

New Vice-President, Works Manager Named

June 1961

Mr. McAvity Named Managing Director of Mueller, Limited

Mr. George McAvity has been named Managing Director of Mueller, Limited effective June 21.

For the past five years Mr. McAvity has been President of



Mr. George McAvity

McAvity Western, and Vice-President of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., of St. John, New Brunswick.

With his father and Mr. Scannel Case, he has been in the actual management and control of the more than 100-year-old T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. A cousin, James McAvity, is also associated with the firm as General Sales Manager.

T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., manufactures iron and brass valves, hydrants, pulp mill and railroad specialties. It operates plants at St. John, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, and has branch offices in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary and Regina, Canada.

Mr. McAvity attended the University of Dalhousie in Halifax and served as a major in the Canadian Artillery in World War II. He is in his early forties, married and has five children.



Mr. Frank A. Speer

Frank Speer To Direct U. S. Manufacturing

Mr. Frank A. Speer, 43, formerly plant manager of the New Castle, Pa., plant of Chicago's Crane Co., has been named Vice-President and Works Manager of Mueller Co.

The appointment, which was effective April 17, places Mr. Speer in charge of manufacturing operations at all Mueller Co. domestic facilities.

Mr. Speer, a native of the Pittsburgh area, attended the University of Pittsburgh, and has wide and varied experience in manufacturing and foundry operations.

His first foundry and machine shop experience began in 1936, when he became a foundry laborer in the East Pittsburgh Works of Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co.

From that year until 1951, he progressed through various supervisory positions, including direction of budgeting and cost control divisions. During this period he also served in the U. S. Navy.

In 1951 he was named production manager for the Bucyrus Erie Corp., Erie, Pa., and became general superintendent in 1954. Six years later, Mr. Speer became the chief management officer of the National-U. S. Radiator Corporation. That plant was the largest single operation in a group of plants acquired last year by Crane Co.

At New Castle, Mr. Speer had direct supervision over all production, labor relations, purchasing, traffic and warehousing. In the three years of his tenure with the New Castle plant, sales volume increased to \$14 million annually, and employment rose to 600 persons.

After the Crane acquisition, Mr. Speer was made staff advisor for four Crane plants, including the headquarters facility in Chicago.

Mr. Speer's wife and 14-year-old daughter have now joined him and they are making their new home at 278 Brown Ave.

Expansion Job 18% Done Roof Goes On

As of June 12 the Mueller Co. expansion in Decatur was 18 per cent complete.

A major portion of the brickwork has been completed on the office building and workmen are busy installing heating and cooling equipment, plumbing and electrical service.

On the manufacturing building the first part of the 10-inch roof is nearly complete. In order to make the roof sturdy enough to take the weight of hundreds of parked cars, a 10-inch roof is necessary.

The first layer is 4 1/2 inches of concrete. The next layer is a half-inch thickness of a butyl waterproofing which is followed by a two-inch layer of rigid insulation which looks and feels like asphalt.

The final layer is three inches of lightweight concrete which will be the wearing surface.

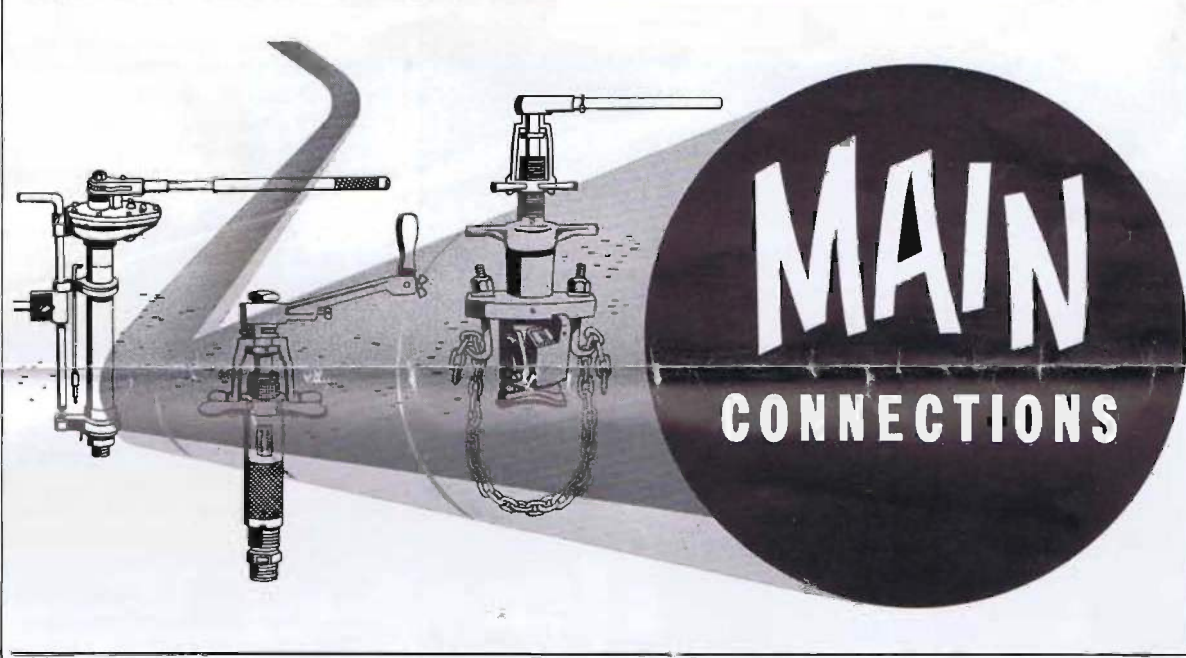
The first phase of the project which includes the office building, is expected to be finished by the end of November.

Ill. Power Sells Land to Mueller

Mueller Co. has purchased Illinois Power Co.'s old steam heat plant at Cerro Gordo and Edward streets in Decatur.

The plant is adjacent to Mueller Co. property on the south and west, with the Wabash Railroad tracks on its north side and Edward Street on the east.

The land is necessary to allow access to new Mueller Co. facilities which are part of the expansion program underway. The utility has been holding the plant as an emergency standby source of electricity and has leased the property back until Dec. 31, 1964.



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Jack Bain Is New President Of 4-X Club

Jack Bain, Core Room Foreman, has been elected president of the Decatur 4-X Club, succeeding Jack Parsons, Chief Chemist.



Jack Bain

The club, made-up of foremen and executives of Mueller Co. in Decatur, closed the 1960-61 year with a steak fry at the Mueller Lodge in May.

Other officers elected:

Carl Floren, Senior Project Engineer—Vice-President.

Jim Hosto, Construction Engineer—Secretary.

Ted Masterson, Assistant Finished Stock Control Supervisor—Treasurer.

Ron Reed, Assistant Personnel Director—Program Chairman.

Parks, Kellett, Piper Advance In Sales Division Promotions

Three promotions in the Sales Division which are a part of a Sales Division reorganization, have been announced by Vice-President and General Sales Manager Dan R. Gannon. The changes were effective June 1.

J. F. (Frank) Kellett, formerly Manager of the Chattanooga Sales Office, has been named Sales Manager-Inside Sales with headquarters in Decatur.

A. D. (Del) Parks, formerly Assistant Sales Manager-Outside Sales, has been named Sales Manager-Outside Sales.

George W. Piper, who has been Sales Service Supervisor at Chattanooga, has been named to take Mr. Kellett's position.

Mr. Kellett joined Mueller Co. as a billing clerk in Chattanooga in 1947. He was transferred to Decatur in 1957 to become Assistant to the General Sales Manager and Field Sales Manager. A year later he re-

turned to Chattanooga as Manager of the Sales Office.

Mr. Parks joined the company in 1935 as a messenger and after various assignments was transferred to the Sales Division in 1945. In 1953 he became section sales manager and then in 1957 he was transferred to Headquarters Sales as Assistant Field Sales Manager.

Mr. Piper came to Mueller Co. in June of 1957.

Mr. Gannon said, "The division of authority and responsibilities will reflect a very smooth and coordinated sales activity to the fullest possible benefit to all."

MR. WHITE NAMED

Harlan A. White, Assistant Works Manager, has been named to head the Industrial Division for Decatur's 1961 United Fund drive. Mr. White has been a member of the United Fund Board of Directors and has also been chairman of its Budget Committee.

Sarnia, Decatur Vacations Set

The schedule for vacations at Mueller Co. plants have been announced.

Decatur facilities will be closed for one week beginning July 10 and reopening July 17.

The plant and office personnel at Sarnia, Ontario, will be off for two weeks from July 31 to August 14.

The plants at Los Angeles and Chattanooga will not be closed for vacations and individual schedules will be arranged.

During vacation shutdowns at Decatur and Sarnia, sufficient staff will be maintained to operate the sales, shipping and accounting departments but otherwise the plants will be closed during the specific periods.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

A banquet was held May 9 in the Alhambra Elk's Club to add a note of finality to the 1960-61 bowling season at Mueller Co. in Los Angeles.

Trophies and prizes were awarded the winners with the Forging Department team of Mary Nelson, Bob Penn, Don DeDoncker, John Laubach and Red Nelson taking honors in league play.

The Steel Machine team took second in league play by winning a roll-off with the Office team. Members of the Steel Machine Shop quintet are Leonard Johnson, Hazel Lehman, Jim Bryne, and Bob and Gerry Ward.

A number of individual awards were also distributed at the banquet. Charles Portee had the men's high game of the season with a 267 while Paul Caho, with a 669, had top men's series. The best women's high game belongs to Sue Moore who rolled a 233 and Marion York, with a 614, has top women's series.

The Forging team had the best team score with 1,023 pins and the Steel Machine team rolled 2,873 for the high team series.

The sweepstakes were won by Marion York with a 566 series and Hazel Lehman who picked up 541 pins.

voters in the area defeated a bid for incorporation and as a result there is no city council.

Our "Flying Nurse", June Adkins, her husband and another couple, had an interesting trip in their airplane recently. They attended a "fly-in" breakfast on Santa Catalina Island. About 100 private planes flew to the island for the breakfast sponsored by the

Rhodes Heads Chattanooga Foreman Club

Robert L. Rhodes, Senior Project Engineer, has been elected president of the Mueller Co. Foreman's Club in Chattanooga.

Bob was elected at the group's annual outing at Camp Columbus on Lake Chickamauga on May 13. Charcoal broiled steaks cooked under the watchful eyes of Jack Pope and Russell Davis were served at the dinner.

Other officers elected were: Ralph Fickle, Vice-President. Buford Cole, Secretary. Hood Longley, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by Gene Racz

Don Hays, son of Burnest Hayes of the Brass Foundry, is having an interesting time these days while serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been serving aboard the U.S.S. Hermitage and has seen much of South Africa and toured the Mediterranean on a recent good will cruise of the areas. The Hermitage was one of the ships standing by to take on passengers from the hi-jacked Portuguese liner the Santa Maria but the ship reached port safely. Don was home recently before reporting to Jacksonville, N. C. on a new assignment. He is a 1958 graduate of Lakeview High School.



Cpl. Don Hayes

Fred Orton, now in the Army, dropped by the office for a quick visit. He was home before being assigned to Fort Sill, Okla. He looks wonderful but reports he is ready to return to his job in the fall.

We want to extend "Get Well" wishes to: Charles Hayes, Inspector, who suffered a broken foot; Dick Hood of the Iron Foundry who is recuperating from the removal of a kidney stone; to Sherman Matthews who has been off work for some time with an internal disorder; and to Wilbur Simpson who has undergone chest surgery.

Estelle Gordy of the Purchasing Department has left us to join her husband at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. Shirley Kelly, who formerly worked in the Production Control Department, has succeeded Mrs. Gordy.

We were sorry to hear that one of our graduates pictured, Janet Mulkey, suffered a broken leg at school. We hope that she made arrangements to be able to participate in graduation activities and that the break mends quickly. Janet is the daughter of Ione Mulkey in Sales.

Congratulations are in order to the following parents: Leonard and Wylodean Bishop now have another daughter, Gina Kay, who arrived on March 21; James and Theresa Reynolds now have two sons with the arrival of Cedrick Jefferson on April 15; William and Judy Bevis are delighted with their first child, Kimberly Kaye who arrived May 12; and Sylvester and Evelyn Daniel are very happy with their first born—a daughter, Vera Elaine, who arrived April 17.



Joe Fuller, left, was honored by fellow employees upon his recent retirement from Mueller Co. in Los Angeles. Joe, who worked in the Steel Machine Shop, had been spending some time at Lake Tahoe and plans to do some fishing.



Members of the winning Forging bowling team are: Red Nelson and John Laubach. From left, Bob Penn, Don Dedoncker, Mary Nelson,

Officers of the league are: Bill Young, President. Red Nelson, Secretary. Carolie Driscoll, Treasurer.

More bowling news! The Mueller team that entered the San Gabriel Valley Bowl Association tournament finished the 150-team tourney in a tie for 15th. Team members are: Red Nelson, Charles Portee, Frank Williams, Earl Bright and Bill Young.

Jim Holmes of the Assembly Dept. is sporting a shiny, new trophy for being a member of the first place team in the Trophy League, which bowls at the Triangle Bowl.

Hank Payan of the Steel Machine Shop lost in his bid for a seat on the East Los Angeles City Council. In fact there was no seat for him to sit in. The

merchants of the island. This is not the first "fly-in" for June but she said that is was the most interesting and most enjoyable. She said they had so much fun on the trip that it would not take much "arm twisting" or "prop twisting" to get her to go there again for her vacation.

Bill Michl of the Steel Machine Shop Tool Crib had the misfortune of being knocked down by an automobile in Huntington Park. Luckily no bones were broken but Bill had a badly bruised leg.

A man was consulting a psychiatrist. Among other questions, the doctor asked: "Are you troubled by improper thoughts?"

"Why, no," answered the patient. "To tell the truth, doctor, I rather enjoy them!"



Gary E. Discher, who formerly worked in the Forging Dept., recently finished his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. and is now at Fort Knox, Ky. He soon will be transferred to the 13th Armored Division in Europe. His father, Fred, works in the Forging Dept.

Mary and Harvey Kellogg vacationed in Daytona Beach, Fla. Mary is employed in the Production Control Department.

Our sympathy is extended to Marion Eckman in the death of his father.

John Coventry, who is pictured with our graduates, is to be complimented on his fine bowling record. He has acquired the highest average for any bowler in the senior league in the American Junior Bowling Congress with an average of 170. Father Chuck will have to be sharp to keep up with his son.

DECATUR BIRTHS

A number of new arrivals were welcomed into the homes of Decatur employees. Congratulations to:

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson (Dept. 35), boy, March 5.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stengel (Dept. 70), girl, April 30.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Mulvany (Dept. 80), girl, April 24.
- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Meachum (Dept. 70), girl, March 26.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Spain (Dept. 20), girl, April 8.
- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Willis (Dept. 32), girl, March 11.
- Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Birt (Dept. 20), girl, March 29.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gerstner, Tool Methods Engineer, girl, May 15.

A farmer brought his brother to see the psychiatrist. "My brother," he explained, "thinks he's a hen."

"Really," said the psychiatrist, "and how long has he been thinking on those lines?"

"For about four months," replied the farmer.

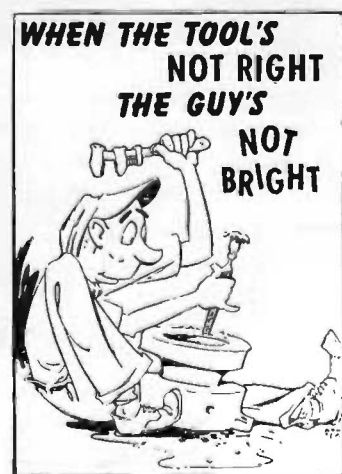
"And you did nothing about it?"

"No, doctor."

"That's too bad. Why in the name of all that's reasonable didn't you bring him to see me sooner?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, doctor, we needed the eggs."

One thing a woman likes about visiting a psychiatrist; she can lie when asked her age.



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



E. W. (Pete) Peterson, center, is retiring after 24 years with Mueller Co. as a Sales Representative in Minnesota. He is pictured with Mr. Del Parks, left, Sales Manager-Outside Sales, and Mr. Dan Gannon, Vice-President and General Sales Manager.

Plant 4 News

By Jennie McDaniel

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Schroeder have announced the June 4 wedding of their daughter, Beverly Jean, to Jerry Bundy. Chuck is an electrician at Plant 4.

Gene Cash, Production Control, became a grandfather in May. The parents of the boy are Mr. and Mrs. James Standerfer.

Mrs. Emily Waltens visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Waltens, in Kansas City. While there she saw a night club performance in which her son-in-law, Howard Mayberry, appeared as vocalist. Emily works in the Core Room and Howard formerly worked in Dept. 80. Emily also took a jaunt to Springfield recently to attend the District Convention of Lutheran Women's Mission League.

Mrs. Virginia Latch, Nurse at Plant 4, has been on sick leave. Mrs. Frank (Mickey) Endrizzzi has been working in Virginia's absence.

Pat Fonner and his two sons went fishing for trout recently at Bennett Springs, Mo. It is understood that Pat, who works in the Core Room, had pretty good luck. Otto Peake, while fishing recently on Lake Decatur, had some rather poor luck. He lost his footing and fell in the lake but he said it was worth it because he rescued his catfish.

Jennie Kinney and Margaret Behrend report they had an enjoyable vacation in California and Las Vegas. They saw the Art Linkletter television show and watched the rehearsal of a Red Skelton Show.

Jack Bain's brother and sister-in-law from Gardena, Calif.,

visited Jack and his wife recently. While here they also went to Rockford and Vandalia to visit Jack's daughters. Jack is Foreman in the Core Room.

Amos Bailey (Dept. 10) recently visited friends in Salina, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. John Willis spent two weeks visiting their daughter, Judy, in Dallas, Tex. John works in Dept. 10.



Carolyn Peake Shively

The wedding of Miss Carolyn Sue Peake and Roger Shively took place April 22 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Decatur. The groom is in the U. S. Marine Corps stationed at Indianhead, Md., and is scheduled for discharge the end of this month. Carolyn also graduated this month from Lakeview High School. Her father works in the Production Control Dept.

DECATUR DEATHS

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

Floyd Howard (Dept. 80) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nora Phillips.

James McDowell (Dept. 80) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Daisy McDowell.

Donald Rauch (Dept. 80), David Rauch (Dept. 60), Robert Wiley (Dept. 10) and Paul Barnes (Dept. 60) in the loss of their father or father-in-law, respectively.

Frank Kuenstler (Sales) in the loss of his infant child.

George Denning (Dept. 80) in the loss of his father, George W. Denning.

Lawrence Lewis (Dept. 10) in the loss of his father, James Lewis.

Earl Lowe (Production Liaison Engineer) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary Lou Cobb.

Edward Ellis (Dept. 103) in the loss of his father, John W. Ellis.

Lawrence Luckenbill (Assistant Project Engineer) in the loss of his father, Robert Luckenbill.

Orlie Wilkey (Dept. 20) in the loss of his wife, Bessie Wilkey.

The family of Owen Meador (Dept. 80).

ARMSTRONG CITED

Richard D. Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Armstrong, recently received the Bausch & Lomb science award for Lakeview High School in Decatur. The honorary award is given to senior students who have compiled high scholastic standings in science subjects. Richard's father works in Dept. 80.

Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley

Here it is time for MAIN CONNECTION news again, and I was almost caught empty-handed. I do have a few items, but not as many as I would like.

Spring is here, at least it finally feels that way. I have heard some say they have been working around the house, in their lawns, fishing, golfing, sun bathing and other activities which remind you of the warm weather. Another sure sign is the debating between Cub and Cardinal baseball fans. This is a sure sign that winter's peacefulness has waned.

Walter Taylor, who works in the Standards Dept., planted 100 rose bushes one weekend. He made it to work on Monday, even though he was moving rather slowly.

The Mueller Golf League has started, but I haven't heard too many comments. Maybe the scores have been like the cool weather.

For the first time in 10 years, Elmer Fawley didn't go on a fishing trip over the Memorial Day weekend. There was a very good reason, too. His daughter, Ann, was graduating from high school about that time and that comes first. He made up for it with a week of fishing in Wisconsin in mid-June.

Les Duncan, Tool Room, is grandpa again. Kristy Annette was born to Marilyn and Wendell Wallace. She weighed 5 lbs., 7 ozs. and is their third child.

J. William Coffey, Mueller Sales Representative in the Minnesota area, and his family were back in Decatur the end of May for a week of vacation and visiting with relatives. One of the reasons for the vacation at this time was to make the annual "pilgrimage" (as Bill called it) to the 500-mile auto race in Indianapolis on Memorial Day.

People have been hearing things in the Master Tool Crib.

It seems that every day about 12:15 p.m., Dave Younger was hearing organ music and this was difficult to understand because the crib is located in the center of a building, surrounded



Pete Retires But Plans to Stay on Road

After 24 years on the road for Mueller Co., E. W. (Pete) Peterson is retiring to do some traveling.

Pete, who has sold Mueller products in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, retired May 31 and has been succeeded by J. William Coffey.

Pete said he plans to spend the summer on some of Minnesota's 1,000 lakes and then "starting this winter, what else can a traveling man do but travel which Mrs. Peterson and I plan to do by seeing the good old U. S."

A native of Minneapolis, Pete has 46 years of selling experience. He started selling in 1914 and in February, 1937 he joined Mueller Co. as sales representative in the Minnesota area.

from Millikin University. Milt's main areas of study have been history and government, but, according to Walter, Milt has no immediate plans. During the past two years Milt has captained the Millikin golf team.



Three gas company executives from the Gas Company of France visited Mueller Co. recently to examine products and to discuss gas distribution methods. The three-man team was in the United States to obtain and exchange information concerning the design, operation and maintenance of high

pressure gas distribution networks. They are: from left, Hubert Gaudry, Paris; Georges Tercinet, Marseilles Region; Paul Albrieux, Paris; John J. Smith, Chief Products Engineer, and interpreter Bruno Muzard.

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Argenta High
John Drake, Dept. 32



PAT WILKINS
MacArthur High
Dale Wilkins, Dept. 33



SUSAN TOHILL
Westside High, Omaha, Neb.
Ken Tohill, Sales



ANN ENDSLEY
Stephen Decatur
Thelma Endsley, Credit



JOE JESCHAWITZ
Warrensburg High
William H. Jeschawitz, Dept. 60

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DAVID L. ROSS
MacArthur High
Louis Ross, Tool Room



DOUGLAS MORRIS
MacArthur High
Barbara Morris, Finished Stock



GAYLE ANNE JENKINS
Cerro Gordo High
Galen Jenkins, Dept. 60



LARRY LOURASH
Mt. Zion High
Leonard Lourash, Dept. 70



CHERION ANN CURRY
Lakeview High
Glenn Curry, Dept. 70

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RICHARD D. ARMSTRONG
Lakeview High
Richard G. Armstrong, Dept. 80



DARLAJEAN COFFIN
Blue Mound High
C. E. Coffin, Personnel Dir.



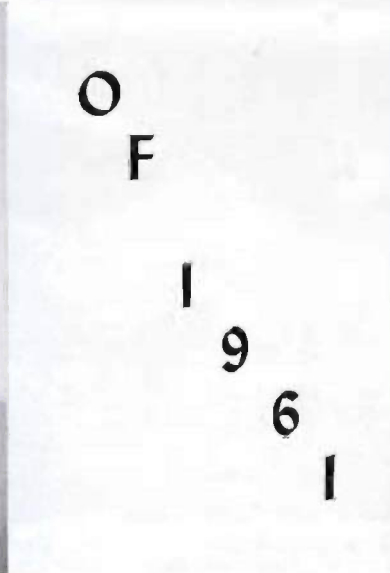
ALICE TUCKER
Bethany High
Willie Tucker, Dept. 60



GLORIA JEAN SCHMITT
MacArthur High
Robert G. Schmitt, Dept. 37



CHARLOTTE GIBBS
MacArthur High
Gene Gibbs, Dept. 90



DAVID BAKER
Eastern Illinois U.
Elmer Baker, Dept. 50

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ANITA EILEEN FAWLEY
MacArthur High
Elmer Fawley, Chief Inspector



JERRY E. DILBECK
Eisenhower High
Earl Dilbeck, Dept. 20



LELAND BAKER
Business Automation Institute
Chicago
Elmer Baker, Dept. 50

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LARRY P. CAHO
Pasadena City College
Paul Caho, Sales



CONNIE TAUBER
FontBonne College
Bob Tauber, Dept. 33



SANDI L. BUTLER
Eisenhower High
James L. Butler, Dept. 38



ROBERT D. JESSE
Moweaqua High
Robert H. Jesse, Dept. 38



CHARLENE HOLLINGSHEAD
Mt. San Antonio College
School of Nursing
James Hollingshead, Dept. 60



DEBORAH SMITH
Santa Monica High
Bill Smith, Sales



HAROLD D. HETZLER
Stephen Decatur
Ernest Hetzler, Dept. 35



ROBERT L. SMITH
Stephen Decatur
Kenneth Lee Smith, Dept. 90



MRS. MARJORIE JONES
Illinois State Normal U.
Wife of Arnold Jones, Dept. 47



VICTOR STRANGE
Artesia High School
Mildred Strange, Payroll



KATHLEEN NARASKY
Whittier Union High
Erwin Narasky, Foundry



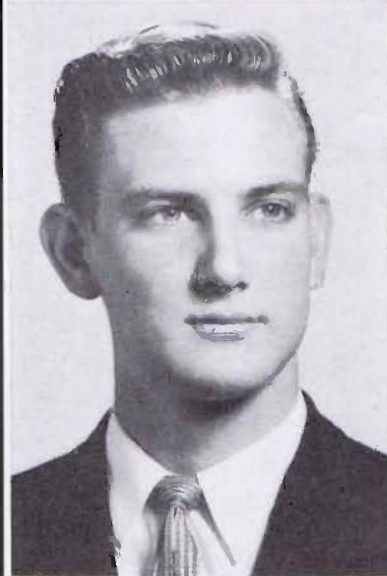
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Moweaqua High
John Morrison, Sr., Dept. 80



PAT TRUSNER
Mt. Zion High
Homer Trusner, Dept. 32



BILLY E. STEPHENS
Shelbyville High
Robert Ross, Dept. 64



JOHN A. ZIEBARTH
Montebello High School
Vance Ziebarth, Foundry



JOHN OPHEIM
Paramount High
Veva Opheim, Accounting

Graduates of Chattanooga Employees



JUANITA MARIE ALLEN
Howard High School
John Allen, Jr., Coreroom



SANDRA FAYE PORTER
Howard High School
Sidney Porter, Cleaning Room



BETTY JEAN SLATTON
Red Bank High
Paul Slatton, Iron Foundry



LINDA F. LOWERY
Rossville High
James Potter, Accountant



FREDDIE D. HARRIS
Central High
Fred W. Harris, Watchman



JANET MULKEY
Chattanooga High
Ione Mulkey, Sales



JOHN A. COVENTRY
Chattanooga High
Walter A. Coventry, Sales



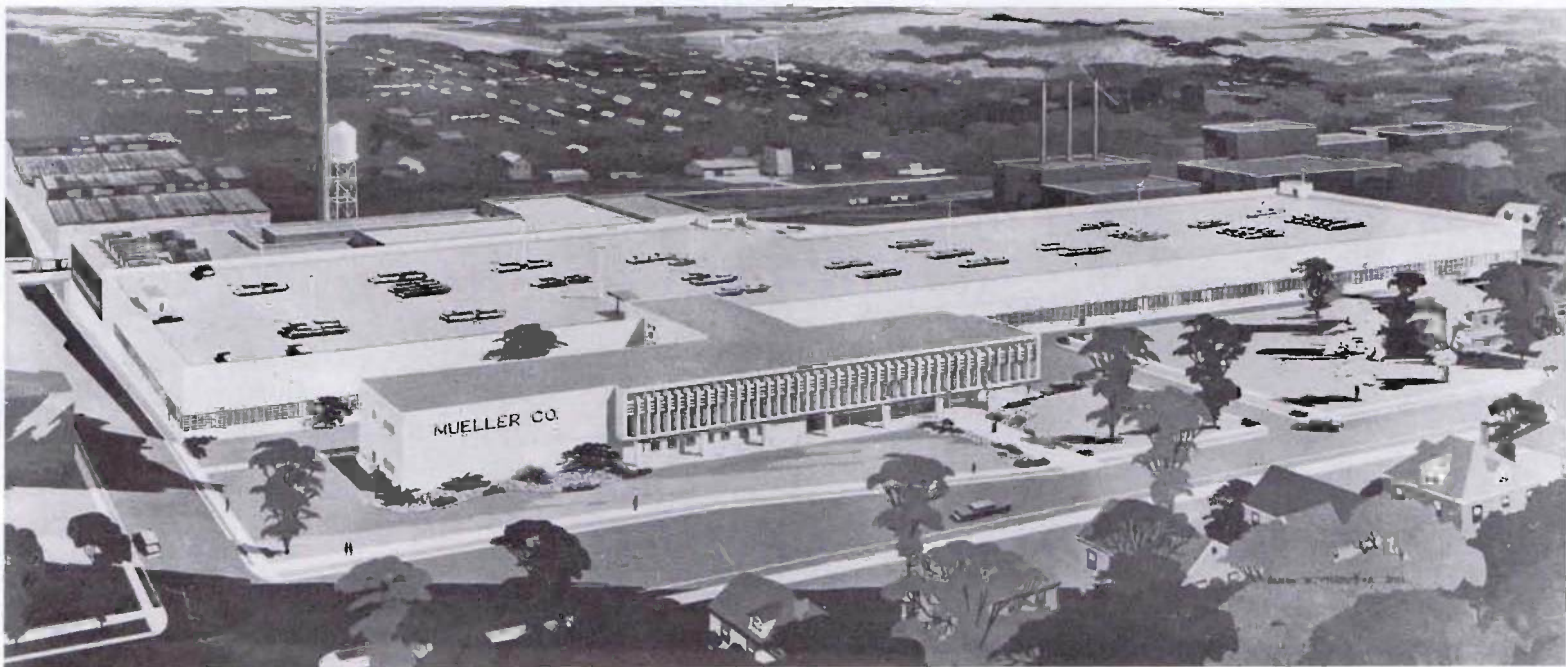
ROBERT FRANKLIN PUFFER
Central High
Frank Puffer, Sales



VIRGINIA L. LONGLEY
Ooltewah High
Ooltewah, Tenn.
Hood Longley,
Core Room Foreman



MINNIE E. EBERHARDT
Howard High
Willie Eberhardt, Core Room



SHERRILL L. SOUTHERLAND
LaFayette High
LaFayette, Georgia
Sam Cline, Assembly Room



PATRICIA BROWN
Howard High
I. V. Brown, Iron Foundry

This is the way Mueller Co. in Decatur will look in 1964. This is an architect's sketch of the expansion project which is now underway. For those of you not in Decatur—the portion now under construction includes the office building which is shown at the bottom and about

one-third of the manufacturing and warehouse building. This one-third extends from Monroe Street at the left, to just beyond the corridor that joins the office and manufacturing building.

MUELLER, LIMITED Reports

by
PHYLLIS TURNER



Douglas Ellenor, 17, and Paula Skippon, 16, both Grade 12 students, were among 203 students chosen from across Canada to take part in the "Adventures in Citizenship." The students taking part in the program sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Canada, are chosen on the basis of scholastic standing. The program included four days of concentrated activity in Canada's capital city, Ottawa, where the youths were able to see many phases of the Government of Canada at work. They participated in discussion groups, dined with, and heard outstanding Canadian leaders. Paula is the daughter of R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering, and Douglas is the son of Ed Ellenor who is foreman of Dept. 5.

Thomas Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan, has been promoted from Meteorological Observer to Corporal at #3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrucken, Germany. Mr. Brennan is Merchandise Manager of Plumbing and Streamline in Sarnia.

Dennis Tilley, First-Aid Attendant for Mueller, Limited, has been appointed by the Canadian Red Cross as Area Supervisor for the City of Sarnia and surrounding area. His new post will be to examine all First-Aid Instructors connected with the Red Cross.

Clyde Smith was elected president of the Mueller, Limited Social Club, at a dinner meeting in the Vendome Hotel.

Other officers elected:
Kenneth Perdeaux, First Vice-President.
Donald Thain, Second Vice-President.
Ralph Twomey, Secretary.
O. Cecil Spears, Treasurer.

During the long week-end commemorating Canada's Victoria Day, Lillian Bennett, Engineering Division, flew to Chicago by jet to spend a few days. With a girl friend, Lillian took several tours which included the Museum of Science and Industry, slum areas being re-built, the north and south sides and several of the city parks. Another tour, "Chicago by Night", took them to Chinatown, skid-row, Little Bohemia, Little Italy and others. The

highlight of the weekend was their attendance at the Drury Lane Theater which was featuring Hugh O'Brian on the stage in "Heaven Can Wait."



Jack Flood, Supervisor in Mueller, Limited's Ground Key Dept., retired recently after 40 years of service. He is shown at the far left, holding one of the gifts presented to him upon his retirement. He started

as an engine lathe operator and in 1936 was promoted to supervisor. Jack said he and his wife plan to take it easy, going on short trips and attending their gardening.

Private Apprentice Melvin J. Dawson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dawson, is training at the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps School, Camp Borden, Ontario, under the Army's Soldier Apprentice Training Plan. During the next two years he will continue his academic studies, receive military training and learn an Army trade. Upon graduation he will serve a minimum of three years in the Regular Army. His father is employed in Dept. 3.

Jimmy Chaytor, Dept. 1, has spent a great deal of his spare time this past winter as in previous years helping young people. He has been an official of the Sarnia Minor Athletic Association which sponsors bowling each Saturday morning during the winter for children from 8 to 19. Congratulations Jimmy on the fine job you are doing to make it possible for many Sarnia youngsters to participate in sports who otherwise might not have had this opportunity.

Keith M. Coates, 17, son of L. M. Coates, Factory Manager, and a student at Northern Collegiate Institute, has set new



Norman Gilbert, Safety Committeeman, and Leslie Crooks, Foreman of Dept. 6, are pictured holding the department's safety award presented for com-

pleting a full year without a lost time accident at Mueller, Limited.

Foreign Study Award Goes to Sally Baker



Sally Baker

Sally Baker, daughter of Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager Hugh L. Baker, will spend the next school year studying in Switzerland as an exchange student under the American Field Service program.

Each year only about 140 high school students throughout the United States are selected to study a full school year in another country. Sally is the first from the Decatur area to qualify for the extended period although three or four students are selected here each year to spend the summer abroad under the AFS program.

Sally, 17-years-old, was eligible this year because as a junior she has earned enough credits to graduate.

She will sail from New York City on Aug. 23 and will return when the Swiss school term ends about Easter to graduate with her Stephen Decatur High School class next May.

The Bakers will make the trip to New York with Sally and stop in Washington, D. C. on the way.

Sally will stay with the Otto Rutishauser family in Pfungen by Winterthur, which is near Zurich. Mr. Rutishauser is the town postmaster and a member of the city council. The family has a 17-year-old daughter who is now studying in the United States under the AFS program, and two sons.

Sally, a member of the National Honor Society, is secretary of the student council at Stephen Decatur High School and active in a number of school organizations. She has studied French and Latin for three years and has now undertaken a crash program to learn German before she leaves this country.

Muz Penessi, Pete Krywicki, Jack Cain, Gordon Karr, Eric Wood, Mike Van Horne, Frank Petronski and Captain Lyle Izard.



Miss Dorothy Wilkinson was married recently to Kenneth Drury at the Point Edward Presbyterian Church. Dorothy is employed at Mueller, Limited as a stenographer.

city records for the half-mile, two-mile and cross-country runs and won the Western Ontario Secondary School half-mile and mile races. Keith is a top notch golfer, and participates in hockey, basketball, football and baseball.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following Mueller Limited employees:

Percy Knight (Dept. 7) in the loss of his brother, Bert F. Knight.

Gordon Karr (Production Control Supervisor) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Louella Karr.

Charles Teskey (Dept. 9) in the loss of his step-mother, Mrs. Florence Teskey.

Ross Helps (Dept. 2) in the loss of his father-in-law, Cecil J. Simpson.

Beatrice Quinn (Dept. 6) in the loss of her husband, Henry (Hap) Quinn.

Jean Plourde (Production Control) in the loss of her mother-in-law, Mrs. James Plourde.

To the family of the late John Stott. John was employed in (Dept. 7) and has been ill for some time.

To the family of the late

Harold Clarke. Harold was employed in (Dept. 10).

Congratulations and best wishes to the following employees on the recent additions to their families:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, a daughter, Patricia Elizabeth, born March 1. Bob is Night Foreman in Dept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Tremain, a daughter, Marie Dianne, born March 7. Irvin is Assistant Day Foreman in Dept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babbitt, a daughter, Patricia Evlynn, born March 20. Charlie is employed in Dept. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helps, a son, Scott Murray, born March 8. Ross is employed in Dept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guthrie, a son, James Stewart, born March 28. Charlie is employed in Dept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkie, a son, David Lewis, born May 1. Jim is employed in the Production Control Dept.

Once again our team in the Sarnia Industrial 5-Pin League made a fast finish to win the league title. Our boys lost in the semi-finals of the playoffs, however, Team members are:



Mr. and Mrs. W. John Aitchison recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the couple's home on the St. Clair River Road. Mr. Aitchison was a pattern maker and retired three years ago after 45 years with the company.



This expressive young man is Keith Randall Dickerson, son of Robert and Jessie Dickerson. At 3½ months of age when these photos were taken, Keith had the size (18 lbs. 12 ozs.) and pictorial personality of a child many months his senior. Every reader will be able to supply his own captions and will try to interpret what's on this fellow's mind. Keith's father works in Decatur's Dept. 80.



I've heard that one . . .

Tell the story about . . .

Go on, Go on . . .

Here comes the punch line . . .

That 3 bears story gets funnier every time.



Ex-Flying Tiger Crewman

Retired Sergeant Delivers Plant Mail

Delivering and sorting mail at Decatur's Plant No. 1 is a far cry from working 20 years as an airplane mechanic in the air force.

Gene McKinney, who three-times a day delivers the mail at Mueller Co., retired about two years ago as a master sergeant in the air force.

After seeing the slightly built man or first talking to the soft-spoken fellow, there is little to indicate that he has been to most countries of the world and even served in Burma and China with the famed Flying Tigers.

Decatur is the original home of both Gene and his wife, and after more than 20 years of service life he decided it was time to settle down and take life a little slower.

Gene worked about two months in the plant at Mueller Co. and then moved into the mail room.

He said he thought about continuing his work with jet aircraft as a civilian but because of location and other circumstances he returned to Decatur.

In reply to a statement about the need for good mechanics because of all the recent crashes, Gene wryly replied: "A good mechanic can't do much repair work after the plane leaves the ground."

At one time Gene was actually a member of the Chinese Air Force for two years while he was with Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers in Burma and China in 1941 and 1942.

This volunteer group was all U. S. servicemen who got discharged and then joined the Chinese Air Force to help fight the Japanese, he said. "Most of us were lured to China by big money," Gene said.

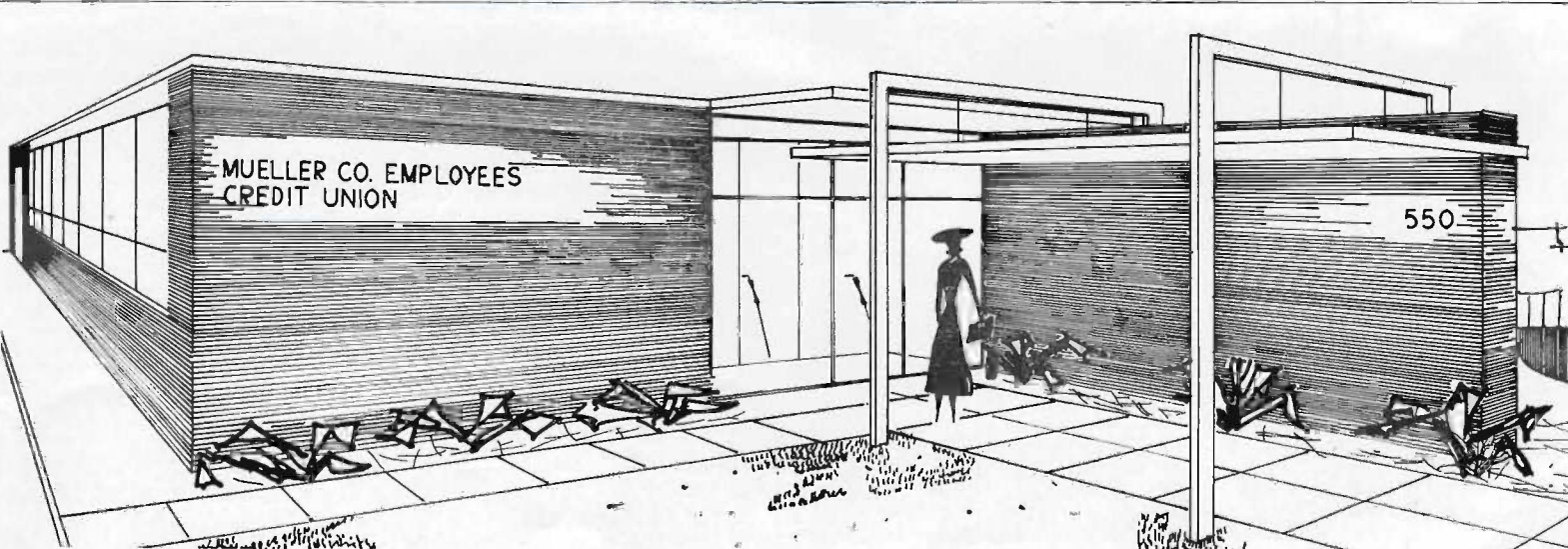
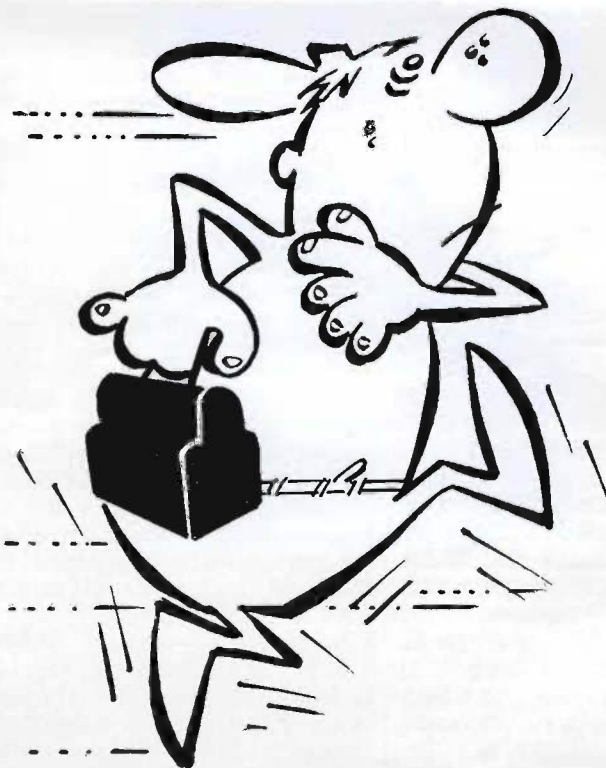
About the only country in the world that Gene has missed in his service travels is Russia. "I would like to go there too, but my favorite places are Hong



Genial Gene McKinney

Kong, Singapore and Germany," he added. Although he lived in France from 1952 to 1955 and went to French schools, he prefers Germany because the cost of living is lower and it is more Westernized.

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The new office building for Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union in Decatur is expected to be completed about the first of the year. The architect's sketch shows the modern designs of the 24 by 42-foot,

brick building which will house the organization's offices. The property for the building has been purchased and razing of an old building is underway to clear the site.



James Brent of Dept. 47, second from left, receives his 25-year service pin. Mueller, Limited personnel looking on are; Carl Smith, Production Superintend-

ent; Brent; Martin Roth, Dept. 47 Foreman; Harry Dowding, Methods Engineer; Maurice Simard, Dept. 47 Assistant Foreman and Philip Hamilton.



Charles Moore, Assistant Plant Manager at Decatur, makes service awards to Pres Ruthrauff, Jr., center, and Ernest D. Hetzler. Pres, who has completed 25 years with Mueller Co., is Assistant Specialty Foreman. Ernie is in the Pattern Shop and has 30 years with Mueller Co.



Thirty-five years of service by Lester Woodall are marked by a service award presentation from Frank C. Hackman, Assistant Plant Manager at Chattanooga.



A total of 110 years of experience at Mueller Co. in Decatur is represented by these four men. They are: from left, James R. Armstrong (Dept. 20) 30

years; Wilbur B. Tucker (Dept. 47) 25 years; John W. Dotson (Dept. 64) 25 years and Athie Thompson (Dept. 90) 30 years.

SERVICE AWARDS

DECATUR

- 5 Years: Claude C. Markham, Kenneth L. Unland, Jane Miller, Carl R. Boline.
- 10 Years: Walter B. Jones.
- 15 Years: James L. Butler, Robert L. Pate, John E. Puckett, Otto J. Peake, Paul J. Shaw, John R. Vandevanter, Jr., John Vandevanter, Howard J. Gleespen, Joseph L. Crane.
- 20 Years: Isaac L. Gowan,

Troy C. Jones, Harland H. Rhodes.

- 25 Years: Lester Duncan, Wilbur B. Tucker, John W. Dotson.
- 30 Years: Athie Thompson, Russell Armstrong.
- 35 Years: Norman M. Poole.

LOS ANGELES

- 5 Years: Helen Staley.
- 10 Years: Jewell Montoya.
- 15 Years: Paul G. Caho, John Fritzer.
- 25 Years: Earl E. Bright, August Werdes.

NEW YORK CITY

- 5 Years: Beatrice Perkins.

CHATTANOOGA

- 5 Years: Robert Lee Burner, Robert Lee Bussey, Harvey A. Close, Alfonso Fields, Emmett Leroy Garner, George L. Grayson, Robert W. Hill, Curtis N. Ingle, Alphonza Jenkins, Ernest E. Johnson, Clyde Madding, George T. Madden, Lavonne E. Maddox, Leroy Mayfield, Aileen S. Millard, Leroy Nalls, Jr., Evans Powell, Reuben Smith, Leroy Spence, Rolland T. Strickland.
- 10 Years: Ray E. Barker, Eddie L. Calhoun, Dewey Lee Careathers, Willie B. Cosper, Roy Ellis, Will R. Goodlow, Ora

Hollingsworth, Charlie L. Jackson, Willie E. McField, J. D. Readus, Gable Toney, Booker Tea Tony, Billy Thomas, Jommie Walls.

15 Years: John C. Graves, John M. Howard, Willie C. Johnson, Charlie Martin, Leroy Sims, Will Usher.

20 Years: Lawrence E. Adams, Warren Chappel, Major Hopper, Alfred Logan, Jr., R. B. McKibben, Paul L. O'Neal, J. P. Ramsey, James Richardson, Hirston Russell, Vance A. Sims, Leroy Snow.

35 Years: J. H. Wall, Lester Woodall.

SARNIA

- 5 Years: Doris Smith, Cornelius Van Alten.
- 15 Years: Orval McClemens, John Saunders, Bruce Robertson.
- 20 Years: Henry Hardy, Roy Abell, John Agar, Thomas Heath, Garnet Denomy, Edward Campbell, Andrew Mackrell, Elmer O'Dell, Norman Harrison, Frank Vidler, Ward Boyle, Wilbur Duggan, John Cain, Bernard Brady, Maxwell Fletcher, Charles Browett.
- 25 Years: James Brent.



Smith Wooden, Assembly Dept., receives a wrist watch from fellow employees at Chattanooga as he ends 35 years of service. He began

Sept., 1925 in the same department. Making the award is F. K. Moss, Department Supervisor.



NORMAN M. POOLE
35 Years
Decatur



PLAN AHEAD

The best laid plans often go astray and the best laid sidewalks don't normally have power poles in the center of them. In front of the new Mueller office the highway was widened and as a result the sidewalk was changed, but as workmen started pouring the walk they found a power pole in their path. A few yards farther the street narrowed and the sidewalk curved and ran right into another pole. A few days later the poles were removed and the cement finishers finished.

Works Mgrs. Cop Decatur Bowling Title

The Works Managers bowling team won the Mueller Co. bowling league championship in Decatur and for the second straight year the team had to do it with a roll-off.

The Works Managers and the Brass Finishers finished the 108-game season with won-lost records of 59 and 49. Last year the winners were tied with the Ground Key team and went on to win the roll-off.

Members of the top team are: Lynn Edwards, Bill Leake, Galen Jenkins, Ed Turner, Pres Ruthrauff, Bob Taylor and Marshall Foster. The Brass Finishers are: Orville Spencer, Gene Gibbs, Claude Inman, Fred Campbell, Bob Boyd and Fred Nash.

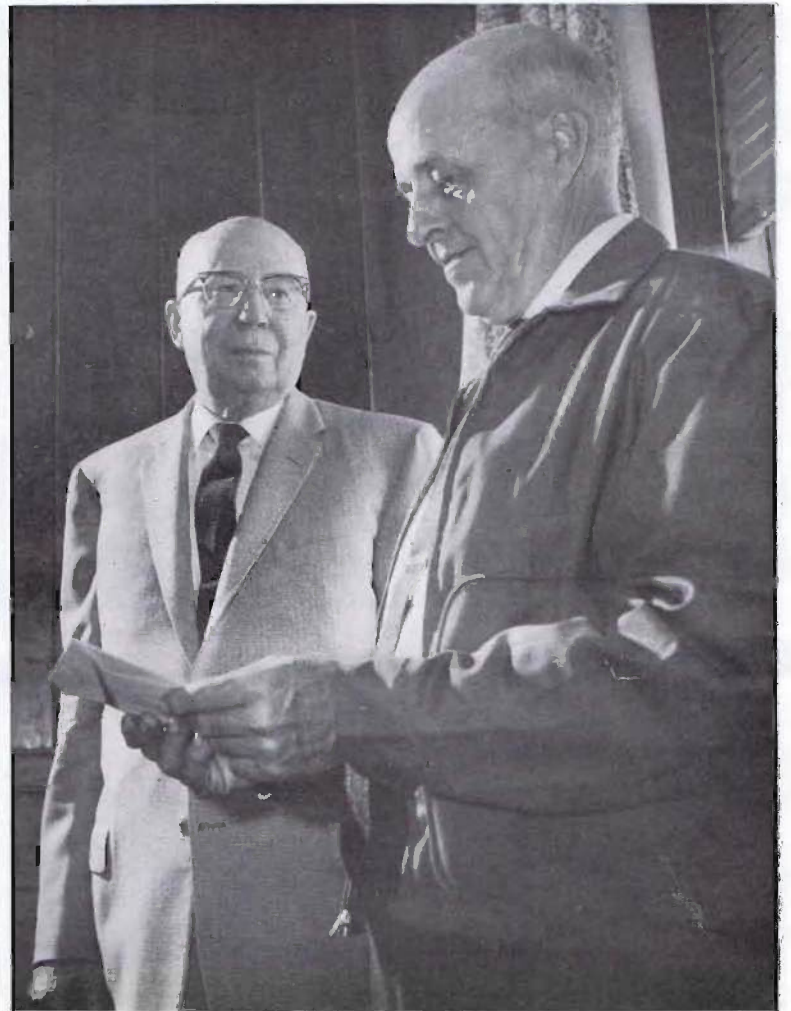
One reason for the success of the Works Managers is that four of the team members are among the top 10 bowlers in the league, as far as averages are concerned. Edwards averaged 180; Leake had 179; Turner had a 176 average and Ruthrauff averaged 174.

Ed Nalefski, with an average of 186 pins, topped Al Degand by one pin for the best individual average for the year. Degand tied Jim Kissell for the season's high game of 268 while Maurice Sefton's 688 took honors for the season's high series.

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Works Mgrs.	59	49
Brass Fin.	59	49
Iron Shop	58	50
Prod. Engrs.	56½	51½
Ground Key	54½	53½
Tool Engrs.	54	54
Spec. Div.	50½	57½
Main Office	50	58
Plant 4	49½	58½
Pattern Shop	49	59

Jonette Heinz, who works in the Sales Department and is a member of the Mueller women's bowling team, won sweepstakes honors in the Ladies Classic Junior League in Decatur. This is the third year in a row that a Mueller team member has taken top place. The past two years Mary Lou Wheatley, Engineering, has won the sweepstakes.



Albert Spitzer looks over the \$1,000 check he just received from Mueller Co. President Albert G. Webber, Jr. Mr. Spitzer retired recently after 47 years with the company and received the check as part of the company's service award program.

Decatur's Senior Man Retires

Spitzer Ends 47-Year Career

Decatur's senior employee, Albert Spitzer, retired May 12 after 47 years of service with Mueller Co.

Mr. Spitzer started to work at Mueller Co. in February, 1914 and even though he left for three months in 1917, he was still Decatur's longest employee when he retired.

Even though Al had a few months left to work before he reached 65, he said he wanted to retire now so he could "enjoy the summer" and participate in his favorite pastimes of gardening and yard work. He said he might do a little traveling this summer, too.

This traveling might include a trip back home to Rockingham, Va. which was a long way from Decatur back in 1914.

Al said he had a relative living in Cerro Gordo, Ill., and he came to Decatur to see how things were and landed a job on the night shift at Mueller Co. for 11 cents an hour.

Except for working about a week at a foundry in Decatur, Al hasn't done much else but run automatic rod machines. At the time of his retirement Al was in Automatic Rod Department Set-Up Man in Department 90.

The Spitzer name will continue to be heard around Mueller Co. as Al's son, Marvin, is Construction and Maintenance Foreman at Decatur.

McKOWN RETIRES

James T. McKown, Plumber in Dept. 38, retired March 21 because of ill health. Mr. McKown was with Mueller Co. in Decatur for nearly 27 years.

CURRY RETIRES

John T. Curry, Assembler in Dept. 80 in Decatur, retired April 30 after nearly 35 years with Mueller Co. Mr. Curry has been in ill health for some time and retired because of a disability.

Banquet Ends Mueller, Ltd. Bowling Year

About 60 Mueller, Limited bowlers and guests climaxed the season with a turkey and fish banquet the end of May.

At the bowling dinner, officers for next year were elected, and trophies and prizes awarded.

Officers for the coming year will be:

Mike Scott, President.

Walter Stephens, Vice-President.

Doris Smith, Secretary.

George Schillemore, Treasurer.

Mr. Merlin Coates, Factory Manager, presented the league winners, The Faucets, with individual cups and the Mueller cup. Winning team members are: Marlene Gladwish, Leona Addy, Jack Cain, Jack LaPier, Lile Short and Captain Sam Round.

Individual trophies went to Doris McLaughlin who had the ladies high average and to Walter Irvine who had the best men's average. Irvine also had the top series score. The best women's series score trophy goes to Marlene Gladwish.

The round-robin play-off winners, The Regulators, had Barbara Dobroski, Evelyn Young, Charles Morris, George McLean, Claude Furlotte and Captain Lyle Izzard as members.

Fifteen person from the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union attended the annual State of Illinois Credit Union meeting in Chicago.



Daniel Fay Boggs retired recently and received a wrist watch from his co-workers in the Iron Machine Shop at Plant 4. Making the presentation is Leo Kramer. In the center is Mike Wright, Fore-

man. Mr. Boggs worked for Mueller Co. more than 33 years and was a turret lathe operator when he retired.

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