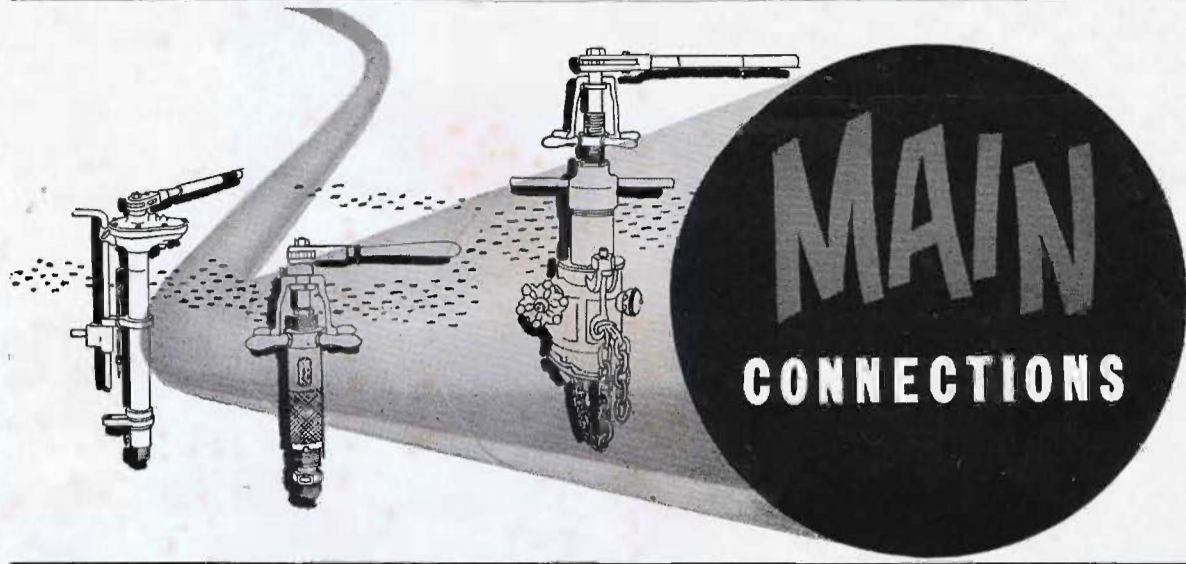


SEFTON NAMED FACTORY MANAGER

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President A. G. Webber, Jr. presents a retirement check for \$1000 to Herman Anmann on May 7. Mr. Anmann had, on that date, completed 45 years, 5 months and 10 days of service with Mueller Co.

Tratzik Tops 1st Playday; Plant 4 Leads Golf League

Mueller golfers held their first Playday of the 1959 season at Lake O' the Woods in Mahomet, Ill., on Monday, July 6, winding up the first half of the season. A total of 45 golfers took part in the event, including three men who are not regular season and league participants.

Fred Tratzik won the trophy for first low net with a 67. Second low net went to two men—Gary Six, and Carl Schuman. Their 68's brought them one golf ball apiece. Pres. Ruthrauff won a golf ball for being closest to the hole, and Ollie Fortschneider took a new golf ball home for winning the putting contest.

The second and last Playday of the 1959 season will be held at Lake O' the Woods on August 29, wrapping up the full 18-game league schedule.

League standings, as of July 13 and after three games of the second round of play, found **Plant 4** leading with a total of 43 points. Following closely was the **Sales Dept.** with 42½. Two points back was **Main Office**.

The remaining teams and their points totals are as follows:

- T-Squares, 38½.
- Foundry, 38.
- Engineers, 37.
- Product Engineers, 31.
- Tool Room, 29½.
- Standards, 19.

Members of the league-leading team are: Otto Peake (Capt.), Dave Brown, Ed Turner, Harold Peer and Bill Brooks.

4-X Club Sets Dates

Officers of the 4-X Club for the 1959-60 year have set the following meeting dates:

- Sept. 9, Factory Service.
- Oct. 14, Standards Dept.
- Nov. 18, Specialty & Prod. Engr.
- Dec. 9, General Office
- Jan. 13, Ground Key & Shipping
- Feb. 10, Sales Dept.
- March 9, Development Engr.
- April 13, Plant 4
- May 11, Tool & Methods Dept.

L. A. Employees Sign Contract

Effective June 1st, 1959, a three-year contract for the Los Angeles plant was signed between the company and the Mueller Co. Employees Association there.

The contract, as executed, gives hourly raises effective now, and additional increases on each anniversary of the contract, which expires June 1, 1962.

Representing the employees was the Bargaining Committee, made up of: John Blevins, Evelyn Miller, Chester Hawes, Dorothy Barnett, Charles R. Newell, James Musse, Fred K. Discher and Wm. J. Kaufman.

Earl E. Bright, Manager of the Pacific Coast plant, acted for the company in the negotiations and signing of the Contract.

Robert Rhodes To Chattanooga

Robert L. Rhodes, formerly project engineer in Decatur, has been named project engineer in the Chattanooga plant, according to an announcement from Frank H. Mueller, vice-president and director of engineering.

Mallow, Dodwell Shift Told

Lyle R. Huff, secretary-treasurer of Mueller Co., has announced the appointment of Robert W. Mallow as assistant secretary and budget director, and Carl M. Dodwell as Decatur plant controller. The appointments became effective May 11.

Mallow joined the company in October, 1956, as internal auditor. He had previously been associated with Gauger and Diehl,



R. W. MALLOW

Decatur accounting firm. A 1951 graduate of the University of Illinois, and a native of Urbana (Ill.), he served with the Army during World War II, and was stationed on Okinawa for nine months. After Army service, he was employed by the Collegiate Cap and Gown Co. in Champaign as an accountant. He joined Gauger and Diehl in early 1954.

Dodwell joined Mueller Co. in November, 1935, and was employed in the Maintenance Dept. After working in Dept. 90,



C. M. DODWELL

Printing and Accounting, he became budget director in 1952. Dodwell attended Millikin University two years, where he studied business administration. He served with the Army from December, 1942 until February, 1946, and saw duty with anti-aircraft and infantry units.

Rhodes joined the company on January 12, 1938. A native of Effingham, he served in the Army during World War II. He and his wife, Catherine, have three children.

The transfer was brought about by expanded engineering services now being offered by the Chattanooga plant. Rhodes will report to Oscar Brown, senior project engineer.

Joined Firm In Early 1923



A. L. SEFTON

A. L. Sefton, general superintendent of Mueller Co.'s Decatur factories since 1955, has been named Decatur factory manager, according to an announcement by Harlan A. White, assistant works manager of the company. He replaces Roy Abel, who has resigned.

Sefton, 2189 N. Water St., began his service with the firm in 1923 as a machine operator in the plumbing division. He was transferred to the machine shop in 1925, and ten years later was promoted to foreman of the department.

In 1938 he was named general foreman of Plant 2, and was general foreman of the company's munitions plant in Decatur from 1941 to 1945. He then became production superintendent of Decatur factories.

Local 838 Favors Pact

On Thursday, May 14, members of Local 838, Allied Industrial Workers, approved a new three-year contract with Mueller Co. Expiration date of the previous contract was May 25.

The new agreement provides for hourly increases and in addition, calls for an increase on all rates on the first and second anniversaries of the agreement.

The new contract will expire on May 25, 1962.

Members of the union bargaining committee were:

- C. H. Ashmore, president, Local 838
- J. T. McKown, committee chairman
- Ernest Wittke, committeeman
- Eugene Latch, committeeman
- Harold Rentfro, committeeman
- Nelson Hoffman, committeeman
- Harold Angle, international representative, AIW.
- Representing the company in negotiations were:
- A. L. Sefton, general superintendent
- C. E. Coffin, personnel director
- T. L. Harding, assistant personnel director

DECATUR AREA GRADUATES



DAVID LEE TUCKER
Bethany H. S.
Willie Tucker
Dept. 60



JUDITH ANN HARDY
Eisenhower H. S.
Melvin T. Hardy
Dept. 20



JOHN W. HILL
Eisenhower H. S.
Robert Hill
Dept. 70



MARGARET MORGAN
Mt. Zion H. S.
Everett E. Morgan
Dept. 80



SHANNON VAN WALTERS
Eisenhower H. S.
Van Walters
Dept. 47



CAROL LOUISE ALBERT
MacArthur H. S.
Clarence Albert
Dept. 60



LARRY H. MESCHER
Bethany H. S.
Omer J. Mescher
Dept. 32



LINDA FORD
Eisenhower H. S.
W. L. Ford
Dept. 70



JAMES A. GRIDER
Niantic-Harristown
L. E. Grider
Dept. 80



DONNA K. LESTER
Eisenhower H. S.
Walter Lester
Dept. 38



LINDA MISENHEIMER
MacArthur H. S.
William Misenheimer
Dept. 80



LARRY A. GIBBS
MacArthur H. S.
Eugene Gibbs
Dept. 90



LINDA L. MESCHER
Bethany H. S.
Omer J. Mescher
Dept. 32



ROBERT P. BARNES
Herrick H. S.
Paul V. Barnes
Dept. 60



MARTHA WALTERS
Niantic-Harristown
Lloyd Walters
Dept. 80



DAVID OBERLINE
Stephen Decatur H. S.
Robert Oberline
Dept. 80



SANDRA N. INMAN
MacArthur H. S.
Claude S. Inman
Dept. 80



DICK HOOKER
MacArthur H. S.
Homer Hooker
Dept. 10



JANET BLANKENSHIP
Eisenhower H. S.
Alice Jordan
Dept. 45



DON GALLAGHER
Eisenhower H. S.
May Gallagher Inman
Mail Dept.



SARA JANE HUFF
MacArthur H. S.
Lyle R. Huff
Secretary-Treasurer



RICHARD A. ALLINSON
Millikin University
Barbara Allinson (wife)
Relief Operator



JUANITA TAYLOR
Eisenhower H. S.
John Taylor
Dept. 8



JANET ROSS
MacArthur H. S.
Louis Ross
Tool Room



LARRY FONNER
Ill. State Normal
Marion Fonner
Dept. 50



ROSALIE HANSON
Millikin University
Haldon L. Hanson
Dept. 70



E. RUTH MONSKA
Lakeview H. S.
Fred Monska
Dept. 70



ELEANOR LOUISE DAVIS
Central H. S. Chattanooga
Russell Davis
Engineering Dept.

"I didn't do it, officer!!!"



This isn't an interrogation scene at Police Headquarters. Actually, Hugh L. Baker, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager, and Charles L. Miller, Assistant Fire Chief and Plant Protection Officer, are discussing the 25-year service pins and awards they received earlier this year.



Albert N. Spitzer, Dept. 90, received his 45-year pin and service award in May from Factory Manager Roy Abel.



Velma L. Kushmer, Dept. 50, John C. Willis, Dept. 10 and Gladys M. Masterson, secretary to Leo Wiant, got together for this photo earlier this year when they received their awards—Velma for 25 years, and Gladys and John for their 30-year pins.

HERE and THERE ... in Decatur

Golf stories seem particularly appropriate at this time of year, and we happened to run across one which is filled with irony. It seems that Bill Sprague, whose sense of humor is known to everyone, wanted to cause a bit of frustration for his wife on the links. Bill asked her to go golfing with him and, unbeknown to her, substituted a "crazy" golf ball, one which, when hit or putted, goes any way but the direction intended.

Poor Mrs. Sprague had a miserable day, trying to get that little white missile to fall into the cup. When the game was over, and the two-some was at home, Bill finally told his exasperated wife about his little practical joke.

To prove that the Sprague family sticks together: Bill had a little putting trouble recently. Seems his sons gave him new golf balls for Father's Day, and they substituted a "crazy" one for one of the regular balls. Bill was in a frenzy until he learned the truth, but he is faced with many months of humorous reminders by his gleeful family.

Congratulations to Bill Lawyer, production clerk in Dept. 70, and to Mrs. Lawyer, on the birth of their second child, Master Lawrence William, on June 14. Little Larry tipped the scales at seven pounds, eleven ounces.

We want to welcome two new correspondents to the MAIN CONNECTIONS staff. Nancy Laymon, Payroll, has replaced Mrs. Don Workman in this capacity, and will handle news for the Main Office. Winnie Phipps will handle Plant 4 news, replacing Sue Stratman, who recently became Mrs. Maurice Sefton. To our ex-correspondents, we wish years and years of happiness. To our new gals, we extend a hearty welcome, and the hope that their co-workers will co-operate with them in every respect.

Congratulations to Mrs. Dan Gannon, who was recently elected social vice-president and secretary of the 1600-member Millikin Club of Decatur. Mrs. Gannon was quite active in University affairs in California, where Dan, Jr. was in college.

Good luck also to Mrs. W. H. Hipsher. Mrs. Hipsher, who served last year as president of the Millikin University Alumni Foundation, has recently been elected to the board of the Millikin University Alumni Association and Foundation.

The people at Mueller, Ltd. were quite excited in early July, when the Queen of England alighted from the royal launch at the Imperial Oil Co. dock in Sarnia, just a short distance from the main office building of the company. We haven't heard from Almeda Reeve yet, but she promised a picture of the proceedings if she could possibly get one.

May 4 was a big day for sales trainee Bill Coffey and his wife Sue, for it was on that day that Little Lori Sue arrived. She weighed in at a healthy eight pounds, one ounce, and is the second child.

Our sincere sympathy to Personnel Director Cecil Coffin, whose mother passed away on June 26.

New Officers for the 1959-60 4-X Club year were elected at the May meeting. They are: president, Del Parks; vice-president, Elwood Potts; secretary,

Marshall Foster; treasurer, Charlie Johnson; program chairman, Jim Milligan.

Plant one's cafeteria was the scene, June 9, of a wedding shower in honor of May Gallagher, mail clerk. The shower was given by several of May's friends and co-workers, and was attended by nearly 40 persons. We understand that the decorations were outstanding, and regret we have no photograph to illustrate the point. On Saturday, June 27, May became Mrs. Wayne Inman. Congratulations and best wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs.!

Plant 4 News

by Winnie Phipps

The outside of Plant 4's main building has received a face-lifting which prompts passers-by to take another look. After a complete sandblasting job, the brick-work was given a coat of stain. Quite an improvement. Drive by an see.

Mrs. Francis (Jennie) McDaniel is a welcome addition to the Plant 4 office.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eugene Cash, Production Control, whose mother passed away recently, and to John Maxwell, Dept. 10, in the death of his father.

Welcome back to Jack Adams, Plant Protection, who returned to work in mid-April after a lengthy illness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Younger on the arrival of Michael Alan. Proud papa Dave is employed in the Foundry Office.

The employees in the Core Room recently had a card from Ina Banning, who retired in March. Ina is enjoying her retirement by vacationing in Florida, Hot Springs, and other interesting places.

Former Plant 4 MAIN CONNECTIONS correspondent Sue Stratman became the bride of Maurice L. Sefton on April 18 in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Reverend Orville Salzman officiated. Maurice is employed in Dept. 102.

After a honeymoon in the Smokies, the couple are making their home at 642 S. Sycamore St.

Main Office News

by Nancy Laymon

Miss Sonja Jane Brooks, Billing Dept., and David John Rathje were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in Grace Methodist Church, the Reverend Jual Ford officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Brooks,

675 W. Leafland. Her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rathje, Sangamon St., was graduated from Millikin University in June, with a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Industrial Electric.

The couple are at home at Rural Route 1, Bement, Illinois.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Laura Hirsch, in the loss of her father, and to Mrs. Elizabeth Tolladay, in the loss of her mother.

Thanks to Mrs. Wilma Badorek's high-score bowling record, the Decatur Conference sent her to Buffalo, New York, to the International Woman's Bowling Conference and Convention. She bowled with women from throughout the country on May 2 and 3, and was a delegate to the convention May 4 and 5.

More bowling news! Betty Walker, Accounting, has been elected vice-president of the Women's City Association of Bowlers for a three-year term, beginning in August.

Sharon Thompson, Sales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Thompson of Blue Mound, became the bride of Ronald Tonks, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tonks of Taylorville, on Saturday, May 24 in the Christian Church of Blue Mound. The Reverend Ringham officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony. After a short wedding trip, the couple settled in Blue Mound.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gene Watts, Payroll, whose mother-in-law passed away after a six-month illness.

The First Baptist Church was the setting for the June 7 wedding of Miss Elaine Terneus, Cost Dept., to Sonny Christerson. The Reverend Samuel Wilcoxson officiated. Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Terneus of 700 Oakland Ct.; the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christerson of 2052 N. Lowber.

Mr. Christerson is with the Navy at Little Creek Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

Miss Marlene Clifton, Dept 41, has been sporting a pretty engagement ring, courtesy of Samuel Hartness. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Friends of Joyce Keller, formerly of Sales, will be happy to learn of the birth of Julie Marie Keller on May 2. Julie tipped the scales at six pounds, six and one-half ounces.

Engineering News



by Mary Lou Wheatley

Lewis Bland, Test Lab Operator in Dept. 44, became a grandfather on March 22. David William was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Freitag. The last report we heard indicated that the boy is the image of his grandfather!



Edwin H. Jeschawitz, Dept. 50 and James T. McKown, Dept. 38, received their 25-year awards in March.



The men in the Iron Foundry presented Ernest Watkins with a gift early this year on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years with Mueller Co.

HELP WANTED

Your help is wanted and needed in providing interesting and informative news items for the November issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS. Did you have an unusual vacation? Has there been a new addition to your family? Did you make a record catch on that recent fishing trip? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, get in touch with your MAIN CONNECTIONS correspondent!!!

Andrew Eugene, born May 8 and weighing seven pounds, fifteen ounces, is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Floren. Carl is Senior Project Engineer.

The John Moma family spent the Memorial Day Weekend in Wabash, Indiana. John is employed in the Records Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith are proud parents of a baby boy, Scott Lee, born June 2 and weighing six pounds, six ounces. He is their first child. Jim is a draftsman in Dept. 44. Scott is also the first grandchild of Harry K. Smith, who works in Dept. 80.

And here's a bit of news directly from the golf course. Following a make-up game, one of our foremen, after losing the match, discovered that he had locked his keys in his car. The next day at work, one man kept reminding him of this error, Lo and behold—that very night, the fellow with a memory like an elephant locked his keys in his trailer home, and had to go all the way to Clinton to get a key! Fate plays strange tricks on we poor mortals.

John and Veta Schuessler welcomed their third son, Nathan Webb, on June 12. Nathan tipped the scales at nine pounds, one ounce. Papa John is employed in Tool Engineering.

Lots of Facts In Mailbag

It is commonplace for company editors to receive several hundred pieces of mail in a single week, most of which comes from advertising agencies and individuals attempting to place stories in future issues of the company publications. Although most of this mail is destined for that renowned "round file," some bits of interesting information can be sifted out of the debris. For instance, did you know that:

The Chinese language and its dialects are used by nearly 600 million people?

A Pennsylvania law states that you must have a fishing license to row a boat for a friend who is fishing?

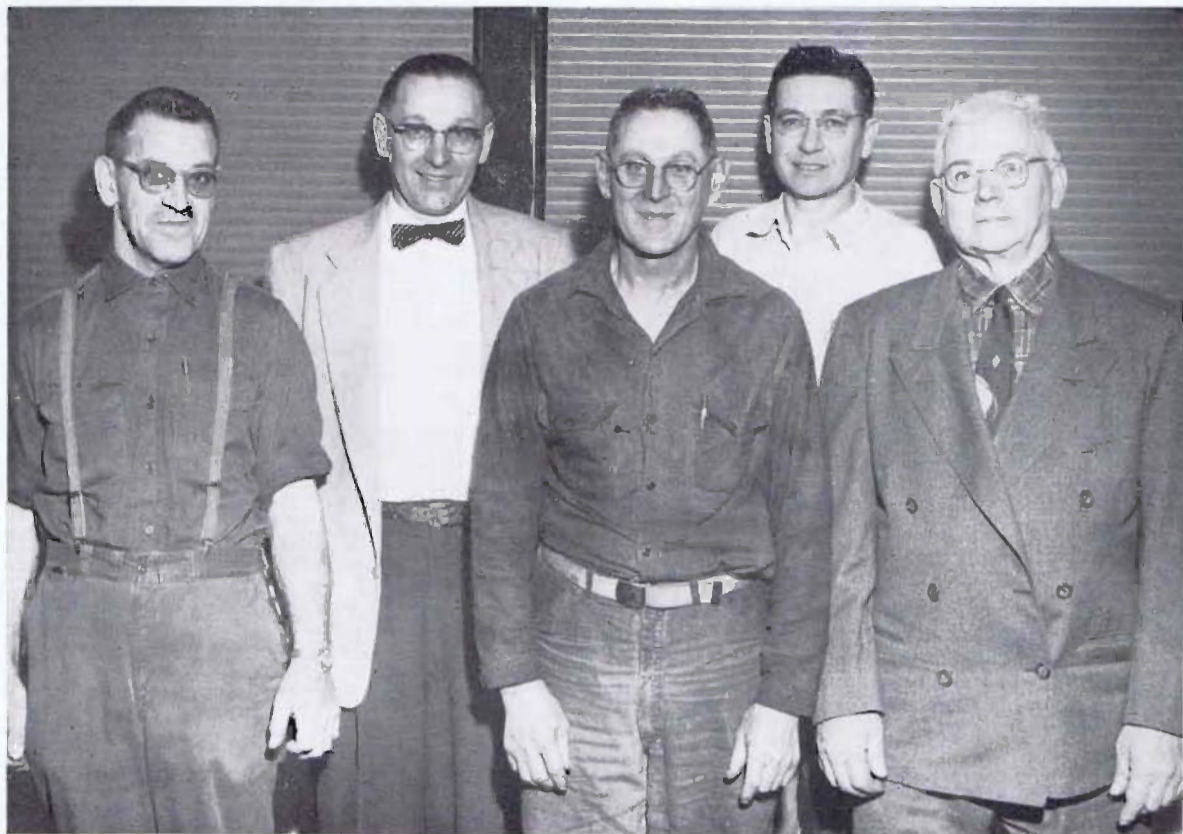
The raspberry and the blueberry are both cherries?

More than 100 million stars are visible with the aid of a telescope?

The average Russian farm worker's annual wage wouldn't buy a suit of men's clothing in the United States?

Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of polio vaccine, worked his way through medical school by driving a cab?

Recent measurements show the ice to be 9,750 feet thick in one area of the Atlantic?



These five men represent 145 years of service to the Company. Gathered together in April to receive their awards were, left to right: John E. Taylor, Dept. 80 (30 yrs.); Fred Tratzik, Dept. 44 (30 yrs.); Harold W. Taylor, Dept. 37 (25 yrs.); William B. Jones, Dept. 36 (30 yrs.); and Peter P. Alekner, Dept. 10 (30 yrs.). Not pictured is Irmgard F. Moldenhauer, Dept. 50 (30 yrs.).



W. E. "Smitty" Smith, bench assembler in Dept. 70, retired on March 22 after more than 33 years. The fellows in his department took this opportunity to present him with luggage and a transistor radio,

RETIREMENTS



FRANK WILLIAMS
Dept. 80
39 Years



CLINTON WRIGHT
Dept. 32
40 Years



E. J. PASLEY
Dept. 38
33 Years



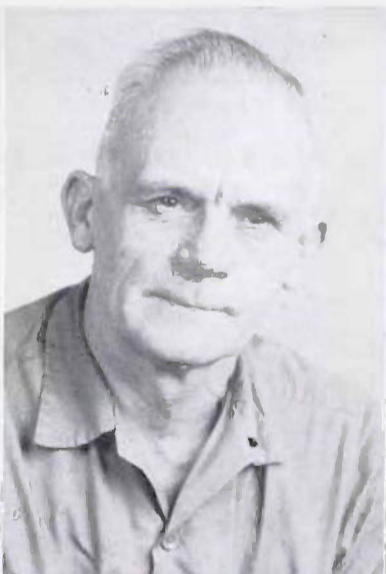
HOYT MOUNTS
Dept. 20
35 Years



JENNIE KINNEY
Dept. 50
35 years



JAMES W. WORKMAN
Dept. 41
35 Years



OSCAR H. STRATMAN
Dept. 70
35 Years



LESLIE I. HOPPER
Dept. 80
35 Years

SERVICE AWARDS



HARRY M. CARTER
Dept. 50
35 Years



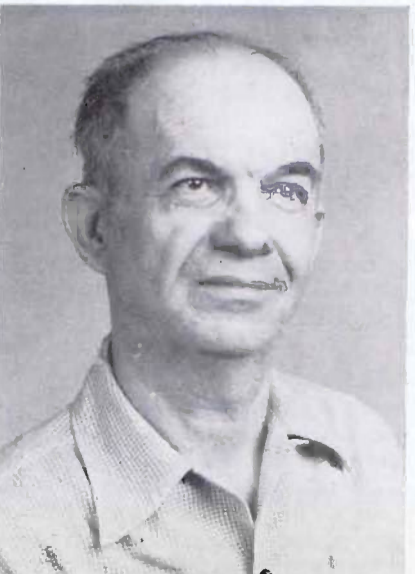
JACK BAIN
Dept. 50
35 Years



ELWOOD H. POTTS
Dept. 10
35 Years



GUS F. EDWARDS
Dept. 41
35 Years



HUGH HENLEY
Dept. 80
35 Years



Ann Sothern

Actress Travels, Gathers Material for T.V. Show

The lengths to which actors and actresses will go to add authenticity to their performances are nothing short of amazing. One Western star has redone his entire home Texas-style, complete with iron triangle on the porch to announce chow. A noted Shakespearean actor refuses to read contemporary books while appearing in a play, lest their English throw his Elizabethan frame of mind out of kilter.

Actress Ann Sothern, preparing for a new TV role as an assistant hotel manager, has toured the country to get the feel of hotel life, talking to managers, bellhops, maids, waiters. "They're the most patient people in the world," Miss Sothern says, "and deserve a lot more recognition than they've been getting. And what a lot of fun they are!"

In the course of her research, Ann has run across a lot of gags based on hotel life. But, as she says: "A joke is nothing until it has audience." So she graciously passes on a dozen of her favorites herewith.

An obviously well-fed gentleman ate a fine meal at a posh Southwest hotel, capped it with some rare Napoleon brandy, then raised a pudgy finger to the headwaiter. All attention, the headwaiter listened. "I wonder if you remember," the man asked, "how I enjoyed just such a meal last year and, because I couldn't pay for it, you had me thrown out like a run-of-the-mill bum?" Flustered, the headwaiter said, "I'm terribly sorry sir." "Perfectly all right," smiled the gentleman, fingering a cigar, "but I'm afraid I'll have to trouble you again."

Anxious to impress his friend, the Los Angeles real estate man boasted, "I just got a penthouse for my wife."

"Good deal!" exclaimed his pal, "—where can I make a trade like that?"

The American couple had decided to see something of the world. One of the stops in their journey was a small inn in rural France. To facilitate their movements, the husband sent their bags ahead. When they arrived, the manager—proud of the few English words he knew—showed them that he had already regis-

tered them, taking their names from the luggage. Sure enough, in a fine Spencerian hand, there they were: "Mr. and Mrs. Genuine Cowhide."

It happened in a big-city hotel. A shapely blonde, slinking her way through the lobby, ignored all the admiring stares until she encountered the town's Number One oil driller. Suddenly, she was all smiles. "How much did you say your name was?" she inquired coyly.

Sign in an old hotel: "Notify us if you see a mouse in your room. We'll send up the cat."

The secretary had pinched pennies for three years just to be able to afford the luxury of spending two weeks at a plush ski lodge. First morning there, she complained to the manager that twice during the night she had had to dress and go to the lobby for some water. "But why didn't you simply press the buzzer?" he asked. "The buzzer!" she cried. "The bellboy told me that was the fire alarm!"

There's a resort hotel that's so exclusive, rumor has it, that guests have to pretend to be hired help.

The salesman remembered seeing the same sign over the door a year ago: "Out of Order."

"Don't you ever fix the elevator?" he asked.

"Shucks," replied the hotel clerk, "we don't have no elevator. But it lends a high tone to the place, don't you think?"

A mountaineer, visiting the big city for the first time, made his way through the lobby of a deeply-carpeted hotel. As he was struggling with the pen over the register, the room clerk noticed that the new guest had left

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(answers on page 12)

ACROSS

- This department helps keep pay checks coming
- This type of worker is always in demand
- Keep this up to keep costs down, help salesmen deliver orders
- Baseball referee (slang)
- Classified
- Food grain
- Entrances
- Sealed (ab.)
- Bills of fare
- This one-horse vehicle ran 100 years
- Counsels
- Condition
- Monsters
- Shook
- Spanish pots
- Riding whips

29. I have (contraction)

- Amount
- Time of life
- Constructed
- Army Ordnance (ab.)
- Day the war ended in Europe
- West Indies island
- To earn your pay
- Roundabout
- Stake
- Cease
- Thine
- Word ending (state or condition)

8. Enemies

- Conclusion
- Material handling devices
- Hindu deity
- Tardy beginnings (two words)
- Colored
- Ancient Greek unit of weight
- Commence
- Past
- Industrious
- Mechanical device
- Source of potash
- Excellence
- Couch grass
- Silent
- Teams
- Bird (Latin)
- Impede
- Joint of trunk & limb
- Pale
- Top production depends on every
- To work

DOWN

- Stimulus to action
- Branch of Armed service
- Traveling gait of horse
- Editor (ab.)
- Makes a suggestion
- Position of affairs
- Assistants

a trail of mud across the room "You might at least wipe the mud off your shoes before entering a fine hotel," he remarked icily. The mountaineer, finishing his "X," looked up with amazement. "Whut shoes?" he asked.

Another backwoodsman, admiring the wonders of a swank hotel lobby, was particularly intrigued by the elevators. He watched as a little old lady stepped into one and disappeared behind the sliding door. Seconds later, the elevator returned and out stepped a stunning redhead. "Golly," he marveled. "I should have brought my wife after all."

A recent visitor to California's answer to the Riviera, reports, "Not everybody you see at the lavish hotels there is a millionaire," but adds, "Of course, they were when they arrived."

And what would any collection of gags be without at least one shaggy dog story?

A man who had been staying at the same hotel every winter for 30 years was amazed to find a horse tending the desk—answering phone calls, summoning bellboys, opening letters.

In stunned disbelief, the man asked, "Are you the manager?" "Yessir," the horse answered. "May I ask why you're staring?" "Oh, nothing," said the man, "—I just never thought the cow would quit."

DIS — Connections

Sign staked in front lawn: "Anyone is welcome to use our lawn mower, provided they don't take it out of our yard."

When the Indians ran this country, there were no taxes and the women did all the work. The white man thinks he has improved on this system!

An "adult western" is one in which you can't be sure that the man who wears neckties will turn out to be the bad guy.

An American has more food to eat than a man of any other country, and more diets to keep him from eating it.

"John, I found this letter in your coat pocket this morning. I gave it to you a month ago to mail."

"Yes, dear, I remember. I took that coat off for you to sew a button on, and I'm still waiting."

Wife: "We've got to get rid of that chaffer. He's nearly killed me four times."

Husband: "He's a good man. Let's give him another chance."

An employer interviewing an applicant remarked, "You ask high wages for a man with no experience."

"Well," the man replied, "it's so much harder to work when you don't know anything about it."

Busy Executive: "Miss Smathers, where's my pencil?"

Miss Smathers: "Why, it's behind your ear, Mr. Brown."

Busy Executive: "Come, come, Miss Smathers. I'm a busy man. Which ear?"

Definition of a committee: The unready, who have been appointed by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary.

Half of the problems of the human race are due to lack of business knowledge: Knowledge of what is their business and what is none of their business.

A clock is something they have in an office so you can tell how late you wish you weren't in the morning, what time to go out to lunch before and come back after, and how long before you can start stopping work by stalling until.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles

by
B. E. Stotler

Things have been pretty quiet on the Los Angeles news front, so we thought we would take this opportunity to tell you a little about our graduates.

David Bruce Stotler, age 17, was graduated from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, California. His proud father is yours truly.

Christine Potts, age 17, was graduated from the Earl Warren High School, Downey, California. Christine was a member of the Scholarship Society for three years, and is planning to continue her education at Long Beach State College. A B.A. degree in teaching is her goal. Her father is J. Kenneth Potts, one of our West Coast Sales Representatives.

Carole Susanne Blevins, age 17, was graduated from Montebello Senior High School, Montebello, California. Carole studied secretarial science in high school, and intends to continue her schooling at East Los Angeles Junior College. Her father is John Blevins, a member of our Brass Machine Shop.

Gary Discher, age 18, was graduated from Fullerton Union High School, Fullerton, California. Gary's hobbies are water-skiing and boating. His father is Fred Discher of our Forging Dept.

Patricia L. Clifton, age 18, was graduated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia, where she majored in business. Patricia was a member of the Girls' Athletic Association, and is intending to attend Arkansas State College, where she will major in teaching. Her mother is Mrs. Louise Clifton of our Sales Dept.

Betty Galvan, age 18, was graduated from Montebello High School in Montebello. She received awards in bookkeeping and typing, and achieved the Honor Roll. Her mother is Mrs. Vicki Montoya of the Accounting Dept.

David H. Dash, age 17, was graduated from Eagle Rock High School in Eagle Rock, California. He was very active in school activities, and claimed membership in the Yeomen, Lancers, and Knights—all service clubs. David was vice-president of the student body in his sophomore year. He won the American Legion Award for citizenship one year, and was recipient of the Gold Service Award in his senior year. This award is given by the school for outstanding service to the school during a student's term there. David plans sales as a career. He will attend Glendale College, and then finish his education at U.C.L.A. David's father is Herman Dash, General Cost Accountant.

We'd like to mention to all of Lloyd Logsdon's friends that he is doing very nicely after his recent hospitalization in Pasadena. You can't keep a good man down.

Congratulations to Jim Wolf of our Sales Dept. on the birth of Michael Richard Wolf on April 25. Mike weighed in at seven pounds, ten ounces. Although Jim found it necessary to take a week's vacation at the time of Mike's arrival, we notice that he looks pretty good now. We think he'll make the grade!



Carole S. Blevins



Christine Potts



David H. Dash



Patricia L. Clifton



David Bruce Stotler



Betty Galvan



Gary Discher



Mrs. Myrtle Baber cuts her retirement cake at the Los Angeles plant on May 1. Mrs. Baber, a member of the Assembly Dept., retired after more than 22 years. She and her husband plan retirement to a farm, and the cake bears the inscription "Good Luck, Farmerette."



Valentine Stach, Core Room Supervisor, retired on February 26 after 25 years of service. Members of the Core Room and Foundry presented Val with a beautiful set of luggage.

Evelyn Miller and Jack Warren recently received their 25-year awards. Both are in the Assembly Dept., and both joined the Los Angeles plant when it was one year old.

Congratulations to Mickey Cooper of our Brass Machine Shop. He is celebrating his 35th wedding anniversary with his wife by taking an extensive tour of the United States and Canada, visiting with friends and relatives. His travel plans include a visit at Mueller, Limited.



Decatur Tops Awards List; 20 Exceed 30 Years' Service

Following is a list of service awards presented to Mueller Co. employees since the last issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS:

DECATUR

5 Years: Herbert H. McDonald, Jerry L. Patton, Eilene Gogerty, Dominick L. Cortese, John W. Niederbrach, Jack P. Parsons, Herbert P. Lewis, Wilbur J. Wendling, Walter W. Taylor, Phyllis J. Ground.

10 Years: Donald E. Lowe, Amos A. Bailey, Richard D. Kitchen, Norma M. Lowery, Delbert H. Guin, Wesley J. Brown, Wilbert M. Boyer, Willie Nash, Otto Nagler, Ray F. Foster, Glen M. Burrows, Corey L. Simpson.

15 Years: Dan R. Gannon, Harry L. Dickerson, Margaret L. Carter, Darrell E. Smith, Lynn D. Edwards, Ruth B. McKown, Marvin G. Spitzer.

20 Years: Raymond F. Mounts

25 Years: Hugh L. Baker, Charles L. Miller, Velma L. Kushmer, Edwin H. Jeschawitz, James T. McKown, Harold W. Taylor.

30 Years: Gladys M. Master-son, John C. Willis, Peter P. Alekner, John E. Taylor, Frederick Tratzik, Irmagard F. Moldenhouer, William B. Jones.

35 Years: Jennie Kinney, James W. Workman, Gus F. Edwards, Leslie I. Hopper, Oscar H. Stratman, Harry M. Carter, Elwood H. Potts, Jack Bain, Hoyt E. Mounts, Hugh Henley.

40 Years: LeRoy J. Evans.

45 Years: Hermann Ammann, Albert N. Spitzer.

LOS ANGELES

5 Years: John Bronson.

10 Years: Frank Patterson.

15 Years: William Cosman, Inez Mooring.

20 Years: Anne Headden.

25 Years: Evelyn Miller, Jack Warren.

CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: James E. Acklin, Herbert L. Adams, Dean Andrews, Ronald H. Bice, James E. Billings, Elijah Burroughs, Gladys O. Byrd, Lankford Carson, Clarence W. Carter, Ramon J. Clark, Eldridge L. Daniel, Herbert H. Glenn, Bobby R. Grayson, Burnett S. Hays, Thomas H. Heffington, Paul W. Hinkle, Donald K. McCurry, Norris Mack, Milford H. Morton, Vester E. Pope, Tommie Ramsey, Aggie Richardson, Jr., Everette W. Smith, Mary K. Smith.

10 Years: Jessie Lee Graves, Jerome Hawkins, Wilbur L. Irwin.

20 Years: John Sparks.

35 Years: W. A. Coventry.

40 Years: C. E. Campbell.

SARNIA

5 Years: Phyllis Turner, Maureen Budgell, Arthur Marsh, Dona Hyatt, Mary Savrda, Samuel McPhee, Louis Boulanger, Robert Smith, John Smith.

10 Years: Marie Demeray, Ralph Harret.

15 Years: Frank Petronski, William Ryan, John Chudick, Mike Bovak, Peter Krywicki, Thomas Moskal, Kathleen Garrick, Roy Blacklock.

20 Years: Ron Nicolson.

30 Years: George Lee, George Lucas.

35 Years: C. Phillip Hamilton, Almeda M. Reeve, Leslie Crooks, Merton Bice, Charles Snider, O. C. Spears.

A young lady on a vacation cruise stopped a sailor at his job and asked: "May I see the captain of this ship?"

"He's forward, Miss," replied the sailor.

"Well, I don't mind," said the young lady. "This IS a pleasure cruise."



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz

Two score and eight years ago our predecessors here hired a man. He was slight in stature, quiet of manner and yet over the past four decades he has made a profound impression on all those he came in contact with. Roddy Gann has been seen around the shop since May of 1911. On April 30th, the machine shop fellows presented him with a television set of his very own. Now he can watch all the westerns without interference from the other members of the family. Roddy doesn't plan on sitting down, though; he is purchasing a tractor with the money presented to him by the company at retirement, and is making preparation to cultivate twelve acres of his farm. We would like to say that the vacancy left here by his leaving shall be keenly prevalent for a long time to come, and we wish for him a very long and happy life.

The Foreman's Club met on May 8, 1959, at the American National Bank lodge on Lake Chickamauga for its annual election and dinner meeting. "Chef" Russell Davis and his "Student chefs" Bill Hixson and Wheeler Cage put on a sumptuous feed, with charcoal broiled steaks and all the trimmings. Election was held in the lodge and the slate of officers for 1959-60 is: President, Jack Pope; Vice President, Russell Davis; Secretary, Reuben Skipper; Treasurer, Leslie Higdon.

Our congratulations to Dolores McFadden of the Engineering Department and husband, Johnny, on their purchase of a new home on Passons Road in Red Bank.

Jesse Morgan, molder in the Brass Foundry since May, 1917, started his life of ease on May 1, 1959. He is shown in an accompanying photo, reclining on a chaise lounge that was presented to him by the foundry boys so he can lie around and get fat and lazy. He was also presented a matching glider. Jesse is a man who doesn't have too much to say, but just being around him would make you know that there is one man who believes and practices "good will toward men." He, like Roddy Gann, is going to be greatly missed by all of us, but he has served this organization in a vital capacity; and, although someone else shall be performing his task in the future, no one will ever take his place.

Harlan White, on his recent visit here, was noticed entering the premises tightly clutching a large, brown paper bag. On closer inspection it was found to contain one large, brown shoe; the owner—Frank Kellett. It seems that when Frank moved from Decatur, the folks who purchased his home found it in the dishwasher. Now, there should be some sort of explanation, but we haven't been able to obtain a statement from Mr. Kellett, as he has claimed the fifth amendment.

Congratulations to R. F. Jones,

Iron Foundry molder, who has been chosen to serve as parliamentarian next year for the Kirkman Tech High Alumni Association.

Lorene Heyer is at Florida State Hospital located in Chattahoochee, Florida, taking three months' training in psychiatry in preparation for graduation from Crawford Long School of Nursing in September.

Sunday, May 10, 1959, was chosen by Phyllis Heyer for her marriage to Doyle Stanton Moreland. The Rev. Hershel Abshire performed the ceremony at the Brainerd Methodist Church. Phyllis was lovely in a white Chantilly lace gown over taffeta fashioned with a fitted bodice and a Sabrina neckline. Long sleeves pointed over the hands, and lace roses were appliqued on the bodice. Her fingertip veil of imported silk illusion fell from a tiara of iridescent sequins, and she carried a bouquet of white stephanotis and orchids over a Bible. Lorene was never prettier, as she entered the sanctuary as her sister's maid of honor, dressed in a pale green silk organza gown with a ballerina length re-embroidered skirt. She wore a pearl-trimmed head-piece with matching veil. The four bridesmaids wore dresses identical to the one worn by Lorene. Mr. Wayne Heyer was indeed handsome as he walked down the aisle to the altar with the bride, giving her in marriage. Mrs. Mary Heyer appeared scarcely older than the Heyer girls, attired so becomingly in a rose lace sheath creation over taffeta with matching accessories and a white orchid corsage. The ceremony came to a perfect climax with Karen singing the "Wedding Prayer." A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at Wimberly Inn, with Karen also keeping the bride's book. We wish for Phyllis and Doyle every happiness.

To Charlie Boston, Shipping Dept., and James Newman of the Iron Foundry who have had to be away from work due to an injury and Robert Hill, Iron Foundry; Murray Stewart, Iron Foundry; William Harris, Iron Foundry and Oscar Preston, Iron Foundry, who have been ill and are still recuperating, we wish a speedy recovery. We wish to extend an extra special "Hurry and Recover" greeting to Marcus Daniel, who is going to have to take things easy for a little while.

It appears as though a pace has already been set for the fishermen this spring. Jack Vincent, Chief Chemist, racked up a record recently, snagging forty striped bass weighing over one pound each. The catch was made at Hales Bar Dam, and Jack said the bass went for shiesters, spoons and the ABV reflex.

Gloria Berry, who left us in February of '58 to accompany her husband to Germany, dropped by the other day, and she looks radiant. Raymond only

has another month, and will be discharged from military service. She is glad to be home, but had a delightful time in Europe.

Mary Nelle Ellis, who was married to Nick Bratcher on May 30 at the Red Bank Baptist Church, was honored with a kitchen-linen shower in the Penthouse of the Interstate Bldg. Hostesses were Gene Racz, Personnel Asst. and Shirley Jones, secretary to a local attorney. She is pictured elsewhere with her many gayly wrapped gifts. Mary Nelle is a production control clerk.

Some of the keglers here have been busy the last few months establishing a record that we can all be very proud of. First place was won for the second half at the Chattanooga Bowling Lanes in the American League by the team consisting of Jim Potter, Chuck Coventry, Stanley Kuhne, Coy Jones, Carroll Moore and James Godwin. Jim Potter took honors for the high game of the year with 256. In the Rossville League, held at the Peerless Community Center, the team took first place in the second half and went on to capture the league championship with the score, 4666, for five games. James Potter led with the total of 987, Forrest King had a 985, Chuck Coventry had a 907, Coy Jones with 894 and Stanley Kuhne with a 893. Their averages for the half were; Jones 183; Coventry 179; Kuhne 181; Potter 181 and King 182. Coy Jones had the high three game series for the season with 669.

Eunice Brackett, Production Control Clerk, husband Ben, and

daughter Cindy are now occupying the home they just completed on Perin Dr.

Our hearts have been saddened the past few weeks as we have united in sympathy with our co-workers in the loss of their loved ones. James Boston, Grady Henry, Mitchell Robinson, Blatcher McClendon, John Hensley, Melvin Conner and Josephine Houston all lost their fathers and Willie Southern's wife passed away undergoing surgery.

Phillip Bible, son of Charles Bible, Maintenance Dept. is reporting to Charleston, S. C., the first of July for two years' active duty with the United States Navy. He has already completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He has been attached to the local reserve unit since August of 1958. Phillip is hoping to take advantage of the training offered by the Navy in better preparing himself for the vocation he chooses.

Darrell Pope, son of Jack Pope, foreman in the Cleaning Room, was given the sportsmanship award recently at the golden gloves tournament. The following article, which appeared in the local newspaper, better explains what the award meant to Darrell. "Blase Golden Gloves ringsiders rubbed their eyes and looked again last night at the Memorial Auditorium when Chattanooga Valley's Darrell Pope slipped through the ropes for his 135 pound match with J. C. McMahan, Cleveland YMCA scrapper. But once the fight began, and the gritty Darrell began

bombing away with both hands, they shed their apprehension and began yelling for the determined young man who overcame crippling polio and has—through intense desire and heart-warming encouragement by his father—made himself into a splendid athlete who asks no quarter and yields none. Marvelously proportioned from the waist up, Darrell's legs—although they are firm and knottily muscled—show the effect of the disease. He moves laboriously, clumsily, but he moves.

Darrell lost the decision by a punch or two, but those who saw his valiant effort were treated to a spunky exhibition of red-blooded courage." Darrell also played guard on Chattanooga Valley High's football team.

Harry Gaither, Herman Unit Machine Finisher, has accepted the position of Assistant Pastor of the Mount Peran Baptist Church located at 20th and Cowart St. Harry delivered his first message in June of 1958.

Sam Roy Smith and wife, Zita, enjoyed an early vacation, taking to the open road and living it up in their newly-purchased '59 Mercury. They visited friends in Gainesville and Ocala, Florida, and returned via Charleston, S. C. Roy lived there during the 1940's, and really had a grand time seeing all of his friends.

In the photo below, Jesse Morgan, molder in Chattanooga's Brass Foundry since 1917, is shown reclining on a retirement gift presented to him by his co-workers on May 1.



Roddy Gann's fellow workers presented him with a beautiful television set on the occasion of his retirement on April 30. Roddy joined Mueller Co.

in May of 1911, and has found a warm spot in the hearts of all who know him.



Mrs. Doyle S. Moreland



These three men in Chattanooga, holding retirement and service award checks, represent 125 years of service to the Company. From left to right, they are: Roddy Gann (retiree) 48 years; Jesse Morgan (retiree) 42 years; and W. A. Coventry (service award) 35 years.



DARRELL POPE
Chattanooga Valley H. S.
Jack Pope
Iron Foundry



DIANE WARREN
Chattanooga H. S.
Lemuel Warren
Assembly Dept.



CHARLES P. BIBLE
Rossville H. S.
Charles Bible
Maintenance



Plant Manager J. H. Wall presents a 40-year-service pin to C. E. Campbell, Inspector and Service Engineer.



MARY K. DANIEL
Notre Dame H. S.
Marcus Daniel
Tool Room



IZEAR S. TYOUS
Howard H. S.
Izear Tyous
Iron Foundry



MAXINE COWAN
Howard H. S.
Ernest Cowan
Iron Foundry



Mary Nelle Ellis opens shower gifts. (See Gene Racz' column on Page 8).



CHARLIE H. ALLEN
Howard H. S.
John Allen, Jr.
Core Room



CYNTHIA M. SKIPPER
Tyner H. S.
R. G. Skipper, Jr.
Inspector



JACQUILINE POPE
Truett McConnell Jr. College
Jack Pope
Iron Foundry



DOROTHY F. SUGGS
Central H. S.
Early Suggs
Assembly Dept.

MUELLER, LTD. Reports . . .

by
ALMEDA M. REEVE



Some 300 members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association visited Sarnia on April 30, on the occasion of their fortieth annual convention. The Association is a nation-wide, non-profit, non-political organization geared to seek solution to common problems and provide specialized services to all members. Local industrialists organized a tour of Sarnia's Chemical Valley. The tour was split into nine groups, each of which saw a representative selection of local plants, including Mueller, Limited.

Following the tour, the guests were taken to the Guildwood Inn for an informal luncheon as guests of the Sarnia Association. Mueller, Limited President G. W. Parker presided as chairman. Harry Dowding, Standards Engineer, served as one of the four guides.

George Hayward (Dept. 1) and Mrs. Hayward are particularly happy at this time. Their daughter Phyllis (Mrs. Robert S. Storey), her husband and their two children have recently returned to Canada from Glasgow, Scotland. Dr. and Mrs. Storey now reside in Toronto, where Dr. Storey is engaged in research sponsored by the National Research Council at the University of Toronto. This research utilizes the new Van de Graaf and Beta tron accelerators installed at the Ontario Cancer Institute.

Dr. Storey received his M. A. at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and for the past four years has been engaged in research in nuclear physics at Glasgow University. He received his Ph. D for this work. During this time he held fellowships sponsored by the Imperial Oil, Limited, and Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited.

George and Mrs. Hayward had not seen either of their grandchildren—David is two and one-half and Susan is age six months—before, and needless to say, the return of the Storey family has been a thrilling experience. All of us at Mueller, Limited, rejoice with them.

James Bulloch, Dept. 12, and his brother, Charlie, while fishing in the St. Clair River, caught such a large fish that it took two of them to drag it up on shore. Charlie took a picture of Jim and the fish, and they claim the picture alone weighed five pounds! (Can anyone top this fish story?—Editor).

Our congratulations to Ed McIntosh, Dept. 9, and Mrs. McIntosh, who held open house on May 3 and 4, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives from Detroit, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Woodstock and Forest assisted in the celebration.

Our sympathy is extended to the following employees who have been recently bereaved: Clayton Meredith, Dept. 9, in the loss of his father; Calvin Turnbull, Dept. 3, in the loss of his father; Thomas Ward, Dept. 7, in the loss of his sister; Charles Teskey, Dept. 9, in the loss of

his father; Charles Snider, Dept. 9, in the loss of his wife; Elmer O'Dell, Dept. 3, in the loss of his brother; Norman Gilbert, Dept. 6, in the loss of his father; Almeda Reeve, Office, in the loss of her father; the family of the late L. Merton Bice, Assistant Foreman in Dept. 2.

Wedding bells have sounded for: Garfield Cross, Dept. 6, and Agnes Alstergreen, who were married on February 2; Robert Smith and Joyce Marie Kongos, married on March 10; Patricia Hardy, Sales, and Marcel Desrosiers, married on March 21; Romane Williams, Order and Billing Dept., and Norris Nehmabin, who were married on April 25.

To all of the newlyweds go our most sincere best wishes for all that's good in life.

We also want to welcome these new arrivals to families of Mueller, Limited:

David Franklin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petronski. Frank works in Dept. 3.

Bonnie May, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosina. Joe is employed in Dept. 2.

Paul William, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitely. Don is employed in Dept. 1.

Nancy Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miles. Ken is employed in Dept. 47.

Michael Joseph, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walsh. Clarence is employed in Dept. 8.

Diane Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robertson. Bruce is employed as an inspector.

Dennis Leo, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ryan. Leo works in Dept. 2.

Bruce, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders. John is employed in Dept. 2.

Marie Louise, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Saint-Cyr. "Wilf" is a sales representative in the Ottawa-Montreal district.

Ross Owen, born to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Forsythe. Owen is employed in Dept. 2.

The Mueller Office Association sponsored a Sports Party on May 29 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Lyle Hipple's orchestra supplied the music for the evening, and the Mexican Hat Dance and the Bunny Hop were performed during the festivities by some of the livelier members of the staff. "Spot dances" were won by Ila Annett and Hugh "Bud" Helliwell, and Barbara Duncan and Bryan van Russell. Coffee and sandwiches were served to round out the evening. Members of the planning committee are to be commended for their hours of work toward a very successful evening.

On Saturday, May 30, the Mueller Social Club sponsored a golf tournament for its members. Fourteen ardent golfers teed off between 8 and 9 a.m., despite heavily-overcast skies. Top honors went to O. C. Spears, Personnel Manager, who claimed low gross of 83. Low net went to Maurice Simard, Assistant Foreman in Shipping, with 68. The prize for the most honest golfer went to Ken Perdeaux of the Engineering Dept.



Mueller, Limited President G. W. Parker presents 35-year service awards to: Leslie Crooks, foreman of Depts. 6 and 7; Almeda M. Reeve, accountant; C. Phil Hamilton, warehouse and shipping stock clerk; Charles Snider, pattern fitter in Dept. 9; and O. C. Spears, personnel manager. Lending his moral support is R. J. Skippon.



William L. Payne retired on April 30 after spending 36 years with Mueller, Limited. Life Short is shown presenting Mr. Payne with a wrist watch. Co-workers also gave Mr. Payne a purse of money and a set of glasses. On Mr. Payne's right is Sam Johnston, Foundry Superintendent.



John Robb, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, was recently named to the supervisory staff in the Brass Foundry.

Robb attended Stow College of Engineering in Glasgow, where he specialized in foundry practices, science and drawings, after which he served his moldier tradesman apprenticeship at the Singer Foundry.

During World War II, he served with the Royal Tank Corps in Egypt, Sicily, Italy and other Middle East Areas. He emigrated to Canada in 1953, and joined the Mueller, Limited staff on May 1 of this year.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed McIntosh are shown at their open house on May 3 and 4. (See story in column 1.)

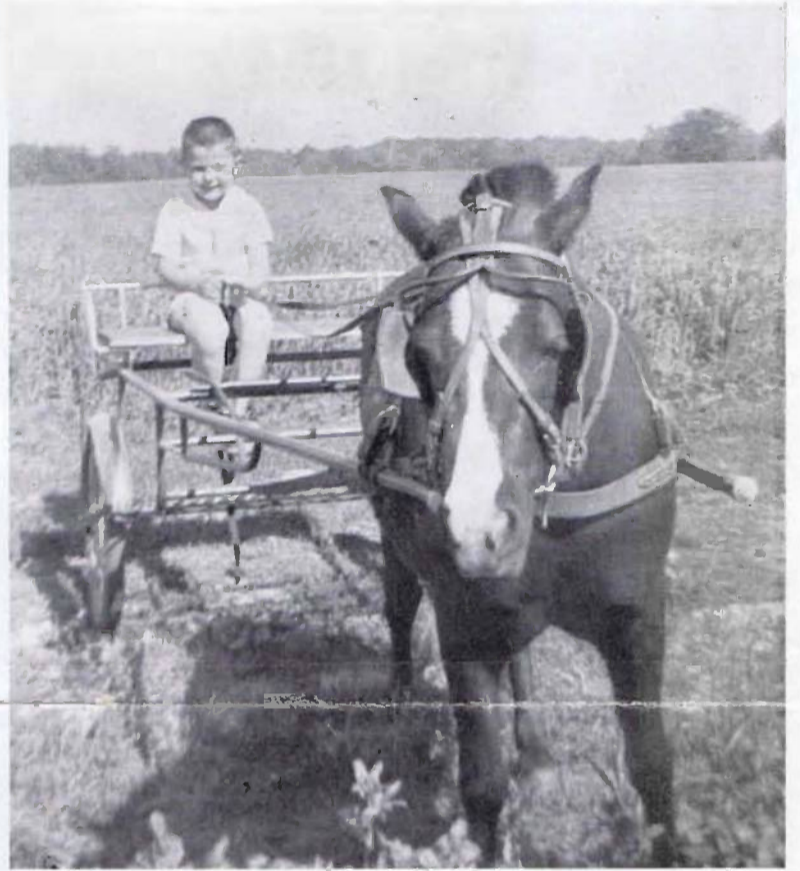


These Mueller gals were on hand recently to celebrate a successful year in the bowling alley. Above, left to right: Laura Hirsch, Eilene Gogerty, Virginia Benton and Betty Johnson. Below, left to

right, and escorted by Lynn Edwards for a dinner party, were: Mary Lou Wheatley, Beverly Blake-man, Iva Fravala, Ruth Brownlow, Thelma Ends-ley, Winnie Phipps and Mrs. Edwards.



Alan Browett (third from left), an 18-year-old student of Sarnia Northern Collegiate and son of C. S. Browett, Mueller, Limited Controller, won out over 23 other contestants in the second annual teenage safe-driving Road-E-O, sponsored by the Sarnia Jaycees. Alan is shown receiving his trophy, and also the team trophy for his school for collecting the highest point aggregate.



Jimmie Miles, age 5, is shown with his pony, Fury, on his grandfather's farm outside Pana, Ill. Fury was a birthday present from Jimmie's parents. His mother is Helen Miles, stenographer for Factory Manager A. L. Sefton.

● THINK SAFETY ●



Employees in Plant 4's Dept. 50 are shown saying "so long" to Ina Banning, who retired on March 6. Ina was Hand Core Maker, and spent nearly 33 years with us.



Charles Johnson, Dept. 38, retired on April 17 after more than 32 years with Mueller Co. He is shown receiving a retirement gift from Marvin Spitzer, Construction and Maintenance Foreman.



John Flood, Assistant Foreman in Dept. 5 at Mueller, Limited, presents Joseph Hicks with a purse of money on behalf of Sarnia employees. Joe retired recently after a lengthy illness. He joined the Company in 1926. Looking on are W. Bruce Barrett, Dept. 5 Foreman and Keith Stirling, Dept. 5.

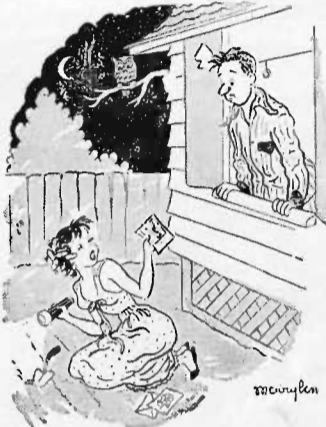
KARTOON KORNER



"Right off hand, I'd say that Bixby is using the 'hard sell' this month."



"I like the way things come to life again in the spring—most things, that is..."



"But the package clearly says, 'Plant Early!'"



"Am I up now, dear?"

Tip to grooms: A wife thinks that if she doesn't ask her husband where the money comes from, he shouldn't ask her where it goes.

A successful man is one who can earn more money than his wife can spend; a successful woman is one who can find such a man.



DUNOBERG
"I didn't feel well enough to go to the office this morning!"

Every time a man puts a new idea across, he finds ten men who thought of it before he did—but they only thought of it.

No one is completely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as a horrible example.

For fixing things around the house, nothing beats a man that is handy with a checkbook.



"Courtship's over, showers are over, wedding's over,—I could just die!"



(Answers for puzzle on Page 6.)

SALES	SAFE		
PRODUCTION			
UMP	GRADED		
RYE	GATES	SLD	
	MENUS	SHAY	
ADVISES	STATE		
GIANTS	QUAKED		
OLLAS	QUIRTS		
IVE	QUANTITY		
AGE	BUILT	AO	
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Sarnia Bowlers Finish Season

On Monday, April 27, the two top Mueller bowling teams battled it out for the "Stanley Cup of Bowling." The winning team, **Ferrules**, was captained by Walter Irvine, and included G. Green, A. Ward, K. Miles and D. Cuthbertson. The competing team, **Showersheads**, was captained by W. A. "Mike" Scott, and included P. Bjornson, G. Campbell, E. Sitter, S. McPhee and P. Hamilton.

It was apparent from the scores turned in that all the players were at their best that evening, and credit should be given to the two teams for the wonderful competitive spirit shown.

The annual Bowling Banquet was held at the Riding Club on May 7, at which time the following awards were made:

- Ladies High Single: Mrs. Kay Canary, 209.
- Ladies High Average: Mrs. Doris McLaughlin, 173.
- Runner-up for Ladies High Average: Carole Chesher, 172.
- Ladies High Triple: Mrs. Grace Campbell, 756.
- Mens High Single: Phil Hamilton, 238.
- Mens High Average: Walter Irvine, 195.
- Runner-up for Mens High Average: Phil Hamilton, 194.
- Mens High Triple: Phil Hamilton, 762.
- Most Improved Bowler: Don Crooks.
- Elected as officers for the 1959-60 season were: Sam McPhee, president; Carole Chesher, treasurer; and Barbara Duncan, secretary.

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to play reporter and, at the same time, help Main Connections—YOUR newspaper. You are now reading one of the largest issues ever distributed, thanks to the co-operation of your correspondents and people just like you who took the time to let us know about their experiences and plans.

If YOU have a news item, or a photo you would like to have printed, contact one of the following persons:

IN DECATUR:

At Plant 1—

- Jim M. Milligan, Editor
- Nancy Laymon, Payroll
- Mary Lou Wheatley, Engineering

At Plant 4—

Winnie Phipps

IN LOS ANGELES:

Mr. Bruce Stotler

IN CHATTANOOGA:

Mrs. Gene Racz

IN SARNIA:

Mrs. Almeda M. Reeve

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