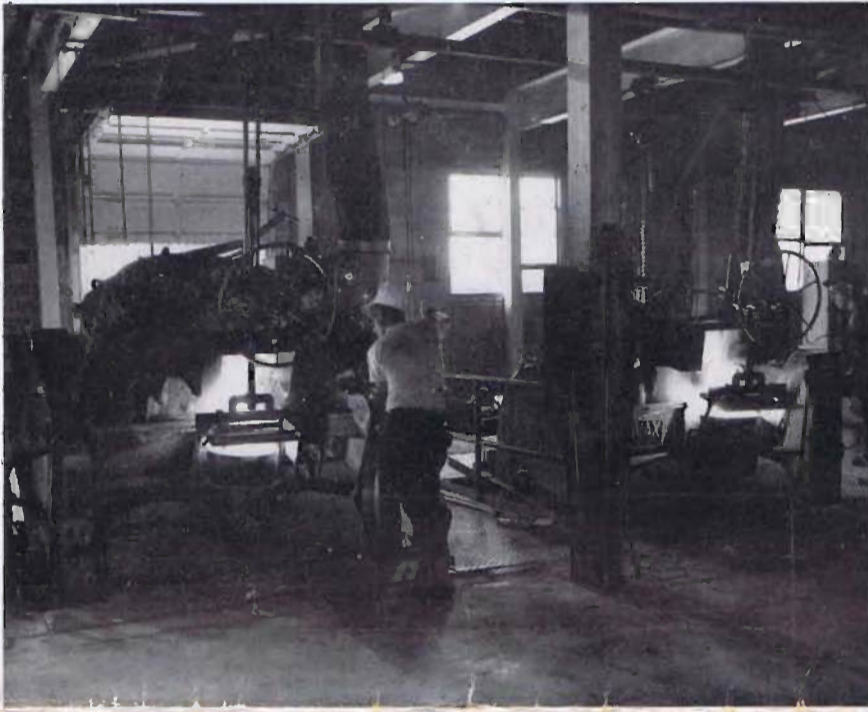


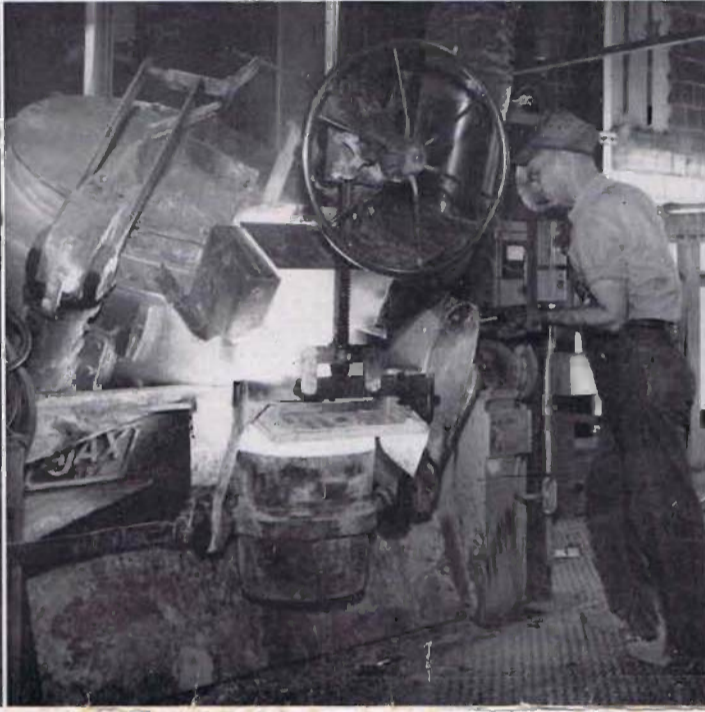
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# 7 New Furnaces At Plant 4 Half-Square Land Bought In Decatur



THREE OF THE seven new electric furnaces installed at Plant 4 which eliminated factory smoke are shown above.

Laddieman Clarence Albert is at left. Laddieman Arthur Kay is shown twice, in the photo at left and the closeup



at right. The plant was recently converted from oil-burning furnaces to the new electric units. Cost of the project was about one-half million dollars.

It took several months to complete the project, and extensive rewiring and remodeling was required.

The purchase of all property in a half-square block fronting our main office has been completed. Negotiations to buy the ten parcels of land involved are in the 500 block between North College and North Monroe Streets and West Eldorado and West Cerro Gordo Streets.

W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President, said in announcing the purchase that the company has no immediate plans for use of the property.

"Some of the properties purchased are presently under long-term lease agreements," Mr. Hipsher said.

Included in the property is the West Side Church of the Nazarene, Coryell service station and property formerly occupied by the Wagner Memorial Co.

## Two Get 45-Year Pins

Roy Wood, Service Foreman and Assistant Production Manager at Plant 4, Decatur, and Rowdy E. Gann, Group Leader, Chattanooga plant's Machine Shop Division, each observed their 45th anniversary with Mueller Co. recently and thus became eligible for the \$1,000 bonus at any time they choose to retire.

Mr. Gann began work at the Chattanooga plant May 16, 1911, in the machine Shop as a turret lathe operator. On December 16, 1944, he was promoted to Group Leader of the Machine Shop Division and has held that position since then. He and his family live in Hixon, Tennessee, just outside Chattanooga, where he does a little farming in his spare time.

Mr. Wood began work for Mueller Co. May 25, 1910. His first job was scrubbing castings in the Nichol Plating Department. Later, he was assigned to the Polishing Room before moving into the foundry.

For two years, he was helper to the company's blacksmith; then he was promoted to production control work in the foundry.

Mr. Wood well remembers the day that O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager, came to Mueller Co. as a youth in the foundry. "I use to assign jobs to Odie," he said. Mr. Wood wrote the orders for foundry production in those days.

In 1954, he was promoted to his present position.

Also observing service anniversaries since the last issue of Main Connections through July 31 were the following employees.

**DECATUR**  
 FIVE YEARS—David R. Brown, Carl E. Floren, Gus M. Fyke.

TEN YEARS—Willie D. McCoy, Charles H. Ashmore, Thomas E. Branson, Donald W. McQuality, Paul Jones, Robert C. Wiley, Ellis B. Boles, Richard E. Westerfield, Leonard W. Eckhart, George V. Perry, Paul F.

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## Bill Doherty Dies After Long Illness

Cornelius William (Bill) Doherty, 54, Office Manager of the Engineering Division, Decatur, died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 28, in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital. He was in failing health about one year and just recently returned to the office after treatment in the Mayo Clinic and St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur.

Mr. Doherty had assumed

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## See You At The Polls!

When all the shouting is over and the last campaign speech has been made, isn't this what all the struggle is really about?

You and your neighbors are going to march to the polls November 6 and settle things the American way.

Not by fists or by force, not with a penalty if you don't vote, or the secret police checking up to see if you did.

You'll vote because it's the thing to do.

Vote as you please, of course—but vote.

Vote for the party and the candidates you honestly believe will represent you best.

But also vote because you believe in this democracy of ours and you want to keep it the way it is—a country where you can have your say and nobody else can say it for you.

Everybody you know will be there.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE POLLS. VOTE NOVEMBER 6!

## They Are Eligible For \$1,000 Bonus



TWO MEN MARK A TOTAL of 90 years with Mueller Co. At left above, Rowdy E. Gann receives his 45-year pin and a \$70.00 gift check from Chattanooga Plant Manager J. H. Wall. Right, Roy Wood

whose work history dates back to the days when he handed out work assignments in the foundry to O. E. Walker, Vice President and Works Manager, is congratulated by Mr. Walker, left, and Archie Sefton, General Superintendent. Mr.

Wood displays his 45-year pin while receiving his \$70.00 check from Mr. Walker. Both Mr. Wood and Mr. Gann thus became eligible for the \$1,000 bonus which they will receive at anytime they wish to retire.

## Chamber Names Mr. Hipsher Again

W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice President, has been named to his third year as a member of the Manufacturing and Industrial Development Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The 41-member committee represents the viewpoint of the manufacturer in the formation of Chamber policy and helps encourage industrial development programs in the United States.

### JUST MARRIED? ?

BRIDES! If you married since the last election, you have to register again to vote in the November 6 election. Be sure your new name is in the book!



HUGH L. KERWOOD, third from left, Decatur Specialty Division bullard operator, receives a gift check for \$40.00 and his 30-year service pin from O. E. Walker, left, Vice

President and Works Manager. Looking on are Ed Hartwig, Specialty Division Foreman, second from left, and Archie Sefton, General Superintendent.



VIRGIL R. MORRISON receives a \$30.00 gift check and his 25-year service pin from Mr. Walker. Mr. Sefton and

Milo Wright, Plant 4 Iron Machine Shop Foreman, stand by. Mr. Morrison is a machine operator.



RUSSELL L. JOLLY, Midwest Sales Manager, observed his 30th anniversary with Mueller Co. on June 1 and received both his service pin and gift check for \$40.00. His presentation was made by mail since his headquarters are in Chicago.

## 45-Year Pins To Wood, Gann

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Parsons, George Lebo, John R. Boyd, Burril Paslay, Richard S. West, Gerald A. Stanley, Lynn T. Harper.

FIFTEEN YEARS—Carl W. Fleischauer, Max L. Dukeman, Marvin O. Davis, Dean E. Grant, Charles L. Girard, H. Clay Ramsey, John H. Drake, Thomas S. McCoy, William C. Clutter, Darel E. Jones.

TWENTY YEARS—Charles L. Schroeder, William R. McCoy, Leland H. Hartwig, William H. Jeschawitz, Roy W. True, Wilbur

B. Tucker, Rex B. Smith, Robert L. Dodwell.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS—Virgil R. Morrison, Lester C. Wallace.

THIRTY YEARS—Russell L. Jolly, Arthur W. Bauer, Hugh L. Kerwood.

### CHATTANOOGA

FIVE YEARS—Wallace Bates, James H. Boston, Billy W. Bryant, Eddie L. Calhoun, Grover Hixon, L. S. Jordan, Ross Leatherwood, Jr., Theo Miller, J. D. Readus, Ira C. Warren,

TEN YEARS—Y. C. Cothran, Willie Fletcher, Ira Loftin.

FIFTEEN YEARS—Roy L. Denton, William J. Farrow, Major Hooper, J. E. Johnson, Coy E. Jones, Hood Langley, R. B. McKibben, Levi J. Sanders, Clyde L. Slater.

TWENTY YEARS—Charles Paris.

### LOS ANGELES

FIVE YEARS—Carole Driscoll, Keith Wyman.

TEN YEARS—Rudolph Ramoneda, Paul Packer, Edward Rathke.

FIFTEEN YEARS—Marshall Cook, Lewis Hall.

### SARNIA

FIVE YEARS—Lloyd Clydale, Fraser Campbell, Albert LaBelle, William Gallaher.

TEN YEARS—William Wilkins, Andrew Hayes, Russell Caudle, William Currie.

FIFTEEN YEARS—Bernard Brady, Max Fletcher, Charles Browett, Charles Perkins, Braydon Brock, Albert Hiller, George Foslett, Walter Stevens, John Round, Wilbur Nesbitt.

THIRTY YEARS—Harold Fennell.

FORTY YEARS—John Conway.

## BRASS CHIPS From Mueller, Limited

By ALMEDA M. REEVE  
New Muellerites

A son, Paul Robert Abell, was born May 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abell. Roy is employed in Department 8.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith announce the birth of a son, Gerald Frederick, born June 23. John is employed in Department 10.

A daughter, Linda Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Round on July 5. Sam is employed in Department 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bedard have a new son born July 14. Paul is employed in Department 2.

### Sympathy

The sincere sympathy of the Mueller, Limited employees is extended to Robert Smith in the sudden death of his mother on June 15.

## Decatur 4-X Club To Open Season On September 12

Decatur 4-X Club committees and chairman were named recently as the 1956-57 officers met to launch this year's organization on its way.

The Tools and Methods Department, Ed Nalefski chairman, will be in charge of the season's first meeting Wednesday, September 12.

As in the past, all meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mueller Lodge.

Other committees, chairman and dates for the meetings will be as follows:

October 10—General Office: Bill Sprague, chairman.

November 14—Development Engineering: Fred Tratzik, chairman.

December 12—Sales Division: W. C. Rohman, chairman.

January 9—Ground & Key Shipping Department: Charles Girard, chairman.

February 13—Standards Department: Charles Johnson, chairman.

March 13—Specialty & Product Engineering: Earl Lowe, chairman.

April 10—Plant 4: Verle Utzinger, chairman.

May 8—Factory Service: Roy Abel, chairman.

## Nancy Clark Wed To Harold Kircher

Miss Nancy Clark, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Clark, Decatur, was married to Harold Kircher of Strasburg, Illinois, July 28 in the First English Lutheran Church.

The bride is employed as a stenographer in the Manufacturing Division, Decatur. The groom is with the General Electric Plant in Decatur. They are making their home at 195½ N. Monroe St.

### H. L. OLSEN DIES

H. Laurence Olsen, 76, of 1197 W. Green Street, Decatur, died recently. He was a machinist at Mueller Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1936. He was born in Denmark, came to the United States in 1902 and moved to Decatur a year later.



LESTER C. WALLACE, grinder in the Brass Foundry Grinding and Cleaning Department, is awarded his 25-year service pin and check for

\$30.00 by Mr. Walker. Looking on are Mr. Sefton and Stanley Ashby, Foreman, Brass Foundry Cleaning and Grinding Department.



MR. WALKER presents a \$40.00 gift check and 30-year service pin to Arthur W. Bauer, of the Maintenance Department

in Decatur. Marvin Spitzer, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, left, and Mr. Sefton join in the presentation.

## Bill Doherty Dies



BILL DOHERTY

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most of the duties connected with patents. He secured new patents, renewed trademarks and handled all patent correspondence. He had assembled a complete file on all Mueller patents dating back to the first tapping machine patent secured in 1872.

He was born November 14, 1901, in Decatur, a son of Cornelius C. and Ida E. Doss Doherty. He married Charlotte A. Sinnott in Decatur October 10, 1933. She survives.

Mr. Doherty also leaves a brother, John W., Decatur, and

### Petition for Parking

Mueller Co. has petitioned the Decatur City Council for a special permit to enlarge its parking lot at Plant 4. The property is located at 1245 E. Garfield Avenue. It adjoins the present parking lot and is unimproved.

The City Council referred the petition to the City Plan Commission.

two sisters, Miss Mary Doherty and Mrs. Marguerite Freeman, Decatur.

He started with Mueller Co. in the summer of 1918 while a high school student. He also worked during the summer of 1919, both periods being spent in the Machine Shop. In 1920, he worked fulltime until the time of his death. Beginning in the Machine Shop in 1920, he was transferred to the Tool Room in 1923, and in December, 1937, was promoted to the Experimental Engineering Department. He came to the Engineering Division office in 1945 as Assistant to the Administrative and Sales Engineer. He later was promoted to office manager of the division.

Mr. Doherty was a life-long resident of Decatur and made his home at 312 S. Woodale Avenue. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus No. 577 and the Mueller Co. 4-X Club. He was a past president of the 4-X Club.

Requiem High Mass was held Thursday, August 30, at 9:30 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. The rosary was recited by Knights of Columbus members at the J. J. Moran & Sons Funeral Home.

Pall bearers included two Mueller Co. executives, Leo Wiant, Administrative Vice President, and John Smith, Chief Engineer of Administration and Design.

### TIME WELL SPENT! !

BEST FIVE MINUTES YOU EVER SPENT. THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO GET YOUR NAME IN THE BOOK OF REGISTERED VOTERS—and you can't vote in the November 6 election unless you are registered.

# Around the Plant

## ... AT CHATTANOOGA

By GENE RACZ

Our sincerest sympathy to Sam Foster of the Pattern Shop in the loss of his father July 4.

Talmadge Pittman, employed in the Iron Foundry, was married July 6 to the former Florene Worsham.

Before the current bowling season ended, our company added a third team. We now have a team playing in the Civic League, one in the Victory League and the last team is in the Industrial League. Jack Pope is captain and Marion Eckman, Chief Engineer, James Godwin, cleaning room clerk, R. F. Jones, Iron Foundry molder, Charles Farmer, Sales Department correspondent, Marcus Daniel, Jr. Machine Shop, and Robert Martin, clerk in the Iron Foundry make up the team. Many of the fellows representing each of the teams have been bowling on summer teams, so our company should have a fine record when the season opens the last of August.

Burnest Hays, molder in the Brass Foundry, has just completed his new home on Lafayette Road.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lonnie Helton, who passed away on June 18. Lonnie was employed in the Iron Foundry and was on his way home after completing his work on the second shift when he was involved in an automobile accident.

Larry Lusk, son of Robert Lusk, Tool Designer Engineer, has completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. GRAYSON

Miss Wanda Stanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stanley, and George Grayson were married June 30, 1956 at the Pine Grove Baptist Church in Whitfield, Tennessee. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Arthur Carson and the late Luther Grayson. George is employed as a machine operator in the machine shop and Wanda is employed at Davenport Mill.

We want to express a "welcome home" to Berry Ayers who has been serving the past three years in the United States Army. Berry will return to his old job in the Iron Foundry.

Some of the men attending two weeks of military field training this year are: Jimmy

Johnson, Captain of "B" Battery 115 AFA of the Tennessee National Guard. Jimmy is employed in the Assembly Department and is doing a fine job as reporter for that department; others in "B" Battery include SP3 Ray Claridy, a clerk in the Shipping Department, and Sgt. Frank Lewis of the Machine Shop. Bob Evans, Machine Shop, is serving with Battery "C" as Sgt. 1st class and Charles Alexander also of the Machine Shop is M/Sgt. in Headquarters 181. All of these men received training at Camp Stewart Georgia, June 9th thru June 25th. Jimmy reports that just previous to summer training, rifle competition was held at Arnold Engineering Development Center Rifle Range in Tullahoma, Tennessee with Ray Claridy capturing top honors with 210 out of a possible 240. Joseph Racz of the Maintenance Department spent June 18th thru June 30th at Fort Gordon, Georgia, with the 304th M. P. Bn.

The foreman's meeting was held on May 10, 1956 at the Maypole restaurant. Officers elected for the next year are: President, Frank Kellett; Vice President, Stanley Kuhne; Secretary, Frank Puffer; Ass't. Secretary and Treasurer, Ernie Campbell.

Congratulations to the following Brass Foundry employees: James Sales, son, Melvin, born June 28; Leroy Hampton, son, Ezra Charles, born June 21; in the Machine Shop, Earl Snyder, son, Rodney, born June 26; James Hollingsworth, daughter, Eleanor Francine, born May 10; Robert Catching, daughter, Patricia Linn, born May 6, Bob Evans, daughter, Jacquelyn Faye, born July 7; William Hambrick, daughter, Barbara Lynn; in the Assembly Department Paul Hahn, daughter, Mary Lynn, and Rudolph Dover, son, Derrell Duane, born June 22.

Ronald Bice of the Maintenance Department and his wife and small son journeyed to tropical Miami, Florida for a vacation and visit to Ronald's folks May 28 thru June 3rd.

O. E. Walker, Jr. attended the Material Handling Exposition in Cleveland, Ohio, June 4-8.

Willie Cowley, Brass Foundry, entered the United States Army on June 13. We haven't had any news from Willie yet but we received a letter a few days ago from Homer Cross, formerly of the Assembly Department who is stationed at Fort Ord, California.

We are glad to see James B. Wallace able to return to work after having to miss work for a number of weeks due to an operation.

The St. Elmo Church of Christ in Chattanooga was the scene July 7, for the marriage of Miss Wilma Sue Frederick and Wheeler Turner Cage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frederick. She is the sister of Gene Frederick, Shipping Department, and Harold Frederick, Machine Shop.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. E. T. Allen and the late Wheeler T. Cage of Hixon, Tenn.



MR. AND MRS. CAGE

The Rev Charles G. Lemons was the officiating minister and Miss Ann Becker, organist, and Mrs. Joan Murray, vocalist, presented the nuptial music. The bride was attired in a white eyelet dress, worn over blue tafetta.

She carried a white Bible adorned with a white orchid and stephanotis. W. H. Beene, Jr. served as best man and Mrs. Ruth Frederick, sister-in-law of the bride was the attendant.

After the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to St. Augustine, Florida, for traveling the bride chose a costume of black and white. Wheeler is employed in the Time Study Department as an Engineer and Wilma is employed in the Purchasing Department of Dupont Co. The couple is residing on Tennessee Avenue.

If some of the fellows around here seem pretty proud it is because they have someone to be proud of. It looks as though some of them have sons or daughters that are going to be playing a big part in the activities of the high schools come this fall. Bert Fant son of Autra Fant, foreman in the Cleaning Room, has been appointed regimental commander in R.O.T.C. at Central High. Bert in his junior year received the American Legion Medal, the outstanding Junior trophy and the Distinguished Cadet Medal.



CYNTHIA SKIPPER

Cynthia Marie Skipper daughter of Ruben Skipper, Factory Inspector, will be representing her school as a majorette as she enters her sophomore year at Tyner High School. She has been training at the Brainerd Dance Studio and has been very active in school activities in the past years. She was president of the F.H.A., secretary of the dramatic club and secretary and

treasurer of her home room last year.

Wanda Lee Eckman, daughter of Marion Eckman, chief engineer, and Lorene Heyer, daughter of Wayne Heyer, Controller, have been elected to serve as co-captains of the Central High school basketball team for the 56-57 school term. Both girls will be seniors. Lorene was selected to represent Central in her junior year when three girls were chosen from each high school in the city for the American Legion Citizenship award. The girls journeyed the week of June 3 to Middle Tennessee Teachers College at Murfreesboro. They were joined by girls from other parts of the state and while there set up a miniature state government. Out of the three hundred girls attending six cities were organized and Lorene was elected as mayor of one of them.

We want to extend a "get well quick" appeal to James Hadnott and Albert Roberson of the Iron Foundry; Lee Roy Wofford, David Williamson, James West, William Beene, Frank Flury and Arvel Black of the Machine Shop and J. E. Johnson of the Assembly Department.

### L.A. Sales Force Moves Into New Office Building

By GEORGE KNUDSEN

E. George Baker, Assistant Sales Manager, and the Sales personnel have moved into their new offices on the property recently purchased from the Automatic Sprinkler Corp. which adjoins our present location. Bill Keith, Steel Machine Shop, recently drove to Yuma, Arizona, where he and Mavis Jackson were married.



MR. AND MRS. KEITH

Jackie Hanley, Accounting Department, and Richard Bergman were married in the St. Alphonsus Church. Their honeymoon was spent touring through Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco and Bass Lake near Yosemite Valley.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward. This youngster was in a hurry. He was born in transit. Robert is employed as a press operator in the Forging Department.

A baby girl, Diane Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rickard Manning. Dick is a draftsman in the Engineering Department.

A baby girl, Helen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Montantes. Tony works in the Shipping Department.

Marshall Cook of the Tool Department announces that his daughter will marry Alden Dunn.

Jim Wolf, Sales Department and Helen Wall were married July 23 in Las Vegas. They spent their honeymoon at Lake Tahoe.

Mickey Liebherr, machinist in the Brass Machine Shop, is a dog fancier in a big way—Great Danes. He recently entered his puppy (56 pounds) in the 10th Annual American Kennel Club Match and took second place. The show was held at Van Nuys, California, sanctioned by the A.K.C. This pup is four months old. His call name is Chipper, and his registered name is Master Chipper of Guilderdane.



MASTER CHIPPER

Our bowling teams, one at Whittier and Atlantic and the other at the Alhambra Bowling Center, entered this summer are in fourth place. The Whittier team consists of Ben Piott, Jim Holms, Frank Williams, Charles Portee, and Bill Young. The Alhambra team is made up of John Hesselback, Dick Warren, and Vickie Montoya.

A Wedding Shower was given for Jackie Hanley. Hostesses were Kay Worley, Bobbie Hughes and Alice Innerarity. Those attending were: Jerry Montoya, Mildred Mitchel, Helen Caswell, Gertrude Melhuish, Veva Opheim, Marjorie Cody, Olive Yoder, Verna Murphy, Ruth Powell, Fern McCallum, Evelyn Roessel, Karen Genoway, Stella Rodak, Kathryn Thompson, Vickie Borden, Dorothy Smith, Gail Chuba, May Harris, Hazel Lehman.

### MICHAEL ALBERT

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spitzer announces the birth of a son, Michael Albert, born June 21. Marvin is supervisor of the Construction and Maintenance Department in Decatur.

### DAUGHTER GRADUATES

John Smith, Decatur electrician, reports that his daughter has graduated from college and has accepted a teaching position in Michigan.

### VOTING FIRST TIME

Some 4,000,000 young Americans will be able to vote for the President for the first time in the November 6 election. Are you one of them? If so, be sure to register. If you don't get your name in the book you can't vote.

Some 300,000 naturalized citizens will be able to vote for the President for the first time in the November 6 election. Are you one of them? If so, be sure to register. If you don't get your name in the book you can't vote.

## "Mueller Night" At Ball Park



A TYPICAL MUELLER family attending the "Mueller Night" doubleheader was the John Dennis family. John, company printer, is second

from right. Drinking a Coke and enjoying himself thoroughly is son John. Mrs. Dennis is at her son's right. They live at 1314 E. Lawrence St.

## Are You In This Picture?



HOW MANY MUELLER Co. employees or members of Decatur employees' families can you find? Many persons in this picture are just citizens of Decatur attending a Decatur Commodore baseball game. Others, however, are employees who attended the

"Mueller Night" doubleheader between Decatur and Mattoon recently. The game was patronized by Management in an effort to help support Decatur baseball. Employees, their families and guests were "treated" to the game by Mueller Co.

## Stern-Burdick Nuptials July 1

Miss Mary Jean Stern, employed in our Decatur Billing



Mrs. James L. Burdick

Department, and James L. Burdick, brother of Mueller Co. sales representative Bob Burdick, were married Sunday, July 1, in the First English Lutheran Church, Decatur. The Rev. Alfred H. Stone received the vows and a reception followed in the ballroom of the Hotel Orlando.

The groom attended Millikin University. He works for Burdick Co., plumbing and heating. The couple took a wedding trip to Rockton, Illinois, and Chicago, and now live at 825 N. Main Street.

Miss Beverly Stern, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mrs. Phillip Wiant, Miss Kay Brooks and Miss Barbara Mannings were bridesmaids.

Richard Burdick was best man for his brother and ushers were William Burdick, Phillip Wiant, Larry Barnes, Charles Leach and Charles Pierce.

## Voting Tips . . .

MOVERS! If you have moved from the precinct or voting district where you were previously registered, you may have to register again. Check up on it!

REMEMBER — your vote won't register in the November 6 election if you are not a reg-

istered voter. So "get your name in the book" of registered voters!

YOU LOSE—if you are not registered for the November 6 election, because you're left out of something everybody else is doing. Get your name in the book!

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

## National Bible Week Oct. 15 to Oct. 21

Do you know,

1663—In Cambridge, Mass., the first Bible printed in this country was the translation into the Massachusetts dialect of the Algonquin Indians made by John Eliot.

1743—Christopher Sauer in Germantown, Pennsylvania, printed the first Bible in European language in America. This was printed in German.

1782—Robert Aitken in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, printed the first English Bible in this country with the approval and recommendation of Congress.

1790—The first Catholic Bible

published in the United States was brought out by Mathew Carey of Philadelphia. It was a reprint of the Douay Bible which was originally issued by Bishop Richard Challoner in 1609.

1814—The first Bible published in Hebrew in this country was actually a set of two volumes, published by Thomas Dobson in Philadelphia, Pa.

1853—Rabbi Isaac Leeser made the first translation of the Hebrew Bible in this country in Philadelphia, Pa. It is presumed it was published under his own auspices in 1854, and in 1888 was published by the Bloch Publish-

ing Company of New York City. And do you know, also, that

National Bible Week, the annual all-faiths observance will be the week of October 15 through 21. This year marks the sixteenth Bible Week that is yearly sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., who are featuring as their campaign theme: "THE BIBLE: TIMELESS AND ETERNAL." Nation Chairman for the observance will be Melvin H. Baker, Chairman of the Board of the National Gypsum Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## DON'T DROWN THOSE KITTENS!

Anyway you look at it, drowning kittens is an upsetting assignment. That's why we recommend that you give them away through our new WANT — SWAP Page. This new MAIN CONNECTIONS feature will begin in our next issue—providing, of course, our readers wish to cooperate.

## IT WON'T COST YOU A CENT!

Just look around the house, and dig into that basement you have planned so long to put into shipshape. You may find a gold mine right at home. Jot down a description—in as few words as possible—of the item or items you wish to sell. Mail to the editor complete with name, home address and telephone number. We'll take it from there.

## LOSE ANYTHING!

We won't make any recovery promises, but there's no harm in your trying. Send us a description of your lost and found items. Some information is needed. Name, address, telephone.

## NEED SOMETHING!

How about that second car? Some Mueller Co. employee may have just the item you are looking for.

REMEMBER, STARTING IN OUR NEXT ISSUE . . .

You can do your shopping in our

## WANT—SWAP PAGE

### Oh Well! What's In A Name Anyway?

Good thing our Mail Department is acquainted with John Hockings.

Mr. Stockings, oops, Hockings, is an assistant to Francis Carroll, Assistant Sales Manager, Gas Department, in Decatur, and as such receives an abundance of mail from our customers.

The thing Joe can't figure out is why everyone wants to make his name something other than it is.

Here are a few of the things he has been called: Hacker, Hackee, Hawkings, Hawkins, Hoskins, Hacking, Jockings, Hickings, Hocking, Hookings, Hockins, Hoskins, Harkings, Hocings, Hauchings, Hoccings, Hackings, Hocklings, and Hopkins.

Jim said that the Sales Division certainly should be pleased with his results as he is now doing the work of at least 20 men—or maybe we should say names.

He says anybody who can spell stockings can remember how to spell his name since they are so similar.

Remember, the name is Hocklings!

### Graduates From Bible College



MARVIN R. CHANDLER, a hydraulic reamer operator in Decatur, was the only graduate at commencement exercises at the Bethel Bible School, a four-year school conducted at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Decatur. Congratulating him are the Rev. Harold Harsh, right, pastor of the church and president of the school, and the Rev. Albert Schultz, dean of the school and pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Decatur. During the past term, there were about 100 students in

the school, 38 attending days and the rest at night. Marvin's wife will also be graduated from the school next year. Marvin came to Decatur four years ago to enter the school and has been employed by Mueller Co. throughout that period. His future plans are indefinite, but as a graduate, he is qualified to become a minister, chaplain or a missionary. He is an active naval reservist and has expressed interest in navy chaplain work.

### Helen Black Wins Scholarship From Univ. of Tennessee

Miss Helen Black, daughter of Arvel Black of the Chattanooga Machine Shop, will enter the University of Tennessee's Department of Education in September where she recently was awarded a scholarship

Miss Black was graduated from Chattanooga High School last May 31.

While in high school, she was a member of the Dynamo Business Staff, an officer in the Dramatics Club, a member of the Bible Club, the Junior Philharmonic Guild, and the school choir. She also was active in various school productions, was an honor student, and ranked fifth in her graduation class.



MISS HELEN BLACK

### Helen Lee Resigns

MRS. HELEN LEE calls on the assistance of Chief Engineer John Smith to help open gifts during her surprise "going-away" party recently. Mrs. Lee resigned her position as secretary to Frank H. Mueller, Vice President and Director of Engineering, after seven years with the Mueller Co.



*Going Places . . . ?*

*Been Anywhere . . . ?*

*Doing Anything . . . ?*

**We don't mean to be nosey, But . . .**

**WHY DON'T YOU TELL US ABOUT IT!!!**

That's right, we mean to pry. Tell us about the club you are active in, or that backyard you recently converted into a magnificent flower bed. And how about that unusual hobby your husband has? Let's let the fellows down at the plant in on that one!

MAIN CONNECTIONS — that's the employee bi-monthly newspaper you are now reading — wants to do a better job serving the employee and his family, but we are going to need help — the kind of help that only YOU can provide.

There's no time like the present to start. Why not jot down the facts, and let us take it from there. Tell us about your activities, and we'll get 'em printed even if we have to write a book!

Send your news to your plant correspondent or direct to the editor in Decatur. News may be given to one of the following.

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After 49 Years . . .

# The Fire Proof Thumb Retires

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the Decatur Review on May 31, the day Ralph Adams retired after 49 years service with Mueller Co. We think the story so well describes Ralph's job, that we asked the Review for permission to reprint the story in MAIN CONNECTIONS.)

BY BOB FELLOWS

A Decatur Review Staff Writer

"The man with the fire-proof thumb" has retired after 49 years service with Mueller Co. in Decatur.

Ralph Adams, 65, is a master craftsman in the vanishing art of "wiping" hot lead solder on water pipe connections.

Wiping a lead joint is one of the few hand skills never successfully replaced by a machine. Real talent is needed to coax a glob of hot solder to stick simultaneously to the lead pipe and a connection made of bronze or other metal.

Copper tubing, which is flexible and easy to install, has doomed the lead joint trade. But some customers still insist on the older type connections.

"It's hard to say just how long it takes to learn this trade," Adams explained to visitors at his lead spattered bench. "Sometimes it's four or five years, and sometimes, never."

The reason soon became apparent as he began to "wipe" a joint. Scooping a ladle of hot solder, he slopped the metal in a careful pattern on the prospective joint.

To the casual bystander, the solder appeared to run off the pipe as fast as it was applied. However, Adams made careful dabs with a pad held under the pipe and put the ladle aside.

"Watch him, watch him!" whispered several excited visitors, who had seen the operation performed before. Several quick motions of the pad, and suddenly a large ball of solder took form on the joint. Adams was working quickly now, but

with easy practice. Two pushes with the indestructible thumb, a final wipe of the pad, and the symmetrical ball of lead glistened firmly on the joint.

"The secret is in getting the solder just the right temperature, and working it into shape before the ball cools," Adams said. "They always kid me about using my thumb to push the ball into shape, but it seems like that's the way I have to do it."

Adams' casual regard for hot solder isn't limited to just his thumb. He dips his entire hand quickly into the full ladle to test the temperature of the liquid metal. "While I never burn my hands, I do get these," Adams noted, showing dozens of tiny scars on his sun-tanned arms, the result of splashing metal over 49 years.

Ten men and four boys were employed in the lead department when Adams started work there at 16. The reward for his long service came in the form of a \$1,000 bonus check in addition to his pension provided under Mueller Co.'s pension plan. The \$1,000 is provided for all employees retiring with 45 or more years service.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams live at 1283 W. Decatur Street. They have no children and are thinking about moving to Florida. "I think we'll buy a boat, an outboard motor and trailer, then be fishing gypsies," he said.

### SHE'S MARRIED

Miss Lenore Swerski, secretary to LeRoy J. Evans, Vice President in Charge of Eastern Sales, New York office, recently was married and is now known as Mrs. Lenore Areman. (Sorry, but we haven't more details.)

### HE'S A MAYOR!

Did you know that Bill Kaigley, a plumber in Department 38, Decatur, also is Mayor of Dalton City, Illinois? He's one of many Mueller Co. people who are active in civic affairs in their home community.

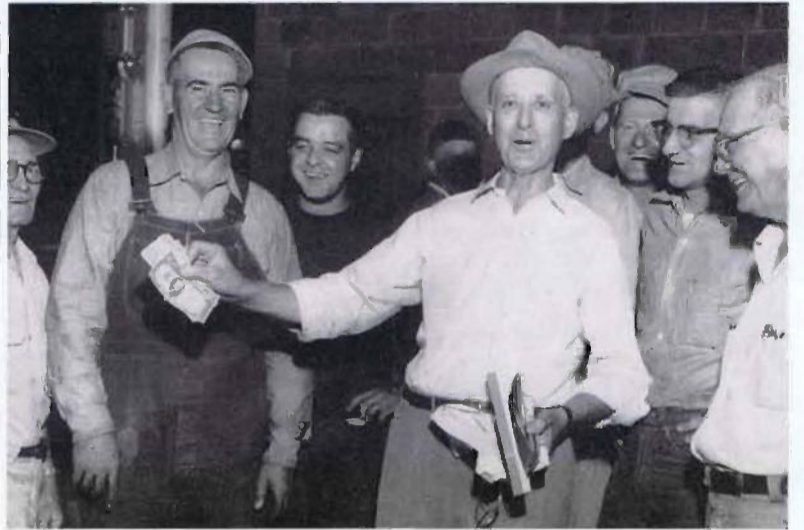
## Francis X. Uhl Marries Nancy Butzler

Miss Nancy Jo Butzler of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Francis X. Uhl, sales representative with headquarters in Pittsburgh, were married August 4 in the St. Athanasius Church of West View, Pennsylvania.

A reception was given in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Butzler.

Mr. Uhl is a graduate of Millikin University and a son of Robert E. Uhl, 922 N. Church Street, Decatur, and the late Mrs. Uhl. His bride attended the University of Pittsburgh. After a trip through New England, they are making their home in North Hills near Pittsburgh.

## Three Decatur Men Retire



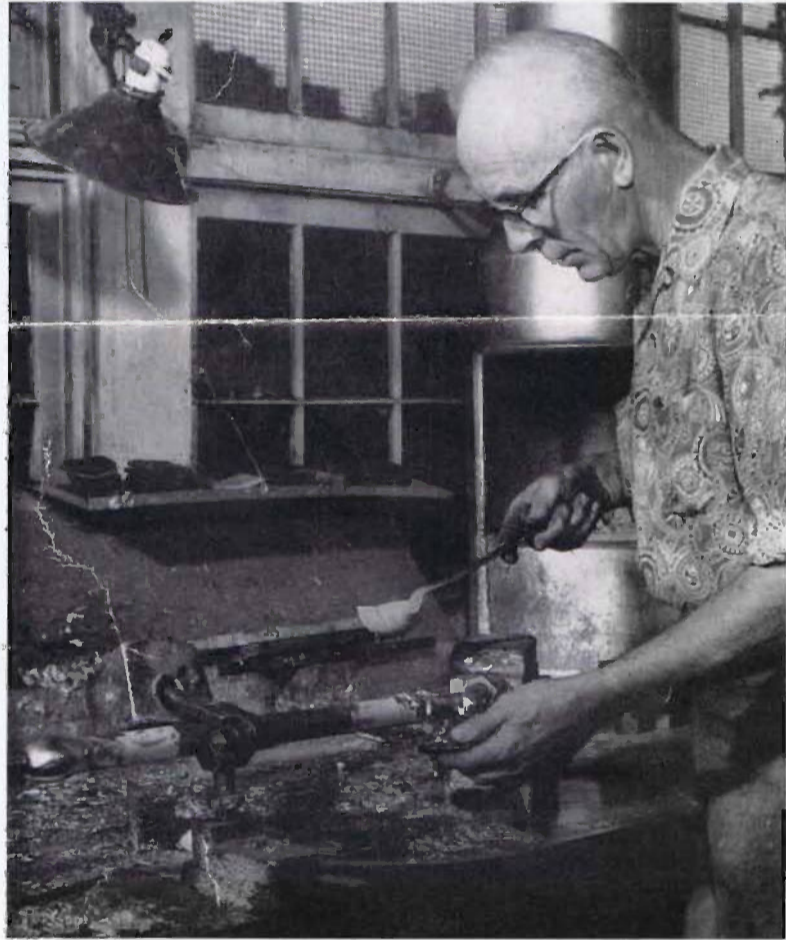
JOHN SPAWR WAVES three sizeable bills to fellow members of the Brass Foundry on July 6, the day he retired from Mueller Co. Mr. Spawr was given the money along with an attractive billfold by his department as a

going-away present. He spent his entire career in the foundry, starting October 5, 1925 as a foundry helper. He became a molder in 1927 and was made a bench molder in 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Spawr live at 1710 W. Grand in Decatur.



CHARLES F. MORENZ had a total of 38 years service with Mueller Co. in Decatur when he retired May 2. Above, members of the Pattern Shop pre-

sent Mr. Morenz with a going-away gift. Foreman Ollie Fortschneider makes the presentation.



RALPH ADAMS, nicknamed the "man with the fireproof thumb," is shown at

his bench where he worked as lead joint wiper.



RALPH ADAMS, left, receives a \$1,000 bonus check from Albert G. Webber, Jr., President and Treasurer of Mueller Co., upon his retirement from the company after

49 years service. Mr. Adams becomes the third person to receive the \$1,000 bonus check under Mueller Co.'s new service awards program.



CHARLES F. DUNAWAY, Head Millwright in the Construction and Maintenance Department ended 42 years of service with Mueller Co. in Decatur when he retired July 31. Above, members of his department gather around to wish him well during many years to come. Plan Engineer Melvin K. Chaney presents him

a gift from the department on his final day with the company. Mr. Dunaway came to Mueller Co. April 6, 1914, as a belt man in the Construction Department. This was in the days when all machines ran by overhead shaft. His job was to repair the belts. Later, he worked as an oiler and as a countershaft man. In 1926, he

was promoted to Head Millwright and has held that position since then. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway plan to move to California about October 1. Three of their children, Dean Dunaway, Ruby Serpa and Rosemary Storti live in California. One son, William Dunaway, lives near Decatur.