

# NEWSLETTER

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*Charles W. Moore*  
*George mobility*  
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## DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND

Harlan A. White, president of Mueller Co. and Jack L. Hunter, president of Citizens National Bank were appointed co-chairmen of the primary gifts division of the \$2.5 million Decatur Memorial Hospital Fund.

Mr. White pointed out their division will be contacting between 60 and 75 major prospects in the Decatur area.

"We have some major gifts already, which we will be announcing in the near future", he said.

Mr. White is a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens National Bank, Progress Industries, Inc. of Arthur and Decatur Memorial Hospital.

He is a former vice president, president and director of the Decatur Lions Club and served as budget chairman, board member, drive chairman, and president of United Way.

## GREATEST FIRE HYDRANT EVER

It is always nice to be appreciated, and recently a customer took time to write and express his appreciation for the exceptional helpfulness of the Sales Representative in his area, Jim McClintick.

Mr. Arlin Jarry, Superintendent of the Merrimack, New Hampshire Village District also expressed gratitude for the friendly reception he received when he toured the hydrant plant in Chattanooga.

Mr. Jarry sent a picture of a Mueller fire hydrant that had undergone a few alterations, making it a very popular attraction at his Fire Convention in September. Fifteen kegs of beer were dispensed through the hydrant to the 800 firemen present.

The firemen, who should know their hydrants, voted it a 'Great Fire Hydrant'.



### MUELLER CO. GIFT

Mueller Co. announced November 22, 1974 the gift of a tract of land containing approximately 17 acres to the Decatur Park District. The land involved lies south of the Borg-Warner property and Route 51 south of the City of Decatur.

Accepting the gift from Harlan A. White, president of Mueller Co. is Verne Roby, park district board president. Roby said the Mueller Co. gift brings total park district acreage to more than 2,000, excluding the Decatur airport. The airport, operated by the district is not figured in park land totals.

Roby, expressed appreciation to the Mueller Co. for the property. "It appears to those of us on the board that we will need land in this general area to serve people living in the south part of our district. This tract fits into our plans very well and we are happy to accept the gift."

The new gift is the second property transaction between the Mueller Co. interests and the park district. In 1925 Adolph Mueller presented 27 acres of land for the park at Broadway and Lake Shore Dr. that now bears his name.

### TWO ADDED TO ALBERTVILLE STAFF

Lamon E. Ferguson, formerly assistant Foundry foreman in Chattanooga has been transferred to Albertville to assume the position of Foundry superintendent. He joined Mueller Co. in 1963, has held various positions in the Foundry and was named assistant foundry foreman in 1967.

Lamon, his wife Sandra and their son Lamon Randall moved to Albertville November 20.

James M. Fleckenstein, formerly manufacturing project engineer in Decatur, has been transferred to Albertville where he will be machine shop foreman. He has been with Mueller Co. since 1961 and was promoted to industrial engineer in 1965.

Jim moved to Albertville on December 1, and will be joined by his wife Sue as soon as she spends Christmas with their first granddaughter.

### NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGA (Jack Malone)

Jim Hosto, plant engineer, initiated an in-plant hydraulic seminar for maintenance personnel on October 22nd and 23rd. The course consisted of a four session program specifically designed for automatic molding machine hydraulic system operation, trouble shooting, familiarization with valve repair and valve identification and basic hydraulics. The course was conducted by Activation Engineering, Inc., who are basic suppliers for hydraulic valves used on automatic molding machines. Fifteen employees, including supervisors, attended the sessions. Mr. Hosto said the participation and reception among those attending was most impressive. Other in-plant seminars are scheduled in the immediate future.

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John R. Sparks, an assistant foundry foreman, passed away on October 20, 1974. Mr. Sparks had been employed by Mueller Co. for over 35 years. He will be sadly missed by his fellow workers and will surely be remembered for his fairness to all with whom he came in contact.

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## Retirements

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**Warren A. Sweany**, casting grinder, 13 years, 1 month and 15 days, Nov. 17.

**Ruth E. Winter**, plant nurse, 5 years, 9 months and 1 day, Dec. 6.

### Decatur

**Carl Thaxton**, material handler and hi-lift operator in Dept. 80, 10 years, 9 months and 11 days, Dec. 1.

**Flossie P. Baker**, core cleaner and inspector, 22 years, 11 months and 10 days, Dec. 31. (80 Plan)

### Chattanooga

**Willie J. Owens**, molding machine operator, 20 years, 3 months and 5 days, Dec. 6. (Disability Plan)

## Service Awards

### Mueller, Limited

20 Years: Harry J. Dowding

### Chattanooga

10 Years: Barbara F. Clark

20 Years: Willie E. Gay, William J. Hill, Horton Gray, Archie W. Brooks, Everage Holloway, David Moore, Henry F. Baker

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Brea . . . Tom Cross took first place in the golf tournament this year, Bob Newell is in second place and John Hale is Putting Champ.

## A.G.A. SUGGESTS ENERGY POLICY

Deregulation of natural gas supplies and a unified energy policy are absolutely essential if America is to get on the road to basic energy self-sufficiency, said the incoming American Gas Association chairman at the closing session of the A.G.A.'s 56th annual convention.

C.J. Gauthier, also chairman, president and chief executive officer of Northern Illinois Gas Company, Aurora, Illinois, added "As we move down the road and solve our energy-inflation malady, Congress and the Administration must place sufficient emphasis on natural gas. We feel an important step down this road--and fortunately, the Administration agrees--is the removal of federal controls over the natural gas field prices."

He continued, "Obviously, decontrol is far from a cure-all, but the longer deregulation takes, the deeper we mire into an energy rut. Perhaps, even, until the road ahead becomes a dead end."

"The public interest will be best served," said Gauthier, "if this unified policy is coupled with:

- 1) Realistic growth and corresponding use-of-energy standards until new sources of energy are found or discovered;
- 2) Deregulation of the well-head price of new natural gas;
- 3) A specific, cost-benefit-based price of new natural gas;
- 4) Air and water quality standards based on fact rather than fancy;
- 5) Stepped-up offshore drilling, particularly on the untapped Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf.
- 6) Overhaul of the bonus bidding procedure for leasing federal lands;
- 7) One-stop siting laws for nuclear facilities, refineries and LNG terminals to avoid the costly, time-consuming duplicative delays at the federal, state and local levels;
- 8) Deepwater ports to provide badly needed VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) berthing;
- 9) Mining and mine-safety legislation devised to foster, rather than strangle, development of our vast coal resource base;
- 10) Tax incentives and regulatory response which will generate the cash flows required for the huge investments in research, exploration, plant and equipment."

"These are some of the paramount needs, if we are to solve the nation's energy dilemma," said Gauthier. "It is up to us to accept and meet the challenges. The road ahead will be rough but passable."

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Paper industry sources claim that 11 trees are saved for every ton of scrap paper that is salvaged.

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## HOUSING STARTS FELL IN OCTOBER

Housing starts and the issuance of new building permits declined again in October, providing further signs that the home-building slump will persist for quite awhile.

Housing starts slipped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,124,000, down 0.7% from an upward-revised rate of 1,132,000 units in September and 33.5% below the year-earlier pace of 1,674,000 units, the Commerce Department said. It was the fourth consecutive month that housing activity declined, pushing the rate to its lowest level since the 1,085,000 unit rate in January 1970. The initial September figure of 1,120,000 units was revised to reflect additional data.

Housing starts were down in every region of the country except the South, while permits fell in every area except the Northeast. Construction of single-family homes fell 6% last month, but starts of buildings with two or more units edged up from September.

Michael Sumichrast, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders, said the further decline in starts and permits means that "it's going to be bad for the next four or five months" for housing activity. Mr. Sumichrast added, however, that some "very encouraging" signs point to a possible recovery next spring.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET IN CHATTANOOGA

The Mueller Co. Board of Directors held their November 7 meeting at the Chattanooga Plant for the first time since 1967. Members of the Board were given a tour of the plant, and Mr. White stated that the plant was the cleanest and most orderly he had ever seen it. The following day the members of the Board traveled to Albertville to see the construction in progress and listened to a product line presentation by W.R. Leopold, W.E. Murphy and C.W. Moore. All the members of the Board have expressed their thanks to all the employees at Chattanooga and Albertville for their help in making the two days most enjoyable and informative.

## DECATUR UNITED WAY TOPS LAST YEAR

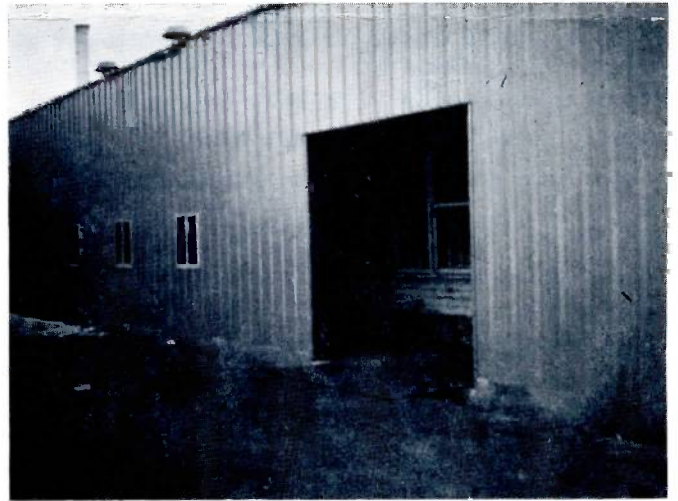
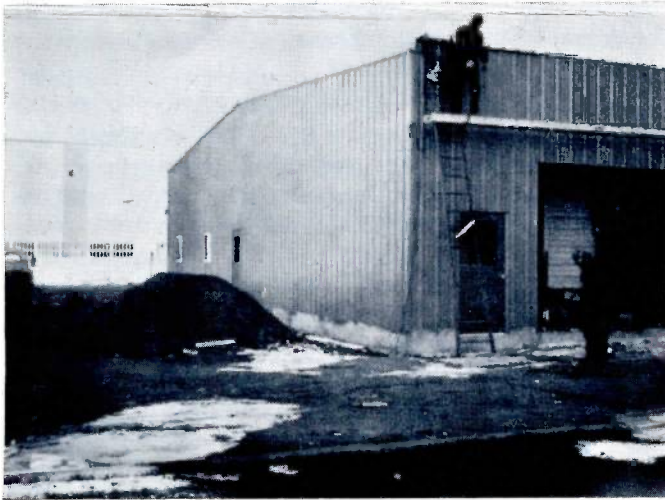
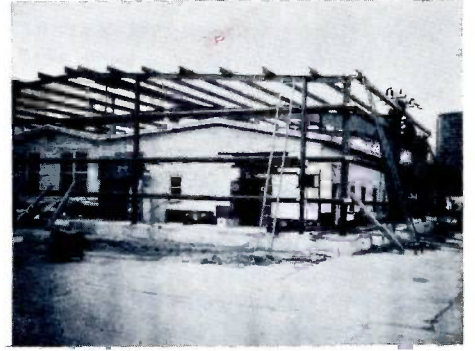
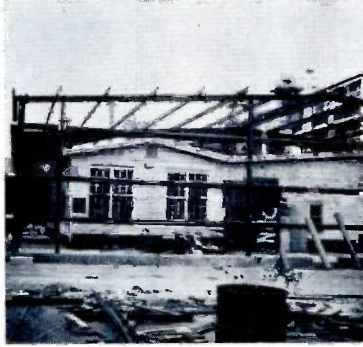
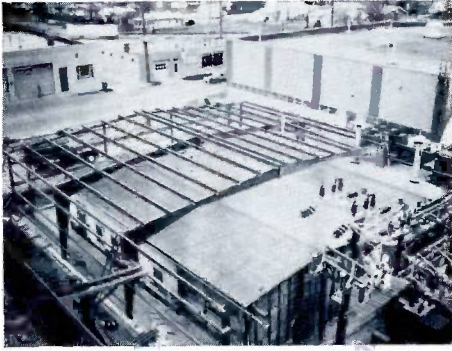
L. Merlin Coates, plant manager and John E. Hackl, wood pattern maker--co-chairmen of the 1974 United Way Campaign send a hearty "thank you" and congratulations for a job well done. The average gift per employee is the highest in our records.

Hourly employees' average gift was \$22.41, an increase of 15% over 1973, produced total gifts of \$9,480.33 for 1974.

Salaried employees' average gift was \$65.38, an increase of 13% over 1973, produced total gifts of \$9,218.90 for 1974.

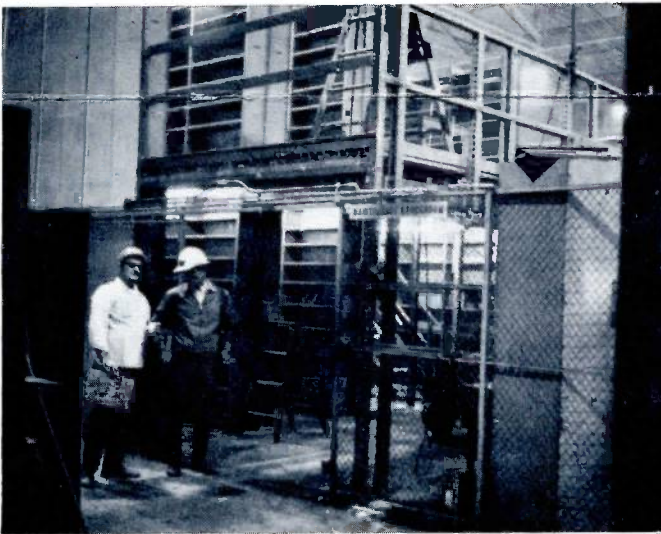
Thanks to you it's working.

DECATUR FOUNDRY EXPANSION  
PHASE II IN PROGRESS



Building 4404, present air compressor room is taking on a new face. The structural steel is being erected around the old building and

the siding is being put into place. The old structure will be removed when the new part has been completed.



Jesse Ditty, Sr. stockroom clerk, and Chuck Schroeder, Plant 4 maintenance foreman, are talking things over before entering the new maintenance stockroom.