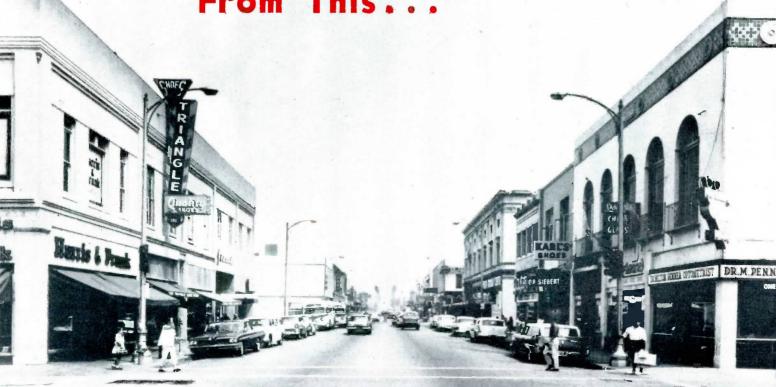


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This is the new downtown pedestrian mall in Pomona, taken at an early hour to show the beauty of design and charm of this program. About \$680,000 were spent to eliminate vehicles and to return the shopping area to shoppers. Millions of dollars have been spent by local property owners for new buildings or renewing the old structures.

Pomona, Calif.

Downtown Renewal Program Makes Shopper King Again

The downtown shopping area has been returned to the people in Pomona, Calif., since a nine-block downtown pedestrian mall was opened there a few months ago.

Pomona Mayor James S. Baker said that communities have attempted to take care of the automobile but shoppers were forgotten. "The automobile must be accommodated—but not in the living room. In simple terms, all we have done in Pomona is taken the auto out of the living room and put it in the back yard where it rightfully belonged in the first place," Mayor Baker said.

In Pomona's front yard or "living room" is a mall which is warm and friendly with a contemporary western design. The mall looks more glamorous than a movie set. It combines the open charm of the West with the friendly atmosphere of the continental boulevard, lined by attractive shops and sidewalk cafes. There are ample facilities for rest and relaxation, even play areas for children. Trees and shrubs dot the shoppers haven, while six huge pools bubble along the walks of this reborn city.

This six-month building program cost about \$680,000—none of which came from the state or federal government. The entire project was



This was downtown Pomona a little more than a year ago. It was a typical American city suffering from downtown blight and motor traffic strangulation caused by lack of planning. Tax valuations were dropping along with receipts and people stopped thinking of "downtown" as belonging to them.

paid for by a special assessment district, which included all the merchants and owners of property along the nine-block area.

In addition to the work which brightened the surroundings, many millions of dollars were spent renovating and modernizing existing buildings. These expenditures prompted others to join the grandiose face-lifting. New building plans include a \$4 million structure for Buffums' Department Store and a $21/_{2}$ million office for the Home Savings and Loan Association.

Some 38 stores have been remodeled since the mall discussions began.

This example of free enterprise in action was spearheaded by Millard Sheets, internationally known artist and architect, and native of Pornona. Mr. Sheets said that the most important thing about renewal in any city is what it does to the hearts of the people of the community.

This, he said, was the most important result in Pomona: setting the whole community thinking and working in terms of renewed civic pride. The mall, Mr. Sheets said, was only Pomona's first-born, predicting that the entire downtown section would be completely rebuilt under the impetus of the mall within the next 10 years.

Mr. Sheets saw urban blight strike at his home city and set out to find a way to stem this creeping condition. He set about making sketches of what could be done and placed them beside photographs of what had happened. He showed them to businessmen, civic leaders, educators, and industrialists. And he talked about plans and costs. His plans called for a virtual tear - down - and - rebuild of nine blocks in the core of the city. This ambitious program was viewed and reviewed by many, but with little action. The years passed, and slowly the persevering artist brought a few people around to his way of thinking; they, in turn, once they had caught his fire, talked to others about Pomona's rebirth. All it would take would be time and money. Lots of money.

The last vehicles to travel in the mall area, except for emergencies, were trucks, tractors and equipment used by utilities and construction people. These vehicles moved into the area in April of 1962 and took down all utility cables and lines and relocated them underground. New sidewalks, curbs, gutters and landscaping were put in along with a face-lifting for a number of store fronts. By Oct. 15, about 25,000 people jammed the mall for a dance and dedication ceremony. Discovery of a law that lay unused since its passage nearly 20 years ago, paved the way for Pomona to begin a plan for urban renewal that, through the use of private funds, may show the way for cities everywhere to fight downtown district blight. The California Vehicle Parking District Act of 1943 allows property owners to form assessment districts and acquire property for off-street parking without appropriations from a municipality's general fund.

Today there are four parking districts in downtown Pomona providing a total of more than 1,300 parking spaces. Without these handy areas to handle the vehicular traffic it would have been impossible to build the mall and eliminate autos and trucks from it.

The nine-block mall isn't the only area in the city that is undergoing change. The city itself is planning a new 12-block-square civic center that will be linked with the mall by an attractive walkway. A Los Angeles County branch courts building is already located there and, by vote of county judges, a new multi-million dollar branch courthouse will be erected there soon. A new public safety building is nearing completion and a new public library is started. Also included in the civic center will be a 2,500-seat civic auditorium, a new health and welfare building, a new city hall and a city museum-art gallery.

In addition to the privately built mall and off-street parking districts, managed by businessmen, Pomona also boasts another unique symbol of private enterprise in the downtown district—a private transportation center which links terminal facilities for three major railroads, major bus lines, helicopters and other transportation agencies serving the Pomona area.

A third area in which private funds have financed projects, this one out of the downtown area, is a 238-acre industrial park. This industrial tract on the edge of the city's college complex, is one of three in the city. Pomona, a city of 75,000 persons, was strictly an agricultural area and was named after the Roman goddess of fruit. Today, the city offers outstanding sites for the location of industrial firms.



New Home Savings and Loan facility is being built on Pomona's pedestrian mall. This six-story building, designed by Millard Sheets, will cost about \$2,500,000. The glass and Roman travertine marble building will serve as local headquarters for the billion dollar association—America's largest—serving all of Pomona Valley.



Objects of art like this mosaic depicting blossoming trees and exotic horses, statuary and fountains lend dramatic effect to the nine-block shopping area. Millard Sheets,

Pomona native and internationally famous artist, designed the mall.



This architect's sketch (above) of a proposed master plan shows what Pomona's civic center might look like in a few years. The lower photo shows the town center courtyard of the proposed Civic Center which is adjacent

to the mall. The proposed city hall is at the right; city museum at the left. The view is from the new city library which is now under construction.



The Pomona Valley Colleges Research and Development Center. as this latest tract is called, is located next to five colleges-the nationally-known Claremont group, consisting of Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont Men's College, Claremont Graduate College and Harvey Mudd College. Seven more colleges are being planned by the group. Three others-California State Polytechnic College, LaVerne College and Mount San Antonio College-are 10 minutes away. Famous California Institute of Technology and Redlands University are within 25 motor minutes.

The center is about a year old, but already half the available acreage in it is committed.

Pomona planners, aware of the many elements of compatibility between the cultural level of the college and the smog-free and noisefree research and development type of industry, with its high payroll levels, deliberately set out to woo it. What they offered, in addition to high cultural content, was an almost rural atmosphere, an area suffused with historical legend, ample housing with entire communities growing out of developments like the Diamond Bar Ranch, and fascinating recreational opportunities for the whole family. These include 60 minutes to the ocean, a huge Puddingstone State Park and Recreation Area with lake facilities for water sports and fishing next door, a huge Mt. Baldy winter sports area 15 minutes away and a "home town" Los Angeles County Fair that draws one million visitors to Pomona each year, a sort of rustic Disnevland with almost unlimited facilities for scientific and industrial type exhibits and conferences.

The city saw to it that the Pomona Valley Colleges R & D Center has facilities for water reclamation, access to a Pacific Ocean outfall sewage system adequate for generations, and an equally certain access to almost unlimited water supply for the future. Pomona today still has adequate artesian water resources of its own, but has joined the Metropolitan Water District to make sure it would share in the Feather River water being brought down from northern California. It was foresight like this, city fathers point out, that enabled Pomona to acquire the Los Angeles County

fairgrounds through a voluntary bond issue many years ago.

Presidents of the eight Pomona Valley colleges are as enthusiastic about the new research center next door as the business and civic community. Consulting fees will keep their faculty members happy, reduce staff turnover and provide part-time work for students.

Mayor Baker of Pomona summarized the feelings of the people of the community when he said that Pomona citizens are happy and proud that they have pioneered in this endeavor to restore Downtown U. S. A. to its rightful place in urban life. "Our approach, along with the completed malls of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miami Beach-are only examples-not something to be blindly copied. Each community must develop its own plans and accomplish its own program based upon the collective vision of its people working to retain the personality and identity of the community.

"Our core areas are the hearts and nerve centers of our cities. A city without a healthy core has nothing on which to build," Mayor Baker concluded.



About 25,000 persons jammed the mall last fall to celebrate its formal opening. This could hardly be called a

street dance since the paved area has been closed to vehicles, except in case of emergencies.

At 92 Billy Dill Recalls Experiences As Mueller Co.'s First Salesman



Billy Dill had been working for Mueller Co. 11 years when this picture was taken in 1902. In 1895 Billy became the first Mueller salesman and by 1902 he was one of 10 men selling.

MY TERRITORY: THE U.S.A.

RECORDING OUR THOUGHTS by Jim Milligan

In response to the question, "How long did it take you to cover your territory" he answered: "Oh, just about three months!"

The speaker was Billy Dill, the first salesman to travel for Mueller Co.

During a recent trip to Los Angeles, I had the privilege of visiting with Billy. Paul Caho, Manager of Inside Sales of our Los Angeles plant, took Billy and me to Chapman Park Hotel. There in a setting familiar to Billy since he moved to California in 1920, we talked about "the good old days."

Billy Dill joined Mueller Co. in 1891, at the age of twenty. He wore many hats those first few months, but concentrated most of his time on keeping books and acting as a buyer. It is in connection with the latter duty that we find one of the most amusing stories about his colorful career.

When Billy was doing the buying, Mueller Co. was located in the heart of downtown Decatur. Billy's office was on the first floor, and we had a foundry on the third floor.

One day, a man pushed a twowheeled junk cart up to the door, and walked into the office carrying a large piece of sheet metal. He was able to convince Billy that it was pretty valuable. They began to bargain, and Billy finally bought the metal at what he thought was a ridiculously low price.

Proud of his purchase, he carried it to the third floor and presented it to the foundry foreman to be melted down. Billy went back downstairs. The foreman, realizing that the metal was useless, threw it out of the window into the alley behind the building.

There it was found again by the old peddler, who proceeded to sell it to Billy all over again. It was only after Billy Dill had bought the same piece of metal for the third time that the foundry foreman informed him that it was useless! !!

Four years after Billy joined the Company, Adolph Mueller decided to visit the West Coast to pay his respects to a few Mueller customers. His train reached Omaha before he changed his plans and returned to Decatur, asking Billy to make the trip for him. Thus, in 1895, the first Mueller salesman went on the road.

For a couple of years, Billy was the only salesman, and his territory was the entire United States. When a second man was added, Billy received a territory covering everything east of the Mississippi River.

In 1920, he was transferred to California, and in 1942 retired from Mueller Co. as general manager of the Los Angeles factory, which had been opened in 1933.

During those active business years, Billy hired several "young Squirts." Among them were Dan R. Gannon, Lloyd Logsdon and Leroy J. Evans. All three men went on to become Mueller Co. vice presidents. Dan, of course, now heads up the sales operations of the Company. Both Roy Evans and Lloyd Logsdon retired in recent years, and Mr. Logsdon passed away just a few weeks ago.

Billy vividly recalls the day Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan visited Decatur to make a speech from the back of the Mueller-Benz automobile. The car died only a few blocks from the railroad station, so Billy was one of those who pushed the car a quarter of a mile to Central Park where Mr. Bryan coolly delivered a major campaign address.

I asked Billy to give me his impressions of young salesmen today. His only comment was to state that he believes modern salesmen are tremendous. "They just don't do as much walking as we used to do," he said.

As our visit drew to a close, and Billy finished his lunch, I sat back and studied this wonderful man. Today, at age 92, Billy Dill has a sparkling personality and a hearty laugh which he uses often. His memory is sharp, and he loves to reminisce.

Some of us may think we know all there is to know about the colorful history of Mueller Co., but I learned that day that this knowledge cannot be complete without a visit with, and a memory of a man who played a considerable role in the early successes of our organization spry, jovial and unforgettable Billy Dill.



This picture was taken in 1938, four years before Billy retired. At the time of his retirement he was general manager of the Los Angeles plant. Today, at the age of 92, Billy is living in California and is quick to remember the early days "on the road" when he traveled by train and stagecoach.

John F. Thurston Named President Of Mueller Co.

A. G. Webber, Jr.

Remains Chairman

John F. Thurston has been elected president and chief executive officer of Mueller Co., succeeding A. G. Webber, Jr., who will remain as chairman of the board of directors and president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited.

Mr. Thurston, who assumed his new duties on May 1, resigned his positions as a senior vice president of the General Dynamics Corporation and president of its Liquid Carbonic Division to take the Mueller presidency.

Mr. Webber was president of Mueller Co. since 1947 and has been associated with the company more than 30 years. He is 71 years old.

Mr. Thurston joined General Dynamics as general manager of the Electro Dynamic Division in 1955, and was appointed a corporate vice president in 1957. He became vice president-special projects for the corporation in 1960 and was named to his most recent positions in 1961.

From 1953 until he joined Dynamics, Mr. Thurston was merchandising manager of the Replacement Division of Thompson Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, and a member of that division's management committee.

He served as a civilian consultant to the Secretary of the Army on military parts supply problems in the United States, Japan and Korea during 1952 and 1953, for which he was awarded the Army's Exceptional Civilian Service Decoration. Previous to this, with the exception of his military service, Mr. Thurston was with the Mc-Quay-Norris Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, from 1936 to 1952 as sales representative, eastern sales manager and assistant to the executive vice president.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, he served in the Air Force, holding the rank of major at the time of his discharge.

Mr. Thurston was born Aug. 13, 1910 in Denver, Colo. He attended North Denver High School and Colorado College, where he received his B. A. degree in economics in 1931.

Mr. Thurston is married and has two teen-age children and a 23-year-old son who is currently serving the U. S. Army. He plans to move his family to Decatur in June.

Mr. Webber's association with the company officially began in 1934 when he was named legal counsel for the company. Prior to this, however, he practiced law with his father, who had been company attorney since 1900. A. G. Webber, Sr., started with the company in 1870 as an apprentice under Hieronymus Mueller and later went to the University of Illinois School of Law.

A. G. Webber, Jr. graduated from the University of Illinois Law School in 1917. After two years in the U. S. Navy he entered law practice with his father and at this point his association, at least unofficially, began with Mueller Co.

In 1944 he was elected to the board of directors of Mueller Co. and Mueller, Limited and in 1947 he was named company president and treasurer. Six years later he became president and chairman of the board. Since 1961 he has also been president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited.



JOHN F. THURSTON



Kansas City Sky Line at Night

4,000 At 83rd Meeting

Kansas City Becomes Watertown, U.S.A. During AWWA Conference

Thousands of American Water Works Association members poured into Kansas City this month for the 83rd annual conference to attend the largest technical program in AWWA history.

The 21-session program was planned around the theme: "Water —Key to Progress," and the progress not only of the future but also of the past, was under discussion as the Association's Water Purification Division celebrates its golden anniversary.

At this meeting, John G. Copley succeeded William D. Hurst as president of the AWWA. Mr. Copley is General Manager of the Elmira (N. Y.) Water Board and has been serving as association vice president.

Also nominated in January by the Board of Directors were: E. Jerry Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Water at Seattle, Wash., named for the office of vice president, and Hubert F. O'Brien, President and Director of the A. P. Smith Manufacturing Co. of East Orange, N. J. Mr. O'Brien has been named to fill the post of treasurer.

Annual Association awards, pre-



John G. Copley

sented at the Kansas City meeting, are as follows:

The John M. Diven Medal to Raymond J. Faust, AWWA executive secretary.

Honorary Memberships went to: Fred A. Eidsness, vice president of Black, Crow & Eidsness, Gainesville, Fla.; Ellsworth L. Filby, partner, Black & Veatch, Kansas City, Mo.; Lauren W. Grayson, general manager and chief engineer of the Glendale (Calif.) Public Service Department; Melvin P. Hatcher, consulting engineer, Kansas City, Mo.; and H. Arthur Price, senior project design engineer with the Los Angeles (Calif.) Department of Water and Power.

The 1962 Publications Awards were conferred on John L. Cleasby, associate professor, and E. Robert Bauman, professor, both of the department of civil engineering, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, for their paper "Selection of Sand Filtration on Rates." Annual Division Awards are made in each of the four AWWA divisions for the AWWA Journal paper considered the best in its field during the publishing year. Award winners for 1962 are:

Distribution Division Award: Jerome B. Wolff for his paper, "Peak Demands in Residental Areas. Honorable mention awards went to Benjamin C. Nesin for his paper on "Quality Control Practices" and Emil S. Mamrelli for his paper, "Pressure Zoning and Maintenance in the Los Angeles Distribution System."

Management Divison Award: Joseph H. Kuranz for his paper: "Water Utility Administration in Waukesha, Wis." Honorable mentions went to Herbert O. Hartung for his paper, "Water Utility Performance Criteria," and to T. E. Larson for his paper titled "Research Needs, Priorities, and Information Services." Purification Division Award: Werner Strumm and James J. Morgan for their paper, "Chemical Aspects of Coagulation." Arnold K. Cherry received honorable mention for his paper, "Use of Potassium Permanganate in Water Treatment."

Resources Division Award: Devere W. Ryckman, Nathan C. Burbank, and Edward Edgerley for their paper, Methods of Characterizing Missouri River Organic Materials of Taste and Odor Interest." Honorable mentions in this division went to Ray O. Joslyn for his paper, "Balanced Utilization of Ground Water Resources" and to Kenneth A. MacKichan for his paper, "Water Use in the United States, 1960."

The Nicholas S. Hill Jr. Cup: Awarded to the section making the greatest membership gain during the calendar year, according to a weighted pointed score, went to the Intermountain Section. The Iowa Section, which took the cup in 1961, was second this year. Third place went to the Southeastern Section.

The Franklin Henshaw Cup: Presented to the section showing greatest improvement in annual meeting attendance, as compared with its previous high, The Henshaw Cup went to the Rocky Mountain Section, Which topped its record registration by 15.1 per cent. The Ohio Section was second and the Pacific Northwest Section was third.

The Old Oaken Bucket: Since its inception in 1939, this annual award for the secton with the largest membership has been held by the California Section. California was tops again in 1962 with 1,849 members. Also repeating in second and third places were the Southwest Section with 1,184 members and the New York Section with 988 members.



Kansas City's Royal Arena is the site for one of the world's largest cattle shows, but a full rodeo and barbecue

for thousands of AWWA members were held in it during the conference.



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Gas-Fired Engine Lauded

Dependability credited with averting disaster in California brush fire

A power failure which rendered most water pumps inoperable at the height of a raging forest fire near Newhall, Calif., last fall, tested maximum operating capacity of a natural gas-fired engine in pumping water to quell the blaze which threatened 140 homes. C. A. Akins, Industrial Sales Engineer with the Southern California Gas Company examines the scorched earth (above). Below he helps two unfortunate homeowners pick up remnants of one of the four homes that burned.



Natural gas played a heroic role during the recent Placerita Canyon fire in the north end of the San Fernando Valley, according to Joseph Staller, Southern California Gas Company division manager, headquartered in Van Nuys.

The fire, Mr. Staller said, highlighted the efficient and dependable operation of natural gas-fired equipment in pumping millions of gallons of precious water to the scene of the raging fires.

Next to the valiant efforts of hundreds of firemen and volunteer workers who fought the blaze, the Newhall County Water District Board of Directors has singled out the pumping performance of a gasfired engine in preventing what could have been a major tragedy.

After the blaze was extinguished, E. W. "Nick" Nichols, President of the Board of Directors, said, "We would have been virtually without water at the height of the fire, if it had not been for our gas engine. Very likely we would have lost all of the 140 homes in the canyon instead of the four which did burn."

According to O. L. "Red" Martin, manager of the water district in Newhall, the 430-HP Roiline V12 engine was bought about one year ago to pump extra water from one of the community's wells. "It was one of the best decisions we ever made when we decided to try it out," Martin said.

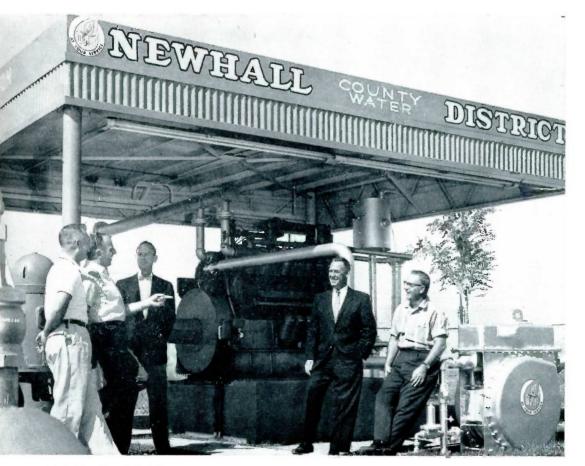
Shortly after the installation, the engine proved its merit during a fire in the Newhall business district. In supplying the demand for water to contain the fire, the gas engine passed its first big test with flying colors. In recounting the occasion of the fire, Mr. Martin pointed out, "It wasn't even necessary to use our other pumps to maintain line pressure."

The water district's general manager explained that lack of sufficient water pressure had been a continuing problem in Newhall before the engine was installed. "Complaints poured in every time there was any unusual demand on our lines," he said, "but 'pressure' is one of the biggest points in this engine's favor and now we seldom get a complaint."

During the Placerita Canyon fire which burned over more than 8700 acres, a period of real crisis developed when other water pumps were knocked out by a power failure. Normal day-to-day operating capacity of the engine is about 800 gallons per minute, but through this most crucial period of the fire, the engine delivered a cool 1800 gpm without a sign of strain.

Mr. Martin stated, "I know for a fact that at least a dozen county pumpers were being supplied from our lines and most of them were able to operate with the pressure as it came from our mains."

Grateful Newhall residents, whose homes were saved, and officials of the Los Angeles County Fire Department joined the Water District manager in praising the performance of the engine.



The performance of this natural gas-fired engine drew high praise from area water district officials. Discussing the merits of the engine are (left to right): District Manager O. L. Martin, Board of Directors President E. W. Nichols, Roger Morey, C. A. Akins, and Dale Taylor. All except Mr. Akins, who is with the Southern California Gas Company, are with the Newhall Water District in Los Angeles County.

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The wife of a noted TV announcer put her small son to bed and told him, "Now son, say your prayers."

"Oh Lord," mumbled the little fellow, "please bless mom and dad, and give us this day our slowbaked, oven-fresh, vitamin-enriched bread."

"My wife has the worst habit of staying up until one or two o'clock in the morning and I can't break her of it."

"What is she doing all that time?"

"Waiting for me to come home."

He'd never been outside the United States and neither had she, but they both were recounting their experiences abroad. "And Asia," she said, "wonderful Asia. Never shall I forget India and most of all, China, the celestial kingdom. How I loved it."

"And the pagodas," he asked, "did you see them?"

"See them! My dear, I had dinner with them."

Remember when "extras" were special editions of newspapers in-

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stead of many dollars added to the price of a new car?

"There is nothing more disagreeable for a speaker," said a gentleman who loved giving public addresses, "than to notice his listeners glancing at their watches."

"There's one thing worse," said another orator. "That is, if having looked at their watches, they hold them up to their ears to make sure they haven't stopped."

"Tell me—who is the real boss in your home?"

"Well, my wife bosses the children and the children boss the cat and dog. and - - -"

"And you?"

"Well I can say anything I like to the geraniums."



"I won't be in today, boss. I feel below par"

The weary shoe salesman had pulled out half the stock and still couldn't satisfy the fussy woman customer. Finally, he mopped his brow, sat on the floor, and said, "Mind if I rest a minute madam? Your feet are killing me."

The man still wears the pants in the typical American family. If you don't believe it, look under his apron.

First man: reaching for a second helping of dessert: "You know, I've just got to watch my waistline."

Second man: "How lucky you are to have it right out there where you can."

Successful Man: One who earns more than his wife can spend.

Successful Woman: One who finds such a man.

The teenage son slumped dejectedly in a chair, his face anguished. Mother asked Father what was causing the gloom.

"He wants to go to the drug store down on the corner," replied Father, "but the car won't start."

An Irish soldier on duty in Egypt received a letter from his wife saying that because he was gone she would have to spade the garden. "Bridget, please don't dig the garden," he wrote back, "That's where the guns are hidden."

The letter was duly censored and in a short time soldiers came and dug up the garden from end to end. Bridget, worried over the incident, wrote her husband asking what she should do. Pat's reply was short and to the point: "Put in the spuds."

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Teenager writing home from boarding school: "Send food packages! All they serve here is breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

Weeping tears of outrage, the lady driver insisted she had given a signal before her car was struck by the man's.

"Look, lady," said the man, his patience ebbing, "I saw your arm go up, then down, then straight out, then into circles. Are you trying to tell me that's a signal?"

"For heaven's sake," she replied, "the first three signals were wrong —didn't you see me erase them?"

It was Friday at 5 p.m. and the office staff was about to leave for the weekend, when the boss rushed out and asked his secretary, "What are you going to do this Sunday

night, Miss Jones?" "Why, nothing, nothing at all," she replied excitedly.

"Wonderful!" he said. "Then maybe you'll be on time next Monday morning."

The doctor was discussing health and hygiene with his spinster patient.

"Even though you take a bath every day you can't stay healthy just by bathing alone."

"Maybe not, doctor," snapped the lady, "but I'm still going to bathe alone."

Modern Man: One who drives a mortgaged car over a bond-financed highway with gas bought on a credit card.

"Why are you standing there throwing stones at that poor little boy?"

"Because I daren't go any closer, Miss. He's got the whooping cough."

The man and his wife passed away within a few days of each other, but went to their separate destinies. A few weeks passed and she called to see how he was getting along. "Fine," he replied. "All we have to do down here is shovel some coal on the fire. We don't work more than two hours a day. How about you?" "We have to get up at four in the morning," she said, "to gather the stars, then haul in the moon and hang out the sun.

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Then we have to roll the clouds around all day." "How come you have to work so hard?" he asked. "Well, we're sort of short handed up here."

A letter to a teen-age counseling column reads, "I am only 19, and I stayed out 'til 10 the other night. My mother objects. Did I do wrong?"

The answer: "Try to remember." "Pardon me, said the stranger, "are you a resident here?"

"Yes," was the answer, "I've been here goin' on fifty years. What kin I do for you?"

"I am looking for a criminal lawyer," said the stranger. "Have you any here?"

"Well," said the other, "we're pretty sure we have, but we can't prove it."



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"We will now hear the treasurer's report"

Among the English language's many puzzling words is "economy" which means the large size in soap flakes and the small size in automobiles.

Mother: "Your boy friend stayed very late last night, didn't he?"

Daughter: "Yes, mother, did the noise disturb you?"

Mother: "No, but the periods of silence did."

"Just because you have been kept waiting," said the nurse to the expectant father, "doesn't necessarily mean the baby will be a girl."

Husband: "My wife does bird imitations."

Friend: "For instance?"

Husband: "She watches me like a hawk."

"Mr. Arnold," the timid looking boy began, "er—an—that is, can er—will you—"

"Why, yes, my boy, you may marry her," said Mr. Arnold with a smile.

"What?" said the boy. "Marry who?"

"My daughter, of course. That is what you mean, isn't it? You want to marry her, don't you?" "Er—that's not it," said the boy.

"Er—that's not it," said the boy. "I just wanted to know if you'd lend me \$10.00."

"Certainly not!" said Mr. Arnold. "Why, I hardly know you!"

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A little girl was telling her teacher about losing her baby teeth. One tooth was loose and she'd already lost three. She said, "Pretty soon I'll be running on the rim."



With Mueller 35 Years

Retired Vice President, J. Lloyd Logsdon, Dies

J. Lloyd Logsdon

J. Lloyd Logsdon, former Mueller Co. vice president and general manager of the Los Angeles plant, passed away March 20 in his home in San Marino, California. He was 68 years old.

During his 35 years with Mueller Co., Mr. Logsdon was recognized as a fine salesman and a top executive, but to all his acquaintances he was even more: he was a gentleman and a friend. At the time of his retirement in 1955, about 400 co-workers, customers and business associates paid tribute to Mr. Logsdon at a testimonial dinner. At this dinner he was praised as a great man, but one whose humility had never let him forget the arduous path that has faced every individual achieving success.

After his retirement, Mr. Logsdon continued living in California. He spent several months each year at his summer home in Monte Rio, Sonoma County, California, on the Russian River, which is relatively close to the San Francisco area. The remainder of his time he lived in the Los Angeles area in San Marino.

Funeral services were held March 22 in Los Angeles, with interment at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. Colma, California, which is just outside of San Francisco.

Mr. Logsdon is survived by his wife, Millie, a son, James, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Logsdon was born in Carthage, Missouri, but spent almost all of his life in California and the southwest.

As a young man right out of school Mr. Logsdon worked for a large wholesale plumbing and hardware company in San Diego in 1912. At that time he became familiar with the Mueller name and line and by the time he entered the U.S. Navy during the First World War he had decided he wanted to work for the company.

He left the Navy in 1919 and a short time later Adolph Mueller, company president at that time, appointed him sales representative in the San Francisco area.

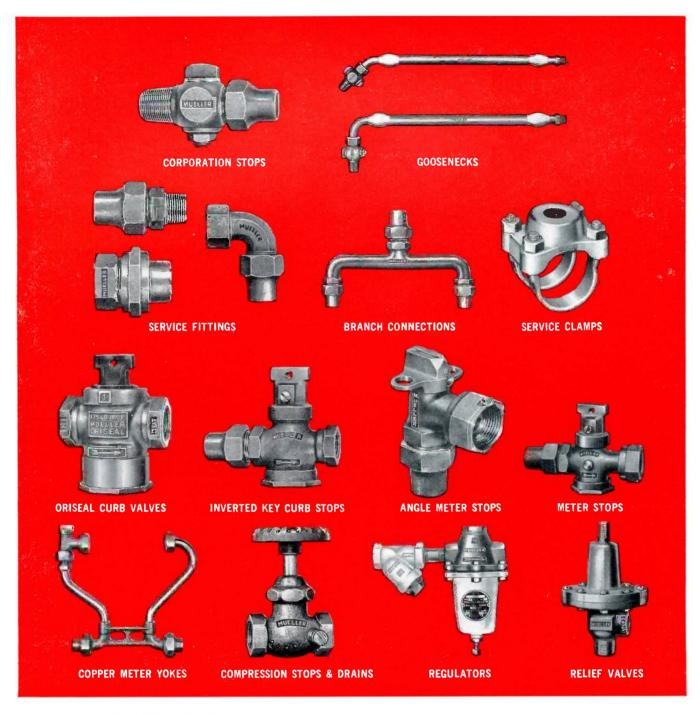
Six years later his San Francisco territory was extended to take in the San Francisco Penisula as far down as Palo Alto. In 1929 his terriory again was expanded so that it included the Monterey Peninsula, 135 miles south of San Francisco, and the Northern California Coast line up to the Oregon border.

As the means of transportation expanded, Mr. Logsdon's territory expanded and by 1933 his territory included the San Joaquin-Sacramento Valley and as far east as Reno. He traveled this territory until 1940, when he was transferred to the Los Angeles plant and appointed assistant manager of the Pacific Coast factory and sales office.

On December 31, 1944, Mr. Logsdon was appointed general manager for the Pacific Coast operation which included factory operations and sales territories in seven states that were served then by the L. A. plant.

He was elected to the position of vice president in charge of Western sales in July, 1950, and in December of 1952, he was elected vice president and general manager of the Los Angeles office.

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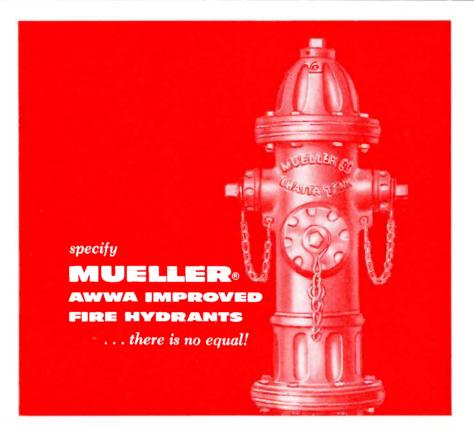


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