

Centennial Activities Meet With Success

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



Ray T. Sailsbery, a Mueller Co. employee for 45 years, receives his check and service pin from President A. G. Webber, Jr.

Sailsbery Receives Award For 45 Years of Service

Ray T. Sailsbery, a Mueller Co. employee for 45 years, received a service pin and gift certificate worth \$70 on Friday, October 11. The presentation was made by Albert G. Webber, Jr.

Ray, who lives at 1105 N. Summit in Decatur, began work with the company on October 11, 1912, as an air-hammer operator. He has held various jobs throughout the years, and is now production control clerk in the Ground Key Division.

One little-known facet of Ray's ability cropped up during the Christmas holidays in 1921. At that time, he was Stores Supervisor. He decided to visit his father on a hunting trip, and was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The story is best told in these words from the **MUELLER RECORD**, issue of January, 1922:

"When all was in readiness for the big drive, the domestic livestock on the ranch was placed in a stockade. This was a precautionary measure. Ray was accompanied on the hunting expedition by his brother and nephew and a valuable Newfoundland dog. After making several successful shots, he finally killed the dog. Owing to the fact that he carried a single-barrel shotgun, Ray's brother and nephew escaped unharmed. His bag of game consisted of two English sparrows and one large dog. This complied with the game laws. Later, when summing up the incidents of the trip Ray's brother invited him to another hunt, to be held on the second Tuesday of the 53rd week of the past year!"

Ray Sailsbery, the "Great Hunter," plans to continue work at Mueller Co., and promises not to do any more hunting.

Men Shifted in Southeast Section

Three men are involved in sales personnel changes in the company's Southeast Section, according to an announcement by Dan R. Gannon, Acting General Sales Manager. These men are H. W. Cessna, Robert J. Ott, and S. F. Parker.

H. W. "Bill" Cessna has been appointed Southeast Sales Manager, succeeding A. D. Parks, Mr. Parks was named Assistant Field Sales Manager, with headquarters in Decatur, in mid-summer. Mr. Cessna joined Mueller Co. almost six years ago; prior to that time, he was associated with a southeastern utility as supervisor of purchasing and stores. His first sales assignment with the company was in the Southeast Section.

Robert J. Ott has been appointed Sales Representative in the state of Georgia and part of Alabama. He replaces Cessna. Mr. Ott joined the company in early 1955; prior to that time, he was advertising and sales promotion manager for a large Central Illinois appliance house. His first sales assignment, in August of 1955, was in Mississippi and part of Alabama.

S. F. Parker has been named Sales Representative in the state of Mississippi and part of Alabama, replacing Ott. He joins Mueller Co. after representing a large wholesale plumbing and industrial supply company in Mississippi, and brings to his new position an excellent background in sales and service.

August Schudziara, 79, of 324 S. Maffit St. in Decatur, died in late October after collapsing in the yard of his daughter's home. He had been in failing health for the past three years.

Mr. Schudziara retired from Mueller Co. in 1945, after having been employed here for 49 years.

Mr. Schudziara was born in Steffemwalden, Germany, on June 28, 1878, the son of William and Louise Wietkafski Schudziara. He was married in Decatur in September, 1902, to Henrietta Bredlaw, who survives. Besides his wife and daughter, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Louise Salogga of Decatur, and three grandchildren.

Anniversary Celebrated In All Three U.S. Locations

Although our Centennial Year is drawing to a close, congratulatory messages continue to pour in from all parts of the nation. Mueller Co.'s Centennial advertising program in national trade journals and other publications has been met with enthusiasm, and has certainly enhanced our already-excellent reputation in the field.

August and September were the gala months for our plants in Decatur, Chattanooga and Los Angeles. Outings were held, and good times were had by all.

Thomas Hendrix Travels Missouri



THOMAS K. HENDRIX

Mr. Thomas K. Hendrix has been appointed Sales Representative for Mueller Co. in the state of Missouri. He joins the company after several years of specialized sales experience with a large oil company, and has lived in Decatur for the past twenty years.

Mr. Hendrix attended Millikin University for two years, served in the Navy during World War II, and was graduated from Purdue University in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He has been active in his territory since September 1.

Chattanooga employees were the first to celebrate one hundred years of business success. On August 22, an Outing was held at Lake Winnepesaukah and Lincoln Park, attended by approximately 2,700 people. Serving began at 3 p.m., and the menu consisted of barbecued beef, chicken, pork, and all the trimmings. Activities included free rides for the youngsters, swimming, soft drinks, ice cream, door prizes, and a "catch the greased pig" contest.

In Decatur, the Centennial Outing was held on September 6 in Fairview Park. There were rides and soft drinks for the children, informal get-togethers for all, and plenty of baked fish and barbecued chicken. Overcast skies and a slight drizzle failed to put a damper on the enthusiasm.

The Los Angeles employees had their Outing one week later, meeting at famed Knott's Berry Farm for chicken dinner. After the banquet, everyone received free admission to Disneyland and all its amusements.

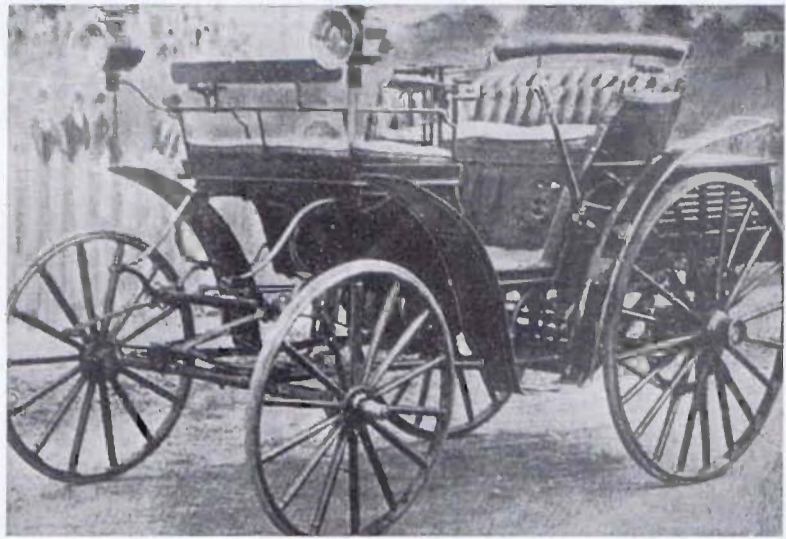
In commemoration of the Centennial, an expanded and elaborate MUELLER RECORD was printed and mailed. If you failed to receive a copy, address your request for one to the editor in Decatur, and you'll receive one by return mail.

All-in-all, it has been a good year, and one of which every Mueller employee may be proud. It revealed, more than ever before, that the Company stands ready to improve its position in the gas and water industries, backed by a century of experience and quality.



This young lady, daughter of John Moma (Decatur, Dept. 44), was anything but intrigued with the diorama on display at Fairview Park during the Centennial Outing. Her name is Alicia Annette, and she was born on February 23.

ALL THE WAY FROM GERMANY



This is the Mueller-Benz which finished second in America's first official road race.

November Marked First Road Race Run in This Country

The month of November marked the anniversary of a little-known phase of the history of Mueller Co. It was 62 years ago in November that the Mueller-Benz finished second in the first official road race ever held in America.

In April, 1895, a Benz gasoline-driven motor-wagon was imported from Mannheim, Germany by Hieronymus Mueller, founder of Mueller Co. As soon as it arrived, he began modifications which were later patented and recognized as the forerunners of many features of modern automobiles.

When he noted that the machine had only two forward gears and no backing arrangement, he added a third forward gear and a reverse gear. He devised and patented a spark plug and a new system of water-cooling the engine. This radiator system was the first ever perfected in this country to eliminate engine overheating problems by the use of water.

Then the CHICAGO TIMES-HERALD announced that it would sponsor a great road race on July 4. Entries began pouring in, but so very few appeared on July 4 that the race was postponed until Labor Day of 1895. The same problem was encountered that day, so November 2 was named the big day.

On November 2, only two entries made it to the starting line: a two-cylinder, gas-driven machine entered by the Duryea Motor Wagon Co. of Springfield, Mass., and a single cylinder re-designed Benz, entered by the H. Mueller Mfg. Co. of Decatur, Illinois.

Although disappointed by the small turn-out, the judges decided to run a "consolation" race, worth \$500 to the winner. The race course was selected from Chicago to Waukegan, a distance of 92 miles. A time limit of thirteen hours was imposed, and the starting gun sounded promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Both vehicles made good starts, but one of them soon ran into trouble. As the Duryea was speeding along a dirt road at about nine miles per hour, a feed wagon started across the highway. The horses became excited and headed for the car, and the Duryea plunged into a ditch. The Mueller car finished alone, and the victor. It had consumed five and one-eighth gallons of gasoline, and crossed the finish line just eight hours and forty-four minutes after the starting gun.

The "official" race was held on Thanksgiving Day—November 28, 1895, and the course was from Chicago to Evanston and back—a distance of 55 miles. Of sixty anticipated entries, only six approached the starting line. One of these—the Mueller—didn't arrive until after the others were out of sight. The Duryea was also an entry.

A heavy snow had been falling for four days, and the road

conditions were too much for four of these cars. They were either involved in minor accidents, or were forced out due to mechanical failures.

Ten hours and twenty-three minutes after the starting gun, the Duryea crossed the finish line. The Mueller came in second, with a total time of ten hours and forty-seven minutes. Duryea received \$2000, and H. Mueller was awarded \$1500.

In 1900, Hieronymus Mueller died of burns received while experimenting with a re-designed Benz, and all plans for the building of autos by the H. Mueller Mfg. Co. were abandoned. The firm then devoted itself to the full-time task of providing the water industry with quality service distribution products.

Editor's Mailbag Contains "Gems"

Ever wonder what an editor's mail consists of? The following represent facts sent to us for publication. In most cases, the releases were several pages long; they have been "slightly" condensed to their main point. All these items have one thing in common—they arrived in the same mail!

Did you know: That a baby kangaroo is an inch long at birth?

That you will be seven when your dog is one?

That an ant is more intelligent than a whale? The whale, big as he is, wouldn't get harpooned if he didn't spout off in public.

That a newly-seeded lawn in Woodmere, Long Island, had this sign: "Don't ruin these gay young blades."?

That you spend one year of your life on the telephone?

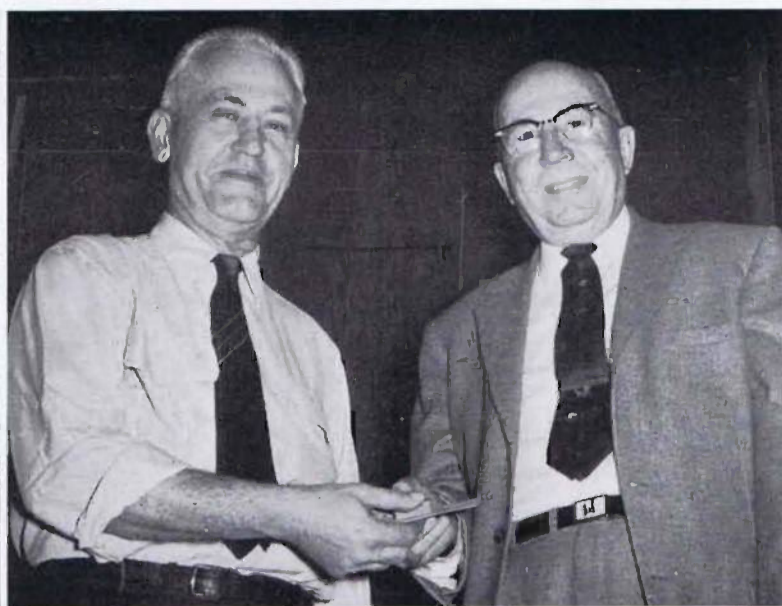
That women are beneficiaries of 75 percent of the insurance policies issued in this country?

That one-half of the married population of this country is composed of men?

That mice thrive in Japan, because the Japanese believe that a building is safe from fire and flood as long as mice live in it?

That the flea is so strong that, if it were as large as a man, it could drag two full-grown elephants around a football field?

Interesting, isn't it?



Smiles everywhere as Bill Kuntz receives his 40-year service award from A. G. Webber, Jr. Bill has been employed as a tool maker since 1921.

Bill Kuntz Gets Award

An award for 40 years of service to Mueller Co. was presented on November 12 to William "Bill" Kuntz. The award of a check and service pin was made by Albert G. Webber, Jr., president of the company.

Bill started work in 1916 as a lathe operator, and has been a tool-maker since early 1921. Although 59 years old, Bill plans to continue work, and stated that he hopes "... to be around to get that 50-year pin."



Glass Honored In Chattanooga

In the photo at left, Otto Glass, Sr., receives his 45-year check and service pin from O. E. Walker, Vice-President and Works Manager. J. H. Wall, Chattanooga Plant Manager, smiles approvingly. Otto had been flask man in the foundry since starting with the Company. You can read more about him in "Side-lights & Highlights from Chattanooga" on Page 6.

THINK

Vera Tippitt, Plant 4 in Decatur watches her grandchildren as they are entertained by the clown during Decatur's gala Centennial Outing at Fairview Park. The young lady appears to be uncertain about the clown's amusing antics.



Mueller products went on display in September during Downtown Decatur Days. This display, expertly designed by Jim Cussins, appeared in a window of B'ock & Kuhl Co., and was part of an industrial display planned by D. O. Webb, store manager.



MUELLER, LTD. Reports

by
ALMEDA M. REEVE

Our congratulations to George Sazanov, Dept. 7, who was recently awarded a Canadian Institute of Science and Technology diploma. The diploma was awarded in association with the British Institute of Engineering Technology. Mr. Sazanov satisfied the examiners with his knowledge of general mechanical engineering, and his subjects were: practical mathematics, applied mechanics, engineering draftsmanship, and engineering inspection and testing.

The marriage of Miss Winnifred H. DeJong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben DeJong, Mandamin, and Gerald Vandezande, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vandezande, Woodstock, was solemnized August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at a double ring ceremony with the bride's sister, Helen S. DeJong, and John Cappon. The double-ring ceremony was performed at the First Christian Reformed Church, Sarnia, by The Reverend S. Cooper. After a wedding trip to the Thousand Islands and Ottawa, the couple began housekeeping at 944 Grandview Avenue, Sarnia.

The first annual golf tournament was held by the clerical staff of Mueller, Ltd. on Saturday, September 21. The turnout was excellent, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Mr. G. W. Parker won three golf balls for having low gross of 77, and three balls were given to Mr. Browett for low net of 71. Barbara McGibbon won a flashlight for having high score on the hidden hole. The "most honest" golfers were each given one golf ball; they were: Clare Ross, Mert Bice and George Lucas. Their "honest" scores were 158, 145, and 126 respectively.

The following travel account was submitted by Frank Sewter, Dept. 1, who, with his wife and two daughters, left Sarnia on August 7 for a visit to England. Mr. Sewter was born in London. He was a former serviceman in the British Army, and was once a "bobby" in the British police. "This was the first visit to England in twenty-nine years. We left Sarnia on August 7 for Toronto. We flew from Toronto to London, a non-stop, twelve hour journey. We spent the first three days visiting my mother and brothers and sisters. Then we began sight-seeing. Our first stop was the famous Tower of London, where we were thrilled to see the Crown Jewels. We then stopped at Westminster

Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Number 10 Downing Street, St. Paul's Cathedral, and many other interesting places. We also spent a day at Cambridge, where we visited several colleges (some of which date back to the 13th century.)

"We spent two days touring western England, visiting the cathedral city of Wells and Cheddar Caves—then on to Stratford-on-Avon, home of William Shakespeare. It would take pages to describe some of that scenery.

"Our return journey by air took us to Iceland and over the southern tip of Greenland. The pilot dropped low enough that we could take pictures. The return journey took 16 hours. We were glad to reach Sarnia and home, but it was a wonderful three weeks."

Belated congratulations are in order for the following proud parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meredith (Dept. 6) on the birth of a daughter, Yvonne Louise, on July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. George Denomy (Dept. 15) on the birth of a son, Gerald Lawrence, on August 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Furlotte (Dept. 3) on the birth of a son, Shawn Joseph, on August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helps (Dept. 2) on the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jean, on August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bedard (Dept. 2) on the birth of a daughter, Rose Louise, on August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guthrie (Dept. 11) on the birth of a daughter, Wendy Jane, on September 10.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to: Beatrice Quinn, Dept. 6, in the passing of her father, Harold Smith; the family of the late Gordon W. Wilson, Dept. 12, who died suddenly at his home on Sept. 16.

JUST THE THING FOR A LUNCH HOUR . . .



Violet Henderson, sales clerk in the Plumbing Division of Mueller, Ltd., demonstrates her ability at water-skiing. She rests on the capable shoulders of her brothers-in-law, Ron Hammell and Roy Reynolds.



Wilfred J. Saint-Cyr succeeds J. B. Beland as Sales Representative for Mueller, Ltd. in the Montreal-Ottawa Valley territory. Mr. Saint-Cyr has had 17 years of experience in all phases of the plumbing and heating fields.



These six Mueller, Ltd. employees journeyed to London, Canada, to cheer their favorite football team, Sarnia's "Golden Bears." Kneeling, left to right: Ila Annett, Eileen Round and Barbara Duncan. Standing, left to right: Beverly Gillatly, Marion White and Marlene Sones.



The happy bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vandezande, Jr., who were married in Sarnia on August 2. After the wedding trip, the couple took up residence in Sarnia.

DIS— Connections

It's alright to tell a woman that you knew her when she was a little girl; but never, never make the mistake of telling her that you knew her when you were a little boy.

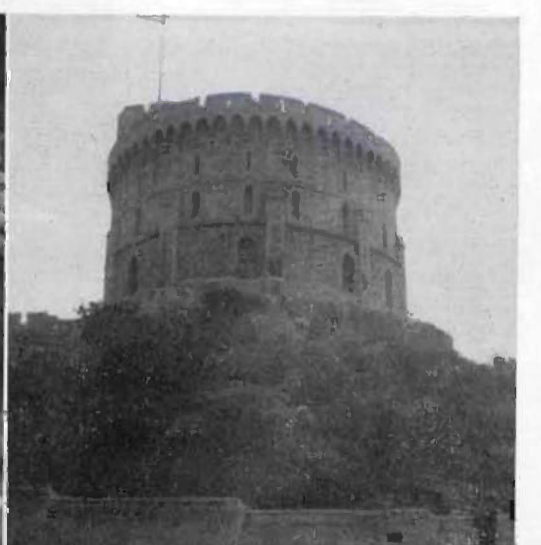
It is evident today, more than ever before, that what this country needs is not a five-cent cigar, but salesmen who can sell them at two-for-a-quarter.

The kind of behavior that once brought disgrace now brings a movie, book or television contract.

A farmer is a man out-standing in his field.

About the time you're important enough to take two hours for lunch, the doctor limits you to a glass of milk.

A dream house usually costs twice what you dreamed it would.



These photos were taken by Frank Sewter, Dept. 1, during his visit to England. Left to right are: famous Wells Cathedral in Somerset; Anne Hathaway's home in Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon; a colorful guard on duty outside Buckingham Palace; and

Central Tower of historic Windsor Castle. These are just a few of the excellent photos taken by Mr. Sewter and his family during their three-week trip home.

HERE and THERE in Decatur

We have lots of belated "welcomes" to pass out this time. As time progresses, we hope to bring you more information about these new Mueller employees.

Welcome to: Stanley Metz, accounting supervisor, who began work August 1; and Jim Mahoney, assistant advertising and sales promotion manager, who began work August 1.

Ruth Ann Clark joined the Company on August 5, and was assigned to Stationery and Supplies. Her husband, Pat, is a precision welder at Caterpillar Tractor Co. here in Decatur. Ruth was graduated from Decatur High in early June of this year, and became Mrs. Patrick Clark on June 30.

Crystal Trueblood started work at Mueller Co. in August. After initial assignments in Up-keep Stock and Personnel, she replaced Nancy James on September 23 as secretary to Mr. Lyle Huff. Crystal's husband, Dave, is in the Engineering Department of Leader Iron Works in Decatur, and the couple lives at 879 W. North.

Ever wonder what Muellerites do in their spare time? Well, Personnel Director Cecil Coffin attempts an occasional public appearance. His most recent was as a member of a panel which discussed "What Industry Expects of High School Students." The panel discussion was part of a program presented at MacArthur High School by the Illinois Personnel and Guidance Association. The meeting was held on November 4.

Bill Colvis is an amiable young man who joined the Company in mid-summer, after being separated from the Army. You won't see much of him around Decatur for awhile, though, for he is on tour with the diorama display. WATERTOWN, U.S.A. left Decatur in September, and stops on its agenda included Chattanooga, Atlanta, Oklahoma City, San Jose, California, and other northern California cities.

Plant 4



by Sue Stratman

Plant 4 is proud of these new family additions: A boy, Phillip Allen, born October 18 to Clarence Albert (Dept. 60) and Mrs. Albert; a boy, Terry Wayne, born September 21 to Billy Musgraves (Dept. 64) and Mrs. Musgraves; a girl, Melanie, born September 16 to Richard Ross (Dept. 60) and Mrs. Ross; a boy, Charles Edward, born September 26 to Paul Jones (Dept. 10) and Mrs. Jones.

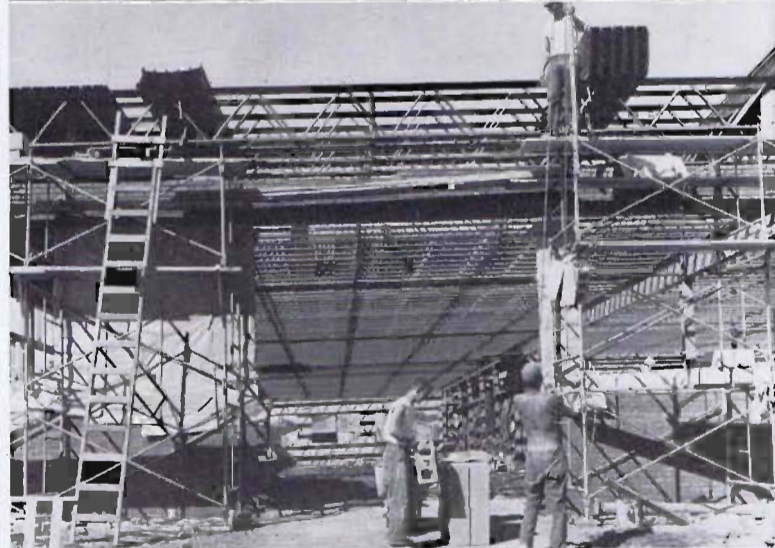
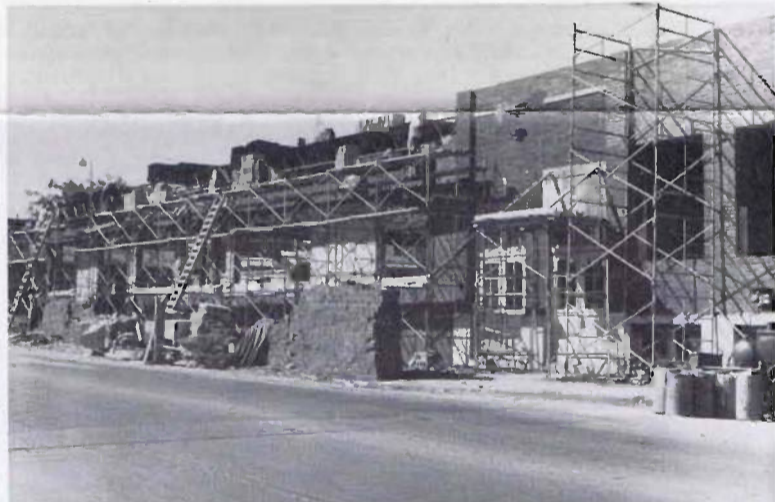
These employees have been, or still remain, on the sick list: Richard Wiley (Dept. 60), who underwent an operation on October 21 at D. and M. C. Hospital; Orville Brown (Dept. 60), who underwent surgery; Sam Beav-

ers (Dept. 10); and Roy Wood.

Best wishes to Donna Edwards, Production Control, who became Mrs. Murrell Thomas on September 21. The ceremony took place at 7:30 p.m. in Grace Methodist Church. Mr. Murrell is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

Otto Peake is justifiably proud of the Seitz Pony League baseball team, which he manages. Not only did the team win the South-Central Pony League Championship this year, but it has also won five trophies during the past three years. Congratulations to Otto and his boys!

It seems that the painting and redecorating of Plant 4 offices has created quite a stir. The painters are amused as employees walk into an office, stand back and look at the new color, and then walk slowly away, a puzzled expression clouding their faces. Officially, the color is Pine Frost Green. Trouble is, not one employee has yet agreed that the paint looks green.



THANKS . . .

The editor of MAIN CONNECTIONS would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those firms and individuals who have co-operated throughout the past year to bring you this newspaper. Our sincere thanks to: Huston-Patterson Corp. of Decatur, our printers; Kane Engraving Co., our engravers; Kileen Studio, our photographers; Gene Racz, Almeda Reeve, Bruce Stotler and Sue Stratman, our fine correspondents; all those individuals who have given "hot tips" to yours truly; and last, but far from least, Opal Jackson and staff in Stationery and Supplies, for prompt mailing and a thousand other aids.

We think it has been a pretty good year for MAIN CONNECTIONS, but we know, too, that there is lots of room for improvement. We have lots of new things in mind for '58, and hope you'll bear with our experiments.

Remember: this is YOUR newspaper. It is published every three months for your enjoyment. Please help us present the kind of news you want to read. You can do this by sending your suggestions and/or news to the editor at Plant 1, or by phoning extension 348.

Here are three views of construction underway in Decatur. When completed, the new building will house Personnel, Experimental Lab, Standards, Catalog Dept. and some Engineering offices. The Company hopes to begin moving into the new quarters early in 1958, barring weather conditions which might hamper progress on the outside of the building.



These five Decatur employees were given gifts prior to their leaving Mueller Co. They are, in the order of their appearance: Maurice E. Woods, Cost Accounting; Dorothy Vaughan, Cost Accounting; Nancy James, secretary to Lyle Huff; Jim Halvachs, Mail Department (looks like he'll really be missed!); and Pat Blakeman, Sales.

THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN



Traffic stopped at the corner of Eldorado and Monroe in Decatur when demolition crews pulled down the walls of this church to make room for a new parking lot for Mueller employees.

Awards List Announced

Pins and cash awards, presented at Decatur from August 1 to December 1, include the following:

5 Years: Robert Ross, Donald Swinehart, Joseph DeWilde, Jr., Michael E. O'Neill, Hubert H. McCoy, Gerald Myers, Paul D. Ater, Ralph L. Stevenson, Connie Brumaster, Donald M. Rauch, Keith C. Meachum, Robert J. Cope, Jesse Rhodes, Kenneth L. Smith, Dale V. Wallace, Gerald E. Mahaffey, Robert K. Levey, Jr., John F. DeClerck, Robert L. Foster, Paul G. Tolbert, James M. Fleenor, Warren D. Crawford, Wendell L. McRoberts, W. Eugene Stanley, Wilber Loy, Delmar L. Beeson, Donal R. Page, and George H. Wehmhoff.

10 Years: Richard Medick, Albert G. Webber, Jr.

15 Years: Walter Arnett, Frank Edwards, Floyd Curry, Logan Pettit, Lewie Rogers, Charles Brown, Edward Ellis, George Shotton, Wilma Badorek, Elizabeth Tolladay, Bernard W. Wilkerson, Harry Cruse, John W. Morrison, Floyd E. Huffman, Mildred Johnson, Scott M. Redmon, Alfred L. Degand.

20 Years: Clarence Albert, Edwin C. Nalefski, Clarence R. Byers.

30 Years: Clure Lane.

35 Years: Matt Like, Z. H. Grinestaff, Estella Livergood.

40 Years: William Kuntz.

45 Years: Ray T. Sailsbery

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Pins and cash awards, presented at Los Angeles from July 1 to Nov. 1, include the following:

5 Years: Rose Marino, Alfred Alvarez, Walter Roberts, Hugh Brownridge.

10 Years: Alfred Hembree, David Garcia.

15 Years: John Hesselbach.

20 Years: Dale Hutchins.

35 Years: Cecil Foltz.

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Pins and cash awards, presented at Chattanooga July 1 to December 1, include the following:

5 Years: Thomas M. Basham, Tom Brady, Jr., Boyd Copeland, David C. Cullins, Willie M. Eberhardt, Bob Evans, Oliver Cecil Hines, Harold G. Johnson, Charles E. Leslie, Nadine McCallie, Willie F. Page, Oscar Fred Strawter, Paul M. Winston.

10 Years: William E. Clay, Elsie Hill, Jesse C. Hines, Clifford Kelly, Mitchell Robinson, Lewis M. White.

15 Years: Samuel C. Adair, Jr. Claude Howell, B. L. McClendon, James Morris, William Ben Roy, Clyde D. Scott, John Simmons.

20 Years: Henry Williams.

30 Years: George Patton.

45 Years: Otto Glass, Sr.

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Service pins awarded at Sarnia from July 1 to October 1 include the following:

10 Years: John Bazeley, Douglas McKellar, Alphonse Migneault, Lawrence Smith.

15 Years: Joseph Ayres, Helen Babcock, William Bedard, Harold Brown, Gladys Green, John McEvoy, Andrew Ironside, Henry Jewitt, Anne Kruk, Lois Shortt.

40 Years: Lile Short, Leo O'Neill.

46 Years: Allan W. Bannister, William J. Aitchison.



These five employees received service awards recently for a combined total of 165 years of service. TOP: A. C. Werdes presents Estella Livergood (Payroll) with her 35-year award. Lyle Huff, Vice-President and General Controller is also pictured. SECOND: O. E. Walker, Vice-President and Works Manager, hands Matt Like (Dept. 90) his 35-year award in the presence of A. L. Sefton, General Superintendent, and L. E. Kramer, Foreman. THIRD: Mr. Walker presents Carl Maurer (Dept. 38) with an award for 30 years of service. Also in the photo are Mr. Sefton and Marvin Spitzer, Maintenance Foreman. FOURTH: Z. H. Grinestaff (Dept. 80) receives his 35-year award from Mr. Walker in the presence of Mr. Sefton and Howard Gragg, Ground Key Foreman. BOTTOM: Clure Lane is honored for 30 years service. Left to right: Mr. Sefton, Mr. Walker, and Leland Hartwig, Brass Foundry Foreman.

NOW, WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE?



These lovely young ladies enjoyed the sunshine at the Outing in Decatur. Their proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Lowe. Don is employed in the Maintenance Dept.



H. K. Williams, president of the Decatur Association of Commerce, presents a plaque to A. G. Webber, Jr., commemorating Mueller Co.'s centennial observance. The award was made in Decatur's Masonic Temple on September 9.



This plaque was the gift of Mueller's Decatur employees. The presentation was made at the Outing on September 6, and rests on a permanent base (below) outside the main entrance of Plant 1. A similar plaque is located at Plant 4 in Decatur.



Mae Sencenbaugh retired August 2 after 23 years of service to Mueller Co. She came to Stationery and Supplies in 1945 after three years at Plant 3, and spent 12 years in Stationery before her retirement. All of us will miss her a great deal.

Chattanooga Outing Features Beards and "Greased Pigs"

Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz



The drugstores located in this vicinity will in all probability be kept busy in the coming weeks, selling vitamin pills, tonics and all the other concoctions that insure a long life. We know from all the comments made by the employees of our office and plant that no one will take a chance on missing the next centennial outing. Our outing held at Lake Winnepesaukah and Lincoln Park was a gala celebration. There was good food, plenty of fast rides for fun and the very nicest people ever to share this with for a whole afternoon. The generosity of the Company will linger long in each of our hearts.



Sam Foster (left) and James Thomas joke about the prize Thomas won during Chattanooga's Outing at Lincoln Park in August. In the photo at right, and left to right (holding the

greased pig) are: Melvin Barkley, Robert Blanks and O. E. Walker, Jr. The greased pig contest was one of the high-points of the afternoon.

The marriage of Mrs. Raymond Athearn and Robert William Lusk was solemnized on July 12, 1957 at the home of the bride on Tanglewood Drive. The Rev. Carl Athearn officiated at the ceremony, which took place at 8 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. William E. Hixson served as her Mother's matron of honor and Robert Lusk of Decatur, Ill. attended his son as best man. The bride was attired in a dress of light blue chantilly lace with pink accessories. Mrs. Hixson wore a pink lace dress with matching accessories. A reception was held following the wedding. Bob is employed in the Engineering Dept. as Tool Engineer and Laura is teaching school at the Nathan Bachman School on Signal Mountain.

We are hoping to see Wade Lowery, foreman in the Iron Foundry, strong enough to resume his duties real soon. Wade recently underwent a serious operation and we are missing him while he is on the mending list.

Congratulations to Bill Jones of the Maintenance Dept. on the completion of his new home in Ringgold, Georgia.

Otto Glass, Sr., flask man in the foundry for forty-five years, retired August 9. The foundry division presented him with a Hamilton pocket watch. Otto says he hasn't made any definite plans as to how he is going to utilize his spare time. His son in California is anticipating a visit from him, but Otto thinks he will laze around awhile before he attempts a lengthy journey.

We are happy to see Mae Taylor, clerk in the Production Control Dept. well enough to return to work. Mae had a major operation and we all missed her a great deal.

We have keenly felt a deep loss in the death of two of our most loved retired employees.—Johnnie Quentel, who retired on January 28, 1955, succumbed on Sept. 1. James E. Johnson, retired on November 6, 1956, passed away on September 6. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the loved ones of each of these men.. They were wonderful to know.

Leslie Steele of the Assembly Dept., along with the members of his family, enjoyed a visit to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida while on vacation. You will notice they are having a delightful time by the photo made at the gaiter farm.

Best wishes to Norma Sue McLain, National Payroll Machine Operator, and Garnett N. Davis, who were married on August 30. The wedding was performed at
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LEFT: Many Chattanooga employees really got into the spirit of things by growing "soup-strainers." Although we couldn't identify some of them through the undergrowth, here are the ones we came up with: Row 1, left to right—Bob Evans, Jack Lowman and J. D. Killingsworth. Row 2, left to right—Norman Wooten, Vester Pope, Ruben Skipper, Russell Davis and

Claude Hawthorne. Row 3, left to right—Charles Hayes, Joe Gibson, Gene Frederick, Charlie Turner, Jimmy Keys and Billy Andrews. They are all gazing greedily at the prizes to be awarded for the best beards and mustaches. RIGHT: O. E. Walker, Jr., Major Hopper, Coy Jones and Bob Harris tackle that greased pig again!



LEFT: James Henry displays the mobile outdoor barbecue which was awarded as a prize at Lake Winnepesaukah. RIGHT: O. E. Walker, Jr. presents a Sunbeam electric shaver to a

bearded winner, Ruben Skipper. Word has it that Ruben's beard was so thick that he burned out the shaver's motor trying to get himself back to normal. True, Ruben?

L. A. Employees at Knott's Berry Farm



LEFT: Los Angeles employees of Mueller Co. gathered at famed Knott's Berry Farm on September 13 for their Outing. The plant closed at noon to give everyone plenty of time. Here you see families enjoying a big chicken dinner with all the trimmings.



RIGHT: Bruce E. Stotler and his family enjoyed the scenery at Knott's before settling down to dinner. They are pictured here in front of the old gold mine. Bruce is the capable Los Angeles correspondent for MAIN CONNECTIONS.



LEFT: Here is another view of the big dining room at Knott's, jammed with happy, hungry Los Angeles employees. Be sure to read all about the big day in Bruce Stotler's column elsewhere in this issue. RIGHT: in the foreground are Mr. and Mrs. Powell and



daughter, who certainly isn't camera shy. Those happy folks in the background are, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Raynard, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Haws, and Jacqueline Bergman.



LEFT: Still another view of the dining room at Knott's. After dinner, everyone received passes to nearby Disneyland. The passes entitled everyone to admission to the park and many of its amusements. RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright and son look



like they're enjoying the afternoon of sight-seeing at Knott's, as does Mrs. Herman Dash. Mr. Dash was just out of camera range when this photo was taken.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles

by
B. E. Stotler

Just a short resume of some of our 100th Anniversary celebration highlights.

Our Centennial celebration was held on Friday, September 13. The entire plant closed at noon, allowing everyone to leisurely ready themselves and their families for the big party. In addition to the noon closing, each employee was given tickets which entitled him and his family to a delicious chicken dinner at Knott's Berry Farm, and books of tickets for each member of the family, entitling them to admission to Disneyland and its many exciting rides and amusements.

Many of our employees arrived at Knott's early in the afternoon, in order to take in some of the interesting sights of this fascinating California showplace.

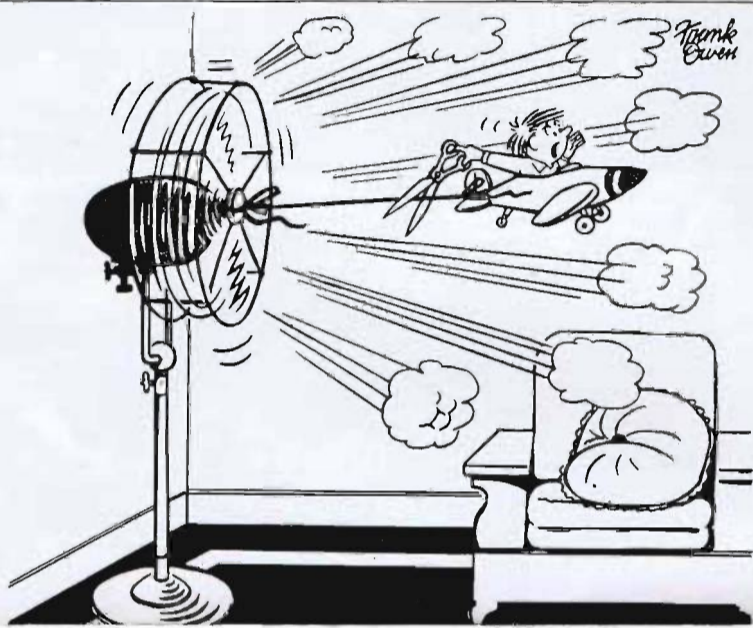
Knott's Berry Farm dates to 1920, when Walter and Cordelia Knott rented a farm, and built a little shed in which they sold berries. In 1934 they started serving chicken dinners; on Thanksgiving Day 1937 they served 1774 chicken dinners, made 355 pies and used 8890 biscuits. On Mother's Day 1956, Knott's served 14,032 chicken dinners, made 1,927 pies, and used 61,730 biscuits. In just one year, 1956, Knott's served 1,577,914 dinners. From a berry shed in 1920, the Berry Farm has grown to encompass two restaurants which seat 1750 people. Many fine specialty shops dot the grounds. Knott's Ghost Town has its own Government Post Office. Tree-lined parking lots cover 60 acres and park 6000 cars.

By six p.m. that night, four hundred Mueller people had converged on one of the large dining rooms, and the wonderful dinner which awaited them.

At the end of the banquet, the employees presented a plaque to Mr. Earl Bright, Plant Manager, congratulating Mueller Co. on its achievement of one hundred years of business success.

After dinner, nearly everyone drove the short distance to fabulous Disneyland, and ended a wonderful day in this wonderful world of phantasy.

RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lusk prepare to cut their wedding cake after their marriage in Chattanooga in July.



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"Open the front door, will you, Mom?"

Below, TOP: Earl Bright, manager of the Los Angeles Plant is presented with a commemorative plaque. Mr. Bright accepted the plaque on behalf of the Company, and thanked all the Los Angeles employees for their contributions to the success of Mueller Co. Below, BOTTOM: Cecil B. Foltz happily receives his 35-year service award from Mr. Bright in Los Angeles.



On C. Spears, Personnel Supervisor of Mueller, Ltd., presents 15-year awards to Lois Short, Erie Duggan, Helen Babcock and Margaret Connors.



Enjoying a "gater-ride" in St. Augustine, Florida are Mrs. Dorothy Steele, and children, Melvin and Cheryl. Leslie Steele took the photo, and is employed in the Chattanooga plant.



This enchanting miss is about to blow out the candles on her fourth birthday cake. She is Gayla Lynn Dover; her father, Rudolph, is in the Assembly Dept. in Chattanooga.

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the home of the bride in Cleveland, Tenn. The couple is now residing on Robbins St.
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When Walt Disney's production of "Light in the Forest" is released in a few months it will be of special interest to the office personnel here, as Janet Mulkey, daughter of Ione Mulkey, appears in the cast. Janet had to be on the set at 7 o'clock, and she worked till 7 p.m. for a number of days. The setting was at Mullins Cove. Fess Parker stars in the film, and Janet says he is the "very nicest." If you notice Ione keeping company with a lovely, agile blonde, about 14 years of age, wearing sun glasses, you can bet that she is with her talented daughter, who is traveling incognito. I don't have her autograph yet, but I hope to obtain it before the release of the picture.
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Best wishes to Emmett Leroy Garner, Iron Foundry Conveyor Unloader, and Kathryn Talley, who were married July 14, 1957, in Ringgold, Georgia.
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Please give special consideration to the following men if they seem a little drowsy mornings, as it is probably because they have a newcomer at their house, and are still trying to get the sandman on schedule: Pamela Marshall arrived on July 19 at the home of Willie Franklin; Carey Eugene on July 15 to the Curtis Barber's; John Edwin on July 15 to the Johnnie McLain's; Stephen Ray on June 20 to the Lee Webb's; Cynthia Leighton July 5 to the William Tidmore's; India on July 17 to the Curtis Ingles; Patricia Ann on July 14 to the Roy Hollingsworths; Deborah Elaine on Sept. 25 to the Leonard Bishops; Cedric Bernard on August 9 to the Charles Youngs; Martha Elizabeth on Sept. 1 to the Charles Thorn-ton; Marie Annette on August 25 to the Walter Copelands; Deborah Delores on July 8 to the J. B. Sheffields; Eddie Franklin on August 20 to the Darrell Pettyjohns; and Kathy Suzanne on August 19 to the Coy Jones.
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Wayne Heyer attended the National Association of Cost Accountants Convention in Washington, D. C. June 24 thru June 27.
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Our deepest sympathy to Murphy Paris of the Iron Foundry in the recent death of his wife. Lula became ill while teaching her class in Trenton, Georgia, and passed away before reaching the hospital.
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Sam Roy Smith, pattern shop foreman, has undergone surgery, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.
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James Godwin, foundry clerk, and Joyce Conner, were united in marriage on August 24, 1957 in Trenton, Georgia. We wish them the best of everything.
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We have just induced two unsuspecting lads to assume the job of reporter for their respective departments. Rudolph Dover has, with much persuasion, agreed to snoop around in the Assembly Dept. and see if he can find any activity going on that is printable. Raymond Cutcher has consented to somehow squeeze in time to "nose around" in the Machine Shop. If something of interest happens, let them know about it; we would like to share your experiences with you.

PENNY-WISE, POUND-FOOLISH



If You Watch Your Pennies, Dollars Care for Themselves

What do you know about thrift? If you keep a budget, chances are you think you're thrifty. Actually, many who work hard to make ends meet and save every payday, don't get their money's worth. Following are some statements. Guess either true or false before reading the answer.

1. It pays to buy a new car instead of making major repairs on your four-year-old buggy. Answer: not always. Depreciation on a new car is 25-30 percent the first year. If you're buying a \$3600 car, that's about \$1000. So, it will probably pay you to repair the older car (which has already depreciated 75 percent of its sale price) and drive it a while longer.

2. A home freezer will help a family save on food bills. Answer: true—If you have a large home garden, live on a farm, or have access to very low-cost meat and produce. Otherwise, a freezer is a luxury because you have to figure in (1) cost of the freezer, spread out over its life, (2) cost of current to run it.

3. You save money by making your own will. Answer: it pays to have a lawyer draw up your will, no matter how simple it is. While "do-it-yourself" wills are recognized in court, inheritance laws vary from one state to another. A lawyer can help you avoid technicalities that can cost your heirs far more than the small amount you would save by making your own will.

4. Checking accounts are expensive; you can save money by paying bills in cash. Answer: definitely false! Cost of writing checks is five to ten cents per check. But, this is cheaper than driving or taking a bus to town to pay your bills. If you mail payments, you can mail a check in safety. Cancelled checks are excellent receipts, especially to back up deductions on your income tax returns.

5. It pays to borrow on your life insurance because the interest is lower. Answer: true—AND false. The interest is lower, but if you die before repaying the policy loan, you leave your family without insurance they need. Instead, borrow from a credit union or a bank, where interest is likely to be as low as you'd get. Most credit unions

provide insurance, without charge, that pays off your loan in case of death.

6. Revolving credit plans are thrifty because they help you limit your purchases each month. Answer: false! Revolving credit plans—whereby you can "charge" up to a certain balance at all times—cost money. Most stores charge one and one-half percent per month on the balance due. That's 18 percent a year! Some charge late fees on past-due accounts—up to an extra one one-half percent per month. Many families discover, too late, that they are paying high interest rates on everyday needs, such as underclothes, notions, shoes, etc. It's thriftier to pay cash for these things, and save your credit for items which will hold their value, such as autos, furniture and appliances.

Obviously, saving regularly isn't enough to put your family on a sound financial footing. Family budget counselors say that true thrift is the wise management of one's resources. That includes planned saving, budgeting, intelligent buying, and proper use of credit.

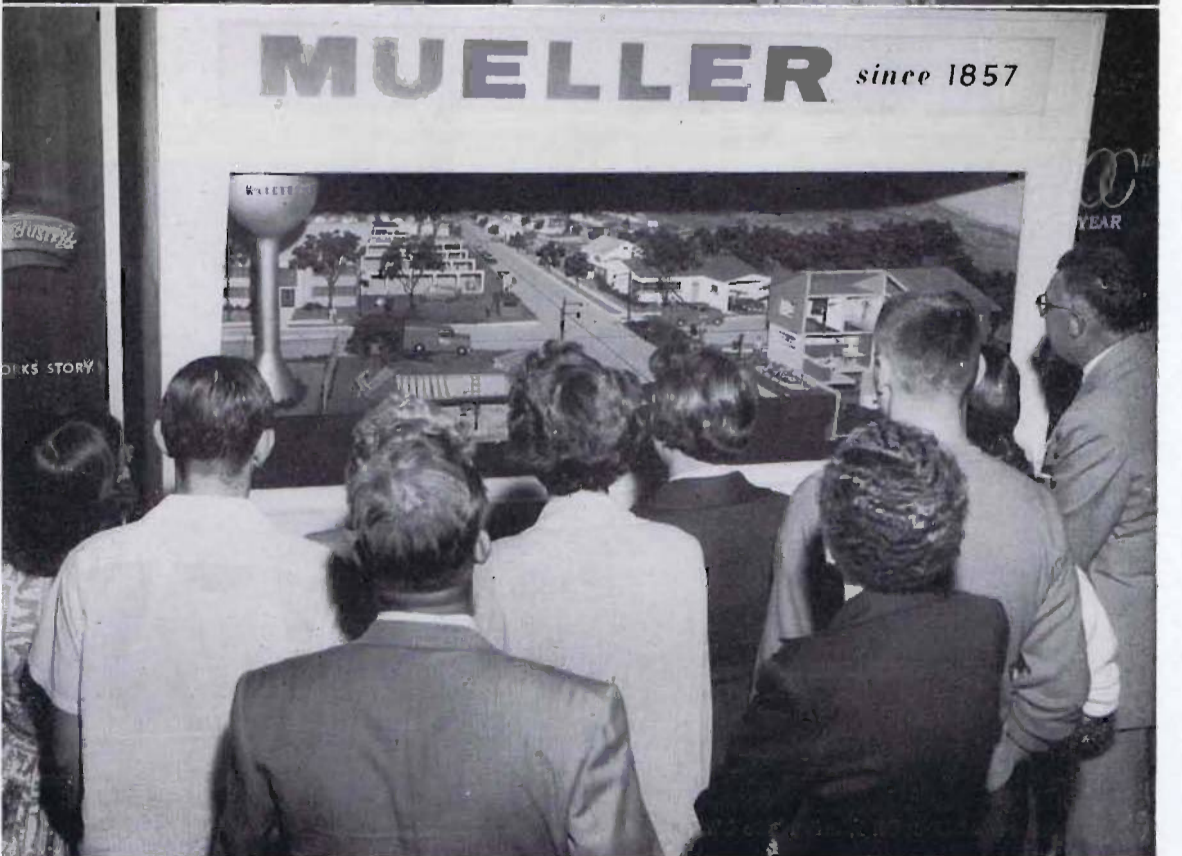
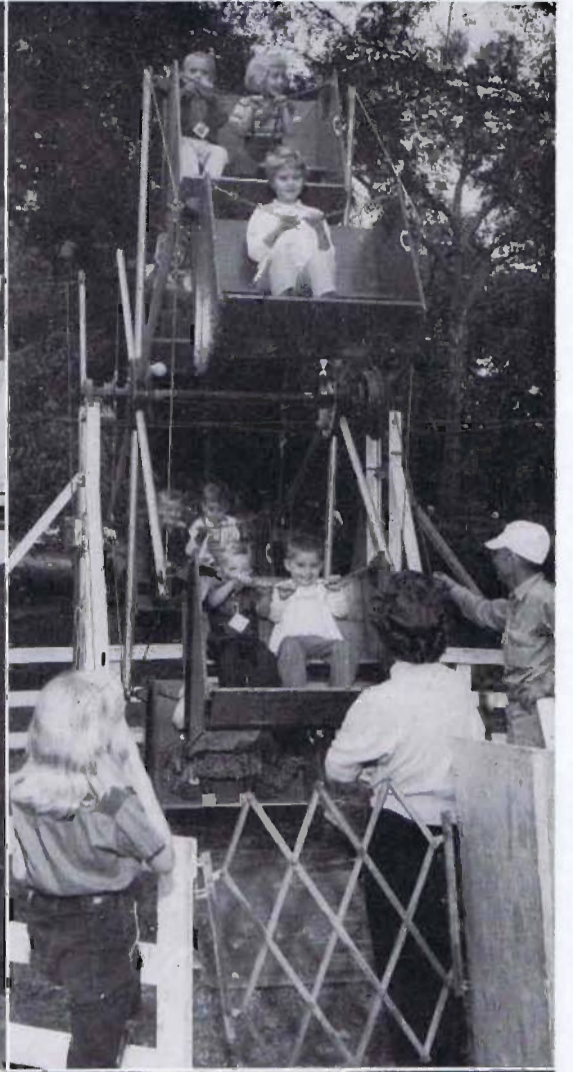
When borrowing, study carefully the interest charges involved. You'll find that the Credit Union is your best bet!



Ethel Thomason, secretary to W. H. Hipsher, tries to convince everyone at the Decatur Outing that she should be in Sales.

It was good barbecued food, rides for the kiddies, a clown who stamped up and down on the float until he fell through it, and fascination by the Diorama—these and many more excitements at the Centennial Outing in Decatur.

BRING ON THE YEAR 2057!



Big Playday Closes Mueller Golf Season



These are the golfers who journeyed to Lake of the Woods golf course on August 10 for the annual tournament. We won't attempt to identify all of them, but the jovial man in the middle, with the big badge prominently displayed, is Elwood Potts, official starter.



Elwood Potts, official starter, displays his symbol of office—the starter sheet.



Marshall Foster, regular-season champ, lines up a putt at Scovill Country Club in Decatur. Looking on, left to right, are Harold Peer, Scott Kwasny and Mel Chaney.



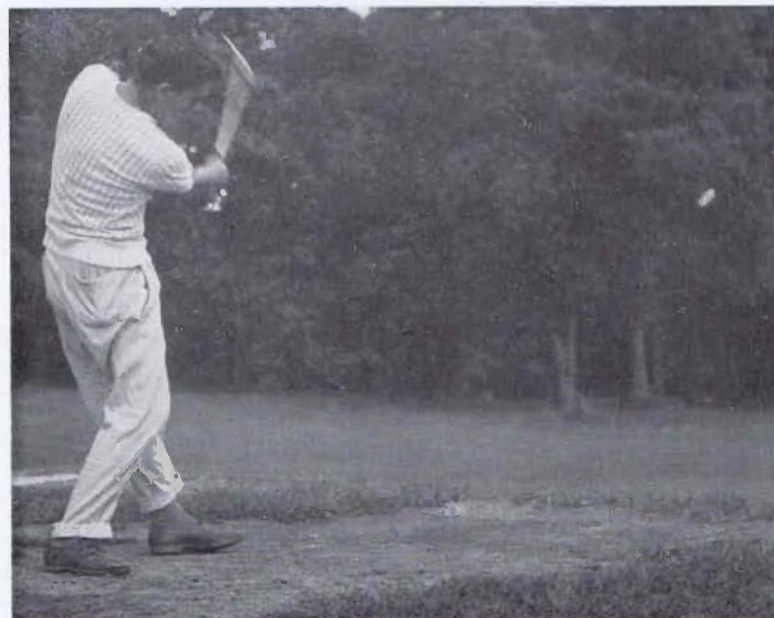
Jack Bain prepares to drive one at Scovill. The onlookers are, left to right: Bill Kuntz, Scott Kwasny, Bill Leake, Harold Peer, John Neiderbrach, Al Seitz and Carl Dodwell.



Anyone need a caddie? This dejected-looking gentleman is Cecil Coffin, Personnel Director, mournfully awaiting the remaining three-fourths of his foursome.



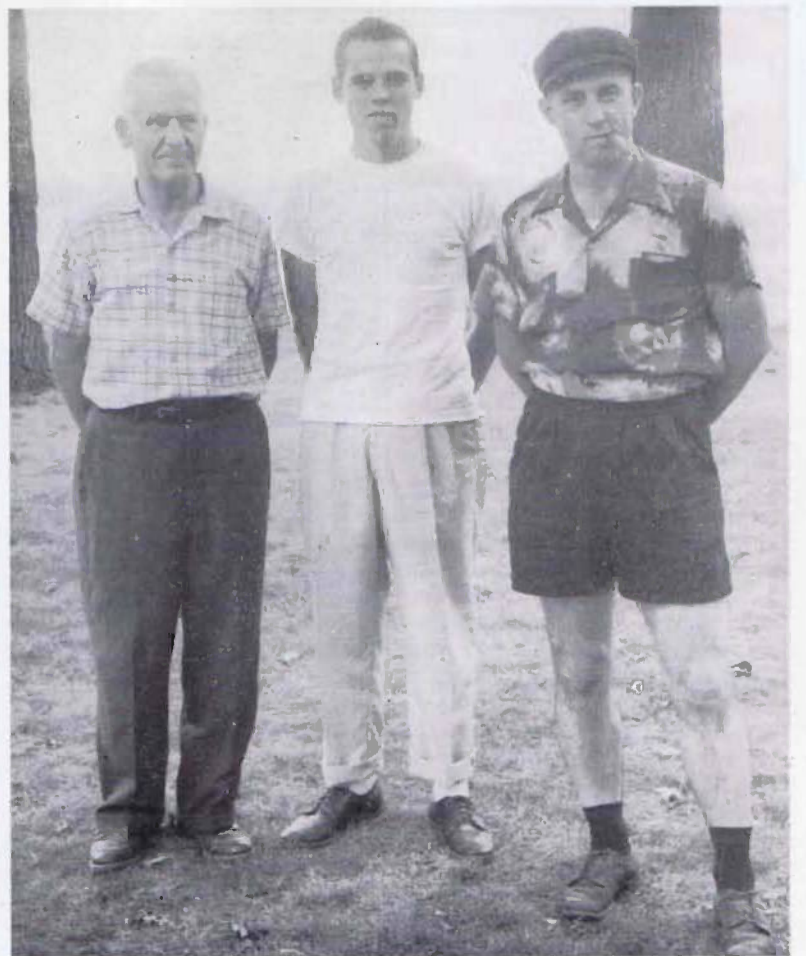
It's dead silence as Bill Knorr prepares to tee-off at Scovill, flanked by Pete Duncan, Cecil Coffin and Harlan White.



Al Seitz tees off at Scovill. That white blur at far right is the golf ball shortly after it left the tee.



The winners! Marshall Foster and Fred Tratzik display their trophies after ending Play Day competition at Lake of the Woods.



Bill Kuntz, Al Seitz and Elmer Fawley team up to smile at the birdie after a rousing tournament at Lake of the Woods. The day was deemed a success, and the league hopes to make it an annual affair.

Late summer saw the wrap-up of the 1957 season of the golf league formed by Decatur employees of Mueller Co. On August 10, thirty-four golfers journeyed to the Lake of the Woods course near Mahomet, Ill, for the annual Play Day.

During the regular season, thirty-four men saw action. Tops among the individuals was Marshall Foster, with the following: games played—12; total score—438; average—36.6; handicap—2; low score—32; par—34. Runners-up in the individual statistics were: Ben Sydboten, Roy Abel, Pete Duncan and Chuck Girard.

In season play, six teams participated. Winning team was the Tool Room, composed of Ben Sydboten, Pete Duncan, Bill Kuntz, Al Seitz and Elmer Fawley. Their totals were: match points—23; net points—12; total points—35; prize money—\$18.00. Runners-up, with total points in parentheses, were: Engineers (31); Standards (30½); Pattern Shop (29); Main Office No. 1 (28½); and Main Office No. 2 (26).

Play Day at Lake of the Woods proved to be a photo finish, with two men, Fred Tratzik and Marshall Foster, tying with a 72 net. A toss of the coin declared Tratzik winner, and Foster took second place. Official starter for Play Day was Elwood Potts.

Final averages in individual statistics tell the story of a close race all season. Foster's average was 36.6 Then Sydboten registered 38.5, followed by Roy Abel with 41.3, Pete Duncan with 41.7, and Chuck Girard with 42.9.

The top twenty in individual season averages were: M. Foster; B. Sydboten; R. Abel; R. Duncan; C. Girard; A. Werdes; H. White; W. Leake; R. Thompson; B. Sprague; L. Edwards; M. Chaney; D. Reidelberger; W. Knorr; E. Fawley; O. Fortschneider; C. Dodwell; B. Mallow; P. Parsons; and L. Huff.

