

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

JUNE, 1924

GET THE NEWS HERE



The handsome steel bulletin board at the Mueller Club entrance is naturally a center of much interest. It contains five locked sections, and is made by the Elliot Service Co. especially for factory use and the display of their daily news pictures. The photograph in the center panel is changed every day, the message in the next space to the left every other day. At the extreme left a new safety poster appears each day. Announcements and Company bulletins occupy the other two sections.

Start That Savings Account Now



IF you will start now to save \$2.00 a week for 50 weeks, you will have by the middle of next June, \$100.00 principal and \$3.50 interest. Accounts may be opened in any of the following classes

Class B, \$1.00 a week, amounts to \$ 50.00 in a year

Class C, \$1.50 a week, amounts to \$ 75.00 in a year

Class D, \$2.00 a week, amounts to \$100.00 in a year

Class E, \$2.50 a week, amounts to \$125.00 in a year

Class F, \$3.00 a week, amounts to \$150.00 in a year

Class G, \$4.00 a week, amounts to \$200.00 in a year

Class H, \$5.00 a week, amounts to \$250.00 in a year

Payments are to be made on Wednesday or Thursday at noon. Mr. Langdon is in his office on those days after 12:30.

*Save the first dollar of each week's pay and live
on what is left*

EDITORIAL

In the good old days when beards waved softly in the breeze, and protected shirt fronts from coffee and syrup drippings, we were wont to say that a satisfied customer was the best advertisement.

In these days when the beard is passed and we have to wear collars and neckties, and exercise more care with our coffee and syrup bearing "stacks of wheat," we still find that while styles of facial adornment have changed, the old rule still holds good and a satisfied customer is as of yore the best advertisement. No advertising wisdom of the world has, can or will change that rule.

Regardless of any expensive or showy advertising a house may do, a salesman should always keep that fact in mind, and see that his customer is satisfied. There are innumerable ways of doing this.

There is the sale of the goods. The sale should be consummated in such a fashion that the verbal message of the salesman carries the conviction of satisfaction in quality and service.

The goods themselves, even though a quality article will not always do it because the purchaser himself will not give the mental exertion necessary to make a convincing impression in his mind.

It's the salesman's duty to do this.

There are many ways to do this. The character of your approach helps. The manner in which you present your claims.

If this manner has the air of absolute conviction and interest on your part, it will carry to the customer.

Your interest in the customer's problems is another effective factor. An honest, conscientious effort to help a customer is certain to win his confidence.

A policy of friendly and sustained co-operation is going to make his appreciative.

Any service you can render is going to

strengthen and retain confidence, and once a salesman has a customer's confidence he is assured of the customer's business.

There are a hundred little ways not directly connected with the actual sale itself that have a direct and indirect influence on consummating a sale.

These details studied out and diplomatically applied make good and successful salesmen.

It's a good time to study and apply them now.

We can use more orders.



BLOODY JUNE

For endless generations the month of June has been accepted as the gala season of the blushing bride, crowded for attention in its final days by the "sweet girl graduate." The number of wedding anniversaries and marriages celebrated during these thirty romantic days makes June a month memorable to the heart.

But June now has a more sinister memory, albeit one that also touches the heart. For it was just ten years ago on the 28th of the month that a man was shot at Sarajevo. Nine-tenths of the inhabitants of nine-tenths of the civilized nations of the world had never heard of the man. But his murder started the wheels of state moving—he was the Archduke Francis of Austria; he was killed by a Serb—the shot that snuffed out his life started the world war.

Time flies! How recent it seems since the American papers carried the startling news of Austria's declaration of war against Serbia. Only two months later the Hun stepped across the French border at Cirey, occupied Brussels and bombarded Louvain. Then the Marne, Ypres, Salonica, Verdun, Jutland, and the Somme! Then the gas; the tanks; the submarines; the Americans; the Russian collapse; the 75-mile gun; the night bombers; the Italian rout and majestic recovery. Then St. Mihiel, the Argonne, St. Etienne, Sedan—the Armistice.

Thus, in less than two hundred words, do we skim over the surface of the years that crawled by so painfully. Yet before the sound of that pistol shot in Sarajevo had ceased to echo around the world, 7,554,000 men had laid down their lives, and 17,000,000 others had been wounded in the mad fury let loose by that solitary bullet from a revolver!

Before that echo had died away, five per cent. of the populations of the warring nations had been killed because of it. That pistol cost a few dollars and the bullet cost only a couple of cents. But the ultimate cost of that simple machine of death was more than \$223,000,000,000. In the year 1922 France alone was paying over one hundred million dollars a year in pensions and the total pension bill of all the combatants is now approaching six and one-half billion dollars.

Because an archduke nobody ever heard of bit the dust in Sarajevo, 57,400,000 men went to war and 13 per cent. of them died in action.

Because a certain Austrian became the "guest of honor" at a funeral that cost but several thousand dollars, the civilized world locked arms in a fracas that was costing nearly \$123,000,000 a day in 1918.

Certainly June is a memorable month. It has created an unprecedented demand for Bridal Veils, Diplomas and Crepes!—(From "A Friendly Call, Published by Whitehead & Hoag Co.)

✦ WRITE A SONG AND WIN A PRIZE

We want some snappy songs regarding Mueller Goods and Mueller activities. We want to use new words to old well known tunes, suitable for use at gatherings where community singing is desirable.

In order to secure such songs we have decided to hold a contest beginning at once and continuing up to and including July 31, 1924, open to all Mueller employees.

The following rules will govern this contest:

First—Open to Mueller Company employees only.

Second—Each employee to submit as many songs as he may choose.

Third—Songs submitted must be parodies to well known tunes suitable for community singing.

Fourth—All songs must be submitted on or before Thursday, July 31, 1924.

Fifth—All songs must refer to Mueller Goods or Mueller activities.

Sixth—All songs must be sent to C. G. Auer, Main Office.

There will be three prizes for the best songs submitted, as follows:

First prize—\$5.00.

Second prize—\$3.50.

Third prize—\$2.50.

Prizes to be awarded Picnic Day.

All songs submitted in this contest and found suitable for regular use will be printed in pamphlet form and all songs selected by the committee for the pamphlet, excepting the songs securing first, second and third prizes, will be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 each.

FLAG DAY



John Duffy and John Owens raising Flag

In submitting songs be sure to state what particular tune applies; also sign your name to each song submitted.

The three prize songs will be printed on the picnic program for 1924 and sung at the picnic.

✦ SAFETY COUNCIL

The Council met at noon June 5 at the Mueller Club. The Company provided the dinner.

Those present were Mason, Hill, Spaar, Shirk, Fleming, Glenn, Nottingham, La Brash and Langdon.

Reports of progress in following up suggestions made at the last meeting were considered. The following committee to carry through suggestions when the foreman does not get results, was appointed: W. T. Mason, Robert H. Mueller, E. H. Langdon.

The list of accidents in the past month was then read in detail. A comparison for the past three months shows:

March lost time due to accidents, 115 days

April lost time due to accidents, 122 days.

May lost time due to accidents, 24 days.



Leisure Hours



ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE

There were a number of parties at the Mueller Lodge this month, and there would have been more had not the condition of the roads forced their cancellation.

A number of hiking parties were had in spite of the mud.

June 7 Mr. and Mrs. Sellars of No. 5 entertained the Loyal American Lodge and a number of Mueller employes.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bailey had a card party on the 12th.

Friday, June 13, the Beta Gamma Club of the Y. W. C. A. and Mueller employes had a dance.

On June 14 Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller celebrated their anniversary. They were presented with a very large basket of select-ed fruit.

Twenty-two members and guests of the Riverside Home Bureau met on Thursday, June 19. Contests and games were played in the afternoon for which prizes were awarded. Miss Neva Woods, home advisor, gave an interesting talk on color.

On the 20th the bankers who were attending a convention in Decatur at that time were entertained at an afternoon reception by the Company. Everything was beautifully arranged. Cigars and cigarettes were presented to the men and pink roses to the women. Frappe and cakes were served. The hostesses were Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Mrs. Philip Mueller, Mrs. Robert Mueller, and Mrs. Cruikshank.

Mr. and Mrs. George Presnall gave a dance on the 21st.

The students of the University of Illinois had a picnic at the Lodge on the 27th.

On the 30th Mrs. Adolph Mueller gave a dance for the nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, Donald and Herbert Mer-ris of Pasadena, Calif.



Mildred Verner, the doughnut saleslady, left June 18 for a ten days' camping trip at Sandy Beach Resort, Dewey Lake, Dowagiac, Mich. A party of eight girls went from Decatur, and from the reports we have received they are having a wonderful time in a beautiful place.

Five girls from the Core Room took advantage of the holiday following Decoration Day by spending the time at Mueller Lodge.

Emma Musselman, Clara Maleska, Katie Wenger, Ruby Snider and Opal Robb walked out to the Lodge from the bridge and cooked breakfast. By the time it was ready Emma was so hungry that she ate four eggs. The day was spent at barnyard golf, croquet and just taking life easy.

Hazel Overfield, Winifred Baugher, Imogene Organ, Opal Robb and Mildred Meece started to hike to Faries Park on the morning of June 15. As they strolled along with their lunch baskets which constantly grew heavier, they were picked up by a kind hearted motorist and delivered at the park. They spent the day fishing and swimming. Winifred and Opal were sunburned, but the others merely tanned. Someone states that Winifred and Hazel tried to see who could eat the most hard boiled eggs. After each had accounted for six, the contest was called a draw.



D. H. S. GRADUATES

The following people, whose fathers are Mueller men were graduated from the Decatur high school, June 6:

Student	Parent
Edna Cranston—W. G. Cranston.	
Gertrude Gustin—W. R. Gustin.	
Lela Harris—Ed. Harris.	
Ronnah Verna Moore—George Kost.	
Paul H. Davlin—Arthur Davlin.	
Vernon H. Spaar—H. C. Spaar.	
Margaret Burger—Daniel Burger.	
Charlotte Uhl—J. C. Uhl.	
Russell Bell—George E. Bell.	
Astrid Wane Olsen—Lawrence Olsen.	

In accordance with the custom begun last year, the Company presented to each of these students a ten dollar account in the savings department of the Millikin bank. Accompanying the bank book was a letter from Adolph Mueller, in which he congratulated them upon completing their work in the public schools and expressing the hope that the saving account would be the beginning of a capital productive fund which would grow throughout the years.



Instructions

Irish landlady (to commercial booked for the 5 a. m. train): "And here's the alarm clock, sorr. And if it doesn't wake ye, just poke the little hammer wid yer finger and off she'll go."



Safety News



SAFETY HINTS FROM HISTORY How Newton Discovered Gravitation

A falling apple rudely aroused Sir Isaac Newton as he napped one day and started him off on a line of investigation which resulted in the discovery of a most important law of nature. Sir Isaac finally concluded that there is a strong force drawing all objects toward the center of the earth in the same way that a magnet attracts scrap iron. That force, which we know as "gravitation" has existed from the beginning of time, but Sir Isaac was the first to explain why—why we strike the ground with a sickening thud when our feet slip from under us, and why a carelessly placed monkey wrench raises a lump on the head of anyone between it and the ground as it falls off the scaffold.

The law of gravitation, through falls of persons and falling objects, has probably killed more people than wars and automobiles combined. It causes about 15,000 deaths a year in the United States alone and an unknown number of bruises and broken bones. It is involved in nearly every "handling material" accident.

Unfortunately, when Sir Isaac discovered the cause of falls, he didn't suggest a remedy. In his day an accident was regarded as the will of God, rather than the result of somebody's carelessness or cussedness.

Safety engineers have been trying ever since to find the remedy. Look through the company's book of safety rules and you will find that many of them are warnings to keep you from being attracted suddenly and violently toward the earth or from getting between the earth and some heavy object heading that way. That is why safe ladders and scaffolds are necessary, why floors should be kept clean and free from obstacles and why chains and other hoisting equipment should be inspected and replaced frequently, and why careful piling in the warehouse is so necessary.

In spite of its faults the force of gravitation is a good friend. Without it we wouldn't be here at all. Safety rules can't overcome a natural law but they show the way to work safely in spite of it.



SAFETY HINTS FOR SWIMMERS

Under proper conditions, swimming is one of the most healthful of sports, but through failure to observe certain necessary precau-

tions, many lives are lost every year. The rules for swimming safely are few and not hard to remember:

1. Don't swim right after eating. Wait about two hours.
2. Don't swim while overheated. Wait until you have cooled off. Failure to observe these rules frequently cause cramps.
3. Don't swim until you are completely exhausted. Stop before you get "that tired feeling." A fish can swim all day without getting tired, but a human being cannot.
4. If you are going to dive, be sure the water is deep enough. Many a perfectly good head has been completely ruined by suddenly cracking on the hard concrete or rocky bottom of the swimming place.
5. Should you be caught in a swift current or undertow don't throw your arms and legs about wildly. Let the force of the current bring you to the surface. Keep your head—you'll need it!
6. Always have your arms in position ready for taking a stroke. You might step into a hole and need a quick stroke to get you out.
7. Don't go into a swimming pool if you are not well. Communicable diseases such as typhoid fever, common colds, pink eye, skin, eye, ear, nose and throat infections are frequently spread in swimming pools by persons who are suffering from these diseases.
8. Insist on having a clean, sterilized swimming suit and towel. Many states require proprietors of public swimming pools

SAFETY FIRST

Ventilated safety mask for operator of paint spray machine. A special hose over the forehead keeps head cool and supplies fresh air.



How Newton Discovered Gravitation



and those having concessions at bathing beaches to provide clean suits and towels for their patrons. Proprietors of pools are also required to furnish clean water and people who use these pools are required to co-operate in keeping the water clean and in observing the simple rules of safety enforced in such places.

9. Everyone who swims should know how to revive a drowning person. If you are a swimmer and don't know what to do when a person is apparently drowned, learn right now how to apply the Schaefer Prone

Pressure Method of Resuscitation. The National Safety Council, the American Red Cross, and many local light, power and gas companies issue bulletins describing the application of this method which can be used to restore persons apparently dead from electric shock or asphyxiation as well as drowning.

Don't let fear keep you away from the water. Most of the drowning casualties have been due to ignorance. Learn the few simple precautions which are necessary for safety and enjoy this most healthful summer sport.

FAMILY GROUP



James Japlin and family at home, June 6, 1924

Was It the Same?

The shades of night were falling fast,
As through an Alpine village passed
A youth who bore 'mid snow and ice
A banner with a strange device—
Excelsior!

The shades of night were falling fast.
The guy stepped on it and rushed past.
A crash—he died without a sound,
They opened up his head and found—
Excelsior!



"Of course, Americans trust in God. You can tell that by the way they drive," says Sparks, the official publication of the Montreal Motorists' League. Perhaps it's that Quebec hooch.



OKAWITES

The following is a parody on "Hiawatha," which was contributed by Fairy Hughes.

In the timber dark and dreary,
In a cabin on the Okaw;
There the Muellerites all gather
Tired from all their arduous labor,
Tired of hearing all the fish tales,
Floating in from Lake Decatur.

Once the Big Gazabo called them,
He the Ruler of the Castings;
Called his satellites around him,
Called his Isaac Waltons to him,
Let us end this mental anguish,

All these hours of jealous torture,
Drown our sorrow in the Okaw.

So they planned a joyous outing,
One that they should all remember,
One to equal Ziegfeld's Follies,
And the Ruben Cherry side-shows,
One that they could tell their children
And their children's children later.

For a fortnight long they labored,
Buying reels and flies and tackle,
Talking fish to all who met them,
Boring all to sheer extinction
With their plans for this grand frolic,
For the time hung heavy on them.

Came the morning of the parting,
And the nimrods all were ready,
Adolph springing nimbly round them,
And his brother good and kindly,
Then came Bobbie in his golf suit,
He the head light of the party,
Mr. Wells, the woman tamer,
He the keeper of the records.

Billy Mason lunged around them
He who rules in 57,
The subduer of the Lizzie,
With him came the mighty Ulie—
Ulie from the dusky jungles
From the wilds of Oreana.

Last of all came Wilbur Simpson
And his handcuff, Mr. Waggie,
Well, they knew where they were going,
And they bro't their bait out with them;
For they sought the gentle maidens
Dwelling on the Noble Okaw.
So they filled their car with flowers,
Filled it to the brim with posies,
And beneath them laid a bouquet
In a bottle called "Three Roses."

Once when Billy went out fishing
And had caught a little minnow,
Wound his reel up madly, wildly,
Till the fishie hung suspended
From the pole-end, then he shouted,
"Tell me, Waggie, how to get it,"
And his side-kick answered sadly,
"You must climb the pole and stab it."
Billy cares no more for fishing.)

So the Merry Clan was gathered
And the Mogul gazing skyward
Wrung his hands in abject sorrow,
For the rain was then descending
From the gloomy sky descending,
But their fiery steeds were waiting
So they mounted them all shouting,
"It ain't gonna rain no more!"



Thrift Thoughts



"IF"

If Bill Jones had saved \$2.00 a week when he was keeping company with Mary Brown instead of spending it all to impress the young lady with his generosity, he would have saved at the end of three years \$300, and the interest at 7 per cent would have been \$38.50 more. He could have done it and never missed the money.

By that time he and Mary would probably have decided that a little home of their own would be just the thing and this \$338.50 which easily could have been saved without sacrifice, might have made it possible for them to buy a little home of their own.

While Bill might not have thought so at the time, we are sure that Mary would have been more than willing for him to save some of the money that he spent in showing her a good time.

We have in mind a young man who did not save when he was single and now he has a chance to buy just the place he and his wife want, but the lack of a small sum like that stands between him and a home of his own.

There are some who read these lines who could begin today to save regularly each week, and who will most surely need the money saved for a home.

If 150 people, some married, some single, some well-to-do, and some poor, some fore-

men and some messengers, some mechanics and some laborers, can save regularly each week, you can do it too. Make up your mind to it and the rest will follow naturally. OPEN THAT SAVINGS ACCOUNT NOW!

HOW TO AVOID BAD INVESTMENTS Twelve Danger Signs

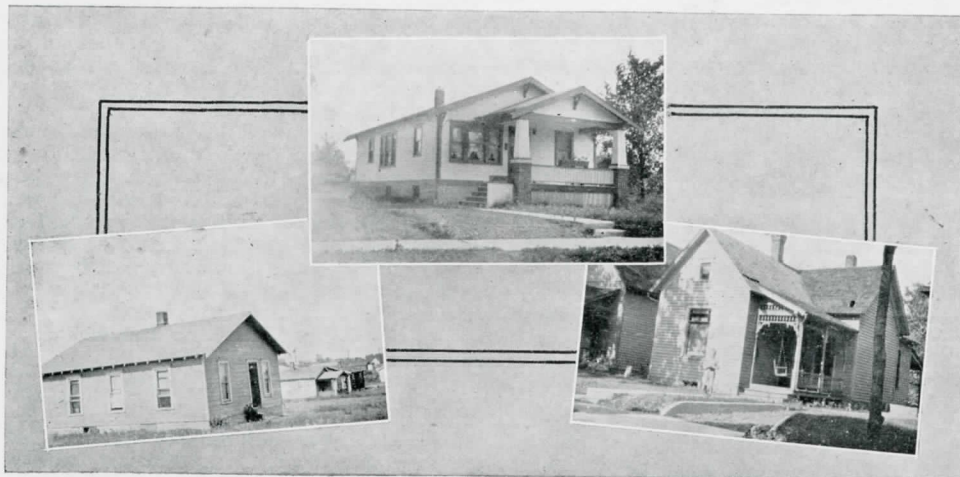
Every investor should be "on guard." This applies particularly to the small investor.

1. Mining stock. The best looking mine in the world may prove a "white elephant." Mining is a very expensive undertaking and the risks are unusually great. There are a many good mining investments, of course, but this branch of the investment market is generally not for those who work for and depend upon a salary.

2. Oil stock. Drilling for oil is costly. The hazards are great. Oil investments are speculative and in a class with mining investments.

3. In the wake of every important discovery or invention there come a host of schemes—"airplanes," "radio," "wireless." The promoters of these may have only the best of intentions, but frequently their enthusiasm is about all they have to sell. Look before you leap.

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These are the homes of three Mueller employees. Reading left to right they belong to: Art Metzger, 1120 East Johns Avenue; Wilbur Trotter, 665 W. Division, and Roy Campbell, 1064 North College

LEN JOHNSON HARGIS



Len Johnson Hargis was two years old May 31. He is the son of Len (Alex) Hargis, of Department 15

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4. Investment in "real estate," situated in some distant place, is sometimes as dangerous as mining stock. People have been known to buy swamps advertised as "seashore frontage." Know what you are buying before you invest.

5. "Land Development" schemes frequently do not pan out. At best it is a long time before any money comes in from sales. Investment in "new companies" that are going to "sell by mail" should be generally avoided.

6. Patent rights and processes distribution. It is rarely the patentee who makes the money.

7. "New manufacturing methods" should always be closely checked and investigated.

8. An investment requiring a quick decision is often a fake. If there isn't sufficient time to "sleep over it," something is probably wrong.

9. "Special inducements" in cash discounts or stock bonuses urging you to be one of the first to invest are suspicious symptoms.

10. "Tips," alleged to land you "on the ground floor," are rarely to be taken. Those who ARE "on the ground floor" will monopolize the opportunity.

11. "Playing the stock market on mar-

gin" and all other forms of speculation are decidedly not for the small investor. Beware of the "bucket shop." If you buy stocks outright for investment, do so through a member of a legitimate exchange.

12. Stock in "mail order companies" being organized with promises based on what others have done seldom turns out well.



OTTO WRITES US OF HIS TRIP

Cameron, Mo.,

June 12, 1924.

Have had some interesting times so far on our trip. We left Decatur at 6 a. m., June 9, and had some nice going until after arriving at Jacksonville. There we hit the dirt roads. Just before coming to the Illinois river we got stuck in the gumbo. The car sank until both axels were resting on top of the road. It was impossible to pull out as the wheels just kept spinning and could get no pull. But the farmers around there know a good thing. They have their teams ready, and are prepared to charge a good price. They soaked me \$2.50 to get out.

After losing about two hours we ferried across the Illinois river at Valley City. From Valley City to Hannibal, Mo., the roads were very poor. We got in Hannibal about 4 p. m., and put up our camp at a very nice camping grounds. Rained that night. June 10 we left at 2 p. m. and got as far as Macon, Mo., at 7 p. m. Made our camp at Indian Mound Park, a nice park with the finest spring water. Rained again that night, June 11th, at 11:30 a. m., we left Macon, Mo., over the rottenest kind of roads, getting into Cameron at 7 p. m., camping here for the night. I might say that this city has a beautiful camping grounds. That night, or rather early in the morning, we had a cloud burst and cyclone, and it required quite an effort to keep the tent from blowing down. I understand there is a bridge washed out between here and St. Joseph, Mo.

I noticed several pieces of Mueller goods used in this city. If the weather clears up will make an effort to get further west tomorrow. We are all well and rather enjoying our experiences. Will give you a further account for your next issue of the Record, as we get further on our journey. Best regards to all.

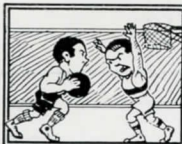
Yours truly,

Otto Halmbacher.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Cost Department is pleased to announce to all competitors that it is now 100 per cent short hair. Since the last issue of the Record the happy person to join our ranks is Freida Lankton. Congratulations, Frieda. It's very becoming.



Athletics



STANDINGS

On June 27 the standings were as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
I. T. S.	6	0	1.000
Decatur Brass	5	1	.833
I. P. L.	4	2	.667
eLader Iron	3	4	.429
Mueller Mfg.	2	5	.286
Mueller F. F.	1	5	.167
Miss. Valley	1	5	.167

The weather man seemed against us this month, for every time we had our mind made up that our baseball team in the local Commercial League was going to win, it rained. The game naturally had to be postponed, and then it would rain again, so we just had to slip in and play when the weather man got out of bed on the right side.

Our first game was with the Mississippi Valley and we beat them 8-1.

On June 12 we played the Leader Iron Works and beat them until the last inniing when the score was tied 10-10.

On June 19 we played off the tie and came out victorious with a 5-1 score.

The line-up was as follows:

Leader—	AB	H	C	E
Cumns, 3b	3	2	7	1
Scharein, ss	2	2	1	1
Walker, lf	3	0	1	0
Jones, cf	3	1	0	0
Dsnberry	3	1	0	0
Myers, 2b	2	0	0	0
Boland, rf	1	0	3	1
Knorr, c	2	1	8	0
Bart, 2b-p	1	0	2	0
Totals.....	22	7	24	3

Muellers—	AB	H	C	E
R. Fleck, 3b	3	0	2	0
March, cf	1	0	2	0
Rambo, 2b	2	2	1	0
Porter, 1b	3	0	7	0
Hall, lf	3	0	1	0
Newman, ss	3	0	2	0
Funk, rf	2	1	1	0
G. Fleck, c	2	1	7	0
Reedy, p	2	1	1	0
Totals.....	21	5	21	0

Score by innings:

Leader	100 020—3
Mueller	500 00x—5

Two base hits—Rambo, Funk, Scharein. Stolen bases—Rambo, Hall, Cummins, Scharein, Jones, Dusenberry, Myers. Sacrifice hit—Rambo. Struck out—by Dodorek, 7; by Reedy, 6. Bases on balls—off Reedy, 3; off Bart 1; Badorek, 1. Double plays—March to Newman.

On June 27 we played the Leader Iron again and were defeated, 4-1. This loss eliminated us from the second round of play. Score:

Leader—	AB	H	C	E
Cumns, 1b	2	1	8	0
Schase, ss	2	0	1	0
Walker, lf	3	1	0	0
Augustine, cf	3	1	3	0
Ktzinck, rf	3	0	0	0
Suzewitz, 2b	3	0	1	0
Rice, 3b	3	0	0	0
Dusenberry, c	1	0	7	0
Badorek, p	1	0	1	0
Totals.....	21	3	22	0

Mueller—	AB	H	C	E
R. Fleck, 3b	3	0	2	0
March, ss	2	0	3	0
Rambo, 2b	3	1	4	2
Porter, 1b	2	0	5	1
Davey, cf	0	0	0	0
Hall, lf	2	0	1	0
Funk, rf	2	0	1	0
G. Fleck, c	2	0	10	0
Casey, p	2	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	28	3

Score by innings:

Leader Iron	003 010—4
Muellers	000 100—1

Stolen bases—Scharein, Rambo, 2; Davey. Double plays—Augustine to Cummins. Struck out—Badorek, 7; Casey, 7. Bases on balls—off Casey, 4; off Badorek, 2. Wild pitch—Badorek, 2. Balk—Casey. Earned runs—Muellers, 1; Leader, 0.



A Long Lay-off

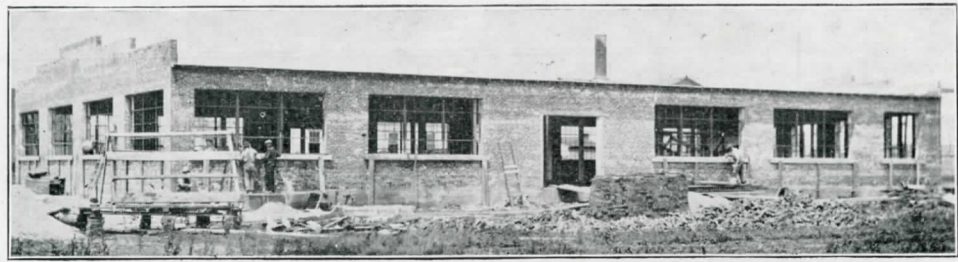
"You give your clerks two weeks' vacation every year, don't you, Mr. Tintack?" asked the friend.

"A month," grunted the eminent plumber.

"A month?"

"Yes. The two weeks when I go on my vacation and two weeks when they go on theirs."

NEW SERVICE BOX BUILDING



Being erected on East Eldorado Street

FOREMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The last business meeting of the Foremen's Club was held after work on June 10. The first half of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of our production problems. John Shelton presented figures and charts showing the variations in output over a period of three years.

Beginning with the core room and continuing through all the departments engaged in direct production, statements were made by the foremen showing present conditions. A number reported direct increases in efficiency and several suggestions were made to get the desired increase in the future.

B. J. Marty, who has kept an account of every piece of goods that has gone through his department, read some very interesting totals, running well into millions.

W. T. Mason, safety director, explained the relation of the Safety Council to the foremen and emphasized the necessity of the foremen acting upon safety suggestions that are made.

Lucien Mueller described in some detail the extended trip he took to the eastern industrial district of the United States. Evidently times are better in Decatur than they are in New England.

His remarks were followed by an account of a trip made to the Pacific coast by Everett Mueller. Conditions in this region, he said, are more normal.

The meeting was closed by a discussion of the general business conditions, by Adolph City of making prompt delivery to customers and asked for the hearty co-operation of all departments in securing this. He also expressed his confidence in business being good in the future.

His Job

"Hello, Fred, old man, what are you here—a waiter?"

"No, George, I'm a blacksmith?"

"A blacksmith! Whaddyuh mean?"

"Oh, I shoo flies."

RULES FOR USE OF OKAW CABIN

The cabin on the Okaw River is the property of Mr. Adolph Mueller. Improvements and equipment have been added by other members of the Mueller Company. The cabin is placed at the service of Mueller employes with the hope that they may use and enjoy it.

The cabin is reserved for the Mueller families on such holidays as Decoration day, Fourth of July, Labor day, but is open to employes during the summer and fall.

Application should be made to Mr. Langdon giving particulars regarding number going and time of stay. Applications will be considered in the order that they are received.

Permission to use the cabin will be granted to individual employes who will be personally responsible for the Cabin and its contents, for the grounds and for the good conduct of the party. When the keys are delivered, a letter to the caretaker will be issued stating the time of occupancy, the size of the party, and employe in charge.

In the Cabin are cots, mattresses, dishes, cooking utensils, etc., but campers should bring their own bedding, food, and fishing tackle.

Visitors are to cut their own wood from logs or old boards in the timber, and are not to use wood or kindling on the porch.

It is expected that a party which is there for several days will clean the Cabin thoroughly, cut the grass and weeds, and clean up generally. Everyone should do at least a little work around the place to keep it in good order.



He had called on her twice a week for six months, but had not proposed. "Ethel, I am—er—going to ask you an important question."

"Oh, George!" she exclaimed, "this is so sudden. Why, I—"

"What I want to ask you is this," he interrupted, "What date have you and your mother decided upon for our wedding?"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Of the Employees' Aid Society—May 24 to
June 25, 1924

Balance in bank, May 24...		\$1,163.00
Receipts		
Co.'s contribution for June	50.00	
Dues for June	618.75	668.75
		\$1,831.75

Payments		
Bain Floral Co. (Dwyer)	5.00	
Clerical help	4.00	
Death benefit (Sams).....	50.00	
Benefits listed below.....	546.25	605.25

Bal. in bank June 25...	\$1,226.50
Mueller Bonds	2,500.00

Total assets \$3,726.50

Benefits Paid

Otto Gunter	9.00
Mrs. Sarah Evans	15.60
H. C. Whiteside	54.00
Levi Prater	30.90
Robert Sidener	4.50
Mae Turner	1.25
Everett D. Smith	9.00
Clifford Newcombe	3.00
Mildred Hill	3.50
G. R. Hawkins	7.50
Earl Ferris	13.50
Elizabeth Dickinson	14.60
Tim McDermott	20.00
Joseph Bready	56.50
Wade Rambo	7.50
Jas. Joplin	7.50
Grace Bland	17.00
F. F. Holler	56.40
H. R. Nelson	17.40
Frank Carr	32.40
Chas. Taylor	9.75
H. L. Himstead	7.50
Bart Allen	35.00
Clifford Branum	9.90
John E. Schumaker	6.00
Harry Swank	4.50
Louise Offner	14.65
C. A. Brock	3.60
Luther Voyles	5.00
Lee Smith	4.50
Clyde Hardbarger	21.90
John Allen	13.50
W. J. McDonald	8.40
Margaret Gressom	15.00
Margie Karl	6.00
	\$546.25

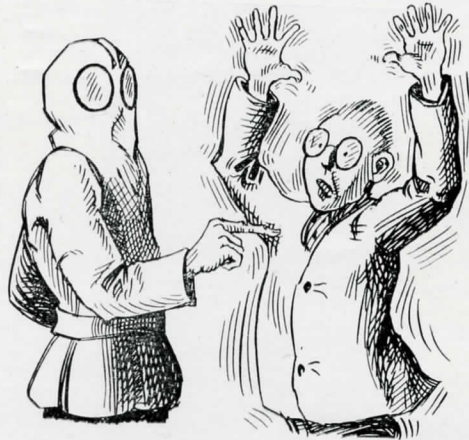
E. H. Langdon, Treas.



**SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE
EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY**

The Society offers the following benefits for working days, but not for Sundays:

PETE'S ZERO HOUR



Billy Mason stepped up and spoke to Pete, the tinner, with his painters mask on, and Pete, "Never havin' seen the likes of it before," said he would have been running yet had it been night.

1. For SICKNESS, after the first week (after three full weeks of illness benefits allow for three days of first week).

2. For accident, either in or outside the plant.

3. For death.

Limit for which benefits are paid is 75 working days.

Membership open only to Mueller employes during time of employment.

The Society is governed by the board of trustees elected by members, and administered by the Personnel Supervisor.

All financial affairs are published in the Mueller Record.

Dues are collected monthly through the payroll.

IMPORTANT. If you are sick or hurt, word should be sent at once to Mr. Langdon. Give particulars.

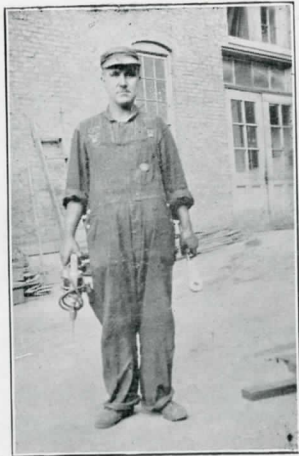
If you except to be out of town for care or treatment, get permission first from the Employment Office.

A doctor's certificate may be required in support of any claim.

Co-operate with the officers of the Society and so secure good service and protection.



The only difference between a profane man and the other kind, is that the profane man says it out loud.

BERT MEECE

Bert Meece, millwright of Department 57

NEARING THE END

"I am not going to talk long this evening," said the speaker. "I've been cured of that. The other night I was making a speech when a man entered the hall and took a seat right in the front row. I had not been talkig an hour when I noticed he was becoming fidgety. Finally he arose and asked:

"'Shay, how long you been lecturin'?"

"'About four years, my friend,' I replied.

"'Well,' he remarked, as he sat down, 'I'll stick around; you must be near through.'"—Western Christian Advocate.

**NO ESCAPE**

Shreiks and yells of the most apalling type were issuing from the little cottage and quite a crowd had collected. Presently, clothed in the full majesty and dignity of the law, a policeman came striding onto the scene.

"Now, then," he cried gruffly, "what's all this about?"

"Please, sir," spoke up a small boy, "that's my only brother. He's crying because mama's eyesight ain't very good and she's deaf, too."

A ghastly series of shreiks interrupted the explanation.

"He must be a very feeling little fellow," remarked the officer, wiping away a furtive tear.

"Yes, sir, he is. You see, ma's mending his trousers, and he's got them on."—Los Angeles Times.

WEDDINGS**MARRIAGE OF RUTH STALEY AND
EBERT MUELLER**

In a beautiful and unusual setting of rainbow colored flowers against masses of greenery, Miss Ruth Staley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Staley, and Ebert Mueller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, were married at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of 300 guests, by Rev. E. W. Clippinger, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The bridal party stood before a bank of palms and smilax in the south sun porch with an arch of green overhead, and great masses of delphinium, lilies, roses, gladioli and baby's breath on either side. Cathedral candles in wrought iron standards stood before the altar. Similar decorations were used throughout the house.

The bride entered on the arm of her brother, Augustus Staley, Jr., in the absence of her father, who was ill. She was charming in a gown of white chiffon beaded in silver with silver accessories, and a full length veil caught into a medieval cap of laced pearls. She carried a shower bouquet.

Gowns

Miss Mary Staley, maid of honor, wore a frock of cream color with touches of mauve, green, rose and orchid, and carried an arm bouquet. The bridesmaids, Miss Marjorie Orthwein of Louisiana, Mo., Miss Frances Cruikshank, Miss Charlotte Mueller, Mrs. Philip Cruikshank, Mrs. Sydney Moeller and Miss Lenore Mueller, were in rainbow colors, two each in mauve, green, rose and orchid and carried arm bouquets.

J. Britton Selover of Cleveland, was best man, and ushers were Ogden Vredenburg of Springfield, Edward Evans, Wilson Bering, Jr., Everett Mueller, Philip Cruikshank and Sydney Moeller.

Mrs. Staley, mother of the bride, was in cream lace over flesh color, and carried ward roses. Mrs. Mueller, mother of the bridegroom, wore gray lace and carried rosebuds and baby's breath.

Music

Preceding the ceremony a half hour's musicale was given by Homebrook's string quartet. Just preceding the ceremony Mrs. E. B. Hitchcock sang "Still as the Night" and "At Dawning." Miss Edna Bunn played the processional and recessional wedding marches with music during the latter part of the evening furnished by the string quartet.

After the reception, which followed the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Mueller left for a wedding trip, and upon their return will be in their new home in West Main street.

Reed-Trotter

Miss Pauline Reed, of Shelbyville, and Wilbur Trotter, foundry man, were married Thursday evening, May 29, at 7:30 in the Grace Methodist church, by Rev. Wilbert Dowson. Miss Lelah Reed, sister of the bride, and Frank Ross, attended the couple. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shumaker, Mr. and Mrs. George McCabe, and Hugh Trotter of Decatur.

Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCabe, 2255 North Union street, where a wedding supper was served. After a trip to Chicago they returned to their new home at 665 West Division street.

Mr. Trotter, who came to Decatur about five years ago, is sergeant-at-Arms in the local post of the American Legion. Mrs. Trotter taught school last year near Decatur.

Perkins-Saltsgaver

T. Saltsgaver of the Machine Shop, and Miss Mildred Perkins were married Thursday, May 29, at the home of the Congregational minister. For the present they are making their home with the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Hockaday, at Green Switch.

Rucker-Davey

J. Davey of Department 30 and Miss Mary Rucker of Girard were married on May 30 at the home of Rev. Henry.

Campbell-Settles

Frank Settles and Reba Campbell were married Saturday, June 21, at the Nazarene church.

Gendry-Kubitz

Emma Jendry of the Core Department, and Oscar Kubitz were married in Chicago June 13. Mr. Kubitz graduated from James Millikin University in the class of 1924 and expects to teach. Beyond that the plans of the young people are not definitely settled. The Record extends good wishes.

**DEATHS****Nicholas Sams**

Nick Sams of the Night Brass Shop died unexpectedly at St. Mary's hospital on June 6. Although he had been in poor health for some months his condition was not regarded as serious, and his sudden passing was a surprise to his friend.

Mr. Sams had been employed here for the past eight years with occasional periods off on account of his health. He was born on a farm in Mt. Pulaski, in 1864. He grew up in that neighborhood and afterwards farmed in that vicinity. Later he

worked in the mine at Lincoln, where he lived when he was married. His wife died in 1901. His son, Carl, is now at Lincoln, and his daughter is in the Ursuline Convent at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Sams was a quiet man, deeply religious, thrifty, and a good workman. The funeral was held at the St. James Catholic church in the morning of June 9, and the remains were buried that afternoon at Lincoln, Ill.

Clyde Goodwin

The Decatur papers, under the late of June 10 told of the drowning of Clyde Goodwin while swimming in Lake Decatur. He had worked here a few weeks in the fall of 1921 in the Advertising Department.

**BIRTHS**

Vivian Lucille is the name of a little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper June 3. Roy works in the Polishing Room.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Enloe, June 6, a son, Charles Walter. The youngster is named for his two uncles, Charles and Walter Auer. He and Walter have the same birthday.

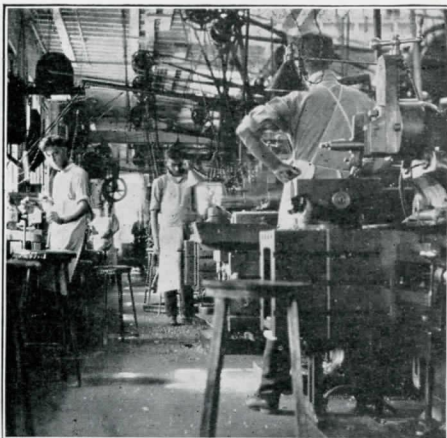
Roy McCasland is the proud daddy of a nine pound daughter, born June 24.

Billy Lee Koons is the name of a little grandson, born June 23, of the daughter of Mrs. Gillespie of the Core Room.

The Fourth Generation

Philip Mueller Cozad, the first of the fourth generation of the Mueller family to work at the factory. He is a grandson of Philip Mueller.

TOOL ROOM



West aisle of Tool Room. Pattern makers bench on left, shapers on right. Wm. Kuntz at bench, Ira Auer at machine. Louis Elliott has his back to us.

BRASS CHIPS

Edwin Goerges, son of H. A. Goerges, of the Tool Grinding Department, graduated from Millikin University this year. An agent of the American Bell Telephone Company attended the commencement and offered several likely candidates positions in their organization. Edwin was one of those who accepted and is now in training in the Company's Chicago office.

Ralph E. Himstead, brother of Harley Himstead of the Record Department, goes on the faculty of the Law School of Syracuse University. For the past five years he has been teaching history and economics at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia.

There have been a good many cases of mumps this spring but very little flu. Among the victims of mumps are Walter McDonald of the Brass Shop, John Allen of the Nickel Plating Department, Clifford Branum and Earl Ferris of the production control.

Joseph Bready of the Brass Shop, who has been laid up for several weeks recovering from an operation of appendicitis returned to work June 23rd.

Floyd Holler, clerk in the Machine Shop, who has been off for some time with nervous prostration, left the hospital about two weeks ago and is recuperating at his mother's home at Mt. Pulaski.

Frank Carr of the metal storage has a

broken toe bone due to a weight falling on it.

A. H. Peterson and C. S. Swan of Batavia, Ill., who are associated with the water works at Decatur, visited the plant one day last week.

Elmer Baker and Charles Atchison went fishing one Sunday early in June. They brought their catch to Elmer's house to talk over their sport and divide the fish. Slim's share was placed in a paper sack. He hastened home to show his wife his haul and opened the sack which was full of chicken feed. In leaving Elmer's house he had taken the wrong sack.

A little over twenty years ago J. M. Wilkins went to work under Barney Marty on the night shift. Kitty boarded at Mrs. Robinson's, whose house then stood on the site now occupied by the power house at Edward and Cerro Gordo streets. Mrs. Robinson had a daughter, Emma, in whom the young machinist had more than a passing interest. She is now Mrs. Wilkins, and their J. M., Junior, started to work the other day in the Brass Shop under Barney Marty.

Sam Walters arrived to work the other day at 6:40. Mike Fleckenstein overtook him as he was coming from the factory and asked him to ride. Sam said that he would since he was in no hurry.

Louis Schario of Department 24, and wife, are spending a ten days' vacation in a cottage at Faries Park. Louis will take your telephone order for fish.

J. M. Majors and two of his sons expect soon to drive to Colorado and spend the summer there.

Sam Walters is acting foreman of the Rough Grinding Department.

The chiggers on the Okaw bottom are eagerly awaiting for R. H. Mueller and party to pay their annual visit.

Now that the summer vacation is at hand we have with us again a number of students who are turning their vacation hours into cold cash and experience. Due to some coincident we have five girls in the Main Office whose fathers are also employed here. They are Dorothy Shaw, Gertrude Gustin, Elizabeth McClure, Ruth Shelton, and Opal Jackson.

LATEST ADDITION TO THE NOON-DAY PROMENADERS—Blanche Bates and Dave Dresback.

Core Room

Margaret Grissom has had to give up her work here on account of poor health.

On the afternoon of June 12, Mrs. Laura Becker was called home on the report that her son, James, aged ten, had been run over by an automobile. She and her husband spent an anxious half-hour until the little fellow was brought home in an ambulance. He had been out to see his grandmother, who lives in the 2400 block, North Water street. In crossing the hard road he was struck and run over by the car of Dr. Loose of Argenta. Fortunately, he fell between the wheels, but his right shoulder was broken. He is making good recovery, and has a wholesome respect for cars on the hard road.

It is reported that Ed Bank marcel's his hair every morning, even though he has to miss breakfast to do it. Fletcher says he will go him one better by having a permanent wave put in his hair—if he can find it.

Wilbur Bailey is getting up in the world. He has been promoted from the sand basement to extra man in the Core Department.

During a recent heavy rain storm, Claude Flanders kept one eye on his Ford parked in Cerro Gordo street. Perhaps he was afraid the old boat would float away.

Some of the girl friends of Nelson Reynolds, who saw his somewhat ungraceful escape from being run over by a Ford when strolling in the country recently, think he should have some lessons in avoiding the hazards of traffic on the open roads. The matter is referred to the Safety Council.

Alloena Hall is now a regular core maker.

Wilma White's birthday was celebrated on June 19. Her admiring friends surprised her by presenting her at noon with 23 all-day suckers.

It is rumored that Leslie Carr has a new Ford. None of the girls have seen it yet, and we are inclined to wonder if Leslie realizes his opportunities.

Katie Wenger went fishing the other evening and got her feet wet in avoiding the fish.

Mildred Meece organized a party that was to go out to Lake Decatur early Sunday morning, June 21, for a swim. Mildred overslept and the party did not come off. Send him home earlier next time, Mildred.

Roy Waddell had the hives so bad that he had to lay off two days to scratch.

The less frequent mention in these columns of our esteemed clerk, Henry Gilbert, is due to the fact that he has moved out of Felix Hodges' neighborhood. We have learned, however, that Mr. Gilbert is spending a ten day vacation at Nashville, Ill., which is his old home town.

Felix solemnly informs us that George La Brash has eight hens, but he sells a

dozen strictly fresh eggs every day. Bert Meece says that he knows how it is done but refuses to tell.

Shorty Griffiths is considering a course with a glucose barrel.

Day Foundry

Clyde Oldham has rented a house and an acre of ground near Boody. He drives to work every day and naturally takes a good deal of interest in the condition of the roads. He and Vera like living in the country where they have plenty of fresh vegetables and poultry.

Odie Walker and family motored to the old home town of Benton, Mo., where he will spend his vacation.

Ever since Dave Clements saw the motor hand car puff down the Wabash railway he has regretted leaving the section. In the old days the thing had to be pumped by hand.

Louis Fleming is breaking in a new pair of glasses. Perhaps he will be used to them by the time we are.

When Jess Fuqua gets his shirt off he really looks like a molder.

All the foundry boys wore their shirts last Saturday morning while the school teachers from Normal went through the factory.

Dewey DeLaughter bruised his toe the other morning with a weight. Ikey Taylor substituted for him at the squeezer. Presently he stopped work and asked Dewey: "Now, if you get aid benefits for the accident and I am on your job, the benefits go to me, don't them?" We quote from the Bible: "Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile."

Wanted—Someone that I can surely beat playing rag wheel quoits. Address replies to James Davis.

Jim Davis laid off all day Friday so that he could go to the ball game, but all he got was a rain check to go on Saturday afternoon.

Louis Runion has purchased four lots in Heminger Heights.



CLAIMS BASS-CATCHING HONORS

Homer Starbody, whom we featured last month as a radio specialist, and whom we later discovered was a skillful cartoonist, comes to the front again with a fishing record. He claims the bass-catching honors to date in Decatur, following his catch in the Faries Park lake Sunday, June 22. This was a bass measuring sixteen and one-half inches in length. Due to the lamentable fact that no scales were at hand, he was unable to get the weight, but the bass would probably have tipped the scales at a nice figure.

Ed Stille



Last month the cartoonist caught Ed Stille when he was "stepping out." This month the photographer caught Stille when he was "at home." That is, in his work shop.

START NOVEL INTERPRISE

We wish to announce the organization of the Foundrymen's Consolidated Sardine Corporation. When President C. C. Taylor was interviewed by the Record reporter, he divulged some of the far reaching plans of this great enterprise. It appears that Chas. Gilmore, who is treasurer and purchasing agent for the said corporation, was sent to the bait store to buy some minnows. He was told that the price was twenty cents a dozen. He asked for ten cents worth and his conversation so charmed the bait dealer that he lost count and gave Charley fifteen minnows for ten cents.

This incident so wrought upon Charley's imagination that he forgot to go fishing, but interested his friends in forming the aforesaid company for the purpose of commercializing his ability as a buyer of bait.

We are told in confidence that it is the plan of the company to pack eloquence and then drowned before being canned. The merits of this enterprise must appeal to every conservative investor, and again we take the public into confidence by informing them that stock is shortly to be offered in this great enterprise on very reasonable terms. It is intimated that all who desire sudden wealth get in on the ground floor.

Night Foundry

Bart Allen was married not long ago, but our reporter was not informed of such particulars as the bride's name and place of

ceremony. Bart and his bride are living in the northeast part of town in Harry Miller's neighborhood.

Claude Flanders spent his vacation on the old stamping grounds in Shelby county. He and some friends went for a fox hunt in the Okaw bottoms in the afternoon of June 14. Claude and one of his companions strayed away from the rest of the party and into a pasture, where a mad bull gave them a fast chase. He held them prisoners in an empty barn for about two hours, until they were rescued by the others who left off hunting fox to find them.

Harry Miller has been off for two weeks harvesting his strawberry crop. During his absence Clarence Byers has been acting foreman. Someone observed that gooseberries were about ready and after them raspberries would be ripe, and he opined that it might be several weeks before Harry could spare himself to the company again.

Willis Taylor believes in having plenty of air in the tires of his Ford. He and Jay Ball were driving the other day, when pop! went the tire on the left hind wheel. Willis dismounted and applied the spare tire and set forth again. Presently there was a second explosion and the right front tire went out. Thereupon Willis let some of the air out of the other two tires, ran to town on the rim, and purchased a pressure gauge.

Department 8

Leonard Keck has gone to Cincinnati, O., where he is to be physical director in a boys' camp.

Charles Bertol has become a volley ball fan.

B. J. Marty spends his evenings reading illustrated literature about Colorado, sent him by the railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Marty are planning on spending their vacation in the Rockies.

Department 15

Luther Morrison received a package of toothpicks and a rubber ring in the mail the other morning. He blames the clerk in No. 15, but the clerk denies any connection with the crime, and advises Luther to start on a new trail.

Mike Fleckenstein received a card from Otto Halmbacher from Colorado Springs.

Margaret says she doesn't mind receiving letters if they are sincere and Henry says they are sincere, because he knows.

The latest report is that Luther still has hopes for Small and that Coolidge will be elected.

Orville Adams and John Allen have returned to work after being off entertaining the mumps.

Al Wilkins says it will have to be a disappointment then, for he has his sidewalks,

Henry Peterson has been reading the Whiz Bang and says its a wonderful book.

Al Wilkins is going to attend the convention of the American Electro Platers' Society at Milwaukee, Wis., June 30 to July 3. The boys hope that he gets some of that stuff that made Milwaukee famous. Earl Meadows is taking Al's place while he is gone.

It is reported that Monk sends his wife to the show while he works overtime at night.

There has been a decided increase in the number of employes in Department 15 during the last month.

Edol Burroughs says she is sorry that Haliday's went on short time.

George Fleckenstein of No. 15 is the wise man on the Mueller baseball team. He directs all the playing.

Alex claims that Luther hangs his false teeth on a post to let the birds pick the meat out of them, and during this process he chews on the rubber ring sent him.

It is also said that Emma loves Luther just as much without his teeth as she did before.

Alex found an aluminum frying pan on a neighboring ash pile and fixed it up and is now offering it for sale. It isn't worth much, but a Jew will sell anything.

Monk gets so hot trucking sometimes that he takes a piece of ice and puts it down his back.

One warm day last week Jack Dempsey said anyone stepping out of the department into Hades would freeze to death.

Campbell was in Department 15 the other day looking for a left hand pipe wrench to fix the plumbing at his house. He was directed to the Shipping Department.



Walter Drew, general factotum of Dept. 5

Department 18

We wonder if Humpy Behrns has found his son yet and warned him about throwing rocks.

Ben Tarr got a thirty-five cent hair-cut this time. He must have gotten a raise.

We wonder when Allen Travis is going down to Harristown to catch that eighteen inch Buffalo.

John Trimmer was taken to the Decatur and Macon County Hospital June 24, suffering with ptomaine poisoning.

Artie Warren's little boy had a doll whose head got broken. Instide it was stuffed with sawdust. The child asked, "Daddy, what is that?" Artie replied, "That's sawdust." In a moment he came back with, "Daddy, is that what's in your head?"

Alice says wood screws aren't wood screws because they aren't made of wood.

We wonder when Cherry Tosh is going visiting.

Humpy painted his house and when he came back to work he was so stiff it took him about 30 minutes to sit down.

Travis Johnson is the new ground key order drummer. He is so busy he doesn't even have time to shave. He looks like Robinson Crusoe.

Charley Riley is getting real particular with whom he associates. He has been seen lately quite frequently in company with Allen Travis.

Shorty Williams is going to Bethany next Tuesday to get some fried ice cream.

Allen Travis rode to work one morning and felt so high toned he wouldn't speak to anyone that morning.

John Burkholder motored to Cincinnati, O., on his vacation.

Shorty Johnson and Cherry Tosh surely enjoy seeing the school teachers go through the factory. We wonder why.

It is reported that on the evening of June 24, Alice went riding through town, and looked at the tall buildings so long that she got the roof of her mouth sunburned.

Cherry Tosh is going to take his vacation next week and we hope the factory will be able to keep running without him.



HAAS GIVES INTERESTING TALK

Mr. Charles J. G. Haas, New York salesman, gave an interesting talk on "Mueller Systems," at a recent annual banquet of the Master Plumbers Association of New Bedford and vicinity, held at the Hotel Lincoln, New Bedford, Mass. In addition to several humorous stories, Mr. Haas went into details of our E-5240 Automatic System of Hot Water Heat Control, and outlined our advertising.

Playing House



Left to right: Beatrice Aileen and Jessie Ann Himstead, Helen and Billy Draper

Department 20

In order to get away from Fairview Park, Ray moved way out in the country where the rabbits roost on the sidewalks and where it is so damp that he has started growing webs between his toes. He has a 40 acre farm and a good crop of cockleburrs, and is planning to invite the department out to have cockleburrr tea with him. His co-workers have stated their intentions of going out to Ray's instead of the Okaw in the future.

Fairy took her shoes off the other day and the windows all opened simultaneously and the shoes disappeared.

The department is looking every day for the chairs ordered from John Donovan. If money is the only drawback they feel that they might be able to take up a collection to help out.

Dorothy has succeeded in standing on both feet at once after about eight months practice.

Department 20 is so industrious they have decided to work through the 4th????

Carter has been waiting for six months for 70 degree weather so he can paint his car.

Wanted—A bull dog. Pedigree not necessary. Any kind will do. See Fairy Hughes.

Dorothy couldn't decide whether she wanted gooseberry or cherry pie, so she took both.

Ed Stille is going to get shot if he doesn't quit waking John Shelton up when he comes to get Arnold to go riding after 10:30 p. m.

Buck is getting awful dry and is going to Chicago for the 4th, where there is plenty of water.

Lee and Leo are going to spend the 4th in Vandalia as usual.

Why does Fairy send her sister to the

door when her beau calls? Anyone that feels he has the solution should answer without hesitation, as there might be a reward if the reason is convincing enough.

Department 20 wishes it known that they do not approve of the way the street cleaners have of sweeping all the dirt up in front of the department's window just in time for the wind to blow it inside.



THINGS THAT GIVE THEM PLEASURE

John raves a lot about bobbed hair,
Each day he wildly rants
But the thing that makes him wildest,
Is watching Gilly dance.

Now Lester gets the greatest kick
By going every day,
To let his chiropractor
Remove his vertabrae.

Ray works and fumes and sweats and tears,
He hasn't time for fun,
So if he gets a kick at all,
He gets it on the run.

Buck says he finds the greatest thrill
Is when he draws his salary,
But yet he gets a lot of fun
Collecting for his gallery.

Lee and Leo—homeward bound,
Their girls are there they know,
They get their pleasure going down
Or planning when to go.

Marshal gets his playing ball,
The games all end the same,
It makes him sore to play so hard,
And then "donate" the game.

Dorothea gets a lot of kick
For beaus she doesn't lack,
Her favorite one is an athlete
His name is "quarter-back."

Fairy sighs the live long day,
Her only thought is eating,
"I'm hungry" is her good night song
And "when do we eat?" her greeting.

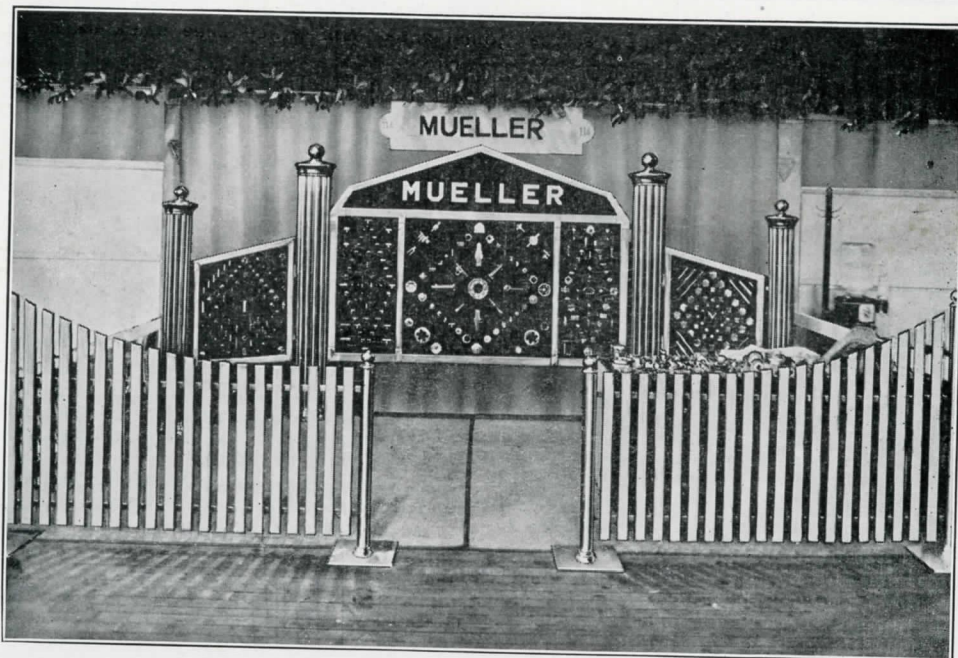
Tessie finds no joy in life,
No more'n a snake has hips.
She spends her days and half her nights
Dodging paper clips.



Compromising the Minister

Plumber (taking minister aside): "I'm sorry I have no money to pay your fee, sir; but if you'll take me down into your cellar I'll show you how to fix your gas meter so that it won't register."

EXHIBIT OF THE PORT HURON PLANT



UNIQUE BRASS EXHIBIT

One of the most striking and well-conceived exhibits at the Informashow, held in connection with the Ninth Annual International Convention of Purchasing Agents, at Boston, May 20 to 23, was that of Mueller, Port Huron, Mich., shown in the accompanying picture.

This exhibit displayed effectively their brass and copper products of forgings, sand castings, screw machine products, rod and tubing. Considerable interest was shown in the wide range of fabricated parts, particularly the brass forgings. In this collection were parts for many uses, including automobile hardware, water and gas meter parts, plumbing fixture parts, valve bodies, and gasoline oil line fittings.

Fronting their booth was a gate of rectangular copper tubing mounted on brass runners. In the background was the main section of the exhibit—a large center panel on which were mounted tastefully a miscellaneous assortment of brass and copper forged parts. On either side was a smaller panel, one showing a complete line of Mueller compression type and S. A. E. fittings and the other displaying automobile hardware and body parts.

At the extreme ends were two wing panels. On one appeared a variety of screw

machine products and on the other various sizes of round, square and hexagon rod. These panels were separated from the center section by pillars made of brass rods with ball castings on top.

A striking effect was obtained by mounting the samples on a purple velour background. The high polish of the brass, bronze and copper extruded, drawn and fabricated parts, emphasized the delicacy of color obtainable by using the various alloys. The entire exhibit was prepared by Mueller employees in the regular course of their work.

✦ JESSE KEOWN COMES BACK

Former Employee Returns to Take Position on Road

Jesse Keown has accepted a position with the Mueller Company as traveling salesman and is now in the office and factory reacquainting himself with prices, styles, etc. He was for about ten years, 1900 to 1910, in the Office and Shipping Department. He will travel in three states, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

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“Hi, gimme a handful of waste,” I howled,
(I was under the auto grease it)
But Jim had an armful of waist in the car
And wasn't disposed to release it.

BEFORE AND AFTER



Frank Cruikshank attended the wedding of his son, Philip, and for the occasion he donned a new \$18 topper. Naturally, he was proud of the new head gear and because of its association he doubtless would have enjoyed great satisfaction in retaining it as a memento of the occasion. When he prepared to leave for home he found that by mistake someone had beat him to it and in place of his handsome topper at \$18 he had been left one that had been thrown into the ring once too often and which a junk man appraised at 18 cents.

NORMAL STUDENTS VISIT FACTORY

115 Teachers Come from Bloomington to Visit Decatur and the Mueller Plant

The largest group of visitors entertained at the plant this year were the Normal students from Bloomington, who went through the factory Saturday morning, June 25. There were 115 in the party which was in charge of Professor Robert Buzzard of the Department of Geography.

The visitors arrived on special interurban cars and assembled at the Club House at 9 o'clock where they were greeted by Adolph Mueller, who gave them a short history of the business. They assembled on the volley ball court where a photograph was taken and then they were divided into four groups and guided through the factory. At 11 o'clock they returned to the Club House where a bountiful luncheon was served by the cafeteria, and Mr. Adolph Mueller gave them further information about the manufacturing business.

They boarded special street cars at Edward street and went to the James Millikin University and from them to the Staley plant and to Lake Decatur. That evening they returned to Bloomington.

We venture to remark that they had a full and interesting day and when they got home that night they were glad that Sunday was the next day.

WILL DISTRIBUTE BUTTONS

Presentation of the Service Loyalty Buttons to employes for various periods of service will be made at the annual picnic, Saturday, August 23.

A total of 289 buttons are to be distributed. This number is divided into the following classes:

- 5 year buttons—91.
- 10 year buttons—77.
- 15 year buttons—55.
- 20 year buttons—45.
- 25 year buttons—17.
- 30 year buttons—4.
- 35 year buttons—1.
- 40 year buttons—2.

Of this number receiving buttons, twelve are women. The two forty year men are Frank Zetterlind, who has served forty-four years, and Anton Schuerman, who has served forty-one years. Walter Screeton receives the 35 year button.

The buttons have been received from the manufacturers and are very beautiful. The five year button is green and white enamel on a gold background, with the wording, "MUELLER 5 Years Service."

The ten year button is dark red and white enamel, gold background, with the wording, "MUELLER 10 Years Service."

The fifteen year button is blue and white enamel, gold background, with the wording, "MUELLER 15 Years Service."

The twenty year button is the regular solid gold pin similar to those given heretofore, with the wording, "MUELLER CO. 20 Years Long Service."

The twenty-five year button is blue and white enamel with gold background and five pearl sets. Wording, "MUELLER 25 Years."

The thirty year button is green and white enamel with gold background and set with six emeralds. Wording, "MUELLER 30 Years."

The forty year button is light red and white enamel with gold background and set with four rubies. The wording is "MUELLER 40 Years."



SOUNDED DIFFICULT

Down in Texas the short cotton crop forced a large number of country negroes to the cities. One of them applied for a job at one of the large employment agencies.

"There's a job at the Eagle Laundry," said the man behind the desk. "Want it?"

The applicant shifted uneasily from one foot to the other.

"Tell you how it is, boss," he finally said, "I sure does want a job mighty bad, but de fack is, I ain't never washed a eagle."

The Office Owl, Hoo! Hoo!

We hear that our friend Gustin went fishing. He was in search of a quiet place, and found a small, though promising, pond. He cast his line in and sat patiently waiting for three hours without getting a solitary bite. A farmer boy had been watching him with considerable interest for about one-third of that time, when Bill inquired: "Say, are there any fish at all in this pond?" "I don't know," the boy answered, "but if there are they must be pretty little ones, for the pond wasn't there until it rained yesterday."

Simpson: "Have you written that letter to Lincoln?"

Marge: "No. I don't know his Gettysburg address."

Extra!

Dressed in her father's trousers,
A silly maid one day
Went and eloped with a fellow;
What will the papers say?
Read then the startling headline
(Such are the whims of chance)
That sprang next day from the presses:
"FLEES IN PAPA'S PANTS."

Angeline: "Is it difficult to read my face?"
Myrtle: "No. It's quite simple."

Ollie: "I'd like to go to a funeral this afternoon."

John: "Well, you can't."

Ollie: "I know I can't, but I'd like to."

John: "Whose funeral?"

Ollie: "Yours."

Hazel: "The nerve of that conductor. He glared at me as if I hadn't paid my fare."

Dixie: "And what did you do?"

Hazel: "I glared back as if I had."

Estelle: "I'm having a new dress made, but my heart isn't in it."

Marie: "Will you dare wear it as low as that?"

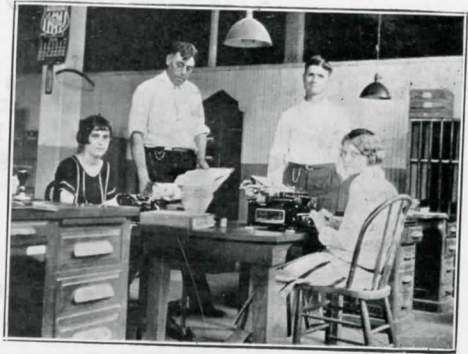
Louise: "Would you like to see where I was vaccinated?"

Bee: "Sure."

Louise: "Right over there in that house, with the doctor's sign on the window."

Betty had some flowers one morning and borrowed a vase to put them in. She was tripping gaily along to get some water when a noise in the vase attracted her attention. Upon peeking into the vase, lo and behold! there was a mouse trying desperately to scale its slippery sides and gain its

STOCK UP-KEEP DEPT.



Left to right: Mary Shultz, Jim Thorpe, Art Davlin, Louise Brubeck. This is an important department about which we do not hear very much. All production orders pass through Jas. Thorpe's hands before going to the factory. The stock records, consisting of many bulky volumes, are in constant use in determining the quantities of parts to be manufactured. A slip of a decimal point, or an entry in the wrong column means trouble. Accuracy, first, last and always, is the watchword of these careful record keepers

freedom. Those who observed the performance, say Betty very carefully and bravely set the vase on the floor before proceeding to scream or run.

We suppose he will outgrow it, but it seems mighty strange that it would take two men to hold a boy while being kissed. Ask Riley about it.



Stranger: "I want to see the boss."

Marie: "What boss? We have all kinds of bosses around here, nothing but bosses, just like the Mexican army—all generals and no privates."

Draper: "I think you said, Hawkins, that you had a brother in the mining business in the west."

Hawkins: "Yes, that's right."

Draper: "What kind of mining—gold, silver or copper mining?"

Hawkins: "None of those mentioned. Kalsomining."

Cannibal—One who loves his fellow men.



There's so much safety in the worstofus,
And so much safety in the bestofus,
That it behooves allofus,
To speak safety to the restofus.

Calendar for June 1924



- June 1. Adolph and other campers return from the Okaw. Part of the way in boats. Heavy rain two days of their three-day vacation.
- June 2. Okawites all claim to have had a glorious time in the Idle Hour Cabin. Of course, they didn't agree to color up their report.
- June 3. Bright and fair for a change. It looks as though summer would actually arrive.
- June 4. No, he is not a K. K. K., but only Billy Mason in his new ventilated paint spray mask.
- June 5. Frank Zetterlind began work for Mueller 44 years ago today. June 5, 1880, was also Thursday. Safety Council meets.
- June 6. Nick Sams dies. Baby boy born to the family of William Enloe.
- June 7. Gosh, what a rain!
- June 8. A day of real summer. A rare day this June.
- June 9. Otto Halmbacher and family start on long motor trip to Pacific Coast. Foremen's Club meets.
- June 10. The Company begins planning for a picnic. Big time this year.
- June 11. Stille gets a new helper from the University of Illinois. Started moving No. 29 to the East Side.
- June 12. Our ball team beats Leader Iron Works and then allows them to tie the score in the last inning.
- June 13. City Council meets at Mueller Lodge. We get a piece of Cerro Gordo Street. We have a good city council.
- June 14. Flag Day, and Adolph's wedding anniversary. He thinks marriage a great success.
- June 15. Some people cut church to go to the lake and find the waves too high for fishing.
- June 16. The foremen on the production line attend the noonday meeting for the first time. They will now regard the noon meeting with more favor.
- June 17. Battle Bunker Hill fought 148 years ago today.
- June 18. Saltsgaver splits his lip at volley ball at noon, thus proving that there is a possibility of real sport even in volley ball.
- June 19. Mueller ball team wins from Leader Iron Works, 5-3. Hooray!
- June 20. Hot! Everybody says so. No doubt about the arrival of summer now.
- June 21. Everybody on good behavior—115 teachers visited the plant this morning.
- June 22. We hate to mention it, but the assortment of weather handed out today is remarkable variety, even for Illinois.
- June 23. Lieut. Maughan passed over Decatur at the rate of three miles a minute on his way to San Francisco. While Chief Duffy batted his eyes to get another look he had passed from sight.
- June 24. Flash of lightning scares Donaldson's team which runs away as far as the Club House and leaves the wagon. These days of flivers a run-away team is an unusual occurrence.
- June 25. Ebert Mueller and Ruth Staley married in the home of the bride.
- June 26. Rained as usual.
- June 27. Adolph leaves for Okaw again. More rain.
- June 28, 29 and 30. Moving Service Box Department to new building on East Eldorado Street.