

# EXPANSION WORK BEGINS IN DECATUR



## Annual Yule Party Attracts 1,000 Youths

More than a thousand children of Mueller Co. employees in Decatur are expected to attend the annual Christmas party here.

The show will be at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 17 in the Masonic Temple with the doors opening at 1 p.m. for the one-hour show.

Opening the show will be the "Starflights" a national champion trampoline and tumbling act which provides thrilling entertainment for all ages.

They will be followed by V-Roy, master of mystery and his company. His book of magic includes card tricks, live animals and illusion entertainment.

The show will be climaxed by Aldo Cristiani and his act with 10 Doberman Pinscher dogs. The 10 dogs are all brothers and sisters and have been trained since birth by Cristiani who was a bareback artist and tumbling star before he began the dog act five years ago.

Individual treats for the small fry guests will be handed out by Santa Claus again this year.



Kenny Unland in the Driver's Seat

### 3 Times Around World

## Ken Travels 85,000 Miles

One of the most traveled men at Mueller Co. in Decatur is Kenneth Unland.

Ken has been on the road every day, eight-hours a day, for nearly four years, has gone more miles than many salesmen, but very seldom gets a change of scenery.

Sixteen times a day, he makes the five-mile round trip between Plants 1 and 4 because Ken is the driver of Mueller Co.'s grey chariot that shuttles employees and mail between the two plants.

Ken estimates, at the rate of 400 miles a week, he has traveled about 85,000 miles during the near four years he has been on the job. In Ken's case it appears man has conquered matter again because he has worn out two busses and he is still able to drive.

The joke about the typical bus driver's holiday doesn't apply to Ken. "After working hours I try to leave most of the driving chores to my wife," he said.

A problem comes up there too, however; Kenney's wife also travels in her job. She goes miles and miles each week, all day long, but her job is much

more confining because she goes up and down all day running an elevator.

For relaxation Kenny likes to work keeping his home and yard in shape.

Kenny said he isn't bothered too much by the boredom and he isn't tired of the same unchanging route. "You get to see and talk to a lot of people during the day, you get to know the people along the route who wave to you, but most important there is usually something while driving that keeps you alert and you can't daydream and drive safely—even if you know the route backwards."

He has only had two minor accidents. Once a truck brushed the side of the bus while it was parked and once Kenny got too close to a bumper while backing out of a parking spot.

A native of Lake Fork, Ill., Ken started to work at Mueller Co. in 1955 as a janitor. After being switched to various departments, he was assigned to Factory Office in January, 1957 as bus driver, and he has been behind the wheel ever since.

## Fix-Up Starts In West Yard

A general clean-up, fix-up campaign is taking place in the yard just west of Mercer Street and Building 1165 which is between the Wabash tracks and the yard area.

On the building, which is used mainly for storage, new windows and frames have been installed and new grey aluminum siding will be put on, on the south and east sides.

Block letters spelling out "Mueller Co.," have been mounted on the front of the building.

A number of old storage sheds in the lot have been removed and new junk bins are being built along the west fence line.

The incinerator has been repaired and some of the other eyesores have been removed. The entire yard area has been black-topped.

Also included in the project will be the straightening of other fences which will mean a few more parking spaces in the area.

## Completion Set For 1963 by Virginia Firm

Actual work has begun on the modernization and expansion of Mueller Co. facilities at Decatur's plant No. 1.

The Virginia Engineering Company, Inc., of Newport News, Va., general contractors, began work Nov. 28. According to A. G. Webber, Jr., Mueller President, work is expected to be completed in 1963.

Mr. Webber said the entire program will be carefully phased to provide minimum interference with the company's manufacturing operations during the construction period.

The program includes new construction totaling 261,500 square feet of floor space and rehabilitation of an additional 43,300 square feet. Approximately 96,000 square feet of land will be cleared of buildings and left vacant.

Two major buildings will be constructed—a three-floor office building and a one-floor manufacturing and warehouse building with space for parking 450 cars on the roof. A two-story shipping and receiving building will also be erected.

The office building will be 266 feet by 56 feet. The manufacturing building will be 789 feet long and 203 feet wide at one end and 277 feet wide at the other end.

A tunnel beneath Monroe Street will connect facilities on each side of the street.

## 60-Year-Old Paper Found

During some of the renovating recently in the west yard at Plant No. 1, some of the workmen found a mirror and on the back of it was a front page of the Chicago Daily News dated July 13, 1900.

According to the paper things in the United States haven't changed basically from then. The news that is on the front pages of today's papers was also seen there in 1900.

The political campaign for U. S. president and threats to world peace were uppermost. A political cartoon was decrying liars in the political campaign, the Democrats were going to ask for more money from their party members for the campaign, William Jennings Bryan had agreed as to the date when he would be told he was nominated for president of the United States and the streets of Peking, China, were filled with bodies as the result of the Boxer Rebellion.

Those were the headlines on Friday the 13th in the one-cent newspaper.

A couple of the advertisements that stood out was one for a "10-cent cigar for a nickel" and "Wool worsted trousers for \$4 a pair."

Marvin Spitzer, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, had the paper and was looking for a way to preserve the browned and fragile publication.

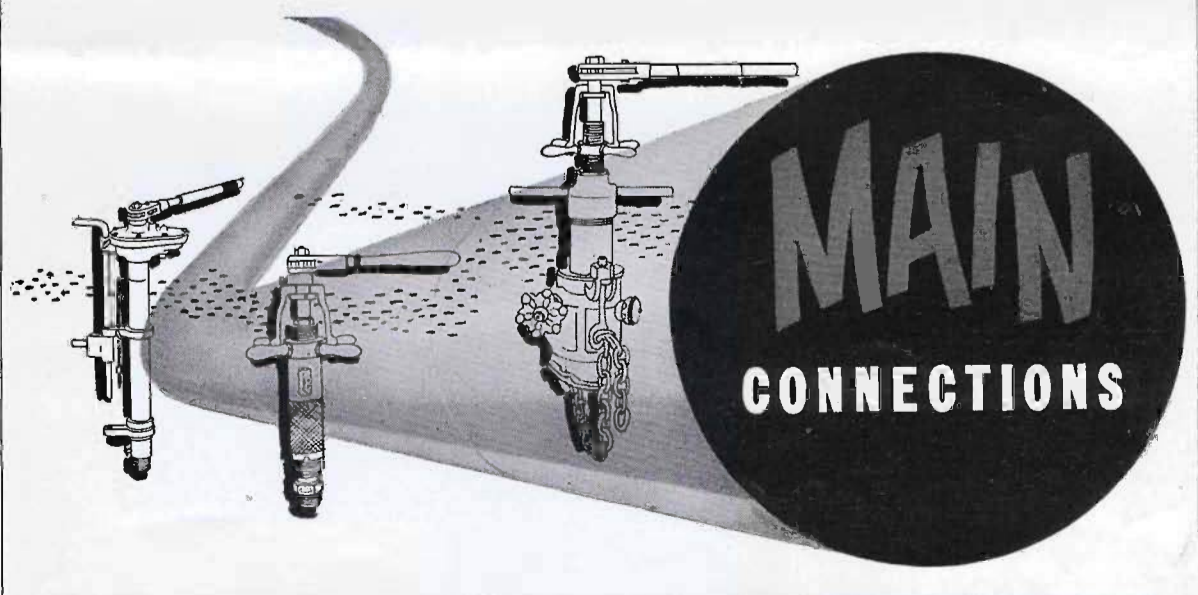
The building in which the mirror was found was built in 1927.

The next issue of *Main Connections* is planned for mid-February with the deadline for material being Jan. 4.

Present plans call for *Main Connections* to be published eight times next year but this can only be possible with help from everyone.

If you have any news be sure to call your correspondent or Jim Milligan or Joe Penne.

**Miss Ridgeway at ISNU**  
Judith Ann Ridgeway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridgeway, is now attending Illinois State Normal University on a state teaching scholarship. Judith Ann is a 1960 graduate of Eisenhower High School. Her father is in Dept. 60.





## Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by  
Gene Racz

A group of employees consisting of men from the entire shop spent a weekend recently on Lake Chickamauga resting, camping, fishing and clowning. The report we received stated they used tents for their abode and took enough food to last for the two and a half days.

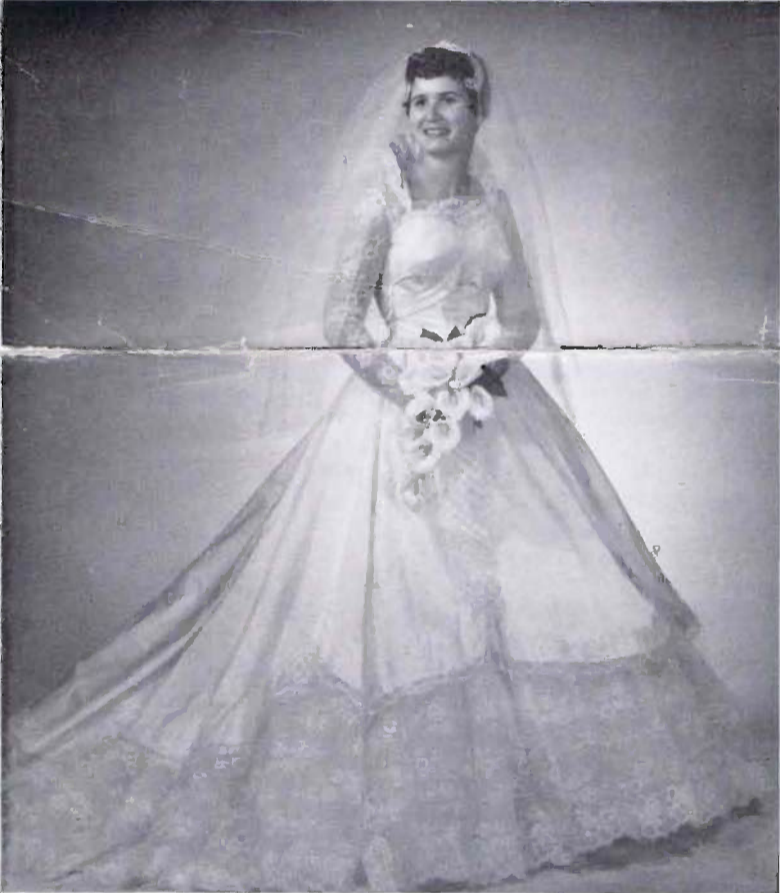
Their menu consisted of bacon and eggs for breakfast and steak for the evening meal. They supplemented the noon meal of fish—freshly caught fish, with bacon and eggs if necessary. They consumed 10 pounds of bacon and eight dozen eggs so I'm not too sure the fishing proved to be too profitable.

Their wives had made cookies and all sorts of goodies for dessert. Claude Hawthorne was the chief cook with John Logan and Charles Davis assisting. Roy Tapley washed all the dishes I am quite sure his wife will be very impressed when she reads this. Curtis Hinch, Bill Simpson and Spencer Smith were awarded the title of best skiers. All in all the group had a very good time and they are planning to make it an annual affair.

If any of you reading this have a considerate wife that will give you a week-end away from your yard work in the summer, get in touch with Claude Hawthorne and have your name put on the list for the trip next summer, I know you will have a terrific time.

The group consisted of Raymond Baker, Charles Davis, Edd Doss, Gene Frederick, Joe Gibson, Ronnie Harris, Claude Hawthorne, Charles Hayes, Junior Hicks, Curtis Hinch, John Logan, Bill Simpson, Spencer Smith, Roy Tapley and Charles Turner.

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Wanda Lee Eckman Marries

The wedding of Miss Wanda Lee Eckman and James Doyle Addison took place Sept. 18 in the Jones Memorial Methodist Church with the Rev. Henry Horton officiating. The couple are residing here in the city where the groom is employed in the engineering department of Combustion Engineering Company and the bride is employed as a registered x-ray and electroencephalographic technician at Baroness Erlanger Hospital. Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marion Eckman. Her father is Plant Engineer.

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Jo Ann Brown Keller, daughter of Henry Keller employed in the Iron Foundry, failed to get her picture to our office in time to be featured in the issue with the other graduates. She is pictured as a graduate of Howard High School and is at the present time attending A. & I. State University in Nashville, Tennessee.

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James Morris, Service Man in the Assembly Department since 1942, passed away recently after a brief illness. He leaves his wife, Hattie. To her we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Congratulations to the parents of the following new arrivals: Deborah Carol Johnson, born on Oct. 8 to Cass and Mrs. Johnson; Darlene Baze, born on Sept. 24 to Elmer and Mrs. Baze; Gregory Allen Easterly born on Oct. 3 to Allen and Mrs. Easterly; Donna Lee Broyles born on September 14 to Donald and Robbie Broyles.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Morris Penney who passed away recently. Mr. Penney was employed in the Machine Shop. He died immediately following surgery but had been disabled since December. To Beverly, his wife, and his three young daughters, we extend our heartfelt condolence.

J. H. Pursley retired recently after 20 years of service as a watchman and a machine repair maintenance man for Mueller Co. He started to work in Chattanooga in 1940 as a watchman and in 1945 he was transferred to the Maintenance Department. Henry says he just plans to take it easy and hunt and fish from now on. He will be missed by all of the maintenance men as well as by all the men throughout the shop as he is a very likeable person. (See related photograph)

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Weddings seemed to be in fashion among Chattanooga employees during the summer and fall. Best wishes go to James E. Williams and Christine Pointer who were married June 25 in the Cosmopolitan Community Church. The Rev. G. S. Croom, Jr., officiated.

Best wishes are extended to Leon Simmons of the Iron Foundry and Geneva Cunningham who were married in Ringgold, Ga.

Al Houston and Edith N. Malone were united in marriage in the home of the Rev. R. E. Smith on Dorris Avenue. Al is employed in the Assembly Department and we wish them both every happiness.

We congratulate James E. Smith and his new wife, Pearline, who were married in August. James is employed in the Iron Foundry.

Congratulations go to John Graves, Patternmaker, who was elected president of the Rossville, Ga., Lions Club.

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Jack and Mary Barker could easily be classified as authorities on the subject of where to go and how to have fun on a vacation. They can take two weeks, jam more good times into the days, put more miles on the car, see more scenic beauty, and visit more friends than any two people I know.

They had quite a trip in August touring the New England states. They visited in New Haven, Conn., and saw the sights in New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec, visited in Boston, Mass., and reportedly had a grand time in Bar Harbor, Maine.

They surely must give a great deal of thought throughout the year to their vacation, planning each event in detail to have such an eventful time.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Shirley Smotherman of the Sales Department in the recent death of her husband; to Raymond Dixon of the Machine Shop in the loss of his mother; and to Stanley Kuhne of Production Control in the passing of his father.

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Our congratulations to the families who have had new arrivals in their homes the past weeks. Joe Moses now has a son to go with his two lovely daughters. His name is Curtis Randal and he arrived Aug. 9. Dean Andrews has another daughter and her name is Tina Ann. She arrived on Aug. 6. Herman Easley's first child is a boy. Michael Andrew arrived on June 9.

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Roy Tapley and his family vacationed recently in Panama City, Fla., and while there Roy had the good fortune of snagging a 21 pound Dolphin and 17 pound Gruper. (See related photo)

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Tanya Mesevich, pictured in our graduates in the last issue, flew to Guam recently and was married to James Callison. James is with the U. S. Air Force and the couple will be living on Guam for about a year and a half. Tanya is the daughter of Alex Mesevich who works in the Tool Room.

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Dolores and Johnnie McFadden enjoyed a delightful vacation this summer touring the southwest and spending about 10 days in beautiful Los Angeles. Along the trip Dolores said they most enjoyed Yosemite National Park and Carlsbad Caverns.

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Frank Lewis attended the Southern Baptist Leadership Music School recently in the Kirkwood Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. Frank leads the choir of the Center Grove Baptist Church in Rock Springs, Ga. He is employed in the Machine Shop.

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Leslie Higdon and his family recently vacationed in Clearwater, Fla. The report from him was that the weather was good and they had a fine time.

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Joe Bartlett's son, Robert, has been paying his family a visit before leaving for a tour of duty in France with the U. S. Air Force.

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Dean Andrews journeyed to Oklahoma City recently for a week of work at the Time Study School conducted by the University of Oklahoma.

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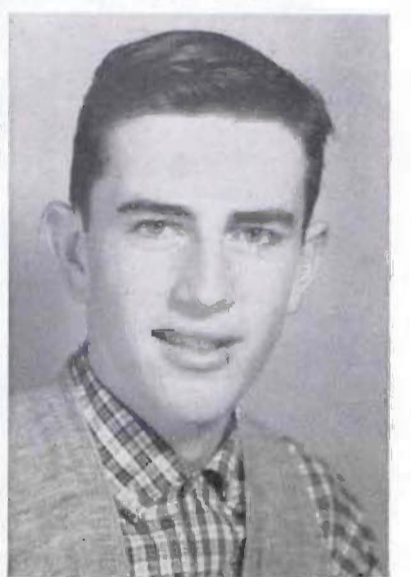
Early Suggs of Dept. 70, left, receives his 35-year service pin and certificate from Frank C. Hackman, Assistant Plant Manager at Chattanooga.



Jo Ann Brown Keller, daughter of Henry Keller, recently graduated from Howard High School in Chattanooga and is now attending Tennessee A & I in Nashville.



Roy Tapley



James Tilley, son of First-Aid Attendant Dennis Tilley, graduated recently from the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Training school in Kingston, Ontario as a Craftsman. Following graduation he went to Montreal for two years of training.

## Sharon Tapp Wins Essay Competition

Sharon Tapp, 18, daughter of Herschel and Elsie Tapp, took first prize in the Decatur Herald & Review "What's Right About American Youth" essay competition.

Miss Tapp's mother works in the Record Section of the Engineering Department.

As a freshman at Millikin University, Miss Tapp plans to be a teacher like her father.

As first place winner, she not only received a \$25 first prize but had her essay forwarded to national competition sponsored by the Gilbert Youth Survey.

# MUELLER, LIMITED

## Reports . . . .

by  
PHYLLIS TURNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Phyllis Turner, personnel clerk at Mueller Limited for the past five years, has been named MAIN CONNECTIONS correspondent succeeding Almeda Reeve. Almeda would like to take this opportunity to express her sincere appreciation for the wonderful cooperation shown her the past years and hopes that Phyllis gets the same help and assistance. Almeda left Toronto for London by jet early in September and spent four weeks touring Europe. Since Almeda left, Phyllis has been doing a fine job filling in. We would also like to take this chance to sincerely thank Almeda for her fine work.

The Mueller Office Association held its annual Fall get-together Sept. 16 in the form of a dinner-dance in the Fiesta Room in the Holiday Restaurant. About 60 persons enjoyed the delicious chicken dinner and 70 employees and their partners had a very enjoyable evening of dancing to the "The Four Sharpes." The "Elimination Freeze" dance ended in a tie, consequently two couples received prizes. The slow pokes were Jean Plourde, Production Control Dept. and Ray Salustro, and Dorothy Wilkinson, stenographer, and Kenneth Drury. The spot dances were won by Louise Gauthier, switchboard operator, and her partner Peter Ridiger; and Barbara Dobroski, Standards Clerk, and her husband, Leonard. Ross Willoughby, Drafting Dept., and his wife, Jeanne, were on the receiving end for the "Snowball Dance." The "Bunny Hop" line, led by David Potter of the Time Study Dept., was interesting to watch. It is surprising how differently bunnies do hop. James Wilkie, Upkeep Stock Clerk, and Ross Willoughby did a fine job on arrangements for this successful evening.

On Oct. 1, the Mueller Social Club held its final golf tournament of the year at Wildwood-on-the-Lake Golf Course. Prizes were given at the after-game get-together in the club house. Low gross honors for 18 holes went to Murray Taylor, Engineering. Dept. Low net for 18 holes went to Les Crooks, Foreman of Dept. 6. Second place low gross for 18 went to George Lucas, Cost Dept., and second place low net for 18 went to Bob Bannister, Purchasing Agent. Low gross for the first nine went to Wilfred "Mike" Scott, Foreman of Dept. 3 and low gross for the back nine went to Dick James of Engineering. Olavi Seppala of Engineering and Bruce Robertson, Inspector, won the nine-hole honors for net scores. Dick Asselman, Stock Clerk, was named the most honest golfer of the day.

Mueller Limited, participated again in the city-wide B-E (Board of Education) Day which was held Oct. 6. The day's activities commenced from the Central Collegiate, where the teachers awaited their escorts from business and industry. Seventeen teachers were escorted to our plant by O. E. Walker, L. M. Coates, R. J. Skippon and H. J.

Dowding. At the company cafeteria the guests were greeted by hostesses Jean Plourde, Doris Smith and Phyllis Turner. The welcome to Mueller Limited, was given by G. W. Parker, President. Mr. Walker, Executive Vice-President and General Manager, gave a rundown of Mueller products and briefed the teachers on what to expect on the tour. A demonstration cut with a Mueller Tapping Machine was done by Bauldur "Sig" Sigurdson, Assistant Sales Manager. Following lunch a panel discussion of all facets of Mueller Limited, was given by Mr. Walker, Mr. Sigurdson, Mr. Skippon, C. S. Browett and Mr. Coates. A question and answer concluded a very successful "B. E." day.

**Lucky ticket holder, Bessie Olson, Testor in Dept. 7, had the fortune to win \$100 in a recent draw held by the "Oddfellows and Rebekahs" Cancer, Polio and Tuberculosis Committee in Mooretown.**



**Leading Cadet John Browett, son of Charles S. Browett, Controller, spent the summer aboard the HMCS Cornwallis in the Maritimes where he qualified in the physical and recreational training instruction course.**

Congratulations are in order for Mac Jay who was elected and installed recently as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. of Ontario. Under the usual course of events Mac will be eligible for installation in the order as Grand Patriarch for the 1963-64 term. He also had the distinction of being chosen and installed as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Ontario for the 1960-61 term.

Best wishes go to William Ingles, Dept. 3 and Mrs. Ingles, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Ingles has been an employee of Mueller Limited for the past 20 years, and during the past year served as town clerk in the community of Courtright. Among the guests present at the testimonial dinner served by the Catholic Women's League, were the Rev. Father J. G. LaBelle of

Corunna, Ont., the priest who married the couple.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following employees in the passing of their loved ones:

George Lucas (Cost Dept.) on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Leckie.

George Foslett (Dept. 3) on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Angela Foslett.

Calvin Turnbull (Dept. 3) on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mitcheson.

Gordon Karr, Production Control Supervisor, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Elsie Booth of Welland, Ontario.

William Wilkins, Shipping Dept., on the death of his father, Mr. Gordon Wilkins of Sarnia.

C. Phillip Hamilton (Dept. 47) on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. Jennings.

Bessie Olson on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Hand.

The family of the late Alfred Poole, who passed away in London. Mr. Poole was employed as a compressor operator at Mueller Limited, prior to a lengthy illness.

Since the last issue the following little strangers were welcomed into the homes of Mueller employees:

Lise Marie, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. St. Cyr. Wilf is the salesman in the Ottawa Valley territory.

Catharine Lynn, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trowbridge. The new father works in Dept. 7.

Elizabeth Louise, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bazeley. John is a member of the clerical staff in the Shipping Dept.

Our best wishes to the following newlyweds:

Frederick Hill (Dept. 2) and Florence Blake

James LaPier (Dept. 2) and Audrey Browning

Jack Ritchie (Dept. 47) and Kathleen O'Grady

Earl Brown (Dept. 1) and Edith Jackson

Charles Morris (Shipping) and his bride, Williamina

M. Gale Cooke, (Billing) and Kenneth W. Turner. (See Related Photo)

Congratulations to the happy and proud parents on their recent arrivals:

Patricia Ann, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shepley, Sept. 20. Ray is employed in the Shipping Room.

David Wayne, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Cross, Sept. 14. The new father works in the Maintenance Dept.

Mr. George W. Parker, President of Mueller Limited, has been appointed to assist in the development and promotion of the gas industry by standardization of gas appliances and equipment, by research and promotion of educational activities. He is also chairman of the Technical Education Committee. This group was formed to consider ways and means of increasing the knowledge of the gas industry and to endeavor to provide it with highly trained personnel by the establishment of training courses. Such a course is now available in Ontario at the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto. Six young men have recently graduated from the first class and 16 more will graduate from the two-year course in 1961.



George W. Parker (left) and A. W. Bannister

"In 1912 a young man came to Sarnia looking for work. He hired on as a construction worker at the site of the new plant that was situating in Sarnia—The H. Mueller Co. He liked what he saw and stayed for 48 years."

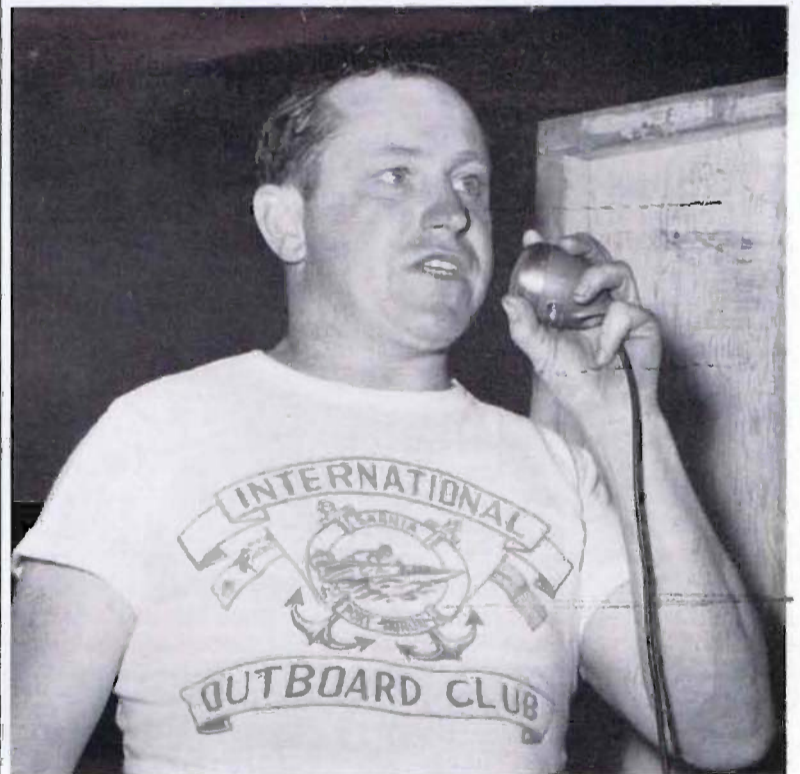
These were the opening remarks at Allan W. Bannister's Testimonial Dinner. Al was feted at the Sarnia Golf Club by the foremen and men of the office staff in recognition of his 48 years service with Mueller's and his retirement.

Al was presented with a wrist watch by Ray Lambert on behalf of those present. Les Crooks, Plating Room Foreman, returned Al's micrometers (chrome-plated) as a memento. Mr. O. E. Walker, Executive Vice President and General Manager, and Mr. L. M. Coates, Factory Manager, spoke of the many

years of faithful and valuable service Al Bannister had given Mueller's.

Mr. George W. Parker, President, told of his many years of association with Al. Mr. Bannister who started as a construction worker helping to build the Mueller buildings, stayed on and helped in no small way to build Mueller's reputation in Canada. He rose from a lathe hand to Foreman of the Brass Shop and finally to Chief Inspector. His watchful eye and "mics" have kept the Mueller product tops in the Canadian plumbing industry.

Mr. Bannister's first love is gardening and he plans to spend much of his leisure time in his garden. For many years his lovely rose garden has been the showplace of Point Edward, where he lives.



Commodore Don Robotham

Even though the boating season has come to an end this year, Don Robotham of Dept. 7, is being kept busy with activities in the International Outboard Club of Sarnia and Port Huron.

Don is commodore of the club and is planning activities for the winter and coming summer.

During the winter the club meets once a month to view movies of water sports and then end the evening with dancing. In the summer the group gets together for racing every Thursday and then a regatta is held once a month with other groups.

The club began five years ago and has grown to include about

500 members from the two cities. Commodore Don said the group is a non-profit organization and the only requirement for membership is that the applicants must be water lovers.

The club is divided into two sections. The pleasure section has organized cruises on the lake and river for picnics and sight-seeing, while the racing section is organized to promote racing.

The highlight of the club's racing season is the running of the contest for the O'Keefe Trophy on Labor Day weekend. Contestants for the trophy come from Detroit, Windsor and other locations along River St. Clair and the Great Lakes area.

# MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



Kathryn Thompson

Warren Wunderlich

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is our chance to introduce the new correspondents for the Los Angeles plant. Bruce E. Stotler, who has been our hard-working eyes and ears for some time, asked to be replaced because of a busier schedule. Our many THANKS go to Bruce for his hard work. Filling his role will be Miss Kathryn Thompson and Warren Wunderlich. Kathryn will take care of the news for the Los Angeles offices and Warren will be correspondent for the factory section. They need your help and we need theirs to put out a good MAIN CONNECTIONS, so if you have something you think might make news be sure to give them a call.

It seems like June with all the weddings taking place involving office personnel or their families.

Ranae Clark, daughter of Golda Shepard of our Billing Dept., was married recently to Kent Jarman in the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A reception was held the next day in the hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pico Rivera. At the present they are making their home in Provo, Utah, where they are both attending Brigham Young University.

Inez Mooring's daughter Barbara was married to John Bryce. The wedding took place in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Pasadena, with the reception following in the Women's Club of Pasadena. They are now living in Arcadia, Calif.

Sue McGruder, Standards Dept., is wearing a beautiful diamond engagement ring given her by Bob Ward of the Assembly Dept. Their wedding date has not been announced.

The girls in the Accounting Dept. are looking forward to their Christmas dinner and party. They will have dinner at the Inn of the Santa Fe Trail in El Monte and then go to Carolie Driscoll's home for a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. El Monte, in the San Gabriel Valley, marks the end of the Santa Fe trail, and it seemed like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for those gold rushers who had just crossed the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. Here they found water and green and fertile lands.

Our bowling league finally got underway recently after waiting for the completion of the new Beverly Bowl lanes. There are eight mixed teams from Mueller Co. in the league and everyone is looking forward to a winter of good bowling.

Evelyn Miller's son represented his Boy Scout Troop at its annual Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colo. Besides visiting many scenic points he got to see President Eisenhower who visited the Scouts. He visited Yellowstone National Park, San Francisco, Feather River Canyon, Grand Canyon, Sante Fe, New Mexico, Pike's Peak and other points. This was also a memorable summer for Evelyn because it was the first time in 20 years that she had seen her sister, who lives in the east, and her nephew.

The Assembly Department (Bill Young's All Stars) from the west side of the factory were challenged by the Machine Shop (Lacy Mayfield's "Nine Old Men"—pardon, Lacy's Speed Demons) from the east side of the plant. In spite of their fears the "Old Boys" gave the "All Stars" a sound whipping by an 8-7 score. A superb managerial maneuver was pulled by "Casey" Mayfield. When catcher Beckham dislocated his finger with two out in the last half of the last inning, Mayfield went in to catch and ballhawk "Swede" Larsen went to shortstop. With a magnificent catch, Swede retired the side. Awright, awright, it had to be a magnificent catch if he held the ball while falling all over himself. This ended the threat with the tying run on first base and made Larsen the third most important Swede in the world to his teammates—after Anita Ekberg and Ingemar Johanssen. "Yogi Berra" Beckham was more than a little help to his pitcher. He hauled in some pretty wide pitches to get the umpire to call them strikes. However,

pitcher Roy Gould, who has had some experience on the mound, did a real fine job. One of the pitchers for the losers was more at home on a bowling alley than a baseball diamond and had a different concept of what made up a strike. "Yul Brynner" Waggoner, center fielder for the Stars made three fine catches. Two of them were in the field and the third one he caught in the side after it was thrown by the pitcher.

Gunnard "Red" Nelson of the Steel Machine Shop, drove back to Chicago, his former home, and also visited Memphis and Milwaukee. The main purpose of his trip was to see his son, Robert F. Nelson, a graduate of Wright Junior College of Chicago. Robert was a guest-of-honor at a luncheon in Chicago where he was named the leading student of his graduating class. He received a scholarship from the Quaker Oats Co. and will study advanced chemistry at Northwestern University. On completion of his studies he will work for Quakers Oats. Congratulations to a proud father and a fine son.

Johnny Hesselbach of the Assembly Dept., motored through the west. He visited Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Yellowstone, Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Allen Moran of the Assembly Dept. and his son, Warren, had an unusual experience on their vacation. Motoring to Murfreesboro, Ark., they hunted for diamonds at the Crater of Diamonds. They did not find any gems but had the thrill of actually searching for the precious stones. The comment of young Moran is probably more to the point. He said that it really was a gold mine after seeing an estimated 500 persons paying \$1.50 each to search.

Lou Hall of the Brass Machine Shop enjoyed the unusual experience of "panning" gold on his vacation. Because they had no equipment Lou and his daughter, 17-year-old Joan, panned with their hands on the Feather River. They didn't have much luck but brought back a few tiny nuggets.

Your reporter, Warren Wunderlich, had a nice vacation going East by train to see his family, using the stop-over privilege to do some sightseeing. It is a nice way to travel long distances and still see some of the unusual and historical places in the United States and Canada. Some of the stop-overs were in New Orleans, Washington, D. C., Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City and Salt Lake City. Warren reports the trip also included a trek through Royal Gorge, the Heart of the Rockies and a beautiful display of autumnal colors in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

We are glad to see Joe Gomez back on the job. Senor Pancho suffered a heart attack, then after getting back to work he hurt his leg but now he seems to be fine.

Joe Fantuzzi was married Oct. 9 to Donna Donaldson in Las Vegas. After a honeymoon in Las Vegas the couple returned to make their home in San Gabriel, Calif. Three employees' children were also married recently. They were: Betty Galvan, daughter of Vicki Galvan (Assembly Dept.); Carole Blevins, daughter of John Blevins (Brass Machine Shop) and Fred Espey, son of Lillian Espey (Foundry).

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cook celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary by driving to Las Vegas. They had a fine time except for having trouble finding accommodations as a convention was in town.

Three births to Mueller employees have also been reported. A baby girl (8 lbs. 3 oz.) was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Griggs. Johnny is a grinder in the Foundry. Mrs. Vi Rowe, wife of Dick Rowe, cut-off man in the Foundry, presented him with a boy who was named Russell. The Rowes also have two girls. Mrs. Eunice Brownridge gave birth to a baby boy (6 lbs. 13 oz.). The proud father is David Hugh Brownridge who works in the Foundry.



Mueller Co. of Los Angeles was represented this summer in one of the city's softball leagues. Members of the team are from left to right, front row: Lloyd Gould, Johnny Yanez, Lewis Harris, Leroy

Price. Back row: Frank Petterson, Bob Bow, Bob Ward, Robert Waggoner, and Doug Moore. Bill Young was absent from the picture.

## Plant 4 News

Bob Wally, who worked in the Pattern Shop, retired recently after 32 years of service. He started to work here when he was 16. The day after his retirement he left Decatur to operate his own motel near Forsyth, Mo.

Chuck Shroeder, Chuck Girard, Paul Parsons and Elmer Fawley went trout fishing at Bennett Springs, Mo., the end of October but the fish weren't any more cooperative than the weatherman—both were bad. Their bad luck continued all the way home. At Taylorville a car pulled out in front of Elmer and damaged his fender and grill.

Two new first-time grandfathers are reported in the Foundry Office. Carl Schuman, Assistant Iron Foundry Foreman has a new grandson. He is Danny Carl who was born Oct. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boland. Tony Schultz, (Sand Lab) had a little granddaughter on Sept. 28. Toni Lynette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lee Austin.

Gene Latch had an operation on his throat recently and is reported doing fine.

Vacations in the southwest seemed to be in vogue for some of Plant 4 employees. Ollie Fortschneider and his wife, Nell, went to Phoenix and Tucson. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Potts vacationed in Phoenix and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wright went to New Mexico.

Jack Adams and Elmer Baker went deer hunting the last weekend in October and had about as much luck as the four fishermen mentioned above.

Ray Foster (Dept. 10) and Edna Wigger of Centralia were married this summer.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Storck (Dept. 60) on Oct. 26. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and 5 ozs., and was named Sheryl Joy.

We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Cooper whose father, Thomas Chamberlain, passed away recently. Dorothy works in the Core Room.



The Stanley Ashbys Go Native

## Hawaiian Trip Completes Dream For Decatur's Stanley Ashbys

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ashby realized a dream come true this summer when they visited Hawaii to celebrate 25 years of married life. On June 25, they and their daughter, Mary, (their son Dean wished to stay home and work at the Boy Scout Camp) were driven to Springfield for their first airplane ride which was to end in Decatur about 11,000 miles later.

They spent three days in Los Angeles visiting Lawrence Welk's broadcast on Saturday evening, Knott's Berry Farm on Sunday, Disneyland on Monday and Farmer's Market and C.B.S. studios on Tuesday.

On June 29, they boarded another large jet and in four hours and ten minutes they were at Aloha Airport in Honolulu—a dream finally come true.

Honolulu is on the island of Oahu. They had five days in Honolulu doing what they wanted to.

They got their first touch of Hawaiian Paralysis here—no one is in a hurry. It rains five minutes every day, but they didn't take a rain coat—no one else has one and you would just look silly wearing one. There are no doors to your hotel lobbies, they are open 24 hours a day, so why have doors. There are no flies or mosquitos, no snakes or poison ivy and the coldest night is 70° and the hottest day is 82 degrees. So, after spending five busy days shopping, swimming and seeing so many interesting and beautiful things in Honolulu, they spent one day touring the island of Oahu.

They then took the turbo-jet plane to the island of Kawai for a two-day tour. On this island, the movie of "South Pacific" was filmed.

From Kawai they took the plane to the island of Hawaii, which is the largest of the islands and has the tallest and most mountains. They stayed a day at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kona, on the Kona Coast, which is noted for deep sea fishing. They did not go fishing, however, because of the \$75.00 a day and \$50.00 for a

half-day. Besides, they had so much more to see and do, they said. The hotel construction was of volcanic rock, even to the faucets in the bathrooms.

Continuing on their tour around the island of Hawaii, they came to the town of Hilo, where the tidal wave in May, 1960, wiped out over 20 square blocks of the main business district with the loss of 65 lives.

After their tour of Hawaii, they made their way back to Decatur by way of Seattle, Wash. where they spent three days with friends.

Stan is Foreman in the Service Department.

## DECATUR BIRTHS

Here are the new births of Decatur employees since the last edition.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Click, a boy. The mother is Janice Click who is a Sales Analysis Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Daughtery (Dept. 31) girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleckenstein (Traffic) boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hetzler (Dept. 100) girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mc-Roberts (Dept. 70) boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell (Dept. 47) girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richie (Dept. 10) boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brunner (Receiving) girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hoffman (Dept. 90) boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Uhl (Sales) boy.

### Bob Sefton Promoted

Bob R. Sefton, son of Archie Sefton, Factory Manager, was recently promoted to sales supervisor of the staff division of the marketing department for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in Chicago. Mr. Sefton was graduated from Millikin University in 1954 and joined Illinois Bell that same year as a commercial supervisory student.

## Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley

During the first part of June, the Marvin Spitzers and four children and Harold Ashcrafts went to Colorado for a three-week camping trip. Marvin reported that it was rainy and damp. They visited Mesa Verda National Park, Silvertown (where they camped four days), and Royal Gorge (where they watched gold being processed). At Silvertown it was about 25° with snow. One morning they found about a quarter-of-an-inch of ice on their water bucket. Due to the weather, the Spitzers stayed only one-and-a-half weeks, but the Ashcrafts went to visit Yellowstone and other sights. Marvin is Construction and Maintenance Foreman and Harold works in Dept. 80.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnston are the parents of their first child, a boy, born June 27. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and was named Kerry Lynn. Kerry is the grandson of the Archie Seftons. Archie is Factory Manager.

Walter Bowan and family were visiting in Dayton in June. On their way home, they noticed a crowd at the edge of Dayton. The attraction was Dr. Barbara Moore making her walk across the United States. She waved and spoke to them as she walked by. Walter reported that she wasn't dragging her feet, but was moving right along.

Best wishes are in order to Metta Adams and Gary Quinlan, who were married July 3 in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Metta works in Standards Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ferry started on a vacation in July, but it was quite an unhappy one. Their first day on the road, near Frankfort, Ky, they were hit from behind by a transport truck. This bounced them off the car in front of them and into the path of another transport truck, which hit the front of their car. Fortunately, neither Don nor his wife was hurt, just shaken up and bruised, but the car was completely demolished. They had to return home via bus and that was the end of their vacation trip. Don says he doesn't care for any more vacations like that. Don is Head Products Draftsman in the Engineering Division.

Bob Tauber and his family spent their vacation in Florida. Bob is Senior Tool Methods Engineer.

The James Broskes vacationed in Tucson, Ariz. early in July, visiting relatives. Mary Ann reported that it was really hot, and they stayed inside most of the time, unless they were going some place that was air conditioned. Mary Ann works in Engineering Division.

While Dick and Chuck Leopold were vacationing in New York with their grandparents, they went turtle hunting and caught two. They named the first one Trap. And what do you suppose they named the second one? No, you are wrong. They

named it Trapeze, because it was easier to catch than the first one. Good thinking boys. They are the sons of the W. R. Leopolds. Bill is Assistant Director of Engineering.

During the Macon County Fair, the first week of August, nearly 500 people of this area participated in the Golden Prairie Pageant, which portrayed the history of Macon County. Hieronymous Mueller and the Mueller Co. were mentioned early in the Pageant. Several Muellerites were in the cast. I was told they spent many hours in practice and actual presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Disney are the parents of a daughter, born September 13, weighing 6 lbs. 10 ozs., and named Theresa Kay. They also have a son. Theresa is the granddaughter of the Earl Collins. Earl is Tool Engineering Office Supervisor.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bob Jones in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Howard Jones. Bob works in Tool Room.

Our sympathy is also extended to Beverly Miller in the loss of her father, H. K. Wilkerson. Beverly works in Advertising and Sales Promotion.

The annual gathering of draftsmen was held at Beck's Creek on Shady Acres owned by Lyle Woodard near Tower Hill on September 10. It was potluck with the host furnishing hamburgers. The fellows played touch football and there was



only one torn shirt. I guess someone must have touched too hard. After eating, we gathered around the fire and enjoyed some good old songs, accompanied by Jim Smith on his guitar.

Mitchell Anderson was born October 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kester. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. They have a girl Michele. Earl works in Tool Engineering.

Elmer Fawley recently celebrated another birthday. His fellow employees did not forget this date either. When he arrived that morning, there was a card sign on his desk large enough to see from quite a distance. It read, "Over The Hill, TODAY." I'll just let you do your own interpreting.

During the widening of Eldorado Street and the moving of Route 36, the machines came down Monroe Street far enough to take away some of the boulevard to make four lanes. There was a deep hole almost in front of the Monroe Entrance. I overheard someone say that it was for a tank for the company seals. You know, LubO, AngO, and Ori.

The Ben Finleys are the parents of a baby boy born recently weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs., and named Timothy Lloyd. They have a son, Monty. Ben is Plant Industrial Engineer.

A baby boy, Gregory Harrison, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Al Seitz. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 ozs. and has two sisters. Al works in the Tool Room.

During the summer, there were new additions to the Broske and Hartness families. Fawn, the Broske's German Shepherd, had a litter of 12 puppies. These were registered and they all have homes. Bob Hartness' two Beagles had 18 pups. These have homes too. From the reports all had a howling good time.



Our best wishes go to Kay Shockley and Lloyd Brownlow who were married recently. Lloyd is the son of Ruth Brownlow of Tool Engineering and Charles Brownlow of the Iron Machine Shop. Kay is the step-daughter of Virgil Morrison of the Iron Machine Shop.



Barney Riley, right, receives a watch from his co-workers at Plant 4. Mr. Riley retired recently after 40 years of service. Making the presentation is John Bolson.



Representing 100 years of Mueller Co. service at Los Angeles are, from left: Mike Liebherr, Steel Dept.; Ben Piott, Foundry; Jim Musso, Brass Machine Shop, and Bill Young, Foreman in the Assembly Dept. Each man received his 25-year service pin recently.



The first and second shift of the Chattanooga Maintenance Department were on hand recently when J. H. Pursley retired. Mr. Pursley is shown second from left. Chief Engineer J. M. Eckman is at the left. In the back row, the fourth from the left, is Frank Hackman, Assistant Plant Manager.



WALTER BOWAN  
35 Years  
Decatur



Arlice Manning, right, flask man in the Chattanooga Iron Foundry, retired recently after 37 years of service. Presenting him with a watch and a certificate is Coy Jones.



Marking 25 years of service recently were four Decatur employees. They are, from left to right: Martin Riewski, A. D. Parks, Gaylord R. Tripp and Dwayne E. Lebo.



W. John Flood, center, receives his 40-year service pin from Carl Smith, left, Production Superintendent. At the right is O. C. Spears, Personnel Supervisor. Jack is the Assistant Foreman in the Ground Key Department in Sarnia.



Presentation of a 35-year service pin for Harriet Ramsey, Core Maker in Dept. 1, was made recently by Carmen Weese, Department Foreman at Sarnia.

# SERVICE AWARDS

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

## DECATUR

5 Years: James W. Jones Vance Heckman, John E. Hockings, Louis P. Mautz\*, Robert J. Thomas\*, Paul B. Watts\*, Paul Halbrook, Robert T. Cole, Troy M. Henson, Ronald W. Brunner, Myrna Barding, Hartford A. Lewis, Jr., Walter N. Mitchell, Donald Radcliffe.

10 Years: Kenneth L. Moore, Elmer O. Ball, Frank R. Seever\*, Delmar E. Bagenski, Floyd W. Erlenbusch, Irene Tueth, Edward R. Richards, Lyle R. Huff, Scott J. Kwasny, Elmer M. Lading, Lawrence E. Lewis, James S. Cussins III, Ronald G. Appelt, Thurman A. Dunnaway, Ben Berner, Jr., Kenneth E. Daugherty, John E. Johnson, John Hackl, Earl J. Caulk, Alice Weir, Ralph Handley Jr., Wayne R. Jones.

15 Years: Louis Nash.



**WILLIAM L. ADAMS**  
35 Years  
Decatur



**N. C. WASHBURN**  
35 Years  
Decatur



**JOHN M. SMITH**  
35 Years  
Decatur

20 Years: Paul R. Ammann, Kennes K. Karnes, William O. Misenheimer, Eugene R. Graeber\*, Wayne E. Nottingham, Colva I. Mayberry, Frank R. Grider, Elmer W. Baker, Maynard Buckta, Otis B. Fears, Jr., Claude Inman, Joe Fyke, Hilda Golembeck, Roy J. Burge, Ferdin A. Herreid, Herbert W. Deibert.

25 Years: Gaylord R. Tripp, Dwayne E. Lebo, Martin Riewski, Robert P. Gross, Jack C. Rubicam\*, Robert Oberline, Cleo Craft, William Mueller, Jr., A. D. Parks.

30 Years: Wayne McCoy.  
35 Years: Walter J. Bowan, William L. Adams, N. C. Washburn, John M. Smith, Clarence C. Reidelberger, Merle Cunningham, George E. Hartwig, Charles Murray.

## SARNIA

5 Years: George Sazanov, Maurice Eveson, Louise Gauthier.

10 Years: Arthur Hutchinson\*, Elma Wheeler, Delos Dennett.

20 Years: Robert Bannister, Basil Thompson, Eric Wood, Jack White, Roscoe Kearney, Michael Higgins, William Ingles, William Eady, Edgar Ellenor, Edgar McIntosh, George Maitland, Harold Hannam, Fred Trumble.

35 Years: Harriet Ramsey.  
40 Years: John Milne.

## LOS ANGELES

5 Years: Leslie Trow, Charles Stevens, Veva Opheim.

10 Years: Eli Lockard, Robert Ward, James Holmes, Nick Chavez, Lillian Espey.

15 Years: Benjamin Price.

20 Years: Claud Beckham, William Adams, Hal Murray.

25 Years: James Musso, William Young.

## CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Percy Applebet, J. L. Barron, Emory L. Bolden, Wesley K. Brooks, Donald C. Broyles, Persie L. Campbell, Robert Catchings, Robert Chunn, Carlton S. Clark, James A. Cooper, Bill E. Denham, Bennon Dees, Edwin Doss, Charles A. Edwards, Ray E. Edwards, Daniel W. Emery, Reecie Evans, John A. Foster, Jr., James L. Godwin, Jessie L. Golson, James O. Hise, Mickey N. Hope, Al Houston, Diana M. Huntoon, Roosevelt King, Theodore L. Lindsey, Joan T. Long, Clarence A. McDaniel, Sherman Mobley, George D. Moore, James A. Newman, John A. Pekala, Floyd E. Peters, James W. Rice, Ike Robinson, Jr., Leonard Robinson, J. B. Sheffield, G. W. Simmons, Shirley B. Smotherman, Robert L. J. Spence, James C. Swafford, Odell Taylor, Albert Lee Thompson, Billy J. Thompson, Harvey Lee Vaughn, Leroy Williams, William B. Wooten, Roy L. Worley, Paul J. Allison, Curtis Barber, Leon W. Brown, Earl R. Capehart, Willie A. Cowley, Shelton Doyle, Jr., Herman E. Easley, Almer L. Godwin, John W. Griffin, Thurman Griffin, John Halsey, Jr., Dillard Johnson, Julian H. Kilgore, Frank Killingsworth, Robert E. King, Russell F. Lomnick, Mary E. McLaughlin, Edgar B. Montgomery, Jr., John W. Muse, Howard E. Owens, Preston S. Owens, Curtis Pace, Claude H. Salmon, Arthur L. Scruggs, Paul W.

Smith, Willie Southern, Murray L. Stewart, Allen L. Summerlin, Edward O. Watkins, James E. Williams, Herbert H. Woody.

10 Years: Berry L. Ayers, Marvin S. Boykin, William Hambrick, Eddie Hinton, Stanley B. Kuhne, Willie A. Mitchum, James L. Owens, Arnold W. Paris, Ruben G. Skipper, Jr., Howard K. Stokes, James Bee Thomas, Robert C. Walton, Genie Conner, Early Lee Cooper, Willie Gunn, Warren Hill, Fred F. Hixon, Phyllis H. McDonald, Dolores H. McFadden, Maynard

W. Mitchell, Walter Readus, Jake Rice, L. C. Stewart, Charlie F. Vaughn, James E. West.

15 Years: Hershel E. Deems, Mitchell Foster, Curtis L. Hicks, Edward Parham.

20 Years: William Joe Hixon, Jack Pope, Harold Roberts, John Allen, Fred Brown, Eugene Drake, Frank C. Hackman, Leslie O. Higdon, John W. Hixon, Jr., James E. Johnson, Jr., Ben T. Long, Henry Rutledge, Lemuel Warren.

35 Years: Early Suggs.

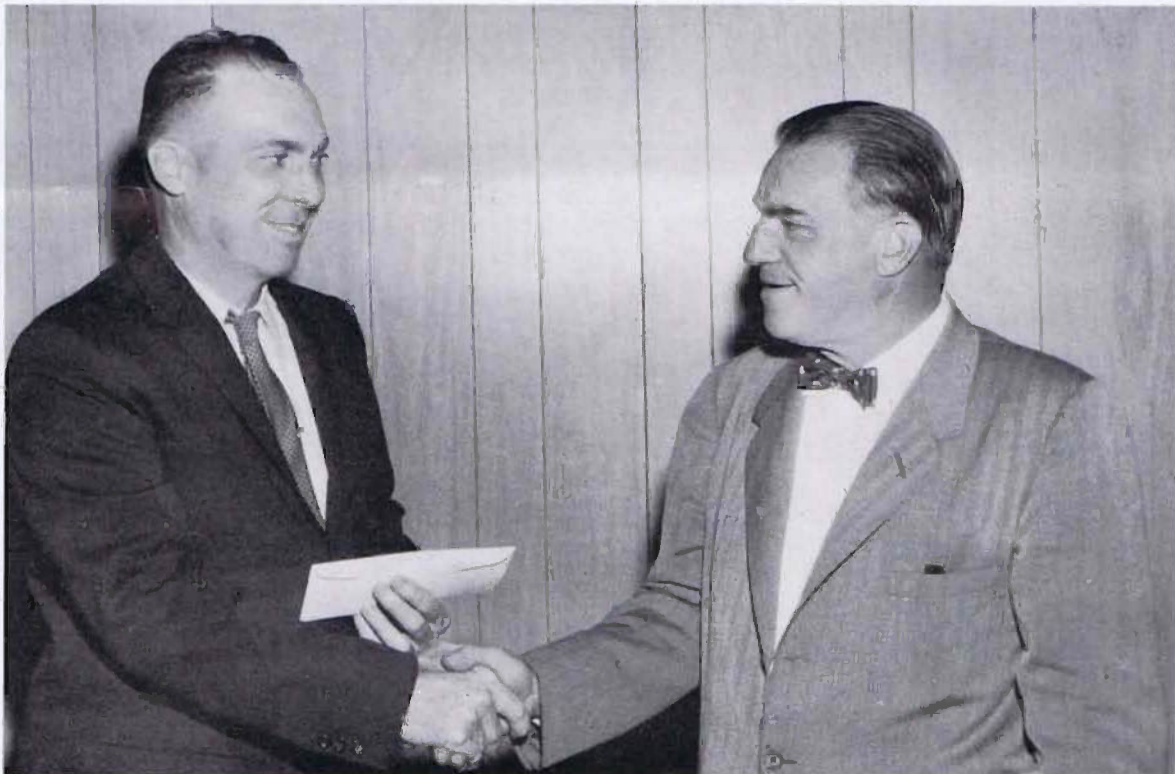
\* Salesmen



John (Scotty) Milne, Merchandise Manager of the Waterworks Division in Sarnia, receives his 40-year service pin from R. M. Nicolson, Sales Manager, (right).



A total of 105 years of Mueller Service is represented by the four men above from Decatur. They are, from left: Wayne McCoy, 30 years; William Mueller, Jr., 25 years; Cleo Craft, 25 years, and Robert Oberline, 25 years.



John J. Smith, left, receives his 25-year service pin from Frank H. Mueller. Mr. Smith is Chief Product Engineer.

# DECATUR DEATHS

A number of close relatives and family of Decatur employees died during the past few weeks. Those who died, and their relationship, to Mueller employees are listed below:

Emil Schlacter, father-in-law of Ray Caudel (Dept. 70).

Mrs. Mary Barnes, mother of Paul Barnes (Dept. 80).

John Weir, father of Alice Weir (Dept. 45).

Harlan McClintick, father of James McClintick (Sales).

Mrs. Hartley, mother of John Gubola (Dept. 80).

Mrs. Effie Andes, mother of Walter Andes (Dept. 70).

George Hansen, father-in-law of Charles Long (Dept. 39).

Mrs. Anastasia Sulwer, mother of George Sulwer (Dept. 70).

Henry Deibert, father of Herbert Deibert (Dept. 70).

Mrs. Julia Rozell, mother of Frank Rozell (Dept. 80).

Mrs. Emma Kayhs, mother-in-law of Joseph Crane (Dept. 20).

Mrs. Hazel Baum, mother of Delmar Baum (Dept. 80).

Mrs. Hazel Hill, wife of George Hill (Retired).

Elmer Harrison, father of Roy Harrison (Dept. 80).

Mrs. Helen Zerfowski, mother of Walter Zerfowski (Dept. 38).

Mrs. Margaret Paslay, mother of Burrill and E. J. Paslay (Both Retired).

Homer Campbell, father of Fred Campbell (Dept. 41).

Kenneth Mullis, son of Mrs. Marie Moore (Cafeteria).

Roscoe Stone, father of Carl Stone (Dept. 70).

Pauline Auer, wife of Ira Auer (Retired) and mother of Clifford Auer (Sales).

Frank Rust, father-in-law of Thomas Brown (Dept. 70).

Roger Fawcett, father of Robert Fawcett (Dept. 80).

Henry Webb, father-in-law of W. A. Matthews (Dept. 50).



Apparently awed by the worldliness of big brother, Joanne St. Cyr, right, listens intently as Robert discusses the arrival of their new sister, Lise Marie, who was born this summer. They are the children of Wilfrid J. St. Cyr, salesman in the Ottawa Valley territory in Canada.



"SAFETY SHOES, PLEASE."



Sept. 10 was chosen by M. Gale Cooke of the Billing Department, for her marriage to Kenneth W. Turner in the Point Edward Presbyterian Church. Best wishes go to the Turners who are living in Point Edward near Sarnia.



Miss Margaret J. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Brown (Plant 4) and Glen T. Mahew of Wixom, Mich., were married recently in Decatur. The groom is stationed in Williamsburg, Va., in the U. S. Navy.

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Across

- 1. .... to the world, the Lord is come
- 4. Christ child
- 8. Three kings of the Orient
- 12. Night before Christmas
- 13. Birthday of Jesus
- 15. Sold at Christmas to raise funds to control tuberculosis
- 17. Mother of Jesus
- 18. No room here for the Holy Family
- 19. Prefix, bearlike
- 20. Not a creature was stirring, not .... a mouse
- 21. Period
- 22. Andre ....., French novelist
- 24. And (Latin)
- 26. Silent .....
- 29. Heathen god
- 33. St. Nicholas
- 34. Come let us .... Him
- 35. Chimney
- 36. Feasted
- 37. Act
- 39. This gave the luster of midday to objects below

Down

- 41. Boy
- 44. Peak
- 46. Present
- 50. For skating
- 51. Tiriba (ab.)
- 52. Followed by the wise men
- 53. Angels announced Christmas to them
- 56. Forget this on Christmas
- 57. Length of time
- 58. Colors
- 59. Behold

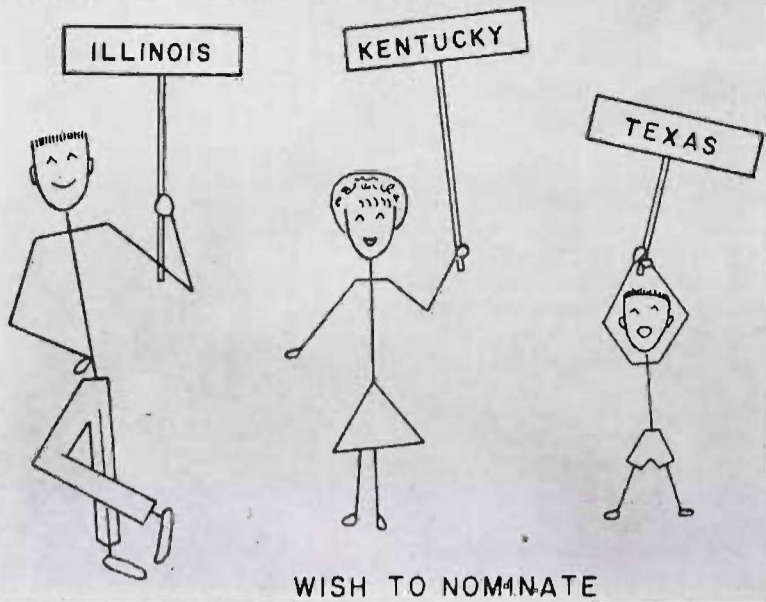
- 16. Illuminated as a Christmas tree
- 23. Go (Latin, imperative)
- 25. Message of great joy
- 26. Initials bank puts on checks returned for payment
- 27. Word ending
- 28. African antelope
- 30. To put on
- 31. Metal in native state
- 32. Guided—as the Star.... the three kings
- 34. Fuss—lots of this near Christmas
- 38. Vow
- 39. Jolly
- 40. Binary oxygen compound
- 41. Make one of these for Christmas cards and gifts
- 42. Pain—often felt in head and feet near Christmas
- 43. They pull Santa's sleigh
- 45. Variegated
- 47. Word ending
- 48. Travel
- 49. Decorated at Christmas
- 54. Busiest man at Christmas (ab.)
- 55. Sunday School (ab.)

Strolling through the card room of a businessmen's club, a member was surprised to see three men and a dog playing poker. Pausing to watch, he commented on the extraordinary performance of the dog. "He's not so smart," the dog's owner said in disgust. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."

I am like the man who was boiling a pot of coffee and frizzling some bacon over a little fire that he made on the prairie. The fire caught the grass of the prairie, and the man had to run along behind to keep the skillet over the blazing grass, and by the time he had his bacon done he was two miles away from the pot of coffee.



THE DELEGATES FROM



WISH TO NOMINATE



Retirement apparently doesn't mean quiet living for Bramlette Johnson as she is shown at the Pomona (Calif.) Fair taking off on a helicopter ride. She retired recently after many years in the Core Room. Accompanying her on the flight is her granddaughter Cheryl Johnson who is the daughter of Leonard Johnson, Foreman in the Steel Machine Shop in Los Angeles.



Kathleen Lester and Fred Vanderlaan were married this summer. They are living in Frankfort, Germany, where he is with the U. S. Army. Kathleen is the daughter of the Walter Lesters, Wait is in the Maintenance Department at Decatur.

THE NEWEST CANDIDATE FROM TEXAS TO RUN FOR V.I.P. ON THE PFILE FAMILY TICKET



NOMINEE: Kristi Noel Pfile  
 WEIGHT: 6 Lbs. 11 Oz.  
 LENGTH: 49"  
 DATE OF NOMINATION: September 22, 1960  
 NOMINATED AT: 9 P M  
 PRESENTED TO CONVENTION BY: Dr. J. L. Gerdes  
 CONVENTION HALL: Saint Joseph's Hospital  
 CAMPAIGN MANAGERS: Bob (Piff) & Lois (Cindy) Pfile  
 PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: Marty Pfile

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE FOR



KRISTI NOËL PFILE

One of the leading campaigners for Kristi Noel Pfile is Herman Jackson of the Catalog Department. Herman happens to be the grandfather of the candidate from Texas and gets his vote as his favorite. Instead of the favorite-son candidate, we have the favorite granddaughter candidate. The illustrations were taken from the birth announcement sent out by the Pfiles.



Miss Dorothy Wilkinson, Mueller Limited, stenographer, recently was crowned "Miss Mueller Credit Union" at the employees' annual meeting and banquet. Queen Dorothy competed with five others for the title of Lambton County Queen. Although Dorothy wasn't successful, she is still our choice.



Ruth Ann Parker, youngest daughter of George W. Parker, is now attending the University of Toronto where she is studying physio-occupational therapy. She recently graduated from Central High School, Saruia, and during her last year in high school Miss Parker was president of the girls athletic association and played the role of Snow White in the swimming pageant, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."



The marriage of Douglas Moore of the Los Angeles Plating Department and Beverly Sue Matshall of the Purchasing Department, took place Sept. 3 in the Faith Lutheran Church in Whittier, Calif. After a short trip to Yosemite National Park, they returned to make their home in Whittier and to their respective jobs at Mueller Co.



Bill Mueller, son of William A. Mueller, Cost Supervisor, graduated in August from Millikin University in Decatur with a degree in Engineering Administration. He worked until Oct. 30 with an accounting firm and then went to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri for six months of training in the U. S. Army Medical Corps.

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Doctor: "The best thing for you to do is to give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning, and go to bed early every night."

Patient: "What's the second best?"



Mueller officials discuss a company product with three visitors from Korea during a brief stay in Decatur. They are, from left: C. H. Park, I. J. Chung, A. G. Webber, Jr., Company President, B. C. Lee and A. D. Parks, Assistant Sales Manager of Outside Sales.

### 3 Engineers See Facilities

## Korean Water Officials Visit

Mueller Co. in Decatur was one of the stops made by three Korean engineers during their nine-month stay in this country. Those visiting were: Mr. I. J. Chung, water works engineer for the city of Seoul; Mr. B. C. Lee, water works engineer at Chun Chon City and Mr. C. H. Park,

water works engineer for the ministry of home affairs in the bureau of public works. In Decatur they visited the Mueller plant and met officials of the company. They were in this country to study the various aspects of planning, design and operation of water works systems. Their work in Korea is connected with the rehabilitation of water works systems of South Korea. Their visit to this country was under the auspices of the International Cooperation Adminis-

tration on a training program administered by the United States Department of Labor. The American Water Works Association has cooperated by providing a program of study and visits to many systems in the U. S. Arriving in this country in March, the trio spent some of their time studying at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore., and then worked their way from the west coast to Washington, D. C. from where they departed for Korea in November.

## Jobs at Mueller Co. Came By Unusual Route for Some

A professional football player, a meatcutter, a carpenter and a railroad man were some of the early jobs of present Mueller employees in Decatur.

Many have had varied jobs but once they got to Mueller Co. they seem to have found a home because all of those interviewed, whether in the office or plant, have had at least 25 years of service.

Probably the most glamorous of the "first jobs" was that of Elmer Fawley's, Head Inspector. After playing four years of football and basketball at Millikin University, Elmer gave pro football a try.

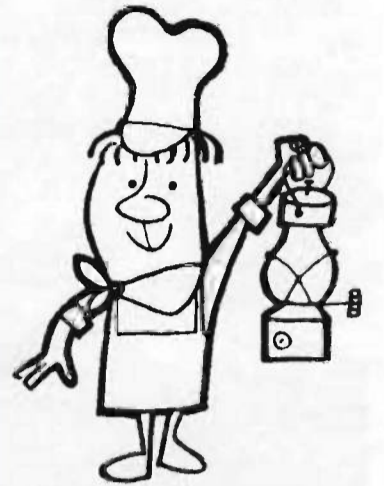
Elmer signed a contract with the Detroit Lions in 1934 at the rate of \$100 dollars a game. He stuck with the Lions through the exhibition season and then was farmed out to the Louisville Bourbons.

After one-year of football's play-for-pay, Elmer came back to Decatur and began working in the Engineering Department at Mueller Co.

Before his graduation from Millikin University with a major in industrial arts, he worked a couple of summers hauling ice to help keep in good physical shape.

ler Co., even though they had other jobs and other plans.

Robert Oberline (Dept. 80) worked four years as a section hand on the Wabash Railroad near Decatur. He said he was



working with the hopes that ultimately he would get hired as a locomotive fireman, but the chance never came. The depression hit and he went to work on a delivery and messenger service for three years.

He also did some farm work and worked around the home of Robert Mueller. In October, 1935, he started at Mueller Co. in the maintenance department and two weeks later he went to Dept. 80 to stay.

William Mueller, Jr., Cost Supervisor, was looking toward a job as a newspaperman when the depression hit and forced his parents to move back to the Decatur area.

While in school Bill worked at the Aberdeen (S. D.) American-News as a carrier, in the mail room, as a proofreader and finally as a reporter. "I liked newspaper work and wanted to go on to college to study it but the depression and dust storms forced us to move back to Illinois," he said.

In 1935, when Bill started at Mueller Co., he began in Department 70 as a machine operator. During the past 25 years he worked in Production Control, Standards and went on his present job in 1950.

Earl Lowe, Production Liaison Engineer, and a Mueller veteran



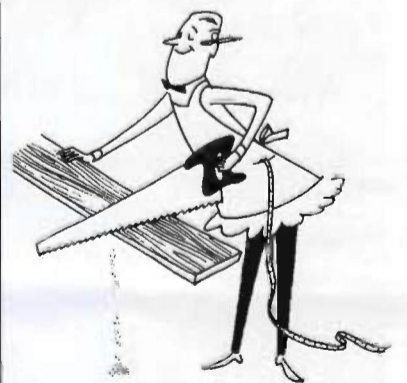
Elmer still hasn't gotten away from sports. He still officiates at a number of football games each year in the Decatur area.

One of Elmer's co-workers on the football field, Otto Peake of Plant 4, worked as a meatcutter in his hometown of Monticello as his first job. He began in a meat market for \$25 a week and worked in the trade for eight years.

In 1941 he came to Decatur and worked at the Signal Depot for a year before entering service.

In 1946, after he returned from service, he started to work in the Brass Foundry. Later he was made a time clerk and then, in 1954, went into production control—his present job.

The depression in the late 20's and early 1930's helped two employees decide to come to Muel-



Judge: "You admit that you stole eggs from this store. Have you any defense or excuse?"

Defendant: "Yes, I took them by mistake, your Honor."

Judge: "How is that?"

Defendant: "I thought they were fresh."

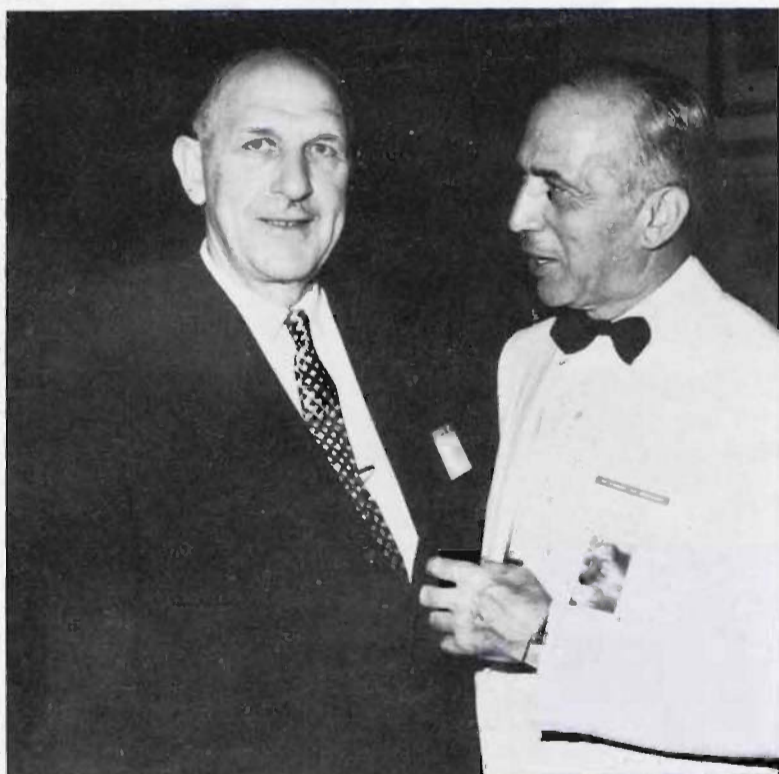
"There, now," said the sales manager as he and his newly-married chorine came within sight of Niagara Falls. "Didn't I tell you that if you married me you could look forward to the biggest cataract you'd ever seen?"

"Cataract?" she screamed. "I thought you said Cadillac!"

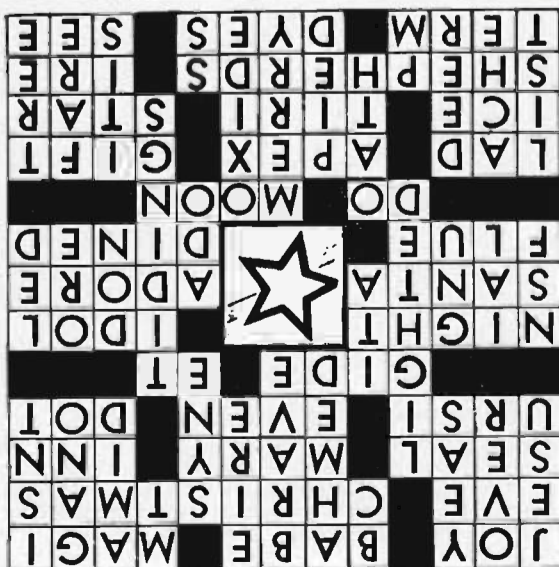
of 37 years, had only one other job and that was brief. While waiting to be hired at Muellers, Earl worked for two weeks as a carpenter for 40 cents an hour.

At 17-years-of-age he came here as a draftsman for less money, and worked his way through various jobs in engineering and Tool Room to his present job.

Cleo Craft of Dept 80, worked on a dairy farm his first job. After three months on the bridge gang for the Wabash Railroad, Cleo came to Mueller Co. He worked briefly as a carpenter and plumber and is now a grinder set-up man.



George W. Parker, Mueller Limited, President, is shown with Arch Crozier, left, of the Ontario Fuel Board following the Board of Directors meeting at the annual convention of the Canadian Gas Association in Murray Bay.



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