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THE BOWLERS

Humpy Behrns Leads League—Plumbing Division out of Cellar League

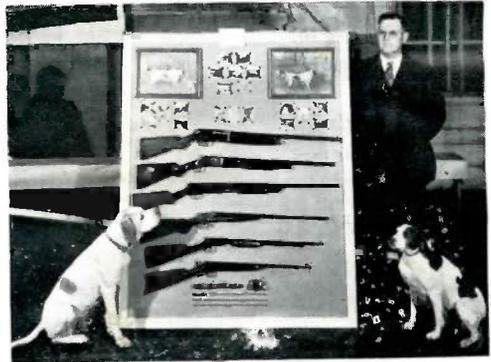
Since last report some changes have occurred in the Mueller Bowling League, most notable of which is Humpy Behrns' long ambition realized. He is high bowler, having displaced Blankenburg. The next important happening is team standing. The Plumbing Division is one step out of the "cellar league", having passed the Regulators. The Utility Engineers made a gain also, changing sixth place for fifth place formerly held by the Tool Room.

Team	Team Standing				
	G.	W.	L.	Pct. Ave.	
Works Mgr. Of.	90	54	36	.600	841
Specialty Div.	90	53	37	.589	844
Ground Key Div.	90	47	43	.522	766
Pattern Shop	90	45	45	.500	819
Utility Engineers	90	44	46	.489	721
Tool Room	90	43	47	.478	772
Plumbing Division	90	40	50	.444	706
Regulators	90	34	56	.378	751

Individual Averages	
Works Mgr. Office	Utility Engineers
W. Behrns 185	B. Mason 166
L. Wiant 176	W. Gould 157
C. F. Roarick 170	J. Morrison 156
J. Bain 163	H. Fairchild 146
M. Chaney 160	F. Tratzik 127
M. Curry 150	W. Groble 112
Specialty Division	Tool Room
K. Blankenburg 184	C. C. Roarick 182
A. Flaughner 169	A. Radke 163
R. Hill 167	C. Rubicam 150
E. Hartwig 165	M. Stratman 150
C. Hill 164	H. Stratman 138
A. Grossman 158	T. Sloski 118
Ground Key Division	Plumbing Division
E. C. Stille 180	K. Keck 197
J. Taylor 162	A. Jendry 149
H. Gragg 150	P. Jacka 145
F. Taylor 147	O. C. Keil 135
G. Edwards 141	I. Kramer 132
N. Washburn 108	C. W. Hathaway 125
Pattern Shop	Regulators
H. Leipski 179	W. Smith 161
G. Krag 172	A. Olson 159
C. Morenz 171	F. March 151
A. Lindamood 160	J. Pollock 145
R. Lusk 158	G. Hutchins 141

Ten High Bowlers			
Player and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	84	185	241
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div.	90	184	235

GUNS AND DOGS



Roy Whitaker's display of guns and dogs at the Hobby Show. It attracted much attention. The two well trained setters scarcely moved throughout the evening. When they did, a quietly spoken "down" brought them to their good behavior.

C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	90	182	241
E. C. Stille, Grd Key Div.	66	180	222
H. Leipski, Pattern Shop	70	179	235
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.	90	176	215
G. Krag, Pattern Shop	90	172	227
C. Morenz, Pattern Shop	86	171	236
C. F. Roarick, Wks. Mgr. Of.	75	170	222
A. Flaughner, Spec. Div.	81	169	243

Be Just

Act rightly and fairly. Don't take advantage of others. Neither allow others to take advantage of you. Be just in all your acts. Adopt the creed of the "square deal." It lays a solid foundation for success in any walk of life. Such a foundation never crumbles. You can go on and on building upon it. It always pays in the end to be just and fair.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE

A miscellaneous shower, honoring Garnet Cochran who was married to Joe Wall on March 29, was given by Jenny Kinney and Gladys White on March 26, at 905 N. Union St.

Twelve girls attended and the evening was spent playing games. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

WHERE EATING IS GOOD

Here is a five day menu in our cafeteria:

Monday:—Roast beef and brown gravy, baked potatoes, choice of spinach, scalloped corn or stewed tomatoes; cherry pie or tapioca pudding; bread and butter; coffee or milk.

Tuesday:—Roast pork and brown gravy; baked potatoes; choice of sauer kraut, baked apples, or dressing; macaroni; bread and butter; raisin, apple pie or fruit sherbet; coffee or milk.

Wednesday:—Meat loaf or pickled herring; mashed potatoes; choice of creamed cabbage, parsnips or rutabago; bread and butter; apple, apricot pie, or prune whip.

Thursday:—Chicken and noodles; mashed potatoes; choice of navy beans, peas and carrots, buttered beets; blackberry or butterscotch pie; coffee or milk.

Friday:—Haddock or meat croquettes; French fried potatoes; choice of stewed tomatoes, baked beans, spinach; bread and butter; apple or cherry pie or prune whip; coffee or milk.

Cold Dishes:—Boiled ham sandwiches, deviled ham sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches, bean salad, slaw, egg and beet salad, radishes, celery.

THE COST

Meat, 10c; side dishes, 5c; bread and butter, 3c; milk, 5c; dessert, 5c; coffee, 5c; soup (vegetable), 8c; chili, 10c; salads, 5c.

For 20c one can get a generous helping of meat, two vegetables and dessert. That's plenty for any noon-day lunch, especially for employes who do desk work. A larger appetite can be satisfied for very little more.

Do we have good food?

Don't these menus tempt your appetite? And the expense is much less than you could provide the meal at home. In addition to this, the women in charge are all good home cooks. They know good meat, fresh vegetables, and desserts, and they know appetizing ways of preparing them. The kitchen is clean, the trays, dishes and silverware are clean. A large portion of the food is never touched by human hands, because practically all kitchen machinery for preparing food will be found there. The fact that it is so equipped and the quality of the food explains why it is a losing proposition. The company never intended to make money on the cafeteria. The idea was to provide a clean, inviting place for employes to eat their noonday meal. If you want to bring your lunch and supplement it with a few things from the counter, you are welcome to do so. Such meals as we enjoy served in a downtown restaurant at regular restaurant rates would undoubtedly bring in a good profit.

BIG BILL LEADS TEAM

Two teams of bowlers from Decatur went to Syracuse, N. Y., on March 28 to attend the American Bowling Congress tournament. W. R. Gustin, our purchasing agent, was a member of one of the teams, termed in the Decatur Herald as "the advance guard of the nation's hot shots."

Due to Mr. Gustin's modesty on the subject

A HAPPY TRIO



These three attractive children are the sons and daughter of Gerald Yonker, Shipping Dept. Left to right they are: Joey, age 9; Geraldine, age 11; and Sammy, age 1. The picture was taken on Sammy's first birthday, December 5, and given to Gerry as a Christmas present. The children's grandfather, Sam Yonker, for whom the youngest was named, is a grinder in the tool department, and their Uncle Tony is in the water works division of the sales department.

we were unable to learn very much about the details, but we did hear that he lead his team with a high total and an average of 199.

Changes in Printing Dept.

Bill Anderson of the tool room, aided and abetted by August Rostek, recently did some fine work for the printing department. They made four handsome brass galleys, as good or better than are turned out by regular manufacturers. A galley is used by a printer for assembling type into a printing form. It's an oblong sheet of brass with upright sides and end. One end is left open so that the type may be shoved off.

Another nice piece of work was the conversion of a hand stapling machine into foot power. This enables an operator to be faster and more efficient as both hands are left free to handle booklets when stapling them.

VELMA FOOLED FRIENDS

Velma Olive of the Upkeep Stock Department checked out March 23 to accept a position with the Ridgelydale Dairy. The announcement one week later that she had been married to Cass Runyan since November 1933 while a surprise to many, merely confirmed the suspicion of those who had been working with her.

The three day measles epidemic still claims a victim now and then in our organization. Earl Duncan and Louise Anderson have the distinction of being the latest to share this honor.

WEDDINGS

Cochran-Wall

Miss Garnet Cochran of the Core Room and Joe Wall of the Cost Department were married March 29 at 3 p. m. by Rev. C. W. Flewelling, pastor of the Central Christian Church. The wedding was in the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. R. J. Wall, 546 West Green St. Miss Gladys White and Maurice Workman were attendants. The couple will live at 546 West Green street.

BRASS CHIPS

Humpy Behrns is suffering from recurrent baseballitis, but is in no danger. The cure will come with the baseball season.

At the noonday lunch last pay day, March 22nd, Jim Thorpe asked with great show of disinterest, "When's pay day?" Ed Stille made a noise like a cow bawling at a farm yard gate, and Burt Jackson quacked like a duck, and indulged in sundry other noises usually made by poultry and animals. Jim tried to make them believe that he was sincere and not kidding, but nobody accepted his story. Whoever heard of any one forgetting a pay day.

The copper storage room on the north side of the garage has been torn out, which makes more room for cars and trucks.

Fern Davey and Helen Waddell of the core room assisted in the advertising department for several days in March, and then several days in the sales department mailing out new price corrections on plumbing goods.

The engagement of Lillian Tomalla of the core room and Otto Lasco was announced March 31. The wedding will be in late summer.

It has been rumored that three more girls from the core room are contemplating changing their names this summer, but definite announcements have not been made as yet.

Duke Mueller dropped in from Chattanooga April 1, expecting to remain for several weeks at the main plant. W. E. Mueller is also here.

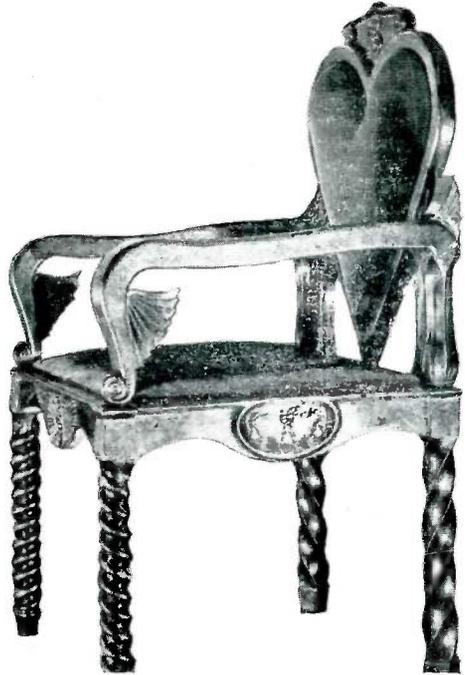
Flossie Poe has improved in health since she underwent a tonsil operation in March.

A. H. Thompson, Dept. 9, was called to his old home in Kentucky by the serious illness of his father, March 23d. When he returned after an absence of about a week, his father was still very low.

SUGGESTIONS

Keep in mind the suggestion plan. There are many things in the organization which are subject to improvement in safety, reduced overhead, or increased production. You may discover some of these and by a suggestion for their correction win one or more prizes. Suggestion prizes coming to you just preceding Christmas may make your family's holiday much brighter, cheerful and enjoyable.

THE HOBBY SHOW



This beautiful Mahogany chair was displayed at our Hobby Show. It was designed and made by Hal Snyder, wood pattern maker. The workmanship and the hand carving are strong testimonials of Hal's skill.

DEATHS

Mrs. Emma A. Cale

Mrs. Emma Armina Cale died March 13 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Trott.

Mrs. Cale had many friends in Decatur, Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, and Dallas, where she had visited many times when Mr. and Mrs. Trott were in those cities in attending to business connected with the Mueller branches.

She was born in Greentown, Ohio, April 23, 1854. Funeral services were held at Morrison Chapel, Paris, Illinois, on March 15, and burial was in Edgar cemetery at Paris.

Rule Book for Columbian

E. H. Langdon has finished compiling a book of rules, safety advice, and general information for the Columbian Iron Works. It is patterned after the booklet which we all know through use in the Decatur plant. This booklet was printed on our presses. He has now compiled a new book for Decatur. This is considerably larger, but will also be handled in our printing department. Our new and larger press has greatly improved and increased the efficiency of our printing department.

CORRECTION

On page 6 reference is made to the classes in First Aid. These classes will meet every Monday and Thursday for ten meetings instead of ten minutes.

TRIO OF MUELLER EMPLOYEES' BABIES



Right to left: Joan Velora Brown, 2 months old daughter of O. T. Brown of the Foundry.
 David Lee McInroe, 4 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo McInroe. Mrs. McInroe before her marriage was Madge Daniels and worked in Dept. S.
 Walter Leon Dannewitz, 22 months old son of F. W. Dannewitz, Dept. 300.

COME TO THE TAMASHA

Friday, May 3, promises to be a big night for the Boy Scouts of Troop 2. On that evening, there will be held in the Mueller gymnasium a three-part "tamasha" to raise money to send one of our first-class scouts to the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Washington, D. C. the last ten days in August. Attendance at this Jamboree will be an experience that the lucky scout will never forget.

Walter Auer and his helpers will serve creamed chicken on hot biscuits with slaw and coffee for fifteen cents. A piece of pie will be five cents more. With the ticket comes a tag which will admit the bearer to an entertainment in the gymnasium which will be varied and interesting. Several good numbers have already been secured. At nine o'clock the floor will be cleared for dancing. One ticket covers the cats, show, and dance.

Save that night for the Boy Scout "Tamasha".

OPENINGS FOR SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts in Decatur is becoming so popular that it is becoming difficult for a boy, when he becomes twelve years of age, to get into a troop. Preference for places in Troop 2 is held for sons of Mueller employees. There are openings now in this troop, and several boys are now eligible. It is our suggestion that fathers and sons concerned act promptly for these openings will not be held much longer, as there are a number of boys not connected with us who are awaiting the chance to go into our troop.

Water Works Display

August Rostek, who works in various departments as needed, has been engaged for some time doing the mechanical work on a display which will be sent to the annual convention of the American Water Works early in May. The convention will be held in Cincinnati.

BRASS CHIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Marty and Dorothy Stratman visited the Flower Show in St. Louis on Sunday, April 7.

Mary Wilkins accompanied her sister and nephew to their home in Chicago on April 6, and Mary remained to visit a few days.

Shirl Tish of the Foundry, was laid up for nearly three weeks with the mumps.

Wm. Cambridge has been transferred from the Maintenance Dept. to the Assembly Dept. He has been laid up for several weeks with a lame back.

Melvin Wisnaski of the Core Dept. and Wm. T. O'Dell of the Ground Key Dept., are new tenants on Mueller land. They live on the South Side Drive just west of the Illinois Central viaduct. Other farmers from our force who are on Mueller land are Albert Anderson, Happy Thompson and Charles Johnson at Mueller Lodge.

Billy Campbell is now driving a new Plymouth coupe and Leo Wiant a new four-door Plymouth.

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Holly: "Are you making any progress in getting acquainted with those fashionable people who have just moved next door to your house?"

Polly: "Their cat invited our cat over to a musical last night."

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Doyle: "I want to see some mirrors."

Clerk: "Hand mirrors, sir?"

Doyle: "No, just something to see my face in."

NEWS FROM SARNIA

SARNIA PLANT

April, 1935

No. 1

Personnell

G. W. Parker	Vice President
Wm. Twaits	Sales Manager
R. McIntyre	Superintendent
H. S. Robertson	Ass't. Supt.
R. J. Skippon	Mechanical Engineer
W. B. Campbell	Purchasing Agent
O. C. Spears	Cost Accountant

Given Presents

On receiving the resignations of Mr. L. H. Burleigh and Mr. E. W. Allen, the employees presented them with a token, expressing the high esteem in which both were held, and wishing them all happiness in the future.

Fatman's Club

The Sarnia Fat Man's Club was initiated under date of March 11th by Everett Mueller with a list of those eligible for membership and some well considered advice for correction of the weaknesses, apparently admitted by all charter members. In self-defense, rather than opposition, Frank O'Dell, with the unanimous consent of all those who were not included as members in the Fat Man's Club, was on his own initiative appointed President of "Ye Olde Order of Sylph Like Figures," or the antithesis—"Quick, Watson, the needle." I mean the dictionary—of the Fat Man's Club which was graphically described in Everett Mueller's letter of March 21st with the suggestion that the name of the club was not at all satisfactory. On the contrary Webster's Dictionary was right; the members of the Club do represent slender, graceful women, and a Brilliant South American Humming Bird with a forked tail, but each tail carries a stinger.

You will hear more from us in the future.

A Member of Ye Olde Sylph Like Figures.
Alias Anti Fat.

News Items

Mr. Edward Cook was made the new foreman of the tool-room on February 1st of this year. Mr. Cook has been with the Sarnia plant eighteen years.

Those who attended the Salesmen's Meeting held in Sarnia on Feb. 18, 19, and 20th were: Wm. E. Mueller, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wilbur Simpson, Decatur, Ill.; Frank O'Dell, Chicago, Ill.; J. J. Conway, Vancouver, B. C.; J. Woodcock and A. Thibeault, Montreal, P. Q.; L. O'Neill, Toronto, Ont., and M. A. Schroder, London, Ont.

Mr. Wm. Twaits and Mr. R. McIntyre attended the Water Works Convention in London on March 27, 1935. They were later joined by Mr. Ebert Mueller, G. W. Parker, R. J. Skippon, J. Milne and H. S. Robertson.

Chatter

Mr. Twaits on accepting the Sales Managership, presented Jimmie O'Neill, his successor, with his sample bag. Jim, wasn't in the least

elated with the gift. He says, Mr. Twaits lugged so many samples around with him, that when he puts the bag on the ground, it is so round and out of shape, it absolutely rolls.

Then we have Cecil Spears, our Cost man, driving up to work in his new Pontiac car. We always thought Cecil was a confirmed bachelor, but now we are beginning to wonder?

Jimmie Skippon, our Mechanical Engineer, another confirmed bachelor, worries us a lot. He doesn't boast a new car, still we can't help but notice that he uses pink gadgets in his Ford?

Mr. Ebert Mueller likes his work so well in our claims department, that he arose at 6:00 a. m. one morning, nearly hurting himself in his haste to get to business. However, later it was found, that he had mistaken the Catholic Church bell, tolling early mass, for the 7:45 a. m. ferry bell.

We are glad to say along with the Decatur Record, that "new dentures" are being seen around our plant also. Mr. Vollmer, in particular, looks quite handsome. Bert Campbell, from the office, would like to join the ranks, and says that all contributions will be thankfully received.

The worst mistake in quite a while, was made by Mr. Milne, our assistant Sales Manager. Mr. Milne was conducting his church choir the other evening and told his alto section that they had their triplets wrong.

Silence isn't always golden—sometimes it is just plain yellow.

Births

CROOKS—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crooks (Dept. 19-19-1) a son, Donald John,—Feb. 6th, 1935.

GILBERT—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilbert (Dept. 16) a daughter, Helen Ruth—March 16th, 1935.

Mrs. A. Reeve was confined to her home for a week in March, with a severe attack of the flu. Mrs. Reeve works in the accounting department, and has been with the company eleven years.

We are thankful that Lester Gark escaped without injury when he collided with a Transport Truck. Lester seems to be unfortunate with cars.

Salesmen's Meeting

Our Salesmen gathered together at the plant on February 18th, 19th and 20th, for their meeting, where they were joined by Wm. E. Mueller, J. W. Simpson and F. J. O'Dell. Discussions of much interest took place concerning the necessity and desirability of increasing sales, and also improving the lines we offer. It was also felt that this meeting, the first in two years, was of considerable benefit to those in charge of operation in the plant, as well as to

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PLANT 2

Mrs. Carl Morton was injured in an automobile accident Monday, April 8, at the corner of Locust and Twenty-second streets. Mr. Morton was driving. Mrs. Morton received a broken leg and other injuries.

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A new sheet metal, fire-proof, pattern storage, forty feet by twenty feet, has been built at Plant 2 just north of the Machine Shop between the track and the fence. This building will store all the metal and wood patterns. The force at Plant 2, under the direction of Bob Tauber, are placing the patterns on the special shelving with indexed locations recorded on cards. When this work is completed, it will be possible to turn to an index and locate any pattern.

The Pattern Dept. at Chattanooga has recently gone through this experience. The shed and method is patterned on that recently worked out for Columbian Iron Works. At Chattanooga they used for this purpose the sheet metal building which formerly stood at Plant 3 and which was taken down and erected again on Twenty-fifth Street at the Chattanooga plant.

Further storage facilities at Plant 2 for large wooden flasks has been provided on the west side of the foundry buildings. A new platform has been built of channel iron and material of this kind will be systematically stored here.

The space in which castings are painted has been enlarged to include steam heating tank, new paint tank, and dryer. Castings are trucked from the shop into the paint room, lifted with an air hoist into the steam chest, and from there taken to the paint tank and dipped and moved over on the drying table. By this means of heating, dipping, and mechanical handling, castings are painted and dried within half an hour. This method saves time and lost motion.

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Plant 2 takes just pride in their boulevard lawn and shrubbery. The usual spring work, such as reseeding and cleaning off the lawn, has been completed. Dick Cash, who did this work, has been doing the same sort of thing at the main plant.

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Ellis Musgraves returned to work March 18 after a severe attack of pneumonia.

FIRST AID

L. E. Clark, who took the American Red Cross First Aid course under Dr. Muirheid in Decatur last December, is now instructing a class in first aid. The group consists of Marshall Hobbs, Bert Butt, Al Radke, Walter Bowan, L. E. Kramer, Otha Mills, Melvin Chaney, and Fred Meador. They meet in the Employment Office school room on Monday and Thursday for ten minutes.

BIRTHS

CURRY—Mr. and Mrs. John Curry, a son, Donald Wayne, January 28.

STOGSDIL—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Stogsdil, foundry, a son, Carl Willis, February 27.

TOOLE—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Toole, foundry division, a daughter, March 18, Betty Ann.

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our men on the road. It is confidently expected as a result of the meeting, that stronger and successful efforts will be made to show a decided improvement in our business for 1935.

The social activities were confined to bridge and "draw." In the former, Wm. E. Mueller and G. W. Parker had a few lessons, on how the game should be played, by instructor Milt Schroder assisted by J. F. Woodcock. J. W. Simpson was very keen to play draw with a bunch of so-called rookies and act as their instructor, but it was a pitiful thing to see his confidence wane, as he learned that these rookies, were as wolves among sheep, all of which was to the detriment of his pocket-book.

SUGGESTIONS

The suggestion system, which has been in operation in the main plant for a number of years, has now been installed in the Mueller Fixture Co. There has been some slight modification in the plan, but in principle it follows the original scheme. Employees of the Fixture company have been supplied with rule books fully explaining the plan. In the main plant the suggestion system has been mutually beneficial to the company and employes, and it should be likewise in the Fixture organization.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Joe Morgan returned to work in April after an absence of six weeks with scarlet fever and pneumonia.

William Lloyd Baker was absent for a week in March with a lame back.

Several new men have been added to the force recently.

Jack Kangaroo: "Jill, where is the baby?"

Jill Kangaroo: "Heavens! My pocket has been picked!"

TONY AND FRANK



This picture of Tony Grossman and his brother, Frank, was taken several years ago, as the head gear readily indicates. In fact Tony at that time was only four years old and his brother six. Tony is now draftsman in Dept. 36 and has three attractive children of his own.