

# Strictly Personal Albertville

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## NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES



**RICHARD POLK  
WATCHES ON**

**CONTROLLER:** Richard Polk watches where the money goes.

Richard Polk is our plant controller in Albertville. Richard started with Mueller when only the girders were sticking out of the concrete foundation and the office was housed in two trailers on a corner of the property. He came from General Time Corporation in Gadsden where he was an accounting supervisor. In the six and one-half years Richard spent there, he worked in many jobs which gave him a depth of experience which he draws on here in Albertville.

Richard deals with the money. He accounts for every dollar spent by the Albertville plant. It is his job to give management a record of what is spent so management can control costs and expenses in the hope that the Albertville plant will make a profit.

"Profit is what is left after expenses of operating the plant are deducted from the revenues received from the sale of hydrants, tees, and plastic products," observes Richard. "We need to make a profit on the work of every person in the plant so we can pay for all expenses of the plant including what every

employee is paid through his paycheck plus fringe benefits.

We have five people in the department. Each does a wide variety of accounting work but the main job of each is:

**Reba Rogers:**

Hourly payroll reports so everyone in the plant gets paid on payday.

**Laura Sanders:**

Accounts payable. Laura issues the checks to pay for the goods and services we buy from other companies.

**Belinda Morton:**

Cost accounting and budget reports. Belinda's work helps us to know what it costs to make a hydrant. The budget reports tell the areas that are hurting or helping the company profit-wise.

**Connie Strange:**

Records the cost of parts and labor as they move through the plant from operation to operation. She keeps a record of everything that is done to each part until the hydrant is finally assembled, and shipped. Then information is given to the billing department so customers can be invoiced for the hydrants, plastic parts, and steel tees they buy from us.

**Judy McCormick:**

Keeps the books. Judy receives reports from others in the department which she uses to make the profit and loss statement. She makes other reports regarding costs and expenses. All such reports are used by management to help manage the plant better.

Richard comments, "We try to be as accurate as possible with paychecks and reports, just like most plant workers try to make 100% quality parts and hydrants."

"We let management know what is happening with profits so timely action can be taken when necessary. When everybody does his job and the com-

pany makes a profit, some of the profits comes back to us in good jobs, job security, and a bright future."

"We can't make a profit in the accounting department. But we can tell management what's happening with profits so management can use those facts in making decisions that will keep the plant going in the right direction."

### TOWMOTOR QUEEN

Dortha Massey was awarded "Towmotor Queen 1978" by the fellows on 2nd shift in the Steel Tees Dept. Dortha was transferred to 1st shift and to show their appreciation and recognition of the fine job she had done for them, the guys gave her a loving cup.

The underlying reason for the award was to ease their conscience. When Dortha started the job, none of the men had confidence in her ability as a towmotor operator (because she was a woman!). Now, each of them will be proud to tell you that Dortha has more than earned her new title of "Towmotor Queen 1978".



L to R:  
Robert Venzke  
C. D. Stone  
J. W. Sims  
Wayne Mashburn  
Second level: Danny Pankey  
Dortha Massey  
Bobby McMurtrey  
Rickey Burke  
Glen Mason

### ELECTRONIC CLASSES

The second phase of the Mueller employees Electronic Classes sponsored by Alabama Industrial Development Training has been completed. The classes ended on April 12, 1978. The following employees completed the number of training hours shown by their name. Training certificates have been distributed to the employees.

Randy Bruce	105 hours
L. D. Duvall	105 hours
Thomas Jimmerson	99 hours
Awyen Walker	99 hours
James Dyson	96 hours
Harvey Jones	96 hours
Max Dean	90 hours
Paul Thomas	87 hours
Reggie Lambert	81 hours
Randy Hayes	48 hours
Theodore Lacks	48 hours
Kenneth Mason	48 hours
David Mahan	48 hours
Bill West	45 hours
Jimmy West	42 hours

Pictured below are some of the employees attending classes.



### Marriages

Michael Clanton, first shift Cope & Drag Operator in the Foundry, and Cynthia West were married on March 19, 1978. They will be living in Boaz.

Laura Casey, Computer Operator in Data Processing, and Tony M. Davis were married on June 3, 1978 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. They will be living in Boaz.

Lisa Fowler, first shift Stockman in Assembly, and Michael Springfield were married on April 8, 1978 at Antioch Baptist Church. They will be living in Boaz.

## CAPS AND JACKETS



Carolyn Carnahan and Walter Morgenthaler model samples of new jackets and caps.

A great many people have suggested that Mueller Co. have a jacket and cap program similar to that offered by other companies.

We now have this program ready to go. The jackets are bright red nylon with white flannel lining. They have snap closings and elastic wrists as well as a bottom drawstring. The caps are available in two styles, one has all red polyester panels and the other has two back panels of white nylon mesh. Jackets are available in adult sizes, S, M, L, XL and XXL and youth sizes S, M, L and XL. The caps are adjustable and one size fits all.

Both jackets and caps will

have the Mueller emblem embroidered in gold, red and black on a white panel. This panel will be sewn on the front of both jackets and caps.

Prices are as follows:

Cap with emblem\* \$ 2.76 each  
 Jacket with emblem\*  
 adult size 11.27 each  
 Jacket with emblem\*  
 youth size 10.22 each  
 (Includes Tax)

Jackets and caps will be paid for by the payroll deduction method only.

See Peggy Fleckenstein in the Personnel Department to order your jackets and caps. Mrs. Fleckenstein has jackets available to try on to determine the proper size to order.

\* Caps and jackets are not available without the emblem.

## Births

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne McMahan are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Heather Darline was born on 2/23/78 and weighed 7 pounds and 13 oz. Wayne is the third shift turret lathe operator in Steel Tees.

James and Patricia Butler have a new daughter. Angela Reene, who weighed eight pounds and nine ounces, was born on May 8, 1978. James is the Miscellaneous Machine Operator on first shift in the Machine Shop.

## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



L to R  
 Gary McClendon  
 Mike Glasgow  
 Kenneth Mason  
 Bobby Locklear  
 Rickey Leeth



L to R  
 Phil Harrison  
 Ramon Carr  
 Mickey Oliver

The Mueller Men's Softball Team won second place in the Douglas Invitational Softball Tournament for 1978. The trophy has been placed in the front office so everyone will have a chance to see it. Members of the team are:

Darrell Blanks - Center Field  
 Randy Bruce - Left Field  
 Darrel Edmondson - Right Field  
 Kyle Gilbreath - 2nd Base  
 Ramon Carr - 1st Base, Right Field  
 Randy Lang - Pitcher, 2nd Base  
 Rickey Leeth - Catcher, 3rd Base  
 Bobby Locklear - 1st Base, Short Stop  
 Roger Madden - Pitcher  
 Kenneth Mason - Short Stop, Rover, Manager

Gary McClendon - Short Stop  
 Jim Murphree - 3rd Base  
 Mickey Oliver - Center Field  
 Ricky Rosson - Center Field, Rover, 2nd Base  
 Wayne White - Player, Coach  
 Mike Glasgow - Manager  
 Phil Harrison - 3rd Base