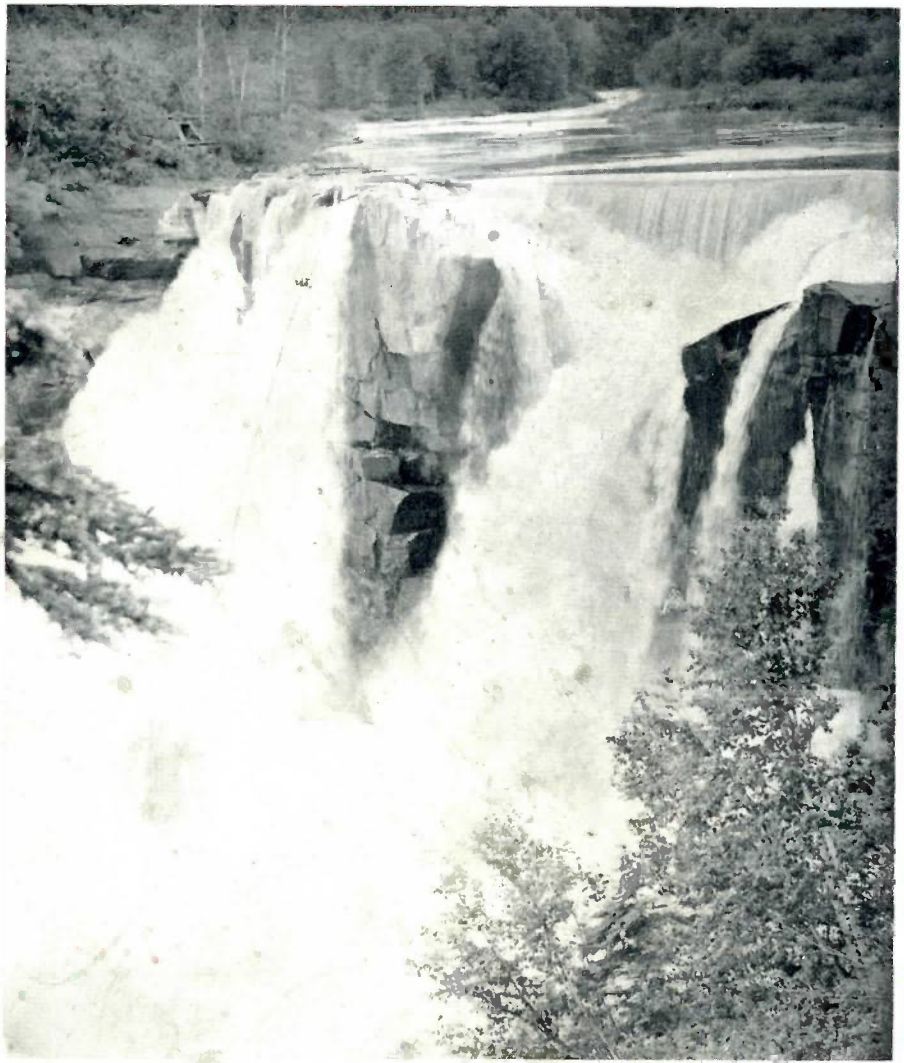


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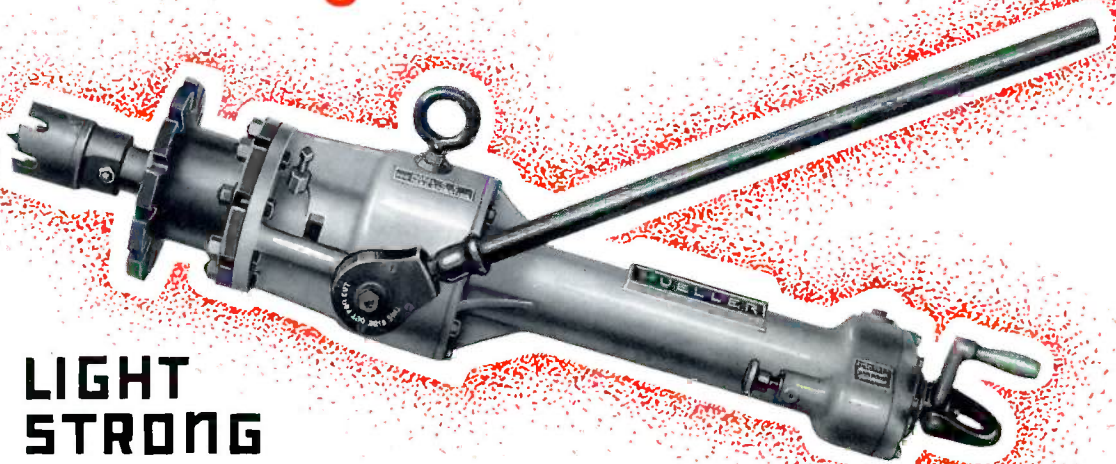
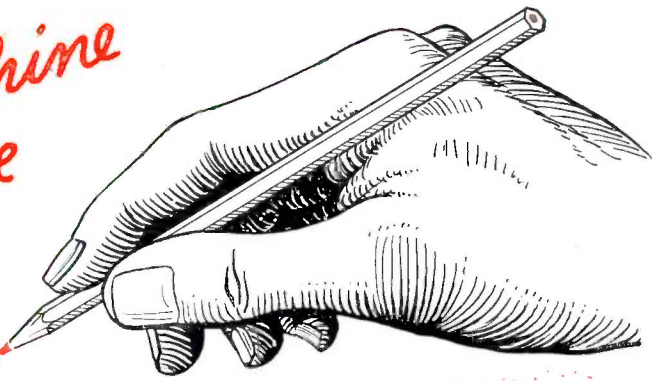
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## EDITORIAL

Idealists have always looked forward for perfection, but it is like perpetual motion, never been realized. The idealists has himself a good time dreaming. While he does this the materialist is busy making things come true.

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You can't go wrong if you do right and go right.

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We all know Shakespeare's "Sir Oracle, reputed wise for saying nothing." Woodrow Wilson knew the Sir Oracles, too, which perhaps was one of the reasons for his strong advocacy of freedom of speech. He said:

"I have always been among those who believe that the greatest freedom of speech is the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool, the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise the fact by speaking. It cannot be so easily discovered if you allow him to remain silent and look wise, but if you let him speak, the secret is out and the world knows that he is a fool."

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Henry Ward Beecher said: "There are many people who think Sunday is a sponge to wipe up all the sins of the week." There may have been many such in the days of the famous preacher, but today those many people think Sunday a day to step on the gas, chase golf balls, see the ball game and go to the movies.

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After you tell a good story two or three times, put it in the discard. Few friends are polite enough to laugh at a story more than twice.

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It is of no profit to prepare today what you are going to do tomorrow unless you do it when tomorrow comes.

## WHAT A BOOK CAN DO

This is what a book can do:  
Take you where the skies are blue,  
Take you where the laughter's ringing,  
And the eyes with love aglow,  
Take you out of care and trouble  
And the griefs which seem to double.  
Take you far from wintry weather  
And the fields of drifted snow.

This is what a book can do;  
Build and strengthen you anew,  
Give you fortitude and courage  
When above a storm appears;  
It can fashion and re-make you  
So that fate can never break you  
It can comfort and console you  
When your eyes are wet with tears.

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## THE FRONT COVER

The front cover of the September Record is adorned with a picture of the High Falls of Pigeon River. This photograph was taken by Francis E. Carroll, Gas and Regulator Sales division of Mueller Co. Francis is quite clever with the camera and when near anything of interest never neglects to take a shot. He was on vacation when the photograph of the falls was taken. It is printed just as delivered to us—no bringing out the details by retouching. The falls are a few miles southwest of Fort Williams, Ontario. It is of interest to know that the exact center of these falls is the boundary line between Canada and the United States.

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Chief: "My wife always becomes historical when I stay out late."

Other Chief: "You mean hysterical."

Chief: "No, historical. She digs up my past."—U. S. Naval Training Station News.

# THE MUELLER RECORD

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ing, Water and Gas Industries.

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## LONG MAY IT BLOOM

### Gorgeous, Flaming Hollyhocks Inspire Tributes From Writers

It was a great year for hollyhocks in Illinois and the middle west. Doubtless the thousands of tourists saw and enjoyed them. There is nothing new, novel, or startling, about hollyhocks. They are as old as the hills, yea as "The Singing Hills" are now, and so common that many persons overlook the beauty and brilliance of the blooms, which give beauty to an alley or an ash heap, so readily do they grow and thrive. There is, however, a strong sentiment for the hollyhock. The flower seems to link the present with the past, old age with youth, the happy days of childhood with the fleeting years of maturity.

#### Henry Ward Beecher Said

Henry Ward Beecher expressed this sentiment in a few words:

"As for marigolds, poppies, hollyhocks and valorous sunflowers, we shall never have a garden without them, both for their own sake, and the sake of old fashioned folks who used to love them."

And if the famous preacher lived today he doubtless would have added: "And still love them" for the same reason, for old fashioned folk are always with us. In further appreciation Mr. Beecher in his "Discourse on Flowers" added:

"Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men and animals. Some seem to smile, some have a sad expression, some are pensive and diffident and others are plain, honest and upright, like the broad-faced sunflower and hollyhock."

That's the story—a story of rugged honesty and homely virtue which impresses us as a commendable quality in man, flower, or beast.

#### A Hardy Perennial

The hollyhock is a hardy, perennial, herbaceous plant, which was at one time a fashionable flower; but the hollyhock disease obtained such a hold, that named varieties became unpopular, and hollyhocks raised from good strains of seed took their

place. It is desirable to sow the seed in light rich soil, in a temperature of 65 degrees, in January or February, potting as growth occurs until the end of April, when they may be planted out into deep-dug and well enriched soil.

#### An Editorial Victim

An editorial writer in the St. Louis Post Dispatch is a victim to the lure of the June hollyhock influence. He wrote:

"The hollyhocks are blowing in the wind on Cardiff Hill today just as they did when Sam Clemens was Tom Sawyer and saw far below the great steamboats sweeping around the bend above Hannibal.

They stand in blazing clumps along rail fences, behind the log houses of New Salem, where Abe Lincoln kept store, tended the postoffice and strolled with Ann Rutledge in the dusk by the Sangamon.

Atop the palisades at Elsah, from which Frederick Oakes Sylvester painted the Father of Waters on golden afternoons, across the American Bottom, as early settlers called nearby Illinois, up the Old National Trail to Vandalia, down to Festus and Crystal City and beyond to old Ste. Genevieve—out along the roadsides to the Lake of the Ozarks, they march, flaunting their brilliance as they go.

The State Flower of Missouri may be the red haw, that of Illinois the wood violet, but when June comes the flower of both states is the hollyhock—the thousands on thousands of hollyhocks singing a chorus of color from wayside garden, fence corner, dooryard and windblown hilltop."

Long may it bloom, symbolizing that old fashioned sentiment which connects happy memories of the past with a mad war torn world of today.

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#### A Gem From Tennyson

"Flower in the crannied wall,  
I pluck you out of the crannies,  
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,  
Little flower—but IF I could understand  
What you are, root and all, and all in all,  
I should know what God and man is."

#### She Took It

In a Seattle sporting goods store was an iced exhibit of prize-winning fish and next to it a box containing vacation pamphlets with a big sign, "Take One." So many persons took one that the pamphlets were soon gone. Sign was quickly removed when a woman came along, read it, picked out the biggest fish exhibited, wrapped it in a newspaper and went home with her dinner problem solved.

## SOMETHING ON GLASSES

### Fad Is Said To Have Come From Movie Folk in Hollywood

Sunglasses continue popular. Some persons wear them because it is really necessary, while others do so because it's more or less a fad in Hollywood, on the sea shore, or on any or all occasions that brings folks out into the open. Sight Saving Review, published by the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, carried an article on the subject of dark glasses. Its author is Dr. Arno E. Town, of New York. He says the practice is, for the most part, a fad of movie artists, which was adopted for the purpose of concealing their identity. This was carried so far that many girls had a stock of various colors to match different costumes.

#### Bad For the Eyes

The writer points out that inferior sun glasses made of celluloid, pressed glass, or poor blown glass, only adds to irregular astigmatism, myopia, hyperopia, or prismatic unbalance to the refractive mechanism. In more understandable language, they increase the strain produced by glare.

#### Good Lenses Desirable

If sun glasses are really necessary one should buy them from a responsible optician or dealer and get a good quality of ground and polished lenses, and if necessary ground with the correct distance prescription.

We can personally testify that our own oculist has given us the same advice. Two serious, but successful, eye operations made it advisable for us to wear light tints but the glasses are ground and polished.

That any one should wear colored glasses in night driving seems unbelievable, but they do. Of course these glasses decrease visibility. Eye strain of which some claim is due to long distance driving is due to some eye trouble which requires the attention of an optician and possibly an oculist.

#### We Wonder

As one damned with poor eyesight from childhood, worked twenty years on a night editor's desk, and submitted to dual operations for removal of cataracts, but still reads proof of the finest print, we wonder why any one should wear glasses of any kind unless compelled to. We do not consider it stylish, smart, or becoming. In fact it impresses us as damn foolishness.

There, now we swore and will lose out on our reward of merit card next Sunday.

## NEW NAMES THIS YEAR

### Every Five Years Additions Made To Hall of Fame

This year new names will be added to the list now in the Hall of Fame. These lists are added every five years by a College of Electors, numbering 100 American men and women of distinction from every state in the union and several professions. Thus far there are 72 notable persons represented in the Hall. These include authors and editors, business men, educators, inventors, missionaries, explorers, philanthropists, reformers, preachers, theologians, scientists, engineers, architects, lawyers, judges, musicians, painters, sculptors, physicians, surgeons, rulers, statesmen, soldiers and sailors, and other distinguished men and women outside of the classes enumerated. All of these have been honored with a bust or a tablet. The first name in the list is George Washington and the last Grover Cleveland.

The Hall of Fame is located on the campus of New York University. It is built in the form of a terrace with superimposed colonade connecting the University Hall of Philosophy with the Hall of Languages. Only persons who have been dead 25 years or longer are eligible to be chosen.

The Hall of Fame was built with funds contributed by Mrs. J. Finley Shepard, whose maiden name was Helen Gould, daughter of the railroad magnate, Jay Gould.

#### Not Politics

During the Democratic convention, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, a southern delegate, stepped to the Stevens Hotel bar and asked, have you any "ten cent whiskey?" Of course the answer was no, but as the delegate stalked out, he took this parting shot: "Well I'll be gosh darned if I'll drink any of that five cent stuff."

#### Marbles, Toys, String, Etc.

A boy's winter suit with 23 pockets has been designed by an Eastern manufacturer. The front of the jacket has 5 pockets down each side. Inside jacket pockets hold food, fruit, etc. A large reinforced pocket in the back of the jacket is for skates. The trousers feature a small pocket in the rear for parking chewing gum.

Foreman: "Your noon hour's over. Didn't you hear that whistle to go back to work?"

Worker: "Yes, but I was waiting for the echo."

# FINGER PRINTING

Used In China 200 Years B. C.—  
Adopted In India 1858

There came to this editor's desk a little pamphlet which was mostly devoted to finger printing. This is a rather commonplace subject. Finger printing suggests to the average reader a criminal character, whose finger prints are on file for identification purposes. This, perhaps is one of the reasons why there is opposition to compulsory finger printing, which is now being discussed. Pointing out the advantage of this system, the pamphlet referred to the noted kidnapping case of Charlie Ross, aged 4, from Germantown, Pa., in 1874. Hundreds of attempts have been made since then to win the reward offered for the missing child.

## The Old Crime Recalled

The last claimant was a Phoenix, Arizona carpenter, who it was declared by court decree to be "the lost Charlie Ross" and who attracted attention June, 1939 by visiting Philadelphia to sue for a share of a supposed \$460,000 family trust fund.

The point is made that had Charlie Ross been finger printed, identification would have been quick and positive in the case of the Phoenix carpenter, even though sixty years or more elapsed since the kidnapping.

## Marks Never Change

It is claimed that the markings on the fingers never change. Finger prints remain the same throughout all bodily changes, even after death. The authorities say that not once in 10,000 years or not one in 64,000,000,000 prints, it has been estimated, would the finger prints of a person be duplicated.

## Finger Printing Not New

As in so many cases, which seem modern to us, we find that practice and usage go far back to early civilization. So it is with finger printing which recent research shows goes back to 200 B. C. when the Chinese resorted to an imprint of the thumb as their signature for business and legal transaction.

## Used In India

In 1858 Sir William Herschel, of the Indian civil service, introduced the practice of taking finger prints when he was an executive in charge of Hugli District, Bengal, in order to prevent impersonation. In 1897 Sir E. R. Henry, inspector of police for the lower provinces, formulated a scheme of classification which was a de-

velopment of the proposals of Professor Purkinje in 1823, and of Sir Francis Galton, who is chiefly responsible for our knowledge of the markings on finger tips at a much later day. The system was adopted throughout British India and later was introduced in all branches of public business in India and Burma.

## England Follows India

In England in 1901 the Home Secretary, after thorough investigation of India's experience, sanctioned the adoption of the system by the police in England and Wales. Since that time finger printing has been adopted by all large cities in the world.

In the United States finger printing is used by police departments, including the smaller cities, in the war and navy departments, interior department, for making agreements with Indians who cannot write, the department of justice, which is in connection with police departments at home and abroad. It is also being used in hospitals where foot prints of babies are also made. The reliability of palm and foot printing for identification has been upheld by the supreme court in a murder case from Nevada in 1918 and one from Massachusetts in 1938.

## Millions of Prints

Now we are to have the finger printing of some 3,000,000 aliens in this country, and it is expected that there will be further extensions of the system.

Since the above was written we are in receipt of a clip sheet from Washington giving information on congressional proceedings, and find the following relative to registration and finger printing of all aliens. It is of so much general interest that we add it to what had already been written:

## Registration of Aliens

According to a new law approved by the President on June 28, 1940 (Public No. 670) every alien now or hereafter in the United States who is 14 years of age or older, and who remains in the country for 30 days or longer, must be registered and fingerprinted. Registrations are to begin September 1, 1940, and will be handled by the Department of Justice at all post offices and in some schools. The law allows a four months period, running through December, 1940, for the completion of the registration, details concerning which are to be kept secret and confidential. Fine and imprisonment are provided for failure to register. The Post Office Department and the Bureau of the Census are working out details of the plan for registration, which will be announced later.



# College Humor



Sissy!

"What kinda guy is your roommate?"  
"Well, last night he barked his shins on a chair, and said, 'Oh, the perversity of inanimate objects!'"

## What An Admission

Colonel: "I have an announcement to make. Last night my wife presented me with a son."

R. Necks: "Hooray, three cheers for the Colonel and the wife."

Col.: "Men and officers, my thanks are due to you!"

## Those Were The Good Old Days

Sweet Young Thing: "My boy friend has cold feet."

Fond Auntie: "Shame on you young lady. In my day we did not find out those things until we were married."

## Nice Boy

Found on Freshman's registration card:  
Name of parents: "Mamma and Papa."

## Me First

First Co-ed: "I hear Teddy has quite a fortune."

Second Co-ed: "Sorry, darling, but I heard it first. So run along."

Prof.: "Frequent water-drinking prevents becoming stiff in the joints."

Stude: "Yes, but some of the joints don't serve water."

## Classified

Student: "What are your terms for students?"

Landlady: "I generally call them dead beats and buns."

First Co-ed: "Jimmy is grand, but I think all men are trying sometimes."

Second Co-ed: "All the time, dearie, all the time."

## Some Party Is Right

First Stude: "What kind of a dress did Betty wear to the party last night?"

Second Stude: "I don't know, but I think it was checked."

First Stude: "Boy, that must have been some party."

## Down In The Depths

Co-ed: "I don't think I should get zero in this exam!"

Prof.: "Neither do I. But that's the lowest mark there is."

## Knew The Answer

"Sir, I have something here which will make you popular, make your life happier, and bring you a host of friends."

"I'll take a quart."

## Trigger Education

Mountaineer: "This here boy 'o mine is arter larnin'. What's yer bill o' fare?"

Prof.: "My department sir, consists of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and trigonometry."

Mountaineer: "That are enough. Give him lot of the last thing. He's the only poor shot in the family."

## Crop Rotation

Mother: "After all, he's only a boy, and boys will sow their wild oats."

Father: "Yes, but I wouldn't mind if he didn't mix so much rye with it."

## Like Patience On Monument

"What makes you think she is a photographer's daughter?"

"Because her system is to sit in the dark and await developments."

## Imitating Old Phrase

Frosh: "Say that blond you were dancing with last night looked quite stunning in that biblical gown."

"What do you mean, 'biblical gown'?"

"Oh, you know. Sort of 'low and behold'."

## Highly Listed

Friend: "But isn't your son sort of listless, Mr. Moneybags?"

Mr. Moneybags: "Heavens, no! He's got a list of blondes, a list of brunettes, and a list of redheads."

# I'M TELLIN' YOU

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- A Cleveland educator is alleged to have confessed to taking and retaining \$10,000 worth of library books. Now we know that there is truth in the absent-minded professor gag. What a splendid loop-hole of escape was overlooked by this Cleveland man?
- A Hick Town is a place where the filling station man pays no more attention to you than if you weren't in the car, instead of overwhelming you with subservient efforts to be of service.
- Intercepted Berlin Short Wave War News:—  
Fee, fi, fo, fum,  
I smell the blood of an Englishman  
Be he alive or be he dead;  
I'll grind his bones to make my bread.
- The variety of weather in Illinois in July, only 14 above freezing July 17—the coolest July day on record—followed by 14 or 15 days of 100 degrees temperature, or nearly so, brings to mind a native son's opinion that "Illinois is the most beautiful state in the union but it's weather is so uncertain that no one wants to live in it."
- The production of small coins, pennies, nickels, and dimes, in various U. S. mints, the past year, amounted to 768,093,000 with a face value of \$39,400,000. This is double the amount of the last year. "The usual demand," says the director of the mint, "is due to coin vending and pin ball machines." The mints are working overtime but those pin ball machines eat up small coins like a small boy goes through an ice cream cone.
- Einstein says he is on the verge of finding the key to the universe. When found, professor, the owner may be located by an advertisement in the "Found and Lost" column.
- Of 108,200 persons on Works Project Administration in Illinois only 13 refused to sign affidavits that they were not communists, bund members, or aliens. Too worn out, leaning on their shovels, to write their names, perhaps.
- A new book is entitled "Grandfather Was Queer." Too bad Grandfather is not here to pass an opinion on grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- If it takes all kinds of people to make the world it would appear that the wrong kind are now working on the job.
- Describing a wedding an exchange advises: "The bride was attired in white satin when she exchanged cows with the groom." Alderney, Holstein or Jersey?
- Tavern Tattle — Six snozzlers sipping suds. Phone rings. Six snozzlers sing sharply: "If that's my wife I'm not here." On with the beer let joy be unrefined.
- A correspondent asks: "Do you remember when women wore huge sunbonnets with slats of paste board to keep them in shape." Yeah!, and we remember when they wore bustles, corsets tightly laced, button shoes, dress train three feet long, pierced their ears, and wore leg-o-mutton sleeves. Oh, yes, and we also remember when white hose took on color—alternating stripes of red and white. We greeted the girls with derisive cries of "barber poles" and "stick candy legs."
- Famous last words: "I'm not news. The public doesn't care what I do."
- He is a smart man who does not talk when he should be listening.
- There are many persons who scorn to hitch hike yet have the trait of a thumber—they don't know where the world is heading and don't care, so long as they ride with it.
- The miniature cocktail is the rage now. Drink one and in a minute-your-out.
- Admiral Byrd took a dog with him to help find the south pole. Wise Admiral.



## Wisdom of the Ages

Lavater:—

He who gives himself the airs of importance exhibits the credentials of impotence.

Be yourself, Ferdinand.

Chambers:—

Liberty of conscience is rightly considered the most indispensable of liberties.

Think as you please, act as you please—but let the other fellow do the same.

Bolieau:—

The wisest man is generally he who thinks himself the least so.

And in so thinking may be right.

Saville:—

Women have more strength in their looks than we have in our laws, and more power in their tears than we have in our arguments.

Tears are woman's weapons.

Tillotson:—

A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.

Silence is golden.

Adam Smith:—

Vanity is the foundation of the most ridiculous and contemptible vices—the vices of affectation and common lying.

An empty pride inspired by one's overwhelming conceit with excessive desire for attention. In shorter words—"swell-headed."

Col. 4:6—

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how to answer every man."

And what's the answer?

Matt. 13:57—

"A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own home."

And in a presidential year he is just out of luck.

Prov. 17:28—

"Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

To be counted wise—say nothing.

1 Timothy 2:9—

"Also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, gold, or pearls; or costly array."

Leave it to the ladies.

Ruskin:—

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil and not through self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.

In every rank, great or small, 'tis industry supports us all.

George Horace Lorimer:—

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up, once in a while, and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

But it's money that makes the mare go.

Holmes:—

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary does tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant things from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell him.

Don't presume on acquaintance or friendship — fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Lincoln:—

Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable, is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise.

To own you must earn.  
To earn you must work.

Schopenhauer:—

Every generation, no matter how paltry its character, thinks itself much wiser than the one immediately preceding it, let alone those that are more remote.

It's just natural to get the idea into our heads that we are the latest model.

Emerson:—

The truest test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops; no, but the kind of man the country turns out.

God give us men. A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.

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There was great excitement via radio yesterday. "The Sky Fell Down" on "The Singing Hills" of "Make Believe Island" because "Playmates" were "Roller Skating on a Rainbow", while "April Played a Fiddle", and why not add "Hey Diddle, Diddle, The Cat's in the Fiddle"?

## CHINESE ARCHITECT



*Meet Mr. Francis Lai Chinn, architect. He is a graduate of the University of California, thoroughly Americanized and said to be the only man of his race practicing architecture in California and possibly in the United States.*

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## BILLIONS BLOWN AWAY

### Enormous Taxes Paid Government By Cigarette Smokers

Cigarettes keep a vast horde of men and women sucking in and blowing out smoke, seemingly to us about the most useless and foolish thing a human can do. Yet we are among the guilty. These smokers not only pay millions of dollars for the privilege but they contribute billions of dollars to the government in taxes.

A Federal tax of six cents a package went on cigarettes during the World war and up to the end of 1939 had amounted to over six and a third billion dollars, says the Decatur Review. In 1918 the tax was more than 66 millions and in 1919 it went above 90 millions, entering the 100 million dollar tax class in 1920. In 1924, 200 millions a year; 300 millions in 1928; 400 millions in 1936 and last year the tax jumped into the 500 millions a year bracket.

At the present rate of cigarette smoking, smokers are paying more than a half billion dollars a year in Federal taxes. The new tax law that went into effect recently will increase that figure. The actual amount paid in Federal taxes on cigarettes since 1918 up to the close of 1939 reached the enormous total of \$6,376,376,378.15.

## DAZZLING ADDITIONS

### Of Underground Marvels As Result of Explorations At Mammoth Cave

Mammoth Cave in Kentucky is the largest in the world. This was true of the cave before recent discoveries, which have added many miles of new passages. The discovery is the result of recent explorations. It has been estimated that there is an area of 8,000 square miles in Kentucky and Tennessee marked by 4,000 sink holes and 500 open caverns.

#### First Made Known In 1809

Mammoth Cave was discovered in 1809. It is said a hunter was pursuing a bear which suddenly disappeared in a hole in the ground. Explorations afterward developed the vast subterranean passages. This version of the discovery may be historically correct or it may be a local tradition. In any event the Mammoth Cave was soon known as one of the marvels of the world and since its discovery hundreds of thousands of people have visited it, have been thrilled, awed, and frightened at the marvelous formations, underground rivers and bottomless pits.

#### New and Greater Sights

It would seem that from the date of the discovery until now, some 131 years, there would be nothing left to add to the wonders of the cave but recent explorations indicate that new and greater sights are being added to those which have previously amazed the world.

However, it will be at least two years before the public can be admitted to view "these new spectacular cave treasures."

Four cave guides, Carl and Pete Hanson and Leo and Clause Hunt, discovered the new caverns on October 10, 1938, after days of exploring narrow crawlways leading from the underground channel of Roaring River. Their find was kept secret until cave authorities had thoroughly explored the entire mammoth cavern.

#### Will Increase Interest

The cave authorities express the belief that these new discoveries will attract more interest and more sight-seers than did the original cave.

The greatest avenue in the newly discovered portion is 7,000 feet in length, which is much larger than anything in the older cave. Another is Fossil Avenue, which is 3,000 feet, and Onyx Avenue, only 800 feet long, but the most beautiful of all.

It is announced that before the new caverns are opened there will be scientific investigations, looking to a more complete understanding of the phenomena hidden from human eyes for countless ages.

## Always Something New

(From the Nation's Business for July)

A new electrical convenience outlet. Dished plate surface which guide plug blades into contact slots without fumbling. Especially good in hard to get at places and dark corners.

A dual purpose lawn sprinkler so designed that children can play in the shower while the lawn is being sprinkled.

A hand truck to enable one man to handle barrels and drums up to 1000 pounds. There is a special hook which makes possible loading the barrel with minimum of effort and then holds it on the truck.

Plywood panels in room sizes up to 8x20 feet are now available. These are made with a water resistant synthetic resin glue and the side to be decorated is covered with strong woven fabric. The size makes for a minimum of joints and facilitates construction.

A self-locking nut for standard bolt thread systems has the same threaded height as standard nuts but on the top has an unthreaded but elastic fibrous collar, which prevents vibration from loosening the nut and helps seal the bolt against corrosion. Nut can be removed and used again.

A new electric outlet for wall clocks is designed to give both mechanical support and electrical connections, thus eliminating the use of extension cords.

A new boxboard finish makes them grease-proof, moisture-proof, and soil-proof. Dust and dirt can be wiped off with a damp cloth.

Safety blocks for sheet metal forming presses are now made from an extruded light weight but strong magnesium alloy, said to be stronger than oak and easier to handle than either oak or steel blocks.

A new nozzle for gasoline pumps is said to prevent spilling due to overflow of the tank. It has an automatic shut off valve which is actuated when the gasoline in the tank reaches a by-pass at the end of the nozzle.

A bottle stopper for carbonated beverages is tightened or loosened by a quarter turn of a winged lever. It requires little more room than a crimped cap.

Non-conducting materials, such as wood, may be electro-plated after application of a colloidal graphite solution. The solution hardens, conducts electricity. It is applied by dipping, brushing, or spraying.

A floor finishing material resembling concrete but flexible enough to be applied over wood floors is now made in several colors. In application it is troweled out like concrete and can be used in 24 hours. It may be oiled, polished, or waxed.

An almost transparent amber tinged finish for floors, table tops, and the like will resist fire, dilute acids, and stains. It is easily applied with brush or cloth, has good permanency and is a variant of nitrocellulose lacquer.

A small letter scale for office use shows required postage for local, domestic, or air mail letters up to four ounces. The exposed numbers change with distinct clicks to avoid confusion in reading.

A new fire alarm functions through the thermostatic action of a tiny mercury switch. The price is sufficiently low so that several units can be placed in danger spots about the house.

### Be a "Ten Second Man"

In the language of the sport page, we have a very select group of young men in the country who are "ten-second" fellows. They are able to flash down a cinder track and cover one hundred yards in ten seconds. There are probably only a few hundred persons in the United States who can do it. It is a most distinguishing accomplishment.

There's another very honorable way of being a "ten-second" man, and, happily, anyone can do it. Wait ten seconds every time you are likely to say something you will be sorry for. Whether it's arguing, gossiping, scolding, or criticizing, be a "ten-second" person, and you will likely change your mind.

### New Door

"The Phantom Doorman" is the name of a new automatic door opener and closer which has been developed. It is operated either by electric eye or switch control, or a combination of these to meet individual requirements. When the power is shut off, doors open and close by hand.

# Our Annual Picnic With Carnival Features

## Salesmen Join in For a Day of Relaxation and Fun in Big Outing at the Heights

Well: the 1940 Mueller Employees Picnic is a thing of the past. It was held on Saturday, August 17, at Mueller Heights, and is second only in importance in our calendar to the Christmas holidays. If we may descend to vigorous and unmistakable English we would advise you that the picnic was a "rip-snorter" for old and young alike.

These picnics are an institution with this organization, dating back to 1898. Since that time they have been regular annual events, with one or two exceptions due to some unavoidable condition.

### Like a Carnival

In recent years the affair has taken on characteristics of a carnival, but the picnic spirit still prevails in neighborly association, basket dinners, games, etc. For instance some of the outstanding attractions were:

A gaudy Merry-Go-Round, with its endless music.

An electric train, with about one-eighth mile track, for children under twelve years.

Thor Peterson's Strolling Band.

Play ground with all kinds of apparatus.

Funny Fotos—where pictures were taken and handed out developed within a minute or two, afternoon and evening.

Vaudeville performances by professionals from Chicago and St. Louis.

Free inflated balloons.

### Strictly Informal

There is little or no formality at a Mueller picnic, from Adolph Mueller through the entire list of company officers and members, the Muellers of the company are known by their given names.

### Link Present With Past

Among the older employees attending were eight with unusual service records as follows:

	Years
W. H. Campbell.....	47
B. J. Marty .....	46
Wm. Seeforth .....	44
August Schudziari .....	42
Harvey Cameron .....	42
Ulysses Friend .....	41
J. W. Simpson .....	41
Louis Fagan .....	41

There is an added interest in the record of these men. They are the last of the

employees who worked with and under Hieronymus Mueller, the founder of the business.

A year ago a dinner was given in their honor, and each of these veterans contributed some reminiscence of their early days with the Mueller Co. Some of the older men recalled traits of character of H. Mueller and the mechanical skill which led him to fabricate by hand and lathe shot guns to meet the whims and needs of particular sportsmen, a gasoline fired engine for his own boat, a copper hot water bottle to keep warm the feet of Decatur's only millionaire, the rebuilding of the automobile imported from Germany. All of those mentioned are still at their daily tasks.

Many of the products of Hieronymus Mueller's hand and brain are now shown in a relic room which has just been installed in a space adjoining the reception room.

### Largest Family Present

At our picnic we always try to spot the largest family. This time it was Arthur Nash, who with his wife and ten children mingled with the crowd, a happy, contented family. Arthur Nash has been with the company for eighteen years, owns his own home, and is giving his children proper schooling.

There are many other large families in this organization, and some with unusual relations such as the Yonker family. The father, Samuel Yonker, has been with us thirty-eight years. He has three sons employed by the company, holding important positions. They are A. O. Yonker, 26 years; Gerald, 17 years; Carl, 15 years.

The presence of the travelling salesmen from New York and Decatur territories, with Ebert Mueller, George W. Parker and Scotty Milne representing the Sarnia plant and Hugh Baker, the Chattanooga plant, added to the merriment and enjoyment of the occasion. The "boys" mingled with the crowd throughout the day renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

### Golf Tourney Leads Off

The first event of the day was the golf tourney played on Nelson Park court, of interest to our trade because of participation of various salesmen. As a truthful historian we can't record that any of the road

# Pretty Baby! **BABY SHOW** Pretty Baby!



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Louis Ross, Mrs. Edgar Stark, Mrs. J. A. Staudt, Mrs. Halden Hansen, Mrs. Virgil Morrison, Mrs. Roy E. Bray, Mrs. Paul Barnes, Mrs. Carleton Hackman.  
 Back row, left to right: Mrs. Leo Siloski, Mrs. Archie Sefton, Mrs. Wm. Mathes, Mrs. Eric Blankenburg, Mrs. Harry Bolz, Mrs. Wayne Ford, Mrs. Lee Bauer, Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis, Mrs. Carl Schuman.  
 In addition to those shown above there were nineteen other babies born within the last year. The fathers were: Mervil Bethards, Lloyd Tucker, Everett Dickey, Carl Yonker, Wayne Fyke, Paul Holmes, Keith Smith, Carroll Ford, Merlin Coates, Earl Bethards, Robert Hutchins, C. W. Stogsdill, Geo. Sulwer, Chas. Schroeder, Arthur Nash, Chas. Brownlow, Eugene Cash, Marion Ponner, Howard Dempster.

boys showed sensational form, although four showed in the prize winners.

Fifty-three players were on the course, seventeen of them being salesmen as follows: P. L. Hines, Decatur; J. P. Stenner, New York; F. T. O'Dell, Chicago; L. J. Evans, Philadelphia; Geo. W. Parker, Sarnia; C. J. G. Haas, New York; W. L. DeWitt, Dallas; Geo. H. Hofmann, San Antonio; G. W. Knipe, New York; Fred Kroschwitz, Trenton, N. J.; Arthur F. King, New York; Scotty Milne, Sarnia, Ont.; R. K. Levey, Chicago; Geo. W. White, Decatur; H. A. Probst, Buffalo; Lloyd George, Indianapolis; W. B. Ford, Birmingham, Ala.

### Usual Picnic Features

As a picnic the program was made up of the customary games and contests, identified with outings since the beginning of this form of recreation, interesting to those who participated and their friends. There was a morning ball game between two factory teams and again in the afternoon between a team from the Perfect Potato Chips and the Mueller All Stars, who failed to peel the Potato boys.

### Supervised Play

Games for the children were arranged suitable to the ages of the participants. The

little folks were assigned to the Lodge lawn while the older ones pulled their stunts on the Athletic field. These games were supervised by experienced play directors from the Decatur Recreational Department. For the little folks there was a drawing for a gay little wagon for the lucky boy and a beautiful doll for the lucky little girl.

### A Patriotic Spirit

There was a patriotic spirit throughout the whole affair which was manifest in the program and badge printing, the latter being adorned by small bow flag.

The hoisting of the colors by the Boy Scouts appealed to the large audience in the amphitheater, who recited the "Pledge to the Flag" in concert and then joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

Then came the Vaudeville show by professionals which included:

Elmer McDonald, master of ceremonies—parodies, jokes, and singing.

Eddie Wilson's Three Drifters—comedy and musical act. Plenty of laughs.

Angello and Lampe—hand to hand. Acrobatic novelty.

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## BABY SHOW

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Margie Dawe—Dancing novelty—tap, buck, and toe.

Selma Houseman—Pianist.

All were good with the acrobatic team as an outstanding number.

In the evening there were brief addresses by W. E. Mueller and Adolph Mueller. These were along business lines as affect the country at large as well as individual enterprises.

Mueller Girls Dance Revue, directed by Miss Clara Marie Dawson, who instructs daughters of employees during the winter season. It was a pretty little spectacle.

Again the audience joined with patriotic fervor in songs, once more "Star Spangled Banner", "America", and "God Bless America". There was an unmistakable depth of feeling in this music, and beneath the old oaks, with electric lights shining down on the flag, there was no doubt of the sincerity of a group of loyal Americans.

### Must Become Americans

For years our book of rules has contained these lines in applications for employment:

"This company employs only American citizens. Immigrants who have made an official declaration of citizenship (taken out their first papers) may be employed, but they must as soon as possible meet all legal requirements of full citizenship."

And we are proud of the fact today that every member of this organization is an American citizen.

The picnic ended as most picnics do—with a dance. The large stage of the open air theater was crowded until midnight.

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### LEGEND FOR OPPOSITE PAGE

Reading down left panel:

An interested young picnicker, seeing the events from her "Packard".

Open air theater filling for afternoon exercises to the music of Thor Peterson's band.

A. C. Werdes and Joe Brownback ("profs"), who were active in the management of the golf-tourney.

Left to right: Geo. H. Hoffman, salesman in Texas, headquarters in San Antonio; Lloyd George, salesman in Indiana territory, headquarters in Indianapolis; W. B. (Billy) Ford, salesman in southern territory, with headquarters in Birmingham.

Harley Himstead and Ernest Jack Bond, age 3, winner of a gay little express wagon.

Center panel:

The busy merry-go-round. Hundreds of grown-ups and children enjoyed this popular feature from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

The electric streamlined train for children under 12 years ran neck and neck with the merry-go-round in popularity.

A crowd of boys find a vantage point for viewing the picnic. "Boys will be boys."

The "Funny Foto" feature had some 1,200 callers during the day, including such sedate gentlemen as C. J. G. Haas of New York, Scotty Milne of Sarnia, Bob Whitehead of St. Louis, Geo. F. Sullivan of Milwaukee, R. E. Kirchner of Baltimore, and Geo. H. Hofmann of San Antonio.

A crowd of youngsters "tied in" with Thor Peterson's strolling musicians and joined the music with singing. They got a lot of attention and applause. The big boy on the left is Walter Auer, secretary to Works Manager L. W. Mueller.

Right panel:

Geo. F. Sullivan is a boy again, having a fine time with the kids. His pals are Roberta Whitehead, daughter of Bob Whitehead, and Mary Olive Simpson, daughter of General Sales Manager J. W. Simpson. George travels the Wisconsin territory with headquarters at Milwaukee.

Marjorie Dawe, giving her interpretation of the "human pretzel."

John (Scotty) Milne of Mueller, Ltd., Sarnia, wears a smile that never comes off. And, oh yes, he talks, too. And, oh yes, once more, he plays the bag pipes. One guess as to his nationality. Fine fellow, Scotty.

Left to right: J. W. Wells, secretary of Mueller Co.; O. C. Draper, (with hat drawn down) of the Plumbing Sales Division; Otto Sharlock (with back turned), Pennsylvania salesman with headquarters in Pittsburgh. Looking over Otto's head is J. W. (Billy) Simpson, Vice President and General Sales Manager, talking with Geo. F. Sullivan, Wisconsin salesman with headquarters at Milwaukee. To the right, Adolph Mueller. Some weighty question under discussion—it was the picnic—business is tabooed on that day.

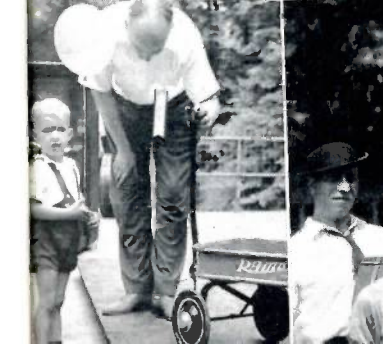
Delores Stark, the pretty little girl who won the doll in the children's drawing.

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### Cheap Show

"Well, I finally got into the movies."  
"How did you do it?"  
"Paid them a quarter."

MUELLER RECORD



# Mabel Gates Goes West » »



Mabel Gates returned August 4 from a two weeks vacation to the west coast where she attended the nineteenth triennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf in Los Angeles. The convention, which was held at the Ambassador Hotel, was attended by 2000 persons who live in a soundproof world of their own. A ball and banquet, a three hour sight seeing tour through Hollywood, Beverly Hills and stars' residential district, and an all day trip to Catalina Island were among the outstanding social features of the convention.

## Main Object

The convention proper stressed the deaf's ability to join normally in national life, and the president, Marcus Kenner, urged all to muster every effort to help in the preservation of American ideals and the democratic way of life.

## Visited the Fair

After one week attending the convention, she went on to San Francisco, where she visited Mrs. Annabelle Tilley and daughter, Charlotte, also former residents of Decatur. Mrs. Tilley was the former Annabelle

*Upper left: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Tilley, former residents of Decatur, who now reside at Tiburon, seven miles out of San Francisco.*

*Upper center: Mabel and her aunt, Mrs. Kathryn Rink and two cousins, Billie and Peg, on a picnic at Griffith Park, Los Angeles. Upper right: Mabel and a group of friends from the convention at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.*

*Lower left: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilley at Tiburon. Lower center: Speed boat in which Mabel had two thrilling rides. Lower right: The home of Mabel's aunt in Los Angeles.*

Powers, daughter of Orlando Powers. Mrs. Tilley took Mabel to the Fair, which was very impressive and beautiful, and where Mabel enjoyed especially Billy Rose's "Aquacade" which appeared in New York last year. On Thursday the Tilleys took her to Chinatown and on a sight seeing tour, which left her breathless and thrilled.

The trip out to the coast was made on the fast stream-lined train "El Capitan" and she returned on the "Challenger."

The next convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1944.





*Mabel Gates in street costume when she called at Mueller Co.'s Pacific coast factory, Los Angeles. Here she felt quite at home meeting many old friends and acquaintances formerly a part of the Decatur organization.*

## LEAVE IT TO THE LADIES

A pair appeared before Recorder of Deeds Kilmer, Kansas City, for a marriage license. Before accepting it the bride-to-be said "Here is an oath my husband must sign before I marry him and I want you authorities to witness it." Here is what the poor devil signed:

"I do hereby promise my wife I won't go out at night after we are married. I will not play cards. . . I will only call on women when accompanied by my wife. I will not drink any more than my wife allows. I will let her be boss in every way."

Figures from the Justice Department, Washington, make the female of the specie 7.6 percent more deadly than the male.

Out of every 1000 women and 1000 men arrested in the first half of 1940, 13 women were charged with murder compared with 10 men, and 55 women were charged with assault compared with 52.

But the men committed more minor crimes.

Women in America own seventy percent of the nation's private wealth. They are beneficiaries of eighty percent of all life insurance, hold one-quarter of all jobs. In their hands, too, rest most of the purse strings. They control eighty-five percent of the country's buying power.

Talkative Lady: "A big man like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching little fish."

Fisherman: Perhaps you're right, but if this fish had kept his mouth shut, he wouldn't be here."

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### Overlooked A Bet

Wife: "I was a fool when I married you."

Husband: "I guess you were, but I was so infatuated at the time that I didn't notice it."

### Right Thing In Right Place

Alice: "My feet burn like the dickens. Do you think a mustard bath would help?"

Roby: "Sure! There's nothing better than mustard for hot dogs."

### Give Up

Old Maid: "I'm going to end it all."

Younger Old Maid: "Why?"

Old Maid: "Oh, the utter youthlessness of my existence."

### Toss Up!

Ethel: "The last time I went horseback riding, I wanted to go one way and the horse wanted to go the other."

Betsy: "What happened?"

Ethel: "The horse tossed me for it."

Some men dislike women without any reason and others like them that way.

### To The Rescue

The Judge (sternly): "Well, what is your alibi for speeding 50 miles per hour?"

Defendant O'Leary: "I had just heard, Your Honor, that the ladies of my wife's church were giving a rummage sale, and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants."

The Judge: "Case dismissed."

### And Lots of It

Boss: "Son, do you know the motto of this firm?"

New Office Boy: "Sure, it's 'push!'."

Boss: "Where'd you ever get that idea?"

New Office Boy: "I saw it on the door as I came in."

# MUELLER SALESMEN IN DECATUR

Diversify Business With Goods

Our travelling salesmen in the New York and Decatur territories, together with representatives of the Sarnia and Chattanooga plants, spent the week of August 10 attending a mid-summer sales meeting in Decatur. The accompanying picture gives a complete list of those who attended. The sessions were held in the Lodge at Mueller Heights where the boys lived during the week. The sleeping accommodations were ample to meet the demand and more, and to most of the salesmen it was something on the order of an outing. Temperatures were high during the meeting but the nights brought cool breezes from the surrounding woods and Lake Decatur, thereby minimizing any seasonal discomfort.

Here was the daily routine:

- 6:30 A. M. ....Arise
- 7:00 to 7:30..Breakfast at Lodge
- 8:00 ..Morning Session
- 12:00 ..... Luncheon at Lodge
- 1:15-5:00 P. M...Afternoon Session (Monday only)
- 6:30 P. M. ....Dinner at Lodge

On Tuesday only the salesmen had luncheon at the factory cafeteria.

### Discussed Various Subjects

A variety of subjects were taken up during the week and factory engineers and experts were present at all sessions to answer questions and explain technical points in the products. Altogether the sessions proved interesting and profitable.

### Trip Through Factory

On Tuesday morning the visiting salesmen assembled at the gymnasium on the factory grounds and were escorted through the entire factory by experienced guides. As they were at liberty during the afternoon they spent their time in the office or factory or played golf on any of Decatur's four courses.

### The Forty-Niners

During the visit members of the 49 club

held a meeting and elected officers for the year as follows:

- President.....L. J. Evans, Philadelphia
- Vice-President...J. L. Logsdon, Los Angeles
- Treasurer.....O. C. Keil, Decatur
- Secretary.....J. W. Wells, Decatur

The "49 Club" is an organization of those identified with the selling of the goods. It was organized about forty years ago. Otto Sharlock, the retiring president, was given



Standing: O. C. Draper, Decatur; L. J. Evans, Philadelphia; G. H. Massachusetts; Fred Kroschwitz, Trenton, N. J.; W. L. De Antonio, Texas; Ray Fallon, Denver; B. F. Kitchen, Jacksonville, Fla.; H. A. Probst, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harry V. Seevers, Lincoln, Nebraska; John Milne, Sarnia; F. T. O'Dell, Chicago; C. J. G. Haas, Decatur.  
Sitting: W. B. Ford, Birmingham, Ala.; J. W. Wells, Decatur; Decatur; W. E. Mueller, Decatur; R. H. Mueller, Decatur; I. ner, Baltimore. Front Row: Gene Simpson, Decatur; Geo. Decatur; Lloyd George, Indianapolis; Paul L. Hines, Decatur.

a beautiful wrist watch, and the club gave to the lodge a coffee maker.

### Golf Tourney

Among the high lights of the week for the salesmen were the golf tourney on Saturday morning, boat rides on Lake Decatur, the old fashioned chicken fry on the Lodge lawn Tuesday evening and the annual picnic.

The golf tourney, on the Nelson Park course, one of the best in the city, brought

# ATUR FOR SUMMER MEETING

## olf, Picnic, and Chicken Fry

out fifty-three players, seventeen of whom were salesmen, the remainder being from office and factory.

The score follows:

1st low gross—Marshall Foster, 72, 3 balls.

2nd low gross—Joe Brownback, 73, 2 balls.

3rd low gross—A. C. Werdes, 73, 1 ball.

Low on 3 blind holes—Walter Bowan, 1 ball.

High on 3 blind holes—George Hofmann, 26, 1 ball.

Most sixes—Bob Taylor, 10, 1 ball.

Greatest difference on two blind holes—Ward DeWitt, 5, 1 ball.

Out of thirteen winners the salesmen scored five times. The trophy was won by Melvin Hays, a member of the Decatur organization. He is entitled to retain the trophy for a year.



White, Decatur; W. F. Aaron, Grand Rapids; Arthur King, Sharon, Pitt, Dallas, Texas; F. E. Carroll, Decatur; Geo. H. Hofmann, Sanville, Florida; A. O. Yonker, Decatur; E. W. Peterson, Minneapolis; Nebraska; R. T. Whitehead, St. Louis; Floyd V. Johnson, Nashville; New York; George Parker, Sarnia; J. P. Stenner, New York; Walter

Frank H. Mueller, Decatur; J. W. Simpson, Decatur; Adolph Mueller, Geo. F. Sullivan, Milwaukee; O. H. Sharlock, Pittsburgh; R. E. Kirchner, W. Knipe, New York; Robert K. Levey, Chicago; Lorin Grossboll, T. E. Gaither, Marion, Ohio; Hugh Baker, Chattanooga.

1st low net—Melvin Hays, 61, 3 balls and trophy.

2nd low net—Frank Edmonson, 62, 2 balls.

3rd low net—George Parker, 62, 1 ball.

Blind Bogey—George White, 84, 1 ball.

Most improvement on either nine—Bob Levey, 10, 1 ball.

Greatest number of strokes—George Krag, 123, 1 prize.

## OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN FRY

Cooked on the Ground, Served Piping Hot—Slogan Chicken Till You Choke

An interesting social event was the chicken fry, when foremen and their wives met the salesmen. Everybody wore a flag decorated badge with his or her name printed thereon in large letters, quickly and easily read. This made unnecessary self-introduction or formal presentation. This plan contributed materially in breaking down the

barrier of formality and put everyone on an equal footing.

### Was New to Many

The high spot of the evening was the chicken fry, something in the way of outdoor feasting that few salesmen knew anything about. They know plenty now and are crying for more. In so far as we know chicken fries are a central Illinois custom. In this section they are thirty to forty years old. The season is just opening up and from now until frost there will be hundreds of these served by country churches within a radius of twenty to thirty miles of Decatur. People of this city think nothing of driving thirty miles to a chicken fry.

### Abdominal Region Only Limit

The frying of chicken is done out doors  
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in large kettles of sizzling, hot grease. Formerly at these country fries heaps of chicken were put on large platters and placed on the table. The slogan was "go as far as you like." In recent years your plate is served with chicken and you are privileged to help yourself to accompanying food. In our chicken fry we went back to the old plan of putting the chicken on platters. The slogan was "chicken till you choke."

This was done up in central Illinois fashion. The chicken was fried in big kettles on the ground, and served in two big tents with the usual accompaniments of mashed potatoes, tomatoes, noodles, slaw, beets, jellies, pickles, coffee, iced tea and other good things. Large platters of chicken on the table made it unnecessary for Floyd Johnson, Jack Stenner, or Scotty Milne to "crow for more," all they had to do was to "use their boarding house reach", which they did, making a record for their first experience. It was a great opportunity to get all you wanted of your favorite piece.

The splendid feast ended with cake and ice cream. The chicken fry was served by the ladies of the LaPlace Methodist church. Mrs. C. P. Smith was in charge, and aided by her crew of fifty prepared eighty-four friers, eight old hens for the noodles, two bushels of potatoes, which were also cooked in open kettles, and twenty-eight homemade cakes.

#### Leroy Master of Ceremonies

There was a bit of horse play on the croquet court following the feast with Leroy Evans acting as master of ceremonies. A croquet match was played between Bob Levey, Frank O'Dell, Scotty Milne, and George Parker, with one Chicagoan and one Canadian on each team. Referees were Fred Kroschwitz, Billy Ford, and Lloyd George, over whom was appointed another referee, George Sullivan. There was much horse play and a lot of kidding from the audience, and just who won the match was something even the able referees couldn't decide. Leroy Evans served as the announcer, and midway in the contest he took time out to interview Scotty Milne upon his views of American sports versus Canadian sports.

After the croquet Scotty Milne was prevailed upon to play the piano while a number of the bath-tub baritones made the old time melodies ring out over the grounds. A ball game at the athletic field finished off the event.

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#### Dirty Necker

Two little boys stood on the corner. A little girl passed by.

Said One: "Her neck's dirty."

Said the Other: "Her does?"

## FAMOUS TIME PIECE

### An Invention of David Rittenhouse, Who Was Famous as Astronomer

David Rittenhouse was a great man in his day. He is not so well known now perhaps, but there are many who cherish his name and fame, which are secure in educational and scientific circles. He was born at Roxborough, Pa., in 1732. As a young man he surveyed the boundary line between New York and New Jersey and a portion of Mason and Dixon's line. As an astronomer he reached eminence. President Washington made him director of the mint in 1792-1795 and later he became Professor of Astronomy in the University of Pennsylvania, was the inventor of several astronomical instruments and had unusual skill in clock-making.

#### His Work Recalled

It is because of this accomplishment that his name is again in the public prints. His last and greatest achievement in this line was the Rittenhouse clock, now heard daily at Drexel Institute of Technology; after the chimes had been silent for 35 years. The clock was acquired by Drexel in 1898 but repairs on it were not undertaken until recently. Stanley Wood, astronomical technician of the Franklin Institute, undertook the job and has worked on it for ten months.

#### Potts Refused to Pay

The late Mr. Rittenhouse built the time piece for Josiah Potts, a wealthy Quaker. It stands nine feet high, two feet wide, and has a depth of fifteen inches. The cost of the clock, when completed, was \$640 which Potts refused to pay and it was sold to Thomas Prior. On his death, in 1801, it passed to William Barton, who was biographer of Rittenhouse, and then to James Swain and from him to George W. Childs, noted Philadelphia publisher. In 1898 it was presented to Drexel Institute by Mrs. Childs.

#### Mechanical Marvel

The Rittenhouse clock does the ordinary things of a common clock, but added to this are many mechanical marvels. Chimes play ten different tunes in twenty-four hours. The clock runs about three weeks without winding. On the face is a mechanism showing the phases of the moon, the mechanism for which includes an eccentric having a cycle of a year, showing exactly the number of days before or after a new or full moon.

There are four small dials on the face of the clock. One indicates the sun and

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# Required Fifty People to Serve This Fry



*Left to right: The expert chicken "friers", Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schieveley, at the big kettle. One of the big tents where 250 persons were served. Earl Merris at a kettle holding two bushels of potatoes. The crew that served the feast—and was it good!*

## WRITER'S CRAMP

### Affliction is Something to Make Victim Look Up and Take Notice

We were once of the opinion that writer's cramp was an affectation of authors, now we know better. We've had it, and take it from us, there is nothing more tortuous unless it is green apple colic with the paregoric bottle empty. Writers cramp is an affliction and not an affectation which is recognized by the medical profession. The name really describes the trouble but gives no idea of the accompanying discomfort. The cramping of fingers and hands of the victim is severe and distressing. Generally when it comes on, the victim is relieved by a quarter or a half hour inactivity.

At times the attack is so pronounced as to make legible characters impossible. This, however, is not confined to persons who write constantly. We have known many persons who do not write any more than to sign their name with a scrawl and a flourish that can not be deciphered by an expert, but through other muscular use of fingers may get these cramps. They are in the class of the old man who could not write, but suddenly called to his wife, "Maw I can write." To which Maw replied, "let's

hear you read it", but the old man answered sorrowfully, "ain't learned to read writin' yet."

### Continued Use of Same Muscles

However the old man might be a victim of writer's cramp. The doctors ascribe this cramp to the continued uses of the muscles in the hand and fingers, naming among them the piano players and seamstresses. Since the advent of the typewriter it is claimed that writers cramp is not as common as formerly.

Victims of these cramps can, in some instances, contribute to their own relief by changing their style of writing, as for instance, placing the pen between the first and second fingers or in some different position from that habitually used. It is claimed that a person who keeps on writing, causing persistent recurrence of the cramps is liable to lose the ability to write at all. Persons most subject to the cramps are those who manipulate the fingers almost entirely. The full arm swing is said to be of material assistance in giving freedom from those annoying cramps.

Included in the group of those liable to be victims are telegraphers, makers of artificial flowers and those who milk cows.

An ambidextrous persons is not so apt to contract cramps from writing but there

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# Judge and Jury



## NO, NEVER

Judge: "Constable Parkens says you were speeding."

Motorist: "Yer Honor, I was on my way to Brushville to get my mother-in-law, her cat, canary—"

Judge: "Case dismissed! You were not speeding."

## PITY THE POOR COPS

Judge: "What brought you here?"

Accused: "Two policemen."

Judge: "I don't mean that—drunk, I presume."

Accused: "Both of them."

## WHICH HOME?

Judge: "The jury having acquitted you of the charge of bigamy, you are free to leave the court and go home."

Prisoner: "Thank you, your Honor, but I want to be on the safe side— which home?"

## HAD IT LOCATED

Judge: "I'll let you off this time, but from now on keep away from bad company."

Defendant: "Thanks, Judge; you'll never see me here again."

## SUSPICIOUS

Defense Counsel: "Do you mean to insinuate that my client is a thief?"

Witness: "No sah, Ah don't, Mistah Lawyah, but Ah do say effen Ah wuz a chicken an' Ah saw him hangin' around Ah sho'ly would roost way up high."

## ONE DONKEY

Bailiff: "Shall I order the usual twelve dinners for you?"

Foreman: "No, make it eleven dinners and a bale of hay."

## NO CHANCE

It was during the impaneling of a

jury that the following colloquy occurred:

"You are a property holder?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Married or single?"

"I have been married five years, your Honor."

"Have you formed or expressed an opinion?"

"Not in five years, your Honor."

## NO DIFFERENCE

Judge: "Well Jim, I can give you this divorce, but it will cost you \$30."

Jim: "Thirty dollars, boss?"

Judge: "Yes, that's the court fees for expenses."

Jim: "Well, jedge, I don't believe I wants no divorce. There aint \$30 difference between dem two women."

## NO CHANCE

Magistrate: "The policeman says that you and your wife had some words."

Accused: "I had some sir, but I didn't get a chance to use them."

## BLARNEY

Judge O'Flaherty: "Haven't you been before me before?"

Prisoner: "No, y'r honor. Oi niver saw but one face that looked loike yours, and that was a photograph of an Irish king."

Judge O'Flaherty: "Discharged. Call the next case."

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## WRITERS CRAMPS

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are not many persons thus gifted.

When we get a tough batch of manuscript from a careless pen we are glad this is true. Just think of an ambidextrous person making undecipherable "chicken tracks" with both hands.

It's only in isolated cases that writers cramp assumes a serious phase. As in any other muscular trouble the proper thing to do is to rest the muscles.

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## Good Medicine

"Dear Sir," writes a customer. "For nine years I was totally deaf and after using your Ear Salve for only ten days I heard from my brother in Nebraska."

## Quite Right

A colored preacher was hearing confession. In the middle of it, he stopped the young sinner, saying, "Young man, you ain't confessin'—you's braggin'."

# Man's One Absolutely Unselfish Friend . . .

Famous Eulogy on Dogs Delivered In Court By Senator George V. Vest, Missouri Statesman and Orator . . . .

(Reprinted by Request)

Here it is once more—the tribute paid a dog by Senator George V. Vest of Missouri. This has previously been printed in *The Record*, some twenty years ago, but now we have had several requests for it. It will stand re-reading. Our first meeting with this tribute was in 1906 when it appeared in "The Scrap Book," launched by Frank Munsey, with a bright prospect of becoming a permanent publication. It lasted just six months. The demand for it was only temporary.

Senator Vest's tribute was impromptu. A Missouri farmer was on trial for wantonly shooting a neighbor's dog. This man was sued for \$200. After Senator Vest finished, the jury deliberated two minutes, and returned a verdict for \$500.

Vest was a brilliant orator and statesman. He made many notable speeches in the U. S. senate—forgotten now—but the following tribute to the dog will live forever. It is worth a place in every scrap book. It follows:

Gentlemen of the Jury:

The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

## Man's Faithful Friend

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world.



## As If Pauper Were A Prince

He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendliness and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard against the danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even in death.

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## SEPTEMBER

The morrow was a bright September morn;  
The earth was beautiful as if new-born;  
There was the nameless splendor every-  
where,

That wild exhilaration in the air,  
Which makes the passers in the city street  
Congratulate each other as they meet.

—Longfellow

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## BIRTHDAYS

William Howard Taft, Sept. 15, 1857.

John Marshall, Sept. 27, 1755.

Both were Supreme Court Judges.

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## Experienced

Eunice: "Would you refuse to go out with a man who had made just one mistake?"

Clara: "Sure, who wants a man with as little experience as that."

# Three New Salesmen



*George W. Knipe*

George W. Knipe, 386 Ford Street, Bronx, New York City will cover the five boroughs of New York. He has been with Mueller Co. for thirteen years with the exception of 9 months. He started as drum clerk, advanced to assistant Billing Clerk, then was in charge of the Billing Department, and later was Order Interpreter. He is 32 years old, and a bachelor.

F. C. McCown is a new Mueller salesman traveling out of San Francisco. Although he is new to the Mueller organization, Mueller goods are not new to him as for the past ten years he has been connected with Consolidated Supply Co. of Portland, Oregon. "Mac" has a very fine knowledge of our goods, particularly water works.

Arthur F. King, 35 Depot Street, Sharon, Massachusetts will travel Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. He was formerly with W. D. Cash Co. of South Boston. Before that with Reading Iron Co., Philadelphia. He is married and has five children, Jay, age 18, Paul, age 15, Donald, age 11, Beverly, age 8, and Regis, age 4.

**"Ads," Signs, Names**

John Lamb is instructor of animal husbandry in the Mason City, Illinois High



*F. C. McCown*



*Arthur F. King*

School while C. D. Merritt is superintendent at Flushing, Michigan.

This sounds like a collision. Wham and Wham automobile insurance adjusters in Centralia, Ill.

John Ryder is listed as a driver in the Decatur city directory.

E. R. Kidd is president of the grade school board in Fisher, Ill.

A native of Greece applied to a Chicago judge for change of name. He wanted to be called Peter Reader to escape further gargling of his baptismal name which was Panagiotis Chatzianagnostou.

Miss Gums is an assistant in a Chicago dentist's office.

The Mendota Reporter advises that Fred S. Brady has retired as a rural "maid" carrier.

Mrs. Good represented the Virgin Islands in the late Democratic Convention.

Judge: "Your name."  
Prisoner: "B. Gone."  
Judge: "Well, Begone."

Mrs. Fones lives on Exchange Street in Geneseo, Illinois.

The Flood Hardware Store is on Lake Street in Lake Forest.

N. F. Shipper is freight agent at Polo, Ill.



# The Perlmutter Potash Kind

## DID NOT FORGET

Rovotsky: "You should be putting on airs ven your gran-vader vas noddings but a hangman in von leedle vilage in Poland."

Kawatsky: "Yah, an I vell remember dot your gran'-vader vos de last man vot he hung."

## NOT "JEWISHES"

Ikie: "Give a sentence with the word 'judicious'."

Abie: "Vell, ham is not one of the judicious."

## PASSED THE BUCK

"Abie, have you done anything about that blackhand letter?"

"Oh, ain't I though. I turned it over to my insurance company. They got \$20,000 tied up in me—let them worry."

## A WISE PUPIL

Teacher: "If you had eight pennies and lost three, how many would you have left?"

Ikey: "But for why should I lose three pennies?"

## IKEY WINS TEN TO ONE

Aristocrat: "Speaking of old families, one of my ancestors was present at the signing of the Magna Charta."

Little Ikey: "And one of mine vos present at the signing of the Ten Commandments."

## PRONOUNCED AND SPELLED

Employer: "What's your name?"

Applicant: "Quinn."

Employer: "Spell it."

Applicant: "C-o-h-e-n."

## TOO MUCH TO BELIEVE

Mrs. Goldberg: "I heard it today dot Abie Kazinsky vos keeping a budget."

Mrs. Silverdale: "Vot! — und his wife too?"

## TWENTY BELOW

Cohen: "Vy don't you say something?"

Isaacs: "Freeze your own hands!"

## NO EXTRAS

Ex-Service Man: "So you were in the army, Ikey?"

Ikey: "Oh yes, I vas in the Army."

"Did you get a commission?"

"No, only my wages!"

## HAD TO DRAW LINE

Abe: "Do you play golluf vit knickers?"

Levi: "No, vit white people."

## THOROUGHLY SHRUNK

Customer: "Are you sure this suit won't shrink if it gets wet on me?"

Mr. Cohen: "Mine frendt, every fire company on de South side has squirted vater on dot suit."

## TIME TO FLY REBECCA

"Pappa, vat iss a guardian?"

"A guardian, mine son, iss somevone vot takes your fodders place."

"Mine goodness, pappa, den I got five of dem."

## BUSINESS ALWAYS

"What are you doing at a Klan meeting, Ikey—you can't join."

"I don't want to join, I want to talk to the fellow that buys the sheets and pillow cases."—Ex.

## ■ ■ ■ SIDELIGHTS OF WAR

Some great military man, General Grant, we think, said an army could not fight on "an empty belly." Our conclusion is that the general knew his onions, based on the following press dispatch from Chicago.

A carload of hot dogs, another of roasting chickens, 78,029 pounds of sweet crackers, 75,000 pounds of prunes, and 12 tons of macaroni, are among the items just requisitioned by the quartermaster of the Second Army to feed the 65,000 troops at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, during the 21-day maneuver.

A British maid captured a stunned German aviator, revived him with a drink of hard liquor and handed him over to a guard.

Debris from German-bombed Rotterdam will be used in building a highway connecting the Hague, the Delft, Scheidam and Rotterdam.

No chance to sell shower baths in several English towns near Birmingham. Residents have been notified to rely on "sponge baths" in order to save water for fire fighting.

## EIGHT CITIES SHOW LOSS

### Some Interesting Data On Falling Off In Population

Interesting comparative figures are coming from the Census Bureau at Washington. In the 25 largest cities, 17 show an increase, generally small, while 8 show a decrease in population. This is the first time in the 150 years of census taking that such conditions have been recorded. The principal reason is the movement from the large cities to suburban sections. It was unnecessary to await the 1940 census to learn of this condition. High taxes in all cities is a dominating cause for this change, which has been made more convenient by good highways and the automobile, bolstered up by electric power lines, modern plumbing, radio, and refrigeration. Distance has ceased to be an obstacle to a residence 8 or 10 miles in the country. The decrease in city population is just beginning. There is little doubt that the 1950 census will show a much greater change than the one now attracting attention.

The 17 cities showing an increase were: New York, 449,813; Chicago, 8,118; Detroit, 50,887; Los Angeles, 258,754; Baltimore, 49,270; Washington, 176,284; Milwaukee, 11,309; Buffalo, 2,074; New Orleans, 33,520; Minneapolis, 25,615; Cincinnati, 1,692; Kansas City, 429; Indianapolis, 22,009; Houston, 93,798; Seattle, 1,264; Louisville, 10,968; Denver, 30,554.

The 8 cities showing a decrease were: Philadelphia, 15,875; Cleveland, 22,044; St. Louis, 8,212; Boston, 11,668; Pittsburgh, 4,433; San Francisco, 4,841; Newark, 14,101; Rochester, 3,438.

A rather technical census enumerator in Alaska asked to be allowed to enumerate an Eskimo whose body was frozen six feet under ice. The Eskimo was last seen alive October 1, 1939. The census regulations provide for enumeration all persons living on that date.

#### Safety Note

"Mother, I just took a splinter out of my hand with a pin."

"A pin! Don't you know that's dangerous?"

"Oh, no, Mother, I used a safety-pin."

#### Rehearse

"What did the undertaker say when the coffin fell out of the hearse?"

"We'll have to rehearse that!"

## NOSE COUNTING

### Census Bureau Has Lot of Work Yet To Do

The taking of the 1940 census is over so far as the public is concerned. As usual there were many humorous incidents and stories connected with the big task. The Bureau of the Census is a serious minded body of men and women who deal with facts and dry statistical information.

#### Forty Volumes, Perhaps

The census of 1930 required about 30 large volumes to carry all the information collected and the 1940 census will increase that number. A census does not mean counting noses only but the compilation of information on a variety of subjects, including population, occupations, families, unemployment, horticulture, irrigation, drainage of agricultural lands, manufactures, mines and quarries, construction, outlying territories, and possessions. In addition to these subjects the 1940 census covers housing, including information on type and characteristics of dwellings and their facilities.

#### Permanent Since 1902

The Bureau of the Census became a permanent statistical body in 1902. It is engaged in the continuous task of gathering information and statistics. Every fifth year there is a census on agriculture. A census of manufactures is taken bi-annually and of electrical industries every five years.

Every ten years there is a census of defective and delinquent classes in institutions. These include sentenced prisoners, insane, mentally defective, epileptics, juvenile delinquents, and children under institutional care.

Added to all these there is a census of religious property, membership, value of property, and expenditures.

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#### FAMOUS TIME PIECE

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moon and the moon's phases, while another records the nodes of the moon, requiring nine years for one and eighteen years for it's elliptical attachment to make one revolution. A third dial denotes the equation of time while the fourth shows which of ten tunes the chimes are playing.

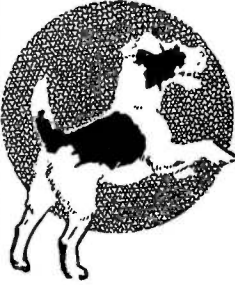
#### Gen. Howe Wanted It

When the British occupied Philadelphia in 1778, General Howe tried to buy this clock but Prior, then owner of it, refused to sell. The Ambassador of Spain also tried, without success, to buy it to present to his King.

## Animals In The News

The cat will mew, and dog will have his day.—Shakespeare.—Hamlet, Act. V.

● Robert Conant of the Philadelphia Zoo has established a plan for loaning out pets to children. The pets include guinea pigs, white mice, rabbits, or other harmless animals. These pets must be returned at the end of the day.



● Food shortage in Germany has resulted in measures for a clean-up in dogs. An order was issued to get rid of them. Some 3,000,000 helpless dogs were put to death.

● Cats do not perspire except on the soft pads of their feet.

● The Caribou is the American name derived from the Indians for what is otherwise known as the American Reindeer. They occur in Canada and in Maine and near Lake Superior. Those of New Foundland and Alaska have migratory habits, coming south in winter and returning north in the spring. During these migrations large numbers are killed by Indians and Eskimos.

● The possible reason for Dame Nature having failed to endow the giraffe without a voice was the high cost of installation.

● Skippy, a small house dog, Columbus, Ohio, was taken to a pet hospital five years ago because of fear of firecrackers. This practice was followed for three years. This completed the education of Skippy. Last 4th of July she showed up unescorted to the hospital, was recognized, remembered, and cared for.

● Chico is a pet monkey owned by Roderick Morrison, Quincy, Mass. Chico is more than a monkey, he's a bum. He drinks beer and chews tobacco.

● Queenie, fox terrier and spitz combined, has been cared for by the Chicago Anticruelty Society. Quennie gave birth to a litter of pups, in a prairie hole, which she defended against all comers, until trapped by a member of the society. Queenie still lives and the society has found homes for the puppies.

● Conductor H. T. Brooks, running between Pelham and Doerun, Ga., 50 miles, found his pet hen, which roosted in the engine tender, had hatched two chicks. The pet hen has made the daily run for a long time. Brooks said she will be back on the "call board" as soon as the chicks learn to scratch.

● Trixie, seven weeks old bull pup, owned by Ina Jean Ford, fell 80 feet from the Municipal Bridge at Louisville, into the Ohio river. Coast Guardsmen rescued Trixie unharmed.

● Ed: "What happened to that great big dog you used to have?"

Mae: "It cost too much to feed him. He had the house broke before he was."

● Two traffic squad police, Colorado Springs, reported that thousands of frogs were crawling over the grounds after a rainfall. In their opinion it must have rained frogs. Dr. Ralph Gilmore, biological department, Colorado College, said there were millions of them but they were spade foot toads, which burrow into sand hills near Colorado Springs. When rain comes the toads pop out of their burrows and sing to each other. Sweet Adeline, perhaps.

● Miss Clara Louise Baker, of San Diego, has a two months old pet skunk. He doesn't sound very good and on prevacation may smell worse but he was a first honor prize winner against a big field at a recent pet show. The display was made up of a variety of animals including snakes, frogs, fish, birds, monkeys, cats, dogs, and other wild and domesticated animals.

### Gentlemen:

I have carefully read your booklet telling of the harmful effects of smoking, and was particularly impressed by the suggestion on Page 7. It says, "If you will take a puff of your cigarette through your handkerchief, and see the nasty stain it leaves, you will never indulge in this unwholesome habit (smoking) again."

I made this test very carefully and noted the stain of the tobacco. Then being of an analytical turn of mind, I took the most wholesome thing I could think of, and made a comparative test.

I took for my experiment, tomato soup, and I am writing to report that the stain was much worse!

The man who procrastinates is always struggling with misfortunes.

## BEAUTIFUL BUT DUMB



### Solid Ivory

Doctor's New Steno (copying records):  
"Shot in the lumbar region."

Sec. (thoughtfully): "Lumbar region. Oh, yes, I know. Shot in the woods."

### Suspicious

Housekeeper: "I'm sorry, Miss Jones, but the master cannot see you today. He has Flu."

Miss J.: "He has? Where to? Who with?"

### Equal Parts

Co-ed: "Father, is waterworks all one word or do you spell it with a hydrant?"

### Quite Original

Mistress: "This pie is absolutely burned, Nora. Did you make it according to instructions in the cook book?"

Nora: "No, Ma'am. It's my own cremation."

### Prepare To Take The Ditch

Automobile Salesman: "And what's more, this model will do ninety in first."

She (ecstatically): "How simply divine; then I won't have to shift."

### Such Ignorance

Girl Friend: "What does 'davenport' suggest to you?"

Ind. Girl Friend: "A city in Iowa."

### Might Learn

He: "Do you play golf?"

She: "Dear me, no. I don't believe I should even know how to hold the caddie."

### Smells Beefsteak

Wife: "I hear you've started gambling."

Hubby: "Yes, but only for small stakes."

Wife: "Well, as long as it's for something to eat I don't mind."

### Count 'Em and See

Bill: "Aren't the stars numerous tonight?"

Betty: "Yeah, and ain't there a lot of them?"

### Those Foreign Languages

Husband (tuning in on the radio): "I believe I'm getting lumbago."

Wife: "Well, tune it out. You won't be able to understand a word they say."

### Not Musical

Madeline: "What is that charming thing he is playing?"

Marguerite: "A piano, y' dub."

### No Joke

Mrs. Newrich: "Since I've been to New York I simply can't stand the sight of an avacado—"

Mrs. Dumkopf: "That's the trouble with New York—too many foreigners!"

### Yen or Wen

He: "I want you to know that I have a yen for you."

She: "How much is that in American money?"

### No Borders

Book Agent: "Have you Charles Dickens in your house?"

Housewife: "No!"

Book Agent: "Or Robert Louis Stevenson, or Walter Scott?"

Housewife: "No, we ain't. What's more, I don't take in boarders. Try next door, they do."

### High Finish, Perhaps

Young Thing (in a stationery store): "Please give me a pound of floor wax."

Salesman: "I'm sorry Miss, but we sell only sealing wax."

Young Thing: "Don't be silly. Why would anyone want to wax the ceiling?"

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Life is just an everlasting struggle to keep money coming in and teeth and hair and vital organs from coming out.

The world will often forgive you for being blue, sometimes forgive you for being green, but never forgive you for being yellow.

What women escape: statisticians estimate that the average man shaves 20 square miles of face during a lifetime.

Think that day lost whose slow descending sun views from thy hand no noble action done.

## Out Of The Ordinary

**Rival Quints:** After the quintts come the Robert L. Perrys of Kansas City with five children in less than a year—twins and triplets. They have two other children living, oldest four, with a set of twins born two years ago, dead. Perry is 26 and a WPA worker.

**First in Seven Generations:** A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Rucklehaus, Indianapolis. Nothing unusual but the fact that the baby was the first girl in the Rucklehaus family for seven generations, created something to talk about.

**Blind Driving:** Warren Odett, 55, Chicago, knocked down a sign post while driving an automobile and besides that he did not have a driver's license. "You see," he explained to the officer who arrested him, "I draw a blind pension and couldn't get a driver's license if I applied for one." Unable to work on account of his impaired sight, Odett further explained, "that he occasionally takes his car out to get a little fresh air."

**Enterprising Small Boy:** Manager of a movie, Brownwood, Texas, was puzzled at the increasing size of the audience when no one was entering from the front. The capture of a small boy selling cut-rate tickets at an alley door solved the mystery.

**Had His "Snakes" With Him:** A New Orleans souse was taken to the police headquarters lacking only a pink elephant to complete his paraphernalia for a first-class case of d.t.'s. The policeman who searched him found a very good symptom for the d.t.'s when he drew a live King snake from his pocket.

**Poor Key to Swallow:** An excited Detroit woman telephoned a hospital: "I've swallowed a key. What shall I do?" The doctor: "Get in your car and drive here at once." The woman: "I can't, it was my automobile key I swallowed."

**Wrong Certificate:** Social Security workers called on an Austin, Texas, woman to pay death benefits because of the death of her husband. "But he's not dead," said the woman. Said the Social Security worker:

"Here's the death certificate." The supposed widow said: "Maybe it is a birth certificate for my new baby." Such it proved to be. Lacking a birth certificate the Justice of the Peace used a death certificate form instead.

**Plenty of Money:** Mrs. Lillian Johnson, 81, Clinton, Illinois, was found dead in her rocking chair. The coroner's investigation disclosed \$4,000 in bills from \$5 to \$500, pinned to her underclothing. The widow had supposedly been poverty stricken.

**Nice Boys:** Jim Goodwin, grocer, Chesterfield, Va., loaned two "nice" looking young men his tire tools and continued waiting on a customer. Then he stepped out to see how the "nice" young men were getting along. They had already "got" taking with them a few wheels from Jim's car.

**Brakes Slipped:** Joe Kenohl, Warren, Ohio, ran across the street in a drenching rain to get under a protecting awning. Reaching the sidewalk, Joe put on the brakes but they did not hold—result a broken plate glass window.

**Slid Down the Bannister:** Reporter Joe Lansadell is, of course, an inquiring reporter, by telephone. Lolling in the editorial rooms of the Augusta Herald, Ga., he heard shrieking fire sirens. Grabbing the telephone he asked in brusque professional fashion, "Where's the fire?" and the department answered "In the Herald elevator shaft." Joe slid down the stair bannister to the street.

**Strange Case:** Mrs. John High, living at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, 15 miles from Sabula, Iowa, read in a Sabula newspaper of the death of John High. With her sons she drove to that town just in time to attend the funeral of her husband. High disappeared from Mt. Carroll 27 years ago, when he was farming and lived within fifteen miles of that town until his death. The wife and sons in the meantime had made a nationwide search for him.

**Not So Hot:** The highest temperature ever recorded in Bermuda in July was 91 degrees.

**Maintaining A Front:** The average American working girl pays \$6.11 a month for creams, lotions, perfume, lipstick, and beauty treatments.

## ROBERT WADLOW DEAD

**Stood 8 Feet, 10.3 Inches and Weighed  
491 Pounds—Biggest On Record**

Robert Wadlow, one of the outstanding phenomena in all medical history, is dead. He was the tallest man the world has ever known. The last scientific check up, at the famous Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, June 27, 1940, showed his height to be 8 feet 10.3 inches and his weight, at 22 years, 491 pounds.

### No Equal Known

When his unusual and abnormal height development first attracted attention of the medical profession all known similar cases on record were checked, but none found which equalled that of the young man from Alton, Illinois.

Robert Wadlow was referred to in the public press as the "Alton Giant," but in no way fitted the description either in a mythical or medical sense, except as to his height and weight. He was normal in all other respects. He was at first inclined to aloofness, but that wore off as he acquired years. At all times he was modest and courteous.

### Won a Scholarship

He was a graduate of the Alton High School, winning a scholarship in Shurtleff College where he was a student for one year. His stature unfitted him for any normal work and it was quite natural therefore that he should become a travelling representative of a large shoe manufacturing company. As a student he had said that he would become a lawyer, and to show his sense of humor he would add, "and I'll be the biggest lawyer in the world."

### Foot Infection

Young Wadlow had always been a healthy youth and young man. His death resulted from a foot infection caused by a metal ankle brace chafing the flesh. At the time he was filling an engagement at a picnic or reunion in Minnesota and at first his condition was not considered alarming.

### Enormous Coffin

As soon as a special metal coffin could be built the body was returned to Alton. This coffin was over 10 feet long and weighed 855 pounds. With the body the total weight was 1,346 pounds. Awaiting burial there was a guard of honor on duty all the time. Twelve Masons, assisted by six aids, furnished by the undertaker, were required to handle the casket and lower it into the grave, which was twelve feet long and only four inches short of four feet wide. Flags



in Alton were at half-mast. The undertaker's count of visitors to view the body was in excess of 30,000 persons during three days.

### Was Normal at Birth

Young Wadlow was a normal baby, weighing nine pounds at birth, but at the end of the year he began gaining weight and height. This was due, medical men said, to his over-active pituitary gland.

From boyhood throughout his brief life of 22 years, everything he wore had to be made to order, including socks and neckties. A suit of clothes required nine yards of cloth and the cost of a pair of No. 39 shoes has been given at \$86.00.

### According to Custom

One of the first announcements made by the elder Wadlow, upon the death of his son, was that the body would be buried according to accepted customs and would not, under any circumstances be turned over to any individual person or society for scientific observation.

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Sweet Young Thing: "What shall I do? I am engaged to a man who just simply cannot bear children."

Kindly Old Lady: "Well, you mustn't expect too much of a husband."

Never admit to yourself that you are beaten and you won't be.—Martin Vanbee.

# Rattle of The Rails



The railroads were slow in recognizing the competition of automobiles and trucks. When they awakened to the fact truck lines were well established and competition was very keen. It's probable that earlier recognition of the new method of transportation of passengers and freight would have made little difference. The public was automotive conscience, and the trucks, with door-to-door delivery, had a strong argument for business.

## More Attention To Latest Rival

Air travel, however, has been, and is, receiving more serious consideration from the railroads. Perhaps the most serious deterrent to air travel is fear. Thousands of travelers have not yet gained sufficient confidence to risk an air trip. Railroad managers recognize the fine safety record of the big sky-ships. One of these officials says:

## Competition Keener

"So much of our national preparedness program has to do with the airplane industry that it promises to make this competitor of the railroads in the passenger transportation field more and more difficult to deal with as time goes on.

Up to now safety has been the long suit of the railroads in such competition, but even this is challenged as the airlines get into the million-passenger class in the last year and four months without a single passenger fatality. However, volume of traffic is still on the railroad's side. In handling 450 million passengers a total of 22½ billion passenger miles in their last full calendar year (1939) the railroads compiled a passenger record of only one fatality for each 840 million passenger-miles—an average still far in the future for the airlines.

Government co-operation, of course, means much to the airlines' improved safety record, as does likewise the fact that air transportation is simply canceled in favor

of the rails when storm and ice make flying especially dangerous. The fostering hand of government is evident also in the provision of airfields and terminal facilities, as well as in the air-mail subsidization accorded the airlines.

## Comparison of Earnings

For first-class mail the railroads now get one-fifth of 1 cent per piece, or one-fifteenth of the 3 cents paid by the sender. Air mail now brings the airlines in the neighborhood of 7½ cents per piece, which is more than the postage paid by the sender and nearly forty times what the railroads get for carrying a similar mailing.

In speed, of course, there is competition. However, that is not all to the bad for the railroads. Most of our big cities are so close together that they require little more than a good "sleeper jump" by rail. There is more fact than fancy in the saying that an air traveler nowadays has to go most of the way across the country in order to be up in the air long enough to justify the trip out to the airport and back."



## RACES OF MANKIND

### Some Ethnologists Place The Number As Low As Three

How many races of mankind are there in the world? We've heard some wild answers to this query. Many persons confuse "races" with nations, which is wrong according to ethnologists who do not get the number above four or five.

Professor A. C. Haddon, Cambridge University, tells the story in a few understandable words. He says that all mankind can be divided into three classes — woolly hair, wavy hair, and straight hair. Americans of European origin are wavy haired.

Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, Division of Physical Anthropology, U. S. National Museum, makes his division by complexion—white, yellow-brown, and black.

Whites: include the Mediterraneans, Alpines, and Nordics.

Yellow-Brown: Mongolids, Maylays, and American Indians. The Indians are now generally believed to have come from Northern Asia, being of Ancient Mongolian descent. Central and South American natives may have crossed from the South Seas. This however is conjecture.

Blacks: Include the Negrito, Negrillo, and Bushman, the Malanesians Negroes, and Australasean, and African Negroes.

Professor Daniel O. Brinton, American Ethnologist, selects five chief groups—Caucasian, Mongolian, Malay, Ethiopian, and American Indian.

# Los Angeles Has A Picnic . . .



The employees of Mueller Pacific Coast Factory, Los Angeles, held their annual picnic at Alhambra City Park, July 20. It was a great day for the event. The weather man stepped on the accelerator and kept up with California's reputation for ideal meteorological conditions. There was a large carefree crowd—in fact—the attendance was almost a hundred percent and the spirit was that of getting out of the picnic all there was in it.

## Golf Begins Day

A golf tournament on the Montebello course was the curtain raiser with some 30 participants. Morton Ream played rings around them all. His 10 above par was the best of the day. The only salesman to show in the winners was C. H. DuBois and as will be noticed in the following score he simply made a part of the tail of the kite; not by skill but by his sartorial adornment.

1st low score—Morton Ream, 3 balls.

2nd low score—Bill Young, 2 balls.

3rd low score—Lacy Mayfield, 1 ball.

Low score on Blind hole—George Leach, 1 ball.

High score on Blind hole—Pete Briock, 1 ball.

Best dressed golfer—C. H. DuBois, 1 ball.

The ball game, between the East and West sides, always a sparkling contest because of friendly rivalry, was won by the West Side for the second time in seven years, the score to date being East Side 5, West Side 2. George Swarberg's pitching was largely responsible for West Side's victory. He bolstered up his fine box work, slapping out a home run. Score 10 to 2. The line up:

West Side	East Side
Funkhouser .....C	Thomas .....C
Reed .....LF	Lund .....LF
Young .....SS	Musmecci .....3rd
Swarberg .....P	Blize .....SS
O. Foster .....3rd	Higbee .....1st
Masoni .....1st	English .....2nd
Wyant .....2nd	Snook .....RF
Johnson .....CF	Potts .....CF
Mayfield .....RF	Zehner .....P
	Ream
	Baxendale
	Briock

The swimming contests were, as usual, a good drawing card although the women



events did not attract as many entrants as formerly.

The results:

50-yard free style—First, Dorothy Heflin; second, Lee Brumby; third, Mary Thompson.

50-yard backstroke—First, Lee Brumby; second, Mary Thompson; third, Dorothy Heflin.

Low diving board—First, Lee Brumby; second, Dorothy Heflin.

High diving board—First, Dorothy Heflin; second, Lee Brumby.

#### Swimming Events For Men

50-yard free style—First, Frank Reed; second, Fred Reed; third, Lacy Mayfield.

50-yard backstroke—First, Glen Blize; second, Lacy Mayfield; third, Joe Briock.

75-yard relay—First, Frank Reed, Lacy Mayfield, Fred Reed; second, Carl Musmecci, Joe Higbee, Glen Blize.

Underwater swim—First, Bill Herwig; second, Joe Higbee; 3rd, Lacy Mayfield.

High and low board diving—First, Frank Reed; second, Lacy Mayfield; third, Howard Walker.

#### Children's Games

The children's games went off with a snap and vim and vigor, backed up by youthful enthusiasm. Here was an occasion where no event suffered for lack of entrants, from pie eating to peanut racing. The games were under direction of Joe Morgan and Donna Dougherty.

In addition to the games every child was given a balloon and with it a present. Added to this was the pony ride, which was perhaps the most popular feature of the day for the little folks. The ponies had no idle moments during the day.

Beano certainly attracts all. Old and young want to sit and take a chance. Many a meal was planned and won at the picnic through the medium of beano. No question but that this event could go on all day and still people would play.

#### Games For Men and Women

And then the oldsters became kids again

in various contests. They were not so fast on their feet as the kids but they were just as eager to win. The results:

MEN		
	Winner	Prize
Sack Race	Frank Reed	Tie Chain
Stick Race	George Swarberg	Coin Holder
Sprint	George Swarberg	Sweat Shirt
Leg Wrestling	Lacy Mayfield	Belt
Nail Driving	Dale Hutchins	Belt
3-legged Race	Frank and Fred Reed	Sport Shirts
Egg tossing	Carl Musmecci & Jack Masoni	Socks
WOMEN		
	Winner	Prize
Needle & Thread	Helen Young	Shoe Holder
Rope Jumping	Lee Brumby	Table Vase
Rolling Pin Throw	Lois Davidson	Towel
Sprint	Alice English	Powder Puff
Nail Driving	Myrtle Baber	Hamper
3-legged Race	Dee Gribble & Wilma Hyde	Bandanas

#### Butsy Dill Presides

The platform exercises were presided over by Manager W. N. Dill, who referred to the unavoidable absence of Adolph Mueller, and the general regret therefore. In addition to remarks bearing on the picnic and the Los Angeles organization Mr. Dill read the speech which Adolph had prepared for delivery.

#### One-Act Play

The feature of the afternoon program was a one-act play, "My Darling Clementine" or "Oh, How She Spurned Him" with the following cast:

The Villian.....	Pat Dudley
The Hero.....	Harvey Zehner
Poppa, a drunkard.....	Kenneth Potts
Clementine .....	Dorotha Warren
Mamma .....	Claire Zalc

The remainder of the program was:  
Wish Upon a Star, Song and Dance—  
Bill Mea Hertig  
Tops in Taps, Dance—Edward Holtzclow  
Pagan Love Song, Trio—

Helen Mae John, Sally Hanna,  
Alma Lou Hovard  
They Go Wild, Song and Dance—  
Juelene Winter

At the close of the program the "Come and Get It" alarm was given, which interpreted meant, "Oh, how Dill, DuBois and Jett yell when they hear the dinner bell."



After the dinner George Leach, assisted by Russell Jolly, led the Community Singing. This was followed with a solo by F. C. McCown, new salesman on the west coast, succeeding Lloyd Logsdon. He has a fine tenor voice which greatly pleased his large audience.

#### And Then The Dance

The dance was held at Story Park, and proved to be a fine way to say finis to a happy and full day. With our sales force on hand one dull moment couldn't be finger-printed. Our new salesman, F. C. McCown, found that the best way to get acquainted is through the medium of a picnic and dance. The waltz contest was won by Bud Simpson, dancing with Mrs. Briock. The collegiate contest was won by Glen Blize and Dorotha Warren.

### ■ ■ ■ GOLF CHAMPION



*Melvin Hays of Decatur, high man in golf tourney and winner of the trophy.*

#### Too Tenderhearted

Doctor: "Your mother-in-law's condition necessitates a warmer climate."

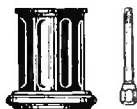
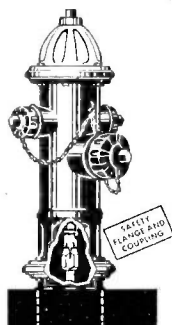
Newly-wed Young Man (after a moment's reflection): "You do it, Doc, I haven't the heart."—Juggler.

#### Naval Academy

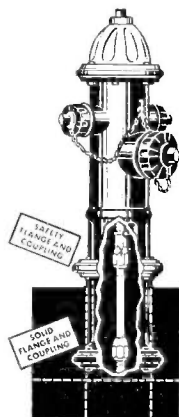
The U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis was founded in 1845 by George Bancroft, secretary of the navy at that time.

# PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE

After the original installation, many cities find it necessary to raise the grade levels of their streets. With the ordinary hydrant, this results in it being too short with either the nozzles being submerged below the ground level or so near the ground that it is impossible to swing the wrench to remove the nozzle caps.



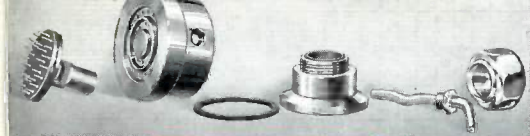
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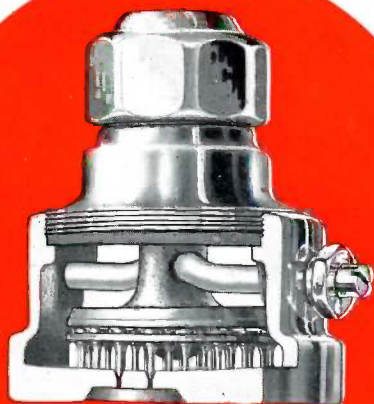
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