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**Best Wishes  
 For A Prosperous  
 and  
 Happy New Year**

# New Cash Awards Program Begins Jan. 1



Two long time Mueller Co. employees, each with more than 45 years service with the company, walked into our Board of Directors Room last week to meet with Albert G. Webber, Jr., President and Treasurer, and O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager. Both men retired several months ago, and each probably thought it strange they were being called back "to have a retirement picture made." What Julius Riewski and Grover Meadows did not know was that Mr. Webber had an envelope addressed to each man with a check for one thousand dollars inside, a gift to them from Mueller Co. This dramatic act launched an entirely new awards program that goes into effect officially on January 1. The new policy regarding 45-year-men took effect in 1955, making it possible for these two men to receive the bonus. In the above photo from left are Mr. Webber, Mr. Riewski and Mr. Meadows.

## \$1,000 Retirement Bonus To 45-Year Service Employees

A new awards program honoring Mueller Co. employees on their service anniversary will go into effect January 1. The program which affects all company employees in the United States was announced by President Albert G. Webber, Jr.

In addition to the service award pins that have been presented to employees for many years, those persons with ten or more years service also will receive a gift certificate (at five-year intervals) on their anniversary.

## Re-Elect Officers and Directors

All officers and directors of Mueller Co. were re-elected November 30 in the company's annual Board of Directors meeting.

Officers are:

Albert G. Webber, Jr., Chairman of the Board, President and Treasurer.

W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President.

Leo Wiant, Administrative Vice President.

Lyle R. Huff, Vice President and General Controller.

Robert H. Morris, Vice President and General Sales Manager.

Frank H. Mueller, Vice President and Director of Engineering.

O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager.

L. J. Evans, Vice President in Charge of Eastern Sales.

C. H. Martin, Secretary.

Directors are:

W. H. Hipsher

Mrs. Addie E. Mueller

Frank H. Mueller

Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller

Richard E. Pritchard

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The highlight of the new program will be the presentation of a \$1,000 bonus check to all employees who retire with 45 or more years service, providing they are eligible for benefits under Mueller Co.'s retirement trust fund.

"Because Mueller Co. Management is of the opinion that long and faithful service is not only beneficial to the employees but to the company and community as well," Mr. Webber said, "Mueller Co. has adopted this program in order that it might provide the deserved recognition and appreciation for this service to the company."

The new program just approved by the Executive Committee, was originated by O. E. Walker, Vice-President and Works Manager.

Mr. Webber said that recognition of the employees' service will be on the anniversary date rather than at year end as has been customary in the past. Employees who retire between the five-year intervals of the schedule (except 45 years of service or more) will receive the gift certificate of the next higher five-year level. For instance, if you retire after having just completed 25 years service, you will receive the 30-year gift certificate the day of your retirement.

- The service award program:
- Five years—service award pin.
  - Ten years—pin and \$7.50 gift certificate.
  - Fifteen years — pin and \$10.00 gift certificate.
  - Twenty years — pin and \$20.00 gift certificate.
  - Twenty-five years—pin and \$30.00 gift certificate.
  - Thirty years — pin and \$40.00 gift certificate.
  - Thirty-five years—pin and \$50.00 gift certificate.
  - Forty years—pin and \$60.00 gift certificate.
  - Forty-five years—pin and \$70.00 gift certificate.
  - Fifty years—pin and \$80.00 gift certificate.

Retirement after 45 or more years service—\$1,000 bonus plus gift certificate.

## Roy Abel Named Assistant To O. E. Walker

A former member of a Chicago engineering firm has been named Assistant to the Vice President and Works Manager of the Mueller Co.

He is Roy Abel, who was

a member of the firm of Albert Ramond & Associates, Chicago management consultants, until he came to Mueller Co.

The appointment to the newly created position was announced

by O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager, who is in charge of all Mueller Co. factories in the United States.

For the past 15 months, Mr. Abel has been on special assignment from the Chicago firm as a consultant for Mueller, Limited, subsidiary of Mueller Co. at Sarnia, Ont., Canada.

He was graduated from Ohio State University in 1943 with a degree of Bachelor of Industrial

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## One Million Dollar Expansion Is Underway at Chattanooga

Plans for an expansion that will cost in excess of a million dollars and add approximately 81,000 square feet of floor space to the Mueller Co. hydrant and valve plant at Chattanooga, Tenn., have been announced by O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager.

Mr. Walker estimated that work on the program, which is now underway, will require about one year for completion. He said that employment at the Chattanooga plant will be increased by about 150 when work is completed. Approximately 800 are employed there now.

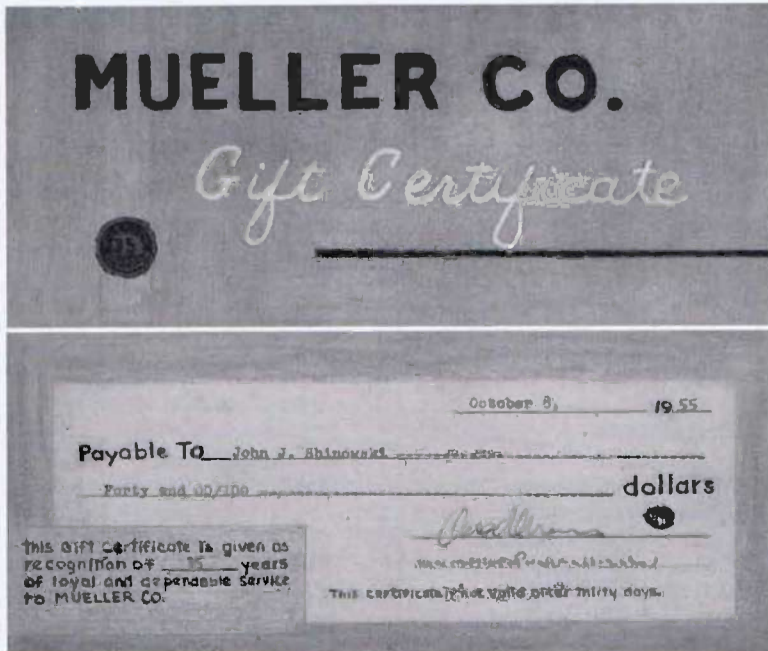
The expansion, which will enable a substantial increase in production, includes both new construction in addition to present buildings, the replacing of one building and the purchase of additional machinery for the Chattanooga plant which manufactures waterworks material, fire hydrants and gate valves.

It follows a program already completed this year of constructing a new warehouse and storage room which includes about one acre under roof.

In the expansion, the office building and machine shop frontage will be extended 300 feet. The addition will be 90 feet in depth. The present iron foundry building, which is of wood construction, will be replaced with a new steel frame building with transite walls. New steel craneways will be installed and two new cupolas will be added to the two now in use.

A second story will be added to the present one-story core-room building and a new core oven added. The area in this building will be doubled. The cleaning room will be extended by erection of an addition with a floor area of about 120 x 66 feet. An additional two-story locker and shower room building will be erected with facilities to accommodate 500 employees. Employees will continue to use the present shower room.

## A Sample Gift Certificate





# 354 Employees Get Service Pin Awards

Service pins were awarded to 354 Mueller Co. employees in ceremonies in all company plants during December. Traditional Christmas hams and/or bacon slabs were presented to all of the company's present and retired employees.

At Decatur, both hams and bacon were presented, while at our other plants, employees received a larger ham in preference to the smaller ham and bacon.

A total of 175 Decatur employees received the service pins and it was a Decatur employee, Ira L. Auer, a tool maker, who topped all other award winners in point of service. He received the 40-year pin in special ceremonies.

At the Chattanooga, Los Angeles, and Sarnia plants, 179 awards were given. Ninety were honored at Chattanooga, 34 at Los Angeles, and 55 pins were given at Sarnia.

## Decatur . . .

Decatur employees receiving service pin awards are the following:

### 5 YEAR PIN

- Lyle R. Huff
- Charles O. Bafford
- James S. Cussins
- Andrew H. Heitman
- Frank SeEVERS
- Ralph W. Tibbils
- Charles M. Burgener
- Richard C. Tish
- Maurice E. Woods
- Christine Freeman
- Irene Tueth
- Alice E. Weir
- Mary Louise Wheatley
- Jo Ann C. Sefton
- Lawrence E. Lewis
- John E. Johnson
- Wilbur H. Sweazy
- Glenn Pasley
- Donald E. Johnson
- Edward R. Richards
- Elmer M. Lading
- Eugene J. DeBrun
- James D. Spain
- Harve W. Holbert
- William E. Barnes
- Robert H. Jesse
- Porter F. Ashford
- Norman E. Wilcox
- Lloyd W. Darnell
- Ralph L. Handley, Jr.
- Richard German
- Joseph E. Yonker
- Clifford L. Hammel
- Richard G. Ross
- Elmer O. Ball
- Vaughn H. West
- Samuel M. Beck
- Robert E. Lockwood
- Melvin C. Whittington
- Donald E. Bathe
- Charles R. Macklin
- John Tirpak
- Herman E. Stolte
- Earl J. Caulk
- Robert C. Boyd
- Jesse M. Ohl
- Edwin F. Hemrich
- Thurman A. Dunnaway

### 10 YEAR PIN

- Stanley B. Johnson
- William H. Hipsher
- Betty Dehority
- Louis Nash
- Lloyd E. Dilbeck
- Robert L. Smith, Jr.
- Orpha C. Perkins
- Juanita D. Degand
- Roy M. Robbins
- Zodius W. Embrey
- Leslie Gambee

### 15 YEAR PIN

- Eugene P. Graeber
- Paul R. Ammann
- Stan A. Ashby

- Claude S. Inman
- Galen W. Jenkins
- Robert C. Workman
- Harry K. Smith
- Frank R. Grider
- Herbert W. Deibert
- John A. West
- Melvin T. Hardy
- Otis B. Fears
- Robert G. Leipski
- Dale Reidelberger
- Raymond W. Schrol
- Monkota Karnes
- Clifford L. Carter
- Joseph J. Fyke
- Elmer W. Baker
- Dorothy L. Cooper
- Lois B. Harper
- Marie Adams
- Hilda M. Golembeck
- D. Eugene Latch
- Colva I. Mayberry
- Leonard Lourash
- Wayne E. Nottingham
- Walter L. Ford
- Maynard L. Buckta
- Delbert L. Walley
- Kennes K. Karnes
- William C. Misenheimer
- Carl O. West
- Leon C. Meyer
- Jack Krohn
- Ray Burge
- John E. Puckett
- L. E. Grider
- Ferden A. Herreid
- John A. Harding

### 20 YEAR PIN

- Amos D. Parks
- Jack Rubicam
- Cecil Coffin
- Carl M. Dodwell
- Elmer H. Fawley
- Ernest M. Garver
- William A. Mueller
- John J. Smith
- Gaylord R. Tripp
- Otis E. Bethard
- Charles L. Miller
- Harold Musterman
- Theron E. McGill
- Wallace Dudley
- Robert P. Gross
- Vernon H. Brunner
- Frank M. Ridgeway
- Ethel Turley
- Robert L. Oberline
- Dwayne E. Lebo
- Cleo L. Craft
- Howard Dempster
- Martin E. Riewski

### 25 YEAR PIN

- Robert K. Levey
- Charles E. Burcham
- Eric G. Blankenburg
- Emory F. Langley
- Wayne R. McCoy
- E. Ray Caudle
- Archie Meador
- Glen W. Gideon

### 30 YEAR PIN

- Walter Bowan
- Albert E. Butt
- Francis E. Carroll
- Donald Ferry
- Ollie Fortschneider
- Willard Hake
- Warren Hall
- George E. Hartwig
- Elvin J. Paslay
- John M. Smith
- Troy A. Roush
- Erma F. Barth
- Leslie Schroeder
- Louise Whitehead
- Charles W. Murray
- Leon L. Bethard
- Harry A. Meyers
- John W. Spawr
- A. L. Bethards
- Robert W. Hill
- W. E. Smith
- M. L. Cunningham
- Eldred W. Connors
- Otto J. Dannewitz
- Truman A. Peifer
- Charles N. Washburn
- Daniel B. Truett
- Eugene Cash

### 35 YEAR PIN

- Paul L. Hines
- C. W. Doherty
- Arthur L. Fleckenstein
- Howard E. Gragg
- Harland Himstead
- Marshall Hobbs
- Laurence E. Kramer
- Jesse Ditty, Jr.
- Barney Riley
- Amos Reynolds
- Earl W. McQuality
- Orville T. Brown
- Michael Brilley
- Frank H. Williams
- Claude T. Smith
- William L. Shockley

### 40 YEAR PIN

- Ira L. Auer

## Los Angeles . . .

Los Angeles employees receiving service pin awards are the following:

### 5 YEAR PIN

- Frank Mecado
- Lillian Espey
- James Holmes
- Nick Chavez
- Raymond Oronoz
- Fred Liebherr
- Robert Ward
- James Nelson
- Eli Lockard
- Ronald McKinnon
- Eddie Jones

### 10 YEAR PIN

- Benjaman Price
- Alice Dinwiddie

### 15 YEAR PIN

- Claude Beckham
- Morris Cooper
- Frank Fritzer
- Wm. Adams
- Clayton Travis
- Hal Murray
- Howard Udell
- F. C. McCown

### 20 YEAR PIN

- Ed Schlegel
- Ida Lou Hughes
- W. Wunderlich
- Wm. Young
- Michael Liebherr
- Jerome Alt
- Benj. Piott
- Vance Ziebarth
- James Musso
- Lacy Mayfield
- Eugene Warren

### 30 YEAR PIN

- Charles Portee
- Wm. Michl
- Fred Klinck

## Sarnia . . .

Mueller, Limited, employees receiving service pin awards are the following:

### 5 YEAR PINS

- Alberic Desrochers
- Delos Dennett
- Elma Dunlop
- Art. Hutchingame
- Mary Kaban
- Alfred Lane
- William McLean
- George Scott
- Thomas Andrews

### 10 YEAR PINS

- Marion J. Dennis
- Alphonse Furlotte
- John Haladey
- Bessie Olson
- Roy Parr
- Alfred Poole
- Stanley Pulyk
- Howard Sayman
- Earl Sitter

### 15 YEAR PINS

- Alex Aiken
- Robert J. Bannister
- Bruce Barrett
- Fred Cuthbertson

- William Eady
- Edgar Ellenor
- Donald Foreman
- Otto Foster
- Thomas Geary
- Harold Hannam
- Michael Higgins
- William Ingles
- Roscoe Kearney
- Edgar McIntosh
- George Maitland
- John Payne
- Clyde Smith
- Murray E. Taylor
- William Tompkins
- Basil Thompson
- Fred Trumble
- Robert J. White
- John Wolley
- Eric Woods

### 20 YEAR PINS

- Norman Gilbert
- Archibald Reeve

### 25 YEAR PIN

- Albert Banting

### 30 YEAR PINS

- Samuel Johnston
- Gordon Karr
- Harriet Ramsay

### 35 YEAR PINS

- John Flood
- John Milne
- Robert Moore
- George W. Parker
- George Schillmore
- Carl L. Smith
- John H. Tedder

## Chattanooga . . .

Chattanooga employees receiving service pin awards are the following:

### 5 YEAR PIN

- Joseph Racz
- J. Martin Gwin
- Dolores McFadden
- Ruben G. Skipper, Jr.
- Stanley B. Kuhne
- Fred H. Hixon
- Larry Watson
- Sam Roland
- L. C. Stewart
- Joe Hill, Jr.
- Walter Readus
- Ione Mulkey
- Phyllis H. McDonald
- Luther Hill
- Will D. Moore
- Arnold W. Paris
- Lindsey Lawrence
- Jake Rice
- Lenard Yates
- James B. Young
- Sherman Matthews
- Johnie Johnson
- Levi T. Kirby
- Embra Mallory
- Warren Hill
- Robert C. Walton
- Nathaniel Traylor
- Eddie Hinton
- Henry McKibben
- Charles Elmore
- Monroe Hudson, Jr.
- Curtis L. Bartlett
- Walter Kent
- James E. Smith
- Howard Stokes
- James B. Thomas
- James E. West
- William C. Hambrick
- Claude Hawthorne
- Pete J. Magin
- Roy G. Arp
- Marcus Daniel, Jr.
- Early Lee Cooper
- Charlie E. Vaughn
- Arthur Brooks
- Maynard W. Mitchell
- George F. Wright
- Milton Miller
- Percy L. Goines
- Allen E. Sadler
- Lonnie Davis
- D. C. Randolph
- James L. Owens
- Willie Gunn
- James A. Robinson

### 10 YEAR PIN

- Clatice J. Hill
- Sam Roy Smith
- Gene M. Racz
- Arthur Womble
- Mitchell Foster
- Hershel E. Deems
- Curtis Lee Hicks
- Edward Parham
- Farrow K. Moss

### 15 YEAR PIN

- William Joe Hixon
- Luther G. O'Neal, Jr.
- J. H. Pursley
- John Allen, Jr.
- Hollis N. Marsh
- Harold Roberts
- Jack Pope
- Leroy Crutchfield
- Noble May
- Murphy Parris
- Henry T. Rutledge
- John Sparks
- Leslie O. Higdon
- John W. Hixon, Jr.
- Fred Brown
- Wesley Hicks
- James A. Teeters
- Ben T. Long
- James E. Johnson, Jr.
- Lige A. Daniel
- Thomas L. Warren
- Eugene Drake

### 25 YEAR PIN

- Robert W. Lusk

### 30 YEAR PIN

- Don M. Andrews
- J. H. Wall

## NEW BADGES ARE ISSUED

Mueller Co. employees were issued new oval metal badges on December 15. The badges are polished nickel finish with baked enamel colors and are equipped with pins and jeweler's safety catches.

- Colors are as follows.
- Blue—foreman.
- Red—plant, first shift.
- Yellow—plant, second and third shift.
- White—office.

In order that the number of lost badges may be reduced, "Return to Mueller Co.—Return Postage Guaranteed" is printed on the back of each badge.

## RADCLIFFE HEADS DECATUR CLUB

Don Radcliffe, Assistant to the Executive Vice President of Mueller Co., has been elected president of the Decatur Club. Mr. Radcliffe served as vice president of the social club last year.

Also named to office was Richard D. Welch who was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the club. Mr. Welch is a member of the law firm of Webber, Webber, & Welch, legal counsel for Mueller Co.

## TWO HOLIDAYS

Most Mueller Co. employees will enjoy two consecutive three-day holidays during this Christmas season. In observing the Christmas holiday, the factories and offices will close on December 26 and January 2 since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year.

This, in effect, gives most employees three days—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—on two consecutive week ends.



# Brass Chips FROM MUELLER LIMITED

By Mrs. Almeda M. Reeve

## Parade of Curlers Opens 27th Bonspiel

The skirl of the bagpipes, with Jack Brown bonspiel chairman and "Scotty" (John) Milne heading the parade of curlers to church Sunday evening, Dec. 4, announced that the 27th annual Imperial Bonspiel was at hand. Almost 150 exponents of the game from Quebec, Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois gathered for the pre-Bonspiel parade.

A total of 80 major prizes and five trophies including the Mueller, Limited, trophy, awaited the winning rinks in the three-day Bonspiel, which lead off at 9 a. m., December 5.

A president's reception was tendered the visitors following the church service, with John Milne, President of the Sarnia Curling Club, presiding.

Clyde B. Smith, President of Mueller Employees Credit Union, has announced that the annual meeting and election of officers for the M.E.C.R. will be at a banquet and dance to be held afterwards in the Legion Hall, Front Street, Sarnia, on February 2, at 6:30 P. M. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

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Charles S. Browett ended his vacation by spending three days moving to his new home at Woodrowe Shores, a new subdivision on Lake Huron.

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Ron. Dagg recently resigned his position as Ass't Merchandise Manager in the Plumbing & Streamline Division to take a position in the Export sales division of Ford Motor Company at Toronto. Ron was presented with a leather brief case by W. R. Brennan, on behalf of his Mueller associates and everyone joined in wishing Ron every success in his new position.

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John H. Burns, Plant Engineer, recently entered the municipal political field and was elected to the Separate School Board of Education.

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A recent notice of organization changes effected the following appointments to the Supervisory Staff

- Bruce Barrett — to Assistant Foreman of the Tool Room
- George Lee — to Assistant Foreman of the Brass Shop
- Carman Weese — to Assistant Foreman of the Core Room
- Maurice Simard — to Assistant Foreman of the Shipping Room.

### New Muellerites

To Peter Krywicki (Dept. 9) and Mrs. Krywicki, a son, David Scott, on Sept. 8,

To Hartley Cornell (Dept. 5) and Mrs. Cornell, a daughter, Mary Michelle, on August 26,

To Orval McClemens (Dept. 10) and Mrs. McClemens, a son, Robert James, on August 25,

To Fred Seabrook (Dept. 14) and Mrs. Seabrook, a son, Richard George, on October 12,



Jack Brown, Bonspiel chairman, and John (Scotty) Milne, second from left, lead the parade of curlers as the 27th annual Imperial Bonspiel opens December 4 in Sarnia.

To Marcel St. Jean (Dept. 2) and Mrs. Marcel, a daughter, Loranine, on October 27,

To Frank Petronski (Dept. 7) and Mrs. Petronski, a daughter, Helen Mary, on November 10,

To Paul DiNovo (Dept. 44) and Mrs. DiNovo, a daughter, Susan Carol, on November 28.

### Marriages

Ray Edwards, Dept. 6, was married to the former Myrtle Johnston, Inspector in Government Bond room, on Friday, November 25.

Raymond Rankin, Dept. 2, was married to the former Helen Wicks of Dresden, Ontario, on Saturday, November 26.

The sympathy of the Mueller organization is extended to Garfield Cross (Dept. 2) in the death of his father on October 19; Mrs. Almeda Reeve (Accounting) in the passing of her mother-in-law on November 29; and the family of the late John F. Woodcock, who died at his home in Montreal, November 23.

The distribution of hams gaily wrapped and each containing a special Christmas message in the form of a letter, provided a real Christmas spirit at the Mueller, Limited Plant. The gifts were distributed to each employee by the departmental foreman with G. W. Parker and the other executives on hand to extend the season's greetings to everyone.

## 24 Teachers Tour Sarnia Plant During First B-E Day

Approximately 500 Sarnia and district school teachers made history on October 6, when they took part in the Business-Education day, the first of its kind to be held in Canada.

It was organized by the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce and fash-

ioned after similar experiments in several large cities in the United States, designed to give teachers an opportunity to see and study first-hand the operations and problems as well as the function of Canadian business as it is conducted in our Freedom-of-Enterprise economy.

### B-E Day Chairman Thanks Mueller, Ltd.

The following letter was written to George W. Parker, Mueller, Limited, President, as a result of the Sarnia plant's participation in Business-Education Day.

Mr. G. W. Parker,  
Mueller, Limited  
Sarnia, Ontario  
Dear Sir:

The unqualified success of the first Sarnia BE-Day rests entirely with the work which was done by the hosts of firms in entertaining the teachers. It is my sincere opinion that the enthusiasm for this program, which was accepted by you and representatives from your company, has made possible a very comprehensive effort in a relatively simple manner.

We wish that you would pass along to those who participated in your BE-Day activities our very sincere thanks for their enthusiasm and efficient co-operation.

Yours very truly,  
G. R. HENDERSON,  
General Chairman

Twenty-four of these teachers were met and welcomed by T. G. Quance, Mueller, Limited, Executive Vice President, when he introduced G. W. Parker, President and Treasurer, who extended greetings and outlined the history of Mueller, Limited. The program for the day was outlined and the company personnel were introduced to the guests. The guests toured the plant and office in the afternoon and the program closed with a general discussion.

It was felt that, in returning to their respective classrooms, each teacher had a better understanding of how modern business and industry is operated and what is expected of an employee.

### W. H. Hipsher Re-Elected

W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President, has been named to his third term on the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Committee. The Committee, composed of 47 manufacturers representatives in the nation, considers problems of taxation, labor relations, and economic education as well as manufacturing problems.

# Around The Plant - At CHATTANOOGA

By Gene Racz

To say we have a bowling team would be the "understatement" of the year. We have two teams and one of them seems to be made up completely of All-Stars. On September 29, the following item appeared in the Chattanooga Times sport section with the headline "JONES' 645 SETS '55 RECORD. Coy Jones of Mueller's combine set a new citywide and City League individual series mark for the season of 645 at the Chattanooga Bowling Lanes. Rolling on the tough 1-2 alleys, Jones exploded that bowlers' nightmare with games of 212, 208 and 225. Previous high for the city and the City League were Joe Wall's 630, rolled last week."

On November 25, our team again made the news with "POTTER'S KEGLING PACING CITY LOOP" followed by: Jim Potter who has been doing some terrific kegling lately posted both high game and series in the City League's latest session with lofty scores of 246 and 617. Both Jim and "Chuck" have appeared on a local television station as "bowler of the week." We have just heard the news that Mr. Wall has again won the \$100 jackpot for an average of 200 per game for eight games. Joe Wall, Coy Jones and Jim Potter are also bowling on Chattanooga Bowling Center's Traveling Team. So far they are unbeaten. Others on the Mueller bowling teams are: Marcus Daniel, Stanley Kuhne, Odie Walker, Jr., William E. Hixson, Jr., Frank Kellett, Jim Tolbert, Ralph Tolbert, and Edgar Bryant.

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Congratulations to the following parents:

- Ronald Bice—son
- Howard Stokes—daughter
- Roy L. Caudle—son
- Gradye Byrd—daughter.

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Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Guy Dunagan of the Tool Room. Guy died suddenly on October 3. Everyone will remember Guy as a nice person. He received his ten year service pin last year.

Also we extend our sympathy to Russell Davis in the recent death of his brother, Edwin, who was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 22. Edwin worked a few years ago in our Machine Shop.

We welcome Billy Bryant back from military service. Billy served four years in the Army Air Force and is employed in our Machine Shop.

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### SALES DEPT. Ione Mulkey

Welcome, Herman E. Easley as Assistant Order Interpreter. We know Ronald Rogers is especially glad to have you.

Joann Gamble has joined the Sales Department. She formerly was in the Cost Department.

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### COST AND PAYROLL DEPT. Jo Houston

Helen Ramsey, our switchboard operator and receptionist, became Mrs. Marvin Caldwell on October 14, at the Church of God in Rossville, Georgia.

Jean Wheeler has returned to work after a recent operation.

### ENGINEERING DEPT.

#### Dolores McFadden

Nick Haynes is working in our department. A lot of you will remember his father, Martin Haynes, who was in charge of our Machine Shop until his death in 1946.

Oscar Brown has returned from a Florida vacation with a nice tan and rested appearance.

### PRODUCTION DEPT.

#### Lois Trotter

Joan Long and Aubry Long were married on November 4, at Trenton, Ga.

## 'Frisky Takes Over Harley Himsteads'; Likes Photo Bulbs



Harley and Frisky

This will introduce "Frisky," the mascot of 2100 E. Dickinson Avenue, Decatur, and the special friend (now that his intentions have been found to be friendly) of the Harland Himsteads.

Frisky at first created a bit of anxiety in the neighborhood due to his aggressiveness. In fact, he chased Mrs. Himstead into the house before it became apparent that he was merely (a) hungry and (b) wanted to play.

He has total contempt for all things photographic except for the rattle of loose flashbulbs in one's pocket. To these he reacts instantly, scampering up the photographer's pants legs and trying to enter the pocket containing the bulbs.

He often waits until one is ready to snap his picture, then turns his back contemptuously and while he does not run away, he stands there, back to camera quietly, and munches on a nut.

## L.A. Xmas Party Held at Disneyland

The Mueller Co. Christmas party for children of Los Angeles employees was held under the big top show of the Disneyland circus this year. The company sponsored party was held December 17.

Disneyland was decorated with Christmas splendor and a large banner saying "Welcome Mueller Co." greeted the employees and their children.

A section of seats in the candy-stripped Christmas tent was reserved for Mueller Co. In addition to the big show, tickets were given to all children including teenagers entitling them to eight rides.





Planning for one of the most successful Christmas parties the Decatur plants have had in several years was by the above group. They are, from left, George Binkley, Harland Himstead, Tom Harding, Cecil Coffin (chairman), Archie Sefton, James Cussins III, M. K. Chaney, and R. K. Duncan.

## 1100 Kiddies, Parents Attend Christmas Party In Decatur

Approximately 1,100 delighted children and their parents of Mueller Co. plants in Decatur showed their approval as one of the gayest Christmas parties in several years was held Saturday, December 17, at the Masonic Temple.

Old Santa Claus (Al Pigg of WTVP) was on hand to greet the kiddies, and got some last minute instructions from more

than a few on what to bring during his annual visit to our homes Christmas eve.

The Rev. Carrel Flewelling, pastor of the Central Christian Church, delivered an inspiring Christmas Prayer. Organ music before and during the program was by Harry Wheeler, well known Decatur organist.

W. H. Hipsher, Mueller Co. Executive Vice President, gave

the welcome address to the parents and children, the latter who all were 13 years old or younger.

The big show, which after all was the main reason the kiddies came, was an all-professional performance and a good one too. Things got underway with a clown and cycle act by Lou Morgan. This was followed by Marsha Cleary and her trapeze act. The show was concluded with an animal act known as Harry Haggis Dogs.

The big afternoon for the kids came to a close as they were presented with their Christmas gift following the program.

Harland Himstead drew his usual pleasant chore again this year as head usher. He was assisted by Charlie Moore. Ushers were: Ruth Brownlow, Betty Dominck, Beverly McGinnis, Geneva Rose, Mary Louise Wheatley, Connie Brumaster, Irene Tueth and Carla Shanks.

The "Treats for the Kiddies" department was headed by Pete Duncan and Paul Amman. Their capable assistants were: Phyllis Barber, Delores Peterson, Helen Lee, Sherry Wiant, Myrtle Ryan and Sue Bentz.

The committee planning this year's Christmas party was headed by C. E. Coffin as chairman. Other members were Archie Sefton, M. K. Chaney, R. K. Duncan, Harland Himstead, Tom Harding, George Binkley and Jim Cussins.

The stage was gaily decorated with two Christmas trees on each corner of the stage and a

## Let's Keep Christmas

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That was the theme of the Christmas message delivered by W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President, at the annual party for children of Mueller Co. employees.

Quoting the late Peter Marshall, famous minister known the world over, Mr. Hipsher said that the three basic needs of everyone can't be bought in stores. "At Christmas time we need more than ever, these three attributes — friendship, understanding and consideration," he told the 1100 persons attending.

"And the oddity of all this," Mr. Hipsher said, "is that in the hurry hurry of Christmas shopping, we face a shortage of parking space, crowded stores, traffic congestion, while all our attention is on one thing—to find suitable gifts for family and friends.

"Perhaps if we could remember these three treasures—friendship, understanding and consideration—we could accomplish our Christmas obligations considerably easier and better," he said.

In closing, Mr. Hipsher, on behalf of every officer and director of Mueller Co., welcomed the group to the party, and, in the words of Peter Marshall, said, "Let's Keep Christmas."

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.

candy cane fence was across the rear of the stage. A huge "MERRY CHRISTMAS" banner was across the top of the stage, and fluorescent colors, ornaments and stars were on the back of the stage.

## Roy Abel Is Assistant To Works Manager



ROY ABEL

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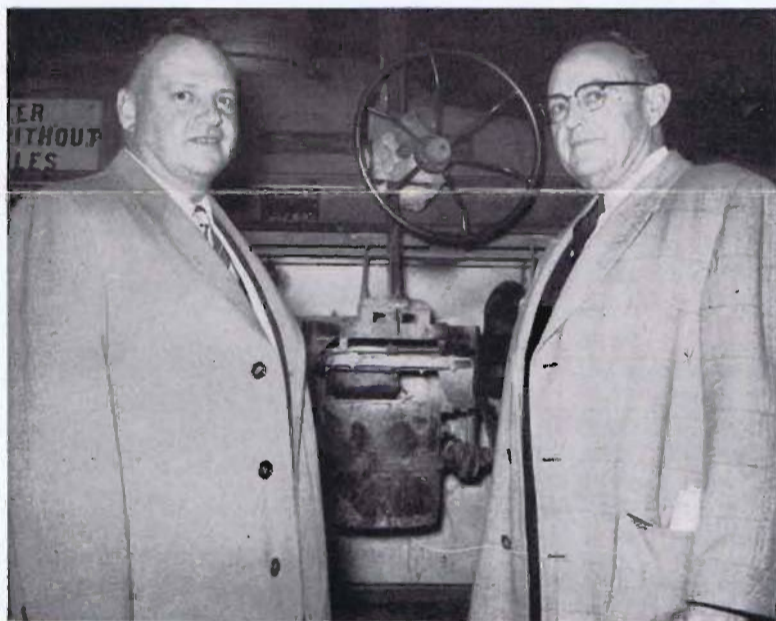
Engineering. He joined the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. after graduation and was with that company until he entered the Navy as an ensign in 1944. During World War II service he was a member of an underwater demolition team until it was decommissioned in 1945 and later became an officer on the staff of the Commander, Sea Forces, Hawaiian Sea Frontier.

Mr. Abel became a field representative for the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1946, and in April, 1947, he was employed by the Lincoln Electric Co. at Cleveland as a time study and methods engineer.

In 1949, he entered Cleveland College, Western Reserve University, as a graduate student studying business administration, and in February, 1950, he was named Executive Assistant to the President of Wagner Awning and Manufacturing Co.

In 1952, he joined Albert Ramond & Associates.

Mr. Abel is a member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Institute of Management Science. He is married and has two sons, John Christian and Douglas Edward. His family will join him in Decatur in February.



Lawrence E. Gilbert, left, Vice President of Marsh & McLennan, insurance brokers in Havana, Cuba, and O. E. Walker, Mueller Co. Vice President and Works Manager, are shown as the latter guided Mr. Gilbert on a tour of our Decatur plants. Mr. Gilbert was one of several American businessmen in Cuba who were recent guests of the Decatur Association of Commerce. The guests toured four Decatur industries. The Cubans were in Decatur on a trip to the United States sponsored by the American Chamber of Commerce of Cuba, an organization that among other things is helping make known the idea that Cuba buys American products and supplies our sugar.



Bill Doherty, who looks in the "pink" in this photo despite his lengthy illness, was scheduled to return to work on Tuesday, December 27 and probably will be back with us when this issue is in the mail. Bill has had a long siege of illness, but never once lost sight of the fact that his one great wish was to return to work. Above, John Smith, president of the 4-X club this year, presents Bill, the 1954-55 president, with the trophy given annually to the immediate past president. Bill, who later spent three weeks in the Mayo Methodist Hospital after going through the Mayo Clinic, sent his best regards to everyone. He's to take things lightly for a while after his return to work and will return to the Mayo Clinic in April for another checkup.

## Decatur Office Expansion Begins



As this issue goes to press, work on the new office expansion at our main plant is well underway. Above, three electricians begin the rewiring. They are, left to right, Carl Smith, Robert Ridgeway and John M. Smith, foreman. The expansion will add the much needed space to our now crowded office facilities. Moving to the new section will be all of Accounting, Department Billing, General Accounting, Accounts Receivable, Credit, and Troy Roush and Bud Levey of the Sales Division. Augie Werdes, plant controller, will move to a new office in the new section. On the other side, a partition will be erected separating the Sales Division and Headquarters. New offices will also be built for Don Radcliffe and Harlan White.

## Officers, Directors

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Mrs. Charlotte M. Schluter  
Mrs. Lenore Mueller Schmick  
Albert G. Webber, Jr.  
Leo Wiant.

All officers and directors of Mueller, Limited, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held in Decatur December 14.

Officers are:

G. W. Parker, President and Treasurer.

T. G. Quance, Executive Vice President.

R. M. Nicolson, Vice President and General Sales Manager.

R. J. Skippon, Vice President and Factory Manager.

J. Milne, Secretary.

C. S. Browett, Plant Controller and Assistant Secretary.

Directors are:

W. H. Hipsher

J. Milne

Ebert B. Mueller

R. M. Nicolson

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