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ALBERTVILLE PLANT

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new 245,000 square foot Mueller Co. plant in Albertville, Alabama took place on January 29, 1974 as President Harlan White, Frank Hackman, plant project manager and

W.R. Davis, plant engineer met with city and county officials. The plant is located on an 80-acre tract and will employ approximately 350 persons in the manufacturing of fire hydrants.

IDENTITY PROBLEM FOR TAXPAYERS

The average taxpayer has little in his everyday experience to help him "identify" with next year's \$304.4-billion Federal Budget. His own family budget is no help. Neither is the town budget. All too small.

Well, an economist for the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S. has solved the problem for us. He has found some meaningful comparisons.

\$4,362. Know what this is? The cost of a new car? No. It's the amount of money that every family or household in the country must pay out, on the average, to account for all the spending in the new budget. This is double the amount 10 years ago.

Incidentally, the largest share of this money goes directly to other people under income security programs, such as social security.

Even the expense of shelling out all this money has gone up. It costs an average of \$97 per household just to spend the money, compared with \$35 in 1965.

Identify now?

I.S.E.S. VISITS DECATUR FOUNDRY

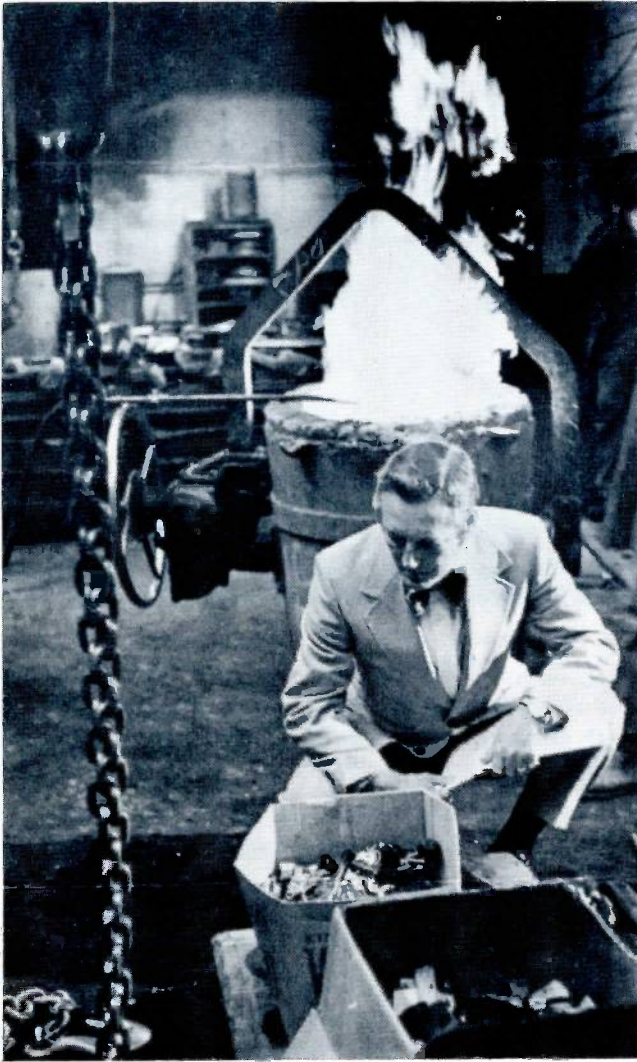
Several members of the staff of the Illinois State Employment Service toured Plant 4 recently. They observed first-hand the operations conducted there, saw the various machines and equipment in operation to acquire a working knowledge of our industry and the factors involved in the actual operations.

The primary purpose was to acquaint I.S.E.S. personnel who interview applicants seeking employment with what they can expect when referred to Mueller Co. for work.

NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGA
(Jack Malone)

Mr. Harlan A. White was the special guest speaker at the regular March meeting of the Foreman's Club. Approximately 70 foreman gathered at the Lake Shore Lodge overlooking beautiful Chickamauga Lake. Mr. White's remarks concerning the past, present, and future of the Chattanooga operations were of particular interest to everyone present.

Haywood Edwards, machine shop assistant foreman, was introduced to the club members as this was his initial appearance since his recent promotion.



The firearms pictured above and scores of others which were confiscated by Hamilton County law enforcement agencies were rightfully destroyed on Wednesday, March 27th, by Sheriff H.Q. Evatt, Jr. under court order as they were dumped into one of Mueller Co.'s sixty ton electric furnaces.

It is ironic, indeed, that this horrible mass of destructive devices will eventually end up on the street corners of America in the form of shiny Mueller fire hydrants which will serve as guardians of safety for the American public.

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**CHARLES KINGERY PASSES
CITY ELECTRICIANS EXAM.**

Charles Kingery, 2nd shift Mueller electrician in Decatur has spent several hours of study and research to become the second electrician to pass the Decatur City Electrician's examination.

Chuck started with Mueller Co. in 1968 as a utility man in the Foundry. He has been an electrician at Plant 4 and presently is second shift electrician at Plant 1.

**COMMONWEALTH EDISON TO
CONVERT COAL TO GAS**

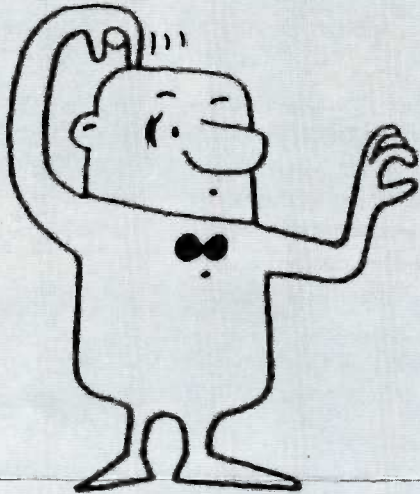
Commonwealth Edison announced that construction will begin next fall on a \$19 million large-scale coal gasification test unit at its Powerton generating station near Pekin, Illinois.

The company said the installation would combine a Lurgi gasification system with a purification process to remove nine-tenths of the coal's sulphur content. The system, which will produce gas by reacting coal under pressure with a mixture of air and steam, will be designed to convert about 60 tons of coal an hour into a clean, low BTU gas usable as boiler fuel for a 70,000 kilowatt generating unit. The installation is scheduled to be ready for test operations by the end of 1976.

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Many husbands are second story men. Their wives seldom believe the first one.

METRIC MIKE



What's one silly little millimeter!

Everything of course, when Uncle Sam goes metric!

A pound of coffee? A hundred yard dash? A half gallon of milk? Sixty-five miles an hour? That's all changed now! It's 1975 and Uncle Sam has finally joined the world of nations using the metric system of measurement.

Retirements

The following list gives the retiree's job at time of retirement, years of service and date of retirement.

Decatur

Cecil E. Coffin, personnel director, 39 years, April 25.

Chattanooga

Lewis D. Hall, turret lathe operator, 32 years, 10 months and 13 days, April 14.

Carroll R. Moore, machine operator, 22 years, 6 months and 7 days, March 31. (Disability)

RETIREES' LUNCHEONS

The women retirees have scheduled their next meeting May 1, at 12:00 at the Elks Club.

The retired men's luncheon was April 11, at Swartz's restaurant. The wives were included as well as the women retirees, making a total of 80 in attendance. The next meeting will be May 9.

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"That efficiency expert charged me so much to tell me how badly I was running my business that I couldn't afford to pay him even if I were doing so well that I didn't need him.

1973 SAVINGS BONDS SALES TOP \$6.2 BILLION

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds came to \$6.26 billion in 1973, the highest since 1945. E Bond sales for the year were \$5.98 billion--\$66 million above 1972. Sales of H Bonds amounted to \$280 million.

Holdings of E and H Bonds rose \$2.7 billion in the year, to \$60.3 billion. Outstanding E Bonds alone are now worth \$52.7 billion. With the inclusion of Freedom Shares--withdrawn from sale on July 1, 1970--total year-end Bond/Share holdings were \$60.8 billion.

Sales for the year exceeded redemptions, at cost price, by \$1.3 billion. Exchanges in 1973 of E Bonds and Freedom Shares for H Bonds amounted to \$321 million.

SERIES E BONDS --

All outstanding Bonds will receive a 1/2 percent increase in yield for semiannual interest periods, beginning on or after December 1, 1973, payable upon redemption.

SERIES H BONDS --

All outstanding Bonds will receive a 1/2 percent increase in yield for semiannual interest periods, beginning on or after December 1, 1973, payable in the form of increased semiannual interest payments.

Service Awards

The following Mueller employees received service awards during April.

Decatur

10 Years: Kenneth Armstrong, Betty Lebo

20 Years: Don L. Matthews

Outside Sales

10 Years: Cecil A. Williams, John W. Kirk

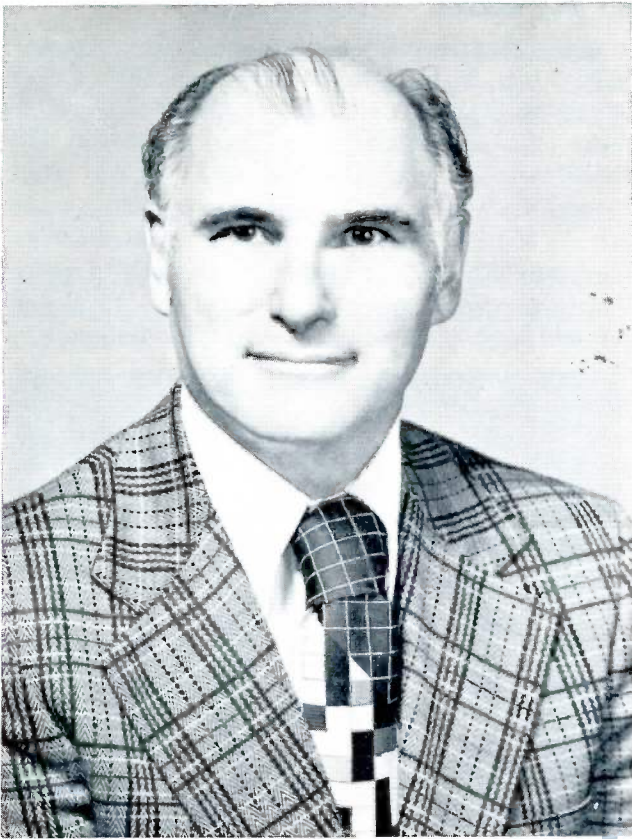
Chattanooga

10 Years: Bobby Lee Riddle, Richard W. Cuzzort

20 Years: Norris Mack

PLANT TOUR

Sangamo Valley Chapter No. 126 of the American Institute of Plant Engineers will tour the Decatur Foundry Tuesday May 7, 1974, Rex Smith, Plant engineer, will be host for the tour.



OUR MEN IN THE FIELD

Matt Sylvan, district sales manager of the Midwest District has been voted "Water Utility Man of the Year" by the Kansas Section of American Water Works Association.

Dr. George E. Symons, president of the AWWA made the presentation at the annual meeting of the Kansas Section in Topeka.

Each Section of the AWWA may select only one person to receive this award each year.

This award was formerly known as the "Fuller Award" and is the highest award in the water works profession.

Matt, a native of New York was a consulting engineer in Wichita, Kansas and served eight years at the Kansas City Suburban Water Co., joining Mueller Co. as a sales representative in 1957. Since 1966 he has been district sales manager covering all or part of 11 states.

Woodworking and flying are his chief hobbies, the latter being very helpful in covering his territory.

Matt has a twin-engine Piper Comanche and logs about 50,000 miles per year. He feels he gains a great deal of time since he is not restricted by the schedules of the commercial airlines and is also able to get into out-of-the-way places to meet our salesmen or customers much quicker.

He and his wife Pat have a grown son and daughter and make their home in Overland Park, Kansas.

MUELLER, LIMITED SARNIA, ONTARIO

A Short Course in Human Relations (Phyllis Turner - Sarnia)

The 6 most important words: "I admit I made a mistake"
 The 5 most important words: "You did a good job"
 The 4 most important words: "What is your opinion?"
 The 3 most important words: "If you please"
 The 2 most important words: "Thank you"
 The 1 most important word: "We"
 The least important word: "I"

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES IN DECATUR

James A. Brandt, formerly marketing research analyst has been promoted to assistant to general sales manager.

David D. Cochran, formerly staff assistant for customer service and records was named manager of market research and statistics.

Robert F. Maxwell was promoted to manager of customer records. He previously was assistant to manager of marketing services.

John J. Zingale, formerly staff assistant for pricing, forecasts, budgets and statistics has been promoted to manager of pricing.

William R. Knorr has served as sales training coordinator and now has been named sales training manager.

Paul W. Nisbet, formerly Headquarters export coordinator was promoted to Headquarters export manager.

Dale L. Mathes, who was an inspector on the second shift has been promoted to assistant brass foundry foreman, second shift.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES IN BREA

Herman L. Brown transferred from assistant steel machine and assembly foreman to junior tool engineer.

Marjorie A. Martin formerly executive secretary was promoted to accountant.

FIFTY YEARS AGO--1924

Incorporation of the Mueller Iron Foundry Co. was completed. It absorbs the National Castings Co. in the 2000 Block E, Eldorado St. and will begin making gray iron castings in its own plant next week. The capital stock of the new firm is \$25,000.

SUMMER SCHOOL

There are a few extension courses available through the State Universities with classes being held at Millikin. Schedules for the summer quarter for Community College of Decatur are also available.

Anyone in Decatur interested in taking a course during the summer, contact Don Bathe for information.