

Strictly Personal Chattanooga

Jack Malone

NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Holden Presents Painting



George Holden, a Machine Shop employee is shown at right after presenting a copy of his recent painting called "The Mallard" to Jack Malone, Manager of Employee Relations.

The painting, will be placed in the personnel office.

Much of Holden's art work can be found in various schools and hospitals throughout the Chattanooga area. His work has become well known after being entered in many art exhibits and he was recently honored by receiving an invitation to enter the

Dorothy Bright Honored

Dorothy Bright, wife of Plant Manager Earl E. Bright, recently received an award from the American Red Cross

Hunter Art Museum Show which encompasses work of artists from seven South-eastern states.

His talent was discovered at an early age by a fourth-grade elementary teacher and even though he has no formal training, his works have been noted in numerous newspaper articles.

In addition to his paintings, George has drawn caricatures and cartoons depicting events concerning Mueller Co. employees. His ambition is not to get rich he says, but to share his talent with others.

for serving over 300 hours as a volunteer worker for Children's Hospital.

Service Awards CHATTANOOGA

20 years: James A. Carter
Charles W. Hassler
Raymond H. Phillips
Willie W. Carter
James B. Davis
Cleveland T. Rogers

30 years: Bernice R. Compton

OUTSIDE SALES

10 years: Sam R. McWilliams

30 years: Frank Kellett

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10 years: Richard D. Curtis

20 years: Vernon H. Brunner, Jr.

30 years: Joseph M. Parkison
Harold E. Friend
Charles H. Taylor
Carl C. Wilhelm
John Gubola
Ray M. Littrell

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10 years: Jean Toll

40 years: Neal Turnbull

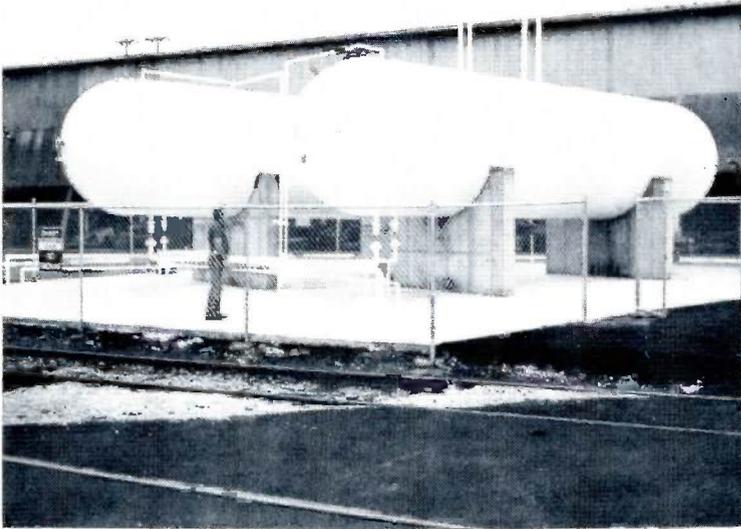
Barker Elected to Opera Association Board

C. B. Jack Barker, Purchasing Agent, has been elected to the Board of the Chattanooga Opera Association and appointed to the Executive Committee to act as Chairman of Artists Negotiation. He is also serving on the Board of the Chattanooga Little Theatre.

Buffington Earns Her Wings

Betty Buffington, Secretary to Sales Manager, has earned her pilot's license. She started out in October 1975 (when her husband started training for his private license), just to learn to land the plane in case of emergency. She felt if Doris Day could do it, then she could, too! As time went on she soloed and then felt it would be best to go to Ground School, passed all tests and received her private pilots license on November 11, 1976, What a feeling of accomplishment!

Standby Gas System Installed



A project was initiated in the Chattanooga factory in late January to install a low pressure gas system as an alternate fuel to replace natural gas should other shortages occur.

Production was curtailed during part of January and February along with numerous other factories due to the natural gas shortages.

The tanks for the system are pictured above. The system was completed and successfully operated on a trial basis on March 7.

The operation is interconnected with the natural gas

system and can be changed from natural gas to propane gas or vice versa without interruption of production in the foundry and core room areas.

Consisting of an air mix plant, two direct fired vaporizers and two 18,000 gallon tanks, the unit is capable of producing 13 million BTU's per hour and would operate the foundry and core room at full production for two weeks.

The installation was designed by the Plant Engineering Department and installed by an outside firm at a cost of \$90,000.00.

Mueller Co. Employees Attend Credit Union Convention

The Tennessee State Credit Union Convention was held April 21 through April 23 at Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Mueller Co. employees and their wives who attended were James E. Johnson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Edward V. Parham, Mr. & Mrs. Walter L. Walker, Mr. & Mrs. William R. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. James H. Boston, Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. York and Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Bible.

Retirements

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Milford H. Morton, machine repair maintenance man, 20 years, April 29, 1977 (80 plan).

Thomas L. Greene, iron pourer 18 years, 4 mos., November 30, 1976 (disability).

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Alfred E. Hembree, general factory inspector, 28 years, 10 mos., 3 days, February 25, 1977 (80 plan).

Frank W. Williams, tool and die foreman, 30 years, 3 mos., 21 days, February 25, 1977 (80 plan).

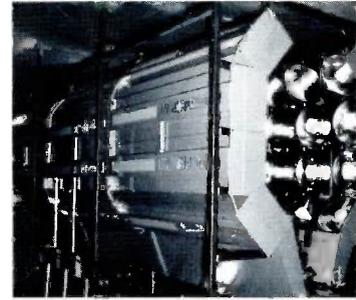
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Roy L. Dingman, production tool grinder, 21 years, 9 mos., March 25, 1977 (80 plan).

Infra-Red Curing Oven Installed

Due to the increasing demand from Mueller Co. customers requiring special paints and epoxy coatings, and the ever-expanding new line of products, it has been necessary to install a Vertical-type Infra-red curing oven pictured above at the Chattanooga factory.

This facility was installed primarily for the effective and efficient application and cure of special paints, mainly Mueller Hp® coating.



A heat cure process is necessary because our special epoxies will not cure at all below 40°F. and have very slow cure times below 70°F. During the winter season it is virtually impossible to apply an acceptable coating film because of cold castings and surroundings.

The recent addition of Resilient Seat Gate Valves to our line of products requires much use of this equipment. The castings are coated in a spray booth and then indexed into the oven for a pre-set period of time. They then remain on the conveyor while the epoxy cures out.

The new system can further provide extra capacity for regular painting if necessary.

Retiree Deaths

George Van Walters, Decatur