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## This Month's Cover

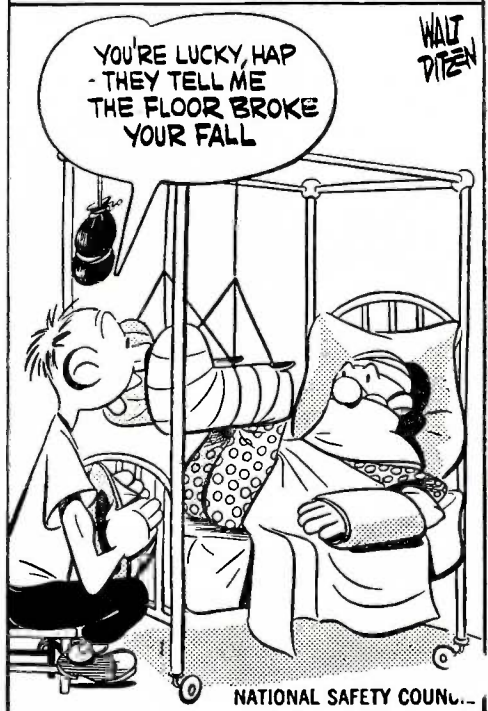
JUST FOR the record—the Mueller Record, that is—it should be mentioned that this month's cover photo is slightly misleading. Edgar L. McClure isn't just holding the sledge, as the picture would seem to indicate. Actually, he's taking a hefty swing with the sledge at the shaper being held by Eldon P. Griffith, blacksmith, as he shapes up a dog diamond chisel in department 70. Stroboscopic flash was used to stop the sledge—and McClure—at an exposure of 1/5,000th of a second. This is Griffith's second appearance on the cover of the Mueller Record. The first cover (September, 1948, issue) showed him at his forge. The blacksmith shop was then located at plant No. 2.

## Not So Good

THE NUMBER of days lost from accidental injuries to employees at the Decatur plants increased from 275 during 1948 to 460 during the last year, the medical department reports. The number of lost-time accidents showed a slight decrease—from 30 in 1948 to 26 in 1949. In 1947 there were 52 lost-time accidents which caused a loss of 597 days. Here's the medical department's tally sheet for 1949:

Month	All Cases	Lost-Time Accidents	Days Lost
January	47	1	4
February	58	2	6
March	35	2	27
April	35	5	86
May	53	1	7
June	40	0	0
July	44	2	76
August	50	4	61
September	44	1	10
October	77	1	12
November	113	4	134
December	108	3	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>460</b>

## HAP HAZARD





Officers and directors of the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union for 1950 are, seated: Charles Brown, Harold Taylor, Ruth Miller, Otis Fears, Harold Munsterman, Ernest Watkins, and Pete Kelley; standing: Haldon Hanson, Howard Dempster, Ray Roarick, Frank Ridgeway, William Johnson, and Charles Johnson. This will be the union's seventh year of operation.

## Assets Pass \$300,000 Mark

**Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union continues growth during 1949; net profit for past year totals \$9,523.81.**

**A**SSETS OF the Mueller Co. Employees Credit Union increased more than \$70,000 during the past year to a record high of \$305,042.95, Harold Munsterman, treasurer, reported at the annual meeting January 9.

The credit union's net profit for 1949 was \$9,523.81, and a three per cent dividend was declared on all shares held on December 1, 1949, which amounted to \$6,951.53.

Total number of loans made during the past year was 836—100 less than in 1948, but the dollar value of the loans was \$12,927.85 more in 1949 than in the previous year.

Munsterman said 630 Mueller Co. employees were members of the credit union, 20 less than in 1948. This was due, he said, to a leveling off of the high employment peak of a year ago.

All officers of the credit union were re-elected. They are: Otis Fears, pattern shop, president; Haldon Hanson, department 70, vice-president; Ruth Miller, core room, secretary; and Munsterman, pattern shop, treasurer.

Directors elected were:

Three-year terms: Charles Brown, Raymond Roarick, Howard Dempster, C. Frank Walker and Hanson.

Two-year term: William Johnson.

One-year term: Harold Taylor.

Growth of the credit union may be traced from this brief summary:

Year	Members	Assets
1944	369	\$ 9,189.25
1945	392	57,830.05
1946	511	100,337.53
1947	605	154,694.81
1948	650	233,547.70
1949	630	305,042.95

# Fifty-Year Award to Company Officer

**J. W. Simpson, executive vice-president, heads list of 189 employees whose service totals 3,050 years.**

**J.** W. SIMPSON, who advanced from an errand boy for Hieronymus Mueller, founder of Mueller Co., to executive vice-president of the firm, received a diamond-studded 50-year emblem at the annual employees' Christmas party. Presentation of the pin was made by L. W. Mueller, chairman of the board.

Mr. Simpson headed a list of 189 employees in the Mueller Co. organization who last year became eligible for service emblems. Total service for the employees who were honored at all four plants was 3,050 years.

Albert H. Golembeck and Grover Meadows, both employed in the ground key division of the Decatur plant, received their 40-year service emblems. Clarence C. Roarick, factory manager, presented the pins.

Mr. Simpson was hired by Henry Mueller, one of the founder's six sons who came to be associated with the company, and he received \$2.50 for working a 60-hour week. He was attracted to the H. Mueller Manufacturing Company, as it was then known, because it offered

him \$1 a week more than he was receiving with another local firm. He was a slight youth, weighing 94 pounds and lacking a month until his sixteenth birthday, and Henry Mueller was reluctant to hire him. For one thing there was a child labor law even in those days, but his argument that a month wouldn't make much difference one way or another was so persuasive that he was taken on anyway.

His service with Mueller Co. has been continuous since August 22, 1899, except for a brief leave of absence in 1907, when he worked a couple of months in a lead mine near Aspen, Colo., in which an uncle was interested. A talk one day with an 80-year-old prospector, who was still hoping to strike it rich, led him to believe his best chance of success was with the company and he returned to Decatur.

Mr. Simpson's first job was to clean the white lead off the spokes of a Mueller automobile for Hieronymus Mueller, who was then devoting a major share of his time to the development of gasoline-



J. W. Simpson, executive vice-president, receives his 50-year pin from L. W. Mueller, board chairman. A. G. Webber, Jr., president of Mueller Co., is in the background.



Clarence C. Roarick, factory manager, presenting 40-year service emblems to Albert H. Golembeck, center, and Grover Meadows, who are employed in the ground key division.



Thirty-five year service pins were presented to these Decatur employees, left to right: Albert N. Spitzer, Paul A. Gaddis, C. F. Dunaway, Herman P. Amman and Anthony O. Yonker.



Thirty-year service pins were awarded to, seated, left to right: Helen Brannan, Flossie Poe, Lucien W. Mueller, Margaret Behrend, Margaret Woodruff; standing: F. W. Dannewitz, Paul Jeschawitz, William H. Binstead, R. Richard Dannewitz, and Allen G. Ridgeway.



Virginia Doolittle pins a 30-year service pin on Leroy Evans' lapel, while George Knipe gets a 20-year emblem from Lilian Jarman. Scene was Mueller Co.'s New York office.



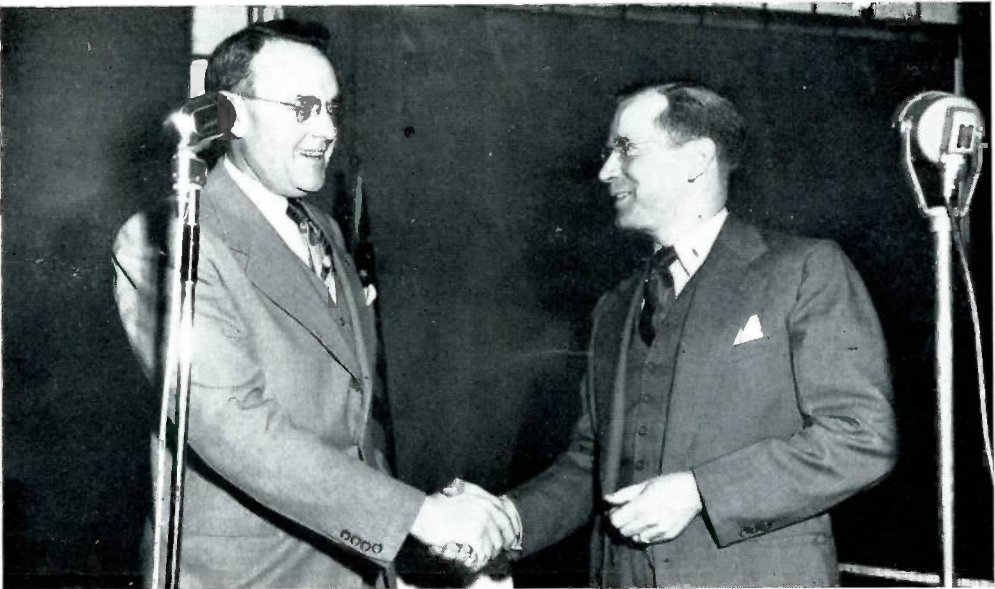
Lloyd Logsdon, left, and Roy Thomas headed the list of Los Angeles employees who this year became eligible for service emblems. Both received their 30-year service pins.

driven motor cars. The white lead was used as the spokes were placed in the wheel and had to be cleaned off before they were painted.

Like any other youngster he hoped he would be given a chance to ride in a Mueller automobile, and finally one day he was given an opportunity to accompany Hieronymus Mueller and his son, Oscar, on a drive out to the eastern section of Decatur. Young Simpson sat in the back seat, his duty being to keep

other youngsters from running up and catching hold of the car. The car traveled from ten to fifteen miles an hour and it wasn't too much of a job for a fleet-footed boy to keep pace with it for a time.

All went well, he recalls, until Oscar Mueller turned off Eldorado street into College street. Something went wrong with the steering gear and the car struck the curb, throwing Hieronymus Mueller out on the parking and breaking one of



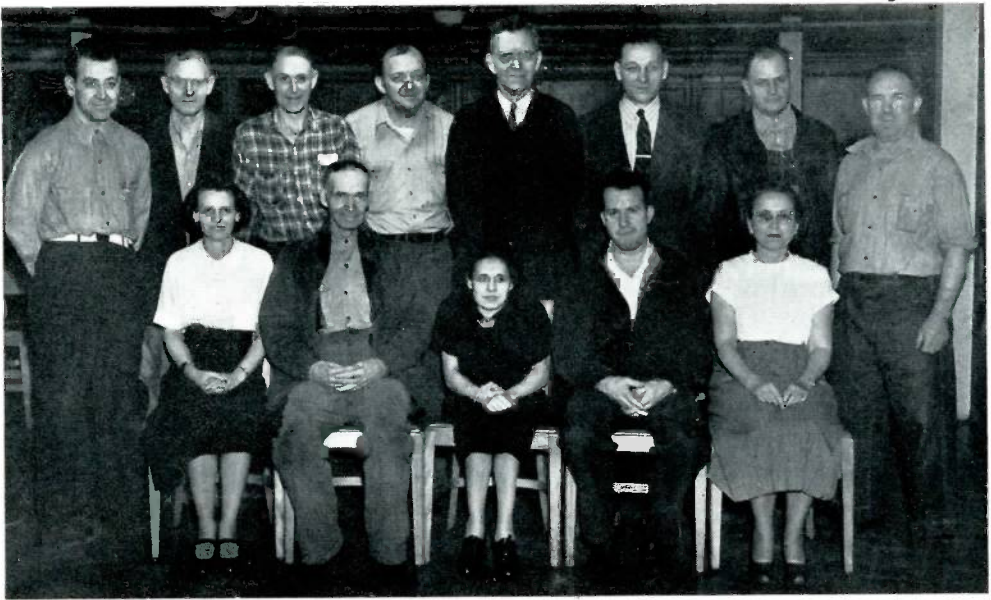
O. E. Walker, Sr., plant manager of Columbian Iron Works, is shown congratulating Walter A. (Chuck) Coventry, sales department, who was presented with a 25-year service pin.



Among those who received 25-year service pins at Decatur were, seated, left to right: Hugh Harshbarger, Elmer Musgraves, William A. Brunner, Anthony Grossman, Enola Smith, Henry Tertocha, Clyde Hester, William Morrissey, and Oscar Stratman; standing: Everett Dickey, James Workman, Hoyt Mounts, Herman Chepan, Jack Bain, John Chalcraft, Leslie Hopper, Zacharias Boehm, Howard Williams, Hugh Henley, Harold Snyder, William Hays, Gus Edwards, and Orvall German. Twenty-eight employees received their 25-year pins. This was one of the largest groups of Mueller Co. employees to become eligible for quarter-century pins in the history of the company. Last year there were 16 in the group.



Employees of Mueller, Limited, Sarnia, who received 25-year service pins are from left to right: L. Merton Bice, Almeda M. Reeve, C. Phillip Hamilton, Leslie J. Crooks, O. C. Spears.



Those who received 20-year service pins at the Decatur plant included, seated, left to right: Dorothy J. Stratman, Charles O. McArthur, Dorothy Gepford, Raymond E. Bulla, and Gladys Masterson. Standing: John E. Taylor, Edward J. Foley, Ben Taylor, Jesse Dailey, Ernest Krumsiek, Fred Tratzik, W. A. Matthews and C. L. Woodrum. Eighteen received pins. Last year 21 employees of the Decatur plant received their 20-year service emblems.



Twenty-year service emblems were presented to these Mueller, Limited, employees, left to right: Gorge I. Lucas, Muriel M. (Mollie) Frame, George E. Lee, and Gordon W. Stuart.



the wheels. As soon as the company founder got his wind back, he told the youth to go back to the factory and get help, so that the car could be brought in for repairs.

Out of the \$2.50 a week he received at the plant he paid \$2 for board and room at the home of the late Mrs. Ida Price on South Main street, and he launched a campaign for a 50-cent raise. Shortly before Christmas he received the raise. That Christmas, his first with Mueller Co., was a memorable one. He had \$3 in wages in his pocket, and when company employees were given their choice of a turkey or a dollar as a gift, he decided he'd take the money.

The afternoon of the Christmas party he had been working with Hieronymus Mueller, and he was told to return to the bench after the entertainment. Then the company founder told him to close his eyes and hold out his hand. He placed two silver dollars in Bill's hand, closed his fingers and wished him a merry Christmas.

The youngster was elated. "It was the most money I'd ever had at one time," Mr. Simpson recalled recently.

After the death of Hieronymus Mueller, March 1, 1900, he was given a job as messenger boy for the plant, and he then began handling mail and filing correspondence. After a time he persuaded the office manager to let him fill a vacancy as orderwriter, and this led to another job as pricing clerk. He then became a sales correspondent, later being named assistant to the late Adolph Mueller in a sales capacity. He was made general sales manager of the company in 1917 and he was elected to the company's board of directors in 1928. He was named vice-president in charge of sales in 1929, and served in the dual capacity of vice-president and sales manager until July 15, 1947, when Hugh L. Baker was appointed general sales manager. Mr. Simpson was elected executive vice-president on October 21, 1947. He is the oldest employee in point of service.

A complete list of employees who received service emblems at the Decatur and Los Angeles plants of Mueller Co., at Mueller, Limited, Sarnia, and at Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, is published in the next column and the following page.



**Decatur**

J. W. Simpson



**Decatur**

A. H. Golembeck Grover Meadows



**Decatur**

Anthony Yonker Albert N. Spitzer  
C. F. Dunaway Paul A. Gaddis  
Herman P. Ammann



**Decatur**

L. W. Mueller F. W. Dannewitz  
Helen Brannan Paul Jeschawitz  
W. H. Binstead Margaret Behrend  
K. R. Dannewitz A. G. Ridgeway  
Margaret Woodruff Flossie Poe

**Los Angeles**

Roy E. Thomas Lloyd Logsdon

**New York**

Leroy J. Evans



**Decatur**

Everett Dickey Leslie I. Hopper  
Enola Smith John Chalcraft  
H. R. Harshbarger Hugh Henley  
H. M. Williams H. A. Tertocha  
Harold F. Snyder Gus F. Edwards  
W. A. Brunner E. Enos Musgraves  
Anthony Grossman William A. Hays  
H. A. Chepan Ernest S. Watkins  
John Bain H. Myrle Carter  
Jenny Kinney Elwood Potts  
Zacharias Boehm Hoyt E. Mounts  
Orvall German Clyde D. Hester  
J. W. Workman Oscar H. Stratman  
William Morrissey

**Chattanooga**  
Walter Coventry

**Sarnia**

Merton Bice	Leslie Crooks
C. P. Hamilton	Almeda Reeve
O. C. Spears	Armand Thibeault



**Decatur**

Dorothy Gepford	Dorothy Stratman
William B. Jones	C. L. Woodrum
Fred Tratzik	Benjamin Taylor
Irmgard	John E. Taylor
Moldenhauer	Edward J. Foley
Raymond E. Bulla	C. O. McArthy
W. A. Matthews	Jesse Dailey
George A. Hill	Peter P. Alekner
Ernest Krumsiek	John C. Willis
Gladys Masterson	

**Sarnia**

George Lee	Muriel Frame
Gordon Stuart	George Lucas

**New York**

George Knipe



**Decatur**

Hugh Baker	Francis M. Fonner
Mae Sencenbaugh	Velma L. Kushmer
Jane Cranston	E. H. Jeschawitz
James T. McKown	Carl A. Brock
Wilbur Edwards	Harold W. Taylor

**Chattanooga**

Oscar Brown	Frank Puffer
C. E. Cooper	Carl Desha
Jesse C. Jones	Izear Tyous
Jesse Morgan	Otto Glass, Sr.
Troy Weaver	Ezell Thomas
William Tyson	Napoleon Gaither
Wade Lowery	Marcus Daniel

Eugene Gann

**Los Angeles**

Russell Hubbard	Evelyn McCoun
Jack Warren	J. K. Potts
William Jacob	Ray W. Karr

**Sarnia**

J. Woodcock



**Decatur**

W. L. Draper	Floyd Durbin
Albert L. Hill	George F. Turner
John H. Brinkley	Leo M. Kramer
Robert L. Pope	Clarke Linton
Earl R. Collins	Carl G. Rentfro
Robert S. Schmitt	C. W. Johnson
Clarence Hill	Raymond Mounts
Glen R. Hazen	Melvin W. Hayes
Paul Hawbaker	John E. Maxwell
Wayne Ford	Melvin W. Cross
Fred Monska	Robert A. Salogga
Karl C. Denson	Eldo L. Coffman
Van Walters	C. N. Brownlow

**Chattanooga**

Roosevelt Miller	Willie Benford, Sr.
Kyle Hardy	Joe Roberts

**Sarnia**

Archibald Guthrie	A. E. Last
Samuel Round	Ronald Nicolson



**Decatur**

Opal L. McKnight	Leroy Tolly
George W. Webb	Flossie Baker
Arthur R. Kay	Darrell Smith
Thomas Cooper	Elmer Blaylock
Lynn Edwards	Bert Brewer
Charles W. Dunbar	Marvin S. Spitzer
Walter Lester	Juanita Degand
Lula M. Nash	Alexander Kerr

Marie West

**Chattanooga**

John North	Arthur Womble
E. B. Sherrill	Norena Gann
Mildred Edwards	Leroy Williams
J. T. McGintis	Guy Dunagan

**Los Angeles**

Inez Mooring	Anna Fox
William Cosman	

**Sarnia**

Donald McHenry	Lloyd C. Olson
Thomas Moskal	Robert Nesbit
Mike Novak	Milton Ellenor
Alfred Nelson	Beatrice Quinn
Peter H. Smith	Doris McLaughlin
Roy A. Blacklock	Antoine Vautour
Peter Krywicki	Wilbur L. Nesbitt
Amy Cooper	Hugh Morton

William H. Baines

# Name Suggestion Winners

**Mueller Co. adopts 149 out of 324 submitted during the past year by employees at Decatur plants.**

**G**RAND PRIZE WINNERS for suggestions submitted and adopted during the past year have been announced at three of the four Mueller plants.

Winners of the three \$50 first place awards at the Decatur plants were: Russell Armstrong, department 20, plant No. 2; O. T. Brown, department 60; and R. W. Ridgeway, department 90.

The second prize winners who each received \$30, were Gerald Stanley, department 10, plant No. 2; Frank Walker, department 70; and R. C. Workman, department 60.

Winners of the three \$20 third prizes were: Karl Blankenburg, department 36; William E. Evans, department 10, plant

No. 2; and Virgil Morrison, department 20, plant No. 2.

Clarence C. Roarick, factory manager, presented the awards at the annual employees' Christmas party December 22.

Ed Stamper was winner of the first prize at Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga. Second prize winner was L. D. Satterwhite, and the third prize winner was Jack Pope. O. E. Walker, Jr., presented the awards.

At the Los Angeles plant of Mueller Co., Roy Thomas received first prize; Al Hembree, second prize; and Ed Rathke, third prize.

A total of 324 suggestions were sub-



Grand prize winners for suggestions submitted at the Decatur plant during the past year were, seated: Orville T. Brown, Russell Armstrong and Robert W. Ridgeway, who received the first prizes; standing: Karl Blankenburg, Frank Walker, Virgil Morrison, Robert C. Workman, Gerald Stanley and William Evans. First prize was \$50; second, \$30; and third, \$20.



Left: at the Los Angeles plant the grand prize winners for suggestions were, left to right: Ed Rathke, third prize; Roy Thomas, first prize; and Al Hembree, second prize. Right: Odie Walker, Jr., master of ceremonies at the Columbian Iron Works employees' party is shown presenting the third prize to Jack Pope. At the right is L. D. Satterwhite, who received second prize. Ed Stamper, not shown, was Chattanooga's first prize winner.

mitted by employees at the two Decatur factories, and 149 were adopted. Karl Denson, department 60, led in the number of suggestions adopted and his percentage was the highest in the plant. Denson submitted 14 suggestions and 13 were adopted. Following is a list of employees and the number of suggestions adopted at the Decatur plants:

Tommy Adams, 1; Clarence P. Albert, 2; Herman Ammann, 1; George Anderson, Jr., 1; Karl Armstrong, 8; Russell Armstrong, 2; Charles H. Ashmore, 1; Elmer Baker, 1; Eric Blankenburg, 1; Karl Blankenburg, 1; Earl B. Brock, 1; Orville T. Brown, 5; Maynard Buckta, 1; Coy M. Butler, 3; Clifford Carter, 1; Bonnie Clark, 1; William C. Clutter, 1; Glenn H. Curry, 1.

F. W. Dannewitz, 4; Robert L. Dannewitz, 1; John C. Dennis, 1; Karl Denson, 13; Marvin Davis, 1; Earl Dilbeck, 1; C. W. Dunbar, 1; William E. Evans, 1; Wal-

ter L. Ford, 1; Wayne H. Ford, 1; Isaac L. Gowan, 2; Coleman Griffith, 1; Clyde Hester, 1; Floyd E. Huffman, 2; William Knorr, 1; Frank Kuntz, 2; Leroy Limes, 1; Donald E. Lowe, 1; Gladys Masterson, 1.

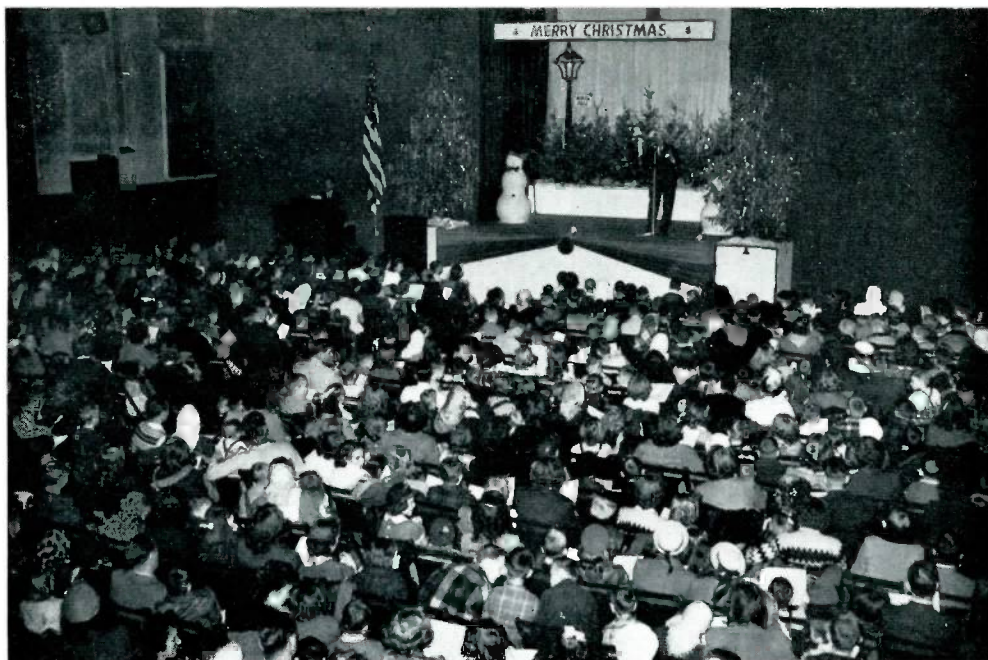
W. A. Matthews, 4; Robert Moore, 1; Fred Monska, 6; Paul Monska, 3; Virgil Morrison, 2; Thomas A. Mudd, 1; Harold Munsterman, 1; Ruth B. McKown, 1; Elvis V. Musgraves, 11; Helen O'Dell, 1; Jeane Otis, 1; Maurice Paslay, 1; Robert L. Pate, 1; Otto Peake, 2; Frank Ridgeway, 1; R. W. Ridgeway, 1; Lewis D. Rogers, 1.

E. E. Schmidt, 1; R. W. Schroll, 1; Mae Sencenbaugh, 1; George F. Sims, 1; Gerald A. Stanley, 2; Dale Streight, 1; Herman Stolte, 1; Robert Taylor, 2; Leroy Tolly, 1; Charles M. Wade, 1; Frank Walker, 3; Van Walters, 1; Dale Wilkins, 1; R. C. Workman, 1; and Gerald J. Yonker, 10.

## Decatur

All Mueller Co. officers were re-elected at the annual board meeting January 16. They are: Lucien W. Mueller, chairman of the board; Albert G. Webber, president and treasurer; J. W. Simpson, executive vice-president; O. C. Keil, secretary; W. H. Hipsher, assistant treasurer; Robert H. Mueller, chief engineer; and Frank H. Mueller, chief products engineer.

Carl Dodwell, budget department, was one of the first Mueller Co. ex-servicemen to receive a National Service Life Insurance refund, now being distributed by the Veterans Administration. His refund amounted to \$203.50 and was received January 16, the day distribution began. His service serial number ended in 005. Macon County's 8,500 ex-servicemen are expected to receive \$1 million in rebates.



Attendance at the annual party for children of employees of the Decatur plant passed the 750 mark this year. Harry Bloomquist, who led the children in group singing, is on the stage.

F. C. Hackman has been promoted to standards and methods engineer in charge of the standards department, effective December 27, the factory manager's office has announced. Hackman was formerly foundry engineer.

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A foremen and wives' dinner meeting was held Wednesday, January 25, in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. The principal speaker was C. R. Winston of the industrial relations division of the National Association of Manufacturers.

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Word has been received of the recent death of J. F. Grabenhofer, who was a Mueller Co. employee for 34 years before his retirement. Mr. Grabenhofer went to Grove City, Pa., to make his home with his son, J. J. Grabenhofer, about four months ago. Burial was in Crestview Memorial Park at Grove City.

Mr. Grabenhofer, a former pattern maker and toolmaker, retired from Mueller Co. July 22, 1943. Survivors include his wife and a son, J. J. Grabenhofer, of Grove City.

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A limited number of past issues of the Mueller Record, both the employees' edi-

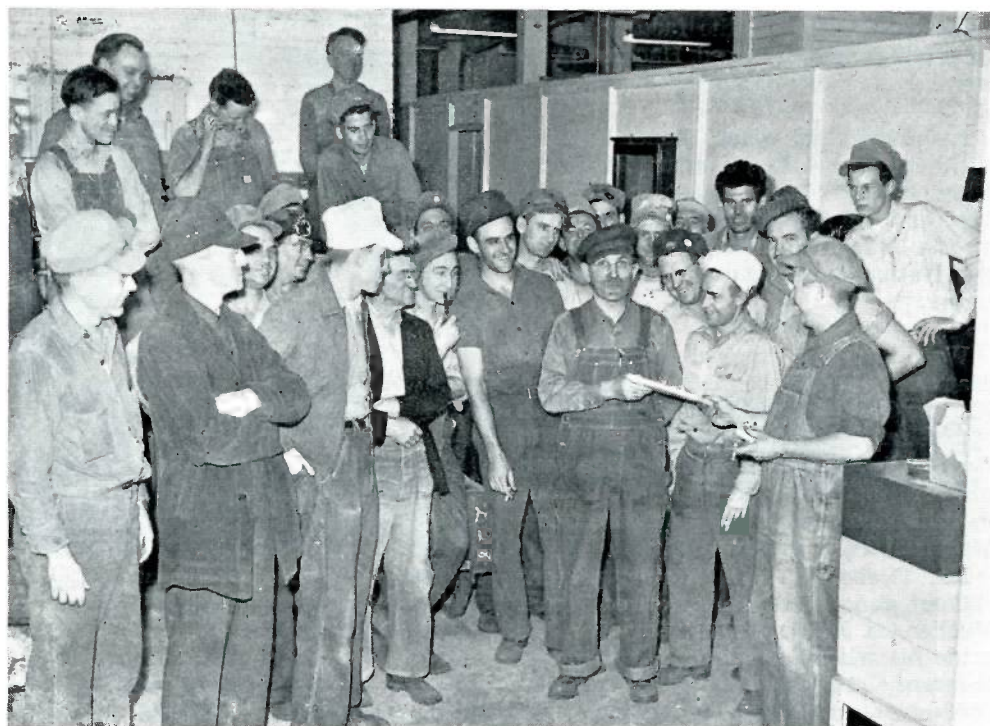


Ruth Rohman, billing department, and Albert H. Patterson were married December 22 at the First Methodist Church. Mr. Patterson is a design engineer with the A. E. Staley Co.

tion and the external, are available for the year 1949. Employees may have specific issues or a complete file for the year by phoning the editor, extension 85.



Santa Claus made a personal appearance at a lunch hour party for girls in the main office the Friday before Christmas. Imogene Sabottka gave the role a new twist, literally speaking.



John Gray received a savings bond and a billfold from fellow employees in the grinding room when he retired recently after 28 years' service. Herman Allison presented the gifts.



Nothing like a little electricity to break up a tug-of-war, these unsuspecting contestants found at a recent meeting of the 4-X Club. In the top picture the electricity just had been connected to the specially wired blanket. Contestants are: F. C. Hackman, Stan Ashby, Elmer Fawley, Bob Taylor, Ed Hartwig and Frank Kushmer. Below: Fawley contacts a kilowatt.



Snapped at the Los Angeles plant's party, upper left, Santa Claus is the stellar attraction at any Christmas party, so far as the youngsters are concerned. Upper right: Mignon, the lady magician. Center panel: Sandy, the slithering seal and a section of the audience witnessing his antics. Lower left: a contingent of open house visitors in the foundry. Lower right: this young miss apparently was one of the plant's most interested visitors.



# Los Angeles

*William Baker, Correspondent*

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

From all indications and reports, the annual Mueller Co. Christmas party was a complete success.

The program was started off with Open House, when employees took their families through the plant, explaining the various processes of our products. This was followed by the party that was opened with a short address by Lloyd Logsdon. Herman Dash, as master of ceremonies, led group singing and introduced the program. All the acts were very good and they included a puppet show, an acrobatic dancer, a lady magician, and a gentleman who arrived accompanied by two seals, one pelican and a penguin. Leonard Goostree again helped get Santa Claus here on time with gifts and ice cream for the kids.

After the show, coffee and ice cream-cake were served in the cafeteria. Congratulations are extended to Ralph Korte and Pat Prewett for the excellent arrangements.

## POST SCRIPT

An interesting development took place at the party when Mr. Edwin Nevin, brother-in-law of Pat Prewett, renewed acquaintances with the animal trainer. The two had met before in far-off Africa, 19 years ago.

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## CRUSADE

All of us have a pet peeve and this correspondent is by no means an exception. Although nothing can be done about it this year, he would like to see the word "Xmas" relegated to utter oblivion in the future. Perhaps the word is perfectly legitimate; he hasn't tried to find out. The fact remains that "Christmas" is a beautiful and sacred word and any attempt to alter it destroys the full import of its meaning. If one hasn't the time nor room on the paper to write out the word "Christmas", let him just say "Hpy Nw Yr." and let it go at that. Of course, by now some of the irritation is wearing off—for this year anyway. But it's a peeve that will probably crop up again next year, despite our 1-man crusade.

# Sarnia, Ontario

*Almeda Reeve, Correspondent*

**A**PPROXIMATELY 400 persons, members of the families of employees of Mueller, Limited, attended an open house at the Sarnia plant from 1:30 to 4 o'clock the afternoon of December 23. Members of employees' families had an opportunity to have an on-the-job visit with their respective parent, brother or sister during regular production hours.

Special buses provided transportation to and from the plant. The visitors were taken on tours throughout the factory, starting at the core room, then to the foundry and machining divisions, and finally to the cafeteria, where refreshments were served by the girls of the main office staff.

Murray Taylor, engineering department, arranged the tours, and guides were Robert J. Bannister, Jean Reynolds, Clyde Smith, Margaret Connors, Merlin Coates, Helen Knowles, Garnet Denomy and Maizie Brereton.

A pleasing program was presented, featuring dances by the pupils of the Humphrey Sister School and feats of magic by F. O. Dayton. Uncle Jerry from Radio Station CHOK acted as master of ceremonies. Carol music was provided by William Glass. Santa Claus was on hand to greet the children and presented each with a bag of candy and fruit.

One of the highlights of the open house was a half-hour broadcast of a

recorded interview with employees and their children over CHOK at 7:30 o'clock Christmas Eve. Those heard on the broadcast were Frank Sewter, core room; Fred Trumble and Ray Edwards, foundry; James Keys, forging; Gordon Stuart, polishing and buffing; Percy Knight and Fred Fletcher, brass finishing; George German, ground key; John Aitchison, tool room; Shirley Scott, purchasing department; Shirley Walker, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Barrie, cafeteria, and Elizabeth Mullen, daughter of John Mullen, department 5; and George W. Parker, president of Mueller, Limited.

Commencing at 4 o'clock December 23, hams were distributed to each employee by departmental foremen. Mr. Parker and other company officials were on hand to extend the season's greetings.

The open house required a lot of work

from a number of people in the organization, but it was an enjoyable task and drew many commendations.

Committees in charge at the cafeteria following the open house were:

Guest book—Mrs. Erie Duggan and Mrs. Gerry Mackesy.

Receiving visitors — Mrs. Almeda Reeve, Lois McPhee and Jane Sayers.

Tea table—Mrs. Mollie Frame, assisted by Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Myrtle Tricker, Helen Babcock, Amy Cooper, Jean Hoover and Kay Forbes.

Kitchen—Marian Dennis, assisted by Gwen Gill, Marilyn Hardy and Mabel Evans.

Dining room—Mrs. Marion Riddell, Violet Waller and Sylvia Rice.

Program—Mrs. Marie Atwood and Mrs. Grace Campbell.

Santa Claus—Phillip Hamilton, assist-



Upper left: F. O. Dayton shows a group of youngsters that the hand is quicker than the eye. Another interested spectator was George W. Parker, president of Mueller, Limited, who donated the hat. Lower left: Graham Emslie, CHOK announcer, gets an opinion of the open house from Shirley Walker, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Barrie, cafeteria. Upper right: Mr. Emslie chats with Fred Tribbeck, machine operator. Looking on is Carl Smith, brass shop superintendent. Lower right: a view of the cafeteria as refreshments were served.

ed by Shirley Scott and Phyllis Pearce.  
Distribution of hams — Mrs. Doris McLaughlin and Margaret Connors.

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Our congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Cornell on the birth of a daughter, Linda Marie. Hartley works in department 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Last on the birth of a daughter, Katherine. Sam is in department 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens on the birth of a daughter, Charlene Rosalie. Charlie is in department 9.

Our sympathy is extended to:

Gordon Karr, production control, in the recent passing of his father, Wallace Karr.

Raymond Lambert, shipping room foreman, in the death of his brother-in-law, John Collum.

Barbara Evans, stenographic department, spent the Christmas weekend with her family in Belleville, Ontario.

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At least one girl in the office still believes in Santa Claus. She arrived in the office on the Tuesday before Christmas and nearly caused a riot. Congratulations, Mabel.

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Jimmy Mueller, 5-year-old son of Ebert Mueller, found a new way to spend his Christmas holiday, having been stricken with an attack of mumps the Wednesday before Christmas.

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Reita Burgess, stenographic department, spent Christmas in Chicago with her sister and family.

## Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

Again this year the entertainment for our Christmas party was furnished by our employees only. Everyone seemed to enjoy the party thoroughly and we wish to thank everyone who participated. We had a grand crowd, which was made up of employees, husbands and wives and families of employees, and retired employees. We were glad that so many could be with us. We want to say that the very nice Christmas hams that were presented to us after the party on behalf of the management committee were received enthusiastically.

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The girls of the office held their annual Christmas party at the Town and Country Restaurant this year. This was in the form of a dinner party with gifts being exchanged among the girls. A beautiful floral arrangement for the table was sent by our plant manager, and a musical background was provided by Odell Reich, of the production department.

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We were very sorry to learn of the death of Aaron Young on November 25. Aaron was formerly with us in the foundry

division but has been retired for some time now.

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We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Roy Knox, Jr., who was killed in an automobile accident December 17. Roy was employed in the foundry division.

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We would also like to extend our sympathy to Ray Jackson of the maintenance department in the recent death of his mother.

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If I have failed to keep you informed, here are some of the plutocrats in our company who have recently acquired new automobiles: Don Andrews, Willard Riddle, Bob Lusk, Lois Trotter, Herman Childress, Lester Denton, Charles Turner, and Bernia Fischer. This is by no means all. There are just scads of others. There are just a few of us still driving antiquated models, including Oscar Brown, Merle Van Vleet, and Coy Jones.

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Even though it may seem a bit late, we would like to take this opportunity to wish for everyone in the Mueller organization a prosperous and wonderfully happy 1950.

**FEATURE HOME TALENT AT COLUMBIAN IRON WORKS CHRISTMAS PARTY**



This girls' trio sang "Silent Night." They are Mildred McAllister, payroll department; Marcella Lykins, personnel department; and Phyllis Warriner of the production department.



The quartet sang the "Dry Bones" song. They are L. D. Satterwhite and Willie Boykin, machine shop; and Marvin Montgomery and Charles Bynum, both of the core room.



Highlight of the program was a beauty pageant. The lovely models gracefully promenade to the music, "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," for the judges and audience. From left to right: Miss Shear Gate, Jack Pope, foundry; Miss Fire Hydrant, Billy Andrews, pattern shop; Miss Sluice Gate, Louis Gamblin, machine shop; Miss Flap Valve, Robert Bush, machine shop; Miss Gate Valve, Jack Malone, production department; Louise Williams of the sales department, who presented the award, "Success," to Miss Gate Valve; Miss Mud Valve, Ronald Rogers, machine shop; and Miss Floor Stand, who was Arvel Black of the machine shop.



Dick Anderson brought the program to an end with "The Lord's Prayer," after which the benediction was pronounced by Jack Malone.



Soloist Charles Bynum of the core room sang "Oh Holy Night," accompanied by Freda Anderson, wife of Dick Anderson, pattern shop.