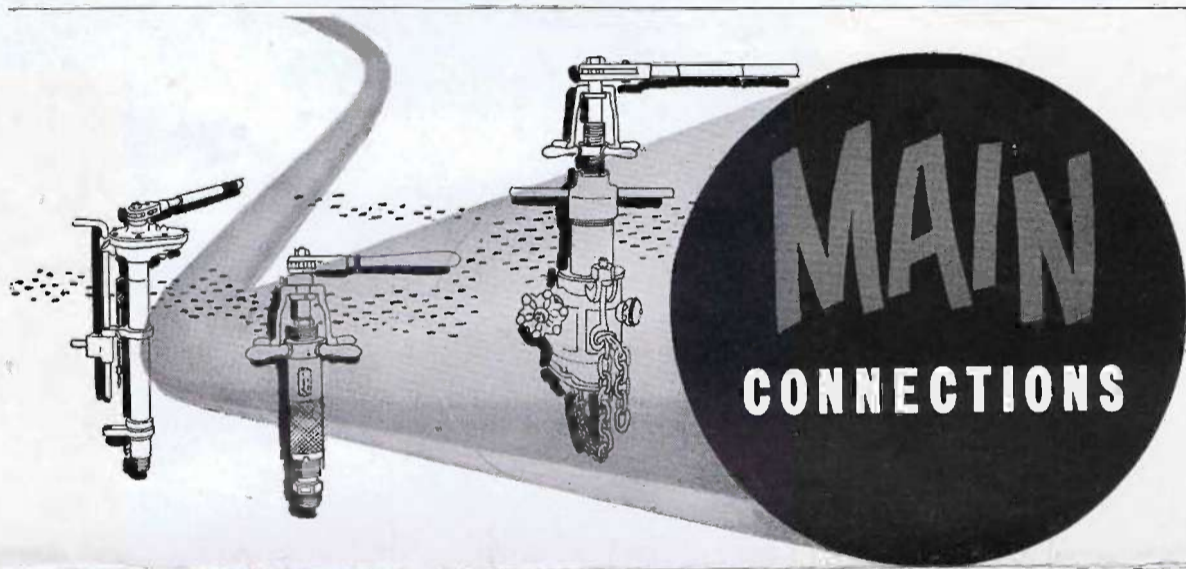


Company Announces \$6 Million Expansion



Five Millions for Construction; Includes 450-Car Roof Parking

A major modernization and expansion program for Mueller Co.'s main plant in Decatur was announced March 25 by A. G. Webber, Jr., company president. The board of directors formally approved the program at their quarterly meeting, held March 24 in the Chattanooga plant.

The program, the estimated cost of which is more than five million dollars, will replace more than half of the structures in the area bounded by the Wabash tracks on the north, Monroe Street on the west, West Eldorado Street on the south, and Edward Street on the east. The new buildings will be connected to existing facilities west of Monroe by a new underground pedestrian tunnel.

New construction will add 261,500 square feet of floor space and 43,300 square feet of space will be rehabilitated. Approximately 96,000 square feet of land will be cleared of buildings and left vacant.

Sverdrup & Parcel Engineering Company, a nationally-known firm of engineer-architects in St. Louis, has been engaged to develop the preliminary studies, plans, specifications and cost estimates for the expansion program.

Target date to call for bids is August, 1960, and construction is expected to be completed in 16 to 24 months after the bid-letting.

A new, air-conditioned office building of contemporary design, facing West Eldorado Street, will provide space for the company's executive, general administrative and sales offices. The building's exterior will be of brick, accented by using exterior ceramic tile mosaics and porcelain-enamelled panels.

Integrally-designed sunshades will also be featured on the south elevation. Ceilings will have lights recessed in acoustical material, and terrazzo flooring and special wall finishes will be used in the lobby and product display areas.

A steel and brick one-story manufacturing and warehouse building extending from Monroe Street to Edward Street across two existing parking lots will be directly behind, and connected with, the new office building. The building will have many windows, shielded by specially-designed sunshades.

An unusual feature of this 789-foot long building will be a parking area for approximately 450 automobiles on the roof. This area will be reached via a three-lane ramp equipped with snow-

melting devices, and one lane will be reversible to provide two "up-lanes" in the morning and two "down-lanes" in the afternoon.

Direct access to the plant and the office building will be provided from the roof parking area. This building will connect with three existing manufacturing buildings, as well as with the new shipping and receiving building.

A new two-story shipping and receiving building will handle carton storage and rail and truck shipments. Levelling platforms on the dock at the seven truck doors will permit the use of forklift trucks in loading and unloading operations. Suitable provision for rail shipments will be made from the warehouse and also by one or more team tracks outside.

The remainder of the factory will be improved by renovating and expanding the steam-heating system and by installing a new electrical distribution system. Five new sub-stations located throughout the plant will reduce the 4,160-volt distribution current to the required voltage for specific areas and processes.

"The project is not predicated on adding new products, except in the normal growth of the company," said Webber. "Neither will there be any immediate appreciable increase in employment, but that, too, will grow normally with the regular increase in business."

"In brief, the expansion is intended to correct a congested condition in some departments, and at the same time provide space for the normal future growth of the business."

In addition to the cost of new construction and renovation, company officials stated that approximately \$1,000,000 will be expended for additional production and material handling equipment.

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May, 1960

Social Security Benefits To Disabled Explained

Have you ever worried about what would happen to you and your family if you should become so disabled you could no longer work? Have you ever wondered how you could pay every day living expenses if your pay check suddenly stopped because you became unable to hold your job? If these disturbing thoughts have caused you sleepless nights then you should hurry and find out about disability protection under the social security law.

A disabled worker under age 50 may be able to have his earnings record frozen so that future benefits will be as large as they would have been had he kept on working until retirement age. Disabled workers between the ages of 50 and 65 and their dependents may be able to receive monthly benefits.

There are certain requirements a disabled worker must meet before he can freeze his earnings record or qualify for disability insurance benefits. First, there is the work requirement or length of time a disabled person must have worked under social security. It takes 5 years of covered work in employment or self-employment in the 10-year period ending with the date the disability began, to establish eligibility. This work need not be continuous but must be within the 10-year period.

Then there is the disability requirement. If a worker is only partially disabled, and there is a possibility that he can go back to work, he cannot meet this

rather stringent requirement. His illness or impairment must be so severe that it keeps him from doing any substantial gainful work, and it must be expected to last for a long time or to result in his death. Before he can file to have his earnings record frozen or to receive monthly benefits, the worker must be disabled for six months.

Monthly disability benefits are based on the average monthly wage of the worker and will be the same as the amount paid at age 65. Dependents can also receive monthly benefits when the disabled worker qualifies. These payments stop when it is determined the disabled person has recovered to the extent he can go back to work at a job he can handle. Payments to his dependents stop at the same time the worker's benefits are stopped.

Disabled farmers who operated their farms from 1955 may be eligible for disability benefits if they are age 50 or older. Five years of social security coverage are necessary and self-employed farmers could first meet this requirement in October 1959. Since there is the 6-months waiting period, April 1960, was the first month disabled farmers could receive disability benefit checks. No payments can be made until an application is made.

All disabled persons, including farmers, should get in touch with their social security offices for complete information on the disability provisions under the social security law.

4-X Closes '59-'60 Year

The last regular meeting of the 4-X Club year 1959-60 was held at Mueller Lodge in Decatur on Wednesday, May 11. Elected to serve as officers during the 1960-61 year were:

President—Jack Parsons
Vice-President—Ed Nalefski
Secretary—Ted Suhomske
Treasurer—Stan Metz
Program Chairman—Bob Taylor

4-X members enjoyed charcoal-broiled steak with all the trimmings, installation of officers, and an excellent discussion of the new company expansion program, delivered aptly by M. K. Chaney and Jim Hosto.

Retiring President Del Parks thanked the members of the organization for their fine support of such things as the egg roll given for crippled children the day before Easter, the special assessment to provide charity funds, and the dues increase which was passed to provide funds for better meetings in the future. Other retiring officers were E. H. Potts, vice-president; Marshall Foster, secretary; Charles Johnson, treasurer; and Jim Milligan, program chairman.

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HERE and THERE ... in Decatur

Things are pretty slow on the news front. Either people lead awfully dull lives, or somebody is awfully bashful. Come on, now—let's hear from you.

Gene Groves (Dept. 90) and Mrs. Groves became proud parents way back in August, when Constance Ann was born on the 29th. We also have a proud grandpa—George Henne (Dept. 90). Little Connie weighed eight pounds.

Bill Kaigley (Dept. 38) and Mrs. Kaigley welcomed Katherine Louise on October 19. Kathy tipped the scales at seven pounds, eight ounces, and hurried home to mommy and daddy at their Dalton City address.

These bashful brides and grooms! Seems Carl O. Smith (Dept. 38) married Thelma Sapp on January 16. The Smiths live at 3125 N. Kent in Decatur.

Frank H. Mueller, vice-president and director of engineering, and Don E. Radcliffe, assistant sales manager, are turning in fine civic performances. Frank has been named chairman of the Citizens Water Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor Robert Grohne to study the water needs of Decatur, and make subsequent recommendations to the City Council. Don has been named a member of the new Industrial Development Commission, also appointed in recent weeks by Mayor Grohne. This, too, is a study group, but will also prove invaluable in attempting to prepare Decatur for planned industrialization by seeking ways to attract desirable industry.

The Orville Spencer School was dedicated recently, and our own Orville Spencer was honored at the dedication for his 18 years on the Lakeview District School Board. (The district has been absorbed by the Decatur School District). Our hats are off to Orville for his fine work in the community.

We're still looking for an apt reporter in the Main Office area of Plant 1. Requirements? A willingness to do a little bit of work every three months, and a nose for news. The pay? Well, anyway, we still need a reporter. Interested persons may contact the editor.

One of our reporters, Mary Lou Wheatley, is quite a shutterbug. Decatur had a big fire some weeks ago, and Mary Lou appeared there early the next morning, snapping away at the ruins. Saw some of her pictures, and they were very, very good.

Earl Kester (Tool Engineering) has been a papa just a short

time. He has already announced, though, that Michelle (Mike) Kester is ready to take on any "boy babies" up to and including the age of 5. He claims she's as hard as nails, and will revolutionize the prize fight game within another ten years. (Proud papa? Not very.)

There were some mighty miserable people around here after the first warm weekend in Decatur. Countless people walked gingerly around, hoping co-workers would not slap them on the back. Helen Miles (Mr. Sef-ton's secretary) and Sharon Jannsen (Personnel) were two of the broiled lobsters.

That's about all this writer has to report. If you think it isn't much, how about helping make it a little longer next time? The next issue will have lots of news. See the story about it on Page 1 of this issue.

Plant 4 News

by Winnie Phipps

Shirl and Fedora Tish, who spent several months supervising the construction of their new home at 1649 Gregory Avenue (Home Park), were able to move into it in January. Fedora works in the Core Room, and Shirl is in Dept. 60.

A sure sign that spring is here: the fish stories have started cropping up. Paul Parsons, Chuck Schroeder, Elmer Baker

and Pat Fonner, all of Plant 4, and Elmer Fawley and Chuck Girard of Plant 1 went trout fishing at Bennett Springs, Mo., in late March. Paul's son, Richard, also went with the group. Of the whole bunch, I have a feeling Richard would tell the most reliable story about the size of the trout that accidentally got hooked by these master fishermen. How about it boys?

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob Leake (Pattern Shop) and Bill Leake (Plant 1) on the death of their father in January.

Ernie Hetzler (Pattern Shop) and Mrs. Hetzler enjoyed a mid-winter vacation with their son, who is a Marine stationed at San Diego, California.

Keith Alan made a wonderful Valentine for his parents, John Hackl (Pattern Shop) and Mrs. Hackl. He arrived February 14 at Decatur & Macon County Hospital, and weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Robert Ridgeway (Dept. 38) who had been in the hospital and convalescing at home since December 10, returned to work on February 15. We're glad to have him back with us.

Congratulations to Charles Snokes (Dept. 10) and Mrs. Snokes on the birth of their daughter. Rebecca Joan was born on January 11, and weighed six pounds, ten ounces.

Engineering News



by Mary Lou Wheatley

There were several parties during the holiday season. The draftsmen, wives, and a few other stragglers enjoyed dinner at the Blue Mill. Then we all motored to the Ben Joneses for the remainder of the evening, and some of us stayed pretty late.

Tool Engineering met at Pete Duncan's, then had dinner at Ben's Barn. It was reported that everyone had a gay evening.

Jim Cussins of Catalog Department sure was lucky. Not only did his wife present him with a baby boy, December 28, but just think, another tax de-

duction for 1959. The young man weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was named William Thomas. They have a girl, Pamela.

The Elmer Kecks are the parents of a baby boy, John Lloyd, born on January 4, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. This is their fourth son. Elmer is a draftsman in Engineering Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowan are the parents of a baby girl, Donna Sue, born January 8. This is their first girl; they have two boys. The little miss is also a granddaughter of the Walter Bowans. Walter is Chief Research Engineer.

Robert Hartness, a draftsman, also tries his hand at trapping. Last winter, during the season, he trapped two mink, some muskrats, coons, and possums. Of course, the mink have more monetary value. Say, girls, want a fur? Maybe trapping is the answer.

How I envy these Florida vacationers. We had two engineers on vacation this year. Fred Tratzik and his wife spent two weeks in Florida in January, and Fred really got a tan. Playing golf, I presume.

Wallace Gould and his wife spent two weeks in Florida during the middle of February. Wally has never been there, so I'll bet he will talk about this vacation for a long time.

A few of the fellows brushed up on their politics at the "Action Course In Practical Politics," sponsored by the Association of Commerce. Messrs. W. R. Leopold, Carl Floren, George Binkley, and Jim Milligan attended. Governor Stratton, who had been speaking at a Traffic Safety Meeting, attended one of these sessions for some 20 minutes. He remarked that he had heard of these meetings but had not seen one in action and was very pleased.

Our sympathies are extended to the Herman Jackson family in the loss of their granddaughter, Perri. She was the daughter of Robert and Lois Pfile. Herman is in Catalog Department.

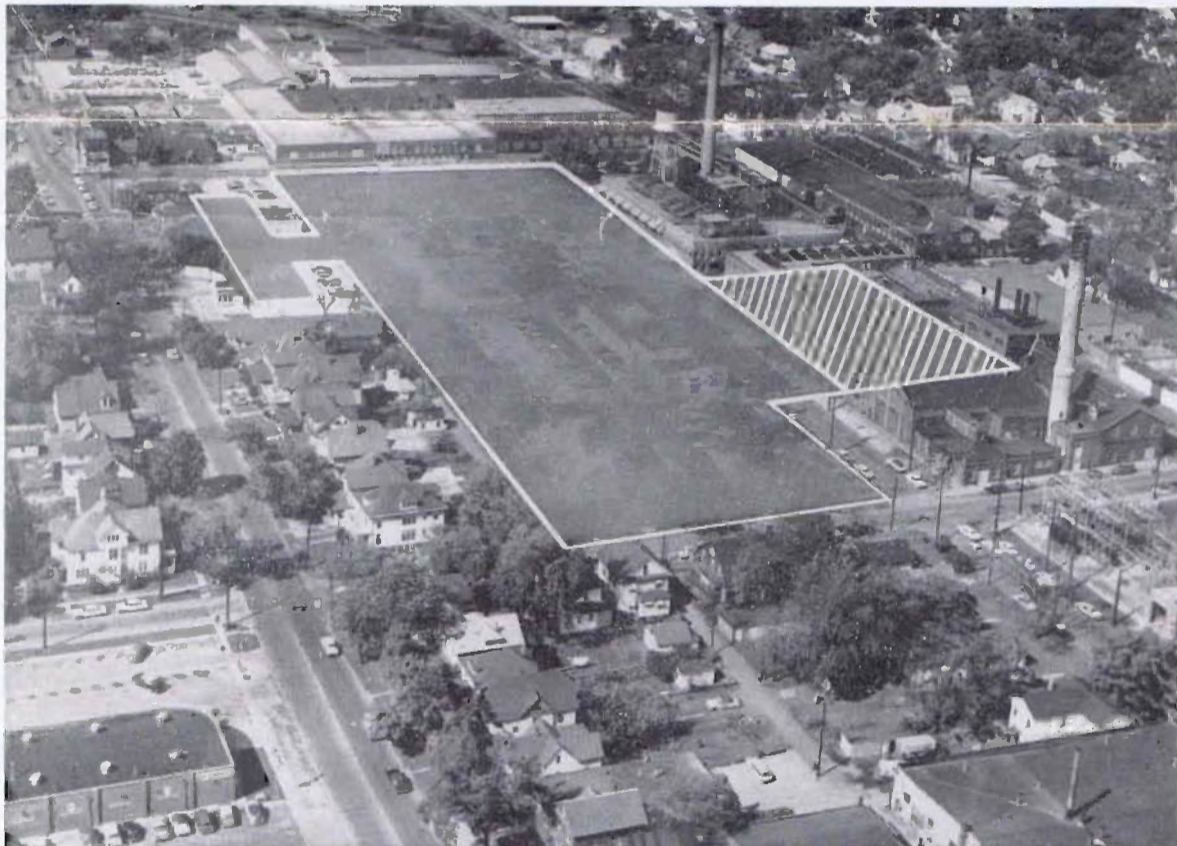
Also, we wish to extend our sympathies to the Fred Tratzik family in the loss of Fred's brother-in-law. Fred is a project engineer.

Robert Brownlow, who has been in the hospital, is now without his appendix. Bob is a draftsman.

Marie Moore, cafeteria manager, was one of the lucky ones who spent New Years in California. Naturally, she went to the Tournament of Roses Parade, mainly because her granddaughter, Marcia, was marching in the parade with the Downey High School Band. Marie spent 4 days out in the nice weather seeing some of the sights she missed last summer.

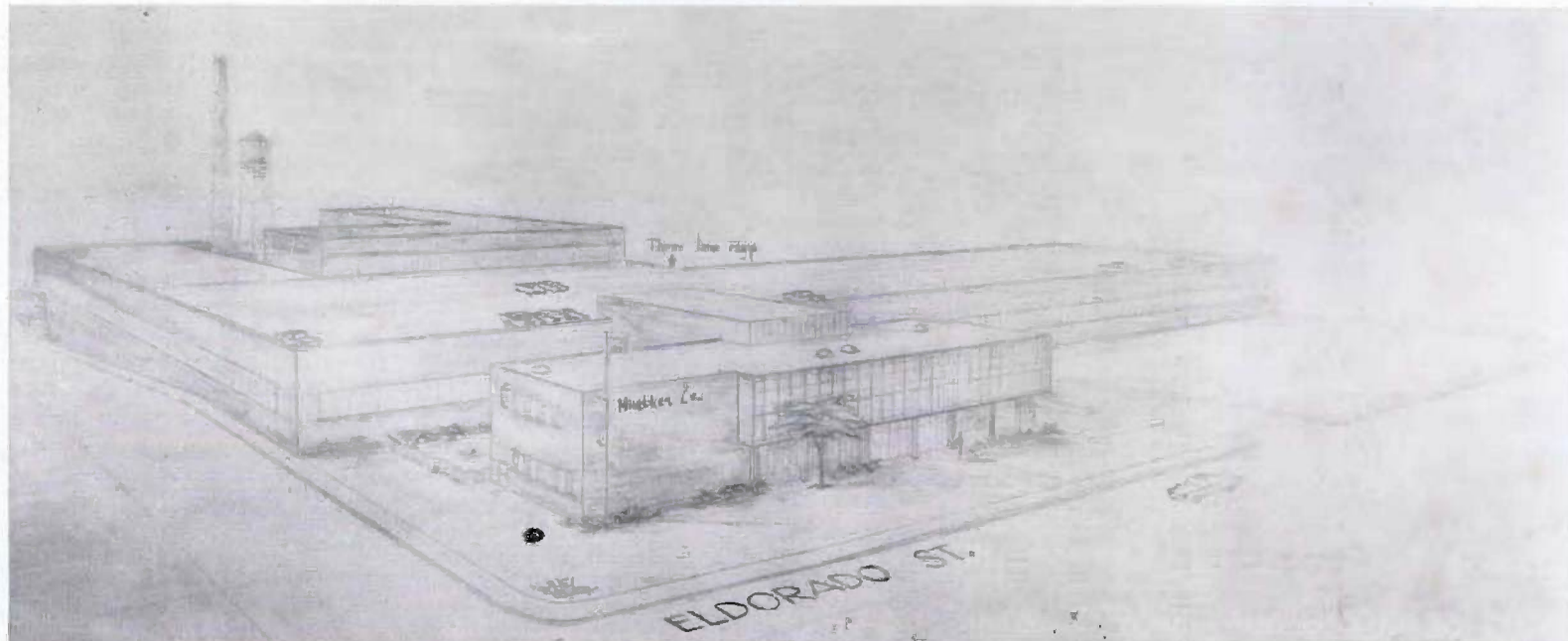
I haven't had very much voluntary news yet, but I did have one telephone call following Jim's appeal. How about some more help!

At the left is an artist's conception of the new construction. Note that the factory building extends two blocks, and that roof parking is an outstanding feature.



This aerial view vividly portrays the areas of new construction and renovation which will be involved in the Mueller Co. expansion program.

The gray areas are the new factory and office buildings; the lined area indicates where buildings will be removed and the grounds left vacant.



● 255 YEARS ●



A. L. Sefton congratulates Thomas W. Edwards (Dept. 37) for his completion of twenty-five years service. The award was presented on December 8.



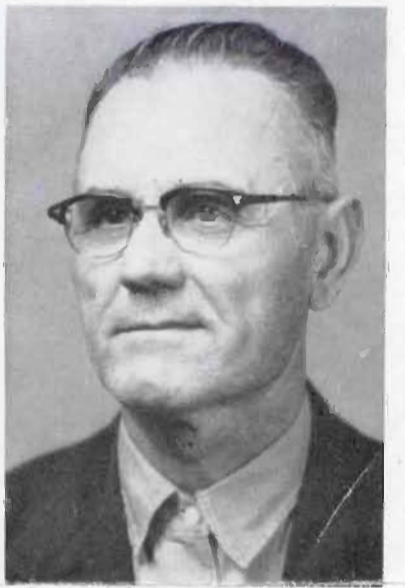
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Dept. 90
40 Years



ALBERT E. BUTT
Dept. 80
35 Years



OTTO J. DANNEWITZ
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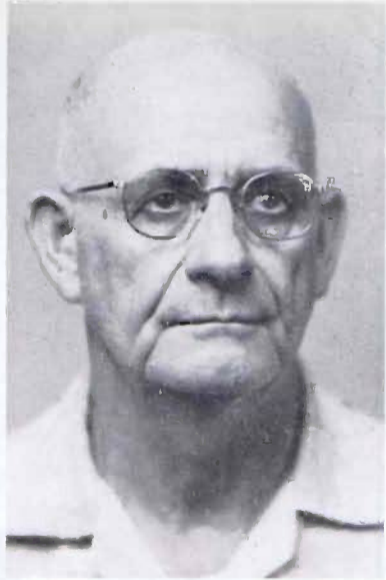


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Dept. 90
35 Years

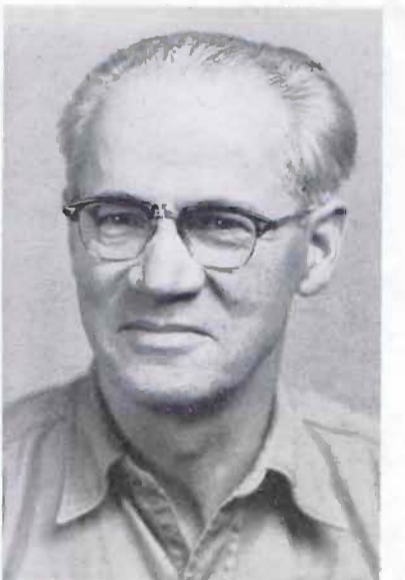


Above, Hazel Allen, stenographer in the Decatur Sales Division, retired on December 31 after 36 years, 3 months and 21 days of service to the company. Also pictured is a group of her co-workers who gathered to say goodbye. Below,

Marshall Hobbs, assistant production manager in the Specialty Division, receives going-away gifts. As of January 30, Mr. Hobbs had served Mueller Co. 39 years, 8 months and 17 days.



BARNEY RILEY
Dept. 20
40 Years



LEON L. BETHARD
Dept. 47
35 Years



ENOLA M. SMITH
Dept. 45
35 Years

Mueller, Ltd., Conducts Sales Workshop



THE MARK III LINE WAS DISPLAYED

The sales organization of Mueller, Limited, held a Sales Workshop during the second week of February, and these two photo pages attempt to depict some of the things that went on.

It was a week of work, study, understanding and fun. It was the time when the MARK III Beautycraft plumbing line was formally introduced. It was a week of opportunity for the "youngsters" on the sales force to pick up some tips on organizing and delivering sales talks.

The word "Workshop" was stressed all during the sessions. Each man was allowed to take part—either in presentations of sales techniques, product explanations or informal question-and-answer periods. The word "lecture" was outlawed for the purposes of the workshop.

Through concentrated but informal participation, the men came away from the meeting with an enthusiasm derived from being a part of the show.

The success of the venture—the "proof of the puddin'"—has been the wonderful reception accorded the new MARK III line by the plumbing industry in Canada.



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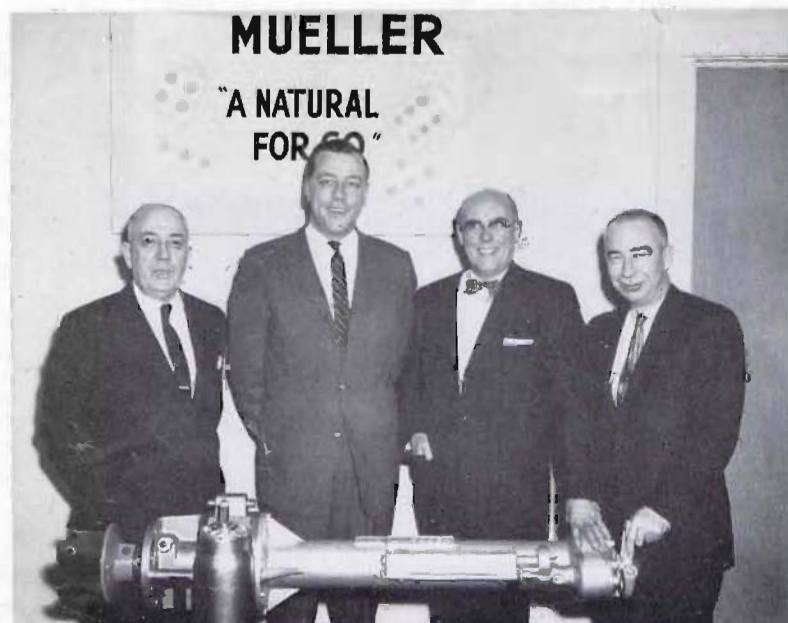
Posing near the end of the week were, seated left to right: C. S. Browett, John Milne, Baldur Sigurdson, Ron Nicolson, George Parker, O. E. Walker, R. J. Skippon, L. Merlin Coates and Bill Brennan. Standing, left to right: Ray Fletcher, Fred Carter, Jack McClure, Ken Bell, Art Hutchingame, Ron Dagg, Bill Harvey (Moen Faucet Div. of Standard Screw Co.), Hugh Helliwell, Allan Fetterly, Louis Boulanger, Bernie Davis, Wilf St. Cyr, Del Sweet, Bert Pullen, Jack Richardson.



SKIPPON



MILNE



Messrs. Milne, Sigurdson, Nicolson and Brennan took time out to indicate their pleasure at the success of the workshop.

Seated, left to right: Jack Richardson, Ron Dagg, Art Hutchingame, Jack McClure, Louis Boulanger. Standing, left to right: Bert Pullen, Ray

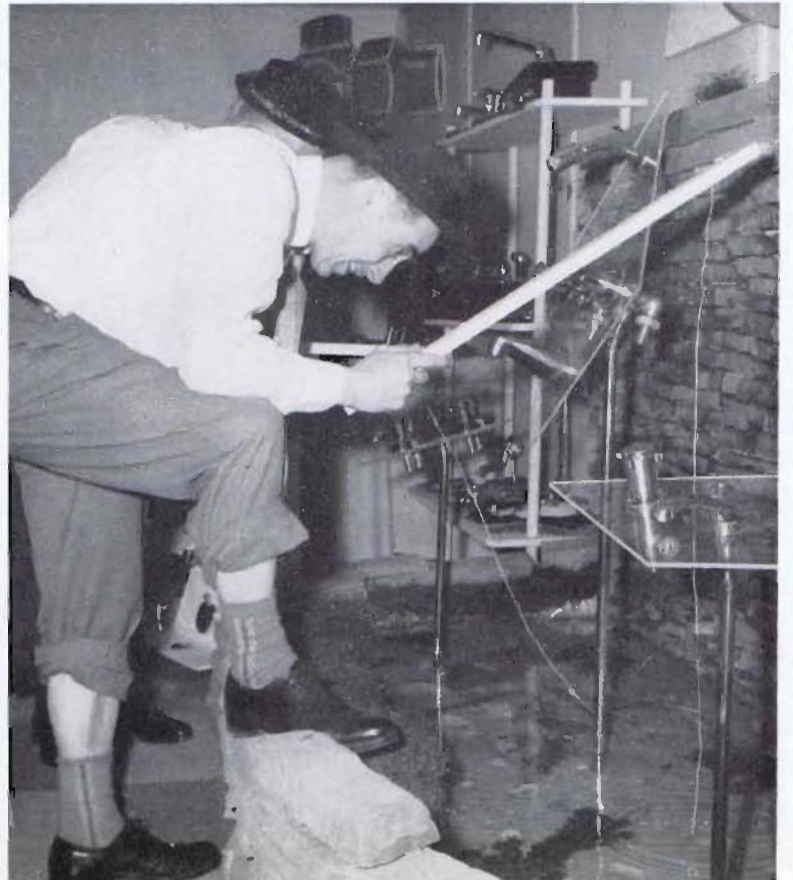
Fletcher, Bernie Davis, Wilf St. Cyr, Fred Carter, Allan Fetterly, Ken Bell. These are the Mueller, Limited salesmen who took part in the workshop.



RELAXED, BUT ALERT



FLETCHER



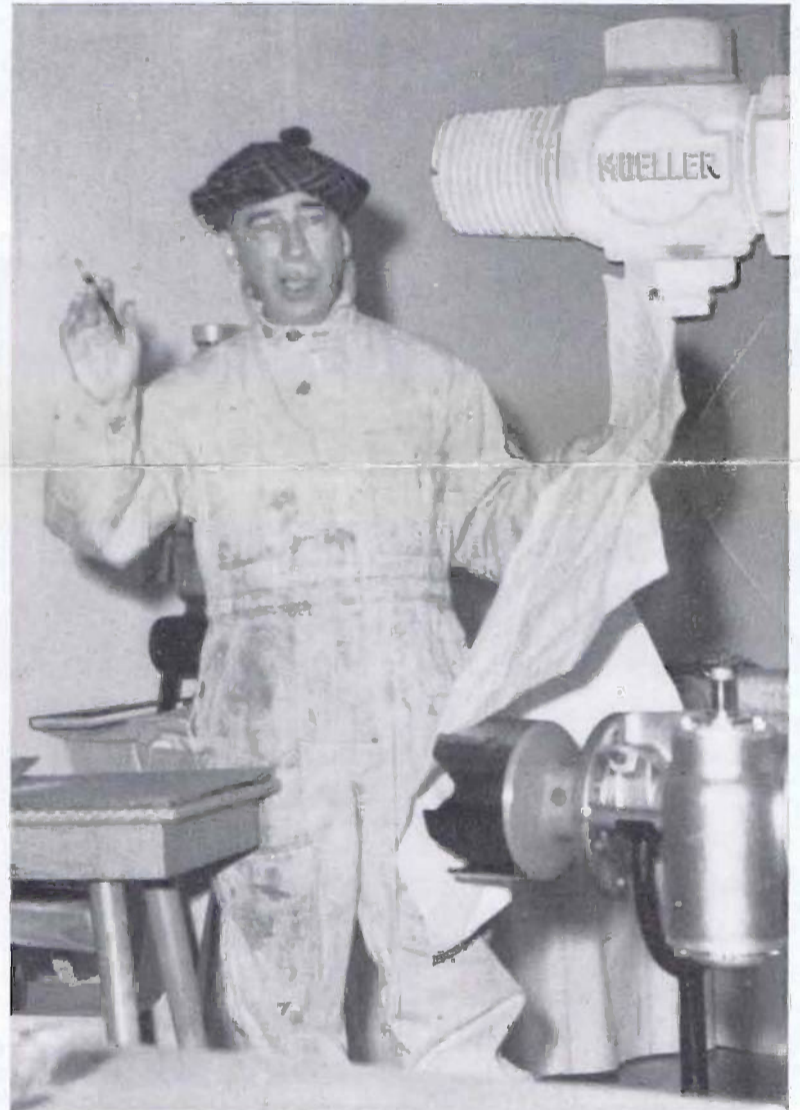
Jack Richardson (partially hidden) and Art Hutchingame kept things lively by trying to catch the goldfish in the pond which surrounded the Mark III display.



Left to right, and discussing sales promotion techniques, are Louis Boulanger, Bernie Davis, Del Sweet, Ray Fletcher, and Fred Carter.



NICOLSON



Bill Brennan gave a lively pitch on the several ways salesmen are sure to lose sales.



Bill Harvey of Moen (center) answers questions about a new line.



FETTERLY



Ron Dagg takes his turn at displaying sales techniques.



Bert Pullen proved his ability at answering a multitude of questions about Mueller products.



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz

To unveil the mysterious identity of the young lady featured in the previous issue, I would like to introduce to you our reporter for the Engineering Department, Dolores McFadden.

Dolores had the happy privilege of being the first child born to Willie and Tom Hughes, two of the finest people you would ever want to meet. She has a younger sister, Phyllis, who is employed here in the payroll department, and a brother, Tommy, who is a student at Rossville High. She received her education—both elementary and high school—at Chattanooga Valley School, and at-



tended Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia. She will celebrate her tenth anniversary with Mueller Co. in September of this year.

Her hobbies include swimming, collecting tropical fish, horse back riding and sunbathing aboard the twenty-seven foot cabin cruiser belonging to her father-in-law, when the weather permits. She especially enjoys good movies; her favorite stars are Jean Simmons and Rock Hudson, and she very much likes to travel. Her favorite foods are lobster, baked potatoes and chocolate fudge pie.

Dolores is a member of the Dorcus Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She married John D. McFadden, Jr. in May of 1955. Johnny was employed in the engineering department for a number of years and it was there they met. They have a lovely home in the northern part of the city, and enjoy entertaining immensely.

She has done a tremendous job reporting for her department.

If anything happens among the engineers, you can be sure she will be on hand, jotting down every detail for *Main Connections*.

We salute you, Dolores Hughes McFadden, for a fine job done by a very lovely, vivacious young lady.

Congratulations to Thomas Staples and Carrie Smith, who were married on December 19th in LaFayette, Georgia.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Cleve Palmer and family in the death of his father.

Robert Bartlett, son of Joe and Onida Bartlett, enjoyed a recent visit with his family while on leave from Warner Robbins Field in Macon, Georgia. We haven't had the pleasure of meeting Robert yet, but we are convinced that with someone as nice as Joe for a dad, he must be pretty special. We wish for him an exciting and educational military life. His father is employed in the Machine Shop.

We want to extend a get well wish to the wife of Curtis Barber. Doris has been quite ill, and we are hoping she recuperates rapidly.

Estelle Gordy, of the purchasing department, and husband Clyde are spending their vacation time this year deep sea fishing along the Gulf Coast.

The flu bug has truly been on the rampage the last few weeks. Some of the more seriously bitten ones were: Dolores McFadden, Engineering Department; Raymond Ellis, Maintenance Department; Frank Killingsworth, Iron Foundry; John Pekala, Tool Room; Charles Bible, Maintenance Department; and Leonard Bishop of the Iron Foundry. Here's hoping the worst of this is over.



Lovable Mister Magoo Enjoyed Quick Success

Where did he come from? Well, looking at it one way, the answer is easy. He didn't exist at all until 1948. Then he came out of an inkpot—because a bit character was needed in an animated film cartoon called "Ragtime Bear."

They needed a straight man to the bear—that's really all he was.

Animated cartoons are full of such characters. They step on-stage for a moment or two of antics, then pass into oblivion.

Most of them have no names. This one didn't either.

The movie industry is still talking about what happened next. They'll never stop talking about it.

This old man without a name stole the show from the bear and from all the other main characters! Letters and telegrams poured in. All told the same story: "Give us more of that little near-sighted old man!"

Astonished, UPA Pictures, creator of "Ragtime Bear," tried to remember who had dreamed up the old man. No one could recall — his creation had not seemed important.

Coy Jones attended the American Foundryman's Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 17th, 18th and 19th.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Jacque Harris of the Production Department in the recent death of her father. Also to Joe Moses in the loss of his mother. He is employed in the Tool Room.

Mary Kellogg of the Production Control Department is convalescing following surgery. We hope she will be able to return to work soon.

Diana Moss of the Standards Department became the bride of Harry Melvin Huntoon on December 26th at the Ridgedale Church of Christ. Diana was lovely in a gown of white Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over taffeta. It was featured with a bouffant skirt, with tiers of lace and tulle ruffles extending into a chapel-length train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion was attached to a tiara of sequins and pearls. She carried a beautiful white orchid. A shower in her honor was held at the home of Arvella Bryant, billing clerk. Marguerite Barker of the Standards Department and Eula Deerman of the Payroll Department assisted Mrs. Bryant. The couple are now residing on East 13th St.

We have a number of proud fathers at this time: William Boston, daughter, Angela Denise born on December 24th; Virgil Kyner, daughter, Velda Joyce arrived on January 2nd; Leon Brown, daughter, Vickie Diane born on January 24th; Roy Tapley, daughter Sherry Darene arrived on January 25th and Emmett LeRoy Garner, son of Maurice born on December 19th; also A. C. Brown daughter who arrived on January 30th.

Our kindest sympathy is extended to Will Goodlow in the death of his year-old daughter, Debra Faye; and to Charles Bynum in the passing of his mother.

Congratulations to Tanya Mesevich, daughter of Alex Mesevich, Tool Room, for the honor of being chosen as a candidate for Military Queen at Central High.

Jean Wheeler, who is employed as a clerk in the payroll department, took an early vacation, motoring with her family to visit relatives in northeast Pennsylvania. They suffered a mishap on the icy highway about 100 miles short of their destination, but managed to complete the trip. Their car was damaged so badly they had to replace it with another, but Jean says they had a wonderful time just being with their folks. We are happy that no one was hurt in the accident.

The studio, needing a name as a "handle" when they were talking about him, dubbed him Mister Magoo. They decided to make another cartoon and star the old gentleman. The rest is history.

Fifty three movies, four Oscars, a clean sweep of international film festivals at Edinburgh, Cannes, Venice, Uruguay, Eire—and now top billing in "1001 Arabian Nights," a full-length technicolor feature cartoon retelling of Aladdin and his magic lamp.

In his newest film, as Aladdin's uncle, he promotes matrimony, rubs lamps, flies around on carpets, creates hilarious confusion generally, saves everybody.

There's the simple, factual answer to "where did he come from?" But that doesn't explain the really important things about Mister Magoo. Why has he stormed that secret door to millions of people's hearts that so many other "stars"—human and animated—have knocked at in vain?

Such things are, of course, always a little mysterious. Many a character created to capture public esteem has had his brief day and faded into oblivion. Mister Magoo was an accident—and he is safely in the list of film immortals.

Perhaps it's because he represents certain failings we all see inside ourselves—and we laugh to see how his incurable optimism overcomes them all!

Perhaps it's his bounciness—which seems to hurdle all obstacles.

Whatever the explanation, two things are certain. First, Mister Magoo has grown—has become more of a character as he goes along. Second, his creators feel he has done most of this growing himself!

He has taken charge—and is running things in his own way!

If you catch a UPA artist in an unguarded moment, he will confess that Mister Magoo was, at first, a puzzler. He seemed to be a contradiction. His conflicting qualities seemingly didn't fit a single character.

They finally decided to go ahead with him—on the simple premise that everybody is contradictory! Maybe that sensitive insight is another key to Mister Magoo's irresistible success.

In "Ragtime Bear," the as yet unnamed Mister Magoo was a pretty testy and salty old codger. This didn't seem the right way to stardom, the artists thought. So in his second film—when he had a name—he was kind, polite, and lovable.

Then his creators took the big chance—they merged the two seemingly contradictory characteristics. The result — a real, "three-dimensional" personality emerged from the two-dimensional screen! He was both gentle—and querulous.

Aren't we all a bit like that? One movie executive said, "Mister Magoo is the greatest accidental discovery since the apple hit Sir Isaac Newton on the head."

In a way Mister Magoo is like gravity—natural and inevitable! Somewhat to the surprise of his creators, he turned out to be a gentleman of the old school. He was urbane, literate, spontaneous with a gift for making mistakes — then overcoming them without realizing the awful fix he was in.

He drives a Stutz bearcat with a blissful air, goes down the line for Teddy and Bull Moose—seemingly not realizing that Teddy is no longer on the scene.

His house is Victorian ginger-
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MUELLER, LTD. Reports

by
ALMEDA M. REEVE



The big news from Mueller, Limited this time concerns the Sales Workshop held in February. Since Jim told me he planned to cover it elsewhere in this issue, I'll go on to other news.

Several new arrivals since the last issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS. Congratulations to: Mr. J. Robert Willson (Assistant Controller) and Mrs. Willson on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann; Clayton Meredith (Dept. 3) and Mrs. Meredith, on the birth of a son, Ronald Bruce; Harold King (Dept. 2) and Mrs. King, on the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Michelle; and Gary Wadsworth (Dept. 9) and Mrs. Wadsworth on the birth of Lori Ellen.

The sympathy of the Mueller, Limited staff is extended to: Archie Guthrie (Dept. 7) in the death of his brother, Robert Guthrie

Robert Moore (Dept. 1) in the loss of his brother, George Moore.

Bert Walker (Dept. 2) and Mrs. Walker in the death of Mrs. Walker's father, Herbert Price.

Harold Fennell (Dept. 5) in the passing of his father, Frederick Fennell

Violet Henderson (Sales Dept.) in the death of her father-in-law, Robert Henderson, Sr.

Charles Babbitt (Dept. 9) in the loss of his father, Charles Babbitt, Sr.

George Lee (Assistant Foreman, Dept. 3) in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Lee

Gladys Green (Dept. 7) in the death of her brother.

Douglas Ellenor, son of Dept. 5 foreman Edgar Ellenor, was one of four Petrolia High School students chosen to spend a week in St. Johns, Michigan, as guests of St. Johns Secondary School. At the same time, four St. Johns students visited Petrolia.

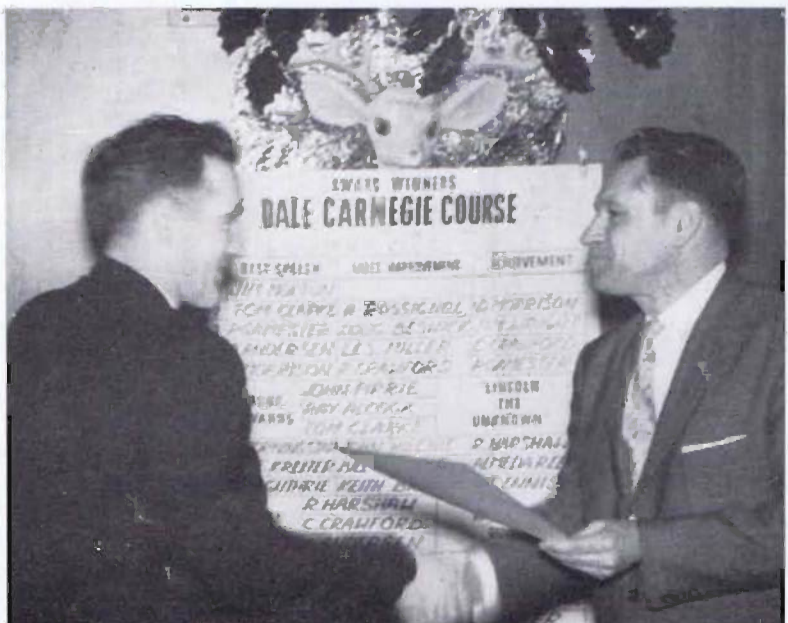
Douglas and his three fellow students were selected on the basis of academic standing and general ability. The student ex-



change is sponsored by the Petrolia Rotary Club, and is the second year such a project has been undertaken.

Douglas is 16, and is a Grade 11 student carrying ten subjects. At mid-term, he ranked first in his class with a 91.4 percent average. He was winner of the proficiency awards in Grades 9 and 10, and his average for the 1958 term was 94.3 percent.

Besides being a good student, Douglas is a keen athlete, and enjoys participating in his two favorite sports, football and basketball.



Mueller, Limited Sales Expeditor Garnet Denomy receives his diploma from Jim Auger, instructor in the Dale Carnegie leadership training course.

A NEW RECORD



On December 8, Fraser Campbell of Mueller, Limited, took the crown for molding efficiency by producing a record breaking number of molds in a single working day. His scrap was no greater than normal.



One of the hardest workers and coaches in the Minor Bowling League is Mueller, Limited, employee George Schillemore. His devotion to children is best shown by the fact that in six years, he has missed only two Saturdays of bowling coaching. For the past three years, he has been a director of the Sarnia Minor Athletic Association, and has made an outstanding contribution to its success.



Almeda Reeve, Accountant at Mueller, Limited, and MAIN CONNECTIONS correspondent, receives her Dale Carnegie diploma.

Award List Announced

Following is the list of service awards presented to Mueller Co. employees since the last issue of MAIN CONNECTIONS. This list contains those awards up to and including March 1, 1960.

DECATUR

5 Years: Onal J. Epperson, Christopher C. Suits, Lloyd L. Bruns, Bernard B. Jones, Owen H. Greenslate, Herbert M. Smith, Leroy Charles Erue, Robert J. Ott (salesman), Thelma L. Endsley.

10 Years: Harold E. Peer, Alice E. Jordan, Laura R. Hirsch, Earl D. Tippitt, Clifford L. Hammel, Robert H. Jesse, Andrew H. Heitman, Martin L. Puckett, Robert E. Dickerson, Tommy R. Kaigley, Joseph E. Yonker, Lloyd W. Darnell, Robert R. Henderson, Richard G. Ross.

15 Years: Walter Lester, Stanley B. Johnson, Robert L. Smith, Jr., Leslie E. Gambee.

25 Years: Thomas W. Edwards, J. K. Potts (salesman), Frank M. Ridgeway.

30 Years: Eric G. Blankenburg, Charles W. Murray, Charles E. Burcham.

35 Years: Enola M. Smith, Enos E. Musgraves, Leon L. Be-thard, Otto J. Dannewitz, Troy A. Roush, Albert E. Butt.

40 Years: Barney Riley, Laurence E. Kramer, William L. Shockley, Howard E. Gragg, Michael Brilley.

LOS ANGELES

5 Years: N. Heldebrant, Richard Manning, Thomas Stephens, Douglas Moore.

10 Years: Frank Mecado.

25 Years: Gene Warren.

35 Years: Charles Portee, William Michl.

CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Henry F. Baker, Archie W. Brooks, James Burkes, Glenn F. Cribbs, Charles L. Curington, Clarence T. Daniel, Raymond W. Ellis, Frank C. Evans, Quincy C. Flanagan, William Hambright, Everage Holloway, Willie C. Jones, J. D. Killingsworth, John T. Logan, Willie D. McBee, Johnnie McClain, Thomas S. Mize, David Moore, W. T. Mullis, Robert E. Paris, Thomas E. Paris, Edwin Price, Thomas Ragland, Frank Ransom, Cleatus Readus, Joe H. Roberts, Earl Rodgers, Leoma Russell, Charles Sledge, Johnny Spearman, Roy M. Stamper, Calvin B. Twitty.

10 Years: Curtis Bartlett, Arthur Brooks, Claude A. Hawthorne, Levi T. Kirby, Lindsey Lawrence.

15 Years: Clatice J. Hill, Farrow K. Moss, Arthur Womble.

20 Years: Murphy Parris.

25 Years: Ulysses Reed.

SARNIA

5 Years: Harry Dowding.

10 Years: Edmond Theriault.

15 Years: Earl Sitter, Roy Parr, Beatrice Quinn.

20 Years: Alexander Aiken.

40 Years: George Schillemore.

HELP WANTED

MAIN CONNECTIONS needs a correspondent to cover General Office news. If you are interested, please contact Jim Milligan, editor.



This photo was taken recently when several members of the Men's Social Club met to honor Dept. on the occasion of their retirement. Left to right are L. Merlin Coates, Ron Nicolson, O. E. Walker, W. B. Campbell, and George Schillemore.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles

by B. E. Stotler

Our Doug Moore, who returned to work in our Polishing Dept. on January 4 after completing two years of service in the Army, is a classic example of how safe and sane Army life is compared with that in the outside world. Doug's two Army years were accomplished without injury of any kind; but, shortly after returning to work, he went tobogganing in the mountains. The toboggan got away from him on a steep slope, and Doug ended up with multiple fractures of the left arm. Funny thing, though—he doesn't plan to re-enlist. Guess he would rather face the dangers of civilian life!

Mrs. Bramlette Johnson, who was a member of our core room for sixteen and a half years, retired January 18. Taking top billing on her list of activities is her determination to spend more time



with her grandchildren. Second, but still quite important—she says she is going to throw away her alarm clock. Both plans, in the opinion of this writer, have considerable merit. We all wish Mrs. Johnson the best of luck, leisure and health in her retirement.

A short while ago, Mr. Robert Ward of our Forging Dept. became a proud papa for the third time. Prior to the happy event, many of us were interested in just how Bob was going to make out this time. It seems as though his first youngster was born in a car on the way to the hospital at 70 miles per hour. The timing was a little better with the second child—the lobby of the hospital. Everyone was anxious about the third one, but shucks—nothing to it. They made the hospital with time to spare. Congratulations, Bob.

Mr. Morris Cooper of our Brass Machine Shop retired March 31 after spending a little over 16 years with us. We wish him the best of luck and an enjoyable retirement.

We are mighty proud of the length of service record of our employees here at the Los Angeles plant. We're proud because we feel that this record is proof that the Los Angeles plant is like the other Mueller plants—wonderful places to work. Our service record shows that 44 employees have from 10 to 14 years; 18 employees have from 15 to 19 years; 17 have from 20 to 24 years; and 22 employees have been here 25 years or more!



Anne Beaufoy, Accounting Dept. (left) and Erie Duggan, Cost Dept. (right) present a gift check to E. B. Campbell, vice-president of the Sarnia & District Association to Help Retarded Children. The money will be used toward construction of the New Hope School being sponsored by that association. The generous gift was made possible through the thoughtful interest of 12 Mueller, Limited, office girls who decided to forego the usual exchange of gifts in lieu of this worthy cause.



Second year gas technology students at the Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, posed with Mueller, Limited, executives during their visit to the plant in early December.

(Cont'd from Page 6, Col. 5) bread style. He is four-square against modern conveniences, while taking a ready advantage of any that attract his blurred eye!

He's shortsighted—a source of many of his scrapes. Fact is, he's so myopic he calls his cat "Bowzir" because he thinks it's a dog.

In "1001 Arabian Nights" he does his best to get his lazy nephew Aladdin to settle down and marry. "Stop those all-night camel rides!" Mister Magoo stormily lectures him. With equal zeal he sets to work to improve his nephew's life.

Antics like this have carried the lovable sexagenarian around the world—and into some remarkable places. Twice he played command performances before British royalty. A possible romance between him and Princess Margaret? Nothing in it, says the Princess, although she does like him very well!

As for Magoo, if the Princess did offer her hand he'd take it in stride — merely wondering, casually, if two could settle comfortably in the Victorian gingerbread house!

Where did Mister Magoo come from? The real answer lies in our hearts.

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