

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

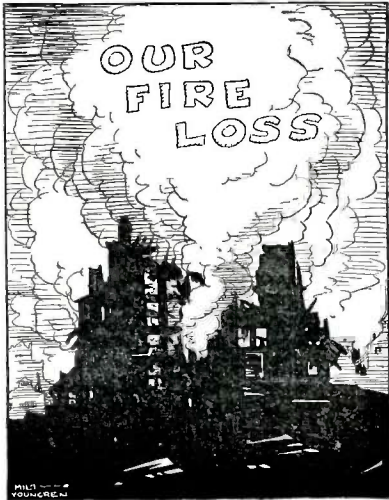
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“When the frost is on the pumpkin
And the fodder’s in the shock.”

THE FIRE THAT'S NEVER OUT

At Every Hour in the Day Some One's Property Is Burning



In some places in the old world are sacred fires that have been burning for centuries.

This country also has a fire that's never out, but there is nothing sacred about it. Somewhere, at every hour of the day, somebody's property is going up in flames.

If the property is covered by insurance, the company's adjusters come quickly and settle just claims promptly. But the insurance company's check can never pay for the entire loss. Every bit of property burned decreases the Nation's wealth by just that much.

When a factory burns, men lose their jobs and the company loses customers while the plant is being rebuilt.

When a home burns there is always a loss of household treasures. Some of them wouldn't bring much at a second hand store but they sometimes have a sentimental value that can't be estimated in cash. There is always that loss, even if the house itself belongs to the landlord.

Another unfortunate feature of our fire loss is the destruction of forests. Every year thousands of acres of beautiful trees are destroyed. Except some of the destruction caused by war, there is no more desolate sight than a burned forest. Woods that provide playgrounds, shelter for birds and game, and a future supply of valuable timber are reduced to blackened stumps. Most of this destruction is caused by man's negligence in handling fire.

There is an even more tragic side to this fire loss. Each year some 12,000 persons lose their lives in fires at home and in public places, and a large proportion of these are children.

Comparatively few fires start from mysterious causes. In many cases an investigation shows that conditions had been inviting fire

for some time. When housekeeping is poor, and combustible rubbish accumulate, the scene is set for trouble. Not every building can be made fire-proof but it is not necessary to provide a lot of food for a fire.

Cleaning up the out of the way corners and using care in handling matches, cigarettes, and other forms of fire would make a big drop in our fire losses. It is well worth the effort.

CHARITY, HEALTH AND CHARACTER

It costs \$430.00 a year to keep a boy in the reform school. It is said in Chicago alone there are ten thousand young men each year who begin a career of crime.

In Illinois no Boy Scout has ever been in a state penal institution, Boy Scouts become good citizens. The United States spends on an average of nine cents per year per capita on character building. Boy Scouts, Day Nursery, Boys' Opportunity Home, The Pines, Girls' Welfare Home, and Anna B. Millikin Home are all engaged in character building. It is their purpose to give childhood and youth their chance at good citizenship which otherwise they might not have. Most of them will be saved from ever needing charity.

If a man is out of work and his family is in need, a trained worker from the Social Service Bureau will investigate the case and then give the help that is most needed.

On investigation it has been found time and again that extravagance and wastefulness in the home were the real causes for the need. We know of many families who have got into debt and difficulty who have been helped out by the social worker. She showed the wife how to make the pay check go around besides paying debts. Meanwhile the family lived better than ever before. Such cases take the trained workers' time, but it saves the community much more than the worker's time costs.

The Hospital Clinic provides free care for crippled children and patients who can not pay.

It is the purpose of the School Clinic to give children care early in life and so prevent sickness and disability later.

Last year 1,500 visits were made in Decatur homes by trained nurses. They guard against tuberculosis, advise mothers on care of children, and care for the sick. The school nurse made nearly 2,000 visits and the City Health Department nurse 2,000 more. This health conservation work is very much worth while.

The Red Cross cares for disabled veterans, helps them in business matters, and maintains an organization that is ready to function in case of disaster.

Each of these fourteen agencies perform a distinct and necessary service for the community. All of them need some money from the community. It is our duty and privilege as intelligent citizens to support these agencies.

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THE ELECTION

Next month we have an important election which includes United States senators, members of the state legislature, congressmen, several state officers and county officers. The voting will be on Tuesday, November 4th. This is a very important election. The congress and legislature elected will make our laws for the next two years.

Every voter should study the qualifications of the candidates and seek to aid in the election of men who seem best fitted to serve the country and state efficiently. Do not fail to vote. As an American citizen you should exercise this right. There is no excuse for neglect. If you fail to discharge your obligation and incompetent and untrustworthy men are elected, you will be as much responsible as the man who actually voted for them.

There is another matter which deserves your most careful consideration. On the ballot will be a number of propositions. If passed, these amendments become an authorization for legislators to pass laws in keeping with the proposals. Some of these proposals may be good and some may be bad. The voter should familiarize himself with them and be able to vote intelligently upon each one. They will be discussed by speakers and in the newspapers. Get all the information you can and if possible get printed copies and study them carefully, especially those which have to do with taxation. If you do not thoroughly understand what they mean and what effect they will have as laws, seek advice and information from those who do understand them.



THE FOREMAN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the Foreman's Club for the fall and winter was held at the Lodge Thursday evening, Sept. 18, and was not only largely attended but there was a marked interest in the proceedings. In addition to the talks made there was an election of officers. Frank Taylor, elected vice president a year ago, became president succeeding C. M. Hathaway. E. W. Bailey was elected vice president.

The meeting was opened by Superintendent Roarick who told of the numerous changes being made in various departments with a view of increasing efficiency and to route goods through the factory in more logical order. This was good information while the club members knew this work was underway, they were not advised as to the details of the plans.

E. H. Langdon told of some of his observations in various other plants.

Adolph Mueller talked of business in general. He was optimistic in his views. There is already a more hopeful tone and indications point to a gradual improvement.

Some ninety foremen and assistant foremen were in attendance. There will be nine meetings of the club during the fall, winter and spring seasons in addition to some social meetings.



PICTURE POST CARDS

During the meeting of the salesmen in August we printed picture post cards which the men sent to their trade. We had some of these left and many employes used them for brief correspondence or to send to friends. Five scenes at Mueller Lodge are shown on the card. While printed black and white the scenes are very clear and the card has a general interest. The scenes are:

The Lodge.

Bridge over Private Lake Dam.

Miniature Golf Course.

Lake Decatur.

Family Picnic.

The Private Lake.

We still have some of these cards on hand. You are invited to get a supply to send to your friends. They may be obtained at the telephone desk or if you send a note to the stationery department, they will be sent to your department.



A GOOD RECORD

William Burgess has a punctuality record in which he takes great pride. For three years he has never failed to ring in on time and has now started on his fourth year with a determination to make it as good as the preceding years.

Mr. Burgess is entitled to a place on the roll of honor.

Let's hear from those who have a good punctuality record. One year or more will put you on the roll of honor.



VISITED IN PEORIA

Marie Yonker and Estelle Rinehart took a vacation the week beginning September 21st and went to Peoria to visit Mrs. Frieda Lankton, who worked in the Cost Dept. several years ago.



NEW GIRL

Mary Grubb is the new girl in Duke Mueller's office. Before coming to Decatur, Miss Grubb worked in a bank at Shelbyville.

FAMILY GROUPS AT THE PICNIC



George R. St. Pierre and family at the picnic August 16. Mr. St. Pierre succeeded the late Walter Screenshot in No. 30, looking after taping machines. Otto H. Sharlock and family, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Otto was formerly in the main office but has been the company's representative at Pittsburgh for the past ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Sharlock have built a cozy residence at Pittsburgh, but both being Decatur people they still call this home.

EAT PEANUTS—HELP FRANK

The candy slot machines that have been placed in several of the factory entrances are the property of Frank J. Auburn, the blind man of the Core Dept. Frank has out a number of such machines in Decatur and he hopes to build up a business which will enable him to put in all his time servicing them.

In order to assist him get started on his own the Company granted this concession to him, but such concession cannot be made to others.

Frank has a family, three of them are small children. Your patronage helps him to provide for them. Please do not loiter at these machines during working hours.



THE DANCING SEASON

The first dance of the season was held at the club house Saturday evening, September 27th. The attendance was only fair, not nearly so large as expected. However, those who did attend enjoyed the pleasure of dancing to the music of Homebrook's orchestra and the affair was a fine success in point of pleasure. The dancing season has hardly opened yet. The weather is still pleasant and most persons prefer to stay in the open air. Beginning with the next dance the managers anticipate a much larger attendance.



PLANT NO. 3 NEWS

Mrs. J. A. Richardson spent the latter part of August in Trenton, New Jersey, with

relatives and friends. She was accompanied by her son, Jack, and on their return her daughter came back with them. The daughter had spent the summer in Trenton, and returned to Decatur to enter school there.

Fred Colendar spent the first two weeks in September "back East." He would not drive the "BIG Velie", but instead drove a Buick which he purchased shortly before taking his vacation.

Mr. J. A. Richardson and Mr. Frank Huntley left Monday morning, Sept. 15th, for the East on Company business.

Van E. Campbell returned the middle of September from a week's vacation "back home" in East Liverpool, Ohio. We understand he regrets not having purchased a boat to make the trip, as Van reports it rained all the time he was gone. Some of his friends are wondering if he belongs to the duck family as he made the trip O. K.

Paul Fisher is planning to attend the Illinois-Michigan football game at Urbana in October. (PST! he got a pass and will accompany a group of younger boys to the game).

Mrs. Myrtle Howard, who has been employed at Plant 3 as stenographer since its beginning about five years ago, left the Mueller organization September 3rd to stay at home. Everybody associated with Mrs. Howard regretted to see her leave as she was well liked by all those with whom she worked. She is succeeded by Harriett Major.

CHILDREN ARE GREAT SAFETY TEACHERS

A four-year old girl hearing her father talking about two of his buddies who had been killed in France, asked quite seriously, "Did a car run over them?" The automobile had impressed itself on her youthful mind as the outstanding cause of sudden death.

This same young lady, seeing a dog playing in the middle of a street, called out excitedly, "Oh doggy, you musn't play out there, it's dangerous!" Apparently the dog caught the meaning of her warning for ne trotted back to the curb.

Children are impressionable and they can be taught to be alert and cautious. The records of cities where safety is being taught in the schools show that such teaching is effective in reducing automobile deaths among children.



There is another important angle to training children in safety. What they learn in school they take home. Many a pile of combustible rubbish at home has been cleaned up because some youngster had been taught in the classroom that fires seldom start in clean places. And many a parent has been shamed into crossing the streets carefully when a child caught him in a careless act.

All the training of the youngsters shouldn't be left to the schools, however. The parents have an opportunity and a responsibility in teaching their children to take care of themselves.



Little Willie: "Yah, I saw you kiss my sister!"

Sister's Boy Friend (hurriedly): "Ah—er—here's a quarter."

Little Willie: "And here's ten cents change. One price to all; that's the way I do business."

COLD PREVENTION

The Health Worker, a little publication of the National Safety Council calls attention to the fact that now is the time to guard against contracting colds. Here are some of the preventive measures. Get your skin accustomed to rapid changes in temperature. This can be accomplished by using the thermometer as a gauge for changes in clothing.

- Cold shower bath every morning.
- Expose your body to sunshine to build up bodily resistance.
- Don't overlook your stomach.
- Get plenty of fresh air.
- Drink plenty of water.
- See to it that your bowels are regular.
- Sneeze in your handkerchief.



HERE

Mr. E. H. Magoon, who is special member of the Field Staff of the Rockefeller foundation, was in the city for several days recently. He spent most of his time at our plant. He came here to confer with Frank Mueller, Tony Yonkers and F. A. Huntley regarding water works practice in the United States. He also wanted advice and recommendations concerning installations in Central American countries. The Rockefeller Foundation spend a great deal of money in an advisory way in regard to sanitation in Central America. The object is to lessen the danger of yellow fever spreading from that section to this country.



AT VANDALIA

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith spent the week of Sept. 21 visiting relatives in and near Vandalia.



RESIGNED

Mrs. Myrtle Howard, who has been the stenographer at Plant 3 since its beginning, has resigned. She has been succeeded by Miss Harriot Majors.



BAKERS' DOZEN

Lady: Do you take children's photos?
 Photographer: Yes, madam, we make a specialty of children's photos.
 Lady: How much do you charge?
 Photographer: Only five dollars a dozen.
 Lady: Well, I shall have to see you later. I have only eleven children.



The following letter was sent by a Japanese student to an English missionary:
 "Dear Friend—Please send me one pound of sugar. My wife has given birth to a fine baby boy last night, also a door mat, a rat trap and a screw driver. It weighed ten pounds and a staw hat."

SCRAMBLED EGGS



J. W. Wells, company Secretary and assistant to the president, attired in his 49 initiation regalia.

During a recent camping trip to the Okaw, J. W. Wells was detailed to make a trip to Shobbonier to secure a supply of fresh eggs. By one of those peculiar turns of luck, J. W. in some way lost his balance and unexpectedly, but with no burning desire to do so, sat down in the eggs. He was accused of having suddenly thought out a new process of incubation and on the spur of the moment put it into effect. His comments, however, did not indicate any such purpose nor were his words so carefully and meticulously selected as is his custom, when he extricated himself from the yellow mess. From his rather indiscriminate and informal comments his companions without the need of an interpreter gleaned the thought that J. W. did not like the experience a'tall. A little primitive laundry work with trousers, underwear, etc., hung in the warm sunlight soon obliterated all incriminating discolorations. In the interim J. W. was rather close to nature in his attire and not exactly sartorially correct. But who cares for clothes in the Okaw bottoms especially if the bottoms are smeared with a few dozen eggs.

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COME AND SEE

You are invited to visit the Boys' Opportunity Home, the Girls' Welfare Home, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A., the Social Service, the Boy Scouts, and all other agencies that are combined into our Community Chest.

If some of the time spent in futile argument about these worthy institutions were spent in getting some first hand information on the ground, the argument would give place to co-operation and support. Argument is chiefly a smoke screen.

THE MOVE

If some of the old-timers who were retired last June were to visit the Main Plant today, they would hardly recognize the place.

The Assembly department is now in the building adjoining the Main Office, and the end of the assembly line comes right up to the Shipping department. Following the conveyor back we pass the testers, assemblers, greasers, stop grinders and key fitters.

This brings us to the building which we have long known as Dept. 30, or the Machine Shop, which is now the brass finishing shop for ground key work.

Into the space formerly occupied by the iron stock have been located the machines for finishing iron ground key stops, and this equipment has just been brought in from Plant 2 on East Eldorado street.

In back of the machines, along the north wall is the Lead department under Ralph Adams.

The General Foreman of this group of departments, which is now called the Utility division, is Frank Taylor. William Meehan is foreman of the Machining department, and Walter Behrens is foreman of Utility Assembly.

Crossing Monroe street, in the space formerly occupied by the Assembly department, we find Dept. 300 or the machine shop which makes regulators, tapping machines, plumbing tools, and specialties. This department is now known as the Utility Specialties division. It is in charge of M. H. Stratman. E. J. Butts is foreman of this machine shop. Included in this group and under Mr. Stratman's supervision are the Blacksmith Shop, under F. O. Zetterlind, and the Heat Treating department, under Marion Pippin.

In the north end of the room the balcony has been enclosed, and the production Control office and Chief Inspector are located here. Production Manager Sailsbery and his staff are here. B. J. Marty is now Chief Inspector and again makes his rounds in search of trouble.

Passing on into the building that was used as a munitions plant during the war and which has since housed the ground key and compression department, we see that the entire north half of the building has been put to other uses. The Machine Repair department, under Foreman W. H. Campbell, extends along the north wall in the space formerly occupied by the stop grinders. The big planer, on a special concrete foundation, is at the left of the entrance. The central portion of the room will be used to store rough stock.

A new group in our organization is the Plumbing Division over which E. M. Reedy is general foreman. His staff consists of Earl Meador, foreman of the Polishing department; H. C. Camron, foreman of Plumbing brass finishing department; Cal McQuailty, foreman of Trap department; Roy R.

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CAT BATTLES SNAKE



This cat, too nervous to pose for a photograph, is the property of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller living on Rural Route No. 1 northwest of the city. He is part Angora. What his other part may be is unimportant, but he must have a strain of fearless cat fighting breed in him. This cat has a great reputation as a rat killer. However, he does not confine himself to his natural prey, as he recently demonstrated when Mrs. Miller, out among her flowers, was frightened by the sight of a bull snake wiggling toward her. She called to her son and he began a hunt for a suitable club with which to despatch the reptile. About this time the cat discovered his snakeship and with one bound had him by the back of the neck. The cat failed to take into account two or three feet of body that had to be taken care of in the battle which followed, and was compelled to release his hold. Instantly the snake struck at him and the cat concluded it was time to retreat which he did precipitately with a loud yowl. By this time young Miller had reached the battle ground with a club and put an end to the snake. The cat showed up the next morning for breakfast none the worse for his encounter with the snake. A small scratch on the shoulder showed where the snake had struck. The heavy coat of fur on the feline probably saved him from a more serious injury.



TO MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpson took a ten-day vacation trip to Minneapolis, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitehead. Bob is a brother of Mrs. Simpson and is the company's traveling representative out of Minneapolis.

THE MATTER OF SAFETY

The disastrous explosion at the Staley plant last month gives us food for thought. It demonstrates what we all know—ever present danger in all walks of life—ever which is so easily forgotten. Dust explosions are generally confined to plants such as Staley's, but there are exceptions. There is no doubt that the Staley Company took every precaution to avert a disaster such as occurred. The cause may never be known. It may have been due to some thoughtless or careless act on the part of an unknown person or it may have been due to an unforeseen condition that was ripe for an explosion at the time it occurred. This is the generally accepted view.

Luckily we are not exposed to such a hazard, but all should remember that danger lurks unseen at every turn every day. It is not confined to industrial plants—it is everywhere. It confronts all of us on the street, in the home, in all kinds of transportation. There are natural dangers such as earthquakes, cyclones, lightning and drowning. These we can not guard against. They are beyond the power of man. Most accidents are the result of man's inventions. Many mechanical devices and processes are dangerous if certain known rules are disregarded. Machines act with human intelligence but they have no intelligence, pity or feeling. Man has but if he does not apply this intelligence he falls to the level of the machine.

Every person should carry in his mind habitually the thought of danger surrounding him no matter where he is. It should be a mechanical part of him, so much so that in preparing to cross a street, use a machine, play a prank, drive an automobile he will have an unconscious mental knowledge that there is danger of injury or death if precaution is not observed.

Despite all the safety teaching we are still far from being safety minded.



ATHLETE'S FOOT

This annoying and persistent infection which is a species of ring worm, usually appears between the toes as small watery blisters. Most persons think nothing of it at first. It should, however, receive prompt attention, for, if it gets a start, it is very distressing. In treatment avoid bringing towels and clothes that have come in contact with the blisters in contact with other parts of the body. Be careful about stepping on the floor with bare or wet feet in the vicinity of shower baths. The shower bath or tub should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and hot water frequently. Towels and socks which may have been infected should be boiled, and shoes should be set out in the bright sun for several hours.

The shower baths in the factory are to be specially cleaned to prevent this infection.

An Auto Tour of 2256 Miles



Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson and daughter, Opal, returned September 1st from a two weeks' auto trip which took them to Washington, D. C., and to other places in the vicinity which by reason of their historical associations have become national shrines.

At Charleston, W. Va., they visited with relatives and then drove on East through the mountains. They passed through Lexington, seat of Washington and Lee University, in the chapel of which General Lee is buried. From Lexington they turned toward the Shenandoah Valley. They climbed Mt. Aton, went through Charlottesville and thence to Richmond. From Richmond they drove to Petersburg, Norfolk and Virginia Beach to become acquainted for the first time with the authentic Atlantic. They followed the seashore, past Cape Henry, to the spot where the English settlers in 1607 touched the American continent before going up to Jamestown to found the first permanent white settlement in America. They viewed the oldest government lighthouse in the country which is at the Cape.

At Williamsburg

The party ferried across Hampton Roads, government naval base, to Newport News. They stopped in Williamsburg, the colonial capital of Virginia. They saw the site of the old capitol burned by the British in the late years of the Revolution, and also the reproduction of the old English tavern, gathering place for the statesmen, orators and wits of early days. Various buildings important in the life of the young nation are being restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The old Capitol is to be re-built from the original plans which were recently unearthed in London, the local people were told. All the buildings being restored are to be constructed of fire-proof materials. A great deal of work is also in progress at William and Mary College, second oldest university in America which is at Williamsburg.

Oldest American Church

A visit was made to the old Bruton church in Williamsburg. The building was erected in 1678 and in point of continuous service, is the oldest church in America. The Lord Dunmore gallery was pointed out by the sexton. It was to this gallery that Lord Dunmore, Royal governor, withdrew to worship when the hisses of the revolutionary communicants made too uncomfortable his more impressive throne-like chair below. Washington, Patrick Henry, Wythe and others of historical significance worshipped in the Bruton church. The baptismal font is said to have been moved from Jamestown and is supposed to be the one from which the Indian princess, Pocahontas was baptized. In the churchyard are buried many of the important personages of early times.

Liberty or Death

Returning to Richmond, the tourists sought out some of the historical spots there. They saw the capitol designed by the versatile Thomas Jefferson, visited St. John's church built in 1741, and stood in the pew from which an impetuous young lawyer named Patrick Henry addressed a convention met to talk over the matter of colonial oppression. It was then that Henry spoke the famous words, "Give me liberty or give me death" and so fired one rocket that began the Revolution. George Wythe, signer of the Declaration of Independence, teacher of Henry, Jefferson, Marshall—said to have granted only with great reluctance Henry's license to practice law—is buried in St. John's churchyard.

From Richmond the party went on to Fredericksburg, home of Washington's mother, and visited the meeting place of Masonic lodge which initiated Washington. Fredericksburg was the scene too, of a bitter conflict in the Civil War, and a na-

tional cemetery where lie over 15,000 dead, 12,000 unknown, commemorates this battle.

Crossing the length and breadth of the State of Virginia the visitors were charmed by the changing landscape, the forests extending even up to the cities, the mountains and hills, the seashore. Throughout the Tidewater area historical spots crowd each other. Much of this section has had three wars fought on its soil. Here were the beginnings of our country, and here were the homes of the fathers of our government.

In Alexandria they saw the church in which the Washingtons attended services, and visited the George Washington Masonic memorial which commands a view of Alexandria, Washington and the Potomac.

The National Capital

The Decatur people were, of course, much impressed by the city of Washington. The Capitol, the White House, the buildings of the various government departments are magnificent. One could spend weeks in the capital and still feel that he must leave before he had seen all of Washington that he wanted to see.

A visit to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where currency and stamps are printed proved interesting. The Jacksons were in Smithsonian Institute and saw the "Spirit of St. Louis" in the Old National Museum. They enjoyed a visit to the Library of Congress where among many other things, they saw the original documents of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Potomac Park in Washington is perhaps one of the loveliest spots in America. There is the tall obelisk of the Washington monument. Beyond it on the riverside is the new Lincoln memorial, of particular interest to Illinoisians. The memorial is outstanding in its simplicity and beauty. Without are 36 columns, one for each of the States in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. Within is a gigantic statue of Lincoln. The words of the Gettysburg and Second inaugural addresses are inscribed on the walls. A mellow light from overhead illuminates the features of the Civil War President. A reflecting pool stands between the memorials to Washington and Lincoln. A memorial highway leading to Mt. Vernon from the memorial is under construction.

Mt. Vernon

Their visit to Mt. Vernon on the Potomac was a source of much pleasure to the Jacksons. The estate, the gardens, the house furnishings are kept as nearly like they were when Washington lived as possible. It is the home of a man who had learned something of gracious living, a place one likes to remember.

The Jacksons were in Arlington, the national cemetery. The beautiful memorial amphitheatre there, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and all the tributes paid him, the rows of white markers are not easily forgotten.

The last stop was at Gettysburg, battlefield of one of the important engagements in the Civil War. It is a national cemetery, dedicated by Lincoln. It remains much as it was at the time of the battle. All about are monuments in memory of officers and companies who fell in battle.

On the return trip the Decaturians had opportunity to see and cross some of the Alleghenies. Theirs was a vacation trip with a variety of experiences extending over 2,256 miles, enjoyed in a comparatively short space of time. They are looking forward to revisiting some of the spots they most enjoyed. They are recommending that those interested in seeing the George Washington country go in 1932, when special observances are being planned in honor of the 200th anniversary of the first President's birth.



BIG CONVENTION

Mr. Robert Mueller, O. J. Hawkins, Frank Mueller and W. L. Jett will go to Atlantic City about October 11th to attend the annual convention of the American Gas Convention which meets from October 13th to 18th. The sessions will be held in the Atlantic City Auditorium on the board walk, said to be the largest in the world. It must of necessity be big to house the Gas Convention. This is one of the biggest conventions held in this country and one of the most important. We made a big display of our goods. The display board was 16 feet long done in French Grey, Old Ivory and Blue. It was shown against a background of black velvet with a deep valance fringed with gold.

This ends the convention season of 1930. We have exhibited as follows:

- National Association of Water Works, St. Louis.
- National Association of Master Plumbers, Boston.
- Southwestern Water Works Association at Amarillo, Texas.
- New England Water Works Association at Atlantic City.
- American Gas Association at Atlantic City.

In addition we have made special displays at the local fair of the American Legion, in the Kaufman show window, at the salesman's meeting, at the picnic and prepared special boards for many jobbers and dealers.



QUITS AS MAYOR

O. J. Hawkins of the gas division of the sales department, who has been commuting between Sangamon and Decatur for a number of years, has moved to Decatur and now lives at 1325 N. Monroe street. In doing this "Hawk" sacrificed his office as mayor of Sangamon together with the honor, salary and other emoluments that go with the office.

THREE PRETTY NEW HOMES



Here are three new and pretty homes of Mueller Employees. They are located on West Leafland street only a few blocks from the factory. The one at the left belongs to Carl Draper of the plumbing sales division.

The one at the right is the home of E. K. Shaw, credit manager.

The one below is the home of Matt Trott traffic manager.

You'll recognize them when you are driving by some time. They are located on the north side of King street between Union and Church streets.



WEDDINGS

Lec Warner of the Iron Foundry and Gladys Offenstein were married in Decatur August 23rd. They are residing in Atwood, Illinois.



W. F. Bainter of the Galvanizing department, has been laid up since August 19th with a paralytic stroke.

WINTER SCHEDULE

Beginning October 1st the various plants start on a winter working schedule which means that we will all go to work a half hour later than during the summer months and have a half hour for lunch. The day's work will end at 4:30 p. m. This, by reason of the one-half hour lunch period means quitting a half hour earlier than we have previously been accustomed to. We feel that this should be popular with employes. It means that during the short winter days we will leave the factory and office and reach home while it is still daylight. Heretofore, working until 5 p. m., this has not been possible. Following is the new schedule.

Effective Wednesday, October 1st, the following schedules will be in force for plants Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Schedule for Plant No. 1

7 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.; 12 m. to 4:30 p. m.

All departments west of Monroe street, with exception of Building Maintenance Dept., and Machine Maintenance Dept.

7 a. m. to 11:45 a. m.; 12:15 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

All departments East of Monroe street, with exception of Main Office.

7 a. m. to 12 m. 12:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Building Maintenance Dept., Machine Maintenance Dept.

7 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 p. m. to 5. p. m.

Main Office.

Schedule for Plant No. 2

7 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Schedule for Plant No. 3

Plant No. 3 shall continue their present schedule which is:

7 a. m. to 12 m.; 12:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

MUELLER CO.

By Lucien W. Mueller,
Works Manager.

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Jolly, foreman of Plumbing specialties assembly; Albert Spitzer, foreman of Automatic department; Roy Baker, foreman of Plating departments; Frank Tosh, foreman of Plumbing assembly.

The brass finishing machines remain in the present location with the exception of a few special machines which will be rearranged. A special conveyor line for assembling compression work runs along the south wall of this building. North of this line and parallel to it is a new conveyor line along which are the color buffing wheels, and beyond them a few steps is the polishing conveyor line which has been in operation for some time.

It can be readily understood that these important changes will facilitate the manufacture of our goods, cut out lost motion, save storage space, and, in general, promote efficiency.

This new production lay-out was planned by Jaul Jacka who has spent many months of careful work in preparation. W. T. Mason was in charge of the work itself. The work has moved rapidly and efficiently, according to schedule and has been carried forward in an energetic manner.

NOISE OR MUSIC?

(By C. O. Sappington, M. D., Director, Industrial Health Division, National Safety Council.)

Most people require rest and a certain degree of quiet in their homes after going through the noise and stress that is ordinarily encountered in a city.

It is true that music hath its charms. Rhythm and harmony serve to soothe the tired business man or business women, as well as the tired mother of a family after the children have been put to bed.

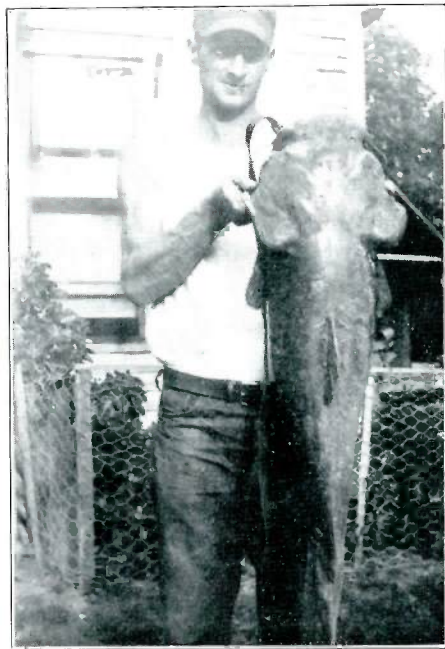
An important point which is often overlooked, however, is that relaxation can only be secured from music which is not distorted or too loud.

Radios and player-pianos that are adjusted to produce the loudest possible tone are not producing music at its best, nor as the composers or musicians have wished it to be reproduced.

Most musical instruments are built so that the listener may be given the finest possible tone, transmitting the modulations of the human voice, the pitch and tone of musical instruments with all their various shadings.

If the operator of a radio set turns the volume control to give the maximum of sound, not only is incorrect interpretation secured, but ill-feeling may be caused on the part of the neighbors, because music now becomes noise. The reserve power in the radio set is intended to be used for the reception of distant stations and not for those which come in as local groups. When turning on your radio, keep your neighbor in mind; also remember that you want music, not noise.

THIRTY POUND CAT



George W. Fraily, a former employe of the foundry and a 34 pound catfish which he took from the Okaw. It's not the biggest catfish ever caught there but it's plenty big enough.

NEW BABIES

Following is a list of fathers' names, his location, baby's name and date of birth of new babies born to parents employed at the Mueller plants:

Ezekiel Wolfe, Plant 3, Rose Mary.

Frank Hornbeck, Tube department, Frank Russell April 13.

Joe Woodrum, Earl Franklin, April 13.

Clarence Woodrum, Ground Key Dept., June Genevieve.

E. E. Fenton, Ground Key Dept., Loris Earl, August 25.

Wayne Howard, Heat Treating, Lavina Charline, August 24.

Samuel Jolly, Grinding Room, Marilyn Colleen.

Ralph Duncan, Drafting Room, Caroline Joan, September 18.

Arthur Bauer, Foundry, Robert Edward, September 18.



The work of moving went along without any injuries until the morning of September 19th when J. L. Tippet dropped a plank on his foot and broke a toe. This would have been prevented by wearing safety shoes.

Then J. A. Johnston fell off of a step ladder and broke a bone in his foot.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employes' Aid Society Benefit Fund, Aug.
5, Oct. 2, 1930

Aug. 5, Cash in Bank.....		\$1,258.69
Receipts		
From Mueller Co. for Sept. and Oct.....	\$ 100.00	
July Dues.....	578.75	
Aug. Dues.....	589.05	
Picnic Concession.....	81.28	
Interest Calxico bonds.....	15.00	\$1,364.08
Total		\$2,622.77
Payments		
Special Welfare.....	\$ 47.33	
Loan Fund.....	300.00	
Benefits Listed.....	665.95	\$1,013.28
Total		\$1,609.49
Resources		
Bonds, par value.....	\$ 6,200.00	
Bldg & Loan Stock (1-1-1930)	1,897.55	
Emergency Loan Fund.....	2,500.00	
Cash	1,609.49	
Total	\$12,207.04	

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

Wm. Hill 61.20	Ralph Van	
Roy E. Thomas 20.00	Vleet 1.50	
Frank Albright 57.90	Ed Roberts 1.50	
Faye Boggs 15.00	Fred Kondritz 5.50	
W. E. Smith 8.00	Otto Gunter 16.50	
C. F. Friese 5.00	E. Benezé 1.50	
Margaret Whalen 12.00	Irene Santenen 3.00	
Ed Peters 7.50	Dan Dunaway 10.00	
W. W. Gatchell 1.50	L. Flanders 6.75	
Fred Moessner 24.00	W. F. Bainter 24.00	
Lillie Embry 2.00	Eugene McCauley 1.00	
T. B. Davidson 10.00	Mrs. Lola Peterson 10.00	
Robt. Harper 4.50	W. E. Nichols 9.00	
Alva Moats 5.00	E. L. Rankins 5.00	
Ben Gregory 8.00	Ralph Adams 7.50	
V. G. Edwards 3.00	Russel Dunham 4.00	
Chas. Chambers 5.00	Bessie Workman 6.00	
LeRoy Morgan 5.00	Jas. Soules 7.50	
L. B. Ritchie 3.00	J. Grabenhofer 3.00	
Wm. Bainter 28.00	Hubert Maddox 5.00	
Gus Bridgewater 8.25	Albert Masters 21.90	
Fisher Peel 39.00	E. W. Bailey 5.00	
Frank Auburn 50.00	Arthur Welch 1.50	
Paul Clark 49.20	J. L. Tippitt 19.50	
E. T. Sanders 23.25	Fred Roarick 9.00	
E. O. Oakleaf 3.00	Ralph Leslie 6.00	
R. W. Johnson 1.50		
O. G. Moore 1.50		
Alfred Christy 3.00	Total	665.95

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We have it from very reliable sources that Edith Davis attended the Air Show in Chicago and returned home in an airplane.

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W. R. Gustin was in New York for a week during September. He went there on a metal purchasing trip.

INTEREST ON DEBTS

Grocers, department stores, coal dealers and doctors do not ordinarily charge interest on their customers' accounts. Often they give too much credit, debts accumulate, and finally creditors begin to press for payment.

The harassed debtor sees an advertisement of some finance company which offers to lend him the money to pay his debts. Courteous service, confidential dealings, and legal interest are stressed.

The borrower signs up for \$100.00, pays off his creditors then fancies that he has an advantage in making his payments in one place.

He soon begins to discover that a large part of his payment goes to cover the interest. The suave representative of the finance company (loan shark) did not explain that the borrower agreed to pay 3½% a month or 42% interest a year. Some benevolent finance companies charge only 30% interest per annum.

The net result of a deal of this kind is that a man exchanges several creditors who do not charge interest on their accounts for a loan shark who charges excessive interest, and who often takes a wage assignment, and in some cases a mortgage besides.

If in financial difficulty would not it be better to see the Personnel Director instead of tying up your future income for the benefit of the loan shark?

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A BOOSTER FOR FIRST AID

Lawrence E. Kramer of Dept. 9 took the Bureau of Mines course in First Aid last spring. He was taking his summer vacation down in Southern Illinois in the country when his seven-year-old son, Joe, jumped off a table that was in the yard and broke his left arm above the elbow. They were 12 miles from a doctor, and the roads were rough.

Mr. Kramer laid the child down, adjusted splints as he had been taught to do, and safely brought Joe to the doctor who said that he had done a good job.

Timely application of knowledge gained in first aid probably saved a compound fracture and possibly loss of the boy's arm.

Lawrence Kramer is now asking when we are to start the First Aid course this fall.

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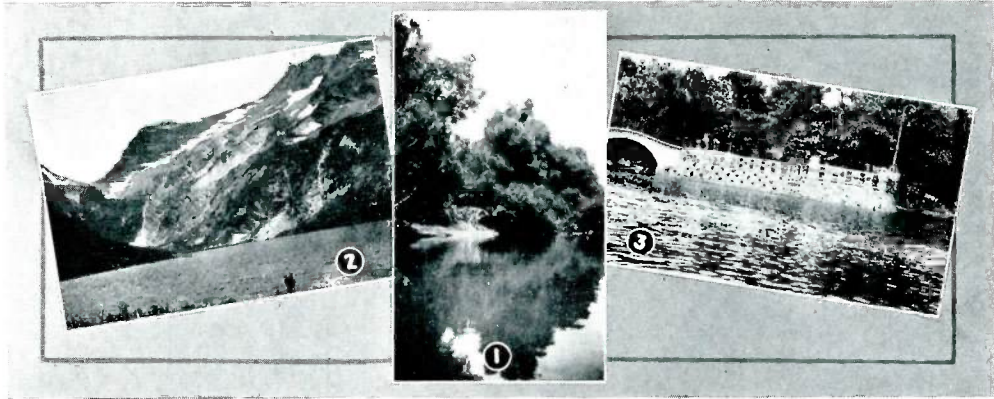
MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY

To many people the Community Chest means merely a request for money. This year the emphasis is being placed on social planning, rather than on money.

If the social needs of the community have sympathetic attention, careful study, and month by month planning, the money part will soon take second place.

The true solution to the host of social problems represented in the Chest will come only by sustained and patient effort of many citizens aided by trained and expert social workers.

THE CAMERA CLUB



The subject of this Camera Club contest was "Lakes" and we present the readers of the Record with three beautiful views, two Illinois lakes and one in Montana.

Mary Wilkins won first.
Margaret Marcott second.
Walter Bowan, third.

Miss Wilkins had for her subject a nook on the Okaw. That's going some when Illinois outranks Montana in lake scenery, especially when Miss Marcott's subject was a Mountain Lake—Gunsight—in Montana. Mr. Brown's very pretty bit of lake and bridge is in Glen Oak Park, Peoria.

PASSING THE BUCK

Quite often one hears the old story concerning the mighty ship that was being built so large and sturdy that she could brave the roughest weather, the highest waves and the dangers of any of the seven seas. In its construction no pains or expense were spared to insure its safety and strength. When finished, this ship which was one of the largest and finest ever afloat, made many successful voyages and sailed through many dangerous, and in fact did such good work that an impression arose that she could never sink. Through this opinion many necessary precautions were neglected and while on an important mission, the craft sunk carrying with it a valuable cargo to its watery grave.

So it is with any person who aspires to reach a certain goal of success. With success and accomplishment in sight, many dangers and their precautions are forgotten, with the result that obstacles arise and failure results. Many such obstacles rise up against the ambitious and determined seeker of success, one of the greatest being the habit of "passing the buck." This is the habit or practice of passing off responsibility, or blaming someone else for one's mistakes, or the passing on of unpleasant work

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THE "TAIL" OF A SHIRT

The following circular letter has been issued by Frank A. Huntley in the hope of getting back 30c laundry bill paid for a stray shirt supposedly belonging to some salesman:

"The Schudel Laundry Company has delivered to us a white broadcloth, collar attached shirt, size 14½. These people say the shirt is a left-over from the Sales Meeting.

"In all probability this is due to neglect of Sing Lo, our laundry collector, during the Sales Meeting.

"This shirt is in good condition and belongs to someone. We will gladly surrender it to its owner for the laundry bill in the amount of 30c.

"The first one applying gets the shirt. Come! Come!

"FRANK A. HUNTLEY."

The papers announce that the South Side Drive is to be paved. This will form a hard road connection between routes 48 and No. 2. This will be a fine short drive for Decatur people as well as providing an excellent short cut for motorists wishing to get from Route 48 south of the river to Route 2. We are interested in this improvement as it furnishes a good route to the Lodge and to the Pottery, especially for those living in the west portion of the city. The improvement is scheduled for next year.

C. F. Roarick George Haley and Paul Jacka attended the American Heat Treaters' convention at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago last week. They also visited several large factories in Chicago.

Dr. Long hung up a production record last week when he helped seven babies into the world in three days. The eighth one would not wait.

A LONG, HARD PULL



Herman Chepan of the Regulator Dept., tightening up a big gate valve.

HOW TO BURN EGG COAL

Soft coal of this size will burn very well in an ordinary furnace if the following instructions in regard to firing are observed:

When making up the fire in the morning slope the coal up on one side of the furnace. Leave a small space on the low side for air. Do not leave the draft open over ten minutes except in extremely cold weather.

To keep the fire over night place the coal as before and close the drafts immediately.

Coal of this kind burns readily, and care should be taken not to give it too much draft. Do not stir the bed of coals with an iron poker as this tends to form clinkers. To burn garbage with this kind of coal will also form clinkers.

If the fire is laid as directed above, this coal gives excellent results.



FROSTY

Steam was turned into the office building September 29th and was quite acceptable, especially to the girls and from now on until spring, whenever that may be, probably some time between the first of March and the last of May.

The cool mornings and evenings make a little heat agreeable both in homes and offices. The papers report a touch of frost on October 1st. It was more noticeable in the rural districts than in the city because building protect the city dwellers while our country friends occupy exposed positions. Overcoats are next in order.

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upon someone. This "passing the buck" game is a great one, played by every class and type of people, ranging from the aristocracy, the diplomats, the politician, down to the man holding the simplest job in any firm or plant. No class of persons is immune from this petty game, which in reality is just a bad habit and can only be cured with courage, will power and co-operation. This habit like any other bad habit, usually originates in a small way and due to the advantages which it sometimes brings, it is resorted to either intentionally or unintentionally until it develops into a dangerous practice.

Does the man who "passes the buck" ever accomplish anything? With such a practice he not only causes his victim a lot of unnecessary trouble, but also troubles himself in the end. In this way he gradually loses all self reliance, responsibility and confidence in himself, so that he cannot accomplish his work, and in the meantime waste a lot of time, not only for himself, but also that of his employer.

Will this man ever win the confidence of his fellow workers, superiors or those that work for him? Undoubtedly not, for with such a specimen around, each fellow worker will double guard his interests, instead of looking up to this man as a friend and guide. Then too, his subordinates will distrust him as one who cannot perform his duties and then not shoulder the mistakes he makes. Surely there is no greater nuisance to an executive or superior, heavily burdened with the direction of affairs, than to have an assistant who is not reliable enough to be depended upon; for one who "passes the buck" certainly is far from being an able assistant.

Just imagine the state of affairs in an army if all the officers, from the highest to the lowest, would back out and place the responsibility upon the men themselves. Also imagine the condition in a Turret Lathe plant such as ours if every executive, foreman and workman would avoid the difficult jobs or place them upon each other. With such conditions, the army could never defeat the enemy, nor could Turret Lathes ever be constructed as they are, to perform the wonderful work that they do.

So it is with the one who seeks the pinnacle of success, for power is attained by him who not only knows how to shoulder his responsibilities, but actually tackles them himself and completes the tasks in the manner which they should be done.—Editorial in W. and S. Apprentice.



Frank T. Salisbury, father of Ray Salisbury, died Sept. 28 at Blue Mound, Ill. Burial at Stonington Oct. 2.

CHICAGO VISITORS

Members of Our Organization Hear Interesting Talks on Gangsters and 1933 Fair

Messrs. Robert Mueller, C. N. Wagenseller, C. F. Roarick, O. C. Keil, Barney Marty, E. H. Langdon, Julius Staudt, Walter Auer attended the Chamber of Commerce reception and dinner at the Hotel Orlando, Wednesday evening, October 1st. The affair was given in honor of visiting members of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce. These gentlemen have been touring northern and central Illinois visiting the principal cities and telling about the greatest of all worlds fairs to be held in Chicago in 1933, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city's birth.

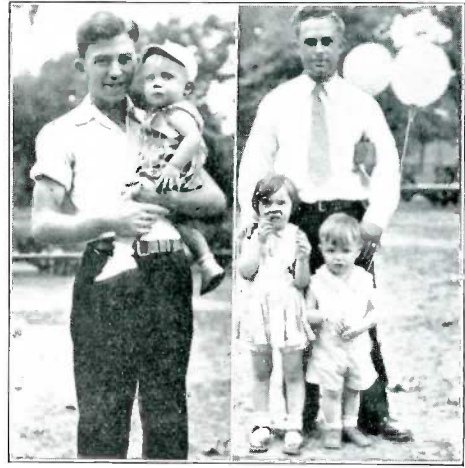
This is something to think about. Most of us will want to attend that great inventory of world progress, especially as it pertains to the United States.

Dr. Rudolph Clemens of the executive staff of the Fair board, gave the 150 guests a few high lights of this gigantic enterprise which is now well under way, a fact which the people do not generally know.

This fair will stretch along the lake front and will include the colossal stadium, the Field Museum and the Planetarium already built. These of themselves constitute a fair of interest to every one but they will be incidents only in the big enterprise. It will reach for a distance of about three miles south to near the old fair grounds. The administration building is now well under way as is a reproduction of the historical Fort Dearborn. The electrical lighting will be of dazzling beauty. The transportation building will be an enormous structure with a dome 125 feet high and 200 feet in diameter without a supporting post or pillar. This dome will be hung from a steel frame work. Every mode of transportation in the world's history will be shown. There will be cross sections of modern ocean liners and dirigible balloons where people may get all the thrills of a sea or air voyage without a particle of risk or danger. Mr. Clemens gave many interesting hints of the grandeur, the magnitude and the sublimity of the completed plans as they now appear on blue prints or in the imaginative minds of the foremost architects of the world. The Chicago Worlds Fair of 1893, which still stands out in memory as America's most successful effort, will pale into miniature compared to the present stupendous plans. (Begin to save your pennies, nickles and dimes for the 1933 fair at Chicago.)

Charles Wheeler, of Chicago, a former political editor of Chicago papers, made what was one of the most interesting speeches of the evening as he described in ready words the gangsters of Chicago and the now thoroughly aroused citizenry organized to put the gangsters and racketeers out of their present baneful occupation.

TWO PROUD PAPAS



Toney Grossman of the Machine Shop and his son, Robert Eugene, age 13 months, and Edgar B. Brusco with his children, Mary Patricia, age 3½ and William Bradford, age 2 years. In the state fair of 1929 William Bradford registered 99 per cent.

His listeners hung on every word of his dramatic description, and when he promised that Chicago's front and back door yards would be clean and safe when the world's fair opened he was greeted with loud applause.

One of the compelling features of the 1933 worlds fair will be the electrical illumination which is now being worked out, which promises to exceed anything of the kind the world has ever known. Mr. Clemens made a statement to this effect. It was before the Chicago party was taken for a drive to see Decatur's illuminated fountains and buildings.

It is interesting to those who saw the 1923 Chicago Fair to know that a son of Architect D. H. Burnham, the creative genius of that great exposition, now stands in his father's footprints directing the undertaking which is expected to outshine his father's efforts.



GIRL BOWLERS

The Mueller girls have entered a team in the Major City Ladies' League Bowling Tournament. The first three games were played on Sept. 11th against the Avalons, and Mueller's team won. They also won the second three games played on Sept. 18th against the Standards. On Sept. 25th they played Swift's Creamery winning one game out of three. This brought them to second place in the tournament. The team is comprised of Erma Barth, Lucille Smith, Helen Brannan, "Bob" Watkins, Ruth Myers and Corinne McDaniel.

HALLOWE'EN COMING

Some Suggestions for Parties on Night
Witch Is Around

Hallowe'en is coming, girls—the night of fun and mystery, of parties and a rollicking good time. Witches, goblins, fairies, brownies, black cats and whatnot go with this occasion, which gives liberties in social affairs otherwise denied by formal affairs. Orange and black are favorite decorative colors, although red and brown go very well being a part of autumn. A scare crow in one corner and a ghost in another of a dimly lighted room will contribute to the mysterious looks, which Hallowe'en hostesses like to invoke.

Of course all Hallowe'en parties are informal. They are given for fun and if that is not attained the party is likely to be classed "at flat tire." Your dining room decorations should be in keeping with the traditions of the evening.

The first step is the invitation. Here is one that can be used:

"At our house on Friday night
You surely will see a sight:
Ghosts, goblins and witches, too,
Are busy preparing fates for you,
The hour is eight—pray don't be late,
Mysterious fortunes you await."

SOME GAMES

Use the above on Hallowe'en cards. If it's a mask party, pin numbers on the guests when they arrive. Then distribute pencil and papers with the numbers listed and have each person write down who they think each number is. This can be read when the unmasking hour arrives. Or it can be made a contest with prizes.

Guess Who

Put a sheet across a doorway and have the boys, one at a time show their feet below the sheet. The girls, on the other side of door, must guess who it is.

The girls must now slip their hands through a hole in the sheet and this time the boys must guess the owners of the hands.

Slicing Flour

Fill a medium-sized bowl with flour and press down compactly. Turn it out on a square bread board in the middle of the table. On the top of the mound place a ring—very lightly. The idea is to slice away the flour without disturbing the ring.

Each one in turn takes the broad bladed knife and removes a thin slice of flour. The person unlucky enough to knock down the ring must extract it from the flour heap with his teeth.

Grab Bag

Into a large bag put a little bag for every

AT HIS DRAFTING BOARD



Walter Bowman, draftsman in the Experimental Department, at his drafting board.

girl present. In these little bags are small articles that will determine the occupation of the girls' future husbands. A bottle of medicine (druggist), a pen (author), a hammer (carpenter), scissors, and spool (tailor), and so on.

More Fortune Telling

In a tub of water launch little half walnut shell boats each, one with the name of a boy or girl written on it. Stand in the center of each boat a tiny lighted candle. If two boats float together those persons surely will marry. If the lights burn brightly their lives will be happy and unadventurous.

Invisible Surprises

Give each one an orange envelope which must not be opened until quite late. The paper inside seems blank, but when held over a candle the surprises which are written in lemon juice become readable. Something like the following will be found lots of fun—written with lemon juice instead of ink:

"In the front room two steps to the right,
Your lover waits for you tonight."

(The lover is a man cut from a fashion advertisement.

And so on. You can think of ever so many funny things to say—something that will "suit" for each of your guests.

These games, with dancing, will fill up the evening nicely. The table for Hallowe'en should be as spooky as possible. A huge lighted pumpkin for centerpiece grins amiably upon the company. Little black cats at each place and smaller lanterns, paper witches riding on the tumblers and funny little goblins will add interest to the table.