

MUELLER RECORD

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1938 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Santa Claus is coming to town. We have made all arrangements for his annual visit to Mueller children. He will be at the gymnasium Saturday afternoon, December 17th and wants to meet all the little folks, so begin making your plans now. A jolly time is awaiting you, including a fine program of music and moving pictures followed by a treat in the cafeteria. Here is what the committee has planned.

THE PROGRAM

2:00 p. m.

Arrival of Santa Claus--
Group Singing led by Mrs. Ray Sailsbery;
Miss Aline Moore pianist.

Jingle Bells,
Holy Night,
Little Lord Jesus,
Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

Remarks—Adolph Mueller.

Moving Pictures:—

1938 Easter Egg Hunt,
1938 Annual Picnic,
Mickey the Romeo,
Toy Time,
Toy Town Tale,
Frozen Frolic,
Turn on the Ice.

Distribution of Presents.

There's a program for you—an hour of moving pictures selected especially for the enjoyment of the children, but the older folks will also get a big kick out of them. The committee is of the opinion that the moving pictures of the Easter Egg hunt and the picnic will be of great interest to all, showing as they do so many children and their parents. These were given a showing for the committee and we can assure you they are excellent.

The words of the songs will be printed on a leaflet and we hope to distribute these before the day of the party so that all may familiarize themselves with the words.

We want to make the chorus singing a suc-



cess and it is suggested to parents that they have the little folks practice the songs given in the program on this page.

More attention has been given to decoration of the gymnasium in an effort to inject more of the Christmas spirit into the affair. The children and parents can strengthen this effort by coming prepared to join the singing and manifesting interest and enthusiasm in the exercises.

Employees Party

The meeting for the distribution of the suggestion awards will be held at the gymnasium Thursday afternoon at 3:45 p. m. on December 15. The office will ring in 30 minutes early on that day. Following remarks by company members the suggestion prizes will be given the winners as determined by the committee. Service buttons will also be awarded and following the exercises in the gymnasium the Christmas presents of ham and bacon will be given each employee.

Office and Core Room

The annual Christmas parties in the Office and Core Room will be held as usual but the details have not been completed. The time for these two events will be announced later.

All plans point to a happy Christmas season, which has for many years been our custom.

Don't forget the dates and don't let anything interfere with your participation in the various events.

An old negro was taken ill and called in a physician for him; but the old man did not seem to improve and eventually a white physician was summoned. Soon after his arrival the doctor felt the old man's pulse for a moment and then examined his tongue.

"Did the other doctor take your temperature?" he asked.

"I don't know, boss," the sick man answered feebly. "I hain't missed anything but my watch as yit."

SUMMER IDYLS



Here are two summer pictures we show together because the setting of each is pretty and because of the contrast in the subjects. On the left we have the residence of H. A. Henry. He occupies one of the Mueller properties south of the city, and appearances indicate other things. The lawn looks inviting and peaceful, but how long it will be so one cannot predict. There are posture indications that the wire-haired pup and the old rooster are about to tangle.

On the left is Virginia Mardel Riedlinger, granddaughter of Mrs. Overfield of the cafeteria. The little miss, a former Mueller dancing pupil, has become proficient in dancing and is shown to very good advantage dancing on the lawn.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Mueller Social Club members and families gathered at the Lodge, Wednesday evening, November 16. Forty-four places at the table were filled and the hostess served meat balls at the main meal and mince pie for dessert. She had the table decorated in keeping with Thanksgiving with a path of brown crepe paper down the center and autumn leaves scattered on this pathway. A large pumpkin, half filled with fruit was placed in the center of the table. Toy turkeys and yellow candles completed the decorations.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Marion Pip-pin and Marilyn March. Pinochle was played during the evening, with prizes going to Mrs. Ralph Duncan and Frank Edmonson.

Mrs. Carl Draper was hostess, assisted by Mrs. O. C. Keil, Mrs. O. J. Hawkins, and Mrs. Howard Gragg.

WEDDINGS

Roderick-Schuman

Helen Marie Roderick of Decatur and Carl Schuman, Plant 2, were married November 19 in the St. Thomas church. They will reside at 990 W. Olive Street.

Cunningham-Martin

Hazel Cunningham, Core Department, and Minor Watson of Watson, Illinois, were married November 18 at the West Side Nazarene church by Rev. G. H. Harmon.

Miss Vera Cunningham, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. Noble Martin, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

The couple will make their home in Watson after Christmas where they will operate a grocery store.

SELLING INSURANCE

Friends of E. H. Langdon will be glad to know that the former personnel director of this company has formed a connection with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa. The company's main offices are in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Langdon's office is 531 Citizens Building. Mr. Langdon has a good foundation to begin with, having handled our group insurance for several years. His friends wish him a full measure of success.

CHATTANOOGA

The news from Chattanooga this month is restricted to bowling. Below we give the standing of the teams and names of 20 individual bowlers.

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Assembly	12	9	.517
Machine "B"	12	9	.571
Foundry	10	11	.476
Machine "A"	10	11	.476
Pattern Shop	10	11	.476
Office	9	12	.428

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE

PLAYER	High Game	Average
Jacka	185	149
Alge	199	149
Coffin	221	147
Duda	199	144
Van Vleet	193	143
Coventry	159	141
Campbell	186	140
Reynolds	176	139
T. Morton	171	139
H. Morton	180	137
Lowery	163	131
Cooper	200	131
F. Holland	174	130
Andrews	160	121
Sanders	177	128
Eckman	148	125
Churchill	143	123
Hall	160	122
Marsh	181	122
Gann	176	118
Fawley	147	118
F. Crabtree	151	117
Mate	134	114
Daniels	164	114
R. Smith	145	114
Morgan	143	114

TEAM HIGH GAME—Pattern Shop—843
 TEAM HIGH 3 GAMES—Pattern Shop—2247
 INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME—Coffin—221
 INDIVIDUAL HIGH 3 GAMES—Duda—533

RECORD REUNITES COUSINS

Brugh Werner has heard from a cousin Ruth Murphy, of Washington, D. C. formerly of Hopwood, Penn. whom he had not previously heard from or seen for forty years. It all came about because of the Mueller Record. Miss Murphy had business in Hopwood, which necessitated legal advice. While waiting in the reception room she picked up a magazine, and it happened to be a copy of the Mueller Record.

Turning over the pages she came across an item in reference to Brugh, and then followed a letter recounting Miss Murphy's experience, and since then the cousins have enjoyed a renewal of relationship which had been all but forgotten.

A VERY HAPPY PARTY

No One Sent Regrets and No One Regretted Being There

That was a very pleasant party held at the gymnasium at 4:15 p. m., November 28. It seemed that every one attended. No one that we heard of sent regrets and no one present expressed any regrets.

The exercises were opened by Adolph who spoke very briefly and presented Robert for a few words of welcome. After a few preliminary remarks Robert said:

Well, I am certainly pleased to meet you and I hope you will enjoy this meeting. I have an idea that you will, but I can't tell tales out of school. You have all heard that song, "A Pocketfull of Dreams." We have had a pocket full of hopes all year, and if they come true I know you will all go home smiling.

The time is almost here when we will be wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is with that thought in mind that I welcome you, not as employees, but as fellow workers and friends.

I don't get to see you as often as I should like because I have been busy the last year trying to retain my health and spirits. I am glad to tell you that I am. You just can't keep a good man down. There's old Santa Claus bobbing up every year full of fun, good will, and Christmas cheer. Well, I am just a second edition of that jolly old man. and in the spirit of his kindly, good nature, I am glad to welcome all of you to this meeting and to express the wish that old Santa Claus will not overlook or forget a single one of you or your families.

The only other talk was made by Adolph, who prefaced his remarks by a few funny stories which got a big laugh from the audience. He spoke at some length upon business topics and offered good advice to the younger employees. He suggested that employees put aside at least a part of their money instead of spending it for something they do not really need. Attention was called to the cases of employees (without giving any names) who had gotten into a great deal of trouble by dealing with unfair money lenders.

Reference was made to the need of the company for men fitted to fill executive positions, with the advice to young men to keep this in mind. He referred to the need of young men for positions as stenographers and secretaries for executives, stating this was no reflection on the girls, but pointing out reasons why, in some instances, men secretaries were desirable.

He mentioned the fact that quite a few members of the organization showed a desire to improve themselves by attending night school.

Along with these thoughts he told of the case of Fred Riggan, now president of the Mueller Brass Co. at a fine salary. Fred began his career as stenographer for Oscar Mueller, when Oscar was active in the local company. He went to Sarnia when the Canadian company was organized and then to Port Huron.

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DEATHS

Mrs. M. Van Dyke, of Louisville, Ky., died recently while on a visit to her son living in Indiana. She was the mother of Miss Annette Van Dyke, who was for a number of years, instructor of the Mueller girls dancing class, and was well known to many in this organization. Miss Van Dyke is now a successful dancing teacher in New York City.

Mohr Infants

Graveside services were held on December 12 for the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mohr, born December 9.

Mrs. Violet Wall

Mrs. Violet H. Wall 59, mother of Joe Wall of Chattanooga, died December 9 while visiting a daughter, Marguerite Wall, in Chicago. Funeral services were conducted at 10 A. M. on Monday in her residence here, 546 W. Green Street, and at 2:30 P. M. in the home of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Hager, Shelbyville.

Mrs. L. B. Mudd

Thomas Mudd, Department 8, was called to Denver, Colorado, because of the serious illness of his mother. Word was received in Decatur on December 8 that she had died.

David E. Wilson

David E. Wilson, father of Margaret Wilson and Gladys Masterson of the Standards Department, died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital on December 5. He had been ill for about ten days of what was at first thought to be sinus infection, but later developed into a brain tumor.

He is survived by his wife, and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Green of Lake City and the two above mentioned.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. at the Church of Brethren, La Place, with burial in the La-Place cemetery.

Mrs. Lida Sidwell

Mrs. Lida Louise Sidwell, mother of Mrs. A. L. Bethards, died November 20. She had been ill one week with influenza and pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 P. M. in the Moran chapel with burial at Graceland.

Wm. Dunaway and Herbert Mathes, Department 9, shared honors in a tonsilectomy on December 1. They occupied the same room at the hospital, and received the best wishes of their friends jointly.

The Thanksgiving holiday took many to Chicago for a week-end trip. Visitors to the Windy City from the office included Mabel Gates, Edna Johnston, Lucile Smith, and Louise Whitehead.

Charles Bradley, Plant 2, lost one week's work when he suffered a sprained ankle.

1938 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Mueller Social Club will have their annual Christmas Party and program Wednesday evening, December 21 at 6:00 o'clock in Mueller Lodge.

Each member is to bring a large dish of food, bread and butter sandwiches and complete table service for her family.

There will be a grab bag and each woman is to bring a 10c gift for ladies. The men will bring a 10c gift for men and the children a 10c gift for children.

VAUDEVILLE SHOW NEXT

High Class Artists at Gym Friday Evening
January 20—Two Performances

Get ready for the next big stage show at the gymnasium on Friday, January 20. It's entirely different from anything we have had in the past. A fine program of specialties but no moving pictures. A big improvement will be the elevation of the stage so that all those in the audience will command a much better view of the performance than has heretofore been possible. This will add greatly to your enjoyment.

The coming attraction will be high class vaudeville and the program will last one hour and a half or one hour and forty-five minutes.

The program embraces singing, dancing, comedy, barrel tumbling, trained dog act, accordion playing and a musical act.

The committee has been wanting a show of this type for months and have now finally obtained an entertainment that really stands ace high. The reception given the last entertainment was exceptionally pleasing, and the forthcoming performance is provided to meet a demand for an all stage show.

There will be two performances—6:30 and 8:15 P. M. The artists are professionals and not amateurs. Photographs and other details will be on the bulletin boards shortly after January 1, at which time tickets will be on sale in the various departments.

"THE FIGHTING DEMON"

The following letter received from Adolph is self-explanatory:

December 7, 1938

Mr. B. F. Kitchen

Dear Bert:

Received clipping you sent from Florida paper under title "Fighting Demon", with picture of a 99 pound tarpon landed by O. B. Mueller formerly of Port Huron, Michigan, who resides in and owns a beautiful home in Bradenton.

Thank you for sending this on to me.

Very truly yours,

Adolph Mueller

BIRTHS

BOGGS—Mr. and Mrs. Don Boggs, a son, November 19. He has been named James Donald. Mr. Boggs is a member of the Cost Department.

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NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

The Thanksgiving holiday offered an opportunity for pleasant vacation trips for several of our friends in these parts.

Irene Otis, with her daughters, Aileen and Jeanne, visited in Chicago for several days Thanksgiving week.

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Ethel "Dixie" Dixon returned December 5 from a ten day vacation, a part of which was spent with relatives in Pittsburgh.

The trip was somewhat marred by the illness of Ethel's brother who was unable to drive the car home.

Dixie's vacation is over now, so that further suggestions for spending it, such as those that have been offered her this past Fall, will have to wait until next year to be carried out.

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On the 21st Don Boggs was busily engaged in answering questions and passing around candy in honor of his new son. Jimmy, the young master Boggs, whose full name is James Donald, began his career in this very funny world November 19, and from all reports, is a fine boy.

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Delores Virden enjoyed a very pleasant vacation Thanksgiving week. On Turkey Day she went to Springfield to witness the Springfield-Decatur football game. And that little conflict, to our prejudiced ears, was something of a massacre.

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Mr. McIntyre, Superintendent at Mueller, Ltd., Sarnia, visited us December 6 and 7.

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to our second-floor friends, Gladys and Margaret, in their bereavement.

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Mrs. Smith is back with us again following a successful tonsilectomy which kept her away from the office for a week. She's beginning to feel right well again, thanks.

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Dorothy Gepford and Helen Pope visited, on December 4, Helen's brand new nephew, Martin David Betzer of Peoria. The boy's mother was formerly Ruth Whitman, and for several years she was employed at the Mueller Fixture Co.

The girls have been Aunt Helen and Aunt Dorothy to a number of youngsters, but this is Helen's very first honest-to-goodness niece or nephew.

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Speaking of aunts, Erma Barth is auntie for the third time. And this time it's a fine dark-haired niece, Barbara Ann.

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Mary Wilkins, who now helps the wheels of the government go round and round in Washington, is due soon in Decatur where she will spend the holidays with home-folks. We hope

she'll be coming up to see us while she is in town.

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There has been a concerted movement on foot to learn Jack Rubicam's middle name. It begins with "C", but whether it's Cassius or Caesar or maybe Charlemagne, nobody has been able to determine. These monograms on peoples' clothes are mighty pretty, but they do tempt people to go poking their noses into matters that are none of their business, don't they, Jack?

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Marjorie Tatham and her mother, Mrs. Smeathers, were in Chicago December 7 for a most enjoyable day of Christmas shopping.

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Frank Edmonson celebrated his birthday November 16. Just to assure him of their good wishes, his friends in the Cost Dept. poured confetti into his desk and sewed up his coat sleeves. Nice pals.

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Santa can just cross off those skates he had listed for Mary Ruth Harrison, for Mary Ruth is getting some beyewtiful white shoe-skates for herself. And that would seem to be—to misquote Master Will Shakespeare—making assurance doubly sure.

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One of the most interesting holiday trips contemplated that we've heard about is that proposed by Mrs. P. D. Ruthrauff and daughter Joan. They plan to leave for California December 17 by way of Chicago. They are expecting to start from Chicago Saturday evening and arrive in Los Angeles Monday. And that is really our idea of stream-lined traveling.

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One of the busiest persons we know of is Jane Hawkins. Jane never sits down without a piece of handwork in her hands. With all the linens that she has completed, that hope chest must be full and running over. When are you expecting to start using them, Jane?

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Fashion notes: Helen Brannan, Aline Moore and June Krumseik have saved St. Nicholas a lot of trouble by acquiring lovely new coats before Christmas.

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December 22 is a double holiday for Bud Simpson (officially, J. W., Jr.) It's Bud's birthday and his wedding anniversary.

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The filing department has been undergoing it's customary annual house-cleaning. Orders and correspondence are being moved to make room for 1939 business. Betty Blankenship, who has been working in the Advertising Dept., has been assisting with the work.

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There's no argument about it this time. The Man-of-the-Month is, of course, the jolly gentleman with the white whiskers and the red clothes, your friend and mine, the great St. Nick himself. And what a grand guy he is! Merry Christmas!

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HUTCHEN'S 14 SUGGESTIONS

**Wins Him The Most Prize Money—Spitzer
Wright and Wood First in
Three Grand Divisions**

The committee passing on suggestions have completed their work and made the following report: The winners in the three grand divisions are:

Increased Production

First—Al Spitzer, \$25; Second—Hugh Henry, \$15; Third—John E. Taylor, \$10.

Reduced Overhead

First—Milo Wright, \$25; Second—L. I. Hopper, \$15; Third—Charles Sarver, \$10.

Safety

First—Chester E. Wood, \$25; Second—John M. Smith, \$15; Third—Charles Johnson, \$10.

An Extra \$2.50

Following are the names of those who made at least 5 and less than 10 suggestions which were accepted.

Five: W. H. Bradley, John Curry, A. H. Thompson, N. C. Washburn, H. B. Whittington.

Six: Clark L. Curry, F. C. Hackman, Chas. Johnson, Matt Like.

Seven: Otto Dannewitz, Dorothea Hill.

Eight: L. I. Hopper.

An Extra \$5

Following are those who made at least ten and less than 15 suggestions.

Thirteen: F. W. Dannewitz, Robert F. Taylor.

Fourteen: G. N. Hutchens.

Myron Edwards won the slogan contest with this:

Ideas Suggested Are Thoughts Invested

The prize awarded him was \$2.50.

Following is a complete list of the names of those whose suggestions were accepted and the amount won by the winners.

1 Suggestion—\$2.50

W. L. Adams	Ernest Bond	Vernon C. Brown
Dean Butler	Ruth Campbell	Ed Carter
W. E. Corley	M. L. Cunningham	Jesse Dailey
Richard Dannewitz	Carl Dodswell	Don Ferry
R. Fleckenstein	Raymond Fritts	Glen W. Gideon
M. A. Goerges	Willard E. Hake	J. A. Hargis
Geo. Harshbarger	Hugh Harshbarger	Earl Hawbaker
Hugh Henley	H. A. Henry	Edna Johnston
Wm. B. Jones	Frank Kuntz	Gladys Lloyd
Robt. W. Lusk	Herbert Maddox	C. E. Masters
E. W. McQuality	A. C. Metzger	Robert Merrow
Glen Misenheimer	Alva Moats	H. R. Mooney
Thomas Mudd	Wm. A. Mueller, Jr.	Arthur Nash
Fred Nash	Olivia Pando	T. A. Peiter
W. A. Pritchett	Charles Reab	Herman Roe
Clarence Kuch	Mildred Shannon	Gene W. Simpson
Orville F. Spencer	G. St. Pierre	Oscar Stratman
Ben Taylor	C. H. Tilton	Dewey Tripp
Ethel Turley	C. Frank Walker	Chester Wood
Clarence Woodrum		

2 Suggestions—\$5.00

Ralph Adams	Margaret Behrend	Lewis Bland
W. H. Blankenship	Mike Britley	Karl Brium
Coy Butler	Roy Coffman	Herman Dash
James Fair	Marion Fanner	Robt. P. Green
Lorin E. Grosball	Jane Hawkins	Emmett Holderby
C. D. Kelley	L. B. McKinney	Fred Meador
Harold Moats	Carl R. Morton	Chas. Murray
E. J. Pasley	Raymond Roarick	Claude E. Roe
Charles H. Sarver	Al Spitzer	M. H. Stratman
LaVerne Wailley	Clinton Wright	

3 Suggestions—\$7.50

Ira Auer	Jack Enloe	Warren Hall
C. T. Priddy	Rex Smith	Edgar Stark
John E. Taylor	Evelyn Telling	Oris Whitacre
Milo Wright		

4 Suggestions—\$10.00

Ernest Garver	Harry Koontz	E. T. Sanders
John M. Smith	Carl Yonker	

5 Suggestions—\$12.50

Wm. H. Bradley	John Curry	A. H. Thompson
N. C. Washburn	H. B. Whittington	

6 Suggestions—\$15.00

Clark L. Curry	F. C. Hackman	Chas. Johnson
Matt Like		

7 Suggestions—\$17.50

Otto Dannewitz	Dorothea Hill
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8 Suggestions—\$20.00

L. I. Hopper

13 Suggestions—\$32.50

F. W. Dannewitz	Robt. F. Taylor
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14 Suggestions—\$35.00

G. N. Hutchens

BE CAREFUL

Don't Let Christmas Enthusiasm and Excitement Make You Forget Safety

Christmas brings something else beside joy and happiness—it brings danger. Beware of it by being careful. The principal danger is fire. Following a few simple rules will avert this particular hazard.

Christmas Cautions

Avoid lighted candles in decorating a tree.

Use carefully wired electric lights.

Place the tree a safe distance from the stove or fireplace.

Use metal tinsel for trim and mica or flake asbestos for imitation snow.

Cotton trim and cotton whiskers for Santa Claus are dangerous.

Never leave a lighted Christmas-tree unguarded.

Do not place the tree where it will obstruct a room exit.

Keep candles and open lights away from window curtains, paper wreaths and Christmas bells.

Remove tree from the house before it becomes dry.

Why Mabel

There is a young lady from Erskine

Who has a remarkably fair skin.

Some one said to her, "Mabel,

You look sweet in your sable."

She replied, "I look best in my bear skin."

The small boy entered the store and said, "Give me a pound of tea."

"Black tea or green tea?" asked the grocer.

"Don't make no difference," the boy replied, "it's for a blind woman."

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BRASS CHIPS

The twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, born last picnic day, who have been ill most of the time since their birth, have been removed from the Decatur and Macon County hospital to their home, and are reported to be improving daily. Mr. Hopkins works in Department 8.

Bert Butt, who has been suffering from peritonitis in the Decatur and Macon County hospital since December 2, is somewhat improved.

Ernest Watkins, Plant 2, was one of the victims of tularemia in this territory. He entered the hospital on December 5 and has showed continued improvement.

Elmer Merrow returned to work December 7 following an extended layoff due to an injured finger.

Mrs. Overfield, baker of the delicious pies served at the cafeteria, returned to work on the Monday following Thanksgiving after a three weeks absence on account of a severe cold.

The infant daughter of Clarence Alberts, Dept. 6, has been seriously ill, requiring a number of blood transfusions. Mr. Alberts lost several days' work from donating his blood.

Louis Dodwell returned to work on December 5 after a two month's absence.

Louis Wallenbrock and Monroe Tate are still confined to their homes on account of illness.

Coy Butler who underwent an appendectomy on November 17, will be able to return to work about December 19.

C. F. Harrison, who was severely burned on October 19 at Plant 2, is able to be up on crutches about his home.

Margaret Behrends, core department, spent a week in Peoria with her sister, who was seriously ill.

Merry Christmas to Erma, Smitty, Stell, and Helen—soup's on.

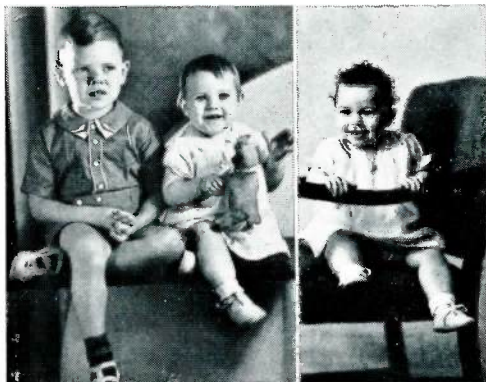
George Krag and Robt. Lusk attended a convention in Chicago on November 28.

Mrs. Edwards, widow of Jim Edwards who died last spring, is seriously ill at her home, 812 W. Leafand Street.

Earl McQuality had his thumb and finger badly lacerated while working in the Box Department on November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowan shook the cares of work and household duties from their shoulders, parked the children with a

A TALE OF TWO NATIONS



Here are two little Americans on the left and one little Canadian—all happy as can be. They don't know anything about their nationality and don't care. On the left we have Donald Lee, aged 4 years, September 15, and Beverly Rose, age 1, September 30, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Matthews. Mr. Matthews is a member of the foundry organization.

On the right is Margaret Joanne Robertson, Sarnia, Ontario, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson. The father is the production manager of the Sarnia plant.

fond grandmother, and went on a spree over the week end of December 3-4. They went to Chicago where they added their bit of red paint to the city's festivities.

Al Spitzer and W. S. Anderson were in Chicago on December 6.

Miss Hambleton, formerly of the Decatur Store Fixture Company, is temporarily filling in her spare time in different departments. Several days were occupied in the Stationery department helping on checking up the mailing list. The mailing list is of much importance and requires constant attention. It includes about 44,000 names.

Now is a good time to practice on your New Year's resolutions in order to get a running start.

The plant was closed over Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3 because of annual inventory.

Betty Blankenship and Verna Padrick helped out in the Stationery department during the early part of December.

BOWLING NOTE

At last report of the bowling league Auggie Werdes lead all the rest. Good thing they don't bowl with eggs. If they did Auggie would drop them before rolling them down the alley.

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EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY—MUELLER CO.

Statement November 30, 1938

Analysis of Income and Expenditures for the Year—December 1, 1937
through November 30, 1938

Balance in Surplus December 1, 1937		\$18,625.67
Plus: Income & Dues—Decatur		
Dues Paid	\$4,302.35	
Interest Received on Investments	420.37	
Factory and Office Clock Fines	32.05	
		\$4,754.77
Income & Dues—Los Angeles		
Dues Paid	833.30	
Closed out to Los Angeles 11/28/38.....	833.30	
		4,754.77
Less: Benefits & Expenses—Decatur Benefits		
Regular Sick and Death Benefits	\$2,784.00	
*Relief	179.62	
*Doctor's Services	178.39	
*Family Care	3.00	
*Hospital Expenses	67.32	
*Teeth Care	221.00	
*Eye Care	90.25	
*Foot Care	45.11	
		3,568.69
Benefits—Los Angeles		
Regular Benefits	398.80	
Closed out to Los Angeles 11/28/38	398.80	
		3,568.69
Other Expenses & Income		
Less: Expenses		
Donation	5.00	
Stationery and Supplies	3.19	
Aid Society Share of Doctor's Salary	150.00	
Flowers to Employees in time of sickness & death	33.15	
		191.34
Plus: Income		
**Interest Transfer from Old Loan Fund 3/19/38	130.71	
**Less notes charged off Old Loan Fund 3/19/38	111.11	
		19.60
		171.74
Less: Net gain of Los Angeles Branch Society for years 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937		987.63
		\$18,652.38

* Type of Benefit Discontinued—March 19, 1938.

** Prior to March 19, 1938.

EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

November 30, 1938

Assets

Cash on Hand

Cash on Deposit

\$ 7,860.43

Investments

Van Siverigan Bonds \$2,000.00

Decatur Imp. Bonds .. 160.00

Mutual Home & Sav-
ings Ass'n. 1,329.07

Peoples Sav'gs & Loan
Ass'n. D-7096

714.83

Peoples Sav'gs & Loan

Ass'n. D-8601

Millikin Bank Savings 3,698.22

U. S. Govern. Bonds.. 2,250.00

Real Estate

1.00

10,791.95

\$18,652.38

Net Worth

Surplus

\$18,652.38

"WHAT HAVE YOU PAGE?"

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FOR RENT

For Rent—6 room house, barn, chicken house and other outbuildings, with 8 acres of ground. Located on South Side Drive. See Mr. Roy Trimmer, Route 6.

HELP WANTED

WANTED:—Man and wife 35 to 50 years, for Okaw property. Some farm work, gardening in season and caretaker of grounds surrounding cabin. Work is not burdensome. Nearest town 8 miles. Call on Charles Cochran care of Mueller Co. for complete particulars.

ITEMS FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE—Mattress made special for Mueller baby crib. Good as new. Reasonable Call 1853 N. Maple.

Stove, For Sale: Queen Pressure Gasoline Stove, has table top, 4 burners, and fully insulated oven. Is in A-1 condition. Cost \$120.00 new. Will sell for less than half. Frank F. Kushmer, 1320 E. Logan.

For Sale: One 6-tube Emerson table model Radio, \$10.00; also 1 Dinnette Suite in good condition, \$7.00. F. W. Dannewitz, 127 E. McKinley Ave.

FOR SALE—Plenty of Yellow Gold pop corn 10c per lb. Roy B. Pease, Dept. 33.

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FOR SALE—Young Singing Birds. Watchman, Roy Vandervort, 853 W. Marietta, City.

For Sale: ½ H.P. General Electric Motor Good condition. \$10. Harold Moats.

FOR SALE—1 Player Piano and rolls. Call on M. W. Trott, Traffic Dept.

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy—One 6" or 8" circular saw. Must be reasonable. Kenneth Morrow.

HELP MRS. RILEY

Mrs. Charles Riley, blind widow of Charlie Riley, who worked in the Brass Shop for a number of years, has taken over the agency for brooms made by blind people at a factory in Tuscola. Mrs. Riley is deservng of any help which Mueller em-

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS

Balance Nov. 1, 1938....	\$19,728.46
Plus: Income & Dues	
Dues—Decatur	\$ 360.90
Dues—Los Angeles ..	68.00
Interest Received	262.60
Factory Clock fines to	
Aid Society	32.05
	\$ 723.55
Less: Expenses & Benefits	
Benefits Paid—Decatur	288.50
Benefits Paid—Los	
Angeles	1.50
Dr. Long's Salary—	
Oct., Nov. & Dec....	75.00
Flowers Purchased ...	12.50
	377.50
Less: Net Worth of Los	
Angeles Branch--closed	
out to L. A.	1,422.13
	\$18,652.38

MUELLER BOWLING LEAGUE

Week Ending December 13, 1938

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Works Mgr. Office	39	23	16	.590
Plumbers	39	19	20	.487
Utility Engineers	39	19	20	.487
Specialty Division	39	17	22	.436

Individual Averages

Works Mgr. Office		Utility Engineers	
A. Werdes	178	B. Mason	160
L. Wiant	168	F. Kushmer	158
H. Gragg	151	G. Krag	157
J. Morrison	146	W. Bowman	156
C. Draper	143	O. C. Keil	146
L. Masterson	126	J. Enloe	132
Plumbers		Specialty Division	
L. Adams	172	E. Hartwig	169
A. Thompson	164	F. March	165
J. Fair	150	M. Stratman	142
P. Ruthrauff	145	M. Foster	142
R. Caudle	139	W. Prantz	135
D. Wilkins	136	F. Carroll	134

Five High Bowlers

Player and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
A. Werdes, Works Mgr. Of...	36	178	223
L. Adams, Plumbers	39	172	250
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div....	39	169	222
L. Wiant, Works Mgr. Of...	36	168	212
F. March, Specialty Div.....	29	165	256

ployees can give by buying her brooms, and any one in the market for a broom should inquire either of Mrs. Riley at her home 1111 N. Monroe, phone 2-5146, or see W. S. Enloe.

THE MUELLER RECORD

RECORD 28 YEARS OLD

Circulation at First Confined to Salesmen— A Glimpse Into the Past

The Mueller Record was established 28 years ago last month. The purpose at that time was primarily to have a medium through which trade news and other information could be supplied salesmen. The first issue is dated November 1, 1910. It's interesting to read now. Here follows brief reference to some of the material found therein.

"The Business outlook is bright. A heavy winter business in sight. We predict the heaviest winter business in our experience. We also predict the valuation of our 1911 business will be in excess of 1910 which has been the best year we have ever had."

"Announcement of the new Mueller Extension Service box. Salesmen should begin talking it to the trade as the best box on the Market."

Mueller Goods by Carload.—A big order, promptly filled for Los Angeles Water Department."

Copper Is Advancing.—Indications are that it will be worth 14 cents by January 1.

Another nice order, 212 pairs of Mueller Extra Self-closing Basin faucets D-11901 for the new Leland Hotel building at Springfield, Illinois.

The Haydenville company heretofore selling to the jobber has adopted our policy and is selling to the trade.

Originally the Record was printed twice a month, 1st and 15th.

In the second issue the following items appeared.

Circulation of Mueller Records extended to office force and foremen.

New sewer rod. We are getting in shape to manufacture this article.

We are just completing an addition to our power plant—a brick structure 50 feet square and two stories high. Two new boilers installed, 200 horsepower each, giving us a total of 1000 horsepower. The construction department will occupy the second floor.

Annual Coon Hunt was held Nov. 5. Ten autos carried fifty hunters to Sangamon river bottoms, eight miles west of Decatur. Captured two possums and treed one coon. Feast served in picnic pavilion near hunting grounds. Music, Mueller Mandolin Club.

Oscar Mueller writes: "We have first installment of Mueller Record. Looks good to us."

Officially Endorsed.—Mueller Plumbing

goods have approval of Building Managers. Convention at Washington, D. C.

Water Meter Testers.—We have enjoyed a good business on this article and have four ready to ship with several orders on file.

Help for the plumbers in advertising.—Prepared plates ready for newspaper use furnished free.

Announce the Mueller Repair Lid.—A practical Mueller invention for disabled Service Boxes.

Our Christmas advertisement.—An artistic piece of work with only a few words. Colored hanger to Water, Gas and Plumbing trade, showing owner leaving place of business. On the hanger appears "Closed for Christmas. May it be a happy one to all."

The new Architects' Catalogue should be off the press and ready for distribution the first of the year. Printing done by a Chicago firm.

EYES WERE MADE TO SEE

There are many ways in which you may contribute to your own efficiency.

It cannot be done by going through the day's work unthinking and unseeing. Every human being is endowed with the necessary faculties for doing these two things—seeing and thinking. Both are priceless boons. Those who succeed in life do so largely through using their eyes to see and their brains to think.

They see many things that can be done easier and more efficiently. Then they think out ways to accomplish what they have seen.

Its a lazy mind that accepts the false id a that there is no other way to do a thing because it has always been done a certain way. If all people could not see a new and better way to do things we accept the thought that accomplishment and progress has reached the state of perfection and can sit down and fold their hands in peace.

The man who succeeds and stands out alone is the man with an inquiring mind. His thoughts end with a question mark and he thinks until the question is answered.

The world is old, customs are old, the accomplishments have been wonderfully great—and yet the field of endeavor, the possibilities awaiting us, are small indeed in comparison with what the future holds for us.

Nineteen thirty-nine is a good opportunity to wake up and get busy.

He—"Did you hear the Government is to send all the actors and convicts to the front first?"

She—"No! What's the idea?"

He—"So the Stars and Stripes will always be in the lead."