

ODIE WALKER ENDS 34-YEAR CAREER

Company Executive Retires

Odie E. Walker, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Mueller, Limited, has ended a 34-year career with Mueller Co. that has included service as a workman, plant manager and company officer.

Mr. Walker had a heart attack early this year and has been in ill health since, but his retirement was not effective until Oct. 1.

A native of Commerce, Mo., Mr. Walker started to work for Mueller Co., in 1920 as a foundry laborer. He worked his way through various production jobs to standards engineer, cost finding, plant manager and vice president.

In 1943 he became manager of the Mueller Co. plant in Chattanooga and was elected to a company vice-presidency in 1950. Three years later he was transferred from Chattanooga to Decatur as vice-president and works manager.

Mr. Walker was named executive vice-president and general manager of Mueller, Limited in December of 1958. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I and in 1958 he served as an advisor to the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Except for a time when he returned to Missouri, he has been with Mueller Co. or Mueller Limited since 1920.

Mr. Walker, his wife and son are now living in Florida.

Ex-Los Angeles Executive Dies

Mr. Emmett M. Reedy, former Vice-President and Manager of the Mueller Co. plant in Los Angeles, died July 21 in San Diego, Calif.

He had been with Mueller Co. 29 years when he retired in 1952 because of a heart condition. At the time of his death Mr. Reedy was interested and active in real estate development in the Southern California area and was in a meeting of the Planning Commission when he was stricken.

Mr. Reedy was originally with the Engineering Dept. in Decatur and served in other capacities until the Pacific Coast plant opened in 1933. At that time he was transferred to Los Angeles as its first plant superintendent.

He is survived by his wife Lieta, and a daughter, Susie, who lives in La Habra, Calif.



Mr. Odie E. Walker

Charles W. Moore To Head Quality Control Division

Charles W. Moore, formerly Assistant Factory Manager at Decatur, has been named Quality Control Manager for Mueller Co.



Charles W. Moore

According to the announcement by Vice-President and Works Manager Frank A. Speer, Mr. Moore will be in charge of all quality control and inspection functions within Mueller Co.'s domestic operations.

Mr. Moore joined Mueller Co. in 1948 following his graduation from Millikin University with a B. S. degree in business administration. He started as a time study engineer and from 1956 to 1959 he was plant industrial engineer. He had been assistant factory manager at Decatur since August of 1959.

A native of Decatur, Mr. Moore attended Stephen Decatur High and has two children.

Mueller Co. Board Members Visit Canadian Facilities

The Board of Directors of Mueller Co. held its regular meeting recently in Sarnia, Ontario.

The visit marked the first time in the 50-year history of Mueller, Limited that the Directors of Mueller Co. had all assembled in Sarnia for a formal meeting. Previous visitations have been in smaller numbers and on a more informal basis.

Primary purpose of gathering in Sarnia was to inspect the plant of Mueller, Limited; to get better acquainted with Mr. George McAvity, newly named Managing Director of Mueller, Limited; and to hear first-hand from other executives of the Company about the Canadian economy and the outlook for Canada as well as for Mueller, Limited.

The executives of Mueller, Limited expressed optimistic views on the improving condition of the business economy in Canada and were agreed that the next few years will show an increasing growth both in population and volume of business transactions. They also agreed that the prospects are good for Mueller, Limited to get its fair share of participation in the growth economy of Canada.

The group met in Sarnia's Village Inn. A luncheon with Mueller, Limited executives followed the Board's morning session. In the afternoon the directors toured the plant and then had dinner at the Riding Club.

Attending the meeting were: Mr. J. H. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Jackson Kemper, Decatur, Ill.
- Mr. E. B. Mueller, Port Huron, Mich.
- Mr. Frank H. Mueller, Decatur, Ill.
- Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller, Atherton, Calif.
- Mr. John A. Schluter, New York City
- Mrs. Lenore M. Schmick, Chicago
- Mr. Franklin B. Schmick, Chicago
- Mr. Harold M. Sherman, Jr., New York City
- Mr. Albert G. Webber, Jr., Decatur, Ill.
- Mr. Leo Wiant, Decatur, Ill.

3 Personnel Changes Made In Eastern Sales Section

Three changes in the Eastern Sales Section have been announced by Vice-President and General Sales Manager Dan R. Gannon.

Benjamin C. Lentz, 27, a native of Philadelphia, has been named Mueller Co. Sales Representative for western New York

state. He succeeds Ed Fenstad who has moved to a territory in New Jersey. Mr. Fenstad will take the place of Herb Huffine who has been named a special sales representative for Mueller Co.

Mr. Huffine, a native of Washington, D. C., has been the (Continued on Page 3)

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The Mueller Co. expansion in Decatur is about 50 per cent finished and plans are being made for a move into the new office in December. Since this picture was taken the sun shades have been put on the front windows, most of the brickwork completed

and windows put in for the first phase of the job. Plaster work is now underway and drop ceilings are now being put in. About 75 per cent of the portion now under construction is completed.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

Deborah Smith, daughter of G. A. (Bill) Smith of the Western Section Sales Division, left for Gstaad, Switzerland in September where she is working as teacher assistant at Chalet Flora where English and American children attend school. She expects to remain at Chalet Flora for the school year and then will tour Europe before returning home. Deborah, who graduated recently from Santa Monica High School, plans to attend the University of California at Berkeley in 1962.

Marjory Spohn of the Sales Dept. entertained the members of the Sales Office and their spouses with a delicious buffet supper and swimming party at her home during her recent vacation. There were 22 present and judging from reports a swimming and diving instructor could have been used.



Helen Staley, Assistant Laboratory Technician, is shown with trophies she won in the Norwalk Six-Ten League. Helen was on the winning team and had the high woman's game of 235.

Two Mueller teams are bowling in a summer league. One is leading the league by 2½ games as the season comes to a close. The team is comprised of Jim Holmes, Assembly; Carol Driscoll, Payroll; June Adkins, Nurse; Bruce Stotler, Production Superintendent; and John Fritzer, Brass Machine Shop. Fritzer has high handicap series and June is tied for high woman's handicap game in their league.

The other Mueller team is about out of contention but is tied for high team game. Members of the team are: Frank Mecado, Core Room; Marian York, Sales Office; Hazel Lehman, PBX Operator; John Laubach, Steel Machine Shop; and Gerald Ward, Steel Machine Shop. Ward has high game without handicap.

A number of employees have reported interesting vacations but Frank Williams' trip was probably the most exciting. His DC7 flight from New Jersey ended with an emergency landing at L.A.'s International Airport. A tire on the giant plane's nose wheel blew out on its take-off from Denver, Colo., and at Los Angeles sparks flew as the nose strut scraped along the runway and came to a safe halt. Frank, who works in the Tool and Die Room, said that when they took off from the Denver airport they taxied past the spot where a jetliner crashed recently killing 17. He said they had just passed a truck carrying wreckage from the crash when they felt a terrific jolt, which must have been the tire blowing out.

Mike Lieberr of the Steel Machine Shop visited Michigan and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota and carried rain with him as far back as Las Vegas. He didn't bring any back to California, which is having an especially dry summer.

Golda Shepard just returned from a trip to her home town of Masassa, Colo., where she attended a family reunion. There were approximately 300 relatives from all over the United States present for the reunion which included a luncheon, talent show and the election of officers for the family organization.

Dorothy Barnett of the Sales Dept. just returned from her vacation to Clinton, Ill., where she and her family visited her husband's parents.

In Little League baseball, Ned Stotler, son of Bruce Stotler, Production Superintendent, was a member of his league's All-Star team which won the area championship and went into the district playoffs. While not district winners, the team did give a good account of itself. Young Stotler, who is only 11-years-old, will have another year of Little



The Mueller Co. softball team had an undefeated season this year in Chattanooga as it came through with 11 straight wins. Under the watchful eye of manager Jack Pope, Cleaning Room Foreman, the team scored a number of late-inning victories. Team members are, from left, first row: Wilbur Irwin, left field; Daniel Emery, right field; Herman Easley, center field; Jim Coulter, second base; and Ronnie

Harris, shortstop. Back row: Larry Christol, first base; Wesley Brooks, catcher; Marcus Daniel, Jr., catcher; Ralph Fickle, short field; Tom Shipley, third base, Jim Tolbert, pitcher and Manager Pope. The young man in front is Ronnie Malone, son of Jack Malone, Assistant Production Control Manager.

League competition, and it looks like we have a real ball player here.

Leroy Price and Peggy Harris were married recently in

the Southern Baptist Church of Bell Gardens. A reception in the home of the bridegroom followed the ceremony. Leroy works in our Brass Machine Shop.



Robert and Susie McGruder Ward

Susie McGruder and Robert Ward were married July 15 in the Faith Lutheran Church of Whittier. About 200 guests attended the ceremony and reception that followed in the church patio. Sandra, the bride's twin sister, was maid of honor and her sister Sharon was one of the bridesmaids. After several days at Carmel and Monterey, the newlyweds are at home in their apartment in Whittier. Susie works in the Standards Dept. and Bob is in the Assembly Dept.

Mrs. Richard Rowe presented Dick of the Foundry with their third girl on June 11. Nikki, the little gal weighed 7 lbs., 2 ozs. The Rowes now have three girls and a boy. Mother Vi was also a Mueller employee before she started raising a family.

Hugh Brownridge and his wife have their third child—a boy. Calvin, who weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 ozs., gives them two boys and a girl.

Bill Michl, "Master of the Tool Crib" in the Steel Dept., suffered an injured back recently in an accident at home. While moving a refrigerator onto a truck, it got away from him and knocked him down. It is expected to keep him out of action for seven or eight weeks.



Two Mueller Co. employees in Los Angeles retired after a number of years of service. Hal "Tiny" Murray, Watchman, is shown in the picture at the left as he



ended 20 years of service. Hattie Zylcz, Foundry, is shown at the right at the end of 18 years. Each received a watch and other gifts.



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by Gene Racz

Floyd E. Peters and Peggy Ann Johnson were united in marriage on June 24 in the home of the bride in Wallaceville, Ga. The Rev. Clayton Gilmer performed the ceremony. The couple is residing in Chickamauga, Ga. Floyd is employed in the Machine Shop.

Ora Hollingsworth, First Aid Attendant, spent a week of her vacation visiting her brother in Jackson, Ala. She was accompanied by her niece Sarah Thompson.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of James Foster, Jr., who was killed in an automobile accident. James was employed in the Iron Foundry as an Iron Pourer.

Baxter Little, Clerk in the Core Room; Bob Evans, Machine Operator and Jimmie Johnson, Assembler, have returned from two weeks of summer training with the Tennessee National Guard. Rumors were flying while they were there that their unit was to be recalled to active duty but the rumor proved to be false. We are happy it was just a rumor, and know they are too.

Best wishes to John T. Hammonds and Florida Ann Rogers who were married in June in Trenton, Ga. They are making their home at 802 W. 47th St. John is employed in the Brass Foundry.

Larry Rhodes, captain-elect of the Red Bank High School wrestling team, and George Thrash, co-captain, were selected to represent the school at the Fellowship of Christian Athletics camp which was held at Lake Geneva, Wis. in August. The Chattanooga group traveled by chartered bus and enjoyed a week of recreation and class lectures by several well-known athletes from various parts of the nation. The aim of the camp was to instruct, not only in athletic techniques, but in good sportsmanship as well. Larry has also attended a six weeks science course at Peabody College this summer.

Bob Lusk, wife Laura, and daughter Marilyn spent two weeks at Fish Lake, Mich. recently visiting with Bob's mother.

We are glad to see Robert Fletcher able to return to work after a short illness.

J. M. Eckman showed up at the recent outing held by the Foreman's Club driving an MG sports car owned by his son-in-law. To complete matters Frank Hackman squeezed himself in beside him, taking the wheel and away they went. I didn't learn if there was any other entertainment on the program but from all reports this must have been sufficient.

Welcome to Julian A. McLeod who recently was hired in the Sales Dept. He succeeds George Piper who was promoted to

Manager of the Chattanooga Sales Office.

Cleveland Rogers has a new addition to his household, Kimberly Kay who arrived on July 5; Travis Grayson also has a new arrival, Barry Travis, who came along on June 29. This is their first child; James Talley has a new daughter, Yolande Faye who arrived on July 14; Arnold Paris' new arrival is a son, Phillip Arnold, who arrived on July 7.

Ollie Malone, Janitor; Eddie Hinton, Truck Driver; Marvin Boykin, Trucker and Service Man; Willard Selvage, Machine Operator; Charles Richmond, Machine Operator, and James Born, Assembler, have been off recently because of bad health and we want to wish them speedy recovery.

We want to add our congratulations to the many others offered by friends of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Potter, parents of James C. Potter, Accountant. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 2 with an open house.

A henpecked-looking little man was escorting his wife to a concert. They arrived late. "What are they playing?" he whispered to his neighbor.

"The Fifth Symphony."

"Well, thank goodness," he said, "I've missed four of them anyway."



Benjamin C. Lentz

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named Mueller Co. Sales Representative in 1953. Prior to that he had worked seven years for Sun Oil Co.

Mr. Fenstad joined the Mueller Co. sales organization in 1953. Prior to that he worked as an engineer for the Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco. He is a graduate of Stanford University.

Mr. Lentz is a 1956 graduate of Pennsylvania State University where he received his B.S. degree in business management. He previously worked one year in the sales division of AMCO Co. of Philadelphia, a petroleum handling equipment company, and then worked two years for a distributor of Mueller Co. products. He is married and has one daughter.

F. W. Dannewitz Retires

F. W. (Bill) Dannewitz, Tool Maker in Dept. 36, retired recently because of ill health. Mr. Dannewitz started with Mueller Co. as a messenger and had more than 41 years of service at Decatur.

Secretary to psychiatrist: "There's a man outside who says he has a dual personality."

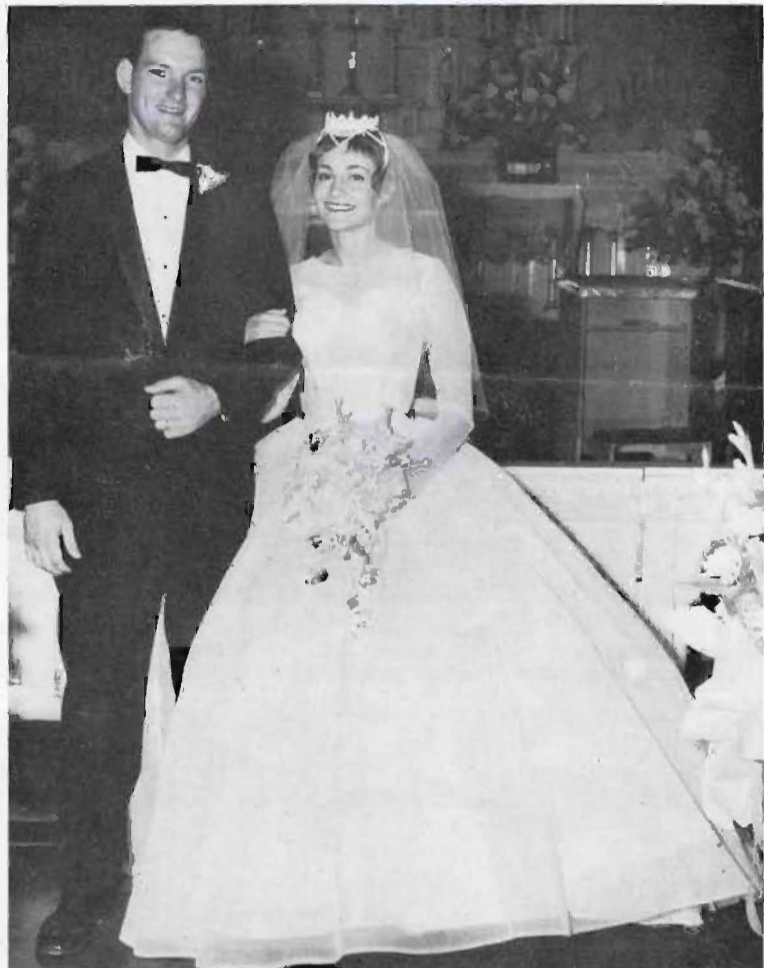
Psychiatrist: "Tell him to go chase himself."



Floyd and Peggy Ann Johnson Peters

Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley



Constance Tauber, daughter of Bob Tauber, Senior Tool Methods Engineer, Decatur, was married recently to Joseph J. McNamara in St. Thomas Church. Mrs. McNamara received her bachelor's degree in education from Fontbonne College, Clayton, Mo., and is teaching school in Decatur. Her husband is a graduate of Notre Dame University and is associated with an accounting firm in Decatur.

Marta Jane Morr and Max E. Light were married in Ashland, Ohio. Max is an Assistant Project Engineer and his wife is teaching school in Oreana.

Bill and Wilma Knorr spent their vacation fishing in Walker Minn. This was their first fishing experience and they really liked it. In fact Bill said Wilma caught as many fish as he did. After they returned from vacation they continued their interest in the water and fishing by buying a new boat and chistening it the Blue Bell. Bill is the Technical Assistant in the Sales Promotion Department.

Ruth Brownlow and Marie Moore went to California on their vacations to visit their grandchildren. This was Marie's first flight and she said she really enjoyed it. Marie manages the cafeteria and Ruth works in the Tool Room office.

While the Earl Lowes were vacationing in Estes Park, Colo., they saw Betty Domick and her husband in the downtown area. They both said it was rather surprising to see someone you work across from every day hundreds of miles away. Betty is in Tool Engineering and Earl is Liaison Engineer.

The Don Ferrys, who had their vacation last year interrupted by an accident, enjoyed an Eastern vacation this year. They went east to the Atlantic Ocean and followed the ocean route up to Maine and into Canada where they traveled through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and back into the United States. Don is Head Products Draftsman.

Fred Tratzik, Project Engineer in Decatur, recently re-

turned from a month-long visit to Germany where he visited some of his family. Airplanes carried Fred back to his native Germany which he left in 1929 as a young man and took him back to the country he hadn't visited since 1949. A three-day visit to Rome and a two-day stay in Madrid, Spain, were also included in the trip which found Fred in the Essen, Germany area most of the time. Fred added that he did not go to the Eastern sector of Germany.

Archie Meador (Dept. 70) and his wife have been doing some traveling lately. They recently attended the graduation of their son, Harold, from Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio. A short time later they headed west with Archie's father, Charles Meador, who is a retired employee, and Archie's mother. Their trip included the Grand Canyon, where he met his next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nash (Dept. 70). The Meadors also visited Mueller Co. in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.



Harold Meador



Many Mueller Co. employees in Decatur are among the millions across the nation who participate in America's most popular family sport. About 20 of these Mueller people have joined to form the Anchor Boat Club. As a group they plan cookouts and other get-togethers during the summer for the membership.

Nautical-Minded Employees Hoist Anchors, Hamburgers



At the helm of the Anchor Boat Club this year are Chuck Schroeder, left, Plant 4 and Don Bath, Timekeeper in Dept. 80. They are standing at the entrance to one of the two docks the club has on Lake Decatur. Chuck is Commodore and Don is Secretary-Treasurer.



Deanna Durand, 2-year-old granddaughter of Jack Adams, Guard at Plant 4, digs into a deviled egg during one of the club's outings this summer.



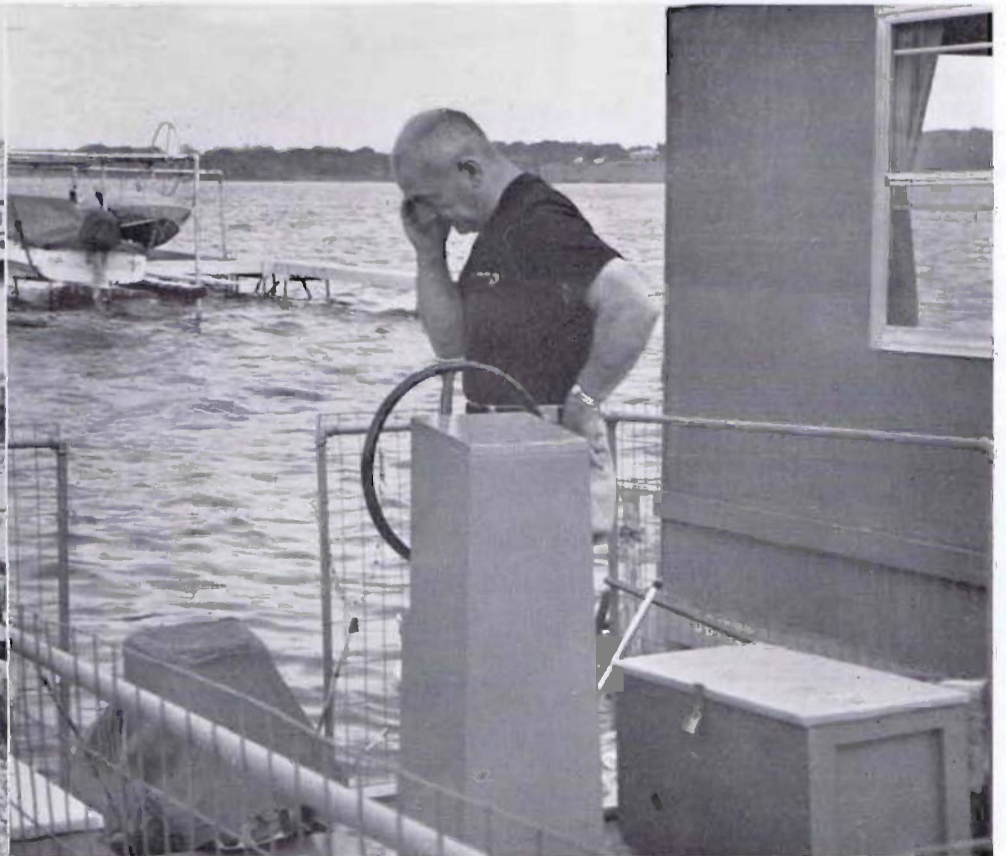
Getting ready to put his boat into the water is Don Bath. In the background is Jack Adam's pride-and-joy which is an enclosed Flote-Boat.



This familiar looking fellow is Laurence (Brick) Kramer, Foreman of Dept. 90. He is returning to shore from his boat but without his fish pole or catch.



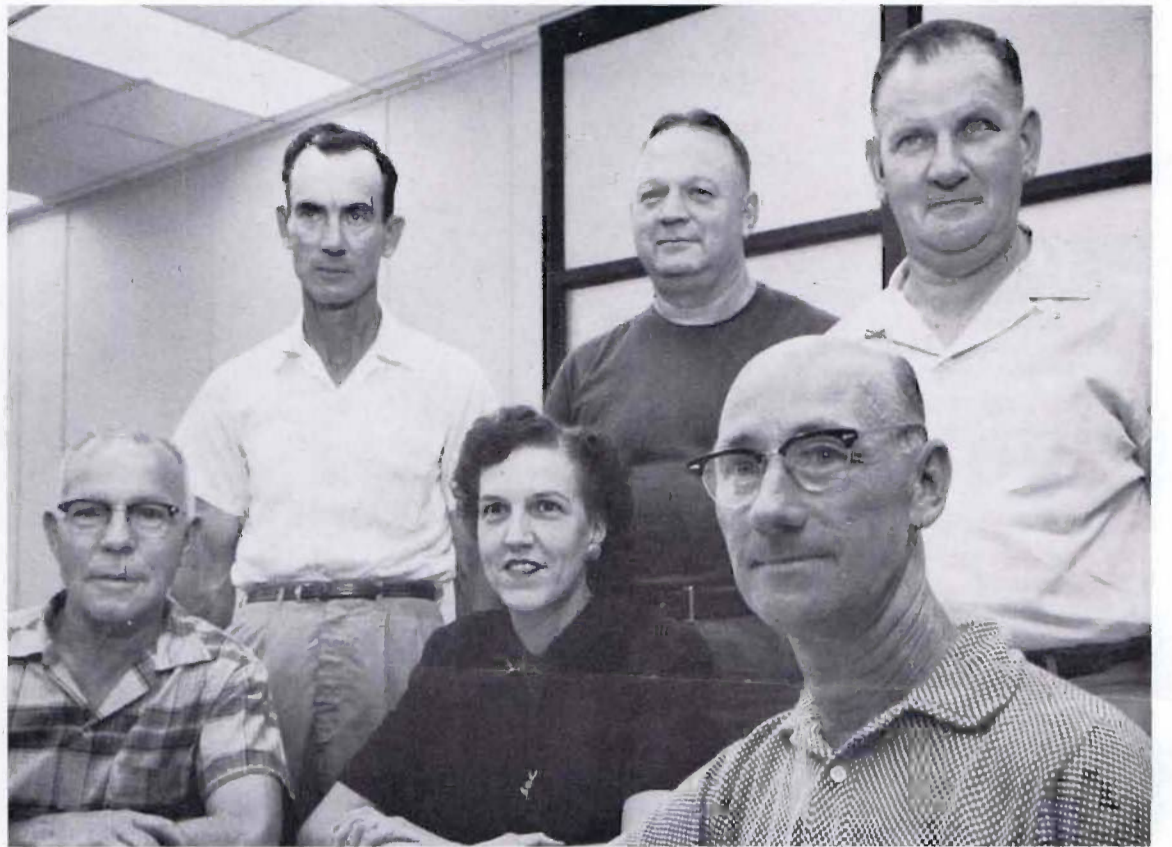
Preparing this grilled hamburger meal are Jack Adams, Mrs. Adams, Chuck Schroeder, Clay Ramsey, Don Bath and Augie Rauschek.



Deep in thought on a repair problem for his Flote-Boat is Charley Miller, Guard at Plant 1.



Virgil Morrison, left, is in the foreground because he is Lester Duncan's senior by five years when it comes to seniority at Mueller Co. in Decatur. Morrison has been with the company 30 years and Duncan has been here 25.



A total of 155 years of experience at Mueller Co. is represented by these six persons. They are, from left, front row: Earl Dilbeck, Edna J. Rybolt, and Marshall Foster. In the back row are: Chuck Schroeder, Bob Dodwell and Archie Meador. Meador, who has 30 years with the company, has five more years of service than the rest of this Decatur group.

SERVICE AWARDS

DECATUR

5 Years: William J. Hill*, Vivian T. Glick, Howard Halbrook, John F. Schuessler, Virginia Latch, Alva D. Womack.

10 Years: Carl E. Floren, David R. Brown, Gus M. Fyke, Coy M. West.

15 Years: Thomas E. Branson, Leonard W. Eckhart, Paul F. Parsons, Harry C. Craft, Richard S. West, David C. Rauch, Howard L. Plummer, James A. Mulvaney, George R. Denning, Paul D. Funk, William J. O'Brien.

20 Years: Charles E. Ditty, Dale F. Bolen, Carl W. Fleischer, Dean E. Grant, H. Clay Ramsey, Orville F. Spencer, Jr., Thomas S. McCoy, Theodore W. Suhomske.

25 Years: Leland H. Hartwig, William R. McCoy, William H. Jeschawitz, Charles L. Schroeder, Earl C. Dilbeck, Marshall Foster, Edna J. Rybolt, Robert L. Dodwell.

30 Years: Virgil R. Morrison, Roy W. True, Archie Meador.

35 Years: August J. Dworak, Carl H. Hill, Russell L. Jolly.

LOS ANGELES

5 Years: Glenna Arter.

10 Years: Carolie Driscoll.

15 Years: Edgar Rathke, Paul Packer, Rudolph Ramoneda.

20 Years: Lewis Hall, Marshall Cook.

CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Leonard W. Bishop, James C. Collins, Charles E. Davis, Gordon C. Derryberry, J. W. Dixon, Ralph T. Fickle, Henry Patterson, Milton H. Payne, James Thomas, Anderson Williams.

10 Years: Wallace Bates, James H. Boston, Grover Hixon, L. S. Jordan, Ross Leatherwood, Jr., Theo Miller, Ira C. Warren.

15 Years: Y. C. Cothran, Willie Fletcher, Ira Lofton.

20 Years: William J. Farrow, Hood Longley, Coy E. Jones, Levi J. Sanders, Clyde L. Slater.

25 Years: Charles Paris.

SARNIA

5 Years: Marlen Gladwish, Ila Croxall.

10 Years: Fraser Campbell, Albert LaBelle, William Gallagher, Lloyd Clysdale, Clayton Nesbitt, William Maguire, Walter Arrowsmith, Ernest Berdan.

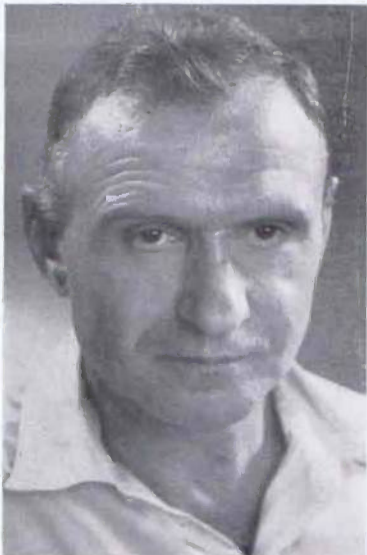
15 Years: William Wilkins, Andrew Hayes, William Currie, Eric Maguire, Cameron Wiggins, William Popoff.

20 Years: Charles Perkins, Bruce Preece, Leroy Barnes, Graydon Brock, Albert Hiller, George Foslett, Walter Stevens, John Round, Wilbur Nesbitt, * Salesman.

35 Years: Harold Fennell.



Carl H. Hill
35 Years
Decatur



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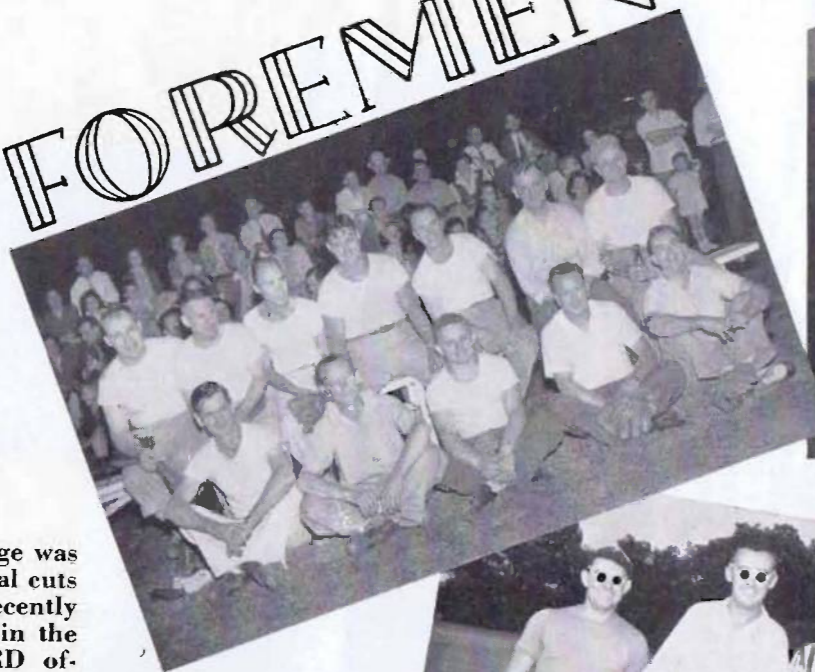


John (Fred) Payne receives a retirement gift from his co-workers after he retired and completed 21 years of service with Mueller, Limited. Making the presentation is Carmen Weese, Core Room Foreman.



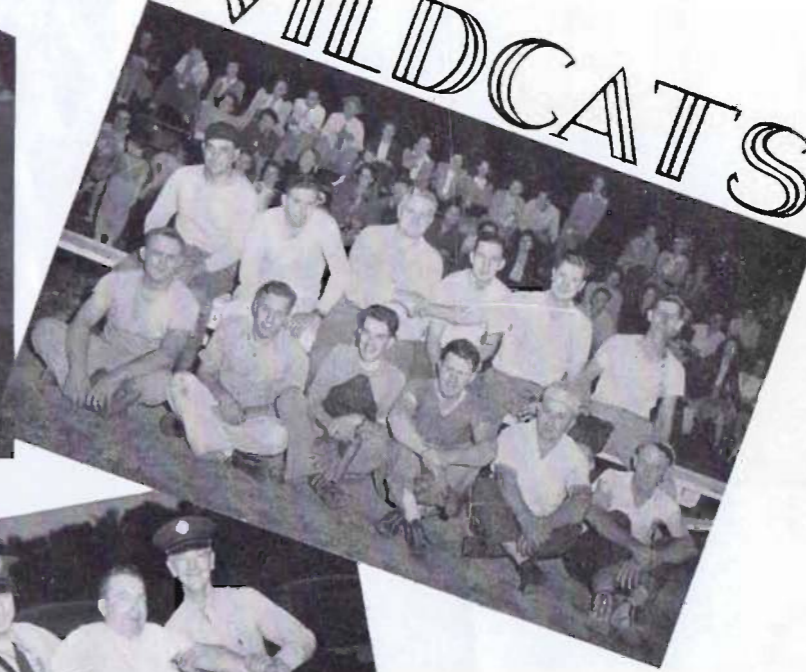
Peter Paul Alekner recently retired after more than 32 years with Mueller Co. in Decatur. At the time of his retirement he was a Beavers. Making the presentation are Amos Bailey, left, and Sam Bench Molder in Dept. 10. He is shown with some of his co-workers at Plant 4 when they presented him with a new fishing pole and other gifts.

FOREMEN

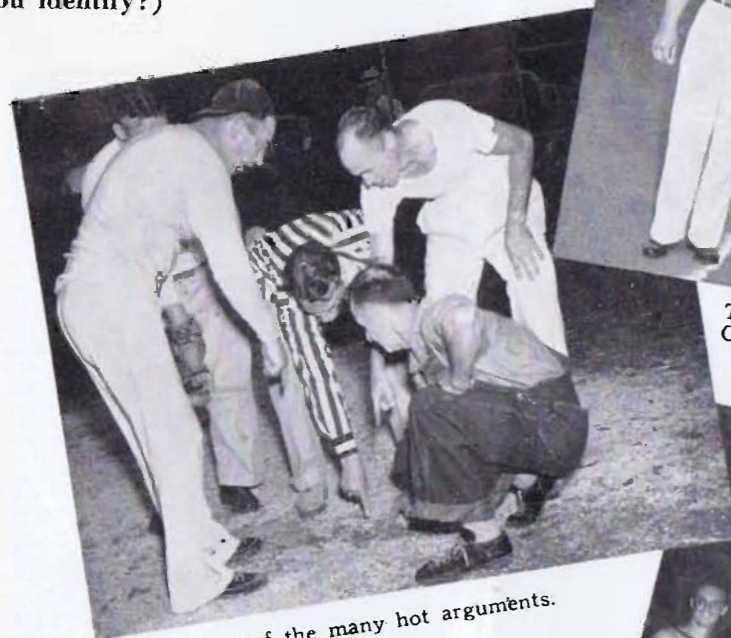


Prize winners—second game.

WILDCATS



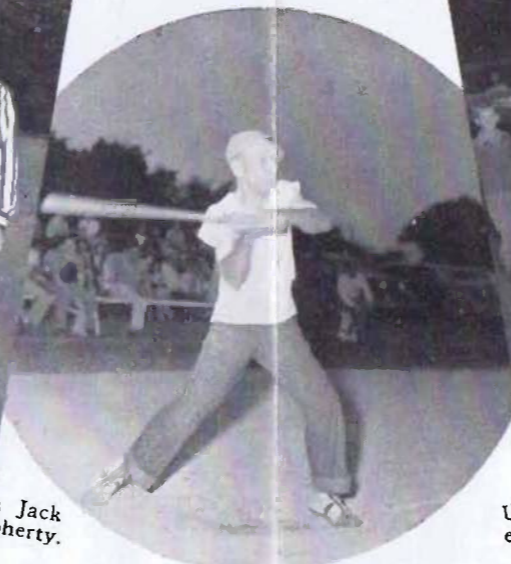
(Editor's Note: This page was one of hundreds of metal cuts that were sorted out recently in a file housecleaning in the old MUELLER RECORD office. How many of these people can you identify?)



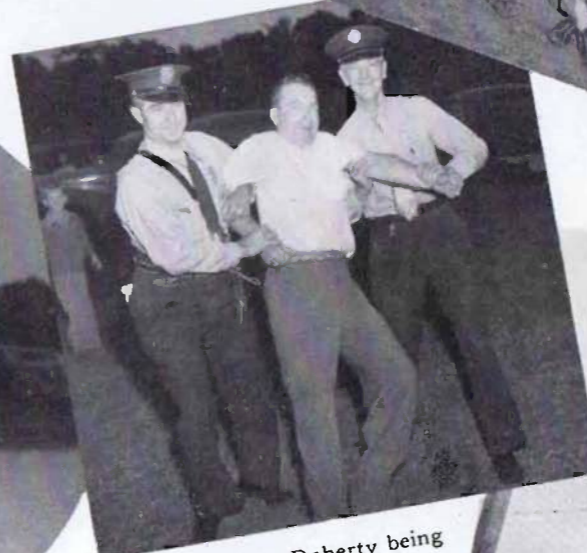
One of the many hot arguments.



Triumphal entrance of umpires Jack Chepan, John Smith, and Bill Doherty.



Fireball Coffman swinging on the "fruit ball."



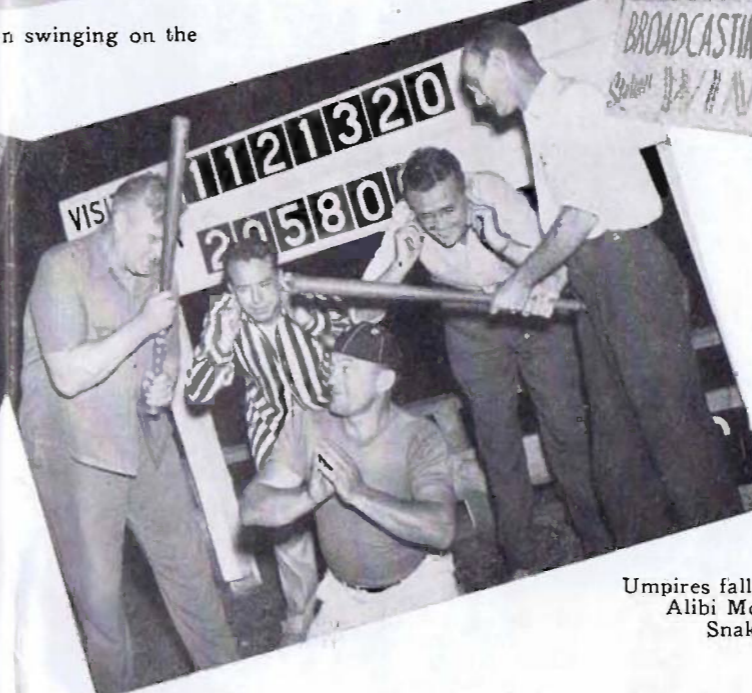
Umpire Slushberger Doherty being evicted by the sheriff.



Judge Kenesaw Mueller, flanked by Senator Klaghorn Webber and announcer Buddy Elson Grossman, tosses in first ball.



Prize winners—first game.



Umpires fall to wrath of Wildcat Manager Alibi McKown and Foreman Manager Snake Eye Duncan.

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MUELLER, LIMITED Reports

by
PHYLLIS TURNER

John J. W. (Fred) Payne, Core Cleaner and Inspector, retired recently after completing 21 years of service. Fred was first hired to work in the Forging Dept. and worked there for five years until he was transferred to the Foundry. He worked in the Foundry 4½ years and then moved into the Assembly Dept. where stayed for four years. Then he went into the Core Room. The most immediate plans of the Paynes were to fly to Vancouver to visit relatives. Mr. Payne's son, Keith, works in the Assembly Dept.

Jean Weaver and Frank Evans were married recently in the United Church at Bright's Grove and the reception was held in the Village Inn in Sarnia. After a trip around Lake Superior they made their home at 1108 Bel-Aire Dr., Sarnia. Frank is Tool Crib Attendant. Best wishes to you both.

St. Edward the Confessor Roman Catholic Church in Point Edward was the setting for the marriage of Margaret Beggs and Leo Lozier. Leo is employed in the Core Room. After their honeymoon trip they made their residence at 115 Alfred St., Sarnia. Best wishes Leo and Margaret.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following employees on the passing of their loved ones:
Archie Reeve on the passing of his father-in-law, Mr. Stephenson.
Gordon and Thomas Geary on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Geary.

Gladys Green on the passing of her father, Mr. Henry A. Green.

James Sylvester on the passing of his father-in-law Mr. Joseph Hicks. Mr. Hicks was a Mueller, Limited employee until his retirement in 1959.

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

Peter George Sazanov, son born to Mr. and Mrs. George Sazanov. George is employed in the Shipping Room.

Sherry Lynn Wadsworth, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wadsworth, Gary is employed in the Tool Room.

Angela Olga Petronski, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petronski. Frank is employed in Dept. 3.

DECATUR BIRTHS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Landgrebe (Dept. 90), girl, June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, (Dept. 20), boy, June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kopp, (Dept. 20), boy, July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Donal Page, (Dept. 90), boy, July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt, (Dept. 20), boy, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Halbrook, (Dept. 20), boy, July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ball, (Dept. 60), boy, Aug. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hullinger, (Dept. 47), boy, Aug. 23.



Sandra Kay Tomlinson, daughter of Mrs. Nita Tomlinson of the Stationery Dept. in Decatur, was married recently to Ritchie G. Barnett in the Prairie Avenue Christian Church. Mrs. Barnett attended Millikin University and is now working in a Decatur doctor's office. He has a master's degree from the University of Illinois and is associated with the Decatur Farm Management, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoehn, (Dept. 31), boy, Aug. 6.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, (Dept. 36), boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stennett, (Dept. 36), girl.

Boiler Tubes Undergo Test Of Golf Balls

They're rolling golf balls around the boiler room in Decatur, but Marshall Foster, Power Plant Engineer, isn't practicing his already sharp game.

Boilermakers are using the three dozen golf balls to make sure that water tubes in a new boiler are open. A boilermaker gets on top of the boiler and drops a ball down each one of the 549 tubes. Another man catches the ball at the end of its 15 to 30-foot trip and assumes the tube is open.

Foster, who is Mueller's best known golfer in Decatur, said water circulates through the tubes for heating and if one of them is plugged it will burn out.

The new boiler, the third one in the Decatur system, is being installed to handle increased loads which are anticipated when the building expansion is complete.

Auto Crash Kills Decatur Inspector

Thomas R. Kaigley, 32, an inspector for Mueller Co. in Decatur, was killed recently in an automobile accident which claimed five lives.

Mr. Kaigley died about two hours after a two-car crash on a country road near Dalton City.

A native of Dalton City, which is near Decatur, Mr. Kaigley leaves his wife, parents, two children and a brother, William, who is an electrician at Mueller Co. in Decatur.

A farmer was engaged in putting up a building.

"What are you building?" asked an observer.

"Well," answered the farmer. "If I can rent it, it's a rustic cottage nestled 'neath two tall pines. If not, it's a cow shed."



Earnest T. Cowan, Jr., son of Earnest T. Cowan of the Chattanooga Iron Foundry, recently graduated from Howard High School.

1st Man Leaves In Army Buildup

Larry Bayless, Catalog Compiler, is the first man to be called to active duty from the Decatur plants as the result of the recent buildup due to the Berlin crisis. Larry, a member of the 3637th Ordnance Co. of Springfield, Ill., and his company were to report Oct. 1 for duty at Fort Knox, Ky. Shortly before he was to report Larry and his wife were in an automobile accident which broke her arm and nose. Larry, however, was not hospitalized.

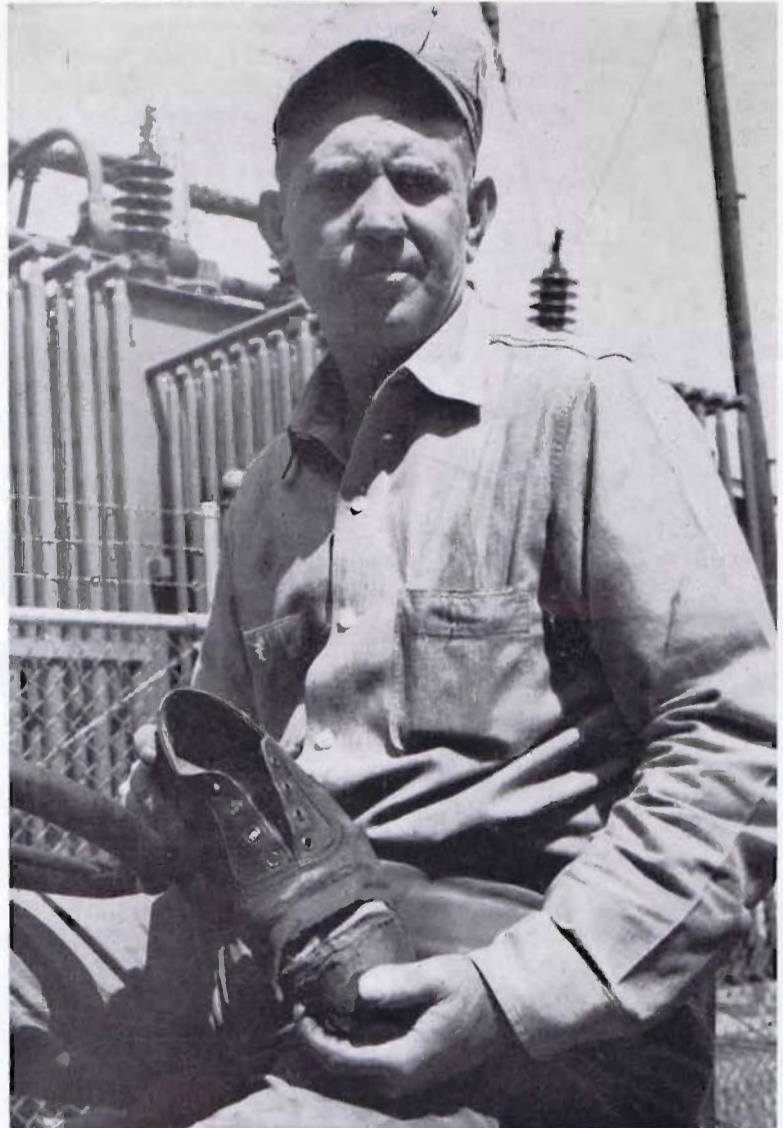
The old man neglected to assist his wife onto the streetcar. "John," she said, "you are not so gallant as when you were a boy."

"No," was the answer, "and you are not so buoyant as when you were a gal."

His Honor (sternly): "Well, what's your alibi for speeding 60 miles an hour through the residential section?"

Meek Defendant: "I had just heard, your Honor, that the ladies in my wife's club were holding a rummage sale, and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants."

"What'll you do, little girl, when you're as big as your mother?"
"Diet!"



A man who believes in the use of safety shoes is Gerald Sarver, goat driver at Plant 4. Recently his goat ran over a casting throwing it against a post and catching Sarver's foot between the machine and post. Although the shoe was ripped completely across the top, his foot was not even bruised.

Plant 4 News

By
Jennie McDaniel

Stan Ashby, Foreman in Dept. 100, recently accompanied a number of Boy Scouts to Indiana University at Bloomington for the National Convention of the Order of Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America. There were 3,000 boys from 47 states attending the session. Stan's son, Dean, has four of the highest scouting awards — Eagle, Silver Eagle, God and Country, and Vigil.

(Editor's Note: Jennie forgot to mention one item but one of her helping friends reminded us.) It seems that Jennie was the center of attraction one morning, after a heavy rain. Jennie was trying to get through the mud brought on by some street widening in front of Plant 4 when she took a step but left her shoe. From all reports she and her soft-shoe step were a big attraction.

Our best wishes to Mr. Harold Small and Miss Wilma Bieber who were married Aug. 19, 1961, in Shelbyville. Harold works in Dept. 10 and his wife teaches school.

Jennie McKinney was thrown out of a boat into Lake Mattoon recently while holding onto a water ski rope and the boat made a sudden turn. Jennie, who works in Dept. 50, had on a life jacket and wasn't injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Denson, parents of Karl Denson (Dept. 60) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with an open house. The elder Densons live in Macon.

Mr. Hoyt Mounts, who retired from the Machine Shop three years ago, recently underwent surgery.

Dale Spires injured his hand while adjusting the carburetor on his power mower.

Shirl Tish (Dept. 50) and Fedora Tish (Dept. 60) became grandparents recently when a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sackriter.

Hall Retires

Clyde D. Hall, formerly a janitor in Dept. 80, retired recently because of a disability. Mr. Hall worked for Mueller Co. in Decatur a little more than nine years.

A young girl, seeing names like "Surrender" and "My Sin" on the perfume counter, timidly asked the saleswoman: "Don't you have any for a beginner?"

"Why on earth," a man demanded of his friend, "did you name your boy Reginald Clarence?"

"Because," explained the new father, "I want him to be a good fighter—and in our neighborhood, any boy named Reginald Clarence has got to fight!"

Who said old age doesn't have its advantages—who but grandpa can sing while brushing his teeth.

"If you had your life to live over," the prominent octogenarian was asked, "do you think you'd make the same mistakes again?"

"Certainly," said the old man, "but I'd start sooner."

Chattanooga Hobbies Include Skunk Raising, Racing Pigeons

No Chattanooga employees are having any "hare raising" experiences but some are having unusual raising experiences.

Without a doubt the most rare hobby is that of Faye and George Land, who are in the skunk raising business. According to Faye, the defumed animals make fine pets and it is difficult to meet the demand for the striped beasts.

It was interesting to learn a little about these unknown and distant creatures. The mother hides her young in the ground and keeps them there until they find their way out at the age of about five weeks.

When they are being raised in cages, a hole has to be dug for the mother to hide the wee ones in or she will drag them to death trying to hide them.

A litter runs from one to five, and after they are weaned from the mother they are bottle fed for a while to make them more friendly. Faye said they are more docile than kittens. The de-fuming operation takes place when they are about two months old.

The young, when they are born, look like small rats about the size of a finger. The hide is colored and the markings on the head and back are prominent. When the fur grows out it is the same color as the hide.

Faye Smith and husband Johnny have purchased a number of Black Angus cattle and are planning to raise them as their hobby.

They recently went to Texas to get some first-hand information on cattle raising, but they chose the wrong part of the state and ended up visiting friends and seeing the big cities.

Elizabeth McLaughlin, Payroll Dept., and her family have also acquired a touch of farm life. They have purchased a five gaited walking mare and colt. Although they live in the city and are limited for space, they have leased a stable in the vicinity and enjoy some of the privileges related to farm life.

Winfred Frasier, Rough Carpenter in the Pattern Shop, is doing quite well with his racing pigeons. He recently entered a few of them in the Young Bird Show held in Atlanta and walked away with first place in the Silver Class and third place in the Red Check Class.



A number of Mueller Co. officers and directors met recently to honor Mr. Robert H. Mueller for his years of work as a member of the company's board of directors. Pictured are, from left, front row: Mr. Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President and Director of Engineering; Mr. Robert Mueller and Mrs. Robert Mueller. In the back row are: Mr. Leo Wiant, Administrative Vice-President; Mr. Dan R. Gannon, Vice-President and General Sales Manager; Mr. Frank Speer, Vice-President and Works Manager; Mr. Jackson Kemper, Executive Vice-President and Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller, a member of the Board of Directors.

Four Salesmen Add to Line—(Family Line)

Four Mueller Co. salesmen became fathers recently—three for the first time and the other for the seventh time.

James H. McClintick, who covers Central Illinois, became a father for the seventh time when a boy was born Aug. 21.

Ben Lentz, who joined Mueller Co. recently as a sales representative in New York state, became the father of a baby girl on Aug. 20.

William L. Colvis, Special Sales Representative in the Southwest Section, and his wife Marlene had a baby boy Aug. 27 in Dallas, Tex.

Dave Resler, Special Sales Representative in Decatur, is the father of a new baby girl born Sept. 2.

T-Squares Finish Strong To Win Decatur Golf Title

The T-Squares, after riding in the cellar the first half of the golf season, came on strong at the end to win the Mueller Co. golf championship.

The T-Squares nosed out the defending champions from the Tool Room by one point in the close race which found the first six teams separated by only 5 1/2 points.

Five teams, T-Squares, Tool Room, Plant 4, Foundry and Sales, were in first place at one time during the season.

Members of the winning team were:

- Ben Jones
- Tom Gerstner
- Fred Campbell
- Bob Brownlow
- Jim Smith

The final standing are:

	Points
T-Squares	61 1/2
Tool Room	60 1/2
Plant 4	58 1/2
Product Eng.	57 1/2
Sales	57
Standards	56
Research Eng.	50 1/2
Pattern Shop	48 1/2

Foundry	45 1/2
Test Lab	43 1/2

Larry Luckenbill, Assistant Project Engineer, won the latest golf play day which was held at Sullivan's Country Club. Walter Bowan, Research Engineer, took second place in the all-day outing.

Gene Hullinger won the first place trophy for the first play day at Mahomet hut he had to win a playoff to do it. In the playoff he defeated Jim Smith, who took second place, and Max Light who came in third.

A fat lady stepped on the scales. They were out of order, and the indicator stopped at 75 pounds.

A slightly inebriated bystander watched her intently. "My gosh!" he marveled, "she's hollow!"

Advice to the thin: "Don't eat fast."

Advice to the fat: "Don't eat, fast."

Ollie Finishes 26 Years as League Prexy

An era has ended.

Ollie Fortschneider, Pattern Shop Foreman, has stepped down after 26 years as president of the Mueller bowling league.

Ollie, who was one of the organizers of the four-team Mueller league in 1930, will be succeeded this season by Buddy Grossman (Tool Room). Ollie headed the league in 1930 and then held the job again from 1934 until the present season.

Ollie says he plans to keep bowling in the league but that the presidency took a lot of time and work and he felt that it was time to let someone else have a chance at the office.

He justifiably points with pride to his record that only one protest was lodged during his 26 years as league head.

Other league officers are: Ben Taylor (Dept. 80), Vice President; Dale Wilkins (Dept. 33), Secretary; Joe Yonker (Dept. 47), League Representative.

The 10-team league opened play Aug. 24, and will bowl Thursdays for 36 weeks at the Eldorado Bowl.

The Works Managers team will be defending champions again this season.

Gene Gibbs (Brass Finishers) seems to be the hottest bowler in this young season. Gene leads in individual series, has the high game and high average so far.

His top game of 263 was the result of eight straight strikes, a split, two more strikes and another split. It was good enough for one steak dinner and only two pins shy of another.

The same night he had a 640 total for three games and boosted his average to 184.

Claude Inman with a high game of 247 and series of 605 follows Gibbs in those two departments. Al Degand's 180 average is second for average scores.

Frantz Retires

Warren C. Frantz (Dept. 70) has retired because of poor health. Mr. Frantz, a Tracer Lathe Operator, worked for Mueller Co. in Decatur nearly 40 years.



Twenty-one years ago these fellows represented Mueller Co. in the Decatur Industrial Basketball League. Three of these "young men" are still with the company. Team members are, from left, front row: Pete Edwards, brother of Lynn Edwards, Assistant Project Engineer; Bob Taylor, Ground

Key Foreman; Herman Rowe, son of Mabel Rowe in the cafeteria and Meyers Harrison. Back row, Charles W. Johnson, Senior Time Study Engineer; Vernon Brown; Hoyt Eoffe and Benny Taylor, Dept. 80.

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