

# MUELLER RECORD

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## J. D. HARPER IN NAVY

Enjoys Training at Great Lakes—Hopes to See Hawaii

J. D. Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper, as he appeared while home on a



nine-day "boot leave" from the Great Lakes Naval Training Camp, following the completion of his eight weeks training period. J. D. enlisted for a period of three years on January 21. As soon as he returns to camp he expects to be sent to the west coast, probably San Diego, and then he will decide what trade he wants to learn. He will be assigned to a ship there, and of course they do not know where they will go from there, but general opinion has it that

the first port will be Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. J. D. felt the call of the sea a long time ago, and as soon as he was old enough he got his parent's permission and signed up. He is satisfied with his choice and enthusiastic about his future as a seaman. So quickly has he adapted himself to the new life that he already prefers a hammock to a stationery bed for sleeping.

The Great Lakes Training Camp under normal times had a capacity for training 8,000 boys, but at the present time about 12,000 boys are here, and it is being enlarged to care for 24,000.

Most of the day during the first eight weeks is spent in drilling, and the study of ships and seamanship. Large models of ships are used for study purposes, and the boys learn the use of compass and how to reckon locations and distances. They also spend quite a bit of time drilling with rifles. They get up at 5:30 A.M. and have to be in bed at 9 P.M. Saturday and Sunday each

boy is granted twelve hour leave and permitted to go into town.

Recreation facilities are ample, the gymnasium being large enough to permit four basketball games, two badminton games, and an indoor baseball game to be in progress at the same time with no interference. There is boxing, bowling, swimming, in fact a most every type of athletics that a boy could desire. Every other Saturday night they have a large dance at the camp.

Upon entering the navy each boy is issued about \$99 worth of clothing, which is expected to last them the three years they are in service. Anything that becomes damaged or stolen is replaced personally, and each boy does his own laundry, mending, and looks after his clothes, bedding, etc. They are expected to be able to leave any time upon five minutes notice.

J. D.'s father, Roy, better known as "Red" has been employed in Dept. 9 in the Wheel Room since 1922, and his mother, Mrs. Harper, is in the cafeteria.

## MUELLER SOCIAL CLUB

The Mueller Social Club held its March meeting on the 19th at the Mueller Lodge. Mrs. J. A. Staudt, Mrs. W. T. Auer, and Mrs. W. S. Enloe were hostesses.

The decorations were in keeping with St. Patrick's Day. Date pudding and whipped cream was served by the hostesses.

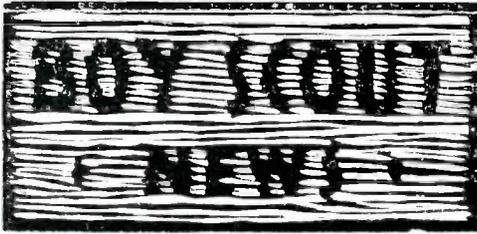
Bunco was played and prizes won by Mr. J. A. Bixler, Mrs. Ray Kileen, Carolyn Duncan, and Bobby Kileen.

## THETA ALPHA DELTA

The Theta Alpha Delta sorority had a penny potluck with Miss Dorothea Toole, Wednesday evening, April 9. Prizes were won by Georgia Beimfohr, Ruby White, and Erla Salefski. Next meeting will be April 24 in the home of Dorothy Chamberlain of Harristown.

## BOB IMPROVED

Robert T. Whitehead, salesman in Missouri and Iowa, was confined to the Menorah hospital in Kansas City for several weeks, but is now at home in St. Louis and is much improved.



### Eagle Scout Honored

Yes, sir, we just had to do it! In the February issue we ran a picture of Bob Whitacre when he was elected Scout Mayor of Decatur. Now he has been honored again so we have had to print his picture again. This time Bob is recognized because he was presented his Eagle Scout badge at the Annual Council dinner. We erroneously stated previously that he became an Eagle two years ago. Actually it was but last fall and he had to wait



until the dinner to receive it. Congratulations, Bob!

### Dinner A Big Success

Troop 2 was well represented at the Annual Council Pot-Luck Dinner at the Armory March 25. Over thirty at our table. The food, especially the baked ham, was good and plentiful. The committee on arrangements did things in style. Decorations for the table were original, and judging by the comments of others we had the prettiest table of all. Miniature Scout hats made of paper by the committee, jonquils by the dozens, and tall yellow candles with smilax intertwined, made it attractive. Mrs. F. A. March, Mrs. Oris Whitacre, Mrs. H. O. Hughes, and Mrs. H. E. Jackson were responsible for the decorations.

### Leaders Appointed

Registration of the troop for the coming year has been completed and application for the charter sent in. Scoutmaster Jackson now has the reorganization of the troop completed. Bob Whitacre and Frank Hull have been promoted to Assistant Scoutmasters. Bob has been with the troop six years and Frank over five. These fine men deserved promotion.

The troop has been divided into patrols and new leaders follow: Jack March is Senior Patrol Leader. Wayne Plummer is Scribe. The Creeping Panther Patrol has Bill Whitacre as patrol leader and Jesse Bridwell assistant. Lynn Edwards is the leader of the Pine Tree Patrol with Herbert Harner as assistant. Robert Justice leads the Beaver Patrol and Dale Harless is the assistant. James Sharpe, Richard Tarrant, and Bill Gideon are serving as Senior Advisors, one for each patrol.

The troop took another of its monthly

hikes to the Mueller cabin at the Heights on March 22nd. A



really fine time was had by all. The attendance was greatly increased over the last hike. Five new members were added to the Fire Trailers Clan. Scoutmaster Jackson had a live program planned: Instruction in compass, what to do when lost and getting one's bearings was presented

while going on a "lucky stone" hike. A lucky stone, by the way is one with a hole in it. None was found, but some fine exploration was done along the west end of the grounds while on the hike.

Following this the Scoutmaster gave instructions on the proper use of an axe in cutting wood. A contest followed immediately between the patrols. Dale Harless, by chance, got hold of a piece of tough osage orange wood, and had so tough a time chopping it in two that he was allowed a handicap since the others had soft wood. A new game, "Border Scouting," followed this event. This involved a bit of scrambling up and down the ravines back of the cabin. H. L. Davis, chairman of the troop, who got into the game for the fun of it, has decided along with the Scoutmaster that these boys can out-run and out-wind their leaders anytime.

After a fine supper, (cooked individually by the boys), all enjoyed a campfire. Songs and a chain story featuring Barnacle Bill, the Sailor, completed the program.

The next hike will be Saturday, April 19 and 20. Scouts will meet at the Gym at 1:30 P.M. with ample blankets and food for two meals. The hike will be overnight, all returning in time for Sunday School. Come a'running!

### Merit Badge Show Scon

The Boy Scout Merit Badge Show which is held every other year (alternating with the Scout Circus) is to be opened in the Armory on Friday, April 25, at 7:00 P.M. and continue through Saturday night. Our Troop 2 is presenting the Plumbing Merit Badge. This show is a very educational feature, and none should miss it. Tickets are in the hands of every Scout. A commission is paid to each Scout on what he sells, so if you want to help some of our Scouts earn money for a uniform, pack, canteen, etc., buy a ticket from him now.

The troop is growing rapidly. The newest additions are James Sharpe, Richard Tarrant, Wayne Plummer (all of Decatur), and David Buck of Vandavia. This brings the total register up to twenty-one. Preliminary meetings are to be held soon to discuss the proposed Sea Scout Patrol. This should bring new life into the troop since

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## GLORIOUS EGG HUNT DAY

Perfect Spring Day Drew Large Crowd to Mueller Lodge

Five hundred children, ranging in age from babies in push carts and chubby-legged little toddlers up to those about to become the "teen age class," swarmed over the lawns at Mueller Heights, and through the wooded sections in search of brightly colored Easter Eggs on the most perfect afternoon for an Easter Egg Hunt we have been fortunate to choose for several years. It was Saturday afternoon before Easter, and the weather was warm enough that the youngsters shed their coats and romped about in their gay colored frocks and suits. It was indeed a pretty picture, and colored moving pictures were taken to recall the gala day when the memory of it is less distinct.

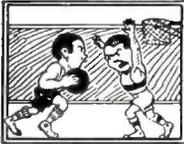
Each child received a baby chicken, and a sack of candy Easter eggs, in addition to the colored eggs which they found hidden about the grounds. Then there were special tickets, also hidden with the eggs, entitling

the finder to gifts of crackerjack, novelty candy, or an Easter basket. In all there were over five hundred chickens distributed, 75 dozen colored eggs, two hundred pounds of candy, 100 boxes of crackerjack, and 200 novelties.

On the side lines watching with considerable interest were fond mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors, and after the last chicken had been given out and the last candy egg had disappeared, one could still hear on all sides, "Wasn't it a grand day for the children?" It was, but to end the sentence with "Wasn't it a grand day?" more aptly expresses it.

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the Sea Scout program is especially designed for the older Scouts. Work on the reconditioning of the sail boat is already under way, and it is expected that it will be in the water by May. The organization of a Sea Scout Ship will make room in the troop for more twelve-year-olds.



# Athletics



## BASKETBALL

The Mueller All Stars have ended the most successful season of their career. They played more games this season than in any previous one, and won more than half of the total.

There were only seven boys on the squad, but all of them did a very good job. The starting five was: Vernon Brown and Charles Johnson, forwards; Hoyt Eoff, center; Ben Taylor and Herman Roe, guards. Robert Taylor and Myers Harrison were the two capable reserves, and could always be counted on for points in every game.

## THE MUELLER MULES

The Mules had a very good season this year. This was their second year of competition and they played very good basketball. Joe Brownback originated the Mueller Mules last season, and started as manager of them this year, and when he saw that they were coming along in good shape he turned the reins over to Al Hill, who managed the team for the remainder of the season.

## MUELLER INTER-FACTORY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A five team basketball league started play two weeks ago to determine the best team in the factory. Five captains were selected, and they in turn selected their teams from a list of boys who had said they wanted to play.

Bob Taylor's team won the first round, winning four and losing none. The second round is now getting under way. If there is a different winner in the second round, they will play Bob's team for the title.

## BOWLING

Below is the Bowling League standing and averages to April 15:

### Team Standing

Team—	G	W	L	Pct.
Pattern Shop	96	55	41	.573
Utility Engineers	96	53	43	.552
Works Mgr. Office	96	51	45	.531
Specialty Division	96	49	47	.510
Finishers	96	46	50	.479
Machine Shop	96	45	51	.469
Cost Dept.	96	43	53	.448
Plumbers	96	42	54	.438

### Ten High Bowlers

Player and Team—	G	Av.	HG
C. Dodwel, Cost Dept.	84	190	241
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	86	186	246
W. Behrns, Works Mgr.	90	183	234
K. Blankenburg, Mch. Shop	93	182	239
A. Werdes, Cost Dept.	63	179	240
E. Hartwig, Mach. Shop	93	178	230
H. Stratman, Mach. Shop	90	178	223
J. Bain, Pattern Shop	92	178	254
L. Adams, Finishers	84	177	234
M. Riewski, Finishers	84	176	232

## THE MUELLER ROCKIN' CHAIR TEAM



Left to right, back row: Merlin Coates, Loyle Davis, Halden Hanson, Ralph Duncan.

Front row: Harold Smith, Jack Enloe, Elmer Fawley.

Our boys in the "Rockin' Chair League" didn't do so well during the regular season of play, but they came through with flying colors in the single elimination tournament at the end of the season. During the regular season the boys won only two games—the last two of the regular schedule.

In the tournament at the end of the season, the boys drew Garver's Feed Store for the first game. Garver's had never lost a game during the regular season, but the Mueller boys beat them. The Standard Office team, and Morehouse and Wells, to take the championship.

## SOFTBALL

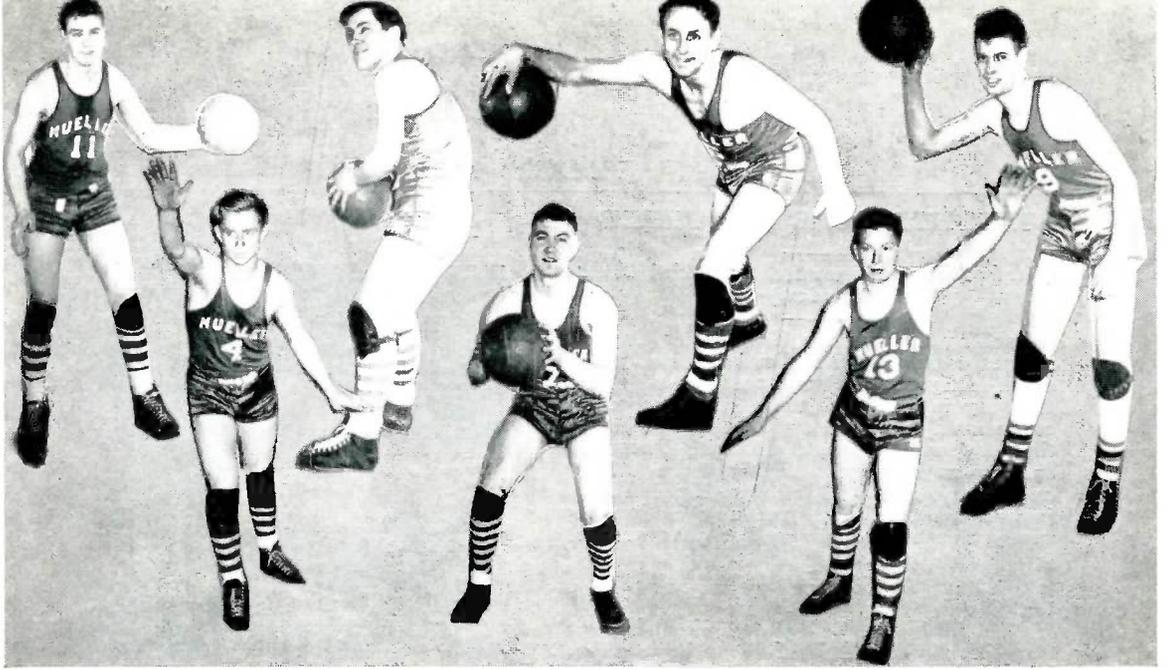
It won't be long now until the boys will be out pitching the softball around. Anyone interested in playing either in the Mueller League or with the Mueller All Stars will please turn his name in. A paper will be circulated through the departments in the near future.

## GOLF

You golfers had better get out your clubs and get them all shined up, because before long we will be starting the monthly tournament such as we had last year.

If there are enough girls in the factory, including also wives and daughters of Mueller employees to hold a golf tournament this summer, we would like to have it. Please put your name on the list which will be circulated through the departments.

Wives and daughters of employees who want to play in the tournament will please turn their names in to Loyle Davis in the Employment Department.



Mueller All Stars (left to right) Charles Johnson, Herman Roe, Myers Harrison, Vernon Brown, Ben Taylor, Robert Taylor, Hoyt Eoff. Photos by Vernon Brown.

## IT'S STILL IN THE BLOOD

### Three Hard Boiled Mueller Baseball Fans of 24 Years Ago

Some one has handed us a Decatur newspaper clipping concerning three Mueller Co. baseball fans of nearly a quarter of a century. To be exact 24 years. They are still members of the organization. They are: Roy D. Coffman, Dept. 300; Walter Behrns, foreman of the Core Room; and Press Ruthrauff, Cost Department. The newspaper mentioned, September 1917, was occasioned by the visit of the three fans to Chicago to attend the World Series games between the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants.

It was also the occasion for a reporter to kid the trio as follows:

"It has been intimated that these baseball enthusiasts while keyed up to concert pitch will buy the Masonic Temple by paying \$25 down and the balance on the installment plan, a little now and then. When paid for in full it will be moved to Decatur and converted into a Mueller Club House of some pretention. In drifting along State street, one of Chicago's busiest thoroughfares, most any old thing will be sold for a mere trifle by curbstome merchants.

"Our eminent magnates may slip by all right without getting buncoed, it all depends on what kind of a defense they put up in blocking a lead. There is another side street game played in the Windy City, namely: 'Heavy, heavy hangs over your head,' which translated into slum vernacular means, 'beaned and handpicked while you wait'."

## New Management

The little grocer's shop had been in the Smith family for untold years. One day a notice was displayed on the window. It read: "Under New Management." The villagers were at once curious to find out who the new proprietor was.

Some time passed and Smith was still behind the counter, and the notice was still in the window. Eventually one of the bolder villagers decided to ask Smith the reason for the notice.

"When are the new people coming?" she asked the shopkeeper.

"New people?" echoed Smith. "What new people?"

"Why, you've got a notice saying, 'Under New Management,' " said the villager.

"Oh, that!" exclaimed Smith. "Why, didn't you know? I've been married."

## The Chinese Method

Two Chinese coolies on a street in Shanghai were shouting at each other, their noses but two inches apart. They were surrounded by a great crowd of spectators.

"What is the matter?" asked an American bystander of a Chinaman next to him.

"There's a Chinese fight on," answered the native.

"But I've been standing here five minutes," continued the American, "and nobody has hit anybody yet."

"You don't understand," explained the Chinaman, "In a Chinese fight, the man who strikes first shows he has run out of ideas."

## Did You Attend the EASTER EGG HUNT?

Pictures are on page 3 of this issue and more to appear in next month's Record.

## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

Looking back at the 1941 Easter Parade it does seem that the Weather Man (poor much-maligned guy!) and the Easter Bunny (A busy individual if there ever was one,) co-operated in grand style. It was a beautiful day, warm, bright and with blossoms and leaves practically bursting open before one's very eyes. All of our Third Floor friends, whether they wore new clothes or newly cleaned models of last year or the year before, seemed to look their best and enjoyed the holiday. Church services, family gatherings and auto rides across the green Illinois countryside were the order of the day, and a pleasant order, too.

Winston Wells of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells, was a visitor at the office recently.

Interest has been keen of late in all news from the Mueller boys in camp. Letters from Bill Draper and "Sacky" Sackriter that have come up into these parts, have gone the rounds, and everybody has read with considerable pleasure what the fellows have

**BARBARA THREATENS  
BUT HERE SHE IS**



Barbara Young accommodatingly posed for this snapshot one Saturday morning while the photographer was doing a little experimenting. Since then she has been cajoling us not to print it and threatening us if we did, but that is typical of Barbara. She is modest and shy, but a very capable worker. She has been assisting in the Employment Department since last October, and is a graduate of the Decatur High School, class of 1938. Incidentally, Barbara received a diamond for Christmas and wedding bells will probably toll some time this summer.

## SO SERIOUS



Juanita Yvonne shares birthday honors with Abraham Lincoln, for she entered this troubled old world on February 12. Maybe it won't be as bad as she seemed to feel, the day this photo was snapped. She is the daughter of John E. Taylor, Dept. 8, and has a sister, Nina Mae, born in 1933, and a brother, John Richard, born in 1937. Father John has been with the company since 1927, and except for two years spent at Plant 3, he has been in Dept. 8 the entire time.

had to say about themselves and Camp Roberts, California.

Then, too, we've had reports, via the families of Jack Ruthrauff and Edwin Keil about camp life in Tennessee.

And it seems that the soldiers are not the only ones who write entertaining communications. Have you noticed how eagerly Dorothy Cooper and Aline Moore watch for the mails lately? We think there must be a very convincing correspondent in the offing somewhere.

An speaking of correspondence, we've heard rumors that Charlie Tilton's letters (or does he write post cards) bear a California postmark these days and they seem to emanate from a certain well fortified island in San Francisco Bay. Herman Dash of the Los Angeles plant seems to keep up pretty well on Charlie's wanderings, as Charlie has been writing to him quite faithfully about the foods, the entertainment, etc. on the island.

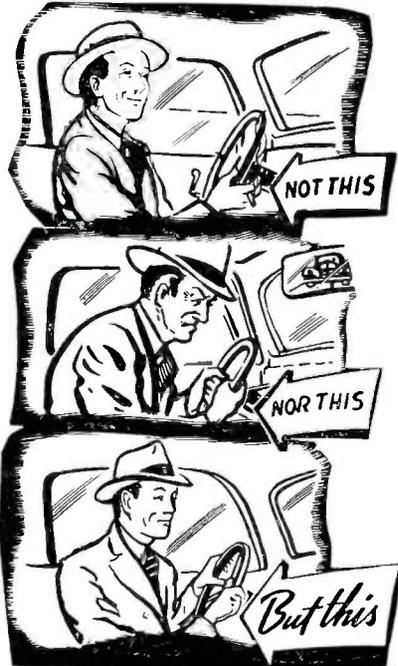
Probably the most disgusted man on the Third Floor a Monday or two ago was Mr. Werdes, who rose in the middle of the night, hastily swallowed a few bites of breakfast, and dashed down to the office only to find that he had arrived half an hour before anybody else.

Though Mary Ruth Harrison isn't talking,

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## THREE TYPES OF DRIVERS



(Courtesy Illinois Safety Bulletin)

These illustrations show how a great many persons drive a car. In the top picture the driver is more concerned with passing pedestrians or scenery than he is with the serious job of managing his car. The second picture is that of a man whose mind is preoccupied with some business or domestic trouble, which completely unfits him for driving. The third picture shows the right way to drive, alive, alert, with mind on the driving. Can't you learn a lesson from him? The first month of this year saw the fatality rate in Illinois jump 12% over the same month last year. In January 1941 there were 192 killed in the state and 2910 in injured. Unquestionably, those who drive cars while watching pedestrians or the scenery, or like the preoccupied man in the second picture, contributed to the awful slaughter.

### LOST TIME ACCIDENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

We are trying to cut down our lost time accidents to zero. We almost did it in March. We had only three lost time ac-

cidents, and the total hours lost for these three was only 24.

Our frequency rate was 22, and our severity rate was .02, which is very low.

By frequency rate we mean that the 22 in this instance means that we would have 22 lost time accidents for every one million man hours worked.

Our severity rate means that for every 1000 man hours worked we would lose .02 of one hour.

Let's all get in the harness and try for a perfect month, that is, no lost time accidents. A good way to have one of these perfect months is to take advantage of every safety device and safety precaution that is offered in this factory.

Wear safety shoes, wear your goggles, face shields, and other protective clothing. Be sure that guards are in place on your machine, and do not repair a machine while it is running. Such acts and practices will give us what we want—"A Perfect Record at the End of the month."

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### SAFETY SHOES HELP KEEP PRODUCTION HIGH

Industrial accidents in 1940 resulted in over four times as much loss of time, as all stoppage of work caused by strikes. These figures are vouched for by Sidney Hillman, Assoc. Director General of the Office of Production Management. These figures do not include 11,000 industrial deaths.

The public, conscious of the importance of keeping production at high levels in plants even indirectly connected with our defense effort. They are frankly concerned with any stoppage for any reason. Perhaps all of us have not been as keenly aware as we might of the "delay hazard" of industrial injuries!

### HOW MUCH ARE YOUR HANDS WORTH TO YOU?

The human hand is the most wonderful mechanical appliance in existence. Strength and flexibility, with its adjustability to every conceivable condition, make it invaluable to the man who owns it. If hands were limited, and could be bought for money, the price they would doubtless exceed anything we can imagine.

How do we find men and women using these wonderful instruments? We get them for nothing, but can have only one pair. Do we therefore treat them with constant jealous care? We do not. We take all kinds of chances to become infected, bruised, mutilated, and even cut off, when to preserve

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## SARNIA

"Spring has sprung," navigation is opening up, red flannels in the moth balls, and tennis, golf, etc. are coming back for a long stay. Lyle Crowe and Alex Hodges officially opened the tennis court recently. Pretty breezy going with the old St. Clair still filled with running ice and a breeze that was plenty fresh.

An interesting sight from the office windows last week was eighteen Great Lakes Freighters anchored in the ice just below our plant. They were apparently waiting for daylight before venturing out into the heavier ice in the lake. It took the boats the better part of the morning to get under way.

Mueller Bowling League held its first annual banquet Tuesday, April 1, at the Vendome Hotel. The trophy, donated for annual competition by William E. Mueller, A. C. Werdes of Decatur, Ill., and G. W. Parker was presented by the latter to the members of the winning team who were: M. Hillier, P. Forbes, W. Knowles, J. Foster and E. Tennant. R. McIntyre then presented the prize money after which the forty members enjoyed an evening of dancing.

The following employes are being congratulated on their new sons and daughters born recently:

Jack Chaytor, of the Assembly Dept., became the proud pop of a baby daughter, Myrtle Ellenor, born February 25, 1941.

Earnest Brown of Dept. 14 also has a new daughter, Lois Orilla, born March 14, 1941.

L. W. Eady of Dept. 14, a daughter, Karen Anne, born March 15, 1941.

Jack Kerrigan of the Foundry, a son, James Edward, born March 28, 1941.

McFarlane Hall of Dept. 14, a baby boy born April 5, 1941, Robert Carl.

Jack Tedder, foreman of the Assembly Dept. has been confined to his home since March 10 following an appendix operation. However, Mr. Tedder is getting along fine and will soon be able to report for work.

Jimmie Hollinger, a student at Bowling Green University, who spent last summer in our Assembly Dept. was married on April 11, 1941 to Miss Donna Culley of this city. Jimmie has also assisted in our Claims Dept. at different times and was very popular with the tennis gang.

W. E. Mueller and A. C. Werdes were recent visitors at the Sarnia plant.

Nessie Hutchison gave the office staff a jolt recently by breaking out generously with what everyone thought was the measles. She was sent home and after consulting her doctor it was found to be only a nervous rash, which cleared up the next day.

Bill Harkins has been having a bit of

trouble lately with a stiff neck. We don't know just what Bill blames this on but we have our own ideas.

One of our office girls, during a recent luncheon conversation, informed us that she was hired by Mueller Limited for her shorthand and not her long neck. Nice going we think.

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their full efficiency we merely have to exercise reasonable forethought.

Many a man takes better care of a good chisel or a good ax than he does of his own hands.

Injuries to the hands head the list in the accident statistics in industries. In nearly all industries such accidents are numerous. To cure this state of affairs, it is important to exercise greater care when using the hands. Obviously, we cannot place a guard about every single object that may cause injury to the hands.

For the most part there appears to be no remedy of a mechanical nature. Accidents to hands usually result from carelessness or lack of dexterity in the use of tools, so that the remedy lies in the exercise of greater personal care on the part of the workman. —Safety Digest.

## THAT "GUESS WHO" PICTURE

Did you recognize Bob Taylor, that cute little sober faced youngster whose picture we ran last month, and asked you to guess his identity?

Some guessed correctly, but one or two surmised it might be our superintendent. Well, they weren't so far wrong—it's all in the family.

A neglected cut is an invitation for infection. Prevention lies in first aid.

Keeping floors clean and free from obstacles is part of the job.

Checkmate accidents with safety.

Monkey shines always result in injuries.

Avoid backing into trouble. Look back first and then back if you can't face about.

Was the match out when you threw it away?

Elevator accidents killed 231 persons in one year. All the elevator knows is to go up and down. It can't think. If you don't you are in danger.

It is not how often you read the rules, it's how well you know, understand and apply them.

Famous last words at 60 miles an hour: "I know this road like a book."

## CORE ROOM BUNCH EXCEPT ONE



Front row, left to right: Oris Bethards, Walter Walls, Lloyd Cunningham, George Anderson, and Harvey Washburn.

Back row, left to right: Walter Ford, Marion Fonner, Ray Bulla, Tex Hickman, and Clarence Masters.

Photograph by Vernon Brown.

Of this group, Walter Walls has the longest service. He is a core maker, and has been with the company 26 years.

Clarence Masters ranks next with 17 years. He is a hand core maker.

George Anderson, sand mixer, has a service record of 12 years, and Ray Bulla, foundry office clerk in Roy Wood's office, has been here 11 years.

Marion Fonner has been with the company 7 years, part of which he spent at Plant 2. He has been a core maker for one year.

Oris Bethards and Lloyd Cunningham came here in October 1940, and Walter Ford and Tex Hickman in November 1940. Lloyd and Walter had just finished service in the navy. Walter is a nephew of Henry Gilbert, who has been with the company 31 years.

Harvey Washburn has since checked out to accept a position with the Fairbanks Morse Co. at Beloit, Wisconsin.

Put more backbone and less wishbone into safety.

Common courtesy in driving a car helps prevent accidents.

Your safety depends on how careful you are—not how lucky.

Heads always win in preventing accidents.

### BRASS CHIPS

Dean Craig is the new messenger, who has replaced Al Hill. Dean is a graduate of the Argenta High School, class of 1940. Al has been promoted to position of order drummer.

Truman Reynolds, who worked here a few years ago and participated in the activities of Mueller Scout Troop, has returned to the Ground Key Division.

Three girl graduates of the mid-year class of 1941 have been assigned duties in the Plumbing Division. Norma Nelson, step-daughter of John Dunaway is coloring on a buffing conveyor; Arline, daughter of Al Spitzer, and Mildred, daughter of T. E. Hoy, are assembling.

Dean Spawr, who has been a bell hop in Dept. 300, has been transferred to a milling machine, much to his delight. Dean's father, John, has been a bench molder in the foundry for fifteen years, and a brother, Jimmy, has been doing the same work for five years.

Henry Jeschawitz, son of Paul Jeschawitz, has been added to Dept. 300 as a bell hop. Henry, incidentally, makes the seventh member of the Jeschawitz family to be added to the organization. Paul, machinist in Dept. 36, has a broken service of 22 years. He has two sons, Edwin, who is a cupola tender at Plant 2 and William, a molder in the Brass Foundry, two daughters, Hildegard and Erna in the Core Room, a son in law, Irwin Keller, in the shipping department, and now Henry.

## LOS ANGELES NEWS



Bill Jett was in the office recently and said that on April 5 he had been with the Mueller Co. for 37 years. He points with pride to his record of never having been off the payroll at any time during those 37 years, for sickness or any other reason. A

record of which anyone could be proud, and we're proud of Bill Jett.

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While L. W. Mueller was here he spoke to the employees concerning labor and business. It was his best speech, and everyone left the meeting feeling the sincerity behind the speaker.

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History may repeat itself, but the life of a motorist may not.

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Now it seems that when "Red" Lott goes to the army a certain little miss will certainly miss him. Maybe some of the other fellows may have a chance then.

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Dee Gribble is now driving a new Plymouth, and Jack Masoni is sporting a new Chevrolet.

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## FOR WHOM STEVE TOILS



Meet Rosalee, who was four and one-half months old when this picture was taken. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gembrin of Los Angeles. Steve works in the shipping department of the Pacific Coast factory.

## BROTHER AND SISTER

Here is Judy and Robert Thompson. Judy is 8 and Robert is 6½ years. Their mother Mary Thompson, is in the Polishing Room of the Los Angeles factory. She has been with the company about a year and a half,

but in spite of her short service she is regarded as an old timer. The entire department know and love Judy and Robert, as



Mary's children are her life's work. Her congeniality is carried on in Judy and Robert, as can be seen in their faces.

## TWO SOLDIER BOYS

Members of Los Angeles Force Now on Duty at Fort Ord



On the left is Bob Green, who worked at both the Decatur and Los Angeles plants, and on the right Herb Churchwell, a member of the Assembly Department at Los Angeles, for the last five years. Both boys were called about the first of the year, and are now in Company G, 32nd Infantry, Fort Ord, California.

Fort Ord is near the shore of Monterey Bay, California, and has a total area of 19,000 acres. Provision is being made for 25,000 officers and men in 1,200 buildings. Of the 1,200 buildings, 398 are the standard 63-man barracks.

## IRISH CAPERS



Beth Noble, Anny Ralph, and Mary Hobbs of the Los Angeles office, as the cartoonist pictured them about 11 P.M. on the night of March 17 at the Biltmore Hotel. The girls had decided to let down their hair and have a really good time to celebrate the Irish holiday. We saw them leave work together, then heard no more until Cyril stopped by Anne's to bring her to work. Anne declares she was only trying not to step on the snails, but Cy says it looked peculiar to him. We do know that Mary saw to it that they were well fortified with Irish Confetti and a shillalah, and we heard that they cut a few capers on the floor. Mary can really do a genuine Irish reel and does a good job of the jig.

## DEATHS

## Elwood Fenton

Elwood Fenton, age 34, died April 9 in San Diego, California, after an illness of eight years. He worked in the Polishing Room and Department 8 from 1926 to 1933, and after a year in the T.B. Sanatorium went to California for his health. He is survived by two children, Earl and Verda, his mother Mrs. Charles Fenton of Maroa, and four brothers and one sister. The body was returned to Maroa for funeral services and burial.

## Edward H. Brannan

Edward H. Brannan, 72, retired Wabash engineer, died suddenly at his home on Sunday morning, April 6. He was the father-in-law of Mrs. Helen Brannan, cashier.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M.

Tuesday in the Moran chapel, with interment at Fairlawn cemetery.

## Mrs. Anna Jenkins

Mrs. Anna Jenkins, 72, died March 25 at her home, 725 N. Edward street, following an illness of one year. She was the mother of Mrs. Leo Wiant.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday in the Moran chapel, with burial in Keller cemetery, Lovington.

## WEDDINGS

## Stone-Karnes

Alice Stone and Monkota Karnes, Brass Foundry, were married at noon Easter Sunday in the Free Methodist church by Rev. Homer Foster. Mrs. Norabelle Constant and Kennis Karnes, brother of the bridegroom were attendants.

They are living at 464 East Division.

## Condon-Freeman

Miss Betty Condon and James Freeman were married at 8:30 A.M. April 14 in the parsonage of St. Patrick's Catholic church. Only the immediate families and friends were present. Jeanne Condon, sister of the bride, was her only attendant, and Joe Brownback served as best man.

The bride wore a navy crepe redingote with white starched lapels, and white hat with navy veil.

After two weeks wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will be at home at 629 W. Prairie. Jimmy works in Dept. 8.

## BIRTHS

WILLIS—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Willis, Plant 2, a daughter, Julia Ann, April 8.

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Inman, Dept. 8, a daughter, March 16, at St. Mary's hospital.

## JERRY PRESHAW MARRIED

A clipping from a Los Angeles paper brings word that Jerry Preshaw and Pauline Byrnes are to be married soon. It also tells us that both of the young people appear on the Bob Hope air show "Six Hits and a Miss." Jerry will be remembered as a twelve or thirteen year old boy when his father worked here in the Decatur Cost Department. Later Jerry, Sr. was transferred to Los Angeles.

Fire means no job. Use care and caution to prevent this.

Minutes given in making your work safe may add years to your life.

Every other traffic victim killed is a pedestrian. Give pedestrians the best of it every time.

## JOINING THE COLORS

Another Quartette of This Organization  
Now in the Service



Left to right: Delmont Parks, Chester Masterson, Lyle Wacaser, Harry Sackriter, William Draper.

Four boys left the service of the company to enter the service of Uncle Sam for one year beginning March. All four went to Camp Roberts, California, which is five miles from San Miguel and near Paso Robles in San Luis Obispo county.

They were Harry Sackriter, Delmont Parks, Chester Masterson, and William Lloyd Draper. Harry has been an order drummer in the main office since 1938. He began working for the company in 1935 as a bell hop in Department 9, and in his characteristic manner of taking everything in his stride, he took in Dept. 300, the Shipping Department, and Dept. 8, before settling down to drumming orders. Harry, who is 25 years old, graduated from the Decatur High School in 1934. He has been helping in the cafeteria during the lunch periods for some time, and is widely known throughout the plant as "Sacky." Excerpts from the first letter received from Sacky appear elsewhere.

Delmont Parks, age 23, is the son of Amos Parks, who has been associated with the Mueller family for many years in the capacity of chauffeur. Del came to work here in 1934 and received his 5 year award in 1940. He began working as an office messenger while still attending school, and after school became office boy in Department 9 under Chester Hathaway. Later he worked on a machine, and then was transferred to the Polishing Department where he was at the time of his induction into the army. He has taken an active part in athletics and was a member of the basketball team for several years.

Chester Masterson, age 25, came to work

in July 1936. He was put on in the Shipping Department where he remained until he left for army service. He is a brother of Leo (Ted) Masterson of the Upkeep Stock Department. He attended school in Maroa and the Decatur High School. He is the youngest of eight boys, the sons of William Masterson of Decatur, who is now 73 years old. Another brother, Joe, who lives in Peoria, expects to be inducted into service in June.

William Lloyd Draper, age 23, is the son of O. C. Draper, Assistant Sales Manager. Billy has worked around the plant during his summer vacations since he was just a little fellow, beginning in 1933. He spent some time in the Office, Advertising Department, Dept. 9, and the Shipping Department, from which he resigned to volunteer for one year's military training. Billy graduated from the Decatur High School and attended the Millikin University. For a period of about one year he traveled extensively over the United States taking photographs for an advertising company.

Lyle Wacaser, also shown with the four boys above, is the son of H. A. Wacaser, watchman, and brother of Everett Wacaser of the Cost Department. Lyle has never worked for the company, but has quite a reputation as a musician. He entered the service with the 130th Infantry of the National Guards as a member of the Band, and is stationed at Camp Forest, Tennessee. He plays a slide trombone.

"Blacky" Morrison of the Brass Foundry has three sons located at Camp Forest. They are Riley M., age 24, Robert L., age 22, and Merle M., age 19. All three joined the National Guards early last summer and left March 20 for one year. Robert plans to study radio, Merle aviation, and Riley expects to be a lineman.

Insofar as we are advised at this time, Press Ruthrauff, Jr., Dept. 9, is the only boy to be called during April. He expects to leave April 17.

## SACKY IN THE ARMY

But Writes That He'd Prefer Being Here  
Drumming Orders

Harry Sackriter, order drummer and more familiarly known as "Sacky," has written a letter to his friends in the office, from Camp Roberts, California, where he is now located. We quote from the letter:

"Well here sits the one time order drummer in his barracks waiting for the rain to stop. We arrived last Thursday, and it has rained ever since. I would still rather have that Illinois weather and two hundred orders to drum a week to this.

— You're Tellin' Me.

"I had intended to write before, but in  
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the army you really move. They tell you when to get up, what to wear, in fact until 4:30 in the afternoon you have no say at all. The food is pretty good, but I still prefer the Mueller cafeteria.

**The Camp**

"Our camp is located five miles from San Miguel, which has 20 stores and 175 people. You have to fight your way in any of the stores. This camp covers 156,000 acres and when completed will hold 40,000 fellows, so you can imagine what it is like. We have a very nice Sergeant and Lieutenant.

"Delmont Parks and John Williams from Decatur have beds next to me. Saturday we went to Paso Robles, did some shopping, had a steak and back at 8:30. Sunday a bunch of us walked into San Miguel and went through a mission that was 240 years old. Then we had dinner, and went over to the depot and watched the trains go by.

"I really enjoyed the trip out and the scenery was beautiful. Saw the snow on the mountain tops, orange trees, flowers. When we arrived in Phoenix it was 90° in the shade and we still had on our long underwear. It was almost as bad as the office in summer time.

**Three Month Basic Training**

"We are here for three months basic training, and then will be transferred to some place else. Start training with rifles, bayonets, gas masks, and all night field trips. I can hardly wait for that.

"Carroll, I have seen some of our ¾" soup cocks out here, and some of Draper's Haws valves that we make on the drinking faucets. Sorry, Tony, haven't seen any corporation or curb stops yet, but at least they all know who I worked for. Think I will start to carry my catalogs with me on our hikes.

"Somebody drop me a line some time, and I'll see you in a year."

As ever,

Sacky.

**CHARLIE TILTON ON ROCK**

**At Least Tries to Convince Herman Dash With Mysterious P. O. Cards**

Some time ago the Los Angeles factory received an order from the Federal Prison on Alcatraz Island, and to the Decatur copy of the invoice Herman Dash appended a note advising Charlie Tilton to pay his income tax or he'd be having a nice long rest on the "Rock".

Soon afterwards Herman began receiving postcards from San Francisco picturing the "Rock" with arrows marked thereon and the notation, "The arrow is where I am." All of the cards were signed "Charles," and told of fried chicken every day, swimming, and girl visitors who swam out to the Island. One card asked Herman to tell the gang in Decatur where he was located, as he

**BOTH GOOD FOR KIDDIN'**



The staff photograph snapped these two "eggs" one "hard-boiled" and one "medium". Make your own classification, but they are both good eggs at that.

Charlie has been with the company twenty years, and was associated with the late Billy Mason in the Construction Department, and more recently has been Fire Chief and Chief of the Watchmen, and oh, yes, chief watchman of the Okaw properties. He is one of those fortunate individuals who fits in nicely in any crowd.

"Hersh" Wacaser has 36 years broken service with the company, and for many years was in the general office. Recently he has been standing guard at the office entrance. A genial, good-natured soul, Hersh adapts himself to any job to which he is assigned.

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we've an idea that her name isn't going to be Harrison much longer. We think it won't be very long until the wedding bells chime out and Mary Ruth and Hilbert move into that home of theirs on East Garfield. It's to be a May wedding, you know, and here's May practically upon us.

told them he was going away on a vacation.

The Decatur gang are glad to hear of this news about Charlie and to learn that he is so thoroughly enjoying himself, but agree with Herman that he better pay his income tax or he may be rudely awakened from those pleasant day dreams of fried chicken and girl visitors. Alcatraz Island, the most inaccessible of the federal prisons, is located on an island near the entrance of San Francisco bay, and occupies about 20 acres. The island is also a fort guarding San Francisco bay, and contains the most loftiest lighthouse.

## FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Tish of St. Elmo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 17 with a family dinner followed by open house from 2 to 4 P.M. They have twelve children, all of whom appear in this picture. They are: Back row, left to right: Shirl, Bloumie, Dale, Donald, and Vera, of Decatur. Middle row, left to right: Mrs. Edward Price, Macon; Mrs. Kenneth Smith, St. Elmo; Mrs. Earl Hammersteadt, Evanston; Mrs. Hubert Adams, Cerro Gordo; and Forrest, Decatur. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Orvil Phelps, Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. Tish, and Dorsey, at home.

Shirl Tish, who works in the brass foundry, has been with Mueller Co. for eighteen years.

### DELPHI INTERNATIONAL

Mrs. Mildred Shannon was a member of the committee in charge of the Founders Day Banquet which the Delphi International held at Hotel Orlando, March 18, in the Pastel Room. Twenty-five were present and two new members were initiated. Ethel Gibbens of Bloomington gave the history of the Delphi, and Mrs. Hines' String Ensemble from the Decatur School of Music played during the dinner hour.

Needless haste breeds accidents and waste.

A little care makes mishaps rare.

Be a wise driver and not a wise guy.

### OPERATING RULES FOR GRINDING WHEELS

1. **Wear Goggles** even for the shortest jobs.
2. **Work Rest** should be kept adjusted as close to wheel as possible to prevent being caught between rest and wheel.
3. **Protection Hoods** should always be in place before starting machine.
4. **New Wheels** should be operated at full speed before applying work. During such tests operator should stand to one side.
5. **Applying Work** pressure should be applied gradually, particularly if wheel is cold or operated in a cold room.
6. **Steel Flanges** whether straight or tapered should be of the same diameter on each side of the wheel.
7. **Don't strike** or "Hack" the wheel. This may cause a fracture and result in a serious accident.
8. **Don't stand** directly in line with wheel when grinding. This subjects you to unnecessary risks from flying particles.
9. **Don't "jam"** or use too much pressure when tightening wheel nut. This causes undue strain on the wheel.
10. **Wet Grinders** should not be allowed to stand partly immersed in water. The water soaked portion may throw the wheel dangerously out of balance.
11. **Never increase** speed of wheel after it has been set by foreman.
12. **Don't grind** heavy work on sides of straight wheels. It is likely to break the wheel.

## THE PRINT SHOP TRIO



This snapshot brings to attention three young men who do not have as much contact with others as the average employee does. That's because they are tucked away in a corner of the printing department, where our presses run constantly turning out office forms and advertising matter.

Left to right they are: Donald Baldis, pressman; Clarence Hays, compositor and make-up man; Karl Brimm, pressman. Donald has been in the printing department since 1939, and before that time worked during the summer vacations in 1938 and 1939. Clarence has a five-year service record, and Karl 11 years (broken).

## CHANGING POLICIES

## Insurance Department of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Issues Warning

There are doubtless many in this organization carrying life insurance and perhaps some who do occasionally change from one to another company. This is not uncommon among policy holders.

The Insurance Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has issued a bulletin regarding this practice and in a circular calls attention to it as follows:

"A warning against the dangers that may be involved in changing life insurance policies is sounded in a bulletin on the subject issued by the Insurance Department of the National Chamber.

"The bulletin points out that replacement of old life insurance policies by new ones will usually result in loss to policyholders through increased cost and less favorable benefits under the new policy. Policyholders are urged to consider carefully advice that may be given about changing their life in-

surance policies. Before acting, policyholders should obtain information and assistance from all available sources, including the company or companies which wrote existing policies. The bulletin says:

"Periodically throughout the history of life insurance there have appeared those who advocate insurance programs based exclusively on term insurance. Although term insurance serves a useful purpose in certain cases, experience has shown that a life insurance program based exclusively on term insurance will almost invariably lead to disappointment.

"Recognizing the public interest in preventing losses to policyholders through misrepresentation, a number of states have enacted special statutes making such misrepresentation criminal. This type of legislation is designed to protect the interest of the public."

Anyone interested can obtain this bulletin by writing the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C.

## Founder of W.P.A.

"Ye're a hard worker, Dooley. How many hods av mortar have ye carried up that ladder today?" asked Casey.

"Shh, man. I'm foolin' the boss. I've carried the same hodful up an' down all day, an' he thinks I'm workin'," answered Dooley.

## SWING HIGH, SWING LOW



Helen Pope and her nephew, Martin Betzer, at Mueller Lodge playground. Helen took Martin out there to show him a good time. She had it.

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## 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.

**Roller Skates:** These are almost new, 10 degree rink skates with rollers in perfect condition. Will sell extremely reasonable. Size 5. W. C. Hays. 851 W. Packard St.

**For Sale:** A practically new baby crib, only used three months. Complete with springs and mattress in excellent condition. Price \$5. See Mrs. Overfield, Cafeteria.

**For Sale:** All porcelain Oakland coal range, practically new. Steel top, 6 hole, 18 inch fire pot, full size oven and reservoir. See Robert Oberline, Clock No. 8026, or call at 2598 N. Church street.

**For Sale:** Clark Jewell gas stove, small size. Will sell cheap. Helen Pope, Advertising Dept.

**For Sale:** Ice box, 75 lbs., porcelain lined, side icer, in good condition. Call at 912 W. King St. after 5:30 P.M.

**For Sale:** New lumber, dimension hard lumber of standard sizes, fencing boards, 1" x 6" and 1" by varied widths. \$25 a thousand feet delivered. Lynn Huntsburger, Dept. 9.

**For Sale:** Pine kindling, cut and split stove length. \$2.50 load delivered. See Harold Mohr, Dept. 63.

**For Sale:** Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. 6c a lb. George L. Hunt, 556 N. Monroe St.

**For Sale:** Western Field 22 Repeating Rifle. Will shoot short-long, or long rifle shells. \$12.50. See Clark Curry, Dept. 8, or 1615 N. Water Street.

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

**For Sale:** 1941 Model Remington Portable Typewriter. Used only two weeks. Will sacrifice for \$40. See Al May. Dept. 300.

**For Sale:** 1932 Plymouth Convertible Coupe. Good condition. See Glenn Miller, Foundry Office, or call at 2600 N. Union St.

**For Sale:** Residence property in Niantic, Illinois. Eight rooms in good repair, two lots, fruit, cistern. Can be bought cheap. See Employment Dept.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

**For Sale:** 50 pound top icer box. Call at 2097 E. Lawrence. Will sell for \$3.00.

**For Sale:** 5 Room all modern house, garage, full lot. Full size concrete basement, new Holland furnace. Large screened in back porch. Five blocks from factory. 1029 West Green. See W. S. Enloe.

## WANTED

**Wanted:** Wall paper to clean. Reasonable price and work guaranteed. Claude Stacey. 770 West Olive St. Phone 9115.

## ANSWERING AN ALARM



Maybe they had been reading about London's air raid signals and thought a Blitzkrieg was about to begin—anyhow we have here the cartoonist's conception of Wayne Morrow and Carney Carroll going into action at the sound of the fire siren. It was only a harmless fire drill, but that "banshee wail" certainly sounded realistic enough to them—so much so that Wayne headed for the alley and Carney started climbing out of the window. The squads assigned to the fire extinguishers lost no time in taking their proper places, but the rest of the department just stood and roared. Needless to say, these two boys, who have only recently been added to the force, have been thoroughly hazed and a bit more razzing should not perturb them in the least.

The henpecked-appearing gentleman was gazing rapturously at a huge oil painting of a shapely girl dressed in only a few strategically-arranged leaves. The title of the picture was "Spring."

Suddenly the voice of his wife snapped: "Well, what are you waiting for? Autumn?"