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Sefton Is New Supt. In Decatur

Archie Sefton, production superintendent at our Decatur factories since August, 1945, was appointed general superintendent of the Decatur factories on March 1.



Archie Sefton, who has been appointed general superintendent of the Decatur factories.

Mr. Sefton thus becomes another long-time Mueller Co. employee to rise through the ranks to a high position in the company.

He has been with Mueller Co. since 1923. He started as a machine operator in the Plumbing Division, transferred to the Machine Shop in 1925, and ten years later was promoted to foreman of that department.

In 1938, he was named general foreman of Plant No. 2, and was general foreman of our wartime munitions plant in Decatur from 1941 to 1945. Then he became production superintendent of Decatur factories.

Mr. and Mrs. Sefton live at 545 Virginia Avenue. They have three children, Richard in the Air Force, Bobby in the Army, and Joyce, at home.

Mr. Sefton is a member of Macon Lodge No. 8 A. F. & A. M. the Association of Commerce in Decatur, and the Central Christian Church.

Know Cleo Grubb?

Any Mueller Co. employees here during the years 1924-26 remember a young fellow named Cleo Grubb?

From J. C. Gray of Maroa, Illinois, comes word that Mr. Grubb is now the Rev. Cleo Grubb, pastor of the Maroa Bible Church of that city.

"I thought some of the older employees would be glad to know of his whereabouts," Mr. Gray writes. "He is a wonderful man and is doing a fine job with his church work here."

Lloyd Logsdon Honored At Testimonial Dinner

J. Lloyd Logsdon, retiring vice president and general manager of our Pacific Coast plant, was honored Saturday, February 5, by Mueller Co. and more than 400 representatives of the water and gas industries at a testimonial dinner in Los Angeles.

The reception and dinner was held in the famous Ambassador Hotel's Embassy Room.

Business, financial, water works and gas industry executives attended from the Hawaiian Islands and the seven state area served by our Pacific Coast plant.

Attending from headquarters in Decatur were William H. Hipsher, executive vice president, Mrs. Hipsher, Robert H. Morris, vice president and general sales manager, and Walter H. Dyer, editor of the Mueller Record. Staff members of the Los Angeles sales and factory also attended.

In addition, two members of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Robert Mueller of Decatur and Mrs. William E. Mueller, formerly of Decatur and now of San Mateo, California, were also present. Mrs. William Mueller's son, Adolph Mueller II, accompanied his mother to the dinner.

Flowers were presented to all ladies present.

George C. Sopp, joint system head and assistant manager, department of water and power, City of Los Angeles, was master of ceremonies.

Mr. Sopp and Mr. Hipsher led the tribute of Mr. Logsdon for his 35 years service to Mueller Co. A number of our customers and business friends were called upon to address the group, and they praised Mr. Logsdon as a great person.

Mr. Logsdon began his career with Mueller Co. as a sales representative in 1919. Later he advanced to sales manager at the Pacific Coast plant and finally became vice president and general manager of our West Coast sales and plant operations.

(Editor's Note: The March issue of the Mueller Record will carry a picture story of the dinner. For that reason, only the above photograph is being used in this issue of Main Connections.)

Mueller Co. Display Is In Home Show

A display featuring Mueller Co. products and photographs designed to point up Mueller Co.'s history in Decatur since 1857 was viewed by many residents of Macon County at the Home Show in Decatur held March 15-20.

This is the first year Mueller Co. has taken a booth at the show held annually in our headquarters city.

Ralph Tibbils Is Promoted

Ralph W. Tibbils, Mueller Co. credit manager in Decatur, has been promoted to administrative assistant to Robert H. Morris, vice president and general sales manager.

He assumes the position formerly held by E. George Baker who now is assistant sales manager at our Los Angeles plant.

Mr. Tibbils has been with Mueller Co. since 1950. He began as a time keeper in the Manufacturing Division, and was promoted to assistant credit manager about a year later.

He held that position until he was named credit manager in 1953.

He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and holds a degree in accounting.

Prior to joining Mueller Co., Mr. Tibbils was in the accounting department of Swift and Co. in Chicago. He is a veteran of World War II and served in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Tibbils live at 1130 Cottage Hill in Decatur. They have one son, Richard, age 3. A second child is expected in March.



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Logsdon, exhausted but thrilled over the outcome of the testimonial dinner given in Mr. Logsdon's honor last month, are shown as the occasion comes to an end. More than 400 guests representing the water and gas industries and business associates of the company were present. The dinner was held February 5 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

J. B. Beland Joins Sales Staff At Mueller, Limited

J. B. (John) Beland has been appointed Mueller, Limited sales representative for the Montreal and Ottawa Valley district.

Mr. Beland was recently associated with Peacock Bros., as assistant manager of the Montreal branch office and is well known in many industries in

the Montreal, Quebec and Eastern Townships area.

During the war he served as a captain in the Fusiliers Mont-Royal, in Canada and the continent.

Mr. Beland assumes the responsibility for the sales territory of J. F. Woodcock who recently retired. He was born in Montreal and educated there, is married and has five children, Paulette, 12, Jean-Lewis, 11, Kathleen, 8, Peter, 4 and Marc 3.

Hipsher Named To C. of C. Post

W. H. Hipsher, executive vice president, has been appointed a national counsellor of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He will represent the Decatur Association of Commerce in the National Chamber.

The announcement was made by Harold Pogue, Association of Commerce president, following a meeting by the Association's Board of Directors.

Mr. Hipsher has been active in the National Chamber for several years. He currently is a member of the United States Chamber's Manufacturing Committee.

State and local tax collections next year are expected to go up enough to absorb about a third of the decrease in federal tax revenue, according to Nation's Business, published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.



Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beland and family posed for this photo while on a recent visit to Sarnia. Mr. Beland has been employed as a Mueller, Limited sales representative for the Montreal and Ottawa Valley district. From left to right are Mrs. Beland, Peter, Kathleen, Marc, Jean-Lewis and Mr. Beland.

Around The Plant . . .

At CHATTANOOGA

BY EVELYN WILBANKS

Coventry Gets Thirty-Year Pin For Top Service Award

EVELYN WILBANKS
Correspondent-In-Charge

Walter A. (Chuck) Coventry, assistant sales manager, Chattanooga plant, headed the service award list for 1954 with more years of service than any other person. He has 30 years to his credit.

Chuck began his career with Mueller Co. in March, 1923, at the Decatur plant in the Assembly Department and in 1925 was promoted to the Sales Division. He came to Chattanooga in 1937 as assistant to the assistant sales manager and in 1945 was promoted to his present position.

Foundry, in the recent death of his wife.

Also we extend our sympathy to Seth Fowler of the Machine Shop, whose father passed away.

Willie Page, of the Foundry, recently lost his Mother and we extend our sympathy to him.

Margaret Landers is the new girl in the Payroll Department and we welcome Mary Fugate back to the department after being away for almost two years. She has been with her husband who has recently been discharged from the Army.

Marcus R. Daniel, Jr. has returned to the Machine Shop after being discharged from the Navy. Glad to have him back.

Some of the fellows who were off due to illness are: William Longley, Roy Denton, Rowdy Gann, Thad Drennan, Charlie Freeman, Willie J. Franklin, Elijah B. Sherrill, and George Cross.

Earl Hayes, Maintenance Department, is quite a poet and writer. We have read several things which he has written and one in particular is a long poem entitled, "The Maintenance Man." This gives the story of a person from childhood, on through the years and many experiences of a maintenance man. We hope to be able to print some of his poems in the future.

Roberta Howard, wife of John Howard of the Pattern Shop and daughter of Don Andrews, came by the other day with their cute little adopted daughter. No one would ever know by looking at Dona Lee that she was not their own, because she has pretty red hair like Roberta. We had seen some pictures of the baby and now after seeing her in person, we can assure you that she is a very pretty little miss.

Several girls from the office went out to the Rollerdrome for a practice session getting prepared for the big skating party held Friday night, Febru-



Walter A. (Chuck) Coventry, assistant sales manager at our Chattanooga plant, was awarded his thirty-year service pin in December. Chuck, who started with Mueller Co. in the Decatur factories, received the top longevity award at Chattanooga.



Thirteen Chattanooga plant employees rounded out twenty years service with Mueller Co. in December. They are, top row left to right, Oscar E. Brown, Jesse C. Jones, Marcus Daniel, Sr., and Frank Puffer. Middle row from left, Wade Lowery, J. R. Morgan, Eugene Gann, Ezell Thomas and William Tyson. Front row, left to right, Napoleon Gaither, Otto Glass, Sr., Troy Weaver and Izear Tyous.



Chattanooga plant five-year service award winners are, first row left to right, Russell Cheatham, William E. Hixson, Jr., Claude Ridge, Jesse Lee Graves and Jerome Hawkins. Second row, left to right, Herman Childress, Kenneth Jones, J. B. Henderson, Abraham Madden, Mitchell B. Love and Glenn Cook. Third row, left to right, Roy Elliott, Billy Lindsey, Charles Hayes, Joe Coffman, James Stockdale, David Rutledge and John D. Horton. Others who received five-year pins and are not in the pictures are Earl W. Hayes, Wilbur L. Irwin and I. V. Brown.



Chattanooga plant employees receiving the fifteen-year service pin were, from the left, Willie Benford, Roosevelt Miller and Kyle Hardy.



The above three Chattanooga plant employees were awarded ten-year pins. They are, left to right, Earnest Cowan, Joseph McGintis and Guy Dunagan.

J. C. Quentel Ends 22 Years Service

John C. Quentel retired January 28, 1955 after serving almost 22 years with Mueller Co. and prior to that was with the old Columbian Iron Works where he began in February of 1917. All of Mr. Quentel's time with the company has been spent as a tool maker.

For the past several weeks Mr. Quentel has been on vacation and the other day when he came by the office he was asked how he liked loafing and he said there wasn't much loafing—that his wife was finding plenty for him to do.

We wish the very best of everything for Mr. Quentel and hope to be seeing him around pretty often. We are sure that his presence in the shop will be missed by everyone.

He was presented a television set as a farewell present by employees.

Ramsey Retires; Presented TV Set

Pete Ramsey of the Assembly Department retired January 28, 1955, exactly 12 years after being employed. Pete started here January 28, 1943 as a helper in the Assembly Dept. and soon was upgraded to product painting.

The Assembly gang presented Pete with a TV set and all of his friends wish him a very enjoyable and restful retirement.

Some of our employees who have new arrivals in their homes are:

- Bobby Grayson — daughter, 12-3-54
- Jethro Hammond—daughter, 11-20-54
- Maynard Mitchell—son, 1-6-55
- George E. Coleman—son, 11-27-54
- Willie Page—son, 11-21-54
- Carl West—son, 12-17-54
- Forrest Clark—son, 12-3-54
- Ramon Clark—son, 11-21-54

Stanley Kuhne, Standards Engineer, is driving a good-looking new Chevrolet.

Coy Jones, general foreman, Foundry Division, has a new Pontiac V-8 Star Chief.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eugene Mathis of the

ary 4 at Southland Roller Rink. Members of the office, with their families and guests, attended.

We wish to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to the management for the nice hams we received just before Christmas.

PRODUCTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

By Lois Trotter

Our department held a Christmas party and luncheon in the office on Thursday, December 23. Names were drawn and gifts exchanged with Jack Malone acting as Santa Claus. Several of the members received booby gifts and the outstanding one was a gift received by George Skillern—one which he was forced to model—a long, pink outing night shirt, trimmed in lace with sleeves long enough for a six-footer. Odie Walker, Jr. joined us for the occasion, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We are glad to have Mr. Van Vleet back after being off several weeks due to illness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Stone who have a new daughter, Vicki Lynn. Augazell formerly worked with us. Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Holbrook—a new son, Mike Jesse. Laura is a former employee of this department.

We welcome to our department Pat Scoggins, Jacque Harris and Eunice Brackett.

Betty Mizell, who has left industrial employment, was entertained with a shower and party on December 30 at the home of Lois Trotter. She received many beautiful gifts and there were sixteen present.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Dolores Hughes

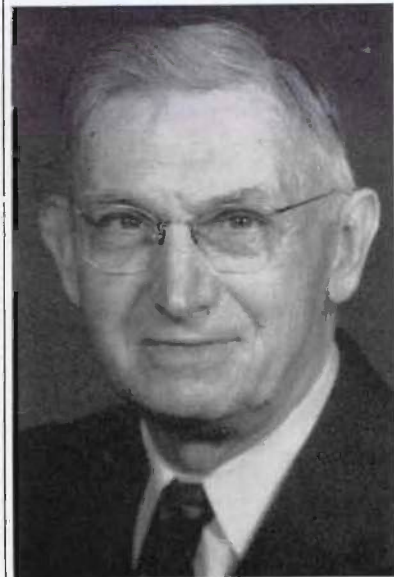
Congratulations to Charles Huntoon and his wife—a daughter, Linda Marie.

Congratulations also to Leonard Moore and wife—Donna Karon, born January 18.

J. D. Killingsworth is "recuperating" from keeping up with Ernie Campbell's fast pace his first week at Mueller Co.

Johnny McFadden has left us and retired to a life of ease.

Bob Lusk is back after being off several day with the flu.



John C. Quentel, who retired January 28 after serving as a tool maker for the Chattanooga plant since 1917.

Three Employees Retire



Pete Ramsey, keeper of the paints for fire hydrants at our Chattanooga plant since 1950 and a Mueller Co. employee since 1943, places his hand on the television set employees presented him when he retired January 28, 1955. Assembly Department employees who made the presentation are shown with Pete.



Carl Armstrong, painter in the Decatur Maintenance Department, displays the gift presented him by members of that department upon his retirement in January. He received a sander, power saw and jig saw. Looking on are, left to right, Lee Ellington, Elvis (Smokey) Musgraves, Walter Lester, Donald Lowe and Alfred Alde.



William Hayes, seated right, retired February 10 after serving 31 years with Mueller Co. in Decatur. Mr. Hayes, a machine operator in the Iron Machine Shop at Plant 4, came to Mueller Co. on March 19, 1924 and has been with the company since that time. The day of his retirement fellow employees gathered to present him with a wrist watch as a going-away present.

Looking Around In

Plant I Maintenance

By Louise Whitehead

Our sympathy is extended to Ernest M. Garver, garage foreman, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Garver, who would have been 91 years old on January 27. Funeral services for Mrs. Garver were held Wednesday, January 26, 1955, and burial was in the Blue Grass Cemetery at Martinsville, Illinois.

Roy Tolly, carpenter in the Maintenance Department, was a recent surgical patient in St. Mary's hospital.

Private Duane Dudley visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wal-

lace Dudley, in January. Duane is stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is attending the Guided Missile School. Before entering service Duane was a truck driver in the garage department. His father, Wallace Dudley is a tinner in the Maintenance Department.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Mildred Johnson, of the Core Room, and Lee Ellington, foreman in the Maintenance Department, in the death of their mother, Mrs. Virgil Ellington. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ellington were held January 17. Burial was at Cowden, Illinois.



These two girls help keep the wheels turning in the Methods Department and Tool Engineering. Betty Domick, left, is stenographer to Pete Duncan, tool engineer. Joanne Richards is stenographer to Carlton Hackman, manufacturing engineer.

Shipping and Traffic Tales

... From Plant I

BY DEE JOHNSON

Mrs. George Turner died Sunday, January 16 after three years illness. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday at the Brintlinger Funeral Home with burial in Macon County Memorial Park. We all extend our deepest sympathy to George, checker in Plant 1 Shipping Department.

Raymond Meece, finished stock handler, recently made an emergency trip to Sikeston, Missouri, to pick up an Army buddy. The soldier was injured in an automobile accident enroute home to Decatur on furlough.

Ralph Stevenson, order picker in the shipping Department suffered a severe laceration on the hand when hauling boxes on a barrel truck. The hook of the barrel truck slipped down on his hand. Several stitches were taken.

Chester Priddy has left the job as Receiving Department Clerk and is now in the Carpenter Department. John Linn, originally wood box maker, has bid in Receiving Clerk and took over Chester's duties January 31. Alton Watson, originally of the Carpenter Department has replaced John Linn as wood box maker.

Mueller employees come from afar to their daily work here at Mueller Co. One group of men travel 50 miles each way from some of the smaller towns outside of Decatur. These men are Harold Ruppert, checker in Shipping Department, from Nokomis, Delmar Beason, truck driver, from Pana, Joe De Wilde, tool stamper in Department 70, also from Pana, Joe Cwalk, truck

driver, from Witt and Wilber Stiens, plastic dipper in Department 8, from Assumption, Illinois. They all ride together, taking turns with their cars, on driving one week and another the next. The men all have very good records as they are seldom late and seldom miss work. Even during snow storms and when there are icy roads you'll find them on time and right on the job day after day, most of them punching the clock before 7:00 o'clock. There are many others who drive from outside of Decatur.

Fears Heads Credit Union

Otis Fears, pattern maker, was re-elected president of the Mueller Co. Credit Union in Decatur for 1955 at the recent annual Board of Directors meeting.

Other officers, all re-elected to another term, are Albert Spitzer, Department 90, vice president; Harold Munsterman, pattern shop, treasurer; and Frank Ridgway, Brass Foundry, secretary.

Mr. Munsterman has served as treasurer ever since the Credit Union was organized at Decatur ten years ago.

Directors elected to one year terms are Carl Mauer, Cecil Kelley, Harold Taylor, Ernest Watkins, Orville Spencer, Jr., Raymond Larus, Melvin Boggs, Pershing Griffith, and Russell Armstrong.

Mrs. Grace Glenn, with the Credit Union at Mueller Co. since 1947, is the credit union clerk.

Washington's Birthday



Mrs. Marie Moore, manager of the cafeteria at Plant I in Decatur, and Mrs. Judy Briscoe, cafeteria cook, are shown with the George Washington Birthday display which they created and placed in the cafeteria on the first President's birthday. Mrs. Briscoe made the cabin and Mrs. Moore designed the display. The color scheme was carried out in salads and cakes on the menu that day. Two clever signs, "This Old House," and "George Washington Slept Here" adorned the cabin. Many favorable comments were made by employees who saw the display.

These Decatur Employees Received Service Awards During December



Decatur employees receiving the twenty-five year service pin are shown above. They are, front row from left, Fred Tratzik, Irmgard F. Moldenhauer, Dorothy J. Stratman, Raymond Bulla; middle row from left, Clarence L. Woodrum, John E. Taylor, Ben Taylor, Jesse C. Dailey, Peter R. Alekner, W. A. Matthews; back row from left, William B. Jones, George A. Hill, John C. Willis, and Charles O. Mearthy.



Thirty-year service awards went to these Decatur employees during December ceremonies: Front row, left to right, Jack Chepan, Hugh Harsbarger, Henry Tertocha, Enola Smith, Jenny Kinney, Buddy Grossman, William Morrissey; middle row from left, William A. Bruner, Hugh Henley, William A. Hays, Ernest S. Watkins, H. Myrtle Carter, Howard M. Williams, Hoyt Mounts, Elwood H. Potts; back row from left, Enos E. Musgraves, O. H. Stratman, Clyde Hester, Gus F. Edwards, E. F. Dickey, Leslie Hopper, James W. Workman, Jack Bain and Harold F. Snyder.



Decatur employees receiving the twenty-year service awards are, front row left to right, Jane Cranston, Mae Sencenbaugh, Velma A. Runyon; middle row left to right, Carl A. Brock, Wilbur T. Edwards, Francis M. Fonner, Harold W. Taylor; back row from the left, Hugh Baker, James T. McKown and Edwin H. Jeschawitz. Velma L. Kushmer was not present when the photo was made.

Tool Engineers Lead Decatur Bowl League

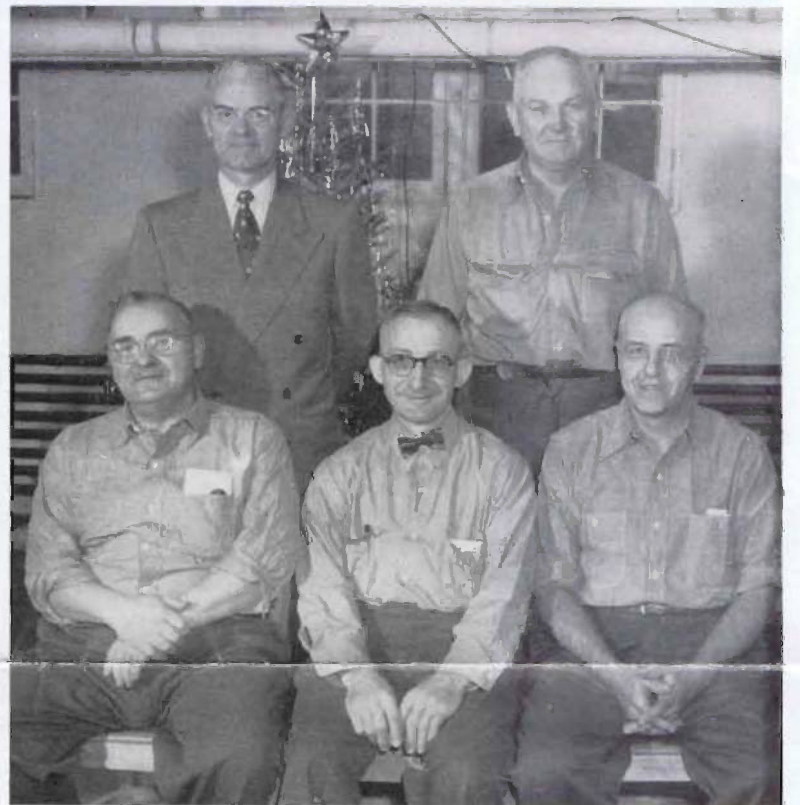
League-leading Tool Engineers tightened their hold on first place in the Mueller Co. Bowling League at Decatur and as of the March 3 standings were leading second - place Ground Key Division by seven full games.

Tool Engineers, a well-balanced unit led by such stellar performers as A. Grossman with a 174 average, R. Leipski with 171 and K. Blankenburg with 169, has held onto first place since the start of the current season and now look like a good bet to go on and take the championship.

H. Whitacre of the fourth-place Brass Finishers is pacing



A. G. Webber, Jr., left, president and treasurer of Mueller Co., presents forty-five year service pins to the two employees receiving the top longevity award at our main plant. They are Albert H. Golembek, center, and Grover Meadows.



The five Decatur employees above received their forty-year service award pin in December. They are, standing, Anthony O. Yonker, left, and C. F. Dunnaway. Seated, left to right, are Herman Amman, Paul Gaddis and Albert N. Spitzer.



Four of the eight Decatur employees who have been with the company thirty-five years are, left to right, William H. Binstead, F. W. Dannewitz, Margaret Behrend and Richard Dannewitz. Award winners not in the picture are L. J. Evans, Helen Brannan, Flossie Poe and Margaret Woodruff.

the league with an average of 184. He also has bowled the high game of the season to date, a sensational 278.

The top eleven bowlers and their averages through March 3 are as follows:

H. Whitacre, Brass Finishers, 184; R. Leake, Pattern Shop, 176; D. Reidelberger, Regulator Division, 175; A. Degand, Specialty Division, 174; A. Grossman, Tool Engineers, 174; J. Bain, Works Manager, 173; E. Nalefski, Ground Key Division, 173; M. Reiwski, Ground Key

Division; C. Hill, Experimental Shop; R. Leipski, Tool Engineers and W. Leake, Works Manager, all averages of 171.

Standings through March 3:

	W	L
Tool Engineers	51	27
Ground Key Division	44	34
Works Manager	41	37
Brass Finishers	39	39
Regulator Division	38	40
Product Engineers	36	42
Speciality Division	35	43
Experimental Shop	35	43
Plant 4	33	45

Parker Hands Over Gavel



G. W. Parker, president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited, retires as president of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating and turns the meeting over to president-elect Roger DeSerres at the 22nd annual meeting of the CIPH held in Montebello, Que. Mr. Parker, after serving two years as president, is now on the board of directors. Ron Nicolson, Mueller, Limited, vice-president and general sales manager, is serving as vice-chairman of the Marketing Committee.

Brass Chips From Around

... THE PLANT AT SARNIA

BY ALMEDA M. REEVE

A record attendance of over 500 persons attended the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce Golden Anniversary dinner recently. The well organized meeting featured such details as gold-trimmed ice cream and the distribution of a 1905 edition of the Sarnia Daily Observer containing an account of a Board of Trade meeting, to mark the passing of the half-century. Founded in 1905 under the name of the Sarnia Board of Commerce, the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce has grown to be one of the most active Chambers in Canada.

A large back drop, the product of the paint brush of Mrs. Sinclair, a local artist, provided considerable atmosphere, as did the photograph arrangement of the past presidents, which included pictures of the late O. B. Mueller, president for the year 1914. George W. Parker, president for the year 1942, and Rae-field McIntyre, president for the year 1945.

The meeting was presided over by Henry F. Holland, president of the Sarnia Board of Trade in 1912 and the oldest (in terms of service) past president. During the evening a historical skit on the development of Sarnia and the Chamber of Commerce over the past 50 years was presented by members of the Central Club, entitled "A portrait of progress," when fitting reference to the founding of Mueller, Limited, in the year 1912, then known as the H. Mueller Manufacturing Co., was made. The special speaker for the evening was G. S. Thorvaldson president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce who, during the course of his talk, pointed out that the Chamber believes that an expanding population is our greatest assurance of future prosperity and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce believes that the objective of

Canadian policy should be a population of 30 million by 1975.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Paul Mino, who died December 22, 1954.

The Point Edward United Church parsonage was the scene of the marriage of Miss Mary Skapura and Karl Savarda, in a double-ring ceremony December 4. The Rev. E. Egilsson officiated.

The bride wore a tailored winter white dress with a black velvet hat sprinkled with sequins, black accessories and an orchid corsage. They were attended by Mrs. Jean Omelon and Joseph Skapura of Toronto. Following a short honeymoon the couple are making their home at 2024 London Road. Mary is employed in the Accounting Dept.

Our congratulations to Arthur Hutchingame and his rink, who took the Annual Ste. Anne's Bonspiel in Montreal, when they defeated the home rink in the finals of the 44-rink spiel (curling). Art is the Mueller, Limited representative in the Montreal Territory. He has been a curling enthusiast for 4 or 5 years and was recently elected to the board of directors of the Montreal Calendon Club.

John K. Richardson, Mueller, Limited sales representative in the Hamilton Territory, has become one of the town fathers for 1955 in the town of Burlington.

New Muellerites

Our congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, on December 14 1954, a son, Stephen Roy. John is employed in Department 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Demeray, on December 11, 1954, a daughter, Patricia Anne. Marie is employed in Department 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Dugas, on December 13, 1954, a daughter, Marie Denise. Theo is employed in Department 2.

SERVICE RECORD AT SARNIA IS ABOVE AVERAGE

The Mueller, Limited plant at Sarnia has a service record among its employees that will stand up against the best. Take a look at these statistics:

Fifteen percent of the employees have twenty-five or more years of service.

Eleven percent have more than fifteen years but less than twenty-five years service.

Twenty-eight percent have more than ten years but less than fifteen years service.

That means that FIFTY-FOUR percent of the Mueller, Limited employees have been with the company for ten or more years!

Good place to work? You bet it is!

J. F. Woodcock Ends 21 Years Service At Sarnia Plant

John F. Woodcock, Mueller, Limited sales representative in the Montreal and Ottawa area since May, 1934, retired recently after nearly twenty-one years service.

Mr. Woodcock has enjoyed a long and successful sales career, having been employed by the Heinz Company, Ford Motor Company, and the Perfection Stove Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company, before joining the Mueller Limited sales force.

He was educated at Mount St. Louis College in Montreal where he learned to speak French fluently. After graduation, he taught English and mathematics for two years at the college. Before entering sales work, he completed the International Salesmen's Training Association course in Chicago. His first job was with Heinz where he says they taught their salesmen to approach the customers through their five senses.

From Heinz, he went to Ford Motor Company and sold cars direct from the company. He next joined Perfection Stove Company and was with that firm until the merger of General Steel Wares which comprised six companies including Perfection Stove Company. Mr. Woodcock was assistant to the vice president in charge of sales at that time.

He left that position in 1934 to come with Mueller, Limited.



John F. Woodcock, retiring Mueller, Limited sales representative, receives a gift presented by Ron Nicolson, Mueller, Limited vice president and general sales manager, on behalf of his fellow employees. His retirement came after twenty-one years of service with the company. From left to right are Mr. Nicolson, Mr. Woodcock, John Milne and Ebert B. Mueller.

208 Years At Sarnia



Two hundred and eight years of service with Mueller, Limited is the record of the ten persons in the above photographs. Twenty-five year service awards were won by the quartet in the top photo. From left to right are George I. Lucas, R. J. Skippon, vice-president and factory manager, George Lee and Gordon Stuart. Below, Mr. Skippon presents service pins to the Sarnia plant's thirty-year employees. From the left, C. Phillip Hamilton, Mr. Skippon, Almeda M. Reeve, O. Cecil Spears, L. Merton Bice, Leslie J. Crooks and Charles Snider.

Needs Safety Engineer!

'Do-It-Yourself'? No More, Tilley Says

BY DENNIS TILLEY
First Aid Attendant

Not since the heyday of "I know not when" has anything spurred hobby activity like the current "do-it-yourself" flurry. It may be that these home activities represent only commercial exploitation of a deep resentment at craftsmen who perform trivial services at exorbitant rates and who rarely are available when the emergency arises. The painter flatly refuses to mix the exact shade wanted in the bedroom, or the electrician is off on his own Christmas holiday when the guests are in the parlor, the turkey in the oven, and miserably the electric stove goes haywire. Whatever the motivation, a toll is being exacted.

The clever safety engineers may disclose the daily peak of home accidents, segregated to age, sex, season and weather.

Their neat curves are being made to wobble and bulge. Physicians and hospitals everywhere are recording the "3 to 11 P. M." peaks and a further upward thrust in the Saturday and Sunday home accidents. All this is the bloody by-product of "do-it-yourself"—what with band saws running in the basement, improvised scaffolding in the hallway, and solder pots in the bathroom. Power tools and claw hammers refuse to join in the festivity of "do-it-yourself." In truth, the amateur is the preferred prey of all tools, and so—the mashed thumb, the severed tendon, the electricity burn.

This may not be industrial, but is occupational—recreational or otherwise. Still the pain is just the same as though the injury came from an on-the-job affront by a turret lathe—but without the benefit of WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION.

The pain that inspired this comment was from a "do-it-yourself" assault upon a garbage disposal that refused to "dispose." Pain being the great motivator to action, provides the stern belief that the time is at hand for a new specialty—the "do-it-yourself" safety engineer.

Dennis is a qualified Canadian Red Cross Society instructor and examiner of first aid classes in greater Sarnia, and as of January 1, 1955, was appointed convener of first aid services for the Canadian Red Cross Society in Sarnia.

W. B. Camp, chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, has predicted the time will come when "all the better farmers across the country will accept irrigation as readily as they accept tractors and elec-



The Rev. Carrel Flewelling, pastor of the Central Christian Church in Decatur, delivered the Christmas message.



Mike and John DeDoncker and guess who. Dad DeDoncker is employed in the L. A. Assembly Dept. These two young men weren't a bit afraid of Santa, and in fact, set the old fellow straight on what they wanted for Christmas. It paid off, too.



Danny Trujillo and friend, or is he? Danny doesn't seem too convinced Santa is a pal in this photo. Actually, the trouble was that Dad was playing with Danny's toys and Danny didn't like it. Dad works in the L. A. Assembly Dept.



Santa sort of had a lap-full with Cheryl and Gary Johnson. Their father is foreman of the Steel Machine and Forge Department at Los Angeles. Wonder what Gary was thinking about? Thanks for that beautiful smile, Cheryl.



Harry Bloomquist, Decatur real estate man, led the 1,200 persons attending the children's Christmas party in group singing.

CHRISTMAS IN L.A. DECATUR



Wide-eyed kiddies wait their turn to tell Santa what they expect for Christmas. He was on hand to compile that information immediately following the show. Santa, incidently, was played by Charles Bafford of the Sales Division in Decatur.



Mueller Co. employees at our Decatur plants are shown receiving their hams and bacon in December, an occasion that has taken place in our company for many years. Employees at other Mueller Co. plants were awarded similar gifts at Christmas time.



Nice thing about leaving the Decatur party was the gift each child received. Handing out the treats here are Sue Benz, Sue Craig and Delores Peterson.



These two anxious kiddies enter the auditorium, at the Masonic Temple to attend the minstrel show which was featured at our Decatur party. Their mother is in the background. The two ladies greeting the guests are Ruth Browlow and Betty Domick. Harley Himstead prepares to present each with a program.

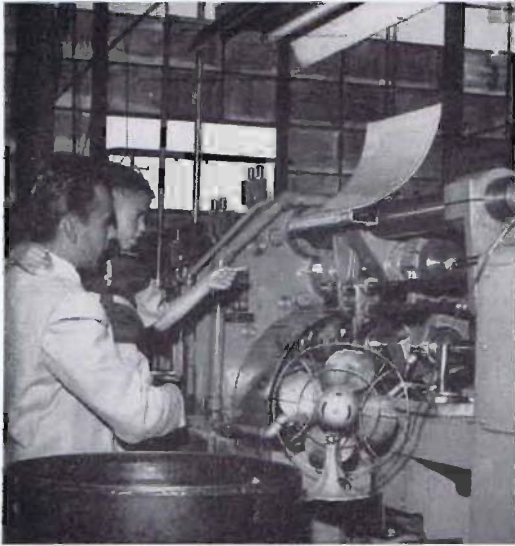


Kiddies Enjoy the Party

Above are two sections of the audience attending the annual Christmas party for children at the Masonic Temple in Decatur. An estimated 1,200 persons were in attendance. Below are scenes from the minstrel show staged by students of Mrs. Maureen Anderson, prominent dancing instructor in Decatur. About seventy-five children ranging in age from five to fifteen took part in the program.



Families Are Guests at Los Angeles Plant



Henry Poyen, Jr., wanted Pop to start his Steel Department machine up, but Henry, Sr., wasn't in the mood with those nice clothes on.



We'll say this ferris wheel is pretty cagey! Children's circus was set up on our parking lot as part of the Christmas entertainment.

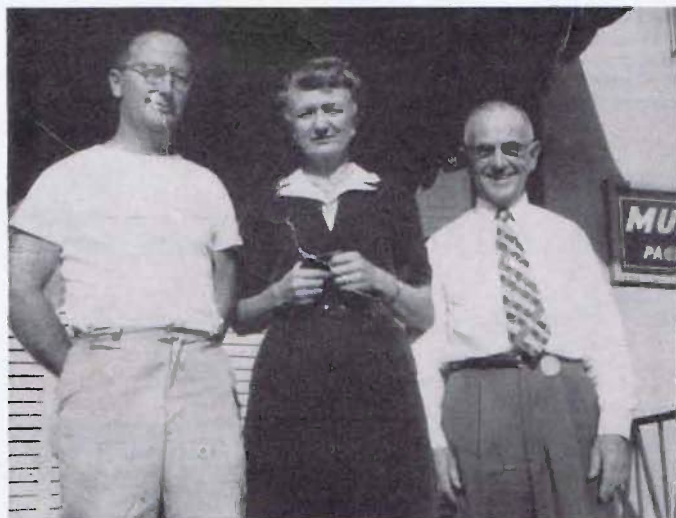


Barbara Hembree might be called a bird in a gilded cage in this one. Her dad, Al Hembree, is chief inspector at Los Angeles.



This is one merry-go-round that didn't break down, and did the kids ever have fun on this one. This may not look much like Christmas. It was 82 degrees.

Los Angeles Employees Receive Service Pins



Three fifteen-year service award recipients at Los Angeles pose in the photo at left. They are, left to right, Robert Newell, Ann Headen and Ray Dakins. At right are five Los Angeles employees who received the five year award. Back row left to right, are Manuel Valdez, Frank Petterson and Robert Hanna. George Knudsen, left, and Otis Abodie are in front row.



Earl Bright, left, Los Angeles plant manager, congratulates Ray Thomas for his 35 years service with Mueller Co. Mr. Thomas' 35-year service pin was the top longevity award won by a Mueller Co. employee at Los Angeles in December.

Depts. 33, 34, 44, Methods

By Helen Lee

The remodeling in Department 33 and Methods is completed and everyone is very happy with the arrangement. The new offices are very pretty.

A lot of people are in the house buying mood. Mel Boggs has purchased a new home in South Shores, Norman Wilcox just moved into his new home, and several others are looking around.

Bob Hartness and Gwen Hopkins were married December 31, in the Antioch Church and have purchased a home in Dalton City. Bob is a draftsman in Department 34.

Don Ferry is recovering from a recent operation. We are all looking forward to his return.

Around The Plant - . . . AT LOS ANGELES

BY GEORGE A. KNUDSEN

Families Enjoy Christmas Party

The Christmas party at the Los Angeles plant was highlighted by a buffet lunch and a varied program that proved entertaining to both adults and children.

Old Santa Claus sat on his throne with dignity and talked with most of the children about their expectations for Christmas.

Lots of entertainment and toys were available for the kiddies. A ferris wheel and merry-go-round were set on the plant grounds and of course, this proved to be great fun for all.

Having the party at the plant gave the employees an opportunity to show their wives and relatives where they worked. All enjoyed a tour of the plant, especially the kiddies who were amazed at the big wonderful machines their fathers operated.

Gas Who?

One of our employees who owns an M.G. that gets thirty-five miles to a gallon of gas (so I'm told) stretched his luck a little too far on a recent A.M. You guessed it. Driving to work, he ran out of petrol. We will admit that this party has been a real busy person of late and probably overlooked the fact that he used that ten gallons of gas that goes with the purchase of the car (which in-

cidently was purchased about a year ago.)

Jury Duty

The boys and girls in the plant are mighty careful about keeping out of trouble these days. Reason—they'll get a trial by jury right on the spot.

Bruce Stotler, now known as Judge Stotler, has been doing his bit lately serving on the jury. So much so, in fact that he has gained the title of Judge Stotler. In addition, he is foreman of the Production Department.

His Honor the Judge reportedly has been scanning the courtroom in search of a delinquent Mueller Co. employee. He hasn't found one yet, but brother, look out if he does!

Birthday Party Given For Kathy Thompson

An enjoyable birthday party and prime roast dinner was given in honor of Kathy Thompson of the Main Office on her birthday recently. The party was held at the Chef's Inn in Pasadena. Those attending the party were Carol Lee Payette, Pat Payette, Pat Prewitt, Bea Thompson, May Harris, Jackie Hanley, Inez Mooring, Lillian Olson, Kay Worley, June Kokoszanski, and Velma McCaskill.

Bowling News

Our bowling league is really close this year. Assembly No. 1

On The Inside At Plant 4

By Dorothy Colclasure

Richard (Louie) Houk returned from Service and started working in Production Control on December 30.

Charlie Everett, guard, received word from his daughter, June, in Bloomington, that she had been in an automobile accident recently near Champaign and received a broken leg.

"Mike" Wright has a new Plymouth, Blaine Griffith a new Pontiac, and Clay Ramsey a new Chevrolet.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. John Puckett, whose 3 month old daughter, Joy Elaine, passed away February 23, 1955. John works in the Brass Foundry.

has held the lead most of the time, usually around one game ahead of the second place club, but at this point in the season, any one of the top five teams could still pull out in front and take the championship and the beautiful trophy provided by the company

Here's some of the records to date:

High team series—Assembly No. 1, 2649.

High team game—Steel Department, 961.

Season's high series, ladies—D. Reneau, 579.

Season's high games, ladies—R. Jackson, 230.

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

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



Twenty-year service award winners at the Los Angeles plant are, left to right, Russell Hubbard, Kenny Potts, Evelyn Miller and Jack Warren.



Inez Mooring, left, secretary to Assistant Sales Manager E. George Baker, and William Cossman were recipients of the ten-year service award at our Los Angeles plant.