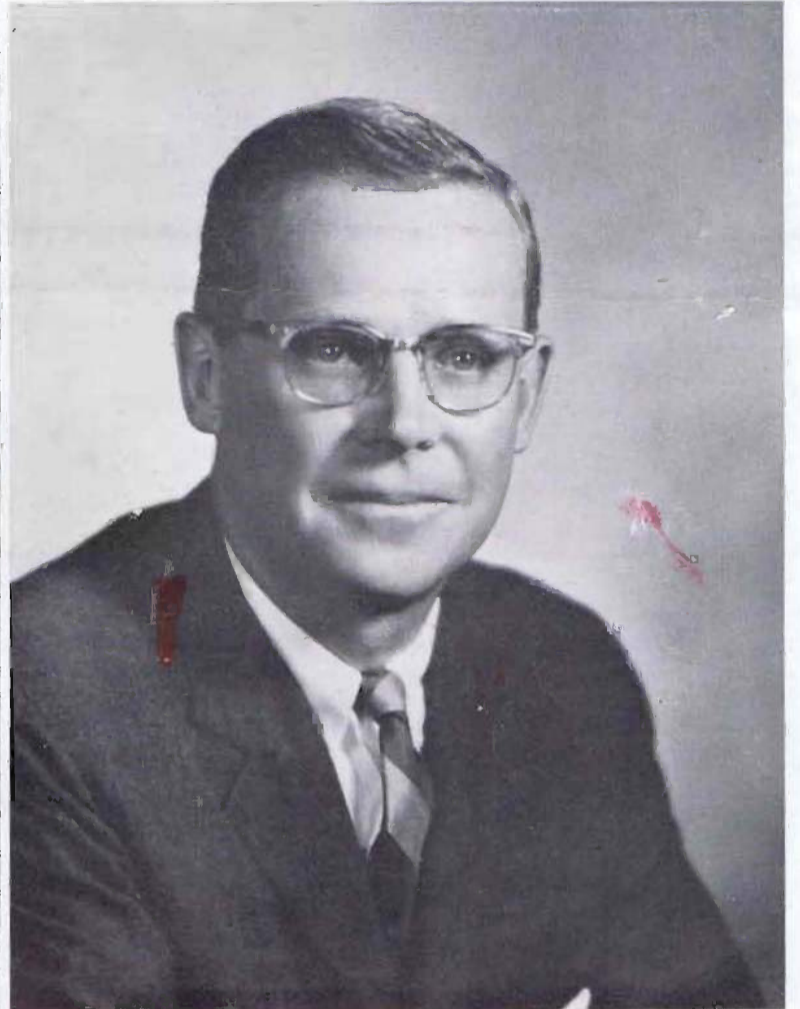
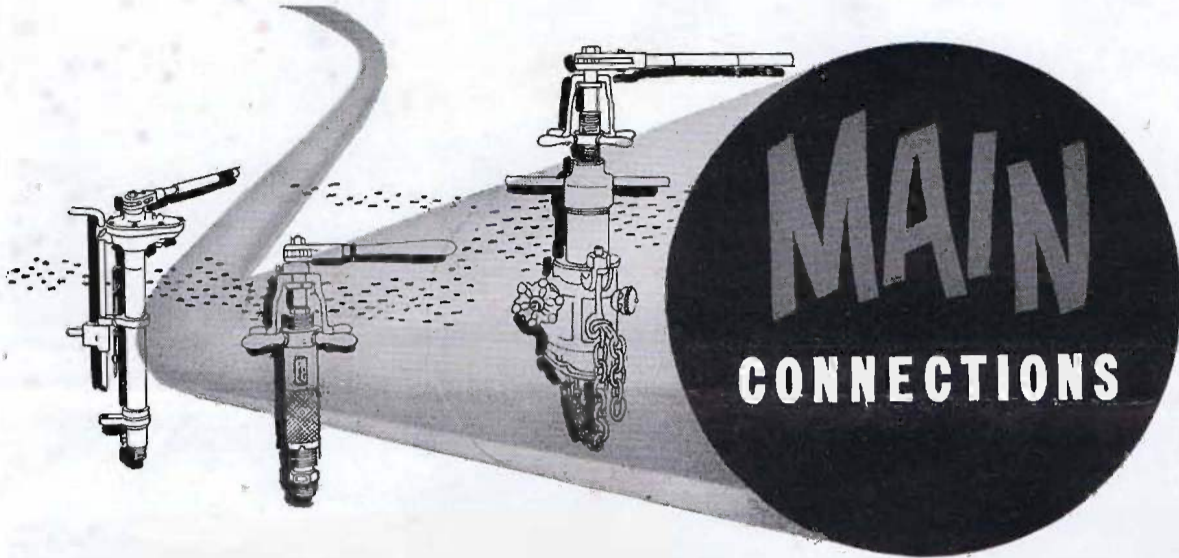


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Jackson Kemper Named To Executive Post

W. H. Hipsher Leaves Company After Fifteen Years' Service



JACKSON KEMPER

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New American Pastime—

Anti-Meeting Drive Begins

By Alex Dreier

NBC News Commentator

Don't look now, but I think a friend of mine has hit upon an idea that is going to revolutionize American business and industry, and send the whole economy skyrocketing to dizzy new heights.

His idea is to do away with practically all meetings. And a meeting, in case you're not familiar with the term, is a gathering of assorted types of people, for the purpose of spending a specified number of minutes and hours away from their work.

Probably the first meeting was held in a musty cave when seven or eight of our hairy predecessors gathered to discuss ways and means of doing away with a nasty-tempered saber-toothed tiger that lived down the hill and kept snapping at Neanderthal postmen. And while the meeting was in progress, the tiger probably sneaked into the cave and lunched on the meeting attendees.

But that didn't wipe out meetings. No sir. Today, meetings have reached a new zenith. Now we have the business conference . . . top-level meeting . . . the sub-top-level meeting . . . and the informal, or let's us three-step-into-the-inner-office meeting.

Americans attend hundreds of meetings every year. They go to church meetings, PTA meetings, political meetings, club meetings, civic meetings, and meetings called primarily to discuss plans for future meetings.

Even the kids have meetings: Little League Meetings, block meetings, and secret six meetings under the front steps, behind a rain barrel, or in the hay loft.

Of course, the purpose of a meeting is to find ways and means of getting something done . . . But they all follow the same general pattern.

The assembled participants spend 10 or 15 minutes nervously exchanging little social banalities, then settle down to hear a secretary review the minutes of the last meeting. Then the meeting is called to order and this is the signal for everybody to start talking at once. And after order has been restored, it is time for the chairman to take up the subject of the next meeting. Usually, a committee is formed on the

spot to hold a meeting and decide what should be taken up at the next meeting.

And after the meeting breaks up, little clusters of men or ladies gather in the corridors to hold small meetings to decide what, if anything, was accomplished by the meeting they just left.

My friend's theory is that if you boiled all meetings down, you would come up with only one or two thoughts per hour. And, I think he's right.

There are no statistics on the number of man-hours that are lost by meetings each year, but my guess is the figure would be astronomical. And we may never really know just how big a time-waster the meeting is because finding out would necessitate a meeting of the best statistical geniuses in the nation. And they probably wouldn't take any action until the 21st meeting. And that's not so good because someone in charge of the whole program would have to call yet another meeting to evaluate whatever was done at the previous 21 meetings.

Well, we could go on like this for hours, but I, at least, can't spare the time.

I'm already late for a meeting as it is . . . !

Cecil R. Foltz Passes Away In California

Cecil R. Foltz, 62, formerly of Decatur, passed away at 2 p.m., June 5, in Whittier, Calif. He was Plant Engineer at Mueller Co.'s Los Angeles plant.

Mr. Foltz left Decatur in 1935 when he transferred to the California branch. He first joined the company in 1919.

He was born in St. Louis on Jan. 5, 1898, a son of William D. and Nellie Foltz. He married Gladys Griffin in Maroa, Ill., on February 14, 1920.

Mr. Foltz is survived by his wife; a son, Kenneth, of Whittier; a daughter, Mrs. Lee Moore, Alhambra, Calif.; four brothers: Lester, Decatur; Lee, Detroit, Mich.; Herman and Willard, West Covina, Calif.; three sisters: Mrs. Charles Merriss, Alhambra, Calif.; Mrs. George Gonser, Pueblo, Colo.; and Mrs. E. B. McNutt.

Funeral services were June 7 in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Whittier.

All of us at Mueller Co. wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Foltz, who will be missed as sincerely as he was loved.

Joseph C. Penne Named Assistant Company Editor



JOSEPH C. PENNE

Joseph C. Penne, 29, has been named assistant company editor of Mueller Co., effective September 1.

Mr. Penne, who has been a reporter for the Decatur Review for the past 18 months, is a native of Waterloo, Iowa and a graduate of the State University of Iowa in Iowa City.

During four years in the Navy, he was assigned to the public information section and later was sports editor of the Ames Daily Tribune in Ames, Iowa.

At Mueller Co. he will assist company editor Jim M. Milligan in the expected expansion of the publications program. Mr. Penne will assist in the editing of *The Record* and mainly be responsible for the preparing of *Main Connections*.

Mr. Jackson Kemper, formerly vice-president and general manager of the Forge and Fittings Division of the H. K. Porter Co., Inc., has been named executive vice-president of Mueller Co. He succeeds W. H. Hipsher, who has resigned due to the condition of his health. The announcement was made by A. G. Webber, Jr., company president.

Mueller Golf Honors Won By Tool Room

The Tool Room golf team was the winner this year in the Mueller Co. Golf League which officially ended its season recently with a playday at the Lincoln Elks Country Club.

Harold Peer won the trophy by shooting a 68 which was the low net score for the 18 hole tournament. Forty-two men participated in the second playday of the season.

A dozen golf balls were distributed among the next 12 top shooters. Winners of the balls were: Ed Turner, Jack Parsons, Dave Younger, Jack Chilton, Paul Ammann, Ed Bundy, Martin Trolia, Carl Schuman, Del Parks, Ron Reed, Jim Smith and Chuck Girard.

The Tool Room team had a 10-point lead in the final standings with five teams bunched for the next spots. Standards and Research Engineers were tied for second and the Foundry and Plant 4 teams were tied for fourth.

Members of the winning tool room team were: Paul Ammann, Pete Duncan, Al Seitz, Elmer Fawley, Bill Kuntz and John Neiderbrach.

Kemper, 51, who has been living near Boonton, N. J., received a bachelor of science degree from Hobart College in 1934. He holds membership in several professional organizations, and is a member of the Episcopal Church.

He and his wife, Ann Elizabeth, have three children: Jack, Jr., 18, who is a freshman at Hobart College; William Frederick, 13; and Timothy Wood, ten months old.

In announcing the resignation, Mr. Webber said: "During the more than 15 years of service in the Mueller organization, Mr. Hipsher made a good record as a diligent, conscientious and competent executive."

"It is unfortunate for both him and the company that his ill health, which became a matter of concern about a year ago, has not responded to treatment and does not permit him to continue in his position."

"His resignation was accepted reluctantly and with regret."

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Total Points
Tool Room	68
Standards	58
Research Engineers	58
Foundry	56½
Plant 4	56½
Pattern Shop	55
Sales Department	51
Product Engineers	50
T-Squares	44½
Test Lab	41½



KAREN LEA KEMPER
MOWEAQUA HIGH SCHOOL
P. L. KEMPER—DEPT. 80



JAY E. MUELLER
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
WM. A. MUELLER—
COST SUPERVISOR



LELA LUCILLE DICKERSON
MOWEAQUA HIGH SCHOOL
H. L. DICKERSON—80 (FR.)
R. E. DICKERSON—80 (BRO.)



LARRY SALEFSKI
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
WALTER SALEFSKI—DEPT. 80



IRENE KRAMER
ST. TERESA HIGH SCHOOL
LEO M. KRAMER—DEPT. 20
PLANT 4



JOHN V. ISOME
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
EUGENE & VIRGINIA LATCH—
DEPTS. 60 & 41



JUDITH ANN RIDGEWAY
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
FRANK RIDGEWAY—DEPT. 60



LELAND BAKER
ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL
FLOSSIE BAKER—DEPT. 50



JANET FYKE
LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
JOE FYKE—DEPT. 50



JACK BLANKENBURG
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
ERICH BLANKENBURG—
DEPT. 44, EXPERIMENTAL LAB.



KAREN SUE HUTCHENS
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
GALEN HUTCHENS—DEPT. 41
INSPECTION



DALE BURGE
STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH
SCHOOL
ROY BURGE—DEPT. 80



SHARON DWORAK
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
AUGUST DWORAK—DEPT. 80



GERALD LEE ALDRIDGE
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
GERALD ALDRIDGE—DEPT. 47



LAURA EILEEN FEARS
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
OTIS FEARS—PATTERN SHOP



LARRY D. CONNORS
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
E. W. CONNORS—DEPT. 8



NANCY JO ANN GOWAN
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
ISAAC L. GOWAN—TOOL RM.



JERRY B. HAWBAKER
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
PAUL HAWBAKER—DEPT. 36



SHIRLEY ANN McCOY
MT. ZION HIGH SCHOOL
WILLIE D. McCOY—DEPT. 80



THOMAS LEE SMITH
MT. ZION HIGH SCHOOL
ROBERT L. SMITH, JR.—
DEPT. 38



ROBERTA HILL
CONCORDIA TEACHERS
COLLEGE
RIVER FOREST, ILL.
ROBERT HILL—DEPT. 70

Plant 4 News

by Winnie Phipps



Plant 4 personnel extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Henry Massey (Dept. 100). Mr. Massey passed away April 24 in his home in Oreana. He is missed by all his fellow employees.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Markam (Dept. 60) on the birth of a son, David Keith. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. A baby girl, Gwen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burrows (Dept. 10).

Lee Parsons, son of Paul Parsons, left New York City on May 25 on a 30-day tour with the Billy May band. The 16-piece band was in Belleville June 9, the Embassy Ballroom in Chicago on June 12 and the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago on June 14. Paul and his family visited Lee while he was close to home.

Around Decatur

Congratulations are in order for some recently-reported arrivals. They go to:

Fred and Mrs. Campbell, a boy. Fred works in Standards.

Scott and Mrs. Kwasny, a girl. Scott works in Dept. 80.

Ernie and Mrs. Black, Jr., a boy. Ernie works in Dept. 31.

Keith and Mrs. Meachum, a boy. Keith works in Dept. 70.

Congratulations go to Jack L. Chilton, sales trainee, and his wife Nancy Ann, on the birth of their first son, Scott Lee. Scott Lee weighed in at six pounds, 10 ounces and arrived Sept. 29. Jack is on an 18-month sales training program and has been with the company since June, 1959.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Latch (Dept. 90) were Mrs. Dean Gammill and her daughter, Jackie, of Norwalk, Calif. Mrs. Gammill is the former Patty Latch.



Discussing with Archie Sefton a total of 117 years of Mueller Co. service are the three Dannewitz brothers. From the right are: Richard, a metal pattern maker; Bill, a toolmaker; Otto of Dept. 80 and Mr. Sefton.

Diana Dial Is St. Teresa Valedictorian



DIANA DIAL

Diana Dial, daughter of Hubert Dial of Department 70, was named valedictorian of her graduating class at St. Teresa High School because of her top scholastic standing.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, Sodality of Our Lady, glee club, mission club, yearbook staff and school newspaper staff.

Miss Dial has entered the novitiate at Crystal City, Mo., and plans to be a teaching nun of the Ursuline order.

The Dials live at 1789 North Lowber Street.

Dannewitz Brothers' Service At Mueller Totals 117 Years

A total of 117 years of Mueller Co. service has been compiled so far by the three Dannewitz brothers.

The Mueller-Dannewitz relationship didn't begin with the present generation. Their father retired with 30 years of service in 1927 and two of their sons worked in Decatur plants. For a few years the father and three sons worked at the same time.

The senior Dannewitz, Fredrick William, joined the company in 1897 and he was followed by Fredrick William, Jr. (or just plain Bill), Karl Richard or "Red", and Otto J.

Bill is the oldest of the three sons but Richard has the Company seniority. Richard started to work at Mueller Co. on September 23, 1919, as a messenger and is now a metal pattern maker at Plant 4.

A near-lifetime of work with Mueller began for Bill on March

24, 1919, when he was hired as a messenger. However, he quit a few weeks later and was gone nearly six months before he returned. This is the reason for his being the second senior member of the trio. When he returned, he started as a lead joint wiper and is now a toolmaker in the tool room.

Otto started here January 12, 1925, in the ground key department and now operates a globe nut tapping machine in Department 80.

Two of Fredrick William's grandsons started to carry on the Dannewitz name at Mueller but have since left. Bill's son, Robert L., worked here in the machine shop and drafting for about 10 years, but left in 1953 to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. Red's son, Richard W., worked for a short time after World War II in Department 70.

Decatur Area Graduates



MARY ALICE VAUGHN
NIANTIC-HARRISTOWN HIGH
E. MUSGRAVES (Grandfather)
DEPT. 70



NANCY JOAN RIDGEWAY
LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
ROBERT W. RIDGEWAY—
DEPT. 38



RICHARD D. FORD
MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
MARVIN FORD—DEPT. 70

Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley



Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dobbs are the parents of a baby boy born March 12. He has been named Douglas Eugene and is the grandson of the Buddy Grossmans. Buddy works in the Tool Room.

Don Ferry, Head Products Draftsman, is a very satisfied Grandpa. Mr. and Mrs. Don Ferry, Jr., are the parents of a baby boy. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 ozs., and was named Craig Haden. The couple also have a girl. Grandpa Ferry is happy, now he has a pair. I imagine Mrs. Ferry is just as pleased and proud, don't you?

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roos. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs., and has been named Mary Elizabeth. They have a son. Bob is a Project Engineer.

Elmer Fawley, Charles Girard, Elmer Baker, and Pat Fonner went to Bennett Springs, Mo. What doing? Why fishing, naturally. It seemed to be the right

time, because the temperature was 72° on Saturday and 75° on Sunday. Not like we were having here. Mr. Fawley started the trip with a traffic miscue in St. Louis, but was caught only by another motorist, who thoroughly told him exactly what he had done. No one forgot about that happening the rest of the trip. While they were there, one of the fellows found the footing on the dock a little unsure and took his first swim of the year a little earlier and in somewhat cooler water than most people like it. He was also fully dressed.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones at Daytona Beach, Fla. She weighed 9 lbs., 12 ozs. and was named Debra Ann. Grandfather Robert Jones works in the Tool Room.

Since the last issue, Kathleen Lester won the first place trophy in the Jaycee Road-E-O. This is the second time in the last three years that she has won first, the

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other year she placed second. She is a 1959 Eisenhower graduate, works at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and was married in early June. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lester. Walt is a carpenter and also very seldom drives the family car. No wonder!

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One of the golfers in Engineering brought his golf clubs to work recently, because he was playing after work. Sometime during the morning a sign appeared on his golf bag, which read: "Hey, fellows! Get your free golf balls here. LIMIT one." The only trouble was that the golf balls weren't new, just very used.

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Wallace Gould, Project Engineer, won first place in the Scovill Golf Association Calloway Handicap Tournament. When I was talking to Wally about this, he told me that his handicap helped a great deal, and that Paul Ammann's coaching was also very instrumental in his winning first place.

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Several of the fellows in Engineering went to Indianapolis to the time trials. From what I hear, they must be as good as the race on Memorial Day.

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Kathleen Hudson, who works in Catalog Department, has been flying airplanes for about five years. Recently her husband started taking lessons and is now ready to solo. But what I think is very unique is the fact that they have joined the Four Aces Flying Club under the family plan, so they both can fly. Rather unusual, don't you think?

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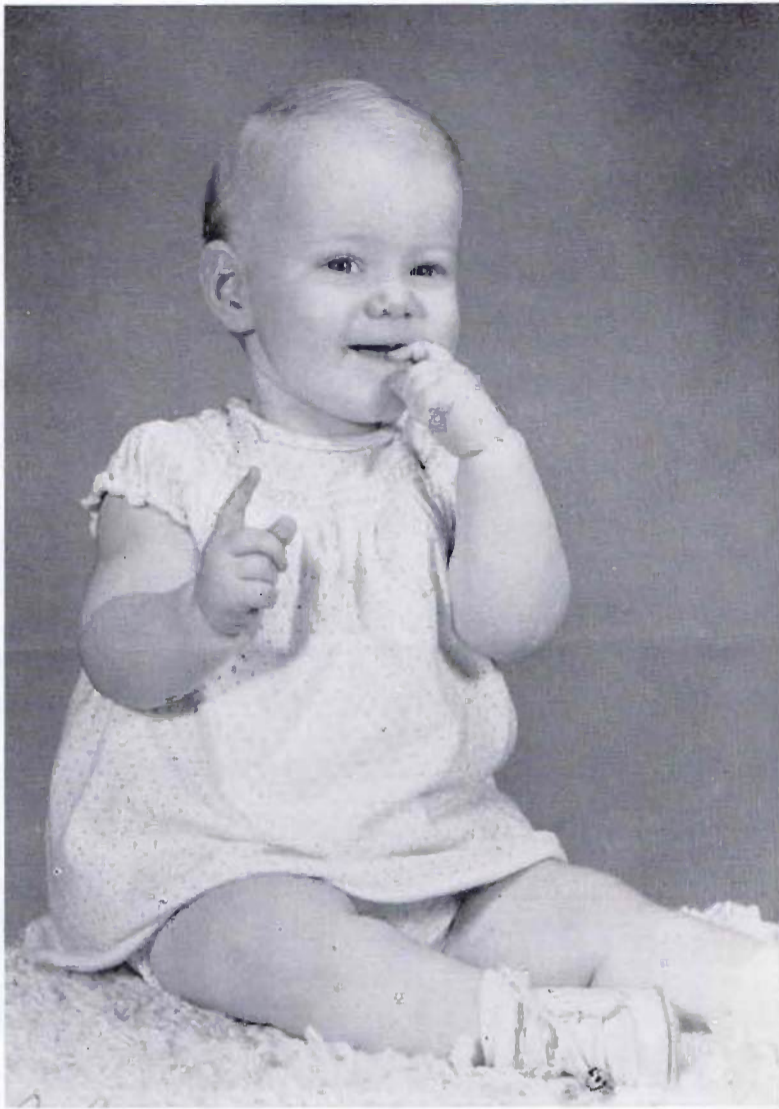
Boating and water skiing have become quite popular. I have heard a number of people say they have been skiing. Bill Colvis, Catalog Department, has a new boat but hasn't learned to water ski, as yet. I hear he is determined to achieve a very unusual fete the first time he tries. He will ski on only one ski when coming out of the water. Good Luck, Bill, and happy landing. (He didn't make it!!!—Ed.)

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Lynn Edwards, Ben Jones, Ed Turner, and Chuck Girard seem to be four of a kind when golfing. They were playing a league game recently and the outcome when the game was completed, was rather unusual, because when the game was completed, each one had a score of 46. Thanks to handicaps there were two winners.

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As you probably know, during the baseball season there is quite a rivalry between the Cub and Cardinal fans. Several from Mueller Co. were among the 33,543 people at Wrigley Field to enjoy a doubleheader between the two teams. Harlan White, Charles Moore, Don Radcliffe, Ray Larus and his wife, Judy Hamilton, the Bill Mueller family (minus Bill), and I were there. The first the Cardinals won 6-1, which made the Cardinal fans happy. Game two was won by the Cubs 4-0, and also went on record as a no-hit, no-run game for the Cub pitcher, Don Cardwell, who faced 28 batters. He walked the second man to face him in the first inning. We who were able to stay for all of the last game were thrilled at seeing such a spectacular. Harlan and Charlie had to leave early and didn't see any of the second game. Our box seats were in the sun all afternoon, but it was worth every blister I got to see the game.



Connie Ann Groves isn't shaking a finger of caution, thinking of a warning remark. Instead, she is coyly signifying her age for the photographer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Groves, Jr. Connie's father works in Dept. 90.

Douglas Eugene was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laymon. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and is the first grandchild of the Marvin Fords. Marvin works in Department 70.

The James Walters are the parents of their first child, a daughter, weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs. They named her Monyca Lee. Her father works in Department 70.

Vi Sargent, Nurse at Plant No. 1, had her garden out early this year, but the weather has been so changeable that she has set tomato plants out three different times. Keep trying, Vi, and maybe one of these days the sun will shine.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sefton are the parents of a baby boy. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 ozs. and has been named John Hirsch. John is also the first grandson of the Archie Seftons. Archie is Factory Manager.

Ruth Brownlow, Tool Engineering, returned recently from a vacation visit with her daughter, son-in-law, and family in LaMesa, Calif. The main interest of this trip, of course, was her grandson and granddaughter. She reports they have both grown since she saw them last.

Another interest was the flying to and from California. Ruth had flown only a little, and this was a new experience. She likes it, all but the flying over the ocean in California. She felt a little insecure, I think.

Christina Lynette was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Collins. She weighed 3 lbs. 7 ozs. The proud father reports that even though she is small, she has a very good set of lungs. Earl is Tool Engineering Office Supervisor.

—Mary Lou

Women need never expect to be men's equals until they can sport a large bald spot on the top of their heads and still think they're handsome.

Brevity: Friend or Foe?

"JB: MLC says we're O.K. on that C.O.D. Your wife called—there's a PTA meeting tonight and she needs the MG."

Though this secretary's memo is fictitious, it could become reality almost any day now. With our mania for thumbnail sketches, capsule comments, digests, news-in-brief, and speed, speed, speed, it's little wonder that most of us are initial-happy.

Initialed government agencies dot our daily papers like dandelions in a meadow. Used to monogramming our conversations, we turn a disc jockey into a DJ, a post exchange into a PX—and cut a dignified personage down to size by dubbing him a VIP. As a sign of the times, playwright Archibald MacLeish, retelling the story of Job in modern times, made his afflicted hero a businessman called J.B. The playwright's "initial" effort won a Pulitzer Prize. There are even cases on record of babies being christened with initials instead of proper names!

This trend has been a long time in the making—oh, maybe not since B.C., but well into A.D. People have been dividing time into A.M. and P.M. at least since the 19th century. For a lot longer than that, B.A.'s, M.A.'s Ph.D.'s and other educated folk have been fond of sprinkling i.e. (that is), and e.g. (for example) throughout their discourse. O.K. has been an expression in the U. S. A. at least since 1828, yet few people have any notion of how this term originated. Even scholarly O.K.'ers aren't completely sure. Some say that O.K. derives from the Choctaw Indian word, *oke*, meaning "it is so." Enemies of Andrew Jackson, a president as famous for his sketchy schooling as for his rug-

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"Life Begins at Three"

Alicia Annette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moma (John works in Dept. 44 at Plant 1), really keeps the family entertained with her antics. Her daddy, who is quite an amateur photographer, has a field day whenever Alicia decides to put on a show.



"A Bad Night"



"Elephant Nose"



"Givin' Lickin' "



"Smear'd Lipstick"



"Busy Morning"



"Monkey See . . . "



"Horse Play"



"Draw My Bath!"

Alicia, who will be four years old in February, has been a regular "cover girl" for MAIN CONNECTIONS. She was first pictured in 1957, sitting in a stroller at our Centennial picnic. She has appeared one other time.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles

by
B. E. Stotler

We received a post card from Russell Hubbard, retired Los Angeles employee. The card was written on the S. S. Iberia on the way from Kobe, Japan, to Hong Kong. He tells us he intends to see Singapore and Malaya, and then back to Japan. Sure sounds like Russ is enjoying life as it should be enjoyed.

Best of luck to Mr. Morris Cooper of our Brass Machine Shop, who retired recently after a period of 16 years with the company. An accompanying photo shows Mr. Cooper holding the electric hedge clippers given him by his fellow employees.

Congratulations to Donald Kelley of our Sales Dept. on his attaining his Associate Arts degree in Business Administration from Mount San Antonio College in Pomona. To attain this degree, Don spent three nights a week in school over a period of four years. At the same time, he was doing his regular job during the day, and had the responsibility of a family. To sacrifice this time to further his education took considerable fortitude, and all of us wish Don the very best fortune in the future.

James Foy, a clerk trucker in our Steel Machine Shop, has just graduated from Huntington Park High School. He is 51 years old. Mr. Foy started to school in 1922 and continued through the tenth grade. Many years later, while in the service, a G.I. Educational test showed that he needed only one more semester to actually complete the required high school units. He did nothing about this until early 1960, at which time he went back to night school and completed the necessary requirements for June graduation.

Mr. Foy is a grandpa—he has five grandchildren. He certainly is to be commended for the desire to complete his studies.

An accompanying photo shows Mr. Charles Portee of our Shipping Dept. and Mr. William Michl of our Steel Machine Shop—both recipients of 35-year pins. Both employees, of course, began their careers with Mueller Co. at the home plant in Decatur, and both were with the first group of employees to be transferred to Los Angeles when our branch opened. From the pleasant expressions on their faces, these 35 years must have been enjoyable ones.

Twenty-five year service pins were recently awarded to five of our people (see accompanying photo). Our congratulations for their fine record of service.

"That sergeant! I've never heard a man talk so fast in all my life."

"Why shouldn't he? His father was a tobacco auctioneer and his mother was a woman."

Stranger: "Good morning, doctor, I just dropped in to tell you how much I benefited from your treatment."

Doctor: "But you're not one of my patients."

Stranger: "I know. But my uncle was and I'm his heir."

Our congratulations also go to Eric Peterson, Junior Tool Engineer, on his completion of studies at Pasadena City College, and the attainment of his Associate Arts Degree in Engineering and Mathematics. Good luck to you, Eric!

The female set dominates the graduate list for the Los Angeles plant this year. The 1960 graduates are:

JANET TRAVIS, daughter of Clayton Travis of the Tool Making Dept. Janet is 17 years old, and was graduated from Brea-Olinda Union High School in Brea, Calif. Janet was very active as editor of the school paper during her junior year, business



JANET TRAVIS

manager of the 1960 yearbook, and a three-year member of the Spanish Club. She is planning to further her education at Fullerton Junior College, where she will work toward teaching credentials.

JANICE WORD, daughter of Curtis Word of the Steel Machine Shop, is 18 years old, and



JANICE WORD

was graduated from high school in Madisonville, Ky. She will continue her education in California, and plans to prepare for missionary work.

CELIA MARIE PAYAN, is the daughter of Henry F. Payan of the Steel Machine Shop. She



CELIA MARIE PAYAN

is 17 years old, and was graduated from Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Montebello. She plans to further her education by attending business college.



Congratulations go to Mr. Eric Peterson (top) and Mr. Donald Kelley, both of our Sales Department, who recently received their associate arts degrees. (See adjoining column).



Receiving 35-year service pins recently were Mr. Charles Portee of the Shipping Department and Mr. William Michl of our Steel Machine Shop.



Those receiving 25-year service pins recently were: Lou Hughes of our Core Room; Eugene Warren, our Tool Room Foreman and John E. Schlegel, our Shipping Room Foreman. From left, Vance Ziebarth of the Foundry; Lacy Mayfield, our Brass Machine Shop Foreman; Ida

"If your wife wants to learn to drive the car, don't stand in her way!"

Used car dealer: (driving up a hill) "This is the opportunity of a lifetime."

Customer: "Yes, I can hear it knocking."

The one-armed stranger winced as the barber nicked him again. But the man with the razor chatted on, unnoticing.

"Haven't you been in here before?" he babbled.

"No," said the stranger sadly, "I lost this arm n a sawmill."

A hillbilly came to town carrying a jug of liquor in one hand and a shotgun in the other. He stopped a man on the street, saying to him, "Here, friend, take a drink outa my jug."

The man protested, saying he never drank.

The hillbilly leveled his shotgun at the stranger and commanded: 'Drink!'

MUELLER, LTD.

Reports

by

ALMEDA M. REEVE



Our heartiest congratulations to Alan Browett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Browett, who recently won, for the second straight year, the Sarnia Jaycees' Road-E-O, a safe-driving contest. Alan received the Sarnia Safety Council trophy, the Jaycee plaque and \$25. He is now eligible for competition in the Canadian finals at Scarborough later this year. Alan won out over 35 other contestants.

We also extend congratulations to Robert Spears, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Cecil Spears, who won second place in the Road-E-O. Bob was the recipient of the Safety Council Trophy and \$15.

Back to Alan for a minute. He was one of the first place winners in the senior science exhibits at Sarnia's first Science Fair, which was sponsored by the Sarnia section of the Chemical Institute of Canada. Alan's entry consisted of a complete model of an oil refinery, giving process data at each stage, with samples of the raw material and its refined products.

Mueller, Ltd.'s mixed bowling league completed its 1959-60 season with a successful dinner-dance in the Guildwood Inn. Winning teams and individuals were honored at that time.

Eight teams competed in the league, with the season's end finding the "Goosenecks" in first place. The same team was victor in the round-robin playoffs.

Trophies were presented by Mueller, Ltd. President G. W. Parker; Don Graham, proprietor of the bowling alley; E. W. Geddes and Mr. French of Union Gas Co.

First place trophies went to the following members of the Goosenecks: Doris Smith, Leona Addy, Howard Sayman, George McLean, Percy Knight and captain Eric "Digger" Woods. Honors for Team High Triple went to the Goosenecks and the Faucets, who were tied. Ladies High Triple and Single Games awards went to Grace Campbell. Doris Smith walked off with Ladies High Average, with Marlene Gladwish runner-up. "Digger" Woods copped Men's High Single, Men's High Triple and Men's High Average. Consolation prizes for low averages went to Mike Freund and Maureen Budgell.

All bowlers received tumblers decorated with bowling pins and alleys as a gift from Mueller, Ltd. The meeting was chaired by Jim Chaytor.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Muzio Pennesi, president; George Gallop, vice-president; Kay Canary, secretary; and Ken Perdeaux, treasurer.

The recent appointment of William O. Twaits as president of Imperial Oil, Ltd., was a source of great satisfaction and delight to his many friends at Mueller, Ltd. Bill, as he is known to his many Sarnia friends, was born in Galt, Ontario, and came to Sarnia at a very early age when his father, the late William Twaits, joined the Mueller, Ltd. staff as sales manager. The senior Mr. Twaits later became secretary of the company.

Following graduation from the University of Toronto, Bill joined the staff of Imperial Oil, literally starting "on the ground floor." We rejoice in his success, and wish him well for the future.

The sympathy of the Mueller, Ltd. staff is extended to the following bereaved persons:

George Lucas, Cost Accountant, in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Leckie.

George Lee (Dept. 3) in the passing of his father-in-law, Mr. Duncan McIntyre.

William L. Eady, inspector, in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. John Bateman.

Paul Isomaki, (Dept. 5) in the death of his father, Mr. John Isomaki.

John H. Burns, maintenance foreman, in the death of his father, Mr. John H. Burns.

Michael Higgins, (Dept. 7) in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Stuart Donald of Toronto.

William J. Ingles, (Dept. 3) in the passing of his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Armstrong.

William McLean (Dept. 5) in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Andrew Allen.

Harold Hannam, (Dept. 3) in the death of his father, Mr. Edward Hannam.

Anne Beaufoy (Accounting) in the passing of her father-in-law, Mr. Sydney Beaufoy of Oshawa.

Mueller, Ltd. President G. W. Parker, in the death of his mother, Mrs. William E. Parker of Watford, Ont.

The family of the late William H. Baines, pensioner.

Congratulations to Fred Hill (Dept. 2) and Florence Blake, who were wed in Canon Davis Memorial Church, Sarnia.

Greetings to the following new arrivals:

Michael David, son of David (Dept. 15) and Mrs. Potter.

David Eugene, son of Ralph (Dept. 47) and Mrs. Harrett.

Maureen, daughter of Owen (Dept. 2) and Mrs. Forsythe.

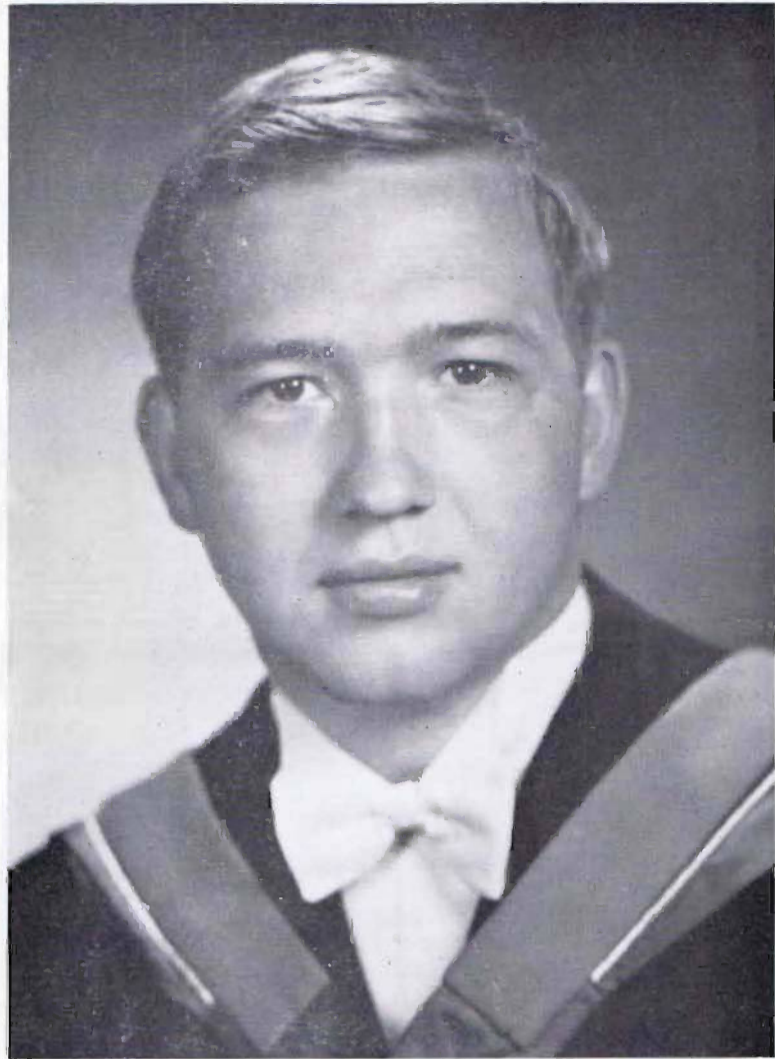
David Luke, son of Robert (Dept. 47) and Mrs. Smith.

Gary Stuart, son of Muzio (Dept. 7) and Mrs. Pennesi.

Daniel Craig, son of Edward (Dept. 7) and Mrs. Campbell.

Looking for something different in the way of location for a vacation? Why not try our beautiful Canadian Rockies—a truly awe-inspiring vacation spot. For further particulars, we suggest you talk with Archie Guthrie (Dept. 7), who has made the trip several times and at different times of the year. The last time was last Christmas, when he visited his son, Donald, and family. The photos you see on this page were submitted by Archie as evidence of his enthusiasm for the beauty of that part of our country.

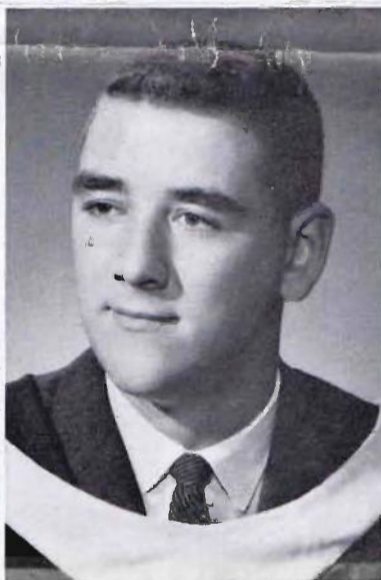
We're all awfully proud of George MacKenzie Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker, 1960 graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine. He will interne at Ford Hospital in Detroit. In 1959, he spent two and one-half months as an externe in Children's Hospital, San Francisco. Graduating from



GEORGE MacKENZIE PARKER

St. Andrews (Boys) College in Aurora, Ontario, in 1953, he entered the University of Toronto and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956.

We're also proud of Michael Alexander Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullen, who will graduate from the College of



MICHAEL ALEXANDER MULLEN

Christ the King, University of Western Ontario at London, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. His father, John, is employed as a stop grinder in the Ground Key Dept.

Motto: "Keep your nose to the grindstone, your shoulder to the wheel, and your eye on the ball. Now try to work in that position."

"Your wife used to be terribly nervous. Now she is cool and composed as a cucumber. What cured her?"

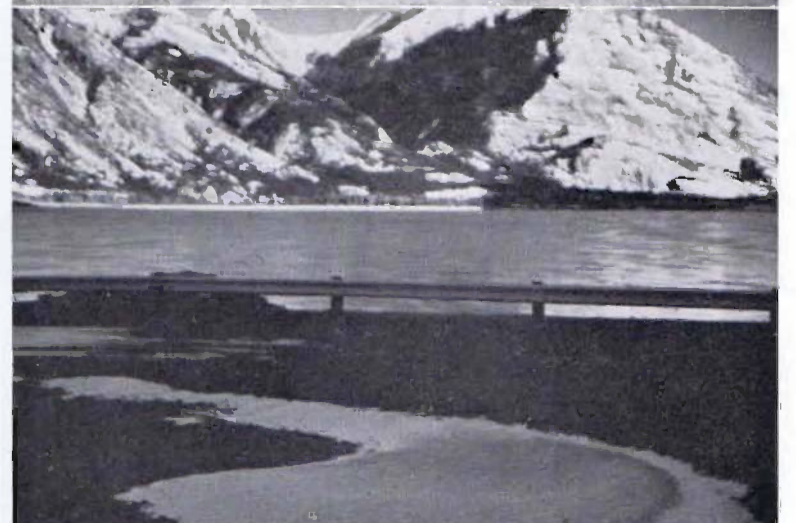
"The doctor did. He told her that her kind of nervousness was the usual symptom of advancing age."

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Borge met Sonja Heine, the skating queen at a party. "My," Mrs. Borge said later, "she certainly looks young."

"Why not?" Victor commented, "she's been on ice all her life."



Preparing for his retirement and relaxing is William A. Colborne of Dept. 7. Mr. Colborne received the lawn chair and transistor radio from fellow-workers upon his retirement after 18 years of service with Mueller, Ltd. The gift presentations were made by Ray Edwards of Dept. 7.



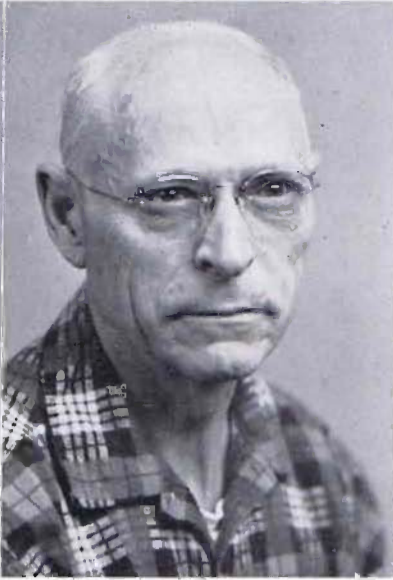
Some of the beauty of the Canadian Rockies is shown in these photos submitted by Archie Guthrie of Dept. 7. The top picture shows the chateau at the Waterton Lakes National Park on the border of Alberta and Montana. The bottom photo is a highway scene near Canmore, Alberta, not far from Banff.



HOWARD E. GRAGG
40 Years



HENRY TERTOCHA
35 Years



WILLIAM L. SHOCKLEY
40 Years



MICHAEL BRILLEY
40 Years

Service Awards

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

DECATUR

5 Years: Loren R. Hetzler, Robert W. Craig, Carrol W. Virt, Norma L. Watts, Evelyn M. Cox, Roy L. Dingman, James L. Smith, Perry A. Ferral.

10 Years: Richard C. Tish, Melvin C. Whittington, Charles R. Canaday, Edwin F. Hemrich, Mary Lou Wheatley, Willie L. Tucker, Glenn Pasley, Leonard J. Burton, Norman E. Wilcox, Robert C. Boyd, Laverne F. Getz, Cecil C. Baker, Charles O. Bafford, Robert D. Ritchie, Wilbur H. Sweazy, Charles R. Macklin, Billie J. Brooks, Samuel M. Beavers, Albert L. Seitz, James D. Spain.

15 Years: Iris R. Baum, William H. Hipsher, Roy M. Robbins.

20 Years: Robert G. Leipski, Harry K. Smith, Lloyd M. Walters, F. C. McCown.

25 Years: Ethel M. Turley, Cecil E. Coffin, John J. Smith.

30 Years: Glenn W. Gideon.

35 Years: Eugene R. Cash, Alfred L. Bethards, Robert W. Hill, Truman A. Peifer, Ollie Fortschneider, Eldred W. Connors, Louise Whitehead.

40 Years: Harland Himstead, Earl W. McQuality, Claude T. Smith, Amos Reynolds.

45 Years: Ira L. Auer.

LOS ANGELES

5 Years: Mildred Mitchel, Clarence Sparrow, Leo Helm, Gerald Wheat.

10 Years: Athalie Sada, Fred Liebherr.

20 Years: Frank Fritzer.

25 Years: Lacy Mayfield, Ed Schlegel, Idalou Hughes, Vance Ziebarth, Michael Liebherr, Benjamin Piott.

SARNIA

5 Years: Irvin Tremain, Jean Plourde.

10 Years: George Scott, Mary Kaban.

15 Years: Marion Dennis Stanley Pulyk, John Haladey, Alfred Poole.

20 Years: Thomas Geary, Donald Foreman, Clyde Smith, Otto Foster, Bruce Barrett, Murray Taylor, John Woolley, John J. W. Payne.

25 Years: Archie Reeve, Norman Gilbert.

35 Years: Gordon Karr.

40 Years: Carl Smith, John Tedder, Robert Moore, George Parker, Jack Flood.

CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Monroe Adams, John L. Bray, A. C. Brown, James M. Cathey, Sam Cline, Moses Crutcher, James Culberson, George Davis, Eula D. Deerman, Clabon Fairbanks, Marzel K. Finley, Harold Frederick, Wanda P. Glenn, Terrell F. Gray, Percy L. Grayson, Homer Green, Fred W. Harris, Ruth R. Henry, William L. Hines, Josephine P. Houston, Nehemiah J. Jones, Mary M. Kellogg, Ralph Means, Hershel F. Morrison, John H. Mozingo, Talmadge Pittman, Tom Pouncy, James Reynolds, Louis C. Reynolds, Bobby H. Ridge, Mary K. Stancil, Charles Thornton, Ed Townsend, Jr., Robert Whitley, Monroe Wilson.

10 Years: Marcus Daniel, Jr., Lonnie Davis, J. Martin Gwin, Jr., Monroe Hudson, Jr., Johnnie Johnson, Pete Magin, Sherman Matthews, Milton Miller, Will D. Moore, Ione Mulkey, D. C. Randolph, Joseph Racz, Sam Roland, Allen E. Sadler, James E. Smith, Larry Watson, George F. Wright, James B. Young.

15 Years: Gene M. Racz, Sam Roy Smith.

20 Years: Leroy Crutchfield, Wesley Hicks.

25 Years: W. R. Davis.

35 Years: Ezell Thomas.

Decatur Service Awards



EARL W. McQUALITY
40 Years



EUGENE R. CASH
35 Years



HARLAND HIMSTEAD
40 Years



ROBERT W. HILL
35 Years



CLAUDE T. SMITH
40 Years



AMOS REYNOLDS
40 Years



TRUMAN A. PEIFER
35 Years



ALFRED L. BETHARDS
35 Years



IRA L. AUER
45 Years



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz

The bowling team, pictured, is off to a flying (or should I say rolling?) start. They have entered the summer league at Holiday Lanes, and expect to continue through the winter. So far they have engaged in competition six times, and have won five games out of the six. The team consists of Polly Cox, manager, who is employed in the Sales Department; Nadine Carden, also of the Sales Department; Evelyn Curtis, Production Control Department; Jacque Harris, Production Control; and Josephine Houston, secretary to the Controller. The three substitutes are Gladys Weaver of the Purchasing Dept.; Betty Hodges, Sales Dept.; and Betty Rodecker, Accounting Dept. The girls, seated from left to right, are: Josephine Houston, Gladys Weaver, Polly Cox, Evelyn Curtis, Nadine Carden. Standing, l. to r.: Jacque Harris and Betty Hodges. Betty Rodecker could not be present when the picture was made.

There have been quite a few "Dimpled Darlings" arriving at the homes of some of the fellows here in recent weeks. Raymond and Patsy Cutcher now have a little girl, Tina Jeanette, to go with their son, Terry, who is now two years old; Howard and Ruth Owens have their first child, a son, Gary Scott; Ronnie and Edna Bice now have two boys with the arrival of Randy Reeves; Kenneth and Eva Cooper are now the proud parents of a daughter and two sons with the arrival of Lloyd Alan; Ronnie and Anita Harris are now experiencing parenthood for the first time with the arrival of Angela Jeanine (this also makes Bob Harris of the Maintenance Dept. a grandfather); George and Charlotte Broick now have a daughter and two sons with the addition of Terry Lee; Bob and Syble Nabors have a son, Robert Earl, Jr., to go with their daughter, Cindy, who is now two years old.

Artie and Stanley Kuhne now have a lovely daughter, Mary Louise. We know Mike and Kevin, the two Kuhne boys, were as delighted as the rest of us when they received the news that a girl had arrived.

Rufus Vinson has returned to his job in the Core Room after serving almost four years with the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Okinawa for nineteen months. Good to have you back, Rufus.

A number of our people have been saddened in recent months with the passing of loved ones. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to them at this time. Ulysses Reed lost his wife, Emma; Sam Cline's small son passed away after a short illness; L. D. Satterwhite in the death of his wife, Naomi; Nora Betts in the passing of her father; Reecie Evans in the death of his father; and to John Hensley in the loss of his mother.

Coy Jones and Russell Davis traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., to attend the American Foundryman's Convention recently.

Frank Hackman and Marion Eckman attended two other sessions.

We are happy to see Roy Elliott and James Cooper of the Maintenance Dept. able to return to work. Roy had to undergo surgery for the removal of his appendix, and James had a badly infected foot.

Congratulations to Ted O'Neal for winning the grand prize in the Tyner High School Science Fair. His project, a study of force and motion, was entered in the physics division. He also was chosen "Mr. Tyner" by the vote of the student body. Irene and Luke O'Neal are to be commended for having such a fine son. Ted is pictured with our graduates.

Jack Vincent, chemist, and Chester Buchanan of the Maintenance Department, have been getting their share of the Wall-eye this year. They were pictured in the local paper a few weeks ago with their catch, a good one, and we are pleased to use it for further proof of Chester's honesty. I know it must be irritating to some of you so-called fishermen to see these two always come home with a big catch but there must be a secret if we just could manage to trap them into telling it. Chester has recently returned from a four day trip to Lake Santeetlah in Nathala National Forest, Robbinville, North Carolina.

The foremen's club held its regular election meeting recently at Wimberly Inn. The officers for the coming year were elected and are as follows: President, Frank Hackman; Vice-President, C. B. Barker; Secretary, George Piper; Treasurer, John Harp.

"Best Wishes" are extended to Henry Tyson and Lilla Mae Brown, who were married in Ringgold, Ga.

Eula Deerman of the payroll department and her husband, Dan, have returned recently from vacationing in New Orleans, La.



TANYA MESEVICH
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
ALEX MESEVICH—
TOOL ROOM



REUBEN SMITH
ZION COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY DEPT.



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ROSALIND DAVIS
HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL
MARVIN DAVIS—
IRON FOUNDRY



TED O'NEAL
TYNER HIGH SCHOOL
LUTHER O'NEAL—
MAINTENANCE



**WILLIAM KENTON
HACKMAN**
TYNER HIGH SCHOOL
FRANK HACKMAN—
ASS'T. PLANT MGR.



A fellow greatly missed around the iron foundry at Chattanooga is Harry Gaither. Harry retired this summer after nearly 26 years with the company. Upon his retirement, he received some fishing tackle from his co-workers. Presenting the gifts is Don Andrews. Looking on are some of Harry's fellow-workers. Harry's quick wit, hearty chuckle and pleasant personality will be missed by all.



Displaying their catch of Walleyes are Jack Vincent, Chester Buchanan and Tyron Buchanan. This evidence of their fishing prowess was taken from Lake Santeetlah in Nathala National Forest, Robbinville, N. C.



BOWLING LEAGUE TEAM MEMBERS



Receiving 25-year service pins and awards at Decatur were Ethel M. Turley of Dept. 70, left, and Cecil E. Coffin, Personnel Director.



Forty years of service were recognized recently in Sarnia when Carl L. Smith, center, production superintendent, received his service pin. Present for the award were, from left: O. E. Walker, executive vice president and general manager; O. C. Spears, personnel supervisor; Mr. Smith; L. Merlin Coates, plant manager, and R. James Skippon, vice president and manager of engineering. In the bottom picture, Gordon H. Karr, production control manager, receives his 35-year service award from Carl L. Smith. Mr. Skippon is at the left.



Winner of the Mueller Bowling League was the Works Managers team made up of, from left: Ed Turner, Preston Ruthrauff, Bob Taylor, Bill Leake, Marshall Foster and Lynn Edwards. The Works Managers tied with the Ground Key team and won the 10-team league championship in a playoff.



Robert Moore, center, Core Cleaner in Dept. 1, receives his 40-year service pin award from Carl Smith, left. At the right is Carman Weese, foreman of the Coreroom. In the bottom photo, John H. Tedder, seated left, receives his 40-year pin from George W. Parker, president and treasurer. Standing at the rear are Mr. Spears, left, and Mr. Skippon.

Lady to Beggar: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself to stand here begging on the street?"

Beggar: "What do you want lady; should I open an office?"

"My poor man," said the kind old lady to the beggar, "it must be dreadful to be lame. But think how much worse it would be if you were blind."

"You're right, lady," agreed the beggar. "When I was blind, I was always getting counterfeit money!"

Woman: "Can you fix that

dent in my fender so my husband won't know I damaged it?"

Garage mechanic: "Nope, but I can fix it so that in a week you can ask him how he dented it."

Small Johnny: "How much am I worth?"

Papa: "You are worth a million dollars to me, my son."

Small Johnny: "Well, would you mind advancing he a quarter on account?"

David Starr Jordan, trying to advise a difficult young man on

choosing a career, finally asked in despair: "Isn't there anything on earth you'd like to be?"

"Why, yes," the young man drawled, "I'd like to be a retired businessman."

College has been defined as a fountain of knowledge where students gather to drink.

Professor: "What three words are used most among college students?"

Student: "I don't know."

Professor: "That's correct."



Receiving his 35-year service pin and certificate is Ezell Thomas on the right. Making the award is Coy Jones.

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ged leadership, said that Jackson coined the abbreviation from "all correct" as he spelled it "orkorrek." Those who liked Jackson and his running mate, Martin van Buren (later elected President) maintained that O.K. came from van Buren's nickname of Old Kinderhook. (Van Buren was born in Kinderhook, New York.)

Initials have become more and more O.K. ever since. In 1844, a group of idealistic Britons launched an organization which is almost never called by anything but its initials, Y.M.C.A. The same "short shrift" was given to another high-minded group founded 30 years later, the W.C.T.U. John D. (for David) Rockefeller, a frequent contributor to the YMCA, made an indirect contribution to the folklore of initials when the courts ordered the split-up of Standard Oil. Among the smaller companies formed were Esso (S. O. for Standard Oil) and Socony (Standard Oil Company of New York). Other business firms followed this lead and today most big corporations have initialed nicknames.

The translation: Morris Garages. When the first MG was designed in 1923, the makers chose the initials as a tribute to Wil-

liam Morris, (later Lord Nuffield) from whose pioneer auto enterprise, "The Morris Garages," their own company had sprung.

Other famous products known by their initials include the electronic "brain" UNIVAC (Universal Automatic Computer) and the radar upon which so much of our national defense depends. Did you know that RADAR stands for "radio detecting and ranging?"

The initial craze has gone even further. After the war, Americans developed a fondness for initials that spell out words. Some agencies, like SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe) and CARE (formerly Cooperative American Remittances to Europe and now Cooperative American Remittances to Everywhere) were long suspected of choosing their titles so that the first letters formed a word. A recent addition is the DEW (distant early warning) radar line that stretches across our continent's northern frontier.

The government has always been an ace initial-coiner. The FBI was organized in 1908; the ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission) dates back even farther, to 1887. But it was in the Roosevelt era that "the letter of the law" really became a reality. The AAA, CCC, FTC, NIRA—the list of acts and commissions goes on indefinitely. One legend has it that the National Industrial Recovery Act, which attempted to draw up codes of fair industrial competition, inspired thousands of Depression-battered parents to name their infant daughters Nira. The Supreme Court eventually ruled the law unconstitutional, but that didn't help the little girls.

Other countries also share our weakness for initials. The Russians so far haven't claimed their invention, but the Russian "government agency," O.G.P.U., N.K.V.D. and M.V.D.—all successive versions of the secret police—is notorious throughout the world. When an Englishman makes good, he often resembles a one-man bureaucracy, signing his name Sir John Smith-Jones, Q.C., O.B.E. (Queen's Chancellor, Order of the British Empire), and as many other honorific initials as he's managed to accumulate.

And it's the British who may have contributed the most colorful chapter to the checkered history of initials, with a little event called the O.P. riots. In 1809, England's famous Covent Garden Theater reopened after a disastrous fire—at increased admission prices. For three months thereafter, crowds mobbed the theater shouting "O.P., O.P. (old prices, old prices!)" Finally the management had to give in.

But don't get any ideas. The practice would be far from O.K. with your local cop (constable on patrol).

"Have you got another razor?" asked the man in the chair of his barber.

"Why?" asked the barber.
"Well, I'd like to defend myself if I can," answered the customer.

"Well, son, how were your marks in college this year?"

"Underwater."
"What do you mean 'underwater'?"

"All below 'C' level."

"Is Dan a confirmed bachelor?"

"He is now. He sent his picture to a Lonely Hearts Club and they sent it back with a note saying: 'We're not that lonely.'"



A pair of electric hedge clippers was given to Mr. Morris Cooper following his retirement, after 16 years with the company. In the picture he is surrounded by his co-workers in the Brass Machine Shop, who presented him with the gift.



A total of 85 years of Mueller Co. service is represented by the three men above. From left are: Erich G. Blankenburg, 30 years; Frank M. Ridgeway, 25 years and Charles E. Burcham, 30 years.

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