

# EXPANSION COMPLETED IN DECATUR

New building in Decatur adds 64,000 square feet . . . . .



This is the front of the new addition to Plant 1 in Decatur, facing North Monroe Street. This photo was taken from the large, new parking lot located across the street.

## Engineering's New Quarters

The move into the new plant addition in Decatur is now completed. The new building, which adds 64,000 square feet of new facilities, houses the Engineering Department, Research Engineering, Product Engineering, Tool Engineering, Plant Engineering, Standards, Personnel, Advertising and Sales Promotion, Mueller Record office, and the Credit Union.

Also located in the building is a functional Training Room, where sales training sessions and demonstrations will be held.

The Research Engineering Test Laboratory includes a Hydro-test Room of solid concrete, where pressure tests up to 30,000 lbs. per square inch can be made, a Machine Shop, and complete testing facilities with the very latest equipment.

The Heat Treat building, which includes steel storage and dock area, covers approximately 13,000 square feet.

All offices in the building are air-conditioned, and are provided with the newest in effective, glare-free fluorescent lighting.

Space made available in existing areas by the move of certain departments into the new building will be used for improvement of manufacturing facilities, and for possible future expansion of operations.

## Lloyd George Passes Away

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Lloyd W. George, Mueller Sales Representative, on July 1, 1958. Mr. George was electrocuted in an accident in Indianapolis, Indiana, his home.

He joined Mueller Co. in 1930, and was assigned the sales territory of the city of Detroit, and the state of Ohio. In 1939, he was assigned the state of Indiana and adjacent counties in the western part of Ohio, which territory he served at the time of his death.

For the past several years, Mr. George has resided in Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and two married daughters.

The Mueller organization is proud of Lloyd George's long association with us, and we shall cherish his memory.

## Tool Engineers Top Bowling

The Mueller Bowling League wound up its season on May 1 with the completion of a 108-game schedule. Top team in the final standings was **Tool Engineering**, which won 67 games and lost 41. The complete team standings were as follows: **Tool Engineering** won 67, lost 41, 831 average, high game of 997, high three games of 2692; **Main Office** won 65, lost 43, 802 average, high game of 951, high three games of 2668; **Works Managers** won 58½, lost 49½, 824 average, high game of 976, high three games of 2733; **Experimental** won 58, lost 50, 797 average, high game of 969, high three games of 2770; **Plant 4 No. 1** won 55, lost 53, 783 average, high game of 909, high three games of 2598; **Specialty** won 53, lost 55, 779 average, high game of 903, high three games of 2526; **Pattern Shop** won 52, lost 56, 775 average, high game of 922, high three games of 2682; **Brass Finishing** won 50½, lost 57½, 792 average, high game of 956, high three games of 2645; **Product Engineering** won 44, lost 64, 762 average, high game of 885, high three games of 2545; **Plant 4 No. 2** won 37, lost 71, 747 average, high game of 873, high three games of 2531.

The ten top league bowlers, and their averages, were: B. Taylor, 182 for 99 games; R. Leake, 179 for 93 games; W. Knorr, 177 for 90 games; D. Riedleberger, 175 for 99 games;

## O. E. Walker Accepts U. S. Appointment

Mr. O. E. Walker, Mueller Co. Vice-President and Works Manager, was named Adviser to the Director, Water and Sewerage Industry and Utilities Division, Business and Defense Services Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, on June 26. Mr. Walker was in Washington for the ceremonies marking his appointment.

He will serve without compensation on loan from Mueller Co. under an arrangement by which industry makes key executives available for six-month tours of duty in government. He also becomes available for the National Defense Executive Reserve, which will be called on to staff the operation of an emergency production agency in the event of hostilities involving this country.

As Division Adviser, Mr. Walker succeeds David L. Wright of Badger Meter Mfg. Co., Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker will reside in Washington during Mr. Walker's term of government service.

H. Stratman, 174 for 108 games; W. Leake, 174 for 93 games; L. Edwards, 174 for 107 games; P. Hawbaker, 173 for 99 games; J. Bain, 170 for 101 games; and E. Nalefski, 170 for 99 games

## Golf Season Now Underway

The completion of the seventh game of the current Mueller Co. Golf League season on June 30 found Standards leading the seven other league teams with a total of 25½ points. Team members, with their handicaps in parenthesis, are: Roy Abel (6), Bill Leake (7), Roy Thompson (10), Ted Suhomske (11), Bob Taylor (11), and Ben Finley (25).

The eight teams and their standings, as of June 30, were as follows: **Standards**, match points—16, net points—9½, total points—25½; **Main Office No. 1**, match points—15, net points—8½, total points—23½; **Engineers**, match points—15, net points—8½, total points—23½; **Pattern Shop**, match points—15½, net points—7, total points—22½; **Tool Room**, match points—13½, net points—7, total points—20½; **Main Office No. 2**, match points—12½, net points—7½, total points—20; **Product Engineers**, match points—12½, net points—6½, total points—19; **Plant 4**, match points—10½, net points—3, total points—13½.

Playday for the current season is scheduled for August 23 at Sullivan Country Club, and participation is not limited to league members. Those interested in participating should contact league president Ollie Fortschneider well in advance of the date.

## Earl W. Lowe New Pres. Of 4-X Club

The new officers of the Mueller Co. 4-X Club for the 1958-59 club season were introduced during the May 14 meeting at Mueller Lodge. They are: President, Earl Lowe; Vice-President, Brick Kramer; Secretary, Paul Parsons; Program Chairman, Jim Mahoney, and Treasurer, Rex Smith. The men retiring from office at that time were: President, W. C. Rohman; Vice-President, Verle Utzinger; Secretary, Charlie Bafford; Program Chairman, Elmer Fawley, and Treasurer, Bill Sprague.

During the meeting, the Tool and Methods Departments, headed by Bob Tauber, received a well-earned round of applause for the excellent dinner, which consisted of choice charcoal steaks cooked to perfection, baked potatoes, and all the trimmings. Roy Woods was presented with a nice retirement gift certificate, and expressed his appreciation.

A color movie, depicting the history of the Grand Canyon in Colorado, was a special treat provided by Bob Tauber's committee.

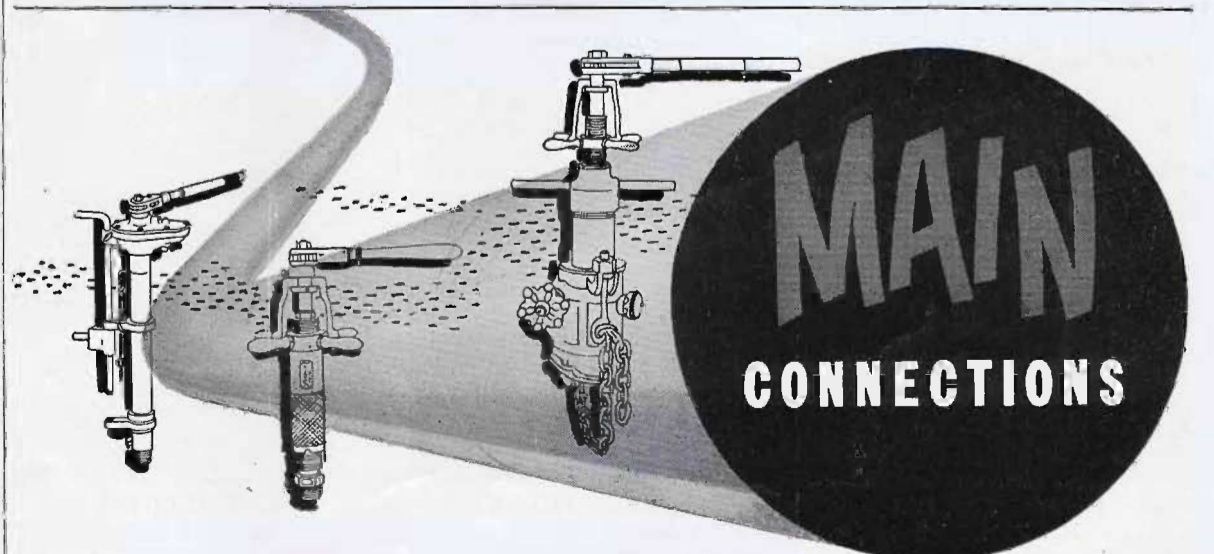
The next regular meeting of the Club is scheduled for September 10. No meetings are held during the summer due to conflicting vacation schedules.

## Classified Ads Available To All Mueller Employees

A column devoted to classified ads submitted by employees appears in this issue. It is for the use of any Mueller Co. employees who have items for sale, rent, or trade, or who are wishing to find items. Perhaps you have a service to sell, such as lawn care or painting and redecorating. Placement of your ad is free of charge. All ads will be limited to one inch, with the exception of those persons wishing to list houses for sale or apartments for rent. These ads will be allowed one and one-

half inches. If you wish to submit an ad for publication in the October issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS, send your ad to Jim Milligan, Plant 1, or contact your correspondent. In Los Angeles, B. E. Stotler will take your ad; in Chattanooga, Gene Racz; in Sarnia, Mrs. Almeda M. Reeve; at Plant 4 in Decatur, Sue Stratman; in the new Engineering Building in Decatur, Mary Lou Wheatley.

Remember: this service is free of charge to all Mueller Co. employees.



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# DECATUR AREA GRADUATES



**HELEN SHASTEEN**  
Stephen Decatur  
Wilbur Shasteen  
Dept. 44



**JIM MASEY**  
Argenta High  
Henry Masey  
Plant 4



**RICHARD EPPERSON**  
Niantic-Harristown  
Onal Epperson  
Dept. 80



**MARILYN JOYCE SEFTON**  
Warrensburg-Latham  
A. L. Sefton  
General Superintendent



**JUTTA BECHTEL**  
Mac Arthur High  
Jim Hosto  
Methods



**BILL RIDGEWAY**  
Eisenhower High  
Frank Ridgeway  
Dept. 60



**ROBERTA MILLER**  
MacArthur High  
Lew A. Miller



**SHARON CASH**  
Eisenhower High  
Gene Cash  
Dept. 103



**CAROL LYNN SCHUMAN**  
St. Teresa  
Carl Schuman  
Dept. 10



**KENNETH CURRY**  
Mt. Zion High  
Floyd Curry  
Dept. 70



**JERRY SILESKI**  
Eisenhower High  
Leo Sileski  
Dept. 36



**HAZEL CLUTTER**  
Assumption High  
William Clutter  
Dept. 10



**BARBARA ROSS**  
MacArthur High  
Louis Ross  
Dept. 36



**LINDA LOURASH**  
Mt. Zion High  
Leonard Lourash  
Dept. 70



**PHILLIP BLANKENBURG**  
MacArthur High  
Eric Blankenburg  
Experimental



**SAMMY FONNER**  
Mt. Zion High  
Pat Fonner  
Dept. 50



**CATHRYN BURGE**  
Stephen Decatur  
Roy Burge  
Dept. 80



**GERALD PORTER**  
Stephen Decatur  
Clyde Porter  
Heat Treat



**MARILYN SCHMITT**  
MacArthur High  
Robert Schmitt  
Machine Repair



**GEORGE ISOME**  
Eisenhower High  
Virginia Isome  
Plant 4 Nurse

# HERE and THERE ... in Decatur

On May 31, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipsher were named "Alumni of the Year" at the annual Millikin University Alumni Association dinner in the Masonic Temple. They received this honor as "... the alumni accomplishing most for the University ..." during the past year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hipsher take an active part in various committees and associations of the University, and the award in recognition of their service was well-deserved.

Mr. A. G. Webber, Jr. received a certificate of appointment to the Decatur Naval Reserve Training Center's Advisory Council on Naval Affairs on June 8.

According to the Decatur Daily Review, issue of May 7, the mock Civil Defense atomic attack on Decatur killed about 20,000 persons and wiped out a large area. "The Mueller Co. on North Monroe would have been destroyed," stated the article.

On June 1, the Sunday Herald & Review devoted a full page to photos of our new facilities here in Decatur.

On May 22, Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President and Director of Engineering, delivered an address before the Decatur Industrial Management Club. His topic was "Meeting a New Challenge in Product Engineering."

In May, C. H. Martin, Company Secretary, was elected to the board of Directors of the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Insurance Management.

Tom Harding, Assistant Personnel Director, was elected secretary of the Industrial Relations Association at the group's annual meeting in May.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of James Allen Ridgeway, Floyd L. Durbin and Richard L. Moore.

Sue Stratman, our Plant 4 correspondent, had an interesting Memorial Day week-end. Since she is too bashful to tell you about it in her column, we'll report it here.

Seems she headed for St. Louis and, while there, attended a private party for big Hank Sauer. She was introduced to Cardinals Don Blasingame, Joe Cunningham and Gene Green. She also met Sarah Cooper, daughter of famous Walker Cooper. Miss Cooper was named Miss Missouri this year. Sue used Hank Sauer's personal pass to gain admittance to the big Memorial Day double-header between the Cardinals and the San Francisco Giants.

## Engineering News



By Mary Lou Wheatley

Since the last issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS, there have been some changes; and the most important one is that we have moved into the new En-

gineering Building. Everyone seems very pleased with our new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jenkins are parents of a baby boy born April 16 and weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz. He has been named Duane Lee. Mr. and Mrs. John Schuessler are the proud parents of an 8 lbs., 11 oz. boy, Dwaynn Blair. John is employed in Tool Engineering.

John Hoffman, Test Line Operator in Dept. 44, enlisted and was sworn into the U. S. Marines on Monday, May 12. Tuesday morning he received his draft notice, and was ordered to St. Louis for an Army physical, even though he was legally a Marine recruit!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stroyeck are parents of a boy born June 3 and weighing 7 lbs., 2½ oz. He has been named Mark Nicholson. Mrs. Stroyeck is the former Nancy Nicholson, who was formerly employed in the Engineering Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Floren and sons flew to California for two weeks recently. During their stay, they visited Disneyland. Carl is Project Engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higar recently returned from a two-week vacation in California, visiting Disneyland, Grand Canyon, and other places of interest.

Congratulations and best wishes to Joyce McVey, Engineering Records, who recently became engaged to Jon C. Schlesier. A September wedding is planned.

On a recent Saturday morning, Walt Bowan and Fred Tratzik were playing in a foursome at a local golf course, and Walt was standing a little ahead and to one side of Fred. Fred teed-off, sliced the ball, and Walt ducked but not enough. The ball skimmed his curly head and left a tiny furrow. At last report, Walt was able to be up and around, but we understand he is extremely cautious these days when venturing onto the local links.

Space doesn't permit a complete story, but we might mention that certain Mueller gals are not bad bowlers. Among these "experts" are: Ruth Brownlow, Thelma Endsley, Joyce McVey, Donna Thomas (Plant 4), Joyce Keller, Sue Stratman (Plant 4), Virginia Benton, Virginia Isome, Irene Tueth, Sonja Brooks, Marion Schumann, and yours truly. (P. S. — I didn't want to add "yours truly," but the editor made me do it!).

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# Plant 4 News



by Sue Stratman

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leake (Dept. 35) attended the "500" with brother Harold and his wife. They had good seats—on the infield in front of the pits.

Congratulations to Jim Keown, Dept. 102, on his recent engagement to Miss Genell Morris of Bethany. An August wedding is planned.

Welcome back to Emilie Walters (Dept. 50), who returned to work May 12 after a two-month illness.

Jack Parsons, Chief Chemist, and Earl Lowe, Production Liaison Engineer, attended the 39th annual meeting and sixth annual show of the American Welding Society in St. Louis April 14 and 15. Technical sessions and lectures on welding were part of their activity, along with discussions with manufacturers' representatives on our new welding equipment.

Wilbur Sweazy (Dept. 10) and Joyce Ann McMurray exchanged vows April 20 at the First Lutheran Church. After the 4 p. m. service, the couple left for a Kentucky honeymoon. They are now living at 224 W. Green St.

Mrs. Milo Wright, wife of our Machine Shop Foreman, was a patient in Decatur and Macon County Hospital four weeks. She returned home May 10.

Miss Sharon Cash, daughter of Eugene Cash of Production Control, was recently graduated from Eisenhower High School. Of a possible 5.0 points, she earned a scholastic average of 4.84, and her name was placed on the Golden Honor Roll.

Paul Parsons and Elmer Baker of Plant 4, and Chuck Girard and Elmer Fawley of Plant 1 went to Bennett Springs, Missouri on March 28th for a two-day fishing trip. There they were joined by six men from St. Louis. They had quite a seige of rain and chilly weather, but that didn't stop them. They caught 53 Rainbow Trout. An interesting fact about Bennett Springs is that the water comes up out of the ground to the tune of approximately 99½ million barrels a day, and the year-round water temperature is 62 degrees.

Jim Masey, son of Henry Masey (Plant 4 janitor), was in Decatur and Macon County Hospital for five days recently after a mishap in tumbling class at school. He popped a vertebrae out of place in his neck.

Mr. Leland Hartwig (Dept. 60) moved into his new home in Forrest Knolls in April.

Lyle Behl (Dept. 20) and

# Congratulations



BRUCE OWEN TOHILL  
Boone (Iowa) High  
K. F. Tohill  
Salesman (Midwest)



JAMES HENLEY  
Olivet Nazarene College  
(Kankakee, Ill.)  
Hugh Henley  
Dept. 80



With O. E. Walker and A. L. Sefton looking on, these people received service awards during June: left to right, Earl W. Lowe, 35 years; Ethel Thomason, 40 years; Gladys Turner, 35 years; Albert Flaughter, 35 years.



Examining the going-away gift presented to A. C. Werdes are, left to right: Mr. Werdes, W. A. Mueller, Dick Wood, Coy West, and Charles Bafford.

Nancy Natterman, Taylorville, were married June 15 in the First Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burrows (Dept. 10) became the proud parents of a baby boy, Craig Edward, on March 24. (We missed that one in the last issue).

Lois Harper, Dept. 50, is shown at her retirement party in April. Ruth Miller, Jack Bain, and Archie Sefton watch her open a gift. Lois joined the company in November, 1939. Her sixty-fifth



John Moma (Dept. 44) holds his daughter, Alicia Annette, who was 17-months old on July 23. Alicia was our "cover girl" in the December, 1957, issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS.



Wealthy people miss one of life's greatest thrills — paying that last installment.

Why can't life's problems hit us when we are 18 and know everything?

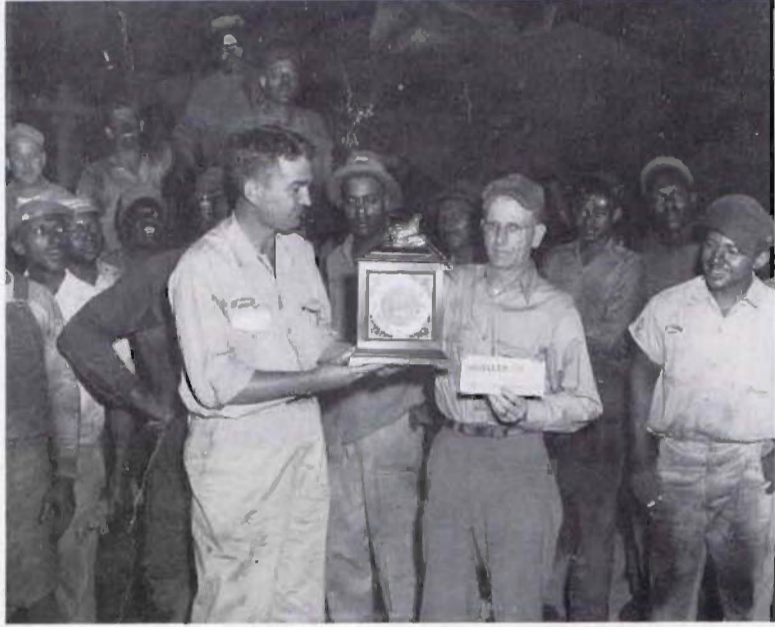
Our sincere thanks to our buddy, Otto Peake, who contributes a great deal to our column each issue.



# Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by  
Gene Racz

Thursday, May 28, 1958 was truly a momentous day in the life of Wade Lowery, as he began his retirement under the rule of eighty. Wade began his career with Mueller Co. in April of 1926 as a molder in the iron foundry, and was later promoted to the position of foreman of the floor and strip plate molders. The employees of the foundry division showed their esteem for him by presenting him a Seth Thomas, eight day, chiming clock, encased



in a lovely walnut cabinet. The inscription on the back read: "To Wade Lowery—Iron Foundry Division, May, 1958. The foreman's club demonstrated their high regard for him with a gift certificate. Wade and Mary have begun construction of a country home in beautiful Sequatchie Valley. We wish for him a very healthy and happy retirement.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Oscar Hubble, Tool Room foreman, in the death of his father on May 31st. Mr. Hubble was 91 years of age.

With the end of shivering and sneezing, chilling and freezing, it is with great anticipation that places of retreat are being chosen this season. Some early vacationers were Grace Mallard of the production department, who with her mother and daughter Phyllis, chose Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans; Estelle Gordy of the purchasing department and husband, Clyde, trekked to Jacksonville, Florida to soak up some sunshine. On arriving they discovered Mr. Sun was vacationing elsewhere and Mr. Rain was filling for him. The same fate befell Herman Easley of the Sales Department and his wife, Nancy. I suggest another vacation be provided in lieu of those badly timed ones. Leslie Higdon, Machine Shop, and wife Margaret and children spent June 6th through June 20th in Daytona, Florida; Johnnie and Dolores McFadden lived it up in Panama City, Florida; Robert Martin and wife Edna, (Bob is clerk in the iron foundry) recently returned from Akron, Ohio, and Bob states he must have picked the wrong week too. He had planned to fish, and the weather was a little too cold. Jack Barker, purchasing agent and wife Mary left June 10 for Boston, Mass. and Washington, D. C. Mary and Jack met in Boston, and had a delightful time renewing friendships while there.

Congratulations to the employees who have been paid a visit by the stork: Thomas Hurlender, iron foundry, who became the proud father of a fine son on March 15th. The baby has been named William Dean; George Autry, iron foundry, son Gerald DeVaughn, March 10th; Jimmy Keys, Machine Shop, son David Walton, April

15th; Charles Edwards, tool room, son Charles Allen, Jr., April 7th; George Moore, machine shop, daughter Cynthia Evyonne, May 3rd; Jim Tolbert, production department, daughter Jamie Alice, on May 14th.

It is with compassion that we noted the passing of the loved ones of a number of our employees. Mr. Walter Wilson, father of Glenda Wilson, Sales Department, passed away on April 8th. He had been ill for some time; Mr. Thomas Harris, father of Robert Harris, Maintenance Dept., passed away suddenly on April 11th. He suffered a heart attack. To these and all the others in our shop who have suffered this misfortune recently, we extend our condolence.

The foreman's club held its annual meeting on May 14, 1958, at the Maypole Restaurant. The main function was the election of officers for the coming year. After numerous campaign speeches, the following were elected: President, Odie Walker, Jr.; Vice President, Coy E. Jones; Secretary, Wheeler Cage; Treasurer, John Hockings. Thirty-four members were present. The menu consisted of 1 pound sirloin steaks with all the trimmings, and hot southern apple pie with ice cream.

Have you checked your lunch sack lately? Might be a good idea to occasionally look before eating. Russell Davis arrived at work recently clutching what he assumed contained an appetizing meal. At 12 noon, much to his dismay, he discovered he had discarded his lunch and brought with him the daily garbage. Small wonder his error wasn't detected before lunch time, but then it is amazing how much air conditioning has improved things. Wheeler Cage registered a look of amazement when he opened his lunch and

## Best Wishes To Chattanooga Graduates



**EDNA MILDRED BATES**  
Apison High (Apison, Tenn.)  
Wallace Bates  
Machine Shop



**FANNIE RICE**  
Howard High  
Dave Rice, Jr.  
Iron Foundry



**JAMES R. WILHOITE**  
Central High  
Nat Wilhoite  
Industrial Engineer



**PHYLLIS IONE HEYER,**  
Central High  
Wayne Heyer  
Plant Controller



**BETTY DAVIS**  
Howard High  
Marvin Davis  
Iron Foundry

was confronted with a large quantity of uncooked green beans. Gladys Weaver arrived at the lunch table at noon the other day and had to suddenly change her menu, as she had transported from home a pair of overshoes instead of the delicacies she had prepared to bring.

Miss Phyllis Heyer, daughter of Wayne Heyer, controller, was one of the lucky ladies to vie for the honor of May Queen at Central High. Phyllis is shown in the lovely dress worn by the contestants and, as you can see,



she was quite beautiful. It is interesting to see the honors that the Heyer girls accumulate year after year. Lorene, the oldest daughter, is training now at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. We haven't had any recent reports on her progress, but I'd be willing to bet that she is at the top of her class.

To Richard N. Wilhoite, industrial engineer, we extend hearty congratulations on the recent honor of being chosen treasurer of the Chattanooga

Chapter of "American Institute of Industrial Engineers." James Wilhoite, the older son of Nat, was awarded a scholarship from Central High to the University of Chattanooga this year. James plans to attend the university for a couple of years and then study at Emory University. He plans to become a surgeon.

"Best wishes" to Phyllis Hall of the accounting department and Herman J. Gray, Jr., who were married recently.

J. H. Wall attended the foundryman's convention May 19th and 20th in Cleveland, Ohio. Coy Jones attended May 22nd and 23rd.

Edgar Bryant, iron foundry, was awarded the American Bowling Congress League Award for most improved average for the 1957-'58 season. Ed bowls with the victory team. Nice work, Ed.

Lawrence Glenn, who has been ill for sometime, was retired on a physical disability recently. Lawrence still drops by to see us, and says he plans to take it easy from now on. Our best wishes to him.

Memo to all gals wondering whether to replenish the diminishing wardrobe with the latest St. Laurent creation (better known as the relaxed look). We have interviewed some known fashion critics on this subject, and are passing their remarks on for your consideration. These gentlemen were unaware they were being consulted on this matter for publication, but were later informed, and they held to their firm convictions. Their retorts went something like this:

Wallace Bates, machine shop, "I can't see too much wrong with the new look, but then I have a keener imagination than



**JAMES E. MONCIER**  
Red Bank High  
Warren Moncier  
Machine Shop

most folk." Chester Buchanan, maintenance man, "The length is an improvement and the rest wouldn't be too bad if they would trim the sides down some." Edgar Bryant, iron foundry, "They are ridiculous." Raymond Cutcher, machine shop, "My wife will never wear one." Omar Hise, iron foundry, "I am sure relieved that I got my wife before this happened." Stanley Kuhne: time study engineer, "I can't see a thing appealing about them." Bill Merritt: paymaster, "They look horrible, like something out of the Ziegfeld Follies." Odie Walker, Jr., supervisor, "They look like \*?.,; unprintable." Homer Van Vleet, production dept. supervisor: "I think I would feel like sending home the first girl in this department that wears one."

The preceding opinions are strictly personal, and are in no way endorsed by this company.

An automotive invention that is greatly needed — brakes that automatically get tight when the driver does.

# Interior Office Shots of New Addition



Above left: the reception area of the new addition in Decatur. Modern furniture, diagonally-striped flooring, and the latest in fluorescent lighting combine to make this visiting area most attractive. In the background are Mary Lou Wheatley and Marilyn Hill.



Above right: a view of Personnel's new quarters. Nurse Ann Wubben stands at extreme left, just outside the door of the new medical quarters. In the background is Helen Miles, secretary to Roy Abel. Others in the photo, left to right, are Nola Scales; Tom Harding, Assistant Personnel Director; Cecil Coffin, Personnel Director; and Donna Hilton.



Above left: the Engineering Records Dept., capably staffed by, left to right: Joyce McVey, Harley Himstead, John Moma, Jim Morrison and Nancy Grider. Above right: spacious new Standards Dept. Standing is Charles Moore, Plant Industrial Engineer.



Above right: spacious new Standards Dept. Standing is Charles Moore, Plant Industrial Engineer. Seated, left to right: Roy Thompson, Bill Leake, Beverly Blakeman, Jim Hosto, Barbara Diehl, Charles Johnson, Richard Ferrill. Seated near the wall is Lynn Harper.

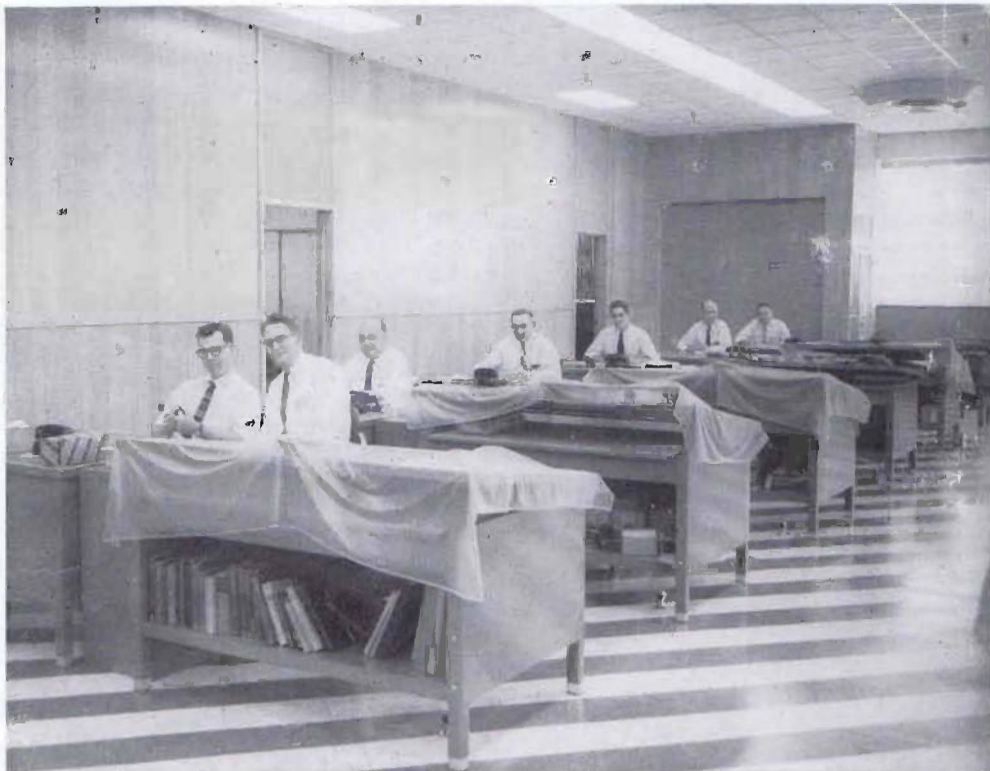


Above left: a view looking toward the office of Hugh L. Baker, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager. Members of the department, left to right: Jim Mahoney, Assistant Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager; Millie Bohon; Barbara Ballew; Marilyn



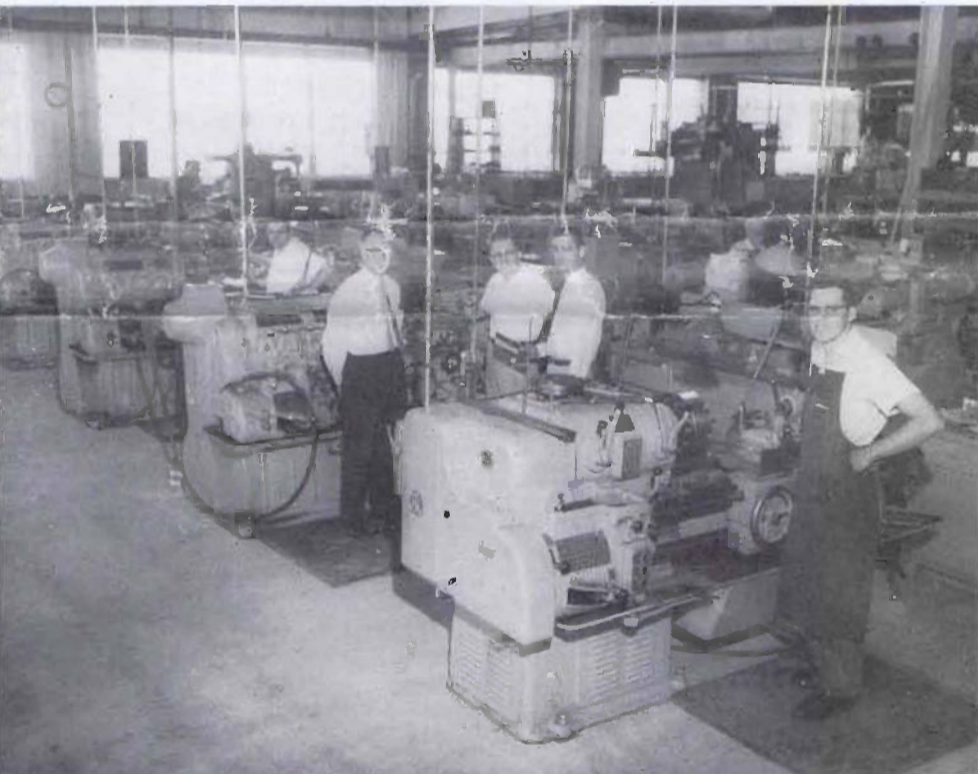
Hill; Jim Cussins; Herman Jackson; and Jack Ondecko. Above right: left to right, Melvin Chaney, Plant Engineer; Rex Smith; Bob Jesse; Louise Whitehead; and Merlin Scott. Mr. Chaney's office is out of the photo, to the left.

# Shop Areas Expand; 64,000 Sq. Ft. Added



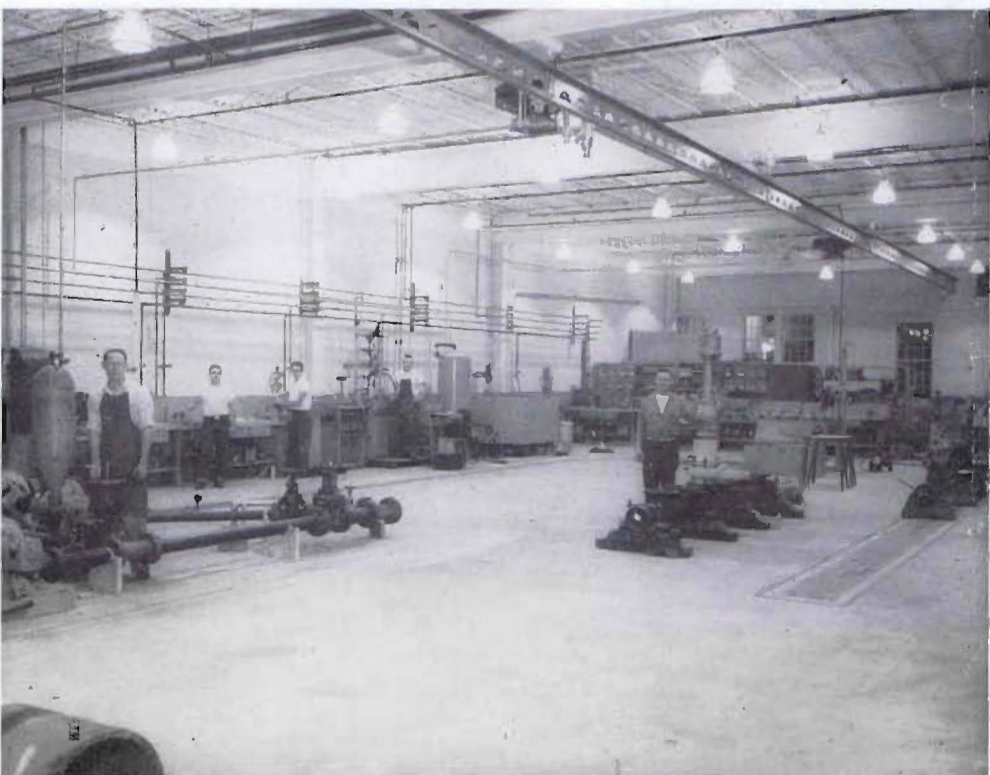
Above left: a view of the Project Engineering section of the Engineering Division. Left to right in the photo are: Carl Floren, Robert Roos, Robert Rhodes, Fred Tratzik, Lynn Edwards, Wallace Gould, and Paul Ammann. Above right: seated in the Drafting

area in the center of the photo are, left to right: Donald Ferry, Head Products Draftsman; Ben Jones; Carl Higar; Dale Stanley; Robert Chester; Lyle Woodard; Robert Brownlow; Bert Fenton; and James Smith.



Above left: is the Tool Engineering section. Personnel are, left to right: Dean Grant, Elmer Fawley, Earl Collins, Ruth Brownlow, Betty Domick, Ed Nalefski, Sandi Anderson, Earl Kester, Hartfield Lewis, John Schuessler, and Walter Jenkins. Standing in the background are R. K. Duncan, Tool Engineer, and Dale Wilkins. Above right:

the new quarters of the Tool Room. The four men standing in the foreground of the photo are, left to right: Carl Hill, Tool Room Foreman; Buddy Grossman; Earl Lowe, Production Liaison Engineer; and Al Seitz.



Above left: a shot of the new Testing facilities. Standing, left to right, are: Lewis Bland, Norman Wilcox, Perry Ferral, John Hoffman, and William Dunaway. Above right: the Experimental Shop affords new space and excellent lighting. Standing in the

foreground, left to right, are: Wilbur Shasteen, Eric Blankenburg, and Clarence Hill. In the background is Ray Larus.

# MUELLER, LTD. Reports . . . .

by  
ALMEDA M. REEVE



Our very best wishes to John A. Aitchison, who retired May 9 after forty-six years with Mueller, Ltd. You might be interested to know that John helped build Mueller, Ltd.'s buildings prior to joining the organization.

The graduating class of Sarnia Northern Collegiate were recently guests of Mueller, Ltd., and were given a general outline of procedures in industrial engineering.

John Browett, son of C. S. Browett, plant controller, recently received his Able Cadet certificate, which qualifies him for a two-week sojourn at the Sea Cadet Camp being held at the Royal Canadian Naval Base in Sydney, N. S. John and his party flew from London, Ontario to Sydney on June 28.

Our best wishes are extended to Robert Nesbit, Dept. 6, and Manuel Firlotte, Dept. 10, on their recent retirement.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. "Jack" McIntosh, who recently celebrated their forty-fourth wedding anniversary in Woodstock with their son, Harold, and his family. Jack and his wife interrupted their honeymoon to return to Sarnia to witness its incorporation as a city on May 7, 1914.

We wish much happiness to the following employees for whom the wedding bells rang out recently:

Miss Katherine MacDonald (Dept. 7), and William Canary, who were united in marriage in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Alice Andrews (Dept. 7) and Thomas Ward (Dept. 10), married in Sarnia.

Miss Kathleen Stevens (Standards Office) and Max Gardiner, married in Glencoe, Ontario.

Miss Geraldine Redden (Order and Billing Dept.) and Allan Rinker, married in Sarnia.

Our congratulations to the following parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Round (Dept. 7), a son, Mark Andrew; Mr. and Mrs. David Potter (Standards), a son, Stephen Gregory; Mr. and Mrs. John Bazeley (Shipping), a daughter, Deborah Rose Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shepley (Dept. 2), a son, Daniel Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrett (Dept. 47), a daughter, Brenda Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Saint-Cyr (Ottawa Valley salesman), a son, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Dowding (Standards Engineer), a son, Jeffrey Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Round (Dept. 6), a son, David Thomas.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Alfred Nelson (Dept. 47) who succumbed recently following a lengthy illness; to the family of the late James Jack, Annuitant, who passed away on May 11 in his 90th year; and to Ivan Maw (Dept. 8) on the death of his father.

A dream of some 2,500 members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows became a reality on April 26, 1958, when, under the leadership of Charles G. M. "Mac" Jay, District Deputy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and a tool maker in Department 9, these members selected and sponsored a student to travel to

New York City to attend a session of the United Nations, all expenses paid.

The winner, Miss Diane Corey of Petrolia, left on June 24 to join a bus load of other students from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Enroute to New York, they visited Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Mt. Vernon, the White House, and the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge held in Baltimore, Maryland.

In New York, they attended U.N. sessions, dined with foreign delegates and diplomats in a special U.N. dining hall, saw major league baseball games, took a boat trip around Manhattan Island, toured the Statue of Liberty, saw a Broadway musical, and visited Radio City Music Hall. Miss Corey returned home July 9, very tired but much the wiser because of this wonderful opportunity afforded her.

The I.O.O.F., perhaps better known as Oddfellows and Rebekahs, whose emblem of three links represents Friendship, Love and Truth, is the only fraternal organization in the world permitted to take students through the U.N., attend regular sessions, and dine and speak with all foreign delegates.

Fred H. Carter, a native of Winnipeg, has joined Mueller, Ltd., and will represent the organization in the province of British Columbia. Mr. Carter's appointment became effective May 1.

Fred is married and the father of three children. For the past 13 years, he has been associated with S. C. Johnson, Ltd., during which time he served as salesman and area manager of British Columbia and Alberta, and, for the past three years, District Sales Manager



for Western Canada.

He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II in the Meteorological Dept. During his earlier days, he was very active in competitive swimming in Canada. He now confines his athletic activities to boating, salmon fishing and golf.

Fred is succeeding D. W. Westcott, who resigned recently to enter the jobbing business in Winnipeg under the firm

## Mueller, Ltd. Men Honored

Mueller men held the spotlight at the Dale Carnegie Course dinner held on April 30, 1958. Those attending from Mueller, Ltd. were: Merton Bice, Edgar Ellenor, Gilbert Murray, Wilfred "Mike" Scott, Maurice Simard, Cecil Spears, Maurice Wade, Carman Weese and Murray Taylor.

Thirty-five men and three women, representing local industry, participated in the fourteen-week course, which is designed to improve human relations and develop effective speaking abilities. The nine Mueller men each won one of the weekly prizes awarded for outstanding talks. John Burns, Plant Engineer and Maintenance Foreman and a graduate of the 1957 course, acted as assistant instructor.

Special awards won by Mueller men were as follows: Best Prepared Speech — Maurice Wade, foundry engineer; Best Impromptu Speech — O. Cecil Spears, personnel supervisor; The Most Improvement — L. Merton Bice, assistant foundry foreman; Human Relations Award — Murray Taylor, design engineer.

A branch of the Dale Carnegie Club International, to further the education of the graduates, was recently formed in Sarnia. John Burns is vice-president, and members include Maurice Wade, Murray Taylor and Carman Weese.

## 40 Years of Service . . . .



Left to right are: John Milne, Ron Nicholson, Leo "Jimmy" O'Neill, and Baldur Sigurdson. The photo was taken at the time of Leo's retirement from Mueller, Ltd.

## "Jimmy" O'Neill Retires After 40 Years in Sarnia

Larry O'Neill has retired from Mueller, Ltd. after forty years of service. He joined the company on September 17, 1917.

Larry was born in Ancaster, Ontario of Irish parentage. At an early age, he learned the plumbing and fitting trade with the Herbert Jones Co., a large wholesale-retail firm in Hamilton, Ontario. He then went into the plumbing and heating business for himself and, after four or five years of success, he decided to try his hand at selling for the manufacturer.

Larry was interviewed and hired in 1917 by the late O. B. Mueller.

During his younger years, Larry was interested in track.

He was largely responsible for the training of Jim Corkery, who won the 25-mile marathon at Stanton Bridge, England, in 1912, and went on to the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm.

Presently, he plans to do a bit of fishing in the summer and perhaps some traveling. We believe, however, that his grandchildren will be the main attraction.

He is generally known as Larry to his friends in the area in which he served Mueller, Ltd. so long and so very well. To his immediate friends and acquaintances, he is affectionately known as "Jimmy," the man we all hate to see go. Good luck, Jimmy; we'll miss you.

## "I Can't Believe It!"



Alice Ward, a fester in Dept. 7 of Mueller, Ltd., receives a \$1,000 check from Reeve James Corbett of Point Edward, while Wilson Jenken, a tool and die maker in Dept. 9, looks on. Alice won the award by having made the closest guess to the exact time navigation opened at the Canada Steamship Lines at Point Edward.

## Sarnia Ends 1958 Bowling

A banquet held in the dining room at the Sarnia Golf Course concluded Mueller, Ltd. interplant mixed bowling league activities for the 1957-58 season. The banquet was held on May 16th.

Eight teams competed in league play, and top standing was awarded to the FAUCETS, under the captaincy of W. B. "Bert" Campbell. The REGULATORS took top spot in the play-offs. Lyle Izzard led this team, and the other members were: Gladys Green, Mary Savdra, Earl Sitter, Phil Hamilton and Milton Ellenor.

Other honors were: Grace Campbell, ladies' high average; Eric Woods, men's high average; Barbara Duncan, ladies' high single game; Eric Woods, men's high single game; Lois Shortt, ladies' high triple; Alvin Smith, men's high triple; and the FERRULES, team high triple.

G. W. Parker, president of Mueller, Ltd., presented the Mueller Cup and individual trophies to the winning team, and Mr. Lloyd French presented the Union Gas Cup and prize for men's high average. Mr. E. Geddes presented the Union Gas Cup for ladies' high average. Ray Edwards, league president, made the remainder of the presentations.

name of Engineering & Plumbing Supplies, Ltd.

The Mueller, Ltd. staff extends best wishes to Duvie in his new venture, and we welcome Fred into the fold.



Bert Pullen has succeeded Leo O'Neill as Mueller, Ltd. Sales Representative in Toronto and Central Ontario from Kingston to the Soo.



John A. Aitchison is presented a watch by Jack White on behalf of his fellow employees on the day of his retirement, May 9. John joined Mueller, Ltd. in 1912.

# Classifieds

### FOR SALE

Hammond Electric Chord Organ, 9 months old. Can be seen at the home of Mrs. Grace Wallace, Assumption, Illinois.

Trailer, 1953 Glider, 32-foot model, full bath, one bedroom, excellent condition. Priced to clear immediately. For further information, phone Blue Mound 3040.

Baby buggy, good condition; \$10; phone 8-5590.

Guitar (Rickenbacker); triple-neck, 24-string instrument; foot peddle changes tuning; includes case; excellent condition, two years old; phone Mr. Zion 4403.

### WANTED TO BUY

Bicycle, girl's 24-inch model in good condition. Phone 3-0005 after 5 P. M.

Studio couch, in good condition. Prefer double-bed model with innerspring mattress. Upholstery should be in good shape. Phone 3-2227 after 5 P. M.

### SERVICES

Fair's Lawn Service: new lawns seeded, old lawns rejuvenated, soil testing and fertilizing, conventional plowing. Grass seeds and fertilizers for sale, including Scott products. James Fair, P.O. Box 155, Mt. Zion, or phone Mt. Zion 2881.

Painting, interior and exterior, siding, roofing, guttering, cement work, wallpaper steaming. Free estimates. Phone 8-2936, 8-8401, 8-7065.

Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union makes its services available to all Decatur employees, including sales representatives. For information on how the Credit Union can benefit you, write, call or stop by the Credit Union office in Decatur.

If you have a vacation trip by automobile ahead of you, here are a couple of tips which may save you time, money and embarrassment.

Be certain your driver's license is in order. If it expires before your vacation is scheduled to end, you would be wise to renew it before leaving. Also, make certain your correct address appears. This will make immediate identification possible in case of accident. Too, you are subject to a penalty for not keeping your license correct in every respect.

It is wise, if traveling through several states, to obtain road maps which list speed limits and other restrictions placed on drivers within the boundaries of those states. Many states have unusual policies affecting automotive travel. Remember: "Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

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Mell Cross, Dept. 70, and John Moma and Ben Jones, Dept. 44, flew with Ben's brother in the latter's plane to Indianapolis May 17 for the time trials of the Memorial Day "500".

The Don Ferry and Lyle Woodard families were among the spectators at the "500," on Memorial Day. Don is Head Draftsman and Lyle is a draftsman.

Marilyn Hill has transferred to Advertising and Sales Promotion from Engineering. She replaces Millie Bohon.

Sharon Janssen is a new typist in Tool Engineering. She was formerly employed at Staley's.



J. H. Wall, Chattanooga Plant Manager, hands a thirty-five year pin and gift certificate to Homer Van Fleet, Production Manager.



Arlice Manning receives his thirty-five year pin and gift certificate from Coy Jones, General Foreman of the Foundry Division in Chattanooga.

## KARTOON KORNER



"You need plenty of rest and quiet—I suggest you go back to the factory!"

One fisherman's favorite "tall tale" concerns the fellow who, impatient at his failure to pull in a single thing, impulsively dipped the minnow he was using as bait in a jug of moonshine and then lowered his line again. Seconds later he felt a strike and hauled in a huge sea bass, which was thrashing about helplessly against the minnow, which had it by the throat and was choking it to death!



"...hello, hello, Mr. Crawford...hello..."

Have you heard the one about the politician who was known to have a ready wit? He was stopped outside Congress one day by a silly old socialite who cooed: "Well, if it isn't dear, dear Mr. Smith! And how do you find yourself these brisk, wintry mornings, Mr. Smith?"

Dear Mr. Smith, striving to break loose from her iron grip, barked: "I just throw back the comforter, Madam, and there I am!"

A harassed young bride served her husband only a plateful of graham crackers for dinner. "And I had such a lovely meal planned," she wailed. "But when the steak started to burn and fell into the lemon pie, I had to throw the tomato soup on them to put out the fire!"



"Trouble is, everybody's going over my head!"

### THORNDYKE



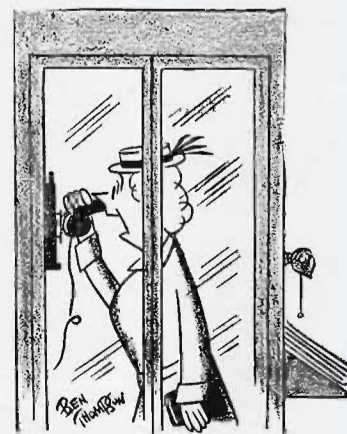
"Oh, so if I ever need a salesman, I'm to remember you have quite a following, eh?"



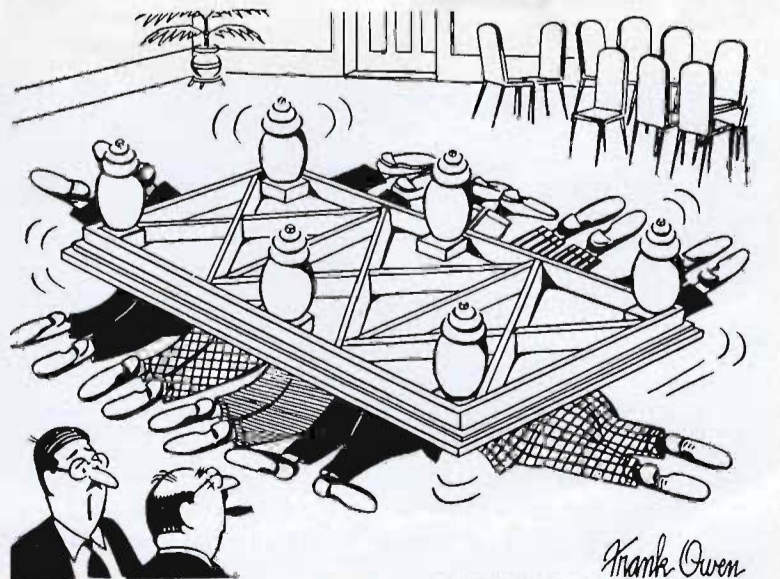
"She not only has beauty, brains, and a nice figure... she's also in charge of petty cash. What more could a man want?"



"They're recorded factory sounds—it's the only way he can relax."



"Got that? All right, now fold it into a triangle... have your safety pin ready. Goodness, I shouldn't have come downtown on your day off!"



"They seldom ever have a conference that confidential!"





# MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles

by  
B. E. Stotler

Miss Nancy Michl, daughter of Mr. William J. Michl of our Steel Machine Shop, graduated recently from Huntington Park High School. Mr. Michl can certainly be proud of Nancy, as she has won several fine achievement awards during her high school years. Her most recent honor came in competition in the 1958



Bank of America Achievement Awards Program. She was one of the twenty-four outstanding seniors in the Los Angeles school system, which includes thirty-six high schools. She won second place in the vocational arts category, and her prize was a \$500 cash award.

Congratulations, Bill Michl, for raising such a fine daughter!

Erich Alan Ziebarth, son of Mr. Vance Ziebarth, who works in our foundry, graduated from Garfield High School in June. Erich was second high in his graduating class on his scholarship examinations. He has not

yet decided whether he will go to college. If he does go, however, he will attend Brigham Young University and study electrical engineering.



Miss Arlene Dash, daughter of general cost accountant Herman Dash, graduated from the California Hospital School of

Nursing recently, after a three-year course.



Miss Dash had previously attended Glendale Junior College

for one year. During her three years at nursing school, her scholastic record was among the highest in the class. Although now classified as a Registered Nurse, Miss Dash intends to continue her studies at either U.S.C. or U.C.L.A. for one additional year, at the end of which she will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Congratulations, Herman. We know you are justifiably proud of your daughter's wonderful accomplishments.

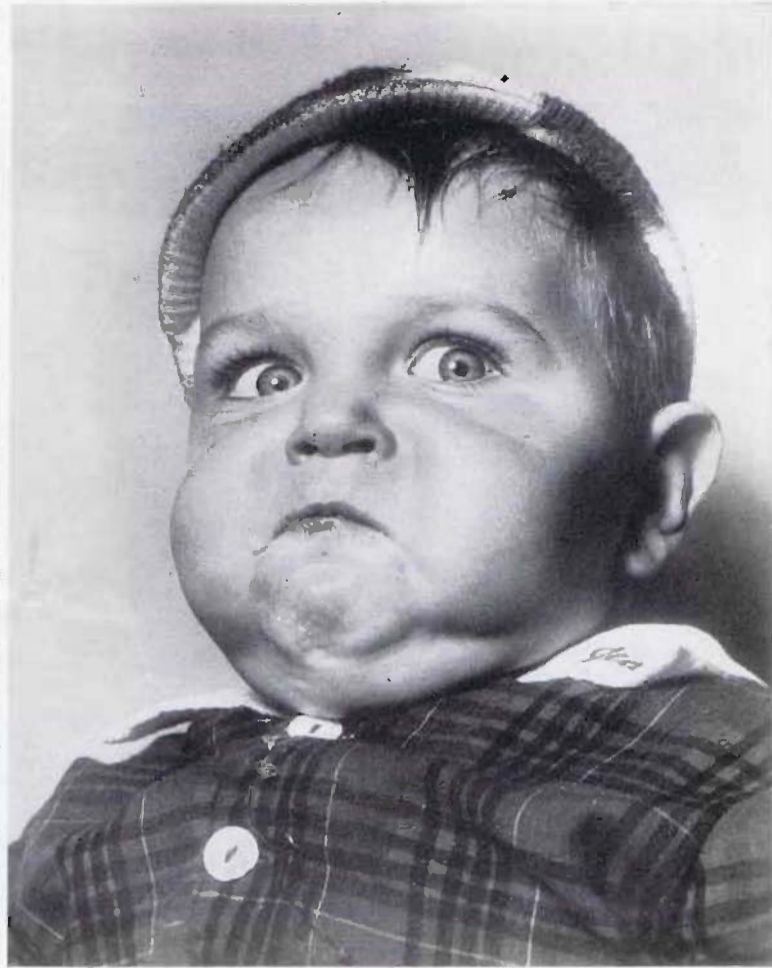


An accompanying photograph shows the amiable A. C. "Augie" Werdes as he began work at the Los Angeles plant. After living in Decatur for some twenty-two years, it was undoubtedly a major undertaking

to leave friends and environment, and to establish residence in a larger city with traffic problems and long distances to travel, and new friends to find. As you can see in the photo, though, Mr. Werdes is well on the way toward becoming a happy Californian.

We in the Los Angeles plant welcome Mr. Werdes as Plant Controller, and we are certain that Decatur's loss will be our substantial gain.

"Mom spank me? Naw . . . ."



## LIGHTS—ACTION— CAMERA—WOW!!

Now that the vacation season is in full swing, cameras and their art are beginning to once again emerge as the nation's number one pastime. Most of you will have no difficulty getting those nice candid shots at the beach, or in the mountains, but one major difficulty seems to consistently present itself for indoor camera fans — getting a good picture of baby. A few tips should eliminate most problems.

First, let's consider the subject. He'll be happy, relaxed and pretty if he's bathed, powdered and all spruced up. While bathing him, it's a good idea to keep the camera and flash handy. Bath-time is baby's good time, and often provides priceless photo opportunities. Remember: in taking photographs of children, speed is essential.

For a portrait-type photo to send to Grandma — after baby is bathed and readied, place him in a high chair, baby-table chair, or just on the floor. A simple, uncluttered, light background, such as a light-colored wall or drapery, will give the best results — your flash will bounce back and give professional lighting effects. If he is on the floor, place him on a white sheet, against a light wall. Pictures on your background wall will distract from the main subject, and often give indistinct outlines by blending in with the baby's features.

A mirror makes another won-

derful setting for baby pictures, but be certain you stand slightly to one side or you, camera and all will appear in the print.

A word about the flash—it's so fast that there isn't the slightest chance of hurting baby's eyes. It is wise, however, to use a transparent shield over the flash-holder. This will diffuse the light and soften the picture.

Most photos of baby, no matter what he is doing, are better when the photographer is on the same level with the baby. Not only will there be less distortion in the finished print, but you'll have a better chance of capturing all of the baby's facial expressions. For head and shoulder portraits, get down slightly lower than the baby and shoot up.

It is always a good idea to take lots of pictures of the baby in the same situation. Just a slight change in his expression can make the difference between a good picture and a terrific one. When you do get a really fine photograph, you may want to crop out all extraneous background detail, and then have your photo dealer make an enlargement of just the central point of interest.

Remember: the best photos result when the baby is relaxed and natural. Hold your camera still, and — wait. When he finally looks up and grins, you will have a priceless possession recorded for all time.

## LEADERSHIP

The boss drives his men; the leader coaches them.  
The boss depends upon cold authority, the leader on good will.  
The boss often inspires fear; the leader always inspires enthusiasm.  
The boss says "I"; the leader says "We".  
The boss assigns the tasks; the leader sets the pace.  
The boss say "get here on time"; the leader gets there ahead of time.  
The boss fixes the blame for the breakdown; the leader fixes the breakdown.  
The boss knows how it is done; the leader shows how it is done.  
The boss makes work drudgery; the leader makes it a skilled game.  
The boss says "Go"; the leader says "Let's go".  
Every man has within him the capacity to lead. The fulfillment of that capacity is yours for the asking.

—Anonymous

## Awards List Announced

Pins and cash awards, presented in Decatur from April 1 to July 1 include the following:

**5 Years:** Paul D. Bollhorst, Luis L. Gordillo, Thomas L. Harding, Jim Hosto, Oren O. Snyder, Orlie F. Wilkey, Carl T. Watts, Raymond L. Meece, Roy E. Denney, Ernest C. Griffith, Everett E. Morgan, Arthur E. Thompson, Ben F. Willhouse, Roe E. Cornwell, John T. Leahy\*.

**10 Years:** M. Maxine Griffith, Christine Freemon, Richard G. Armstrong, Wilson R. Augustine\*, John W. Hall, Henry R. Burcham.

**15 Years:** Elmer E. Schmidt, Homer F. Hooker, Royal E. Skelley, Henry Luka, Betty J. Walker, Paul W. Dazey, Ruth B. Miller.

**20 Years:** Robert F. Armstrong.

**30 Years:** Floyd E. Walton, August Rauschek, R. K. Duncan.

**35 Years:** V. Ralph Wood, Oris I. Whitacre, Orville F. Spencer, Sr., Gladys Turner, Earl W. Lowe, Albert H. Flaughter.

**40 Years:** Clinton R. Wright, Ethel Thomason.

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

**5 Years:** Bernard Bussell, Allen Moran, James Rondeau.

**15 Years:** Dolores Thomson, Hattie Zylicz, Hazel Rice.

**20 Years:** Glenn McCoun, William H. Baker.

**25 Years:** Clifford Branum.

**30 Years:** Herman M. Dash.

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

**5 Years:** Richard L. Akins, Beodies Anderson, Raymond C. Baker, Oscar Brockman, James B. Brown, Helen R. Caldwell, Richard Goodloe, Lee Roy Hampton, Arnold Johnson, Eddie Lee King, Willie C. McCurdy, Reginald McGee, Edward McGee, Archie M. Marsh, Samuel M. March, Oscar Preston, Willie Sanderfur, George T. Skillern, William F. Tidmore, James A. Townsend, James Wallace, Paul Word, James Zellander.

**10 Years:** Edgar Bryant, Joe Coffman, Autra G. Fant, Albert Gurley, Roy Hollingsworth, Paul C. Mason, Marvin Montgomery, Cleve Palmer, Ben Teem, O. E. Walker, Jr.

**15 Years:** Charlie Boston, Seth Fowler, Henry Keller, Howard Rogers, James Turner, Jessie Turner, Harvey Veal.

**35 Years:** Arlice Manning, Homer Van Fleet.

\*Salesmen

Service pins awarded at Sarina from March 1 to July 1, 1958, include the following:

**5 Years:** George Denomy, Clarence Johnston, David Greenwood, William Daly.

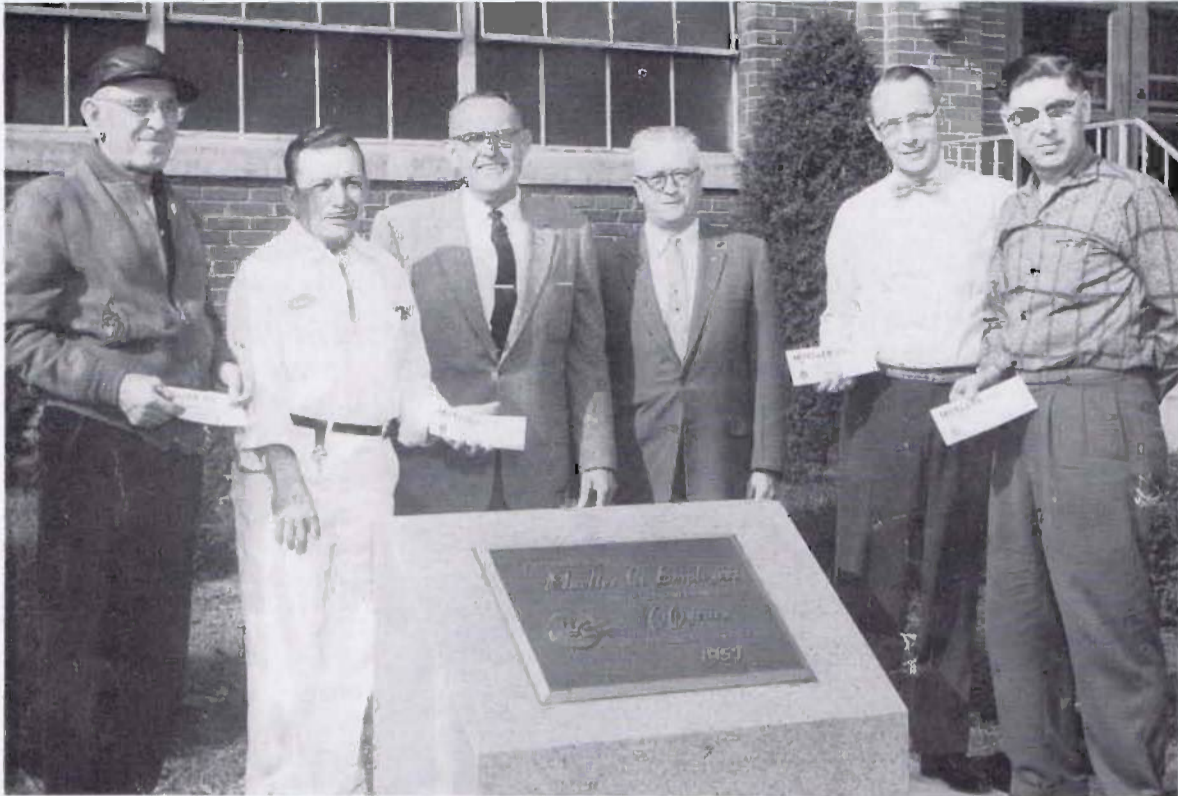
**10 Years:** Alex Bogaart.

**15 Years:** Lila McDougall, Walter Ash, Doris McLaughlin, Keith Stirling, Harold Taylor.

**35 Years:** Lawrence Payne, Charles Hardy.

Have you heard about the moron who believes a seersucker is a man who spends all his money on fortune-tellers?

# CAMERA'S-EYE VIEWS ... in Decatur



These four men received service pins and gift certificates in March. They are, left to right: Virgil Athey, 35 years; Otis Curry, 35 years; Robert Tauber, 35 years; and Warren Hall, 30 years. The presentations were made by O. E. Walker and A. L. Sefton.



Cal McQuality, Fire Chief and Plant Protection Officer, hands a gift to Jesse Patterson, who retired recently after nearly fourteen and one-half years with the company. Also pictured are Roy Dingman and Charlie Miller.



Employees of Dept. 80 gathered a few weeks ago to pay tribute to Fuller Green (center), who retired after almost eleven years with Mueller Co. At the right is Howard Gragg, Foreman.



Millie Bohon opens a gift presented her by members of the Advertising and Sales Promotion Department when she left in June.



On May 7, Clinton R. Wright received his forty-year pin and gift certificate from O. E. Walker. To the left is A. L. Sefton.



Milo Wright, Foreman of Dept. 20, presents a retirement gift from co-workers to Jesse Ditty, who spent thirty-eight years with Mueller Co. General Superintendent A. L. Sefton stands at extreme right.



Flanked by A. L. Sefton and O. E. Walker, these men received service pins and gift certificates recently. Left to right: Shirl Tish, 35 years; Floyd Walton 30 years; R. K. Duncan, 30 years; Al Spitzer, 44 years; August Rauschek, 30 years; Oris Whitacre, 35 years; Orville Spencer, Sr., 35 years; and V. Ralph Wood, 35 years.



Dolores Peterson displays a good-bye smile prior to opening her gift. She left in May, and was employed in Standards.



This photo was taken at Mueller Lodge recently, when members of the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest Sales sections were in Decatur for a meeting. Seated, left to right: L. P. Mautz, R. H. Roarick, R. D. Kitchen (Southwest Manager), Dan R. Gannon (Sales Manager), A. D. Parks (Assistant Field Sales Manager), R. L. Jolly (Midwest

Manager), and H. W. Cessna (Southeast Manager). Standing, left to right: E. W. Peterson, F. L. Kuentler, R. C. Sponsler, T. K. Hendrix, P. R. Tinsley, C. W. Freeman, R. L. Burdick, L. E. Grosboll, H. V. Seevers, K. F. Tohill, R. J. Cope, S. F. Parker, R. J. Ott, M. D. Sylvan, P. L. Hines, F. R. Seevers, and R. J. Thomas.



Marvin Spitzer, Construction and Maintenance Foreman, presents a retirement gift to John Holbert, Maintenance. John joined Mueller Co. on April 7, 1942.