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MUELLER, LIMITED

ELECTS OFFICERS February Annual Meeting

Harlan A. White, President of Mueller Co., was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Mueller, Limited, Sarnia, Ontario.

The Board of Directors of Mueller, Limited elected at the shareholders' annual meeting were Harry J. Dowding, W.R. Leopold, George McAvity, Frank H. Mueller, R.M. Nicolson, B. Sigurdson, and Harlan A. White. B. Sigurdson was elected to fill the vacancy on the board created by the retirement of C.S. Browett.

The following officers were elected at the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the shareholders' meeting.

Harlan A. White, Chairman of the Board; George McAvity, President and Chief Executive Officer; B. Sigurdson, Vice President; Harry J. Dowding, Manufacturing Manager; Kenneth Romphf, Secretary-Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of Mueller Co. the following were re-elected directors of the Company.

Dudley J. Godfrey, Jr., Robert V. Krikorian, Adolph Mueller II, Mrs. Bessie I. Mueller, Frank H. Mueller, John S. Mueller, Philip M. Mueller, William E. Murphy, John A. Schluter, Mrs. Lenore M. Schmick, A. E. Staley III, Harlan A. White.

The following Mueller Co. officers were elected at the Board of Directors meeting which immediately followed the annual meeting of shareholders:

Frank H. Mueller, Chairman of the Board; Harlan A. White, President and Chief Executive Officer; William E. Murphy, Executive Vice President; Wilbur R. Leopold, Vice President, Operations; Robert W. Mallow, Secretary-Treasurer; Charles W. Moore, Vice President, Manufacturing; Warren D. Crawford, Vice President and General Sales Manager; Dan L. Carlson, General Controller and Assistant Secretary.

RETIREES' LUNCHEON

Ladies and men retirees had a wonderful noon luncheon on April 8 with 106 in attendance. The luncheon was topped off by the picture showing of Mueller Co. 100th anniversary held at Fairview Park. This brought back many old memories.

WARREN D. CRAWFORD TO NEW POSITION

Warren D. Crawford, formerly general sales manager was elected to the newly created position of vice-president and general sales manager by the Board of Director's annual meeting held in Decatur on February 12.

Warren, having held various positions, joined Mueller Co. in 1952 as a sales representative in Texas.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, he attended Georgia Tech. He and his wife Helen live at 33 North Country Club Road.

LEOPOLD RECEIVES AWARD

Wilbur R. Leopold, vice president of operations at Mueller Co. was selected to receive the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's distinguished achievement award during a special convocation on April 14. The award is given in recognition of distinguished service to Rose-Hulman, the community, the state or nation in a broad variety of areas.

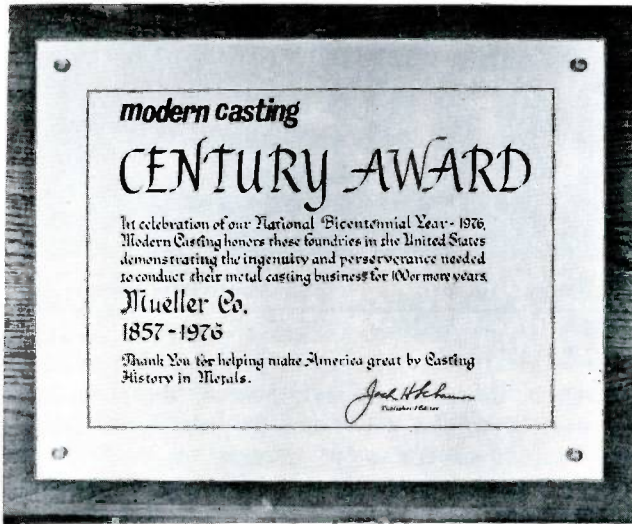
Leopold has maintained a close association with Rose-Hulman, located at Terre Haute, Indiana for several years. He has represented Mueller Co. in the annual presentation of the Mueller award to the outstanding junior mechanical engineering major at Rose-Hulman and has been an effective liaison between the engineering management and academic communities.

HOUSING STARTS DECLINED IN APRIL

Housing starts declined again in April, but the home-building pace remained far above last year's depressed levels.

Housing starts last month fell 4% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,372,000 units from the downward revised March pace of 1,433,000 units, the Commerce Department said. Last month's rate, however, was up 40% from the 982,000-unit pace of a year before, when the housing slump was hitting bottom.

Despite the second monthly drop in a row, April housing starts "were at a very satisfactory rate" considering the continued weakness in apartment building, said Michael Sumichrast, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders. "The main thing is that production for the first four months is running about 45% over a year ago and permits are up about 55%", Mr. Sumichrast said.



CENTURY AWARD

Modern Castings Magazine presented Mueller Co. with an award at the American Foundrymen's Society 80th casting conference held in Chicago April 26-30th.

The award was presented to Jack Parsons, Metallurgist and Foundry Process Engineer on behalf of Mueller Co. for being in business over 100 years. Mueller Co. was rated the 13th oldest foundry out of 57 foundries throughout the United States.

RETIREES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Marshall Foster was all smiles on his day of retirement. He was presented with a new watch, cake and coffee and many other items. Marshall, being quite a golf player, plans on getting together with his friends for a round of golf every day the weather permits.



Alice Jordan and On-lookers.



Ethel Turley and cake with foreman T. McCoy and P. Ruthrauff.



Otto Peake, left, tells a story to supervisor Richard Tish.



Willie Nash, right, receives a warm farewell from Herb Ashmore.



George McAvity, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mueller, Limited was honored at a retirement dinner on March 19th. Mr. Harry Dowding, who became President effective April 1st, is seen above presenting George and Betty with a beautiful oil painting by a well-known Nova Scotian artist, a gift from his many friends at Mueller Co. and Mueller, Limited.

Retirements

OUTSIDE SALES

Raymond H. Roarick, sales representative, 39 years and 1 day, March 31 (80 plan).

Robert J. Cope, sales representative, 23 years, 5 months and 24 days, March 25.

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Curtis L. Hicks, Machine Shop, 38 years, 8 months and 2 days, February 28 (80 plan).

Mary E. McLaughlin, payroll clerk, 20 years, 5 months and 27 days, February 28 (disability).

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William Marshall Foster, power plant engineer, 39 years 6 months and 7 days, February 27 (80 plan).

William Nash, power equipment janitor, 26 years, 10 months and 13 days, April 6.

Helen Campbell, production control office typist, 33 years, 9 months and 3 days, April 21 (80 plan).

Ethel M. Turley, time clerk, 40 years, 5 months and 22 days, May 3.

John R. Vandevanter, core cleaner and inspector, 33 years and 19 days, May 31 (80 plan).

Max L. Dukeman, ground key identifier, 34 years, 8 months and 19 days, May 21 (disability).

Otto J. Peake, service clamp assembler, 30 days, May 1 (80 plan).

Alice E. Jordan, file clerk, 26 years, 4 months and 29 days, May 4.

John H. Enlow, order checker, 33 years, 3 months and 25 days, April 16 (80 plan).

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Arleigh M. Rasmusson, general factory maintenance "B", 17 years, 8 months and 5 days, March 19, (80 plan).

Service Awards

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10 Years: Alfred Massengale, Louis H. Mosley, Elliott T. Sliger, William Ray, Bobby Hatfield, Roland Rather, Robert L. Williams, Melvin Garren, William Watson.

20 Years: Clyde Madding, Aileen S. Millard, Rolland T. Strickland, Curtis N. Ingle, Ruben Smith, Alphonza Jenkins, Evans Powell, Robert W. Hill, Lavonne Maddox, George T. Madden, George L. Grayson, Ernest E. Johnson.

30 Years: Willie C. Johnson, Leroy Sims, John McHoward, John C. Graves.

40 Years: Earl Bright.

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10 Years: Donald Berner, Betty Bissonett, Carroll J. Damery, Winifred Harper, Lloyd Schumacher, Wilbur R. Reed.

20 Years: Kenneth Unland, Claude C. Markham, Carl Boline.

30 Years: Robert J. Boehm, John C. Dennis, Merlin G. Scott, Roy A. Thompson, James L. Butler, John E. Puckett, John R. Vandevanter, Howard J. Gleespen, Joseph L. Crane.

40 Years: Rex B. Smith, Pres Ruthrauff, Lester Duncan.

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20 Years: John Durocher, Baldur Sigurdson.

30 Years: Leona Addy, Daniel Kapala, Joseph Rosina, Leo Ryan, Orval McClemmens, William Currie, John Saunders, Bruce Robertson.

40 Years: James Brent.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WILL INCREASE 6.4% IN JULY

Social Security and federal welfare-benefit payments will rise 6.4% in July because of an increase in the cost of living.

These benefits are tied to the increase in the Labor Department's consumer price index occurring between the first quarters of each year.

The benefit boost will cost \$5 billion a year in added Social Security payments and \$300 million a year in Supplemental Security Income payments to the aged, blind and disabled. There are 37 million recipients in the two programs.

The Ford administration had been projecting a slightly higher 6.7% increase based on assumptions of a higher rate of inflation. Last year the automatic cost-of-living increase was 8% and it cost \$5.7 billion.

NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGA
(By Jack Malone)

Rufus L. Yates, Jr., senior tool methods engineer, has been elected to serve as chapter chairman of the Chattanooga Society of Manufacturing Engineers for the year 1976-77. Rufus succeeds Glenn L. Cottrell, Tool Engineer, who is the present incumbent.

Recently, Judge Dixie T. Smith of the Juvenile Court spoke to the Foreman's Club on drug abuse and drug addiction among our youth. Judge Smith submitted a list of possible drug symptoms for parents of youngsters to recognize in determining the possible use of drugs. Some of these symptoms are as follows:

1. A sudden lack of communication between child and parents.
2. A complete and sudden change of friends and associates.
3. A new type of slang or language.
4. A rapid decrease in grades in school.
5. A rapid change in appearance.
6. Unidentified phone callers during day or night.

If there are such symptoms as listed above, there is a possibility of drug use as experimentation and it is recommended that the child be seen by a person who has knowledge of drug use.



Evelyn Snyder, pictured above, from the Engineering Dept, is shown with her painting which won first place in a local radio station's "Hang to Win" contest.

Evelyn participated with 60 other contestants who exhibited their talents for the station advertising slogan and art work.

Her sign measures 6 feet x 6 feet and required approximately 20 hours of work. She considers the time well spent, however, as her prize was a Kawasaki Motorcross Trail Bike valued at over \$1,000.00

Evelyn possesses many talents as well as being an excellent draftsman.



Earl Bright, plant manager, is shown receiving a handsome trophy from Willard Wooten of the machine shop and manager of the Mueller soft-ball team. Claude Hawthorne, quality control, and team coach is looking on at left.

The trophy was awarded to the team in recognition for placing third among 22 teams represented in the annual Carl McKown slow-pitch softball tournament.

Congratulations to the team which collected a total of 99 runs, including 24 home runs with 3 grand-slamers.

**FAMILIAR FACES
IN NEW PLACES**

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Leonard Landgrebe formerly cycle counter has been promoted to assistant ground key foreman.

Verlyn D. Burnett formerly brass molder has been promoted to assistant iron foundry foreman.

John P. Fawcett formerly brass molder has been promoted to the position of assistant brass foundry foreman.

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Kathleen L. Matthews formerly order coordinator has been promoted to finished inventory analyst.

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William J. Hill formerly assistant foundry foreman has been promoted to third shift foreman, foundry division.

RETIREE DEATHS

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Bonnie D. Clark, Harry Koontz, Melvin Chaney, Odin Woolley, Donald Ferry, Henry Frank Sill

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Lester Woodall