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THE OTHER WAR

Memories Gleaned from Pages of Old Records— Interesting Items of Boys Who Enlisted.

In the MUELLER RECORD of July 1916 we find the first reference to World War No. 1, in an item which reads:

"Herman Romans, one of our employees who enlisted in the regular army and served three years, was recalled to his regiment one day the past week, and left at once for Jefferson Barracks."

February 1917 we find that Messrs. Adolph, Robert, and Oscar Mueller had just returned from Washington where they had been in touch with government officials, tendering the factory to the government as a munitions factory in case of necessity. "The government officials are well pleased with the spirit shown by the firm, and in event of its becoming necessary to put the country on a war footing, the plant will very likely be devoted in part at least to the manufacture of munitions."

In June 1917 we were buying Liberty Bonds; employees, company members, and the company together subscribing to \$80,000 worth of the bonds.

In the August 1917 issue we found an excellent picture of Fred Mueller and his thoroughbred Holstein calf "Red Cross King." The calf had been sold at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross, and Fred bid him in at \$450. The calf was listed at the sale as plain "John", a name too common for the son of a \$20,000 blue-blooded Holstein sire. Immediately upon his acquisition he was rechristened as "Red Cross King."

The same issue tells of Lieut. Paul Wagenseller visiting his father, C. N. Wagenseller. Paul had recently won his commission as second lieutenant in the officers' training camp at Ft. Sheridan and had been assigned to duty at the Rockford camp. His brother, Dean, had enlisted in the First Regiment of Chicago, afterwards federalized, when war was declared. A third brother, Kirk, was in the navy on the Frederick Tausig, a munition carrying vessel.

October 1917 a plan had been inaugurated

to sell Liberty Bonds on the easy payment plan, and the company had again taken \$60,000 worth of bonds.

October 11, 1917, Everett and Lucien Mueller were presented with wrist watches by their fathers and uncles at a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller. Everett and Lucien were scheduled to leave the latter part of the month to enter service.

By Christmas, 1917, sixteen men had joined the colors, and the Roll of Honor published in that issue showed the pictures of the following: Everett Mueller, Lucien Mueller, Chester Cooper, M. F. Sullivan, George E. Henry, Hugh McAlpin, Charles Whitaker, J. B. Clark, P. J. McGoldrick, James Ferguson, Harold Maxwell, Joseph Hayes, Paul Dever, Nelson Fisher, Ray F. May, James Judge.

February 1918 we find the following:

"Everett Mueller has been accepted for the Naval Officers' Training School and has received orders to report at the Municipal Pier in Chicago for duty.

"Lucien Mueller has been in the military branch of the service several weeks holding a commission as lieutenant. He is attached to the Ordnance Department."

In the same issue was a notice that Otto Sharlock, head of the Claim Department, had been accepted to serve in the American army.

By April 1918 the Roll of Honor contained thirty-nine names. Additional enlistments were: Frank Staley, J. E. Powell, E. B. Verner, Ivan Lowe, N. E. Troesch, A. F. Eckhardt, Cecil R. Foltz, Robert Burns, John H. Jeworoski, Willis Blackburn, W. J. Mundweiler, Earl Reeves, Glenn Butcher, John Leisch, C. E. Sharpe, James H. Maskell, E. Blankenship, Hugh Pierce, Ed. Dodwell, George Topping, O. F. Royce, M. McLaughlin, Jack Moore, Lester S. Kelly.

On April 29, 1918 Willis Blackburn wrote that his company was leaving on the 15th

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for France: Censorship at that time seemingly was not so rigid as now, for Willis told how many men were leaving, from where, and what they expected to do on the other side.

April 26, 1918 there was a big parade to create enthusiasm for the Third Liberty Loan Drive. There were thousands of marchers in the line, and the factory closed down at 3:45 in order that everyone could take part. A big truck was the marked feature of the Mueller contingent, upon the sides of which were large banners announcing \$501,700 worth of bonds had been subscribed for by Muellers and their employees.

Otto Sharlock, who left May 10, was presented with a wrist watch on his last day at the office, the gift of the company. Soon afterward Otto wrote a letter to Merle Cobb, which was printed in the Record. It is interesting as a comparison with the letters received from the boys today. Otto wrote:

"About 1,000 men, including the bunch from Decatur, left Jefferson Barracks for Camp McArthur. Owing to the crowded conditions at J.B. the new recruits are put through in a hurry. The crowd is in good spirits, but we have had miserable weather. It began raining almost the moment we struck J.B. and continued until we left. We were quartered on a slope which was perhaps a potato patch the year before, and in a short time we had small rivers flowing under our tents. Each tent accommodated ten cots and there was hardly enough room to turn around, but we were good-natured about it and made the best of it. The mud was ankle deep. The trenches can't be worse."

The June 1918 RECORD carried a picture of the Mueller Munitionettes at Port Huron wearing overalls. It said: "Staid old Port Huron is madly blinking at the sight of the fair ones on the public highways in bloomers." At least that is one sight that won't cause any raised eyebrows in this war.

In August 1918 an interesting picture was printed showing Ensign Everett Mueller and Edward Larrick, an apprentice seaman. Everett is now president of the company, and Ed Larrick is our professional Santa Claus.

In September we again heard from Otto Sharlock who was about to leave for France. He listed his overseas equipment, and said: "The Red Cross is doing great work. Each of us received a woolen sweater, woolen socks, woolen helmet, and woolen gloves. These were packed as company property and shipped across. The government also gave us a fine Gillette razor, but I prefer my Auto-strop and use it entirely. We are also informed that the government has purchased a Swiss watch for every soldier. I won't need this. The only things

we lack is space to carry everything, and a strong back."

The November 1918 RECORD tells of the Armistice, the parade, and contains a number of letters from boys overseas.

In December 1918 the RECORD published the complete list of Mueller men who had been in service. It follows:

Decatur

Frank Staley, J. E. Powell, George E. Henry, N. L. Fisher, Hugh McAlpin, M. F. Sullivan, Ray F. May, H. J. Maxwell, Chester Cooper, W. E. Mueller, George Topping, M. McLaughlin, Lester J. Skelley, E. B. Verner, W. E. Troesch, Cecil R. Foltz, John H. Jeworoski, Edward Dodwell, Luther Crow, H. V. SeEVERS, C. T. Wallace, Claud R. Wood, Ray Trowbridge, H. D. Nash, Dean B. Gorham, Henry Flickinger, A. H. Washek, Russell Henry, Oscar L. White, W. G. Shepherd, Ralph Coffman, Paul Dever, L. W. Mueller, Willis Blackburn, W. J. Mundweiler, Earl Reeves, Glenn Butcher, John Leisch, Robert Burns, James Judge, C. E. Sharpe, Charles Whittaker, O. F. Royce, Jack Moore, Ellis Blankenship, Ivan Lowe, A. F. Eackhardt, Hugh Pierce, Milton R. Davis, Roger M. Dawson, G. A. Garrett, O. H. Sharlock, Robert Dressen, O. C. Schooley, J. Stapleton, E. J. Kleimeier, Robt. T. Whitehead, Leonard Morris.

New York

Herman Kramer, James B. Clark, Joseph A. Hayes, Peter F. McGoldrick, Fred Susieck, James Maskell, Arthur Wolke, John Hoey.

From Sarnia there were 79, and Port Huron had 6.

There were no casualties among the Decatur men, and only three in the Sarnia group.

DANGEROUS AND GRUESOME

Private Leo S. Adcock Aided In Recovering Carole Lombard's Remains

Those of the organization reading The Review, January 29, were interested in the story of recovery of bodies from the wrecked plane near Las Vegas. This was the plane in which Carole Lombard lost her life. The story was written by Pvt. Leo S. Adcock, who is stationed at the Air Corps Gunnery school near Las Vegas. He was a member of the searching crew sent out to recover the bodies of the fifteen victims. Quite a few of us knew the young man, who was for a time chauffer for Mrs. Addie Mueller of this city. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Adcock of Assumption.

There were twenty in the party under the guidance of a cowboy, who led at a killing pace. Part of the trail was covered by three feet of snow, which meant that a misstep meant death. This following paragraph is reproduced from Leo's article:

"I falter for words to describe the scene. The remains of the plane and passengers

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KEEP YOUR MIND ON JOB

Extra Precautionary Measures Against Accidents Is Necessary

Safety organizations are stressing the need of extra precautionary measures to avert accidents. It is estimated that approximately 100,000 persons meet death through accidents annually, many of which might have been avoided. There are certain definite reasons why prevailing conditions are likely to increase this appalling figure. Among these are emotional stress due to the world war, which more or less unbalances straight thinking and caution; new employees on strange jobs; the urgency of top notch production; the danger of permitting one's self to dwell on the horrors of war rather than to dwell on one's job. Your job now is your personal contribution to bring about peace. Worrying about war will not bring the end, nor will it help you in your work which is the one thing really beneficial to the cause of victory. The best advice to follow is to be calm, go about your duties thoughtfully and carefully, don't let your mind wander to war problems, which of necessity must be left to the military, naval, and diplomatic units of the country. Above all run no risks in your work, and take NO CHANCES.

This all applies to your daily work or to your leisure hours as well. An "off duty" accident lessens the industrial man power—the government's need of which is increasing every hour.

JUST CARELESSNESS

Ninety per cent of automobile accidents are not accidents at all. They are due to recklessness of drivers, who are apparently willing to take a chance with the undertaker.

FEWER CARS NOTICED

It is just possible that there will be less auto accidents on the highways during this year. This will not be due to increased carefulness in driving, but to the difficulty of getting tires, which the experts figure will reduce cars on the highway by 40 to 50 per cent. It is already noticeable that there are fewer cars on the road, but this is partially due to winter. More people than usual are carefully guarding against adding mileage to their tires.

NEGLECTED TEETH

The rigid medical examination of draftees uncover volumes of neglect of some of the commonest health rules. Applicants present themselves for the examination test confident that they are free of physical defects, only to learn that for some unknown defect they are unfitted for service. In the recruiting for the present army 50 per cent of the selectees were rejected for physical defects; the largest single cause 20.9 per cent of one million men had bad teeth. Perhaps there is nothing on which so much has been written, so much evidence given, and so many free clinics held to teach care of the teeth. The results,



however, do not give much encouragement of improved conditions.

GIVE HEED TO YOUR EYES

The eye hazard in industry is one which should make all of us stop and think, which is just what we do not do. The result is accidents impairing sight or causing total blindness. Professional safety men say that protection against the eye hazards lies in education. This is the conclusion of the National Society for Prevention of Blindness, which has just completed a 300-page study. There are so many ways in which eyes may be injured and sight destroyed that they cannot well be enumerated, and preventive practices named. The eye is of such paramount necessity that one cannot afford to be careless or take chances.

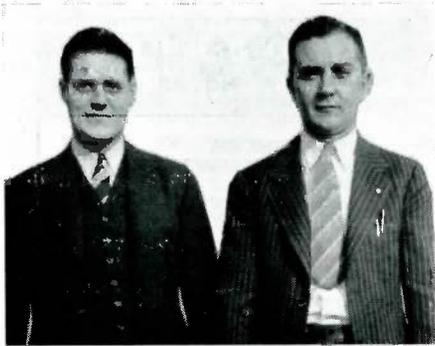
USE FOR CANCELLED STAMPS

The local D.A.R. has sent out a call for cancelled postage stamps. This seems an unusual request, and for an item of no significance, but these stamps are sent to England where they are processed in some way to recover a valuable dye found in the coloring matter used in printing the stamps. The proceeds are used to finance hospital beds.

Save the stamps which you receive on your mail and when you have a small supply send to Dorothy Gepford, Mail Clerk, who in turn will send them to Mrs. C. C. Miller, local Regent for the D.A.R.

LOYLE DAVIS LEAVES US

Athletic Director Takes Position With
Emerson Electrical Co.



Left: Loyle Davis and (right) his
successor Ross Emerson.

Loyle Davis, who came to us as part time athletic director while he was still going to Millikin, resigned his position as Recreational Director on January 16. He joins the staff of the Emerson Electric Co. of St. Louis as Safety Director for an organization of several thousand employees.

Loyle distinguished himself while attending Millikin University because of his brilliant performance on the football squad as left end. Loyle's happy disposition and free and easy way of mingling with people, were valuable assets in the promotion of athletics, and there was considerable rivalry and some hotly contested tournaments in basketball, baseball, volley ball, badminton, ping pong, and croquet.

Athletics will now be handled by committees throughout the factory, each committee headed by someone actively interested in that particular sport.

Ross Emerson succeeds Loyle as Safety Director and First Aid Man, and assistant to Personnel Manager W. S. Enloe. Ross, who comes from Stonington, has been with us since June 2, 1941, as assistant to M. K. Chaney.

Ross taught for 18 years in the Stonington grade schools, and had been principal for several years. He is married and has one daughter, Shirley Ann, age 12. Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Shirley live at 137 Home Avenue.

The sudden change, the promotion, or something was too much for Ross, however, because no sooner had he moved up to the second floor of the office than he came down with the flu and spent a week home in bed.

DEATHS

Mrs. Margaret Mercer

Mrs. Margaret Mercer, 72, mother of Chester Mercer, Dept. 70, died January 29 in her home, 1432 N. Ellen. She had been seriously ill for two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 A.M. Saturday in the residence, with burial in Old Farmer cemetery near Shobonier.

John Hoots

John Hoots, age 87, died January 23 in St. Mary's hospital. He was a member of the Mueller organization from July 16, 1911 until his retirement on June 6, 1930. He worked in the Brass Finishing Department and as a tester in the Assembly Department. A tall, dignified man with gray hair, and a pleasant disposition, he will be remembered by many with whom he worked.

His wife died in 1935, and two of his four children preceded him in death. A son, Clarence, and a daughter, Mrs. Earl Stulz, survive.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. on Monday in the Dawson & Wikoff funeral home, with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

Matthew A. Bethards

Matthew A. Bethards, 84, father of Albert Bethards of the Foundry, died January 29 at his home in Wilburton township, Fayette county. He was a native of Decatur. His wife, Sarah, five children, and two sisters survive.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Sunday in the Center church, Wilburton township, with burial in the church cemetery.

Mrs. William Barnes

Mrs. William Barnes, mother of Paul Barnes of the Foundry, died February 3 at her home in Mt. Auburn. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 5, at 2 P.M. in the Mt. Auburn Christian church.

Mrs. Barnes, who was 69 years old, had been ill for eight weeks. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Mrs. Alice Durbin

Mrs. Alice Durbin, 67, mother of Floyd Durbin, foundry grinding room, died suddenly in her home at Macon on January 12. She was born in Ohio, September 7, 1874, and married in September 1892 to Joseph Durbin, who died in 1928. Two sons and one daughter preceded her in death. One daughter and three sons are living.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, with burial in Macon cemetery.

Mrs. John Snyder

Mrs. John Snyder, mother-in-law of Edgar Hartwig, Dept. 300, died February 6 in Clinton. She is survived by her husband and ten children.

IN AUTO DAYS OF LONG AGO

George Tollačay and Family Out for a Spin in Their "Metz"



Some of the old timers in the organization may recognize the driver of this car. To avoid any wrong guesses, we will tell you that it is George Tolladay and family. George was at one time a member of the main office force. Now he is with the Los Angeles plant. This picture was taken back in 1915. The car was a Metz—now it is a "Metzwurst" or some other kind of sausage. This machine had a disc drive, and brings back many pleasant memories to the Tolladay family. There were not many cars owned in those days, and the owner was envied by all his friends. The child held by Mrs. Tolladay is son, Robert, now grown to manhood, and in business in California. Note that the Tolladay dog was one of the early canine enthusiasts.

MID-YEAR GRADUATES

The Decatur High School Mid-Year class of graduates includes five who are children of Mueller employees. They are:

- Dale, son of H. A. Wacaser, Dept. 110.
- Veta Maxine, daughter of Jesse Ditty, Plant 2.
- George, son of Herman Salefski, Dept. 300.
- Elsie Madeline, daughter of E. R. Musgraves, Plating Dept.
- Mary Ruth, daughter of Clyde Hester, Dept. 8.

BRASS CHIPS

Paul Jacka of the Chattanooga plant "blew in," part of the way last Friday for the day. By blowing in we mean he flew from Chattanooga to Chicago and finished by train.

She's A Slicker

- Ned—"I call my girl 'Bubbles'."
- Ted—"Because she's little and cute?"
- Ned—"No, because she can hand out the soft soap."

HELP SELL YOUR COMPANY

Every Employee Should Be Willing and Anxious To Do This

A company doing business with a large volume of customers, is unlike a small private business man—a store keeper, perhaps. The foreman cannot know patrons personally, while the store keeper can. In the case of the large company, its personal contact depends upon its employees to fill this gap. It is the employee who carries to the public the character of the men composing the company. This condition is created through the salesmen and other employees. Their importance in bridging this gap cannot be over-estimated. The employee with the right personality can be and is helpful in creating with the public a favorable impression, and on the contrary one with a wrong personality can and does do the exact opposite.

When any one of us meet the public we should feel it a personal obligation to do our part in putting the company in a proper light. In this organization this attitude should be the ruling practice. In following it you are selling yourself as well as the organization. So vital is this policy that one organization whose middle men make millions of calls a year are trained in as far as possible to give patrons called on a glimpse of what is going on behind the scenes.

This includes what the company's plans and policies are, its desire to give good service, to correct errors, and to be friendly and considerate. The middle men are trained to be courteous and to manifest a real human interest to assist and not oppose patrons.

All of this is just a further development of the thought that if you are employed by a company be for it whole heartedly, rather than limit your allegiance to your pay check. This is a subject upon which every employee should think seriously.

NAMING THE JAPS

The Japanese are being referred to by enemies in the field as "Charlies," which happens to be the given name of the editor, who indignantly resents this liberty, and as soon as Albert Webber, Jr. finds time from his multifarious duties to institute proceedings, we will bring a suit for libel. We will admit that the name is common among horses and dogs, but these two noblest of man's best friends justify no objection. Why not call the dirt brown devils rats, mice, lizards, snakes, pediculus capitis (meaning louse in English), or something equally slimy. Getting down to brass tacks, why not call them in American "lousey such and such."

- "Did your garden do well this summer?"
- "No; everytime my husband started digging he'd find worms, quit, and go fishing."

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

And now February, birth month of two great Americans, notable, also as being the month of St. Valentine's Day, and the season, in these regions, when the weatherman gets in some of his worst licks. Not a bad month, though, for a' that.

We have romance with a big R practically under our very noses. It's Arline and Carney. In fact, the Arline Spitzer-Carney Carroll, engagement has been headline news since Arline came down to the office one morning a week or two ago wearing a new diamond ring on the important finger. Nothing like a little romance to pep up a Winter Day, say we.

The Ruthrauff family motored to Tullahoma, Tennessee, to visit son Jack the week-end of January 10. Jack has since been transferred to San Diego where his brother, Pres., Jr., is located. Now we're expecting the Ruthrauffs to begin plans for a Western trip.

Wera Colglazier returned January 19 after a week's vacation trip that took her and Russell to McAlester, Oklahoma, Mena, Arkansas, and other places of interest in the Southwest direction.

The Colglaziers, by the way, are moving into their recently purchased home on East Garfield Street. They will be neighbors of Mary Ruth and Hilbert Oliver, who live two blocks West on the same street. Think we'll have to start making calls out in that neighborhood one of these days so that we can see all of these new homes.

Evelyn and Keith Brett left the last Saturday in January on a delayed honeymoon trip that was to take them to Washington, D. C., and other scenic and historic spots in the East.

Carol and Judith, Frank Edmonson's young daughters, have made a good recovery from a bronchial disturbance that sent them to the hospital late in January. They are at home again and have just about regained their customary energy and enthusiasm, and we are all happy to know of their improvement.

Knitting is one of the major interests among our gals on third floor. The experienced knitters are hard at it, turning out refugee sweaters and beanies for the Red Cross. And there are a number of recruits to the knitters' ranks who are working even harder on garments for the local chapter of the Red Cross. The interest in knitting has exhausted the local yarn quota, and some of the energetic knitters are forced to twirl idle needles until a new supply of material is received.

Our personal conviction is that our own

BRASS CHIPS

Walter Bowan spent four days attending a Magnaflex School in Chicago, learning how this equipment detects cracks in ferrous materials and castings.

And speaking about "bikes", they are a darned sight easier to dodge than an automobile.

Back to the bike is the "tireless" rage now. Why not the poppin' little scooters? Can you imagine anything more intriguing than Albert Hill on a "scooter" bouncing over the rough pavements? And on the other hand, why not Evelyn of "hello hilarities?"

Regardless of the ground hog and his shadowy influence on the following six weeks of weather, did it ever occur to you that spring is due in approximately six weeks following ground hog day? According to orderly and carefully edited Almanacs, it should arrive on March 21.

To be seen whizzing along the streets on shiny new bicycles these days are Clara Uhl, Francis Carroll, Raymond Fritts, Orville Keller, and others. If Purchasing Agent Hawkins still lived in Sangamon we'd expect to see him coming in on "Old Dobbin."

Paul Wood, Construction Department, who strained his back on January 9, returned to work February 3.

William Bradley, Dept. 9, returned to work on February 2 after an absence of two and one-half months following the amputation of a finger.

Charles Murray, Plant 2, was operated upon for appendicitis on January 8.

Pauline Wolfe, Core Department, went to California January 30 to visit her husband who is in service. She plans to return to Decatur.

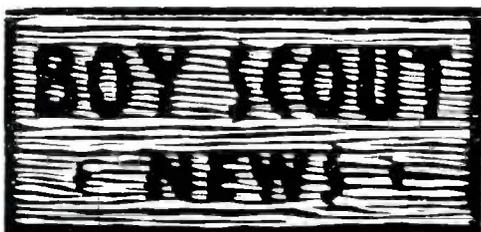
Otto Dannewitz, Dept. 8, lost several days work because of an injured toe.

Nola Lowry, Dept. 90, was operated upon for appendicitis on February 7.

Louis Ross, Dept. 30, was a recent victim of the flu.

In this issue we print a belated picture—an echo of the chicken fry at Mueller Heights during the salesmen's meeting. We hope it will not throw Lucille Smit's into a frenzy of excitement and longing. It was a long, long way to Tipperary—and will be likewise to chicken fries.

knitting would serve our loved country better if we could send it to the enemy, but we're making what we hope is a good try.



Good news like bananas seems to come in bunches. And we have this month some very good news. The most important is the awarding of the highest honor in Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout, to Jack March. Jack has worked faithfully with Troop 2 for six years, and has stuck by it through thick and thin—through all its ups and downs. He certainly deserves this recognition of merit. The award is to be presented at the Annual Scout



Dinner to be held on Feb. 17. Jack's mother plans to make a special trip home from Chattanooga for this signal event. However, this is not the only honor Jack has received. In the annual Scout Election to choose someone to run the City of Decatur on Saturday, February 14th, Jack was chosen as a City Commissioner. We wonder what weighty matter "his honor" plans to bring before the Council. His father, Happy March, is in charge of special work in the Chattanooga plant.

Our own Bob Whitacre, who served as Mayor of Decatur last year, has advanced another notch in rank, receiving his first bronze palm for earning five merit badges above Eagle rank.

Our Sea Scout program has taken a new spurt forward recently. Jack Allen, mate of the ship, is superintending the construction of a new sail boat. It is going to be a dandy, and much more seaworthy than the old boat which was some dozen years old. Several new recruits for the ship have been lined up and the clang of the ship's bell will ring through the gym once again.

The newest Scout in the troop is Billy Hughes, brother of Bobby Hughes. This makes the Hughes family an all-scout family. Billy's father is one of our most active Committeemen; his mother is a leader in Girl Scout Troop 6, and his sister, Barbara, is a Girl Scout in the same troop. Billy sure knows his knots.

Quite a bit of paper was collected by the boys and more will be as time goes on. The boys are raising money for camp expenses by this method.

See you next month.

BIRTHS

FYKE—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fyke, Plant 2, a daughter, January 25.

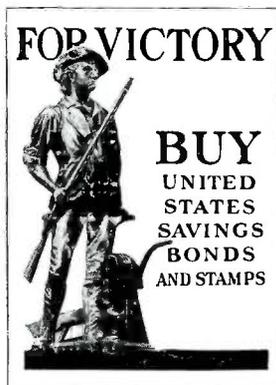
McCAMMACK—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McCammack, Dept. 80, a son, Leon Eugene, January 30.

Butcher: "I can't give you any further credit, sir. Your bill is bigger now than it should be."

Customer: "I know that. Just make it for what it should be and I'll pay it."

BUY BONDS

These Have Taken Place of Former Savings Policy



We are behind the government Defense Bonds and Stamps. A recent bulletin announced the discontinuance of our regular savings plan for the duration of the war. All employees are urged hereafter to use U. S. Bonds for saving purposes. Salary Saving plan authorization cards for purchase of these bonds have been placed in the hands of all foremen. If you were missed in the distribution Mr. Enloe will supply you. Deductions will be made from the pay roll in even dollar amounts from \$1 up, unless a full \$25 or \$50 bond is purchased every pay period.

The payroll deduction plan works as follows, using as an example a deduction of \$10 each pay:

	Deduction	Applied to Purchase of Bond	Net Credit
1st pay	\$10.00	\$10.00
2nd pay	10.00	\$18.75	1.25
3rd pay	10.00	11.25
4th pa	10.00	18.75	2.50
5th pay	10.00	12.50

At this rate you will get one bond every other pay, and at the same time will be building up an accumulation of credit, which at the end of the 15th pay will equal \$18.75, at which time you will get an extra bond.

Individual record cards will be kept and when accumulated funds enable the purchase of a bond, such bond will be ordered and delivered by the bank direct to the employee and applied against the accumulated savings. At the same time a notice covering the transaction will be sent to the employee by the Personnel Department.

Defense stamps available in the Personnel Department and cafeteria for cash sales in denominations of \$.10, \$.25, \$.50, \$1, and \$5. These may be bought any time in any quantity.

The Los Angeles factory, in addition to subscribing to a large number of bonds

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LOS ANGELES NEWS

Buy Bombs for the Bombers

The Pacific Coast factory personnel, observing the Hearst newspapers drive for funds to buy bombers, concluded that bombers without bombs were useless, and conceived the idea of starting a drive to buy bombs. They raised \$240 among themselves and sent a check to Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury for that amount, with a letter saying, "Our company has in effect at present the allotment to buy bonds and a large percentage of us are doing such, but this contribution is an extra effort on our part. We are saying, as all other Americans should, 'We'll Do Our Part'."

The Los Angeles Daily News of January 28 gave them the following recognition for their efforts:

"Workers Give U. S. \$240 to Buy Nice Present for Japs"

"One hundred and fifty employees of the Mueller Co., 2801 East 12th street, made up their minds yesterday Uncle Sam should have more bombs to drop on the Jap.

"They dug down in their jeans for a total of \$240, bought a check made out to the treasury department and sent it along with a note to Henry Morgenthau Jr.

"The note expressed the hope that the money go toward the purchase of aerial bombs because, as their spokesman put it:

"Bombers aren't much good unless they have something to bomb with."

"Employees at the plant, Pacific coast branch of an Illinois plumbing brass manufacturing concern, also participate in the payroll allotment plan for the purchase of defense stamps and bonds."

New Recreation Building

Our new recreation building is now the most popular place with the employees before and after work and during lunch hour. The record player goes continuously, and with three tables of ping pong and the dart game there is really a lot doing. For those who only wish to rest, we have chairs, tables, and all kinds of literature. New heaters have been installed, and in appreciation of this recreation building, let's all put forth an extra effort to see that nothing is destroyed or defaced. A little extra effort on the part of each one will do the trick.

The new system at the cafeteria is running smoothly. Entrance is made through the door nearest the clock, and exit by the other door. No one is to go out through the door near the clock at any time. A suggestion to every one—have your ticket made up without the amount, to save time. Take enough tickets to last all week, and have them made up in advance. The amount will be put on by the checker. Please help us to help you.

Two of our girls are quitting to make homes for their husbands. Opal LeRoy is one of our old timers, and May B. Harris, the girl who is all smiles. We'll wager that now they will find out what work is.

W. E. Mueller spent the last week of January

in sunny California on business. No, it didn't rain, either.

Preston Lee Hamlin, five months old son of Robert Hamlin of the Machine Shop, was king for a day when five generations of his family held a reunion at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Violet Ewing, 5541 Allan Street, Emery Park. The family has been scattered for a number of years and only recently was able to be reunited. The baby has thirteen grandparents, a record equal to that of a child in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" column.

FROM THE SOLDIERS

WILLIE ROHMAN, Jan. 31, 1942.

"Sorry not to have written sooner, but I just can't seem to get time, working on the Jeeps, sleeping, and eating (very little sleep). Shouldn't spend so much time in school, maybe." (Note: Willie's most recent heart-throb is a school teacher.)

"Nothing new to write about. It has rained for a week. Wish to acknowledge letters from Dorothy's Cooper and Gepford, Opal Jackson, and of all people—Troy.

"I still don't believe that fish story, Troy. Must not have a jinx or a conscience. Got the Record yesterday. Thanks. As ever, Willie."

FRED ANDERSON, N. Y. office, now in Douglas, Arizona:

"We're practically on the Mexican border, stationed opposite a large melting plant which we guard. Spent two weeks in Tucson after leaving Fort Riley, Kansas. We send out jeeps on patrol examining high tension wires, etc. The weather is ideal, but only in the day time. At night and early in the morning the thermometer drops to freezing. The flies have quite a time sking on my nose.

"The people are swell here. Last night we went over the border, just to see what Mexico is like. I didn't see much, but what I did see wasn't worth mentioning. One American dollar is equal to \$4.83 in Mexican money.

"This is certainly a beautiful state. The cactus plants are interesting, so many different types. Some grow plums, others when they age get big holes in them where birds make their homes. One of the favorite drinks here is made from cactus juice. I haven't tasted it, but they say it is quite delicious.

"I am the only one in the troop from New York. We all speak differently. I'd give anything just to hear the old Brooklynese slang again. Had a letter from Frank Murray, and saw his picture in the Record. He expects to go to the tropics."

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through regular payroll deduction, has started a campaign to buy bombs for the bombers. A check for \$240 was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury on January 29. Further details will be found in the Los Angeles news column.

Help the cause—Buy Bonds or Stamps.

"What are you running for?"

"To stop a big fight."

"Who's fightin'?"

"Me and another guy."

SARNIA NEWS



Eldon Lucas goes down with "Lady Hawkins".

It was with much regret Mueller Limited learned of the tragic death of Eldon Lucas, pictured above, who was recently lost when the St. "Lady Hawkins" was torpedoed in the Atlantic. Prior to his enlistment Eldon was employed in our Grinding Department. Eldon was home on leave at Christmas and was enroute to his ship the "King" which was stationed somewhere in the Atlantic. As far as we know this is our first casualty from the plant.

We also extend our sympathy to Bill Young of the Brass Finishing Dept. whose mother passed away on January 24th.

We had two weddings from our plant on January 24th when Bernard Brady of the Assembly Department was married to Catherine Cain of Port Lambton and Joe Kennedy of Dept. 14 was married to Joyce Stamps of this city. Congratulations folks.

The Mueller Dance went over with a bang last night. Since it was impossible to use our own recreation building because of Military restrictions, the dance was held at Crinians and by 9:30 the place was filled to capacity. Modern and old time dancing was enjoyed by everyone with several novelty prize dances. The prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. A. Last, Bernice York and Arthur Bentley and Jessie Harris and Ray Milligan. The prizes were War Saving Stamps in keeping with the present International situation.

Curly Chappell of the Automatic Department was recently elected Commodore of the Sarnia Yacht Club.

The boys in the Sarnia Plant have various ways of conserving their tires. For instance, Jack Tedder recently piled into the back of another car rather than apply his brakes and skid his tires. We can't decide whether Jim Skippon was conserving tires or gasoline when he recently ran out of gas just a few blocks from the plant and had to walk home which, by the way, is at the extreme opposite end of the Town.

Three more of our boys have recently joined the active forces. Bill Harkins of the Purchasing Department is now with the R. C. A. F. in training in Toronto. Roy Edwards is with the local branch of the Canadian Army and Paul Haskey leaves today

for Manning Pool, Toronto, to become a member of the R. C. A. F.

Roy Murphy's theory on saving gas is to put two Italian wheels on the front and two British wheels on the back.

Little Betty Parker on commenting on a Girl Friends new fur coat recently was told by her father that the little girl's father was a Furrier which made it very easy for her to have a new coat at which point Betty promptly replied "Well, Dad, you don't expect me to wear Brass Tubes, do you?"

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Spears on January 24th, a son, Robert Milton. Congratulations Cec and Edna.

VETS OF FOREIGN WARS

Annual Dinner at Cafeteria February 4th—Venison Served

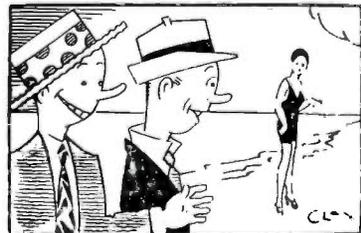
The 8th annual dinner of Herbert D. Ryman Post 99, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was held in the cafeteria Tuesday evening, February 4. About 250 persons attended.

Four motion pictures dealing with war, and national defense were shown by Earl Smith.

An unusual feature of the dinner was the venison served. There were quite a few guests who had not previously tasted venison. The meat was supplied by Edward Johnson, foreman of the Oakes Products Company. Mr. Johnson recently returned from a successful hunting trip to northern Wisconsin.

Among the guests were Judge C. Y. Miller, Postmaster James M. Allen, Township Commissioner E. Voris Conner, Dr. P. A. Steele, Senior Vice Commander of the Illinois Department V. F. W., Colonel Louis F. Reigner, L. L. Thomas, Sheriff A. C. Ammann, Fred Zeise, and W. E. Mueller, who spoke briefly on World Affairs, and the part the United States must play in the present international situation.

DOLLAR DAY!



"I suppose her father gave the bride away?"
"Not exactly. He gave a million away and threw her in."

Psychologist: "When children are naughty, quickly switch their attention."

Mother: "Switch their what?"

SKATING AND DANCING

If You Like the Combination Advise Walt Auer or Merlin Coates

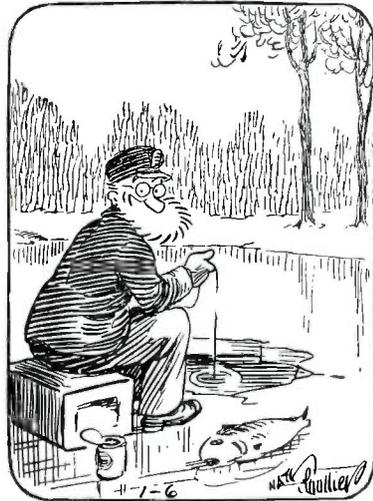
Skating—a pastime confined to school children for many years—swept the country as a fad a few years ago, and skating rinks sprang up everywhere. No longer was it fun for the “kids”—“Mom” and “Pop” found it fine exercise, and skating to music soon developed many fancy skaters, who waltzed and swung into intricate steps with the greatest of ease.

The Mueller gym was opened for skating about three years ago, and every winter several nights a week have been set aside for skating. A jute box was purchased, and from time to time new records are added to the collection, and the crowd continues to make this their headquarters. There is no charge, and all employees are welcomed to bring their families and friends, with the reasonable stipulation that employees must be responsible for the behavior of their guests.

On Friday night, January 23, there was a skating-dancing party. Skating was from 6:30 to 8:30 and dancing from 8:30 to 10:30.

This scheme met with approval, so much so, in fact, that there is talk of making it a regular feature ever other Friday night. As soon as plans have been completed, notices will be posted on the bulletin boards. If you are interested in a semi-monthly party like this, tell Walter Auer or Merlin Coates—enough interest expressed will make these parties a certainty.

UNCLE ABNER SAYS:



By Jingo, I hev been a fishin' here all winter and cotched just one fish. Tell Duke, Matt Trott, Julius Grabenhofer, or Troy Roush if they begin abitin' in Lake Decatur to advise me by postcard and I'll come over and try my luck. Kinda humiliating fur an ole fish hawk like me to call on them fellers for help, but what air you gonna do when you air in a hole?

MUELLER BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standing Feb. 10

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Tool Makers	72	43	29	.597
Works Mgr. Office	72	42	30	.583
Specialty Division	72	41	31	.569
Accountants	72	37	35	.514
Grd. Key Division	72	36	36	.500
Plumbers	72	36	36	.500
Finishers	72	36	36	.500
Exp. Shop	72	34	38	.472
Pattern Shop	72	33	39	.458
Product Engineers	72	22	50	.306

Ten High Bowlers

Player and Team—	G.	Ave.	H.G.
H. Blankenburg, Grd. Key. Div....	43	183	238
C. Roarick, Tool Makers	37	185	247
W. Behrns, Works Mgr. Office....	51	183	277
A. Thompson, Plumbers	66	182	267
K. Blankenburg, Specialty Div....	70	180	241
W. Edwards, Specialty Div.	69	178	241
E. Hartwig, Specialty Div.	57	176	251
L. Adams, Finishers	69	175	235
C. Hill, Tool Makers	47	175	227
R. Hill, Specialty Div.	71	175	222

Editor

A Nebraska editor received a poem from a lady writer entitled, “Will You Miss Me, Darling?” The editor returned it, saying: “If he does, he should never be trusted with firearms again.”



ADOLPH'S CHALLENGE HIKE

One Short of Sixty Joins in Walk and Breakfast

The fifty-nine hikers who accepted Adolph Mueller's challenge to a "before breakfast" hike on Sunday morning, February 8, had a lot of fun, some fine exercise, and ended up with healthy appetites for the breakfast of bacon, eggs, rolls, butter, fruit juice and coffee at the Mueller Lodge.

Fourteen employees met Mr. Adolph at the Mueller gym at 6:30 and departed promptly at 6:40 for the route selected by their leader, which took them to the Heights by the way of the new housing project. Forty-two others met at the Millikin gym and were led by Harry Haines and R. Wayne (Hank) Gill. This group traveled down Oakland avenue and east to the belt-line south of the city, making the hike (3½ miles) in about an hour.

Attorney A. G. Webber, Sr., who has a reputation of being the city's most avid hiker for the past 50 years, was unable to make the hike, but came by car to the Lodge to welcome the hikers.

The oldest hiker was I. L. (Dad) Held, age 86, who was given competition by several other rugged old-timers, including B. F. Smeathers, age 76, and W. J. Nees, also 76. Mr. Smeathers is the father of Mrs. Marjorie Tatham of the Sales Department.

The hike was the unofficial beginning of a program to "toughen up" all Macon county persons under 50.

One Casualty

There was only one "casualty" and that was when (according to reports being circulated) Blue Lusk, either in spite of or because of his walking stick, fell down just before the end was reached. Rumor has it that Blue was carried the rest of the way by fellow hikers, but Blue indignantly denies this. In fact, according to Blue he only "stumbled" over a raised place in the cinder drive.

Missed His Schooling

Pa: "It's a terrible thing. I sold my car and mortgaged my house and land, just to send my son to the university. And all he does there is smoke, dance and take girls out to parties."

Neighbor: "Oh, so you're regretting it, eh?"

Pa: "You're dern tooting. I should have gone myself!"

A couple of oranges were talking it over at one of those soft drink stands.

"Don't you wish you was as big as me?" asked the first.

"Aw, gwan, you ain't so big!" scoffed the second. "I bet you won't make twelve gallons more orangeade than I will!"

—American Legion Monthly.

DONALD BALDIS LEAVES

Has Gone to California Where He Hopes To Secure Position



Donald Baldis, who has been a press feeder in the printing department since June 1939, left Friday, February 6, for California, where he expected to get a job in an airplane factory. He has been preparing himself by attending night school five nights a week for four months. Don is a fine young man, and his friends in the organization wish him all kinds of success. He is the son of Howard Baldis of the Power Department. The accompanying snapshot was taken by Mrs. Pope. Donald halted his press long enough to be shot.

Oh, Ananias!

George came back from his fortnight's holiday proud of his bulging muscles.

"Look at these arms!" he said.

"My hat!" exclaimed his friend. "How did you get them like that? Rowing?"

"Rowing be blowed!" said George, proudly. "I got them pulling fish in."

The only difference between a cutie and an old maid is that the cutie goes out with the Johnnies and an old maid sits home with the willies.

Customer—"I want to get a diamond ring; platinum, if you please."

Salesman—"Certainly, sir. Let me show you our combination sets of three pieces, engagement, wedding, and teething-rings at 10 per cent discount."

St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate. "Did you, while on earth, indulge in necking, petting, smoking or dancing?"

"Never!" she retorted, emphatically.

"Then why haven't you reported sooner?" said St. Peter. "You've been dead a long

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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:—Boody, Illinois, lot 40x160 ft. facing on the main street; good well. Price \$180.00 cash. Phone 2-7348.

FOR SALE CHEAP: “Handy Man” garden tractor. 8 inch plow, disk, cultivator, and hilling shovels. H. M. Carter. Plant 2.

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 3-3707.

FOR SALE:—One complete paint spray less motor, in fair condition. \$10. Wm. T. O’Dell, Dept. 80.

FOR SALE:—Fing-ping table and equipment. Used only three months. See Elizabeth Raskin, Core Department.

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

FOR SALE: Yellow Popcorn—9c per pound. Roy Pease, Harris-town. Telephone 296.

FOR SALE: 1 Motrola record player and 70 records. Also 7 record albums in good condition. A bargain at \$20.00. F. W. Dannewitz. Dept. 36. Phone 2-6934.

ECHO OF CHICKEN FRY



Here is an echo from the big chicken fry at the Lodge last summer. This event was in connection with the meeting of the salesmen. The above picture shows the winners of the prizes in a drawing held by the 49 Club.

Left to right, back row: Mrs. A. O. Yonker, a humidor; M. H. Stratman, a waffle iron; Roy Wood, a blanket; Archie Seiton, a traveling iron.

Front row: A. W. Cash, a clock; George Krag, a brush and comb set; Roy Whitaker, a cake container; and Ray Kileen, a cutter for Melba toast.

PROMISING YOUNG PIANIST

Robert Mueller, Grandson of Mrs. Addie Mueller, on a New York Program

Mrs. Addie Mueller has returned from New York where she went to the performance of the New York Amateur Youth Orchestra. This orchestra is composed of 115 pieces, and the performance was given in New York Natural History Museum. The particular feature in which Mrs. Mueller was interested was the part taken by her grandson, Robert Mueller, son of Ebert Mueller, Sarnia. This young man of 16 years is making noteworthy progress as a piano player. His number on the program was the “Second Concerto in G Minor” by Saint-Saens. Robert received a great ovation from the 1,600 persons in the auditorium, and the large overflow outside which heard the music through the medium of loud speakers. Mrs. Mueller was accompanied by Mrs. Staley Hunt, mother of the accomplished young artist. Before returning home, Mrs. Mueller visited Mr. and Mrs. Schluter in their home near Princeton, N. J. Mrs. Schluter, as most of us know, was the former Charlotte Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller.

MR. KEIL GIVES GOOD RULES

Mr. O. C. Keil, in addressing students of the Brown’s Business College recently, gave them good rules for advancement in business, and enumerated three of his own. They are worth passing on. Many people, once they obtain a job, forget to apply the rules they learned in school, and thus stay in a rut, letting themselves become mentally stagnant.

Mr. Keil’s rules are: First, “Do your part;” second, “Learn the job ahead of you;” and third, “Teach someone your own work.”

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were strewn in a radius of 300 feet. If you can visualize a plane travelling 200 miles an hour hitting a solid cliff, then you might be able to picture what we saw.”

Continuing he said: “Carole Lombard’s body was among the first few picked up. At the end of the second day only three bodies remained on the peak, due largely to the sure footedness of the pack horses. But tragedy struck on the last day when one horse slipped and fell off the narrow trail. All efforts to save the animal were futile, because of limited means at hand. Darkness came on and a cowboy cut the faithful animal’s throat, and then the body holding the poor beast, and the body tumbled 3,000 feet to the ground below.”

Leo ends his story by saying it was an experience, but of a type which he would not care to repeat.