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*Front Row: Ruth Liestman, Dorothy Genford.*

*Back Row: Opal Rhodes, Opal Jackson, Dorothy Cooper, Jane Cranston, Enola Smith, Addie Hambleton, Niena Greening, Lucile Smith, Helen Pope, Glenn Shafer.*

Because of the kindness of Mr. Glenn A. Shafer, several interesting, instructive, not to say entertaining, hours, spent partially underground, were enjoyed by eleven of the girls of the office on July 18. Mr. Shafer had invited all the girls of the office to be his guests on a trip through the Pana Coal Sales Corporation's No. 1 coal mine in Pana. Only eleven of the girls were able to avail themselves of the privilege, but they brought back such a glowing account of their experiences that the less fortunate ones are quite envious.

The party got underway shortly before two o'clock. Dorothy Genford at the wheel of her favorite Ford, and Helen Pope, driving a station wagon, generously loaned by Mr. Adolph Mueller for the occasion, were the chauffeurs. The girls met their host at the Frances Hotel and were taken over to the mine. Before going below the surface, the lucky eleven were equipped with miner's lamps and batteries were strapped to their sides. From photographer Pope's

shots, one can derive an excellent idea of how our girls looked when attired for mining.

The first part of the journey was a swift drop, downward 720 feet, equivalent to two city blocks. At the bottom of the shaft the girls climbed (and climb is the word) into three electrically-driven coal cars for a trip two miles west and a mile north. They were impressed all through the trip with the systematic methods of mining—the Shafer mine is operated on the "pillar and room" plan. With their three guides, the girls explored "room" after "room", where miners take out the coal. By this method almost half of the coal is unmined but is left for support. They were impressed, too, by the precautions taken for the safety of the workers and were interested in knowing that an inspection is made early each working day of the area in which the men will work.

A high point of the trip was the actual "mining" that the girls did. Mr. Shafer handed each guest a pick and insisted that she obtain for herself a chunk of coal. These

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with their miners' caps, the girls took home with them.

The girls were also interested in the system of ventilation by which pure air is forced from one entry to another, and to the "room" where the men work. They enjoyed meeting the mine mules who, with fresh air, plenty to eat and drink, have all the enjoyments of their brothers above ground, except for green pastures. The visitors were surprised to learn that one mule is able to pull two of the coal cars loaded with coal, more than four tons of coal.

There was a quick ride back to the "bottom"—"Give her the gun," begged Dotty Gepford, who is something of a Miss Barney Oldfield—and the engineer obliged. The ride was more fun than a roller-coaster. The girls quickly returned to the hotel, where Mr. Shafer had thoughtfully engaged rooms. There they removed the coal dust, with which they were abundantly covered, and dressed for dinner. With true miners' appetites, they enjoyed thoroughly the delicious chicken dinner which Mr. Shafer had served for them on the veranda of the Pana Country Club. At table there was a lovely corsage of red roses, from the famous Pana greenhouses, of course, tied with American Beauty ribbon, for each guest.

The afternoon and evening, thanks to Mr. Shafer, will be long remembered by all the girls. Those in the group were: Helen Pope, Dorothy Gepford, Addie Hambleton, Niema Greening, Lucile Smith, Opal Rhodes, Enola Smith, Ruth Liestman, Jane Cranston, Dorothy Cooper, Opal Jackson.

#### "Lady Miners" Appreciative

As evidence of their appreciation, the "lady miners" sent to Mr. Shafer a package of small cigars known as "Between the Acts" and some golf balls. Mr. Shafer acknowledged these gifts in a cordial letter in which he said: "I do not know how you found out that I have used this brand for 35 years in place of any cigarettes, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. The golf balls I can always use, and it gets harder and harder to get good ones because of the "shortage of rubber."

#### NEW REGISTRATION LAW

All voters should take note of the fact that a new law covering registration of voters is now in effect and will apply at the coming election in November.

Under this law the County Clerk becomes official registrar and has a permanent office on the fourth floor of the County Building.

He has also had a corps of clerks on the first floor for the accommodation of the voters.

In addition to this, the polling places will be open on September 19 and October 6, 1942 for the purpose of registration of voters who have not previously given attention to

#### CAUGHT NAPPING



A summer idyl. Little Linda Lee Williams, awed of her dolls and play on a warm July day, dropped into the lawn swing for a rest. It lasted longer than she knew, and while she was sleeping, someone snapped the camera. Just a trifle surprising that an active three-year-old girl would thus deprive herself of play hours. Now if it had been her grandfather, C. E. Cochran, some of his knowing friends would be asking, "Well, what else would you expect if he sat down in a lawn swing?"

A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.—James.

My strength is as the strength of ten  
Because my heart is pure.  
—Tennyson.

Do good to thy friend to keep him—  
To thy enemy to gain him.  
—Franklin.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.—George Eliot.

#### FIRST BIRTHDAY



Ronald Allen Griffith

Ronald Allen Griffith is seriously considering the ways of the world at the age of one year. He was born on July 26, 1941. Perhaps he is thinking about the mess of world trouble he came into on coming into the world. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Griffith, rural route 2. The father works at Plant 3.

this important requirement.

In each instance the voter must appear in person.

This new law will be in force until 1946.

## GOOD TIME AT THE PICNIC



At left: Martin David Betzer, son of Ruth Betzer and nephew of Helen Pope. Third boy in white Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowan. The other riders could not be identified.

The Annual Picnic was up to the standard in every way. In fact, it was looked upon as among the best and most enjoyable yet held. The plan of making it a half-day affair seemed satisfactory to all. In view of the fact that a more extended notice will appear in the outside issue of September Mueller Record, we are giving a less extended account in this issue. Also, we have more photos than we have space to give, but we hope to use as many of these as possible in succeeding issues. Herewith we give the winners in the children's games. In the subsequent list the first, second and third prize winners come in regular order:

### Boys Games—Ages 7-9

**BALLOON BURSTING:** Donald Robert Bruce, Donald Wayne Curry, Harold Meador.

**THREE-LEGGED RACE:** Ronald Keller and David Dickey; Robert Bodreh and Donald Dwayne Morrow; Donald Myer and Walter Dannewitz.

**SACK RACE:** Carl E. Jones, Dickey Lusk, Jimmy Penwell.

### Ages 10-11

**START AND GO RACE:** Billy Monska, Junior Johnson, Virgil Ellington.

**WHEELBARROW RACE:** Lyle Meador and Harlan Short; Duane Buxton and Wayne Jones; Bill Lusk and Jack Jones.

**FAN WALKING RACE:** Richard Badorek, Harlan Short, Thomas Curry.

### Ages 12-15

**WATERMELON CONTEST:** Dean Williams, Bob Dilbeck, Billy Bradley.

**EGG THROW:** David Buck, Billy Bradley; William Badorek, Virgil Ellington; Bill Ponner and Harold Kramer.

**PEANUT ROLL:** Ernest Watkins, Donald Curry, Floyd Isome.

### Girls' Games—Ages 7 to 9

**BALLOON BURSTING:** Patsy Evelyn Roush, Katherine Bateman, Barbara Ficker.

**SHOE SCRAMBLE:** Marjorie Lee Allen, Anna Chase, Joan Buxton.

**RABBIT HOP:** Doris Hartwig, Paula Jacka, Kathaleen Walton.

### Ages 10-11

**KANGAROO JUMPING RACE:** Nelda Lorene Epperson, Alice Cash, Jacqueline Chepan.

**LOCK RACE:** Lois Jones and Yvonne Jones; Nelda Lorene Epperson and Joan Smith, Doris Beaman and Aline Hector.

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Harley Hinstead, in charge of the drawing for children's prizes, poses with the winners and Mrs. Lew Miller, mother of the 16-day-old winner of the toy wagon. The infant Miller holds the record as the youngest prize winner at any Mueller picnic.

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**DRIVING PIGS TO MARKET:** Mary Keller, Norma Lin Scott, Joan Stratman.

**Ages 12-15**

**POP DRINKING CONTEST:** Adeona Golembeck, Marie Moats, Dorothy Griffith.

**CHEWING GUM:** Jean Jolly, Donna Fonner, Dorothy Griffith.

**WILLIAM TELL RACE:** Betty Keller, Norene West, Billy Joan Jones.

**Adults—Men**

**HOG CALLING CONTEST:** Lesley Epperson, Hap Thompson, Roy Harper.

**POTATO PEELING:** Roy Harper, Harry Chase, Leon Meyer.

**POP DRINKING CONTEST:** Wilbur Davidson, Lesley Epperson, Leon Meyer.

**Adults—Women**

**NAIL DRIVING CONTEST:** Helen Jones, Helen Morrow, Mrs. Jackson.

**HUSBAND CALLING:** Mary Fleischauer, Helen Jones, Marie Bandy.

**PAPER PLATE SAIL:** Marie Bandy, Doris Epperson, LaVance Drake.

**Children's Prizes**

The drawing for the children's prizes, under the direction of Harley Himstead, was especially interesting for the boy's toy wagon. This was won by Larry Lew Miller, son of Lew Miller. Little Larry showed no joy or interest in the affair. How would you expect him to—he was only 16 days old. In a year or two he will awaken to the fun ahead of him. In the mean time the wagon can do him good service for transportation, a nice little crib and bed.

Mary Rose Bray, daughter of Ray Bray, won the doll.

A large crowd was in attendance for the evening exercises, and there was plenty doing all the time. There was a good vaudeville program on the stage, followed by dancing to the music of Homebrook's orchestra.



*Mrs. William J. Kollman*

Among those who enjoyed the picnic was

Mrs. William J. Kollman with her baby, Florence Pauline, born November 9, 1941, and Charles Joe, born April 9, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Kollman have another daughter, Josephine, born October 25, 1940. Those who know Joe, Sr., say that little Joe is a replica of his father, who is a member of Plant 3 force.

Charles Winholtz, one of the old time night foremen, managed to find some of his old friends during the day, but admitted there were many faces strange to him.

Every shaded seat in the amphitheatre was taken, but those in the sun were left to burn it out. However, there were hundreds of persons who stood in the shade within hearing distance of the loud speaker.

Photographers have to move fast and think fast as Bill Pfile found out at a critical time during the platform exercises. His camera began to "act up." Bill dispatched a messenger to notify the Pfile shop in town. The elder Pfile grabbed a duplicate camera and plates, loaded it on the way out, reached the platform and handed to Bill just as the camera he had been using went out entirely. As it was, Bill never missed a shot.

## AN OFFENSIVE ARMY

### The Responsibility in Large Measure Rest on Industries' Shoulders

General Armstrong on picnic day made it very clear that without production the army of the front line cannot hope to accomplish much.

That places the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of industry.

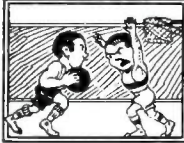
Going a little further, it may be said that it places this responsibility on your shoulders, and of course you want to see our army on the offensive. Alonzo N. Drake, Colonel, Army Air Force, dealing with the subject to offensive rather than defensive war, says:

"General MacArthur's men aren't shirking their responsibilities, you mustn't shirk yours. That is why you must be on your job each day and put your heart, soul and strength into your work. There must never be a let-down.

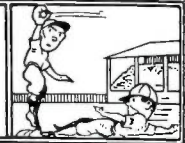
"General MacArthur and his men are fighting and are on the alert 24 hours each day, week-in and week-out with cat-naps and hasty meals between assaults. They have even been hungry and sick on Bataan. They are on the job each day and depend upon you to be on yours. A soldier in battle does not go A. W. O. L.; neither must you."

"How about some old-fashioned loving?"

She: "All right, I'll call grandma down for you."



# Athletics



## MUELLER GIRLS SWIM

**"Don't Hang Their Clothes on Hickory Tree and Not Go Near the Water"**

"Mother, may I go out to swim?  
Yes, my darling daughter,  
Hang your clothes on a hickory limb,  
But don't go near the water."

There are a dozen or so girls of the Mueller organization who, on these hot summer nights, may be found in the beautiful swimming pool at the Y.W.C.A. During these times when everybody's nerves are inclined to be on edge, there is nothing quite so refreshing and relaxing as a plunge into the pool.

The Y. W. pool is one of the finest in the state, very attractive to the eye, and very pure as to water content. The bacteria count is kept under strict control at all times, and there is never any doubt as to the water.

Some of the girls are enthusiastic students of swimming, under the excellent instruction of Miss Loraine Stone, health education director at the Y.W.C.A., and have become good swimmers. Others go down to the pool "just for fun" and find plenty of it practicing new strokes, turning somersaults, diving, playing leapfrog and generally having a good time.

In the picture, taken at the Y.W.C.A. pool

are: Helen Pope, Beulah Staudt, Ruth Liestman, Dorothea Uhl, Louise Whitehead.

Those who swim at the Y.W.C.A. but were not in the picture are: Helen Chamberlain, Clara Uhl, Beulah Jenkins, Dorothy Stacey, Ethel Jones, Opal Jackson.

## JULY WINNER

Following are the winners for July. This month will end up the tournament:

	Defense Stamp
1st Low Net—Charles Meador.....	\$1.00
2nd Low Net—Ralph Duncan.....	.75
3rd Low Net—Archie Meador.....	.50
1st Low Gross—A. C. Werdes.....	1.00
2nd Low Gross—James Fair.....	.75
3rd Low Gross—J. W. Wells.....	.50
Low on 3 Blind Holes—F. E. Carroll....	.50
High on 3 Blind Holes—Carl H. Hill....	.50
Greatest Difference Between Nines—	
Myers Harrison .....	.50
Greatest Difference on 2 Blind Holes—	
Adolph Mueller .....	.50

August will be the last month of the tournament. Be sure to turn in your scores.

Sonny: "Ma says she could have soled her shoes with this steak I brought back."  
Butcher (sarcastically): "Why didn't she?"  
Sonny: "'Cause she couldn't get the nails through it."

### BACK TO THE NAVY

Lloyd Cunningham, who has been in this organization since October 1940, has checked out and gone back to the Navy, in which he has already served four years. He has been working in the core room and with the plumbing crew. He was to report at Philadelphia as a gunner's mate, second class.

Lloyd is a son of Mrs. Hannah Cunningham of this city.

He was pleased and enthusiastic at the prospect of getting his feet back on the deck of a warship, but has no idea of where that ship may take him.

In his former service he was on the cruiser "Mississippi" and saw quite a bit of the world, including West Indies, South America and Hawaiian Islands.

### JOINS AIR CORPS

Richard Roakoch, pitcher for the Red Birds for about four years, enlisted in the Army Air Corps and left July 28 for Peoria, Illinois. Before he left, the boys of the softball team presented him with a Shaffer fountain pen and pencil set. He was employed by Black and Company.

### GOLF GAME



Here's a quartette of golf players, who recently enjoyed a golf game at Nelson park course. Left to right: Adolph Mueller, Chairman of the Board; A. C. Werdes, General Auditor; J. W. Wells, Secretary; and Charles Meador.

Adolph and "Auggie" Werdes were paired against J. W. Wells and Charles Meador. Adolph and "Auggie" won, but that in itself does not tell the complete story. At a previous picnic a year ago Adolph and Charles played in another foursome, and the latter not only showed his enthusiasm in the game but remembered it. So did Adolph, and he invited Charles to join a recent game at Nelson park. This furnished a striking example of our democratic spirit—the Chairman of the Board and an old time employee competing in a golf game. That's real democracy for you. And in the Mueller organization it means just that.

### MARRIED

#### Katz-Abrams

Joe Abrams, Government Inspector at Plant 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abrams of Chicago, Illinois, was married to Miss Dorothy Katz, Sunday, July 28, at the Memorah Temple by Rabbi Carmel. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Katz of Memphis, Tenn.

Lieut. Herman Kaminsky was best man, while Miss Esther Katz, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor.

After a short wedding trip to Chicago, the newlyweds are now residing at 942 N. Main St.

#### McArley-Corson

Richard Corson, Government Inspector at Plant 3, was married July 18 in the Methodist Church at Riverton, Illinois, to Miss Sara Frances McArley of Birmingham, Alabama. About thirty relatives and friends attended the ceremony which was read by Rev. Walter Mitchell.

Miss Frances Corson, sister of the bridegroom was maid of honor, while the father of the bridegroom was best man.

Mr. Corson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Corson of Springfield.

After a wedding trip to Chicago, the inspector and his bride are at home at 1545 N. Church St.

#### Morrison-Wells

Miss Ruth Morrison became the bride of Ross R. Wells, Government inspector at Plant 3, on August 8 in St. Louis.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison of 1301 E. Vanderhooft St., Decatur, while the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Wells of Chicago.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Frank E. Morrow. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are now at home at 1237 E. Sedgwick Street, Decatur.

### SHOWER FOR MRS. DAHLIN

Mrs. Harold Dahlin of Plant 3, a recent bride, was honored at a shower given her by friends from the organization at Mueller Athletic Club House Monday evening, July 27. There were 16 guests present.

Prizes at bingo were won as follows: first, Doris Dahlin, the bride, two vases; second, Helen Campbell, berry set; consolation, Ruby White, flower pot.

The floating prize of a box of Kleenex was won by Ellen Parker.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream and cokes were served. The hostesses for the party were Dorothy Chamberlain, Helen Causey and Lucille Zerforoski.

The guests clubbed together to present the guest of honor with three handsome shower gifts.

If I practice one day, I can see the result.  
If I practice two days, my friends can see it.  
If I practice three days, the great public can see it—Ole Bull.



# Safety News



## FIRST AID CLASSES

### One Hundred and Twenty-five Employees Are Being Trained

First Aid Classes were begun August 4 in the gymnasium for the Key Workers in the Factory Defense Set Up. The standard course consisting of 20 hours training is being taught to approximately 125 employees composed of guards and watchmen; auxiliary fireman, auxiliary police, fire watchers, first aid workers and block wardens. In the Civilian Defense Plan, first Aid training is required of all persons filling these positions. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and one day time class will be held for the benefit of those working nights.

Upon satisfactory completion of the 20 hours training Red Cross Certificates of recognition will be mailed to all those passing the courses. These persons will then be certified by the Office of Civilian Defense and issued insignia designating branch in which they will serve.

C. E. Cochran, Plant Officer, Elmer Miller, Asst. Plant Officer.

**Guards:**—R. L. Pope, Clinton Keller, Amos Parks, F. L. Stevenson, Claude Roe, Roy Vandervort, Geo. L. Hunt, Howard Williams, Al Rokash, T. E. Knowles, Charles Miller, Vernie Wall, Wm. Severe, Ray Caudle, Monkota Karnes, Arthur Gordon, B. J. Marty, Charles LeHew, Harry Chase, Samuel Gepford, Henry Gilbert, John Drake, Roe Cornwell, Earl Dilbeck, Clarence Sutton, Glen Dial, Tilmon B. O'Dell, William O'Dell, Thomas Mudd, Wm. Hise, Joseph Syfert, Henry Bashore, Hershafel Wacaser, Barney Riley, Virgil Morrison.

**Auxiliary Police:**—E. C. Stille, Archie Sefton, Howard Baldis, Roy Wood.

**Air Raid Wardens:**—Harley Himstead, Marshall Hobbs, Chas. Sanders, D. W. Ferry, Milo Wright, Coy Butler, Donald Ammann, A. E. Lindamood, Galen Hutchins, Emmett Holderby, Troy Roush, Paul Personette, John Curry.

**Fire Watchers:**—R. C. Kileen, Walter Bowan, Willard Foltz, Robert Lusk, Laverne Walley, Clarence Masters, Geo. Anderson, Orville Brown, Cecelia Moats, Harold Moats, Robert Lusk, Sr., Ervin Brewer, Wade Raubo, John Monska, J. A. Morrison, John Dotson, Lee Bauer, E. H. Potts, John Bain, Walter Behrns, Robert Walley, Wallace Gould, Guy Jones, F. G. Alexander, Dale Bolen, Robert Hutchins, Van Riley, James Ridgeway, Leslie Schroeder, R. M. Workman, Leonard Gilmore, W. E. Dunnaway.

Howard Hartwig, Roy F. Shell, Harry Koontz, Geo. Durbin, Walter Dunn, Carl Smith, O. S. Kelley, Stanley Ashby, Carney Carroll, Al Spitzer, Maynard Buckta, Leon Meyer, F. E. Carroll, Howard Dempster, Clifford Auer.

**Auxiliary Fireman:**—N. C. Washburn, C. W. Buckwald, G. J. Yonker, Howard Gragg.

**First Aid Squad:**—Dorothy Chamberlain, Frances Hockaday, Ruby White, Elizabeth Raskin, Thelma Ater.

**Utility Squad:**—C. W. Mansfield, Lester Gordy, John M. Smith, Ernest Garver, Donald Dickey, Merle Trimmer, Charles Dunaway.

### Civilian Defense Field Day

Air Raid Warden Elmer Miller has announced a Civilian Defense Field Day to be held in September at the Mueller Heights. All units will take part in the demonstration which probably will precede one of the weekly ball games.

Watch the bulletin boards for further information.

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The Gersoppa waterfall in South India drops from a height of 829 feet.

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The English alphabet came directly from Latin.

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## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Being Further Ruminations of One  
Old Enough to Know Better)

We wonder if anybody was quite as proud as the good old Third Floorites on Picnic Day? To see our Willie Rohman, happily home for a few days on furlough, on the stage with General Armstrong, was mighty near more than we could take. We just about burst off a couple of buttons! We believe we were just about as proud as Mr. Adolph looked.

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Willie, incidentally, is quite the handsome soldier. And wasn't it good to see him? Don't believe everybody in the office was able to talk to him; he was here such a short time. And wasn't that a nice picture of Willie carried in our local press a few days after our M. P. returned to duty?

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We always had an idea that Mildred Shanahan was the perfect hostess, but we had it proved in rather a unique way recently. On the evening of July 24 Mildred had been baking cookies. All went well, until something went wrong with her electric stove. Looked like a fire. Somebody summoned the firemen. They came with their usual neatness and dispatch. Excitement was running high on West Green Street. The fire? O, the fire was all out. No fire. But, suggested Mid, would the brave fire fighters have some cookies? They would, and they did. What promised to be another chore for the firemen was a pleasant social hour—with refreshments. We submit that it takes presence of mind to have a fire and to remember to feed the firemen!

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Clara Uhl, as we all know, is an accomplished gal. In addition to operating her bookkeeping machine, she can do lots of things, such as riding a bike, swim, ride a hoss. But, had you heard, she has now taken up the study of law? She's beginning with laws governing the operation of motor vehicles. To date she has completed the chapters on:

"Speeding Means Spending", "Answering the Cop Who Says 'If you can't see the lights, see an optician', etc.", "Correct Attitude on Meeting the Judge," "How to Keep News from Friends Who Read the Daily Paper", etc. We're betting on Clara, too, on account of she's a smart girl and a good sport. (She'd have to be to stand up under this!)

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It's vacation time for Dorothy Cooper and Opal Jackson, who, with Juanita Sweeney and Florence McConnell, are scheduled to leave on the 15th for a day and a night in Chicago and a week on Mackinac Island.

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Delores Virden is carrying quite a handsome purse these days, made from some sort

of grass and bearing her diminutive name of "Dee" on the outside. It a very pretty bag and doubly prized because it was sent to her very recently from the Hawaiian Islands by her brother who is in the U. S. Marine Corps.

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Jack Rubicam, now of the Paymaster's office, is doing his best for the perpetuation of "horse and buggy days." In addition to being the proud owner of "Betty" (of the Rubicam stables!), he has recently acquired a buggy. Most any evening now you can see Betty and the buggy flying by on the country roads. We haven't heard how Betty likes the new buggy, but Jack thinks it's swell.

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Clara Uhl spent the week-end of August 9 in St. Louis enjoying the sights of the big city.

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The Francis Carrolls were July vacationers, making an enjoyable trip to Wisconsin and points North.

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Jane Cranston is spending her third-week-in-August vacation visiting relatives in Pana and Taylorville.

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Did you ever hear of so many weddings, we ask ourselves every day or so. And if you'll note the columns of the Record, you'll find that Little Brother Cupid has been getting in some exceptionally good work with our Plant 3 Government inspectors. Looks like romance with a capital R in Decatur these days.

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Mrs. Harold Probst and son Richard stopped in for a call a few weeks ago. Mrs. Probst wife of salesman Harold Probst, now in Uncle Sam's service, is the former Thelma Johnson and one time member of our organization. She and Dick have been visiting her parents in Decatur. Thelma reports that Harold is doing good work in his new activities and is an exceptionally busy man these days.

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## HOME MOVIES

Under the impression that Leo Silefski of the tool room had secured some good photographs of the picnic scenes, and, in addition, that he was quite an expert amateur, we called on him at his cozy home on E. Clay St. to investigate. He had taken pictures, but they were movies, which do not lend themselves to good development for printing purposes. However, we were well repaid in meeting Leo and his family and, in addition, at considerable trouble, he threw his film on the screen for our benefit. We are here to tell you that they were beautiful, including intimate pictures of the family, outings, scenes at Starved Rock, Forest Park, St. Louis, among the latter outdoor animal pictures, and scenes at the last picnic.

They were more interesting to us than most of the movies we have seen in the movie theatres.



# MUELLER MEN IN ARMY

## GREAT THRILL FROM FLAG

### Interesting Letter from H. Everett Wacaser to His Father



The following is part of a letter from Pvt. H. Everett Wacaser, a former employee of the Mueller Co., who is now stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, as a member of the 1st Medical Battalion, wherein he outlines a few of the duties of a soldier during intensive training, also some of the feelings experienced by a former civilian during his first review as a soldier:

"Last week the 31st Battalion had their first retreat parade and were reviewed by Gen. Willist, the C. O. of Camp Grant. I do not know how the other fellows felt about it, but to me it was quite an experience. Of course, we stand retreat every night, but we never hear the National Anthem or see the flag, as our barracks is about one-half mile from the drill field.

#### Will Never Forget It

"This time we dressed up in our best bib and tucker, with pistol belts and leggings, and marched out 1,200 strong to the reviewing field. We stood at present arms while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the flag was lowered. Then we passed in review. This is the first time I have ever marched behind the flag as a soldier, and for me it was a thrill I shall never forget.

Sometimes I get down in the dumps, especially when our work gets exceptionally rough—and the officers seems unreasonable, and I doubt whether I was so smart to join the army. However, an occasion like that retreat ceremony when I get a chance to stop and think about all the things that flag stands for, such as my home, my folks, baseball games, music, friends, baked chicken, the opera, the church, everything that freedom means to us, I am glad I've got my chance to do a little to protect it.

#### Training Grows Tougher

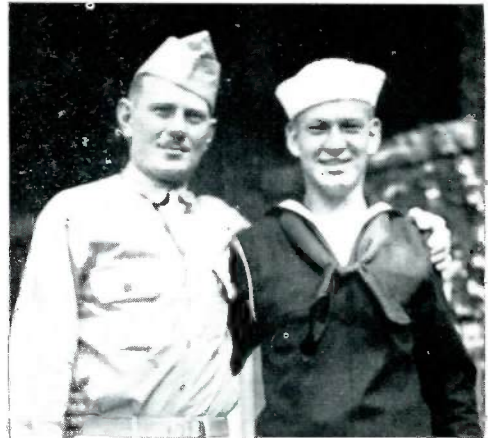
"Our training is getting tougher all the time, and I haven't gotten much sleep this week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we had night marches, and I mean long and far into the night. Then on Thursday night when I thought I'd surely get a few hours off to spend with my wife, I got assigned to guard duty, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and got no sleep that night. On Friday night we had our usual scrubbing session, and on

Saturday we had field inspection, which means that Friday night we had to stay up late to polish equipment for the inspection.

"The above will give you folks who worked with me in the office some sort of an idea of the contrast between Civil and Military life."

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## THE ARMY AND NAVY MEET



*John F. Bratcher and Dean Spawr*

John F. Bratcher of the U. S. Army, formerly of the Shipping Department and Department 8, visited the plant on July 22 and chanced to meet Dean Spawr, of the U. S. Navy. Dean worked at Plant 3 and in the Specialties Division, but resigned May 22 to enter the Navy. He is a son of John Spawr of the Foundry, and a brother of the late James Spawr.

John is a brother of Louise Whitehead of the Works Manager's Office, and the husband of Elizabeth Bratcher, Plant 3. He is located at Camp Chaffee in the 68th Armored Division.

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*Charles H. Johnson*

The young man with the smile is Charles H. Johnson, formerly of the Billing Dept. in the New York Office, now one of Uncle Sam's boys, located at Scott Field, Belleville.

Charlie, born a New Yorker, is having his first glimpse of the Mississippi Valley country this year. He is enrolled in the Radio School and comes up soon for his aviation cadet exams. Here's luck, Charlie.

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# TWO FINE GARDENS



Here are two gardens that claim the admiring attention of all who have seen them. The one below is located on the west side of College street, just north of Eldorado and belongs to Alva Davis, Dept. 30. The other belongs to W. E. Mueller. It is located at the rear of his new home in South Moreland Place. Both have been productive, because they have been given careful attention. Their natural beauty is not possible in photographic reproduction, which indicates, however, that they have fulfilled the expectation of their owners. The frame work in Everett's garden indicates the tomatoes and other climbing varieties were given fine first aid. Mr. Davis' garden was beautified by bright flowers planted next to the College street sidewalk.

"What do you want to work at," asked the Warden of the new convict.

"Do you mean to say I can work at my old trade?"

"Most assuredly, if you are good at it. What is it?"

"Traveling salesman!"

John: "Gee, I'd like to be a sculptor."

Jack: "That's easy. All you have to do is to get a piece of marble and knock off all you don't want!"

A profound conviction raises a man above the feeling of ridicule.—J. S. Mill.

## ANOTHER PROMOTION

News received from Earl Harris early in August indicates that he has had another promotion, and is now Staff-Sergeant in charge of the Squadron clothing issue. He has also been transferred to Atlantic City. Earl's friends were pleased to hear of his advancement.

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## EYE OPERATION

A. W. Cash recently underwent an operation on his eyes for the removal of a cataract. One eye was operated on several months ago. The Editor has gone through the same experience. This perhaps gives him a better understanding and a keener sympathy of the meaning of all this. Regardless of the experience and the expertness of the oculist, there is no assurance of the result. It means one of two things—eyesight with the aid of proper lenses or blindness. Luckily the editor came through with good results, and is hopeful that brother Cash will be as fortunate, and we feel that all of those who know Mr. Cash hope the same thing.

There is one lesson to be learned from a cataract operation—the inestimable value of eyesight. Those who possess it should guard it jealously and carefully.

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Contentment with little is true happiness.

## SARNIA

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cain, a son, James Patrick. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forsyth, a son, Raymond David. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Bud) Daws, a son, Lewis Landon (Bud was employed in our Tool Room before going into service in the Royal Canadian Navy.)

Several of our boys in the services have called on us recently: Pilot Officers, Freddie Daws and Ducky Knowles; Bruce Murray, Military Bandsman; Bob Bannister, Air Frame Mechanic; Jack Murphy of the Ordnance Corps; Bud Daws of the Royal Canadian Navy and Herb Callister of the R. C. A. F.

The following boys have received their calls or have joined up recently and gone to their respective stations: Harold Hannan, Neil Turnbull, Jimmie Brent, Stanley Booth, Ted Gray, Charlie Harrison, Ernest Milner, and Bill Nisbet.

Felix Duffy of Dept. 14 will leave September 5th, and Ian Milne of Dept. 14 will leave September 28th for the R. C. A. F.

Frank Kilbreath, former night foreman of the Forging Dept., has left our employ to become a member of the local City Police Force.

Helen Shaw of Dept 14 was married on July 25th to Clayton Maidment of this city.

Jean Naylor of Dept. 14 was married to Alex Hodges of the Drafting Dept. on July 31st.

Freddie Cuthbertson and Doris Rooney of Dept. 14 will be married the latter part of this month.

Best of luck, folks.



*No—You are not seeing double. It's just the Dallier Twins taking it easy; Donald Allen and Gerald Francis, three and a half months old, sons of Allen Dallier of Dept. 14.*

We were very sorry to hear of the bad luck Harry Morris had on the start of his trip. He says his next car will be a Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Morris motored to Ottawa recently and stopped at the Chateau Laurier.

Isabelle Danby and Evelyn Duncan spent a few days recently in Toronto on vacation. Alison Street of the Payroll Dept. is vacationing this week in Toronto.

Nessie Hutchison has just returned from

a short vacation to Port Stanley.

Mr. G. W. Parker is away for two weeks training with the Home Guard in London.

We have two new girls assisting in the office; Helen King in the Cost Department and Lois McPhee in the Billing Dept.

Alex and Jeannie have returned to work after honeymooning at Grand Bend for a week. They are both looking very pleased with themselves about everything in general.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Skippon are vacationing at Manitoulin Island this week.

We regret very much to learn that Rex Gammon has been reported missing somewhere in Egypt. Rex was employed in our Core Room before his enlistment with the R. C. A. F. and was very prominent on the tennis court. We do hope we will have something favourable to report in our next issue.

Today is the big day for Gertrude Tully of the Bond Room. Gertrude is being married this a. m. to Bill Powers of the R.C.A.F. Gertrude has been closely associated with our company for the past two and a half years through the Government Bond Room and we feel that she is one of us, and extend our heartiest congratulations.

We were very glad to hear Mr. William E. Mueller and his son Adolph call at our office recently.

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Fresh Son: "This ham is moldy and bad."

Cook: "It can't be. It was just cured last week."

Fresh Son: "Well, maybe it had a relapse."

Nature never says one thing, Wisdom another.—Juvenal.

## Ernie Garver, Jr.



Ernie Garver, Jr., graduated from the Decatur High School Summer Class, July 31st. Ernie, Senior, a well-known member of this organization, and wife are filled with pride and joy, as all parents are, over events of this character.

## "TAINT DIRT—IT'S SAND"

### Crew of Children Help on Excavation for Monroe Subway

Two small girls with a toy express wagon and a small stove shovel did more work on Monroe street in a few hours than had been done in two months. They were down in a hole up to their chins, busily engaged with their shovels, filling their wagons. A group of smaller children were teamsters, hauling the filled wagons away. Everything was moving in big time order. There was no public spirit manifested in the work. Neither was Walt Bowan, Helen Pope or Frank Mueller hanging around taking pictures. The editor was the only spectator and, just naturally curious, inquired as to the purpose of the activity in removing the dirt.

"Taint dirt," answered one small girl who seemed to be the contractor in charge. "It's sand, and we are hauling it home for a sandbox to play in." Whether the children had a right to the sand is a question, but right or wrong, we gave our approval to any plan which hastened completion of the subway, even if it had to be done with a small stove shovel and a toy express wagon.

### BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Grosboll, 230 S. 10th St., July 18 in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawbaker, 629 E. Grand, a son, July 19 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Workman, Thursday, August 13, 1942, a 7½ pound son at St. Mary's hospital. He has been named Dale Allen.

Jesse works in Department No. 8 as a key miller.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Mueller, Saturday, August 1, 1942, an 8 pound 11 ounce son at the Decatur and Macon County hospital. He has been named Jay Edward. Bill is assistant foreman in Department No. 70.

### PRIZE WINNERS

The following have submitted suggestions and have been awarded prizes according to bulletin issued August 14.

Name	Number of Suggestions	Amount
T. B. O'Dell.....	1	\$2.50
Frank Shade .....	1	2.50
Haldon L. Hanson.....	1	2.50
Charles E. Kush.....	1	2.50
Cecil E. Smith.....	1	2.50
John J. Smith.....	1	2.50
Robert W. Lusk.....	1	2.50
Nellie Fishburn .....	1	2.50
Arnold Blankenburg .....	1	2.50
James Ridgeway .....	1	2.50
Richard Dannewitz .....	1	2.50
C. D. Kelley.....	1	2.50
Albert May .....	1	2.50

## DEATHS

### Willis E. Connors

Willis E. Connors, 59, father of E. W. Connors of Dept. 9, died July 19 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Connors was born in Georgetown, Illinois. In 1905 he was married to Emma Black who died in 1918. He later married Mrs. Ethel Maloney who survives. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons, Elmer and Eldred of Decatur and three step-children, two sisters, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Mr. Connors came to Decatur from Champaign 21 years ago. He was a stationary fireman.

Funeral services were held in the Moran Chapel on July 21.

### William D. Foltz

William D. Foltz, 73, father of Cecil Foltz, formerly of the Engineering Dept. at Decatur and now with the Pacific Coast plant, died July 20 in Chanute, Kansas.

Mr. Foltz was a Decatur blacksmith for about 25 years, owning and operating during that time several shops. He retired in 1932 and left Decatur several years ago. Born in Jasper County, Illinois, on August 27, 1868, he first married Nellie N. Jenkins, who died on September 8, 1935. He was married the second time to Myrtle Tullas in Chanute on March 31, 1938.

He leaves his wife in Chanute, eight children by his former marriage: Mrs. G. D. Gonser of Pueblo, Colorado; C. R. Foltz, Alhambra, California; Mrs. Edward McNut of Weldon Springs, Missouri; Lee and Herman Foltz of Detroit; Mrs. C. H. Merris, Willard and Lester Foltz, all of Decatur; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held July 24 in the Monson Funeral Chapel in Decatur.

### G. Adolph Schlick

G. Adolph Schlick, 76, retired employee, died at his home on South Webster Street July 26 after being in failing health for some months.

Mr. Schlick was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France and came to Decatur in 1884. He was well known as former proprietor of a liquor business. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He was married to Mary Keck in 1890. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Bachmann, Decatur; Mrs. Dorothy Steege, Bloomington; and one brother, August Schlick, Decatur; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Moran Chapel July 28.

## HOLIDAY IN ST. LOUIS

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Shannan had a pleasant holiday in St. Louis July 22, when they motored to the Missouri City after work and enjoyed a moonlight cruise on the Mississippi. Their boat was the well-known "Admiral", and Mid and Cliff, as well as the other 5,000 people on the beautifully appointed and spacious craft had a most pleasant evening.

**A. G. WEBBER, SR., BIRTHDAY**

A. G. Webber, Sr., reached his 89th birthday on July 23rd, still vigorous and happy. It was the occasion of many good wishes and congratulations from his friends in business and professional circles in Decatur as well as his fellow workers of Mueller organization.

Among the many incidents in his long life, Mr. Webber always speaks feelingly of his association with the Mueller Co. He served as an apprentice under H. Mueller in 1869-70 and yet recalls many interesting incidents of that period. Later he became a telegraph operator, and from that position entered railroad work, becoming a conductor. During this period he devoted his evenings and spare time to studying law, while in Keokuk, Iowa. After returning to Decatur, he took up the practice of his profession, to finally become the dean of the Macon County bar, with a long, honorable career behind him. Through all the various periods of life in Decatur he has held close relations with Mueller Co. Upon his admission to the bar he became attorney for H. Mueller and then for the company when the second generation succeeded to the business. Now his son Albert has assumed the active duties of his father, who still retains his relationship in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Webbers life has been such as any young man may emulate with credit and profit to himself.

Through sacrifices, diligence, determination and perseverance, he has overcome obstacles and won for himself a high place in the esteem of his friends and fellow citizens, such as justifies them in pointing to him as a Decatur resident with an unblemished reputation in private or public life.

**VISITORS FROM BOTH COASTS**

Mont Henderson of the New York office and J. L. Logsdon of Los Angeles were visitors to the Decatur plant during July. Mont was accompanied by Mrs. Henderson who visited relatives and friends. Mont was formerly a member of the main office group, but that was some time ago.

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Charles W. White

Charles W. (Bill) White has enlisted as an aviation cadet in the U. S. Army forces. Before doing so he finished at James Millikin University and graduated on July 28. He is the son of George White, traveling salesman in Southern Illinois for Mueller Co.



Robert Salogga

Robert Salogga checked out of Dept. 8, Thursday, August 6, said goodbye to his friends in the organization and left for Scott Field, where he becomes a part of the government defense force. He will begin his preliminary training as mechanic in the air force, taking his preliminary examination at Scott Field. Where he goes after that he does not know. Bob is 22 years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Salogga of 1213 East Leafland. He has been with us for the last 2½ years.

**IN THE AIR CORPS**

Robert Mauer is a recent graduate of the Decatur High School, who was overlooked when the list was published in June. However, that fact now gains added importance because he joined the aviation branch of the service immediately upon completing his schooling. He is a son of Carl Mauer of the Maintenance Department.



Robert Mauer

**ANOTHER SOLDIER**



Charles Edward Ditty

Charles Edward Ditty, who had been working in the Plumbing Division since January, left July 3 to enter the Army. He was inducted with the July quota. He had also worked in the Plumbing Division from April to November of 1941. Charles is the son of Jesse Ditty, Plant 2, and has a brother, John, who is a Staff Sergeant in the Air Corps.

Homer Dillman, we understand, is now a member of the Coast Guards. He left the employ of the company on June 16, and at that time his plans were indefinite. Homer, besides being a pitcher for the Mueller Red Birds, had been working in Dept. 7.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

**WANTED:** To rent or buy a Royal typewriter. See Cecil Short, Dept. 300, Clock No. 30022.

“BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DANCING LESSONS**—Ball room dancing taught any evening, Central School of Music, by Geraldine Yonker. Telephone 4760 for appointment. Class dances on Wednesday nights, private lessons on other nights. Geraldine is the daughter of Jerry Yonker of the Shipping Department, and worked in the office during her summer vacation last year.

ITEMS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** A piano, old fashioned, but fair condition, good tone. Just the thing for girl or boy taking music lessons. Call 988 W. View. Price reasonable.

**FOR SALE:** A twin Maytag motor and a motor scooter. See Russell Short, Dept. 36.

**FOR SALE:** Baby Scales. Phone 2-0118, or see John Willis, Dept. 70.

**FOR SALE:** Bicycle, man's large size; also a Gas Engine Maytag, reasonable price. See Watchman 1124 at Foundry, T. A. Mudd, 924 N. Warren or Phone 2-0-19

**FOR SALE:** Choice suburban lot in Maryland Heights, 75 ft. x 140 ft., east frontage. Two blocks off hard road, close to school. Bill Mueller, Dept. 300. Phone 2-0819.

**FOR SALE:** Dining Room Set—8-piece walnut. Good condition, Price \$35.00. See Wayne H. Ford, Munitions Dept., or write Route 6, Decatur, Illinois.

**FOR SALE:** Kelvinator ice refrigerator, 100 lbs. capacity, porcelain lined, good condition. See Harold Henry, Plant 2, or call at first house after road curves beyond Mueller Heights.

**FOR SALE:** Laundry Queen electric washer. Good condition. \$40.00. Fruit jars cheap. Fred Mathes, 1107 No. Morgan.

**FOR SALE:** Sink with drainboard and sink combination. Also small rotary garden cultivator. Basil A. Mason. Phone 2-3866.

**FOR SALE:** Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. 8c a lb. George L. Hunt, 556 N. Monroe St.

LOST AND FOUND

**LOST:** At Mueller Picnic. Two boys' sweaters, one brown with tan sleeves. The other dark blue with light blue sleeves. Were left in Clubhouse by two Scouts on duty at Picnic. Return to Scoutmaster Jackson—Adv. Dept.

WANTED

**WANTED TO BUY:** A girl's bicycle. Wayne Wright, Dept. 90.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Anvil, 100 lbs. or larger; 1/4 to 4 H.P., 4 cycle gasoline engines. Otis Fears, Shipping Room, Clock No. 4729.

**WANTED:** To buy a child's play pen. Wm. Misenheimer. 7413, Dept. 70.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

One big day in the life of Troop 2 is the Mueller Picnic. This year was no exception. Our boys were very much in evidence, busying themselves with many duties during the day. They served as ushers both afternoon and evening; kept noisy and wandering youngsters from disturbing the speakers; kept drinking cups at all fountains; assisted at the pony ride and other concessions. They

also had charge of the flag-raising ceremonies. The boys were everywhere—cheerfully and willingly doing what was asked of them until the last bus left for town. Our fine company does quite a bit for our Scouts, and this was their one real opportunity to repay them with a lot of good turns.

Say, those Sea Scouts look pretty snappy in their white Sailor uniforms. Jesse Bridwell, Herbert Harner, and Stewart File are the three lucky fellows. There is a faint rumor that Skipper Jackson may blossom forth in a new one some of these days. Incidentally, the ships charter has arrived and will be presented soon. The new Apprentices will be invested at the same time. The boat is fast nearing completion and the committee is invited for a ride after it is launched.

Camp went over with a bang this summer. Nearly half the troop were there for a full week of fun. The waterfront was in the best condition, with many new boats and canoes. It is our understanding that these were purchased with funds left by the late Robert Mueller. All our Scouts got in a lot of boating.

Billy Hughes turned out to be a boxing champion. David Buck had a little trouble one day when he let his guard down and walked right into a couple of Billy's famous punches. Nothing serious happened, but David's vision was a little hampered the next day.



News Flashes!

Everyone at camp gained weight—from 2 to 7 pounds in seven days. Good food and lots of sleep sure do wonders. Brownie Blakeman and Richard Sefton exhibited some of their famous ball playing. Cecil Snow has sprouted a new uniform. George Bridwell has been helping his brother, Jesse, in work for Mr. Adolph Mueller. David Kruzan is on a milk wagon each morning with his brother. Bobby and Billy Hughes are kept busy with their grass cutting and paper collecting routes. Their father, H. O. Hughes, is our most active committeeman. Stewart File has returned from a vacation in Missouri.



A merry heart is better than medicine.  
A healthy peasant is better off than a sickly king.