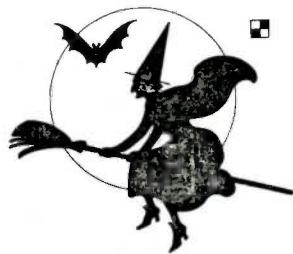


# MUELLER RECORD



HALLOWE'EN

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# WHY BE POOR?



By spending \$1 which you could have saved before you are 20 you spend \$10. By spending \$1 before you are 30 would amount to \$6 when the saver reached 60. If you spend at least \$2. How so? One dollar or \$100 or any other number of dollars, carefully invested, will double in about a dozen years. Therefore, \$1 saved and invested before 20 will amount to \$10 in 40 years, or by the time most people think they would like to take life easy. The dollar saved before the age of 30 would amount to \$6 when the saver reached 60. If you have never realized this and given it serious thought, do so now, for it may make it less painful to practice the self-restraint and self-denial which saving usually entails. It is better to do without early in life than to have to go without late in life.

—Forbes Magazine

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## BUSY PLACE

The Employment Office has been a busy place the past few weeks. It always is at this season of the year.

With the first indication of cold, men who prefer open-air jobs in the summer time turn to inside jobs for the winter.

We wonder sometimes what becomes of the men who fail to get an inside job during cold weather. They migrate to warmer climes, perhaps, even though work may not be as plentiful or wages as good. At least they do not suffer by exposure to the cold.

Many of them belong to a class without any fixed or definite idea in life. They have acquired no trade, and in many instances their habits and necessities make it impossible for them to begin acquiring a trade now. Mostly they are young men not worried by any great sense of responsibility to themselves or to society.

They have failed and are failing to observe or acquire that well known lesson which points unerringly to the penalty that middle age and old age must pay for the thoughtless and improvident youth.

Most of these young men do not want steady indoor work. They take a job indoors for the winter, but the urge of the first breath of spring calling men to the open is so irresistible that they drop their tools and hasten to find outdoor work.



"And what is so rare as a day in June?" Nothing in the line of weather except a sunlit day in October with the haze in the air and a landscape of brown fields bordered by gaily colored trees in browns, greens, golds and scarlets. Both days are all right in their time, place and season.

## October

The month of carnival of all the year,  
When Nature lets the wild earth go its way,  
And spends whole seasons on a single day.  
The springtime holds her white and purple  
dear;  
October, lavish, flaunts them far and near;  
The summer charily her reds doth lay  
Like jewels on her costliest array;  
October, feasting 'neath her dome of blue,  
The winter hoards her pearls of frost in  
sign

Of kingdom; white pearls than winter knew,  
Or Empress wore, in Egypt's ancient line,  
October, feasting 'neath her dome of blue,  
Drinks at a single draught, slow filtered  
through  
Sunshiny air, as in a tingling wine!

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

## THAT'S HALLOWE'EN

Two diminutive ghosts standing on the corner, a sprinkling of corn and of cabbage on the front porch, an unearthly noise against the side of the house, soap on the window, a bobbing of apples in the door, a whiff of cider in the air--that's Hallowe'en!

The small boy has long been in his own element on Hallowe'en. On October 31 he has found some pretext for all the really unusual stunts that he hasn't quite had the nerve to pull off during the rest of the year. The morning after may bring reprimands or something worse, but, at least, the adult world half expects something to happen, something to be carried out in the middle of the street or on top of the porch--on Hallowe'en.

A study of just how all the observances that we associate with Hallowe'en became customary would be most interesting if it were possible to begin with the very first ceremonies on October 31 and trace every single step of the way to this year of grace, 1926. Unfortunately there are no records, no chronicles, no histories upon which we could rely for a knowledge of the evolution of Hallowe'en. Most of our conclusions would necessarily be conjectures. But, truth or fiction, they would doubtless be interesting.

Hallowe'en is the holiday known in olden times as All Hallow's Eve, the eve of All Hallow's Day which always came on November 1. All Hallow's Day is now better known as All Saints' Day.

The ancient druids were supposed to have had weird and mysterious rites on this occasion. All spirits were released from bondage and permitted to roam about for one glorious holiday.

Because of its early connection with the unnatural and uncanny, Hallowe'en finds a place for every kind of superstition. Black cats, long a dread omen of misfortune, and witches, those sinister heralds of the unseen world, have come to be part of the Hallowe'en paraphernalia. No Hallowe'en bridge or dinner party is complete without its black cat favors and witches-on-a-broom nut cups.

Then because Hallowe'en follows close upon the harvest and introduces winter, pumpkins and cider and apples belong to the holiday.

And, because pumpkins are orange and black cats are black, the Hallowe'en colors are orange and black.

Now you guess a while.

### THE TROTTER

For a long time Bill Gustin held the honors as the champion trotter of the organization. He went gallivanting about the country, and does yet, so that his friends seldom see him at his desk. But now Bill has a rival in the person of Matt Trott, who ably sustains his name as a real trotter.

Just the other day he went down to Florida and returning, had dinner at home and went to New York. Coming back, he stopped at his home, rang the door bell, greeted his good wife with, "Howdy do, Mrs. Trotter; just stopped to bid you good bye." Then he came to the office, looked us over for a minute and disappeared.

A little later we dropped in to see him, and noting his absence, casually asked, "Where's Trot?"

"Trott?" said Dixie, "Oh, he's on his way to Los Angeles."

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### EMPLOYEES AID SOCIETY

Some years ago the Employees Aid Society distributed among all members a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society. The Trustees of the Society have decided to revise and reprint the By-laws; but in the meantime, the following are brought to your attention. It is expected that a member will notify the Employment Office of his disability if he expects to claim benefits. If he is laid up for more than a week he should notify the Employment Department every week.

The certificate of a licensed physician may be required in support of any claim for sickness or accident benefits. If you expect to be out of town for treatment, get first the permission of the Personnel Supervisor.

"Benefits will not be paid for death or accidental injuries resulting wholly or in part, directly or indirectly, from intoxicants, or while intoxicated, from or while violating law, or for injuries self-inflicted, nor for sickness which is caused or increased in whole or in part by sexual immorality, intoxication, or the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics."

For sickness the Society does not pay for more than 75 days for the same illness. It is not the intention of the Society to pay for more than 75 days for an illness in a year. When benefits totaling 75 days have been paid for illness, the Personnel Supervisor may require the certificate of a physician stating that the member is in good health before he may continue his membership. Members in the Aid Society terminate their membership at the hour and day their service for the Mueller Company terminates.

B. J. Marty submitted the other day an old copy of the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Mutual Benefit Association of the H. Mueller Mfg. Co."

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### Pretty Home For Sale



The home of Harold Probst is for sale. It is pictured above.

Mr. Probst was transferred to our New York Branch on such short notice that he did not have time to dispose of his home and our company has offered to sell it for him.

The above photograph gives a very good idea of the bungalow, which is located on a corner lot, 40 by 150 feet. It has five rooms and bath and is thoroughly modern.

Anyone interested in the purchase of this property should communicate with Mr. J. W. Wells.

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### SALESMEN HERE

October 1st and 2nd, the salesmen in the Mississippi Valley territory were called to Decatur for a meeting, the object of which was to familiarize themselves with our new vitreous ware which we are now marketing.

The meetings were held in the lodge.

The opening session on Saturday, Oct. 1st was addressed by the Messrs. Adolph Mueller and J. W. Simpson, who explained the objects of the gathering.

A. V. Lawton of the Vitreous Ware Plant spoke on the "Founding and development of the clay products industry. Evolution of the washdown bowl. Explanation of the operation of the present day types of siphon acting closets and tanks."

During the forenoon the salesmen were taken through the vitreous ware plant to acquaint them with the process.

At the afternoon session Phillip Cruikshank made an address on the "Present Day Methods of Sanitary Ware Production, with emphasis on Mueller Vitreous goods. Illustrated description of Mueller products, and sales arguments which will aid in merchandising them. Grading classification of Vitreous products." He also gave a description of the tank and bowl fittings. Mr. Lawton again spoke on the future plans and policies of the clay products of the Mueller Co.

The salesmen left Saturday evening, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd, for their territories prepared to sell Mueller Vitreous ware.

## Night Foundry Men



The above picture of the Night Foundry men was taken several weeks ago. Harry Miller is Foreman, Clarence Byers, assistant foreman.

### CONVENTIONS

Fall conventions have been numerous.

The Southwest Waterworks Association convention was held at Shreveport, La., Oct. 11-15. It was attended by Jess Keown, F. E. Carroll and Paul Hines.

The American Gas Association convention was held in Atlantic City October 11th.

The company was represented by C. N. Wagenseller, accompanied by his wife, O. J. Hawkins of the Sales Dept., J. T. Sutliff of the Engineering Dept., and C. J. G. Haas of the eastern territory.

This was the last big convention of the year.

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### PUBLICITY FOR PLANT NO. 9

The Illinois Central magazine for October devotes a half page to describing and illustrating plant 9, where our vitreous ware is made. There is a picture of the building and beneath it a picture of the first car load of goods shipped. A bunch of dignitaries stand in front of this car and beneath is the following legend:

The first car of plumbers' ware shipped from Plant No. 9 of the Mueller Company at Decatur, Ill. Those in the picture are, left to right: Z. C. Snell, Illinois Central agent, Decatur; F. W. Cruikshank, secretary, the Mueller Company; Phillip Cruikshank, manager, Plant No. 9; Dick Moore, sales manager, Plant No. 9; A. V. Lawton, general superintendent, Plant No. 9.

### GARAGE BURNED

Mrs. Enola Smith of the Cost Department, went to Brownstown, eight miles east of Vandalia, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, in answer to a message announcing the destruction by fire of her father's garage. Ill luck seems to have selected this garage as a special target.

A year ago last Labor Day the garage was wrecked by a cyclone and a party of Ohio tourists who had stopped there were killed.

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### LETTERS FROM OPAL

Friends of Miss Opal Jackson are receiving letters from her. Opal left us a few weeks since and went to Ft. Atkinson, Wis., where she took a position on the Democrat as assistant editor, beginning a realization of her plans and hopes to shine in the field of journalism. During a part of the time she was connected with our organization she assisted on the Record. She not only possessed good literary taste, but had a sense of humor which frequently found expression in her writing. Her letters are full of whimsical comments on her new duties which she finds very pleasant and agreeable. Her friends here look forward to the time when they will be reading stories by Opal that will overshadow the best efforts of Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Fannie Hurst.

## BRASS CHIPS

Ed Curran of the Grinding Department has returned to the Okaw.

Francis McCool of Plant 8 has joined his son in Port Huron, Mich.

Ralph Petzel, night fireman at the Power House, has gone on the farm.

Harl Redmon of the Tool Storage Department, has taken a position with the Great Lakes Wall Paper Company.

Charles Braden of the Tool Room has gone to work for his brother in Rock Island.

Lester Ruthrauff, who has been clerk at Plant 8 for the past two years, has taken a job with the City Waterworks.

Raymond Larus, who was getting a good start on his apprenticeship in the Tool Room, went to work at the Wabash roundhouse.

Marie Zerfewski of the Core Department has given up her work on account of ill health.

Richard Thayer of the Shipping Department has gone into the grocery business.

Willard Hughes of the Production Department has gone to Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa.

Trall Carder has outgrown Decatur and has gone to Detroit.

Charles Gunter has returned to work in the Night Compression shop after an absence of seven years.

James L. Hercules was employed for the Night Grinding Dept. Another strong man on the force.

Melvin McLemore is again working in the Night Foundry.

Commodore Webb has returned to the force and is now working as a watchman.

August Raushek, formerly an apprentice in the Machine Shop, is now working in the Night Tool Room. He has been out in the world gathering experience.

Henry Morey, first aid man, attended the annual convention of the National Safety Council at Detroit, October 25 to 28. Arch Jackson of the Shipping Department took charge of his work during his absence.

## With Granddaughter



The above splended photograph of Mrs. F. W. Cruikshank and her little granddaughter, Gertrude Parks, Cruikshank II, was made by F. W. Cruikshank. Note the expression on the faces. The baby is intently examining her grandmother's glasses. It's a real photographic portrait.

Among the recent transfers and additions to the office, was the transfer of Wayne Fortney from the shipping room to the position of Price Checker.

Donald Prestley is a new man in the cost department, coming here from the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co.

Edna Cranston is dividing her time between the Stationery Department and notifying customers of shipments made.

Helmut Opalka is helping in the Stationery Department.

Jean Archer is also helping in the Stationery Department.

Margaret Heibaurtz has been transferred from the core room to the Employment Department.

Eura Frantz, formerly of the Tool Tempering Department, returned to work in the Polishing Department Oct. 4. In the meantime, he has been to California and elsewhere.

**MOTHER AND SISTER KILLED**

**Marline Meador Suffers a Double Affliction as Result of Accident**

Marline Meador has been doubly afflicted. His mother, Mrs. Stella Meador, and his sister, Mrs. Grace Meador Hoag, were killed in an automobile accident at Los Angeles, Calif.

The accident happened on August 31. Mrs. Meador, accompanied by Mrs. Hoag and a party of friends, were driving in an automobile which was hit by the Sunset Limited. Mrs. Hoag, who was at the wheel, was instantly killed and Mrs. Meador died a few hours later.

It was a terrible accident, eight people losing their lives. The dead as reported by press dispatches are:

Mrs. Meador, Vernon, Ill.  
Mrs. Grace Hoag, Baldwin, Calif.  
W. H. Hoag, 63, father in law of Mrs. Grace Hoag.  
Mrs. W. H. Hoag, 57.  
Mrs. R. B. Smith, 45, sister in law of Mrs. Grace Hoag.

Donald Smith, 7, nephew.  
Rev. Daniel O. Opperman, 65, Lodi, Calif.  
The funeral of Mrs. Meador and daughter was held at Vernon, Illinois, where they had been very prominent residents.

Business in the little town was practically suspended during the funeral services.

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**FOREMAN'S CLUB**

The first business meeting of the Foremen's Club since the vacation period was held at Mueller Lodge, Thursday evening, Sept. 30. After a good supper, the meeting opened with the election of Walter Behrns as vice president. O. J. Hawkins, who has been vice president during the past year, became president at the expiration of the term of H. C. Camron.

After the election, Orville was introduced by Harve, who left him to carry on the meeting.

The main subject for the evening was an explanation by Robert H. Mueller of the mechanical excellence of Mueller goods.

The following new members were introduced to the club:

Frank Broadstone of the Casting Department at the Pottery; Paul Jacka, James Sutliff, E. R. Bartley of the Engineering Department.

Marion Eckman has been promoted to the rank of assistant foreman. He is in charge of the kilns at the Vitreous Ware Plant.

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**Hallowe'en Party**

The second meeting of the club—a social session—was held Thursday evening, October 28, and was participated in by foremen and their wives. After dinner at the lodge the party went to the employees' club

**Killed In Auto Accident**

Mrs. Grace Meador Hoag, and Mrs. Stella Meador, sister and mother of Marline Meador, were killed in auto accident on August 31st.

house for dancing, cards, and Hallowe'en games.

The next social session, according to the schedule, will be in December.

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**LEISURE HOURS**

About eleven couples attended a wiener roast held at the Athletic Club on the evening of Oct. 18th. The event was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eagleton. Dancing, games, fortunes, and stunts were the amusements of the evening.

Lois Christy, "Bob" Watkins, and Marjorie Smeathers were the hostesses at a Five Hundred party held at the Athletic Club on Oct. 20th. Prizes for the ladies were won by Mrs. Cecil Robinson, first; Mrs. Helen Brannan, second, and Neina Greening, consolation. Prizes for the men were won by Ted Pope, first; Kyle Tolly, second, and Grover Barnes, consolation.

About fifteen couples attended a Hallowe'en party given by Troy Rousch at the Athletic Club, Oct. 26th. Games, dancing, fortunes, and a weiner roast were the entertainments of the evening.

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**PERSONALS**

F. M. Schrear of the Nickel Plating Department, accompanied by his wife and sister, recently drove to Wingate, Ind., where they enjoyed their vacation.

## Night Regulator Department



Men in the Night Regulator Dept. with Joe Dial, Night Superintendent and J. Morrison, foreman.

### WALTER SCREETON HOME

#### Finds Old Home Town Changed But Little —Meets Old Friends

Walter Screeton has returned from England where he went as a guest of the company. It was a great event in his life, visiting old scenes, meeting old friends and recounting old times. Here is what Walter says of his trip in a letter to the company:

"I am back in Decatur once more and we have had a very fine trip. There were smiles and tears when I met my sister. We were in Nottingham about four weeks. The old town of Nottingham is about the same as it was in the 16th Century. I also received your letters and some post cards from the boys in Department 30. It was very nice to hear from home. I met a great many friends that I played with when I was a boy. Eleven out of twelve that I played with on the football team fifty years ago are still alive and I met them in Nottingham. I was treated very nice by all and had the best chair in the house, the best bed and six meals a day and everything went O. K.

"We left for Grantham and had a nice time. Here a short stay then left for Peterborough, where two nieces live. We were here four days, the best of times. Then we went to Croyland Abbey for one day. A good time there. We left for London and we were there four days. A nice time.

Then to Paris eight days, which is a splendid place. Then back to London two days. Went to Nottingham for a short stay. We went to Lincoln one day, then to Bradford, where I have a brother. It was a great meeting. From here to Stockport where we had a good time, and then to Southport which was the best of all. We were here two weeks. Here is the nicest place in England. We did well here.

"I had a good time and plenty to eat. I will never forget it, and wish to thank the Mueller Co. for the trip and also for the pay for the time I was off from work."

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### DRAMATIC CLUB FORMED

Shakespeare said that "All the world is a stage," so we are forming a dramatic club to find some of the most talented of our employees. Dramatics will be taught and plays will be given. The best actors will star in a motion picture production to be made early in the spring. Those interested should see Louis Rost at the cafeteria.

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A general bulletin of September 16th, announces that Chick Roarick, first assistant general superintendent, has been placed in charge of all departments west of Monroe St., acting directly under the supervision of the general superintendent.

We realize that this increases Chick's responsibility, especially over Charles Morris. We do hope that Chick is able to make something out of that harum-scarum boy.

## WEDDINGS

Cupid has been very busy since the last issue of the Record. There have been quite a few weddings. The most important of these because of his position with the company and because the wedding was a surprise to most of his friends, was the marriage of J. W. Simpson, sales manager, and Miss Gladys Whitehead. Very few if any knew of the imminence of this happy event, even though they may have had their "suspicions". Consequently there was a chorus of "Oh, Well what do you think of that," etc., when the papers of Sunday, October 17th, made the announcement. The wedding was a simple and sensible affair. Mr. Simpson and Miss Whitehead were married Saturday evening, Oct. 16th, in the parsonage of the First Methodist Church by Rev. Fred W. Ingvoldstad. There were no attendants.

The bride was attired in boise de rose crepe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Whitehead, North College. She is a graduate of the Decatur High School and was assistant to the head bookkeeper at the Farmers State Bank for some time. Since Mrs. Whitehead's illness, Mrs. Simpson has been at home. For several years Mrs. Simpson has been prominent in the various activities of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left that evening for a month's trip in the South, where they are still honeymooning.

Upon their return they will reside at Mr. Simpson's home, 1017 West Prairie avenue.

The Mueller organization congratulates the couple.

## Rodgers-Love

Naomi Rodgers, 549 W. Cerro Gordo street, and William A. Love, 549 N. Water street, were married October 23rd by Judge McCoy in the court house. The bride has been employed at the Muzzy Inn and the bridegroom in Department 8. They will live at 549 N. Water street.

## Luck-Miller

Julia Luck of the Cafeteria and Harry Miller, foreman of the night foundry, were married Oct. 19th at the parsonage of the first U. B. Church by Rev. George M. Myers. The attendants were Mrs. George M. Myers and Mrs. Mauguere Myers. The Bride wore a dress of blue Canton Crepe. They will live at 2600 E. Logan St.

## Lanter-Foster

Velma Lanter of Argenta and J. H. Foster of the Night Brass Shops, were married October 2nd by the Rev. Matthew Mueller. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mansfield, Gertrude Lanter and Nova Foster. The bride wore a dress of blue crepe de chine with accessories to match and the decorations were in blue and white. After the ceremony they left for a wedding trip to Chicago. The bride before her marriage was a bookkeeper.

## Darrel Dean May



This picture was taken when Darrel Dean May was four months old. He is son of Albert May of Dept. 30.

## Waymire-Barding

Ethel F. Waymire and Laurence H. Barding were married at 8 o'clock, September 1st, by Rev. L. A. Hatch, pastor of the Church of God. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's parents in the presence of 60 guests. The attendants were Florence Waymire, sister of the bride, and Harold Barding, cousin of the groom. The bride's dress was of white flat crepe with white satin trimming, and she carried a bouquet of tea roses and sweetheart roses. The bridesmaid, Florence Waymire, wore Nile green georgette with accessories to match. Just before the ceremony Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received, among them a tray of silverware from the Dictaphone Department and stenographers in the Main Office.

Mrs. Barding is in charge of the Dictaphone Department, and Mr. Barding is a machinist at the Wabash Locomotive Shops.

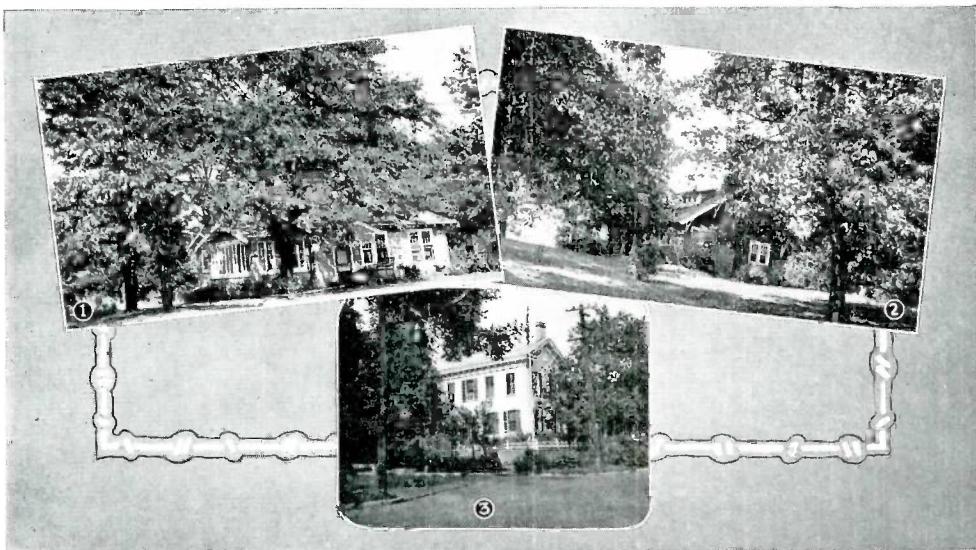
They intend to take a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and different points in Canada. They are living at 1445 East Division.

## Biggs-Browning

Beatrice Biggs of Christopher, Illinois, and Emmett Browning, Sales Order Drummer Clerk of the Main Office, were married at Nashville, Ind., on September 24th. They are living at 319 N. Main St.

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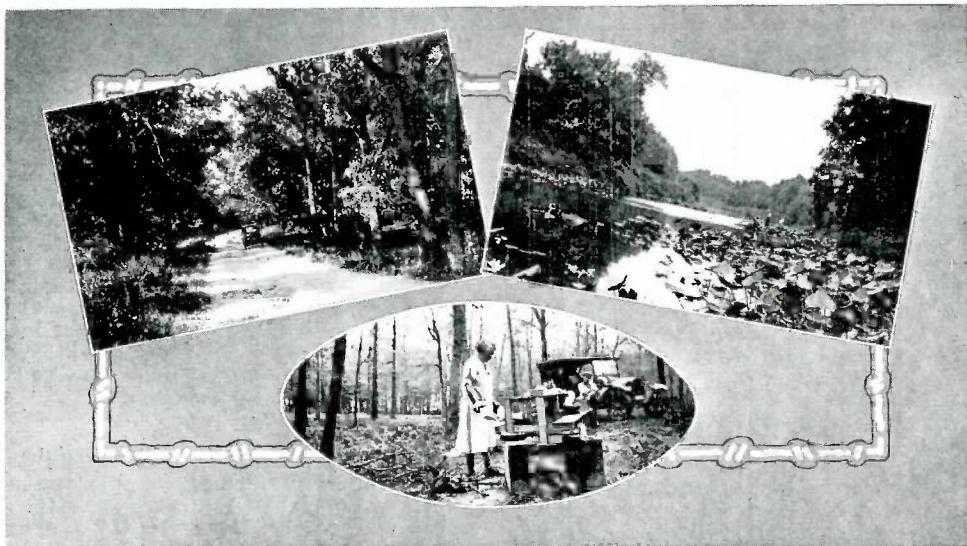
## *The Camera Club*



The prize winning pictures in the Camera Club for the months of September and October are presented here. The upper group represents the winners for October, the subject being "Homes." Marie Eagleton took first and second prize with pictures of two homes taken out on the East William Street hard road. Number three is a view of Lincoln's home in Springfield, taken by Margaret Marcot.

The lower group are the winners for September. Marie Eagleton also took first and second prize. The subject was "Vacation." The first picture is a scene taken on the Maffit Street road leading to the lake. The second picture is a view of Lick Skillet Lake taken while on a trip to the Okaw. A number of the party are seen in the back ground fishing. The lower picture is a breakfast scene taken near the Log Cabin at the Mueller Lodge, by Helen Pope.

The subject for November is "Children" and any member of the Athletic Association is entitled to turn in pictures. You probably have a number of snapshots taken of your children or little friends, turn them in, you may receive a prize.



## CLYDE SAYLOR'S DEATH

## Shocking Accident Causes Loss of Popular Mueller Employee

Our organization was distinctly shocked by the death of Clyde Saylor on the evening of September 24th. Going into his garage with his feet and clothing wet as a result of the heavy rain storm, he sought to turn on the electric light. Taking hold of the lamp, he turned the key and turned on the current. Corbin Hales, a neighbor, had come to aid Clyde in some work on his car. He saw that Clyde was being shocked and in trying to pull him away from the lamp was himself knocked down. He did finally succeed in breaking the cord and as he did so Clyde sank to the floor lifeless.

The accident was attended by conditions which made it all the more deplorable.

Mrs. Saylor was in Park River, N. D., where she had been called by the death of her sister in law. The son, Donald Saylor, a student of the U. of I., was in a hospital at Champaign with typhoid fever.

Clyde Saylor was born in Cerro Gordo Feb. 23, 1879, and had been employed in the drafting room for 21 years. Every one who knew Clyde Saylor liked him because of his unfailing sunny disposition and his co-operative spirit.

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## TIMOTHY McDERMOTT KILLED

## Veteran Employee Struck by Truck at Quitting Time

Timothy McDermott, of Dept. 8, was run down and killed by a truck at the corner of Monroe and Eldorado streets when leaving from work on the evening of Sept. 21. His skull was fractured and he suffered internal injuries. The truck was driven by George Peverley of Warrensburg.

Mr. McDermott was a native of Newark, N. J., where he was born April 27, 1856. He came to Decatur 26 years ago and was a member of the Congregational Church, and also of the Loyal Americans.

Mr. McDermott was one of our 20 year men, having been in our employ for 24 years. He was well known in factory circles and was well liked by all those who had acquaintance with him.

He leaves the following children: Sallie A. McDermott of Oak Park; Mrs. Lina Stecher of Chicago; John F. McDermott of Decatur; Mrs. Agnes Razer of Decatur; Oliver P. McDermott of Decatur and Ralph R. McDermott of Decatur. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James Morrison and Miss Ellen McDermott of Dalton City; Mrs. Anna McDermott of Decatur; Mrs. Mary McKay of White Water, Col., and Will McDermott of Dalton City.

## FOUND DEAD

## Simon Burckhart Dies Under Mysterious Circumstances

Simon Burckhart of Dept. 21 was found dead on the morning of Oct. 10th. Some mystery attends his death. The body was found in the rear of the Central Telephone building on North Main street by the janitor, A. Slaughter. There was a gash about an inch long on the right side of Burckhart's head. The body was found at the bottom of an 8-foot pit, leading to the cellar of a building. His coat was spread out and a brick was found on it.

On Sunday evening he had been seen sitting on a window sill of a building above the spot his body was found. While there was suspicion of foul play, it is quite likely the man fell from the window. Persons who saw him say he talked incoherently and had evidently been drinking.

Burckhart had been with us for about two years. Little is known about him in our organization or in Decatur.

He had brothers living in Champaign county.

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## DEATH OF L. C. HUESMAN

Members of the Mueller organization were shocked to hear of the death of L. C. Huesman at Indianapolis, Friday, Oct. 1st.

Mr. Huesman was president of the Central Supply Co., which is our jobbing house in the Hoosier capital. He was a fine man personally, a successful business man and a prominent citizen. He was widely known in Indianapolis, not only because of his business standing in the community but because of his activity in all civic and community undertakings. His death followed an Association of Commerce parade in which he participated.

Mr. Huesman's funeral was held Sunday, October 3rd, and an Indianapolis friend tells us that it was one of the largest ever held there. Many expressions of condolence reached the family, including a message from President Coolidge, with whom Mr. Huesman was acquainted.

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## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beneze, 957 N. Monroe St., Oct. 1st, a daughter. Mr. Beneze works in Dept. 15.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, 967 E. Eldorado St., Sept. 3rd, a daughter. Mr. Johnson is employed in Dept. 20.

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## IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller were in New York and other eastern points during the first two weeks of October.

Mr. Adolph went east to attend meetings of the American Manufacturers Association and the Eastern Supply Company.



### SAFETY ALWAYS

Some times we hear Mr. Langdon preach safety and the thought goes through our minds that it is not necessary for him to keep on telling us—that we already know. In this we are right and we are also wrong. We do know, but we forget. It is only by constant iteration and reiteration that safety is safely imbedded in our conscious minds. That's why Mr. Langdon and other safety workers are constantly speaking, urging and acting safety.

This attitude was strongly emphasized to the writer on a recent trip east. On every train and at every point in cities, if possible of accident, we found staring us in the face the sign, "Watch Your Step." Every time a passenger took or left a train a uniformed official repeated the words, "Watch Your Step." In idle moments on the train we thought of this seeming extra precaution on the part of public carriers. The ultimate conclusion was that it was a most commendable interest in personal welfare of travellers. No doubt it has prevented thousands of accidents and deaths. The inexperienced travellers become frustrated when taking a train or fighting his way through crowded streets and subways of cities. Some experienced travellers are not immune. In the excitement of taking trains the passenger forgets the one thing he should guard—his personal safety. He is temporarily mentally distracted. The chief thought is getting on or off trains, not on how to get on or off safely. That sign, "Watch Your Step" or its monotonous repetition by the officials of public carriers brings the traveller to instant recognition of danger and instinctively he guards against it.

Danger is ever present in human activity. It's present in walking down a street. Custom, habit and familiarity makes us careless—or thoughtless—then the accident occurs.

It pays to watch your step—on the street, in the home, in the office—in the factory.

Those who keep telling you so do not want to bore you, and you should not be bored.

You should be thankful that someone is trying to help you get a habit of guarding against injury or death.

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Hazel: The doctor has advised me to take iron.

Ruth: I wondered why you were biting your nails.



### THE YOUNG SAFETY ENGINEER

Oh, Dad, come look at all this junk! I'll say this room looks pretty punk. The basement floor is far from neat and rusty nails cause punctured feet. Someone might fall and maybe break an arm or leg if he should take a tumble on these empty cans left lying here by careless hands.

Here's turpentine and gasoline, varnish, paint and kerosene, old underwear and greasy rags; waste paper, too, and empty bags. If fire should start in all this trash, the house would go in one big flash. Our teacher says that fires don't start when everybody does his part and lends a hand in keeping clean the places that are seldom seen—in attics, basements, closets dark, where rubbish waits for just a spark to start a blaze that may destroy the happy home we now enjoy. And this is Fire Prevention Week when everyone is asked to seek for all the hazards he can name and end them 'ere they start a flame. If we don't clean it up, no doubt, a fire may come and clean us out.

My boy, you show by what you've said there's common sense inside your head. We'll start to work without delay and clear this pile of dirt away. You may be small but even you can show your dad a thing or two.

## Night Tool Room



This is a photograph of Night Tool Room, taken during the summer. Wm. Padrick is foreman, Joe Dial, Night Superintendent.

### TO THE NEW MEN

Since the Picnic last August between 400 and 500 new employees have come into this organization. We welcome you and hope that you will make satisfactory progress. During the past few months we have been extremely busy and it is possible that your foreman has not had the opportunity to give you the personal attention he would like to have done.

When you were employed you received our booklet "INFORMATION AND FACTORY RULES." We suggest that you read it again, giving particular attention to the SAFETY CODE. Make up your mind that no accident will happen to you and that you will not cause one. Constant alertness is the price of safety.

Again we emphasize this rule: "REPORT ANY INJURY, HOWEVER SLIGHT, TO YOUR FOREMAN AT ONCE. He will arrange for first aid."

Read the safety bulletins that appear each day on the bulletin boards. The news pictures which are displayed at the entrances you will find interesting and instructive.

Be sure to notify the Employment Office of a CHANGE OF ADDRESS if you move. This may be of much importance for us to have your address. If you have moved send your new address to the Employment Office or have the clerk do it for you.

We try to keep a record of the families of the men who work here and if a baby is born in your home, be sure to notify us.

Of course such important matters as weddings should go on our records. Do not assume that we know about these things but take just a moment to tell us. If at any time you find you cannot come to work be sure to notify your foreman or a telephone message may be sent to the Employment Office, Main 7980. Such messages for the men of the night shift should be received before 5 o'clock.

Employees are hereby notified that the Mueller Co., at its option, may require three days legal notice before paying an employee in full when leaving the employ of the Company.

For example, if an employee expects to check out at noon on Saturday, he must give his foreman notice by Wednesday morning. The foreman will then proceed to put through a check-out in due form.

If the employee fails to give notice and says nothing about leaving until Saturday, he will get his final check three days after giving notice of quitting.

We would advise you to join the Mueller Athletic Association and share in the good times that they are planning to provide.

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### JOIN THE THEATRE GUILD

If you want to be an actor or a movie star, join the Theatre Guild. See Louis Rost at the cafeteria for particulars. Meeting every Tuesday night, 7:30, at the cafeteria.

## Night Ground Key Dept.



This group of men make up the Night Ground Key Dept. Wm. Meehan is foreman, Charles Winholtz, assistant foreman

### Simonton-Butt

Maybelle Simonton of Monticello and Ralph R. Butt of the Vitreous Plant were married by Rev. C. H. Hix on Sept. 25th, at the home of Harry R. Butt. The attendants were Mrs. Nellie Hix and Alice L. Butt. They will live at 1605 N. Church St.

### Cozad-Fortney

Marie Cozad and W. W. Fortney of the Sales Department were married September 5th, by Rev. H. F. Powell, at the home of the brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cozad, 1976 E. Wood St. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Cozad. The bride formerly worked at Gebhart's. They are living at 1312 E. Prairie.

### Lemon-Utt

Miss Grace Lemon of Illiopolis and Clarence Utt of Dept. 33 were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Aug. 19th, by Rev. L. W. Madden in his residence, 950 West William street. The couple will make their home in 1374 West Decatur street.

### Kenney-Masten

Clarence E. Masten of the Core Room and Eva A. Kenney of Sullivan were married Thursday morning, Sept. 2nd, in Springfield at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, Rev. C. F. Baker officiating.

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Hallowe'en may not mean what we celebrate but it sure gives youth, and age, an opportunity for opening the safety valve and having a rip-roaring time.

### HOME FROM EAST

C. N. Wagenseller and wife are home from Atlantic City where they attended the convention of the American Gas Association from October 11th to 15th.

A day was spent in Philadelphia to attend the Sesqui-Centennial, which is a gigantic affair, but unfortunately not successful as any Philadelphian will tell you.

Two days were spent in New York, one of these being Monday, Sept. 18th, when the great metropolis welcomed Queen Marie of Roumania.

A sight quite as thrilling as the advent of the Queen on American soil was the docking of the Leviathan at her berth at 46th street.

They witnessed this spectacle from the home of Mrs. Wagenseller's brother on Riverside Drive.

This monster of the sea passed quarantine early in the morning. It was mid-afternoon before the fleet of tugs necessary to docking the ship had towed her to her berth.

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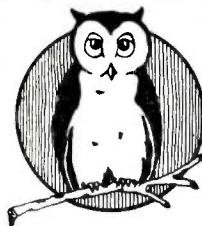
Alonzo Davey has returned to work in the Night Grinding Room.

Cecil "Red" Smith has returned to Department 24 at Plant 8 after an absence of several months.

Amos Kraft recently joined the Engineering Department as a draftsman.

# THE OFFICE OWL

## HOO! HOO!



When Floyd Johnson came in for a meeting recently, he was driving a new car. Betty looked the car over and it evidently met with her approval, for she rushed down to the telephone desk and excitedly cried: "Oh, Marie, Floyd Johnson has a new car with snuggers on it."

One more diamond has croppped out in our midst. This time it graces the finger of Geneva Porter of the Cost Department.

Ruth Ross went into a barber shop to get her hair cut not so long ago. While she was being trimmed the shoebblack came over and started to shine her shoes. Ruth wondered what the idea was, but said nothing. When she started to leave she offered the boy a dime, but he refused, saying a man had told him to shine her shoes and had paid him. Now Ruth is wondering whether this unknown benefactor thought she looked hard up or whether he was merely trying to be friendly.

Ollie's cars change with the seasons; this fall she is riding in a Nash coupe.

We wonder what it was that Lois threw at Marie the other day which nearly landed in a salesman's lap, and caused both of the girls to leave the scene with such haste.

The office owl himself came to visit one afternoon recently. Mr. Cruikshank brought an owl up to show it to Mr. Robert, and the owl decided that he would spend the afternoon on the sprinkler pipe sand see if all that was reputed to have been said by him about the office, was true. All efforts to get him off his perch were futile.

### "Yust Like Looie Does"

"What are you doing?" asked a visitor to Looie Rohr's department.

"Nothing," said Looie, "got 'em all filled up and am just waiting for Tom Leary, Heinie and the rest of the bunch to come in."

On the telephone desk appears the following sign:

**One Minute  
Parking  
Except on  
Holidays**

Helen Pope conceived the idea but everything is subject to improvement or change. For some of the upstairs desks we suggest a sign:

**One Minute  
Parking  
Except on  
Holidays**



### THE INITIATION OF THE BRIDE'S SILVERWARE

Sunday, two weeks ago, we spent at Ethel's. The newlyweds wanted to "break in" the silverware they received on their wedding day and Ethel thought of the happy idea of inviting out the Jolly Mueller Bunch. Hence our presence at the Initiation of the Silver implements.

S'queer, but we were all there. Ethel spread a real dinner before us and we took advantage of it. As a matter of course, (it happened to be the last course) we helped with the dishes.

We are sure to have another jollv time at the Hallowe'en Party Ethel is giving Friday night. We hope Ben Lyon and his girl friend are present.



### THE MOUSE

Marian: I got 4 yards of Hallowe'en material just like you got and it cost 40c.

Ethel: I got 8 yards.

Marian: How much did your's cost?

Hawk: Son, tell me now, why papa spanked you.

Son: Gosh, pop, don't you know either?

## Wm. H. Bradley



The above picture of Wm. H. Bradley was taken several weeks ago upon his return from a hunting trip. The five squirrels in the picture were the result.

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The preface states that the Society started in operation in 1897 with a membership of 32, which increased in two years to more than 100. The dues at that time were 10 cents a month and if there were not sufficient funds in the treasury to meet a claim, a special assessment of not more than 25 cents was levied on all members. Claims were presented at a meeting of the members and passed by their vote.

By 1900 traffic hazards had become so intense that the Society passed a by-law that no benefits would be paid for accidents resulting from bicycle races, hunting, or playing baseball or football.

The Society now makes no exemption of these injuries and takes the automobile hazard besides.

In recent years we have found it very difficult to get the members together for a meeting of any kind, so instead of depending upon meetings the members are kept informed on the Society's affairs by reports published in the Mueller Record.

The Society now has the largest membership in its history and recent count shows the following figures:

Class A .....	91
Class B .....	288
Class C .....	850
Class D .....	169
Class E .....	127
Class F .....	46
Total .....	1571

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Financial Statement

July 23, 1926—Balance..... \$1719.63

## Receipts

Company's contribution for August .....	\$ 50.00
August dues .....	828.20
Picnic concessions .....	92.44
Interest on Mueller bonds .....	87.50
Company's Sept. contribution .....	50.00
September dues .....	930.20
Company's Oct. contribution .....	50.00
October dues .....	1013.30
Overpaid Chas. Oldham by mistake .....	9.00
	3110.64
	\$4830.27

## Payments

Cash to refund dues .....	\$ 16.56
Death benefits—	
Tim McDermott .....	100.00
Clyde Sayler .....	75.00
Richard Wilson .....	125.00
Flowers for above .....	15.00
Benefits listed below .....	2031.56
	2363.12

\$2467.15

E. H. LANGDON,  
Treasurer.

## Benefits Paid

Geo. Denning .....	\$ 1.50	Lee Bloam .....	22.50
A. T. Spencer .....	6.00	Geo. Lebo .....	12.60
C. B. Lovelace .....	111.30	John D. Owens .....	6.00
Fred Johner .....	7.50	Roy Collins .....	9.00
C. W. Brown .....	9.00	Chas. P. Baker .....	9.00
Jesse Starkey .....	18.00	Burl Hobson .....	3.00
Thos. Deain .....	14.00	Cecil Doran .....	57.50
Amos Hornbeck .....	50.40	Geo. Wilson .....	6.00
H. W. Fletcher .....	26.40	T. R. Ellison .....	9.00
Arthur Claypool .....	26.40	J. L. Grandfield .....	14.40
Joe Wall .....	6.00	J. A. Ball .....	5.00
I. Maiernee .....	2.00	Wm. J. Muirheid .....	9.00
Wade Rambo .....	27.00	Margaret Heibowitz .....	44.60
Earl Lackey .....	81.90	Cecil Pope .....	9.00
Marlin Meador .....	3.00	Harvey Holcomb .....	9.00
Cloris Hacker .....	2.25	Jock Bohn .....	18.00
Arnold French .....	35.25	W. C. Beckemeyer .....	10.80
Emil Scharein .....	6.00	L. W. Mueller .....	2.50
C. E. Morton .....	9.00	O. T. Brown .....	14.00
C. W. Hickman .....	38.10	Ed Curran .....	38.00
Carroll Sutton .....	18.00	C. E. Byers .....	21.30
R. B. Larson .....	85.05	Wm. E. Maguire .....	1.50
C. W. Runion .....	9.00	Ida Gouker .....	12.60
Marie Zerfowski .....	49.20	Roy V. King .....	29.40
Lucy Snyder .....	12.00	J. W. McCool .....	29.00
Wm. Laugher .....	5.00	Blanche Kallbrier .....	10.00
Geo. Jobe .....	1.80	J. W. Henton .....	2.25
Wilbur Trotter .....	11.25	Wm. Kaigley .....	98.40
N. W. Fletcher .....	8.40	Kai Olson .....	11.20
Helen Stoker .....	29.60	Reuben Harrell .....	7.50
J. A. Patterson .....	8.00	Geo. W. Morris .....	60.00
Chas. Oldham .....	22.50	W. L. Perkins .....	1.50
Chester Baum .....	9.00	E. R. Green .....	3.00
C. E. Morton .....	17.40	E. J. Foster .....	9.00
Fielding Tompkins .....	31.50	Tony Gillespie .....	14.40
Tim Mason .....	7.50	Geo. W. Berry .....	9.00
Wm. E. Bickers .....	4.50	Rosa Heil .....	17.00
Glen Gillmar .....	3.00	Carl Hill .....	3.00
Joe Kalapis .....	.50	C. L. Robb .....	6.00
Josie Thompson .....	6.00	Raymond Coulter .....	9.00
Herl Redmon .....	7.50	Cloyd Carmean .....	3.75
Eldon Williams .....	25.50	Wm. Butler .....	3.00
Lawrence Slover .....	1.80	Lawrence Hunter .....	5.40
L. T. Burris .....	3.50	Herbert Carr .....	20.00
John Hoots .....	9.26	Gladys Dodson .....	1.00
Julius Pottack .....	7.50	L. M. Elliott .....	59.25
O. L. Curl .....	6.00	John Robb .....	34.65
H. A. Henry .....	3.00	Clarence Trevillion .....	30.90
W. J. Wallins .....	50.00	C. K. Morgret .....	4.50
Geo. Tipsword .....	25.65	Andrew Tracy .....	7.65
Herman Cheban .....	75.30	Ruth Zeiterland .....	15.00
Jas. W. Howe .....	4.20	John K. Cooley .....	1.50
Geo. O. Dant .....	6.00	Frank McCasland .....	9.00
Walter Dunn .....	64.20	Richard Mueller .....	10.80
Chas. Baker .....	2.00		
Earl Hall .....	9.00		
Ray Foster .....	18.00		
Clarence Maspers .....	13.50		
Fred French .....	9.00		
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