

# The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

JULY, 1924



The Force of the Mueller Iron Foundry Co.  
at the plant on East Eldorado St.

## He's Taken Out His Papers

*Edgar A. Guest*

**H**E's taken out his papers, an' he's just like  
you an' me.  
He's sworn to love the Stars and Stripes an'  
die for it, says he.  
An' he's done with dukes an' princes, an' he's done  
with kings and queens,  
An' he's pledged himself for freedom, for he knows  
what freedom means.

He's bought himself a bit of ground, an' Lord, he's  
proud an' glad!  
For in the land he came from that is what he never  
had.  
Now his kids can beat his writin', an' they're readin'  
books, says he,  
That the children in his country never get a chance  
to see.

He's taken out his papers, an' he's prouder than a  
king:  
"It means a lot to me," says he, "just like the breath  
o' spring,  
For a new life lies before us; we've got hope and  
faith and cheer;  
We can face the future bravely, an' our kids don't  
need to fear."

He's taken out his papers, an' his step is light to-  
day,  
For a load is off his shoulders an' he treads an easier  
way;  
An' he'll tell you, if you ask him, so that you can  
understand,  
Just what freedom means to people who have  
known some other land.

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## MUELLER PICNIC AUGUST 23, 1924-- THE BEST EVER

The Salesmen's Meeting and the Picnic this year are being prepared with unusual care and should surpass any former occasion.

### Salesmen's School

The salesmen from all the territories will have their meeting as usual in Mueller Lodge. On the morning of August 15 they will make their annual trip through the factory. The foreman of each department is to guide the visitors through his department and point out the things of particular interest and especially improvements that have been made in the past year.

The reception for foremen, twenty-year men, and their ladies, which will be held Thursday evening, August 21, at Mueller Lodge, and will be enlivened by a minstrel show, which will draw into action the best talent and all the Mueller organizations. This feature is in charge of Charles Auer. This will be followed by a dance in charge of Robert Lusk and his committee.

On Tuesday of the same week, there will be a stag party at the Lodge for the salesmen, Decatur plumbers, jobbers and manufacturers of plumbing goods.

### Distribution of Service Rewards

The feature of central interest will be the afternoon session, addressed by President Adolph Mueller. A speakers' stand large enough to seat a hundred persons will be erected at a suitable place. This will be occupied by the firm members, the 1924 twenty-year men, and other employees whose continuous service record is twenty years or more.

Reserved seats in front of this stand will be provided for the employees whose continuous service is more than five years and less than twenty years. Each man or woman concerned in this event (and there are about two hundred besides those on the platform) will receive a letter from Mr. Winegardner, General Superintendent, giving exact instructions.

Under the direction of Mr. Winegardner and his committee, J. M. Wilkins and W. S. Enloe, these people will be seated and with the assistance of designated foremen they will make the presentation of loyalty buttons and service reward checks at the time indicated by Mr. Adolph Mueller, following his address.

### Children's Picnic

Particular attention will be given this year to entertainment for the children. Charles Auer's committee, consisting of Charles Sipe, Pauline Verner, Emma Leipski and Emma Musselman, have planned a very interesting program for the youngsters. At ten o'clock they will meet at the Mueller Club, where they will form in procession and march to Lincoln Square. Special street cars will take them for a ride about the city. Each car will be in charge of a responsible leader and the young folks will sing as they go.

In the afternoon they will join in the singing that opens the afternoon program preceding Mr. Adolph's address. Then they will march to the part of the park reserved for them where a lively, rapid-fire program of games and contests will keep them on the go. Prizes will be offered for the various events and there will be contests for everybody. In the evening a special feature which will be announced on the day's program, will close a grand and glorious day.

### Athletics and Games

W. G. Cranston, physical director, and his committee consisting of Happy March and Angeline Eckert, will have charge of the games for the women. A ball game and several other features are due for a place on the program.

### Games

Walter Behrns and his committee, consisting of Marshall Hobbs, Ed Stille, Clifford Gillebrand and Fairy Hughes, will supervise the ball games and other contests of the day. Gillebrand will promote volley ball. Those who wish a horse-shoe pitching contest should see Behrns at once and ask him to arrange for it. In the morning the Iron Foundry men will play the Brass Foundry. There is already lots of interest in this game.

The Mueller Fountain and Fixture Company, who have a Commercial League team, have challenged our League Team to a ball game which will be played in the afternoon.

### Baby Show

The Baby Show this year will be held on the speakers' platform at 3 o'clock. It is open to the babies born since the last picnic whose fathers have been working here

## Watkins Bros.



Floyd, Ernest and Henry, of the Iron Foundry.

for a year or more. All entries to the baby show are asked to be at the platform at 3 o'clock.

Besides distributing the bank books, we want to get a picture of this very interesting group. Be sure that your baby is entered. See the list in another part of this issue of the Record. The Baby Show will be in charge of Mrs. Laura Becker.

### Dressmaking

The exhibit of dresses, bread and cakes will be placed this year in a tent north of the pavilion. Mrs. Anna Geibe will be in charge. The dressmaking contest is open to the wives and daughters of Mueller employees. The material for the dresses must not cost more than \$6.00 and each exhibitor will be asked to furnish a statement showing the cost of the goods, trimming, and thread. **Don't forget this.**

Class A contest is for the wives of employees. First prize is \$10.00 for the best dress; the second \$5.00. Class B is for the daughters and the prizes are \$10.00 and \$5.00. Dresses will be judged on the following points:

Workmanship .....	40
Taste .....	10
Style .....	10
Suitability .....	10
Ease of construction.....	10

Ease of laundering.....	10
Wearing quality.....	10
Entries should be left with Mrs. Geibe by one o'clock.	

### Bread and Cake Contest

The wives of employees may compete in a bread baking contest. There will be cash prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$1.00. The loaves of bread presented for entry should be of fairly uniform size, about  $3 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4}$ , and baked in individual pans to insure thorough baking. Each loaf must, of course, be baked by the exhibitor. Each loaf should be 24 hours old at time of judging. All entries should be at the tent by one o'clock. Bread will be scored on the following points:

General appearance .....	20
Flavor .....	35
Lightness .....	15
Crumb .....	30

For the unmarried daughters of employees, there will be a cake baking contest with cash prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$1.00. Contestants may enter one cake, either layer or loaf. The following layer cakes are suggested:

- Caramel (or burnt sugar).
- Chocolate layer with chocolate frosting.
- White layer with white frosting.
- Cocoanut.
- Fancy layer.

The loaf cakes may be spice, sponge, nut, marble, angel food unfrosted, devil's food and fancy loaf.

Cakes will be scored on the following basis:

General appearance .....	10
Flavor .....	30
Lightness .....	10
Crumb .....	25
Crust .....	10
Filling .....	15

Entries should be in the hands of Mrs. Geibe by one o'clock.

The judges in these contests will be domestic science experts who have no connection with the Mueller plant.

### Dance

Robert Lusk and his committee of Wil-



Ed Neagle, iron moulder at work.

liam Dougherty, Charles Cole, May Turner, and Catherine McKeown, will have charge of the dance. Homebrook's orchestra has been engaged. There will be informal dancing all afternoon. All on the floor must have special dance tags. A tag should be requested when the clerk of the department do not dance will not ask for tags. Each employee will be allowed one dance tag and one for a guest. These restrictions are necessary to prevent excessive crowding and to hold the floor for our own people.

#### Snapshot Contest

The Mueller Record uses a good many pictures to illustrate the Picnic number. This year it has been decided to ask employees to submit snapshots of the Picnic that they have taken, either of themselves or of the immediate family. The Company will pay \$5.00 for the best picnic scene, \$3.00 for the second best, and \$1.00 for each picture that has been used in the Picnic number. All photographs should be in the hands of Mr. Wagenseller by Wednesday, August 27, and must be of sufficient merit to be useable as illustrations for the Record.

#### Exhibit of Mueller Goods

Last year Charles Sipe of the Shipping Department, prepared and took charge of the exhibit of Mueller goods. The goods were displayed in the southwest corner of the pavilion. Charles will be away at Camp Grant at the time of the Picnic and Paul Andrews of the Shipping Department will take care of the exhibit this year. It is planned to show some of the working processes, such as molds, cores, rough castings, and the like.

Sink combinations and tub shower faucets are also to be shown.

Each employee will receive, a few days before the Picnic, an envelope containing refreshment tickets, dance tags and a card with his name and number printed on it. These cards are to be taken to the exhibit where employees themselves are to drop them in a barrel provided for that purpose. At five o'clock the contents of the barrel will be shuffled and drawings made. The first lucky number will draw a Mueller sink combination complete. The second number will draw a Mueller complete tub shower faucet.

#### Refreshments

The concession for refreshments has again been let to Ira and Walter Auer. They are planning to give good service and good values. Ice cream sodas, sandwiches and pop will be served. Special arrangements have been made to provide quick service.

#### Check Room

The check room will again be in charge of Dick Sheeley and is located in the northeast part of the Park.

## Brushing Up



Milo Abel dusts off George Arend for Iron Foundry picture.

#### Counting Noses

In order that we have exact information on which to prepare for the Picnic, the department clerks will circulate a list of names and each employee will be asked these questions:

1. Are you going to the Picnic?
2. Is your wife going?
3. How many children under 16?
4. Do you have a car?
5. Do you wish dance tickets?

Later you will receive an envelope containing refreshment tickets, street car tickets and your number for the sink combination drawing.

#### Have Family Photograph Taken

J. C. Martin, the chemist, will be at the Picnic with his camera and take pictures of family groups. This is the best opportunity to get a photograph of the family. Rates are \$1.50 a dozen or six for \$1.00.

#### MUELLER FOUNTAIN AND FIXTURE COMPANY

The Picnic this year includes the Fountain and Fixture Company and the Iron Foundry on the same terms as the employees of the Mueller Company. Counting these groups and our salesmen, the total number of employees is a little more than 1,200. In point of numbers this should be the largest Picnic on record.

The Fountain Company has appointed the following committee of general arrangements: De Los Cozad, chairman; William Hartbank, William Bromley, Fred Federer, Fred Van Hyning and Floyd Brenner. They will begin at once to make the numerous and necessary preparations.



# Safety News



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Ever meet a fellow who was too "high-brow" to read safety bulletins?

Perhaps there is one in your department. He thinks that bulletins, rule books, and safety talks are for the uneducated. He is quite able to do his own thinking.

If he does think, he doesn't show it when at work. He wears loose clothing around moving machinery. He leaves boards with nails sticking up for others to step on. He uses tools with mushroomed heads and only wears goggles for chipping or grinding when the foreman is watching him. If the foreman gave him all the watching he needed, he wouldn't have any time left for productive supervision.

And this bird kids himself that he is an "intellectual." His thinking is an imperfect combustion of theories which causes back-firing in his brain cylinders.

Many a fellow who thought he was able to do his own thinking in safety matters has found himself in the hospital with only his thoughts for company. And thoughts in such surroundings are darn poor companions.

Think for yourself, by all means, but don't despise the thoughts and ideas of others as expressed in the safety bulletins. Make use of them and add to them or improve them, if you can. A little thought while working will save you many unpleasant thoughts later. The safety bulletin is your friend; it makes you think.

## DOG DAYS

The hot sultry days of August are called the "dog days" because dogs are supposed to go mad frequently on account of the heat. But mad dogs are not the only summer hazards.

Heat is blamed for everything during the summer, including laziness, "summer complaint," decreased production and increased accidents.

Naturally, we can't work as well when we are uncomfortable from the heat, but we can't change the weather by talking about it. One of the surest ways to feel the heat is to keep looking at the thermometer and complaining about the heat.

It may be hard to keep comfortable in hot weather, but it is possible to keep well. Much summer illness is due to contaminated food, rather than to the heat. Food spoils quickly in hot weather and flies are making continual trips between the garbage can and un-

protected food. Screens on all doors and windows are a good investment in summer health, and garbage should not be allowed to accumulate.

Eat plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits. Drink plenty of cool water but avoid large quantities of ice cold water when you are over-heated.

Don't worry if you sweat freely. Perspiration to the human body is like the safety valve to a steam boiler. Without it there would be serious danger of being overcome by the heat.

Avoid crowds and ill-ventilated public buildings and keep outdoors as much as possible. Colds are just as easy to catch in summer as in winter and they may be even more disagreeable. Ask the man who has one—but keep out of the way when he sneezes.



## THE SAFETY VALVE

In the gloaming, oh my darling,  
Keep the headlights dim and low;  
Leave your hand upon the wheel,  
I can hug myself, you know.



## Lucky Fido

Wife: "Horace, darling, drive carefully, won't you? Remember we have Fido with us."



After watching a six cylindered model with a tin horn sport at the wheel whizz by at 40 per, we wonder how people could be slow enough to get hit by a bicycle. After watching a buzz saw or jointer in operation it seems strange that a person could get hurt with a screw driver.



If there is any place where an accident can't happen, insurance companies would like to find out where it is. In 1923, one company paid claims for 143 accidents caused by shaving, 82 by slipping in bath tubs, and strangest of all, 39 which happened while the insured was getting in or out of bed!



## SYMPATHY

"As I was walking down the street," says a contributor to "The Line," in the Chicago Tribune, "I saw an auto with the sign: 'Say it With Flowers,' appropriately tied to the bumper. Isn't that what you'd call the essence of forethought and politeness?"

Something to Think About



Not all the jay-walking is done on the streets. Some is done on the gas accelerators.



"Where there's a will there's a way," said the speeder. Unfortunately he didn't make his will first.



Thirty days' observation of the sun through a barred window will cure many a reckless driver.

**NOTICE!**

"Absence should be reported promptly to the Employees' Service Department by telephoning Main 160, by mail, or by a note. The cause should also be stated. Failure to report may be regarded as a desire to quit." —(Company Rule Book, page 6)

You value your job; therefore report promptly. Get word in by 7:30 a. m. In afternoon by 1:30 p. m. Night Shift before 5:00 p. m.

## The Office Owl, Hoo! Hoo!

Clyde Hardbarger of the Cost Department, but formerly of the Machine Shop, has been awarded the tin medal for the most absent minded deed of the month. Clyde was so engrossed in his thoughts the other morning when he arose (he claims it was a bad dream) that he forgot that he had been working in the Cost Department for the last four or five months and donned his old clothes preparatory for work in the Machine Shop. After he arrived on the scene he realized he was in the wrong pew but it was too late then to remedy the situation and Clyde was compelled to figure costs in a blue shirt.

Why?—

Does Estella hippity-hop to work?

Do the switch engines persist in stopping just outside the north windows of the office and proceed to fill the place with its dirty black smoke when the Wabash has so many miles of tracks that they surely could find some place else to get rid of the smoke where it would not be so objectionable?

Does everyone claim your working place is cooler than theirs, when you know your own is the hottest?

Vera W.: "Angelina, what's your boss' initials?"

Angelina: "Down stairs at 82."

It's Going to Happen at the Salesmen's School

Whitehead: "Colorado Springs in the early days was the healthiest place in the United States."

Mr. Fred: "Is that so?"

Whitehead: "Yes, they had to shoot a man to start a graveyard."

Hawkins: "How would you define 'home?'"

Draper: "Home is where you can scratch any place that itches."

Betty: "I think they are going to ask me to sing at the Picnic. What will I do?"

Marie: "Do? Why, sing, of course. It'll be their own fault."

Bill's a regular ladies' man—  
Who can please 'em as Bill can?

Brings 'em gowns cerise and rose,  
Ermine wraps and filmy hose.  
Knows what's best for dainty feet;  
Tilts a hat that's hard to beat.

Bill's a sheik, I've said before—  
Drapes the dummies in a store.

## Marie's Mistake



Marie was on her way to lunch and just as full of mischief as a kid out of school. At the yard gate she saw a man setting on the bench and presumed him to be John Owens, the watchman. With her umbrella she playfully tilted the man's hat and it fell to the ground just as Marie turned to see the result of her mischief. She saw more than expected. It was the amazed face of a perfect stranger. Hell-o, said Marie, from force of habit as she beat it for the Club house. Jack Duffy held a stop watch on her and it was claimed Marie made a record from the gates to the Club house.

## Bad News for Fire Chief

Due to the fact that the building of our new water tower has added a little more fire hazzard to the plant, Fire Chief Duffey has taken his turn at night watching. C. C. Morris turns out some weird stories about this, but Mr. Duffey still looks well.

The night was hot and sultry,  
The professor had gone to bed,  
His feet stuck out the window,  
An ice pack on his head.

He swore that he would smother,  
His body filled with pains,  
He thought of no place quite so hot,  
'Till Stille brought those janies.

## PUSHING OUR LINE

The J. D. Johnson Company of Philadelphia is pushing our line aggressively.

In a recent advertisement in the Philadelphia Ledger they say:

"Save annoyance and expense—use Mueller's guaranteed brass work and system of automatic hot water heat control."



**WEDDINGS**

**Merris-Tish**

Charles Tish of the Foundry and Ellen May Merris were married June 14 at the home of Reverend Papperman. They will live in Decatur.

**Kraidtee-McMillan**

Harold McMillan of the Polishing Department, and Erma Kraidtree were married on June 22, in Vandalia. They will live in Decatur.

**Stuart-Kates**

Mrs. Mattie Stuart and Wesley E. Kates of Department 18 were married at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday, July 8, in the parsonage of the First Christian church, by Rev. R. E. Henry.

**Schwenker-Prosser**

Lloyd Prosser and Miss Zula Schwenker of Shelbyville were married in Sullivan June 7. The young couple have gone to house-keeping at 1125 West Eldorado Street.

**Bass-Plumley**

Veda Bass of the Core Department and Joseph Plumley were married Saturday, July 26, in the parsonage of the First Church of God by Rev. C. F. Rogers. Mr. Plumley is employed by the Wabash.

**Gustin-Moffett**

Miss Gertrude Gustin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gustin, and Rev. Lloyd Moffett, assistant pastor of the First Methodist church, were married at 10:30 o'clock July 9. The wedding took place at the headquarters tent of the Illinois Conference Epworth League Institute in Nichols Park, Jacksonville. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Jordan as the institute bell rang "lights out." Miss Ruth Rogers acted as bridesmaid and Mathias Eckert was best man. Mrs. Moffett is a graduate of the Decatur high school and attended Millikin Conservatory of Music. Reverend Moffett is a graduate of Millikin University in the class of 1923 and is a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Kappa Pi at Millikin. He was admitted to the Illinois Methodist conference as a minister in 1922 and since that time has been assistant pastor of First Methodist church.

R. V. (Bob) Benton has notified us that he has lately acquired a better half, but neglects to furnish us with the lady's name, the time, and the place. However, the salesmen and all others are patiently awaiting Bob's arrival at the Salesmen's

meeting, and in the meantime extend their best wishes.



**DEATHS**

**George Ray Hawkins, Jr.**

The ten year old son of George Hawkins, of the Night Foundry, died at St. Mary's hospital July 23, following an operation for appendicitis. He had attended the Roach school and was a member of the Church of God. Besides his parents he leaves one brother, James, aged six. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, the procession forming at the residence at 2653 East Marietta Street, and moving thence to the Church of God on South Broadway. The burial was in Brush College cemetery. There was a large attendance, including neighbors and practically all of the night foundrymen.

**Mrs. Helen Marie Sadowski**

Mrs. Helen Marie Sadowski, daughter of Julius W. Olshefski of Department 18, died July 29 at St. Mary's hospital as a result of having by mistake taken an overdose of sleeping medicine on Friday evening. Since the death of her husband, who was overcome by gas fumes while working in his garage last January, Mrs. Sadowski had been living with her parents. Surviving are two children, Irene and Alma, her parents, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Sims and Mrs. Grace Wittke.



A Visitor said to a little girl, "And what will you do, my dear, when you are as big as your mother?"

"Diet," said the modern child.—Tid-Bits.



Theodore Sheppard, of night shift, his son-in-law and eight of his grandchildren. This escort brought him to work the other evening.

**IS YOUR BABY ON THIS LIST?**

The baby show will be an important part of the Picnic this year and we want to get all of the little ones counted in. All the babies born since August 1, 1923, whose fathers have been working here one year from that date, are eligible.

Last year each baby received a bank account of \$1.00. If, on the first of August, 1924, \$2.00 have been added, the Company will put in another \$1.00. If the next year \$2.00 more are deposited, the Company will put in the third dollar, and so on, for ten years, if the father continues to work here.

Thus at the end of ten years the little one would have \$20.00 of his own, the Company would have contributed \$10.00 and the interest would be about \$5.00. Surely this is a good lesson in thrift. Be sure to have your baby's name entered.

Below is a list of parents and babies whose birthdays have been reported to the Employment Office. Please notify **Mr. Langdon** at once if your baby is not on this list. We do not want to miss any.

Father's Name—	Baby's Name—	Date of Birth—
Roy Fleckinstein	Leonard LeRoy	August 17, 1923
Clifford Beavers	Norma Elene	August 27,
George Tennison	La Roy	September 23
Ralph Slayback	Bertha	September 25
Joseph Bullard	Truce Allen	October 9
Ira Auer	Clifford Wayne	October 4
Frank Auburn	Margaret Eldora	October
Ed Winholtz	Rosemary	October 27
Jesse C. Moore	Paul Dean	November 19
J. H. Hollingshead	Dorothy Irene	December 19
Alva March	Jack Franklin	December 27
J. N. Porter	James Henry	January 9, 1924
Louis Fagan	Lois Eileen	January 11
Anos Reynolds	William	February 23
Lloyd Flanders	Lloyd Junior	March 3
Virvil Ellegood	Virgil Junior	March 15
E. H. Langdon	John Coe	March 24
Gerald Yonker	Geraldine Lorane	March 7
R. W. Disney	Betty Ann	March 23
Ed Peters	Joe Lyle	May 20
Oscar Friend	Donna Maxine	May 27
Howard Jones	Betty Jane	May 27
Henry Ellis	Dorothy Jane	May 29
Roy Harper	Vivian Lucille	June 3
William S. Enloe	Charles Walter	June 6
Roy McCasland	Charlotte Dorothy	June 24
A. G. Metzger	Edward Franklin	July 9
Walter Kostenski	Walter John	July 10
A. B. Collins	Eugene Paul	July 17

**BIRTHS**

Edward Franklin is the name of an eight pound boy, born July 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Art Metzler.

Walter Kostenski is the proud father of a baby boy, born July 10. He has been named Walter John.

**SHIVERS**

Whenever I think of winter, especially the brand they have handed us since the first of the year, I get the shivers. And when I get the shivers, I think of the last time I was with Lucille.

The room was warm and the gas-log, which blazed cheerfully, shed a mellow light around the room. We sat on the sofa facing the fire, with our backs to the door. I leaned over, artfully placed my arm around her shoulder, and looked deep down into her eyes. After some moments I whispered a few words—words which had the soothing sound of a mother crooning over her babe. Lucille responded. Her eyelids dropped and fluttered and her lips moved silently.

I bent over and kissed her. We shivered! It was an electric shock, a thrill! I know now that I would have shivered more at the time had I but seen her dad, who was standing in the doorway with his eye on the proceedings.—Medley.

**CRUEL FATE**

Magistrate—"Have you anything to say before I pass sentence?"

Burglar—"Yes, m'lud. It's a bit thick bein' identified by a bloke wot kept 'is head under the bedclothes the whole time."—London Opinion.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Of the Employees' Aid Society, June 25 to July 29, 1924

Bal. in bank June 25..... \$1,226.50

**Receipts**

Co.'s contrib. for July.....\$ 50.00

Dues for July..... 659.80

Error in listing checks..... .20 710.00

\$1,936.50

**Payments**

Bain Floral Co. (Sams).....\$ 5.00

Clerical help ..... 4.00

Benefits listed below..... 375.25 384.25

\$1,552.25

Mueller Bonds ..... 2,500.00

Interest due Aug. 1..... 87.50

\$4,139.75

Total assets.....

**Benefits Paid**

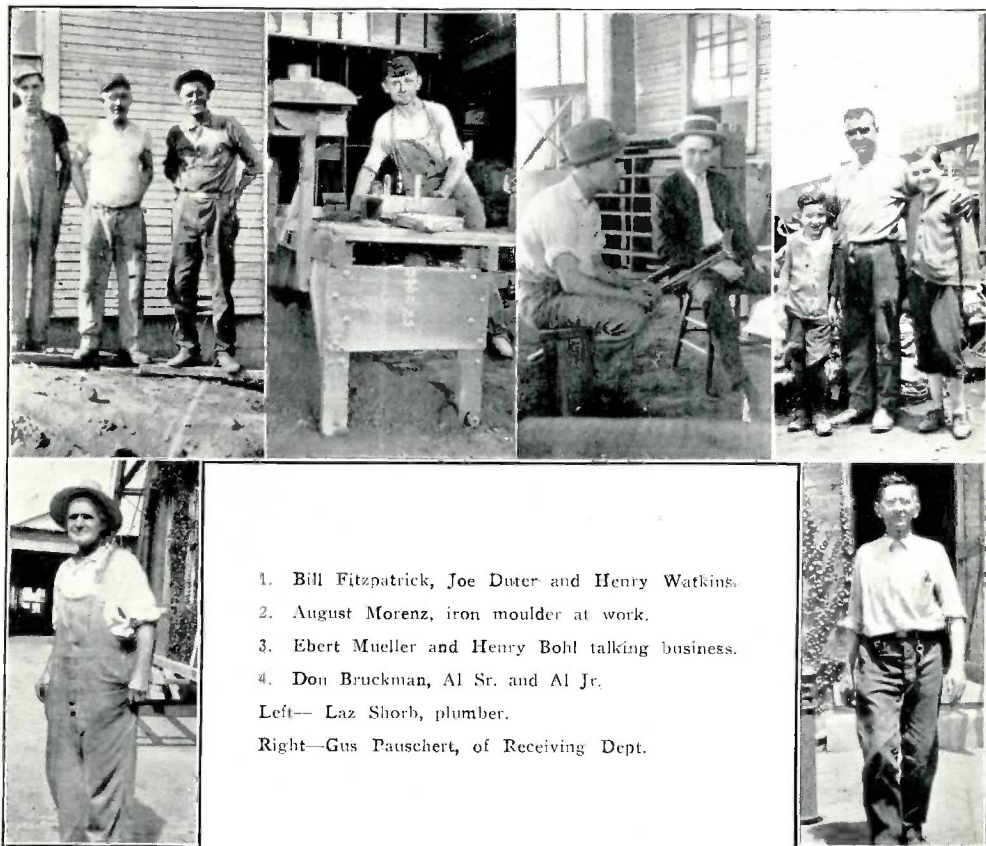
John F. Secrist .....\$ 1.50

Glen Baird ..... 9.00

Theo. Salsgraver ..... 9.75

H. L. Himstead .....	6.00
Thomas Fisher .....	56.40
Ezra Utzler .....	2.25
Clara Behrend .....	6.00
Floyd Holler .....	24.90
John Trimmer .....	37.20
J. H. Dowden .....	9.00
Veda Bass .....	5.00
Allen Maples .....	9.75
Homer Whiteside .....	50.00
O. T. Brown .....	7.50
W. McClanahan .....	5.00
Kay Olsen .....	6.00
J. A. Strain .....	15.00
Wallace Cochran .....	10.00
R. E. Thomas .....	7.50
James Morrison .....	7.50
Fred Oldham .....	3.00
John Scoles .....	27.00
Wm. Dixon .....	1.50
Frank Williams .....	30.00
Shirl Tish .....	3.00
Clifford Beavers .....	10.50
Robert Kykendall .....	15.00
	<u>\$375.25</u>

E. H. Langdon, Treas.



1. Bill Fitzpatrick, Joe Duter and Henry Watkins.  
 2. August Morenz, iron moulder at work.  
 3. Ebert Mueller and Henry Bohl talking business.  
 4. Don Bruckman, Al Sr. and Al Jr.  
 Left— Laz Shorb, plumber.  
 Right—Gus Pauschert, of Receiving Dept.

## BRASS CHIPS

J. W. Layman and wife spent a three weeks' vacation in Missouri. They motored as far as Chillicothe, and the hooded condition of the roads compelled them to put their car up and journey the rest of the way by train.

William H. Snyder is now the owner of a Ford sedan. He said he traded his Ford touring car in on the sedan. The dealer has our deepest sympathy.

Joe Petty and H. W. Smith are the joint owners of a pup. Smith keeps the dog a while and then Joe takes it. Joe says he doesn't like the partnership idea and is going to buy Smith's share. We don't know which end of the dog belongs to Smith.

William J. Mix is now Chief Draftsman. He joined our organization June 9 and on July 21 took over the Drafting and Record Department. Mr. Mix is a University of Illinois man and has had varied experience in the manufacture of water works goods. He came to Decatur from Kansas City where he had been in the iron foundry business. Mr. Mix is married and has three children.

Roy Pease is working in the Inspection Department.

Louis Wyant is working in the Machine Shop again.

Vernon Spaar, son of H. C. Spaar of Department 8, is helping in the Accounting Department.

Miss Astrid Olsen succeeds J. A. Strain on the customers' ledgers. Mr. Strain gave up his work on account of ill health.

Carroll Cornelius, who has been in the Accounting Department for the past year, resigned on July 19. He will spend the remainder of the summer on the old home farm and this fall will enter the University of Illinois.

John Scoles is laid up with a broken arm. His Ford backfired when he was cranking it.

John Foor of Number 12 has returned to the farm.

Miss Lois Dunaway is stenographer in the Sales Department during the vacation season.

Frank Mueller is working in the Core Experimental Department with Chris Hendrian.

## 25th Wedding Anniversary



Johny Bauer of Dept. 18 and his good wife on the occasion of his 25th wedding anniversary. The camera records this happy couple of having no regrets for the step which blended their lives, 25 years ago as one.

John Allen of the Nickel Plating Department has been absent so much without reporting that he has been given a permanent vacation.

Homer Whiteside has been spending some months at the Haley Eye Infirmary at Centralia. For a time his eyes made very satisfactory improvement but about the first of July he suffered a setback which will keep him there for a while longer. The Aid Society has extended him the limit of benefits.

Floyd Holler returned to work as clerk in the Machine Shop, July 21.

Herman Kelch of the Tool Room has become a golf fan. The other day he was telling about making the 18-hole course in 74. The next day the Review published the official scores made on that course and it showed that the best score of the season was 75. We hear that Bill Dougherty has challenged Herman for the golf championship of Department 55.

Alonzo Davey who works on the night grinding force has taken a three weeks vacation.

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# Leisure Hours



## MUELLER LODGE ACTIVITIES

On July 3 Mrs. Cruikshank gave a one o'clock luncheon in honor of Mrs. Karl Merris, who is visiting her siser, Mrs. Robert Mueller. The guests were the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club to which Mrs. Merris belonged when she was a resident of Decatur a few years ago.

Mr. Philip Mueller and family spent the Fourth at the Lodge.

On July 6 Mr. Fred Mueller had as his guests for an all day picnic the Volunteer Firemen's Association. Mr. Mueller joined this association when he was 18 years old and the fire department was made up of volunteers. He was a very agile runner, and that was what counted, as the hose cart was then pulled by hand to the scene of the fire.

July 19 Mr. and Mrs. Kitty Wilkins gave a dance for about thirty-five couples.

Robert Mueller gave a family dinner on Sunday evening, July 20.

On July 21 Mrs. Robert Mueller gave a bridge luncheon in honor of Mrs. Karl Merris.

The Transportation Club spent the 24th at the Lodge. Luncheon was served to 92 ladies and dinner to 125 ladies and gentlemen.

On July 29 a group of professors from the College of Commerce of the University of Illinois spent the day at the Lodge in an all day picnic.

Mrs. Charles Meador and family camped out at the Lodge for ten days during July.

Mr. Blankenship and family also camped out for ten days.

Mr. Muirheid of the foundry, and his family spent the last three days in July camping at the Lodge.

This closed the activities of the Lodge for the months of August and September. During the early part of August preparations will be made for the salesmen, and during the latter part they will be at the Lodge for their annual meeting. Mr. Philip Mueller and family will occupy the Lodge during September.



## DINNER PARTY

The members of the Drafting Department gave a dinner party at the Mueller Lodge on Friday evening, July 18, in honor of the new department head, Mr. W. J. Mix.

The early part of the evening was spent

in boating, fishing and croquet. Dinner was served at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. M. Wilkins, assistant superintendent, acted as toastmaster, and the glasses that tipped to the health of the new foreman numbered about forty.

Mr. Mix gave a very interesting talk on his ideas of piloting a department and assured every one the best of co-operation. After dinner every one responded to the music in the ball room and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Everyone present expressed themselves as having had "a most wonderful" time and it wasn't until a late hour that the party adjourned.



## CAMP AT MUELLER LODGE

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Foltz, Clifford Gillebrand, May Kerr, Earl Smith and Blanche Oliver spent the week end of July 26 camping at Mueller Heights. Fishing, croquet, hikes, and good eats filled the hours pleasantly. They even caught enough fish for each one to have a taste.

On the evening of July 19, Elmer Baker, Ed. Harris, Emmett Reedy, John Davidson, and Clifford Gillebrand camped on Lake Decatur near Nelson Park bridge. They report excellent fishing.

Ed Kushmer and Charles Cochran went fishing July 12 and caught 46 fish, croppies, cat and carp, which weighed 24 pounds.



## DRIVE TO NIAGARA

Albert Lindamood, Arnold Kletzing, and Joe Barton, of Pana, started on the evening of July 4 for an eight-day motor trip to Niagara and return. They followed the Dixie Highway to Chicago Heights, then turned east, passing Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo. A day was spent at Niagara Falls, where they visited the great hydro-electric power houses, and the factory where shredded wheat biscuit is made. They returned through Ontario, stopping at Sarnia, and had lunch with L. H. Burleigh. They also met Roy Whitaker who is now at the Canadian plant.



## Road Signs Suggested by Mr. B. Baer

We have seven good hotels and one jail. Take your pick,

Don't try to think with your brakes.

Don't try to scare a locomotive with your horn.

Your grandfather lived to be 90 because he had sense and so had his horse.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nehls and Mrs. Lida Bridgewater, Earl is taking the picture.

#### VACATION AT TURKEY RUN

A number of Mueller folks, including Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nehls, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bridgewater, and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mason, spent the week-end of the Fourth of July in western Indiana at Turkey Run and other points of interest.

Turkey Run, a park of some seven hundred acres, is one of the beauty spots of the Middlewest. It boasts a hotel and camping grounds large enough to accommodate over five thousand cars July fourth. The most attractive sights of the place are found on six rails over rock cliffs and through strips of virgin timber on either side of Sugar Creek. Wild flowers and ferns grow in abundance unmolested. The park is under the supervision of the Department of Conservation of the State of Indiana which has made it a memorial to the Indianians of pioneer days.

The Decatur people report making the acquaintance of the "Devil's Ice-Box," and the "Devil's Bath Tub." They did not discover whether the fixtures in the latter were of Mueller manufacture or not. They tell stories, too, of walnut trees forty inches in diameter. When not occupied in collecting data for the benefit of the people back home, the tourists, honest-to-gooodness campers, kept themselves busy with food cooked over an open fire.

Harold Coulter and Clyde McCullum did not report for work in Department 30 Wednesday morning. Inquiries at the homes of the boys disclosed the fact that their people did not know where they were either. Later Mr. Davies, Clyde's guardian received a letter stating that the boys were on the high road to adventure and that later they would return seasoned travelers. Meanwhile we wish them well and expect to see them again this fall. Their places have been filled by other boys.



#### NATL. PLUMBERS CONVENTION West Baden, Ind.

The National Master Plumbers Association held its annual convention at West Baden, Ind., June 24, 25 and 26. Those attending from this company were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller and son, Frank; Mr. Mr. Fred Mueller, Mr. R. L. Moore, Mr. W. C. Heinrichs, Mr. C. E. Lincoln, Mr. J. P. Stenner, and C. N. Wagenseller.

We had a very beautiful exhibit made up, consisting of one large board and six panels covered with green velvet and trimmed with white. Our latest style sink, bath, and lavatory faucets, sink and bath combinations, traps, drain and overflows, and supply pipes were mounted on these boards, and made a very picturesque exhibit.



#### FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TIME IS NOT

Hours fly,  
Flowers die,  
New days,  
New ways  
Pass by!  
Love stays  
Time is

Too slow for those who wait,  
Too swift for those who fear,  
Too long for those who grieve,  
Too short for those who rejoice;  
But for those who love  
Time is not.



Rock River at "The Shades", Indiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holmbacher at the petrified forest in Arizona. Their son, Paul, does not show in the picture—probably out gathering petrified wood for a camp fire.

#### LETTER FROM OTTO

In my last letter for the Record, I believe I was in New Mexico. Had some very good roads except going on detour to Albuquerque, which were very poor. In Arizona we visited the petrified forest which was very interesting. Immense trees were turned into stone. As the weather was very hot, we did not stay long there. Our next point of interest was the Grand Canyon of Arizona which was a magnificent sight. It was so grand that it is impossible for me to describe it, the immensity of it is so great.

Our next point of interest, of course, is the Mohave desert. We spent almost two days in it. Our last day in the desert we left Goffs at 4 a. m. and at about noon I discovered we had a nice flat tire to change out in that nice hot sun. I changed it as quickly as possible and we were surely happy when we got to Victorville, Calif. highway of San Bernardino, coming into Los Angeles by the foothill drive—a wonderful drive. There is the first we saw of the immense orange groves, and as we had never seen any orange trees before, they were very interesting to us.

We finally found my wife's relatives good and tired, after driving 275 miles that day. We find this city very interesting and one day we visited a picnic of the Decatur and

Macon county people. Among the former I met three men, Dr. H. C. Jones, Roy Hughes, Ed. Gates, Billy Jett, Horace Clark, Hal Maxwell and quite a few others I cannot now recall. I have also visited the Mueller branch here and spent quite a little time with Billy Jett and Horace Clark. I have had invitations to visit several brass plants here but have been unable to on account of so many other points of interest to see.

In this city there is now seven brass shops making plumbing supplies which I think is far too many for this local business and I do not see how they can keep up. Los Angeles is cutting the power 25 per cent on account of the shortage of power. They did not have much rain last fall and winter in the mountains and I understand there will be a further cut in power.

We took in the Catalina Island trip, combined with the glass bottomed boats. I thought of Mr. Philip as I looked through the glass bottom of the fine fish. I know his eyes would sparkle if he could see those fine fish.

The largest fish which we saw was a Jew fish weighing 388 pounds. We have visited most all the beaches which are surely crowded. We have been in bathing at the beaches quite often. Our trip up Mt. Lowe was also a very fine trip. While Mt. Lowe is not as high as Pike's Peak, I believe it is a more interesting trip. From the base there is an incline of 60 degrees for about a half mile then we took the electric cars, winding up the mountain. At one time saw the tracks three times below us and several times we got weak in the knees looking down in the canyon and the distance viewed from Mt. Lowe is great. Can see Catalina Island with ease.

Another very interesting thing I saw here was while out driving one evening we went up Magnetic Hill. Part way up this hill the motor car is stopped and the car will go about a hundred yards up the hill without any power whatever. I thought there was some trick to it but when I saw about a dozen other cars doing the same thing, stopping their engines and going about a hundred yards up the hill without any power, I was convinced. Why it is, I do not know.

We are going to spend the rest of the week here and then we are starting for Yosemite park next Monday, July 14. From there we go through Sacramento to Portland, then to Seattle. From there to Yellowstone Park, where we want to stay about a week, from where I will write you a further account of our trip. Kindly give my regards to the members of the firm, to Chat, and the rest of the bunch.

We are all well and anxious to go further on our trip.

Yours truly,  
Otto Halmbacher.

## MUELLER FOUNTAIN & FIXTURE COMPANY

We take pleasure in announcing that hereafter the Fountain Company is to have space in the Record each month. We regret that the photograph which was to adorn the front cover of this issue was spoiled in the making. We are assured that in future issues pictures and news will be regularly supplied and we all welcome this opportunity to become better acquainted with our neighbors across the tracks.

The Fountain Company will also participate in the Picnic, and representatives of the force will be on the committees. Items below has been submitted by the Fountain Company's reporter, Mr. Brenner.

### Just Among Ourselves

Pardon us, please!

News is like fruit—the gatherer must be prepared to take care of it when it's ready to be taken care of. It "breaks," and while it's still hot from the break, it's news—easily collectable and interesting. Once it cools, however, the process of gathering becomes similar to that of finding the well known needle in the equally well known hay stack. Hence and wherefore the task of getting a news collecting organization effected and in operation in a plant devoted to working with wood, and the further task of collecting the news of the past month is scarcely a thing to be accomplished satisfactorily in the short space of a few days. Fellow-workers, kindly have forbearance with news columns that are not all comprehensive.

### July's Best Fish Story—Come On, August

The fish story championship for the month of July goes to the veteran fisherman and metal room foreman, Fred Federer. Here's the story:

"We had been fishing all evening with very little luck. Worms, doughballs, artificial bate, craw-dads, live minnows,—every bait we could think of failed to attract friend fish. Then, when hope of fish for breakfast had nearly gone, we landed a small cat and a crappie. These we cut open to see just what bait might be necessary to lure the larger fellows. Perch minnows were the goats.

"With a stock of perch for bait, we set in with new hopes. A few minutes was all that it took for me to land the prize. It was a beauty—a seven pound blue cat two feet long exactly."

All fish stories in this column's monthly contest are true stories. In the present instance, Fred will even tell an inquirer the place where he made his catch. Not only that, but he has a picture of the fish which we will run in the August Record.

### Vacation Time

Delos Cozad opened the season for vacationists for the year 1924 season. He motored to Chicago and environs and reports an enjoyable trip, both for himself and his family.

C. J. Hoots took advantage of the Fourth to start a ten days' motor trip with his family and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoots. They stopped first at Chicago, where Clarence took enough time to satisfy himself that Cozad was all wrong in his estimate of the difficulties of driving in the big city.

From Chicago the party continued to Dixon, where they visited Mrs. Hoots' parents. Savannah, Polo, and Princeton were other points visited enroute to Decatur.

The tour afforded fishing in abundance, the elder Hoots coming through with an eighteen inch, two pounds and a half cat fish from the Rock River. This catch clinched first prize in spite of Clarence's haul of a turtle a foot and half across. When Hoots hooked the latter, he thought he had the river bed on his line, he says, and prayed not a little that his double-bent rod would stand the gaff.

Other incidents as well as fishing, served to enliven the trip. The elder Hoots, apparently, ran in a channel of very hard luck. For the fore part of the trip he and the sleeping arrangements failed to agree, and as soon as he got squared away in that regard, other troubles arose. At Polo the bumper had to be removed from his car in order to get it away from another auto with which it had a dispute. A crash of fenders afforded another difficulty. Clarence admits of no disasters on his part, but an interview with the elder Hoots might be interesting.

### Births

Frank King of the machine department reports the arrival of a daughter, Dorothy Marie, June 27.

### Injuries

A fairly clean record stands on the hospital book for the past month.

Joe Johnson of the machine room lost a slice from the tip of one of his fingers when he pushed that member too close to a set of shaper knives.

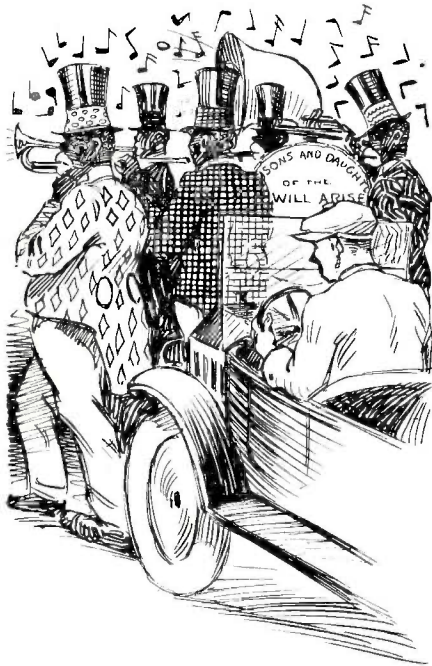
Jake Smith, of the cutting department, suffered a painful injury when a heavy table top fell on two of his fingers. After a week's convalescence Jake is back at work.

Art Houck, keeper of the hospital supplies poked an ice pick through his thumb the fore part of the month. The thrust was a deep and dirty one, but no complications set in.

The only other injuries reported for the



Unexpected Prominence



Ed Stille and Lizzie caught in a parade led by a colored band. Ed tried to look unconcerned while the spectators sized him up as a patent medicine street faker. He did not succeed and even Lizzie felt embarrassed.

month were chisel cuts suffered by Louis Schroeder and Bernard Witt, both of the cabinet department.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

When Ella Moore went to lunch the other day she laid her glasses on the mirror shelf in the women's rest room. When she returned they were gone. Several of the girls remembered seeing them but no one could locate them at one o'clock. Notices were posted and inquiries made, but no glasses were found.

Ella's glasses were of great value to her but could have been of very little value to anyone else. True, some one might have been able to sell the frames and thus turn a dishonest dollar or two, but no one could recover the \$18.00 that they cost the owner.

Ella was without the use of her glasses for two days while another set were made. We can understand why some one might steal a coat or money or something of value, but to steal the glasses of a working girls that needs them every hour, and which are of no value to anyone else, is too contemptible for words.

MUELLER IRON FOUNDRY

The Mueller Iron Foundry has named their Picnic committee, consisting of Albert Bruckman, Jack Bain and George Morris, who will see to it that the preparations for the Iron Foundry and their folks are complete. We hope that a reporter may be discovered among these men who will regularly fill a column or more with news of the doings of this busy bunch. Plenty happens all right, but these hearties are too modest to mention it for publication.

The Record welcomes these groups into the fellowship of Mueller boosters. We trust that for them, as for us, the Mueller Picnic will be one of the red letter days of the year.



John Frye, formerly of the Record Department and now bookkeeper for the Mueller Iron Foundry, and Opal Beckett of Monticello, were married Saturday, July 26, at the home of the Rev. Roy Catlin, 1632 N. Union Street. Mr. and Mrs. Frye will live in a new house at the corner of Seventh and East Prairie Streets.



Floyd Watkins, iron moulder is rejoicing in the arrival of an 8 1/4 pound daughter, born July 30. As we go to press no name has been selected for the little stranger. Perhaps our readers can offer suggestions.



Al Bruckman and several others celebrated the Fourth of July by breaking up the heavy castings of the old engine with dynamite. That is some system—to be paid for celebrating, and have the Company furnish the fireworks too.



Wanted—reporter for the Iron Foundry. We had expected John Frye to supply some news, and he did—one item. He got married. Perhaps if he keeps his eyes open and his notebook handy he will observe other news items about the plant in the next month.



BOB SENDS A GOOD ONE

We are in receipt of the following from Bob Benton.

"Here is a little thought that you may find useful for our Record:

"Man is like a tack—useful if he has a good head on him, and is pointed in the right direction. But even though he is driven, he can only go as far as his head will let him."



Transferring a petting party from the parlor sofa to a chummy roadster has cancelled many a wedding.

## Pedigreed Pointers



Mrs. Philip Cruikshank and Frank's registered Rodfield pointers. A few days after the picture was taken, one of these dogs, turned loose to romp, ran under the wheel of a heavy truck and was killed. Too bad.

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 cation which he will spend about Lake City, running the engine of a threshing machine outfit. He is an old hand in this line of work.

Herman Hicks, who lives at the Soldiers' Speedway hospital in Chicago, visited with the family of John Scole the Fourth of July.

John Gray of the Inspection Department visited relatives the Fourth in southern Illinois, near Ashland. Sunday, June 6, he was invited to speak in the church in his home town about the work of the Salvation Army.

Charles Winholtz, veteran baseball fan of the Night Shift, went to Chicago last week to see Babe Ruth knock a home run in the fourteenth inning. Charles says that the Bombino always delivers a home run when he is present.

Walter Grant of Department 57 has taken

out a larger insurance policy on account of playing baseball at noon.

Mr. Fred Mueller, Mr. C. G. Auer, and Mrs. Ella Rost made a trip to Monticello recently to inspect the beautiful cafeteria just completed by the Caldwell Syrup of Pepsin Company. Like our own Company, they have a very fine cafeteria which serves the employees a lunch at low cost. They have provisions to accommodate a thousand people.

Bob Whitehead, our Colorado salesman, had the pleasure of showing some of his home folks the wonders of the west. His sister, Gladys, met Bob at El Paso, Texas, on her way to California, and spent a day or two in the Texas metropolis. Returning to the east, she stopped at Denver where her mother, Mrs. R. T. Whitehead was visiting. With Bob as guide, the three visited some of the points of interest about Denver, and Colorado Springs. We are sure that Bob was very glad for some of the home folks to see his territory.

Joe Dial is training to be an acrobat. He went through some wonderful tricks for us on top of a step-ladder the other night. There may be an opening for him in Ringlings' circus when it comes to Decatur September 3. James Dweley is his trainer.

Archie Sefton has purchased a new Ford Coupe and is going to see Decatur.

Oscar Taylor, who is interested in boxing, evidently has an efficient sparring partner, judging from the punishment he must have taken.

### SOME CHANGES

At a recent noon day lunch the promotion of J. M. (Kitty) Wilkins to the position of assistant superintendent was announced.

C. W. Hathaway has been promoted to the position of assistant to the chief engineer.

William Mix has succeeded Mr. Hathaway as chief draftsman.

### RECORD WIDELY READ

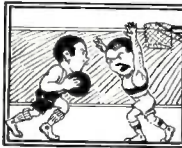
W. R. Gustin has a letter from D. G. Phelps, general sales manager of the Johns-Pratt Company of Hartford, Conn. in which he says:

"We went fishing in the Mueller Pond and we still think it is a permanent pond."

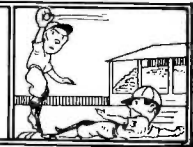
Mr. Phelps made this comment after reading in last month's Record an item concerning Big Bill's fishing experience in a rain pond that had formed over night.

She (just introduced): "Somehow you seem familiar!"

He: "Good heavens! I haven't started yet."



# Athletics



W. G. Cranston, physical director, has organized two baseball teams among the girls. A hotly contested match was played at Fairview Park last Wednesday evening. The game closed at the end of the seventh inning with the Office girls scoring 13 runs and the factory girls 10. Walter Grant and John McCutcheon were umpires.

Next week further practice games between these feminine aggregations will be played on the new diamond at Mueller Lodgs.

Boxing and wrestling are attracting increased attention from the hardier men. On four evenings a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Director Cranston and his pupils meet at the gymnasium. These men are putting themselves in condition for exhibition work this fall and winter.

Aspiring athletes in the Headquarters Company of the Federalized National Guard are availing themselves of this service and the excellent facilities of our gymnasium to condition themselves for the boxing and wrestling tournaments which will be a feature of the summer encampment at Camp Grant.

Red Porter, star basketball shooter and clerk of Department 15, is taking active practice in finding the basket from all points of the floor. His interest and enthusiasm for sports has been so contagious that fifteen men from the Polishing Department are now taking physical training.

Walter Grant is planning to organize an Independent basketball team. They expect to make history during the next season.

A new bladder has been procured for the cage ball and a new 16x16 floor mat for boxing and wrestling has been ordered.

More and more men and women are coming to realize that physical fitness is essential to happiness and a well rounded life. The facilities are here, why not use them?

## AT CAMP CUSTER

Ed Kushmer of the Paymaster's Office, William Casey of the Assembly Department, Sam Weiser of the Advertising Department and Luther Jordan of the Shipping Department are spending the month of August at the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Camp Custer, Mich. This is the second year for Jordan and Casey. They hope to take the full four year course.

Harold Phillips visited old friends in the factory Saturday, July 12.

## AT CAMP GRANT

On August 9 the following are planning to go to Camp Grant for the annual encampment of the Federalized National Guard. Eura Franz, Jack Robb of the Blacksmith Shop; Fred Davey, of Department 24; Arthur Dively, of the Tool Room; and Melvin Overfield of the Production Control Department.

Charles Sipe of the Shipping Department, and F. H. Zetterlind of the Tool Room will go as members of the Headquarters Band. They will be in camp for two weeks.



## MR. HEATH DOESN'T WONDER

During the Illinois Bankers' Convention, June 18, 19 and 20, Mr. W. A. Heath, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, was in attendance. He was a guest in the home of Mr. Robert Mueller, who is a member of the directory of the Federal Reserve Bank, and also of the Company at the factory and at the Lodge. The following letter from him is of interest:

"Mrs. Heath and I wish to say that our visit to Decatur was altogether a delightful one. It gave us an opportunity to meet many old friends, not only in Decatur, but among those who were in attendance at the Convention, and to talk Federal Reserve to our member banks.

"Our stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller was a treat which we shall long remember and we certainly shall look forward to the time when we can have some of the Muellers visit us here in Chicago.

"The luncheon at your factory was an eye-opener to me and the session with your department heads was both interesting and instructive. I never saw anything like it and as I said at the time, I don't wonder that the name "Mueller," stands for excellence of product and efficiency in operation.

"With very best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, and Ebert, as well as to all the other boys, I remain,

"Sincerely yours,

"W. A. Heath."



Burke: "Say, Bill, did you read your copy of the Constitution of the United States?"

Ferry: "Why, no. I was born in the United States."

Burke: "By heck, you don't look it."

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## Core Department

The girls are wondering why Lloyd Wilkinson never takes his cap off.

Mrs. Genola Wade and husband, Ruby Snyder, drove to Centralia July 4, and visited relatives.

Leslie Lines spent the Fourth of July all right, but is not sure where or how.

The children in Wilma White's neighborhood are hoping that she will have another birthday soon. They like the all-day suckers.

Hazel Overfield, who is partial to neckties, is expected to appear with one on her bathing suit this summer.

Albert Altman, who arrived in the United States from Germany January 5, and began working in the Core Room on March 3, is making good progress in English. Keep it up, Albert.

Florence Benton made one of her semi-occasional visits to Dalton City last week.

The Wood family held their reunion at Tower Hill July 27, with forty-five present. Roy and Claude were both there. Paul Verne, Roy's son, represented the fourth generation.

Grover Bailey and family spent last Sunday with relatives at Mt. Auburn.

The girls on Machine No. 7 have a poor memory for news. We cannot believe that nothing of note has not happened in the last month.

Since Margaret Eldora arrived at the home of Frank Auburn, he needs no alarm clock to get him up in the morning.

Felix Hodges had his two wheelbarrows full of broken cores by noon Wednesday. He is helping Mason fill the basement on Mercer Street.

Felix spent his entire vacation of one week sand-papering and painting his Buick.

Alberta Oswald and Winnifred Walker remembered the birthday of Ray Laughlin and presented him with fifty-one sticks of candy. He generously passed them around to the girls as long as they lasted.

It is suggested that a spider be painted on the top curve of Fletcher's dome to keep the flies away.

Henry Gilbert spent his ten day vacation at Nashville, Ill., where he cut oats, picked blackberries and put up hay. It was the custom to serve lunch at 9:00 and 4:00 in addition to the three meals. Henry enjoyed his vacation.

Charles Tiltan acted as clerk while Henry Gilbert was on his vacation.

Felix observed that Lester Carr would have had a short Monday if someone had not upset a box of dryers.

Lester had four punctures in one tire last Sunday afternoon. We suggest that he do

## Mrs. Porter and Children



Mrs. James M. Porter, wife of Red Porter, of Dept. 15, and Mary Catherine and James Henry.

not drive so near the hedge.

John Headrick is so quiet that he affords Felix no opportunity to misquote him for the Record.

Ed Blank spent the Fourth making sorghum at home.

Felix would like to ask the readers of the Record if one of them can spare an old inner tube so he can hang it up near his bench so that Lester might whet him teeth on it instead of on the Company's rubber bands.

## Night Foundry

Clarence Byers and family spent the Fourth of July with relatives at Greenup, Ill. They enjoyed their visit in the old home town.

Floyd Garrett is now the happy (?) owner of a used Ford car. When he tried to park it the first night by the Core Room, Liz climbed the curb and rammed into the building before stopping. It took considerable persuasion to start her again. When Floyd returned home the next morning, Liz began to wobble and this time climbed a tree in the 1000 block on North Monroe Street. Nothing Floyd could do would budge her so he walked a mile to the house of Walter Kuykendall and besought Walt to help him get his car out of the tree before people were astir in the morning. Walter hitched up his Dodge and towed Floyd's Liz home for him. Floyd now realizes that it is not the original cost, but the upkeep, that counts.

Fat Hoy is some trapper. His last catch was two skunks.

Frank McCasland has moved to 316 West Cerro Gordo Street. Mrs. McCasland will serve a good home cooked meal to the men of the night shift for 35 cents. For further particulars ask Frank.

Carl Brock has traded his old Ford in on a new one.

Robert Muzzey is glad to see the boys buy cars for he has just built a garage with eight stalls for rent.

Suspicions that William Taylor was married were confirmed the other night when he passed around the cigars. He admitted that they eloped May 30. We have no further particulars of this romance, except the fact that Taylor no longer eats at restaurants and even brings his midnight lunch. We congratulate him on getting a good cook.

Tom Fisher has been laid up since June 19 with a broken arm. He was cranking his Ford when it backfired. He returned to work August 4.

Walter Kuykendall has been laid up for the past two weeks with a burned foot. A little more care in handling hot metal would have prevented this accident.

#### Department 15

George has heard that Blondy makes a good chauffer, but he laughs when Alex tells him about hauling the girls up town.

Margaret and Emma still love each other.

Clyde Hester is in the Decatur and Macon County hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Alex runs a barber shop during the noon hour. His specialty is shaving girls' necks. If any of the girls wish to find out how qualified he is, ask Edol Burroughs.

Margaret has announced her engagement and expects to be married in about two weeks. Good work for 1924.

Mrs. Clara Adams checked out July 7.

The feud between Otto and Fickes was called off when Fickes received a card from Otto telling him to take good care of the girls.

Alex says he is a great lover of cats, especially tom cats.

For information about the convention ask Charlie Meadors. He won a bet off Luther the politician. Luther says the money he lost on McAdoo would buy him a new rubber ring.

Emma and Goldie are going to play on the ball team at the Picnic, and they have hopes of persuading Margaret to join, if she doesn't get married.

Elmer Goodbrake has proved a very efficient fire department. He noticed that one of the belts had caught on fire the other day, and going to the drinking fountain returned with a mouthful of water with which he extinguished the fire.

Bert Musser can't figure out where all the dogs come from when he talks to the girls.

Clarence Black has a new Chevrolet.

Mike wants to learn all about the parking rules on Monroe Street.

Inquiries have come in about "that little Jew," meaning Monk.

Haliday's are back to ten hours a day and Edol is very happy these days.

Cards are being received from Otto from Oregon. They are starting back east.

The new wheel boy in No. 15 has Harold Lloyd backed off the map when it comes to being a sheik.

#### Department 18

Shorty Williams is taking a month's vacation. He has gone to Michigan to lay in his winter supply of potatoes as he thinks he can get them at half price there.

Cherry Tosh went back to his old swimming hole during his vacation.

Since Heavy Carter had his teeth pulled he hasn't been able to smoke his pipe. Some of his friends are contemplating taking up a collection to buy him a box of cigars.

Hank and Chuck got into an argument with Lester Taylor and Lester still insists that even though an incubator hasn't feathers, it can hatch chickens.

John Hoots took a ten day vacation trip to Peoria, Dixon, Polo, Chicago, and other points.

John Bauer is planning to take a two weeks' trip to Iowa.

Bill Casey left July 29 to spend a month at the military training camp, Camp Custer, at Battle Creek, Mich.

Cherry and Shorty Johnson wonder how Pearle Cole likes going to the country.

Shorty Johnson claims that since the last issue of the Record he has had to shave every day to keep from being kidded about being Robinson Crusoe.

It looked like the payment of an election bet, but we wouldn't swear that that was the case, when Edna took Blanche a ride around the block on a hand truck during noon.

John Trimmer is out of the hospital, and the report is that he got so unruly and kidded the girls so that they had to send him home, so evidently he is recovering rapidly.

Allen Travis claims the twins are already helping him make garden and fish.

Edna Hendrian is planning to camp at Faries Park during her vacation.

John Haines wishes Muellers would put in women foremen. Evidently he feels that his power of persuasion would work better with a woman.

Fred Rendfeld is wanting a sure cure which will enable him to stay awake on Monday. Othel Allen advises going to bed on Sunday night.



Harry Miller, foreman of night Foundry. Harry is smiling because he is starting to market with his 75th crate of strawberries.

Anyone desiring to become efficient in the art of winking should inquire of Allen Travis. He has mastered all the winks from a double wink with both eyes to a single wink accompanied with a wiggling of the ears.

Melvin Overfield only had five chances this week to be late when the Record went to press, but he had taken advantage of every chance afforded him.

Shorty Williams used three razors and three hours and fifteen minutes shaving the other night, but when he returned he looked almost human.

Bill Disponet visited the old home town last Wednesday and he reports they still have the old town pump.

Ben Tarr's Ford has been out of commission, but Shorty is still anxiously waiting to go to Bethany to get some fried ice cream.

Madge Daniels, Edna Hendrian, Blanche Bates, and Alice Mercer have choir practice during their spare moments, learning all the latest songs.

Humpy Behrns is planning to go to St. Louis on his vacation to lay in his yearly supply of shoes.

Harry Koontz will have charge of the packing department while John Bauer goes on his vacation.

Chuck has ambitions to march like a tin soldier and practices constantly.

Humphy Behrns went to the Okaw and only got thirty mosquito bites. He brought back two giant mosquitos with him to show the rest of the department the real atmosphere they missed by not going too.

We wonder if Hank is trying to buy any more cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pauschert attended a family reunion on Sunday, July 29.

Cherry Tosh is contemplating buying an airplane.

Madge Daniels sometimes works at the same bench as George Ines. The other day someone heard Madge singing, "I Love You Truly, Only You," and poor George was not getting a word of it. We think this is an unfair advantage to take of a man who cannot hear.

#### Department 20

Lee and Leo have a new flivver, though they claim it isn't exactly new, as it has been made over fifteen times. John says he thinks it is a hay burner from the smoke it makes.

The music made by the air hammer digging the trench for the new building is enjoyed by all, although it is a little annoying when trying to carry on a conversation.

Dorothy Hill spent the week end in Chicago and met some old friends from Decatur. She visited the stock yards while there.

Leo is now working on extensive plans which will keep the dust in the street where it rightfully belongs, and not inside the department where it seems to think it belongs.

It is claimed that Fairy has a new beau, and that he is a real brick.

Tessie has a twofold reason for going to the lake every night, one is to learn to swim, and the other is to get rid of the several layers of dust she accumulates during the day.

Lee has been frequenting the Moose and Silvermoon of late, hunting for a Peggy.

W. E. Smith is a new employee in the department.

Buck is going into the millinery business. He fixed Ray's hat with copper wire and it is now as good as new.

#### Department 57

Laz Shorb and son, Charles, spent the Fourth in Indianapolis, where they have relatives.

Charles Dunaway visited the folks on the Okaw July 19.

Mrs. Frank Aiderson was burned about the face recently while lighting a gas oven.

These days are busy ones for the Construction Department. The new service box building on East Eldorado Street is completed and the drive laid on the east side. A new concrete floor has been laid in the addition to the Machine Shop. The windows have been replaced with clear glass and most of the machinery reset. Considerable work has been done at Mueller Lodge. Building operations on the structure that is to stand at Cerro Gordo and

Mercer will soon be under way.

Tom Dempsey says that he is going to Ireland on his vacation. Thirsty, Tom?

#### Cafeteria

Mrs. Overfield, who has been off several weeks, returned July 30.

Mrs. Irvine has taken charge of the steam table.

Mrs. Francis Cole has given up the regular work at the cafeteria and will work only as a substitute.

Mrs. Daisy Cole is off duty because of illness.

Mrs. Walker has returned again, and will have charge of the cooking at the Lodge during the salesmen's meeting.



#### Day Foundry

Odie Walker and family motored to Missouri where they spent a week visiting relatives.

Robert Lusk and Robert Junior spent their holidays motoring to Chicago and Milwaukee. The trip passed as expected except for a broken spring on the way home. Do we dare ask what made the car so heavy?

Clint Allen has traded his Ford coupe for a baby Overland.

Charles Gilmore has a Ford sedan.

George Wilson and Elmer Nichols were absent Monday, June 30. We wonder how they liked the circus.

Clyde Oldham has an obliging father-in-law. He raises chickens and Clyde lives near. When chicken is wanted he helps himself. We would all like that kind of relatives.

We wonder if John Faith will try to repair an air valve without shutting it off next time.

One of the foundry boys tells this fish story. One day while out in the woods it rained and the river rose so fast that he had to climb a tree. This tree was forked and as the fish tried to swim through this fork he got caught, and the foundryman killed it with his knife. We do not know whether this was Lake Decatur or in Hawaii.

We wonder if Philip Cruikshank takes a bath often at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Fred Oldham, clerk's helper in the foundry, is back at work after a forced vacation due to having the mumps.

Roy Thomas is back at work after an absence of ten days with the mumps.

## DRY CLEANING



"Does the spearmint lose its flavor on Ollie Marmor's Shoe." It must because the "gob" Ollie gathered up coming to work was badly frazzled on the edges and appeared to have worked overtime. Regardless of what the Spearmint lost—Ollie lost her temper. It's no fun to stand on one foot and clean a shoe smeared with gum. It is enough to reform any gum chewer. Watch and see if it has effect on Ollie.

Shirl Tish arrived back to work July 14 after losing several days, being threatened with pneumonia. He washed his car and got his feet wet. Safety outside, as well as in the factory, is a good policy.

O. C. Taylor returned Monday, July 21, after spending two weeks with relatives in Monte Vista, Colo. He had quite a vacation hunting jack rabbits, and also has a sore shoulder from using a Winchester pump gun.

Due to an oversight the name of Mildred Seeforth was omitted from the list of high school graduates last month. A savings account has been opened for her, too. Mildred is the daughter of William Seeforth of the Blacksmith Shop, one of our twenty-year men.

Morris Catner of Department 8 is the latest flivver driver.

## Calendar for July 1924



- July 1—Houses moved from Mercer Street to make room for new factory building.
- July 2—University of Illinois Commerce students visited factory with Professor Anderson.
- July 3—Announcement made that J. M. Wilkins has been appointed assistant superintendent.
- July 4—United States 148 years old and going stronger than ever.
- July 5—Another holiday for Mueller folks who are scattered far and wide.
- July 6—Vacationist returns. Chautauqua opens.
- July 7—Al Wilkins returns from polishers conventions in Milwaukee. Probably brilliant occasion.
- July 8—Visitors from the Syrup Pepsin Company come to see Mueller Club.
- July 9—Mrs. Rost, Fred Mueller and Charles Auer visit Employees' Club of the Pepsin Syrup Company at Monticello.
- July 10—Octavius Schooly of New York joins the "Ham Club."
- July 11—Ernest Schlagels' flivver is stolen from Cerro Gordo Street. The nerve of some people!
- July 12—Rain! Hooray!
- July 13—Sunday and midsummer. Some go to church, some go fishing, and some merely sleep.
- July 15—Jack DeFratus approves the Democratic nominees. Let the Republicans look out now.
- July 16—Iron Foundry challenges the Brass Foundry to a ball game at the picnic.
- July 17—Brass Foundry accepts the challenge. Watch out for the fireworks.
- July 18—Something probably happened today but nobody reported it.
- July 19—Adolph and Everett initiate Barney Marty into the Ancient Order of Okaw Boosters.
- July 20—Sunday again. Plant in charge of John Duffey, while the rest of us forget it.
- July 21—Kitty Wilkins acts like he had always been assistant superintendent.
- July 22—Mr. Henson of Kewanee starts work on the tank for the sprinkler system.
- July 23—Bright and fair. Cook busy preparing for Transportation Club dinner.
- July 24—Transportation Club meets at Mueller Lodge. Good eats and a fine time in spite of rain.
- July 25—B. J. Marty and wife start for Colorado.
- July 26—Big day for Denver. Barney Marty arrives.
- July 27—Charlie Reynolds reports that the mosquitoes on the Okaw bites better than the fish.
- July 28—Adolph begins getting ready for Okaw trip.
- July 29—Dick Moore leaves Chicago without his care and spends day jollying us.
- July 30—Adolph orders good weather for this week end at the Okaw.
- July 31—World War started ten years ago.