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SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are so many taxes, and so many by new names and for new purposes that it is difficult for the best of us to fully understand them all. Here is an unbiased explanation of some of them and their effect on the man who is in business and for those of us who work for them. We suggest a careful reading of the following reprinted article:

"A Message to American Labor

"Consider the surtax on undistributed earnings and what it means to you.

"Do you know that from 1930 to 1934 inclusive, corporations of the country paid out \$21,260,000,000* more than they took in?

"Do you know that this was possible because in prior years a portion of the income earned was set aside for just such 'a rainy day'? Do you realize that without such savings labor as a whole would have been far worse off than it was?

Do you know that any earnings now kept in the business are taxed heavily? Is it not clear if earnings decline or stop, men will be laid off much faster than ever before?

"Do you understand that the tax on undistributed earnings enacted in 1936 is holding back building programs and equipment purchases because business management feels the benefits are lost because of this 'penalty' tax or because stockholders are not willing to permit management to incur the tax?

"Do you know that this tax is discriminatory; that it may be working to the disadvantage of the very company that employs you?

"If business were relieved from this tax more money would be spent on additions to plants and for for equipment. Don't you believe that this would benefit labor all over the country? Don't you believe it would improve business itself?

"Business has grown on its earnings in good times. In bad times it has lived on the earnings of prior years. Any tax which interferes with this is unsound. Do not misunderstand—everyone knows it takes tax collections to meet government expenditures. This is not an argument against taxes, though certainly they are higher than ever before. This is an argument against a tax which is unsound because it interferes with good business judgment and because it is not in the interest of labor or the country as a whole.

PICNIC AUG. 6

An Early Date Prevents Conflict With Opening of State Fair

The date for the annual picnic has been selected — Saturday, August 6 — at the Lodge grounds as usual. Last year's picnic was generally accepted as the best we ever held. This gives the picnic committee something to shoot at. The hope is to make the 1938 event even better. To this ideas and suggestions are needed. If you can help along these lines do so. The date this year was made earlier than usual so that there will be no conflict with the State Fair. Any ideas or suggestions mailed to the picnic committee will be given careful consideration.

BIRTHDAY

On the occasion of Mr. Robert's birthday a telegram of congratulations and good wishes was sent him by the Foremans Club. Usually this anniversary is remembered with flowers. In view of the fact that flowers would have been furnished by a Miami florist and the fact that Florida is a land of flowers that sort of a remembrance seemed to much like sending a cake of ice to an Esquimo. Therefore the telegram was substituted.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Robert in which he says: "I wish to thank the Foremans Club for the nice and interesting telegram of March 29 congratulating me on my birthday. Both Mrs. Mueller and I ap-

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MY, MY, HOW HE'S CHANGED

"What type of a boy was Ed. Stille?"

"Oh, one of the goody good type. When he was serving his apprenticeship he one time had a parlor date. The lights went out at 9:30 and he spent the rest of the evening in the cellar working on the fuses."

KEEPING WARM

When flying in high altitudes air men wear electrically heated clothes, which are covered with batteries. The suits are also fur lined.

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ROUND ABOUT

Carl Dodwell went to Chicago to the A.B.C. Bowling Tournament recently. Maybe he received some pointers on making a 700 series. We hope so.

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We are glad to welcome Velma Runyan back after an absence of a month, due to illness. Hope you're feelin' fit as a fiddle, Velma.

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Seems as if spring is back again (to stay, we hope) after all the nice rainy, rainy weather we had. Springtime, time for love and romance, and such stuff — strolling in the park. Tsch! You'd better look out, everybody, or my scouts will get the dirt on you!!

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Helen Draper has greeted the new spring season by donning a pair of brown and white sport oxfords.

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Have you seen Lorin Grossboll since he returned from Armour Institute in Chicago? He looks fine. Chicago must agree with him.

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Hear ye! hear ye! Snoop's gossip column is coming up in the world. Duke Mueller, along with many others, has his curiosity aroused, he also wants to know, "Who is Snoop? More Power to You, Snoop!"

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We want to thank our friend, the third floor ruminator, for the nice compliment extended us in last issue. We think as we try to handle the pets, he or she (cross out word not fitting) is doing a very fine job in discussing "Coiffures." In fact such a good job that a sub head entitled "Most Outstanding Coiffure of the Month" would seem appropriate.

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BUT—speaking of pets—if any of you have any news about your pets, or otherwise, please forward to us in care of Mr. Wagenseller.

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Louise De Janes has recuperated from a severe case of the measles. Glad to see you back, Louise.

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Ferne Pope has recently acquired a new habit—that of reading signs over doors. Not only reading them, but believing them, too. Evidently before—should we tell before what? Well, to be brief, yes, very brief, Ferne started in the wrong door and was shooed out before trespassing too far — as we were saying, evidently before this Ferne must have been a Missourian — a non-believer in signs.

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Louise Whitehead celebrated her birthday the last of March and was remembered well with lovely presents and cards by her many friends.

BAD PATTERN GOOD

Mother: "You good for nothing! Why don't you take a pattern from your father?"

Son: "What has he done?"

Mother: "Why, he has just got two years off his sentence for good conduct."

EAGER TO FIND RIGHT MAN

Are opportunities fewer than in former days? Every member of this organization who has listened to talks by Adolph Mueller will recall his oft repeated statement that this company is looking within its own ranks for men capable of filling responsible positions in the higher ranks.

Along these lines we are reprinting here the utterance of the head of a big business. Here it is:

"When the president of a great grocery chain was in Grand Rapids a short time ago he declared that opportunities at the top had been multiplied rather than reduced. He asserted that large corporations were eager to find men who could fill these positions and that there was a dearth of material, not an oversupply.

If there is a feeling today that opportunity does not knock as frequently at the doors of American youth as heretofore, is it the fault of the system or is it because ambition has lagged and initiative has been allowed to become dulled? Are there too many who want to attain the heights without paying costs?"

Enloe: "What was the most you ever weighed?"

Nurse Pope: "154 pounds."

Enloe: "And what was the least you ever weighed?"

Nurse Pope: "8½ pounds."

Boy Scouts

Mueller Boy Scout Troop 2 was host Thursday night, April 7, to a scout rally of all scout troops in the Blackfeet district. This rally was a competitive contest among the troops to determine which was the best in some principle in scout work.

About one hundred boys took part in the contest, and Troop 2 did well, placing in the points in every event. After all scores were counted, the Mueller boys finished in third place.

The boys did a fine job, because two-thirds of the troop is made up of tenderfoot scouts, and it was their first time to compete in any rally. They are getting ready to win the next one.

THE DIFFERENCE

The principal difference between the wise men and a fool is that the wise man keeps his mouth shut and his eyes open, while the fool keeps his mouth open and his eyes shut.

WRONG KIND

"Think of it, sweetie. If you'd marry me, you'd have a great big man around the house all the time."

"That's just it. I'd prefer a husband who has a job."

FOUND HIM D. D.

"How did you find your husband when you returned from your vacation?"

"O, I just happened to stumble over him while I was cleaning up the cellar."

GROUP PHOTO OF NIGHT SCHOOL



SCHOOL IS OUT

Winter Session Ends with Dinner at Cafeteria

The 1938 session of the Mueller School of Instruction closed on March 24 with a dinner in the cafeteria attended by the 135 members. The attendance was much larger this year than last, when the school was inaugurated, and with very few exceptions all who signed up for the ten weeks course attended every session. Following a delectable swiss steak dinner prepared by the cafeteria staff of culinary artists, the class adjourned to the gymnasium for two moving picture films. These films were shown through the courtesy of the Anaconda Company and tied up closely with the manufacturing methods that the class had been studying.

After the films, L. W. Mueller spoke on Mueller policies and business conditions, and then turned the meeting over to Frank H. Mueller, who asked for the opinions of those who had attended the class, and suggestions for the school to be held next year.

At the close of the meeting some of the group remained to play ping pong, while others enjoyed card games in the cafeteria.

The excellent attendance and the interest evinced in manufacturing methods are proof that there are many in the organization who are interested in learning more about the place in which they work.

BRASS CHIPS

O. C. Keil, our comptroller and Mr. Eakin, comptroller of Staley Co., attended a meeting of accountants at Springfield, April 2nd, and had a prominent part in the program, each delivering an address.

Carl Dedwell, one of the hot shots in the Mueller bowling league went to Chicago to attend the National meet and to learn new points about upsetting the pins.

Vacation time is drawing near. Another month will bring about trips to distant points. Last summer we heard complaints "that so and so's trip was printed in the Record but nothing was said about mine."

Among the visitors at the recent meeting of the Illinois Section of the A. W. W. A. was Jimmy Judge, who was at one time a member of this organization. He now travels for the Neptune Meter Company. Jimmy and family, wife and three children live in Chicago.

Otto Keil, Jr. was a member of the debating team at Millikin University which recently settled the question, "Resolved, That the National Labor Relations Board Should Be Empowered to Enforce Arbitration in All Industrial Disputes." Affirmative, Otto Keil and David McNeilley; negative, Dorothy Dashner and Genda Abbott. Messrs. Keil and McNeilley won. A prize of \$36 will be divided.

Just what J. W. Wells said to the driver of the automobile who bumped him, ruining a suit of clothes and skimming his knee, is not permissible of reproduction in a family publication like *The Record*. However, it was not a prayer, presumably because JW's knee was too sore to kneel. What he did say, however, was very fitting, and well deserved. Briefly JW made the verbal "punishment fit the crime."

Walt Bowan is a recent addition to our photograph staff and is doing good work. And then what's the matter with Frank Mueller and his "candid camera"; also Francis Carroll is some rembrandt. The front cover of the outside June Record will show you a sample of his work. He's in the front ranks, too. Veterans like O. C. Keil, Helen Pope and others will have to look out for their laurels, or should we say their snap and development.



★ **WHAT IS GOOD FOR INDUSTRY IS GOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY** ★

National Association of Manufacturers

Maybe you've seen this outdoor advertisement when you were out riding or walking some recent Sunday.

What it says sounds like common sense. But let's make sure. Let's think the thing through.

We know in the first place that the more things business produces, the more things we have. When the wheels of industry are humming — making cars, and clothing and all the comforts and luxuries of life—there are more things for all of us.

And the more attractive business is, the more money there is for wages and the more jobs there are. Also, the millions who are investors in American industry are sorer of receiving their dividend checks.

Of course, the truth of all this is easier for some people to see than others. For instance, the man who works in a manufacturing plant is closer to the picture than some others. But the office employee or the salesman is no less affected by the condition of business.

Others, too, depend on prosperous industries for their welfare even though they may seem to have nothing whatever to do with manufacturing. The local merchants—large and small—depend on factory and office payrolls. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker all prosper or go doctor and the dentist, though they sometimes may not recognize it, eventually look to business activity for the money that pays them for their services.

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IS GOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY**

There's a lot of truth in that for all of us to think about.

Beware what you set your heart upon. For it surely shall be yours.

—Emerson.

BETTY'S ESSAY

Men are what women marry. They are divided into three classes: Husbands, bachelors and widowers.

A bachelor is a man whose mind is filled with suspicion

Husbands are of three varieties: Prizes surprises and consolation prizes.

Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest arts known to civilization. It requires science, patience, persistence, faith, hope and charity.

If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death. If you permit a man to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the end; and if you don't, he gets tired in the beginning. If you believe all he tells you, then he thinks you are foolish; and if you don't, then he thinks you are a cynic. If you wear gay colors, rouge and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown turban and a tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, route and startling hat.

If you join the gaieties and approve of his smoking and drinking, he says you are driving him to destruction; and if you don't approve, he avows that you are snobbish. If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have any brains, and if you are a modern, advanced and intelligent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly he longs for a bright mate, and if you are intelligent and brilliant, he longs for a playmate.

Most men are like worms in the grass; they wriggle around for awhile—then some chicken grabs them.

That denture-selling salesman from Decatur must have wandered off to Chattanooga—"Boots" McAdams and Bob Parsons, of the Machine Shop, are both boasting about a lot of new teeth.

BOWLING IS ON THE BOOM

Specialty Team Apparently Stand to Win First Position Again

At the present time, holding a six game lead and but three weeks remaining, the Specialty boys can take it easy and practically coast into their second consecutive championship. Consistently hammering away with the same enthusiasm that gave them honors last year, never letting up under any circumstances, and bounding along together with a determination to repeat this achievement of the previous year, they have carried a percentage of .600 or better the entire season, good



Cartoonist—EVERETT DICKEY

enough for top honors in almost any league.

The Utility Engineers and Works Manager's office teams have been see-sawing back and forth into second and third place for the past few weeks. The deciding factor may turn up April 19 when the two teams clash, both going into that particular match with the same number of wins and losses. The downfall of either may mean new life to the Main Office or the Apprentice teams, as they, too, are scheduled to meet the same night, and they are not in such position that they cannot do a little climbing in the standings themselves. The Plumbers, having difficulty all the year round, ran into some more bad luck when "Happy" Thompson caught his finger in a punch press and will undoubtedly be out the rest of the year, diminishing their hopes to ever climb into the race again.

Bert Flaughner, captain of the Specialty Division, holds onto his perch of leading the league with an average of 190. C. Dodwell rates second with 189 and C. C. Roarick, W. Behrns and Eric Blankenburg follow with 185, 184 and 183 respectively. Chances for drastic changes in this particular field are very unlikely as the number of games played

is so high that the nine games remaining will have little effect on the individual average.

Happenings Since March 8

Since our last report three of the boys broke into three different classes. George Krag snapped his first 600 series getting 619 and featured a 214 game, also his highest single game of the year. Orville Keller also carried out his threat to beat the 500 mark before the season ended, and did so on April 12, getting 506, and Ray Kileen breezed into the 400 class, pushing a 418 series with the aid of his highest single game of the year, a 175 count.

Mr. Werdes returned from California and took his place with the Main Office team again.

Below are listed the team scores and individual averages up to and including April 12:

Week Ending April 12, 1936

Team	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Division	93	56	37	.602	833
Utility Engineers	93	50	43	.538	835
Works Mgr. Of.	93	50	43	.538	795
Main Office	93	48	45	.516	789
Apprentices	93	45	48	.484	749
Plumbers	93	41	52	.441	737

Individual Averages

Specialty Division	Main Office
A. Flaughner190	C. Dodwell189
E. Hartwig173	A. Werdes166
C. Hill170	J. Bain162
H. Stratman168	A. Jendryny159
W. Mueller149	J. Morrison152
R. Caudle146	C. Draper142
	O. Keller140

Utility Engineers

W. Behrns184
E. Blankenburg183
H. Leipski165
F. Tratzik157
W. Bowan154
M. Foster144

Works Mgr. Office

C. C. Roarick175
L. Wiant172
G. Krag164
J. Taylor161
F. March160
D. Wilkins125

Apprentices

M. Riewski163
R. Roarick162
C. Constant159
C. Rubicam146
R. Tertocha139
R. Uher125

Plumbers

L. Adams176
H. Thompson168
L. Kramer149
P. Ruthrauff140
J. Fair134
R. Kileen112

Ten High Bowlers

Name	Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
A. Flaughner, Specialty Div.		72	190	267
C. Dodwell, Main Office		84	189	256
C. C. Roarick, Works Mgr.		50	185	246
W. Behrns, Utility Engineers		87	184	255
E. Blankenburg, Utility Eng.		87	183	242
L. Adams, Plumbers		92	177	236
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div.		93	173	238
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of.		88	172	230
C. Hill, Specialty Div.		66	170	247
H. Stratman, Specialty Div.		76	168	225
H. Thompson, Plumbers		75	168	224

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A. B. C.

On April 4 and 5 four of the crack bowlers from the Mueller organization journeyed to Chicago to participate in the American Bowling Congress. They shot some nice scores in the singles and doubles events, and it is very likely that two of the boys will figure in some of the prize money.

Bert Flaughter paired along with C. Robb combined their efforts and turned in a 1145 in the doubles, while Bill Gustin paced the group in the singles with a 586 count. He also featured a high game, getting a 234 in his second game of the double events. Flaughter and Gustin also lead the group in all events, Bert getting 1694 and Bill 1650.

C. C. Roarick undoubtedly ran into some tough breaks but what happened to "Sugar" Hill?

Below is the way they performed in the entire tournament:

ABC Doubles

				Total
B. Flaughter	206	180	190	— 576
C. Robb	166	214	189	— 569
	372	394	379	—1145
A. Kashefska	201	188	179	— 568
C. C. Roarick	209	158	169	— 536
	410	346	348	—1104
Ray Hill	176	196	203	— 575
W. Gustin	146	234	124	— 504
	322	430	327	—1079
C. Hill	137	170	154	— 461
L. Schimanski	173	179	195	— 547
	310	349	349	—1008

ABC Singles

W. Gustin	173	201	212	—619
B. Flaughter	164	230	162	—556
C. C. Roarick	163	144	177	—484
C. Hill	128	156	141	—425

ABC All Events

B. Flaughter	1694
W. Gustin	1650
C. C. Roarick	1541
C. Hill	1312

Handling Women by Electricity

- If she talks too long—Interrupter.
- If she wants to be an angel—Transformer.
- If she is picking your pocket—Detector.
- If she will meet you half way—Receiver.
- If she gets too excited—Controller.
- If she goes up in the air—Condenser.
- If she wants chocolate—Feeder.
- If she sings unharmoniously—Tuner.
- If she is out of town—Telegrapher.

NANCY LOU BRIMM



Here we have Nancy Lou Brimm, 3 and ½ mo. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brimm. Nancy was photographed in her new Easter outfit, pink bonnet 'n everything. She is Brimm all over—Brimm full of fun, good nature and we think you will all agree good looks as well. The "rabbits" brought her a basket full of beautiful Easter eggs. It was a great day for Nancy.

WEDDINGS

Frazier-Henne

Maxine Frazier and Geo. Henne, Polishing Department, were married at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on March 26. They are now living at 978 N. Jordan street.

Adams-Perry

Leah Adams, who worked in the Core Room some time ago, was married to George Perry of Chicago on January 29.

Kester-Runion

Shirley Vione Kester and Ralph Runion Dept. 8, were married on Wednesday, April 13, at the Mound Chapel church of God by Rev. William Jobe. They are living at 1550 N. Calhoun street.

Kind Public Utilities

"Raising the street car fare from 5 cents to 7 cents was a great benefit to us poor working men," said Blinks.

"How do you figure that out?" said Jinks.

"Well," said Blinks, "for the last six months I have been walking to and from work and saving 10 cents a day—now I save 14 cents."—Open Road.

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APPRENTICE SCHOOL



We have here the apprentice school. These boys are taking correspondence courses with the International Correspondence Schools, and each Saturday morning they study at the plant under the direction of Elmer Fawley. Reading left to right: Elmer Fawley, Halden Hansen, Ralph Uhler, Rex Smith, Lee Bauer, Robert Moore. Originally Robert Merrow, Robert Tertocha, and Raymond Roarick were members of this class, but since they are attending the public schools part time, they have dropped out of this class.

VISITORS

About fifty students from the University of Illinois visited the factory on Monday, April 11. Professor H. F. Johnstone, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, was in charge of the group. They were conducted through the factory and had lunch in the cafeteria.

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On Thursday, April 14, fifty pupils from the grade school of Bement toured the factory under the direction of Russell J. Rogers.

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Two hundred pupils from the Macon county schools were visitors at the Mueller factory on Friday, April 15. This group was under the direction of Mrs. Cora Ryman, county superintendent. After a visit through the factory the children were shown a very appropriate industrial film, "Let's Go, America!"

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On April 6 there were over one hundred water works men, who were in Decatur attending the convention of the Illinois Section of The American Water Works Association, who accepted the invitation of the company to inspect the plant and have lunch in the cafeteria.

The foundry boasts of a new floor—also a new first aid room—which looks so bright and clean that we almost want to cut a finger or drop something on our toe.

Highest Mountain

Variations in altitudes of 11,000 feet are found in Colorado, the lowest point being 3,400 feet above sea level and the highest 14,402.

From Iceland

The words "haphazard," "hapless" "happen," and a few others all spring from "hap", an Icelandic word meaning "good luck."

What Is London Made Of?

Two cities and twenty-seven municipalities go to make London, which stretches more than fifteen miles in every direction. This city has an assessment value of more than \$225,000,000, an area of 700 square miles and a population of more than 7,652,000.

High Spire

Victoria Tower, London, 420 feet high, is said to be the highest spire in the world.

Paper

Leading countries in the manufacture of paper, in order of production, are the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Sweden and Italy.

Turtle Eggs Tough

Mature turtle eggs are about the size of a golf ball and will not break if dropped from a considerable height.

BEAUTIFUL BUT DUMB



Hubby:—"The bank has returned that check."
Wife:—"Isn't that splendid! What can we buy with it this time?"

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MORE BRASS CHIPS

Ed Stille and M. K. Cheney attended the power Show at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, on April 14.

F. A. March, Clarence Roarick, and M. K. Cheney spent a few days in Madison, Wisconsin, visiting the factory of the Gisholt Machine Co.

Mrs. Fleckenstein, wife of Mike Fleckenstein of Polishing Dept., has been ill in St. Mary's Hospital since April 5.

Edna Johnston, who has been assisting in the Printing and Stationery Department, has been transferred to the Traffic Department, and Elois Wood has been transferred to the Printing and Stationery Department.

O. C. Keil attended a meeting of the National Association of Cost Accountants in Springfield on April 2. Mr. Keil and Mr. Eakin of the Staley Co. had places on the program.

L. Olsen, Dept. 300, has been off duty for two weeks due to illness.

Mrs. Grace O'Byrne of the cafeteria, returned to work April 18. She had been absent for six weeks following an operation.

Gaylord Tripp of Plant 2, was off work for three weeks following an injury to his thumb on February 24.

A. H. (Happy) Thompson, Dept. 9, who injured one of his forefingers while operating a punch press on April 12, will probably be off work about three weeks.

Gerald St. Pierre, Dept. 30, received a fractured finger while testing Larry fittings on April 11. He will be unable to work for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood, of Bement,

UNCLE ABNER SAYS:



SENSIBLE TO THE LAST

Abner:—"I think Tom Brown is regaining consciousness."

Joe:—"What makes you think so?"

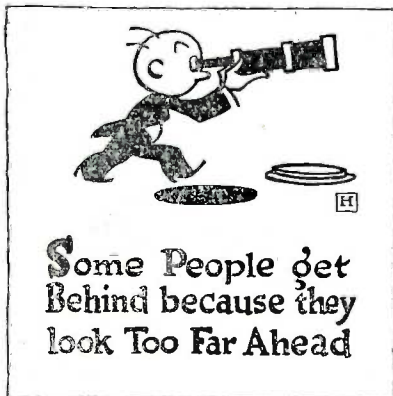
Abner:—"He just tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

visited the factory on March 29. Mr. Wood is a brother of Roy Wood of the foundry office, and formerly worked in the core room.

It has been suggested that Paul Jacka should take up roller skating. It might assist him in making a quick get-away, and after his recent experience of house-breaking, it would seem that such training would be to his advantage.

Snoop and Snitch are having a hard time gathering their data lately, but, I think they should know about the blonde on the second floor of the Office building, who stood wringing her hands and said, "Oh, why can't I rate a ride in that green Ford roadster?"

Double Cross.



FUN ON WHEELS

AT THE GYM
FRIDAY—7 P. M.
DON'T MISS IT

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Wives of Employes Visit Plant



Above:—First group; Below:—Second group. Other groups in May Record.

For many years the wives of employes have been expressing interest and curiosity about the work which their husbands did at the Mueller Co., the kind of goods manufactured, and the working conditions. This year a plan was devised wherein one afternoon a week was set aside for the wives and members of the immediate families of employes to visit the factory and see for themselves the process of manufacturing water, plumbing, and gas brass goods.

The first group, comprised of wives of the employes of the foundry and core division, went through the factory on March 22. They met in the gymnasium building at 1:30 where Adolph Mueller welcomed them and explained briefly the Mueller policies. They were then divided into small groups and conducted through the entire factory by men who have a thorough knowledge of the general plant. Upon completing their tour of the plant they were served coffee, and ice cream in the cafeteria.

The same general plan was followed for each group, L. W. Mueller making the welcoming address in Mr. Adolph's absence. On March 29 the wives of the employes of the plumbing and ground key division were the guests, and April 5 the wives of employes of Dept. 30 and Tool Room.

April 12 the wives of the watchmen, maintenance department, tool room office, pattern shop, garage, and Dept. 44 were guests. This plan will be continued until the entire factory has been covered.

If for any reason, those who were invited could not attend upon the day specified, and they still desire to visit the factory, arrangements will be made to accommodate them in another group if they will communicate with W. S. Enloe, Personnel Director.

THE PASSION PLAY

It has been some time since the Passion Play picture was presented at the Gymnasium but the memory of the entertainment still lingers. The undertaking involved quite a bit of preliminary work but this was disposed of with earnest attention to detail, resulting in a very satisfactory performance, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The seating capacity was tested at each of the three performances. To discuss the merits of the presentation would be superfluous, as practically everyone in the organization saw it and know all about it. Insofar as we can determine, everyone was satisfied.



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JULIUS LOOKS PUZZLED



Julius Grabenhofer, of the pattern room, one of the enthusiastic and successful fishermen of the organization, but he was puzzled when our cartoonist caught him looking at one of those calendars which tell you on what day fish bite best. These calendars were handed out by Duke several years ago. The editor looking one over found that there were more dark Sundays (dark days are best) than any other day. Maybe that's what's puzzling Julius. How can a man go to church and go fishing at the same time?

THE EASTER EGG HUNT

Three Hundred Children of Mueller Employees Have Great Holiday

Three hundred baby chickens, thirty ducks, several dozen large candy Easter eggs, and 1440 colored hen eggs made a large crowd of enthusiastic Mueller children ardent egg hunters on the afternoon of April 16. Plans had been made for several weeks in advance for an Easter egg hunt. The children were all invited, eggs colored, and the chickens and ducks hatched out, and then Saturday morning it rained. But the committee, arrayed in raincoats and umbrellas, maintained up until the hour of 2:30 P. M. that it was not going to rain—and so the weather man could do no less than call off his showers in the face of such optimism. And call them off he did. The afternoon was one of the finest specimens of spring weather, the crowd was large, and the Easter egg hunt was a success. Anyone who might doubt it should ask any of the three hundred youngsters who went home clutching a small brown box which contained a baby chicken, a sack of candy Easter eggs, and whatever colored eggs they chanced to find. Special prizes of ducks and large candy eggs were given to the children fortunate enough to find the lucky numbers hidden with the eggs.

And the grown-ups were not forgotten—there was grape punch and wafers for all, and the grown-ups agreed they had had fun watching the children—while there was no question about the children—they enjoyed the Easter egg hunt.

Africa's White Population

There are only about 4,000,000 white people on the entire continent of Africa, as compared to a total population of 130,000,000, about 120,000,000 of whom are negroes and Bantus.

In South American countries the school year begins in March or April and closes in November or December.

Nuts!

Nuts remain five hours in the stomach. In the skull they are liable to last forever.

Gasoline Production

In 1899, only 5.4 gallons of gasoline were derived from a forty-two gallon barrel of crude oil run through American refineries. Today 15.8 gallons of gasoline are obtained.

PLAYED IN GYMNASIUM



These two little tots are brother and sister—children of Wm. B. Jones, department 8. Their names are Gloria Jean, and Richard Dean, age 3 and 4, respectively, and they have a small sister, Janet Joan. This picture was taken one afternoon while their mother was visiting the plant, and Gloria and Jean were entertained in the gymnasium with moving pictures.

THE MUELLER RECORD

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations From a Third Floor Window)

Our windows of late have been pretty well splashed up with rain, fearfully cold rain at that, rain that has frozen on trees, wires and shrubbery to paint a not-too-pretty picture of the return engagement of winter. Some of our third-floor gardeners have been stopped, quite stopped, by the capricious carrying-on of the unpredictable Miss Spring. All of us, however, are inclined toward optimism and a hope that it won't be long until that young lady smiles upon us again. Indeed, as we go to press, we are convinced that she is about to begin smiling.

Third floor population was pretty well afflicted with basket-ball fever during the State Tournament March 17, 18 and 19. Among the lucky sesason-ticket holders were Salesman George White (his son Bill captained the Decatur High quintet), Carl Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Keller. And there were plenty of other enthusiasts among us who, after working hours, weren't far from the radio while the tournament went on.

Jack Rubicam, we understand, went a horse-back riding on March 20. From all accounts he enjoyed that royal sport very much. The next day, though, he moved with a great deal of caution, and for some reason, he experienced some little difficulty in getting about as well as in sitting down. To date, we have no report on how the hoss fared.

Gene Simpson was back at his desk on the 21st of March. He seems quite as good as new now.

O. C. Draper attended a brass meeting in Chicago on March 23. We understand that since that trip he doesn't admire the marble steps of the Palmer House quite so much as he did formerly. But we think, those steps must have what it takes; they came out of that encounter with our plumbing division chief-tain without even a scratch.

Aline Moore introduced a visitor of the simian family to all and sundry one lunch hour not long ago. He was quite a cunning monk, Ailine's little friend, and went through his paces most willingly. From his appearance, he might easily have been alive. Aline, we think, might well consider working up a marionette performance.

Mr. W. E. Mueller lately returned from Florida, and set out again on his travels late last month. With Mr. Frank O'Dell he called on the trade in the southwest territory, visiting customers in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. He was back home again April 11.

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ATHLETICS

Ping Pong

Robert Taylor won the singles championship in the double elimination ping pong contest. Bob was beaten by Harry Sackriter in the first round in the tournament and was forced to play from then on out on the losers side of the bracket. He was too good for the boys in the losers bracket, however, and won all his games which entitled him to play Harry Sackriter again for the championship. In the championship match the boys played for the best 4 out of 7 games. Bob beat Harry 4 to 2 in the first match and lead 4 to 3 in the second.

Volley Ball

Orville Keller's volley ball team was too much for the other teams in the tournament. Keller's team played every team in the round-robin tournament and never lost a match. They lost some games in some of the matches, but it seemed that whenever they needed points, they turned on the steam and went on to victory.

Roller Skating

Everyone has probably read the bulletin that was sent out about roller skating in the gym, but have all of you seen the skaters having fun down there?

This is one of the nicest, if not one of the best sports that we have had at the gym this year. This is a part of our recreation program that is suited to every member of the family. Every one can skate. We have very nice music that was ordered special for roller skating

The gym is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m.

Skates have to have either fibre or wooden wheels so they won't scratch the gym floor. We are ordering skates for the employes from one of the best roller skate manufacturers in the country. They cost the employes \$3.25. If you already have skates, we can get special wheels for you at 25 cents each. Forty persons have already taken advantage of this opportunity to obtain skates, and if there are any more who expect to buy skates it will be well not to postpone the purchase, as this special price of \$3.25 per pair is available only when the skates are ordered in dozen lots.

There have been some inquiries made regarding the arrangements for skating next year when the basketball season opens. It is planned to reserve the gym two or three nights a week for the use of skaters, and of course, there will be skating all summer on the nights previously mentioned.

The gymnasium is now opened for skating, but the grand opening will be held in the near future. At that time we hope to have professional skaters here to provide special entertainment. Watch the bulletin boards for more details. You won't want to miss this interesting event.

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Louise de Janes reverted to the days of childhood and contracted measles. After an absence of several weeks, she is back at her desk in the Cost department, quite spry and very glad to have that little matter over.

And, in spite of all her worries, Ruth Liestman has not "taken them" yet.

For a day or two a popular game in these parts was one called "Who is Snoop?" Since Snoop's first letter appeared in the Record, there has been curiosity in abundance as to who he or she might be, but this curiosity hit a new high a short time ago.

And, do you know, this old ruminator was suspected of being Snoop. Frankly, we might as well admit that we were a little set up by that accusation.

Dorothy Cooper, by way of finding expression for a spring wanderlust, went to Chicago to spend the week end of March 26 with her aunt. One of the highlights of the trip was Dorothy's ride on the "Ann Rutledge" C, and a streamliner.

It must be the influence of April 1. A few days ago Dorothy Cooper joined the distinguished company of those who have sat not wisely but too hard. For some reason she seemed to prefer the floor to the chair in which she customarily sits. No serious casualties resulted from the spill.

We are all sorry, extremely sorry, to have have Mary Wilkins leave us. Mary, for some years Mr. Adolph Mueller's secretary, has accepted a Civil Service position and begins her new duties in Washington, D. C., on May 1.

Hazel Virden Allen (we seem to have to use the "Virden" to make sure we have the right person, for we haven't become accustomed to "Mrs. Allen" yet) and friend and husband are vacationing. When last heard from, they were in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Irene Santanen visited us on April 5 and lunched at the Mueller cafeteria. It was good to see her looking so well.

Estella Stille (we think that's fun to say) and Helen Rinehart are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a bran new niece, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Patrick.

Mr. J. W. Wells, on his way home from work one night a few days ago, had a run-in with an automobile. Fortunately, except for bruises and torn clothing, he was uninjured.

Mary Wilkins visited with relatives in Edwardsville the week end of April 9.

Clara Uhl and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith were among the enthusiastic Decatur visitors at the recent flower show in St. Louis.

DEATHS

James W. Edwards

James W. Edwards, age 60, died in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital on April 7, following an illness of one week with pneumonia. He worked last on March 31. Mr. Edwards came to work for the Mueller Co. on December 6, 1918, and had been a regular assembler during the twenty years he had been employed here. He was considered a specialist in his line of testing.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Lee E. Edwards, of Bement.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday in the Monson funeral home by Rev. C. W. Flewelling, pastor of the First Christian church.

James W. Layman

James W. Layman, 76, died of a heart attack at his home, 709 W. Eldorado street, April 5. He had worked for the Mueller Co. as an enameler and tester from January 25, 1905, until March 1933, when he was retired. Mrs. Layman died September 19, 1937. They had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 6, 1937.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday in the J. J. Moran & Sons chapel, with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

Milton Priddy

Milton Priddy, brother of Chester Priddy, of the Shipping Department, died in Kansas City, Mo., on April 5, following an operation for tumor on the brain. Funeral services were held in Beloit, Kansas.

Mrs. Alvena Pilger

Mrs. Alvena Pilger, mother of Mrs. Marie King, clerk in Dept. 9, died April 5. She had made her home in Ramsey, Ill.

AFLYING POWER VS. FLOATING POWER

"It's wonderful what some insects can do. A grasshopper can jump 200 times his own length."

"That's nothing: I once saw a wasp raise a 200-pound man three feet off the ground."

DON'T MISS THE SPECTACULAR

Roller Skating Performance

GYMNASIUM 7 P. M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd

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PAUL JACKA'S PICKLEMENT

Trapped in a Strange House But Escapes Undetected

Getting in was very easy but getting out was fraught with danger — the possibility of facing a man with a "gatling gun," a shrieking woman imploring help — a ride on the Kelly to police headquarters, a jealous husband suddenly bursting through the front door and finding a strange man in the house or a hundred other situations which we haven't time to enumerate, in fact even think them up, but those specified above are only a small portion of the wild thoughts which galloped through Paul Jacka's mind, and it was all the result of an innocent mistake.

While here Paul stayed at the home of Walter Auer. He was given a night key so that he might get into the Auer home if the members of the family happened to be away. That's what happened on the night in question. Paul went to his temporary abiding place in reasonable time and had no difficulty in gaining an entrance. Paul stepped inside and prepared to make himself comfortable, but horrors of horrors, he instinctively felt that something had gone haywire. He was familiar with Walt's home but a strange, shivering sensation swept over his ample proportions fore and aft.

He went into the bath room — it did not look quite right, neither did the dining room and the kitchen confirmed the fear that something had happened to him and that he was in the wrong pew.

His chattering teeth and knocking knees called for all his reserve power to control the noise they made, while mental pictures of capture, and police stations flitted through his mind. Getting in was merely turning a night key, but getting out was a problem for the board of strategy. Carefully tip-toeing his way to the front door he opened it and closed it, silently took a look around and found that he had gotten into the house next door south of Walter's. He drew a sigh, a long gurgling sigh, when he let himself into Walt's home and went to bed there to conjure the possibilities of his unfortunate mistake.

That's why he had that scared look when he came to the office the following morning.

Paul might have kept the whole affair a secret, but it was too good a joke — and he told it on himself and got a big kick out of it — as did his friends.

CHATTANOOGA IDEA

Several succulent soups served and saved stenographers, superintendents, salesmen and such from starving and squandering seconds, sauntering in silly shops. So steaming soups served speedily spells success for our SOUP KITCHEN.

'SNUFF SAID.

THE STARK FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stark, and two daughters, Norma Lee, age 6, and Delores Ilene, age 3. Mr. and Mrs. Stark recently observed their eighth wedding anniversary. Mr. Stark is employed in the assembly division of Department 9.

SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club met for its regular meeting Wednesday evening, March 16, at the Mueller Lodge.

The rainy weather was largely responsible for the small attendance but all present seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

There was the usual delicious supper and the table was especially pretty, decorated in St. Patrick's Day colors. There were green and white carnations, green candles and cleverly decorated individual baskets which held green and white mints. A small card bearing the words, "Mueller Social Club," was tied to the handle of each basket.

For dessert there were small tubs of ice cream and shamrock shaped cookies with green icing.

Following the supper all had a jolly time playing "Bingo." Prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Edmonson and Mr. Marshall Hobbs.

Mrs. Ray Kileen was hostess for this delightful party and was assisted by Miss Ralph Duncan and Mrs. Marshall Hobbs.

BIRTHS

KRAMER—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kramer, a son, March 25. He has been named Robert Anthony. Mr. Kramer is foreman in Dept. 9.

HAWBAKER—Mr. and Mrs. VerI Hawbaker, a son, April 12. Mr. Hawbaker is a member of the Maintenance Dept.

INSPIRATION

Baltimore Life Agent, Allentown, Pa.
By William F. Diebert,

When the fog is thick and gray,
And it's hard to start the day,
When your work seems tough to do
Boy! I say "It's up to you."

When your prospect list is low
And you don't know where to go;
When you falter and feel blue,
Again, I say, "It's up to you."

Up to you to say, "I can";
Don't forget, you are a man,
Forge ahead and, with a will,
You can climb the steepest hill.

From the top look down and say,
"How bright and clear the day."
I have won my fight alone,
And I bring the bacon home."

ARMOUR INSTITUTE STUDENT

Lorin E. Grosboll, is the first student from the Mueller Co. to enter Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, under the "cooperative plan." Under this arrangement the young men selected work half time at the factory and spend the other half at the institute. Lorin went to Chicago early in February and spent nine weeks studying.



Then he returned to Decatur and is now working in Dept. 44, for two months. After that he will return to Chicago for two months. Which plan will be followed until he earns his degree in mechanical engineering. Lorin has had three years of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois, for which he received two years credit at Armour. In three years under the cooperative plan he should then have his degree.

UP AND COMING CANADIAN



Here is a photograph of Charles Richard, 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hamilton. Dickie is an adopted son and is an everlasting source of pride and delight to Phil and his wife.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND NEWS

Since Mr. Langdon left us you may not know where to leave your pictures and news for the Record. In the past the employment office was made the depository for these materials and Mr. Enloe will receive anything you bring as heretofore. However, you can save one operation by bringing this material direct to the Editor—C. N. Wagenseller—rear of the second floor, straight back from the telephone desk. This is where all photos and news finally land.

Bring your baby pictures in as heretofore. We are always pleased to use them. Also give us news of yourself and family. Mueller Record is published for the benefit and enjoyment of employees. The way to make it interesting is to fill it with news, not only factory news but any news that applies to employees in the factory and in their homes. Your cooperation along these lines will materially add to the interest of the contents of the Record.

COTTON CARNIVAL

Three Decatur high school musicians will have the distinction of playing in the official band for the annual Memphis Cotton Carnival in Memphis, Tenn., next month through director of instrumental music in Decatur public schools. Among those selected is Edward Keil, son of our comptroller, O. C. Keil.

SARNIA NEWS



Left to right— Philip Hamilton of the shipping Dept., Alex Hodges, employed August 1928, worked in the iron and steel department until March 17, 1938, when he became time study man, Charles Garrick and L. Davis of Dept. 8. Office girls snapped on a lovely spring day March 22, 1938—Flora Mann, file clerk and mail, Almeda Reeve, accounting Dept., Marjorie Ansell, Steno., Marian Burke, Steno., Jessie Jones, payroll Dept., O. C. Spear, cost Dept. Mollie Hillier, photographer and Steno.

News From Dept. 3

Bill Young has started taking his tonic after work. He says he would like to become a little "young-er". He tired himself somewhat when he became contractor and shingled a verandah for his father-in-law. Then again, who can blame Bill's lapses from sobriety when there are afternoon tea parties held at home. George Lee has been invited to tag along with Bill but for some reason or other he is looking quite pious these days.

Albert De"Kiper" has purchased a farm as a side line. We all wish him the best in his venture.

The boys of Dept. 3 are glad Dennis has retained his speech since his attack of chirp-eritis. Without speech Dennis would be as a soldier without a gun. By the way, he has to have his tonsils removed and is looking for tenders.

There is a lot of talk locally that R. Moore will be the next Social Credit candidate for this riding. Percy Night is for him 100% and we believe Tupp Baldwin must be helping him make his plans in the noon hour conferences he holds with Bob.

Albert Gilbert has finished with his baby crib, for a time at least. Don't all speak at once for it.

Kingfish "Arry" Morris complains that the brothers in his lodge, "The Knights of Lester," are behind in their dues, and his finances are getting low.

The boys of Dept. 3 miss Geo. Schillmore at the 4:45 p. m. get together and they also wonder if Jack Rose has taken rooms at the Western, they have seen him coming from there so often.

The boys of Dept. 3 are glad to note an im-

provement in Bill Marshall's health. May he be able to eat, drink and be merry before long. We also note he has traded his puddle jumper for a car but the boys still think for self-denial Bill takes the cake.

Dept. 6

Jack Foster has joined the army of workers again. He is back on the polishing row.

Percy "Nite" has started eating again. He feels he should be putting on a little weight.

R. McIntyre, John Milne and W. A. Schroder attended the Water Works Convention held in Windsor, March 23 to 25.

It is with regret that we note the death of Daniel Conway, brother of Jack Conway, territorial sales manager of Mueller Ltd. D. Conway died in Toronto March 20. Services were held at Pickering and interment at Virginia, Ontario.

The plumber, with his apprentice, had been an incredibly long time over the job, and showed no signs of getting it finished. The owner of the property thought it was about time he gently reminded him of the fact. He approached them as they were going leisurely about their work one day, and placed his hand on the shoulder of the apprentice. Then turning to the plumber, he said dryly: "My word, how this lad of yours is growing."

"They say George Washington never told a lie."

"Probably got his stenographer to tell 'em for him."

PRELIMINARY SURVEY

Polite Wayfarer: "I am sorry to trouble you, sir, but do you happen to have seen a policeman in the neighborhood?"

Hiker: "No, I can't say I have."

P. W.: "Then hand over your watch and wallet."

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THIS WON'T HURT YOU!



This man is not fighting in Spain, either with the Loyalists or the Insurgents, but we admit that his formidable headgear makes him a thing of awe and suspicion. If you were to meet him in the dark you'd likely feel cold chills running up and down your spine while you would be running in the opposite direction. However, were you to meet the wearer minus this hobgoblin affair you'd find yourself in contact with a nice, pleasant fellow, and be glad at meeting Paul Geddis. He works in No. 30 and when Walt Bowan photographed him he was fabricating Mueller H-10922 Pressure control fitting. In arc welding it is necessary to wear this sort of head protective helmet.

AS IT IS TODAY

In connection with the recent showing of "The Passion Play," which depicted scenes of the Holy Land in the time of Jesus we were interested in the following which we caught in the column "Lynotype or Two" in the Chicago Tribune, date March 24. It says:

"J. P. McEvoy, author and world traveler, dynamic as ever, although his shock of black hair is streaked with silver, has been in town for a couple of days. Back from China, Japan, and Palestine, he gives a new idea of Palestine for those of us who are still going about with little Bible pictures in our heads.... There's a bus line between Jerusalem and Bethlehem; the lake of Galilee is a summer resort, and there is a hot dog stand on the shore of the Dead sea. They rent bathing suits there and there's a little pier running out. A three lane highway goes past the little house where Mary and Martha lived. However, the town itself hasn't moved a muscle since the day of Christ's earthly existence, McEvoy said."

A lazy man is better than one who does not work at all.

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preciate it very much. Let me add that I am getting along quite well and feel that I am gaining ground right along, day by day. Sincerely hope that all of you folks are well and happy.

The telegram sent to Mr. Robert read as follows:

Mr. Robert Mueller
Nautilus Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

Because of your birthday falling on Sunday our usual remembrance was unintentionally overlooked. It is not too late, however, to make amends, and we are here expressing our congratulations in words of sincere good wishes and fellowship with the hope that your stay in Florida has been pleasant, restful, and beneficial to you and your good wife. We look forward to your return and you will find a warm welcome awaiting you from your old co workers.

THE FOREMEN'S CLUB

OFFICE JOBS

Applicant: "I may say I'm regarded as quite smart." "I've won several prizes in crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and word picture competitions lately."

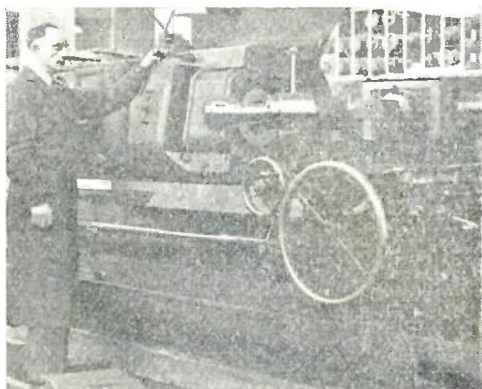
Wells: "Yes, but I want some one who can be smart during office hours."

Applicant: "Oh, this was during working hours!"

LOT LIKE HIM

Have you heard about the expectant father who, after hours spent in pacing the maternal corridor, exclaimed: "Thank God, it's a girl. I'd never want a son of mine to go through what I have today!"

"HAPPY" LOOKS IT OVER



Walter Bowan made this shot of "Happy" March while he was sizing up a big Warren & Swazey Turret lathe. The flange of a 6' valve body can be seen in the big chuck. This machine will probably be shipped to Chattanooga after it has been tuned up and tested out.