

# PLENTY OF BACKBONE GOES INTO BUILDINGS



## 2,200 Tons Of Steelwork In Expansion

The first part of nearly 2,200 tons of structural steel is now being erected on the expansion site in Decatur.

A total of 290 tons of steel was erected in two weeks for the office building and on March 13 steel started going up for the first phase of the manufacturing building. It will take from two to three weeks to erect the 685 tons of steel for the first portion of the manufacturing building.

The largest single piece of steel is 65½ feet long, has a 30-inch flange and weighs 12,445 pounds or about 190 pounds a running foot.

Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co. of Decatur is furnishing the steel and its subsidiary, Northwest Steel Erection Co. of Rockford, Ill., is putting it up.

While the steel is going up for the manufacturing building, concrete floor slabs will be poured and masonry work will continue on the office building. The masonry work for the office is expected to be completed late in May; the building will be enclosed shortly thereafter.

The manufacturing building is expected to be enclosed by early July, according to work schedules arranged by the contractors.

Because of a pedestrian tunnel under Monroe Street, a large sewer line had to be relocated under a portion of the manufacturing building. The regular path of the sewer would have cut right through the tunnel had the change not been made.

The tunnel, which is a little more than eight feet square, will connect the operations on the west side of Monroe Street with those on the east side.

The structural steel for the new office building in Decatur is shown in the background while in the foreground are the capped piling for the support of the steel columns. The varying shapes of the caps are due to the number of piling in each cluster. The number of piling is

determined by the load of the column. Since this picture was taken the steel for these piling has been set. The inset at the right bottom shows some of the designs made by the office steel.

## Mueller, Ltd. Presidency to A. G. Webber

Albert G. Webber, Jr., has been named President and Treasurer of Mueller, Limited succeeding George W. Parker who retired recently.

Mr. Webber will remain president of Mueller Co.

Mr. Parker started to work in the Canadian plant in 1920 as a laborer and worked his way up to be named president in 1943.

The election of Jackson Kemper, Executive Vice-President of Mueller Co., to the Board of Directors of Mueller, Limited was also announced. Mr. Kemper fills the vacancy created by the resignation of W. H. Hipsher. All other company officers and board members were re-elected. Company officers are:

Albert G. Webber, Jr., President and Treasurer

O. E. Walker, Executive Vice-President and General Manager

R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering

R. M. Nicolson, Vice-President and General Sales Manager

J. Milne, Secretary

C. S. Browett, Assistant Secretary and Plant Controller.

Members of the Board of Directors are:

Orval W. Diehl, Decatur

Jackson Kemper, Decatur

J. Milne

Ebert B. Mueller, Port Huron, Mich.

R. M. Nicolson

R. J. Skippon

O. E. Walker

A. G. Webber, Jr., Decatur

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## Decatur Off to Perfect Start

# Plant Safety Records Improving

The safety record at Decatur's two plants was off to a perfect start for the first two months of the year.

For two consecutive months there wasn't a lost-time accident in Decatur. During all of 1960 there was only one month that was free of lost-time accidents and the record of two consecutive perfect months hasn't been accomplished since January and February of 1959. During the first two months of 1960, nine lost-time accidents were recorded.

Los Angeles had two consecutive months free from lost-time accidents in December and January but the attempt at three straight was halted by one mishap in February.

Chattanooga got off to a slow start this year compared with

## 42 Foremen Attend Safety Conference

A total of 42 foremen and supervisors attended a safety conference in Decatur the end of March.

The week-long meet was sponsored by Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation. Each of the four groups of foremen attended a one-hour session for five consecutive days.

The sessions covered such points as accident factors and causes, elimination of accident causes, accident investigation and employee safeguards.

the other years because in January there were three lost-time accidents and one in February.

Cecil Coffin, Personnel Director, said each employee in Decatur is to be congratulated on his efforts to improve safety during the past two months.

"We can't stop and live on our record, however. Instead we have to work harder to maintain this showing," Mr. Coffin said.

Mr. Coffin could not point out any particular reason for the better record. The only explanation he could give was that possibly there was a growing awareness among workers of the importance and need for safety.

"This awareness makes you stop and think and the best (Con't. on Page 4)



Ian Milne

## Sales Office Post to Milne

Ian Milne, a native of Sarnia, Ontario, recently was named to the Sales Office Supervisory Staff of Mueller, Limited.

Mr. Milne worked for Mueller, Limited from 1941 to 1942 as a Timekeeper in the Munitions Department. In 1942 he left the company and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. At the time of his discharge in 1945 he had attained the rank of Pilot Officer.

After discharge from the service Mr. Milne attended Shaw Business Schools in Toronto, Ontario, and upon graduation entered into the sales area of business.



# MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By  
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

Don McManus and Nancy Swahn were married recently in the Community Church of Lakewood Village. A reception at the Lakewood Country Club followed where the guests enjoyed refreshments and an evening of dancing. They spent their honeymoon at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica and are living now in Long Beach. Don transferred from the Assembly Department to the Engineering Department last year. Best wishes and much happiness to you both. Susie McGruder and Bob Ward, who are to be married in July, were in the wedding party. Susie was bridesmaid and Bob was usher.

Lilli Alfano of the Assembly Department became Mrs. Junior P. Pratt in Las Vegas recently. They spent their honeymoon there and are now making their home in Montebello. Lilli said they enjoyed their visit to Los Vegas so much that they plan to return in a few weeks. She said they saw some fine shows and gambled a little—and lost. This is as it should be on a honeymoon, "lucky in love and unlucky at cards."

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bill Cosman of the Brass Machine Shop, who recently lost his mother.

John Blevins, Stop Grinder in the Brass Machine Shop and also president of our local union, is a new grandfather. His daughter, Carole Hairabedian, presented her husband with a 4 pound, 6 ounce baby boy on Jan. 21. They named him Gary Michael.

While most of the United States was blanketed with snow, some of the fellows from the Standards and Engineering Departments spent a week-end in the High Sierra Mountains, 325 miles away, in order to find good snow for skiing. Mammoth Mountain in the California Sierra is one of the really fine skiing areas out here. "Eric the Red" Peterson, "Snowplow" Lockard and "Sitzmark" Baker found ideal conditions. They reported they enjoyed some wonderful skiing. Our local weather has been so mild and dry this winter that there has been no snow in the mountains and it has been necessary for ski enthusiasts to travel to enjoy their sport.

Speaking of skiing, one of the members of the Los Angeles Clan participates in a different phase of this sport—water skiing. Claude Beckham of the Brass Machine Shop has made several trips this winter to Puddingstone Dam to enjoy this form of recreation. However, he says that the water is awfully cold right now. Incidentally, Beck has a "camper" now and with the enthusiasm his family shows for camping it will be impossible probably to find the Beckhams home on weekends.

Frank Williams of the Tool Room, got a once-in-a-lifetime thrill recently while bowling with the Industrial League. He picked up that near-impossible 7-10 split and has an American

Bowling Congress shoulder patch to prove it.

The Mueller Co. Mixed Bowling League has reached the half-way mark for the season with the Forging team on top by seven games. Forging team members are: Mary Nelson, Don DeDoncker, Bob Penn, John Laubach and G. J. "Red" Nelson.

- The team standings are:
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| 1. Forgings           | 5. General Office |
| 2. Steel Machine Shop | 6. Foundry        |
| 3. Polishers          | 7. Assembly       |
| 4. Sales              | 8. Shipping       |

The top individual game of 267 belongs to Charles Portee with Leonard Johnson and Bernie Bussel tied for high series score of 637. Hazel Lehman with a 232 leads all women bowlers while Sue McGruder has the top women's series with a 604. The Steel Machine Shop team, with a series of 2,873, leads that category and a 999 by the Assembly team is the best team score.

For the first time in 16 years Mueller Co. of Los Angeles will enter a team in the San Gabriel Bowling Association Tournament at Eastland Bowl in West Covina. The team of "Red" Nelson, Charles Portee, Frank Williams, Earl Bright, Bill Young and Cy Wolfe is entered in the "C" Division. According to "Red" Nelson, "Casey" Mayfield, Foreman of the Brass Machine Shop, and Bill Jacob, Tool Room, were the winners of the doubles division when the tournament opened 16 years ago.



Henry Payan

## L.A.'s Hank Payan Seeks Council Seat

Henry Payan of the Steel Machine Shop has thrown his hat into the political ring in East Los Angeles.

The voters, however, must not only decide if they want Hank but first must decide if they want a city council. East Los Angeles with a population of about 57,000, is one of the largest unincorporated cities in the United States.

On April 25 voters of the area will vote on incorporation and at the same time will vote on a five-man council. Henry, a strong proponent for incorporation, is attempting to win one of these seats.

Hank has been with Mueller Co. for 15 years and at one time was Night Foreman in the Steel Department.



Tom Lindsey, second from left, holds a watch presented to him by his co-workers upon his retirement recently. Tom, a grinder in the Foundry, had been

with Mueller Co. in Los Angeles for 20 years. He plans to spend his spare hours working in his son's pet shop.

## Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley

A June 11 wedding is planned by Miss Barbara Dummermuth and David K. Coffin. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dellis Dummermuth and the late Mr. Dummermuth and is employed in the office of the York Division of the Borg Warner Corp. in Decatur. Her fiance is a designer for McManus Florists. After attending Millikin University he graduated from the American Floral Art School in Chicago. He is the son of the Cecil Coffins. Mr. Coffin is Personnel Director here.

David Thompson won first prize recently in a contest sponsored by one of the area TV stations. The prize was a puppy. All through the contest there was no mention made of the breed of puppy being given away. So when David and his father, Roy Thompson of the Standards Department, went to get the prize, they were surprised to find a part Collie and part German Shepherd. I don't imagine the puppy will be little long!

Miss Nancy JoAnn Gowan was married recently to Robert C. Schollmeyer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He is the son of

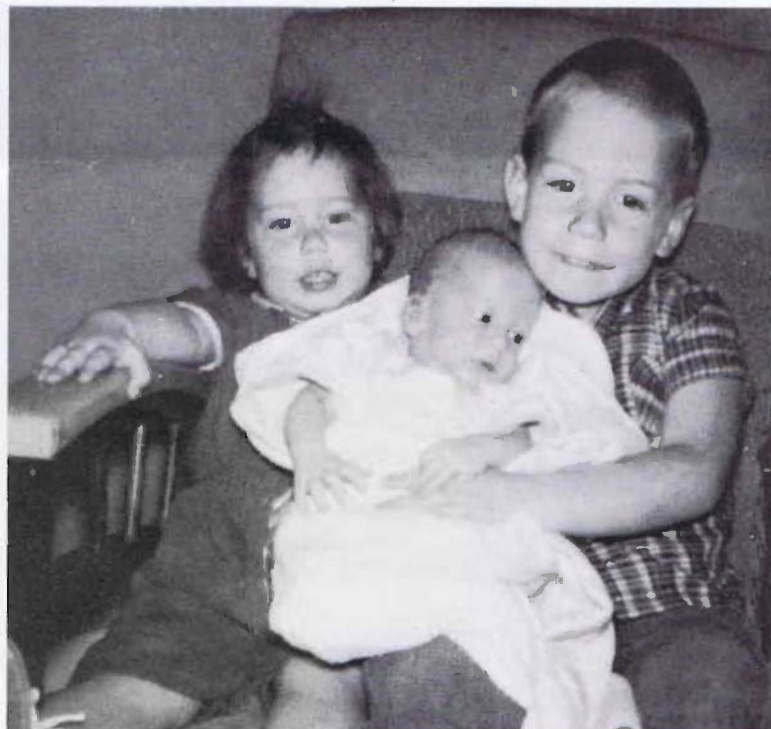


the Emil Schollmeyers of St. Louis. Nancy is the daughter of the Ike Gowans. Ike works in the Tool Room. They are now living in Peoria where Mr. Schollmeyer is a teacher at Christ Lutheran School.

College basketball playing is usually preceded by wide ex-



Nancy Gowan Schollmeyer



These husky youngin's have three grandparents at Mueller Co. in Decatur. Donna, 2, Paul, 4, and Jeffrey Sarver are the children of Gene and Rita Sarver of La Mesa, California. Gene is the son of Gerald Sarver of Brass Grinding and Rita is the daughter of Ruth Brownlow, Tool Engineering, and Charles Brownlow of the Iron Machine Shop.

perience in high school play. This, however, is not the case with Larry Gibbs, son of Gene Gibbs of Dept. 90.

Larry didn't play regular in high school and not only did he make a college freshman team but he did it at one of the nation's strongest basketball schools—Bradley University at Peoria, Ill. Larry stands 6'2" and was one of the regulars on the frosh team. With the basketball season over, he can start warming up for baseball. He pitches.

Walter Bowan, Chief Research Engineer, recently won a first place in the "Still-Life" Division in a photographic contest in Decatur. Walt, Engineering Division's best-known photographer, has really been shootin' 'em up since the construction project got underway.



# Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by Gene Racz

Square dancing is becoming quite popular as a pastime among some of the folks here. My husband, Joe, and I graduated from a 15-week class recently with Milburn Carroll and Ray Edwards of the Core Room, Herbert Woody of the Iron Foundry, and their wives. We all received diplomas and then were taken into the Wreck-Tangles Club. Our club meets each Monday night to dance at the Brainerd Community Center. There are several other clubs in town and occasionally we have a combined dance. The Rome Round-up was held March 18 in Rome, Georgia and most of us attended. The square dance federation has just begun another class and Helen Caldwell, Switchboard Operator, Frances Finnell of the Payroll Department and their husbands are attending. Dean Andrews, Harold Frederick of the Machine Shop and their wives are also enrolled. Billy and Sidney Andrews have been in the Cotillion Club for a couple of years so they really outshine the rest of us. They were featured on television a few weeks ago to promote square dancing in the area. It is real good relaxation and an excellent way to acquire a number of new friends.

Fred Orton, Draftsman in the Engineering Department, has left for six months duty with the U. S. Army. Fred reported to Fort Jackson, S. C. for eight weeks and then will be transferred to another base for the remainder of his time. We all wish him good luck.

Herman Easley was promoted recently from Assistant Order Interpreter to Sales Service Correspondent. Herman has been in the Sales Department since 1955. He and his wife, Nancy, and eight-month-old son, Andy live in Hixon, Tenn.

Best wishes are extended to **Eldridge Daniel of the Core Room and Marlene Dandy who were married Feb. 10 in Ringgold, Ga.** Marlene is employed at **Tepper Hospital and the couple is now residing on Windsor St.**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Hall, who passed away recently. Mr. Hall had been retired for some time before his death. Our sympathy is also extended to Estelle Gordy in the death of her grandfather.

Congratulations to James Potter, Accountant, who was recently named "Bowler of the Week" because of a 701 series he rolled.

Miss Karen Heyer, daughter of Wayne M. Heyer, Plant Controller, was voted "Sweetheart of the Gym Staff" at Central High School at a party held in Fehns Restaurant.

Mrs. Frank Hackman was installed recently as second vice-president of the Welcome Wagon Club in Chattanooga. The officers were installed by Mayor Olgiati at a luncheon at Wimberly Inn. Mr. Hackman is Assistant Plant Manager.

A "Get Well" wish is extended to **William Hixson, Foster Stubblefield, Roy Stamper, Jack Lowman, Sam Lingo and Smith Wooden who have been off work for some time because of illness.**

We have just been informed that Jack Pope, Foreman in the Cleaning Room, also bagged a deer this season. Jack has been hunting for years and this is

the first hit, so we thought we had better mention it, even if it is a little late.

Frances Finnell and her husband, Paul, journeyed to Charlotte, N. C. to spend a few days in February.

Joseph Racz, Maintenance Department, was promoted recently to Master Sergeant (E-8) at the Army Reserve Center. He

is a member of the 4004th Army Garrison. Joe attended Non-Commissioned Officer's School recently and graduated No. 1 in the class. I was quite proud of him.

Janetta Jenkins, her husband and three lovely daughters are now occupying their new home on Haywood Avenue. Jan works in the Sales Department.



Margaret Rose and Ross Willoughby Rehearse.

## MUELLER, LIMITED Reports . . .

by PHYLLIS TURNER

Three Mueller, Limited employees leave their desks in the evening and go to the theater to practice for their parts in "Brigadoon." Margaret Rose and George Lucas of the Cost Department and Ross Willoughby of Engineering all have roles in the modern operetta which has been selected by the Polymer Glee Club for presentation in late April. The operetta by Lerner and Lowe is the story of two American hunters lost in the highlands of Scotland, who stumble upon the fantastic village of Brigadoon on the day that it comes to life, which is once every 100 years.

Departments 6, 8, 12, and 18 received safety awards recently for completing one full year without a lost-time accident. Norman Gilbert is the safety committeeman in Department 6 while Raymond Shepley represents the other three departments.

A wedding shower honoring Ila Croxall Arnett, Stationery Clerk, recently was held in the company cafeteria by 27 of Ila's co-workers.

Peter S. Park, son of Mrs. Daphne Park of the Purchasing Department, was among 14 young Sarnia graduates who completed a five-month junior Non-Commissioned Officer course in the 26th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery. Pete received his certificate of graduation on Feb. 18 at the graduation parade at the Federal Building.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following employees:

G. Russell German in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. Ira J. Hillier.

Alex Aiken, Dept. 9, in the recent loss of his wife.

Daniel Kapala in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Daniel Kapala. Dan is employed in Dept. 1.



George Lucas

William Popoff in the loss of his brother at Vancouver.

To the family of the late Herman A. Sitter. Mr. Sitter, who was a maintenance man in Dept. 10, passed away Feb. 17.

Customer: "Give me a pound of those grapes. My husband is found of them. Do you know if they have been sprayed with any kind of poison?"

Grocery Clerk: "No, ma'am; you'll have to get that at the drug store."



Cheryl and Charlyn Clayton would seem to be far from the age for rheumatic aches and pains, but their talent number on a television show recently was a comedy routine called "Rheumatism." The twins are 13 years old and students at Fortune Junior High in Lafayette, Ga. Eugene Clayton, father of the girls, is employed in the Chattanooga Machine Shop.



Representatives of Departments 8, 12 and 18 are shown above after they had been presented a safety award for completing one full year without a lost-time accident. Raymond Shepley, holding the certificate, is the Safety Committeeman for the

departments. Making the presentation were Carl Smith, Production Superintendent; O. E. Walker, Vice-President and General Manager, and Harry Dowding, Sarnia's Safety Committee Chairman.



Claude Chappell, second from left, has just received his 35-year service pin from Carl Smith, Production Superintendent; Mike Scott, Claude's Foreman, and L. M. Coates, Factory Manager at Sarnia.



Receiving a 35-year service pin is Everitt Shrigley, second from left. The pin was presented by the Foreman of Department 9, Bruce Barrett, left, Carl Smith and L. M. Coates. Everitt is a Toolmaker in Mueller, Limited's Department 9.

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safety device is a thinking individual," he said.

B. E. Stotler, Production Superintendent at Los Angeles, credited regular safety checks by employees and supervisors with much of the success at the California plant.

He said that daily, press operators check safety guards on their machines and that every Monday a Safety Engineer makes an inspection and submits a report on equipment condition.

Once a month the Workmen's Safety Committee and the Safe-

ty Engineer check on all safety factors, discuss them and make recommendations "making an effective over-all program," he said.

According to one set of statistics, 88 per cent of job accidents are caused by unsafe acts. Ten per cent are caused by unsafe conditions and two per cent are caused by acts of God.

Safety measures protect the most perfect machine in existence—the human body. In 70 years of life a human eats 1,400 times his own body weight, more than 100 tons of food, and he spends five full months just putting food into his mouth. If his weight is average, every day his heart beats 103,680 times; he breathes 23,040 times and inhales 438 cubic feet of air.

This wonderful machine can break down in a fraction of a second. Remember that an average person blinks his eyes 25 times a minute and each blink lasts one-fifth of a second which means that during an eight-hour day you are running your machine for 40 minutes with your eyes closed.

According to "National Safety News" death came to 13,800 of these perfect machines last year because of work accidents. In addition, the direct and indirect costs of accidents and deaths on the job totaled 28,000,000 man-days and \$4,200,000,000.

## DECATUR BIRTHS

Here are the new births reported by Decatur employees since the last edition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Linn (Dept. 47), girl, Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall (Dept. 47), girl, Jan. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Milligan (Company Editor) boy, Jan. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Zodius Embry (Dept. 80) girl, Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. John Niederbrach (Dept. 37), boy, Feb. 8.

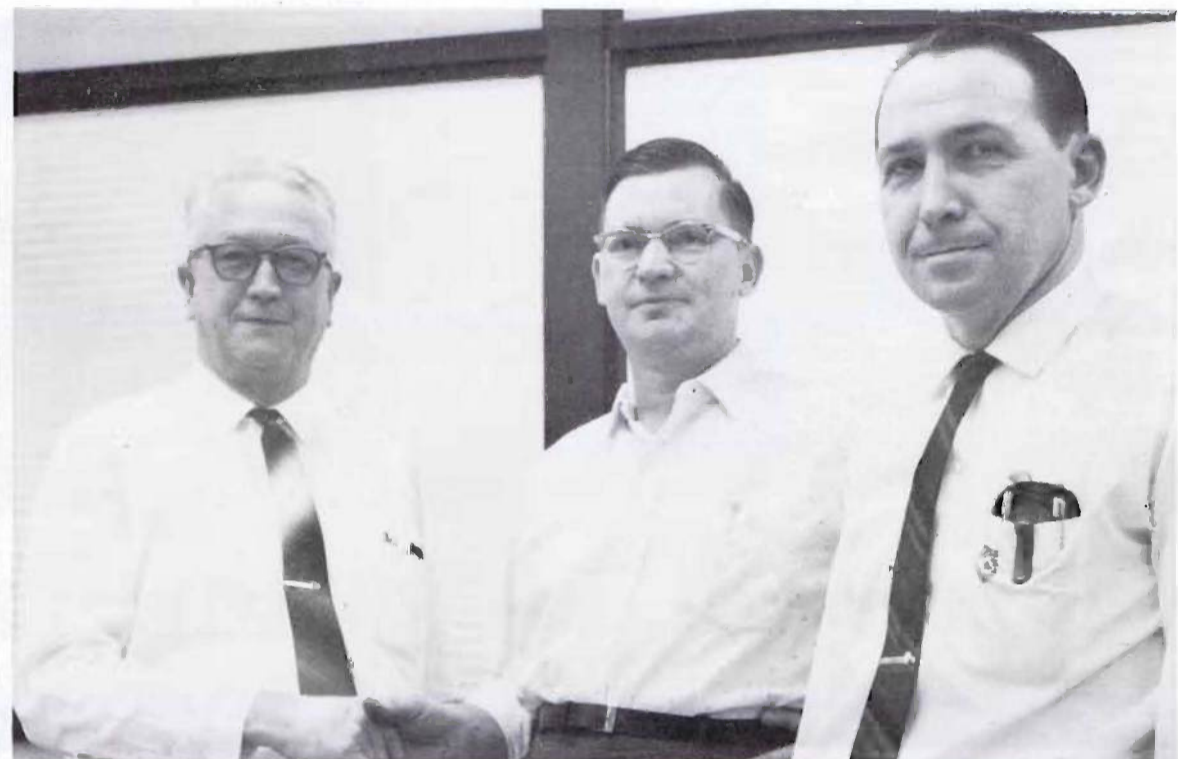
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson (Pattern Shop), boy, March 5.

### ACROSS

1. Season of the year's awakening
11. We like him when he promises "fair and warmer"
12. Blue flag
13. Not hot, not cold
14. Biological factors in heredity
16. Old
17. Fathers (ab.)
20. Meadow
22. Daffodils are this color
24. Kind of day that comes in June
28. Loop in lasso
29. Past
30. Diameters (ab.)
32. Spring color less N
33. Loose garment
35. Fall in drops
37. Amount (ab.)
38. Hotel
40. Small bills
42. Exclamation
43. After March 21, the days grow —
46. Young of salmon
48. Man's nickname
49. Stopped sleeping
51. Italian girl named after flower
52. Bird's appendage
54. In spring, this may be balmy
55. Forever
56. Musical sound
57. Roads (ab.)
58. Where mother birds keep their babies

### DOWN

1. A drink
2. Father (French)
3. April showers
4. Reflexive form of it
5. New England state (ab.)
6. Obtain
7. Large plant now putting on new dress
8. Hint
9. Young girl
10. Vernal Equinox marks — of winter
15. Time to plant this
17. Vegetable life as distinguished from animals
18. Portulacas
19. Nice to have in springtime
21. Corrosive liquid
23. Fallen tree
24. Ideal golf
25. Idea of self
26. Spring harbinger
27. Starchy root
31. Warblers
34. Agree to marry
36. By way of
39. Spring is time for — hat
41. Enchantress
43. Grass makes this
44. Hodgepodge
45. What March comes in with like a lion
47. Spring fever
50. Nice days make you feel like one
53. New Testament



Two 25-year service pins were presented in February by Factory Manager Archie Sefton, left. Receiving the pins are Robert W. Ridgeway, center, of Department 38, and Rex B. Smith, Construction Engineer at Decatur.



Albert DeKelver, second from left, is being congratulated by Carl Smith after he received his 30-year pin. From left to right, are: Carmen Weese, Foreman of Department 1, Mr. DeKelver, Mr. Smith, Robert Moore and John Kerrigan. Mr. DeKelver works in Mueller, Limited's Department 1 with Mr. Moore and Mr. Kerrigan.

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## Plant 4 News

By Jennie McDaniel

Jack Parsons, Chief chemist at Plant 4, failed in his first attempt at public office. Petitions were circulated for Jack to run for one of two seats on the Bethany Board of Education, but Jack lost by a very few votes in the April 8 election.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cash spent a weekend recently visiting their daughter, Mrs. George Dowell, and family in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Shirey and Mr. and Mrs. Shirl Tish spent a weekend in St. Louis on a shopping expedition.



**CECIL D. KELLEY**  
40 Years  
Decatur



Gathered for the presentation of a 25-year service pin for Wilfred (Mike) Scott, second from right, are: Harry Dowding, Industrial Engineer; Carl Smith, Production Superintendent; Mr. Scott, and L. M. Coates, Factory Manager. Mr. Scott is Foreman of Department 3 in Sarnia.



**ROBERT H. TAUBER**  
40 Years  
Decatur



**MELVIN K. CHANEY**  
35 Years  
Decatur



**CARL W. BUCHWALD**  
35 Years  
Decatur



**DONALD W. FERRY**  
35 Years  
Decatur

## 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: Mary E. Bateman.
- 10 Years: Lawrence E. Lewis, Donald E. Bathe.
- 15 Years: Roy A. Thompson, John C. Dennis, Orville Gilmore, Merlin G. Scott, Robert J. Boehm.
- 20 Years: Wilbur H. Davidson, Walter E. Zerfowski, Pershing Griffith, Roy C. Wall.

### LOS ANGELES

- 15 Years: Henry Payan, Ed Vogel.

### CHATTANOOGA

- 5 Years: Iris W. Gordy, Eugene Parkes.
- 10 Years: Nora Betts, Burpie Brown, Cleveland C. Fulghum, Joe Hubbard, Dallas B. Maffett, Johnnie Matthews, Curtis A.

- 25 Years: Robert W. Ridge-way, Rex B. Smith, Pres Ruth-rauff, Jr.
- 30 Years: Ernst D. Hetzler.
- 35 Years: Haldon L. Hanson, Melvin K. Chaney, Donald W. Ferry, Carl W. Buchwald.
- 40 Years: Cecil D. Kelley, Robert H. Tauber.
- 25 Years: Robert W. Ridge-way, Rex B. Smith, Pres Ruth-rauff, Jr.
- 15 Years: Wallace Jones.
- 20 Years: Luther G. O'Neal, Ronald J. Rogers.
- 30 Years: Robert W. Lusk.
- 35 Years: D. M. Andrews, O. R. Hubbel.

### SARNIA

- 5 Years: Hugh Helliwell.
- 15 Years: Leona Addy, Bessie Olson, Joseph Rosina.
- 20 Years: Howard Taylor, James M. White, Lyle Izzard, Melvin Dawson, James Chaytor, Ralph Turnbull, Carmen Weese.
- 25 Years: Wilfred Scott.
- 30 Years: Albert De Kelver.
- 35 Years: Everitt Shrigley, Claude Chappell.



**HALDON L. HANSON**  
35 Years  
Decatur



Frank C. Hackman, left, Assistant Plant Manager, presents D. M. Andrews with his 35-year service pin. Mr. Andrews is Assistant General Foreman in the Foundry Division at Chattanooga.



O. R. Hubbel, right, receives his 35-year service pin from Frank C. Hackman, Assistant Plant Manager. Mr. Hubbel is Foreman of the Tool Room.

# 57 To Play In Decatur Golf League

A total of 57 Mueller Co. employees will begin another season of golf May 1 as play opens in the Mueller Co. Golf League.

The 10 teams will play the nine-hole matches each Monday evening for 18 weeks at Decatur's Scovill Golf Course

New officers for the coming season were elected recently.

Lynn Edwards, Assistant Project Engineer, was elected president. Carl Floren, Senior Project Engineer, was named Treasurer and Ron Reed, Assistant Personnel Director, was elected Secretary.

The following teams have been entered and their captains are:

- Pattern Shop, Maurice Sefton
  - Sales, John Hockings
  - Product Engineers, Lynn Edwards
  - Plant 4, Otto Peake
  - T-Squares, Ben Jones
  - Research Engineers, Carl Floren
  - Foundry, Carl Schuman
  - Standards, Dave Younger
  - Tool Room, Pete Duncan
  - Test Lab, Ed Turner.
- Last year the Tool Room team won first place honors while Standards and Research Engineers tied for second.

"I wish the boys wouldn't call me Big Bill."

"Well, why not?"  
 "Well, you know, those college nicknames stick, and I'm studying to be a doctor."



Mueller Co.'s women's bowling team recently entered the Illinois Women's Bowling Association State Tournament of 1961. Team members, from left, are: Jonetta Heinz, Sonja Sutton, Mary Lou

Wheatley, Gerry Queen, Judy Hamilton and Ruth Brownlow. With the exception of Gerry Queen, all of the team members work in the Decatur offices.

## Bowling News

### Nancy Boriff, Pete Workman Win Tourney

Pete Workman and Nancy Boriff won the Mueller Co. Mixed Doubles bowling tournament, Feb. 19, at the Eldorado Bowl.

The pair bowled a 1,256 to edge out Jack Adams and Juanita Degand who had a 1,245 handicap total. Third place went to Paul Ammann and Jewell Hackett who were nine pins out of second.

Ammann also tied Bob Taylor for high individual scratch game with a 222 and took the high scratch series with a 607. Paul's wife, Dorothy, finished 11th, so it was a pretty fair day on the alleys for the Ammanns.

A total of 78 bowlers participated in the tournament.

Wayne and Mae Inman tied for fifth place but they were bowling against each other. Wayne bowled a 1,209 with Barbara Morris and Mae was Del Bagenski's partner. Bill Morris and Thelma Endsley rolled a 1,209 for the three-way tie for fifth.

Only five pins separated fourth place from tenth.

The first 10 places and the scores went to:

1. Pete Workman, Nancy Boriff (1,256)
2. Jack Adams, Juanita Degand (1,245)
3. Paul Ammann, Jewell Hackett (1,236)
4. Bob Taylor, Bobbie Meek (1,211)
5. Wayne Inman, Barbara Morris (1,209)
5. Bill Morris, Thelma Endsley (1,209)
5. Del Bagenski, Mae Inman (1,209)
8. Ed Nalefski, Sandy Gibbs (1,208)
9. Jack Bain, Wilma Knorr (1,207)
10. Orville Spencer, Bette Edwards (1,206)

Jim Kissell rolled a 268 recently to tie Al Degand for high individual game this season.

Jim, who has about a 135 average in the Mueller League, had a miss early in the game and then went all the way for the outstanding game.

Pete Workman, who won the mixed doubles tournament recently, had another hot night and came up with a scratch series of 663 in league play. He came through with 23 strikes in the three games to wind up with scores of 236, 211 and 216. The series was good enough for third place in this season's activities thus far.

The same night the Ground Key team of Ben Taylor, Ed Nalefski, Pete Macklin, Martin Riewski and Tom Kaigley came through with a 1,066 for the top team game of the season. Riewski also picked up a 4-8 split that night.

Ed Nalefski has increased by one pin, his lead over Al Degand in the individual average score race. Nalefski is now carrying a 186 average compared with Degand's 184.

#### 25 Blood Donors

Mueller Co. employees in Decatur gave 25 pints of blood during the Red Cross Bloodmobile's visit in February.

### Chattanooga Man Gets 'Stuffy' With Pastime

Claude Hawthorne, Products Inspector at Chattanooga, has taken this do-it-yourself craze to heart and is studying taxidermy.

There are only three licensed taxidermists in the Chattanooga area and when Claude found it would take months and many dollars to have a deer head stuffed, he decided to take matters into his own hands.

He is enrolled in a one-year correspondence course at the Northwestern School of Taxidermy and is busy skinning, stuffing and mounting.

Claude has now stuffed four pigeons and from all reports he is improving rapidly. He said his first specimen was so misshapen that it looked like a feathered Dachshund.

According to Claude, he didn't follow instructions and moved along without the aid of his textbooks. After two more tries his specimens got so they wouldn't fall apart. Now he has advanced to small animals.

After the first three lessons he had to send in photos with each lesson and project.

The entire operation is a delicate one, but the skinning is the most tedious. Skinning a tiny bird is extremely difficult because it tears so easy and is very difficult to repair, he said. All the feathers and skin have to be preserved by an intricate method and then mounted on an artificial body.

#### Elvis Musgraves Retires

Elvis Musgraves retired March 7 after 28 years, 2 months and 11 days of service with Mueller Co. in Decatur. At the time of his retirement he was working as a painter in Department 38.



Ann Endsley

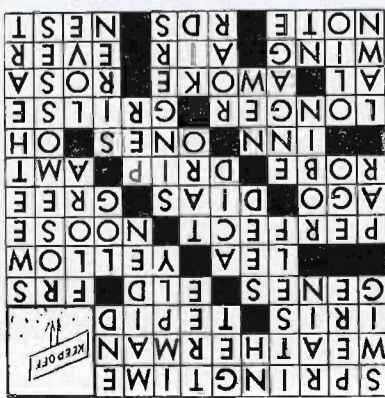
### Ann Endsley Gets Top School Honor

Ann Endsley, daughter of Thelma Endsley in Decatur's Credit Department, has been named valedictorian of her Stephen Decatur High School graduating class this year.

Miss Endsley, 17, has maintained an "A" average during her high school career.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, the United Nations Club and secretary of the Future Teachers Club.

She plans to attend Illinois State Normal University at Normal.



### Dean Grant Named Assembly Foreman In Ground Key

Dean Grant, Tool Methods Engineer, has been named Ground Key Division Assembly Foreman effective April 1, according to an announcement by Harlan A. White, Assistant Works Manager.

Bert Butt, Ground Key Assembly Foreman, will continue in his present job as the duties are being divided between the two men.

Mr. Grant started at Mueller Co. in June of 1941 as an apprentice tool designer. Except for a hitch in the U. S. Coast Guard he has spent most of his near 20 years at Mueller Co. in the Tool Room Division either as a designer or draftsman.

He has been Tool Methods Engineer since Sept. 1957.

## DECATUR DEATHS

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

Mrs. Katherine Kalapis, mother-in-law of Purchasing Agent Ray Kileen.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownlow (Dept. 44).

Mrs. Doris Epperson, wife of Leslie Epperson (Dept. 31).

Earl Mathes, father of Dale Mathes (Dept. 64).

Mrs. Blanche Payton, mother-in-law of Ollie Fortschneider.

Herman Stolte, father of Herman Stolte (Dept. 80), and father-in-law of Robert Wiley (Dept. 10) and David Rauch (Dept. 60).

Mrs. Nora Phillips, mother-in-law of Floyd Howard (Dept. 80). George Shotton (Dept. 60) who died while at work.

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