

# John F. Thurston Named Mueller President

May 1963

## 'All America' City Citations Go To High Point, Chattanooga

Two cities which are the sites for Mueller Co. plants recently were cited by a national magazine as "All America" cities for 1963.

High Point, N. C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., were among the 11 U.S. cities receiving the national recognition from LOOK magazine and the National Municipal League. More than 450 cities around the country were vying for this award.

Decatur, Ill., was one of the "All America" cities in 1961.

High Point, a city of 64,000, is called the furniture and hosiery capital of the world. High Point hosiery mills have a daily production capacity that exceeds 60,000 dozen pairs of hose.

Within a 150-mile radius of High Point is the greatest concentration of wood furniture manufacturing in the world. During the four furniture markets held annually, buyers from all states and several foreign countries make High Point their headquarters. Estimated attendance at each of the markets is 5,000 to 6,000 buyers.

About 100 companies, ranging in size from a few employees to several hundred, specialize in the production of furniture. About the same number of companies specialize in supplying the furniture manufacturing with everything from foam rubber to knobs for drawers.

## Steel Goes Up For Brea Plant

The panels for the tilt-up walls for the plant portion are in place and the steel has been erected for the office for the new west coast plant at Brea, Calif.

The grading has been completed and at mid-April workmen were waiting for delivery of steel for the roof of the manufacturing building. The delay in the steel shipments has set the completion date back to about the middle of July.

The railroad spur beside the plant is in and most of the floor in the manufacturing area has been poured.

## Mr. Webber Is Chairman Of Board

John F. Thurston has been elected president and chief executive officer of Mueller Co., succeeding A. G. Webber, Jr., who will remain as chairman of the board of directors and president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited.

Mr. Thurston, who assumed his new duties on May 1, resigned his positions as a senior vice president of the General Dynamics Corporation and president of its Liquid Carbonic Division to take the Mueller presidency.

Mr. Webber was president of Mueller Co. since 1947 and has been associated with the company more than 30 years. He is 71 years old.

Mr. Thurston joined General Dynamics as general manager of the Electro Dynamic Division in 1955, and was appointed a corporate vice president in 1957. He became vice president-special projects for the corporation in 1960 and was named to his most recent positions in 1961.

From 1953 until he joined Dynamics, Mr. Thurston was merchandising manager of the Replacement Division of Thompson Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, and a member of that division's management committee.

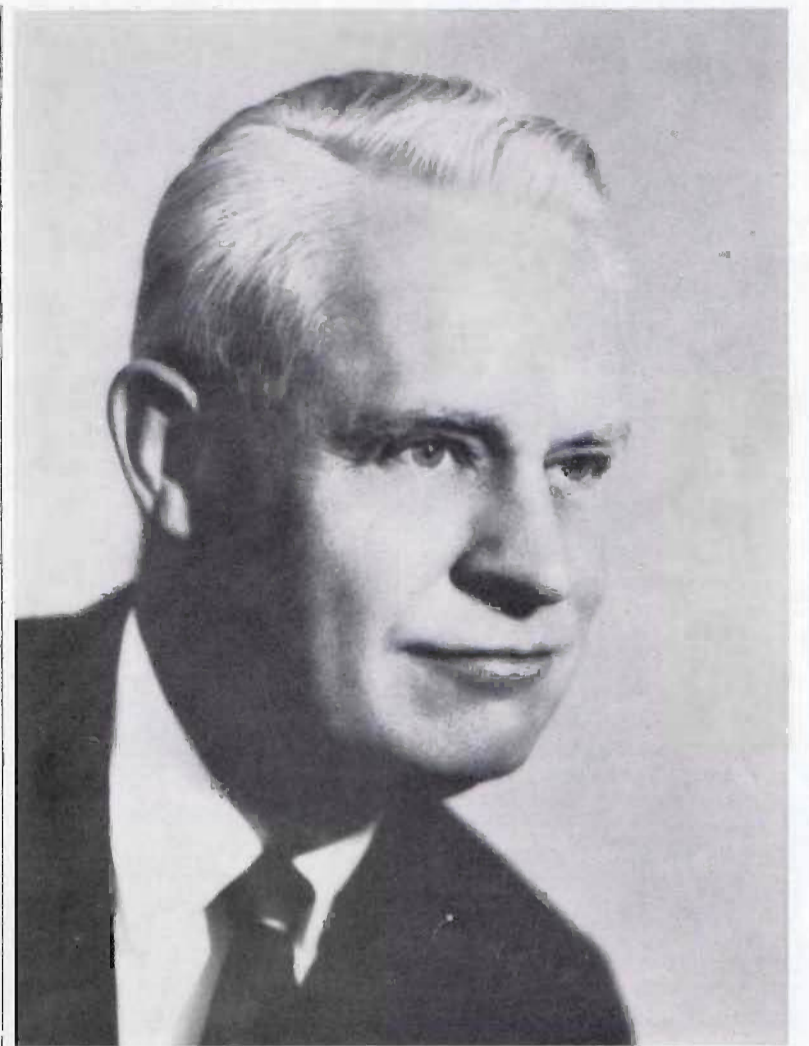
He served as a civilian consultant to the Secretary of the Army on military parts supply problems in the United States, Japan and Korea during 1952 and 1953, for which he was awarded the Army's Exceptional Civilian Service Decoration.

General Dynamics produces aircraft, submarines, missiles, industrial and medical gases and other products.

Previous to this, with the exception of his military service, Mr. Thurston was with the McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, from 1936 to 1952 as sales representative, eastern sales manager and assistant to the executive vice president.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, he served in the Air Force, holding the rank of major at the time of his discharge.

Mr. Thurston was born Aug. 13, 1910 in Denver, Colo. He attended North Denver High School and Colorado College,



John F. Thurston

where he received his B. A. degree in economics in 1931.

Mr. Thurston is married and has two teen-age children and a 23-year-old son who is currently serving the U. S. Army. He plans to move his family to Decatur in June.

Mr. Webber's association with the company officially began in 1934 when he was named legal counsel for the company. Prior to this, however, he practiced law with his father, who had been company attorney since 1900. A. G. Webber, Sr., started with the company in 1870 as an apprentice under Hieronymus Mueller and later went to the University of Illinois School of Law.

A. G. Webber, Jr. graduated from the University of Illinois Law School in 1917. After two years in the U. S. Navy he entered law practice with his father and at this point his association, at least unofficially, began with Mueller Co.

In 1944 he was elected to the board of directors of Mueller Co. and Mueller, Limited and in 1947 he was named company

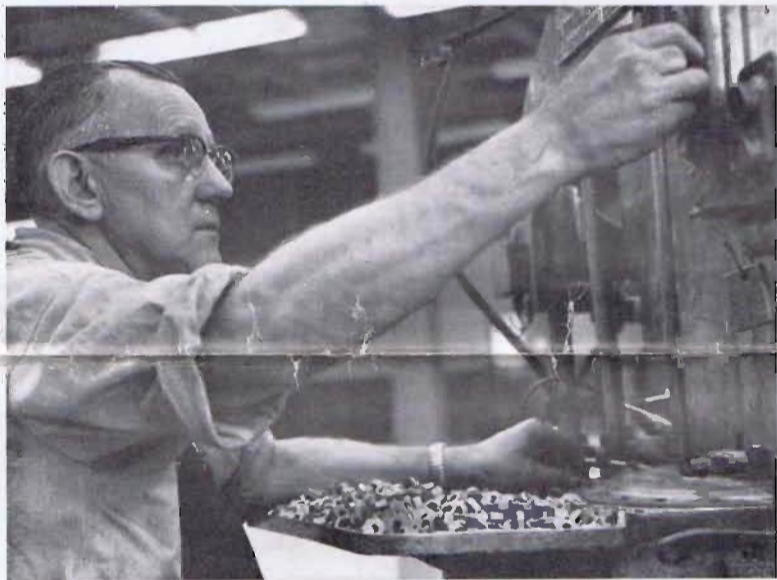
president and treasurer. Six years later he became president and chairman of the board. Since 1961 he has also been president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited.

## Sixth President

Mr. Thurston is the sixth president of the company which began in 1857. Hieronymus Mueller, founder, was president until his death in 1900. He was succeeded by a son, Henry, who held the presidency for two years. Henry was succeeded by a brother, Adolph, who headed the company until 1939. From 1939 until 1947 Adolph's son, William Everett, was president. William Everett Mueller died in 1947 and was succeeded by Mr. Webber.

## Mr. Mueller Nominated

Frank H. Mueller, Vice President for Engineering, has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Association of Commerce. Mr. Mueller is among eight persons nominated to take office June 1.



Otto Dannewitz pushes button which begins production in new building.

## Start Production As Decatur Expansion Nears Completion

Production in the new warehouse-manufacturing building in Decatur began Feb. 15.

A few days after the building contractor finished, workmen began moving machinery and equipment, and by late the afternoon of the 15th Otto Dannewitz followed his machine into the new building and started machining service nuts. In one week 23 machines had been

moved from the old Ground Key Division into the new factory.

It will take many weeks before all machinery is moved and it will be about the first of the year before everyone is settled.

Frank A. Speer, Vice President for Manufacturing, said the move is not a crash program but is planned to provide continuance of normal production schedules during the transition period.

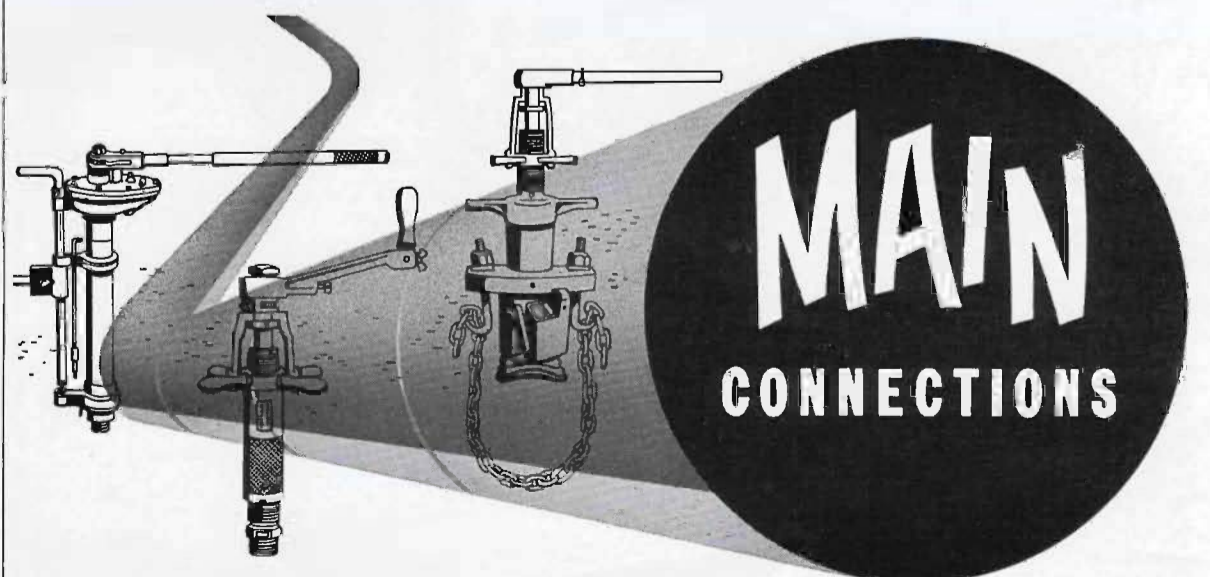
While machinery is being moved, workmen also are installing a new washer and a completely new conveyor system. About 900 feet of overhead conveyors are being erected and about 1300 feet of roller conveyors are being set.

Outside the building, three houses, which were between the new manufacturing-warehouse building and Eldorado Street, have been given to the Decatur Park District and moved to new sites. Two more houses east of the office on Eldorado have been razed.

These five lots will provide space for a 30-car visitor parking lot and still leave room for landscaping similar to that now around the new office.



Rex Smith, Construction Engineer, checks a drawing while supervising the location of machinery in the new factory area.



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# MUELLER, LIMITED Reports . . .

by  
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Mueller, Limited Office Workers' Association held its first dance of 1963 at the Guildwood Inn early in March. Dance music was provided by Sarnia's latest band, the Jim Law Quartet. Lucky prize winners for the evening were: Barbara and Johnny Klimmek, door prize; Gloria and Marwood Plumb, spot dance; Mary Savrda and Rolly Budgell, spot dance; and Barbara and Johnny Klimmek, elimination dance. A fine evening was there for all to enjoy, with credit going to the committee in charge.

James (Jimmy) Chaytor passed away Feb. 26 after a lengthy illness. Jim had worked with Mueller, Limited for 22 years in the Assembly Dept. For 19 years he had been a diligent worker for the betterment of athletic activities and facilities for the youth of the city of Sarnia, and long will be remembered for his efforts. His passing was a great shock and loss to his many friends he made over the years. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two daughters and two sons.

Alex Aiken passed away on Jan. 1 as the result of a heart attack. Up until Alex's death, he had been employed by Mueller, Limited, as a Toolmaker for 23 years. He was preceded in death by his wife four years ago.

Retiree Henry Junek Sr. and Mrs. Junek celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. A long time wish of Mr. and Mrs. Junek was realized when their 10 children, 20 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren attended a Sunday service at St. Luke's United Church in a complete family unit to commemorate their anniversary. Open house was held later in the day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. Johnson. Their anniversary cake, designed, decorated and presented to them by their daughter, made an unusual and attractive centerpiece, displaying row upon row of shiny 1962 coins, from pennies to silver dollars, and bordered with crisp new one dollar bills. Attached to the golden bells crowning the masterpiece was a \$50 bill.

Congratulations to the happy and proud parents on their recent arrivals:

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Helps, a daughter, Gail Christine, born Nov. 24, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robertson, a son Donald Joseph, born Dec. 7, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. David Olsen, a daughter, Lori Christine, born Feb. 18, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Johnston, a son, Shawn Clarence, born Feb. 21, 1963.

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

Ed and Milt Ellenor in the loss of their brother, Wilbur.

Roy Parr in the loss of his sister, Mrs. McDougall.

Alvin McKellar in the loss of his wife.

Willis and Mrs. Dennis in the loss of Mrs. Dennis' mother.

Doris Prosie and husband Peter in the loss of his mother.

Gordon Wilhelm in the loss of his step-father.



Howard Taylor in the loss of his wife.

Elmer O'Dell in the loss of his brother.

John McClure and his wife in the loss of Mrs. McClure's step-father.

## Two Employees Retire at Decatur

Two Decatur employees, Floyd Huffman and Thomas A. Meece, retired recently.

At the time of his retirement, Floyd Huffman was a toolmaker and had been with the company more than 20 years.

Mr. Meece had been a guard at the Mercer Street gate prior to his retirement. He worked for the company more than 15 years.



Merlin Coates, Sarnia Factory Manager, presents safety awards to four departments. Harold Brown (top) accepts it for Maintenance, while G. Russell Germat receives it for Dept. 5. At the left, Safety Committeeman Doug Milliken represents the Tool Room and Henry Hardy (below) accepts the award for Dept. 8.



Mr. and Mrs. Junek. (Story at left)



Barbara Catherine Jewitt, daughter of Harry Jewitt (Receiving), was married recently to Malcolm Maurice Blackburn in St. Paul's United Church, Sarnia. For their honeymoon, they took a trip through the southern United States. They are now living in Sarnia.

## DECATUR DEATHS

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

To Vera Patterson (Dept. 50) in the loss of her father, Lud Paul Foster.

To Bob Cope (Sales) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Major.

To Paul Watts (Sales) in the loss of his father, Henry Watts.

To Robert Armstrong (Dept. 70) in the loss of his father-in-law, Matt Biscan.

To Wayne Lynch (Dept. 70) in the loss of his stepfather, William F. Collins.

To Max Dukeman (Dept. 38) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Collins.

To Ollie Fortschneider (Pattern Shop Foreman) in the loss of his father-in-law, Brady L. Payton.

To Chris Suits (Dept. 60) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ida Tackaberry.

To Owen Greenslate (Dept. 60) in the loss of his father-in-law, James S. Bailey.

To Erma Barth (Dept. 45) in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Barth.

To Levi Green (Dept. 70) in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Wellwood.

To Arthur Bauer (Retired) in the loss of his wife, Bertha.

To Wallace Dudley (Dept. 38) in the loss of his father-in-law, John W. Dash.

To Hartford Lewis Jr., (Dept. 33) in the loss of his father, Hartford Lewis, Sr.

To Mel Chaney (Retired) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. L. G. Hubbell.

To the family of William Dunaway (Dept. 70).

To Wilbur Wendling (Dept. 44) in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Wendling.

To Charles Schroeder (Dept. 38) and Charles Brownlow (Dept. 20) in the loss of their father-in-law, Floyd Rannebarger.

To the family of Herschel Wacaser (Retired).

To Betty Krotz (Dept. 43) in the loss of her husband, George.



# MUELLER CO. in Los Angeles



By  
Warren Wunderlich and Kathryn Thompson

Latest news from the Sales Department is that Jeri Montoya, in line with President Kennedy's physical fitness program, has decided to live dangerously. In short, regardless of the 3,016,239 automobiles in Los Angeles County (official) she has purchased a bicycle and is faithfully bicycling every evening after work.

We would like to remind Johnny Blevins that his birthday is on Jan. 24 as he seems a bit hazy on this subject. Birthdays are a holiday for us now, according to our last union contract. On Jan. 24 Johnny showed up for work as usual.

In our last issue we mentioned that Clayton Travis moved close enough to the new plant location to be able to ride a bicycle to work, if it wasn't so hazardous to do so. It turned out that he perhaps should have been on a bicycle for recently on his way home his car collided with another that reportedly failed to give the right-of-way at a boulevard stop. Clayton and the two riders with him were all "shookup." Al Hembree, one of the riders did a "Rock and Roll" in the back seat and Ray Santos, the other rider, has been off work for a while. Clayton's nearly new Chevy was pretty near a complete wreck. Perhaps a bicycle is safer.

While on the subject of motorizing, we understand that one of our members had a flat tire while coming in on the freeway the other morning, and fearing to get out in the path of the speeding trucks and cars not only jacked up the wrong wheel, but even the wrong end of the car.

After three rounds of bowling the Brass Machine Shop is still leading by 1½ games. Following in order are the Steel Machine Shop, Forging Department, Assembly, Office, Sales, Shipping and Foundry.

- Individual leaders are:
- Team High Series—**  
Brass Machine Shop... 2858
  - Team High Game—**  
Steel Machine Shop... 1024
  - Men's High Series—**  
Bill Young ..... 654
  - Men's High Game—**  
Bill Baker ..... 281
  - Women's High Series—**  
"Timmy" Erickson ..... 682
  - Women's High Game—**  
Ann Caho ..... 233

In the last four weeks the Brass Machine Shop has lost six games of the big lead they were enjoying, but they claim that this is the end and from here on in they are going to climb again.

Helen Staley, Laboratory Technician, and a friend bowled themselves into 8th place in the recent Long Beach City Bowling Tournament. They had a 1006 series and the placing was worth \$32 to them.

A recent mileage survey in our plant shows that 188 employees travel a round trip distance of 4,653 miles every day going to and from work. This is an average of just under 24 miles, which gives an idea of how Californians travel while working. This figure, of course, does not include any salesman's mileage. The mileage should not increase when we move for a majority of our employees live east of the present plant.

After about five years of good conscientious service as President of our Credit Union, Paul

Packer has resigned. We are sorry to see him give up the presidency but certainly appreciate all his effort in the past.

Officers for 1963 are: Frank Williams, President; Gunnerd Nelson, Vice President; Cy Wolfe, Treasurer; Kathryn Thompson, Secretary.

Supervisory Committee members reappointed were: Herman Dash, Chairman; Veva Opheim and James Musso.

Credit Committee members are: Al Hembree, Chairman; Doug Moore, Henry Payan and Roy Thomas, Alternate.

Our sympathy extends to: Jo Corbin, Secretary to Mr. Werdes, Plant Controller, on the death of her husband.

Roy Thomas, Fire Chief and Stock Room Attendant, on the loss of his sister, Mrs. Leota Long, and also his sister back in Bloomington, Ill. Mrs. Long will be remembered as the wife of Emmet "Pete" Long, who worked for Mueller Co. for many years in the Buffing Department.

Claude Beckham, Brass Machine Shop, on the death of his mother.

Hugh Brownridge, Molder in the Foundry, on the loss of his brother.

Herman M. Dash, General Cost Accountant, on the death of his father.

Best wishes to Roy Taylor of the Assembly Department on his marriage to the former Miss Kathleen Cook. They were wed at St. Gertrude's Church in Bell Gardens and had a honeymoon in Santa Paula.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis S. Kircher on the birth of a daughter, Crystal Rose. The little girl arrived Feb. 18 and weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs. Pappa Dennis works in the Brass Assembly Department.

Rockne Hight of the Shipping Department and Mrs. Hight on the arrival of a son, Douglas Carl, born Feb. 13. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

Gene Coss (Steel Machine Shop) and Mrs. Coss on the birth of their son, Eugene Danny. This little "Feller" was born Jan. 27 and weighed (champ of this group) 7 lbs., 13 ozs.

## DECATUR BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following new parents:

- Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Nisbet (Dept. 41) boy, Jan. 16.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster (Dept. 60) girl, Jan. 11.
- Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cottrell (Dept. 33) boy, Jan. 24.
- Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rambo (Dept. 31) girl, Jan. 18.
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mautz (Sales) girl, Dec. 13.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher (Dept. 20) girl, Jan. 8.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Zingale (Sales) girl, Feb. 20.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy (Dept. 70), girl, March 23.
- Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Uhl (Sales) boy, March 9.
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. McCoy (Dept. 10) girl, March 17.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ohl (Dept. 80) girl, March 18.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Riley (Dept. 10) girl, March 29.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Resler (Sales) boy, April 7.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn (Dept. 70) girl, March 25.
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGeorge (Dept. 90) boy, Feb. 12.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mauch (Dept. 60) boy, April 9.

## Random Notes & Anecdotes

By Mary Lou Wheatley



Anita Fawley was in the cast of the Lowell Mason Club's presentation of the musical "Guys and Dolls" given at Illinois State Normal University. Anita is a sophomore at ISNU and the daughter of the Elmer Fawleys. Elmer is Quality Control Supervisor.

Ed Nalefski, Senior Tool Methods Engineer, recently bowled a 276 game in the Decatur city tournament. He threw nine strikes in a row, then he left the seven pin on his first ball in the 10th frame.



Terrence Patrick McNamara is the eight-month-old grandson of Robert Tauber, Senior Tool Methods Engineer. He is grandchild number six for Bob.



Gary Six, Maintenance, clutches the first catches of his fishing career. Gary landed these at Jaycee Beach near Titusville, Fla. He was in Florida in February to see the Daytona Beach "500" car races and had time for some fishing and shrimp dipping. Need any help holding up those, Gary?

The sons of Lyle Huff and Harold Peer are members of the Decatur YMCA state swimming championship team. Phil Huff is co-captain of the nine-man team.

Bill Lawyer, who works in Dept. 70, wishes to express his thanks to all his co-workers for donating blood for his sister who was seriously ill in January.

## Plant 4 News

By

Jennie McDaniel

We hope Guard Jack Adams makes a speedy recovery and is back with us real soon. He first entered the hospital at Taylorville on Feb. 26, and then progressed to the point where he was released. His heart started acting up again and he was hospitalized again on March 27.

Emilie Walters has been in the hospital, too. We hope she recovers quickly and gets back to her job in Dept. 50. Another worker in Dept. 50, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, has been off work since October. We hope to see her back soon.

Art Menapace has been in the hospital too and our wish for good luck goes out to him also.

A special salute to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ball. They are the parents of twin boys: Dwight Walter, 5 lbs., 12 ozs., and Dwain William, also weighing 5-12. They were born on March 7. Elmer works in Dept. 60.

Several people from Mueller report a good time on their first fishing trip of the season to Bennett Springs, Mo. Those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fawley, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Schroeder and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fonner. They report the fishing was good on Saturday, but never on Sunday.

We have a couple of weddings to report this time. Our best wishes go to Vernon Brunner (Dept. 50) and to Amos Bailey (Dept. 10) who gained wives for themselves the past few weeks.



Larry Lee Mayfield and Nancy Lee Quisenberry were married recently in California. Larry is the son of L. A. Brass Machine Shop Foreman Laey Mayfield.



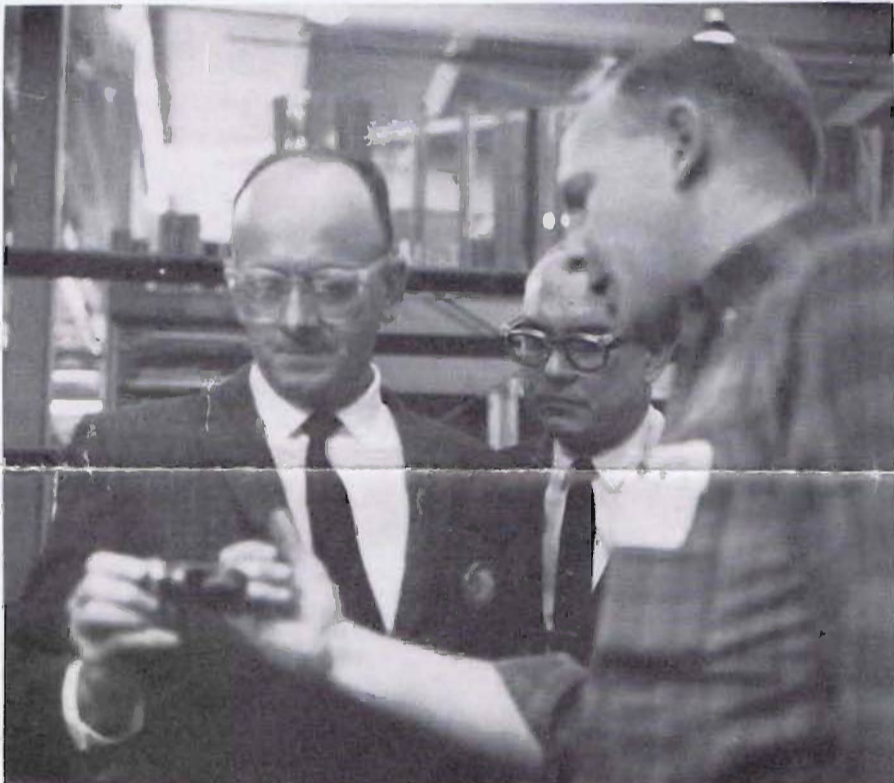
Elmer Ball's twins only a few hours old.



John Smith, Chief Products Engineer, points out some material during one of the many hours spent in classroom sessions at the sales meeting. Attending this session were men from the Midwest and Central

Sections. They are: (from left) row 1, Dick Seevers, Bill Augustine, Bill Coffey, Matt Sylvan, and Sales Trainee Dick Kahl. Row 2: Russ Jolly, Jack Leahy, Ken Tohill, George Lambertson and Frank Mueller.

Row 3: Tom Hendrix, Herm Niehaus, Jim McClintick, Carl Liberg and Jack Rubicam. Back row: Paul Watts, Cliff Auer, Bill Leopold, Dick Mediek, Dan Gannon, Del Parks and Hugh Baker.



Dave Younger (right) of the Quality Control Division, describes a design point to Cec Brown (left) and Southwest Section Manager Dick Kitchen.



During a tour through Plant 1, Elmer Fawley, Quality Control Supervisor, discusses a manufacturing process with Western Section Sales Manager Warren Crawford (right). In the background are Walt Arnett (left) and Vern Beatty.



Project Engineer Larry Luckenbill (left) answers a question about a new product which was posed by Eastern Section Man-

ager Herb Huffine (right). In the center are Salesman Ed Ayers and Sales Service Manager-Gas Willie Rohman.

## Salesmen Return To School

Mueller sales representatives from all over the United States returned to Decatur this winter for an intensive refresher course.

Packed into the three, three-day sessions were discussions, tours, demonstrations and instructions.

Engineers John J. Smith, Walt Bowan, Carl Floren, Fred Tratzik, Lawrence Luckenbill, Bill Leopold, and Frank Mueller discussed products, old and new, and briefed the salesmen on problems relating to engineering.

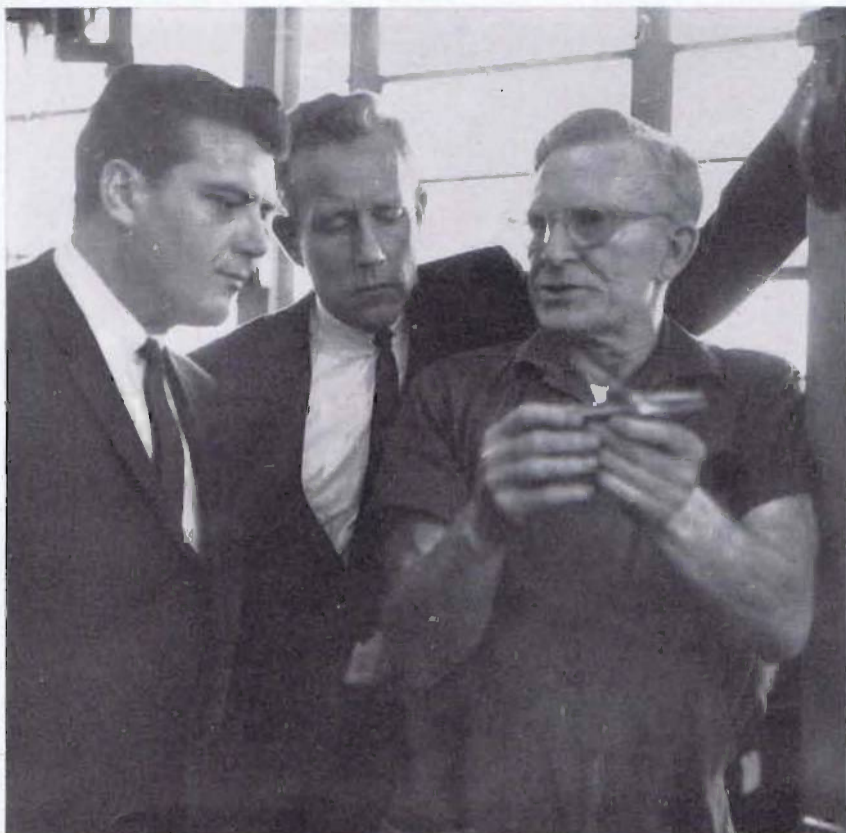
One session was devoted to manufacturing and the company's quality control program with featured talks by Frank Speer and Charles Moore. Other sessions dealt with sales programs and methods and were handled primarily by Dan Gannon, Del Parks, and Hugh Baker.

The salesmen also had an opportunity to pass along suggestions and ideas for improving products and/or sales methods. Headquarters personnel were afforded a chance to learn the feelings of the customers themselves as the salesmen were able to pass along comments received directly from water or gas superintendents or men in the ditch.

In recent years headquarters personnel have gone into respective sales sections and conducted sales meetings. This year, however, the sales representatives came to Decatur so that they could take advantage of the demonstration facilities and technical personnel who were available, both of which could not be used in meetings held away from Decatur.

The formal sessions were scheduled from about 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but informal sessions often provided answers to many other problems. These sessions gave the men a chance to compare notes on methods used to handle particular problems. In other instances, one salesman could tell another how he had answered a question or handled a situation that could be forthcoming from the customer of another man.

The Central and Midwest sections came to Decatur early in January. Two weeks later the salesmen from the sunny West and Southwest shivered through central Illinois' coldest weather and then in early February the East, South, and Southeast sections climaxed the visits by the 50 salesmen and section managers.



Joe DeWilde (Dept. 70) talks to two Western Section salesmen, Bob Lugo (left) and Vern Beatty, about some of the things he looks for when checking a combined drill and tap.



George Binkley (left), Manager of Engineering Services, takes Southern Section Manager Bob Ott, Sam Parker and Dave Resler through the Test Lab.

*study in concentration (and chin resting)*



Bob Cope



Dick Sponsler



Jim Williamson



Jack Chilton



Archie Sefton, Decatur Factory Manager, and Dan R. Gannon, Vice President and General Sales Manager (right), pause during a plant tour to discuss a question.

Sales meeting photos, except the group shot upper left, by Joe Penne.



John Smith (The Engineer) explains a fire hydrant part to Jack Chilton (right) and Ray Gentry. Sales Trainee Dick Kahl (left) assists.



During a break in one of the classroom sessions, Southeast Section Sales Manager Bill Cessna (right) talks to Hugh Baker, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager.



Salesmen from the South and Southeast Sections watch Test Lab Operator Larry Bundy (foreground) prepare a test. Watching from left, are: Bob Thomas, Bob Burdick, Sam Parker, Charley Freeman, Dick Sponsler and Lorin Grosboll.



Roy W. True, in the center holding the package, is surrounded by his Plant 4 co-workers on the day of his retirement. Roy had more than

31 years of service at the time of his retirement. He was a furnace operator and metal skimmer in the Brass Foundry.



**FRED NASH**  
40 Years  
Decatur



These three Mueller, Limited employees (above) retired recently after completing more than 91 years of service with the company. They are (from left): Tom Moskal, who was employed for more than 19 years in the Foundry; Bob Moore, who worked for Mueller, Limited more than 42 years; and John Kerrigan, who retired with more than 30 years. Standing behind the retirees is Oldrich (Slim) Junek, General Foreman of the Foundry Division, who made gift presentations to these gentlemen on behalf of their fellow workers.



William Tyson relaxes in the easy chair presented to him by his co-workers at Chattanooga. He worked almost 40 years for the company, most of

which was spent in the Brass Foundry. In 1950 he was transferred to the Assembly Dept. and most recently he was classified as a stock boy.

**WANT AD**

WANTED: Singers to take an active part in America's own style of music and to enjoy good harmony and good fellowship as a barbershopper. Price: Your time. Call Earl Lowe at 301. He is the representative in the Decatur territory.

About 37 years of service with Mueller, Limited ended recently with the retirement of Claude (Curly) Chappell. Mike Scott, Machine Shop Foreman, congratulates Curly after he presented him with a wallet and a sum of money which was contributed by Curly's fellow-workers.



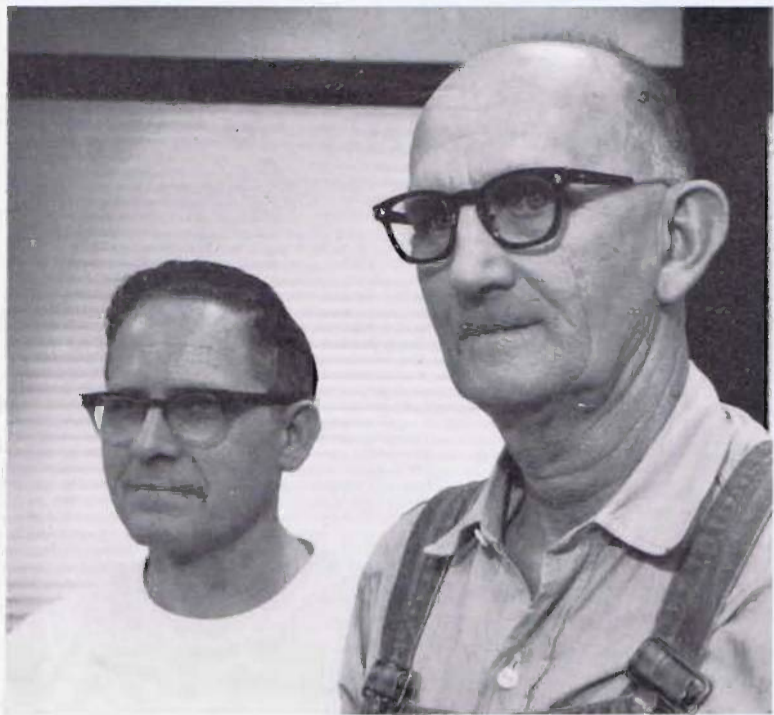
Delos Denuett (right) receives a gift from his co-workers on the day of his retirement. Making the presentation for the Mueller, Limited Maintenance Department is Foreman William Foster.

**BAFFORD ELECTED**

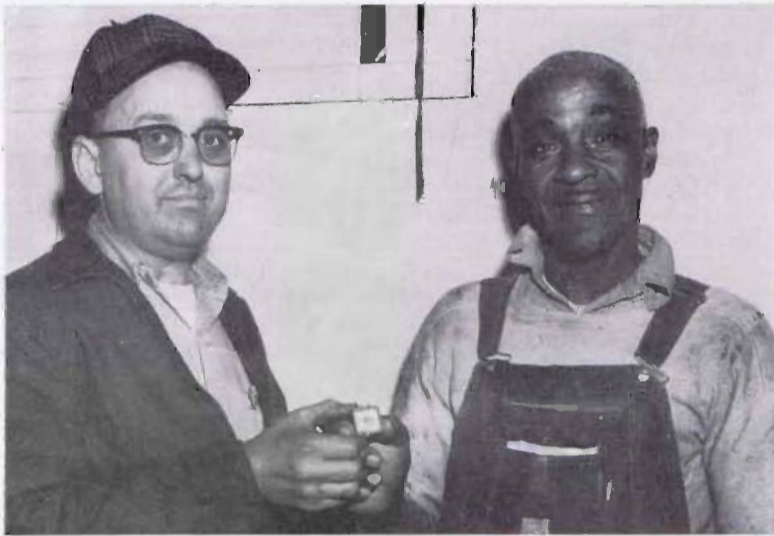
Charles O. Bafford, Sales Service Manager—Water, recently won his bid for a three-year term on the Blue Mound School Board. He succeeds Cecil E. Coffin, Personnel Director, who did not seek re-election.

Maintenance Department retiree Clarke Taylor (second from left) receives a gift from Orval McClemens on behalf of Clarke's former co-workers. On the right are Carl Smith, Production Superintendent, and Harry Dowding, Industrial Engineer at Mueller, Limited.





Two 25-year veterans take time out to pose during their anniversary month. Louis Ross (left) works in the Tool Room and Wilbur Sternes works in Dept. 80 in Decatur.



A 45-year service award recently was presented to Howard Dupree of the Chattanooga Assembly Dept. Stock Room. Making the presentation is Assembly Dept. Foreman Farrow K. Moses (left).



ARCHIE L. SEFTON  
40 Years  
Decatur



SHIRL TISH  
40 Years  
Decatur

# SERVICE AWARDS

## LOS ANGELES

5 Years: James Byrne, Charles McCarter.

10 Years: Vernon Lamb, Jose Ortiz, Lillian Olson.

20 Years: Kathryn Thompson, Dolores Thomson, Velma Portee.

## SARNIA

5 Years: Bernard Davis,\* Martin Roth, Kathleen West, Henry Junek, Jr.

10 Years: Richard Asselman, Ted Wojciechowski, Clarence Johnston, Marcel St. Jean.

15 Years: Donald Whitely, Violet Henderson, Alex Bogaart.

20 Years: Percy Webb, Douglas Milliken, Charles Jay, William J. Payne, Dorothy Smith, Lila McDougall.

40 Years: R. J. Skippon, George Hayward, Charles Teskey.

## CHATTANOOGA

5 Years: Charles C. Cross.

10 Years: Winfred G. Frasier, Richard Goodloe, Leroy Hampton, Alexander Hill, George Hunter, Nolan S. Keyt, Jack D. Lowman, Robert C. Martin, Edward McGhee, James C. Potter, Hiram B. Ridge, Wilbur Simpson, Frank H. Tolbert, James Wallace.

15 Years: Charles A. Bynum, Joe Coffman, Albert Gurley, Frank Hargrove, Dewey Honeycutt, James A. Hood, Paul C. Mason.

20 Years: Marguerite Barker, Charles G. Bible, Duke Hollingsworth, Charlie Kyles, Howard Rogers, James Turner.

25 Years: Hugh Mackey, Robert L. Rhodes.

45 Years: Howard Dupree.

## DECATUR

5 Years: William Dunaway, Herman Niehaus, Jr.\*

10 Years: William Fleet, Donal Page, Lloyd Huffman, John Boles, Ed Ayers,\* Ed Fensstad,\* Charles Snoke, Lyle Woodard, Robert Nelson, Marvin Black, Richard Wood, Arthur Menapace.

15 Years: Darrel Hartwig.

20 Years: Vera Patterson.

25 Years: Wilbur Sternes, Raymond Roarick,\* Louis Ross.

30 Years: Charles Miller, Marvin Baum.

35 Years: Wera Colglazier, Lee Ellington.

40 Years: Fred Nash, Archie L. Sefton, Shirl Tish.

(\* Outside Sales)

## PEER ELECTED

Harold Peer, Mueller Co. Quality Control Technician in Decatur, was elected recently as treasurer of the Central Illinois Section of the American Society for Quality Control.



George McAvity, Managing Director of Mueller, Limited, presents a 40-year service award to Security Guard George Hayward (left).



A new 40-year service pin is worn on the lapel of R. J. Skippon, Vice President and Manager of Engineering for Mueller, Limited.



Decatur Factory Manager Archie L. Sefton (left) presents 30-year service awards to Marvin Baum (center) and Charles Miller. Marv works in Dept. 80 and Charley is in Plant Protection.



Carl I. Maurer, Millwright in Dept. 38, retired recently after more than 35 years with Mueller Co. in Decatur. Carl is shown opening some luggage

given to him by co-workers in the Maintenance Dept. He used the bags a few weeks later when he took a trip to Florida.



Clarence Sparrow (right) was presented a watch by his co-workers to mark his retirement from Mueller Co. in Los Angeles.



# Sidelights & Highlights from Chattanooga

by Gene Racz

The Industrial Relations Committee of the Valve Manufacturers Association held its regular meeting at the Mueller Plant March 8. J. H. Wall, Chattanooga Plant Manager, was host for the group. In addition to the business meeting a plant tour was made. There were seven members present with a number of states represented.

Best wishes to Carl W. Harris of the Iron Foundry and Ruby Pearl Young who were married on Dec. 22 in Rossville, Ga.

Bob Lusk is activating the theory that we are never too old to learn. He has been taking organ lessons and is doing very well or so we have been told. Keep up the good work, Bob, and who knows, you might be as successful as Liberace.

Congratulations to the following proud papas: Quiniss Fossett on the birth of a son, Darwin Ladue, born on Feb. 7; James Smith on the birth of a daughter, Sandy Denise, born Feb. 8; James Billings on the birth of a son, James Cornell, born on Jan. 27.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Frances Lawson and James Potter who both lost their fathers recently; also to

Homer Van Vleet and Marion Ashmore who each lost a brother.

W. T. Mullis is undergoing a great deal of ribbing due to his "know how" in raising and training coon dogs for racing. He entered his two-year-old King, in the Ooltewah, Tenn. Coon Hunter's Club race on March 10 and won first place. He received a beautiful trophy for his efforts. On March 17 he entered another hound, Georgia Spot, in the Cleveland, Tenn. race and again came out in the lead winning first tree and second final. Bob Lansford has been top man on the totem pole in the coon dog world, taking some of W. T.'s dogs that weren't racing too well and making winners out of them so W. T. must really be enjoying his "sweet victory." He is Field Marshal of the Walker County Coon Hunter's Club in Walker County, Ga.

Marguerite Barker has been hospitalized since Jan. 28 due to a fractured pelvis suffered when she slipped and fell on her front steps after an ice storm. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mary Kellogg, who was employed in the Control Department for a number of years, left industrial employment last month as she and husband Harvey adopted a little boy three and a half years old. His name is Johnny and he is a fine looking young man.

Best wishes to John W. Patton and Dorris Richardson who were married on Dec. 20 in Lafayette, Ga. John is employed in the Iron Foundry and Dorris works at Memorial Hospital.

Wanda Morgan, employed in the Purchasing Department, and Norma Ball, Production Control Clerk, were among the many employees who were lucky enough to attend the Atlanta 500 race on March 17. The weather was just perfect and the race very exciting. J. L. Barron, Baxter Little, Glenn Cribbs and Ben Long attended the Daytona 500 race in Daytona, Beach, Fla. on Feb. 22.

Leroy Sims and Martha Davis were married on Feb. 18 in Lafayette, Ga. Leroy is employed in the Core Room. We wish for them a very happy married life.

Robert Cookston and Melba Hicks were married in Lafayette, Ga. on Feb. 23. Robert is employed in the Machine Shop. We extend our congratulations to them.

Lester, "Bob", Woodall retired Jan. 25. Bob was employed in the Assembly Department on April 4, 1926 and on Feb. 4, 1948, he transferred to the Shipping Department as shipping parts order clerk. He was presented with a cash gift from his co-workers. We wish for him an abundance of good health and happiness.



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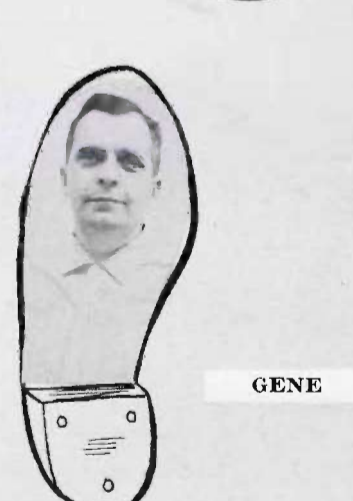
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## Many 50-Mile Hikers

# Working and Walking

The fad of walking 50 miles in a day has made many headlines around the country the past few weeks, but amid all this bluster bluster few people have stopped to realize that there are Mueller employees who have been walking 40 or 50 miles a week for years and they have accepted it as routine.

By the nature of their jobs, these are people on the "go" eight hours a day. They check, they deliver, they pick up, they fill orders, carrying out their daily routines as pedestrians.

A few of the Decatur foot travelers were asked to take part in a rather non-scientific survey, and although statisticians may question the validity of the random sampling, some interesting figures were gathered.

Each participant wore a pedometer during a regular work day. This instrument, which looks like a pocket watch, is worn around the belt and the walking motion of the body moves a balance which registers each step.

Roy Harrell, Order Dispatcher in Core Storage at Plant 4, gets the nod for the longest distance. On what Roy called an "average" day, walking between the foundry and core room, he clocked 10.8 miles. In addition, he was pushing or pulling a truck that was laden with cores.

Roy said he had been doing this job about 10 years, so at the rate of 10 miles a day and 250 working days a year, it might be safe to say that Roy has walked about 25,000 miles or once around the earth.

Of those checked, the next highest total was accumulated by the guards and watchmen at the Mercer Street gate. On Saturdays and Sundays each guard makes about 10 miles a shift as he completes eight trips around the 1.25-mile round. According to the calculations from the pedometer worn by Roy (Shorty) Dingman, the weekday total would be reduced to 8.75 miles as one less round is walked on Monday through Friday.

Shorty's weekday total was equaled recently by Pres Ruthrauff, Assistant Foreman in the Specialty Division. Pres moved up and down the aisles between the machines of Dept. 70, to accumulate nearly nine miles.

Moving up and down the aisles of the warehouse, Ralph

Handley, Order Puller, pulled a hand truck about 8.3 miles while filling parcel post orders. He claims that the last two hours of the day were spent unloading pallets and that few steps were needed for this so he feels sure he normally outdistances Harold Whitacre.

Harold, who works in Finished Stock Control, patrols the warehouse aisles keeping tab on stock and its location. Harold racked up 8.5 miles during what he termed "an average day."

An average day for Power Plant Engineer Marshall Foster takes him about 7.33 miles. He makes daily rounds checking heating and cooling equipment, machinery and thermostats at Plant 1 and Plant 4. He agrees that this keeps him in shape for one of his favorite sports—golf. Most summer evenings, after walking seven miles at work, you can find Marshall getting in nine holes of golf.

In-plant Mailman Gene McKinney walks more than 7 miles a day on his three trips delivering mail throughout the offices and plant. Gene admits that his many years in the Air Force broke him in for this job.

Office work is often referred to as being a sedentary occupation but Janice Stewart of the Sales Office is likely to challenge this.

Jan walks from 6.5 to 7 miles a day as she carries orders between departments in the office and plant. Her supervisor, Dick Wood, thinks she should get special consideration since many of her miles are from walking up and down stairs.

The people singled out here who participated in this "experiment" were not picked because they necessarily walk more than anyone else in the company, but were used to show the many miles that are walked in a job that we consider routine.

Men, don't go home telling your wife how many miles you travel in an eight-hour day. She may not be too sympathetic since she does her share of walking in her daily routine. A mother of two little ones also participated in our check and she clocked 5.25 miles while washing, scrubbing, chasing the children and preparing meals. This, however, was done in something more than an eight-hour day.

## Bowling News

# Pattern Shop Wins

The Pattern Shop bowling team took the Mueller Bowling League lead on Sept. 20 and didn't relinquish it during the next 31 weeks.

The league-winning Pattern Shop team edged out the Specialty Division which moved from fourth to second place on the last night of bowling.

Last year's winners, the Tool Engineers, finished third in the 10-team loop.

Members of the winning team, which was captained by Maury Sefton, are: Bob Henderson, John Hackl, Hilbert Oliver, Dick Ferrill, Marvin Spitzer and Ollie Fortschneider. Henderson led the team with a 172 average. Hackl was next best with a 169 mark.

Individual league honors were shared by Dale Reidelberger and Ben Taylor. Dale rolled a 257 game to edge Ben by two pins in the individual high game competition. Ben took first in high series with a three-game total of 652.

Dale finished the season with an average of 181 to edge Ben in that department by one pin. These two had battled for this honor all season, but Dale took the lead with nine games remaining, and held it to the end.

Lawrence (Slim) Lewis received the American Bowling Congress award for the most improved bowler. He increased his average by 14 pins compared with last year. He bowls with the Plant 4 team, and carries a 149 average.

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