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**Best Wishes For  
A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year**

## Earl Bright To Manage L. A. Plant

LLOYD LOGSDON WILL END 35 YEARS SERVICE  
JAN. 1; E. GEORGE BAKER TO DIRECT SALES



E. GEORGE BAKER

The new assistant sales manager at our Los Angeles plant has a background particularly suitable for the position. E. George Baker's experience with Mueller Co. has given him a solid grounding in auditing, sales and the factory.

Mr. Baker will have complete authority and responsibility for the operation of the functions and personnel of the Los Angeles sales office, and will be directly under the supervision of the office of the general sales manager at Decatur. The Los Angeles office will operate in the same manner as does our Chattanooga sales office.

A native of Clinton, Illinois,  
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EARL E. BRIGHT

Earl E. Bright, who began his career with Mueller Co. as a miscellaneous machine operator in 1935, was promoted December 1 to plant manager at our Pacific Coast factory in Los Angeles. He will be in charge of all divisions of the plant and will direct its operations in co-operation with O. E. Walker, vice president and works manager.

Mr. Bright began his career with Mueller Co. on July 1, 1935, in the Brass Machine Shop, two years after the Los Angeles plant was built and placed in operation. The past 19 years have seen him advance to the top of that plant's table of organization.

He received invaluable experience as a machine operator and after a few months in this capacity was moved to the Tool and Pattern Making Shop where he remained for two years. In 1937, he returned to the Brass Machine Shop as set-up man, and from this spot he jumped to assistant foreman of the Brass Machine Shop in 1942. He was promoted to foreman of the Brass Machine Shop in 1946.

Further advancement came for Mr. Bright in 1950 when he was elevated to the position of production superintendent, a capacity whereby he actually served as assistant to Emmett Reedy, then vice president and general manager of the plant.

When Mr. Reedy retired in 1952, Mr. Bright was promoted to factory superintendent, a position he held until his appointment to plant manager.

He is a member of the Merchants and Manufacturing Association of Los Angeles.

Born February 6, 1917, at In-  
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J. L. LOGSDON

When J. L. Logsdon, vice president and general manager of the Los Angeles plant, retires January 1, he will be closing out 35 years of colorful service with Mueller Co.

He first became associated with our company as a sales representative in 1919; however, his knowledge of Mueller products dates back several years prior to that time.

Mr. Logsdon recalls that as a boy out of school he went to work for a large wholesale hardware and plumbing concern in San Diego in May, 1912.

"I became manager of the concern's plumbing division," he said, "and it was there that I first learned of Mueller products. We stocked them as our high-grade line of plumbing brass goods as well as Mueller waterworks goods."

He said that he was very impressed with the way plumbers always ordered Mueller products for use on the best jobs, and he soon found himself trying to sell Mueller products to every customer who called. One of his duties was the stocking of Mueller products, and he became well acquainted with W. L. Jett, Mueller sales representative who called on the San Diego firm.

When Mr. Logsdon joined the Navy in World War I, he already had decided to seek employment with Mueller Co. after his return from service. He was discharged from the Navy in 1919 and presented himself to T. F. Leary, who at that time was Pacific Coast manager for Mueller Co.

In his sailor uniform, Mr. Logsdon met Mr. Leary, and asked for a job. He then waited several days for word from  
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## Golembeck, Meadows Here 45 Years; Among 231 To Get Service Pins

Albert H. Golembeck and Grover Meadows, each with 45 years service, head a list of 231 Mueller Co. and Mueller, Limited, employees who will receive service pin awards this month.

Mr. Golembeck and Mr. Meadows are lathe operators in Department 80, Plant I, in Decatur.

Service award winners include 133 Decatur employees, 41 from Chattanooga, 39 at Sarnia and 18 in Los Angeles. Those from Decatur scheduled to receive pins are as follows.

Five years: William F. Johnson, Richard D. Kitchen, Alice E. Jordan, Glen M. Burrows, Amos A. Bailey, Orville T. Ness, Reuben H. Sutton, Wilbert M. Boyer, Otto Nagler, Willie Nash, Harold E. Peer, Donald Lowe, Delbert H. Guin, Helen Lee, John Scheen, Harold W. Ruppert, Charles B. Workman, Earl E. Wood, Dale L. Mathes, John R. Auvil, George A. Roady, Wesley J. Brown, Kenneth L. Adcock, Roy A. Smull, Clifford L. Carter, Jr., Robert H. Fawcett and Glen R. Lowe.

Ten years: George W. Webb, Leroy Tolly, Walter Lester, Marvin G. Spitzer, Lynn Edwards, Flossie P. Baker, Sina A. Pettit, Lula M. Nash, Arthur R. Kay, Darrell E. Smith, Alexander Kerr, Bert Brewer, Harry L. Dickerson, Elmer A. Blaylock, Harold Ashcraft and Logan Pettit.

Fifteen years: W. L. Draper, Charles N. Brownlow, John E.

Maxwell, Melvin W. Hayes, Leo M. Kramer, Earl Collins, Paul G. Hawbaker, Robert G. Schmitt, Glen R. Hazen, Charles W. Johnson, Clarence Hill, George R. Turner, Van Walters, Fred Monska, Karl C. Denson, Floyd Durbin, Melvin W. Cross, Carl G. Rentfro, R. A. Salogga, John Monska, Clark Linton, R. F. Mounts, Lloyd Dillieck and Lloyd M. Waltens.

Twenty years: Velma A. Runyon, Mae Sencenbaugh, Jane Cranston, Wilber T. Edwards, Harold W. Taylor, James T. McKown, Hugh Baker, Francis M. Fonner, Edwin H. Jeschawitz, Velma L. Kushmer and Carl A. Brock.

Twenty-five years: Gladys Masterson, Peter R. Alekner, John C. Willis, William B. Jones, Fred Tratzik, Ernest Krumsiek, Dorothy J. Stratman, W. A. Matthews, Irmagard F. Modenhauer, Raymond Bulla, George A. Hill, Clarence L. Woodrum, Benjamin Taylor, John E. Taylor, Charles O. McCarthy and Jesse C. Dailey.

Thirty years: Enola Smith, Everett Dickey, Elwood H. Potts, Ernest H. Watkins, Hoyt

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## Sarnia Board Is Re-Elected

Officers and directors of Mueller, Limited, were re-elected December 8 at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Decatur.

George W. Parker was re-elected president and treasurer. Other officers re-elected are R. M. Nicolson, vice president and sales manager; R. J. Skippon, vice president and factory superintendent; J. Milne, secretary; and C. S. Browett, plant controller and assistant secretary.

Eight persons were re-elected to the Mueller, Limited Board of Directors. They are:

W. H. Hipsher  
J. Milne  
Ebert B. Mueller  
R. M. Nicolson  
George W. Parker  
R. J. Skippon  
Albert G. Webber, Jr.  
Leon Wiant

## Huff Made Vice President; Other Officers Re-elected

Lyle R. Huff, general controller and assistant treasurer of Mueller Co., was promoted December 7 to vice president and general controller at our company's annual election of officers and directors.

Other officers and directors were re-elected at the annual meeting.

As general controller and assistant treasurer, Mr. Huff headed our Accounting Division. The promotion places him on the same level as our three other divisional heads who are Robert H. Morris, vice president and general sales manager; Frank H. Mueller, vice president and director of engineering; and O. E. Walker, vice president and works manager. Divisions headed by these executives in the order listed are Accounting, Sales, Engineering, and Manufacturing.

Mr. Huff joined Mueller Co. in 1950 and was appointed general controller and assistant treasurer in 1952. He formerly was an auditor for the Phillips Petroleum Company, an acting instructor at the University of Illinois and a member of the firm of Gauger & Diehl, accountants.

Albert G. Webber, Jr., was re-elected president and treasurer of Mueller Co. for the ninth consecutive year. He also serves as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Other officers re-elected are: W. H. Hipsher, executive vice president.

Leo Wiant, administrative vice president.

Robert H. Morris, vice president and general sales manager.

Frank H. Mueller, vice presi-  
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## Decatur Party For Children To Be Dec. 18

The annual Christmas party for children of Mueller Co. employees in Decatur will be given Saturday, December 18, at the Masonic Temple. Doors will open at 1 p. m. and the program is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p. m.

Santa Claus (played by Charles O. Bafford of the Sales Division) again will be the main attraction. Christmas candy, apples, and oranges will be given to the children by Santa following the entertainment.

This year's program will differ somewhat from those of years past. The students of Mrs. Maureen Anderson, prominent dancing instructor in Decatur, will present a minstrel show that promises to be entertaining for the children. About seventy-five children ranging in age from five to fifteen will be on the stage. All are students of the dance.

The Rev. C. W. Flewelling, pastor of the Christian Church in Decatur, will give the Christmas message. Christmas songs will be led by Harry Bloomquist, Decatur real estate man. Organ music will be provided by Harry Wheeler.

Personnel Director Cecil Coffin said the committee expects to have about 1,200 persons in attendance at the party.

Members of the Christmas party committee are Cecil Coffin, Archie Sefton, George Binkley, Tom Harding, R. K. Duncan, Harley Himstead and E. F. Dickey. As in recent years, Jim Cussins will act as stage decorator. The committee praised Cussins for his past efforts, and said that something equally well can be expected this year.

Harley Himstead has announced his selections for ushers and they are as follows: Ruth Brownlow, Shirley Curtis, Betty Domick, Beverly McGinnis, Juanita Flaughter, Norma Kearney, Joann Richards, Wilma Verrill, Irene Tueth, Joann Sefton and Phyllis Grotjan.

Charles Moore will assist Mr. Himstead as head usher.

## Huff Made . . .

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dent and director of engineering.

O. E. Walker, vice president and works manager.

L. J. Evans, vice president in charge of Eastern Sales.

C. H. Martin, secretary.

Nine persons were re-elected to the Board of Directors. They are:

W. H. Hipsher

Mrs. Addie E. Mueller

Frank H. Mueller

Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller

Richard E. Pritchard

Mrs. Charlotte M. Schluter

Mrs. Frank B. Schmick

Albert G. Webber, Jr.

Leo Wiant.

"Nation's Business," the monthly magazine published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, reports that parking meters, once installed, do not necessarily become permanent fixtures. More than 13,000 of them have been removed in 22 states to provide loading zones and bus stops and to facilitate traffic movement.



**PVT. JAMES P. DEGAND,** who has finished his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and is now going to Quartermaster school at Fort Lee, Virginia. He is the son of Alfred and Juanita Degand, who are both employed at Mueller Co. in Decatur. Alfred is in Department 70, and Juanita is in the Core Room.

## E. George Baker

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Mr. Baker completed his elementary and high school education in that city and attended Illinois State Normal University at Normal. He was graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. His major was in accounting.

He joined Mueller Co. in February, 1947, in the Accounting Department as a branch ledger clerk. In this position he kept books for both the Los Angeles and Chattanooga plants. In October, 1947, he was promoted to senior cost clerk, and in 1949, was named chief time clerk for the Decatur factories.

The latter position gave Mr. Baker an opportunity to become familiar with the operation of the factories. He spearheaded the move to standardize the present time keeping system now in effect.

In 1950, he was transferred to the Sales Division as a sales correspondent. Following army service during the Korean War, he returned to Mueller Co. and in 1951 was appointed assistant to the assistant sales manager of the Decatur plant's Water Department.

Mr. Baker next served as assistant to the assistant vice president in charge of sales, and in August, 1953, was given the position of administrative assistant.

He attends Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Decatur Association of Commerce, the Decatur Club and a number of social organizations.

During World War II, Mr. Baker served with the Transportation Corps and was stationed at the New York Port of Embarkation as an auditor. In 1950, he was recalled to service and oddly enough was assigned to the same office and job at New York's Port of Embarkation as that of his previous service.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have made their home at 18 Park Lane, Decatur.

## TERRY LANE

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Darnell announce the birth of a son October 3. He has been named Terry Lane. Mr. Darnell is employed in the Shipping Department in Decatur.

## 231 Employees

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E. Mounts, William A. Hays, Hugh R. Harshbarger, Howard M. Williams Harold F. Snyder, William A. Brunner, Anthony Grossman, Gus F. Edwards, James W. Workman, Herman A. Chepan, John Bain, H. Myrtle Carter, Jenny Kinney, Clyde D. Hester, O. H. Stratman, William Morrissey, Leslie I. Hopper, Hugh Hensley, Henry A. Ter-tocha and Enos E. Musgraves.

Thirty-five years: Leroy J. Evans, Helen Brannan, William H. Bimstead, Richard Dennewitz, F. W. Dannewitz, Margaret Behrend and Margaret M. Woodruff.

Forty years: Anthony Yonker, C. F. Dunnaway Paul A. Gaddis, Albert N. Spitzer and Herman P. Ammann.

Forty-five years: Albert H. Golembeck and Grover Meadows.

Los Angeles employees who will receive pin awards are as follows.

Five years: Robert Hanna, Paul Duncan, Frank Petterson, Manuel Valadez, Otis Abadie, George Knudsen and F. V. Martin.

Ten years: Inez Mooring and William Cosman.

Fifteen years: Ann Headden, Robert Newell and Ray Dawkins.

Twenty years: Kenneth Potts, Jack Warren, Russell Hubbard and Evelyn Miller.

Thirty-five years: J. L. Logsdon and Ray Thomas.

Chattanooga employees receiving awards are as follows.

Five years: I. V. Brown, Claude L. Ridge, Abraham Madden, William E. Hixson, Jr., Russell Cheatham, David Rutledge, Mitchell B. Love, Glenn Cook, Jerome Hawkins, Billy Lindsey, Joe Coffman, Kenneth Jones, Charles J. Hayes, James Stockdale, J. B. Henderson, John D. Horton and Jesse Lee Graves.

Ten years: Elijah B. Sherrill, Joseph T. McGintis, Earnest T. Cowan and Guy E. Dunagan.

Fifteen years: Roosevelt Miller, Willie Benford and Kyle Hardy.

Twenty years: Oscar E. Brown, Jesse C. Jones, J. R. Morgan, Frank Puffer, Wade Lowery, Izear Tyous, Otto Glass, Sr., Ezell Thomas, Troy Weaver, Napoleon Gaither, Marcus Daniel, Eugene Gann and Will Tyson.

Thirty years: Walter A. Coventry.

Mueller, Limited, service award pins will be received by the following.

Five years: Betty Armstrong, Paul Bedard, Jack Burns, Kathryn Forbes, Ralph Harrett, Marie Demeray Marilyn Lea, Barbara McGibbon, Sylvia Shortt, Clarke Taylor, Edmond Theriault and Thomas Ward.

Ten years: Roy Blacklock, Kathleen Garrick, Peter Krywicki, Ivan Maw, Paul Mino, Thomas Moskal, Alfred Nelson, Robert Nesbit, Mike Novak, Doris Prosie, Peter Smith, Malcolm Tigwell, Antoine Vautour and William Williams.

Fifteen years: Archibald Guthrie, Ronald Nicolson and Samuel Round.

Twenty years: John Woodcock.

Twenty-five years: George Lee, George Lucas and Gordon Stuart.

Thirty years: Leslie Crooks, Philip Hamilton, Almeda Reeve, Charles Snider, Cecil Spears and L. Merton Bice.

## Make That 'One for the Road' Coffee This Year

A report last year revealed that in many automobile accidents occurring around the Christmas holidays the drivers were on their way home from parties—and a large proportion of them had been drinking beyond the safety point.

With the holiday party season just around the corner, this latter clause is significant. Parties are traditional before Christmas and New Year's, and—except on occasions where employees partake of holiday cheer a bit too exuberantly—are generally affairs of harmless festivity and fun.

On the other hand, it is unfortunately true that many highway fatalities follow in the wake of such parties every year.

Eight hundred and forty-nine people lost their lives on American highways during the Christmas-New Year holiday season last year. Unless Yuletide revelers—in private homes, hotels, clubs, bars, restaurants, and factory and office parties—change their habits, a similar number may be killed this year, safety experts predict.

National Safety Council statistics reveal that accidental deaths in 1953 were higher in December than any other month. More than 9,000 people died. And automobiles were responsible for more fatalities than any other single cause.

One reason, it is said, is because so many celebrators turn the holidays into "alcohol holidays."

The danger here, of course, is that a great many revelers at parties and celebrations drive their cars home after the festivities—and thus become candidates for a mortality statistical table.

Don't let it happen to you. Here's how safety authorities say it can be prevented:

1. Make that "one for the road" coffee, especially if you expect to do much drinking. Coffee may not sober you completely, but it will help. If you insist on driving you'll be much better off with a cup of coffee than with the usual one-for-the-road.

2. Don't plan to drive your car home after the party. Take a bus or taxi. It's safer.

3. If you feel the least bit tipsy, and don't want to spend money for a taxi, ask a non-drinking friend to drive you home—and tell him to stay under 35 miles an hour in the country, 20 in the city.

## Earl Bright . . .

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dependence, Kansas, Mr. Bright moved with his family to Los Angeles in 1924. He has lived there since that time. His wife, Dorothy, is a native Californian, and they are the parents of one son, Randy Lee, age six.

Mr. Bright received his education in Los Angeles where he attended Compton Union High School.

## Lloyd Logsdon Retires January 1

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Adolph Mueller, company president, who in those days hired all sales representatives. Mr. Mueller employed Mr. Logsdon and assigned him to the San Francisco area on May 5, 1919.

Armed with a 30-pound sample case in one hand and a brief case with catalogs of our full line in the other, Mr. Logsdon began calling on plumbers, architects and engineers. He remembers that his first mode of travel was by walking or streetcar. Three years later, he bought a model-T Ford which, he says, at least made it easier to carry the sample case.

His San Francisco territory was extended in 1925 to take in the San Francisco Peninsula down as far as Palo Alto. In 1929, his territory again was extended to include the Monterey Peninsula, 135 miles south of San Francisco, and the Northern California Coast line up to the Oregon border. In these territories, he began to call on not only plumbers but water companies and some of the gas utilities.

Again in 1933, Mr. Logsdon's territory was expanded to include the San Joaquin-Sacramento Valley and as far east as Reno, Nevada. He traveled this territory until June 15, 1940, when he was transferred to the Los Angeles plant and appointed assistant manager under the leadership of W. N. (Billy) Dill, general manager of the Pacific Coast factory and sales.

On December 31, 1944, when Mr. Dill retired, Mr. Logsdon was appointed general manager for the Pacific Coast which included factory operations and sales territory in the seven states now served by the Los Angeles plant.

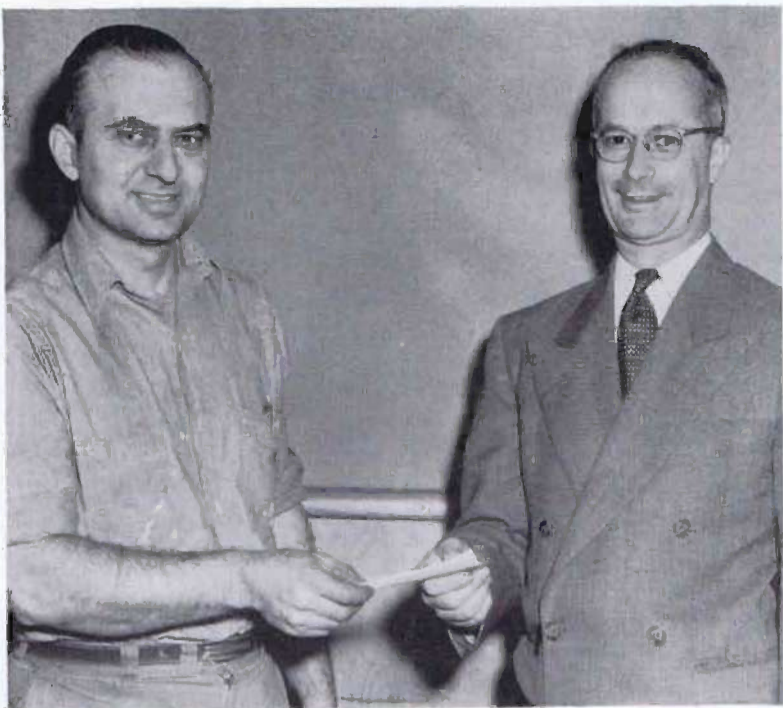
He was elected to the position of vice president in charge of Western sales in July, 1950, and on December 9, 1952, he was elected vice president and general manager of the Los Angeles plant.

Mr. Logsdon is an active member of many professional, civic and fraternal organizations.

Included among the organizations of which he is a member are the following: California State Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, American Water Works Association, Inc., California Section of A.W.W.A., Northwest Section of A.W.W.A., Arizona Sewerage and Water Works Association, Pacific Coast Gas Association, American Management Association, San Marino Republican Mens Club, Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Athletic Club, Wilshire Methodist Church of Los Angeles, The Layman's Movement for a Christian World, Blackmer Lodge No. 442—Free and Accepted Masons of California—San Diego, California, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—32 degree, Pasadena Consistory of Pasadena, California, and the Al Malaikah Temple—Ancient Accepted Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of Los Angeles.

Mr. Logsdon says he has a few hobbies of which one is raising patented roses and camellias at his San Marino home. He likes to swim, play golf and fish. Recently, he added colored photography to his list of hobbies.

In retiring from Mueller Co., Mr. Logsdon said he would like to wish his many friends in Mueller Co. and customers of the company best wishes for their continued success.



Joseph Fyke, left, president of Local 838 U.A.W.-A.F.L., and an employee in the Core Room at Plant 4, accepts the certificate of merit on behalf of the union from Cecil Coffin, personnel director. The certificate was presented by officials of the Decatur and Macon County United Fund Campaign.

## United Fund Praises Us

A certificate of merit has been presented to Mueller Co. and to Local 838 U.A.W.-A.F.L. of Mueller Co. in "grateful recognition of outstanding cooperation and exceptional achievement in the first United Fund Campaign for the health, welfare, and character building services of Decatur and Macon County."

The certificate was made as a result of the successful participation of the Decatur employees in the local drive.

A total of \$6,010.10 was contributed by both union and non-union employees at our main plant and headquarters. Contributions were made either through payroll deductions or cash depending upon the employee's wishes. Payroll deductions are based on one deduction a month for twelve months.

Leo Wiant, administrative vice president, is a member of the Local United Fund Committee. Members of the plant who took an active part in the drive as an over-all company committee were O. E. Walker, Cecil Coffin, George Binkley, Archie

Sefton, Tom Harding and E. F. Dickey.

Committee members said the successful drive was due to the participation of both union and management. Stewarts and time clerks in each department worked as a team in soliciting the drive.

### HAMS AND BACON

Mueller Co. employees and retired employees are looking forward to receiving their annual Christmas gift from the company this month. As has been the custom in past years, hams and bacon will be given in Decatur and Los Angeles while hams will be given in Chattanooga. The size of those Chattanooga hams, incidentally, will make up for the fact that no bacon is given at the plant.

### RANDALL GENE

Belated congratulations are due Marvin G. and Ruth Spitzer whose son, Randall Gene, was born last July 16. Marvin works in the Standards Department in Decatur.

## A Good Will Ambassador Bows Out

# Frank O'Dell, Creator of Mueller Heat Control System, Retires Dec. 1

Frank T. O'Dell, whose graciousness probably has created more good will for Mueller Co. among our customers than any other person, retired December 1 after forty years service with our company.

Mr. O'Dell spent his entire career with our company in the Sales Division and in recent years has been our special representative. He has served as a liaison between our sales representatives, our sales offices and our customers.

As an outstanding expert on fluid regulation and relief valves, he was in a position to provide assistance for our customers everywhere. His territory was all of the United States and he travelled in every state bringing good will for our company to all whom he visited.

Mr. O'Dell perhaps is best known throughout the trade as the man who perfected and patented the "Mueller Hot Water Heat Control System," now known as the H9500 Mueller Heat Control System. In order to introduce this system to the trade, Mr. O'Dell persuaded Management to allow him to travel to all parts of the United States where hot water was used for heating homes. He did an outstanding job in introducing this system to our customers and was largely responsible for its quick acceptance and extensive use throughout the trade.

Mr. O'Dell first joined Mueller Co. in 1914 as a sales representative in the Minnesota territory with headquarters in Minneapolis. Minnesota in those years was



FRANK T. O'DELL

not considered one of our better territories, but Mr. O'Dell's ability as a sales representative was soon proven as business increased in that territory each year he travelled it.

Mr. O'Dell developed his heat system idea during World War I. He recalls that in 1916 with the war at its height in Europe, Mueller Co. was beginning to play an increasingly important part in war production. At the same time, much of the materials used in the manufacture of our regular line of products was becoming more scarce as the days passed and we were limited in what we could sell other than to the government.

It was at this time that he conceived an idea where and how we could increase our sales of relief and water regulating valves. This was by applying

these valves to a hot water system for heating buildings.

"I worked out such a system in the rented house in which we were living," he said. "With the permission of the owner, I removed the expansion tank and hand control for the water supply to the hot water heating system and substituted a combination of pressure reducing and pressure relief valves which then formed an automatic system of water supply and pressure relief. To this, I added a regulator for the control of the furnace dampers to economize on coal.

"The oil burner was just being developed," he recalled, "and the use of gas for heating homes considered a millionaire's privilege. I experimented with this system for about two years until I was satisfied that it was marketable."

Mr. O'Dell later convinced the company of the saleability of his idea, received a patent for the product and was largely instrumental in placing it on the market.

As the year passed he came to be our best known sales representative. Customers from coast to coast in our metropolitan as well as our smaller cities came to know Frank T. O'Dell by his first name. His reputation as an expert in the field grew, and his knowledge of the industry coupled with his genuine sincerity and love of mankind helped to develop our company's excellent relations with friends and customer that we enjoy today.

## Are You A Gambler?

# Just What Are The Odds On Safety?

Men concerned with the science of safety are constantly probing for new methods to make the employee more aware of the need for safe working habits. They study jobs to eliminate hazards, make safety equipment available, and keep a continuous vigil against bad housekeeping which may cause accidents.

They write bulletins to supervisors reminding them of their duty to instruct new employees on the techniques of proper working habits. New workers are taught while oldtimers are reminded of the penalties of carelessness.

It's an everyday, all day task, this thing called safety. Industry everywhere is concerned as it should be. For every lost time accident costs the employee and the employer money, in addition to the possible physical handicap the employee may suffer.

And, like industry everywhere, Mueller Co. is just as concerned. There's no need to tiptoe around this subject. Our accident record has not been good. There has been too many injuries in recent months.

Investigation points out that many of the lost time accidents have been suffered by veteran employees, not just the newcomer. A further check of the records show that in some cases, we have repeat accident employees—fellows who get hurt twice on the same job.

This article is not intended to

condemn the man who has been injured. The sympathy of his fellow employees and management goes out to anyone hurt. But we stop and think. Could that accident have been prevented? Did this worker, who perhaps made a point of observing all the safety rules of his job, make one careless mistake?

A thorough study by the safety engineers in all kinds of industry found that most accidents are caused by carelessness—or perhaps by gambling.

That's right, gambling. Man by nature, is a gambler. We invariably jaywalk through a busy street rather than walk to the nearest corner. A few minutes are saved if we win this gamble; a life may be lost if we lose.

Gambling with safety is fool's play. The bet is too expensive—an eye, an arm, a leg, maybe a life. Whether we gamble at home, on the street, or in the plant, what is there to gain by gambling with safety? Nothing! Not a thing! This is a gamble that doesn't make sense.

Here are the odds. Safety shoes have been tested to withstand weight up to one ton. The worker handling heavy material may feel comfortably safe, and never have trouble. On the other hand, the man without safety shoes may have just one accident in 100,000 chances. He could be injured for life.

The foundry worker whose job is to pour molten iron from the cupola has no choice but to wear

safety glasses. Should one tiny spec of molten iron fly in his eye—well, you know the answer.

During 1953, records show that the failure of people to apply safe methods on machines caused 16 per cent of the accident total in the nation. Yet, some people will ignore the advice of our Safety Committees in proper procedure on a machine.

Another five per cent of the 1953 accidents were caused by workers who made the safety devices on machines inoperative.

Let's add up the odds. In 1953, 250,000,000 manhours were lost to accident gamblers across the nation. In dollars and cents it amounts to \$8,700,000,000 or about one tenth of our national budget. Also, 15,000 men lost their lives in industrial accidents while 2,000,000 were injured.

Do YOU really think the gambles were worth it?

Putting it in dollars and cents—can YOU afford an accident? The average wage in our plants is about \$2.00 an hour or \$16.00 a day.

The average amount of time lost by employees who suffered lost time accidents in November at the Decatur factories was 44 days. Counting lost time in November from accidents occurring in October, there were 79 days lost.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO TAKE A NON-SAFE CHANCE?

## Guard Against Home Fires

Don't look now but the next fire may be yours!

That is the warning of the National Fire Protection Association which reminds us at Christmas time that there is a new blaze every 15 seconds... an absolutely no good kind of fire that hurts and kills.

The approach of Christmas, always accompanied by the Christmas tree and appropriate decorations, presents an annual fire hazard and people everywhere are warned to take on added precautions for the safety of our homes and lives.

A careless match, faulty wiring and other sources are the cause of Christmas fires which may be fed by Christmas decorations, and packages.

What would you do—what would your family do if fire should strike within the next few seconds? The right answers are worth your life. Do you know them?

Check your answers against the following given by the Association.

1. Get out of the house the minute you discover or smell smoke.
2. Don't fling doors open if you think there's a fire—feel them first and if they

are hot, get out another way or block the doors with furniture or wet mattresses to keep out smoke and gases.

3. Hold your breath if you have to make a dash through smoke or flame.
4. Don't jump from upper story windows except as a last resort—wait for the firemen.
5. Don't ever go back into a burning building for any reason—smoke and fire gases from even the smallest fire can be deadly.
6. Unless it's a small fire and you're certain you can control it with the right extinguisher, don't waste your time or your life by trying to fight a fire—get away from it.
7. Always be ready to use different escape routes from any room in your house—important to remember, too, when entering any other building.
8. If you're burned or exposed to fire and smoke, get medical treatment at once... seemingly minor burns or smoke inhalation can have fatal results.

Let's GROW up—not BURN up.

## Teachers Tour Sarnia Plant



Shown above are a group of Sarnia public school teachers enjoying Mueller, Limited, hospitality following a tour of the plant on October 15. The teachers were received by R. J. Skippon, vice president and factory manager, who gave a brief outline of the past history of the Sarnia plant following which groups of about ten were conducted through the plant. Olavi Seppala, Murray Taylor, Clyde Smith, Ray Hazzard and R. J. Bannister acted as guides. The groups were then taken to the cafeteria where coffee, tea, cake and cookies were served by Lois McPhee, Violet Brown and Almeda Reeve.

## Brass Chips From Sarnia

BY ALMEDA M. REEVE

Robert S. Storey, son-in-law of George Hayward, Core Room foreman, left in September for Edinburgh, Scotland, where, as one of the winners of the 1954 Fellowship Awards, he will do research in the field of nuclear physics. He was one of two nominees in the field of chemistry, physics and engineering.

Isabelle Hendrie has announced her engagement to Gordie Hutchinson.

Once more J. A. "Tupper" Baldwin is a grandfather. A girl was born to his daughter, Diane Oughtred, on October 14.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Syer, whose son,

## New Foundry Engineer Here



MAURICE WADE

Maurice Wade has been appointed foundry engineer at Mueller, Limited. Mr. Wade brings to his new position seven and one-half years experience in brass, iron, malleable and steel foundries. He formerly was employed by International Harvester at Hamilton and Dominion Engineering Works in Montreal.

Other past experience includes positions in the capacity of foundry industrial engineer, time study observer and methods engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade and their two-year-old son, Robert, are making their home at 380 East Street in Sarnia.

Leonard Thomas, was awarded first prize in the baby shows at Alvinston Fall Fair and Wyoming Fall Fair, in the Under six months class.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Prince, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary recently when they were entertained at dinner followed by a reception at the Moose Hall, where a large number of friends called. Mr. Prince is retired, having been employed in Department 11.

Gordon Stuart, Department 1, and Mrs. Stuart celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on September 8 with a dinner in the Victorian Room of the Colonial Hotel. Joining in festivities were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoad, who were celebrating their eleventh wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McDougall were honored recently when a large number of relatives and friends gathered on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Following a dinner the celebrants were presented with many gifts. Allan is employed in Department 8.

### Our Congratulations to:—

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Simard were married in Sacred Heart Church on July 24. The bride was the former Germaine Richer of Sudbury. Returning from a wedding trip to Buffalo, Montreal and Sudbury, Mr. and Mrs. Simard took up residence at 209 Lydia Street, Sarnia. Maurice is employed in the Shipping Room.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Whiteley were married in Our Lady of Christian Help Church in Watford on July 24. The bride is the former Mary Margaret Maher of Watford. Following a honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Whiteley took up residence in Petrolia. John is employed in Department 5.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins were married August 4. The bride was the former Dora Ruth MacDonald. They are living at 1612 Blackwell Road. Bill is employed in Department 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Asselman, 1384 Exmouth Street, Sarnia, were married on August 27. The bride is the former Ekke Kok.

### Our Sympathy to:—

Mr. and Mrs. Tadeuz Grad in

the loss of their son, Constantine "Kennie." Little "Kennie" reportedly had been playing with a toy fire truck when he strayed from his mother's attention to the backyard of his home. When she called him, he did not answer. A few minutes later she found the little body in 18 inches of water of a nearby open ditch. Artificial respiration was given by passersby until the arrival of firemen and police, but their efforts failed to revive him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Campbell, in the passing of Mr. Campbell's father, Edward Campbell. Bert is purchasing agent for Mueller, Limited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayward in the death of Mr. Hayward's mother, Mrs. Phyllis Hayward. George is foreman of the Core Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barrett, in the recent death of Mr. Barrett's mother, Mrs. W. Barrett, Point Edward. Bruce is employed in Department 9.

Mrs. Phyllis Turner, Accounting Department, in the death of her father, Victor Miles of London, England.

The family of the late George Dennis, who died in Sarnia on September 27. George came to Mueller, Limited, in 1946. Before he became ill, he was employed as a furnace tender.

### NEW MUELLERITES

To Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Campbell, a daughter, Debra Lynn, on July 15. Fraser works in Department 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Labelle, a daughter, Roxamme, on July 22. Rolland is in Department 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Don Whiteley, a son, Stephen James, on July 26. Don works in Department 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miles, a son, Kenneth James, on August 2. Ken works in Department 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Maguire, a daughter, Mary Jo, on August 27. Eric is employed in Department 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Tigewell, a son, Arve Ernest, on September 13. Malcolm works in Department 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher, a son, William Durward, on September 30. Bill works in Department 1.

## W. G. Gansler Named To Mueller, Ltd. Sales Post

The appointment of W. G. Gansler as assistant sales manager at Mueller, Limited, has been announced by George W. Parker, president and treasurer of the Sarnia plant.

Mr. Gansler has had extensive experience in administrative sales work and before joining Mueller, Limited, he was Eastern Canada sales manager for another firm. His territory was from the Manitoba border to St. John's Newfoundland.

He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and holds a degree in mechanical engineering. He was born in Toronto and in addition to attending the university in that city also attended elementary and high school there.

During World War II, Mr. Gansler served as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve on North Atlan-



W. G. GANSLER

tic convoy duty. He is married and is now located in Sarnia.

## Council Elects Cuthbertson

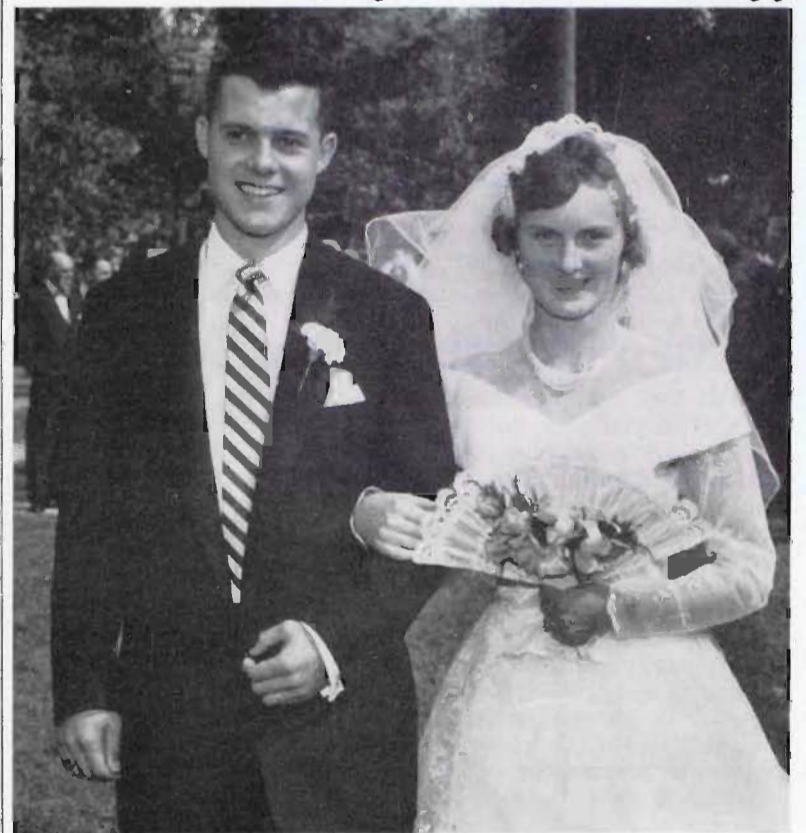
Fred A. Cuthbertson, supervisor of the Iron and Brass Machining Division, Mueller, Limited, has been elected as a director of the Canadian Council of Foreman's Clubs. The election took place at the annual meeting of the council November 5 in Toronto.

Mr. Cuthbertson attended the meeting as a delegate for the Sarnia chapter. He is a past president of the Sarnia club and has been an active member of the group since its inception.



FRED A. CUTHBERTSON

## Delores Vanderburg Wed to Ronald Dagg



MR. AND MRS. RONALD DAGG

Delores Ilene Reta Vanderburg and Ronald Dagg were married September 25 at the Central Baptist Church in Sarnia. Mrs. Dagg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vanderburg of Sarnia. Ron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dagg and is employed by Mueller, Limited, as assistant to the merchandising manager, Plumbing and

Streamline Division.

The girls in the office had a surprise shower for Ron at the lunch hour on September 22. His desk was decorated with streamers and ribbons. A cocktail shaker was presented to him along with a collection of canned goods (minus labels) and a pair of shorts decorated in lace and ribbons.

The cooking stove, which slowly replaced the fireplace, and has since given way to electricity and gas, was invented only 135 years ago.

The U. S. divorce rate is dropping. It was 18½ divorces for every 1,000 couples in 1946—only about 10 per 1,000 today.

## Doris Ellis Is Wed To John Bazeley



MR. AND MRS. JOHN RALPH BAZELEY

Doris Mae Ellis and John Ralph Bazeley were married July 24 at the St. Andrew Memorial Church in Sarnia with the Rev. James Waring officiating. The traditional wedding music was provided by Mrs. W. C. (Almeda) Reeve. Charles (Mac) Jay sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "O

Perfect Love." Mrs. Bazeley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis, Sarnia, and is the niece of Mr. George Hayward, foreman of the Core Room at Sarnia. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bazeley and is employed in a clerical position in the Shipping and Receiving Department.

## Paul G. Caho Is Presented Fellow Award

Paul G. Caho, plant controller at Los Angeles, recently received the Fellow Award of the National Institute of Credit. The award is granted to those who have met the experience and educational requirements demanded of persons seeking professional recognition in credit work.

The National Institute of Credit is maintained by this Association for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for those persons who desire to advance to positions of responsibility in credit and financial management.

Mr. Caho came to Mueller Co. in Decatur on May 29, 1946 as an accountant. He was transferred to Los Angeles December 1, 1947, as chief accountant. He later was promoted to plant controller.

## Bill Young Is Leading L. A. 10-Pin League

Bill Young, Assembly Department foreman, currently is proving that his election as president of the Bowling League at our Los Angeles plant was a good one. Bill is leading the league in averages with a mark of 172.

Teams entered in the league represent the Office, Assembly No. 1, Steel Department, Assembly No. 2, Shipping Room, Foundry No. 2, Machine Shop, and Foundry No. 1.

The Steel Department to date holds the high weekly team series with a score of 2,574. Honors for the high weekly team game goes to the Machine Shop with 931.

Other high marks to date include:

Season ladies series, R. Jacobs, 550.

Season ladies game, D. Jolly and H. Lehman, tie game, 203.

Season men's series, E. Bright, 638.

Season men's game, G. Knudsen, 254.

### DIRE SITUATION

Editors don't usually write about themselves, but this is too good to pass up.

Walter Dyer, who never won anything in his life, did the impossible at the November 4-X Club meeting in Decatur. Two drawings were held prior to the business meeting, one for the door prize and a second for a dressed twelve-pound Thanksgiving turkey. Chances on the turkey were sold at five cents each and Dyer invested fifteen cents.

You guessed it. With more than 90 persons present Dyer's name was drawn for the door prize—tools valued at five dollars—and he also held the lucky number for the turkey.

On an annual basis, the highest paying industry is the petroleum industry with \$4,808 per full time employee, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States reports.

## Around The Plant - ... AT LOS ANGELES



Here is the beautiful new barbecue pit recently built at the home of Myrtle Baber in Los Angeles.

By GEORGE KNUDSEN

Myrtle Baber dedicated her beautiful barbecue pit by giving a party for the lady employees, former employees, and friends on October 20. Each person furnished their own steaks. They made home made ice cream, baked beans ala Prewett and from all reports everything was delicious and served in grand style. Myrtle is in the Haws department. The party was attended by the following:

Delores Thomson, Evelyn Miller, Lila Phegley, Betty Cosman, Barbara Baber, Lois Davidson, Pat Prewett, Pat Anderson, Lil Alfano, Donna Jolly, Vicky Montoya, Jerry Montoya, Flora Shaver, Josephine Berryman, Flo Llewellyn, Leota Parman, May Harris, Jane Mays, Velma Portee and Hazel Rice.



GAITON, HUGHES, BARTON

Bob Hughes has returned to work in our Shipping Department after completing a successful season with the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. The photo above shows Joe Gaitan, Bob Hughes and Perry Barton on the playing field. Joe is the son of Joe Gaiton, Sr., of our Steel Machine Shop.

Quickies:

Wishing a speedy recovery to Ben Piott and Bob Ward.

Bob Newell has returned to work after a long illness.

Condolences to Jimmy Musso.

It finally happened. Jack Warren, head of our Plating Department, was in a minor automobile accident recently and suffered two dented fenders, a hole in the radiator and a red face.

The car was repaired, but enroute home it became overheated and then froze. A passing motorist pushed him to a service station where he told the attendant to fill her up with H2O.

A look inside the hood brought this surprised remark from the attendant.

"Mister, you don't even have a radiator."

Our Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 19, at the plant. Santa Claus will be present to give gifts to all the

children. A buffet dinner will be served relatives and friends of employees, after which a tour of the plant will be given. The time of the party will be posted on the Bulletin Board. Bruce Stotler and Eli Lockard will be in charge.

The drive for the Community Chest Fund is in progress and it is our hope that our employees will make an excellent showing this year.

This should keep you in stitches. It's about the surgeon whose business increased so rapidly that he had to open up two new patients.

Joan O'Neil, Payroll Department, recently was honored with a party at the home of Barbara Liddell. Assisting Barbara as co-hostesses were Roberta Young and Gail Chuba.

Guests were Alice Innerarity, Lillian Olson, Ann Headden, Katie Thompson, Kay Worley, Jerry Montoya, May Harris, Jackie Hanley, Hazel Lehman, Pat Prewett, Marilyn Moore and Glenna Arter.

Joan says she received many wonderful gifts.

Don Kelley, Shipping Department, and Paul Duncan, Steel Department, are our two newest fathers at the plant. Don has a new daughter and Paul a new son. Congratulations to both men.

We asked the Rev. Allen E. Moran, one of our employees who is also pastor of the Bell Gardens Community Church, to give us a resolution for the coming year.

His answer: "Let us resolve in the New Year to do that which is right, and to do unto others as we wish they will do unto us."



REV. ALLEN E. MORAN

## Dona Hendra Is Bride of Wayne Hyatt



MR. AND MRS. HYATT

Carrying a white Bible topped with a white orchid and rosebuds on streamers, Dona Marie Hendra became the bride of Wayne E. Hyatt in a ceremony performed by the Rev. R. E. Southcott in Zion United Church on September 4. Mrs. Hyatt is employed by Mueller, Limited, in the Sales Statistical Department. She is the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Hendra, R. R. 1, Mooretown and Wayne is the son of Mrs. C. Hyatt of R. R. 4, Petrolia.

On August 26 the girls of the various offices held an after five dinner and pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower in honor of Dona in the cafeteria. A pleasant evening was spent playing games. Dona was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts, for which she expressed her sincere appreciation in a few well chosen words.

## No Increase In Profits of Corporations

Profits of American corporations have shown no tendency to increase in the years since 1947 although other sectors of the economy have grown steadily, according to a study of government figures by the research department of the National Association of Manufacturers.

There have been minor fluctuations during the period, but the projected level of profits after taxes for 1954 totals slightly less than in 1947, the NAM reports.

This lack of growth is in striking contrast to the experience in other major sectors of the economy. Total personal incomes, after taxes, increased by 50 percent between 1947 and 1954. The total value of all the goods and services produced grew by more than 50 percent in the same interval.

Corporate profits have not even kept pace with the rise in the price level. Between 1947 and 1954 consumer prices increased by 20 percent and wholesale prices by 15 percent.

Part of the explanation for the failure of profits to grow is the increase in the rate of corporate income taxes since the beginning of the Korean War. Taxes took 49 percent of profits in 1954, compared with 38 percent in 1947. But even when allowance is made for this factor, profits have not increased in proportion to the growth of the economy. Profits before taxes increased by only 17 percent between 1947 and 1954, compared with the total personal income increase of 50 percent and total wages and salaries increase of 59 percent during the same period.

# Three Employees Retire Dec. 1

Three Mueller Co. employees with a combined service of 91 years retired effective December 1.

Margaret Woodruff, chief chemist, ended 33 years in our chemical laboratory. Margaret was employed May 25, 1921, as an assistant in the chemical laboratory. She was promoted to chief chemist on September 1, 1935, and has held that position since that time.

The fact that Margaret had the type job usually held by a man may have proved a bit startling in the early years of her employment, but employees came to know and respect her for her knowledge of materials used in our products.

She was capable of discussing the most technical subjects in regard to the manufacture of our products and probably knew as much as any other person as to their makeup. She firmly believed in quality products and certainly did her part during all of her employment to help build the fine reputation Mueller Co. holds today.

Martin Stratman, assistant foreman in Department 70, also closed out 33 years service. Mark, as he is known, held his first job with Mueller Co. in 1916 as an apprentice in the Machine Shop. When World War I ended, the plant in which he was employed was temporarily closed and he left the company to join another firm.

He returned March 21, 1923 as a machinist in Department 30. He was promoted to foreman of the department August 18, 1924, and in 1928 was appointed assistant general superintendent in the plant.

Mr. Stratman returned to the position of foreman of the Machine Shop January 30, 1930, but in September of that year was named head of the Utilities Division Specialties in charge of the Machine Shop, Blacksmith Shop and Heat Treating.

He left the company to enter private business in 1933, but returned to the company as a tool maker July 11, 1934. In January, 1938, he was transferred to the Engineering Division, and in August of the same year he was transferred to the Utilities Division-Regulator Shop.

From April 23, 1941, until his retirement, Mr. Stratman held the positions of foreman and assistant foreman of the Specialties Department.

Ernest Krumsiek, Warehouse and Shipping Department foreman, retired after 25 years service. Ernie came to Mueller Co. March 5, 1929, after having been employed by the E-Z Opener Bag Co. in Decatur for eighteen years. When that company moved its headquarters to another city, Ernie preferred to stay in Decatur and came to Mueller Co. as an employee in the Pattern Shop.

On October 1, 1933, he was made a machinist in the Plumbing Division, and on December 6, 1933, he was transferred to Experimental and Development Engineering as a machinist.

Mr. Krumsiek was promoted to general foreman of the Plumbing Division October 21, 1940 and was made foreman of the Munitions Division on July 6, 1942. He was named general foreman of the Warehouse and Shipping Department August 1, 1945.



Plant 4 personnel and members of the Engineering Division met to honor Margaret Woodruff November 31, the day of her retirement from Mueller Co. Margaret is shown in the bottom photo with the group and luggage given her as a going-away present. Above, Martin Stratman, assistant foreman of Department 70, shows some of the money found inside his new billfold given him by fellow employees the day of his retirement. Ernest Krumsiek, Warehouse and Shipping Department foreman who retired November 31, was unable to be present when his photograph was to have been made. His gift presentation was made later at his home.

## Heard In The Main Office . . .

BY PHYLLIS GROTJAN

Jim McClintock has transferred from the Gas Department to the Water Department in the Sales Division. He replaces Jack Leahy as an assistant to A. O. Yonker. Jack is our new sales representative in the Illinois area.

LaVerne Fielder, stenographer and relief switchboard operator, left us to move to Dallas, Texas. Her husband has a new job there.

Shirley Henderson left us November 26 for Sunnyvale, California where she will make her home following her marriage to Gilbert Knudston.

Rose Smith took over Shirley Henderson's position as accounts receivable clerk in the Accounting Department. She was formerly a bookkeeper with the Citizens National Bank of Decatur.

Juanita Flaughner and husband ordered a 1955 Pontiac on October 30 and to date they haven't received it. Since Juanita is the Sales Department's number one prankster and teller of tall tales, we are beginning to wonder. We will have to admit she seems concerned about it.

Aileen Pow, typist in the Order Department left December 3. She is going to stay home with her children.

Mrs. Jacqueline Turman was employed December 6 as relief switchboard operator and sten-

ographer. Mrs. Turman formerly was employed as a steno clerk with the Illinois Terminal Railroad.

Chuck Davis is back with the Order Department after serving four years as a radio operator instruction counselor in the Air Force. Chuck left Mueller Co. October 1, 1950, and returned October 18.

Vivian Townsend's husband has completed the building of their new six room house in Forsyth, Illinois. They moved in on Saturday, November 27, and Vivian felt so sorry for those poor, tired moving men that she served them chicken pot pie so they could regain their strength. Real Southern hospitality.

Tony Yonker is back to work after a two week vacation. On his return, Tony told Juanita Flaughner she had gained more weight than he had.

The Sales Department's Charlie Bafford is playing Santa Claus at the children's Christmas party. We think he is a swell choice ALLLL THE WAY AROUND . . .

BY BARBARA TROWER

Evelyn Baum and Ray Thompson have been transferred from the Cost Department to the Standards Department.

Joann Sefton's husband, Emmett, has been discharged from the Air Force. They are living with his family for the present time.

## Plant One Maintenance

BY LOUISE WHITEHEAD

We extend our sympathy to Robert H. Jesse and family in the death of his father, William T. Jesse, who died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois on October 29. Mr. Jesse was 78. Funeral services were held November 1 in the Baptist Church, and burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery near Moweaqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Gordillo are the parents of a son, born September 22, in St. Mary's hospital. He has been named Michael Leroy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble are the parents of a daughter, born October 22, in Decatur, and Macon County Hospital. She has been named Jonette Mischell.

Karl Armstrong, a painter, has been absent several weeks due to a foot injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis (Smokey) Musgraves celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 21. Forty-two friends and relatives were present to help them with the celebration, and they were the recipients of several beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. & Mrs. Musgraves have four daughters, Laura Clanton, Margaret Lowe, Helen McRoberts, and Delores Belton. They also have six grandchildren. Mr. Musgraves and one son-in-law, Donald Lowe, are painters in the Construction and Maintenance Department. We extend our congratulations to Smokey and Mrs. Musgraves.

HUGH HARSHBARGER BACK

Hugh Harshbarger, janitor in the Main Office in Decatur, has returned to work after a long illness. He was absent from his job for ten weeks. Hugh says he is feeling a lot better but still must watch his diet.

## Looking Over Depts. 33, 34, 44, Methods

BY HELEN LEE

Ruth Brownlow moved into her new home September 11 and on October 15 fellow employees gave her a housewarming and presented her with a set of shadow box pictures.

Buddy Grossman and Ruth Hill were married October 16. Fellow employees gave them a Mix Master for a wedding gift.

Dean Grant spent his vacation painting his house and putting in new walks. He is also now driving a 1939 Nash to work so his wife can keep the new car for use at home.

Mel Boggs may get his storm windows painted this year since he has purchased two new paint brushes to do the job. We understand that he has been trying to get them painted for two years but just can't seem to find the time to do it. Something keeps causing a delay in the job. Everyone seems to be in the car trading mood. Earl Collins, David Dickey, and Walter Bowan have all traded cars recently. George Riley is building a new house and hopes to have it finished soon.

Bill Doherty, 4-X Club president, and Don Ferry, 4-X Club vice-president, were installed in their respective offices October 13. We hear the hats used for the occasion were somewhat "unusual."

Earl Lowe went to South Dakota the week of October 25 for a hunting trip. He seems to like it there very much.

Walter Bowan tells us that everyone thinks he looked like a baker in his barber shop quartet costume. It was a very fine program.

We have two new employees in the engineering departments. Dick Stroyeck is a new draftsman in Department 34 and Roger Nation is our new Junior Engineer in Department 44. Welcome to Mueller Co. It's nice having you with us.

## Can Housing Boom Last?

How long can the housing boom last?

Some forecasters believe the end is clearly in sight. They cite the decline in the formation of families due to the low birth rate of the depression years as a main argument supporting this pessimistic view.

But a number of factors offset this argument, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

For example, the current high birth rate is causing many families who bought small houses since the war to expand them or buy larger houses. Separation of doubled-up family units continues, and higher incomes give earlier independence to young couples. Families continue to move. Wider distribution of income is creating demand for better homes.

These factors, combined with easy credit and the stimulus of the new Housing Act, foretell a sustained high level of home building, according to the Chamber.

More than 1,300 local Chamber of Commerce prevention committees took part in the plans for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9.

# News of Interest From Plant 4

**BY DOROTHY COLCLASURE**

Charles Blattner started working in the Sand Laboratory with Tony Schultz on October 12.

Dick Tish has been assisting the time clerks in the different departments at Plant 4.

The boys in Production Control got quite a kick out of Lakeview ending Shelbyville's winning streak in football this year. A couple Shelbyville-ites in the office took quite a ribbing.

Gaylord Tripp of the Iron Foundry has gone from one extreme to another in automobiles. He changed from a Nash to a Cadillac.

Henry Masey reportedly had a lot of trouble recently with his lawn mower. It just wouldn't cut the grass. Then he noticed that the blade was in upside down. That's Our Boy, Henry!

Jack Parsons, Chemical Laboratory, has graduated from Millikin University receiving his Master of Science degree.

Some of the men from Standards Department have about five square feet of space reserved in the Chemical Laboratory, where they get together to compare notes.

We now have Jack Darnell at

the No. 1 Molder's Station in the Iron Foundry. Jack replaced Charlie Brownlow who has transferred to Plant 1.

Our sympathy to Shirl and Dick Tish, whose father and grandfather, Charles Tish, died last week. He was 86.

John Clark and Jack Adams, Plant 4 Guards, have exchanged shifts. Clark works second shift while Adams is on the swing shift.

Several people have been finishing their vacations for the year by pheasant hunting. However, "Mike" Wright spent a week at the Kentucky Dam and took another trip to Niagara Falls and through Canada.

Melvin Stephens, Iron Foundry, was married October 2 to Patricia Ann Lamb. Their new address is 540 E. Division St., Decatur. He had previously lived in Stonington, Illinois.

Coy Butler and Donald Johnson, both of the Machine Shop, have returned to work after being hospitalized. Coy was gone about eight weeks. Don had been a way since June. "Chuck" Schroeder and Truey Hoy were both away from work for several weeks due to surgery at

McCleary Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Mrs. John Dotson and Mrs. Truey Hoy have also had surgery there recently.

George Kopp, Brass Foundry, and Harold Munsterman, Pattern Shop, have both bought new Fords. Carl Schuman and Bob Finch of the Iron Foundry have bought new Mercurys.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cash had an auto accident November 1 enroute home from Peoria. Gene was uninjured, but Mrs. Cash received minor injuries. His Lincoln was badly wrecked, so now he drives a '49 Roadmaster Buick.

Harold Peer, Pattern Shop, has been absent for several weeks, due to a hand injury received while at work. Clarence Ruch, also from Pattern Shop, was away due to illness from June 12 to September 10.

Our sympathy goes to the Carl Fleischauer family and Elmer Baker family. Carl's father, Fred Fleischauer, and Elmer's stepfather, A. M. McMahan, died recently.

Irene Benton and Floyd "Curly" Walton of the Core Room have both had major operations. Lois Harper's husband, Roy, has

also been hospitalized. We hope that they are all much improved.

Richard C. Ingle has been employed in the Pattern Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Ingle have three children and live at 38 Fairview Place. He has previously worked for Houdaille-Hershey for ten years.

Our Core Storage employees are a colorful group. Some of the men are Dave **BROWN**, Ernie **BLACK**, Marvin **BLACK**, and Owen **GREEN-slate**.

Willie and Lou Nash are grandparents now. A new granddaughter, Melody Ann, was born October 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith.

Anyone who knows anything about desk drawers knows that usually you have to pull the middle drawer of the desk open before you can open the side drawers. Well the other day, Paul Parsons pulled the middle drawer open on his desk, then reached over to a side drawer on Otto Peake's desk and was trying to get it open. (I don't know what to tell you, Paul!)

The stork has been keeping plenty busy these days. Some of the new arrivals are:

Robyn Jean, born September 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leake.

Kendria Dale, born September 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pottorff.

Allen Dee, born November 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beavers.

Rosalie, born September 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fears.

Linda Margaret born October 29 to Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes.

Ralonda Lee, born May 6 to Mr. and Mrs. John Hackl.

Rickey Dale, born November 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie.

Janice, born October 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter.

Roxanne Jean, born September 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stolte.

Charles Emory, born November 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis.

Randall Leroy, born September 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Williams.

Brenda Yvonne, born October 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ball.

Richard Leon, born October 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trueblood.

Gina Marie, born August 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Verle Utzinger.



This young man is John Robert Witchert, one-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Blankenburg. Eric is employed in the Experimental Engineering Shop, Department 44, at Plant I in Decatur.

## It's YOUR Contribution Seal Committee Is Seeking

Your postman probably delivered a very special letter to your home recently—a letter from your county tuberculosis association containing 1954 Christmas Seals. Because this agency's TB control program depends entirely upon Christmas Seal dollars, it's important that you know what your contribution does.

Christmas Seals benefit you, as a private individual and as an employee of the Mueller Co. Every year you have an opportunity for a free chest X-ray when the X-ray bus is in Macon County. Every other year the X-ray bus visits the Mueller Co., and getting your free X-ray is made "easy as pie." If you are admitted to either Decatur hospital, your Christmas Seal dol-

lars help to provide a free chest X-ray.

Christmas Seals serve everyone, because the health of a community depends upon having healthy citizens. TB is a "catching" disease. It is spread from person to person. No one is safe from TB . . . anybody can catch it at any time. Christmas Seals provide a year-round program of TB control and prevention. They protect you from people with TB, by helping to hunt out those sick with TB . . . those spreading their germs to others.

Robert Morris, Mueller Co. vice-president and general sales manager, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Macon County Tuberculosis Association. Members of many Mueller families worked as volunteers at the X-ray bus and in other ways during years past.

Buy and use Christmas Seals! Help make possible the important work of our TB Association, and cash in on your contribution by having a free chest X-ray every year.

Remember, YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS THE IMPORTANT ONE!

## A Bird's Eye View



This chicken must have been off its noodle when it took refuge on a window ledge of the Decatur Shipping Department. Apparently A.W.O.L. from a nearby poultry supply firm, it soon ran into trouble when two employee with visions of chicken in the basket gave chase. The chicken escaped only by a super flight of some 30 feet to safety. The escape flight isn't so startling when you consider that he (or she) apparently made its entrance by vaulting that high fence outside the Shipping Department. We'll wager this chicken will practice its jet flights elsewhere in the future.

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## Musgraves Observe 25th Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. MUSGRAVES



MR. AND MRS. ELVIS (SMOKEY) MUSGRAVES and family get together for the couple's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Left to right, they are Margaret Lowe, Delores Belton, Mrs. Musgraves, "Smokey," Laura Clanton and Helen McRoberts.

# Around The Plant . . .

## At CHATTANOOGA

BY EVELYN WILBANKS

The Chattanooga plant exceeded the quota during the recent Community Chest campaign. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of those who helped during the campaign and also all of those who gave, making it possible that we be among the 100 per cent companies.

Stanley B. Kuhne, standards engineer, recently participated in a short course in motion study and work simplification at the Marquette University Management Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Foreman's Club met October 13, 1954 at the Alamo Plaza Chicken Shack for the first dinner meeting of the year. The new officers are: President, W. A. (Chuck) Coventry; vice president, Homer J. Van Vleet; secretary, Coy Jones; treasurer, J. M. Eckman.

Glad to have "Chuck" Coventry back after being off several days due to illness.

H. C. Churchill, pattern making foreman, has returned after a vacation of two weeks. Also D. M. Andrews has returned from his vacation of two weeks.

Welcome to Paul Bedford, new member of the Pattern Shop.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Earnest Ross of the Core Room, in the recent death of his child.

Glad to see Oscar Preston and J. C. Rutledge, both of the Foundry, back at work after being off several weeks—each with a broken foot.

Elijah B. Sherrill, Maintenance Department, is a patient at Newell Hospital recuperating from injuries received when struck by an automobile.

Herbert Steinmann, Maintenance Department, is reported to be much improved from his illness and hopes to return to work soon.

Dick Anderson, Pattern Shop, recently returned from Chicago

where he was called due to the illness of his mother.

John Howard, Pattern Shop, and his wife, Roberta, recently adopted a baby girl. She has been named Dona Lee and from all we can hear, she is mighty cute.

Ben Trotter, son of Lois Trotter, Production Control Department, and Shirley McJunkin were married October 29 at the East Ridge Baptist Church in a beautiful ceremony. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of Lois. Ben and Shirley are residing on Notre Dame Avenue in Brainerd, after a short wedding trip.

Some of the fellows who are fathers of new daughters are: Lloyd Miller, James A. Hood, Clarence Henson, Paul C. Mason, Albert Gurley, James F. Brown, Alexander Hill, and Roy E. Elliott. R. B. McKibben has a new son and Willie Sanderfur recently announced the arrival of twins.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD L. MC GINNIS

### Beverly Elliott Is Bride Of R. L. McGinnis

Miss Beverly Frances Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Lila Elliott, 984 East William Street, Decatur, and Richard L. McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. McGinnis, 1704 East Decatur Street, Decatur, were married November 5 at 7:30 p. m. in the East Park Baptist Church in Decatur. Approximately 300 guests attended the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. George S. Peek.

The bride wore a gown of chantilly type lace and net over satin with a scalloped portrait neckline with lace shirred creating a fitted bodice with traditionally long pointed sleeves. The bouffant tulle skirt over satin extended into a full sweep train.

The finger-tip length veil was held in place by a lace bonnet with a band of tiny pearls outlining the crown. Pearls edged the bonnet framing the face.

She carried white orchids with stephanotis and lovers knots.

Miss Grace Collahon served the bride as maid of honor. She wore a full length gown of green nylon net over taffeta and carried talisman roses. Mrs. Darlene Martin, wearing a full length gown of dusty rose nylon net over taffeta and carrying talisman roses, was the bridesmaid.

Best man was Gerald L. Miller. Ushers were Robert Richards, Ronald Blodgett, Kenneth Krekel and Duane Farnsworth.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church.

The bride is employed as a stenographer in our Personnel Department in Decatur. Mr. McGinnis is an employee of the Lyon Lumber Company in Decatur. They are making their home at 257 N. 20th Street in Decatur.

#### BROOKE ALEXANDER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson announced the birth of a son, Brooke Alexander, on November 9. The baby weighed six pounds, fourteen ounces. Charles works in the Standards Department of our Decatur factories.

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