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**A Pictorial Presentation  
 of Mueller, Limited**  
 Sarnia, Ont., Canada

## Frank Sewter, Core Maker, Former British Soldier, Bobby



Frank Sewter, former British Army serviceman and a one-time Bobby in the British police, at work in the Mueller, Limited Core Department.

Frank Sewter, Mueller, Limited Core Department employee for 13 years, has had a colorful background both in Canada and abroad.

Born in London, or as Frank prefers to say, born in the British Army, he comes from a family of soldiers backed by many years service. His father spent 28 years in the Army; his brother was in for 30 years, and his own service record shows seven years service with a stretch as a British soldier in India. Another brother spent six years in the Canadian Army. "I guess I let the rest of them down," Frank says, referring to his "short" seven years service. "Still, I wanted to do something different so I left the Army and came back to London." There, Frank added to his varied career when he became a London policeman, or Bobby, as they are called by the British.

"Bobbys don't carry guns," Frank recalls, "and when it came time to bring in a tough guy, we just had to have the spunk to do it unarmed." The British system works well, Frank says, because only the most notorious desperado will fire on an unarmed Bobby.

Frank came to Canada in 1928, went way out in the Canadian West, and took up farming as a career at Saskewyn, Manitoba. In 1942, he came to Sarnia due to his wife's health.

## Contract for Plant 4 Electric Furnaces To Decatur Firm

The Christy and Foltz Construction Company of Decatur will build pits for the installation of six new electric furnaces and construct a building to house three of the furnaces in a step toward completion of Mueller Co.'s half-million dollar smoke-elimination program at Plant No. 4, 2026 East Garfield Avenue. The announcement of the successful bid was made by President Albert G. Webber, Jr.

Three furnaces will be installed in the new building while the other three will be located in the area presently occupied by the company's oil furnaces.

In addition to one electric furnace installed earlier this year, three additional furnaces are expected to be in operation by January, Mr. Webber said, with the remaining three furnaces to be in use as soon as possible the early part of next year.

New transformers will be installed by the first of November which will lead up to the installation of the furnaces. Mr. Webber added that the Bodine Electric Shop of Decatur will do the electrical work.

## Radcliffe Is Named Assistant To Executive Vice-President

Don E. Radcliffe, manager of the Decatur, Illinois, office of A. C. Allyn & Company, has been appointed Assistant to William H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President of Mueller Co.

Mr. Radcliffe will assume his new position October 15. The post is a new one. He has been in charge of the investment brokerage firm's Decatur office since November, 1948, coming to Decatur from the company's headquarters in Chicago.

He joined A. C. Allyn & Company in 1947 after receiving a Master of Science degree in Economics from the University of Illinois. He was awarded his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1946.

Mr. Radcliffe is chairman of  
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DON RADCLIFFE

## Ken Miles, Stock Car Racer

Ever wonder how these old stock cars are made to run so fast? It's simple, says Ken Miles, Mueller, Limited foundry utility man who is an avid stock car driver.

Ken built his own car and his racing results have been above average. He put a 1934 model Ford motor into a 1937 Ford car body. Then he bored

the cylinders until they were oversize and inserted a racing cam (a long stroke crank shaft light fly wheel.) That's all there is to it, except making the car as light as possible.

Most stock car owners, Ken explains, take off anything that is unnecessary to make it run. That doesn't leave much, as those who have seen stock car races will testify.

As a racer, Ken has been at it for three years. He races in Sarnia, Ridgetown, Delaware, and Nilestown. There are tracks in all those Ontario cities.

Ken says he isn't afraid of getting hurt although he has been in several crackups. He was only injured once when he suffered three broken ribs.

Money isn't the object of racing, Ken says. You get racing in your system and learn to love it. Some races pay the winner as much as \$100, but then there can only be one winner. His advice is: "Don't expect to make money, and don't be fearful of injury. You are bound to get hurt if you look for it."

He's married, has one son, and is 30 years old. "I like cars and grease," he said. "I just like to play around with motors."

Ken is a Canadian citizen, yet lived in the United States for 26 years. This somewhat strange situation occurred when he was

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Ken Miles

## Charles G. M. Jay Raises, Trains Canadian Champion

Charles George MacKenzie Jay, the oldest of five children in his family, says he got all the names because "my folks didn't think there would be more children."

With that rather distinguished beginning, Charles, an expert machinist in the Mueller, Limited Brass Machine Shop, goes about the business of living up to his name by excelling in every venture he attempts.

In the plant, he has the reputation of being able to solve the most difficult machine assignment. He is quick to learn, according to his foreman, and shows promise of becoming one of the really outstanding machine operators.

He has been a tool maker since January 14, 1943 working on patterns, special design, and experimental work.

"Jay is a natural," Foreman Ed Cook says. "He has talent and can do any assignment perfectly I give him." Some of Jay's designing was sent to Ottawa for judging.

The thing that makes this fellow so unusual is that his life outside Mueller, Limited also is outstanding. He goes in for hobbies and makes a success of anything he tries. For instance, he is an "amateur" dog trainer. He raised and trained the Kerry Blue Terrier shown right, and

training paid off with the title of Canadian Champion. He has been working with dogs for about 12 years, and has entered his dogs in shows for the past five years.

Limberlot's Delphian Desdemona—that's the name of his champion—is of the breed that is the national dog of Ireland. Born black, they start changing

color almost from the day they are born. It is the only breed in the Canadian and American Kennel Club that does not shed hair. This makes the dog an excellent house pet—if you can afford one. Jay estimates they will cost about \$1,000 each. His two Kerry Blue Terriers are females.



Charles G. M. Jay puts his Canadian Champion Kerry Blue Terrier through its paces as international famous dog show judge Adam Strauss of Chicago gives the animal close inspection. It was a great night for Jay as his female terrier was named Canada's first dog.





Shown above are part of the main office personnel at Mueller, Limited. At left, in background partially hidden, Marian Dennis, Dona Hyatt, and Jane Racz. Second row from the rear, Mary Kaban, Charles Browett (standing, controller and assistant secretary), Myrtle

Tricker, Robert J. Bannister and Mabel Harkness. In the photo at right are Erie Duggan, Mary Guthrie, Helen Babcock, Doris McLaughlin, Elma Dunlop, Maureen Needham and George I. Lucas.

### 'Disability Freeze' Important Part of Social Security

One of the most important provisions in the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act deals with the "disability freeze."

The new law takes into consideration the fact that a person may become totally disabled and unable to work at some time during his employable years, making a lengthy gap in his earnings record. Congress felt that a person so disabled should not be penalized by having these unproductive years counted against him in computing his benefit rate when he reaches 65 or dies.

Take for example, a person who had wages of \$300 per month for ten years and then suffered a stroke which incapacitates him for ten years before he reaches 65. Prior to the new law his social security payment at age 65 would have been based on earnings of \$150 monthly.

The new law permits this wage earner to make application for the disability freeze, and if on the basis of medical evidence he is determined to be totally disabled, the ten years in which he could not contribute toward social security will not be counted against him. His benefit rate will be based on the \$300 monthly earnings which he averaged prior to the onset of his disability and not on the \$150 level which would have been used prior to the change in the law.

The old-age and survivors insurance section of the Social Security Act contains no disability payment provisions. However, employees who become disabled through illness, accident, or other causes should remember to contact their social security office upon becoming disabled to insure that their rights to future payments will be protected. These requirements must be met to have your social security account frozen due to total disability:

1. You must file application with the Social Security Administration.
2. You must have been totally disabled for at least six months at the time your application is filed.
3. The disability must be expected to last for a long time.
4. You must have worked under social security for at least five years out of the last ten years and for one year and a half out of the three-year period immediately before you become disabled.



Members of the Production Control Department are, from left to right, Gordon H. Karr, Production Control manager, Jean Ploure, Garnet Denomy and Jean Reynolds. In the photo at right is the Standards Department.



They are, left to right, Harry Dowding, Stuart Packer, Mary Savrda, David Potten, Kay Stevens, George Denomy, Ray Hazard and Clyde Smith.



Barbara McGibbon, secretary to George W. Parker, confers with receptionist and telephone operator Joyce Howson regarding a long distance call. Office Sales Department personnel pose at right. They are, front row left, Evelyn Harmsworth, Natalie Vlaisovich, Marie Atwood, Grace Campbell and Violet Henderson. Second row, Ron Dagg, assistant



merchandise manager Plumbing and Streamline Division, Marilyn Lea, Isabelle Hutchinson, Violet Brown, Winnifred DeJong, Bernice Hunter and Joyce Logan. Back row: John A. (Tupper) Baldwin, Lois McPhee, Ron Nicolson, vice president and general sales manager, and William G. Gansler, assistant general sales manager.



Kathryn Forbes, Purchasing Department clerk and typist, takes a letter from Purchasing Agent W. B. Campbell in the above photo. Mr. Campbell joined Mueller, Limited, January 17, 1917 as a time clerk. He later became receiving clerk, then traffic clerk and finally Purchasing Agent and traffic manager. Below, O. C. Spears, personnel supervisor, dictates a letter to Phyllis Turner, personnel stenographer.



Mueller, Limited, executives talk things over in the above photos. Top, from the left, R. J. Skippon, vice president and factory manager; C. S. Browett, plant controller and assistant secretary; T. G. Quance, executive vice president; L. Merlin Coates, manufacturing engineer, and R. M. Nicolson, vice president and general sales manager. Below, George W. Parker, president and treasurer, meets in his office with John Milne, secretary. Both men have 35 years of service.



# Employees, Work, Relax in Mueller, Limited Cafeteria

## Near Blue Water Of St. Clair River

Just a stone's throw from the beautiful blue water of the St. Clair River, employees of Mueller, Limited, enjoy their lunch or meet for company business on the plant cafeteria verandah.

The photos at right are casual scenes taken on a typical work day during last July's unseasonably warm weather at Sarnia when temperatures reached a high of 95. The quintet in the upper right photo sought cooler quarters to conduct company business. Left to right, they are Roy Abel, of Raymond Associates Engineers, John Flood, Ground Key Department foreman; O. C. Spears, personnel supervisor; Carl Smith, production superintendent; and L. Merlin Coates, manufacturing engineer.

Upper right, with a merchant ship in the background, a group enjoys the river breeze during lunch. They are Mr. Coates, Mr. Smith, J. A. Baldwin in foreground, Charles S. Browett, Ron Dagg, Robert J. Bannister, and William G. Gansler.

Employees responsible for serving the meals are in the center photo. They are Charles Dodd, Mueller, Limited chef for many years, Betty Armstrong, waitress and assistant chef, and Violet Brown, cashier.

At lower right, these girls choose to eat inside the spacious cafeteria. Left to right, they are Kathryn Forbes, Jane Racz, Barbara McGibbon, Dona Hyatt, Joyce Howson and Maureen Needham.

Lower right, these girls were surprised by the photographer as they ate lunch.



### Relaxing At Lunch Time



Sunning themselves during lunch time at the Sarnia plant are these Machine Shop employees.

### Ken Miles . . .

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born in Woodstock, Ontario, but came with his family to Port Huron, Michigan when his father went to work for Mueller Brass Co.

He probably would still be in the States, Ken says, but he met a Sarnia girl and married her. They decided to settle in Sarnia.

Ken is a United States Army World War II veteran and saw considerable action with U. S. forces. He joined the Paratroopers, went overseas and was in the invasion of Normandy, Belgium, Holland, France and Germany.

Maybe that accounts for the reason that speeding around those sharp curves on stock car race tracks hold no fear for him. At least he begins on the ground!

### Decaturites In Port Huron

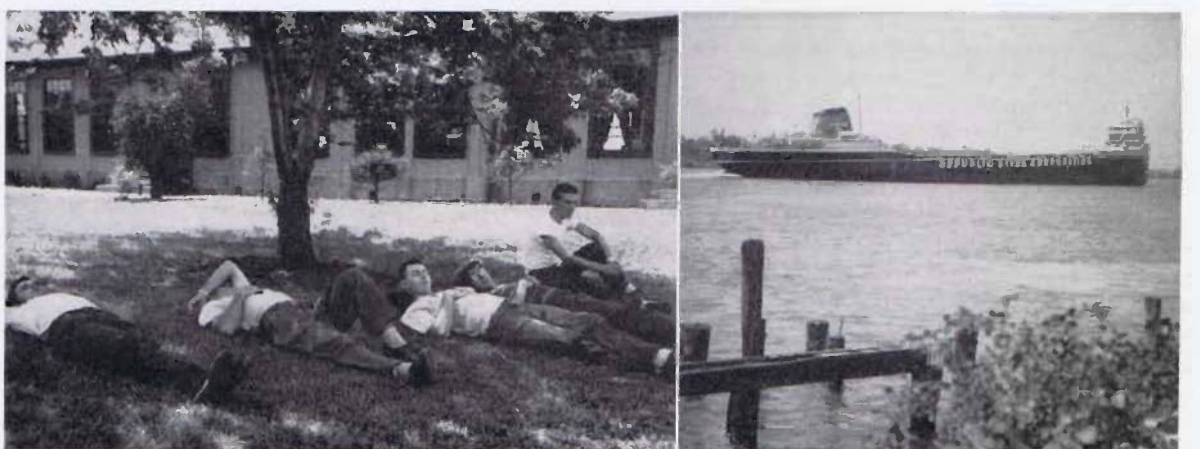


These Decaturites relax outside Port Huron. From the left, Mrs. A. G. Webber III, Mrs. Walter Dyer, A. G. Webber III, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fromel.

### Main Office Building, Sarnia



### There's Something About The Summer . . .



An idea) way to watch the "ships go down to sea."





Oldrich Junek is Mueller, Limited's champion molder.



Fred Dunn, an electric truck operator, keeps things rolling by prompt delivery of parts to a department at Mueller, Limited.



Dorothy Smith, packer in the Mueller, Limited plumbing section of the Assembly Department, inspects and packages Mueller four-inch center Beautycraft lavatory combinations.

# Eye Injuries Can Be Bad; See First Aid Attendant

By DENNIS TILLEY  
First-Aid Attendant  
Mueller, Limited

Most eye annoyances are so simple that the employee invariably puts off visiting the first aid department. At first the foreign particle could literally have been knocked off like a golf ball from its tee, but after much rubbing and pushing around it gets a firmer hold on the cornea and even then could very often still be skilfully removed by the industrial first-aid attendant or equivalent.

However by the next day most of its jagged barbs will have taken a good hold and the stubborn sticker refuses to be budged without the coaxing of an eye spud or magnet. It may already have caused one sleepless night. By that time the foreign body is breaking up, perhaps rusting, and causing more mischief, as particles of rust-stain tattoo the cornea, which so often causes a painful, lost time eye injury—all because of neglect.

Upon examination it is found that the tiny speck of dirt, or metal is deeply imbedded in the delicate cornea tissue, exactly like a sliver of steel or a splinter in the palm of the hand. The entire eye may become inflamed and bright light will cause much pain and a flow of tears. Some of these neglected foreign object cases become complicated by ulcer formation and the fact that rust specks penetrate too deep for removal except by the doctor—an eye specialist—REMEMBER.

This all may sound rather grim and so it can be—just because of neglect. Remember in case of any foreign body in the eye, DO NOT RUB THE EYE and feel that it is going to be alright. Also remember you are



First aid attendant Dennis Tilley proudly displays the immaculate first aid room which is under his care. Dennis is greatly interested in his job and keeps up with the latest techniques in first aid work.

the one who is going to suffer, so get FIRST-AID treatment immediately—not the next day.

Civil Defense officials say that seeking shelter on the first floor of a frame house would cut exposure to atomic radiation by 50 per cent.

A minor operation is always the one performed on somebody else.



Western swing bands are not limited to the United States as this photo of Sarnia musicians indicate. Two members of the band are Mueller, Limited Tool Room employees. Jack White, left, on the bass, is leader of quintet known as Jack White and his Western Swing Band. Everitt Shrigley, center, violin player also is a Mueller, Limited employee. Others are Frank Pinkney, Spanish guitar; Jerry Gerrits, accordion; and Joe Kerwin, guitar playing singer and yodler. The boys do show work, dances and specialty acts such as a takeoff on Davy Crockett. They have been together for more than ten years.



These three oldtimers can personally recall a lot of interesting Mueller, Limited history. Alan W. Bannister, left, chief inspector, has a service record that dates back to September 25, 1912, the year Mueller, Limited was founded. Mrs. Almeda M. Reeves, cost accountant, has been with the company for 35 years. She is chief correspondent for Main Connections. The third person is William R. Brennan, merchandise manager, Plumbing & Streamline Division, who formerly served as secretary to Oscar B. Mueller for a number of years. Another oldtimer not present when this photo was taken is J. Aitchison, Pattern Shop, whose service dates back to September 20, 1912.

# The Milton Windovers Get Wire From Queen Elizabeth



"Buckingham Palace, London, England . . . The Queen sends you warm congratulations and good wishes on your wedding anniversary which you have recently celebrated."

This telegram from Queen Elizabeth's private secretary to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Windover of 252 Shamrock Street, Sarnia, highlighted the many honors the elderly couple received on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Windover is a retired Mueller, Limited employee. He

is 85 years old and Mrs. Windover is 83. They live alone and are extremely agile for their age. One of the gifts received was a television set from their children which has brought them considerable pleasure.

Mueller, Limited representative called at the couple's home to present the company's best wishes. Shown above standing are Mrs. Almeda Reeves, cost accountant; R. J. Skippon, vice president and factory manager; and O. C. Spears, personnel supervisor.

# George Parker Began As Laborer

Few men have made as phenomenal a climb in industry as that of George W. Parker. Now president, general manager and treasurer of Mueller, Limited, Mr. Parker began as a ten-dollar a week laborer for the same plant.

He joined the Sarnia plant in 1920 after returning from overseas service in World War I. From 1920-23, Mr. Parker worked in the factory, and took an active interest in the company, its methods and organization. His efforts paid quick dividends for in 1923 he was appointed payroll and cost accountant.

In 1926, he was promoted to cost accountant and assistant secretary, and in 1928—just eight years after he started as a laborer, he was named plant comptroller.

In 1933, Mr. Parker was advanced to the post of secretary and treasurer. It was just two more years—in 1935—that he was elevated to the position of vice president, assistant general

manager and treasurer. He was elected president, general manager and treasurer in 1943.

Mr. Parker has always been active in community projects. A member of Mocha Temple, he is a past principal of R.A.M. and also is active in the Sarnia Rotary Club.

During his youth, he played a great deal of tennis, but in recent years he has confined his sporting activity to golf and curling, a popular winter Canadian sport. He now operates a farm of considerable acreage, specializing in purebred Short-horn cattle. His cattle have won several prizes in the United States and Canada appearing in shows under the name of "Sunnyhill Farm."

At present, he is chairman of the Industrial Section of the Sarnia Community Chest, a member of the Board of Directors of the Sarnia Branch of the Red Cross, the Sarnia Recreation Commission, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. He is a past president of the

Sarnia Chamber of Commerce and past chairman of the St. Joseph Hospital Board.

He is a past president of the Sarnia Boy Scouts Association and is now serving as District Scout Commissioner.

Mr. Parker is a member of the Central United Church and serves on the Church Board of Session. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School for six years.

He is the originator of the Central Century Club—founded in 1937 within the church as a youth character building program. During World War II, 85 of the boys enlisted in the service and 26 were killed in action. The club remains very active giving extraordinary service to the youth of Sarnia.

Mr. Parker was president of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating from 1952-54. In February, 1953, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Industrial Headquarters and Trust Co. in Sarnia.



George W. Parker, the executive and civic leader. Left, he is at work in his office. Center, he visits with a Sarnia businessman, left, and a member of the Canadian Legislature. Right, he poses with the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce president, left, and the Sarnia Rotary Club president.



# Scenes From Inside Mueller, Limited



Ed Cook, left, foreman of the Mueller, Limited, Tool Room, has that "can you beat this" look about him as he examines a tap that already has made over 800,000 tappings including more than 100,000 tappings on the last grind. Ed thinks this probably is a record and now wonders if the incredible tap will continue to make tappings until the one million mark is reached.

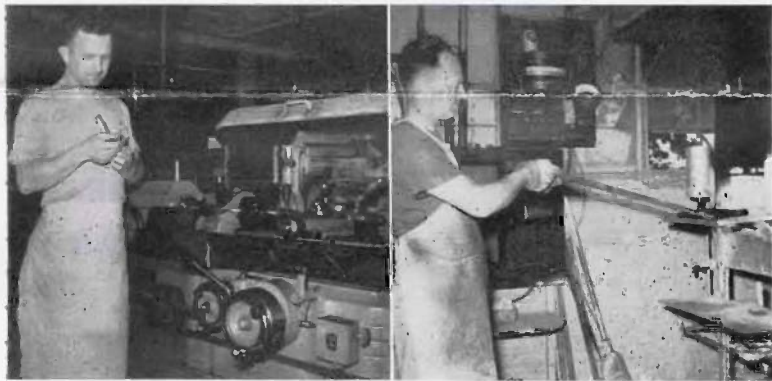
Glen Syer, Albert Vanderzwan, Phil Hamilton and Tom Hawkins are preparing shipments of traps and brass fittings. Large shipping packages of gas stops ready for shipment to the Canadian West Coast can be seen in foreground. Syer, Hamilton and Vanderzwan are Shipping Department packers.



Donald Packer, Maurice Simard and George Hewlette, shipping packers, load a Hi-Way transport truck with new style Mueller, Limited Beautycraft Tub & Shower combinations. Products are loaded in standard packs for shipment to Winnipeg. The truck driver assists with the loading. Ray Lambert, Shipping Department foreman, looks on.



Personnel of the Mueller, Limited Engineering Department are, standing from the left, Lillian Bennett, clerk; L. Merlin Coates, manufacturing engineer; Paul DiNovo, products engineer; Murray Taylor, draftsman, and, seated, Richard James, senior draftsman.

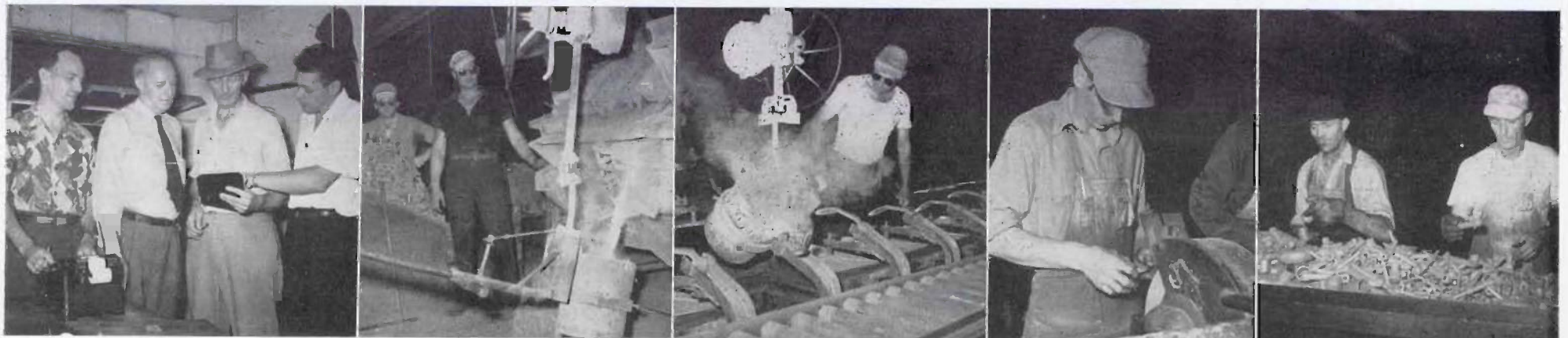


Alvin Smith and Theophile Dugas block a box car of water works products which is ready for shipment. Shipments of this type weigh approximately 1,750 tons and contain about 1,450 sets of corporation stops, curb stops and so. ice boxes. This shipment is destined for New Brunswick to be used in the construction of a large Canadian Army Training camp at Gagetown near Fredericton, N. B.



At left, Bruce Barrett, Mueller, Limited tool maker, checks thread diameters of a combined drill and tap. All Mueller, Limited threads on a combined drill and tap are ground by a diamond wheel on the thread grinding machine. At right, Alphonse Migneault, heat treater, is ready to place some caulking chisels in the Tool Room heat treating furnace.

## Working Toward A Quality Product



Viewing photos from the left: First—Foundry supervisory staff members are Bruce Robertson, foundry clerk; Sam Johnson, general foundry foreman; Merton Bice, assistant foundry foreman, and Maurice Wade.

Second—John Chudik, foundry cutoff man, and Ted Wojciechowski, furnace tender, pouring metal. Third—William J. Payne, utility man, pouring metal for brass molds. He is union committee man for the Foundry

Division. Fourth—Tad Grad, rough grinder in foundry. Fifth—P. J. (Jim) Riley, left, and Ernest Berdan, foundry inspectors, inspect castings before they go to the Brass Machine Department eliminating any with faults.



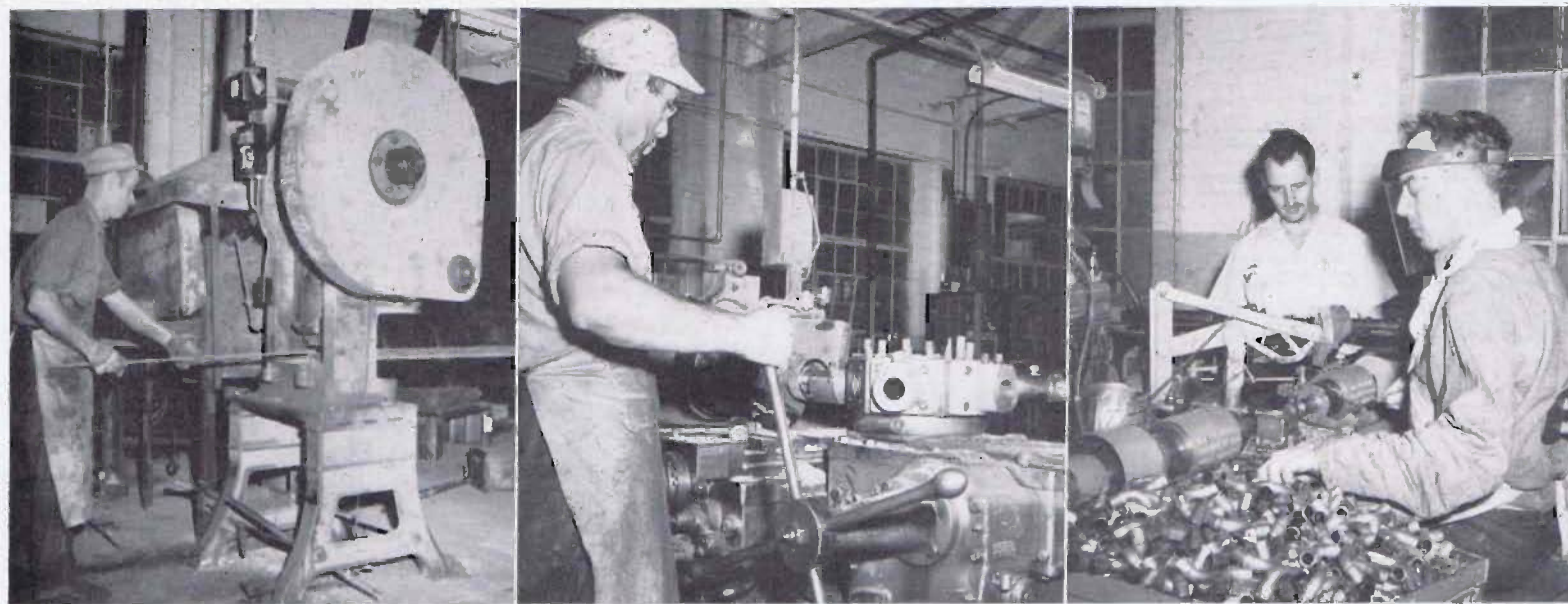
Viewing photos from the left: First—Gilbert Murray inspects the base cap end of inverted ground key stop while Fred Cuthbertson, Brass Machine Department foreman, looks on. Fred Tribbeck, operator, machines inverted ground key curb stop. Second—Howard Taylor,

turret lathe operator, machines drain nipples. Third—George Foslett, turret lathe operator, bends and cuts 1/2 inch copper streamline elbows. Fourth—front to rear, Bill Eady, Elmer O'Dell, Peter Krywicki, Robert Moore and John Mullen at their turret lathes. Fifth—

Wilbur Duggan, stop grinder, grinds in inverted ground key stop with John Flood, foreman, observing. Jack Evox, key and nut assembler, is in the background. Sixth—Russell German, fit-in operator, machines keys for ground key curb stop.



## It's All In The Day's Work . . .



Above left, Donald Goodall, service box machine operator, squares the end of a service box rod in preparation for heating and swedging on the clip. Center, Maurice Heath, turret lathe operator, is machining parts

for the Mueller B tapping machine. Right, Rolland (Rolly) Sewell, foreman, and Ivan Hunter, machine operator, machine wrought streamline elbows.

## Canadians Call U. S. Paradise For Vacations

Americans, accustomed to thinking of Canada as a vacationists' paradise, may be surprised to learn that Canadians think the same of the United States—only more so, says the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The figures show that Canadians spent more money in this country last year (\$311 million) than Americans spent in Canada (\$284 million).

Even more surprising is the number of Canadian visits across the border. In 1953, the figure was 23,300,000 while the number of American visits to Canada that year was 28,025,000. Since the population of Canada is only 15 million, it's clear that a good many Canadians are making several trips a year to this country.

Also, the Chamber points out, when the difference in the populations of the two countries is recalled, the proportion of Canadians visiting the United States, as against U. S. visitors to Canada, becomes even more startling.

The Chamber suggests that the apparent eagerness of Canadians to spend their money in the United States might persuade American to be a bit more liberal in accepting Canadian currency—especially since the Canadian dollar is worth more than the United States dollar.

## But It's Teamwork That Spells Quality



Observing the best safety measures is Harold Brown, maintenance man and welder, in the photo at left. This process is known as electric arc-welding. Three service box assemblers are shown at center. They are

Peter Van Oosterm, Allen McDougall and George Scott. Up in the air is Herman Sitter, maintenance man, who is fitting and adjusting sheet metal elbow on air duct.

# Plumbing Goods A Major Part of Mueller, Limited Business

Mueller, Limited has been engaged in the manufacture of products for the plumbing trade as well as the water and gas industries since the Canadian plant was opened in 1912.

This differs from Mueller Co. plants in the United States which ceased the manufacture of plumbing goods in the early 1930s. Our plant at Sarnia is well known in the Canadian plumbing trade as well as in the manufacture of water and gas distribution products.

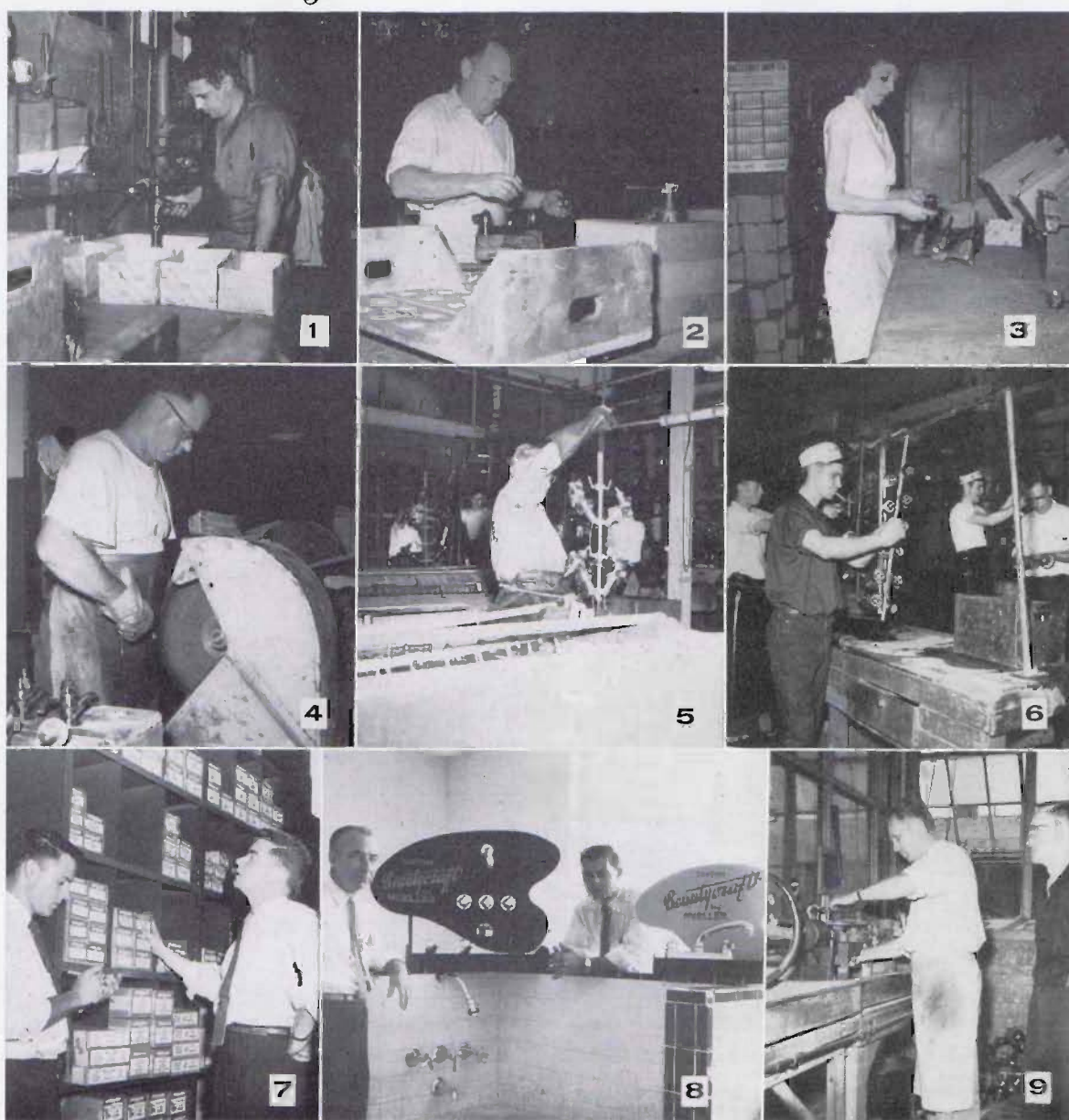
A part of the manufacturing process and point-of-sales technique in Mueller, Limited's "Custom Beautycraft", is shown in the photos at right. Custom Beautycraft is Mueller, Limited's latest line in tub and shower combinations. Included in the line are lavatory faucets, shower combinations and hospital fittings, or the products through which the water flows.

Mueller, Limited also makes flush valves for institutional businesses, compression stops and streamline solder fittings, none of which are a part of the Custom Beautycraft line.

Identity of the photos at right are as follows:

1. Gilbert Goguen who is testing and adjusting Mueller approved marine flush valves. The flush valve is one of Mueller, Limited's leading plumbing products and is used extensively as a commercial product for hotels, hospitals, etc.

2. W. L. (Neil) Turnbull, general assembler of plumbing products. He is assembling a spout



on a Mueller Beautycraft deck faucet.

3. Gladys Green, packer in plumbing section of Assembly Department. She is inspecting and packing Mueller Beautycraft built-in tub and shower fittings.

4. Norman Harrison, buffer, is buffing a chrome plated lavatory faucet.

5. Joseph Ayres, foreground, and Jules Desrochers, Plating Department, remove plumbing goods from the plating tank.

6. Reg. Hiller and Orval Ayrheart, at left, rack plumbing goods prior to chrome plating. Harold Young, in rear, removes chrome plated goods from plating tanks while the foreman, Les Crooks, observes the operation.

7. Ron Dagg, left, assistant merchandise manager, Plumbing and Streamline Division, and Bob McConnell, manager of the Sarnia warehouse for Hamilton Plumbing and Heating, take an inventory of Mueller products on hand. Hamilton is a big Canadian jobber and one of our good customers.

8. Bill Brennen, left, merchandise manager, Plumbing and Streamline Division, and Mr. Dagg admire Mueller Custom Beautycraft products in Hamilton's display room.

9. Bill Wilkins, Assembly Department tester. He is testing and setting pressure on hot water heat control. George Schillmore, assistant foreman, looks on.



# Around The Plant . . .

## At CHATTANOOGA

By GENE RACZ



This pretty young lady is Miss Shirley Standerfer who worked in our Cost Department in Decatur this summer. Shirley, a comptometer operator during her employment here, has returned to Eureka College where she is a junior majoring in English with a minor in music science.

Her hobby is sewing, and to prove her point, she made the beautiful dress she is wearing, above. For the benefit of you girls who know about such things, Shirley says she used ten yards of nylon tulle for the skirt, five yards of taffeta for the slip, one yard of lace and one yard of tulle for the stole. The bottom tier of the skirt measures 20 yards!

She used a pattern for the stole and slip, and for the benefit of you single fellows, she is now at Magdalene Hall, Eureka College, in Eureka, Illinois.

Our 1955 softball team made athletic history for Mueller Co. Under the management of Jack Pope, Cleaning Room foreman, the team won the Civic Industrial League No. 1 and entered the city series championships August 19, only to bow out in the first round to White Elks by a score of 11-1. Their record going into the playoffs was 12 wins and three losses.

Members of the team and their records are as follows:

	AB	H	Aver.
Raymond Baker, 2B	35	22	.620
Bill Hixson, 1B	57	29	.509
Stan Kuhne, SS	46	22	.477
Arnold Johnson, SF	44	21	.477
Fred Wright, C	19	9	.474
Wheeler Cage, 3B	37	17	.459
Wilbur Irwin, LF	46	20	.435
Charles Farmer, 3B	31	14	.452
Ray Claridy, P	23	9	.391
Lee Walker, CF	54	21	.389
Ralph Tolbert, C	30	10	.333
R. Hollingsworth, RF	39	12	.308
Gene Frederick, RF	7	2	.286
Jim Tolbert, C	22	5	.227

The team had a total of 490 times at bat, 213 hits and a team average of .435.

Our Colored team also had a fine showing under the management of Joe Hubbard and finished in third place in their league. Members of the team are: Joe Hubbard, pitcher; George Autry, catcher; James Nelson, first base; Willie Benford, second base; Wiley Hinton, short stop; Larry Watson, third base; William Hill, left field; and Nora Betts, center field.

Daughters are recent additions to the families of Herbert Adams, Beodies Anderson, Herbert Silvels, James Burkes, Earl Walker, and Carl McDaniel. George Morris and J. D. Killingsworth each have new sons.

Most everyone except Jack Molone had a nice vacation this

year. Jack spent his time serving on the jury—the exact period he had chosen for his vacation. Wayne Heyer didn't have it so good either. He reports that he was the victim of a number of blowouts during his trip north.

On the brighter side: John Hixon, Jr. and his family fished and sunned in Clearwater, Florida. He sent a picture to the fellows showing his ability as a fisherman.

Theodore McGinnis toured Florida for two weeks and brought 200 feet of moving pictures home. Russell Davis and family spent two weeks in Minneapolis and broke in that new station wagon.

Chester Buchanan, Maintenance Department, can stay home and make a good catch. Not far from his home in Island Creek

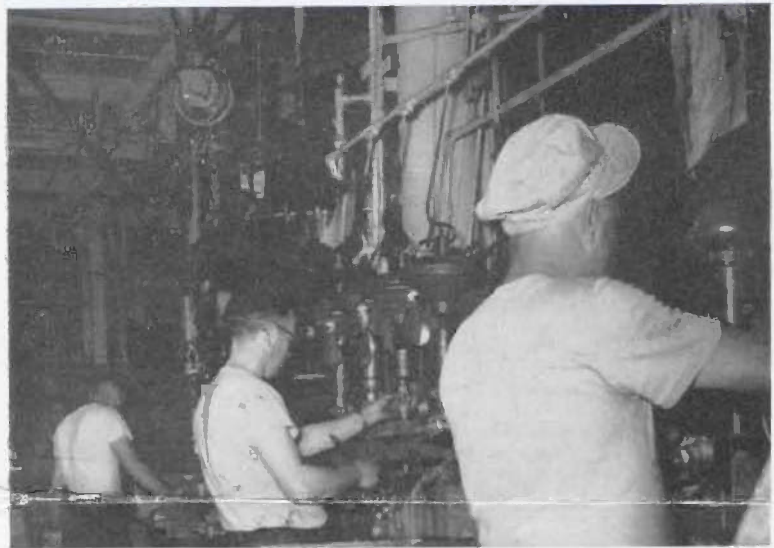
Cove, he caught a six-pound bass recently.

Earnest Flury, Machine Shop, and Faye Morris were married July 22 in Ringgold, Georgia.

Thelma and Charles Hawthorne are starting construction of their new home in Red Bank.

A "get well" wish is extended to the following people who have been away because of illness: Lucius Jones, Joann Gamble, Howard Owens, Wesley Lawrence, Roosevelt King, Willie J. Hutcherson, George Cross, Thad Drennan, Heman Thompson, Lawrence Glenn, and David Cullins.

Our sympathy is extended to Robert Lusk and family in the recent death of Mrs. Lusk, who died on August 12. She had been seriously ill for some time.



Jack Evoy, Otto Foster and Matthew (Nibs) Barker are shown on the Assembly and Testing line. Evoy is a key and nut assembler, Foster is a tester, and Barker is a check pin assembler. The men are in the Ground Key Department.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beavers and son, John, display their big catch made during their vacation on the Gulf of Mexico. Sam is employed in the Iron Foundry at Plant 4.



Betty Olson  
Collegiate, Technical  
School, Sarnia  
Mr., Mrs. Lloyd Olson

# Best Wishes to Our Graduates of 1955

Due to space limitations, only essential information is given in the following identification of our 1955 high school graduates. The name of the graduate, school attended, name of parent employed by Mueller Co., and location of plant where parent is employed is listed in that order.

Rita Joanne Brownlow Macon High School Mrs. Ruth Brownlow Decatur	Jack K. Shannon Decatur High School Mrs. Mildred Shannon Decatur	Sharon Dudley Decatur High School Wallace Dudley Decatur	Dan R. Gannon III Dallas, Tex., H. S. Dan R. Gannon Western Sales Mgr.	Margaret Neil Ramsey Hill High School J. P. Ramsey Chattanooga	Franklin Lebo Decatur High School Dwayne Lebo Decatur	Rosalie Hanson Decatur High School H. L. Hanson Decatur	Charles A. Rauschek Decatur High School Augie Rauschek Decatur
Jola Monska Lakeview High School John Monska Decatur	Lee W. Parsons Decatur High School Paul F. Parsons Decatur	Vernella Rice Howard High School John L. Rice Chattanooga	James Lee Smith Decatur High School Harry K. Smith Decatur	Nancy Ford Decatur High School Marvin Ford Decatur	Donald D. Bruner Cerro Gordo H. S. W. A. Bruner Decatur	Wilma Joe Currington Howard High School Charles Currington Chattanooga	Richard Taylor Decatur High School John E. Taylor Decatur





Roy Parr, oven tender, transfers cores from the coremakers to the oven in the photo at left. Ray Hazzard, Standards Department, observes the operation. The third man is Ralph Harrett at a core blowing machine. At right, George Hayward, Mueller, Limited Core Department foreman, looks over the work of John Whitley, core blower.



Robert Dodwell, tool maker at our Plant One, finds a way to beat the summer heat and at the same time sets a new fashion for members of the Decatur Tool Room.



Alfred Lane and Albert Vanderzwan fill orders in the Streamline Warehousing and Shipping Division of Mueller, Limited.

In terms of power alone, the strength of a man in prime health is worth much less per day than the cost of a single cigarette, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. With electric power behind him, the American worker has multiplied his productivity many times.

### Don Radcliffe . . .

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the City Planning Commission and is president of the Decatur Family Service Association. He also is vice president of the Decatur Club, and is a member of the Decatur Rotary Club.

He is a former vice president of the Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Decatur Jaycees, and also a past president of the Illinois Young Republicans. In 1954 he received the Young Man of the Year Award in Decatur.

He served with the field artillery during World War II from 1942-45, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. Two years of that period were spent in the South Pacific. Prior to the war, he attended the University of Illinois from 1939-42.

Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe are members of the First Methodist Church. They have a son and daughter, ages four and one and one-half years. They live at 448 South Westlawn.

Housing studies indicate that the nation needs about 1,500,000 new homes each year for the next five years in order to catch up with demand, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States reports.

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Thirty-seven per cent of U. S. farms produce 85 per cent of farm output; one farm in six—more than 1 million farms—have been absorbed by merger in the past decade, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

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

**By GEORGE KNUDSEN**  
The bowling season got under way September 13. Frank Williams is president this season. There will be eight mixed foursomes made up from each department in the plant.

### VACATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard went to Europe. Mr. Hubbard works in the Brass Machine Shop. Hazel Rice, Assembly, planned to Kansas. Evelyn Miller, Assembly, Baywood Park, California.



Mrs. Harriett Ramsay, a real veteran in the Mueller, Limited Core Department. Mrs. Ramsay has been with the company 28 years. She was employed two years during World War I, and then left the company. She returned in 1927 following the death of her husband and has been with us since that year.

Myrtle Baber, Assembly, Alabama and Texas.

Austin Langworthy, Shipping Room, Nebraska.

Donna Jolly, Assembly, Nebraska.

Ray Sloan, Jr., Assembly, Missouri.

Bernie Bussell, Assembly, Missouri.

John T. Hesselbach, Assembly, San Francisco and vicinity.

Lillian Alfano, Assembly, California.

Paul Packer, Assembly, Missouri.

Agnes Kimmer, Shipping, Missouri.

Katherine Worley, Office, Mt. Shasta and Northern California. Katherine is now an expert on the water skis.

Paul Caho, Controller, vacationed in Oregon and Northern California.

Katherine Thompson, Office, Washington, Oregon and Utah.

Doc Oglesby, Foreman Foundry, lots of fishing and hunting in San Francisco area.

Cy Wolf, Purchasing, took his boat to Big Bear, did a real job of fishing and tanning.

Lacey Mayfield, Foreman Brass Machine Shop, High Sierras. Lots of fish, and loads of gas.

William and Betty Cosman visited in Canada. Betty is employed in the Foundry, and Bill works in Brass Machine Shop.

Dolores Thomson, Foundry, Oklahoma.

Heien Staley, Foundry, San Diego. Tried her skill on the horses at Del Mar. Result—\$15 winner.

Bill Baker, Office, Toulumne Meadows above Yosemite and Sequoia National Park.

Harold Morris, Assembly, Arkansas.

Velma and Charles Portee, Illinois and visited Decatur. They are in Shipping Department.

Kenny Potts returned to Sales Office as assistant to E. George Baker, assistant sales manager.

Bruce Stotler is on a diet. Object: Reduce weight and increase the bowling average.

Gail Chuba was surprised when her husband came home from deer hunting. He had shot a 115 pound buck and invites their friends to drop in and have a venison on rye. Gail is Mr Caho's secretary.

Anne Headden, secretary to Mr. Bright, is well on her way to recovery. She underwent surgery at the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Beverly O'Farrell of Hollywood, California, was awarded a four year scholarship to Notre Dame of Cleveland. She graduated from Pius X high. Beverly works in our Main Office.

Mueller Co. organized a softball club and made a creditable showing for their first year. The Mueller "Cubs" are managed by Dave Dorn.

Members of the team: Bill Young, Frank Micado, Johnny Ynez, George Medina, Charles Miller, Ronnie Pilegard, Roy Estep, Paul Duncan, Dave Dorn, Ray Ballesteros, and Cruz Jacques, score keeper.

# Six Employees Retire From Mueller Co.



Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holderby relax in their home following Mr. Holderby's retirement June 20. He joined Mueller Co. August 23, 1922 and for most of those years was employed in Department 8. His home is at 1216 West King Street, Decatur.



Grover Meadows, one of Mueller Co.'s oldest employees in point of service, retired recently after completing 46 years with the company. Mr. Meadows was first employed Oct. 11, 1909 as a polisher. In 1919 he began working in tool tempering and tool grinding. Later he became a machine operator at Plant 2 in Decatur. During World War II, he worked in our munitions plant in Decatur, and after the war, was transferred to Department 8 as a machine operator. He is married and makes his home at 1234 N. Church St. in Decatur.



Charles McCarthy, Department 8, retired May 31 after working at our main plant in Decatur since October 23, 1928. Mr. McCarthy makes his home in Warrensburg, Illinois.



Perry W. Wray, clean up man in the Brass Grinding Room at Plant 4, retired July 8 ending an employment with Mueller Co. that dates back to November, 1928. Mr. Wray, shown receiving a gift the day of his retirement, held many jobs in the foundry including helper, janitor and many others. His home is on Rural Route 8, Decatur.

### Karl Blankenburg, Tool Maker, Retires

Karl Blankenburg, who started as a messenger in the Core Department at Decatur and later learned the machinist trade while a Mueller Co. employee, retired September 16 after 32 years service.

He joined Mueller Co. January 8, 1923. He learned the machinist trade in the Specialty Division, but transferred to the Tool Room in 1942.



Ray Dawkins, purchasing agent at the Los Angeles plant the past seven years, has retired. A banquet was given in his honor. Ray joined Mueller Co. in 1938 as a salesman and held that position until he was named purchasing agent for the Los Angeles plant.