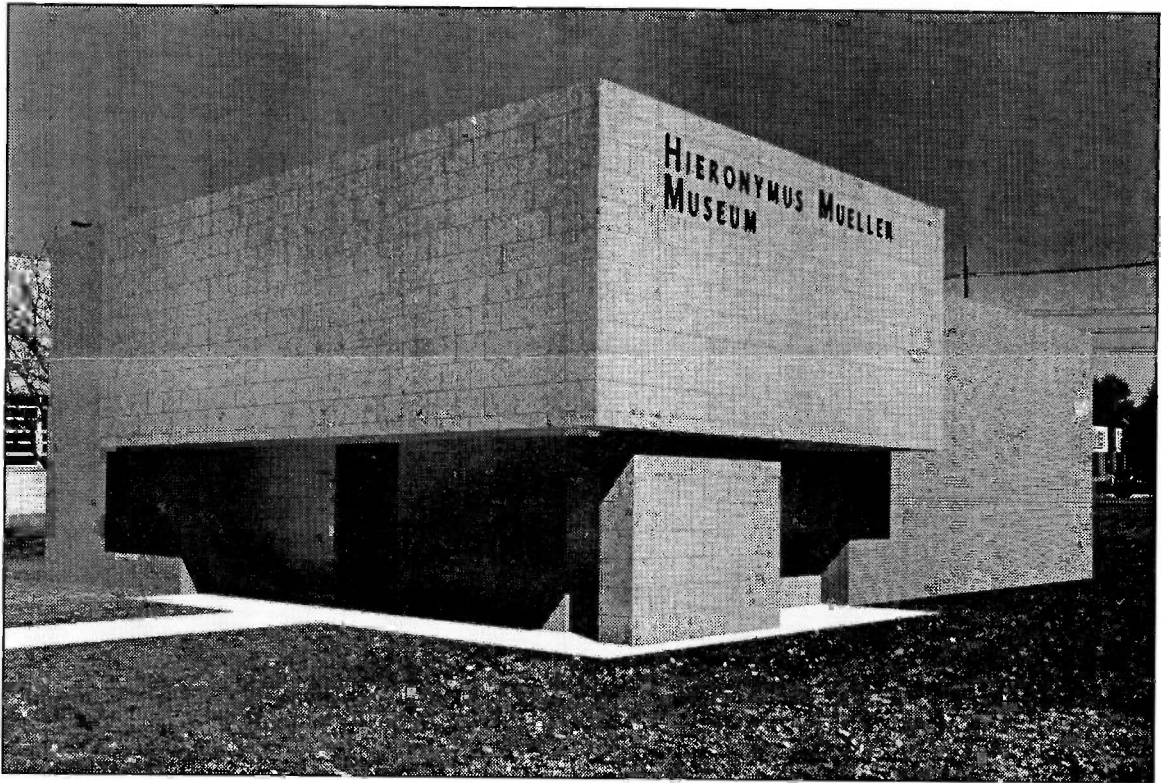




THE MUELLER RECORD

WINTER / SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER



PROGRESS ON THE *NEW AND IMPROVED* MUELLER MUSEUM

Heironymus Mueller never missed an opportunity to take a good thing and improve upon it. So it is with the Museum named in his honor as our new building continues to take shape. The last *Mueller Record Newsletter* featured a photo of the groundbreaking ceremony. The building now closely resembles the architect's rendering pictured above. Much interior work is yet to be done before the anticipated June opening of the new facility. In the meanwhile, Cindy Bray of Barking Dog Design Group in Oklahoma continues the task of preparing the many new exhibits that will fill the new building. The next issue of the *Newsletter* will give readers a detailed look at the *new and improved* Heironymus Mueller Museum!

KEEPING UP WITH THE MUELLERS AND MORE

One of the great challenges of any organization is keeping track of people. The Museum made two mailings this Spring with that goal in mind.

Jane Mueller sent out a mailing to members of the Mueller family seeking to update the family tree as it is displayed in the Museum. We still would like to hear from anyone who even *suspects* that there might be births, deaths or marriages of which we are not aware. Don't assume that someone else has already responded - it is better for us to hear about it ten times than not at all.

Betty Wheatley also sent out a large mailing to Mueller Co. retirees. This is a big task since the company no longer maintains regular communication with former employees. We got a good response and welcome many new members as a result of Betty's efforts. Again, we ask the help of our readers in keeping us posted on any contacts within the community of Mueller Co. retirees. If you know of any moves, deaths or other news, we would like to hear from you.

FROM YOUR ATTIC TO OURS

The Museum is always seeking to expand its collection of artifacts and information. Many of the items we seek are obvious and well-known to us (anyone happen to have a pair of Crown Roller Skates, 1884-1886, lying about the house?) while others are so seemingly trivial or obscure that we don't know that we want them until we see them. An example of the latter is a collection of AIW union check-off buttons brought in to us recently by Harold Dingman, a retired Mueller Co. machinist. Along with the buttons, Harold donated a



Betty Wheatley and Harold Dingman look over several items donated to the Museum

photo of himself and three co-workers in the plant, his ID badges, and a two small tools (a chisel and a plastic pipe cleaner) he had made for the company. Harold claims the tools weren't good enough for the inspector but they look pretty good to us. Items such as these may seem insignificant in isolation, but when viewed with the larger collection in the Museum, they become a part of a larger picture that helps us understand and preserve a full history of Mueller Co. We thank Mr. Dingman for his donation and encourage others to think of us when cleaning out their attics.

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NOTABLE PASSINGS

Hugh L. Baker, 93, passed away on January 29, 2005 in Decatur. Mr. Baker retired after 44 years with Mueller Co. where he worked in products and marketing at the company's headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee and in Decatur. He has been a long-time friend of the Mueller family and an avid supporter of the Museum. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

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