

One Expansion Ending, Other Speeds Up

Jan 1963



Decatur Job 99% Complete

Work on the Mueller Co. expansion in Decatur is more than 99 per cent complete, and progress on the new Los Angeles area plant is reported about on schedule.

The 4½-acre parking area atop the new manufacturing-warehouse building was opened Dec. 10 and workmen are now finishing last-minute details on the interior of the building.

The construction portion of the Decatur project is expected to be completed in February. Once the building contractor has completed his work, workmen will begin setting machinery and getting the area ready for production.

The pre-production work includes moving the Ground Key Division into the new building and bringing some equipment from Plant 4 that will be integrated with the Ground Key Division.

The Traffic Dept. moved into its new offices on Jan. 8 and the offices of Finished Stock Control are expected to be occupied soon.

Near Los Angeles, where the west coast plant is being constructed, all of the grading has been done and the side walls are now going up. The floor of the plant area has been poured and a high retaining wall is about completed.

Ground was broken on the Brea plant late in September. Mueller Co. is expected to be able to move from its near-downtown Los Angeles location to Brea in mid-summer. The 170,000-square-foot project includes new offices, and iron and brass foundries.

A. G. Webber Re-Elected By Directors

Albert G. Webber, Jr., was re-elected Mueller Co. President and Chairman of the Board at the firm's annual Shareholder and Board of Directors meeting in Decatur.

At the meeting the Board of Directors also accepted the resignation of Jackson Kemper, who had been Executive Vice President since he joined the company in July of 1960.

His resignation also included his position as a member of the Board of Directors of Mueller Co. and Mueller, Limited.

Company officers re-elected were:

A. G. Webber, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board

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 and Director of Purchases.

Lyle R. Huff, Secretary and Treasurer.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors were:

Joe H. Gardner

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.



Rising in the midst of the hills of Southern California is the new Mueller Co. plant at Brea. The upper photo shows a retaining wall under construction as seen from the rear of the factory area. The area where the equipment is working, now has a

poured concrete floor and pre-cast side walls are being erected. The office will face the hills in the background. The lower photo faces the warehouse portion and shipping area.

Wilhoite to High Point

Richard (Nat) Wilhoite, former Plant Industrial Engineer at Mueller Co.'s Chattanooga plant, has been named Plant Superintendent at the High Point, N. C. plant.

As superintendent he is the operating head of the plant. The appointment was effective Dec. 1, 1962.

At the same time, Clyde Slater was named Foundry Foreman at High Point. Mr. Slater had been Brass Foundry Foreman at Chattanooga.

Hosto Named Plant Engineer At Decatur

Erwin (Jim) Hosto, Assistant Plant Engineer at Decatur the past year, has been named to succeed Melvin K. Chaney as Plant Engineer, according to an announcement by A. L. Sefton, Factory Manager.

Mr. Hosto joined Mueller Co. in 1953 as a draftsman. He later was named a methods engineer and then in 1960 moved into the

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Lyle R. Huff Elected to Mueller, Limited Board

Lyle R. Huff, Mueller Co. Secretary and Treasurer, was elected recently to the Board of Directors of Mueller, Limited.

Mr. Huff, elected at the firm's annual meeting in Decatur, fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Jackson Kemper.

Mr. Huff joined Mueller Co. in 1950 in the Financial Division. He formerly was an auditor for the Phillips Petroleum Company, an acting instructor at the University of Illinois, and a member of the accounting firm of Gauger & Diehl.

Mueller, Limited officers re-elected were:

Albert G. Webber, Jr., President and Treasurer.

George McAvity, Managing Director

Ronald 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 Mueller, Limited Board of Directors were:

Orval W. Diehl

Lyle R. Huff

George McAvity

J. Milne

Ebert B. Mueller

Ronald M. Nicolson

R. J. Skippon

A. G. Webber, Jr.

Leo Wiant.



LYLE R. HUFF



Three of a group of about 40 Sarnia clergymen, who visited Mueller Limited, are shown a part by Don Thain. In the foreground is machine operator Walter Stevens. The visit by the clerics was part of Sarnia's Business-Clergy Day.

MUELLER, LIMITED Reports

by
PHYLLIS TURNER



27 in the Sarnia Collegiate Auditorium. Ross has been named Associate Producer for the show, and will be taking one of the lead roles as well as designing and printing posters for the club's publicity program. Both Ross and his wife Jeanne, who is the club's executive secretary, are active members.

Two groups from the Sarnia area visited Mueller, Limited as part of programs designed to better acquaint the community with local industry.

More than 40 clergymen participated in the sixth annual Business-Clergy Day program sponsored by the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce.

The event is designed to provide the clerics with firsthand knowledge of the operation and function of business under the free-enterprise system.

R. J. Skippon, Vice-President and Manager of Engineering, extended official greetings from the company, prior to the tour through the office and plant. After the tour, lunch was served in the cafeteria.

A number of Sarnia school

teachers also spent a half day visiting Mueller, Limited as part of Business-Education Day.

Following lunch and a welcome from Managing Director George McAvity and a discussion of company history and products by L. Merlin Coates, the group toured the plant.

Halloween evening was a happy night for Lila McDougall (Dept. 11). She won \$500 as a prize in the Sarnia Kinsmen Radiothon held as a benefit for the New Hope School for Retarded Children.

Ross Willoughby (Engineering) and the Polymer Glee Club have started to work on their new spring musical, "Carousel," which will be staged April 23-

R. J. Skippon, Vice President and Manager of Engineering for Mueller, Limited, was re-elected for a fifth term to the Sarnia Board of Education.

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitely, a son, born Aug. 1.
- Mr. and Mrs. William McLean, a daughter, born Sept. 28.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following employees and their families on the passing of a loved one:

- To Walter Irvine in the loss of his mother.
- To Gilbert Murray and his wife in the loss of Mrs. Murray's father.
- Charles Stevens in the loss of his mother.
- Graydon Brock in the loss of his mother.
- Leona Addy in the loss of her father.
- Jean Plourde and her husband in the loss of Mr. Plourde's father.

Two retired employees, Gordon S. Geary and Milton Miners, passed away recently. Mr. Geary, retired from Mueller, Limited since May 1, 1962, died Oct. 8 in Sarnia General Hospital. Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Geary, which includes his brother Tom, who works in the Tool Room. Mr. Miners, retired since Nov. 7, 1958, passed away Nov. 2 in St. Joseph's Hospital. Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Miners.



Archie Guthrie (center) receives retirement gifts from Kathleen Garrick (left) and his co-workers in the Assembly and Packing Dept. At the right is Gilbert Murray, department foreman. Mr. Guthrie retired after 23 years with Mueller Limited. He worked most of these years as a general assembler but on several occasions he transferred to core cleaning and inspecting.



Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by
Gene Racz

A tour of the plant was conducted on Nov. 8 for the benefit of the water works customers in the eastern part of the state. A distributor, Tennessee Mill and Mine Supply Co. of Knoxville, Tenn. sponsored it. Those serving as guides were: Bob Rhodes of the Engineering Dept. Bill Hixson of Quality Control, and Frank Puffer and Herman Easley of the Sales Dept. There were 30 people in the group.

The foremen held their regular monthly meeting on Nov. 7 at the Mount Vernon Restaurant. The entertainment for the evening was furnished by three senior students at Chattanooga High School, known as the "Kings Men Trio." From the reports that have reached us, they must have been sensational.

Best wishes to Mose Crutcher and Rose Mary Flint who were married on Oct. 27 in LaFayette, Ga. Mose is employed in the Brass Foundry and Rose Mary is employed at the Park Hotel.

The hunting season so far has proven profitable for a number of fellows here. Jack Vincent was pictured in a local paper as he bagged the limit on opening day of goose season. Bill Hixon and Joe Racz also have brought down a number of the "big birds" this year. Tyrone Buchanan, son of Chester Buchanan, so far is the only one that has killed a deer. This was his first kill and at 14 years of age and in his second year of hunting, we think he is to be commended. We can readily see he is a chip off of the old block as his dad always gets at least one deer per season.

Congratulations are in order to the following proud papas: John Foster, in the birth of a daughter, Rhonda Jean, born on Nov. 21; John H. Henderson, in the birth of a daughter, Debbie, born on Nov. 1; Robert Ferriss, in the birth of a daughter, Melinda Kay, born on Nov. 23; Arthur Gregory, in the birth of a son, John Mitchell, born on Nov. 10; Billy Joe Padgett, in the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Lynnette, born on Nov. 13; and to Eugene Medley, in the birth of a daughter, Alycia Diane, born on Oct. 23.

On Nov. 28, 29 and 30 Mueller Co. and Employers' Group Insurance Co. held a Foreman's Safety Training Conference. The conference was directed by Mr. R. O. Witte, Superintendent, Southern Engineering Dept. of Employers' Group Insurance Co. All foremen at the Chattanooga Plant were scheduled to attend the safety meetings. Total emphasis of this safety program was upon the supervisors and their relationship to safety and accident prevention. The three main points covered were:

- (1) A careful and complete investigation of each accident resulting in a personal injury to determine the cause and apply proper corrective action in order to prevent a repetition of such an accident.
- (2) The immediate correction of unsafe conditions by the supervisor of the department concerned, rather than waiting for recommendation for such correction to emanate from the periodic inspection by the Safety Committee.
- (3) Periodic meetings of a Safety Committee composed of supervisory employees.



ALKA SELTZER

Congratulations to Winfred Fraiser whose blue check hen, Alka Seltzer, won the 500 mile race recently sponsored by the Southern Racing Pidgeon Association. The birds were taken by car to Pine Castle, Fla. and released at 5:30 a.m., and Alka Seltzer reached the loft and clocked in at 7:03 p.m., flying a distance of 502 miles. There were 18 clubs participating and 751 entries. Winfred has won five trophies and seven blue ribbons this year. Good work, Winfred.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Leoma Russell who passed away on Nov. 9. Leoma was only 35 years of age when he suffered a heart attack. He had been employed here since Feb. of 1955.

A get well wish is extended to Henry and William Tyson who have been off from work for some time due to illness, also to Romus Rutland and John White.

Ronnie Maddox, employed in the Engineering Dept., emerged the victor in a weight lifting contest held at Frye Institute on Nov. 24. Ronnie entered the 181 lb. class and edged out four opponents for top honors. There were seven classes represented. Last year Ronnie placed fifth so we want to congratulate him for the fine showing. A state meet will be held soon and Ronnie is making big plans to enter it. Bob Lusk has been his inspiration and also his most ardent critic. Bob has been interested in this area of sports, along with many others, and it was because of his influence that Ronnie started seriously working at it. He says he enjoys it a great deal.



MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

Quite a number of our people are "looking to the East" these days and have either moved or have bought homes closer to Brea, where the new plant is being built. To mention a few: Chuck and Ruth Errickson and Leonard Johnson made about a "half-way" jump, but Al Hembree, Eric Peterson and Gene Warren all went "all the way." Of course, some of us have already been at about the half-way point for some years, but Fred Disher and Clayton Travis must have been a bit psychic, inasmuch as they bought out there years ago. Clayton's home is close enough to the new location to ride a bicycle to work. Probably the most dangerous thing in the world to do is to ride a bicycle on a California highway.

This season of the year brings to mind several amusing anecdotes concerning Mueller families, with all the threats about what Santa "won't" do "If you're not good." Vickie Galvan was telling us about her boy when he was a little fellow looking at all the toys under the Christmas tree and saying, "I sure was a good boy this year."

In the same vein, Peggy Wright told us about the kids that surveyed the loot and remarked, "What would he have brought us if we HAD been good."

Then the story that "Dottie" Barnett told of the Christmas eve when her two boys were real little. They stole downstairs in the middle of the night and tore open all of the packages. Then back to bed, and when Dorothy and her husband first saw the wreckage the "Little Angels" were sound asleep. They didn't know, of course, who was to get what. It was a small tragedy at the time—only funny to look back on now.

Herman Dash, Main Office Manager, split his vacation this year between "The Old Home State" and his adopted state of California. (Herman has been around here about long enough now to be considered a native "Prune Picker"). Part of the time was spent in Decatur visiting relatives and seeing all the new construction at the Mueller plant. The balance of the vacation was used in visiting more relatives in San Francisco. The report is that they had a fine time and admired tremendously the new factory and office in Decatur.

On Nov. 16, Larry Lee Mayfield, son of Lacy Mayfield (Brass Machine Shop Foreman) and Nancy Lee Quisenberry were married in the First Baptist Church in South Gate. The young couple spent a short honeymoon in Palm Springs and are residing in South Gate. Larry is employed at Autonetics in Anaheim in the Electronics Division.

Our sympathy to:
Dennis Kircher (Assembly Dept.) in the loss of his father.
Marvin Dutcher (Steel Machine Shop) in the loss of his father.



Mike McKee, grandson of Roy Thomas, quarterbacked his Huntington Park high school team through an undefeated season and to the league title. Mike, 17, is rated as one of the finest passers in the area and has been named to the All Eastern loop team. He not only performs well on the football field, but also has lettered twice in baseball and is a very good student. His mother, Almeda Thomas, formerly worked in the L.A. office.

Jim Hollingshead (Assembly Dept.) in the death of his grandchild.

A visitor to the plant the other day was Pete Radtke, formerly of the Steel Machine Shop who retired about a year ago. Pete has been ill for some time and we are certainly glad to see him up and about again.

Another visitor was "Mike" Liebherr (Steel Machine Shop) who has been ill since March 14. Mike had to have an operation on his spine because of several crushed discs and only recently got back on his feet, though he is still using crutches. Glad to see you "kicking around" again Mike.

The girls in the plant had a lovely Christmas party at the

home of Ann Kennedy. Everyone had a wonderful time. Ann is a former employee.

The office girls had a party for Christmas at the Silver Saddle Inn in Downey. All former "Muellerites" were invited.

Mildred Strange of the Main Office must have some sort of record for she has had to replace the bumper on her car four times. Every time, believe it or not, she was sitting still in her car.

Congratulations to Dan Bocksberger, draftsman, and Mrs. Bocksberger on the birth of a son, Eric Daniel, who arrived in October. Eric weighed 7 lbs. 8 3/4 ozs. Also to Cliff Hunter (Foundry) and his wife on the birth of a girl, Sharon. She weighed 4 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs. and was born Nov. 2.

Bob Ward (Standards) was one of a party of four Californians who had a successful hunting trip to Utah. Six deer were bagged by the group, with Bob taking credit for "at least" two. (He gave us a 2 1/2 count but we don't know which end he shot for the half.)

Bob recently proved that his abilities as an outdoorsman aren't limited to deer hunting. Bob, Mrs. Ward and three others landed 70 fish, fishing from a boat in the Santa Barbara Channel. Bob reported they were mostly red snappers and cod. Between them, the Wards caught about 30 fish which totaled about 45 lbs. of fillets after they were cleaned. Bob gave us a bit of information about the fish. They were caught in about 400 feet of water and as they were brought to the surface, they swelled up as a result of the change in pressures.

At the half way point in the Mueller Mixed Bowling League, the Brass Machine Shop leads by six games, trailed by the Steel Machine Shop and Office.

- Individual leaders are:
- Team High Series—
 - Brass Machine 2859
 - Team High Game—
 - Forging 1015
 - Men's High Series—
 - Bill Young 654
 - Men's High Game—
 - Bill Baker 281
 - Women's High Series—
 - "Timmy" Errickson 682
 - Women's High Game—
 - Helen Wolf 227

This year in the "Turkey Shoot" bowling, the winners were Don Kelley (Sales Office), Pauline Knowles (Sales Office), and Roy Taylor (Assembly Dept.).



In strong contrast to the younger athletes above, is this photo of the 1937 basketball team sponsored by Mueller Co. in Los Angeles. Many of the names are familiar, but the faces and shapes have changed for many. They are: (front row, from left) George Swarberg, Bob Hanna, Earl Bright, Glenn Blize and Dick Funkhouser. Back row: Russ Jolly, Kenny Potts, Leonard Johnson, Bruce Stotler and Bud Porter.



George Connor, former Notre Dame All-American and former All-Pro lineman for the Chicago Bears, is shown working out with the sons of two Decatur employees. Putting their shoulders to the sled are: Doug Edwards (right), son of Engineer Lynn Edwards, and Dave Brown, son of Charley Brown, Dept. 80. Connor, who does the Chicago Bear games on CBS television, was guest speaker at a recent 4-X meeting.

Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley



(Editor's Note: We understand that our correspondent has purchased a new red Tempest automobile. From reports we have, we might be able to describe her driving by re-phrasing a Latin term to read: "Tempest Fugit.")

Two of our salesmen stopped by the office briefly while they were home on vacation at Christmas time. Bill Coffey and his family were here from Minneapolis and Forrest N. Baum and family were in Decatur from Lubbock, Tex.

John J. Smith (The Engineer) returned to Florida again this year for his vacation and reported that the golf was excellent. He also increased his collection of fire hydrant photos, and now has about 80.

John J. Smith also became a grandfather for the first time recently. Another first is linked with the birth of this 7-pound,

5-ounce son of the Lew Harschbargers — Harley Himstead (Head Records Clerk) is now a great-grandfather.

The work of George C. Curtis, son of George Curtis of Machine Repair, was the subject of a feature article in a magazine published by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. The article describes a Lockheed innovation "Madrec" — a monitoring and recording device that detects electronic systems malfunctions and reproduces them as trace patterns on photorecording paper. Mr. Curtis, who heads the "Madrec" program, is based at Lockheed/Georgia, a Marietta (Ga.) based division of Lockheed. Mr. Curtis explains in the story that the device localizes and records unsatisfactory performance of aircraft systems while airborne, during conditions of changing pressure, temperature, altitude and attitude—conditions producing malfunctions that cannot be duplicated on the ground.

Plant 4 News

By
Jennie McDaniel

Porter Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons, was crowned king at the Bethany High School Homecoming. Jack is Chief Chemist in Dept. 102.

It seems as though the Plant 4 golf team may have a new pro in the making as Mr. Jack Bain received a new golf bag, clubs, cart and golf balls for Christmas.

A Christmas stocking was filled for Chuck Schroeder. Among its contents were toys, candy, cookies and a teddy bear for his granddaughter.

Depts. 10, 20, 35 and 60 made a Christmas gift of money to Gerald Sarver who is seriously ill. We hope his Christmas was made a little more cheerful.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons vacationed recently in Florida.

Mrs. Emilie Waltens spent Christmas with her son and family in Kansas City, Kan.

Our best wishes to:
Ronald Chaney (Dept. 60) who married Sally Barnell recently.

Gary Brunner (Dept. 60) who was married recently to Miriam Schniederjan.

Clarence (Bud) Berner (Dept. 60) and Gail Getz who were married Dec. 29.

Jimmie Keown, who has been a technician in the laboratory at Plant 4, left recently to enter Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. where he plans to enter the ministry. Jimmie and his family will live in Edina, Mo. for the next 2 1/2 years while he is doing his undergraduate work. Following work at Culver-Stockton he will enter the seminar.



A portion of the 4½-acre rooftop parking area is shown above. The white arrow on the right shows where the ramp is located. Just to the left of the ramp is an employee entrance to the plant. At the

very extreme right can be seen a post that is part of the entrance to the office. A third entrance is out of the picture at the left.

Pattern Shop Team Continues Grasp On Bowling Lead

The Pattern Shop continues to hold onto first place in the Mueller Bowling League, although Tool Engineers team has cut into the lead.

Benny Taylor had a hot night recently and has taken over all three of the individual categories. Ben now carries a 183 average for 57 games, leading Ed Nalefski and Dale Reidelberger by three pins. Ben also came up with a 652 to take over the high three-game series competition. This series included a 255 game that was good enough for first place for a single game.

Standings (63 Games)

	Won	Lost
Pattern Shop	42	21
Tool Engrs.	39	24
Specialty	33	30
Brass Fin.	33	30
Ground Key	31	32
Product Engrs.	31	32
Works Mgrs.	30	33
Plant 4	28	35
Iron Shop	27	36
Main Office	21	42

DECATUR DEATHS

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Decatur employees, or to employees whose relatives passed away during the past weeks.

To Augie Rauschek (Dept. 37) in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. Charles Drops.

To Wilbur Sweazy (Dept. 10) in the loss of his stepmother, Mrs. Susie Sweazy.

To Walter Taylor (Dept. 41) in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. Earl Hawkins.

To the family of Leslie Schroeder (Retired).

To Jennie McDaniel (Dept. 102) in the loss of her father, Mr. Sherman Oldfield. He is also the father-in-law of Thomas Durbin (Dept. 20).

To Robert Schmitt (Dept. 37) in the loss of his father-in-law, Ancil Livesay, Sr.

To Herbert Lewis in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Cora Lewis.

To Donald Farris (Dept. 80) in the loss of his father, Ransom Farris.

To Claude Smith (Dept. 80) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Seen.

To Robert Ridgeway (Dept. 38) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Effie Hedrick.

To Galen Hutchens (Dept. 41) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Stella Hutchens.

To the family of retired employee Roe Cornwell.

To Frank Ridgeway (Dept. 60) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Maude Malone.

To Richard Westerfield (Dept. 70) in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. James Boozan.

To Robert Leipski (Dept. 36) and Henry Leipski (Dept. 35) in the loss of their father, Gottlieb Leipski. (Retired Employee)

To Richard Tish (Dept. 45) in the loss of his father-in-law, Jacob E. Bilyeu.

To Lynn Harper (Dept. 41) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Emma Ramsey.

To the family of retired employee Frank Stevenson.



Just before the roof was opened to parking, radio station WSOY of Decatur did a live broadcast from its remote unit atop the manufacturing-warehouse building. Hugh Baker, (right) Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager at Mueller, was one of five company representatives who were interviewed during the week by announcer Orv Graham (left). The trailer and station Banner can be seen in the photo at the right.

Radio Show From Roof

WSOY radio of Decatur recently did a week-long broadcast of its "Caravan" show from the new Mueller Co. parking lot atop the warehouse-manufacturing building.

The 2½-hour daily broadcast, conducted by Orv Graham, consisted of music, news and interviews with Mueller Co. personnel.

Interviewed were:

Hugh L. Baker, who talked about the sales organization and company advertising.

Charles W. Moore, who discussed quality control and its relationship to manufacturing.

Bill Leopold, who described the Engineering Division and talked about the Test Laboratory.

Harlan A. White, who talked about the manufacturing organization.

Jim M. Milligan, who discussed company history.

The station's mobile unit is a small house trailer that travels around the Decatur area doing broadcasts from various locations. The visit to Mueller Co. was part of WSOY's salute to Decatur industry.

DECATUR BIRTHS

The following Decatur employees welcomed new babies into their homes during recent weeks. Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Derle Smith (Dept. 47), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sturgis (Dept. 80), girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell (Sales), girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Nation (Dept. 43), boy.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClintick, (Outside Sales), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Anderson (Dept. 90), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wiseman (Dept. 80), girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Colvis (Outside Sales), girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoehn (Dept. 70), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bayless (Catalog), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dagley (Dept. 80), girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brunner (Dept. 80), boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brunner (Dept. 10), boy.



Potter Promoted At Mueller, Ltd.

David E. Potter has been named Machine Accounting Supervisor for Mueller, Limited.

He joined Mueller in 1954 after receiving his formal education from the University of Western Ontario. He worked in the Standards Dept. from 1954 until Feb. 1962.

Early in February, a night shift was put into operation, and Mr. Potter was named assistant foundry foreman.



Poor Health Retires 3 Decatur Employees

A number of Decatur employees have retired the past few weeks because of physical disabilities.

Omer Clyde Porter, most recently a Production Tool Repairman in Dept. 70, retired after nearly 25 years with the company.

Lewie D. Lorton, Cyanide Furnace Operator in Dept. 70, retired with more than nine years of service.

Gerald Sarver, who last worked as a Casting Sorter in the Brass Foundry, recently retired after more than 25 years with the company.





A 45-year service award was presented recently to William F. Kuntz (center) by Frank A. Speer, Vice President for Manufacturing. On hand for the presentation was A. L. Sefton, Factory Manager. Bill works in the Tool Room and is still not ready to retire.



George Patton (left) receives his 35-year service award from Harlan A. White, Manager of Manufacturing. Mr. White made the presentation in the absence of Chattanooga Plant Manager Joe H. Wall.

SERVICE AWARDS

DECATUR

5 Years: Charles W. Freeman, Jr.*, Matt D. Sylvan*, Larry W. Donaldson.
10 Years: Warren D. Crawford*, Wendell L. McRoberts, Eugene Stanley, Bob W. Fulk, Wilber Loy, Delmar L. Beeson, George H. Wehmhoff, Richard C. Sponsler*, Francis X. Uhl*, Robert L. Hunt, May Inman, Betty J. Domick, Robert D. Brownlow, John A. Moma.

20 Years: Evelyn M. Thompson, Willard C. Grider, John H. Enlow, Logan H. Pettit, Al Degand, Lewie D. Rogers, Bernard W. Wilkerson.
25 Years: Edwin C. Nalefski, Clarence R. Byers, Walter R. Donaldson.
35 Years: Warren Hall.
45 Years: William F. Kuntz. (*Outside Sales)

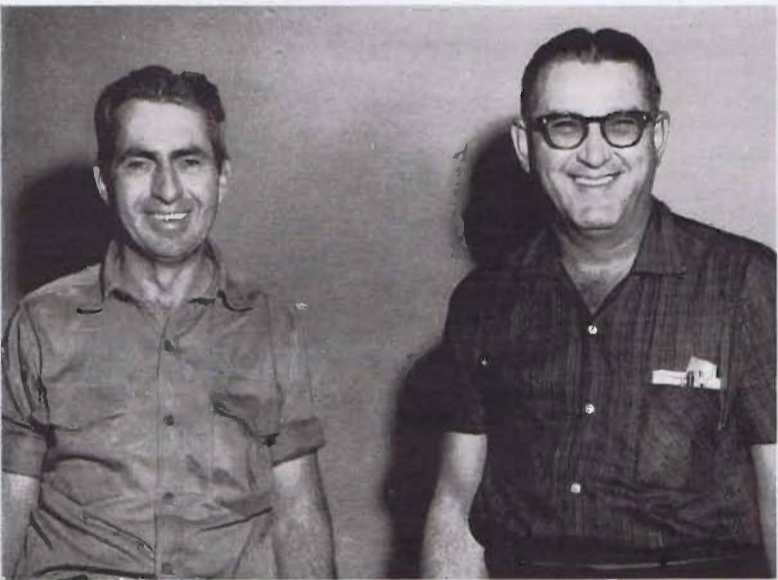
CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Luther Blue, James D. Careathers, John T. Hammonds, Ronald E. Harris, Olin Hayes, Samuel Heath, Thomas N. Jordan, Buford McElrath,

Roy L. Miller, Jack Vincent, Hayward Watkins.
10 Years: Tom Brady, Jr., Bob Evans, Charles E. Leslie, Willie F. Page, Paul M. Winston.
15 Years: William E. Clay, Jesse C. Hines.
20 Years: Samuel C. Adair, Jr., William Ben Roy, Clyde D. Scott, John Simmons.
35 Years: George Patton.
LOS ANGELES
5 Years: Gerald Ward, Henry Isaacs, Gary Peterson.
15 Years: Gunnard Nelson.
25 Years: Dale Hutchins.
SARNIA
10 Years: Lillian Bennett.



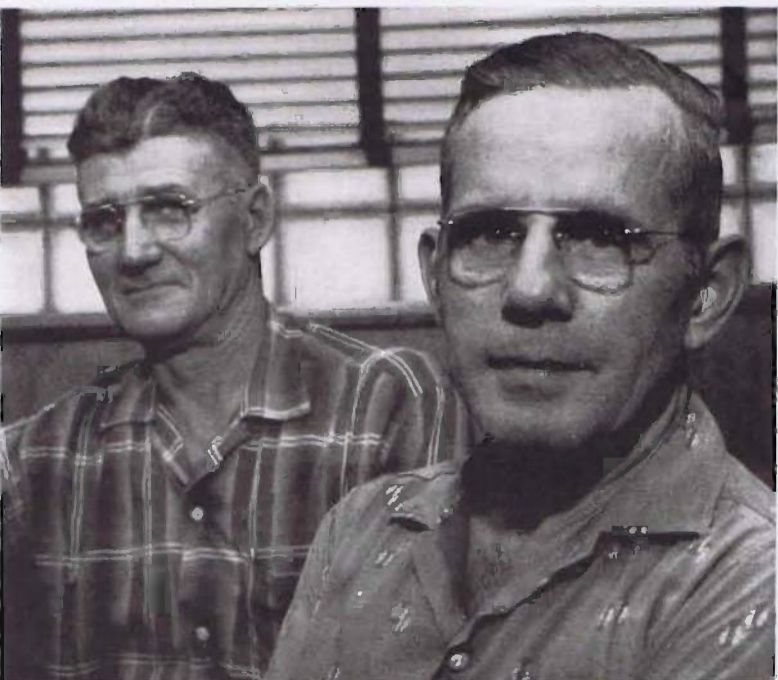
Two more members of the Los Angeles crew who have been with the company 25 years are: Dale L. Hutchins, (left) watchman, and John L. Royer, assembler.



Twenty-five year veterans at Decatur are: Clarence R. Byers and Ed Nalefski. Clarence works in Dept. 70 and Ed is Senior Tool Methods Engineer.



Co-workers of Gladys Turner recently presented her with a number of gifts as she completed more than 39 years with Mueller Co. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a core blowing machine operator at Plant 4. Making the gift presentation is Jack Bain, Core Room Foreman.



Two Plant 4 employees recently received 25-year service awards. They are: Creo E. Talley (left) and Clarence P. Albert.



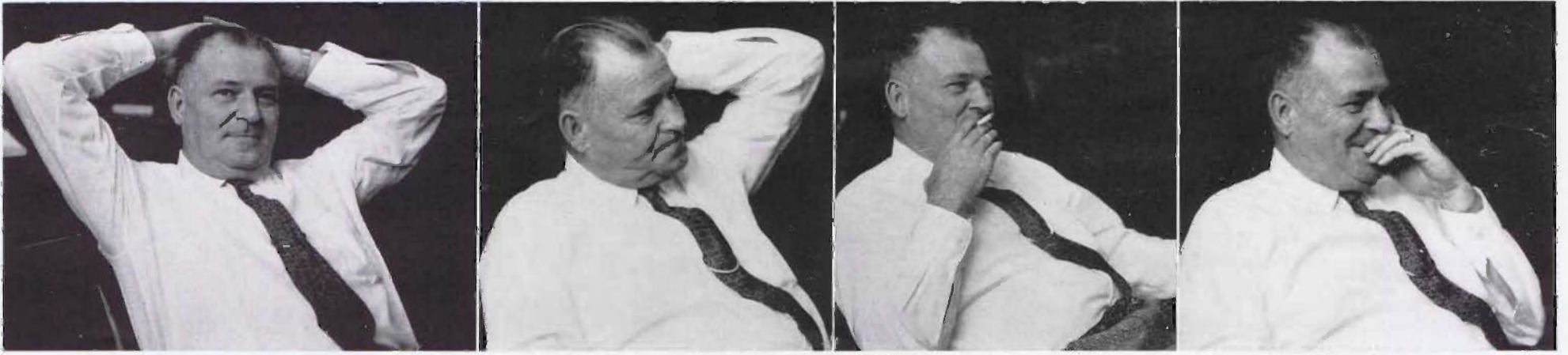
WARREN HALL
Decatur
35 Years



CLURE LANE
Decatur
35 Years



OPAL JACKSON
Decatur
35 Years



Come in, Marshall. What's your problem? . . .

Is it in the budget? . . .

I'll think about it . . .

If you REALLY need it . . .

To Farm in Pennsylvania

Chaney Ends 37-Year Career

During his 37 years with Mueller Co. Melvin K. Chaney has supervised millions of dollars of construction for the company.

As Plant Engineer for about 25 years, he has not been able to actually work with tools and build something with his own hands. Mr. Chaney retired Jan. 1 and the first thing he plans to do is to build a new home.

"I am going to have someone do the underground plumbing and erect some beams for me and I am going to do the rest. I'm looking forward to doing my own construction instead of watching someone else do it," he said.

This new home will go up on a 210-acre farm in northwest Pennsylvania where Mel plans to farm and raise Christmas trees. Judging from its location, he will probably do a little hunting and fishing too. The farm is about 20 miles from Lake Erie in a rolling, wooded area and

about 20 miles from Erie, Pa.

How did he happen to choose Pennsylvania for retirement after living in central Illinois all of his life? "Most of my family is living there now. My parents, a brother, a sister, and a son will all be within three miles of me," he said. "Except for my family, the closest neighbor will be over a mile away."

Mel has another son who lives in Decatur, and a daughter who is in MacArthur High School in Decatur. "I had planned to go out to the farm alone and to prepare things for the arrival of my wife and daughter, but they wouldn't buy that, and said we would all go together," Mel stated.

He said that they may wait until after the first school semester ends before they leave. He added that winters get pretty rugged in that part of the country.

He recalled that he went to visit his parents one Christmas a few years ago, and they had 36 inches of snow in less than two days. "We were snowbound for four days, and food and medical supplies had to be flown into the area by plane and helicopter," he said.

While being kidded about retiring on a Pennsylvania farm like President Eisenhower, and commenting in his usual stolid manner, he said, "We couldn't be farther apart and still be in the same state."

He was a little early in his retirement as the building project is still a few weeks from completion.

He said his family had wanted him to retire for some time, but he wanted to see the present job through. "I've worked on plans for a new plant or an expansion in Decatur off and on for more than 20 years and I wanted to be around to see it completed," he said.

Mel recalls that he got off to a rather shaky start with Mueller Co. "I started running a drill press in the Ground Key Dept., but I only lasted two weeks because they found out I was under age," he said. "I was rehired in 1925 after my next birthday and worked in the Drafting Dept. as a helper. I was still only 15 years old then, but everyone thought I was 16 so I got to stay."

From 1925 until about 1931 he worked as a draftsman and tool designer. In the fall of 1931, Mel was moved into Plant Engineering under Paul Jacka, and he worked on plant layout.

In 1933, the year Mueller Co. acquired the Columbian Iron Works, Mel was transferred to the Chattanooga plant for about a year. In 1934 he returned to the drawing boards in Decatur, and three years later he was named Plant Engineer, the job he held until his recent retirement.

Hosto Named

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Plant Engineering Dept. as a construction engineer.

While working at Mueller Co., Mr. Hosto completed his work on a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts at Millikar University night school.

Mr. Hosto is a native of Belleville, Ill., and attended Edwardsville, Ill. High School. He served in the U. S. Army Military Intelligence organization while in service from 1944 to 1948.

From 1948 until 1953 he worked in the St. Louis area.

Social Security Withholdings Up

Social Security withholdings increased by one-half of one per cent Jan. 1.

The government now takes 3 3/8 per cent instead of 3 3/4 per cent. Converted to the more painful figures of dollars and cents, this means you will be paying \$174 a year instead of \$150 if you make \$4800 or more a year.

In addition, this means that Mueller Co. must also pay \$24 more a year for every employee who makes \$4800. According to Social Security regulations, the employer must match the amount paid by the employee.

Social Security taxes are figured on the first \$4800 only. Nothing is paid on amounts more than this.

Thompson Heads Decatur Golfers

Roy Thompson, Cost Estimator, recently was elected President of the Mueller Golf League succeeding Otto Peake.

Other officers for the 1963 season are:

- Martin Trofia, Treasurer
- Bill Hauffe, Secretary.

The league will again play on Tuesday evenings at Fairies Park. Anyone wishing to join a team should contact one of the officers.

CRUSE RETIRES

Harry Cruse (Dept. 80) retired Dec. 31 after nearly 20 years with Mueller Co. Prior to his retirement he was a Check Screw and Lock Wing Drill Press Operator in Dept. 80.

With Mueller Co. 48 Years

"Top" Man, Paul Gaddis, Retires

The name of Paul A. Gaddis appeared at the top of the Mueller Co. seniority list for Decatur until recently when Mr. Gaddis retired after more than 48 years with the company.

According to some of his co-workers, if there was a list for "nice guys," Mr. Gaddis' name would be at the top of that one, too.

"Everyday his disposition was the same—pleasant," according to one worker. Personnel Director Cecil Coffin said, "He was on the job everyday and has never taken a day of sick leave in all those years. If every employee was like Paul, we wouldn't need any rules."

Hung around a post in the welding booth where he worked most of his last 18 years is part of his "uniform"—a black bow tie. For years the blue denim

pants and shirt, and black bow tie were the uniform of the day for Mr. Gaddis. And it took a mighty hot day in the welding booth before that tie came off. On the day he retired he wore a black bow tie with a suit and white shirt. He lamented the fact that you couldn't buy black leather ties anymore, and he had to settle for the inferior cloth ones.

He started with Mueller Co. in 1914 and worked for four years. In 1918 he quit to go to work as a machinist with the Wabash Railroad, but after six months he returned to Mueller.

From 1918 until his retirement he worked in the same department, although it had a different number designation at one time. During those 44 years in Dept. 70, he worked most of

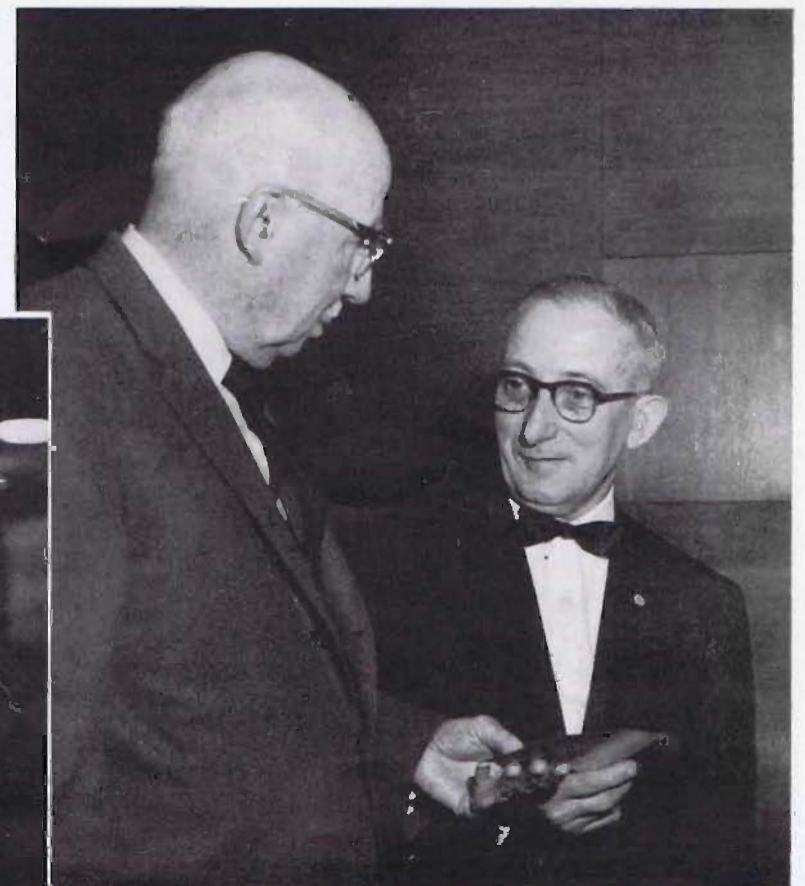
the first 26 as a machinist and the rest of the time he was a welder.

To commemorate these many years in one department, Paul's co-workers gave him an engraved plaque. This memento had a miniature welder's mask, a blue denim shirt and black bow tie and a small shut-off rod. In fact, unknowingly Paul welded the shut-off rod during one of his last days at work.

During his last day at Mueller Co., Paul toured Plant 4, talked to many of his co-workers and received a \$1,000 service award check from President Albert G. Webber, Jr.

Paul said he hasn't made any specific plans for his retirement, except that he expects to do a lot of work around his home in Decatur.

Paul A. Gaddis (right) accepts \$1,000 service award check from Mueller Co. President A. G. Webber, Jr. The presentation marked the end of a 48-year career with Mueller Co. Welder Gaddis (below) gets ready to "burn some rod" as he hovers over his bench.



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