

# Strictly Personal Decatur

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NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

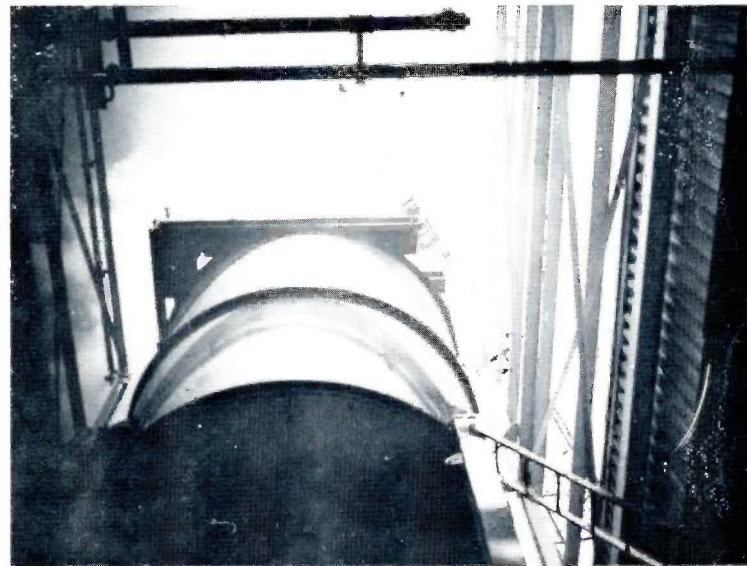
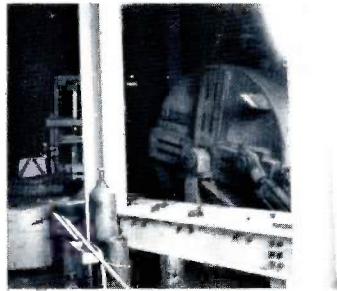
## Iron Foundry Changes

Linemelt furnace being moved into place and muller being lowered through the roof and put into place makes the Iron Foundry take on a new face.

With a temporary wall in place, the equipment is being installed without any interruption to the other foundry operations.



The wave of a hand, the point of a thumb up or down, the movement of a finger lets the crane operator know what to do next. These fellows would make good ball players with the different signs that assist them in getting the equipment into right position.



## 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

## Familiar Faces in New Places

**William K. Lindgren**, formerly data processing senior programmer has been promoted to the position of manager of data processing.

**David Stewart**, formerly computer operator has been promoted to the position of programmer - trainee.

**Michael T. Leatherman**, formerly quality control technician has been promoted to the position of programmer.

## Retirements

### BREA

**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).

### CHATTANOOGA

**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)

### DECATUR

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

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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

### SARNIA

10 years: Jean Toll

40 years: Neal Turnbull

## Hugh L. Baker Receives Service to Mankind Award

The Decatur Sertoma Club presented Hugh L. Baker the "Service to Mankind Award", in recognition for outstanding devotion in serving his fellow man in the areas of mental health, education, civic and spiritual groups, and service to the mentally handicapped.

In the manner of a statesman he has been instrumental in securing the firm foundation of our community's mental health program. Though committed to many time-consuming endeavors, Mr. Baker is one of those given credit for initiating Decatur's Alcohol Detoxification Center. While it is a new program, the community is quite impressed with its ability to meet the needs caused by alcohol abuse. His active membership in the Alcohol Advisory Committee for the counties of Macon, Piatt, Dewitt and Moultrie, have made his community a better place to live.

In his work with the problems of alcoholism he has been instrumental in starting a half-way house for alcoholics. This center in Decatur provides a place for individuals with problems to recover and get on their feet again.

A federal group that has Mr. Baker on its board is the South Central Illinois Health Planning Council. Board members are chosen for their expertise in all areas of health, and Mr. Baker represents the field of mental health.

For many years he has been intensely involved in the Lincoln State School Parent's Association. This group has been most concerned with the patient's growth and happiness at the Lincoln State School.



One of his chief goals in his leadership of this organization has been the development of the programs for de-institutionalization of people who can be placed back into the community and then serve as useful citizens, rather than a burden to society.

He has also been a member of the Illinois Association for the Mentally Retarded, which serves as a coordinator for all such group's activities in Illinois.

A native of Decatur, Hugh L. Baker is married and has two children. After graduating from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, School of Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture, he began working for Mueller Co. in Sales and Engineering in 1934. He later worked in Sales, Marketing Services, Advertising and Promotion, Product Development, and was a consultant for export sales at his retirement. He still is associated with Mueller Co. on a consulting basis.

Mr. Baker has been gifted with leadership and objective organizational abilities. He has used these traits for a multitude of humanitarian causes -- mental health programs, mentally retarded associations, civic and spiritual organizations, and education.

## Fishing Contest

Ron Clutter and partner walked away with the prize trophy at the 1977 annual Good Friday Bass fishing contest at Sancrist Lake west of Kincaid, Illinois. The fishing starts at the break of day and lasts until noon.

The prize winning bass tipped the scales at 3 lbs. 9 oz.

Ron had some of the losers gather around to show them the trophy, not that he would brag about winning.



## Retiree Deaths

George Van Walters, Decatur