

MUELLER RECORD

INSIDE ONLY

DEC. 1940

NO. 87



Christmastide



The great day is almost here. Presents, parties, and Christmas exercises for young and old alike. The first of all these will be a meeting on Wednesday, the 18th at 4 P.M. when the quitting whistle blows. On this occasion service award of emblems, suggestion awards, will be made and hams and bacon gifts will be distributed.

Children's Party

That great event for the little folks will come on Saturday afternoon, December 21, at the gymnasium at 2 P.M. A fine Christmas program has been arranged. Santa Claus will be there to greet all his friends, and there will be Christmas trees, Christmas music, and decorations, talks, moving picture program, and a treat for the children at the close. This year we have arranged this meeting so that it will be nearer to Christmas, when the Yule-tide interest and expectations will be nearer the boiling point. Papers are advised that each child will be given a ticket for admittance from which a stub must be detached to secure the treat. The program will be like the following:

Opening remarks—Mr. W. E. Mueller.

2 P.M.—Arrival of Santa Claus.

Group singing led by Santa Claus

"God Bless America."

"Jingle Bells."

"Silent Night."

"Joy to the World."

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Christmas Talk—Rev. Carrel W. Flewelling of the First Christian Church.

MOVING PICTURES

Dora's Dunking Doughnuts

(Shirley Temple)

Mickey's Revolution.

Mr. Santa Claus.

The Merry Kittens.

Distribution of Present.

Social Club Party

The Mueller Social Club's Annual Christ-



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mueller Co. extends to all members of the organization and families a sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

mas Party will be held Thursday evening, December 19, at 6:40 P.M. at the cafeteria. Each member will bring a large dish of food, bread and butter, sandwiches, and complete table service for her family.

Each woman is to bring a 10c gift for the women's grab bag. Men will bring a 10c gift for the men's grab bag and the children a 10c gift for the children.

Mrs. Loyle Davis and Mrs. O. C. Draper will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Woodruff, Mrs. Ray Kileen, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, and Mrs. Roy Whitaker.

Note: The Social Club Christmas Party is THURSDAY, December 19 instead of the regular third Wednesday. This change is made because the Christmas Meeting for all Mueller employees is being held on Wednesday, December 18.

SUGGESTION AWARDS AND GIFTS

AT GYM WEDNESDAY 4:00 P. M.

The committee having charge of selecting the winners in the suggestion contest have completed the work.

The following is a list of the Grand Prize winners for 1940, and a check will be issued to each individual for the amount shown after the name. These checks are to be presented at the Christmas meeting to be held in the Mueller Gymnasium.

Reduced Overhead—Milo Wright \$25.00, first prize; Ira Auer, \$15.00, second prize; Al Spitzer, \$10.00, third prize.

Increased Production — A. Blankenburg, \$25.00, first prize; Gladys Lloyd, \$15.00, second prize; Margaret Behrend, \$10.00, third prize.

Safety—Charles Johnson, \$25.00, first prize; Jack Bain, \$15.00, second prize; Robert F. Taylor, \$10.00, third prize.

Improved Quality—James Fair, \$25.00, first prize; Jesse Hargis, \$15.00, second prize; M. L. Cunningham, \$10.00, third prize.

In addition to the above Grand Prizes, checks will be issued to the following employees for submitting adopted suggestions. Payment for adopted suggestions to be made at the rate of \$2.50 each, and the following employees are in this classification:

One Suggestion—\$2.50

H. Ammann	Gladys Lloyd
Laura Becker	Jesse Daily
Mervil Bethards	Edgar Stark
W. H. Blankenship	Robt. F. Taylor
Bert Butt	Jack Ruthrauff
Roy Coffman	E. C. Nalefski
R. B. Pease	Fred Nash
E. H. Potts	Chas. Schroeder
Carl Reynolds	Robert G. Schmitt
Marian Richards	Harry Koontz
Frank Williams	Frank Kuntz
C. E. Wood	Chester Masterson
Milo Wright	C. I. Maurer
Carl F. Yonker	Watson McCarty
G. J. Yonker	R. Larus
Rex B. Smith	Glenn Lash
B. I. Hopper	Chas. W. Murray
Van Walters	Jerome Edwards
Stanley Shannon	Myron G. Edwards
Lucile Smith	Wilbur Edwards
Willard Hake	Elmer Fawley
I. A. Hargis	Willard Foltz
W. Earl Harris	Ernest Garver
Edgar Hartwig	Lorin Grosboll

Two Suggestions—\$5.00

Lewis Bland	E. E. Musgraves
Karl Blankenburg	P. D. Ruthrauff, Jr.
Margaret Behrend	Dorothea Hill
George Anderson	Frank Shade
Ira Auer	Frank F. Kushmer
Karl Brimm	Tilmon O'Dell
John Curry	Charles Johnson
Robert Ridgeway	C. D. Kelley
Harold Munsterman	

Three Suggestions—\$7.50

Wm. H. Bradley	M. L. Cunningham
A. Blankenburg	A. H. Thompson
Cal McQuality	

Four Suggestions—\$10.00

F. C. Hackman	John J. Smith
H. B. Whittington	

Five Suggestions—\$12.50

Robt. W. Lusk

Six Suggestions—\$15.00

Matt Like	George F. Sulwer
W. A. Mueller	

Seven Suggestions—\$17.50

G. N. Hutchens

Eight Suggestions—\$20.00

A. Spitzer	Hubert Maddox
------------	---------------

In addition to the amounts listed, checks will be issued to the amount of \$2.50 to each of the following people as they submitted at least five and less than 10 suggestions, which were adopted. Following are the names and after each name, we are giving you the number of suggestions adopted:

G. N. Hutchens—7 suggestions.....	\$2.50
Matt Like—6 suggestions.....	2.50
Robt. Lusk—5 suggestions.....	2.50
Hubert Maddox—8 suggestions.....	2.50
W. A. Mueller—6 suggestions.....	2.50
Al Spitzer—8 suggestions.....	2.50
George F. Sulwer—6 suggestions.....	2.50

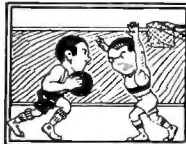
A check for \$2.50 will also be made out to George F. Sulwer, who submitted the prize winning slogan to be used during the year 1941. The prize winning slogan is "Do Not Delay—Send Your Suggestion Today."

Slogan

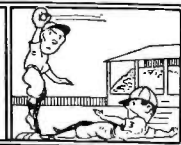
The slogan writers were not so numerous this year. Only nine were submitted as follows:

1. Valuable resources are yours to develop—your ideas.
2. Life's favorite prize
Is to him who tries.
3. No need to grumble or complain;
To succeed you must use your brain.
4. The world always needs a productive idea.
5. Quality production means
Less business reduction.
6. Do not Delay—
Send your suggestion Today.
7. Think today.
Tomorrow it will pay.
8. An idea however small
May benefit us all.
9. Each employee is a contributing factor to the dependability of Mueller Co.

Carl Mauer has entirely recovered from a bruised foot of some weeks ago. Had it not been for the safety shoes Carl was wearing he might be in the hospital now with his toes, if not the whole foot.



Athletics



PING PONG

A new champion was crowned this year in the men's tournament. Al Hill of the Mailing Department had too much class and ability for the boys. Hill's first opponent was Earl Harris, who was defeated 2-0. Then in his stride he took Harry Sackriter, Elmer Fawley, Otha Mills, Hoyt Eoff, and Ralph Uhler in the finals. The new champ never lost a game in the regular tournament play, which proved that he really is the champion.

Several good games were played, which indicates that the players are becoming more evenly matched every year.

Gladys Masterson for the third successive year is the women's Ping Pong champion, and also for the third successive year her sister, Margaret Wilson, is the runner-up. It seems to be a family skill, but several of the girls have warned Gladys that she should keep up her practicing as they intend to give her a race next year.

VOLLEY BALL

A six team league made up of the Office, Dept. 33, Dept. 44, Dept. 400, Dept. 8 and the "Mystery Six" has been formed and league play is now in progress.

The "Mystery Six" has played two games and have defeated Dept. 8 and the Office. These have been the only games played to date.

BASKET BALL

The Mueller Basket Ball team looks as though it might be in for a good year. So far they have played eight games, winning six and losing two. They are in third place in the City League.

Quite a surprise was pulled on Monday night, December 9, when the Mueller boys showed the City League boys that they are going to scrap for the trophy this year. They defeated Staley's in a close game with a score of 51-48. This is the first time since 1928 that a Mueller team has won a league game from the Staley team.

Joe Brownback's Mueller Mules are showing some teams their heels this year. Joe has added some young blood to his strain and has a fine ball club. He has suits ordered for the boys and Joe says: "When those new suits get in they'll make us so hot that no team can come close without being burned, and when we start for the basket they'll all get out of the way."

The gymnasium is becoming a beehive of activity at every lunch hour these days. Some of the boys head for the gym without stopping to eat. They play ping pong,

badminton, bowl, and listen to the music provided by the Nickelodeon.

BOY SCOUTS

HERE IS NEWS! The Mueller Boy Scout troop No. 2 is twenty-five years old. This means that it is one of the oldest troops in the state. Because of its age, Scouts of Troop 2 are privileged to wear a special insignia on their uniforms, and there is only one other troop in central Illinois that has this honor. Let's give three cheers for the Mueller troop, and say keep it going until it is 100 years old.

BOWLING

At the end of the second round of the bowling we find the Pattern Shop in first place with the Work's Managers Office and the Utility Engineers tied for second and third places three games behind the leaders.

It is very interesting to note that there are only nine games separating the leaders from the last team, which is not a large lead in an eight team league.

Below you will see the average of all the men in the league at the end of the second round.

Team Standing, Dec. 10, 1940				
Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Pattern Shop	42	27	15	.643
Works Mgr. Office....	42	24	18	.571
Utility Engineers	42	24	18	.571
Specialty Division	42	19	23	.452
Finishers	42	19	23	.452
Plumbers	42	19	23	.452
Machine Shop	42	18	24	.429
Cost Dept.	42	18	24	.429

Ten High Bowlers

Name and Team	G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Cost Dept....	36	192	224
E. Blankenburg, Util. Engr.	36	187	227
W. Behrns, Wks. Mgr. Of...	39	185	234
K. Blankenburg, Mach. Shop	42	185	235
J. Bain, Pattern Shop.....	38	183	254
E. Hartwig, Mach. Shop....	39	179	220
K. Werdes, Cost Dept.	24	179	216
L. Adams, Finishers	36	178	234
R. Hill, Spec. Division.....	41	177	227
M. Riewski, Finishers	42	175	232

Real Library

Library of Congress contains 275,000 volumes.

Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is located at Agra, India. It is an architecturally beautiful mausoleum believed to be the most beautiful in the world.

WEDDINGS

Goddard-Grider

Ruth Ellen Goddard and Frank Grider, a member of the night foundry force, were married November 9 in Palmyra, Missouri, by Rev. Arthur A. Hedges, Christian church minister. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Goddard, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grider. The bride has been with the Staley Co. Mr. and Mrs. Grider are living at 125 S. Union Street.

—:—

Waddell-O'Dell

Mrs. Helen Waddell of the Core Department, and Georœ O'Dell were married May 18, 1940 at Palmyra, Missouri. The announcement was made only this month. Mr. O'Dell is employed at the Malleable Iron Works. They are living on R.R. 1.

—:—

Cullison-Stratman

Miss Mary Cullison and Martin H. Stratman, Dept. 300, were married Saturday, November 23 in St. Louis, by Rev. T. B. Uber of Reen Memorial Lutheran church. There were no attendants.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cullison of Macon, has been employed at the Millikin National Bank.

They are living at 1027 West King street.

—:—

Schlachter-Caudle

Miss Katie Louise Schlachter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schlachter, 1216 E. North Street, and Elmer Ray Caudle, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Caudle, were married December 8 in the St. Johannes Lutheran church.

Miss Agnes Schlachter, sister of the bride, and Ray D. Fesler, nephew of the bridegroom, were the attendants. Ushers were Harry Schlachter and Ralph King.

The bridegroom works in the Polishing Department. His father, who was retired in 1934 because of ill health, had completed 26 years of service with the Mueller Co.

The bride operates the Louise Beauty Shop. They will live at 849 North Dunham street.

—●—

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Mueller Social Club had a pot-luck dinner on Wednesday, November 18, with an attendance of about fifty. The table was decorated with flowers and paper turkeys.

The hostesses were Mrs. Al Bashore, Mrs. M. W. Trott, and Mrs. Leroy Trimmer.

Following the dinner pinochle was played.

—●—

A short-sighted old lady had spent a long time in the curiosity shop.

"What is that ugly oriental figure in the corner worth?" she asked at last.

"About ten thousand," whispered the horrified salesman. "That's the proprietor."

ADOLPH ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Dinner, Music, and a Fine Instructive Talk Make Up Program

Nearly one hundred children between the ages of 14 and 18, sons and daughters of Mueller employees, were the guests of Mr. Adolph Mueller at dinner on the evening of November 25. Dinner was prepared by the regular cafeteria staff and served by the four girl usherettes, Dorothy Toole, Betty Enloe, Elizabeth Morrison, and Nellie Fishburn, assisted by Harry Sackriter and Bob Tertocha.

Three radio artists from WSOY entertained during the dinner with popular songs and music on the guitar, violin, and accordion.

After dinner the guests adjourned to the gymnasium where they joined in the singing of "God Bless America" and "America". Jack March, son of F. A. March, Dept. 300, lead the group in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Boyhood Days

Mr. Adolph then told his young audience of his early boyhood days, and pointed out the difference in the mode of living of then and today brought about by inventions of modern conveniences which we have grown to accept as necessary. He demonstrated how he swept a floor and still considered it one of his accomplishments, the proper method of cooking quail, making bouillon, and baking biscuits.

The Mueller Guns

The two guns made by Hieronymus Mueller, which are on display in the Mueller Museum on the second floor of the office building, had been moved to the gymnasium for the occasion and Mr. Adolph stressed the fine workmanship of the guns and stated that the Mueller company had always kept up the high standards set by the founder. He impressed upon the children the importance of doing whatever they do to the very best of their ability, whether in their school work now or when they start to work later, either for the Mueller Co. or for some other company.

In connection with the hand work of Hieronymus Mueller, Adolph exhibited some of the tools he had made while a student at the University of Illinois, which are also on display in the Museum.

Always Something New

In refutation of the often heard remark that there is nothing left to discover, Mr. Mueller displayed samples of Neoprene, a rubber substitute which is used in Mueller valves because it withstands hot oil and water pressure better than pure rubber; synthetic technical camphor, a coal tar by-product; and Nylon hose, all substitutes discovered in recent years. Then he told of the inventions of children which were play-

(Continued on Page Nine)

SARNIA NEWS

The Highlight of the Month was, of course, the Mueller Banquet, held November 26th in the Recreation Hall. There was an attendance of 275 employees. W. E. Mueller gave a very interesting talk on the policies of Mueller, Limited. Manager Parker presented the Service Pins and Mr. McIntyre presented the awards for the suggestions.

Grand prizes were awarded to:

- 1st—Claire Cook.
- 2nd—Harold Fennel
- 3rd—Lewis Daws

Awards for 2 Suggestions

Lewis Daws	Clair Cook
Harold Fennel	C. Haywood
Joe Hicks	A. DeKolver

Award for One Suggestion

Frank Snider	A. Guertin
Clayton Hamilton	Ross Smith
Geo. Lucas	Archie Guthrie
K. Paltridge	Fred Jones
Wm. Young	Dennis Tilley

It was most interesting to note that five of the winners were employees who had been with our Company less than one year.

The vital spot of the evening was when Manager Parker announced the distribution of the Bonus Cheques.

The Bowling Clubs are still **Blowing** along. With all the concentrated foods on the market supposed to give one vim, vigor and vitality, we wonder what was in the malted milk Manager Parker had recently before bowling which seemed to put him in a serious slump. We are going to suggest to Barney Neal that he have the pin boys set the pins up in the gutter. A number of us would be sure of a strike everytime.

On November 23rd Alfred Cook of Dept. 7 was married to Miss Beverley Rose of this City. The young couple remained true to Canadian custom and went on a short honeymoon to Niagara Falls. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Clair and Bev.

On November 16th Gord Karr of the Assembly became the proud "Pop" of a fine baby girl, Gloria Joanne.

On November 23rd Alfred Sharp of Dept. 3 also became the proud father of a 6 lb. baby girl, Gail Nadine.

Congratulations, folks.

Wedding bells are ringing again in Department 7. Ted Pembleton was married December 20th to Bessie Bullman of this city.

Mildred Green of Dept. 14 is sporting a nice, new, shiny diamond these days but won't talk regarding the date. Oh, well, we'll just snoop around and find out.

We wonder who the lucky girl is in the office that is going to receive a certain Re-Head's picture for Christmas. The young man presented a bill to the Accounting Department for \$1.50 for a picture frame and we are certainly going to look into this

further before passing this bill for payment.

One of the young ladies in the office thought she owned one of the garages recently but found out to her sorrow she was in the wrong pew when her car was promptly shoved out in the snow and left standing all day with the window down. Well, after all, we live and learn.

LITTLE GLAMOUR GIRL



Judith Marie is the name of this little "glamour girl" who finds it difficult to keep quiet even for the photograph. Her busy little feet kept right on moving, as the picture shows. Her proud father, Edgar Stark of the Plumbing Division, is also a busy person. Employed here for twelve years, he owns his own home at 2636 N. Main Street, and in addition to the time devoted to his work, his home, and his family, he finds time for political work, and at the present is precinct committeeman in his precinct, No. 48.

Judith Marie was one year old when the picture was taken.

Ultra Modern

Modern Maid: "Well, good-bye, Mother."

Modern Mother: "Just a minute, dear. Sign the visitors' book in the living room before you go."

Lover: "I must rush out the back way! I hear you father at the door!"

Soak's Daughter: "There's no need to hurry, dear. It'll be an hour before father finds the keyhole."

FIVE FINE SONS



This fine photograph portrays the very attractive family of Gerald R. St. Pierre of Department 300. Mr. and Mrs. St. Pierre are the parents of five boys, Daniel, age 13, Gerald, age 12, Rupert, age 7, David Lee, age 4, and Charles, age 2½. Five such wide-awake and enterprising youngsters should leave never a dull moment in the St. Pierre household, and it is easy to see with such an incentive why "Pete" (as he is known in Dept. 300) has already accumulated a service record of fourteen years.

54TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams, parents of Mrs. Robert H. Mueller, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mueller. All seven of the Adams children and their wives and husbands spent the week end in Decatur to be with their parents. They are:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adams, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams, Indianapolis

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Jackman, Springfield

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Scott, Chatham

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Hughley

Miss Gertrude Adams

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mueller

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

For Sale: Bicycle, boys Hawthorne, fully equipped. Excellent condition, reasonable. Robt. Tertocha, phone 4540. Main Office.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

We're about to lose a good friend. Two weeks more, a few days, and our friend will have become only a memory. This passing friend has been kind to us far beyond our deserving. We have had pain and sorrow and disappointment, to be sure, but such rich gifts of happiness and friendship, of peace and security, of challenging and new ideas, of beautiful scenes and people have been ours that we must be very grateful to our departing friend. Every day that we have known this cherished companion has been an adventure, an adventure into unknown places of beauty and interest. We are very loath to bid our friend farewell, but we can do nothing else. For our friend, the Year of our Lord, 1940, goes, soon, to join the other years

□ □

Of even greater interest to most of us here on Third Floor than the coming of the New Year is the Christmas holiday. For most of us there is a very special halo around Christmas. It's a day, as it were, wrapped in cellophane and tied with red ribbons and holly, a Day like no other. One of the miracles of our civilization is the survival, in a streamlined age, of much of the warm glow, the aura with which we

(Next Page Please)

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Continued from Preceding Page)

surround Christmas-keeping. And if there is one thing what makes us impatient, and that at a season when it is a sin to indulge in impatience, it's a remark of those who say, "Christmas? O that's just another day."

□ □
Well, in spite of all the promotional work of our large-spirited friends up here, it looks as though there would be no wedding bells ringing out with the Christmas bells. But, of course, there may be a wedding practically under our nose, and we not know it. That's the way those things go. It's been almost six months, though, since we've had an office bridal shower. Could it be that D. Cupid is slipping a bit?

□ □
Harry "Sacky" Sackriter observed his birthday on November 20 and before he could begin drumming orders, he had to clean out his desk and remove the all-covering confetti left by anonymous well-wishers. Well, Happy Birthday, anyway.

□ □
June Krumsiek and her mother were in Chicago December 5 and 6 and report that they thoroughly enjoyed viewing the lovely displays of holiday merchandise in the big stores.

□ □
Norma Roarick has been working in the filing department in the place of Irene Otis, and is now in the Paymaster's office. Berenice Bixler Arnold has taken over in the filing department.

□ □
Delores Virden has been transferred into the Paymaster's office, and Bill Griffith has returned to succeed to Delores' desk and typewriter.

□ □
Irene Otis, our file clerk, is making a good recovery from her recent operation and expects to return to work very shortly.

□ □
The files, by the way, are undergoing their annual housecleaning, and the work of transferring old orders to make way for new is progressing speedily.

□ □
Dorothy Chamberlain has been added to the Billing Dept. staff.

□ □
O. L. Mills was able to return to work after being kept at home for a few days by his very painful "Rheumatics". He still moves about by benefit of a cane, however. Incidentally, that walking stick has earned him a number of appellations such as "Doctor" and "Professor", all of which ribbing Otha takes in good part.

□ □
Dotty Gepford has threatened to procure a wheel chair for Mills so that she can push him about in it, but it looks now as

CHRISTMAS ANNIVERSARY



Christmas has a double meaning for the Blankenship family, and this year it will have a special significance because it will be the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Blankenship, whose picture appears above. This year Howard completes thirty years service with the Mueller Co.

They have four children: two boys, Ray and Dean, and two girls, Violet and Betty, all of whom have worked for the company at different times. Ray lives in Dubuque, Iowa, and Dean in Los Angeles, while the two girls, Mrs. Wendell Kurr and Mrs. Ralph Rehfeld live in Decatur. There are three grandsons, Jerry and Tommy Blankenship, sons of Ray, and Ronald Kurr, son of Violet.

Weather conditions permitting, Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship except to have the family circle complete for Christmas Day, except for Dean and his wife, who will be unable to return from California for the event.

—●—
Burglar: "If you move you are a dead man. I'm looking for money."

Victim: "I'll get up and turn on the light and hunt with you."

though the patient is going to be able to travel under his own power.

□ □
All of Dorothy Gepford's friends are glad to know that Dorothy's mother is recovering from her illness. During the past weeks Dotty has added to her other accomplishments an ability to cook some very delicious meals, including fried chicken and everything. Smart gal, our postmistress.

□ □
Comes the last line and the wish of everybody up here for all our readers (if any): A Merry, Merry Christmas!

HENRY BASHOR FAMILY



This is the family of Henry Bashor, who stands guard over the Monroe Street entrance to the Engineering Department. If you aren't armed with the proper credentials when seeking admittance to that part of the factory, there's no question about it—you don't get in.

Henry and his wife are celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 27, which is also Mrs. Bashor's birthday. They were married here in Decatur by Rev. S. H. Boyer, now deceased, in 1905. They have two children, Thelma, who is Mrs. A. E. Lindamood, and Nelson, who is an electrical engineer at Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bashor own their own home at 661 E. Grand Avenue, and have lived there for eighteen years. In fact, they have always owned their home, as Henry owned the house to which he took his bride thirty-five years ago.

This year completes fifteen years of service with the company, and until the last year or so Henry worked in the Galvanizing Department at Plant 2.

DEATHS

Fred Bolz

Fred Bolz, 83, a resident of Decatur since 1857, the year the Mueller Co. was founded, died November 24 in the Decatur and Macon County hospital. A cabinet maker by trade, Mr. Bolz was forced to retire about six years ago because of ill health. He was the father of Mrs. August Morenz, whose husband was employed at Plant 2 for a number of years, and the grandfather of Mrs. Marjorie Roarick of the Main Office. He was also the father of Henry Bolz, secretary of the Association of Commerce, and one time affiliated with the iron foundry which later became Plant 2.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P.M. Tuesday in the Moran & Sons funeral home and at 2:30 in St. John's Lutheran church.

Burial was in the Lutheran cemetery.

Henry C. Peniwell

Henry C. Peniwell, 83, died November 24 in the Decatur and Macon County hospital where he had been a patient since November 19. He worked as night clerk in the tool storage room from 1913 to 1929. His wife died in 1927 and he was survived only by a sister, Mrs. William Martin, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday in the Dawson & Wikoff funeral home.

J. M. Linton

Funeral services for Jessie M. Linton, 60, who died December 5 in St. Mary's hospital, were held on Saturday, at 11 A.M. in the Moran & Sons chapel.

Mr. Linton was employed by the Mueller Co. from 1923 to 1930 in the Grinding Department, and as janitor at Plant 3. He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1915, serving for a while as minister at the Oak Grove church in Bethany.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Kinsev of Springfield, and two sons, Forest and Radford, both of Sterling.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The approaching marriage of Mary Ellen Oetzel, daughter of Mrs. Edna Oetzel and the late Paul T. Oetzel, to Raymond Roarick, son of Mrs. Mary Roarick and the late C. F. Roarick, for many years superintendent of the Decatur plant, was announced on November 24. The wedding will take place at 4 P.M. January 4 in the First Methodist church. Raymond is employed in Department 8 and his bride-to-be is with the Staley Company.

Water Power

If we should come to rely on water power, the richest continents would be Asia, Africa and South America.

WILLARD HAKE'S TWO QUEENS



The two lovely young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hake. To the left is Beverly Jean, who was seven years old last May, and on the right is Marilyn Ruth, a Valentine baby. She will be five years old next February. Willard has been with the company since 1925 and is in the Upkeen Stock Department.

ADOLPH ENTERTAINS

(Continued from Page 4)

ing a big part in the present world—the copper wire used to carry electricity from Boulder Dam to Los Angeles—the invention of a sixteen-year old boy—and a battery charging outfit used on farms to charge radio and light plants, which was the invention of two young boys.

It is hard to say which enjoyed the evening more—the children who listened enthralled to Adolph's experiences, or Adolph who is never so happy as when surrounded by a group of happy youngsters.

Secret Is Out

Because women's vocal cords are lighter and move more easily than men's, requiring less effort to use, women talk more than men, according to a German scientist.

Nobody Axed Them

Gene: "I saw some spinster pines in the woods."

Charlie: "What do you mean—spinster pines?"

Gene: "Nobody axed them."

Never Satisfied

First Communist: "Very nice weather we are having, Comrade."

Second Red: "Yes, but the aristocrats are having it too."

MAKING COLORED FLAMES

Tree Experts Tell How to Produce Them In Your Grate

We have a bulletin from Swain Nelson and Sons Co., Glenview, Ill., who have done landscaping for our company. They tell how to make colored flames in a grate as follows:

"To add interest to winter evenings before the fireplace, try experimenting with colored flames. The multi-colored effect of driftwood fires may be simulated quite easily by soaking dry fireplace wood or cones in chemical solutions and then drying. Solutions may be produced as follows:

Red flames—To one gallon of water add one pound of strontium nitrate.

Green flames—To one gallon of water add one pound of either copper chloride or boric acid.

Blue flames—To one gallon of water add one pound of either copper sulfate or barium nitrate.

Orange flames—To one gallon of water add one pound of calcium chloride.

Purple flame—To one gallon of water add one pound of lithium chloride."

Fine idea for pulling a surprise on your friends during the holidays.

ECHOS OF OKAW PARTY



In the November issue of the MUELLER RECORD we told of the party down at the Okaw which was participated in by the wives of a number of the men. But nowadays a story is scarcely complete without illustrations and these are given above.

In the upper row center is shown preparation for the bee tree party, which proved quite an event for "Augie" Werdes. At the right is the bee tree toppling over. At the left the honey has been taken from the tree and the sweet liquid is being scraped from the comb. At the lower left is the group of ladies who were at the bee party, including Mrs. O. C. Draper, Mrs. J. W. Simpson, Mrs. A. C. Werdes, Mrs. Ed. Stille, Mrs. O. J. Hawkins, Mrs. J. W. Wells, Mrs. A. G. Webber, Jr. and Mrs. O. C. Keil.

In the lower center is the fallen tree and the bees are being smoked out.

These photographs were taken by "Augie" Werdes and he does not therefore figure in the illustrations. Rex Smith makes amends for this by giving us a pen picture of "Augie" with his now historic encounter with the bees, which went buzzing and bunching around while "Augie" went prancing and pawing around.

Mr. Keil, who is something of a statistician, says that Augie did not cover more than four feet square ground during the encounter, but he made motions enough to have gone around a forty acre tract four times.

Fred: "I dreamed about you last night."

Ethel (coldly): "Yes."

Fred: "Yes, and then I got up, closed the windows, and put an extra blanket on the bed."

Well, Why Hurry?

Soldiers do not charge on the run. In actual fighting, most charges are made at a walk.



DELPHI INTERNATIONAL

Mildred Shannon and Marjorie Tatham, both of the Main Office, won first and second prizes, respectively at the Delphi International monthly bridge party for November. The party was held in the Illinois-Iowa Club rooms on November 21.

At the recent rummage sale which the sorority held fifty dollars was cleared, and from this sum was purchased three Thanksgiving baskets which were distributed to poor families. The girls are now selling Christmas cards, the proceeds from which will be used to give a Christmas party for needy children.

"I used to know a Mr. Brown who was with your firm. I understand he is a tried and trusted employee."

"He was too much trusted, and he will be tried when we catch him."

PICNIC BALLOON

Released by Billy Durbin—Found About Seventy Miles from Decatur

For a number of years at the Mueller picnics balloons of extra large size were released carrying printed cards offering a prize to the person finding the balloon. Only once was an answer received. This year the committee did not bother, but Billy Joe Durbin, eight year old son of Floyd Durbin of the Foundry, took matters into his own hands and attaching a penciled note to his picnic balloon, he let it sail away. November 26 Billy received a letter from C. J. Cromwell of Fairmount, Illinois, who found the note and what was left of the balloon along the Wabash railroad tracks southwest of that town.

Billy's note read: "I am at the Mueller picnic and am letting this balloon go. Please write me and tell me who found it. Billy Durbin, Macon, Illinois."



The letter which he received follows:

"Enclosed you will find receipt to show I found your balloon and note. I am writing you as I am anxious to know what date you let the balloon loose. I found all that was left of it, which is the small end you blow it up from, so it must have burst in the air close to where I found it, which was about two miles west and south of Fairmount, Illinois. I found the note last Sunday, November 24. You must write and tell me just where Macon, Illinois, is and how far your balloon traveled. I was out hunting and found this in a pasture near the Wabash railroad. C. J. Cromwell, Fairmount, Illinois."

If the balloon followed a straight course from the picnic grounds to the point where it was found, we figure that it traveled between sixty and seventy miles before bursting. It would be interesting to know just how long the balloon was in transit. From observation of the rapidity with which balloons seem to deflate at the picnic, we would judge certainly not more than two or three hours.

Billy is in the third grade at the Macon School.

AW! YOU GUYS.



Order Drummer Harry Sackriter, familiarly known as "Sacky", rounded out a quarter of a century of existence in this old world on November 20. Sacky, whose gay smile, cheery whistle, and friendly spirit of cooperation, is evidence of Sack's attitude toward life, was presented with a birthday cake all decorated with pink candles after the last customer had been "checked" in at the cafeteria. Sacky, who usually has some kind of a comeback, could only stare at the cake and almost inaudibly whisper: "Aw, you guys!"

BRIDAL SHOWER

The core room girls had a shower for Mrs. George O'Dell, the former Helen Waddell, at her home on Rural Route 1. Twelve girls were there, and the evening was spent playing Pokeno. Refreshments of cherry and pumpkin pie were served.

FORMER DECATUR BOY MARRIED

Jimmie Wilkins, youngest son of J. M. (Kitty) Wilkins, associated with the Mueller Co. for many years, was married Thanksgiving Day to Miss Grace Harvey of Duluth, Minnesota, in Yuma, Arizona. The bride is a professional ice skater, formerly with the Sonja Heinie Ice Follies. Jimmie, who conducted his own orchestra in Decatur, and has had vast experience thru his ability as a piano player, is now employed with a Studio band in Hollywood.

Doing things in the same old way is OK if it is the safest way—but to repeat the way that has caused accidents is sheer nonsense.

"WHAT HAVE YOU PAGE?"

This Page Is Free for Use of MUELLER EMPLOYEES Who Want to Sell, Trade or Buy, Rent Houses, Take In Boarders, Roomers, Etc. Advertisements Limited to 80 Words.

FOR RENT

For Rent:—Suburban 3 room house, garage, and 1 acre of ground on Lost Bridge road. Two miles from city limits. \$15 a month. See Employment Office.

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 or Trade:—A Studio Couch; will exchange for child's bed. Address Robert W. Lusk, 1500 W. Waggoner St.

For Sale: Beautiful inlaid glass benches for rock gardens or lawns. Something new, different, and ever-lasting. F. H. Williams, 1027 E. Riverside.

For Sale: Built-in breakfast set in good condition. Will sell cheap. Telephone 8336. Clock No. 30026.

For Sale: Kroll Cab baby buggy, \$3. Halden Hansen, 1904 N. Gulick.

For Sale: Montgomery Ward Gasoline Iron. \$3.00. John Maxwell. R. R. 7, ¾ mile east of Antioch.

For Sale: One French door, 2'6" x 6'8" in perfect condition. H. A. Wacaser, entrance to main office.

For Sale: One Prince Kalamazoo cook stove, \$15. See Wm. T. O'Dell, Dept. 80.

For Sale: Roper, four burner, side oven gas range. Reasonable. See Stanley Shannon, Dept. 8.

For Sale: Ski pants, dark green, all wool. Size 12. Have been worn very few times. Excellent condition, \$2. Also Nestor Johnson Ladies' Hockey Ice Skates, Hi-Speed. Aluminum finish. Size 6. In excellent condition. \$3. 318 S. Monroe St., Phone 7011

For Sale: Turkeys. See John Maxwell, Night Watchman. R. R. 7, ¾ mile east of Antioch.

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

For Sale: 3 Lionel Illuminated Passenger Cars with electric couplers, cannot be told from new; also one Lionel electric remote control switch. Bobby Kileen, 1011 W. Marietta St. Phone 6261.

WANTED

Kitten Wanted: If you are looking for a good home for a young kitten call 6358.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Pair of glasses in red Weatherby & Weatherby case. Return to Ralph Uhler, Dept. 33.

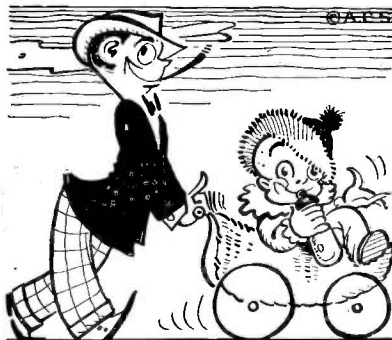
MADE A SALE

F. W. Dannewitz gives additional evidence of the sales value of our "What Have You Page." In the November issue he advertised a 6-tube Delco automobile radio. He tells us he has sold it.

Among the seasonable material advertised in this issue is a list including ski pants, ladies' hockey ice skates size 6. Some of the girls will surely want this material for the skating that's coming later on.

Another attractive offer is a Kroll baby cab. There are plenty of new babies who would enjoy this. Investigate the offer.

BIRTHS



MONSKA—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Monska, Grinding Department, a son, November 24. He has been named Carl Douglas.

WITTKE—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wittke, a daughter, Mary Catherine, September 26. Mr. Wittke is employed at Plant 2.

A DANGEROUS STREET

Eldorado Street presents a dangerous situation to pedestrians, especially dangerous at such corners as Monroe and College when it's our quitting time and we are all anxious to get home. However we can do much to minimize this danger by being thoughtful and considerate of pedestrians, as well as avoiding collisions. Take it easy—give the pedestrian the best of it and help reduce the auto accidents.