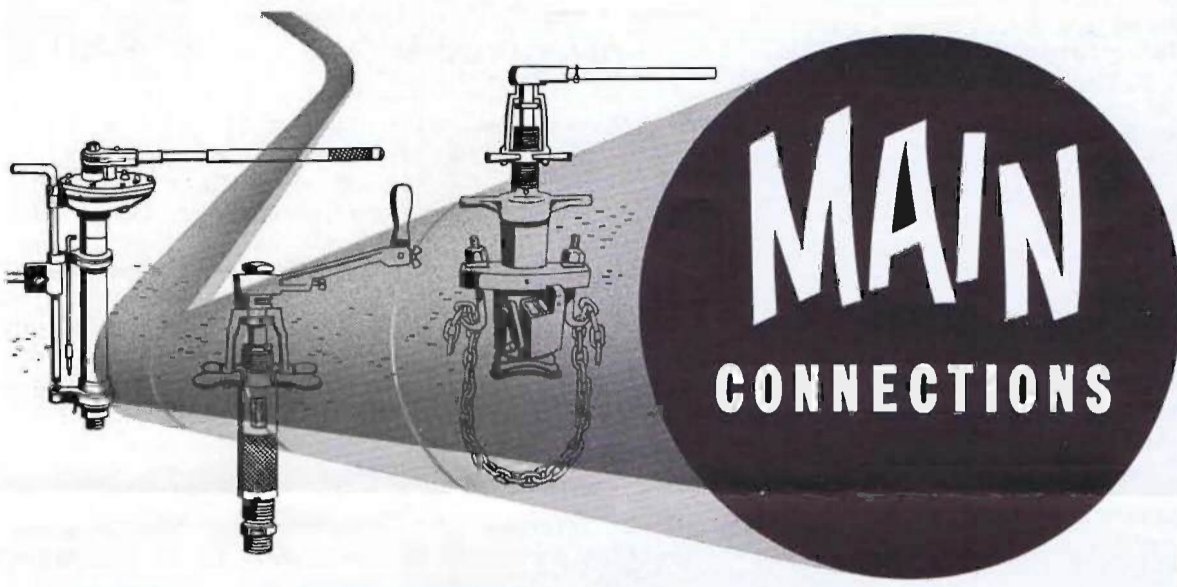


Jan 1962

# George McAvity Elected Mueller Co. Director



MR. GEORGE McAVITY

## Mr. Mueller Heads Board Committee

Mr. George McAvity, Managing Director of Mueller, Limited, was elected to the Board of Directors of Mueller Co. at the firm's annual shareholders and Board meeting here Dec. 11.

Mr. McAvity joined Mueller, Limited in June, 1961. Prior to that, he was president of McAvity Western and vice-president of T. McAvity & Sons, Limited, of St. John, New Brunswick.

Mr. Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President for Engineering, was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

*Company officers elected were:*

- A. G. Webber, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board
- Jackson Kemper, Executive Vice-President
- Frank H. Mueller, Vice-President for Engineering
- Dan R. Gannon, Vice-President and General Sales Manager
- Frank A. Speer, Vice-President for Manufacturing
- Leo Wiant, Vice-President for Purchases
- Lyle R. Huff, Secretary and Treasurer

*Elected to the Board of Directors were:*

- Joe H. Gardner
- Jackson Kemper
- George McAvity
- Ebert B. Mueller
- Frank H. Mueller
- Mrs. Pauline V. Mueller
- John A. Schluter
- Mrs. Lenore Mueller Schmick
- Franklin B. Schmick
- Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
- Albert G. Webber, Jr.

## Mueller, Limited Holds Elections

Mueller, Limited elected officers and directors at its annual meeting held in Decatur, Dec. 12.

*Officers elected were:*

- Albert G. Webber, Jr., President and Treasurer
- George McAvity, Managing Director
- R. M. Nicolson, Vice-President and General Sales Manager
- R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering
- C. S. Browett, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Plant Controller
- J. Milne, Assistant Secretary

*Elected to the Board were:*

- Orval W. Diehl
- Jackson Kemper
- George McAvity
- J. Milne
- Ebert B. Mueller
- R. M. Nicolson
- R. J. Skippon
- A. G. Webber, Jr.
- Leo Wiant

## Chattanooga's Bywords—

## Diversification and Variation

The Chattanooga operations might be called "Big Brother" of the Mueller Co. family.

It is big in that its hundreds of employees handle the heavy operations which are necessary for the production of many Mueller products which weigh as much as nine tons, and which stand much taller than the big men who work on them.

Diversification and variation

are the bywords for the Chattanooga factory—diversified because they manufacture about 275 primary items—varied in that there are about 1,850 variations made on these 275 primary items.

One item alone, the gate valve, ranges in size from two inches and weighing 40 pounds to 48 inches and weighing 18,000

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## Manufacturing Personnel Realignments Announced

A realignment of a number of persons in the Mueller Co. Manufacturing Division has been announced by Frank A. Speer, Vice-President for Manufacturing.

According to Mr. Speer, these promotions and realignments of personnel within the company will further strengthen and provide a broader coverage of critical areas of manufacturing administration.

The areas most directly affected will be Standards, Quality Control and Production and Inventory Control. Involved in the changes will be personnel from Decatur, Chattanooga and Headquarters.

Charles W. Moore, who recently was named Manager of Quality Control, will assume the additional responsibility for production and inventory control on a company-wide basis. In his new capacity he will coordinate all Production and Inventory Control Activities within Mueller Co.'s domestic operations. His new title is Manager of Quality and Materials Control.

Ben G. Finley, former Decatur Plant Industrial Engineer, has been promoted to Manager of Production and Inventory Control.

In his new position he will be responsible to Decatur Factory Manager Archie Sefton and will be in charge of all warehousing, traffic, finished stock and packaging in Decatur. Under this new alignment the three production control centers within the two Decatur plants will be under his jurisdiction.

Lloyd Darnell, former Time Study Engineer, has been promoted to Standards Engineer and as such will be in charge of time study, estimating and standard rates.

Another change in the Standards Division involves Fred Campbell, former Time Study Engineer. He has been named Packaging Engineer and will report to Mr. Finley.

Walter W. Taylor Senior Methods Engineer in the Standards Division, has been moved to Materials Handling Engineer and will be part of the Plant Engineering Division.

One other change has taken place in the Plant Engineering Division. Erwin (Jim) Hosto has been advanced from Construction Engineer to Assistant Plant Engineer. In the new post he will be concerned with maintenance and plant engineering and will continue to report to Mel Chaney, Plant Engineer.

At Chattanooga, Frank C. Hackman has been named Manu-

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DAVID D. RESLER

## Resler Gets Mississippi Sales Area

David D. Resler has been named Mueller Co. sales representative for the state of Mississippi.

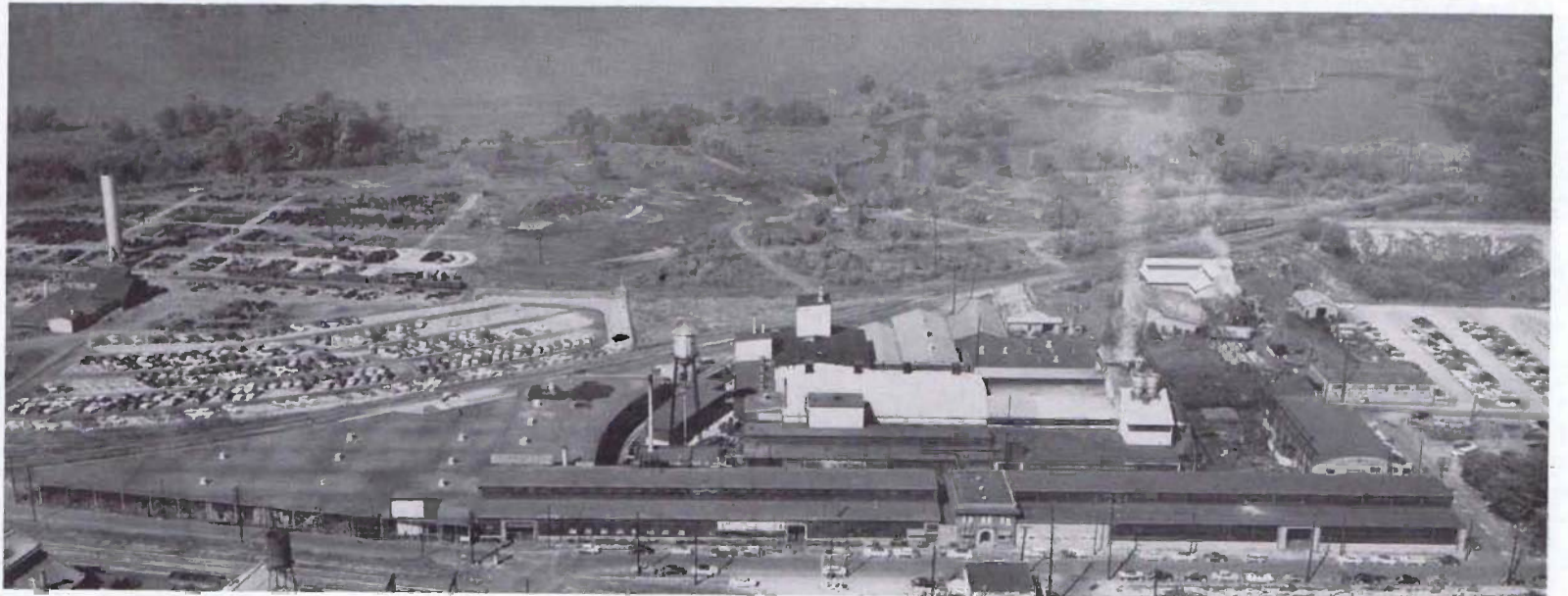
The states of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia were formerly covered by two men. With the addition of Mr. Resler, Sam F. Parker will take the state of Alabama and Jack L. Chilton will cover Georgia. Previously Mr. Chilton and Mr. Parker each covered half of Alabama, and Georgia and Mississippi respectively.

Mr. Resler is a native of Decatur, Ill. and was graduated from Millikin University in 1960 with a B.S. degree in Engineering Administration.

During the past 18 months he has been with Mueller Co., he has been going through a sales training program which included a year as Special Sales Representative on the Mueller No-Blo demonstration. He also worked a short time as a draftsman at Mueller Co., prior to this.

Mr. Resler, 27 years old, has served two years in the U. S. Army Chemical Corps. He is married and has one daughter.

The Reslers will make their home in Jackson, Miss.



Mueller Co. in Chattanooga from the Air



## Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by  
Gene Racz



SARAH LEE ASHWORTH

Sarah Lee Ashworth, who has been employed in the Purchasing Dept. for the past 4½ years, was married Dec. 16 to Ray Luttrell of Huntsville, Ala. The ceremony took place at the Peavine Baptist Church in Rock Springs, Ga. with the Rev. B. C. Clark officiating. Ray is an electronic technician instructor for the Tennessee Valley State Technical School of Huntsville. Following a trip to the Gulf coast the couple is living in Huntsville.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Frank Ransom in the death of his father and to James Reeves in the passing of his father.

Several employees have been recalled to active duty as a result of the recent military build-up. Charles Bynum of the Core Room; Gennie Conner, Assembly Dept.; Eldridge Brock and Marvin Madden, both of the Iron Foundry, reported to Fort Lee, Va., on Sept. 25 as members of the 308th Quartermaster Co.

Sam Lingo, employed in the Machine Shop as a Service Man, and Eugene Drake, Assembly Dept., retired recently. Sam retired because of a physical disability and Eugene retired under the Rule of 80. We wish the best things in life for both of them.

The reports from local hunters have been sparse. Right now Claude Hawthorne is at the top of the list. He has killed three deer already, two in Alabama and one on Etna Mountain in Tennessee. The one in Tennessee was a three pointer and bagged at 110 yards. Bill Hixson was with him but didn't make a kill. Claude saw a number of friends while in Alabama and said he enjoyed his visit about as much as the successful hunt. John Hensley, Assembly Dept., got a four pointer on Etna Mountain just about 300 yards from where Claude shot his.

Best wishes to Reecie Evans, Iron Foundry, and Frances Watts who were married in Ringgold, Ga.

Polly Cox of the Sales Dept. vacationed late this year and visited friends in Houston, Tex.

A get-well wish is extended to James Cooper and Gordon Derryberry, Maintenance Dept., and

Paul Fulghum, Assembly Dept., who have had to be away from work due to illness.

Congratulations to: Frank Lewis on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Lynn, Oct. 3; Robert Lee Woods on the birth of a daughter, Cathi Lynn, Oct. 4; Ralph Tolbert on the birth of a son, Mickey Alan, Sept. 5; and Joe McGintis on the birth of a son, Michael DeWayne, Sept. 25.

## Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley

Judy Hamilton who works in the Tool Engineering Office tied for 14th place in the Decatur Women's Bowling Tournament. She rolled a 601 series while Evelyn Cox (Main Office) rolled a 594 to finish 21st.

One of our fellows, who shall remain nameless, had a burning experience recently. While attempting to light a propane gas furnace it exploded in his face. Luckily, he was only singed and has looked like he stayed under a sunlamp too long. He regrets to say that this was not a NO-BLOW operation.

Tom Little, Assistant Order Interpreter in Decatur, has his sea bag about packed as he is ready to leave for two years of duty with the U. S. Navy. This is a part of his obligation as a member of the Naval Reserve. A few weeks ago Tom went on a two-week cruise out of Norfolk, Va. His assignment is to Norfolk, Va., again for reassignment.

John J. Smith (The Engineer) and his wife vacationed in Sarasota, Fla., for three weeks this year and John reports golf conditions were fine. While in Florida John, product conscious as he is, noticed the various types of fire hydrants and started taking

## DECATUR BIRTHS

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

Herman Niehaus (Salesman), boy, Nov. 20.

Marvin Black (Dept. 38), girl, Aug. 9.

Scott Kwasny (Dept. 80), girl, Aug. 8.

Martin Trolia (Dept. 10), boy, Sept. 26.

John Schuessler (Dept. 33), boy, Aug. 21.

James Serre (Standards), boy, Sept. 30.

Carl Wilhelm (Accounting), boy.

Henry Austin (Dept. 38), girl, Nov. 27.

Earl Collins (Dept. 33), girl, Nov. 24.

## DECATUR DEATHS

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

To Loran Yates (Dept. 60) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Nanna Yates.

To Paul Shaw (Dept. 90) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Arabell Seybert.

To Enola Smith (Retired) in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Cora McCormick.

To Dave Younger (Dept. 33) in the loss of his infant daughter.

To Hilda Golembeck (Dept. 50) in the loss of her father, Albert H. Golembeck (Retired).



pictures of each new kind he ran across. This new hobby has developed to the point that he now has 40 different hydrant pictures. These include different styles, ages and manufacturers. Since he has returned from vacation he has been traveling around the area looking for new subjects and would appreciate any tips or pictures on unusual hydrants. John said he regretted not having taken the hydrants on color slides but only had black and white equipment available. He said he felt a little foolish sometimes stopping his car on a busy street, walking over to a hydrant, examining it and then taking a picture of it.

Paul Hawbaker's son, Jerry, lettered again this year with Millikin University's undefeated football team. At his tackle position he lettered in his freshman year and again this year as a sophomore. With his experience and size (6'3", 195 pounds) he is expected to be one of the leaders in Millikin's line next season. Paul works in the Tool Room.

Still along the football line, Charles Brown's son, Dave, was named to Decatur's All-City football squad. Dave, a guard, played with the Generals from MacArthur High and is a senior this year. The Browns are not through with football at MacArthur though because Dave's brother, Dan, played a lot of ball this past season as a junior. Their father is a Lathe operator in Dept. 80.

We have some new grandfathers to report. Wilbur Tucker, (Receiving Dept.) became a grandfather for the first time when Tammy Dee was born to the Kenneth Tuckers on Nov. 16. Archie Sefton, Factory Manager, is a grandparent again. Archie's son, Bob, became a father for the first time on November 15 when Philip Lloyd was born. Marvin Ford (Dept. 70) also has a new grandson. Paul Duane Layman who weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 ozs.

Charlie Johnson, senior Time Study Engineer, has a new pup at his house and after a few weeks it had to have a tonsillectomy. Charlie claims that his hospitalization insurance should cover this surgery because "Missy" is one of the family and certainly a dependant.

## MUELLER, LIMITED Reports . . . .

by  
PHYLLIS TURNER

About 130 members and guests attended the 16th annual meeting of the Mueller, Limited Employees' Credit Union in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Wilfred "Mike" Scott, and Henry Hardy, President of the Credit Union, conducted the business meeting. Mr. George McAvity, Managing Director of Mueller, Limited, was guest speaker for the evening. One of the highlights of the evening was the crowning of Laurine Robertson as 1961 Queen. She was crowned by former queen Dorothy Drury. The queen's court consisted of Yvonne Sweet, Marie Godfrey and Helen Paulley. Dancing to the music of Jack Kewin and his band concluded the enjoyable evening. Credit Union officers of Mueller Employees' (Sarnia) Credit Union are:

### Board of Directors

Henry Hardy  
Frank Vidler  
Walter Stevens  
Percy Knight  
Anne Kruk  
James Chaytor  
Gilbert Murray.

### Supervisory Committee

Ted Adlam  
Ray Edwards  
Charles Bedard.

### Credit Committee

Wilfred Scott  
Eric Wood  
John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, a daughter, Susan Caroline.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Wiggins, a daughter, Cheryl Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dellow, a son, William Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Derwyn Fokuhl, a daughter, Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, a son, Mark Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, twins, Ronald and Susan.

Henry Junek Sr. retired recently after nearly 20 years of service with Mueller, Limited. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and spent the early years of his life operating a farm and in the freight business in Esterhazy, Saskatoon. After Henry gave up his business in the west, he and his family moved to Sarnia in 1941. Six month after his arrival in Sarnia he was hired at Mueller, Limited as a watchman and engineer, and during the following years he worked on compression assembly, compression testing, service box assembly and streamline testing. Henry plans to occupy his spare time with his woodworking hobby and helping his wife who is custodian in their church. Two sons are employed with Mueller, Limited. Oldrich (Slim) is Foreman of the Foundry and Henry Jr. is an Automatic Rod Machine Operator.

The fish that didn't get away was a real fine catch for Howard Taylor (Dept. 3). Howard caught a nine pound Rainbow Trout from the harbour at Owen Sound. It must have made a delicious dinner in the Taylor home.



CREDIT UNION QUEEN

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

Albert De Kelder (Dept. 1) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dalton.

Alex Bogaart (Dept. 3) in the loss of his father.

Ralph Harrett (Dept. 47) in the loss of his step-mother, Mrs. Milton Harrett.

Alvin Smith (Dept. 10) in the loss of his brother, Roy Smith.

Ronald M. Nicolson, Sales Manager, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. M. I. Nicolson.

Sympathy is also extended to our retired employee John Flood whose wife, Mary, passed away.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Ryan, a daughter, Christine Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meredith, a daughter, Nancy Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oleniuk, a son, John Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mitchell, a son, Brian Duncan.



EDITH ELLENOR

Edith Ellenor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ellenor, graduated recently from London Teacher's College in London, Ontario. Edith's father, Milton, is employed in the Shipping Room.

"Now, Willie, you must not be selfish. You must let your brother have the sled half the time."

"But, mother," replied the lad, "I do. I have it going down the hill and he has it coming up."

Singer: "How do you like my voice?"

Accompanist: "Madam, I've played the white keys and I've played the black keys. But never before have I seen anyone who could sing in the cracks."



# MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By  
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

The Mueller Co. bowling league in Los Angeles got off to a good start again this year and after the first round the Forging team "forged" ahead in the standings with the Sales team close behind. Forging team members are: John Yanez, Jim Byrne, Bob Penn, and Bob and Gerry Ward.

The leaders in the statistics are:

High Team Series—Steel Machining (2,803)

High Team Game—Shipping (1,009)

High Men's Series—Bob Penn (634)

High Women's Series—June Adkins (621)

High Men's Game—Don Kelley (239)

High Women's Game—Helen Wolf (223).

Gerald Ward (Toolroom) joined the ranks of newlyweds, being joined recently in marriage with the former Miss Geraldine Grinstead in Tijuana, Mexico. Best wishes to you both.

Late in October Clayton Travis (Toolroom) and members of his family drove to Las Vegas for the wedding of his daughter, Marilyn. She was married to Ralph Jackson in the Mountain View Lutheran Church. The groom's brother, James, and the bride's sister, Janet, attended. The newlyweds are living in Brea where Ralph works with his father in the Jackson Cabinet Shop. Another note of Mueller interest is that the bride's Aunt "Marge" used to work for Mueller Co. in Decatur and her father, John Bixler retired about 1954 after 42 years of service in the Main Office. Following the ceremony a number of those in the wedding party stayed in Las Vegas for two days to see a number of the shows there.

Hazel Lehman (PBX Operator) and her husband had a really "exotic" vacation this year in the Hawaiian Islands. They went over on the luxury steamship, the Matsonia, and returned via Pan American jet—five days going and four hours returning. While there they took two tours, one of eight days around the main island of Oahu and then seven touring the other islands. During their island hopping they traveled by turbo jet and then got around by autos. Some of the highlights of the trip were swimming on Waikiki Beach and participation in two luas. One of the luas was at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel which is one of Honolulu's best-known. Hazel said the island people were very friendly and that it seemed like flowers were everywhere.

Evelyn Miller (Assembly Dept.) had a very enjoyable vacation driving midwestern states with her son, Wayne, and visiting with relatives in Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri. They were in Galveston, Tex., just before Hurricane Carla struck, and caught the end of it in Kansas City.

Alan Morgan, son of Allen Morgan (Assembly Dept.) was home on leave from the Signal Corps to spend Thanksgiving with his parents. After the holiday he left for France to finish his tour of duty.



A team made up of Mueller Co. employees, won the championship in a commercial bowling league this summer. The close race was not decided until the final night and only a few pins separated the first and second place teams. Members of the team are (from left, front row): Jim Holmes (Assembly), June Adkins (Nurse). In the back are: Bruce Stotler (Production Superintendent), Carolie Driscoll (Office) and John Fritzer (Brass Machine).



MR. AND MRS. ROY BAKER

Our sympathy is extended to Jim Hollingsworth (Assembly Dept.) in the death of his father, and to Marshall Cook (Brass Machine Shop) who lost his father.

Personal thanks from this reporter, Warren Wunderlich, for the flowers sent to Louisville, Ky. for my mother's funeral. They were very much appreciated.

Eric Peterson, Tool Engineer, got a scare from the recent brush and forest fire that raged in an area near Los Angeles. The fires came within a block of his home in Altadena and only damaged one house in the immediate area. While speaking of the Petersons we might mention that Eric's wife, Nadine, has some of her art work displayed in the office of the Head of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where Mrs. Peterson works.

The bowlers winning turkeys in the "turkey shoot" were Bobby Newell and John Fritzer of the Machine Shop, Helen Wolf of Sales, and Lou Harris of Assembly.

The stork reports delivering a son to Karen and Louis Harris (Buffing Dept.) on Nov. 6 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange. The little fellow was named William Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coss also have a new baby girl who weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz.

An unusual and horrifying accident was the experience of Robert Stevens, 11, nephew of Chester Hawes who works in the Shipping Dept. Young Stevens was a spectator at a rodeo at Los Alamitos, Calif., and received a shattered ankle and two other breaks when he was trampled by a bucking bronco that came

through the fence. The fence was weakened by a 24 x 8 inch hole cut in it for a television camera. The horse stuck its head through the hole and then made a lunge, knocking down the seven-foot fence. The rider landed on the TV camera, then the horse kicked the camera and started its rampage through the crowd. According to a newspaper account, 19 persons were injured, four seriously. One man who was in a wheel chair at the rodeo died as a result of a skull fracture. Robert crawled under the bleachers to protect himself, and later commented from the hospital bed that the adults scared him more than the horse.



NOEL WOLFE

Under a heading of "Things We Would Like to Have Seen" would be the incident on the Colorado River near Yuma recently when Leonard Johnson, Steel Machine Foreman, went fishing for those big catfish. According to Leonard, he and his father were in his boat together, and he had the boat tied to the tules to hold it. Just before this he had been having a very hard time getting his motor started, and there was enough current and a lot of wind which made such a push on the boat that even at half throttle the boat would make no headway. Well—the rope pulled loose from the tules—or pulled the tules loose, and downstream it started. Leonard saw a log sticking out from the bank and grabbed it to stop the boat, but it only stopped Len, and he was in the river in nothing flat. When he got back on land (it was an island) he saw the boat going out of sight around the bend. Then he goes tearing through the bullrushes like a bulldozer, according to his cousin who saw it all, to try and catch up with the boat as the elder Mr. Johnson is somewhat arthritic and Leonard knew the way the motor was acting that he would have an awful time starting it. Everything turned out all right, however, as Mr. Johnson caught hold of something and stopped the boat O.K., but perhaps Leonard had visions of chasing it all the way to Mexico before he could catch up with it.

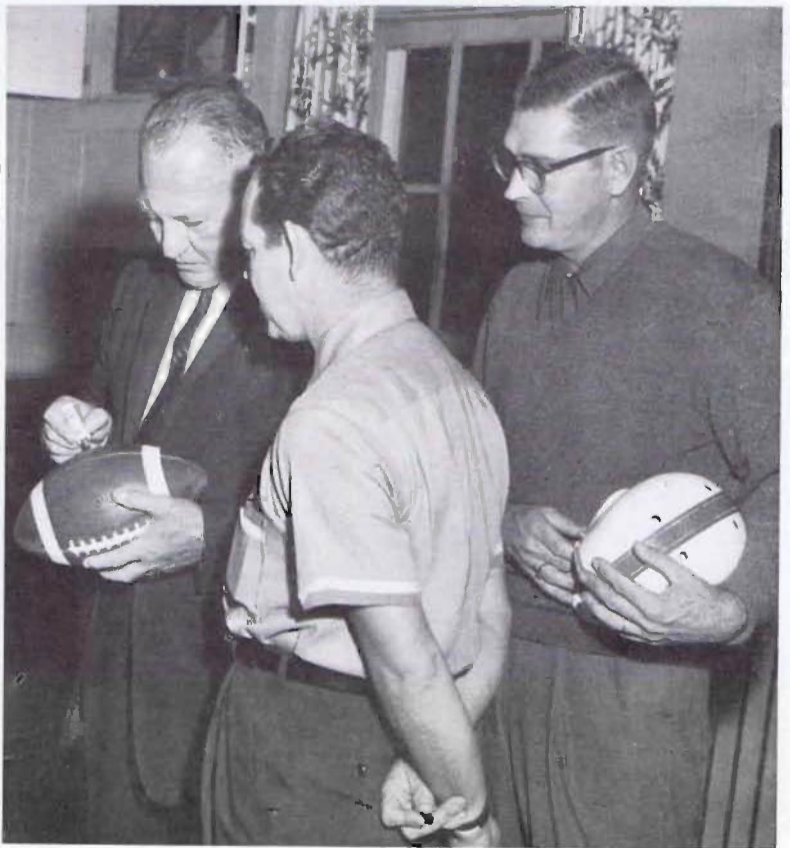
Cy Wolfe, Purchasing Agent, certainly is the proud father these days. His son, Noel, received a scholastic award for almost maintaining an "A" average during the Pop Warner football season. He will receive a trophy for his outstanding accomplishment. Through the season he had one "B+" and the rest "A's".

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker who were married in Decatur in 1911, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here in South Gate, Calif. The couple's daughters, daughters-in-law, and Mrs. Evelyn Potts were hostesses for the party held in the couple's yard. Gold and white flowers were used to decorate and a three-tiered anniversary cake centered the refreshment table. Among the 125 guests present were the Bakers' five children, Lloyd, Mildred, Inez, Thelma, and Robert, their 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Potts. Kenny is one of the Mueller Co. sales representatives in California.

Incidentally the Bakers' daughter, Inez, and her husband, Al Hembree (Inspector), celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary earlier this year.

The Bakers moved to California in 1933 where he was in charge of polishing and plating at Mueller Co. for many years. He was night superintendent when he retired. (See accompanying photo.)

## Red Grange Visits 4-X



Red Grange, the famed Galloping Ghost from the University of Illinois, was the main speaker at a recent meeting of the 4-X Club in Decatur. The former All-American griddler is shown autographing a football for Jim Cussins, Assistant Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager. At the right is Jack Parsons, Chief Chemist. Mr. Grange is now a broadcaster of professional football games on television.



This indicator tells Machine Operator Joe Coffman (left) and his helper Jefro Hammon the amount of torque on a valve body.



Factory Equipment Oiler Roland T. Strickland watches the clocks on his welding equipment.



This big scale tells Clerk Dewey Honeycutt "how heavy" castings are after they leave the Cleaning Room.

Chattanooga Clock Watchers

# Focus on Faces

"Clock" watching isn't always considered profitable but in some cases clock watchers are seeking the answers to such questions as: How many? How heavy? How hot? How strong? How much? When?

These questions and many more similar to them must be answered everyday in order to continue operations in any company.

The answers are found in various forms of clocks and indicators which are usually taken for granted. Each day begins and ends with a

clock but in between these times, clocks with unusual faces and hands are necessary to carry on the everyday jobs.

A photographer focused his camera on a few of the faces during their clock-watching activities at Chattanooga and came up with this picture story.

The faces and hands on these indicators are important, but without the faces of experienced employees to read them and whose hands operate them, these indicators would be useless.



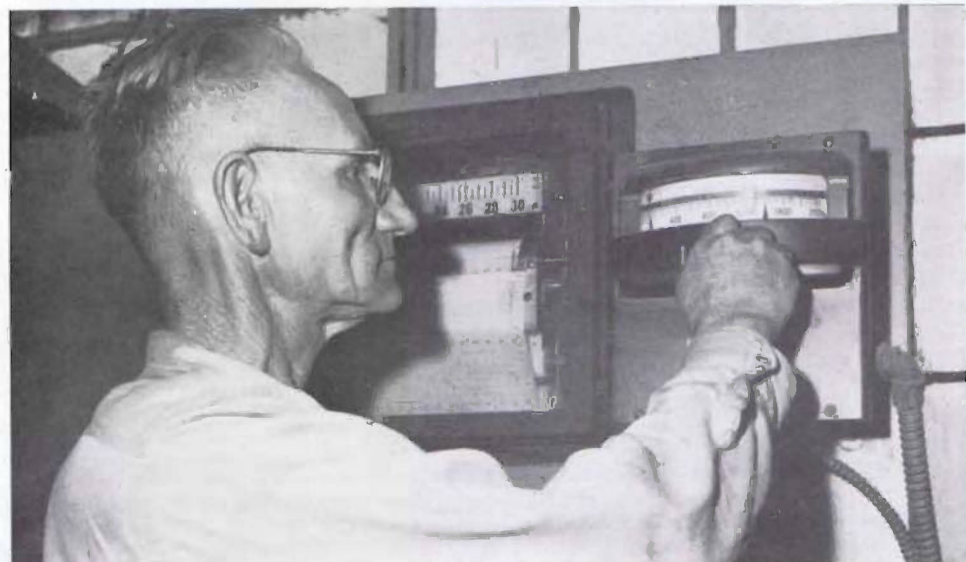
This instrument's face and hand indicate the parallelism of a block on the machine of Toolmaker Ralph Tolbert.



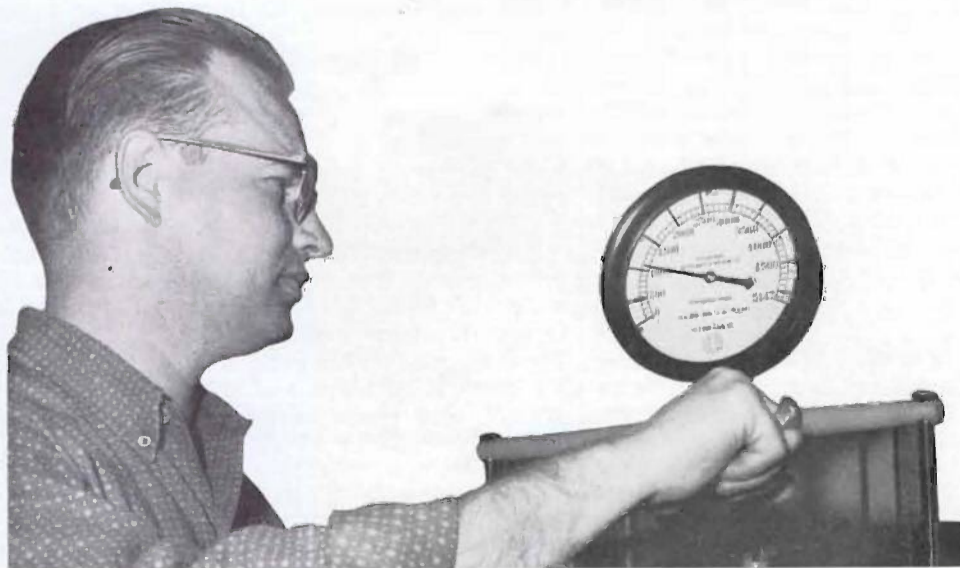
Nurse Ora Hollingsworth uses an indicator in this case to check the blood pressure of one of the Chattanooga employees.



"How much" pressure in the plant's sprinkler system is shown by this clock as W. J. Hixon, Maintenance Foreman, makes a regular check.



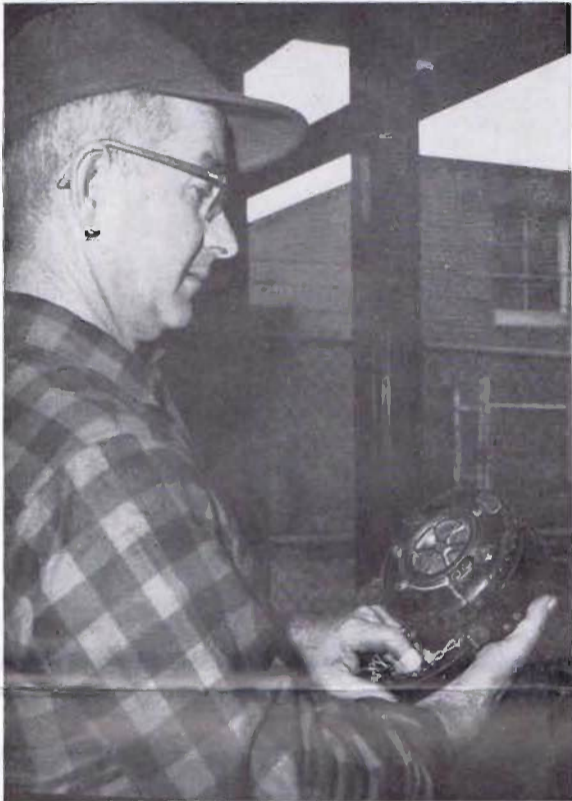
Oscar Hubble, Tool Room Foreman, adjusts a pyrometer, which tells him the temperature of his heat treating system.



Clocks of various types play an important role in the laboratory of Chief Chemist Jack Vincent. This dial is on a hardness tester.



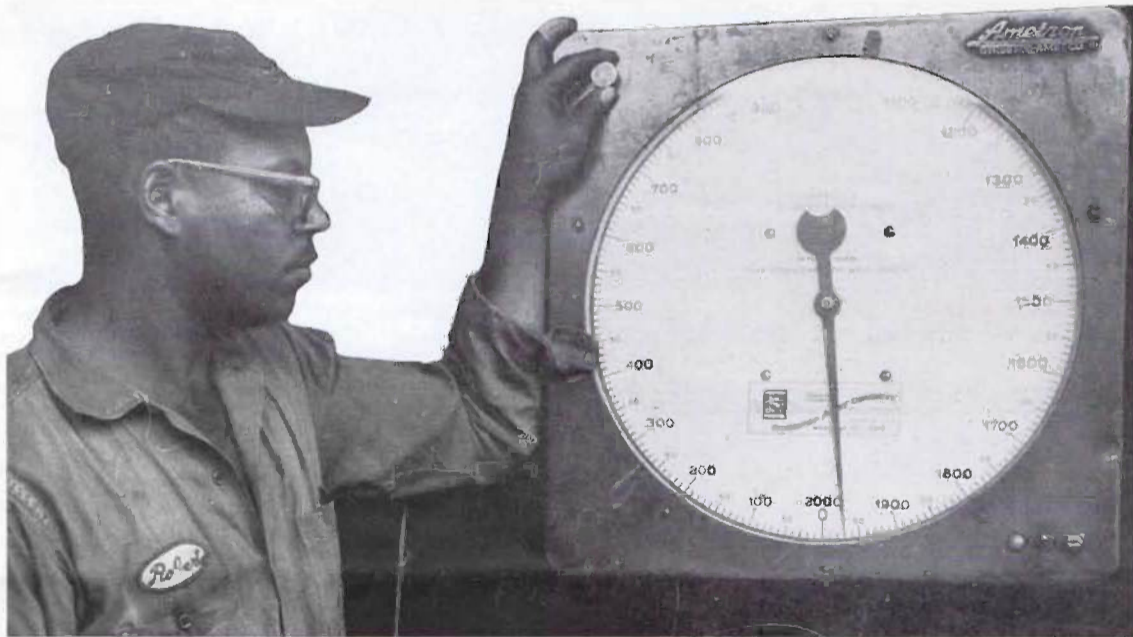
Here, Ray Edwards, Shell Core Set-Up Man, checks one of the many panels of dials, lights and other indicators that are necessary for the operation of the plant.



Watchman Herman Childress checks his clock preparatory to making one of his regular rounds.



This intricate "clock" indicates to General Foreman Foundry Division Coy E. Jones the amount of winds which go into the foundry cupolas.



Each load of raw materials that goes into the giant cupolas is weighed on a scale like this one used by Cupola Charger Robert Chunn.



A panel of dials tells Driver Jesse L. Graves that his goat is running as it should.

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pounds. Many of these have six different types of ends or means for connecting them to a main.

Fire hydrants, which are major items manufactured at Chattanooga, have hundreds of variations which range from a fraction of an inch in a nozzle thread to the number of feet they are buried in the ground.

There is the standard type, the improved type, flush type, and underwriter approved type, with each of these having varied valve openings, nozzle openings and threads and colors.

Some cities have a particular nozzle thread size which can vary 1/64th of an inch from those used by others. Although a standardization of nozzle threads has been attempted, there are many sizes that must be made when the variations are as small as 1/64th of an inch over a two-inch range.

There are as many colors or combinations of colors in Mueller hydrants as there are shades in the dreams of a dress designer.

Other variations of the hydrant range from the size and shape of the operating nut at the top and the direction the nut turns for opening and closing, to the size and type of inlet.

## Plant 4 News

By

Jennie McDaniel

Elwood Potts, Iron Foundry Foreman, suffered a heart attack late in November and was taken to Decatur and Macon County Hospital. Latest reports have him "getting along fine." We hope to see him back on the job soon.

We are happy to have Chuck Schroeder back to work after a month-long illness. Chuck is electrician at Plant 4.

Mrs. Vera Patterson (Dept. 50) has been hospitalized but she is now home and much improved.

Russell Armstrong was in a car accident near Springfield recently. He was hospitalized but is believed to be improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker (Dept. 50) are recent grandparents. Their new granddaughter, Julie Louise, was born Oct. 30 to Mr. and Mrs. David Baker, McNabb, Ill. She weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Latch visited their families in El Paso and San Antonio, Tex. and California during their vacation this year. They also spent a part of the vacation in Mexico and Las Vegas. Virginia said they were in one of the worst snow storms Texas has had in 30 years. Gene is Maintenance Man in the Brass Foundry. Virginia is Nurse at Plant 4.

Elmer Baker and two companions went deer hunting recently and came back with one.

Jim Kissell, who was clerk in the Foundry, has moved up to attendant in the Master Tool Crib at Plant 1. Jim succeeds Dave Younger who has moved into the Quality Control Division.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Betty Turner who recently started to work in Production Control here. A greeting goes to Larry Phillipppo who recently began working as a Laboratory Attendant.

Merle Carter went to Turkey Village, Ark. recently for a weekend.

And so it goes. Each customer has his own specifications and needs, and it is up to the Chattanoogaans to know and fill these requests.

Drawers and drawers of files are kept on the variations used so that when an order comes in, it can be compared with past needs.

Some other big items produced at Chattanooga are tapping sleeves, tapping crosses, tapping valves, inserting valves and repair sleeves. Item after item, variation after variation, each one fits a particular need of a customer in the water or gas industry.

Tapping sleeves and valves provide the best method for



TAPPING SLEEVE

making a branch main (lateral) connection to an existing water main. By their use, the connection is made under pressure with no loss of water or interruption of flow in the main.

Here again, in one major item, there are 65 size variations alone in a tapping sleeve. They range in size from 3 inches by 2 inches to 48 by 48 and weighing hundreds of pounds.

The bigness of the products and operations presents varied and diversified problems also. The size of the component parts creates storage problems and headaches in handling.

The handling problems begin with the unloading of raw materials for the hot, hungry bellies of the foundry cupolas. These cupolas, which are capable of pouring 150 tons of molten iron in a day, are fed by an overhead crane which is able to handle 15,000 pounds.

Standard equipment throughout the factory are hoists, cranes, goats and other aids for lifting, plus some good, strong backs.

Columbian Iron Works, the forerunner of Mueller Co. in Chattanooga, was originated in the early 1900's by H. S. Chamberlain, pioneer Chattanooga industrialist, and some associates. In 1933 Mueller Co. bought Columbian Iron Works but did not change the name until 1950.

Plant Manager J. H. Wall and Assistant Manager Frank C. Hackman represent a total of 55 years of experience with Mueller Co.

Mr. Wall, a native of Danville, joined Mueller Co. in Decatur, in 1925, as a workman in the polishing room. After working in various departments he went to Chattanooga in 1937 as accountant and paymaster. In 1944 he became assistant secretary of Columbian Iron Works and in August, 1953 he was named plant manager.

Mr. Hackman joined Mueller Co. in Decatur in 1937 and remained there until 1955. In March of 1959 he became assistant manager of the Chattanooga plant.



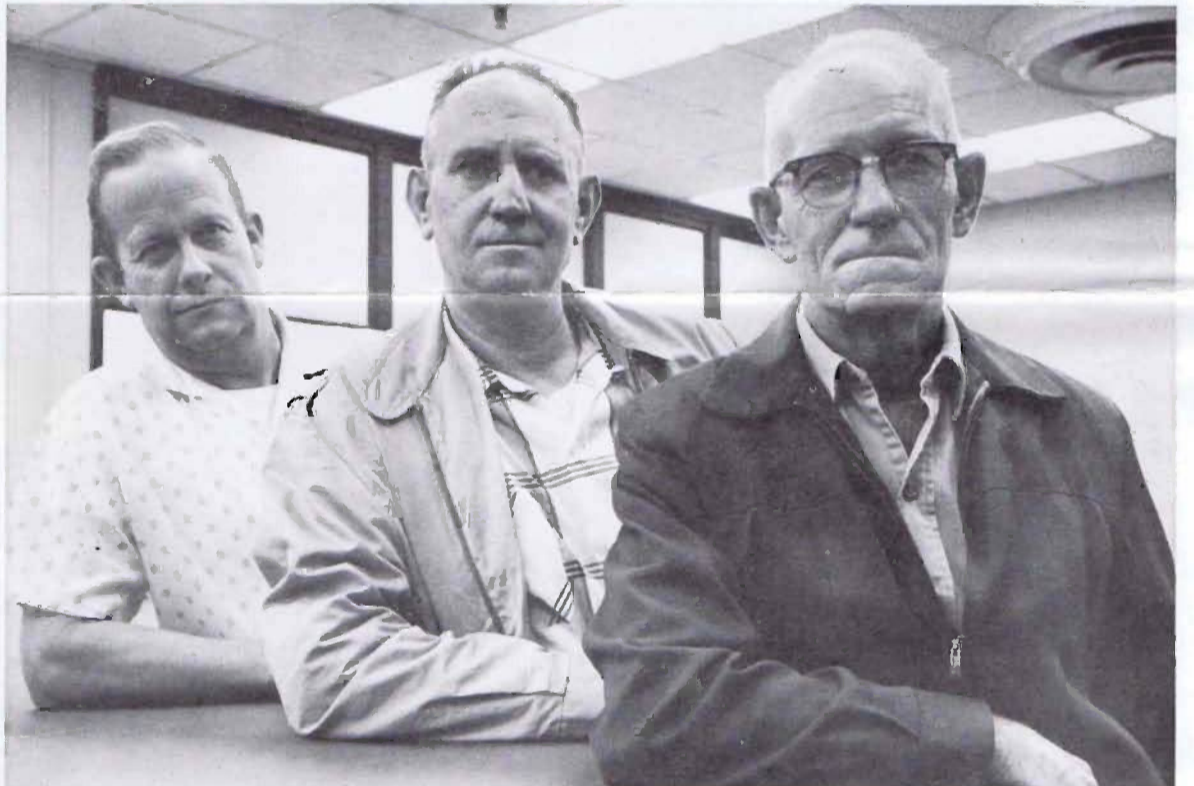
Monroe Hudson, left, received his 35-year service pin recently from Frank C. Hackman, Assistant Plant Manager at Chattanooga.



The Mueller, Limited Men's Social Club held a farewell dinner for Odie E. Walker following his recent retirement as Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Mueller, Limited. Mr. Walker, left, is shown admiring a replica of a fire hydrant presented by Bruce Barrett on behalf of the club. Ronald M. Nicolson, Sales Manager, also presented Mr. Walker with a silver tray from club members. Ross Willoughby also presented him a table lighter from the office workers.



Receiving his 40-year service pin is John A. Baldwin, who works in the Sales Department of Mueller, Limited. Making the presentation is Ronald M. Nicolson, Mueller, Limited Sales Manager, right.



Three, 25-year veterans of Mueller Co. are pictured above. They are, from left: Dale Wilkins (Dept. 33), Gerald Sarver (Dept. 64) and George W. Curtis (Dept. 37).



Chester M. Mercer  
Decatur  
35 Years



Cal L. McQuality  
40 Years  
Decatur

### Credit Union Opening Soon

The new offices for the Mueller Co. (Decatur) employees credit union are hoped to be finished about the first of the year.

Harold Munsterman, Treasurer, said he hoped the credit union offices could be moved the first of the year but that it is still uncertain as to the actual date.

An open house will be held shortly after the new building at the corner of Cerro Gordo and Edward streets is occupied.

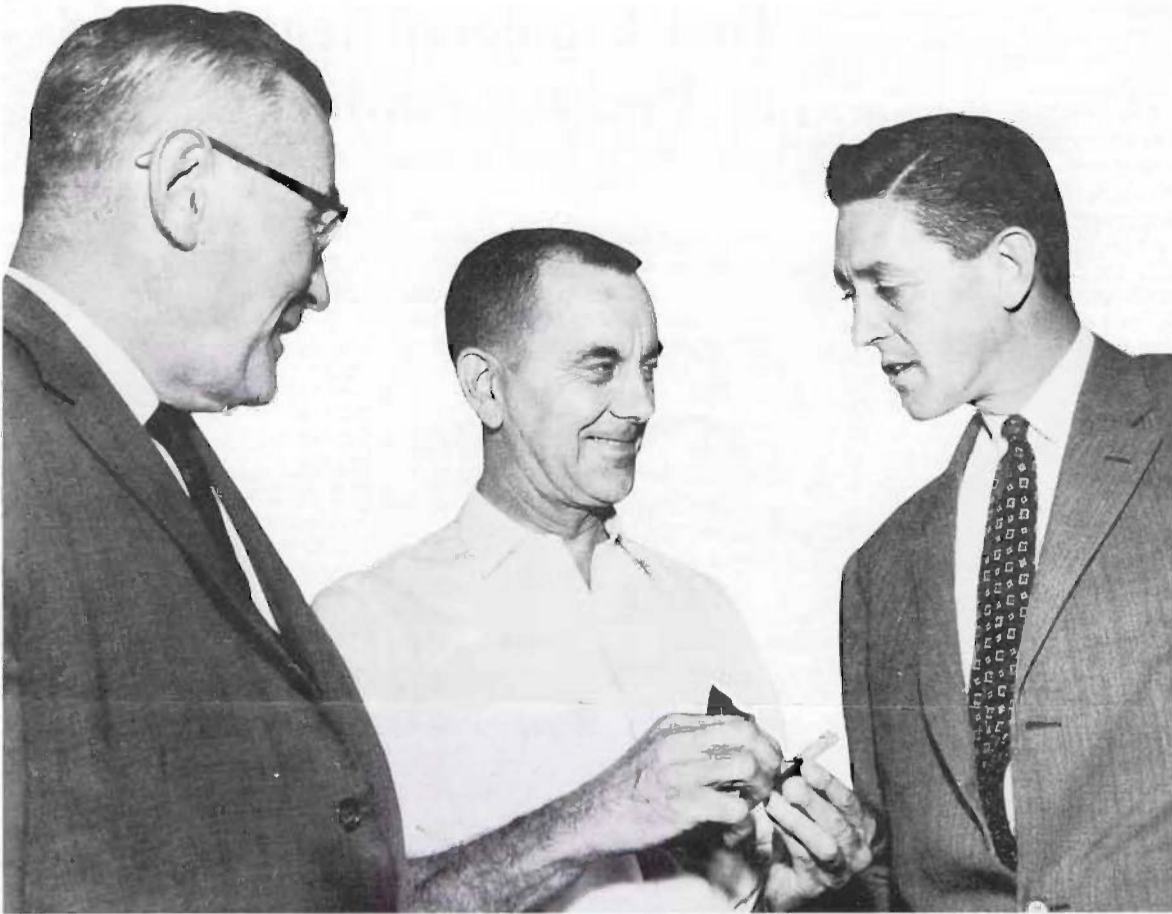
The annual meeting of the Decatur employees credit union will be Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grace Methodist Church dining room. Tickets are available at the credit union office or from directors.



J. Harold Linton  
35 Years  
Decatur



William L. Shockley, seated, was the center of attention recently as he ended more than 41 years of service with Mueller Co. in Decatur. He is shown with his co-workers who presented him with some gifts on his last day on the job. Mr. Shockley was a 23A Automatic Machine Operator in Dept. 90.



A 35-year service pin was awarded recently to Dennis Tilley (center), Mueller, Limited First-Aid Attendant. He was presented the service award by George McAvity (right), Managing Director, and Carl Smith, Production Superintendent.



Senior member of this trio is Emilie J. Waltens, (Dept. 50). She has completed 30 years of service with Mueller Co. in Decatur while Robert Taylor, left, and James O. Fair have been with the company 25 years each. Jim works in the Tool Room and Bob is Ground Key Foreman.

# SERVICE AWARDS

## LOS ANGELES

15 Years: Frank Williams, Anthony Flaco.

## CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Eugene W. Clayton, Robert G. Fletcher, John B. Hensley, Alex J. Mesevich, Huston D. Mitchell, William A. Oden, Shirley L. Sawyer, Richard N. Wilhoite.

10 Years: Edward Benning, Jesse J. Holloway, Warren Moncier, Carroll R. Moore, Joseph Moses, Roosevelt Powell, Willard C. Selvage, William L. Simpson, Paul S. Slatton, Leroy Thurmond, Richard Waller.

15 Years: Billy G. Andrews, Elmer Coffman, Robert G. Lansford, John M. Tate.

20 Years: Joseph Bartlett, Kyle Hardy, Theodore McGinnis.

25 Years: L. D. Satterwhite.

35 Years: Monroe Hudson.

## DECATUR

5 Years: Lilah Lee Psinas, Wilbur R. Leopold, Robert W. Mallow, Clarence A. Berner, Robert C. Johnston.

10 Years: Lawrence E. Monroe, Kenneth F. Tohill\*.

15 Years: George F. Binkley, Donald W. McQuality, Osborn W. Madden, Walter Andes, James Williamson\*, Lloyd L. Smith, Nelson E. Hoffman, William H. Boehm, Gerald A. Stanley, Alfred F. Alde, William R. Knorr, Lynn T. Harper, William J. Kaig-

ley, Herman E. Stolte, Ralph H. Brown, Willie D. McCoy, Charles H. Ashmore.

20 Years: Leslie L. Epperson, Max L. Dukeman, Helen L. Campbell, Roy C. Jones, Roy F. Harrison, John H. Drake, Marvin O. Davis.

25 Years: George W. Curtis, Gerald B. Sarver, Dale Wilkins, James O. Fair, Robert Taylor, Paul V. Barnes.

30 Years: Leo Siloski, Emilie J. Waltens.

35 Years: Harold Linton,

Chester M. Mercer.

40 Years: Cal L. McQuality, Henry Leipski.

## SARNIA

10 Years: Kenneth Miles, John LaPier, Clayton Meredith, Tadeusz Grad.

15 Years: Mike Poirier, Mike Marchuk, Calvin Turnbull, Matthew Barker, Doris Prosie.

20 Years: Donald Cuthbertson, Albert Marcy, Dorothy Kay, Cyril Mathews.

35 Years: Dennis Tilley.

40 Years: John A. Baldwin.



Co-workers of Enola Smith presented her with a new purse as she completed more than 36 years of service with Mueller Co. She was

a Material Accounting Clerk in Decatur prior to her retirement. Mrs. Smith's husband is also retired from Mueller Co.



Harold (Slim) Fennel recently received his 35-year service pin from Carl Smith, left. Mueller, Limited personnel looking on are (left to right): Mr. Smith, Ed Ellenor, Dept. 5 Foreman; Mr. Fennel and Gordon Karr, Production Control Supervisor.



Henry Junek, Sr., receives best wishes upon his retirement from his foreman, Donald Crooks. Mr. Junek has two sons who also work for Mueller, Limited.

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facturing Consultant for Mueller Co. in addition to his duties as Assistant Plant Manager. His primary duties will relate to the Chattanooga operations but the new assignment will make him available to be called upon as an advisor to Headquarters concerning particular manufacturing situations.

William E. Hixson, Jr., who was in the Standards Division at Chattanooga, has been named Quality Control Supervisor at the Tennessee plant.

At Decatur, Elmer H. Fawley has been promoted from Head Inspector to Quality Control Supervisor.

As Quality Control Supervisors, Mr. Fawley and Mr. Hixson will be in charge of all quality control and inspection functions within their respective plants.

Harold Peer, who has been in the Inspection Division in Decatur, has been named Quality Control Technician. He will be concerned primarily with statistical analysis and its application related to quality control.

Roy Thompson has been named Cost Estimator and will continue the duties as before. Joe Fleckenstein has been named Assistant Traffic Manager but will not have any significant change in duties.

Brief background sketches on each man follows:

Mr. Moore joined Mueller Co. in 1940 following his graduation from Decatur High School and worked full-time in the factory until he entered Millikin University in the fall. Until he entered the Army in 1942 he worked part-time while attending Millikin. After four years in the Army he returned to Millikin and his part-time job in the factory. In 1948 when he graduated

from Millikin he began working as a time study engineer and advanced through such posts as plant industrial engineer, assistant factory manager at Decatur to that of Quality Control Manager.

Mr. Finley joined the company in 1954 as a time study engineer and has moved through such posts as senior time study engineer and standards engineer and then up to Plant Industrial Engineer a year ago.

Mr. Darnell started with Mueller in 1950 in the Shipping Dept. and after four years in the U. S. Navy he returned to the Shipping Dept. and remained there until 1958 when he entered the time study section. He has been a time study engineer since 1959.

Mr. Campbell is a native of South Bend, Ind. and a 1959 graduate of the University of Indiana. Following his graduation he joined Mueller Co. as a time study engineer.

Mr. Taylor is from Belleville, Ill. and a graduate of Millikin University. He has been with Mueller Co. more the seven years and has worked as a time study engineer, tool cost estimator,

junior methods engineer and has been senior methods engineer since 1956.

Mr. Hosto came to Mueller Co. as a draftsman in 1953 and then became a methods engineer. Two years ago he was named to his most recent post of construction engineer.

Mr. Hackman joined Mueller Co. in Decatur in 1937 and remained there until 1955. In March of 1959 he became Assistant Manager of the Chattanooga plant.

Mr. Fawley has been with Mueller Co. 26 years, starting as a draftsman in Engineering following his graduation from Millikin University.

Mr. Thompson a native of Wisconsin, joined Mueller Co. 15 years ago as a workman in Dept. 80. He remained there until 1953 when he was named Standards rating clerk. Three years later he assumed his cost estimating duties.

Mr. Fleckenstein started with the company in 1938 as a messenger and then worked a number of years in the Shipping Dept. In 1958 he took on duties in the Traffic Dept.

# Tool Engineers Regain Lead In Decatur Bowling League

The Tool Engineers bowling team has regained the lead of the Mueller Bowling League after trailing the Specialty Division for seven weeks.

Led by Dale Reidelberger, the Tool Engineers regained the lead after dropping into second early in the season. At this writing Reidelberger was leading the league with a 183 average and also had the high individual three-game series with a 647.

Reidelberger's 245 game is also third best in the 10-team league.

Other members of the leading team are: Paul Hawbaker, Buddy Grossman, Dale Wilkins, Carl Hill and Bert Flaughter.

After 45 of the scheduled 108 games here is the way the teams stand.

Team	W	L
Tool Engrs.	32	13
Specialty	27	18
Works Mgrs.	26	19

Pattern Shop	22½	22½
Ground Key	22	23
Product Engrs.	21	24
Brass Finishers	20	25
Iron Shop	20	25
Main Office	18½	26½
Plant 4	16	29

The six high average bowlers are:

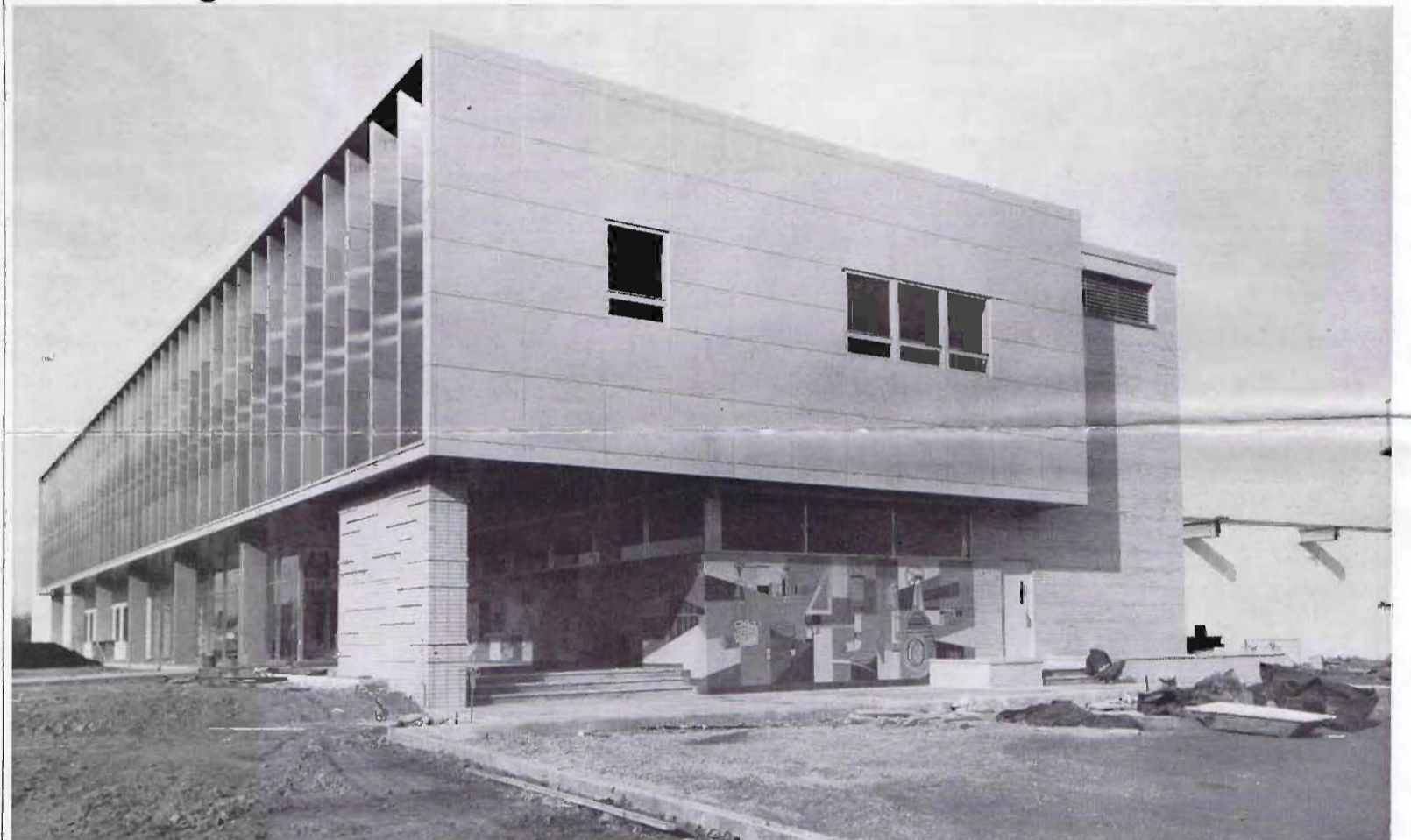
Dale Reidelberger	183
Ben Taylor	179
Al Degand	175
Ed Nalefski	174
Bill Leake	174
Gene Hullinger	174

Gene Gibbs still has the high individual game with 263. He is followed by Claude Inman who has a 247 and Reidelberger's 245.

### ALDE RETIRES

Alfred Alde, Painter in the Maintenance Division, retired Oct. 21 after 15 years of service with Mueller Co.

## Finishing Touches In Process



Finish work is almost complete on the new office building and it is expected to be ready for complete occupancy soon. A portion of the 79-foot mosaic mural is shown in the center of the photograph. The mosaic, which symbolizes the history and growth of Mueller Co.

with Decatur, extends into the reception area of the building. The thousands of individually cut pieces show Lincoln Square in 1857, the year the company began, and goes through the development of a number of major products, to a view of the new office.

### A 2-Year-Old's Reaction to —

# Her First Mueller Co. Christmas Party

What goes through the mind of a two-year old at her first Christmas party?

Certainly the changeless expression of her chubby face was not indicative of her thoughts as she and her father endured their first Mueller Co. Christmas party together.

There is one thing certain; a child's answers are straightforward and are not tempered by feelings for others.

With hundreds of children screaming and clapping with delight and a few parents dozing, one Julie Ann sat on her father's lap with a stolid, unblinking look, never missing a movement but never registering a reaction until the show was half over.

Plans for attending the Mueller Christmas party started about a week ahead of time. As part of their daily routine the holiday-excited mother discussed (in detail) with daughter the coming Saturday afternoon.

After a week of these pep talks no show could have lived up to expectations.

An hour before the party she was dressed and undressed twice as mother searched for the right outfit. Finally Julie was on her way and after some name calling through tightly-shut windows, and some horn-honking, the driver got parked near the Masonic Temple and didn't get too wet getting into the building.

Father and daughter arrived in plenty of time but by the time he took off her boots, snow pants, coat, sweater, and hat, wiped a nose and tried to clean mud off his pants where dirty boots had rubbed, it was time for the show to begin.

From then on the only things the adjacent seat held were coats as dad held daughter.

Her first display of emotion was during the dog act when, unnoticed by the little girl's father, one of the dogs' handlers

bumped one of the ornaments on the beautiful 20-foot tree.

Then she jumped saying, "No, no," remembering the threats and admonishments she received from her parents when she tried to examine her own tree.

Daughter's impassive attitude continued through most of the third act when she suddenly realized that she wanted to "go upstairs" even though she was in the last row of the side balcony.

This seating arrangement proved to be a problem during the next act when the performers started firing balloons into the audience. Because of the location she didn't get one of the balloons and she became a little upset.

Finally the stern, unrelenting father agreed to buy her a balloon if she would just keep quiet. On the way home he got back into the rain again to buy balloons, but it didn't end there.

After he got home he was

chided because he couldn't shoot the balloons like the performer. To add to the upset, one-year old little brother bit the ends off every balloon he got his hands on.

Prior to going home, she added one more touch of a two-year old's honesty. After finally crowding her way to Santa Claus her reply to his "What do you want?" was "Julie wants to go home." And she did.

After awakening from a rather belated nap her mother asked, "Would you like to go to another Christmas party tomorrow?" Her simple and sincere answer was, "No. Julie go Shopper's World."

This time of the year Julie's mother refers to husband as "Scrooge" because of his impassiveness during the Yule season. Maybe this is where daughter receives some of her coolness toward the holidays, or maybe she is a normal two-year old.

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