

WINTER DOESN'T HALT EXPANSION



The afternoon sun casts long shadows on the construction site in Decatur. In the lower right corner, the walls are being poured for the new office building. In the center, the holes show the places where piling are being driven. The shadow of the pile-driving rig falls

across the corner of the reception center over to the old foundry building. The old foundry building will be razed in the expansion program.

(Photo Courtesy Decatur Herald & Review)

Walls Go Up; Piling Go Down On Buildings

Walls and footings are being poured on the new office building and part of the 1174 concrete piling are being driven as work continues through the winter on the expansion in Decatur.

About 10,000 yards of dirt have been taken from the 15-foot deep hole which is the basement for the new office building and used as fill for the adjacent manufacturing building. Another, 20,000 yards of dirt, however, is needed as fill before the project is finished.

The steam-driven piling will go to depths varying from 20 to 48 feet, depending on the strata in the area. After the piling are driven to the desired depth, they are filled with concrete.

The piling here are driven in clusters and then capped with concrete. These will be used as footings or bases for the building columns.

Intricate tests were carried out for about two weeks before actual driving began. These tests were used to assure that the piling were driven to the depths required to support the designated weight of 40 tons per piling.

Three tanks holding a total of 18,000 gallons of water and their supporting beams, totaling more than 100 tons in weight were placed above the test piling. A hydraulic jack was set on the piling and then raised until 80 tons of weight was placed on the piling over a 48-hour period. At different intervals and weights, checks were made regularly to record the depth the piling had sunk. The reverse procedure was carried out and the distance the piling bounced back was also recorded. Since the amount of movement came within the prescribed specifications, the piling was deemed adequate for the job it has to do.

With a weight of 80 tons the piling varied in depth by 3/64 of an inch.

Decatur Young Man Citation To Milligan

Jim M. Milligan, Company Editor, recently was named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Decatur Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The annual award was made at the Bosses' Night Dinner where about 150 Jaycees and their bosses attended. The award is given for outstanding work and contributions to civic activities.

Mr. Milligan has been at Mueller Co. for four years and is a member of the mayor's water advisory committee, American Waterworks Association and active in such groups as the Red Cross, Heart Fund, United Fund, Millikin University alumni club, Macon County Young Republicans, and Association of Commerce.

Mueller Co. Names Two New Directors

Two new members were elected to the board of directors of Mueller Co. at the annual shareholders and board meeting in Decatur in December.

Elected to the board were John A. Schluter and Jackson Kemper. All other company officers and board members were re-elected.

Mr. Schluter succeeds his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Mueller Schluter, who resigned from the board.

Mr. Kemper, Executive Vice-President of Mueller Co., was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. H. Hipsher.

Mr. Schluter lives in New York City, is married and has one son. He is a 1951 graduate of Williams in Williamstown, Mass., and served three years in the U. S. Navy as an officer.

He is a member of the sales division of International Business Machines, Inc., in New York.

Re-elected company officers were:

- A. G. Webber, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board
- Jackson Kemper, Executive Vice-President
- Leo Wiant, Administrative Vice-President
- Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President and Director of Engineering
- Dan R. Gannon, Vice-President and General Sales Manager
- Leroy J. Evans, Vice-President in Charge of Eastern Sales
- Lyle R. Huff, Secretary-Treasurer.

Those re-elected to the board were:

- Joe H. Gardner
- Ebert B. Mueller
- Frank H. Mueller
- Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller
- Mrs. Lenore Mueller Schmick
- Franklin B. Schmick
- Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
- Albert G. Webber, Jr.
- Leo Wiant.

Warren Aaron, Ex-Salesman, Dies in Florida

Warren F. Aaron, Mueller Co. salesman for many years, passed away in November at his home in Wauchula, Fla.

Mr. Aaron was born in Loysburg, Pa., in 1880 and first went to work for Mueller Co. in 1904 at the St. Louis World's Fair. He worked in the Decatur factory and New York office from 1905 until 1917 when he took a leave of absence to work for the Ordnance Department during World War I.

When he returned in 1919 he went to work as a salesman in Michigan and worked there until 1948 when he retired after 41 years of service with Mueller Co.

Decatur Credit Union To Build New Office; Officers Re-Named

New quarters for the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union in Decatur are being planned.

Officers are in the process of buying a lot at the corner of Cerro Gordo and Edward streets and expect to have the transaction completed by May 1. The lot is 63 by 89 feet and has a frame house on it now.

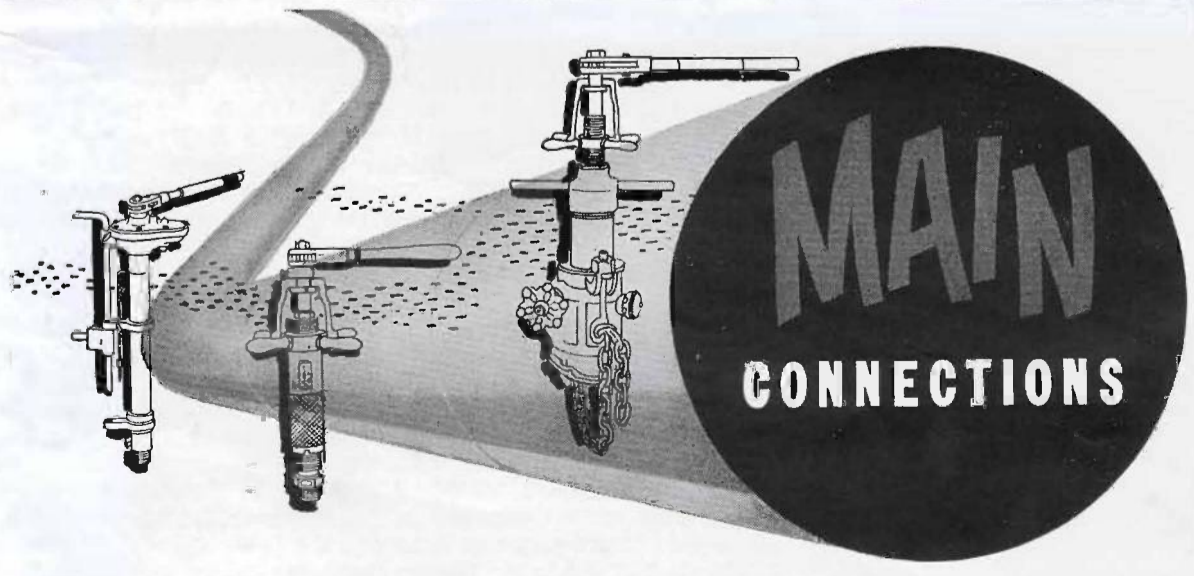
Harold Munsterman, Treasurer, said the type of structure to be built is under consideration and after the style is agreed upon, an architect will be hired to draw plans. He could give no completion date for the project.

The property is located just across the street from the proposed ramp which will lead to the parking on the roof of the new manufacturing building now under construction. Munsterman said the new office will also have room for 11 parking stalls.

About 280 persons attended the annual dinner meeting in January. Assets were reported at \$1,589,664, an increase of \$108,314 over 1959 and 1,502 loans were made in 1960, total-

ing \$1,795,125. The number of members has increased 40 in the past year to a total of 1,251 and four per cent dividends, totaling \$53,597, were paid.

- The officers re-elected were:
- Otis B. Fears, President (Pattern Shop)
 - Albert Spitzer, Vice President, (Dept. 90)
 - Harold Munsterman, Treasurer, (Pattern Shop)
 - A. Stanley Ashby, Secretary, (Foreman—Service Dept. Plant 4).
- Directors are:
- Cecil D. Kelley, (Machine Maintenance)
 - Orville Spencer, Jr., (Tool Room)
 - Frank Ridgeway, (Brass Foundry)
 - Carl I. Maurer, (Maintenance)
 - Harold Taylor, (Machine Maintenance)
 - Russell Armstrong, (Dept. 20)
 - Charles L. Brown, (Dept. 80)
 - Richard C. Tish, (Main Office)
 - Howard Gleespen, (Dept. 80)
 - Eric Blankenburg, (Dept. 44)
 - R. Dale Streight, (Dept. 70).





Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz

One of the most delightful occasions we enjoy during the holiday season is the visit we receive from our retired employees. We asked some of them to delay their greeting to their friends long enough for us to snap a picture. As you can see the years they have spent taking it easy certainly have agreed with them. One group visiting was Charlie Casteel, Dave Smith, and Elbert W. Warren. "Uncle Charlie" as everyone fondly knew Mr. Casteel, worked in the Machine Shop until his retirement in May of 1945. He told me while he was here, that he celebrated his 83rd birthday in July. I had not seen him for some time and it was really a treat to talk with him. Dave Smith retired in April of 1952, after serving the company for a number of years in the Machine Shop. He was quite proud of the fact that he will reach the age of 74 in April. Dave is just as spry as ever. Elbert Warren retired in March of 1949 and was employed in the capacity of third shift Watchman. He will celebrate his 77th birthday in March and he just looks wonderful. He attributes his good health and fine disposition to the fact that he hasn't done anything except fish since his retirement.

The other group of fine looking gentlemen included John North, who retired in August of 1950 and was employed as a Watchman; Howard Morton, whose life of leisure began on Dec. 31, 1947, was Foreman of the Core Room; Charles N. "Nick" Pursley retired in May of 1957 and was a Flask Carpenter in the Pattern Shop; and

Clint Cooper, Foreman of the Shipping Dept., who retired in July of 1953. We won't divulge the ages of these men as they are all still young enough that they might not approve. It was such a joy to see them and we wish for all of them years and years of good health and happiness.

supervisors to lunch on Dec. 23 at the Alamo Plaza Restaurant.

We have received only three reports of successful deer hunts this season. Joe Levi, of the Assembly Department, bagged a four-point buck at Tellico Plains. Calvin Stephenson, employed in the Machine Shop, got a 200-pound eight-point buck in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia, and Bobby Ridge, also employed in the Machine Shop, got a 12-point buck that field dressed at 175 pounds. He was hunting on the Prentice Cooper Reservation.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Leroy Spence in the

Shirley Ann on Nov. 8; Reuben Smith in the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Denise on Nov. 13; and to Talmadge Pittman in the birth of a son, Gary Lebron on Dec. 9.

Congratulations to Jesse King, Time Study Engineer, and Sandra Su Belk who were married Dec. 30 at the Northside Baptist Church. Sandra is a student at the University of Chattanooga and the couple is now residing on Mississippi Avenue.

Our "best wishes" are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Zane Roach who were married Dec. 23 in the Hixson Baptist Church. The bride was the

former Neida Faye Dent. The couple is now residing at 421½ Osborne Drive.

Eva Lorene Heyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Heyer, became the bride of Robert Lee Chandler, Jr. on Nov. 11 in the Mary Branan Memorial Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The Rev. Dr. Neal Windham, Pastor, officiated and Mrs. Fern Fitzgerald, organist and Miss Karen Heyer, vocalist, presented a program of wedding music. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a satin princess style dress with a chapel-length train. The lace bodice was trimmed with seed pearls and was fashioned with a round neckline and long fitted sleeves.



Members of the sales staff at Chattanooga gather around the desk of Sales Service Supervisor George W. Piper as they prepare to exchange Christmas gifts.

The Production Control Office had its annual Christmas party on Dec. 19, in the offices of the Audiomatic on Ringgold Road. We had hoped to have a picture of the festive activities but due to a faulty camera we weren't able to do so. From the reports we got they must have had a very good time. The Purchasing, Personnel, First Aid, Time Study, Accounting and Payroll Departments were treated by the

death of his father; to Nadine Carden in the loss of her father-in-law; Duke Hollingsworth in the death of his father; to Autra Fant who lost his father as did Russell Lomnick; to Claude Howell in the death of his mother-in-law and to Curtis Coleman in the passing of his wife.

Congratulations to Henry Baker in the birth of a daughter.

2 Chattanooga Men Advance In Sales, Engineering Div.



GEORGE W. PIPER



ROBERT LEE RHODES

Two promotions involving Mueller Co. personnel at Chattanooga were announced recently.

George W. Piper, Sales Service Correspondent, was named Sales Service Supervisor and Robert Lee Rhodes, former project engineer, was named Senior Project Engineer.

Mr. Piper was born in Hackensack, N. J. and moved to Chattanooga when he was six years old. In 1949 he graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., with an A. B. degree.

He came to work for Mueller Co. in June of 1957. He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Post and the father of five children, the latest additions being twins who are now 2½ years old.

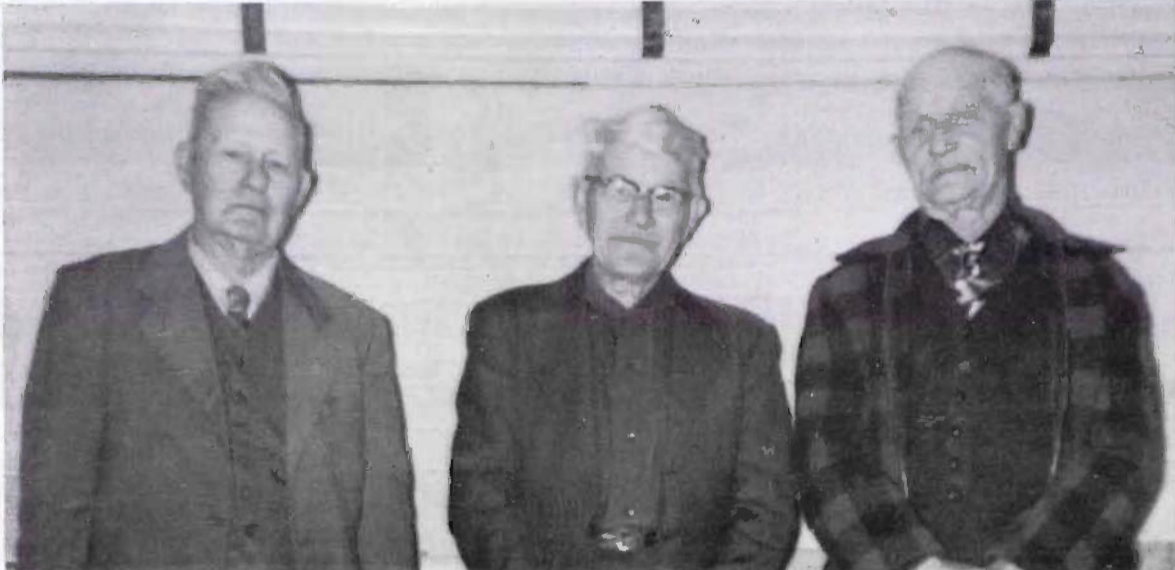
His hobbies are photography and the building of doll furniture.

Mr. Rhodes was educated in Decatur schools and graduated in 1937. The following year he began working for Mueller Co. in the Blueprint Room. He attended Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., and continued working with Mueller Co. during summer vacations as a draftsman. After two years in the Army he returned to Mueller Co. as a design draftsman.

He also attended Millikin University in Decatur and later worked as a project engineer in the Research Division until his transfer to Chattanooga in June of 1959.

He is married to the former Catherine Taylor and the father of three children.

His hobbies include woodworking and school activities. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers.



Some of the veterans who returned to visit Mueller Co. in Chattanooga were, in the top photo, from left, Charlie Casteel, Dave Smith and Elbert W. Warren. In the bottom photo are, John North, Howard Morton, Charles (Nick) Pursley and Clint Cooper.



MUELLER, LIMITED

Reports

by
PHYLLIS TURNER

A pre-Christmas dance and buffet dinner were held Dec. 2 in the Sarnia Riding Club by members of the Mueller, Limited Men's Social Club, who were hosts to their wives and dates. In the festively decorated lounge of the club, guests were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Skippon and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott. Spot dance prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Oldrich Junek, Mrs. Bonnie Chaytor and Mr. David Potter. The door prize ticket concealed in one of the balloons dropped from the ceiling, was caught by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Willoughby. Highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus. With a large Christmas tree in the background, Santa, assisted by Master of Ceremonies Donald Thain, presented each lady with a gift decorated with a Christmas corsage. Buffet dinner was served at midnight to the 35 couples in attendance. By all reports and comments this was a most successful evening.



PAULA SKIPPON

Paula Skippon, daughter of R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering of Mueller, Limited, received the B'nai B'rith Scholarship for highest aggregate marks in Grade 11 at the Central Collegiate Institute's annual commencement, Dec. 27. Miss Skippon also received the Student Council Award for having the highest marks for Grade 11.

Mueller, Limited held its traditional Christmas dinner for retired employees Dec. 23 in the company cafeteria. Company officials welcomed those able to attend and extended their best wishes for the holiday season and coming year. Prior to the dinner the retired employees toured the plant visiting old work places and acquaintances. On behalf of the pensioners Gordon Stuart expressed their appreciation and thanks for making such a get-together possible.

Lyle Izzard, Shipping Room, and Howard Taylor, Dept. 3, plus six other anxious hunters from the area left Sarnia by car for Tobermory and then by boat went to Fitzwilliam Island to make a year-long hunting dream a reality. After the week-long hunt they bagged one doe, two buck fawn and three bucks. This was Lyle's first trip deer hunting but from all talk he is eager for more.

Harold Hannam, Dept. 3, was the winner of the October safety contest. Congratulations Harold! Judges for the contest were Alvin McKellar, Dept. 5, and Eric Wood, Dept. 3.

R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering for Mueller, Limited, was re-elected to the Sarnia Board of Education in the civic elections held Dec. 5.

The office girls of Mueller, Limited held their annual Christmas dinner at the Sarnia Golf Club Dec. 13. Twenty-six girls enjoyed the delicious full-course turkey dinner in the beautifully decorated dining room. During the evening Christmas carols were sung to piano music by Almeda Reeve, Doris Smith and Romane Nahmabin.

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

Mark Duncan Walker, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Odie E. Walker, Nov. 26. Mr. Walker is Executive Vice-President and General Manager of the Sarnia plant.

Michael John Murray, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Murray, Nov. 16. Gil is Foreman of Dept. 7.

Best wishes are in order for Ila and Roger Croxall on their marriage Dec. 9 in the Devine Street United Church, Sarnia. Ila is employed as an office clerk.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following:

Alvin Smith in the recent loss of his father, Mr. William H. Smith. Alvin is employed in Dept. 10.

L. Merlin Coates, Factory Manager, in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Sills of Decatur.

The family of the late James H. Bullock. Mr. Bullock, who was employed in Dept. 12 as a tester, died Nov. 20.

Two Mueller, Limited employees, Don Goodall (Dept. 10) and Mel Dawson (Dept. 3) were among these 13 hunters from the Sarnia area who bagged six deer, two moose, one bear and a fox during a week-long hunt. Their hunting spot was in northern Ontario, near Dorset. Goodall is third from the left and Dawson is on the extreme right.



About 22,000 pounds of ham and bacon were distributed to Decatur employees as Christmas presents from Mueller Co. In the above photo, L. B. McKinney, left, and Leroy Ashby, receive their sacks from Claude Inman, left, and Cal McQuality. In the bottom photo Santa Claus stops to get a few orders from children of Decatur employees.



The Gas Technology Course of the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto visited Mueller, Limited for the third straight year recently. The group spent two hours touring the plant and in the afternoon the group watched "No-Blo" demonstrations with Mueller Co. equipment presented by B. Sigurdson, Assistant General Sales

Manager. In the above photo Mueller, Limited officials and guests are in the front row and the students are in back. In front, from left, are: C. S. Browett, B. Sigurdson, R. J. Skippon, R. M. Nicolson, F. Roughton, Course Instructor; O. E. Walker, Hugh Carter, Area Inspector for the Ontario Fuel Board and L. M. Coates.

Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley

John J. Smith, Chief Products Engineer, had a very unusual vacation this year. Instead of going to Florida, as the Smiths have in the past, the family decided to make short trips from Decatur. They visited New Salem State Park, near Springfield; the zoo at Bloomington; the new dam site at Taylorville where they watched some of the work being done; and the Chevrolet Assembly Plant in St. Louis. They also did some shopping in St. Louis. It really is amazing what we miss seeing right around us, isn't it?

Several Christmas parties were enjoyed during the holidays. The Draftsmen met at the Don Ferrys, then went out to eat, and finally went to the Ben Joneses for the remainder of the evening. From the reports a good time was had by all. The Standards Group and Tool Engineering Group each had Christmas parties, but this reporter received no facts or comments.

William Colvis, Special Sales Representative, and his wife recently hosted about 30 persons at a farewell party for J. William Coffey and Jack L. Chilton, following their completion of an 18-month sales training course. The Chiltons left Dec. 1 for Atlanta, Ga. and the Coffeys went to Minneapolis, Minn. about Jan. 1 on their sales assignments.

Christmas Day was quite eventful in the home of Joe and Mary Lou Penne. There were Christmas dinner, gifts, and then later Mrs. Penne presented the family with a baby boy that evening. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was named Joseph Paul. They also have a daughter Julie. Something else unusual was that Julie's picture appeared on the front page of the Decatur Herald and Review that morning. She was looking out a window, with a caption of "Here He Comes Now." Joe decided that she must have seen the stork and not Santa Claus as the caption implied. Joe is Assistant Company Editor.

To raise money needed for the Gay A. Kintner Memorial Scholarship Fund, some of the old-timers of Stephen Decatur High School consented to come out of retirement to play a benefit basketball game. There were about 60 of them with 30 on a squad. Each team was divided into four separate teams. The first teams of each squad were graduates from 1929 to 1938; the second teams ranged from 1940 to 1944; the third teams from 1945 to 1950; and the fourth teams from 1958 to 1960. It was very interesting and amusing to watch some of Decatur's basketball greats. One Mueller employee participated. And while Lynn Edwards was playing basketball, the Works Manager Bowling Team of which he is a member were winning three games in the Mueller Co. Bowling League. This was a first for this team. The next day Lynn received two rejection slips and three notes stating, "NO LONGER NEEDED." Lynn is an Assistant Project Engineer.



The dictionary gives the definition of dog as the most intelligent of all beasts. It must be correct, because during one of our recent snowy and cold days, a dog wandered into the office. It wasn't easy to persuade him that he should be outdoors. He just didn't want to go, but finally he was coaxed out a nearby door.

The continuing cold weather has given some of the Mueller employees a chance to enjoy the winter sport of ice skating. From what I hear there is a place on Lake Decatur that is very good, and it is lighted. Some of the draftsmen in the Engineering Division are just learning, and they seem to enjoy it even though they are sitting down part of the time.

On Jan. 3, Jeffrey Allan was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sarver in La Mesa, California. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and is their third child, second boy. Jeffrey is the grandson of Ruth Brownlow, Tool Engineering; Charles Brownlow, Iron Machine Shop; and Gerald Sarver, Brass Grinding Room.

DECATUR DEATHS

We would like to extend our sympathy to the families of Decatur employees, or employees whose relatives died during the past few weeks.

Those who died and their relationship to Mueller employees are listed below:

Frank Shade (Dept. 70) died recently. He is also the stepfather of Dean Grant, Tool Methods Engineer.

Mrs. Myrtle Sill, wife of Frank Sill (Retired).

Leonard Wood (Retired) died recently.

Mrs. Matilda Karnes, mother of Kennes Karnes, (Dept. 70).

Henry Schulte, father-in-law of Roy Thompson (Dept. 41) and Athie Thompson (Dept. 90).

Leroy Tolly (Retired) died recently.

Enoch Foster father of Marshall (Power Plant Engineer) and Robert Foster (Dept. 80) and father-in-law of Archie Meador (Dept. 70).

William Pier, father of Patricia Bell (Dept. 45).

B. H. Howard, father of Floyd Howard (Dept. 81).

Ace Doty, father-in-law of Tony Schultz (Sand Lab).

Lloyd Pasley, brother of Glen Pasley (Dept. 20).

Mrs. Delphia Patterson, sister of Merle Carter (Dept. 50).

Anna B. Schuman, mother of Carl Schuman, Assistant Iron Foundry Foreman.

Mrs. Ed Kushmer, sister-in-law of Velma Kushmer.

New Sales Section Made; Three Changes Announced



ROBERT J. OTT



JACK L. CHILTON



J. WILLIAM COFFEY

The establishment of a seventh territorial sales section under the managership of Robert J. Ott, has been announced by Mueller Co., Vice President and General Sales Manager Dan R. Gannon.

In addition, the appointment of two new sales representatives has been announced by Mr. Gannon. The assignments were effective Dec. 1.

Jack L. Chilton, sales trainee at Mueller Co. for the past 18 months, will succeed Mr. Ott as sales representative in Georgia and eastern Alabama.

J. William Coffey, who has also just completed an 18-month comprehensive sales training program, has been assigned to the Midwest Section working with E. W. Peterson in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Under the territory revisions Mr. Ott heads the newly formed Southern Section which is made up of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. This area formerly was under Mr. H. W. (Bill) Cessna as part of the Southeast Section.

Mr. Cessna will continue his supervision of the Southeast Section with headquarters in Richmond, Va. His reorganized territory now includes Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Western Pennsylvania, and part of Delaware.

Mr. Ott joined Mueller Co. in 1955 and since that time he has served in the states of Mississippi, Georgia and part of Alabama. He will continue living in Atlanta, Ga. Before joining Mueller Co. he was advertising and sales promotion manager for a large central Illinois appliance house.

Mr. Cessna joined Mueller Co. in 1951 as a Sales Representative and in 1957 was promoted to section sales manager.

Mr. Chilton, 29 years old, joined Mueller Co. in 1959 following his graduation from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in engineering administration. He served in the U. S. Navy for four years, is married and the father of a young son.

He will live in Atlanta.

Mr. Coffey, 26 years old, also graduated from Millikin University in 1959 and has a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He served two years in the U. S. Air Force, is married and the father of two children, a boy and a girl. He will headquarter in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.



Constance Tauber leads the grand march at homecoming festivities at Fonbonne College in Clayton, Mo. Miss Tauber, daughter of Robert Tauber, Senior Tool Methods Engineer in Decatur, was named

homecoming queen. Her escort is Jerry J. McNamara of Decatur who is a senior at Notre Dame University.

Cafeteria Philosophy—

Know Your Customer

Correctly running an employee cafeteria requires psychological skills more than the knowledge of the culinary art, according to Mrs. Marie Moore.

Mrs. Moore, who has managed the Mueller Co. cafeteria in Decatur for the past 11 years, said one of her biggest problems is trying to decide what menus are most appealing to the 225 employees who eat there daily.

"By getting to know their likes and dislikes we are able to plan our menus most economically and most healthfully. We know that on the day we have baked steak we don't have to bake as many pies, because they eat steak and other heavier foods and aren't as likely to eat a dessert," she said.

What are the favorites of Mueller employees? Naturally hot dogs and hamburgers get the nod in the sandwich line.

According to Mrs. Moore, beef and noodles and baked macaroni are No. 1 or 2 with ham and beans coming in a close third as far as favorite meals are concerned.

In the pastry department, cherry is the most popular pie. An average of 18 pies are baked daily with far more two-crust pies being baked compared with soft pies.

Mueller workers go through about 12 gallons of coffee each day and 60 pounds of potatoes. The coffee consumption includes that at breakfast times—a recent innovation that opened the cafeteria for those wanting a light breakfast or who didn't have time for that second cup of coffee before they left home.

Although Mrs. Moore can't explain it, she said there is a definite difference between Thursday and Friday when it comes to the number of persons served. Thursday is normally the busiest day of the week with Friday the slowest.

It takes a staff of eight women to prepare and serve the regular meals. This includes a baker, two cooks, two salad women and three other general workers.

All of the women serve a dual

purpose. Once the food is prepared they move out to the serving lines or help clean off trays and run the dishes through the washer.

The first cook and Mrs. Moore arrive at 5 a.m. and by 8:30 a.m. the full crew is on hand. By 2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. their day is complete.

In addition to serving regular meals during the week the women also prepare the food for showers and other parties in the cafeteria and do the cooking for the 4-X dinner-meetings.

Mrs. Moore has managed the cafeteria here since 1949 when it was reopened. She had been a bookkeeper most of her life and was looking for a parttime job when she answered a blind ad for cafeteria help. She said she took the job as cashier, but when the temporary manager left town "for a few days" he left her in charge.

He finally returned after four "frantic" weeks and they put her in charge.

The cafeteria's physical properties are owned by Mueller Co. but the food service is furnished and operated by a national firm with home offices in Chicago.

A total of 250 workers can be seated at one time.



One of the 18 pies baked daily is taken from the oven by Mrs. Violet Rector while the chief cook Mrs. Judy Briscoe works over the stove preparing one of the dishes for the noon meal. Once the food is prepared the women move out of the kitchen to the serving line.



Mrs. Marie Moore, Cafeteria Manager, stands beside the "thought for the day." Almost daily Mrs. Moore changes the sign which has become food for thought for many employees.

Leopold, Finley, Johnson Named to New Decatur Jobs

Three appointments effective Dec. 1 have been announced by Mueller Co. officials in Decatur.

Ben G. Finley, Standards Engineer, has been named Plant Industrial Engineer and Charles W. Johnson named Senior Time Study Engineer. The appointments were announced by Assistant Works Manager Harlan A. White.

According to Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President and Director

time study engineer after attending Southeast Missouri State College. He is a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo.



W. R. LEOPOLD

of Engineering, W. R. Leopold, Jr., has been named Assistant Director of Engineering.

Mr. Leopold has been Engineering Division Manager at Mueller Co. since 1956. He came here from the Locomotive Division of Avco Manufacturing Corp. in Stratford, Conn., where he was group project engineer in charge of research and development.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N. J.

Mr. Finley has been Standards Engineer for the past 15 months and for two years prior he was Senior Time Study Engineer. He joined the company in 1954 as a



BEN G. FINLEY

The post of Plant Industrial Engineer has been unfilled since Charles Moore was named Assistant Factory Manager 17 months ago.

Mr. Johnson has been with Mueller Co. for 21 years. He spent 10 years in the plant and then was named progress clerk. From 1951 to 1953 he was a sand technician and from 1953 until his new appointment he was a time study engineer.



CHARLES W. JOHNSON



EMPLOYEES PASS THROUGH SERVING LINE

Patient: "How can I ever repay you for your kindness to me?"

Doctor: "By check, money order, or cash."



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

Jimmie Musso of the Brass Machine Shop brought in an unusual Christmas card received from Russ Hubbard, our recently retired "World Traveler." The card wished him a Merry Christmas in eight different languages, and a note from Russ read, "We had a wonderful year traveling in Mexico, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaya, Thailand, Cambodia, South Vietnam, then back to the good old U. S. In August we drove to Idaho for a two-week pack trip into the Sawtooth Mountains and in October we drove to Colorado to see the Aspens in their fall glory." He also added, "Do drop in and see us." How would you ever find such a guy at home?

Many families pick the holiday season to have a family reunion. However, Bill and Betty Cosman of the Brass Machine Shop and Core Room, respectively, really did it up big. Bill comes from a large family, having seven sisters and two brothers. Each year for the past 17 years, since his father passed away, the family gets together for a big Christmas dinner. With all the younger children and even some of their offspring, this means quite a crowd. This year there were 38 present. The San Gabriel Women's Club is rented for the occasion and all participate in the preparation of the meal. One sister who lives in Texas was not present this year. This year the elder Mrs. Cosman was stricken with a sudden illness just before Christmas and could not attend, but this was the first time she was unable to be with her children at Christmas.

We had a beautiful Christmas tree in the plant. The huge bunch of mistletoe that Mickey Liebherr brought in was outstanding. It was more like a Christmas tree itself and was "harvested" in an unusual manner, as Mickey "shot" it out of a tree with a rifle.

Henry Isaacs of the Assembly Department felt that he got the very best Christmas present possible when his wife presented him with a five-pound, seven-ounce baby girl on Dec. 3. A little early for Christmas but Henry is sure happy, as this is their first baby in seven years of marriage.

Glenn Gee of the Steel Machine Shop became the proud "poppa" of an eight-pound, eleven-ounce boy, Nov. 4. Glenn was around bursting with pride.

Bob Waggoner of the Assembly Department and his lovely bride, the former Carol Lydia Jane Balzer, were married Dec. 10. Bob Ward, also of the Assembly Department, was best man. This gave Bob some good practice as he too intends to marry soon.

Don McManus of the Engineering Department is also planning to marry. He undoubtedly will be "hitched" by the time this is published, as the announced date is Jan. 29.

Gustav "Eric the Red" Peterson, Engineering Department, and wife went on a skiing expedition to Mammoth Mountain in the Sierras early this month. According to Eric they had a wonderful time. It makes one wonder what constitutes a "wonderful time" after seeing him limping around the shop for several days after his outing.

Mickey Liebherr of the Brass Machine Shop was there also and we guess he too had a "wonderful time" for he is still carrying the scars from it. One of those skis, however, will never be the same.

Eli Lockard, Engineer, and Bill Baker, Standards, also went skiing up in our local mountains the same week end. They report that it was mostly "mud" skiing as the snow was not very good.

Our Bowling League is coming along in great shape with the Forging team leading as of Dec. 10. The Polishers and Steel Machine teams are tied for second, just three games back.

In the "Turkey Shoot" bowling before Thanksgiving, the three turkeys were won by Johnny Fritzer, Brass Machine Shop; Ralph Runion, Assembly; and Susie McGruder of the Engineering Office.

A sad note at this time is the news that Jerry Alt of Tool Room, lost his father December 19. The elder Alt had been ill for quite some time with a heart condition.

Faulty reporting led us to omit the name of Johnny Marshall of the Assembly Department, who returned to work after an extended illness. It is sure good to see you back Johnny.

Close to 100 friends and relatives attended a reception given for Mr. and Mrs. William Penn parents of Robert Penn of our Steel Machine Shop, commemorating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Frank Paul Fritzer, Jr., son of Frank Fritzer of the Steel Machine Shop, recently completed three months of training at the U. S. Coast Guard base at Alameda, Calif., and is now stationed at Port Townsend, Wash.

Jim Liebherr, son of Mike Liebherr, Steel Machine Shop and brother of Mickey, Brass Machine Shop, had a miraculous escape from death a short time ago. Working on maintenance at a lodge up at Mammoth Mountain he received a full jolt from four lines of 440 volts when he shorted them some way with a screw driver. The resulting flash blinded him and the shock paralyzed his lungs. He was rushed to the Bishop Hospital and placed in a respirator even though he apparently was not breathing on his arrival. With the excellent help of all concerned, Jim is now up and doing fine, though his side vision is still not back to normal. A lucky guy!

We have the news that Tom Lindsay, Grinder in the Foundry, retired Jan. 20. He will then proceed to "putter" around the pet store out in Montebello that is owned by his son. Tom is 66 years old and has been with us for 20 years. We will miss him but we are sure he will enjoy his new line of activity.



ALAN C. MORAN

Alan C. Moran, son of Allen Moran of the Assembly Department, recently completed his basic training in the U. S. Army at Fort Ord, Calif., and is now stationed in Seattle, Wash.

Plant 4 News

By
Jennie McDaniel

Best wishes are extended to Vera Tippitt and Pat Patterson on their recent marriage in the West Side Nazarene Church in Decatur. Vera was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Lud Foster. Out-of-town guests included her son and daughter-in-law from Idaho, who were their attendants. Kenny Tippitt, a grandson, was vocalist, and another grandson, Gary Tippitt, and Pat's grandson, Tommy Burkett, were ushers. Vera works in the Core Room and Pat is a retired guard of Mueller Co

Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Peake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Sue to Roger Shively, who is in the Marine Corps and presently stationed at Indianhead, Md. Wedding plans are indefinite. Otto works in Production Control.

The Core Room held its Christmas Party in the Grove's Restaurant. The evening included a grab-bag gift exchange.

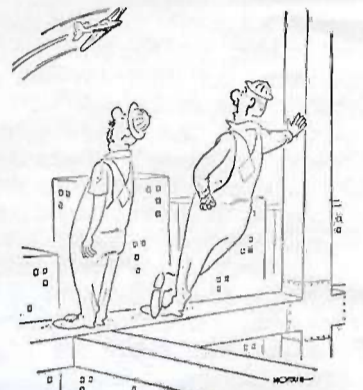
Best wishes are in order for Mike Ater and Helen Strocher who were married Christmas

Day. Mike formerly worked in Dept. 100 and is now in the Marine Corps.

Paul Parsons and Jack Parsons were hosts at a New Year's party in Paul's home on Dec. 30. Various Plant 4 personnel and their families were the guests.

Ed Nalefski, Paul Parsons, Elmer Fawley and Earl Collins spent two hours recently fishing through the ice at the lake at Mueller Lodge. They chopped the lake full of holes but didn't get a nibble.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and son, Robert, went to Hardinsburg, Ky., to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother.



"I wouldn't fly one of those dangerous things for any price!"

ACROSS

- Annual time off with pay
- Take it easy
- The entire staff
- Play safe. You only live ___
- ___ take unnecessary chances
- Living dangerously is a sure way to ___
- South American rodent
- Uninvited picnic guest
- Be your own forest ranger here
- Pronoun
- Kind of furnace
- Important ingredient of digestive juices
- Sojourner
- When you dive, be sure you know the depth of the ___
- Spanish pot
- Mythical number of lives you do not share with cats
- Don't get all burned up here
- Common sense keeps down the ___ of your vacation
- Prefix, crooked
- Father

- Like
- Kind of spot welcome on hot day
- In what way
- Containers
- High card
- What city slickers call country boy
- Song
- Journeyed
- Fun is fun, but when you're tired ___
- Occasional time off with pay

DOWN

- Ancient sacred Hindu literature
- The Bard's city in England
- It doesn't cost a ___ to drive carefully
- Skill
- One of baseball's immortals, ___ Cobb
- Compound used like iodiform
- Delicious on hamburgers
- When the heat's on, you ___ less heavy foods

- Cut off
- Tierra del Fuego Indian
- This doesn't happen, it is caused
- Accomplishment
- Cleverness
- Dividing tool
- Dexterity
- This boat is tippy
- Word ending
- Cry out loud
- Fun
- Sprightliness
- Residence (ab.)
- Hysteria (ab.)
- Weep
- Combining form, sacrum
- Perfect
- Not closed
- Has
- Native dance of new state
- Make driving pleasant. ___ courtesy rules
- Marries
- Members of armed service
- Was seated
- Sign of sunburn
- Virgin Islands (ab.)

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CLARENCE C. REIDELBERGER
35 Years
Decatur



MERLE CUNNINGHAM
35 Years
Decatur

Decatur Donors Give 180 Pints To Blood Program

Eighty-nine Mueller Co. employees in Decatur gave a total of 180 pints of blood to the local blood bank during 1960.

Leading the list of donors are Laverne Walley (Dept. 70) and Richard Ferrill (Dept. 41) who have given at least two gallons during the past few years.

- Mueller Co. employees who are members of the Gallon Club are:
- William L. Adams (Dept. 70)
 - Delmar Baum (Dept. 80)
 - Iris Baum (Dept. 50)
 - William Boehm (Dept. 60)
 - William Brooks (Dept. 80)
 - Charles L. Brown (Dept. 80)
 - Carl Floren (Dept. 44)
 - Howard Gleespen (Dept. 80)
 - John Hackl (Dept. 35)
 - Opal Jackson (Dept. 43)
 - Leroy Kemper (Dept. 80)
 - Ray Larus (Dept. 44)
 - Stan Metz, Accounting Supervisor
 - Nelson Mitchell (Dept. 100)
 - William Mueller, Cost Supervisor
 - James Mulvaney (Dept. 80)
 - Robert Salogga (Dept. 70)
 - Paul Talbert (Dept. 10).



"Hurry up, Frank! You're three frames behind!"

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: Earl E. Kester, Harlan White, Acel Peel, Barbara St. Clair, Jimmie R. Keown.

10 Years: William E. Barnes, Jessie M. Ohl, John H. Ossowski, Louis J. Seibert, Jr., Dean Kramer, Vaughn H. West, James A. Bratcher, John Linn.

15 Years: Gilbert L. Sanders, Zodius W. Embry, Wayne E. Lynch, Virginia A. Benton, William L. Brownlow.

20 Years: Walter L. Ford, Robert C. Workman, John A. Harding, Raymond W. Schroll, John A. West, Lawrence E. Grider, A. Stanley Ashby, Carl O. West, Galen W. Jenkins, D. Eugene Latch, Leonard L. Lourash, Melvin T. Hardy, Lew A. Miller, Dorothy L. Cooper.

25 Years: Otis E. Bethard, Carl M. Dodwell, Wallace R. Dudley, Vernon Brunner, Harold Munsterman, Elmer H. Fawley.

30 Years: E. Ray Caudle, Glenn C. Dial.

35 Years: Erma F. Barth, Melvin K. Chaney, Carl W. Buchwald, Donald W. Ferry.

40 Years: Robert H. Tauber.

CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Earven Baker, Jr., Leroy Ford, Alexander Petty, Derrell F. Pettyjohn, Charles Ray Vaughn, Lester Lee Vaughn.

10 Years: Joe Hill, Jr.

15 Years: Robert Hogue, J. C. Rutledge, Henry Tyson.

20 Years: Noble L. May, Hollis N. Marsh.

SARNIA

5 Years: Baldur Sigurdson.

10 Years: William McLean.

15 Years: Howard Sayman, Helen Joleun, William Brennan, Richard James, Daniel Kapala, Leo Ryan.

20 Years: Frank Nesbit, Walter Irvine, William Foster, Alvin McKellar, John McClure, Keith Payne.

LOS ANGELES

10 Years: Chester Stinnet, Hazel Lehman.

15 Years: Victor Manzo.

20 Years: Thomas Lindsey, John Blevins.

25 Years: Jerome Alt, Warren Wunderlich.

DECATUR BIRTHS

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

Mr. and Mrs. George Denning (Dept. 80), boy, Nov. 19, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis (Dept. 10), boy, Oct. 30, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickerson (Dept. 80) boy, Nov. 28, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Penne (Ass't. Company Editor), boy, Dec. 25, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Bayless (Catalog Compiler), boy, Dec. 28, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tippitt (Dept. 20), boy, Nov. 6.

Miss Satterthwaite Weds

Our best wishes go to Caroline Satterthwaite, who became the bride of Larry Wooters on Dec. 30, in Normal, Ill. Caroline works in the Decatur Sales Division.



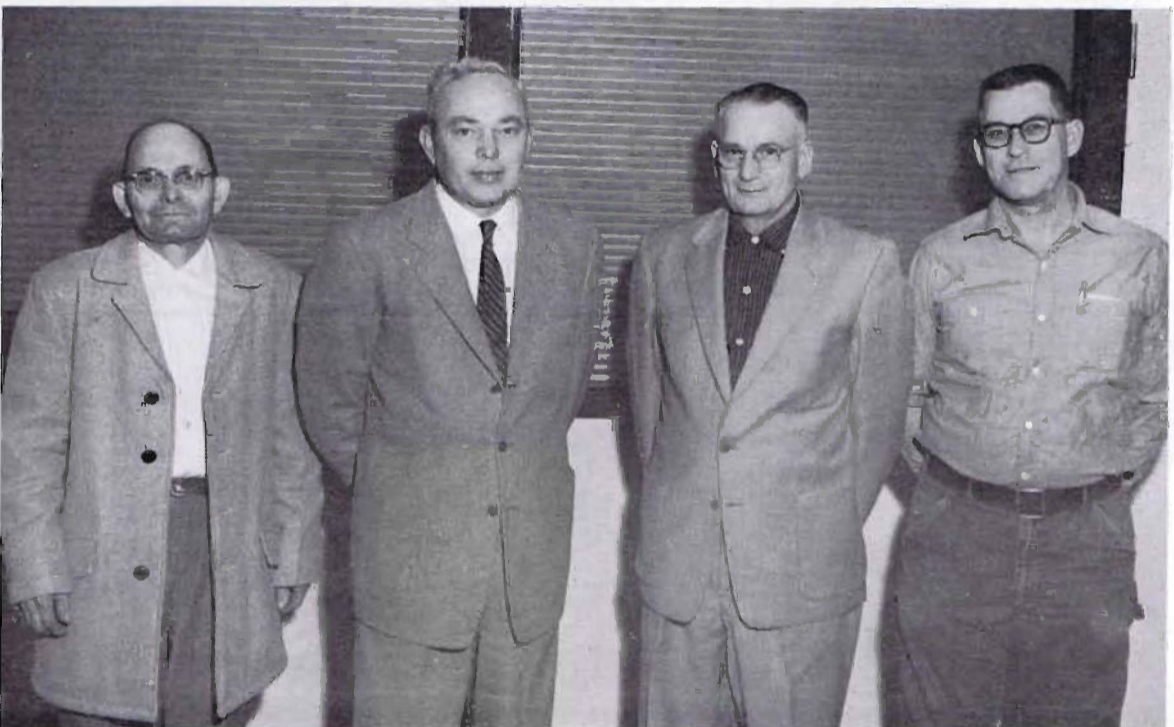
Five Decatur veterans who received service awards recently are, from left: Vernon Brunner, Otis E. Bethard, Harold Munsterman, Elmer Fawley and E. Ray Caudle. Caudle is a 30-year vet and the others have been with the company 25 years.



GEORGE E. HARTWIG
35 Years
Decatur



Twenty-five year vets at Los Angeles are Warren Wunderlich, left, and Jerome Alt. Warren is one of the two MAIN CONNECTIONS correspondents at Los Angeles.



A total of 110 years of service are represented by these four Mueller Co. employees from Decatur. They are, from left: Lester Wallace, Carl Dodwell, Glenn C. Dial and Wallace R. Dudley. Dial and Wallace are senior members with 30 years each.



Twenty-three retired employees from Mueller, Limited attended the annual Christmas dinner held for them. Front row, from left, are: M. Furlotte, E. Nesbit, A. Furlotte, B. Prince, L. Payne, W. A. Colborne, E. Mead, J. Keys, W. Topliff and G. Stuart. In the back row are: W. Melick, M. Miners, W. J. Aitchison, G. Oliver, G. Scott, A. W. Bannister, W. Young, C. Dodds, S. Johnston, J. Vollmer, G. Schillemore, J. Milne and W. Marshall.

Sales Mgrs. Hold Meeting

A two-day meeting of sectional sales managers was held in Decatur Jan. 5 and 6.

In addition to the sessions conducted by Vice President and General Sales Manager Dan R. Gannon, a series of demonstrations was conducted by the Engineering Division.

Section managers attending:

H. W. Cessna, Southeast Section

W. D. Crawford, Western Section

L. J. Evans, Eastern Section

C. W. Auer, Central Section

R. L. Jolly, Midwest Section

R. D. Kitchen, Southwest Section

R. J. Ott, Southern Section.

J. Frank Kellett, Manager of the Chattanooga Sales Office, also attended.

Two sales meetings involving four sections were also held in January.

The Central and Midwest Sections met in Decatur Jan. 26 and 27 at the Mueller Lodge and on Jan. 19 and 20 the Southern and Southeastern Sections met in Atlanta, Ga.

Ray Kileen Is Grandpa

Ray Kileen, Purchasing Agent in Decatur, became a grandfather for the first time Dec. 27 when Nancy Ann was born to Bob and Sara Kileen. Nancy weighed in at 8 pounds and 12 ounces.

Wife (to husband returning from Doctor): "Well, did the doctor find out what you had?"

Husband: "Almost. I had \$22, and he charged me \$20."



Howard Gragg, second from the right, is shown with some of his fellow-workers at a dinner given celebrating Mr. Gragg's retirement. From left, they are, Laurence (Brick) Kramer, Marshall Hobbs, Harland Himstead, Mr. Gragg and Elwood Potts. (Photo courtesy Walter Bowan)

(Ground) Key Man Retires

Gragg Ends 40-Year Career

A key man at Mueller Co. in Decatur the past 40 years has been Howard Gragg.

He has been literally a key man because most of his time has been spent in the Ground Key Division, but more important, his knowledge and skills have made him a key figure in the operation of Department 80.

Howard retired Dec. 30 after 40 years, 10 months, and 27 days with Mueller Co.

Robert F. Taylor, former Ground Key Machine Shop Foreman, has succeeded Mr. Gragg. Galen A. Jenkins has been promoted from Time Study Engineer to Ground Key Machine Shop Foreman, according to an announcement by Harlan A. White, Assistant Works Manager.

Howard started out in 1920 as a machine operator on what he termed "the worst job in the department" and after a few weeks he was asked if he wanted a transfer. "I said yes, because I didn't know one job from the other," the likeable and popular Howard said. After about 18 months in Department 9 he went to the Ground Key Division. In 1931 he was made assistant foreman and in 1933 was made foreman.

Except for a period in 1946 and 1947 when he was Night Shift Production Superintendent, he was division foreman.

Howard, who is still two years from 65, said he wanted to retire early so he would have some time to enjoy the slower life.

"I am going to loaf mostly and when I get busy it'll be with a fishing pole or my grandchildren," he said.

Howard has a new home in Bement, within calling distance of his three favorite people—his daughter and her two children.

He plans to keep in touch with Mueller Co. via the lakes in Wisconsin and Minnesota by going on fishing junkets with rod and reel men like Elmer Fawley, Wally Gould, Laurence (Brick) Kramer and Elwood Potts.

Another pastime of his is cooking and keeping house. Howard spent a couple of years in his early life working in a restaurant in his hometown of Stonington and some questionable experience in the U. S. Navy during World War I. "It seems like I spent most of my time peeling potatoes and onions," he said.

Bob Taylor started at Mueller Co. on May 14, 1937 and after working as a method engineer and experimental machinist he got his first supervisory post in August, 1952. In 1953 he was appointed assistant foreman of the Ground Key Division and in January, 1958 was made Ground Key machine shop foreman.

Jenkins started Nov. 1, 1940

No Boxtops, No Jingles, Just \$500

For you skeptics who don't believe anyone ever wins any of that big money in those giveaway contests you should talk to Earl Kester in the Tool Room Office.

In mid-January his wife received a registered letter from a major soap company telling her she had just won \$500. According to Earl all she did was fill out a blank and send it in some months earlier—no box tops or jingles to write.

The first \$100 of the total goes to the government in taxes and the rest stays with the Kesters, Earl said.

Roy Robbins Retires

Roy M. Robbins, Production Tool Grinder in the Specialty Department, retired Jan. 25. His retirement concluded a service of 15 years, 7 months and 19 days. He was hired in 1945 and first worked as an upkeep stock and storage clerk helper and was a production tool grinder most of the time since 1949.

Herb Shriner: "One of the questions those Army psychiatrists always asked us was, did we like girls? We always said yes, but they never gave us any."

Decatur Bowling News—

Edwards Wins Men's Tourney

Lynn Edwards, putting together games of 165, 213 and 244, won the Mueller Men's Singles Bowling Tournament in Decatur, Jan. 15. In addition, his 244 game was also high for the day.

With a 58-pin handicap Edwards' 680 series was 20 pins better than Del Baginski's 660 which took second place. Gene Latch, with a 649, took third.

The first 10 winners with their total scores and handicaps in parenthesis are:

- Lynn Edwards 680 (58)
- Del Baginski 660 (99)
- Gene Latch 649 (204)
- Carl Schuman 630 (105)
- Delmar Beeson 629 (108)
- D. Cortese 622 (83)
- Ed Nalefski 621 (33)
- Jack Bain 619 (51)
- Pete Workman 617 (87)
- Gene Gibbs 611 (69).

A mixed doubles tournament for Mueller Co. employees is scheduled for Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Eldorado Bowl.

Employees may bring any friend or relative as a partner or those without one must draw names. The entry fee is \$2 a person.

In the Mueller mid-season bowling tournament held at the Eldorado Bowl in December, Charles (Pete) Macklin, with a 670 series, edged Fred Kessel by eight pins for first place.

Henry Stratman with a 234 had the high scratch game among the 65 bowlers entered.

The top 10 bowlers in the mid-season tourney and their scores: (including handicaps)

- Pete Macklin 670
- Fred Kessel 662
- Maurice Sefton 654
- Dale Reidelberger 653
- Henry Stratman 648
- Marvin Davis 647
- Wendell McRoberts 642
- Dean Hadden 642

- Ben Taylor 641
- Martin Trolia 641

As the mid-way portion of the season passed, the Main Office and the Product Engineers were tied for first place in the 10-team league. Both have won 29 and lost 25 games.

Ed Nalefski of the Ground Key team had a 185 average at mid-season to hold a one-pin lead over teammate Ben Taylor and Al Degand of the Specialty Division team for high averages.

Degand and Galen Jenkins of the Works Managers team share the high individual game honors with 268 games.

The high individual three-game series belongs to Maurice Sefton who rolled a 688 recently. He put together games of 198, 226 and 264 for the top series. In the 264 game, which is second best in the league, he had four strikes, a spare and then five more strikes. In the series he had 21 strikes. In the first half of the season his average was a 172.

Degand's series of 679 is second highest this year. He rolled a 196, 215 and 268 with eight straight strikes included in the last game.

Three bowlers received special recognition from the American Bowling Congress for feats accomplished this year. Gene Hullinger of the Main Office team had three straight games of 183 and Melvin Hardy of the Iron Shop team had triples of 135.

Jack Adams of the Pattern Shop team received his ABC shoulder patch for picking up the 4, 6, 7, 10 split.

The women's bowling team from Mueller Co. has entered the Illinois Women's state tournament and will bowl Feb. 18 and 19 at Quincy.



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