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Quance Named Mueller, Ltd. Executive Vice-President

The appointment of T. G. Quance as executive vice-president of Mueller, Limited, has been announced by George W. Parker, president and treasurer.

Mr. Quance has had extensive manufacturing and administrative experience and before joining Mueller, Limited, he was assistant manager of a large electrical firm.

He is a graduate electrical engineer from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto, in 1938. He is a native of Canada.

During World War II, Mr. Quance served five years overseas and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He is married and has three daughters and one son.



Thomas G. Quance

Fifth Army Commends Mueller Co.

The Fifth Army Headquarters has presented Mueller Co. with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of faithful and cooperative spirit in the release of employees for performance of military duty.

The certificate, signed by Brigadier General A.T. McAnsh, reads as follows:

"Many of our citizens, veterans and non-veterans alike, are members of the Army Reserve. They assume certain obligations to participate in summer field training and other tours of active duty for training, which require their absence from civilian occupations for brief periods.

"It is gratifying to note that your firm is wholeheartedly supporting this reserve program of our Armed Forces and authorizing military leaves of absence for its employees so that they can participate in such training.

"The Army Commander has asked that I convey his personal thanks to you and your company for the invaluable contribution you are making to the defense of our country. Your continued interest will assist materially in strengthening the reserve components of the Army and thus help to maintain our national security."

vice president and works manager. His engineering training was under the supervision of Frank H. Mueller, vice president and director of engineering.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Mr. Ott is married and has two children, David and Cathy. He is a veteran of World War II and served as a Navy ensign in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. His home is at 1737 West Forest Avenue.

Company Begins New Training Program for Future Salesmen

A sales training program designed to give future Mueller Co. sales representatives a thorough knowledge of Mueller products, equipment and sales procedure has been put into effect and the first man to take this training is nearing completion of the course.

He is Robert J. Ott, Jr., who before he came to Mueller Co. was advertising and sales manager for the Emerson Piano House in Decatur.

Mr. Ott has been spending from two to four weeks in each production center of the company where he receives instruction in the manufacture of our products as related to each department.

He also spent considerable time in the Engineering Division where he studied with our engineering staff in the planning of new products and improvement of old ones.

Since our sales representatives are sales engineers in a sense, they need to be well equipped to face our customers—each one a technical man who knows his problems and our products well.

Mr. Ott visited our Chattanooga plant for a training period and will also spend some time in sales administration work learning office procedures and sales policies.

His training in the Manufacturing Division has been in cooperation with O. E. Walker,

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.

Tokyo Gas Company Head Is Interested In Our Products

The man who heads the entire gas distribution system for the city of Tokyo, Japan, recently came to Mueller Co., to study the means whereby that Far Eastern city can change from low pressure to a high pressure gas system.

Yutaka Kagei, chief of the Distribution Section of the Tokyo Gas Company, Ltd., came to Mueller Co. after learning that major American gas companies use our equipment to accomplish the same job in this country.

Mr. Kagei, who does not speak English, was accompanied by Akira Kawai, representative of Toyomenka, Inc., New York export firm. Mr. Kawai served as interpreter.

Demonstrating the latest products for high pressure gas systems was F. R. (Dick) Seewers, administrative assistant to Robert H. Morris, and Jack Chepan, service engineer.

Mr. Kawai, speaking for Mr. Kagei, said that the Tokyo company had heard the famous Mueller name years ago and has many of our products installed in their distribution system.

He added that they had visited and corresponded with many major gas companies in the United States and learned that Mueller Co. gas equipment was considered the best for Tokyo's needs. They, of course, were interested in our now famous No-Blo equipment.

Riggin Reviews Mueller Brass Co. History While Guest Here

Fred Riggin, Sr., president of Mueller Brass Company of Port Huron, Michigan, and the man who got his start in business fifty years ago as secretary to Oscar Mueller at our main plant in Decatur, returned to his former home recently to visit friends and our company. He was accompanied by his son, Fred Riggin, Jr., executive vice president of the Michigan firm.

Besides touring Plant I and Plant 4 and visiting with old friends outside the company, the two visitors were guests of Mueller Co. executives at a dinner held at the Southside Country Club.

Mr. Riggin traced the history of his company which in earlier years was one of Mueller Co. plants.

"We were organized almost by accident," he recalled. "Oscar Mueller and I went to Canada during World War I and helped build the Sarnia plant. Later, due to governmental regulations, we moved some equipment and material across the line into the United States and set up what was meant to be a temporary factory to make wartime materials.

"Fortunate circumstances enabled that plant to grow rapidly and it soon became an important part of the brass business."

In 1927, Mr. Riggin said, the Mueller Brass Co. and Mueller Co. became two separate firms due to an exchange in stock within the Mueller family and the two have operated separately since then.

City Councilmen Inspect Electric Furnace



Decatur City Councilmen visited Plant 4 recently to inspect a new electric furnace, the first unit of a half million dollar smoke elimination program in which the company plans to replace oil burners. Left to right are Mueller Co. President Albert G. Webber, Jr., Mayor

Robert E. Willis, Commissioners Homer L. Chastain, Lyle Kirby, Don F. Davis and Cody Holmes. (This photo and tour made prior to recent city election when new mayor and several new councilmen were elected.) Installation and tests of the furnace took several weeks.

There's a Reason

Ever notice the repeat stories in consecutive issues of the Mueller Record? There's a reason for this. The Record is two bi-monthly "external" magazines, one for the gas industry and one for the water works industry. Its purpose is to sell Mueller Co. to the customer and the public.

Stories that interest both water and gas men appear in each issue. (Water has a red cover, gas a blue cover.) The result is that employees who receive both Records and our "internal" newspaper designed especially for them often get stories in two and three doses.

We beg your indulgence when this occurs.



E. GEORGE BAKER
Assistant Sales Manager



EARL E. BRIGHT
Plant Manager



PAUL G. CAHO
Plant Controller



Los Angeles Sales Office personnel are at left. Front to rear near windows are Janice Hays, Winifred Hudgins, Jeri Montoya and Inez Mooring. Outside row, front to rear, are Carole Harriman, James Wolf, Muriel Scott, Dorothy Reneau and Fred E. Klinck. Sitting between desks near the rear is Vena McCaskill. Mr. Klinck has been with Mueller Co. thirty years. Mrs. Mooring, secretary to Mr. Baker, is an eleven-year employee. At right are members of the Accounting Office. Front to rear in center row are Peggy Wright, secretary to Mr.



Caho: June Kokoszinski, Barbara Liddell, Glenna Arter, and Anne Headden, secretary to Mr. Bright. She has been an employee for 16 years. Right row, front to rear, are Kathryn Thompson, a twelve-year employee, Dorothy Ray, Alice Innerarity, Lillian Olson, Katherine Worley and Herman Dash, general accountant and office manager. Mr. Dash has been an employee for twenty-seven years. Third row front to rear, Roberta Youngs Hughes, Carolie Payette (standing), Jacqueline Hanley and Wanda Hadeen.



In the Factory Production Office are Bruce Stotler, production manager and personnel supervisor, an employee for eighteen years, and Production Clerk May Harris, a twelve-year employee.



Purchasing Agent Ray Dawkins, who has been with Mueller Co. for fifteen years.



Switchboard Operator and Receptionist Hazel Lehman.

L. A. Plant Featured In This Issue

The Mueller Co. plant in Los Angeles is featured in this issue of Main Connections. The third in a series of Mueller Co. plant stories, this number is designed to give both Los Angeles employees and those of our other plants a pictorial view of the plant and its personnel.

For that reason, we again find a large number of photos—61 to be exact—crowded in this eight page edition.

Other plants already featured in the current pictorial series are Chattanooga and Plant 4 in Decatur. The Sarnia plant will be featured in the August issue and the series will be concluded with a presentation of Plant I in Decatur during the issue scheduled for November.

The Los Angeles plant is located in a city that boasts some startling figures on its growth. These figures were compiled recently by the Public Relations Director of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Listen to this:
Every five years, California gets one million new residents.

There are more industrial employees in the L. A. metropolitan area than there are in Detroit, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

A practically brand new electronics industry employs 62,000 people or twice as many as the movies.

Every Monday morning in

Southern California 1,800 units of housing must be found for people who weren't there the week before.

Every Monday morning there are 2,700 motor vehicles on the highways that were not there before.

Every Monday morning 72 new classrooms are needed for more than 2,200 new pupils in the schools.

A better idea of what these

figures mean is found in the statement "Every year since the war, Los Angeles County alone has added in new permanent residents the equivalent of a city the size of Glendale."

And these people bring new jobs. Consider the number of retail stores, doctors, lawyers, school teachers, firemen, policemen, and businesses of all types necessary to meet the requirements of that many more people.



Engineering Department and Standards Department share office space at Los Angeles. William Baker, left, Standards Engineer who has been with Mueller Co. sixteen years, and Eli A. Lockard, Standards, assistant and class "A" draftsman, are in front. C. R. Foltz, rear left, is factory engineer and has been with the company thirty-four years. Ralph Korte, tool engineer, is a sixteen-year employee.

Around The Plant - ... AT LOS ANGELES

By GEORGE KNUDSEN

Congratulations—

Carol Payette, Payroll Department, married to Robert Drisall April 16 at the Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Church.

Roberta Youngs, Payroll Department, married to Robert Hughes February 18.

Janice Hays, Sales Department, married to Paul Russel April 15.

GRANDMA—Agnes Kimmer...

Its a baby girl named Rosanne Marie Conney. Born April 13, 1955.

Promotion—

Don Kelley, Shipping Department, to Sales Service and Inventory Control with Sales Department.

Rose Marino gave a spaghetti dinner party to a group of friends. She called it a "back to Mueller" party. Reports have it that this dinner was out of

this world, a real spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. It was held at Rose's home at 1307 S. Ferris, Los Angeles. Those attending were Helen Staley, Lil Alfano, Betty Cosman, Vicky Montoya, Hattie Zylicz, Lil Espey, Dolores Thomson and Pat Prewett.

To Wit—

A group of visitors were being shown around a battleship. The guide paused before a bronze plaque on deck, bowed his head. "This is where our gallant captain fell," he said.

"Well! no wonder," said one weary old lady, "I nearly trip-

ped over the 'darned' thing myself."

"But Judge," pleaded a convicted murderer, "I'm in poor health, I can't do a 99 year stretch."

"That's' all right," said the kindly magistrate, "Just do as much as you can."

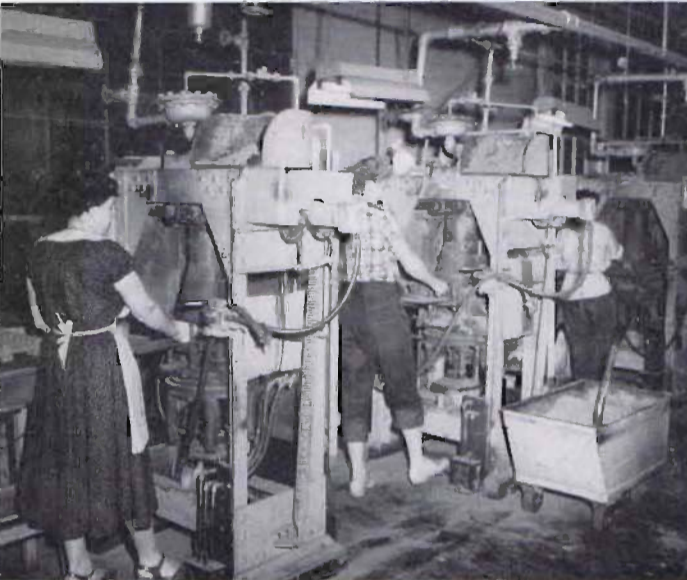
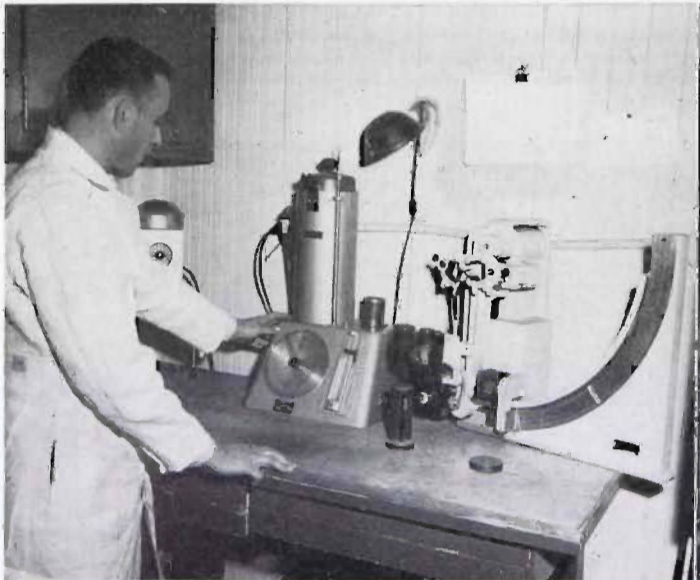
CARL REYNOLDS RETIRES

Carl Reynolds retired March 24. A member of Department 8, Mr. Reynolds had been an employee of Mueller Co. in Decatur since July, 1928.

Tool Engineers Cop Decatur Pin League

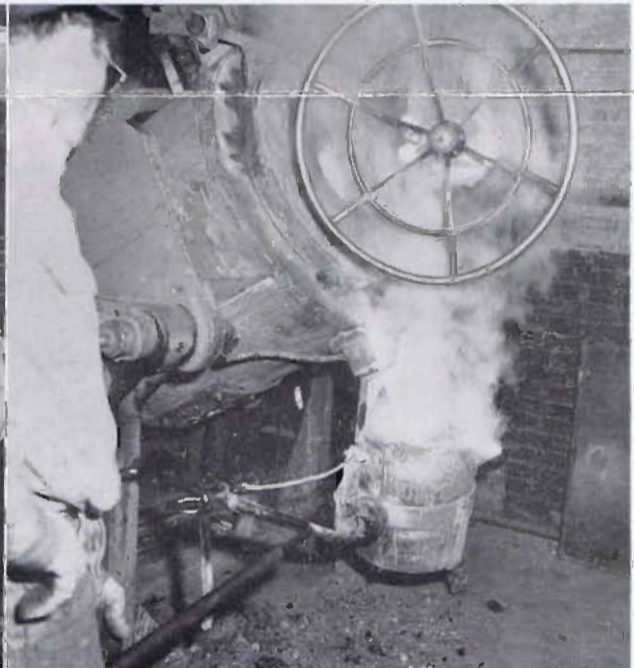
Final standings of the Mueller Co. bowling league in Decatur:

	W	L
Tool Engineers	67½	40½
Ground Key Division	60	48
Brass Finishers	55	53
Regulator Division	55	53
Product Engineers	55	53
Pattern Shop	53½	54½
Specialty Division	52	56
Experimental Shop	52	56
Works Manager	50½	57½
Plant No. 4	39½	68½



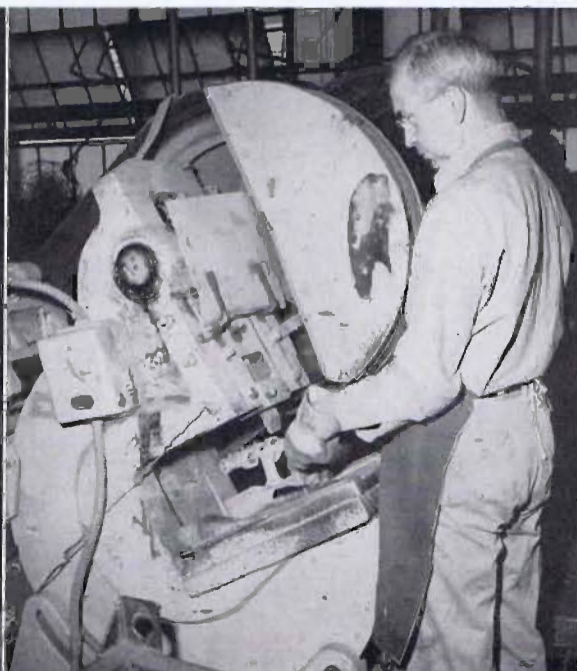
Laboratory Technician Cyril Wolfe, Jr., an employee for fourteen years, operates the molding and core sand quality equipment. Wolfe checks incoming sand and makes daily tests on the sand system for the foundry and Core Room. After sand is checked it goes to the Core Room where three core blowing machines are operated by, left to right in center

photo, Victoria Montoya, an eleven-year employee, Helen Staley and Rose Marino. At right, Val Starch, Core Room supervisor, puts the finished cores on the roller conveyor which carries them to core cleaners. Val has been with Mueller Co. twenty-one years,



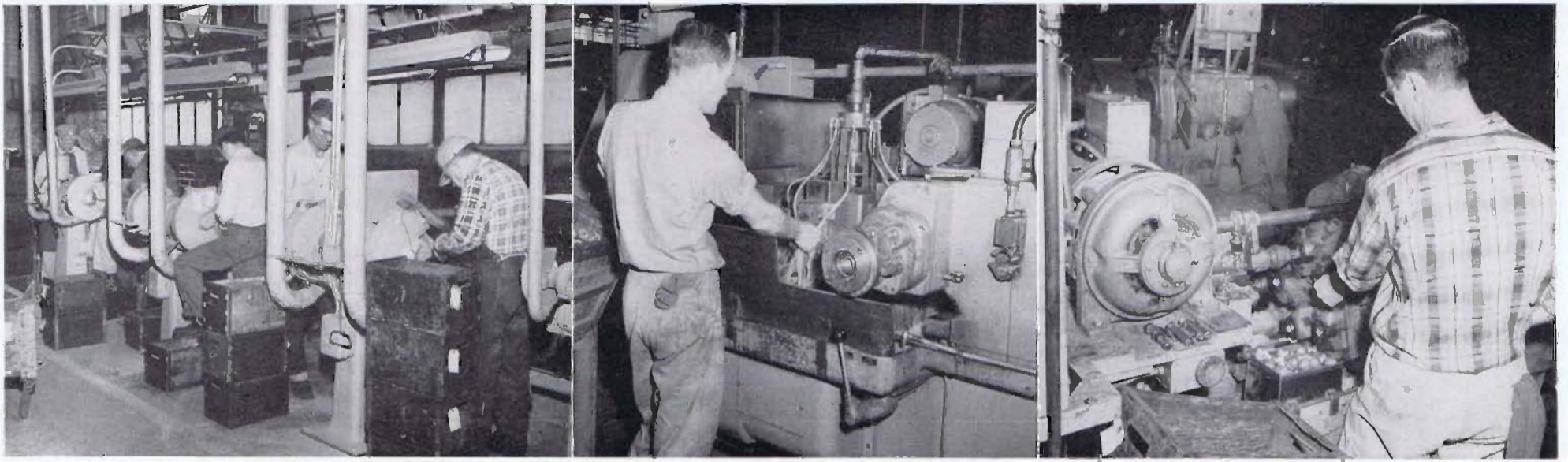
Hattie Zylicz, in foreground, and Bramlette Johnson are cleaning and inspecting cores before they go to molders. Both ladies have been with Mueller Co. eleven years. Center, Ramon Ballesteros is peening a mold. Vance Ziebarth, a twenty-year employee, at right, is

setting cores in the drag half of the mold. In extreme right, Chester Stinnett is holding the ladle handle while molten brass is poured from the one thousand pound furnace.



Wayne Oglesby, Core Room and Brass Foundry foreman, and a nineteen-year employee, observes molten brass being poured into molds by Chester Stinnett. In center photo, Ben Piott, an employee for twenty years, operates the cut-off machine which cuts brass castings

from gates. A right, Lillian Espey sorts and inspects castings after they have been cleaned at the Wheelabrator.



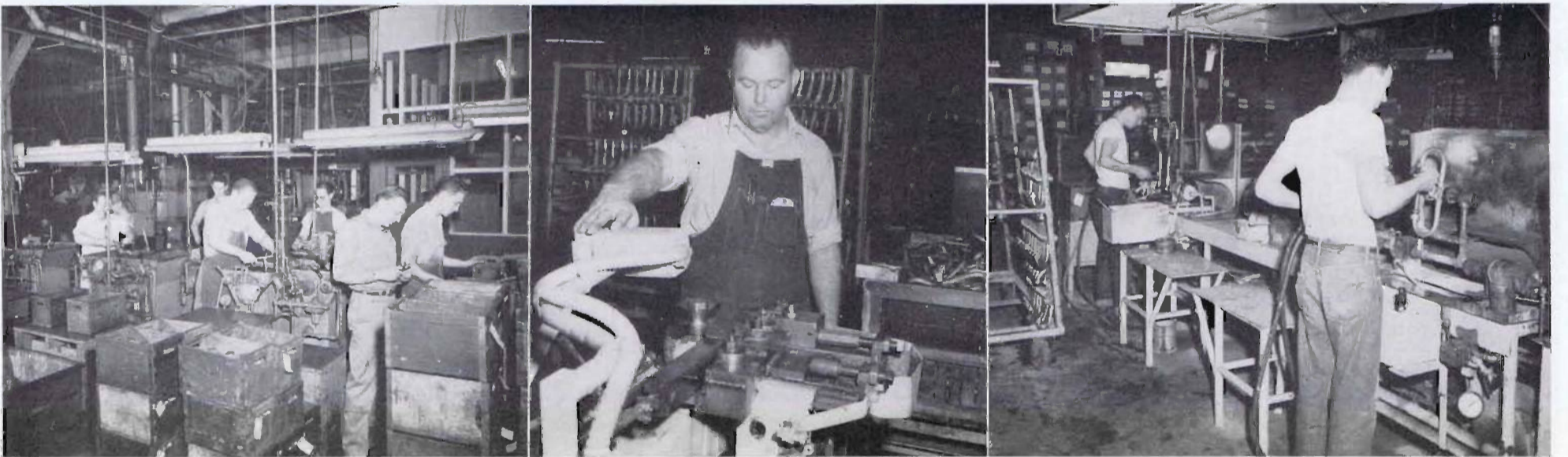
At left are five production grinders who grind gates, seams and bosses on rough castings. From the left are Austin Redburn, Victor Manzo, James Conley, Ernest Phipps and Thomas Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey has been with the company fourteen years. At center, Claude Beckman,

also a fourteen-year employee, machines iron bodies in the Machine Shop. At right is a machine in the Brass Machine Shop which drills, taps and faces Haws regulator caps. The operator is Robert Newell. He has been with the company fifteen years.



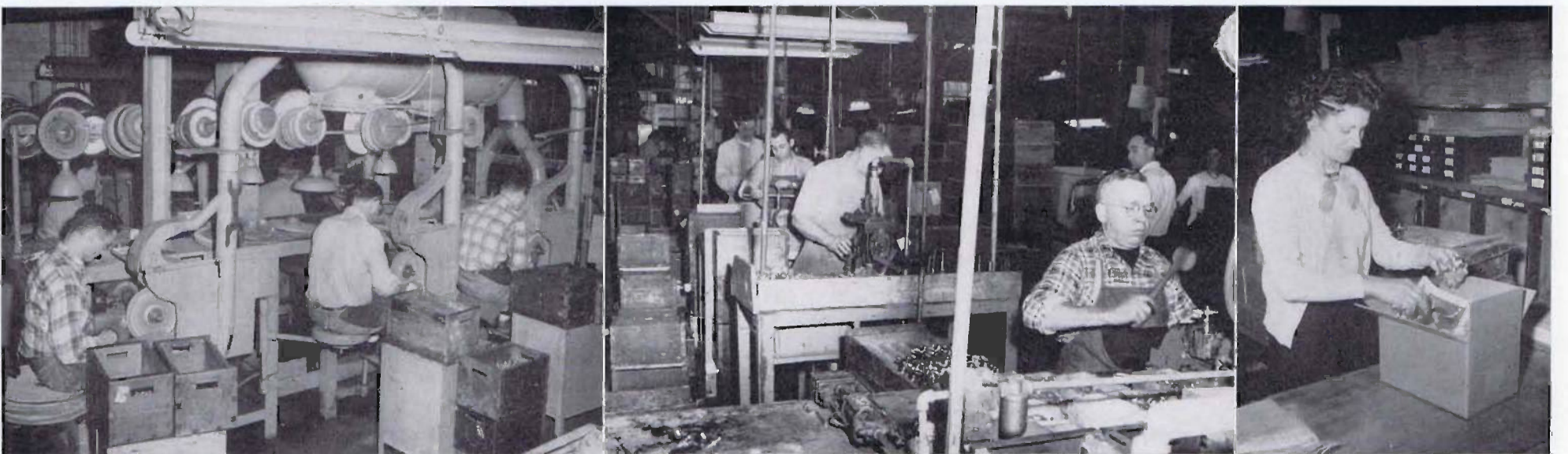
At left is a line of lathes in the Brass Machine Shop. Left to right, operators are Jimmy Musso, Mueller Co. employee for 20 years, Bernell Larsen and Jose Ortiz. Center, operators are testing spuds for cracks and foundry defects which will show up under water pressure tests. Front to back are Myrtle Baber, an 18-year employee, Donna Jolly and Ronald Young.

The Ground Key Grinding Section, at right, is where each key and body is ground to fit perfectly in the Brass Machine Shop. Front to rear are John Blevins, stop grinder and a company employee for 14 years, Raymond Santos, stop grinder, and Robert Lipscomb, operating the ground key washer at the end of the conveyor belt.



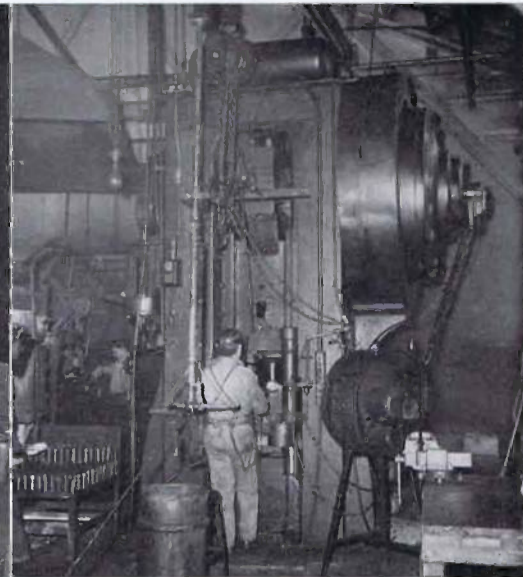
A shot of the Ground Key Assembly Department is at left. Left to right are Clyde Carlisle, James Holmes, Duane Watson, Bernard Bussell, Ray Sloan, William Young, Assembly Department foreman, and Harold Morris. Center, Paul Packer is operating the

machine which bends all the copper tubing used in manufacturing the meter riser line. At right, Assemblers Richard Warren, left, and Jerome Schall are at their copper water meter assembly and testing stations.



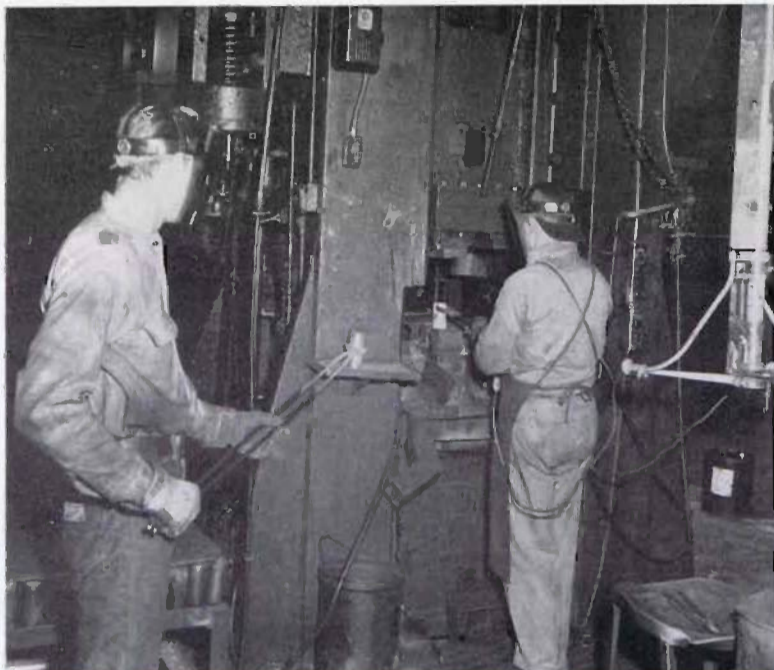
The buffing and polishing line for chrome plated Haws and laboratory stop work is at left. From left to right, front row, are John Marshall, Jack Warren, polisher group leader who has been with Mueller Co. twenty-one years, and Frank Witham. Back row, left to right, are Mike Budziszewski and Emmett Long. Mr. Long is an eighteen year employee. The Haws regulator and rough compression assembly section is shown at center. Front to back and

right to left are John Royer, with the company eighteen years, John Hasselbach, a twelve year employee, Floyd Marple and Chester Hawes. Others are David Walker and Lillian Alfano. At right is the packing station for rough compression and Haws products. Packer Lillian Alfano has been with the company twelve years.



At left, the United Steel shear is shearing bar stock to forging lengths for steel tees. Operator is Fred Discher. Rotary slug heating furnace which is automatically controlled heats slugs in center photo for forging steel tees at the forging press. The furnace is being

loaded by Donald DeDoncker. At right, the forging press forges 2" steel tees. Press operator is William English who has been with the company eighteen years. Far left is press helper Donald DeDoncker. In the rear is the hot trimming press operated by Roy Estep.



Press Operator William English, an eighteen year employee, operates the forging press as it forges 2" steel tees. His helper is Donald DeDoncker.

Shipping, Traffic Tales in Plant I

BY DEE JOHNSON

Leon Nelson has taken over the duties of receiving clerk replacing John Linn, who has returned to his former job of Box Making in the Shipping Department.

Gene Stanley of the Receiving Department became the father of a baby girl born at Decatur Macon County Hospital March 26. The baby weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces. Gene and his wife, Lorainne, named the baby girl Debra Lou.

Dick German, Shipping Department packer has been blessed with a baby girl born April 5 at the St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds 8 ounces and was named Victoria Lynn.

John Linn, box maker in the Shipping Department, became the father of a baby girl born in Decatur Macon County Hospital May 14, at 5:30 a. m. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was named Janet Lea.

Several men in the Shipping Department have purchased new 1955 model cars. Harry Meyers, checker, now has a new Plymouth. Raymond Meece, finished stock handler, has a new Buick. Gerald McGaffey, order picker, Paul D. Ater, packer, and Delmar Bagenski of the Carpenter Department all have new Fords. Ralph Stevenson, order picker, has a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spencer recently made a trip to Dawson Springs, Kentucky, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Louis Franklin. It was a long awaited trip due to the illness of Mrs. Spencer since Thanksgiving. She has been unable to travel until now. Mr. Spencer is stock clerk in the Shipping Department.

Since fishing has been in season, Robert Elkin, finished stock handler, has proudly displayed a picture of ten fish which were his limit of catch when he did some fishing in a private lake near Lincoln, Illinois.

Plant I Maintenance

Mr. and Mrs. William Kaigley are the parents of a daughter born April 19. Her name is Karen Lee. Mr. Kaigley is a plumber in the Maintenance Department.

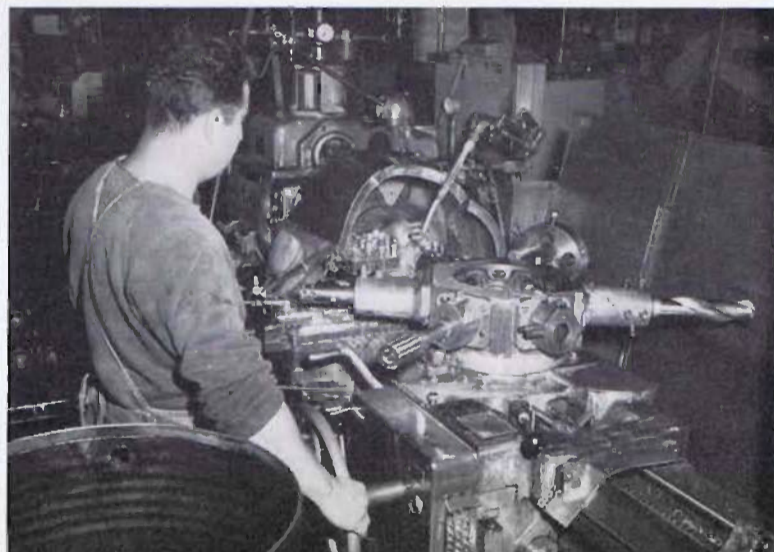
Victoria Diane is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lowe. She was born May 16. Mr. Lowe is a painter in the Maintenance Department.



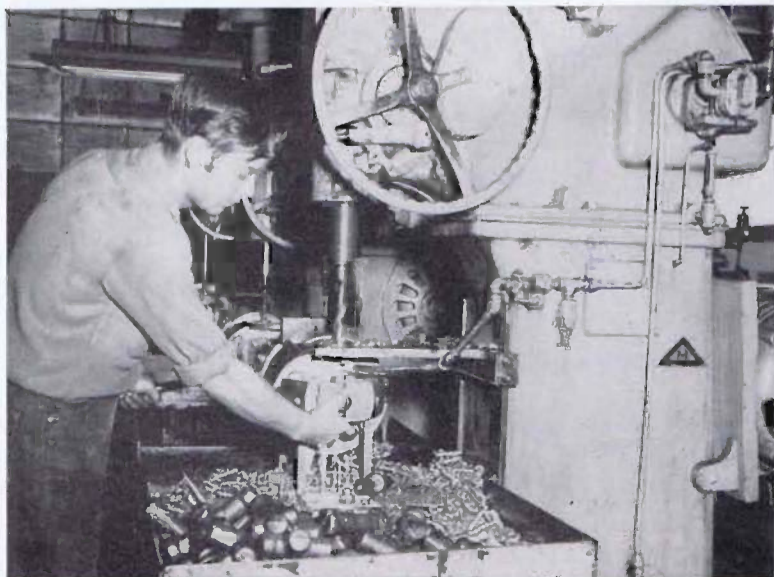
Hot steel forgings come direct from one press to this second trimming press to have the flash trimmed from the forging. Operator is Roy Estep.



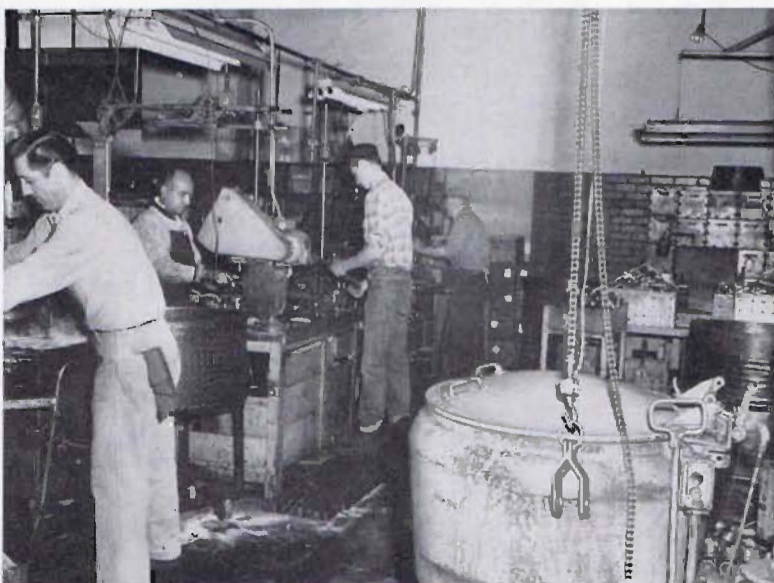
Machining steel tees in the Steel Machine Shop. Left to right are Leonard Johnson and Frank Fritzer. Mr. Johnson is foreman of the Steel Machine Shop and Forging Department and has been with Mueller Co. for sixteen years. Mr. Fritzer is a fourteen-year employee.



This lathe is used for machining steel extension fittings and the 2" steel line stoppers. Anthony Flaco is the operator.



Operator Maxion Redburn operates the drill presses which are drilling the inlet end of 1" steel tees in the Steel Machine Shop.



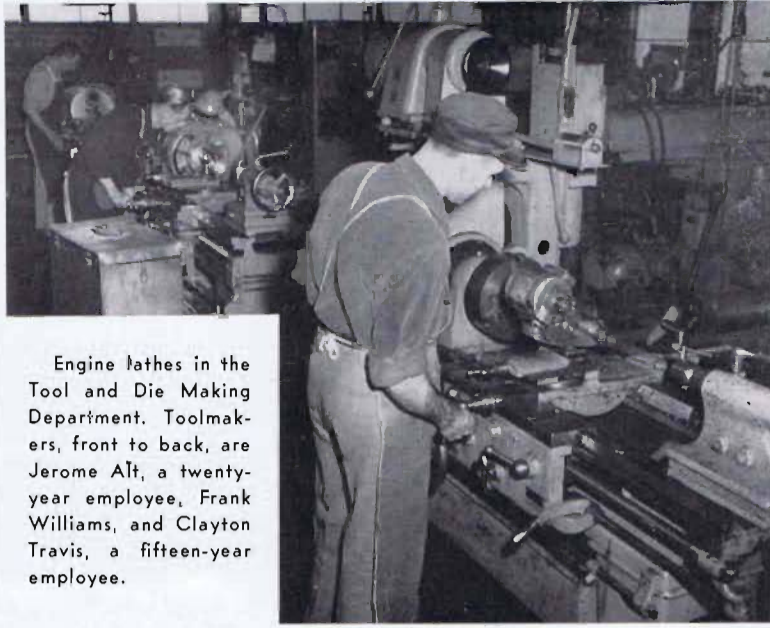
Here is the Assembly Department for all steel products at our Los Angeles plant. It is here that tees are degreased, deburred, inspected, assembled, tested, stamped and plastic dipped and sent to the packers. From left to right are Chester Hawes, Eusebio Gomez, James Rondeau and Joseph Fuller.

Jackson Keeps On Move For Dale Carnegie

Herman E. Jackson, of the Catalog Department, has been doing some week-end traveling recently. As International Vice-President of Dale Carnegie Club International, he made several "official visits" to the annual conventions of three divisions.

In March he went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to a meeting of Division 20. The first of April he attended the conference of Division 16 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and three weeks later he was in Detroit for the Division 6 gathering.

As an International officer he conducted training sessions for the delegates. These covered various phases of club operation and leadership training. Jackson presented special citations to retiring district and division officers. Newly elected division officers were installed by him in an impressive candlelight ceremony. At two meetings he was the main banquet speaker. Mrs. Jackson accompanied Herman to all but the Tulsa meeting. She has also been very active in the work of DCCI. Recently Herman was given another important assignment. He was made chairman of the International Speech Contest Committee. In this capacity he will have complete charge of the International Prepared and Impromptu Speech Championship contests.



Engine lathes in the Tool and Die Making Department. Toolmakers, front to back, are Jerome Alt, a twenty-year employee, Frank Williams, and Clayton Travis, a fifteen-year employee.



Registered Nurse Pat Prewett administers first aid to Roy Thomas, a thirty-five year employee at Los Angeles, in the plant first aid room.

Brass Chips From Sarnia

By Almeda M. Reeve

The sympathy of the Mueller organization is extended to: Bill Bedard, Department 10, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Viteline Bedard.

Phyllis Turner, main office, in the sudden death of her father-in-law.

Charles Snider, Department 9, in the death of his Mother, Mrs. M. Snider.

Lile Short, Department 2, in the sudden passing of his wife, Annie Short, and his sister, Mrs. Bertha Hatcher, of Mount Clemens, Mich.

Phillip Hamilton, Department

15, in the loss of his brother, J. Hamilton.

Our Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shepley on the birth of a daughter, Janice Marie, February 6. Ed works in Department 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mitchell on the birth of a daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth, born February 15. Glenn works in Department 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray E. Taylor on the birth of a daughter, Patricia Anne, born March 18. Murray is in Department 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell on the birth of daughter, Gail Christine, born April 2. Ted works in Department 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boulanger on the birth of a daughter, Anne, born April 12. Louis is Mueller sales representative in Eastern Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips on the birth of a daughter, Vicki-Lynn, born April 27. Bob works in Department 2.

MRS. VERN WADDELL DIES

Mrs. Vern Waddell, 56, of near Moweaqua, Illinois, and a sister of Warren Hall who is a night foreman in Department 70 of our Decatur plant died recently in St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur. Burial was in a Bethany, Ill., cemetery.



This machine is used for sinking the cavities of 1" and 3/4" steel tee dies. Left to right are Eugene Warren, tool and die foreman with the company twenty years, and Clayton Travis.

MISS HANSON WINS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 music scholarship at Millikin University in Decatur has been awarded to Miss Rosalie Hanson, 17, a Decatur High School senior.

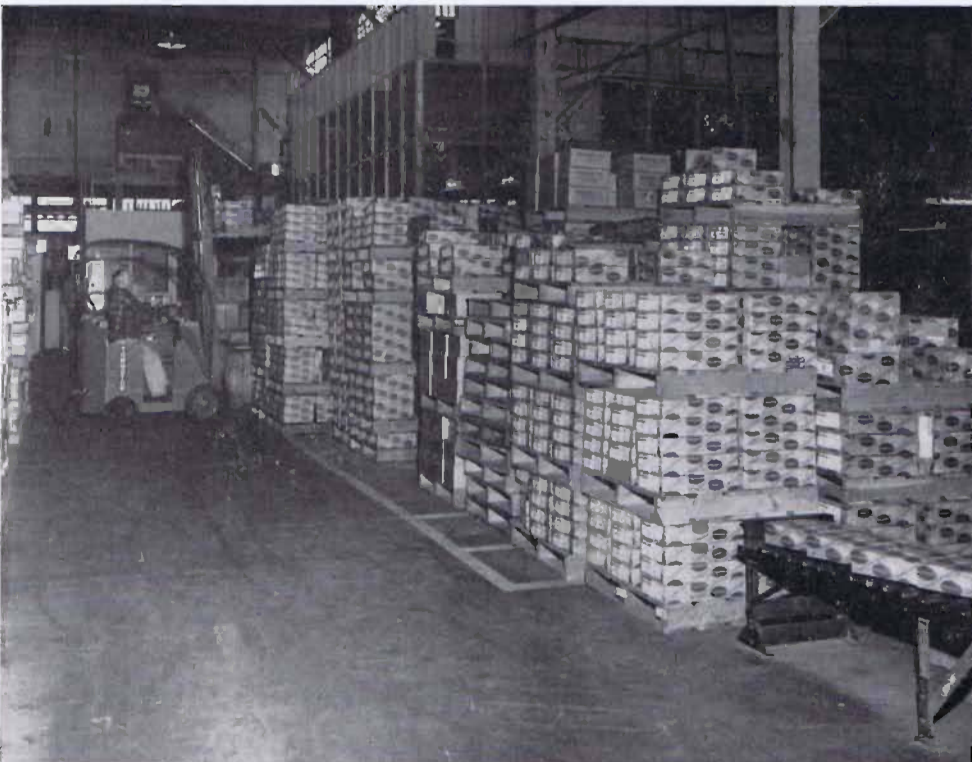
The scholarship is one of two given each year by Mrs. George A. Sentel of Sullivan, Illinois. Miss Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hanson, 248 E. Orchard St., Decatur, is to study voice. Mr. Hanson is a Mueller

Co. employee in Department 70. Miss Hanson will enter Millikin next fall. She has been a member of the high school's advanced girls chorus and the DHS Songsters. She had a lead role in "H.M.S. Pinafore," opera recently produced by the high school.

She sang with the Springfield (Ill.) Municipal opera in the summer of 1953.



Here is the station for the packing of ground key and pressure control products. Using the stapler machine to stitch the cartons are Hazel Rice, left, a twelve-year employee, and Evelyn Miller, with the company the past twenty-one years.



A section of the Los Angeles Shipping Department. Above is a bay of palletized ground key products. The left truck operator is Allen Moran. In addition to his position with Mueller Co., Mr. Moran is also a minister and conducts services at his church each Sunday. At right is a view of a bay of palletized products manufactured at our Chattanooga plant

and shipped to Los Angeles for West Coast sales. Preparing a valve for storage is Donald Kelley. Edward Schegel, Shipping Room foreman and a twenty-year employee, checks the equipment. Robert Hanna, lift truck operator, is in the background.



Two scenes in the Los Angeles plant's cafeteria. Left to right around the table are C. R. Foltz, Fred Klinck, Allen Moran, Chester Hawes, David Walker, Frank Withan, Ronald Young, Harold Morris, Herman Dash and Walter Dyer editor of Main Connections. Employees wait to be served in the scene at right. From the left are Al Hembree, Clyde Car-

lisle, Janice Hays, Kathryn Thompson, Anne Headden, Dorothy Reneau, Ruth Jacobson, Dorothy Ray, Bill Young, Gail Chuba, Katherine Worley Lillian Olson and (sitting) Lillian Alfano.

Five Employees Retire From Mueller Co.

Paul DiNovo In New Post At Mueller, Ltd.



Earl Brock elected to retire from Mueller Co. on March 15. He has been employed at the main plant since May 26, 1943. Shipping Department employees presented him with a gift on his final day with the company.



H. C. Churchill, an employee at our Chattanooga plant for twenty-one years, retired on April 8. Members of the Pattern Shop and other employees are shown presenting him with a gift, a spinner rod and reel, lure box and fishing jacket.



Paul DiNovo has been appointed products engineer for Mueller, Limited, George W. Parker, president and treasurer, has announced.

DiNOVO Mr. DiNovo, a native of Toronto, Ontario, is an Honor Graduate of the University of Toronto. He received his degree in mechanical engineering in 1954.

He was active in many school activities and was a member of the Engineering Faculty's Athletic Executive. He was interested in all sports, especially football and basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. DiNovo and their young son are making their home at 285 S. Mitton Street in Sarnia.



D. B. Truett, an employee of Mueller Co. since January 12, 1925, retired on April 18. Mr. Truett was a member of Department 9 at our main plant in Decatur. Above, he is shown receiving a gift from employees in his department.

Everett F. Dickey, office manager at our Decatur plant since 1951 and a Mueller Co. employee for more than thirty-one years, retired on May 1.

Mr. Dickey who was able to retire due to length of service at the relatively young age of 49, said his future plans were indefinite but that he is now doing lots of things around the house—"things that should have been done long ago."

Employees presented him with an Elgin wristwatch and later as a guest at 4-X Club, he was given a Philco radio clock.

He joined Mueller Co. January 7, 1924, as a packer in the Shipping Room. He was named order expeditor in the Sales Division in 1926 and in 1929 Mr. Dickey was advanced to the position of assistant credit manager. In 1933 he was named credit manager.

Seventeen years later in 1950, the duties of assistant office manager were added to his responsibilities as credit manager and in 1951 Mr. Dickey was promoted to office manager. He held that position until his retirement. He is a member of the Decatur Association of Commerce and the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Credit Men. He is a former member of the Decatur School Board and a former member of the Church Board of the First Christian Church in Decatur where his family are members.



EVERETT F. DICKEY

John J. Smith Elected President Of 4-X Club

John J. Smith, engineer at our main plant, was elected president of the 4-X Club in Decatur for the 1955-56 season. New officers will take office when the club meets again in September.

Other officers chosen are Pres Ruthrauff, vice president; Paul Ammann, secretary; Andy Heitman, treasurer, and Jim Cussins, program chairman.

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 electricity today."

The Evidence

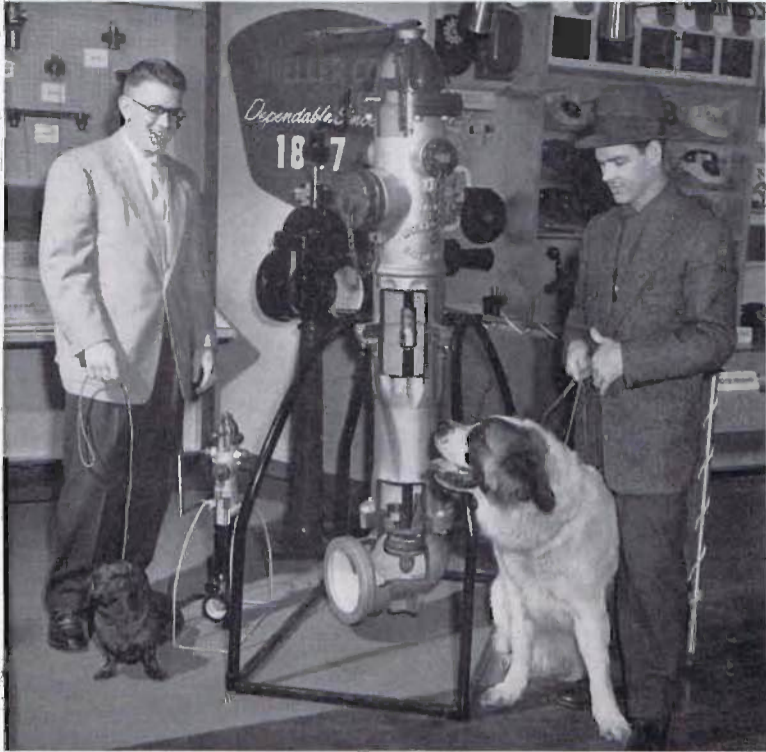


Okay, all you fellows who didn't believe that fish story Chuck Girard brought back from Lake Norfolk, Arkansas, after the Easter weekend will have to eat crow—or fish, maybe, if Chuck has any left in the freezer. His son, David, inspects the catch with him. Making the trip with the foreman of our Decatur Shipping Department were his son, wife, and father-in-law, James Dulger, of Decatur.



Harry Swim retired April 13 after having been employed at our main plant for thirteen years. He came to Mueller Co. on July 27, 1942. Members of the Shipping Department presented him with a gift the day of his retirement.

Nonplussed or Nonchalant?



If a picture is worth a thousand words, well let the above photo do its own talking, and simply say that Dick Seevers, left, and Jim Cussins brought their pooches down to inspect the Mueller Improved fire hydrant and our salesman's hydrant model when the two shown here were on display at the Home Show in Decatur. Can't say that the puppies look any too impressed.

They're Champs at Decatur . . .



Up and at 'em seems to be the attitude of this talented group of bowlers. Champions of the Mueller Co. league at our Decatur plants are the above quintet, the Tool Engineers. From left to right including their bowling average for the year are Buddy Grossman (captain), 174; Lowell Wellman, 140; Karl Blankenberg, 169; Bob Leipski, 172; and Paul Hawbaker, 165. Tool Engineers led the ten team league throughout the season. They finished seven and one-half games ahead of second place Ground Key Division.

And Here's Our West Coast Best



Bowling champions at our Los Angeles plant, the Office team, pose with backs to the camera proudly displaying their Mueller Co. jackets and the perpetual trophy the winners will keep during the 1955-56 season. From left to right are Paul Caho, Bruce Stotler, Gail Chuba, Earl Bright and Bob Lugo. The picture suggests that the winners wondered what happened to the competition. They won by eight games with Foundry No. 2 in second place.

Ronald Coates Completes Air Force Training



Ronald L. Coates, son of L. Merlin Coates, Mueller, Limited manufacturing engineer, and Mrs. Coates, 535 Charlesworth Drive, Sarnia, is completing Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Base in Texas. His Lackland training prepares him for entrance into Air Force technical training or for an Air Force duty assignment.

Have a chest x-ray every year. Make certain you're still healthy. Health is wealth.



Although Dorothy Colclasure has been an employee of Mueller Co. for less than two years, she had become known as an extremely likeable person and was well known among Plant 4 employees in Decatur. Dorothy came to Mueller Co. in September, 1953. She recently resigned in order that she might devote full time to her family. Besides being stenographer to Verle Utzinger and the Production Control Department, Dorothy also served as Plant 4 first aid attendant and did a fine job writing news of Plant 4 activities for Main Connections. Above, Dorothy, second from left front row, receives a gift from fellow employees prior to leaving the company.

Around The Plant . . .

At CHATTANOOGA

By GENE RACZ

At 4 p. m. on April 8, men from all over the plant assembled in the Pattern Shop to honor H. C. Churchill on his retirement after twenty-one years service with Mueller Co. Don Andrews made the presentation of a Spinner reel and rod, lure box and fishing jacket. He also presented Roy Smith a gift as the new member in the Pattern Shop. It was a large package that turned out to be a bottle of alka-seltzer and a box of aspirin. Roy has used all the aspirin and stated that it should have contained 500 rather than twelve. We all agree that it is quite a responsibility but we are confident that he will do a fine job.

Mr. Churchill came to Mueller Co. in 1933 and has been a member of the Pattern Makers League of North America since 1916, having joined the league in Hartford, Conn. He has served the company well and will be missed abundantly. We hope he doesn't make Mrs. Churchill do all the worm digging and hook baiting and enjoys a happy and healthy retirement.

We are happy to welcome back Oliver Bailey who worked here some years ago.

Elijah Sherrill left the company recently with a medical retirement. He was injured severely when he was hit by a car last September. We know that we will all miss him a great deal and wish him a speedy recovery. He joined Mueller Co. in October of 1944, and served well in the capacity of plant fireman.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Clyde Slater in the recent death of his step-father, and to Cleve Fulghum in the recent death of his nephew.

Dorsey White suffers a great loss in the death of his mother and he has our sympathy.

Congratulations to the following people who have new arrivals in their homes:

- Roy Shirley—daughter
- Ernest Taylor—daughter
- Leslie Higdon—son
- William Tidmore—daughter
- David Moore—son
- Claude Watters—daughter
- Otis Watters—daughter
- Ben Long—son
- Quincy Flanagan—daughter
- Ray Barker—son

Miss Evelyn Wilbanks, personnel assistant, resigned from our company on May 23, to make her home in Florida. Evelyn had served the company for almost thirteen years, both as secretary to O. E. Walker, when he was plant manager and later as personnel assistant.

In the Core Room congratulations are in order to Willie Stephens in his recent marriage, and to Roosevelt Miller who was the winner of a new Ford Thunderbird given away by Fowler Bros. Furniture Co.

Our reporter for the Core Room has a word for the wise in choosing a place for their vacations this year. Charlie Bynum suggests that you not travel far but enjoy some of the scenic beauty surrounding Chattanooga. He has visited Ruby Falls, Rock City, Point Lookout and the Great Smoky Mountains and finds them noteworthy.

We are happy to welcome some of our employees back who have been off because of illness. Lucius Jones of the assembly Department has been off since January and we are glad he is better and able to return to work. Also we are glad to have Thad Drennan back after his illness. The Assembly Department is pretty badly hit just now by sickness. Lige Daniel and Grover Hixon have the mumps; here's hoping everyone else has had them.

We were delighted to have O. E. Walker spend a few days here the last week in April.

Sales Department

The "glum" look we noticed on Frank Kellett's face last week was caused by the sad fact that Virginia and Ginger took off to Texas (in the car) and left him stranded here to get around in a "hot rod" and eat out of a can. Now that they are back, he's all smiles again.

Ronald Rogers has a new Thunderbird Fibreglass boat. With the "good ole spring days"—and Chickamauga Lake—you can bet your bottom dollar he'll be having himself some fun. The Sales Department is hoping for an "invite" to try out this great new boat. (Ronald, a hint to the wise is sufficient or is it?)

Geneva Combs has had to be away from the office on various occasions recently due to the illness and hospitalization of her husband, Garland. Geneva, we're all glad Garland is improving and is able to be back home.

Bea Vaughn (The Wit of the Sales Dept.) is sporting around in a flashy new red and white Oldsmobile.

Engineering Department

J. D. Killingsworth is off with a broken ankle received while playing softball.

We are glad to welcome Ed Harrison to our Engineering Department. He is the new draftsman working with Bob Lusk these days.

We want to extend our congratulations to Dolores Hughes and Johnny McFadden who were married on May 21. Johnny is well known and liked by all of us as he worked in the Engineering Department quite a number of years before entering business with his father. It was here at the office that the two met.

Cost and Payroll Department

We are indeed glad to report that Joann Gamble is steadily improving. She was injured in a recent auto accident and is still in the hospital. Joann isn't receiving visitors yet but we are all hoping that she will be able to return to work soon.

Robert Gann, husband of Katherine Gann of the Purchasing Department, has been seriously ill in Veterans Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Katherine had to be away the week of May 1 due to his illness, but we are happy to report he is improving and Katherine is able to be with us again.

Joe Wall, plant manager, Coy Jones foundry foreman, and James Potter, accountant, joined in a trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 19, to enter the American Bowler's Conference. Think the trip was mainly for enjoyment and relaxation, as they did not expect to place near the top of the country's bowlers. However, Mr. Wall must place near the top sometimes in the Chattanooga leagues. He made a "take" of \$95 on Saturday, May 7. That new suit is very becoming.—Jo Huston