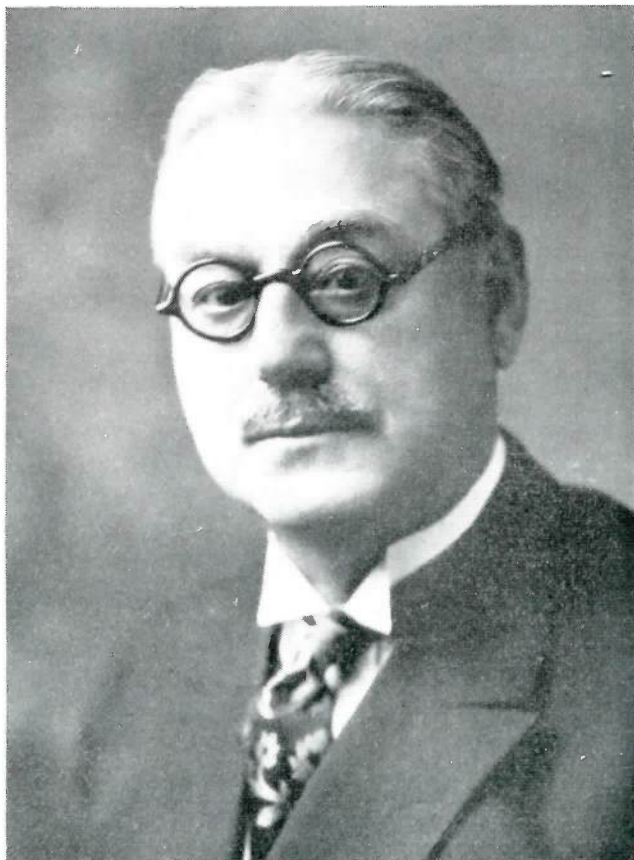
Mr. Archer and family have returned to Sarnia, where he takes a place with the Sarnia company.



A party of nine office girls liked out to the Athletic Club, Sunday, January 9th, in time for breakfast. The fact that it was cold and snowy added zest to the trip. The event was in the honor of the birthday's of Hazel Virden and Mary Wilkins. They also had dinner at the Club and afterwards went skating with Mr. Adolph Mueller on pond formed in one of the ravines on the lodge's grounds. Those in the party were Eloyse Dickson, Margaret Whalen, Marian Richards, Dorothy Jordon, Ruth Ross, Mary Wilkins, Hazel Virden, Dorothy Graham and Mary Schultz.

"An optomist," said Uncle Eb Tolly, "is a man who takes a patch of ground that's too poor to raise an umbrella on, and hopes to grow vegetables there like the pictures on the seed packages."

## The Late Fred B. Mueller



The death of Fred B. Mueller on January 5th, 1927 needs no extended notice here. The regrettable fact of his passing is still fresh in all minds.

Nearly all Mueller employes knew Mr. Fred, if not personally, by sight.

His was a face and figure commanding attention everywhere he went and his personality was one attracting people to him. There was about him, a certain natural reserve, but behind this was a warm heart, genial personality and a ready sympathy.

His last two years brought out the strength of his character. Marked as he knew by a fatal disease he retained his buoyancy of spirit and he daily occupied his mind and body with duties of business, in which he lost interest only in the feebleness of illness during the last few weeks. He made a brave but losing fight for life, which is sweet to all of us despite its trials.

Mueller employes paid a handsome tribute to his memory by attending his funeral in a body and acting as an escort to the

cemetery, where brief funeral services were held before the body was placed in the Mueller-Cruikshank mausoleum.

With the closing of the crypt one recalled Horatio's sad, sweet words:

"Now cracks a noble heart—Good night sweet prince.

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

### + EMPLOYEES INVESTMENT PLAN

Arrangements have been made to have the Employment Office open on both Thursday and Friday noons in order that deposits may be received. By this arrangement prompt service is assured to all.

If you have been thinking of opening an account do not delay longer, but come in on Thursday or Friday noon and get your pass-book. Accounts mature one year from date of opening. If an account is carried regularly to maturity, interest is paid at seven per cent.

**SAVE A DOLLAR FIRST AN LIVE ON WHAT IS LEFT.**

Join the Dancing Club.

## BRASS CHIPS

Billy Mason's Construction Department has been building a two-story brick addition to the drying room of the plant of the Mueller Fixture Co.

C. M. Frizzell, who has been farming for the past year, has returned to work in the Assembly Dept.

Wm. Casey, after various experiences elsewhere, has been taken into the fold again, and is taking his place on the assembly line.

Robert Harris has returned from Alabama and is on the Night force.

Elmer Hawkins has returned to work in the Night Foundry, and Charles Tennyson is again on duty as mechanic in the Garage.

Gus Bridgewater has come back to us and runs a tube-bending machine in Dept. 21.

Rudolph Johnson of the Tool Room resigned last week.

Wm. Dannewitz, a twenty year man in Dept. 8, is now convalescing from a long illness, but is not yet able to work.

Earl Tinker of the Tool Room has left us to take a job with the A. W. Cash Co.

Walter Hines has been transferred from the Night Foundry to the Brass Shop.

Robert Battin has been transferred from the polishing Dept. to the Machine Shop.

These winter mornings seem to bring every man in central Illinois that is out of work to the Employment Office for a job. A good many of them have been farming and have at last given it up. Still others have been on temporary work such as construction and road building. Still others are transients to stop off in the hope of gathering a few dollars and then continuing on their ways.

Jack Hathaway, son of C. W. Hathaway is working at Plant 9.

Miss Bergin has been employed as stenographer to Barney Marty.

Hugo Hendrian has completed the job of breaking in his fifth messenger boy. Hugo feels that he is now competent in the art of breaking in anything, horses, mules or messenger boys.

Phil Cruikshank's size proved of great value to him recently. Phil was riding on the running board of a car from the gate to the building at plant 9, when the car struck a bump. Phil fell off backwards into a snow-drift, and if he had been a little thin fellow, he would probably have been lost forever.

Edith Davis has been transferred to factory payroll from the main office, in the capacity of stenographer to W. J. Mix.

Rachel Watson of the Core Dept. lost a sapphire ring last week. Naturally she is anxious to recover it.

A recent letter from Mrs. Phillip Vogel of Assumption, states that Mr. Vogel is somewhat better, but is still confined in the State

Hospital at Jacksonville. Mrs. Vogel expresses her appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the men in Dept. 30 and of the Employes Aid Society in providing for Christmas for their six children.

Fred Wyant of Plant 8 has suffered considerably from an abscess in his head.

John Ronan of Dept. 18 has taken leave of absence for rest and recuperation.

Homer Aydelotte of the Night Foundry took a mis-step in the shower bath on the evening of January 4 and received a deep cut in his foot when he struck it against a sheet metal partition.

Fred Bentrup of the Assembly Dept has been confined to his home for several weeks by illness.

Albert Talley of the Night Tool Room was laid up for two and one half weeks with smallpox.

Fred Krondriz of the Polishing Room was summoned to the Employment Dept. one morning recently. He is a lad of 17 and seemed to think he was being called up on the carpet. Imagine his surprise when he was presented with a check for \$3.50 benefits for an accident he received in the gymnasium, and which he did not know was coming to him.

We are merely dropping the hint to Jack Frye at Plant 8, to Dale Bailey at Plant 9, and to Ray Lynch and Paul Leubbers of the Night Shift—send in some news. We know that many interesting things happen in these plants and the "Record" will be pleased to give them space.

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Join the Dancing Club.

## Harold Dean Mansfield



This happy babe is Harold Dean, son of H. B. Mansfield of the night brass shop. The picture was taken when he was four months old.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
EMPLOYEES AID SOCIETY  
Nov. 20, 1926—January 24, 1927**

November 20, Balance 2766.90

**Receipts**

Company's contribution for		
December .....	50.00	
January .....	50.00	
December Dues .....	1095.05	
January Dues .....	1129.25	
Check not paid .....	2.40	
Errors in listing checks .....	1.60	2328.30
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		5095.20

**Payments**

Flowers for funerals .....	10.00	
Dr. Bachrack service .....	11.00	
Dr. Woodward service.....	5.00	
Investments—		
Emergency Loan Fund ....	500.00	
Peoples Savings and Loan Assn. ....	400.00	
Mutual Home and Savings Assn. ....	401.25	
Dues refunded .....	12.60	
Death benefit:		
H. H. Hains .....	75.00	
Benefits listed below .....	1849.04	3263.89

Cash Balance ..... 1831.31

**Resources**

Mueller Bonds .....	2500.00
Calxico City Bonds .....	500.00
Decatur City Bonds .....	1000.00
Bldg. and Loan Stock—	
Decatur .....	800.00
Emergency Loan Fund ....	500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7131.31</b>

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

**BENEFITS PAID**

Ed. Falkner \$ 1.80	Roy R. Jones 10.80
T. Wolfe 27.00	F. D. Powers .75
C. M. Tate 26.40	Fred Bentrup 36.90
Chas. Stogsdill 9.00	E. H. Umphreys 24.90
W. T. Dennis 19.50	John Haines 1.50
J. A. De Vors 27.00	M. Nance 3.60
P. R. Vogel 102.65	Fred Kronditz 3.50
J. T. LeMar 7.50	J. E. Schifferd 5.83
Roy Waddell 13.50	C. A. Miller 3.00
M. Scoles 5.25	Earl Troutman .90
C. Wright 37.50	Leo Silveus 9.00
Fred L. Wyant 76.40	Cecil Pope 72.00
Robert Hill 10.50	Frank Hargis 29.40
A. Carter 21.90	F. M. Durbin 21.90
W. Godker 6.30	L. D. Fiam 9.00
H. H. Harris 9.00	J. D. Boldt 9.00
Geo. Frank 3.60	Enoch Kelley 15.15
Dorothy Neal 6.00	John Mertz 12.00
C. E. Lane 9.00	Chatl Winegardner 79.80
Maude Ashenfelter 12.50	A. Lindamood 3.00
Chas. Easley 9.00	E. Watkins 2.50
W. McCarty 4.00	W. F. Pollard .75
Herman Chepan 18.75	E. Green 18.15
	W. E. Davis 5.00



The ardent young golfer is Billy Kileen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kileen, and nephew of J. A. Dill of Dept. 18. The picture was turned in by Bill Kuntz of Dept. 55 who is a neighbor of Billy.

Wm. Dannewitz \$5.20	D. A. McElhaney 1.00
Ross Dial 1.50	J. E. Johnson 25.00
Frank Drake 4.00	Tom Dempsey 14.00
J. B. Ellis 59.19	Raymond Johns 9.00
O. F. Spencer 7.50	N. Alexander 3.00
Wm. Bridwell 14.00	Lloyd Landrum 16.50
Guy Jones 2.00	A. J. Talley 28.00
Sylvia Mire 30.70	W. L. Joseph 9.00
Geo. Lebo 38.40	J. M. Workman 3.00
E. F. Harris 118.20	Geo. Berry 1.50
John Curtis 1.50	C. H. Hill 3.00
C. V. Carmean v.00	Frank Falk 21.75
T. R. Williams 12.15	J. F. Dutter 43.80
Leonard Woods 42.90	Floyd Carr 2.40
A. Young 7.50	Geo. Woods 5.40
Mrs. Edna Whillock 14.60	Z. N. Smith 3.90
Ross Dial 24.35	Melvin McLemore 5.75
S. Manship 12.15	Homer Aydelotte 25.20
L. Prosser 15.06	G. Blankenburg 1.25
Glen Walker 53.55	Carl Sheets 9.00
Mrs. Sally Berry 10.80	E. L. Rankin 9.00
J. J. Cunningham 110.70	Margaret Heibowitz 5.00
J. H. Stout 3.00	
E. Masters 9.00	
John Roman 20.00	
A. H. Roberts 1.80	
R. M. Workman 52.80	<b>Total \$1,849.04</b>

**MODERN CRYSTAL GAZING**

"Last night I went home and got San Francisco on a one-tube set."  
"That's nothing. I went home last night and got Greese on my vest"

Join the Dancing Club.