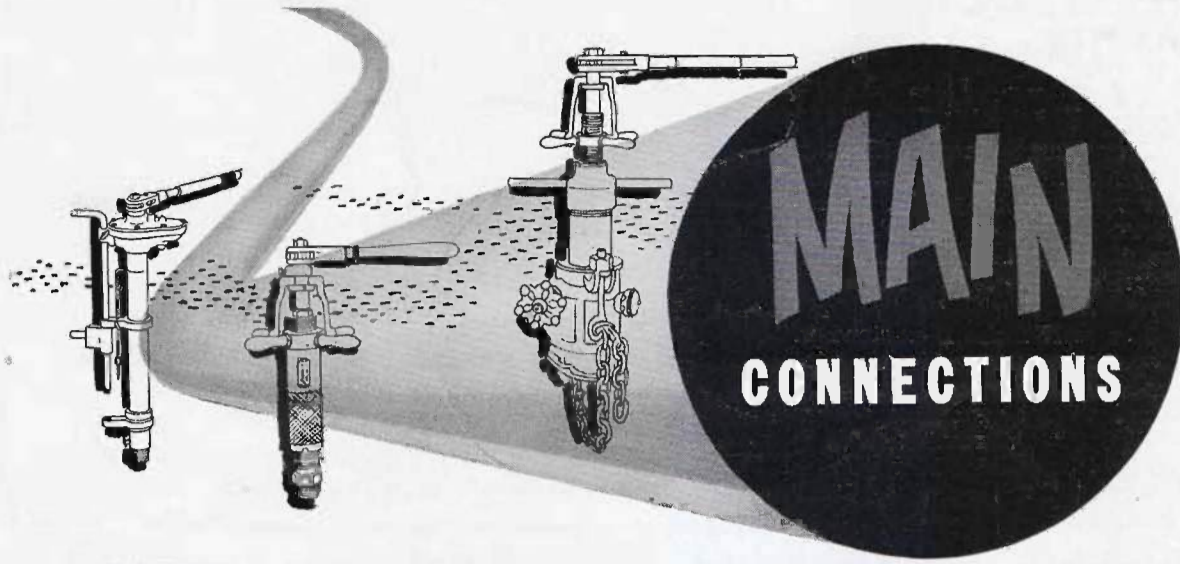


Mueller Centennial Outing Set For Sept. 6



Fairview Park To Host Affair; Both Plants Close at 11 A.M.

Albert G. Webber, Jr., President of Mueller Co., has announced that a gala Mueller Co. Centennial Outing will be held in Fairview Park on Friday, September 6. Both Plants 1 and 4 will close at 11 a. m., but employees will receive a full day's pay.

The festivities, commemorating the 100th birthday of the Company on September 7, will begin with the presentation of a plaque at 3 p.m. at Fairview Park. At this time, the employees of Mueller Co. will present the management with a plaque which will be placed on permanent display at Plant 1. A similar plaque will be on exhibit at Plant 4.

In the afternoon, the area surrounding and including the large pavilion in the park will be the center of activity for all employees, retirees and their families. Concessions and exhibits will open at 3 p. m., and food will be served starting at 4 p. m. The outing is scheduled to end at 8:30, and shelter will be provided in case rain hampers the fun.

For the kids, there will be a ferris wheel, pony rides, and all the ice cream and soft drinks they could want. For the whole family, there will be barbecued chicken, baked fish, all the trimmings, and gallons and gallons of coffee. There will be no limit on the quantity, and everything is absolutely free.

All second shift employees on jobs which cannot be discontinued will be allowed to visit the outing by arrangements which are now in the process of being worked out.

Exhibits will include most of the products manufactured by the Company, as well as the big new Diorama, an exhibit which is certain to hold everyone's interest. The Diorama was first unveiled at the American Water Works Association convention in Atlantic City in May, and met with wide acclaim from hundreds of persons from all over the United States, Central and South America, and Canada. The exhibit contains moving parts, and narration tells "The Story of Water."

The committees which have been named to co-ordinate activities for this big Outing are: Steering—A. L. Sefton, Roy Abel and C. E. Coffin; Grounds and Concessions—Melvin K. Chaney and Pete Duncan; Food—C. W. Moore, Verle Utzinger and C. E. Coffin; Exhibits—H. L. Baker and Jim Cussins.

A centennial celebration for the Chattanooga plant has been set for August 22, according to O. E. Walker, Vice-President and Works Manager.

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Kellett Named To Sales Post



Harry Koontz receives a check for one thousand dollars from A. G. Webber, Jr., President of Mueller Co. Harry retired on June 28 after just short of 49 years with the company.

Harry Koontz Retires June 28; Joined Mueller Co. in 1908

Harry Koontz retired on June 28 after 48 years, six months and 15 days with Mueller Co. He received a check for one thousand dollars from A. G. Webber, Jr., President of the Company, at that time.

Harry began work in the Compression Division on December 16, 1908, and was moved to the Ground Key Division in 1933.

He remained there until his retirement.

Harry married on May 27, 1914, and he and his wife, Myrnie, have two children — a son and daughter. Retirement plans for the near future include a trip to Seattle to visit their married daughter, Alverta, and her twins, whom Harry and his wife have never seen.



Frank Kellett

J. Frank Kellett has been named Assistant to the General Sales Manager, and Field Sales Manager, according to an announcement by Mr. W. H. Hipsher, Executive Vice-President of Mueller Co.

Kellett joined Mueller Co. as billing clerk in the Chattanooga plant in 1947. Prior to his transfer to Decatur, he served as sales service supervisor.

He studied business administration at the University of Chattanooga. Kellett is married, and has two children. The family is residing in Oreana.

Millikin Graduation Displays Relatives of Mueller Employees



June graduation at Millikin University saw these smiling faces: Phil Wiant and wife, Sherry; Leo Wiant, Administrative Vice-President of the Company, and Mrs. Wiant; David F. Batthauer and daughter Barbara Allinson; and Nancy and Roger James. Barbara is employed in the Mail Department, and Nancy is a secretary in the Financial Division.

Credit Union Receives Award

Harold Munsterman, treasurer of the Mueller Co. Employee Credit Union (Decatur plant) has announced the awarding of a "Superior" rating to our local Credit Union for an exhibit which was displayed at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Illinois Credit Union League. The meeting was held in Chicago on April 12 and 13, and was attended by Mr. Munsterman, Grace Glenn, and fourteen directors.

The display which received the commendation vividly portrayed the progress of our Credit Union from 1944 to 1956, and also showed progress reports on the Los Angeles Credit Union. At the upper left-hand corner of the big display was Mueller Co.'s Centennial Seal, which has been prominently displayed on various other publications of the Company, as well as appearing on Company stationery.

Del Parks To Assist Gannon

A. D. Parks has been transferred to Headquarters Sales from Atlanta, and will serve as Assistant Field Sales Manager. It was announced by Mr. W. H. Hipsher, Mueller Co. Executive Vice-President.

Del joined the Company in 1935 as messenger, and served in various capacities until his entry into the service in 1941. Upon his return in 1945, he was transferred to the sales division. In 1953, he became Southeast Sales Manager.

Del and his wife and two children live at 89 First Drive, South Shores.

IT'S A GIRL!



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Don W. Ferry, the grandfather

PRESENT THIS AT THE CAFETERIA.

"WHEN CAN I TAKE A TRIP?"



Judy Staudt has reason to grin as he receives his 35-year service award and gift certificate from A. G. Webber, Jr. Judy joined the company in 1922, and has advanced to the responsible position of Traffic Manager, overseeing both freight and passenger traffic for a growing organization.

Round the World in 80 Days; Judy Staudt's the Man to See

How would you like to go "around the world in 80 days?" Well, Mueller Co. has a man in the Traffic Department who could arrange it to the last minute detail, freeing you from any transportation worries. He is, of course, Julius A. (Judy) Staudt. When we learned that "Judy" was to receive his thirty-five year service award in June, we decided to talk with him, and find out just what the title "Traffic Manager" involves.

Judy Staudt joined Mueller Co. in mid-1922, and began work in the Shipping Room as a packer. Soon, he found himself marking and weighing shipments; then, in 1923, he became Assistant Traffic Manager. Although Judy had no formal training for his new position, he had taken part of a course in traffic management from LaSalle Extension University in Chicago, recognized as one of the nation's outstanding correspondence institutions. So, he served, and served well, until, in 1945, he was rewarded with the responsibility of Traffic Manager.

Just what does his job entail? To begin with, he is in charge of both freight and passenger traffic. In the freight end of the business, he has had to deal with such things as trucks, loaded with Mueller products, burned in transit, and warehouses, loaded with our goods, burned to the ground. When such situations occur, it is his job to gather all information possible, for a great quantity of paper work is essential when claims for damaged merchandise are presented.

Of course, the passenger traffic routine often proves more interesting and exciting, for it deals with human error and amusement. Judy, during his term as traffic manager, has routed Mueller personnel over more than one million miles—to all parts of the United States.

The procedure for arranging suitable transportation is usually fairly simple. You, for instance, are planning a business trip to the west coast. You tell Judy where you are going, when you want to leave, when you wish to return, and what mode of transportation you want. He then digs into his volumes of travel schedules, and offers some alternative times. After you have selected the times desired, your worries are over. Some days later, he'll walk up and hand you tickets which cover every phase of your journey.

It isn't always this easy, though. Sometimes a person will

walk up to Judy, and the conversation goes something like this:

"Judy, I have to leave for New York tomorrow morning. It doesn't matter how I go, just so it's the fastest way. I'm not sure how long I'll be there, but you'd better make some kind of return reservations anyway, because I wouldn't want to be in a hurry to get back to Decatur, and not have any reservations." (Pause) "Of course, I may just go on up to Boston, since it's so close, and take care of some other business." (Pause) "Oh well, I'll just leave it up to you, Judy!" Judy is quick to point out, however, that this has not often happened, although he has had to make reservations in a hurry when emergencies arose.

You would think his responsibility ends once you leave on your trip, but that isn't the case. Should you lose some of your luggage en route, Judy is the person to see. If you miss connections, you should tell him about it. And, if you should receive especially poor treatment, it wouldn't hurt to report that to him, also.

Yes, there can be lots of excitement in thirty-five years, as Judy has found out. Several things stand out in his mind, like the freight car that went the wrong way. A car, destined for Los Angeles, was loaded and shipped—to New York. Judy found out about it, though, and was able to stop it in Buffalo, New York, and turn it around in the right direction.

Judy Staudt is justifiably proud of his safety record in this all-important business of routing both the freight and personnel of a growing company. In all his years in this job, none of his routing has ended in an accident.

Proud? You bet, and his chest sticks out a mile when you ask him about his family. Mr. and Mrs. Staudt and their three children live in Forsyth. Their oldest daughter attends Illinois State Normal University, their oldest son graduated from Maroa High School in June, and plans to attend Purdue in the fall, and their youngest child, a boy, is not yet of school age.

We asked Judy what he plans to do when that glorious day of retirement rolls around. With that smile so familiar to everyone creeping across his face, he said: "Oh, I'll probably get myself a rocking chair, put it out on the porch, and just rock back and forth and read time-tables for the rest of my life!"

Here and There in Decatur

John Moma, Records Clerk in Department 44, became the father of a six-pound, seven-ounce baby girl, Alicia Annette, on February 23. Congratulations, Pop!

Nancy Nicholson, ex-steno in Department 44, received a nice gift from her co-workers before leaving. Nancy and Richard Lee Stroyeck were married on June 15 in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Best wishes, Mr. and Mrs.!

Ruth Brownlow, Tool Room Office, became a proud grandmother on June 6. The addition—an eight pound, thirteen ounce grandson.

Lewis Bland gave his daughter in marriage to Ernest Freitag at the First Lutheran Church on June 9. Best wishes to Doris Louise and her husband.

Carl Higar and Sandra Chaney were married at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 22. Best wishes to the bride and groom!

John Hoffman, of the experimental shop, and Marilyn Woodrum were married in the Central Christian Church on June 23. More best wishes!

Joyce McVey is sporting a very pretty ring, compliments of one Jon Schlesier. The big day was May 19.

Linda Kay Merridith and Gene Shuppara were married on May 4 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Department 44 welcomes Carl Wesemann to their Research Division.

(Betsy Johnson, our new reporter in Department 44, was married to Ron Shafer in the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield on June 9. Betsy did a fine job in journalism while at Millikin, and we're sure she will be equally valuable to us. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together, Betsy and Ron.)

A hearty "Welcome Back" to Bob Levy, who has been ill for some months, but is now back at his desk, and looking in tip-top shape. Take care of yourself, Bob; we like to see that smile of yours!

Another welcome, extended this time to Mrs. Marion Schuman, who has been employed as a stenographer in Headquarters Sales. Marion comes to Decatur from Chicago, where she had been employed for six and one-half years at Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Marion's husband is with Warren and Van Praag here in Decatur, and they live at 440 West Main.

If any of you know of the presentation of a birthday gift, or a retirement in your department, call extension 348 for the services of a photographer. We'll be glad to take the picture if it is suitable for use in a future issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Aruch on the birth of a baby girl on June 30. The baby weighed three pounds, twelve



Francis E. Carroll

Francis E. Carroll, Sales Service Manager of the Gas Division, passed away on May 9, 1957. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivell R. Carroll of Cerro Gordo, he joined Mueller Co. in the Shipping Department on February 9, 1925. In 1938, he became Assistant Sales Manager in charge of Gas Products, and was promoted to Sales Service Manager of the Gas Division earlier this year.

Francis Carroll was a pleasant, good-natured, and well-loved man, and all of us at Mueller Co. are saddened by our loss.

Your Help Is Needed!

Well, summer has finally arrived, and that means vacation-time for several hundred Mueller employees. They'll head in every direction for fishing, touring, hunting, or just plain resting. Where are you going on your vacation? Or perhaps you have already been. In any case, we would certainly like to hear about anything unusual that happened—either humorous or serious. And, if you took lots of pictures, why don't you turn those in. If the pictures are sharp and in proper focus so that engravings can be made, we will be glad to use them; and they will be returned to you—unharmed—after they are used.

Many of you have said: "I don't know how to go about getting news into MAIN CONNECTIONS." That's easy. If you know someone who is a regular correspondent for the newspaper, tell them your news. If you can't locate a correspondent, just send your material to Editor, MAIN CONNECTIONS, Plant 1. Here's another tip: if you send a photograph, DON'T write anything on the back of it. Instead, write all information about the photo on a slip of paper, and attach the paper to the photo. Writing on a photo often shows through when an engraving is made!

Remember: we want news items of general interest, and we want lots of pictures. We'd like to hear about any unusual hobbies either you or fellow employees might have. MAIN CONNECTIONS is YOUR newspaper, and we want it to carry news YOU will enjoy reading. Help us out, won't you?



Clarence Rhea, pictured here on the right, has been named Credit Manager of the company, succeeding Bill Sprague, who has been transferred to Headquarters Sales.

ounces. The proud papa is employed in Department 60.

Former Plant 4 steno, Sally Allen, and her husband Jack, are the parents of a girl—Londa Lyn—born June 15.

Our thanks to Sue Stratman, our Plant 4 correspondent, for the two items above. If you have any news, contact Sue, and she will relay the message.

J. Frank Kellett, who was recently transferred to Headquarters Sales from our Chattanooga plant, found out that Illinois is full of good drivers and tough driver's license examiners. When Frank tried, unsuccessfully, to identify a sign on one of the tests, he was told he'd have to come back and take the test over again. In the meantime, he learned that the sign is "Yield Right of Way." All is well, though. He took the test again, and now has his license. We'll bet that certain road sign will not be forgotten soon!

Rhea Named To Succeed Bill Sprague

Clarence Rhea has joined Mueller Co. as Credit Manager, succeeding Bill Sprague, who has been transferred to Headquarters Sales.

Rhea comes to the Company from Johns-Manville's Cleveland office, where he held the position of Credit Manager. He first joined Johns-Manville in Chicago in 1942, and was transferred later to New York City.

He attended Northwestern University for three years, where he studied business administration. He served as a sergeant in the infantry during World War II.

Rhea was married to Miss Janet Patton of Decatur on July 3. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Carrell Flewelling of Central Christian Church.



James Blair Hipsher
Decatur High



Judy Stark
Decatur High



Lew Harshbarger
Lakeview High



David Sexson
Blue Mound



Barbara Ann Hartwig
Decatur High



Charles Edward McCoy
Mt. Zion



Davide E. Peel
Blue Mound



Ellen Maxine Cunningham
Decatur High



Jerry Connors
Decatur High



Elbert H. Bolson
Decatur High



Caroline I. Landgrebe
Decatur High



Wilson Thompson
Warrensburg-Latham



Rachel Lee Walters
Decatur High

Congratulations!



Janet Boggs
Blue Mound



Ralph E. Smith
Decatur High



Barbara Donaldson
Decatur High



Fred Fyke
Decatur High



Eleanor J. Hanson
Decatur High



Anthony Fleckenstein
St. Teresa



Fred Staudt
Maroa High



Beverly J. Albert
Decatur High



David Coffin
Blue Mound



Edward E. Swinehart
Argenta High



Nancy L. Curry
Mt. Zion



James P. Howard
University of Illinois

Around the Plant ... In LOS ANGELES

by B. E. Stotler

Miss Nancy Michl, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. William Michl of our Steel Department, was chosen by the faculty of Huntington Park High School to represent the Robert T. McColey American Legion Auxiliary at the 14th annual GIRLS STATE, which was held on the University of California's Davis Campus from June 17 through June 25.

GIRLS STATE is a nationwide program and, during the week on Davis Campus, the girls were put through intensive training in setting up a mythical government patterned after city, state and county units.

The qualifications which won the honor for Miss Michl were physical fitness, outstanding leadership, excellent character and citizenship ratings, scholastic placement in the upper one-third of her class, outstanding courage and honesty, and her ability to get along well with others. Congratulations, Bill; you have a right to be mighty proud!

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Some time ago, a number of the employees in our Steel Machine Shop and in the Forging Department decided to go on a fishing trip to Ensenada, Mexico. Some of them took their wives. Upon arrival in Ensenada, they took rooms in one of the modern motels. That night, however, Pete Rathke snored so loudly that Bill Michl slept in his car all night, and Russell Hubbard took his sleeping bag and slept in a bean patch. The next day, they all chartered a boat and went fishing, and had tremendous luck. Everyone had a wonderful time, and they plan to go back often. If they do, we suggest a muffler for Pete; it's no fun sleeping in a bean patch!

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Mr. Earl Bright, our Plant Manager, has, in the past, spent

a considerable part of his summer week-ends and vacations traveling to and from beach areas, since the members of his family have been water enthusiasts for many years. Each year, however, the traffic problem to and from the beaches increases, and has reached a point where driving has become tiresome, and often takes the pleasure out of the trip. So, Mr. Bright decided to get a pool of his own. It is now in the process of construction, but will be finished in time to enjoy its pleasures during the hot months ahead. Guess where the pool is located. Right smack in the middle of the new lawn he worked so hard to get into shape! Such is life. HAPPY SPLASHING!

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We are getting to be quite sports-minded here at the L.A. plant. Bill Baker started the ball with an MG-TD; then Miss Prewitt bought a Triumph-TR2. Bobby Newell bought an MG-TD, and now Eli Lockard has a new Volkswagen. Since Bill is our Standards Engineer, and Eli is in our Engineering Department, we must assume that these foreign cars are well-built and economical. They all vouch for the ease of handling; besides . . . they're just plain fun to drive!

DIS— Connections

A Texan once ran for sheriff, and was badly beaten. Out of a total of 3500 votes, he polled only 52. The day after the election, he went strolling down the street with a pair of guns on his hips.

"You weren't elected sheriff, so you can't carry guns," a fellow citizen told him.

"Listen, friend," the man replied, "a man with no more friends than I've got in this country HAS to carry guns."

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Have you heard about the suburbanite who, every evening on his return from work, doused his entire lawn with cologne? After watching this for some time, an exasperated neighbor finally asked, "Why on earth do you do that?"

"To keep the elephants away," was the matter-of-fact answer.

"What! Why, man, there isn't an elephant within ten thousand miles of here!"

"I know," said the unruffled suburbanite. "Terrifically effective, isn't it?"

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A family bought a very intelligent dog. The first night after coming home, they found him on the sofa, so they punished him. When they returned home the second night, they found him, not on the sofa, but near it and acting very nervous. They felt the sofa and found that it was warm; so, they punished him again. On the third night, however, in order to surprise him in the act, they came home early and peered through the window. Imagine their surprise when they saw their dog—blowing on the sofa;

Around the Plant ... In SARNIA

by Almeda M. Reeve

Les Crooks, Foreman of Polishing, Buffing & Plating Dept., and the Assembly and Packing Dept., and Carman Weese, Foreman of the Core Room, attended the Management Division Course for Foreman & Supervisor which was sponsored by the Canadian Council of Foremen's Clubs at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, from June 9th to June 15th.

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Congratulations are in order for Alan Browett, 16-year-old son of Charles S. Browett, Comptroller, who captured 2nd prize, being a trophy and cheque, in a Teen-age Driving Road-eo which was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Sarnia Police Dept. on May 4th at the Northgate shopping centre parking lot. The purpose of the Road-eo was to promote courtesy and safe driving on the road, and make teenagers more conscious of the necessity of same. Approximately 24 boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 19

years participated. 1957 models of all makes of cars were provided and each contestant had his or her choice of car. A written test was given a week before the Road-eo. Seven obstacle tests were set up, which included parking, slalom course and straight driving, and the awards were made on a total point basis.

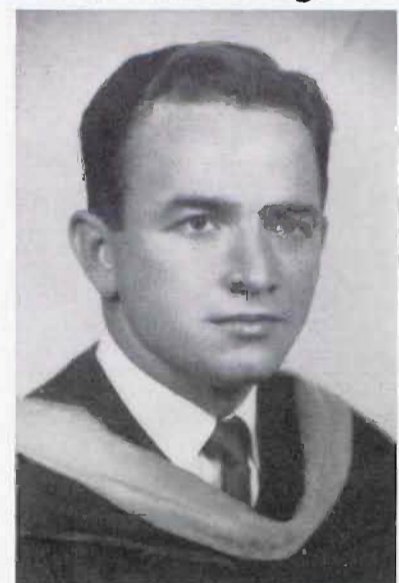
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Wedding bells rang for Lois P. McPhee, Supervisor of the Order and Billing Dept., and James Shortt on April 26th. Our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life are extended at this time.



W. B. Campbell, Purchasing Agent of Mueller, Ltd., receives his 40-year pin from R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Plant Manager of the Sarnia plant. O. C. Spears, Personnel Manager, looks on.

Son of L.A. Woman Gets M.D. Degree



Paul K. Mooring of Los Angeles Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons



Robert F. Nelson (L. A.) Lake View High Chicago



Donald A. Warren South Gate High South Gate, Calif.



Janice Alt Sacred Heart of Mary High School Los Angeles



Alfred Gomez Garfield High Los Angeles



Marilyn Travis Brea-Olinda Union High Brea, Calif.



Donald Mitchell Montebello High Montebello, Calif.



Steven G. Galvan Cantwell High Los Angeles



Carol Bice Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School



Gloria J. Karr Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School

Around the Plant . . . In CHATTANOOGA

by Gene Racz

On Wednesday, May 29, 1957, Charles N. (Nick) Pursley laid down his hammer and his saw and began to really live a life of leisure. He was commencing a venture that he had dreamed about for a good many years. He was retiring after fourteen years with the company as Flask Carpenter in the Pattern Shop. The fellows in his department presented him with a double barrel, sixteen-gauge shotgun; and, with the admonition that he not kill all the rabbits the first week, they bade him good-bye and the best of health and happiness.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Milton Payne of the Maintenance Dept. in the recent loss of his father.

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Nathaniel Wilhoite and Alan Maurer journeyed to the city of New York for the conference held by the American Institute of Industrial Engineers on May 16th and 17th.

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Congratulations to Fred Brown of the Machine Shop on receiving the acclaim of the St. Elmo Optimist Club as the man of the year. Fred is well known all over the city for his charitable endeavor.

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Congratulations to Harry Gaither, Iron Foundry, who was married to Cleo McCauley on June 2, 1957 at the Mount Paran Baptist Church.

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The Foreman's Club held its monthly meeting on May 8, 1957, at the Maypole Restaurant and the following people were selected to lead them for the coming year: President, Stanley Kuhne; Vice-President, Nathaniel Wilhoite; Secretary, Ralph Fickle; Treasurer, William E. Hixson.

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Congratulations to the following who have received a "bundle of joy" at their home: Julius Bullock, Tool Room, Michael Gerald, who arrived on June 5th; Robert Catchings, Machine Shop, Robert Eugene, May 2nd; Gerald Springfield, Iron Foundry, Allan Bates, May 4th; Steve Mize, Iron Foundry, Thomas Stephen, Jr., April 30th; Joseph Moses, Machine Shop, Janet Lynn, April 21st.

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Little Rochelle Marsh, daughter of Samuel Marsh, employed in the Maintenance Dept., was the proud winner of an all-expense paid trip to Havana, Cuba. She is a first grade pupil at Howard School and it was through the school that she won the prize. Sam and Rosa will accompany her.

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The marriage of Gay Nell Arnold, clerk in the Engineering Dept., and Pvt. Victor F. Welch was solemnized on Sunday, May 12, at the First Baptist Church

of Dayton, Tenn. The Rev. Jack Hancox officiated at the doubling ceremony. Gay has left us to join her husband in Fort Chaffee, Ark. They will remain there until his assignment to overseas duty, at which time Gay plans to accompany him.

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Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of George Cross, who passed away on May 3, 1957. He was retired due to ill health on December 30, 1955.

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Congratulations are extended to Alfred Logan, Iron Foundry, and Carrie Kitchen, who were married in Ringgold, Georgia on April 1st.

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Notice to all enthusiastic coon hunters: If you are anticipating enjoying this sport around Soddy this winter, it might be wise to save back a little cash. We have a "sneaky suspicion" that after reading this article you wouldn't have the nerve to hunt there, without offering a pittance to Charlie Turner. It seems Charlie either volunteered or was sent, we haven't found out which, to Mooresville, Florida, with the intent to purchase 100 coons, for the Soddy Coon Club. Where Charlie made his mistake was taking along his wife and then making her do the driving. The Turners had a collision in Vienna, Georgia, resulting in the purchase, on the spot, of a 1957 Plymouth, ironically, sight unseen. Charlie then traded trucks and undaunted by it all, finished the journey and secured the animals. Charlie says he was glad if it had to happen, that it took place on the first leg of his journey. He isn't at all sure that he could have caught all 100 of the beasts in the middle of the highway.

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Our sympathy is extended to Estelle Gordy in the recent death of her father-in-law, and also to Oscar Brown in the loss of his mother.

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We would like to give a word of warning to all fellow employees who do not possess the quality of Sales Resistance to steer clear of the maintenance boys for the next few weeks. We have been informed that practically all of them are engaged in

some sort of activity that might ultimately develop into a sales talk. Bob Harris recently purchased a farm in Georgia and is now constructing a 35 acre lake that he plans to stock with black bass and bluegill. He also is planning to raise Herefords. Henry Pursley is the proud owner of a farm in Hixon where he is raising game chickens and coon dogs. Luther Hise snagged a 200 lb. turtle over the holiday week-end in Florida and we are convinced that he can't eat ail of it by himself. Rolland Strickland is raising some lovely dahlias at his home in Georgia. Earl Hayes is renewing his pilot license and we haven't found out whether he has in mind commercial flying for his buddies or teaching some of us how to fly. Joe Hixon and Buford Cunningham have been spending their week-ends frog gigging on Look-out Mt. We can't tell you where, but they added 29 to their collection last Saturday night, per Buford. Chester Buchanan is still in the fishing business. He caught 16 small mouth and a number of black bass at Center Hill Lake last week-end. We are kinda wondering if his family isn't getting tired of fish three times a day.

Ione Mulkey, Reporter

It is with mixed emotion that we bid farewell to Frank Kellett, who has been in the Sales Dept. in Chattanooga for the past ten years and is now being transferred to our office in Decatur. Frank is one of our "very special," and we will miss him; but, we are happy that he is getting the chance to move forward in this great company of ours. The very best of everything to you, Frank, in your new position. We feel that Decatur's gain is our loss. By way of showing our appreciation of Frank, and giving him something to remember us by, the Sales Dept. presented him with a desk set which we hope will be useful in his new duties. The Foreman's Club honored him on June 11th with a dinner at the Maypole Restaurant. They presented him with a lovely piece of luggage. The presentation was made by W. A. Coventry.

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Dan Cupid struck again in the Sales Dept. On May 4th Herman Easley, Assistant Order Interpreter, took unto himself a wife. Congratulations, Herman.

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We feel very fortunate and happy to have a new addition to our staff, John Hockings, who was recently transferred to Chattanooga from the Decatur office. Happy to have you aboard, John.

TROPHIES, TROPHIES, AND MORE TROPHIES



Left to right (sitting): Eric Wood, Henry Scripnick and Ray Hazzard; (standing): Frank Petronski, Gordon Karr, Pete Krywicki (captain), Lyle Izzard and Sam Round.

Sarnia Bowling Team Wins Labatt Trophy

The Industrial 5-Pin Bowling League held its annual banquet on May 31 at the Sarnia Golf Club; it was announced, at that time, that the Mueller Ltd. team had won the Labatt Trophy. The team not only led the league, but copped round robin honors as well.

Eric Wood captured second high average with 220, while the team high single score was set at 1289 pins. The Mueller team ended the play-off with the high-

est score bowled at the Graham Bowlway—1327 pins.

Since the Labatt Trophy was introduced into competition six years ago, Mueller Ltd. has won it four times. The eight teams competing in the league consist of: Imperial Oil, Sarnia Observer, Dow Chemical, Canadian National Railways, Catalytic Construction, Sarnia Bridge, Electric Auto-Lite, and Mueller Ltd. The league was initiated 15 years ago, with the Mueller team always a tough competitor.



Mary Traylor Barker University of Chattanooga



Lorene Heyer Central High Chattanooga



Wanda Lee Eckman Central High Chattanooga



Jacquelyn Sue Pope Chattanooga Valley High



Thelma Derryberry Chattanooga Valley High



Eugene and Jeanette Morgan Soddy-Daisy High Chattanooga



Sheila Jean McClendon Whitwell High Chattanooga



Missouri Rice Howard High Chattanooga



James Allen Puffer Central High Chattanooga



The above photos were taken at the annual meeting of the Mueller Employees (Sarnia) Credit Union, Ltd. recently. At the left, Jack Burns leads group singing, flanked by Murray Taylor and Maurice Simard. Seated are Lillian Bennett, Les Crooks and Henry Hardy. Evelyn Watters is at the piano. Center: T. G. Quance takes the

microphone. Seated, left to right, are: George Foslett, Cy Bardwell, Lillian Bennett, Les Crooks, Clyde Smith and Frank Vidler. Right: Lillian Bennett, secretary of the credit union, receives a gift of appreciation from Les Crooks.

Sarnia Credit Works Mgrs. Union Meets Top League

The annual meeting of the Mueller Employees (Sarnia) Credit Union, Ltd., was held recently, under the chairmanship of Les Crooks. A total of 150 persons attended the meeting, which got underway with a turkey banquet.

Henry Hardy, president of the Credit Union, handled the business meeting, which was called to order at 8:05 p.m. The treasurer, Frank Vidler, presented his report. A recommendation of the board was presented regarding a dividend and interest rebate. A ten percent rebate on loan interest and a 4.2 percent dividend were declared. Percy Knight, chairman of the Credit Committee, reported that 171 loans were obtained in 1956, totaling \$38,906.46.

Lambert Joined Mueller, Ltd. In October, 1916

The 1956-57 bowling season saw the Works Managers on top of the league, gaining that position over nine other Mueller teams. The team won 66 and lost 42, for an average of 822; their high team game was 968.

The ten high bowlers, and their averages for the season, were: R. Leake—186; H. Whitacre—179; B. Taylor—177; H. Stratman—172; M. Riewski—171; W. Leake—170; L. Edwards—170; W. Knorr—169; P. Ruthrauff—168; B. Finley—167.

The top five teams were: Works Managers, Experimental, Specialty, Pattern Shop and Brass Finishing. Bill Leake bowled the individual high game, with a 253, followed by J. Bain with 248. Bill's brother, Bob Leake, took top honors for individual high three games with 661 pins, and L. Edward followed with 637.

Officers for the 1956-57 season were: Ollie Fortschneider, president; Marshall Foster, vice-president; Joe Yonker, secretary-treasurer; and Buddy Grossman, league representative for the City Bowling Association.

The 1957-58 season is expected to get underway in early September, although the date is not yet definite. The teams will again play three rounds, or 108 games, and the Eldorado Bowl will be the scene of action.



HOTSHOTS OF THE LEAGUE . . .



In top photo, brothers Bob and Bill Leake are mighty interested in their high scores. Bottom photo: the Works Managers team included, from left to right, Marshall Foster, Bob Taylor, Bill Leake, Pres Ruthrauff, Lynn Edwards and Jack Born.



Raymond Lambert

Raymond Lambert, a native of Sarnia, joined Mueller Limited in October, 1916, and began work as an inspector in the Munitions Department. With the exception of a slight interruption of service to the company at the end of World War I, he has worked continuously in the Shipping Room.

An interesting observation, which Ray feels speaks well for the company, is that several of the customers to whom Mueller, Ltd. is shipping today were also good customers when Ray began work 40 years ago.

Mr. Lambert is a past president of both the "49" Club and the Foreman's Club. His hobbies are reading and gardening. He is married, and has one daughter and a year-old grand-daughter.

Mike took his wife to the doctor one night, and sat in the waiting room. Pretty soon the doctor emerged with a worried look on his face.

"Frankly, Mike, I don't like the way your wife looks," said the doctor.

"Frankly," said Mike, "I don't either, but she's good to the kids."

Sarnia Tops Service Awards With Three 40-Year Men

Pins and cash awards, presented at Decatur during May, June and July, include the following:

5 Years: Fred Dean, Robert Burdick.

10 Years: Floyd Howard, Thomas Meece, Robert Finch, Levi Green, Richard Ferril, Dale Spires, Charles Workman, Fuller Green.

15 Years: Eugene Gibbs, Ellis B. Adams, Leroy Ashby, Clifford Auer, Ruth Brownlow, Lewis Hamilton, David Isome, Robert Leake, Claude Stacey, Dale Streight.

20 Years: Lloyd George, Dewey West, Creo Talley.

30 Years: George C. Henne, George Knipe, Carl Maurer.

35 Years: Arthur Nash, Warren Frantz, Julius Staudt.

Service pins awarded at Sarnia from January 1 to June 1 include the following:

5 Years: John Richardson.

10 Years: Harold Clark, Claude Furlotte, Alex Elderbrook, George Guess, Charles Guthrie, Oldrich Junek, Morris Lester, James Slager, Myrtle Tricker.

15 Years: Stanley Bell, Mau-

rice Bryan, James Bullock, Erie Duggan, Walter Edwards, Frank Evans, Donald Goodall, Ivan Hunter, Henry Junek, Russell German, John Mullen, Frank Seweter, Herman Sitter, Alvin Smith, Clarence Walsh, Gordon Wilson, Margaret Connors.

20 Years: Willis (Dick) Dennis, William (Neil) Turnbull.

25 Years: John Kerrigan.

30 Years: Wilson Jenken, Harold Coates, Percy Knight, Mike Kozachuk.

35 Years: Gordon S. Geary.

40 Years: W. B. Campbell, H. S. Robertson, Ray Lambert.

Pins and cash awards presented at Chattanooga during May and June include the following:

10 Years: Bernice R. Compton.

15 Years: Robert E. Harris, Jack N. Malone, William Russell Miller, Charles H. Richmond.

30 Years: Wade Lowery.

40 Years: J. R. Morgan.

Pins and cash awards, presented at Los Angeles during the month of May, include the following:

5 Years: John Yanez.

10 Years: Bernell Larson.

Robertson Gets 40-Year Pin



Henry S. Robertson

Henry Stanley Robertson was born near Thorndale, Ontario. At a young age, he moved to Thedford, Ontario, where he received his formal education. Mr. Robertson joined Mueller, Limited, on January 19, 1917, and began work on the night shift in the Munitions Department. Through the years, he has worked as Parts Stock Clerk, Engineering Clerk, Foundry Clerk, and on the staffs of the Shipping Room, Production Department, and Assembly Department. He has been quite active in civic affairs and fraternal organizations throughout his career, and served one term on the City Planning Board.

Mr. Robertson is married, and has one daughter. He is also quite proud to claim a young grand-daughter who is, quite obviously, the "apple of his eye."

Campbell Gets Award at Sarnia

William Bertram Campbell was born and raised in Holland Centre, Ontario, and received his formal education in that area, graduating from Owen Sound Business College. Mr. Campbell came to Sarnia in April, 1913, and took employment as Billing Clerk with the Northern Navigation Company during the navigation seasons of 1913, 1914 and 1915. Later, he worked for the Canadian National Railways, and the North Western Steamship Co. of Port Huron, Michigan.

Mr. Campbell joined Mueller, Limited, on January 17, 1917, as a Time Clerk in the Shell Shop. Through the years he has served as Production Clerk, Receiving Department Clerk and Traffic Clerk. He became Purchasing Agent in June, 1926, assuming supervision of purchasing, traffic and customs.

During his youth, Mr. Campbell played soccer, hard ball, softball, tennis and hockey, and was manager of the Mueller Ltd. Girls' Softball Team from 1924 to 1929. In 1929, he led the team to the Sarnia City Championship. He has an avid interest in sports and youth activities, and has been active in scouting work.

Mr. Campbell is married and the father of three children. One



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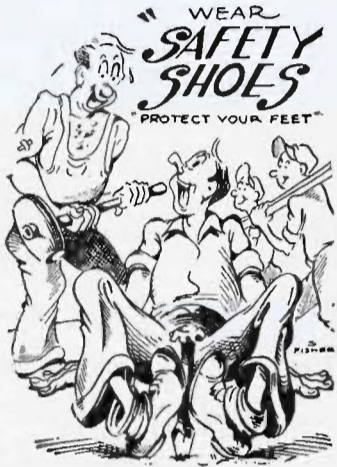
son, Ted, is employed in Department 5 at Mueller, Ltd. Mr. Campbell also has three charming grandchildren.

The Joke's On Me!!!

Little Jimmy was getting ready for Sunday School when his mother entered the room.

"Here, Jimmy," she said, handing him two nickels. "One nickel is for church, and the other is for an ice cream cone after church."

Jimmy went skipping happily down the street. As he paused at the corner to wait for the green light, one of the nickels dropped from his hand and disappeared in the sewer. Jimmy pondered the problem for a moment, then looked at the heavens and said: "Gee, Lord, there goes your nickel!"



A successful young lady designer of men's sportswear, vacationing at Daytona Beach, was delighted to see a stalwart youth approach, clad in a pair of print bathing trunks she had originated. Becoming conscious of her stare, he flushed slightly and asked, "Have we met somewhere?"

"I never saw you in my life," the young lady stammered. "I just have designs on you."



"Be careful with that paint gun, Jim. I think it's—yep, it's out of order!"

Weather report on a tourist-minded Southern California radio station: "Rains and heavy winds yesterday and today. Continued fair tomorrow."



Surveys show—Most Accidents don't just happen. They are CARELESSLY UNPLANNED.



J. H. Wall, Plant Manager in Chattanooga, presents Wade Lowery with his 30-year pin and gift certificate.



J. R. Morgan receives his 40-year pin and gift certificate from Joe Wall. The presentation took place in Chattanooga recently.



Nancy Nicholson, ex-steno in Dept. 44 (Decatur), receives a gift from fellow employees prior to her marriage to Richard Lee Stroyeck on June 15.



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipsher were present at the Millikin University graduation exercises in June, at which time Mr. Hipsher was honored by the University with an Alumni Merit Award.

George Knipe
New York Office
30-Year Award



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Top: O. E. Walker, Vice-President and Works Manager, presents George C. Henne with his 30-year award and gift certificate. George is employed in Dept. 90. L. E. Kramer and Archie Sefton look on. Center: Art Nash, Dept. 90, receives his 35-year pin and certificate from O. E. Walker, while L. E. Kramer and Archie Sefton watch the proceedings. Bottom: There's Archie again—this time watching O. E. Walker hand a 35-year pin and gift certificate to Warren Frantz, Dept. 70. Overseeing the ceremony is Edgar Hartwig.

Salesmen Converge On Decatur



DAN R. GANNON
Field Sales Manager



SOUTHWEST SECTION. Standing: Frank Kuentler, Charlie Moore, Paul Hines, Pete Duncan, Ray Roarick, Louis Mautz, Roy Abel, Bob Thomas, Archie Sefton, Phil Tinsley and Verle Utzinger. Seated: Section Manager Dick Kitchen, Dan Gannon and Warren Crawford.



MIDWEST SECTION. Left to right around the table: E. W. Peterson, Ken Tohill, Bill Leopold, Paul Watts, Frank Mueller, Dan Gannon, Don Radcliffe, Frank Kellett, Dick Seevers, Section Manager Russ Jolly, John Leahy, Bob Herrin, Harlan White, Jim McClintick, Harry Seevers and John Smith.

SOUTHEAST SECTION. Standing: Bob Burdick, Dick Sponsler, Ray E. DeWeese, Bill Cessna and Lorin Grosboll. Seated: Bob Ott, Dan Gannon and Del Parks.



CENTRAL SECTION. Back row: Bill Augustine (Section Manager), R. H. Gamble, R. G. Medick and Bob Cope. Front row: Jack Rubicam, Cliff Auer, Lloyd George and Francis Uhl. Not pictured in this issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS is the Eastern Section, which met during the AWWA convention in Atlantic City in May.



DEL PARKS
Assistant Field Sales Manager



FRANK KELLETT
Assistant to General Sales Manager
and Field Sales Manager

WESTERN SECTION: Top row: Bob Lugo, Kenny Potts and Garnett Smth. Middle row: Dick Morris, Warren Crawford (Section Manager) and Francis Martin. Bottom Row: F. C. McCown, W. A. Arnett and Bill Hill.

