

THE LINE STOPPER

NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

FEBRUARY 1987

Plant Manager's Corner

A four-man basketball squad . . . a circus without the announcer . . . an orchestra minus the maestro. In each of the situations, the absence of one person reduced the effectiveness of the group. They can still function without the missing ingredient, but not nearly as well as they could with full attendance.

That's why it's important for all of us to come to work each day. We are a team, and we depend on each other to keep our work flowing smoothly. When someone is out unexpectedly, routines must be changed and workloads shifted. This causes a ripple effect that can throw a monkey wrench into our productivity.

Some people do not believe that their regular attendance is important and believe that the job will get done without them. As the examples I mentioned demonstrate, one person can make a difference. Others are counting on us just as much as we depend on them. Each year we take the opportunity to recognize those individuals who have had perfect attendance during the prior year. The names of these individuals are listed in this publication. Their effort is important to the overall success of our plant. I'd like to thank each and every one of them for their contribution.

Bill Riner



Ron Riley, left, and Thomas McGeorge, right, accept \$1,000 check for the AIW Food Basket Drive from Larry Holub.

A.I.W. Food Basket

Mr. Larry Holub, representing Mueller Co. Manufacturing, presented a \$1,000 check to the A.I.W. annual food basket drive held in December, 1986.

The donation was presented to Local #838 to go along with the gate collection done by the Union employees. 350 food baskets were prepared and donated to the laid off employees of the local A.I.W. employees and families.

According to Thomas McGeorge and Ronald Riley the drive was very successful.



Pictured left to right are Lee Best; Wilbur Reed, winners of the K's \$50 Gift Certificate; Becky Damery and Jerry Collins.

Contest Winner

Mr. Wilbur Reed, Industrial Engineering department, submitted the winning entry in the "Name Your Newsletter Contest".

Mr. Reed was awarded a \$50 gift certificate from K's Merchandise for the winning name of "THE LINE STOPPER".

The judging committee included Lee Best, Manager of Manufacturing Engineering; Becky Damery, Production Scheduler; and Jerry Collins, G.K. Machining Division.

Who's New

Brittany Christine, daughter of Paul and Jennifer Schrijsuhn, was born October 1, 1986. She was welcomed home by Derek Allan and Christopher Adam. Paul is a warehouseman in the shipping and receiving department.

Stephen Waldon, son of Gary and Rita Briggs, was born October 3, 1986. He was welcomed home by Douglas, Nicholas, and Amy. Gary works 2nd shift in G.K. Division as a check screw and lock wing operator.

Ryan James, son of Charles and Katherine Moran, was born October 9, 1986. He was welcomed home by sister Amy. Charles works 2nd shift in G.K. Division as a #5 turret lathe operator.

Kandi Marie, daughter of Randy and Lois Hull was born October 18, 1986. She was welcomed home by Johnny. Randy works in the brass foundry, but currently is on lay off status. An uncle, Mark Neisslie, works in the iron foundry as a iron molder.

Jay Thomas, son of Thomas and Gayle Ruffner, was born on November 6, 1986. Jay is a purchasing clerk in the Purchasing department.

Ashley Marie, daughter of Tom and Linda Garner, was born November 14, 1986. Tom works in the brass foundry as a brass molder.

Congratulations!

Decatur Manufacturing is proud to give recognition to the 63 production, maintenance and service employees and 14 non-exempt salaried employees who had perfect attendance during 1986. In addition, there were 62 employees from the Decatur Manufacturing Division with less than eight (8) hours absent during 1986. Congratulations goes to all of these employees for their outstanding achievement.

Employees who had perfect attendance (defined as no time off for anything other than compensable time off . . . jury duty, death in family, holidays, etc. during 1986) are listed below:

IRON FOUNDRY

Gerald Durbin
Cliff Hammel
Mark Neisslie

BRASS FOUNDRY

Carl Boline

G.K. ASSEMBLY

Bob Dickerson
Ivan Porter
Ben Berner
Paul Clark
George Roady
Bob Runyen
Frank Fyke
Bill Johnson

G.K. MACHINING

James Fristoe
Jerry West
Dan Barnett
Frank Boline
Bob Davis
Carl Middleton
Don Berner
Jack Kensil
Doug Roberts

CORE ROOM

Robert Finch
Ron Brunner
William Boehm
Robert Cole
Lawrence Lewis

SHIPPING ROOM

Joe Caulk
Kent Elliott
Ron Luster
Don McQuality
Richard Ross
Ralph Handley

PLANT 4 SERVICES

Ron Hotwick
David Boline
Stan Patterson
Dave Nicholls

SPECIALTY DEPARTMENT

Benny Browning
Glenn Beiber
Larry Donaldson
James Grandon
Robert Taylor
Ernest Utt

Alva D. Womack
Ed Halbrook
Ray Storck

MACHINE REPAIR

James E. Leinard
George Madding
Lloyd Schumacher
Dean Thompson
Ken Daugherty
Ray Howell
Dale Flaughner
Robert Nelson
Rusty Logue

PLANT 4 MAINTENANCE

Bennett Wilkins

TOOL ROOM

James Bratcher
Harold Brunken
Tom Durbin
Isaac Gowan
Robert Marshall
Howard Mayberry
Haldon Waite
Robert Weaver

NON-EXEMPT

Nancy Smith
Juanita Ferguson
Loren Hetzler
Jane Miller
Richard Simmons
Teresa Buchanan
Martha Malloy
Elsie Tapp
Mary Ann Lutes
Nancy Kircher
Norma Wellwood
Phyllis High
Bob Minks
Tammy Miller

Mueller Co. Children Christmas Party

Mr. William Riner, Factory Manager, welcomed the Mueller Co. employees and their families to the Children's Christmas Party on December 6, 1986 held at the Griswold Center - Millikin University.

The entertainment included juggling, unicycle, organ and drum music, and illusions by the Lee and Rita Henneberry Family. Hal Haviland presented a dog and pony show. A three time trampoline champion, Curt Austin, presented a terrific performance as well as comedy on the trampoline.

The show was well received and enjoyed by the approximately 1,400 people attending. A great welcome by Santa Clause was experienced by the children.

Supervisors, retirees, exempt, non-exempt personnel and their families helped sack the treats given to the children. A special thanks goes to the following people for helping make the party a great success:

Kyle Anderson
Herb Ashmore
Bill Brooks
Marcie Brooks
Ira Cox
Donald Dagley
Jeff Dempsey
John Edmonds
John Fawcett
Dick Ferrill
Jodi Groenewoud
Robyn Groenewoud
Loyd Hawkey
Mike Henschel
Vicki Hilvety
Joyce Holub
Larry Holub
Ray Kaufman
Dennis Keithley
Nancy Kircher
Bill Lawyer

Chris Lawyer
Chuck LeMons
Trisha LeMons
Delores Luker
Dan Milhone
Bob Minks
Sandee Moyer
John Paceley
Maggie Paceley
Bill Riner
Archie Sefton
Morey Sefton
Gerry Stanley
Martin Trolio
Larry Warfield
Chris Winters
Chuck Winters
Jack Winters
Loren Winters
Ted Workman





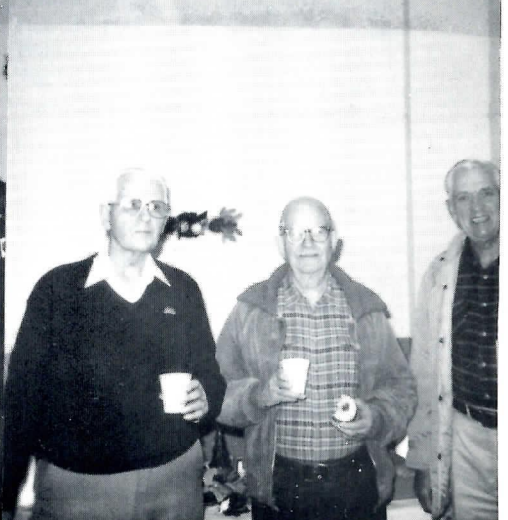
Company Christmas Gift

Ham and bacon gifts were distributed to all active employees, widows, widowers, and retirees at Decatur, Illinois on December 9 and 10, 1986 furnished by the Mueller Co.

Retirees desiring to pick up their ham and bacon at the company were invited to a social hour before receiving their gift. A good time was enjoyed by the retirees reminiscing some of their prior working experiences and friends at the Mueller Co.

A special thanks goes to the retirees that volunteered to deliver the gifts to retirees unable to pick them up at the plant. The volunteers were Herb Ashmore, Charlie Brown, Charles Ater, Bill Mueller, Ray Mounts, John Niederbrach, Russell Armstrong, Orville Spencer, and Marvin Spitzer.

Pictured are some of the retirees picking up their gift, enjoying the social hours, and getting ready to deliver the ham and bacon.



Retirements

December, '86 and January, '87



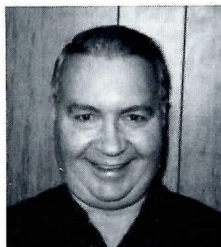
Joe Yonker
36+ years



David C. Rauch
40.5 years



Robert J. Boehm
40+ years



Richard Ferrill
39+ years



E. Mary Nolen
24+ years



Lawrence E. Rhodes
17+ years

5 Years
Carol Gooch

10 Years
Keith Gatchel
Gertie Outlaw
Doris Lawrence
Jerome Carson
George Virden

15 Years
Nancy Smith
Paul Gross
Joe Ewing
Jim Weatherford



Richard Janetzky
25 Years



Ray Walton
25 Years

Service Awards

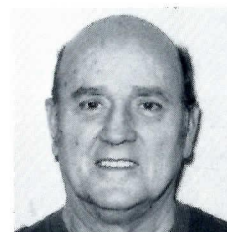
December, '86 and January, '87



Larry Malloy
25 Years



George Lebo
40 Years



James Fristoe
40 Years



Bill Baney
35 Years

Wedding Bells!

Christopher Brunner and Robbin Ann Rogers were married October 4, 1986. Chris is an iron molder and presently on lay off status. He is the son of Vernon Brunner Jr., core room, and has an uncle, Ronald Brunner in the core room.

Ronald Clendenen and Judith Anderson were married November 14, 1986. Ron works in

the core room as a CB5 operator and Judith is the daughter of Mr. Anderson - Plant 4 guard.

James Wallace and Judith Diane Smith were married December 20, 1986. Jim works in the Specialty department as a LeBlond tape operator and welcomed Shane, Brandy, and Mandy as step children.

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