

# MUELLER RECORD

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## EARN EXTRA MONEY

### Our Suggestion System Gives You Many Opportunities

Put on your thinking cap and send in suggestions. Looking over the past year's record we find that quite a few employes have made nice additions to their earnings by submitting suggestions of a helpful character. There is no danger of ever reaching a point where there is nothing new to suggest. If that point should be reached, it would mean a perfect industry. There never has been nor can be any such condition. The reason is that constantly changing conditions, new demands and new inventions mean constant changes in plans and manufacturing methods. Many of these methods can be met through slight changes in old methods, thus overcoming radical changes in expensive machinery or purchase of new machinery. This may sound exaggerated, but the fact still remains.

Those of this organization in the mechanical departments are most advantageously placed to make winning suggestions. There are machines doing certain work, and the machine is held to that limit because nothing more is asked of it. It is quite easily possible that you may suggest some slight change which will increase production of that machine or some additional service that this machine can be made to meet.

That's why we say put on your thinking cap and join the suggestion procession.

For the benefit of new employes a brief summary of our suggestion system may impress the newcomers to give the subject careful thought.

First we have what we call grand prizes on three stated suggestions:

SAFETY—First Prize, \$50.00  
Second Prize, \$30.00  
Third Prize, \$20.00

INCREASED PRODUCTION—  
Prizes as above.

REDUCED OVERHEAD—  
Prizes as above.

These awards are made annually, generally in December.

In the \$5.00 suggestion class you are paid \$5.00 for each suggestion that is accepted.

There is no limit to the number. For instance, you might be lucky enough to get in the Grand Prize Division for first prize—\$50.00, and by making ten suggestions at \$5.00 each win another \$50.00.

That would total up \$100.00. Worth while putting on your cap and thinking it over, isn't it?

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## COMMON COLDS

There are periods of the year when the common cold must be even more closely guarded against than is usual, says Dr. Heiser. This fact is generally known and recognized from experience. We are right in one of these periods now, early spring. The other period is late fall. The common practice is not to guard against colds, but to get it through carelessness or ignorance, and then try to get rid of it through medical care and medicine.

Dr. Heiser is a well known writer on medical subjects. What he tells you about "common colds" is nothing new or startling. The value of his suggestions is in the nature of a reminder of certain preventative, common sense things to do. It is worth your while to read and follow this advice:

1. Guard against overeating, a much more frequent offense than not eating enough. In selecting your diet, however, be sure that there are plenty of these items in it: milk, fruit, green vegetables.

2. Arrange matters so that you get a minimum of eight hours' sleep each night.

3. Use intelligence in adapting what you wear to the weather. While there is still a hint of cold, don't "jump the gun" by wearing clothes that are too light; when it really gets warm, dress lightly enough to be comfortable and cool.

4. You will find that drinking plenty of water during the day will help keep you fit. Six glasses every day should be your minimum.

5. This may seem pretty elementary, but it's all too frequently neglected—stay as far away as possible from people with colds!

6. If you know you are unusually susceptible to colds, it might be a good idea to ask your doctor about taking more vitamins, ultraviolet treatments, or "cold" vaccine.



## LETTERS FROM WILLIE ROHNER

"Hello Gang: I send thee greetings, boys and girls, from the wonderful islands of Fiji. The restriction on our location has been lifted, and we are now permitted to say where we are.

I suppose that I should describe the native Fijians as a remarkable people. This is the outstanding feature. They have long hair that stands straight up from their heads. They were cannibals only a few years ago. The men usually wear a skirt called a Sulus. The women wear dresses that extend to their ankles. Have been to the capital many times. There the theaters are located and also my favorite swimming hole. Hope every one had a good Christmas. It seems as though you folks need your morale boosted instead of us soldiers. Cheer up folks—it can't last forever."

Another letter from Willie was received by Dorothy Gepford but it was mostly a friendly personal communication. An interesting feature was not contained in the letter, and that was the prompt service given soldier's mail. The letter in question was written on January 2nd, postmarked January 7th in the Fiji Islands. It reached our mailing desk January 15th. Willie writes: "We had a good dinner New Years—turkey with all the extras. The residents of this island have an odd way of celebrating the day. All day and through the night they beat big 'wooden drums' and tin cans. There is another custom practiced by the kids, they throw flour on you and yell 'Happy New Year'. I even got covered while driving patrol. Some of the kids put flour on small rocks and throw these at you. Others make dough balls and throw them. Oh, yes, everything has its sunnyside. It seems to be the custom when you exchange greeting with the fair sex a kiss is in order also."

Willie did not give his personal experience in this last custom. Imagine him saying "Happy New Year" a belle of the dark head Fiji "fair sex" and then planting a kiss on large protruding lips. Bet he sounded a retreat and withdrew in good order.

## IN THE ARMY

Wm. Russell McCoy, Route 4, aged 34 years reported to Chicago, January 12th for induction. He is married and has three children — Catherine 13; William 11; and Larry 2. Mrs. McCoy was the former Catherine Ross of Decatur. William has been with us more than 8 years, during which time he was a member of the foundry force with the exception of six months during which time he was a member of the Munitions plant crew. He had no idea to what division of the service he would be assigned, but he accepted the matter philosophically, saying he would take what ever they gave him. Mrs. McCoy will remain in Decatur with the children.

## ILLINOIS BEST

Pfc. Philip M. Nance writes to give us his new address as follows:

Pfc. Philip M. Nance  
Class 44-11 Sqd. 5, AAFFGS  
Yuma Army Airfield  
Yuma, Arizona

He writes: "Thanks to the company for the nice box I received on Christmas. It was full of useful things, and I have been able to utilize nearly every item that was in it. This stationery is a part of it. Hope it is as nice in Decatur as it is here. The days are warm and the nights comfortable. We have a gunnery school and an awful lot of desert. Prefer Illinois, all in all."

## FRANK EDMONSON JOINS NAVY

Frank Edmonson did not make any fuss about entering the navy. He went to St. Louis and signed up and quietly told a few intimates of his action when he returned to his office duties. Just how soon Frank will be called is uncertain. His ability and his office training would seem to especially fit him for the business division of the navy. Later on we will be able to tell you more about that.

## BLURRED NEGATIVE

Bill Pfile of photography fame, who is a sort of an adjunct to our organization, was caught in a recent draft net. He reported to Chicago and was sent home as a blurred negative which could not be developed. Bill with his camera will still be hopping around on fence posts, tree limbs and airplanes taking shots.

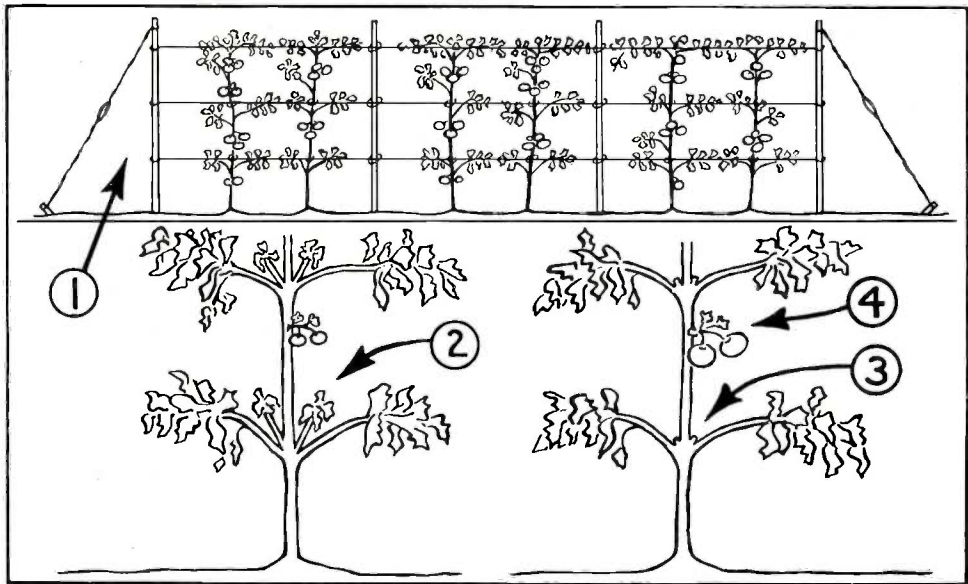
## TED'S FIRST FURLOUGH

Ted Masterson, after a pleasant visit of 11 days, has returned to his post at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida. It was his first furlough since he joined the colors a year ago last July. He holds the position of administrative clerk in the Medical department, for which he is well equipped by reason of his long experience in this company, first in Jim Thorpe's department and more recently in W. S. Enloe's office. In so far as he knows he is a fixture in his present assignment, but in the army one can never tell what's coming next.

## REPORTS FOR DUTY

W. E. (Bill) Adams and wife recently visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mueller. Bill is quite well known to many of the younger folk in this organization. He graduated from the Decatur high school and Millikin University and just recently finished a year at Harvard where he took a business administration course to fit himself for the Navy. From here Mr. and Mrs. Adams went to Seattle. He has the rank of Ensign in the Navy, and he will act as supply and dispersing officer when assigned to active duty.

# Time to Plan Victory Garden No. 2



No. 1—This trellis, made of post and wires, is an ideal arrangement. At each end is a stay fitted with a turn buckle. By turning these the trellis can be kept taut at all times. No. 2—Shows where suckers grow and should be cut out to give greater strength to the plant and finer development to the tomatoes. No. 3—Shows the plant after suckers have been removed. No. 4—Shows blossom and tomatoes. These should not be mistaken for suckers and cut off.

The first step in gardening is a plan. An expert, writing in the Chicago Sun, says much of the trouble of the beginner is faulty planning. Too many gardeners are afraid of a plan. The result is that the garden does not meet the needs of the family. It is a common error to overplant some vegetables and underplant others.

If a Victory garden means anything, it means vegetables which can be canned or stored for winter use and not those used for immediate consumption.

This is a good thought to keep in mind. The time to plan your garden is now. See that you have proper tools in good shape. Determine on what you intend to plant and the amount of space you are going to allow for each vegetable.

In this article we are devoting the space to Tomatoes, because this is with a majority of people the most popular all-the-year garden product. Accompanying the article is an illustration of one way to grow them successfully and to get the greatest poundage. It is the plan that R. H. (Bobbie) Mueller follows and it has proved successful year after year as demonstrated by Adolph. If you intend to grow your own plants from seed, it is near time to fill a box with good rich soil, keep it in the sunlight, well-watered, and nature will do the rest. Set the plants out as soon as the frost danger is past. As

soon as they begin to spread, you must keep the suckers cut out. These grow between the stem and leaf (see illustration). In doing this you must know the difference between the "sucker" and the blossom, which is the beginning of the tomato. The diagram plainly points out this difference. This diagram of Bobbie's method is very complete. The same result may be obtained with less attention to details. There are other ways in which tomatoes may be grown.

The easiest, of course, is to set out the plants and let the vines creep over the ground as they naturally will. This is rather a lazy or careless man's way. Many do not pay any attention to cutting out the suckers, because it requires time and a lot of stooping over work. The vines will produce, without this care but generally undersized tomatoes when ripened, as well as many small ones which never do reach the ripened stage. The quality of those that do ripen is not the best.

Another simple way next best to Bobbie's plan is to drive a straight pole into the ground, and as the plant grows, tie the main stem to the pole. Use strips of old, soft cloth, not string. The latter is liable to cut the stem and thus lessen its productive vitality.

There is another thing about gardening which the novice does not as a rule take seriously. This is the fact that gardening is

not play—it is a serious undertaking involving real hard work until the crop matures, and then the task is not ended.

The vegetables must be harvested, stored or canned.

After that comes the pleasure and satisfaction when you sit down to a meal in the winter and enjoy the vegetables YOU grew in your own garden.

Right now everyone preparing to grow a garden the coming summer will do well by themselves if they talk with and listen to advice from men who have been successful as well as reading and studying books by recognized authorities.

**HARVEST DATE FOR PLANNING YOUR VICTORY GARDEN**

VEGETABLE	Days to table size	Harvest from one sowing lasts	Grow for four-portion serving
Beans, Bush.....	44-53	4 weeks	1 foot
Beans, Lima.....	65-95	4 weeks	2 feet
Beets.....	55-80	6 weeks	2 feet
Carrots.....	60-85	8 weeks	2 feet
Cabbage.....	62-100	8 weeks	2 feet
Corn, Sweet.....	76-105	10 days	4 feet
Cucumbers.....	56-75	5 weeks	2 feet
Egg Plant.....	75-85	8 weeks	1 foot
Lettuce.....	35-90	6 weeks	1 foot
Okra.....	65-70	4 weeks	2 feet
Onion, sets.....	21-45	6 weeks	1 foot
Onion, seeds.....	45-100	12 weeks	1 foot
Parsnips.....	100-150	fall & winter	2 feet
Peas.....	54-82	2-4 weeks	4 feet
Peppers, Sweet.....	60-85	8 weeks	1 foot
Potatoes, Irish.....	90-110		2 feet
Radish.....	25-40	1-4 weeks	1 foot
Squash, Summer.....	50-65	12 weeks	3 feet
Squash, Winter.....	80-105	12 weeks	3 feet
Tomatoes.....	60-85	12-16 weeks	½ foot
Turnips.....	40-75	2 weeks	2 feet
Rutabaga.....	95-103	6 weeks	1 foot



**A WORD OF CAUTION**

It now appears that the volume of Victory gardens this year will greatly increase over last year. The experience gained will be of enormous value to those who had not previously attempted gardening in a serious way. The thought was suggested which to us seems important—that is the possibility of a shortage in seeds. This may be true or it may not. As a matter of safety its a good plan to do your shopping for seed now. They will keep just as well in your home as they will in the seed store. Think it over.



**BIG INCREASE OVER 1943**

It is given out from Washington that 20,000,000 victory gardens were planted in the U. S. in 1943 and that these went a long way in meeting food requirements. It is estimated that these gardens produced 8,000,000 tons of food. The hope is expressed from the capital that this amount will be doubled this year.



Judge: "Why did you shoot your husband with a bow and arrow?"

Prisoner: "I didn't want to wake the children."

**HAPPY HOVEYS**



The above picture is of Mr. and Mrs. John Hovey and their son Dennis, taken when Mr. Hovey was home on furlough at Christmas. Mr. Hovey is located at Camp Butler, North Carolina, and "Half-Pint" (as she is affectionately named by her co-workers) is in the office of the Plant Engineer. Dennis just recently celebrated his first birthday.

**BIRTHS**

BORN TO—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bucta on December 21 a son in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

BORN TO—Mr. and Mrs. Galen Jenkins on December 31 in St. Mary's Hospital, a daughter, Gail Anne.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schroll December 19, in the family home at 2277 N. Monroe St., a son, Raymond Carroll.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhodes, January 15, a son in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

BORN TO: Private and Mrs. Henry Blankenburg, January 15, a son, David Lee. Mrs. Blankenburg is the former Margaret Wilson of the Standards department.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. William Brunner, January 16, a son in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Collins January 5, a son, John Robert, in the home at Pierson Station.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnes, January 18, a daughter, Ruth Ann, in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Brown January 24, a son, David Laurence, in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dial, January 22, a son in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Collins February 2, a son, Michael Robert, in St. Mary's hospital.



Clerk: "I ought to have a raise. I'm doing the work of three men."

Boss: "Tell me who the other two are and I'll fire 'em."

## MINIATURE OF THE NATIVITY



One of the traditions of the Rohman family each year is the erection for the Christmas season of a Christmas village or nativity scene. For a long time it was the job of our former associate Willie (Pfc. William C. of the 207th M. P. Co. to Uncle Sam) to arrange the stable, the manger and the little symbolical figures. After Willie's services were in demand in various parts of the country and finally in the South Seas, his mother, Mrs. William Rohman, took over for him.

Each year has seen the addition of a few more pieces for the setting. Willie, in his travels, has sent home new objects for the village. There are pine cones in it that he

sent from Georgia. This year he gave to his mother a little cathedral, with chimes, one of the important parts of the display.

The village is very complete and fills a long table. The Biblical figures contrast pleasantly with the tiny servicemen trudging through the snow to the U.S.O. center of the modern Bethlehem.

Pictured here are the Christmas village and in the other snapshot, Mr. and Mrs. Rohman, parents of Willie and Ruth (of the Billing Dept.) and the two youngest daughters. The little girls, Betty and Colleen, pride of their soldier brother, are wearing bracelets which were made and sent to them by Willie.

### MUELLER BOWLING LEAGUE

February 8, 1944

Team	G	W	L	Pct	Ave
Tool Makers .....	72	44	28	.611	824
Targets .....	72	43	29	.597	736
Products Engineers ..	72	36	36	.500	730
Works Mgr. Office....	72	35	37	.486	763
Gunners .....	72	34	38	.472	768
Main Office .....	72	34	38	.472	765
Pattern Shop .....	72	34	38	.472	756
Specialty Division ....	72	28	44	.489	761

#### Ten High Bowlers

Behrns—Works Mgr. Offi. ....	63	178	257
Flaughter—Tool Makers .....	44	175	215
Edwards—Tool Makers .....	63	175	234
Curry—Tool Makers .....	66	174	225
Stratman—Specialty Div. ....	66	173	225
Hill—Specialty Div. ....	71	173	225
Taylor—Gunners .....	71	170	234
Werdes—Main Office .....	50	170	223
Reidelberger—Tool Makers....	64	167	219
Bailey—Product Engineers ..	66	165	228

### HE'S A JERK

Everett Dickey's cow (looking over the fence): "What do you think of the guy that owns you?"

Frank Edmonson's cow: "He feeds me alright but there are a couple of times a day when I think he's an awful jerk."

### WEDDINGS

#### Albert-Inman

A wedding of two Plant 3 employees was solemnized December 24 in the Second United Brethren Parsonage when Miss Alice Albert became the bride of Claude S Inman. The ceremony was read by Rev. Walter H. Ewert. Attendants were Miss Dorothy Davis and Russell Elders.

Mrs. Inman, who has recently been assigned to Dept 8, is a daughter of Mrs. Nora Albert, while the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Inman are at home at 149 Longview Place.

#### Price-Sunderland

Miss Doris Price of Plant 3 and Martin Sunderland were a Christmas bride and groom. They were married December 25 by the Rev. G. H. Harmon of the West Side Nazarene church and are at home on R. R. 7, Decatur.

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A girl turned up at work the other day wearing two officer's silver bars pinned to her sweater. One of her office mates asked, "Is your boy friend a captain?" "Goodness, no," she said. "Two lieutenants."

## FRANK FIGHTS COON

### Old Timer Learns Some New Things About The Varmint

Ross Emerson hands us a somewhat extended newspaper account of Frank Tompkin's exciting experience with a coon captured by him in the Okaw bottoms. Many of us remember Frank as former custodian of Adolph's Okaw interests. He was a frequent visitor to the factory and was always on hand at the gatherings at the cabin.

Frank and his son Claude, captured the coon, put him in a sack and threw the sack in the cab of the truck and started home. The coon chewed and clawed his way to freedom. The newspaper account continues:

The first Frank knew of anything amiss, to his amazement he saw the coon on the steering wheel immediately in front of him, clinging to the wheel with three feet and making haymaker passes at Frank's hands and nose with the other. In the first round and before Tompkins realized just what had happened, he had been bitten through the thumb.

#### Hell Breaks Loose

Mr. Tompkins lost control of the truck, went into a roadside ditch where the truck turned over on its side pinning the down-door shut. All hell broke loose inside the prison cab of that truck. It was now Tompkins or the coon and there are few beasts quicker and faster than a cornered coon. Tompkins had lost his temper. So had the coon. Round and round in that closed cab went man and coon like shot shook in a bottle. There was nothing funny about the battle now. Part of the time Frank was after the coon and part of the time the coon was after Frank, making passes with his claws alternately at the seat of Frank's pants, at his hands or at his head—whatever end happened to be the closest in the mad scramble.

Things happened with the tempo of machine gun fire. There was no time to try to get the topside door open and invite the varmint to leave. In fact the coon was trying to get Frank out of that cab just as hard as Frank was trying to get the coon. After several fantastic rounds that would have made a thriller of a movie reel, Mr. Tompkins managed to get Mr. Coon into a corner on the floor and there stomped him into a state of semi-coma.

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The new overseer in the factory was talking things over with the manager.

"One thing worries me," he explained, "The women here never stop talking, all the time they're at work."

"Surely you must realize," said the manager in reply, "that women's work is never dumb."

## GATES-SACKRITER

### Two Decatur Boys Well Known To Us Meet In Far Away Hawaii

Mabel Gates the other day received a most interesting letter from her brother Joe of the Seabees, telling of Joe's meeting in Hawaii with his old friend, Harry Sackriter.

Joe, who left the States sometime around the holidays, reports that Sacky looks very well and was in extremely good form. Quoting Joe: "He hasn't changed a bit and, of course, was chock full of questions. However he did give me a bit of news and gossip that I hadn't heard before. He even had a chauffeur driving for him." Looks as though our friend Sacky is doing all right! And it goes without saying that Joe and Sacky had a reunion that will be remembered for a long time by both of them.

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#### JOINS OAKES

Charlie Pilton, who has been in the main office, checked out Saturday, February 5th, and on Monday joined the force of the Oakes company.

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#### FEELING FINE



Meet Linda Elaine Thomas, resting nice and comfortable, wondering what it is all about. You wouldn't expect one only seven months old to worry about anything, when one's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thomas, make everything so pleasant and cozy.

## BUY BONDS

*They Grow in Value*

*While You Sleep*

### IN THE NAVY

Fred Hector has been with the company for 18 months as a member of the Plant 3 force, operating a lathe. Now he is headed for the army. He was inducted January 20th and left Friday the 28th for Chicago to get equipment. Hector did not wait for the draft but enlisted in the navy the first of the year. He is not certain as to what division of the navy he will enter. He would prefer the Ship Repair unit, and if that's not possible the Machinists branch. He is 25 years of age and married. His wife was the former Opal May Monroe of Dalton City. The couple have three children, Thomas Ray 5, Margy Carol 3, and Judith Ann 2. Mr. and Mrs. Hector live on route 7 in Long Creek where Mrs. Hector and children will continue to make their home.

### NAVY FOR JOHN

John Elwood Taylor is off to the navy. John is 36 years of age and married and has three children, Nina Mae, 10, John Richard 6, and Juanita Yvoenne 3. Mrs. Taylor was the former Ethel Robinson. John joined the organization in 1927 and was placed in Department 8 where he has been since, excepting two years in the Pottery when it was established. He has worked on lathe, drill presses and automatics. Because of his leaning to the navy he volunteered on January 27th and on February 10th reported for duty to the Chicago Recruiting Base. In just which division he will be assigned is yet to be determined. In view of the fact that this is generally left to the volunteer to make his own selection he will try for machinists mate which means both land and sea duty. Mrs. Taylor will continue to reside in Decatur in their own home at 945 East Henderson Street.

### IN THE MARINES

John Hardy knew he was on the way, put aside formalities and enlisted in the Marines, brushing aside anything like an engraved invitation. He is 26 years old and married. His wife was the former Maxine Vannier. They have one small son David Lee Hardy. John joined this organization October 1, 1940, and was assigned to the brass foundry, where he devoted his time until transferred to the Chattanooga plant. After two years there he was returned to Decatur and joined the maintenance group at Plant 3. He was sworn into the Marines January 28th and left February 12th for his boot training at San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Hardy and son will make their home with her mother. Mrs. Hardy is a member of the Plant 3 group.

"You're a cheat," shouted the first lawyer to his opponent.

"You're a liar!" retorted the other.

"Now that these attorneys have identified each other," declared the judge, "we shall proceed with the case."

### MESSENGER NOW SOLDIER

William C. Dixon, age 18, was inducted January 10th. He left on the 28th of that month for Ft. Sheridan where he received his equipment and headed south for Kessler Field, Miss., for his boot training. Of all the fine boys drafted and interviewed by us we never were more deeply impressed by the stern demands of service, than when we talked to this inexperienced lad of only 18 years. William, however, accepted his lot gracefully and cheerfully, too young we feel to grasp the portent of the situation which demands boys for soldiers. He will be in the army air force. He has been with us since July, 1942, and was office messenger. He is a son of Mrs. Fay Dixon, has a brother Jack, age 8, and is a nephew of Miss Ethel Dixon, secretary to Mr. Adolph and of James W. Dixon of the Chattanooga plant. He hopes to be a pilot in the air force.

### CLINT KELLER CALLED

Clinton Iris Keller checked out and on January 20 was inducted and left on the 28th for Chicago for assignment for boot training. He is 36 years of age and has a wife and one child, a son 3 years of age. Mrs. Keller was the former Doris Ellen Bradley. Clinton has been with the company about six years. During that time he worked in the shipping department, Dept. 8 and the maintenance department. More recently he has been on guard duty at the main plant. Mrs. Keller and son will continue their residence at 1320 N. Main.

### PRESENT PLEASED HAROLD

Harold E. Mohr, former lathe operator in the Munitions plant, was at Mare Island Naval Station, when he wrote his fellow associate for the gift of a pen and pencil. He said: "I am writing this letter with the pen you sent me, and does it slide over the paper. You could not have sent me a more useful present. Can't express my thanks to each individual, but take this opportunity of thanking all of you."

### ACCEPTS INVITATION

William Jones after fifteen years in Mueller employ checked out January 4 in order to accept Uncle Sam's invitation to enter the ranks of the fighting forces. William is an Oreana boy where he and his wife and three children live in their own home. His wife was the former Anna Doolin of this city. Their children are: Richard Bean, 10; Gloria B., 9; and Janet Joan, 7. The family will continue their residence in Oreana. William took his physical examination January 7 and reported to Ft. Sheridan January 28th for his equipment and assignment for boot training. His service will be in the army but in what division remains to be seen. When he joined us he was assigned to Department 8 under Billy Meeham but when he quit to go to the army he was in the tool grinding room.



**STRAIGHTENING OUT A RECORD**

In a mention of Delbert Lee Walley's military service, January issue, there was several errors, which we now seek to straighten out by a letter from LaVerne Walley, who writes:

"Here is the story as nearly as I know it. Delbert Lee Walley, M.M. 3/c, aged 22 and unmarried, joined the Mueller Co. in July 1940, working in Dept. 9 until January 1942, when he transferred to Dept. 300 as a machinist apprentice on the night shift. He enlisted in the Navy Sea Bees in August, 1943, and left this organization August 14, 1943, for Camp Peary, Va., where he received his boot training. He was later sent to Camp Endicott, R. L., where his battalion was formed—the 136th Naval Construction Battalion, which is known as the Eddie Rickenbacker battalion. Delbert enlisted in the Sea Bees as a fireman, first class, and was recently made machinist's mate, third class. He is now located at Camp Lee Stephenson, Quoddy Village, Maine. Delbert is a brother of Robert Walley of the Pattern Shop and LaVerne Walley of the Machine Shop.'

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**CORPORAL JOHN F. BRATCHER**



Whitehead, a well known member of this organization.

Cpl. John F. Bratcher commenced working for Mueller Co. in 1941, and was inducted into service in April, 1942. He is in the Armored Division of the service, and was home on furlough January 5 for 10 days, and then returned to Camp Cooke, California. His wife is employed as a machine operator at Plant No. 3. John is a foster brother of Louise

Wm. T. O'Dell, aged 34, was inducted January 20th, and left February 10th to report at Ft. Sheridan for outfitting and assignment to some camp for training. All he knows now is that he is in the Army. He had no particular choice as to what division he will be in. William is married and has four children. Mrs. O'Dell was the former Luella A. Downey. The four children are: Wm. M. O'Dell, aged 10, Jacqueline J., 9, Robert Vernon 5, and Terry Lee, 20 months.

William O'Dell joined us in 1925 and was in Department 8 for 8 years. Prior to that he was in the Vitreous plant and for a time was a watchman. He checked out as a guard during the past two years. In consequence he is familiar with the feel of a uniform. Mrs. O'Dell and children will continue to live in the home they are buying.

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**GENE SIMPSON**

The friends of Gene Simpson will be glad to hear from him again. He is now stationed

at Hamilton Field, California. A card from him is addressed to "The Mueller Gang," and he writes:

"Just a word to say I am still in California. Been busy as the dickens. Sure glad the busy days started after my only visit to San Francisco. It does not look like I'll get there again for quite some time. Wrote Carl, asking him to come up and see me. Haven't heard from him yet. Feeling great as usual and eating swell food and don't mean maybe."

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**RICHARD ALBERT BRETT**

Richard Albert Brett inspector Plant No. 3, has joined the colors. He has been passing the ammunition to Uncle Sam and now he has been called on to pass it to Hitler. He joined us in 1939 and has served in various capacities during his term of employment, which began with the construction department. Then he was made helper in the brass foundry, shipping, ground key, and finally to the munition department. In all of these capacities he proved equal to requirements, and goes into the service with a fine civilian reputation.



He is twenty seven years old, married and has two children, Richard David, aged 3, and John Pierce Brett, aged 1. Mrs. Brett was the former Velma M. Nicholson. The family lives on rural route 1. Richard Brett goes into the army with a good foundation, being a graduate of the Onargo Military school. He also has business training having attended Brown's Business College for 8 months.

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**MARSHALL ROTZ**

Marshall Rotz, of the shipping department, checked out on February 5th and left February 10th to report to Fort Sheridan for assignment to boot training. Beyond that dependent saith naught. Marshall has been with us since July, 1940, and a member of the shipping department except 17 months in the munition plant. He is 31 years old and married and has three children, June, 9, Nancy (Continued on Page 13)

**Well Trained**

Vicar: "I have never christened a child who has behaved so well as yours!"

Mother (beaming): "I've been getting him used to it with the watering can for the last week."

"Mr. Jones, dad wants to borrow your corkscrew."

"All right, sonny," said Jones, reaching for his coat. "You run along home—I'll bring it over."

# LOS ANGELES NEWS

Visits from our service men and women have been very few since the holidays. They must be very busy. Bill Adams formerly of Dept. 30 was in and lucky Dorothy is the envy of all the other service wives because he has a twenty-one day leave.

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Oh happy day when Kay Heydon's sailor husband came in unexpectedly from the South Pacific. Kay was so excited she didn't know what she was doing and the rest of us were excited right along with her.

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Vera Willis is another lucky Navy wife. Her husband is home for thirty days.

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If a few of these Army husbands don't get home soon their wives are going to make good recruiters for the Navy. Note to husbands: Please show this to your C. O.

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At last we seem to be getting the upper hand on the old Flu "Bug". Most of those affected have either returned to work or are convalescing.

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There have been several articles in the papers recently warning motorists about leaving their keys in their car. Joe Higbee in discussing it said he didn't have to worry because no one would want his old "crate." The following Friday while Joe was bowling someone helped themselves. They abandoned it within a few blocks of his home. We decided they had already had sufficient punishment in having to figure out how to get in and out, and how to get the windows up and down. Joe was more concerned over the loss of ten gallons of gas than he was about the car.

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Betty Keyte of Dept. 60 underwent a major operation recently. We hope she makes a rapid recovery.

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## LT. WILLIAM L. JETT JR.



Many Decatur people will remember Lt. Wm. L. Jett, Jr., who was at one time employed by the Mueller Co. in Mr. Wagenseller's dept. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Jett, Sr., the former is connected with the Los Angeles plant and Mrs. Jett is formerly of Decatur.

Lt. Jett and his wife are at this time located at Camp Sibert, Alabama, where he is Personnel Officer. They are living very comfortably in a nice trailer. He received his commission in chemical warfare at

Edgewood Arsenal near Baltimore, Maryland, and is expecting to be advanced again within the next thirty days.

His address is 144th Chemical Co., 4th Regt., Camp Sibert, Alabama.

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## ROBERT HAROLD BAKER

Robert Harold Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. (Pop) Baker graduated from the South Gate high school with the mid-year class. We don't blame Pop for popping off a few buttons over a clean, cut looking lad like him. Pop says he is the baby of his family, but he is six feet tall and has already enlisted in the U. S. Navy.



The father of Robert Harold will be remembered as formerly in charge of the plating room. He transferred to Los Angeles at the time the Pacific Coast Factory was completed and ready for business. The family has since made their home on the West coast.—Ed.

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Leo Gamas has left us to join the Merchant Marines, providing the Army doesn't get him first. The last we heard we think it is going to be a photo finish.

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It was great fun reading the Chattanooga comments on one of our recent articles. Maybe we should start one of those Jack Benny—Fred Allen feuds between Reedy and Jolly.

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Herman Dash and Ray Dawkins will probably be opening up a chain of restaurants after the war. They will have had so much experience in securing supplies for our cafeteria. The boys find us a bit hard to please at times, but we are just making them appreciate what their wives put up with at home. Feeding a group of people and satisfying them is not an easy job.

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Just mention Wichita in a telephone conversation with Mr. Logsdon and he immediately breaks into, "I dug a ditch." Who would have guessed that he is a "Hepcat"?

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## Bowling News

The Mighty Liberators are still leading the league, but no wonder with George Knudsen bowling a terrific game of 279 last Friday.

The Wildcats are making their position anything but comfortable being only two games behind the leaders.

Have you noticed any similarity between

Danny Daniels and Ned Day on the alleys. Danny has been studying up on the Day technique. By the way, Danny, when you finish reading Day's book you might let Pete Briock borrow it.

At last we have a new alibi for poor bowling—inefficient pin boys. However we haven't entirely forsaken the old faithful—"the alleys are too slow" or "too fast".

Can you imagine that big brute in the foul booth picking on Florence Weston the way he does. Maybe your "feets too big" Florence.

**Team Standings**

	Games Won	Games Lost
Liberators .....	34	20
Wildcats .....	32	22
P 38s .....	31	23
Thunderbolts .....	26	28
Mustangs .....	26	28
Boston Bombers .....	24	30
Aircobra .....	23	31
Warhawks .....	20	34

**High Series in the last three weeks**

George Knudsen .....	610
Emmett Reedy .....	572
George Knudsen .....	594

**High Games in the last three weeks.**

George Knudsen .....	279
Emmett Reedy .....	226
Sylvia Wynne .....	200

**PVT. ROY J. JENSEN**



We tried very hard to get another Mueller husband and wife picture of the Jensen's but with Dollie working in Dept. 30 and Roy in Camp Crowder, Missouri, it couldn't be done. Roy was also employed in Dept. 30 before being inducted into the Army. He is now in the Signal Corps.

**A MILITARY SECRET**

One of our pretty young ladies went to work in one of the war plants recently, and was asked by a friend to tell her about her new work.

"Well this morning one of those ah-ah Spizz wheels fell off and lit on the gadget of the ah-thing-a-ma-diger that makes the ah-ah-lolly-linker on the bob-a-ma-thing go up and down, then back and forth and the whole thing goes round and round, but its a good machine for the shape its in."

Then she was asked what she was making. "Well its about so short, kinda round-ish square, wider than it is long and flat in between. It kinda looks like a sky hook, but it sure is a do-honey."

L. R.

**NEITHER HERE NOR THERE**

**(Further Ruminations from a Second Floor Window)**

Speaking of windows, Mr. Harshbarger recently washed ours and did such an excellent job of it that the expanse of clear glass, combined with the extraordinarily strong sunshine of this our mild winter, almost dazzled us.

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Our afternoon and Saturday messenger, Bill Dixon, left us January 25 for the Army Air Corps. He was given a nice send-off by his associates when they gathered 'round at 4 o'clock on the last day. Mr. Wells expressed the wishes of all for Bill's success. On behalf of Bill's many "satisfied customers" in the organization Mr. Wells presented to the new airman a party gift exchangeable for a pen and pencil set—when they can be purchased.

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Bill's successor is June Landis, an attractive young high school girl. Here is one more spot where womanpower is taking over.

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Helen and Dorothy Chamberlain and their family have moved practically into our immediate neighborhood, at 1014 North Monroe street.

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Ethel Fogle Leonard, for 20 years a member of the Up-keep stock Dept., left us February 12 to devote all of her time to keeping house.

A newcomer in the department who, with Mr. Thorpe, Willard Hake, and Norman Lowry, will comprise the department staff, is Betty Meixner.

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The welcome sign is also out for Ruth Kresin, a newcomer in the Accounting Department.

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Our suggestion to the Valentine shopper is to try the War Bond and Stamp booth. Tell her, or him, you love her with bonds or stamps. The more of these valentines that are given the sooner all of the real valentines are coming home from their present engagements in Italy, New Guinea, the Kueriles, and points East and West.

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"They say that meat eaters are more active, as a rule, than vegetarians."

"Well, they gotta be—to get the meat to eat."

Alice: "Those cakes of Mrs. Smith's at tea were as hard as iron."

Alicia: "I suppose that's why she said, 'Take your pick,' when she handed them around."

## PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

The power was off for a few minutes at plant 3. It was so quiet even the women were afraid to talk, afraid you would hear what they said, believe it or not.

Bill Slater will take in any stray animals, dogs preferred.

Dorothy Roe looks the girls over each morning if any are missing she knows where she will work.

Sophia says she will try anything but draws the line on cold noodles.

For Sale—One tool box. Pat Davidson has a new one he likes better.

Will some one please teach Liz Raskin how to get her lunch cafeteria style. We feel sorry for Maxine.

Bob Gates says he doesn't think it is a free country, when they throw him out of a show just because he goes to sleep and snores loud.

Bert Butts is now a ping pong instructor. He is trying hard to teach Brick Kramer the game.

Heck Whittington went home early one evening. His wife didn't know him, it was the first time she has seen him in day light for some time.

Wade Rambo and Ervin Brewer were tops as jitterbugs at Charlie Miller's farewell party. They cleaned up the floor and everything.

Cobb isn't doing so hot on his new office job this week, but he will really go to town next week when he gets his new steno.

Bill Mueller can sure drive that goat, but it is a good thing it hasn't any fenders or tail lights on it.

We haven't seen Al Mays for some time but we note from his picture in the last Record Al is just as handsome as ever.

Plant 3 has tried for two years to get plant one to play us a game of ball, they wouldn't do it. This year we are going to try them on marbles.

We know Herald Linton won't have time to play ball or marbles either. He will be too busy in his victory garden.

Speaking of baseball Ernie Krumsiek, is an old ball player. He is a product of the famous oil tankers.

When Elmer brings Georgianna a plush bottom chair, she wants to go back to the 100% table.

Believe it or not Arnold Blankenburg and Pat Davidson saw a white crow the other day while they were hunting. Was it really a white crow they saw or was it the fault of the Old Crow they were drinking.

Nola, through the help of her Ouaji board has traced Rupert down to an employee at Staleys. Now if any one knows a press operator at Staleys by the name of Rupert please let Nola know.

Lucille Dailey has a new remedy for hiccups. Instead of tape now its proper to use blue dye.

Brick Kramer has a new recipe. Its called pumpkin pudding. Now Brick wants to know how in the world do you make pumpkin pie.

And in her hair she wore a yellow ribbon, but she only wore it just one day?

Mildred Hoy received a nice letter from Vivian Lang who is now stationed in New York. She likes the WACS fine and sends her best regards to all. Her address is: Vivian Lang, A.S., Regiment 24, Bldg. R.A. Wing Apt. A-33, U. S. N. T. S., W. R. Bronx 63, New York City, N. Y.

Our New Years resolutions are something like Ground Hog day. We have our doubts about them. Some that were not going to do certain things in 1944 are busily engaged in doing as in the past, while those that were going to do things haven't even made up their minds yet.

When the fortune teller looked in Frances hand she said, "My, my. I didn't know there were that many men left in this old world."

Helen Causey is sure going to buy a farm, but upon fortune tellers advice she won't buy it until after July.

Even Bob Tauber is thinking of baseball. He was seen the other day rubbing Roy Coffinan's pitching arm. The same arm that tamed the Wild Cats and the Mimics, the latter of which Bob was a member.

Grover Meadows says if they don't move him to the other end of the shop where his wife, can't see him, he is going to have to stop chewing tobacco.

When Fike and Arnold, Shorty, Lefty and Latch looked out of the window and saw a

man riding on one wheel they said to the bartender. No thanks, we've had enough. We are going home.

Eva says she is going to ask for a swivel chair. Since they have moved Stacey, she has to turn clear around to talk to her.

The guy that was going to drink more in 1944 started out in high but due to an upset stomach had to go in reverse for a few days therefore loosing some valuable time.

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**DEATHS**

**Rex Funk**

Rex Funk, 260 E. King, a resident of Decatur for 40 years, a machinist with Mueller Co. for many years, died January 27 in Decatur and Macon County hospital.

Mr. Funk was born in Maroa December 3, 1884, and retired in 1931. He is survived by a brother Cordell of Maroa and two sisters, Miss Capitola Funk and Mrs. Beryl Frantz, both of Decatur.

Funeral services were held in the Moran's chapel, with burial in Graceland cemetery.

**Phineas O. Tucker**

Phineas Tucker, father of Glen S. Tucker, a life-long resident of the Mt. Zion community, died January 26 at the age of 64. He was born in Mt. Zion township and married Miss Zella Madden in 1902. She died in 1921, and he was later married to Mrs. Elsie Madden.

Mr. Tucker is survived by his wife, by three daughters, Mrs. L. L. Spellbring of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Merle Creekmur of Decatur; Miss Elsie Tucker at home; by two sons, Glen and Pfc. Ellis Tucker, overseas.

Funeral services were held in Moran's funeral home, with burial in Long Creek cemetery.

**Louis Schaniel**

Louis Schaniel died at 10 a. m. February 7th. He was a native of Decatur where he had lived all of his life. Several relatives survive him including his sister, Mrs. Preston Ruthraulf. Mr. Schaniel was a barber and had been one since he was 14 years. His long connection with that business gave him a wide acquaintance in this city.

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A male nurse in a mental hospital noticed a patient with his ear close to the wall, listening intently. The patient held up a finger as a warning for him to be very quiet; then beckoned him over and said: "You listen here."

The nurse put his ear to the wall and listened for some time, then turned to the patient and said: "I can't hear anything."

"No," said the patient, "and it's been like that all day."

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Jane, 6, and James Marshall, 1. Mrs. Marshall was the former, Waverly Sharp.

Marshall was inducted on January 20th but is not advised as to which division of the army he will be assigned. He has no choice of services, saying only that he is in the army and will "take what comes his way." The Rotz family live in Harristown where they are buying their home and Mrs. Rotz and children will remain there to keep the home fires burning while Marshall is fulfilling his military obligation.

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**ROBERT RHODES**

Robert Rhodes, aged 25 and married, has checked out. Mrs. Rhodes was the former A. Catherine Taylor of Mt. Zion. The Rhodes have one child, a son only three weeks old. Robert has been with us for five years. He entered the Engineering department as blue print boy and later served under Earl Lowe as design draftsman.

Robert has been inducted and his next step will be Fort Sheridan for outfitting and then assignment for boot training. Robert chose the army but when he left he did not know in which branch he would serve. Insofar as he was concerned "in the army" settled the question with him.

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**FORMER MESSENGER**

Pfc. Paul A. Gobberdiel, nephew of Helen Brannan, was home on a 12-day furlough recently, visiting relatives in Decatur, and dropped in at the office for a few minutes to see some of his old friends.

Paul was our messenger some years ago and for a short time afterward worked in Dept 9. He entered the service last September and is in the Infantry and is stationed at Camp VanDorn, Mississippi, where he reported back on February 4.

Paul, before entering the army, was with the Clark Trutractor Co. at Battle Creek, Michigan.

**BONDS ARE  
YOUR BEST BET**

*They Bring Back  
Your Money and MORE*

# ... SARNIA ...

Employees of Mueller, Limited, Sarnia, November 30, 1943 completed service entitling them to service pins. Due to wartime restrictions it was not possible to obtain pins for actual awards. This will have to await withdrawal of these restrictions.

30 years: J. Fraser, Dept. 8; M. Miners, Dept. 14.

25 years: Flo Mann, office; W. Young, Dept. 3; M. Schroder, salesman.

20 years: Gord Geary, Dept 11; R. J. Skippon, Dept. 11; C. Teskey, Dept. 14; L. Payne, Dept. 2; C. Hardy, Dept. 6; R. Barnes, Dept. 6; J. McCleister, Dept. 9.

15 years: Guy Lucas, Dept. 2; A. Hodges, Dept. 11.

5 years: Orilla Taylor, Dept. 1; Isabel McFarlane, office.

### Suggestion Awards, Period Ending November 30, 1943

Suggestion awards were made for the period ending November 30, 1943. C. Haywood, \$10; Ed McIntosh, \$5; R. Lenzo, \$3; Archie Guthrie, Ed McIntosh, W. Ingles, H. A. Sitter, M. S. Bryan, Art Last, Percy Olds, R. Lenzo and Archie Guthrie \$2.50 each.

At last the auditors have left. I'll bet Charlie is much happier now—at least he's beginning to lose that "trapped" look.

### Weddings

January 24th Betty Carter, Stenographic Dept., was married to Lac Charles Cunningham. Bett looked lovely in a white satin gown when she walked down the aisle at 2 o'clock at the Devine St. United Church. After a two weeks honeymoon Bett returned to work while husband Charlie returned to Kapuskasing, where he is stationed at present.

Congratulations also to Enid Sommes, who was married to Ken West of Blackwell, February 5th, at Blackwell Church. After a honeymoon in Toronto Enid returned to work in Dept. 14.

### Last Chance

Old Maid: "I can't decide between the divan and the arm chair."

Clerk: "Lady, you can't make a mistake on a nice comfortable chair like this."

Old Maid: "O.K., then I'll take the divan."

Recently Maizie had an experience she'll not forget for a while! Place—a dinner in honor of Betty Carter's wedding—Charlie vainly looks for his salad but none can be found. On voicing his suspicion that someone has eaten it, Maizie confesses, and in gales of laughter hands hers over to Charlie, who, if he'd been a gentleman, would never have mentioned it in the first place.

Jack Burkholder and Jack Wagner, both of Dept. 14, have joined the army. They are stationed at London.

The YIPS recently held a dance and each company entered a representative for the title of "Miss Sarnia." Below is a picture of the entrants—notice folks, our worthy entrant was none other than Freddy Cuthbertson of Dept. 14—cute isn't he???



**Hospitalized Muellerites:** First Virginia Vale, then Doreen McLeod, then Vidler and now Alison Street. Hope the law of averages is averaged. The rest of us are content not to be in the lineup.

### The Idea!

"How much do you take off for cash?"  
"Sir!"

Jack Round has graduated from the RCAF at Mont Joli, P. Q., as a full fledged sergeant air gunner.

With deep regret we learned that Pte. Ralph Thompson's mother had passed away. Here is a short "piece", which may uplift some downhearted person.

In God's garden of our lives  
Some rain is sure to fall  
But after that he sends the sun to  
triumph over all  
And so when sorrow comes to us  
And teardrops cloud our day  
God give us strength to bear our load  
And light to guide our way.

We hear of a young lady in Dept. 14 who invited an airforce chap from Toronto to study astrology at Sarnia. He found he could learn more about heavenly bodies on the 8th line of Moore than he could in the airforce.

**Good Soldier**

"And where is AC2 Smith?"  
 "AWOL."  
 "What do you mean?"  
 "After women and liquor!"

We wonder what fortunate (? ?) girl is going to accompany the Sen-Sen Kid to see Hal McIntyre. He has two tickets girls! However, his funds now only total \$3.00.

Hazel, why don't you learn to round dance and give us city wolves a chance — this last was a contribution from Dept. 14 and there are several in the office who want to know who could be looking for someone who round dances—should the party concerned be interested, there is a date bureau in the main office (all inquiries can be left at the desk directly in front of the office door.)

We have also learned that B. G. is considering purchasing Imperial Oil—anybody got any loose gas coupons? (Any information in regard to this may also be left at the aforesaid bureau.)

Art Nesbit and Joan Mercer—both formerly of Dept. 14—are the proud parents of a bouncing 8 lb. boy, John Wayne, born February 1. Congratulations, kids.



**NOW IN NAVY**



Mrs. W. E. Dunaway, Century Hotel, 1447 E. 55th St., Chicago sends us this picture of her sailor husband, W. E. Dunaway F 1/c U.S.S. Gable, 6 division, care Fleet Post Office Chicago. W. E. Jr. is nestled in his father's arms probably getting a small nose full of salt water. They are son and grandson of C. E. "John" Dunaway.

Mrs. Dunaway writes: "We enjoy the Record so much and also enjoyed the Christmas box very much". We hope she will get an added thrill out of this issue when she sees the picture of her husband and William Jr.

**NEW MESSENGER BOY**



Meet the new messenger boy—the finest looking alive and alert one we can recall. Dressed in slacks with her mail pouch slung over her shoulder "this boy" makes a picture pleasant to look at in action or in a photograph which certainly upholds these statements.

Miss June Landers is a part time employee, working mornings and attending high school in the afternoon. She is a junior now. After her graduation she expects to take a four year college course.



**BUY BONDS**

*This Will Help  
 Bring the Boys  
 Home  
 Safe and Sound*



Attorney: "Did you know the defendant Pearson?"

Negro: "Ah had a logical acquaintance."

Attorney: "What do you mean logical acquaintance?"

Negro: "Well, we both belonged to de same lodge."

## "BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE"

### BUSINESS SERVICE

**WALLPAPER CLEANING**—Call 9115 or 770 West Olive Street. Claude Stacy.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** 1—6 x 9 Blue Wilton Rug; 1—8-3 x 10-6 Kashan Wilton; 1—8-3 x 10-6 Wilton Tan; 1 High Chair; 1 Library Table Oak; 1 Dressing Table-triple mirror; 1 Rocking Chair; Table Lamps. Mrs. Roy B. Pease, R. R. 3, Decatur, Ill. Phone 29-570.

**FOR SALE:** 1 all yellow roller canary singer. Will make a nice Xmas present. Mrs. Roy B. Pease, R. R. 3, Decatur, Ill. Phone 29-570.

**FOR SALE**—1936 Chevrolet for sale—2 door—See Dewey West, Engine Room. Plant 1.

**FOR SALE:** Canvas tent, 7x7 ft., three feet side walls, six feet high, with poles and stakes—\$8.00. See Ancil Younger, Dent. 8 or 2014 N. Monroe St.

**FOR SALE:** A two wheel Garden plow with surface attachment. All in good condition. Prospective gardeners should not overlook this opportunity. Telephone 2-0831 or call 1525 North Clinton Street.

**FOR SALE:** 2 acres on hard road, south of Harristown. Also, 3 grave lot in Fairlawn cemetery. Ralph Adams, lead dept. Tel. 2-1744.

### WANTED

**WANTED:** Newspapers. We will pay highest price for clean newspapers, folded once and tied in bundles. No magazines. Please deliver to Mueller Co. Shipping Room before 10 a. m. any day except Saturday.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Electric Refrigerator. Plant 3, Jim Tilley

**WANTED TO BUY**—1 tire for motor scooter, tubeless type size 12 x 3.50. C. W. Murray, 840 S. 17th St. Phone 2-1339.

**WANTED TO RENT:** 4 or 5 room modern house in Roosevelt school district. (Would take 3 to 5 room apt. Mrs. Marie Brooks c/o Employment Office.)

**MISSING**—Vernier Caliper, 6 in. Notify Geo. Krag, Pattern Shop.

Professor: "What is the most potent poison?"

Student: "An airplane; one drop and you're dead." —Santa Fe Magazine.

### BOY SCOUT DOINGS

Boy, what an election! Yup, the Annual Boy Scout election to choose a Mayor and four Commissioners to rule Decatur went over with a bang! We elected Sea Scout File to be our candidate. Due to shenanigans by the illegal "Old Timers Party" and an unnamed group opposing them, we chose to run independent. The race in the primary was close but Mr. File lost. We then attempted a "write-in" for Commissioner and lost by a small margin. Was lots of excitement. We hear Mr. File is to be appointed City Clerk.

The big thing this month was Anniversary Week celebrating the 34th birthday of the Boy Scouts. The Illinois Power Company let us use their window. The display was a honey, and the crowds surged about it constantly. Scouts put on a "live expo" on Scout Saturday and gave away hundreds of red "Good Turn Knots".

The highlight was the Annual Council Pot-luck Dinner. We had a big turnout and good eats. Sea Scout Robert Hughes received his Eagle Scout badge from his mother. He, in turn, presented her a miniature Eagle pin. Our congratulations go to Bobby and to the entire Hughes family who helped him attain this highest honor.



Philip Jordan got second class at the last board of review. Bobby and Billy Hughes received Swimming

and Life Saving. How about some more of you going up next month? . . . Troop 2 helped invest the new Troop 50 at Maroa Feb. 9th.

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### RAYMOND CALLS ON US

Raymond Fritts, looking trim and taut in his sailor uniform as a submarine after a dive in the salt water, stopped over on a trip from New York to Miami to shake hands with his former office mates. He has finished his course of training as a pharmacist, and is now in active service either on land or sea. He doesn't yet know which it will be, not having anything to say about it, but said it was quite likely that he would get a taste of both land and sea duty. He is hoping when Uncle Sam puts the right ball over the plate that he will hit a home run.

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Teacher: "Describe the manners and customs of the people of Central Africa."

Johnnie: "They ain't got no manners and they don't wear no costumes."