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THE W L S PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS COMING

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April 25th Prairie Farmer Studio Artists will be Last Attraction. You've Heard Them on the Air— See Them on the Stage— and Hear Them off the "Mike".

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The last stage attraction in the winter schedule of entertainments will come to us on the evening of April 25, winding up a program of amusements which have fulfilled every promise made.

When we tell you that this troupe comes from the W. L. S. Radio Broadcasting station you'll understand at once that there is SOME TREAT in store for old and young.

During the winter the Amusement Committee has provided five fine attractions— each increasing in quality and all to be excelled in the grand finale of these popular and celebrated broadcasters from Chicago.

The committee is going to make a big splurge on this occasion. They are going to leave you with a good taste in your mouth, so that you will be eager for more when another season rolls around.

You have all heard the artists composing the next company to visit us, and it is to be your privilege to see them.

From W. L. S.

This troupe comes from W. L. S., Chicago, The Prairie Farmer Radio Station and their morning, daytime, and evening programs are listened to by thousands and thousands of families. Such popularity means talent of a high order. Radio audiences are critical and demand talent of recognized professional ability and they won't listen to any station which does not supply quality.

The W. L. S. studio is always filled when "The Barn Dancers" put on their program. Radio fans are glad to pay 75 cents to see them perform, but you will get to see them for less than one-third of that sum. It's going to be a show that does not require any high pressure "Press Agenting." We judge that 8 out of every 10 of you have listened with delight to the programs of this company of artists. You know that

they can sing, but on their visit here you will see them act as well as sing.

Plan to Attend

So make your plans accordingly. Don't make any engagements which will interfere with your attendance.

The committee managing these performances at the gym have studiously endeavored to give entertainments of a good, clean, wholesome character.

Any of us with radios know how good these W. L. S. broadcasters are, when on the air, but few of this organization have ever seen them in action in the studios. Therefore it is no exaggeration to say that you are offered the chance of a lifetime to see how these performers look and act when giving their programs. In the Chicago studio visitors pay 75 cents to do this but we are going to bring this privilege to you at the small charge of 20 cents per ticket purchased prior to the show or 25 cents at the door.

Lucky to Get These Artists

The committee is gratified in being able to do this. In fact the committee was lucky in securing these artists at all. Fortunately it so happened that they could fill in here on one of their trips and in the belief that you would enjoy the show we dated them up at the highest price we have yet paid for any attraction.

Help Boost Attendance

So we are asking you to get behind the undertaking and back up the committee while you are getting more in pleasure and entertainment than you ever before got for 20 cents. Always remember your friends and neighbors are invited and welcome.

You Guessed It

All artificial "rainmaking" devices are swindles, says the department of agriculture.

DEATHS**Otto Morenz**

Otto Morenz, brother of August at Plant 2 and Charles of the Pattern Shop, died in the Wabash hospital on Thursday, Mar. 14, following a three weeks illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Saturday, St. Johannes Lutheran church, with interment in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Adeline Laughlin

Mrs. Adeline Laughlin, mother of Charles Laughlin, Dept. 8, died March 22. Funeral services were held at the Wallington Funeral Home in Tuscola.

B. F. Andrews

B. F. Andrews, father of Mrs. Roy B. Pease, died in Chicago, March 22.

Mrs. Fred Staudt

Mrs. Fred Staudt, 62, mother of Julius A. Staudt of the Shipping Department, died Sunday, April 7, at her home in Kenney following a long illness.

Besides Julius, she is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baldwin, and four other children, Beulah of Decatur, Daniel of Kenney, Rufus of Berwyn, and Mrs. Alice Emge of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P.M. Tuesday in the Kenney Christian church.

BRASS CHIPS

Charles Sarver, Plant 2, resigned March 15 to look after his business interests outside of the city.

John Maxwell returned to work March 27, having been off since February 29 following an injury sustained at Plant 2. He has been assigned duties in the Chromium Plating room.

Wiley Hall has returned to his work at Plant 2 after a prolonged absence because of illness.

Wilbur Edwards, Dept. 300, who was quite seriously ill with a "strep" sore throat, returned to work on April 1.

Harold Linton, Dept. 300, was able to be back on the job March 20, following an attack of the flu.

E. A. Waltz, Dept. 35, was confined to his home for two weeks with rheumatism.

W. E. Corley, Dept. 8; Charles Murray, Jr., Foundry; and Gerald Sarver, Foundry; will testify that they have learned how not to drive a nail. All three recently drove nails into their fingers instead of a board, and all lost a day's work because of the injury.

Elmer Merrow, Dept. 8, took off a week

to visit his grandfather, age 91, who lives in Tennessee.

J. A. Morrison, Dept. 33, lost several day's work because of illness.

Blanche Kallbreier, Core Dept., was unable to work for about one week because of the serious illness of her husband, George, who was in the hospital with pneumonia.

Wendell Smith, Dept. 9, suffered numerous cuts and bruises received in an automobile accident on March 25, near Edinburg, Illinois.

Clifford Shannon, Shipping Department, was ill several days with the flu.

Wm. Thomas, truck driver, received a mashed toe when he dropped a barrel skid on his foot.

Margaret Behrends, Core Department, attended the wedding of her sister in Peoria, on April 8.

Claude Roe, Watchman, and his two sons, Herman, Dept. 8, and Lawrence, Dept. 9, attended the funeral of Claude's sister on April 3.

The father of Gerald St. Pierre, Dept.

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ALWAYS SMILING

Agnes Reid, stenographer in Frank Mueller's Engineering Department. Agnes has an Irish sense of humor which serves her very well in her position of one girl among nearly thirty men. She came to us from the Decatur Store Fixture Company, after that company ceased operations, and had worked in the Sales Department and Cost Department before being permanently transferred to the Engineering Department.

SARNIA NEWS



Mr. Werdes of the Decatur Plant visited our office from March 12th to 15th inclusive.

Marjorie Ansell of the Payroll Department has returned to work after a month's absence through illness.

When the 4:30 whistle blows now there is a real scramble for the new ping pong table purchased recently by the E. A. S. Alex. Hodges is Supervisor of this table and anyone wishing to make special reservations may do so through Alex. From the picture below you will observe a few of the Champs:



Left to right they are:

G. W. Parker, Jimmy West of the Lambton Motors, Lyle Crowe of the Ground Key Department, Alex Hodges of the Cost Department and Ernie Walsh of the Electric Auto-Lite.

Our Superintendent, Mr. McIntyre, and Everett Shrigley of the Iron and Steel Department had a very blustery trip to Hamilton last Wednesday through one of the worst blizzards of the season. After being shoveled out of several snow banks they

arrived home safely and seem to be none the worse.

Mr. J. Harkins of the Polishing and Buffing Dept. and his Son, Gordon, of the Brass Finishing were called to Niagara Falls recently owing to the death of a near relative.

Some people believe in stepping out in a new Easter outfit but Mr. Bannister, Foreman of the Brass Finishing believes in stepping out in a nice new shiny Hudson. Not bad!

An engagement of interest to Muellerites was announced recently, being that of Agnes (Nan) Patterson of the Core Room to Sam McCrae, the wedding to take place on April 5th.

On Wednesday, March 13th, Grapefruit and Oranges were distributed to all employees from Mr. Adolph and Mr. Robert Mueller. Needless to say this gesture was very much appreciated by all.

Families of the Employees of Mueller Limited inspected the Factory and Office during the Easter Holidays, giving them an opportunity of seeing their respective husbands and fathers doing their daily dozen.

Sarnia Builders' Show

The Fourth annual Builders' Show sponsored by the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce was held in the City Hall, March 13th to 16th.

The attendance was 5,000, 35% over the previous year.

All exhibitors report a fair amount of business placed with a considerable volume of prospective work in view.

The Plumbing and Heating Industry was well represented with most attractive booths by three of our leading plumbers. They were particularly well pleased with the interest shown in their exhibits.

Mueller, Limited, had an attractive ex-

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hibit including hexagonal revolving stand showing a full line of tub and shower combinations, lavatory combinations, sink combinations, shower heads, lavatory faucets, sink faucets, etc. The Mueller shallow-well pump was also shown in operation in conjunction with a tub and shower combination featuring the C-11135 self-cleansing shower head. Heat controls, together with reducing and regulating valves and relief valves, were exhibited on a separate chrome plated stand.

BUYING A HOME

Purchasers Should Be Sure to See That They Are Protected

Several members of the organization have purchased homes recently. This is a step in the right direction. The money paid in rent can just as well be paid on a home. There are plenty of opportunities to do this. The step in that direction, however, is important, and everyone considering it should be certain that there are no "kik backs" in the deal. Most important of all is to see that the title is clear and that terms of the contract are understood. Concerning transactions of this character our attorney furnishes this advise.

Employees buying real estate should not sign a contract for such sale, unless it contains a clause, substantially as follows:

"When one fourth of the purchase money has been paid, then no forfeiture of this contract shall be declared, until six months after default; and when one-half the purchase money has been paid, then no forfeiture shall be declared on this contract, until one year after any default.

"Otherwise a forfeiture of the contract may be declared thirty days after any default is made and the property will be lost.

"Any seller of property will be amply protected by such a clause and the buyer will be protected in case of unemployment or sickness."

In addition to this we'd advise anyone intending to buy a home to consult with persons who are familiar with transactions of this character.

BIRTHS

CURTIS—Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis, Dept. 300, a son, David Allen, Feb. 27.

BETHARD—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bethard, Plant 2, a son, Wayne Earl, March 18.

BRAY—Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Bray, Maintenance Dept., a son, March 24.

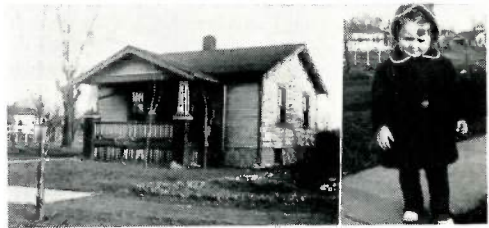
HUTCHENS—Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hutchens, Dept. 8, a 7¼ lb. son, Robert Travis, Jr., April 12.

ROSS—Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Ross, Dept. 300, a daughter, Barbara Liane, March 26.

NEW HOME OWNERS



Here's the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whittington, 870 West Lealand avenue. They have lived there for some time, but concluded that instead of paying rent they would buy and pay on the home which in time will be their own property. A wise decision. "Hub" is employed in Dept. 300.



Karl Brimm is another Muellerite now on the right track. He has been employed in the printing department as pressman, and has always been a renter. Now he is on the way to being a home owner, and gets a great satisfaction in the thought that moving days are over and that in a few years he will be a full fledged home owner. He bought the property at 2097 E. Lawrence street.

At the right is Nancy Lou, the cute little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brimm.

DEATHS

Mrs. Adelia R. Curtis

Mrs. Adelia R. Curtis died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erugh Weroer, 1038 S. Maffit street, April 11, at the age of 88 years. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Florence Werner, Decatur, and son, Christopher C. Curtis, Detroit. Mrs. Curtis had lived in Decatur for 55 years.

ATTENDED CONVENTION

Frank Taylor, Walter Auer, and Leo Wiant were in Chicago, April 4, 5, and 6, attending a meeting of the Industrial Management Society. They report a very interesting and profitable meeting. There was considerable discussion about improvements in welfare, better relationship, etc.

THE LATE ROBERT MUELLER

Death of Mr. Robert Brings Sorrow to Fellow-workers and Friends

The announcement of the death of Robert Mueller while on a visit to his brother, Oscar, at Bradentown, Florida, March 27, was a shock to his many friends in the organization as well as to business and social circles of Decatur.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Monday, April 1, conducted by Rev. Clippinger, former pastor of the church assisted by Rev. Freed.

The services were brief and burial followed at Fairlawn cemetery with short grave side service.

There was a wealth of floral tributes, mutely testifying to esteem and friendship of those who had known Robert.

Although his health in recent years had occasioned frequent absences from business Robert never surrendered, not even intimating that he was in any way concerned about his physical condition. There were days when it was plainly difficult for him to carry on his work, but he did so uncomplainingly and bravely.

We, who knew him so well and recognized in his daily life so many beautiful qualities of heart and mind, feel that it is almost superfluous to eulogize his life, and yet we know of no one who more fittingly deserves it.

It was the writer's privilege to have known Robert Mueller from young manhood throughout his life. In every activity—as a citizen, a young business man, and later as an important part of a big business enterprise—in every association he was always the same kindly, solicitous gentleman and friend. He loved his fellowmen. He delighted in doing thoughtful acts of kindness and of sympathy. His life was such that in living it as he did, he made heavy drafts on his personal time. But he was never too busy to call on a sick friend or fellow-worker, and to think out some kindly gesture to those in distress. This trait of character was dominant in his association with all people. It was this thoughtful unobtrusive consideration which won him scores of friends. Robert Mueller was a man without enemies. In spite of the demands on his time he was a real home-loving man. He loved his family and they were his first consideration.

Robert and Adolph Mueller have been identified with Mueller Co. almost from boyhood. As boys approaching manhood in



the late '70's they had small tasks assigned to them in the factory and later in the office and factory their responsibilities increased and were assumed under the rules and policies governing employees. In consequence they grew up with and developed with the expanding business. He had been secretary, and vice president of the company.

In civic life Robert Mueller was actively interested in every progressive movement. He was never an obstructionist to any plan which meant the modern development either in a materialistic or artistic sense.

He was a member and an elder of the First Presbyterian church, the Decatur Club which he served as president in 1907, the Decatur Fishing Club, mason, Knight Templar and Shriner, Elk and Rotarian. He was war time president of the Decatur Chapter of the American Red Cross, serving from 1917 to 1926, Art Institute and Municipal Art League.

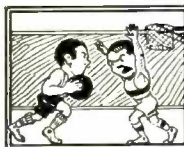
He was especially widely known in the Gas Industry, representing the company's membership in the American Gas Association, by attending all of this organization's national conventions.

Wordsworth's words apply to Robert's life. They are:

"The best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.

The broadening influence of travel came to him through extensive trips to all parts of United States, several trips to Europe and the West Indies, an extended trip encircling South America, also trips to Hawaii, South Sea Islands, and Australia.

Surviving him are his wife and son, Ebert, grandson, Robert Eugene Mueller, brothers Adolph and Oscar and sister, Mrs. Leda Cruikshank.



Athletics



BOWLING

The Specialty team say that they have been on top quite a while and are going to stay there for the rest of the season. Last week the Machine Shop came up to tie them for first place, but as it stands now the Specialty Team holds a one game margin over the Machine Shop. The Finishers are now in third place.



These three top teams are giving all they have every Tuesday night to try to come out on top. There are only three weeks left, and any one of the top three teams can win, so there will be a lot of timber falling at the Decatur Parlors in the next three weeks.

Below is the standing as of April 9.

Name	G.	W.	L.	%
Specialty Division ..	95	58	38	.604
Machine Shop	96	57	39	.594
Finishers	96	54	42	.563
Utility Engineers ..	96	49	47	.510
Works Mgr. Office.	96	46	50	.479
Pattern Makers	96	46	50	.479
Main Office	96	41	55	.427
Plumbers	96	33	63	.344

Individual Averages

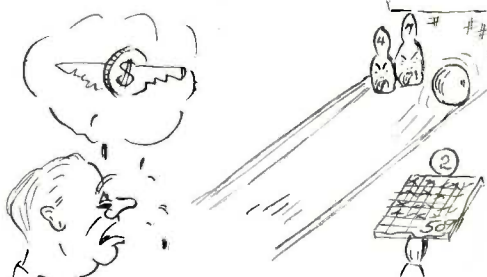
Specialty Division	Works Mgr. Office
A. Grossman 175	W. Behrns 186
C. Hill 171	L. Wiant 165
F. March 160	H. Gragg 161
M. Stratman 156	L. Masterson 160
W. Frantz 145	O. Keller 151
R. Uhler 139	J. Enloe 149
Machine Shop	Pattern Makers
A. Flaughner 183	G. Krag 174
E. Hartwig 179	J. Bain 173
H. Stratman 169	C. Morenz 160
W. Edwards 155	A. Jendry 160
M. Brilley 150	O. Fortschneider 154
W. Mueller 149	L. Skelley 139
Finishers	Main Office
L. Adams 179	C. Dodwell 188
A. Blankenburg 177	A. Werdes 169
A. Thompson 172	O. C. Keil 153
P. Ruthrauff 160	F. Edmonson 146
J. Fair 157	O. C. Draper 141
E. Krumseik 153	
Utility Engineers	Plumbers
E. Blankenburg 184	M. Riewski 176
B. Mason 168	E. Nalefski 155
W. Doherty 163	F. Kushmer 154
F. Tratzik 158	L. Kramer 151
W. Bowan 151	R. Caudle 143

E. Fawley 141 D. Wilkins 136

Ten High Bowlers

Name and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
D. Dodwell, Main Office ..	81	188	245
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Of.	84	185	236
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	83	184	253
A. Flaughner, Machine Shop.	93	183	244
E. Hartwig, Machine Shop .	96	179	233
L. Adams, Finishers	85	179	246
A. Blankenburg, Finishers .	96	177	246
M. Riewski, Plumbers	68	176	245
A. Grossman, Specialty Div.	96	175	256
G. Krag, Pattern Makers ..	87	174	234

PHOOEY!!



The main office team of the Mueller Bowling League seems to have definitely decided that seventh place is good enough so far as team standings go. Therefore, some of the members have taken a side bet or two among themselves in order to keep up a little interest. The most recent of these furnished four members of the team quite a lot of fun and an excuse for ribbing the other member quite freely.

Before taking the alleys on Tuesday, Apr. 2, Rookie Edmonson made a little bet with "Anchor Man" Werdes. The bet was that Mr. Werdes would not shoot a total of 510 pins for the three game series. Everything looked rosy for the "Anchor Man" and blue for the Rookie until the whole thing was over and the worm turned. The facial expression in the above sketch will show how things stood at that time. The "Anchor Man's" only comment was: "Phooey."

SOFT BALL

On Monday, April 8, all softball candidates are to report at Mueller Heights for the first practice of the season. It is a little early to start but the weather has been so warm and the grass is long enough to play on so the boys are getting anxious to get out there and start throwing the ball around.

Our Mueller team was a little slow in starting last year because of lack of prac-

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

The demand for tickets to the W L S ENTERTAINERS exceeded all expectations.

Seats for the 7:00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. shows have been practically sold out.

To afford all employees an opportunity to see these great artists special arrangements were made with the W L S management for an

EXTRA SHOW AT 5:30 P. M. APRIL 25th.

Prices the same at all shows. See next page. Tickets are now on sale for the 5:30 show.

This arrangement will afford all employees quitting work at 3:30 p. m. ample time to get back for the performance at 5:30 p. m.

Any purchaser of tickets for the 7.00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. shows may, if desired, change to the 5:30 show.

By all means those who have been unable to get tickets should buy for the first performance. We have no way to judge the number so play safe and **BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY.**

LOS ANGELES NEWS

The leap year caught up with one of our men and it certainly looks promising for another. Dame Rumor has it that Kenny Potts has presented a beautiful blonde with a diamond. How about a scoop, Potts?

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Mr. and Mrs. James Rose, Edna Porter to you, are sporting a nice new '40 Chevie. This time it is a club coupe.

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Since Bob Green has left us, we hear very little from the plating room. Bob took a position with a plating concern, and has plans to attend school this fall.

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Ralph Korte and wife are taking an extensive trip that will lead them to the east coast. Mrs. Korte has never been out of California, so they are taking in the states in general.

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Vacation time is in full swing now that the wild flowers are in bloom, and the weather is nice. Russell Hubbard and Duane Driggs and their wives took advantage of the nice weather to spend a week camping in Death Valley. It was the right time of the year for such a trip, and Russ reports the cabins were filled up so they had to camp out. They camped near the famed Furnace Creek, nearly 300 ft. below sea level. Seeing Boulder Dam was quite a treat, because no matter how many times you see it it is still a good trip, not too far, and certainly educational.

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Emmett Reedy is sporting a '40 Plymouth—a beautiful black baby, and Emmett sorta likes it.

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Lou Wyant and "Pop" Baker strayed toward San Diego recently to harken to

the call of tuna and yellow tail. It is that time of the year again, and a nice party is being planned. Guess certain Decatur people didn't get much practice last year. Lake Decatur being frozen over most of the time. Maybe this piscator will be able to really fish this year. Louie and "Pop" report they caught a couple, but sure enjoyed the trip. P.S.—Pop got his head sunburned in some spots, especially where the hair is thin.

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The door way to happiness always opens from within.

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Ed Wynne was one of those lucky people who had bad luck. Ed was lucky to go to Detroit and drive out a new Hudson 8 coupe. He was unlucky when he was caught in the corner of the Kansas Dust Bowl when they had one of those nice dust storms.

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Evelyn Miller returned to work after a month spent in Kentucky. She reports a white Easter, the second in the history of Kentucky.

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"Gerry" has been so lonesome since Santa Anita closed that she spends each week end at Ocean Park just watching the horses on the merry-go-round.

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He who looks ahead seldom falls behind.

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Geo. Tolliday has lost quite a bit of time lately suffering from pleurisy. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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Our Mary doesn't have a little lamb, but it is said she has a "big Charley."

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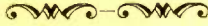
George Leach reports a negro shoe shine

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HERE THEY ARE -- NATIONALLY KNOWN

MUELLER GYMNASIUM THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1936

TICKETS 20 CENTS
IF PURCHASED
IN ADVANCE.



The DE ZURIK SISTERS—Smiling winsome girls whose music and yodeling you will enjoy. They form one of the most popular sister teams on the air. Their rise to stardom has been firmly established.



The famous "VAGABOND" known from coast to coast for his music and variations of it. We do not want to forget

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Three Shows Instead of Two. Hours: 5:30 - 7:00 - 8:30

Music, Specialties and Comedy. An Evening of Delightful Amusement and Entertainment for Old, Young; and Your Friends and neighbors. Don't Miss This GREAT SHOW--the Last and BEST of the Season.



GEORGE GOETZ standing. His first made when he had to reach the "Mike man, returned to his he doesn't need s stands on a nation

OWN W L S BROADCASTING ARTISTS

APRIL 25TH AT 7:00 P. M. AND 8:30 P. M.

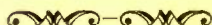


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TICKETS 25 CENTS
IF PURCHASED
AT THE DOOR.



PAT BUTTRAM— He does not act. He says he is just himself. He is an Alabamian of the Will Rogers type. That's why you'll laugh at one of radio's most famous comedians. His droll humor is always a hit.



THOSE WHO DID NOT GET TICKETS FOR
THE 7 & 8:30 P. M. SHOWS CAN NOW GET
THEM FOR THE 5:30 SHOW.

Thousands Have Paid 75 cents to
Witness These Artists in Action in
W L S Studio. You Can See Them--
Hear Them--Enjoy Them for Just 20
cents. Don't Miss this EXCEPTION-
AL OPPORTUNITY.

SOFT BALL (Cont.)

tice before the season opened. We are guarding against that this year so that the boys will be in top shape when the season opens.

Most of the regulars from last year's team are coming back and we have some of the younger fellows coming up this year who are going to give the regulars a run for their money.

Before we open the season this year, the ball players and the manager want to extend an invitation to all Mueller employees and their friends to come out and watch them play ball.

It has always been the practice of the softball manager to schedule games with teams that have a good reputation so if you want to see some good ball games, watch for the schedule of the Mueller team this summer.

For those softball fans who like to watch the girls play; there will be several girl's games on our diamond again this year.

Boy's Team

Plans are now underway to organize a boy's team who are sons of Mueller employees. Several of the employees have sons who are good ball players so it is being arranged so these young athletes can play some games at Mueller Heights this summer.

Boy Scouts

Robert Borchers who has been admitted to the Bar and is now practicing law in Decatur has recently been appointed as Scoutmaster of our Troop to succeed Herman Roe who is now our assistant Scoutmaster.

Mr. Borchers has been in Scout work for many years and is an Eagle Scout, the highest possible rank that can be attained in the Boy Scout Organization. We feel sure that he has the personality and ability to give us just what we need in our Troop.

Bowling

First Place in the Bowling League has changed places again. The Machine Shop is now tied with the Specialties Division for first and the Finishers are in third place. There are only 4 weeks left in the regular league so the pressure is on and the team that wins this league is going to be the one that can come through under pressure. Below is the standing of the teams to date.

Jane (just engaged):—"June, can you imagine what it is like to be in love, to sit next to the man you adore and feel your innermost soul vibrate?"

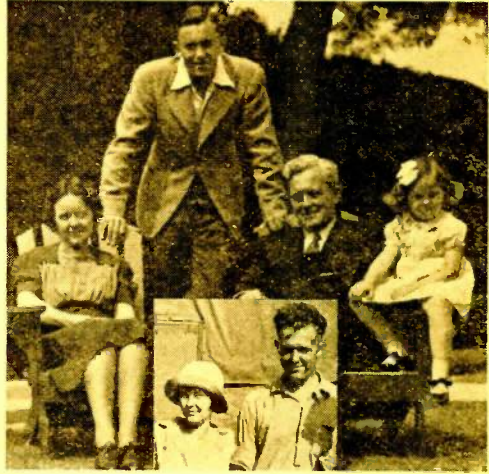
June:—"Sure, dearie. I feel like that every time Joe takes me out on his motor-cycle."

Pertinent

Successful Father: "Suppose I should be taken away suddenly, what would become of you?"

Son: "Oh, I would just be here. The question is, what would become of you?"

MARRIED TWENTY YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Foltz, and children, Kenneth, age 19, and Marilyn Mae, age 5. The Foltzes, now of Los Angeles, recently celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary, upon which occasion this picture was taken. Cecil worked at the Decatur plant as draftsman from 1916 to 1931, with the exception of three years during that interval, which he spent elsewhere. In November 1933 he was employed in the Engineering Department at the Pacific Coast factory. The inset shows Mr. and Mrs. Foltz as they appeared about 1927, and as most of Cecil's Decatur friends remember him. Because reports from Los Angeles have been hinting that Cec has a bit more avoirdupois than when he left Decatur, we dug up the old picture to see just how well the California climate agrees with Cec. The evidence seems in favor of California.

Willard Foltz of the Decatur Tool Room is a brother of Cecil.

LOS ANGFLES (Cont.)

boy near work here who calls himself a "Leatherologist."

Jay Snook entertained a number of his fellow workers at his house in honor of the birthday of Pete Briock. Pete was presented with a shot gun, and according to the way they talked the next day a number of them would have been glad to use it.

An every day occurrence in the office: "How about a billing today, Les?" Could be called the "Billing Hymn of the Office."

Mother: "Sally, I saw you deliberately put your arms around Fred's neck and kiss him."

Sally: "Well, he had to have it somehow. He's too honest to steal and too proud to beg."

CLOSE OF THE WINTER SCHOOL



This picture was taken while the "Quiz" program was in progress, and the facial interest of the audience shows the complete absorption. Toward the center of the picture will be seen Jane Cranston, enthusiastically applauding, which would lead us to surmise that Ruth Liestman has just scored a correct answer. The inset shows the eight contestants, left to right: William Mueller, Pete Duncan, Harold Munsterman, Ruth Liestman, Elois Wood, Everett Wacaser, Rex Smith, Marion Fonner, and Frank H. Mueller, master of ceremonies.

The fourth annual school of instruction for Mueller employees closed April 8 with a dinner for all those who had attended six or more of the meetings. The average attendance for the year was 225, and about this number attended the dinner.

Frank H. Mueller opened the meeting following the dinner, and explained that the object of the school had been to provide an educational background and to give as complete a picture as possible, in the short time allowed, of the water, gas, and plumbing systems in use today. This, in the hopes that a further study would be made and suggestions submitted in the "New Design" contest for the improvement of these three lines.

Mostly Plumbing

To date the suggestions turned in have been mostly on plumbing, a field in which the competition is keener than in some others. Many suggestions are in the line of a special kind of sink or lavatory in combination with special fixtures. Mueller Company does not manufacture either sinks or lavatories, only the fittings, and while all suggestions will be considered, a suggestion involving the manufacturing of a special sink or lavatory would most likely be put out of the question because of the tremendous cost.

Requires Study

Frank advised that further study be made

of the products we manufacture, because really valuable ideas don't strike like lightning, but are the result of much concentrated thought. Find out what is wrong with things as they are made today; what is required of the product; what about it does not work properly; and work toward a definite solution of something.

W. E. Mueller paid tribute to Mrs. Ora Mueller Blair and Mr. Robert Mueller, two company members who recently passed on. Although Mrs. Blair was not so well known to members of the organization as Mr. Robert, both had their hearts in the business, and were happy to take part in all its affairs.

Some Thoughts On Business

During the last ten years it has been necessary to spend 2.2% of our capital to make business go ahead. During the next ten years it will be necessary to spend 3% to 4% of our capital yearly on new machinery and equipment, so rapid will the changes occur. The company, however, has a good clean inventory, sound assets, and a good organization, and expects to continue along the same sound principles with definite alertness on the part of everybody in the organization and complete cooperation between departments and individuals.

Being on the eve of election, he spoke very earnestly but wholly impartially on the duties of citizenship and voters, urging all voters to go to the polls and cast their

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HERE AND THERE

We have it via the good grapevine that Walter Auer was signing his mail "Ashley" after seeing "Gone With the Wind."

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Same source reveals that a certain portion of the third floor office may be found at Texaco Tower almost any night.

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The three musketeers, Jimmy Freeman, Joe Brownback, and Harry Sackriter, went down for the count when Old Man Flu struck at them.

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Dept. 9 is about to lose two more of its bachelors—Leap Year victims—Maddox and McKinley.

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Consideration has been given to putting safety shoes on the core room girls, after Erla Collins lost the decision to a core box and suffered a mashed foot.

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When the fishing bug bites, out the window flies reason. Mrs. Whitaker gave Roy money on Saturday morning to pay his insurance, due the next day. Roy started to the insurance office but on the way he passed a store selling fishing equipment. Result: Roy came home with a pair of hip boots—the insurance unpaid and forgotten. The only thing that saved Roy's policy was the fact that the next day was Sunday, which automatically extended the policy until Monday, when Mrs. Whitaker went down and made the payment.

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Overheard in the Cost Department

Jack: "Would you like to go to the show at the Mueller gym on the 25th to hear the WLS artists?"

Aline: "Why, I'd love to!"

Jack: "Well, buy your ticket from me, will you?"

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Werdes celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary on April 6. Mr. Werdes surprised his wife with a dinner party in St. Louis.

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John Smith, electrician, and M. K. Cheney recently attended the Midwest Power Conference at the Palmer House, Chicago. During one of the discussions John was observed to be gazing longingly at one of the ornate, crystal chandeliers and murmuring: "Gee, I wish I'd brought my sling shot."

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Tact

The shoe store proprietor was hiring a clerk. "Suppose," he said, "a lady customer were to remark while you were trying to fit her, 'Don't you think one of my feet is bigger than the other?' what would you say?"

"I should say, 'On the contrary, Madam, one is smaller than the other.'"

"The job is yours."

Brother and Sister



Meet Gerald Eugene Sarver, aged 3½ years and Patricia Lucille Sarver aged 2½ years; children of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sarver, 2067 E. Lawrence St.

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300, died in Beecher City, Illinois, on Saturday, April 6.

George Curtis, Dept. 300, took the Record reporters to task for failing to report the birth of a son on February 27. While we can appreciate George's feeling of pride and neglect, we refuse to shoulder all the blame because George failed to report it to the Employment Department. Our reporters are not clairvoyant.

Hey, That Man's In Again!

"Have you noticed that people, especially businessmen, are looking much more cheerful lately?"

"Yes; circumstances alter faces, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Pampering the Pooch

Lady (handing over dog to man in baggage car): "Now, before you give him his meals, I want you to say, 'Diddum Dinkie want oo' dindums?' And if he yawns, he's not quite ready for his meal yet."

Athlete (boastfully): "I've had my nose broken three times in the same place."

Fair Coed (sympathetically): "You really ought to keep your nose out of that place."

WITH LOS ANGELES BOWLERS

MUELLER SCHOOL (Cont.)

Team	Won	Lost	H.G.	H.S.
Machiners	46	26	895	2551
Engineers	44	28	895	2466
Assemblers	43	29	838	2394
Polishers	38	34	863	2469
Founders	30	42	809	2268
Color Buffers	16	56	673	1955

Individual Averages

Machiners		Founders			
W. Young	158	Oldham	138		
M. Porter	164	Polk	121		
Masoni	140	Henderson	136		
Lingard	169	Stotler	143		
Jacob	144	Fantuzzi	119		
Wyant	153	Thomas	134		
		Overly	146		
		Oglesby	161		
Assemblers		Engineers			
Leach	147	Potts	158		
Snook	132	Jolly	151		
Simpson	126	Thomas	108		
Baxendale	142	Blize	161		
Hatfield	160	Reedy	164		
Musmacci	158	Gamas	144		
		Read	143		
Color Buffers		Polishers			
Gribble	121	Higbee	160		
Thompson	94	Baker	129		
Miller	104	Harper	146		
Musmacci	120	Schlegel	150		
Daughtery	95	Liebherr	148		
Warren	126	Bright	152		
Davis	104	Portee	143		
Berg	105				
Name	Team	Games Av.	H.G.	H.S.	
Lingard, Machiners	..	69	169	244	617
M. Porter, Machiners	..	65	164	214	560
Reedy, Engineers	..	63	164	198	550
Oglesby, Founders	..	36	162	221	567
Blize, Engineers	68	161	222	551
Hatfield, Assemblers	..	66	160	226	578
Higbee, Polishers	..	59	160	221	582
Young, Machiners	..	63	158	204	567
Potts, Engineers	57	158	209	528
Musmaccio, Asmls.	..	69	158	203	560

Individual Scores

Name	H.G.	Name	H.S.
Lingard	244	Lingard	617
Hatfield	226	Higbee	582
Blize	222	Hatfield	578
Higbee	221	Young	567
Jolly	221		

Team Scores

Team	H.G.	Team	H.S.
Engineers	895	Machiners	2551
Machiners	895	Polishers	2469
Polishers	860	Engineers	2466
Assemblers	838	Assemblers	2394

MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club met March 29 at the Mueller Lodge for a pot-luck supper. There were about thirty members present. The table decorations were yellow and orchid, with a center piece of colored eggs

vote according to their political affiliations.

An Interesting Quiz

Then followed a written quiz, with questions based on the subjects discussed during the school. From these with the highest scores two teams were formed to partake in an oral quiz contest. Team No. 1 consisted of Harold Munsterman, Dept. 35; Elois Wood, Dept. 43; Pete Duncan, Dept. 33; and Wm. Mueller, Dept. 300. Team No. 2 was made up of Ruth Liestman, Cost Department; Rex Smith, Dept. 44; Marion Fonner, Core Department; and Everett Wacaser, Cost Department.

Each contestant answered four oral questions, and the competition was keen. First one team was ahead and then the other, until the last question answered by Marion Fonner put Team No. 1 in the lead. Members of the winning team each received a Shaffer Finline pencil, while each member of the losing team was given a box of candy. The two girl contestants each received a corsage in addition to their prizes.

Remarks By Duke

L. W. Mueller then took over the meeting, with the remark that he had been surprised to learn of the general knowledge that persons in the organization had of the complete business, and he felt that a great part of the success of the company was due to the large number of young people with long service records and the knowledge they possessed of the business.

He pointed out the difference between education and intelligence, the person having both, possessing the opportunity of a life time. It is only essential, however, that one have sufficient schooling to read and understand intelligently. The rest is up to the individual. He then went on to point out by contrasts the advances made since the "good old days" and the discoveries and inventions which we may expect in the near future.

He urged everyone to be alert to changes to keep abreast of the times, and to apply new ideas to their own advantages. Whether we like it or not we cannot stand still, and the man who refuses to accept the new ways and conditions has no future.

and a large rabbit in the middle. Favorable of small colored chickens and candy eggs were at each place.

Graham cracker pie was served by the hostess, Mrs. Willard Hake, and her committee, Mrs. Wm. Dougherty, Mrs. Loyle Davis, Mrs. Carl Draper, Mrs. Marshall Hobbs, and Mrs. Orville Hawkins.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Burt Jackson and Mr. Hake. Evening entertainment consisted of Chinese Checkers, Pinochle, and Bridge.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Story Window)

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Ho-hum! It's just that kind of a day. If we were a ground-hog, we would trot back into winter-quarters and remain for at least six more weeks. We still believe that the promised shipment of Spring weather is enroute, but the order seems definitely to have been back-ordered.

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A couple of Saturdays ago excitement ran very high in these parts. All the gals were oh-ing and ah-ing. The center of all the interest seemed to be in the Billing Dept. The big news was that Wera Bauer is wearing, on the very significant third finger of her left hand, a lovely diamond ring. The wedding-bells, we understand, are going to ring very soon. We all certainly wish for Wera all the best.

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On the night before this particular Saturday morning Wera had announced her engagement to the members of a club to which she belongs. The announcement was made in a very clever manner. A bunch of daisies was used as a floating prize, and when the recipient came to unwrap them, she found a note explaining all that the daisies refused to tell, namely, that Wera's mother and father were announcing their daughter's approaching marriage.

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Ethel Dixon visited with friends in Chicago Easter week-end and reports a most enjoyable week-end.

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If we had a nice medal, a loving cup or maybe a bronze plaque, we'd present it to the Cost Dept. We think that department merits recognition for having two of their number in the "finals" of the recent Mueller school quiz program. Ruth Liestman and Everett Wacaser were the brainy ones, and their names should be engraved on the hypothetical trophy.

Moreover, we think Everett rated a bouquet of flowers, too. He came through the entire contest without missing a question. And that, we think, was nice work.

Incidentally, we thought the program of entertainment presented at the last meeting of the school was one of the most enjoyable events that we have attended for a long time. The evening must have taken a good deal of planning, but it certainly was worth it. We liked it all, the speeches, the contests, everything. O yes, we enjoyed the dinner, too, which was, to our way of thinking, quite delicious.

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Jeanette MacDonald's concert in Springfield on March 20 was greatly enjoyed by a number of our second and third floor friends, to-wit, namely and, as follows: June Krumsick, Helen Brannan, Mildred Shan-

non, Marian Richards, Rosalyn Hawkins, and Edna Johnston. They were all enthusiastic about the singer and her singing.

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One of the features of the Quiz program that we liked best was the way in which Frank Mueller presided. If Frank ever wants to take on an extra vocation, we'd suggest that he be a Master of Ceremonies.

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Harry Sackriter, our energetic order drum clerk, was away from the office for a week or so late last month. He's now back on the job, hale and hearty and no worse for an encounter with the flu bug.

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David, Cynthia, and John Dickey and Judith Edmonson were recent victims of the chicken-pox epidemic that seems to have hit the very young generation of late.

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We can't help feeling sad at losing a very good friend. We have never known anyone who was more uniformly kind in all he said and did than was Mr. Robert Mueller. We shall continue to miss him.

Guess What She Guessed

Mlle. Ziro, (pretty mind reader):—"I can tell what anyone in the audience is thinking."

Male Voice, (from rear):—"Oh, yeah!"

Mlle. Z:—"The answer is no, and you should be very much ashamed of yourself."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Jr.



Mary Kralovich and Roy Thomas, Jr. were married Easter afternoon in the home of the Baptist minister, W. A. Pegg. Roy, Jr. is employed in our shipping room at Los Angeles, and is well known in Decatur. Roy, Sr. is the Los Angeles foundry foreman, and came originally from Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Jr. are living at Huntington Park at the present.



Safety News



Fatal accidents in the home in 1939 were only 600 less than fatal accidents on our streets and highways. Think of it! Some 32,000 persons killed in a place we feel is the safest in the world. A little thought and a little care would have averted many of these fatalities. Some five thousand persons are killed annually as a result of burns. Many of these burns are the result of that century old foolish habit of trying to speed up a fire with coal oil or gasoline. Other causes of accidents in the home are the misuse of tools, standing on boxes and chairs or on ladders improperly braced. It has been firmly established that the bath tub is not the cause of a majority of accidents in the home. The principal danger in bath tubs is due to carelessness in stepping in and out of tub. A secure hand hold would prevent many bath room accidents. There is no doubt that the highly polished surface of the tub when wet and slippery from water and soap presents a danger so common that anyone should know and recognize.

110 VOLTS WILL KILL

While a mechanic was working on the inside of a water heater by the light of an extension lamp, water dripped from a leaking valve onto the cord. It created sufficient short circuit so that when the man grasped the socket while standing in some water he received such a shock that he could not let go. By the time help could be summoned the man was unconscious. It took ten minutes to extricate his limp body through the manhole; and when he was finally freed, he was dead.

Ordinary lighting circuits are not generally regarded as being dangerous. This is definitely wrong—110 volts will kill.

Every extension cord should have a heavy waterproof covering and be equipped with a shatterproof socket and bulb guard.

No one can anticipate where or how an extension cord will be used. The only way to avoid electrical accidents from cords is to make sure every one is safe to use under the worst conditions.

I PASSED A BLIND MAN TODAY

I saw a blind man today and, like most others, I passed him. I didn't drop even a penny in his cup. His heart was probably empty also for, when his eyes went out, there also went out opportunity, hope, happiness. To him all that remains are memories of the wonderful world he once knew. Memories that tear at his heart because of the accident that robbed him of

his sight. An accident that could have been prevented, an accident that will happen again and again until men whose work endanger their eyes learn to protect them. Eye injuries take a terrific toll.

Do you men know that there are eleven manufacturers of glass eyes in the United States alone? They turn out bushels of them—gray ones, brown ones, blue ones, but you can't see a hole in a ladder through any of them.

If your work is such that you may get a serious eye injury, **wear your goggles!** Ninety per cent of all eye injuries are caused by flying objects. They cost over \$30,000,000 a year. They cause the working man to lose over 3½ million working days, and above all, they cost the loss of eyesight which might have been saved.

—Wood Products Safety

SAFETY NOTES

There is an element of danger in all tools, but it is greater in an imperfect tool than one without flaws.

Don't remove a safety guard from a machine without the consent of your foreman.

Don't handle heavy object with greasy hands. If the object is greasy see that it is cleaned up before trying to move it.

Hand rails on stairways were put there to use—to give you a good hold in case you should stumble.

Very bad form to stop on a stairway or a stair landing to talk about anything, even business. Use stairways for what they are intended, to go up and down.

We may not eliminate accidents entirely but we can lessen them by being watchful and careful.

FIVE GENERATIONS

Barbara Liane Ross, born March 26, makes the fifth generation of one living family. Her father, Louis Ross, Dept. 300, is the grandson of Sam Yonker, Dept. 300. Louis' mother is the sister of A. O. Yonker, sales department, Gerald Yonker, shipping department, and Carl Yonker, Dept. 8. Mrs. Yonker, mother of Sam, is still living at the age of 91. Three generations is not unusual, four is less common, but five is quite an exception.

The tree never falls at the first stroke.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Foltz Puppet Shows adaptable for any gathering. Prices reasonable. Special rates to churches. Inquire at 1326 N. Church. Willard Foltz.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Brooms For Sale—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

FOR SALE—A Garland Gas Range side oven in good condition, \$8.00. Inquire at 1729 N. Witchell Ave. or Louis Bland of Dept. 9.

For Sale:—Bicycle, Firestone—used less than 3 months. In perfect shape. See Robert Harvey—Polishing Dept.

For Sale: Boy's Bicycle in good condition except for the tires. \$6.00. Milo Wright, Plant 2.

For Sale—Cream and green enamel kitchen range. Good condition. 1464 E. Leafland.

For Sale:—Driving glasses, real ground lenses. Comfortable. Mild diffusion of light. C. N. W. Stationery Dept.

For Sale—Golf Clubs. Left Handed. Two Woods (driver and brassie), seven irons. Olie Fortschneider—3526. Dept. No. 35. Phone 2-5483.

For Sale: Good 1930 Chevrolet motor, rear end, and parts. Reasonable. Kenneth Morrow, Pattern Shop.

For Sale: Ice Skates. Nestor Johnson, Ladies Hockey, Hi-Speed. Aluminum finish. Size 6. In excellent condition. \$6.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

For Sale: Perennials. Over 100 different kinds at 10c each or 15 for \$1.00. These include Iris, Oriental Poppies, Phlox, Shasta Daisy, Columbine, Peony, Gaillardia, Linum (Perennial Flax), Golden Marguerite, Sweet Rocket, Gypsophila (Baby's Breath). Mrs. Roy B. Pease, Route 3, West Main Hard Road.

FOR SALE:—Refrigerator, top icer, 50 lb size. Also, refrigerator, top icer, 75 lb. size, excellent condition. Will sell cheap. See Wm. Hise, Clock No. 1102, 1337 E. Eldorado.

FOR SALE—Rolled Rim Porcelain Kitchen Sink. Also, Force Pump for well. H. A. Wacaser. Telephone 2-2586.

For Sale: Ski Pants, dark green, all wool. Size 12. Have been worn very few times. Excellent condition. \$2.00. 318 S. Monroe St. Phone 7011.

For Sale—Small size gas stove, 4 burners and oven. Cheap. W. H. Blankenship, Dept. 9, 1034 W. Green.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale: The George Tolliday property at 532 West King Street, corner of College. The lot has frontage of 136 feet on W. King Street and 58 feet on N. College. This makes available a lot amply large for another residence. The Tolliday property is substantially built, 5-room bungalow consisting of rooms, etc. It is an excellent location for one of our employees, and a good investment.

Mr. Tolliday's desire to sell is due to the fact that he is now a resident of Los Angeles, employed in Mueller Co.'s Pacific Coast factory.

If you consider building or buying a home we suggest that you first investigate this opportunity.

For complete information, see Mr. O. C. Keil, Main Office.

For Sale: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown, Box. 296.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy—An old Electric Washing Machine not in running condition. Clarence Rueh, Dept. 35. Ph. 3522.

WANTED

Wanted: Wall paper to clean. Reasonable price and work guaranteed. Claude Stacey, 1042 N. Union, telephone 9115.

WEDDINGS



Roby-Uhler

Lenore Ruby and Ralph Uhler, Dept. 33, were married April 6 in the First Methodist church by Rev. Thomas B. Lugg. The attendants were Marjorie Slover and Eldred Uhler.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Roby, and Ralph is the son of Mrs. Clark Uhler.

After a short wedding trip the young couple are making their home at 1035 E. Moore Street.