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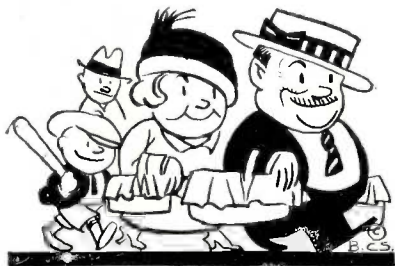
BIGGER, BETTER, GREATER THAN EVER

*Our Annual Picnic at Mueller Heights, Saturday,
August 26 - - 1939 Is Going To Be a
Whiz--Bang Affair.*

It's going to be a day rained, jammed, and crammed full of sports, sociability, entertainment, theatrical, and carnival attractions, such as were never before shown at a picnic in Decatur. This means that it will be the best we have ever given.

Pick Attractions Carefully

Your committee managing the picnic doesn't make a wild grab for anything in



Bring the family and a well filled basket prepared for the picnic dinner. Come early and stay late.

sight. They pick the good ones. This committee has picnic on the brain, and their one earnest endeavor is to make the current affair better than the one of the preceding year. Some of this year's attractions were selected weeks ago in order to be sure that they could fill the date. And here are some of the outstanding features:

Lot of Fine Attractions

Balloons, always a picnic feature. Joe the monk, a great favorite with old and young.

Another free ride merry-go-round.

Stream-lined electric train for children up to 14 years—something we have never had

before—a real sensation for the little folks.

Engaged Weeks Ago

These trains are something brand new in the amusement field and the demand for them for outdoor gatherings is already greater than the manufacturers can supply. How can we get one, you ask? Go back a few lines and read this sentence again: "Some of these attractions were selected weeks ago in order to be sure that they could fill the date. That's why we are so fortunate in bringing to our picnic a brand new, glistening novelty that is taking the children by storm, and makes the grown-ups wish they were kids again."

All the envious grown-ups can do is to stand around and look on—strictly children's amusement. These trains are now a whizzing success.

Vaudeville and Other Attractions

Vaudeville shows afternoon and evening



Games, contests, clown band, professional vaudeville show afternoon and night—something doing every minute.

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—no amateurs—a really first class professional show provided by our St. Louis booking connection.

Another new attraction will be a clown band made up of comedians and professional musicians, who know how to put over an act of this kind.

Then there will be Beano, baseball, badminton, croquet, horseshoes, children games, dancing and whatever else goes to make up a jolly picnic day.

Don't let anything interfere.

A big tent 20 x 30 feet with seats will afford shade and a comfortable place to rest.

A rest room for little children will be provided at the Lodge with an experienced woman in charge, and Ferné Pope, company nurse, within easy calling distance if needed. There was a little slip in this arrangement last year, but there will be none this year as that gap has been closed. Parents of small children can leave the little folks in good hands while they enjoy the picnic.

Complete details will be given in the next record and on Bulletin Board.

SEES THEIR MAJESTIES

Mary Wilkins Writes of Great Beauty of Queen Elizabeth.

Mary Wilkins, who was a stenographer for Adolph Mueller until she accepted a government position in Washington, D. C. about a year ago, writes to her friends in Decatur that she was quite fortunate in seeing the King and Queen as well as President and Mrs. Roosevelt. She says: "The day they arrived all government offices were closed from 10:00 to 2:00 to permit everyone a chance to see the King and Queen. I have never seen such crowds and although I did get a glimpse of the Queen I was too far back to see her very well.

"Ring Side Seats"

"But the night they left we went down to Union Station about 11 P. M. The crowds were jammed around the station and on the plaza as far as you could see. We were standing on the corner about a block from the station debating whether to try to get closer or go home, when a policeman came up and said if we'd stay where we were we would get to see them as they were coming down that street. We stayed and really had ringside seats.

Their Majesties

"The King looks just like all the pictures you see of him, but I don't think I have ever seen a picture of the Queen that did her justice. She is really very beautiful and has so much charm and grace. She certainly stole the spotlight from the King. In about ten minutes President and Mrs. Roosevelt came along, and this was the first time I had seen either since I came to Washington."

LETTER FROM O. B. MUELLER

Expresses His Appreciation for Memorial Day Flowers.

Oscar Mueller's many friends will be glad to hear that he is enjoying good health and also his retirement from active business which enables him to go fishing whenever the "bitin" signs are right and the bait plentiful.

A letter comes to us from Oscar's Florida home at Bradentown, which has reference to the floral remembrance of employees on Memorial Day in which he says:

"There are some of the old boys at Decatur, whose services I personally had the honor and pleasure of engaging many, many years ago, and I particularly want them to know how very much Mrs. Mueller and I appreciate their thoughtfulness in placing flowers on Memorial Day for various members of our family.

"It must be just wonderful to have an organization with such a spirit of cooperation, good will, and sympathy."

BIRTHS



HARSHBARGER— Mrs. Beatrice Harshbarger and the late George Harshbarger, a son, June 29. He has been named Harlan Leroy after his paternal grandfather, Harlan Himstead.

BOGGS— Mr. and Mrs. Faye Boggs, Plant 2, a daughter on July 6.

HARTWIG— Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hartwig, Dept. 300, a daughter on July 5.

KUSHMER— Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kushmer, a daughter weighing 8½ pounds, June 19, in St. Mary's hospital. She has been named Virginia Lee. Mr. Kushmer works in Dept. 9.

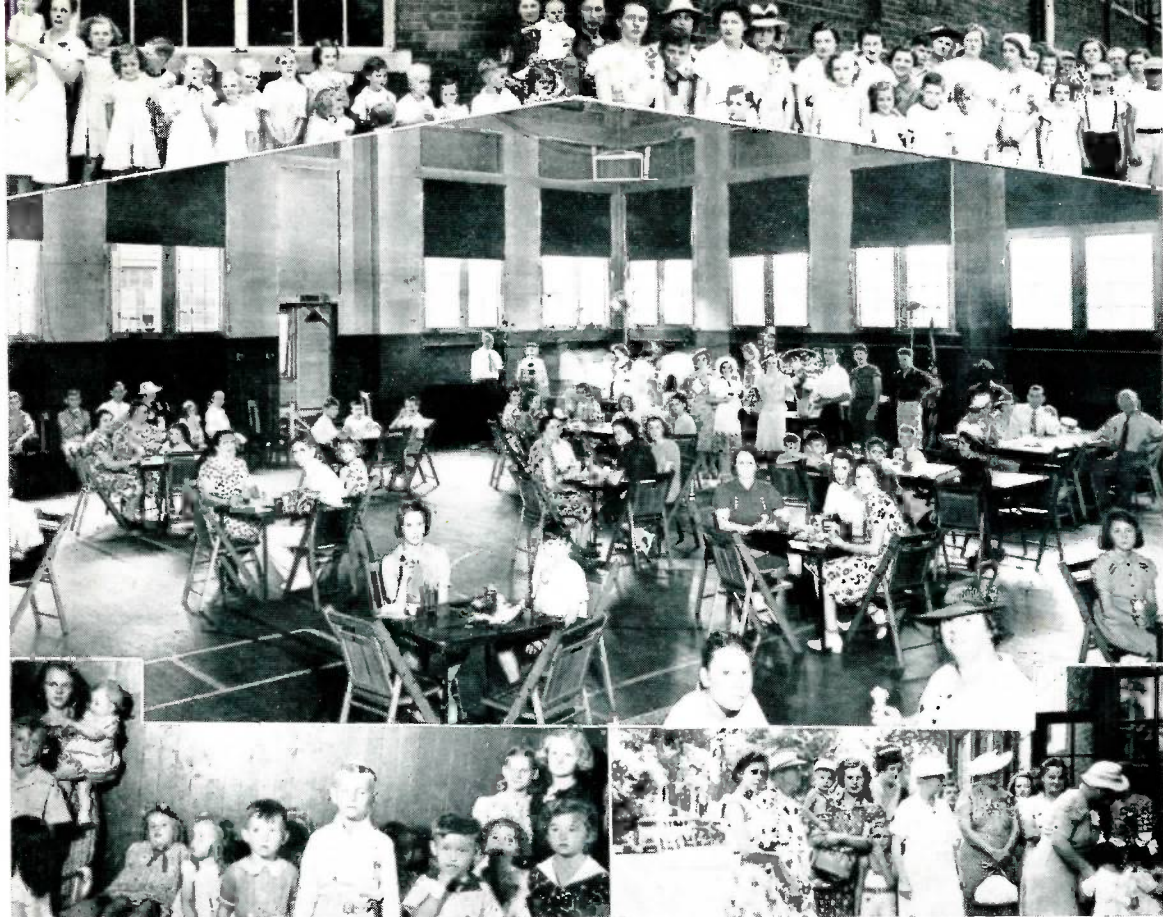
Ping-Pong Very Likely

The Right Rev. Logan Herbert Roots, who was Bishop of Hankow for 33 years, said one day at a luncheon in New York:

"Efficiency is an excellent thing. It isn't, however, a synonym for righteousness, though most people think it is. Most people are like a little chap whose mother said to him:

"Now I'll tell you a story about a good boy."

"Hurray," said the little chap. "What was he good at?"



Upper and lower left—Children entertained at gymnasium. Upper and lower right—Visitors. Center—Visiting and enjoying refreshments.

Mueller Employees' Family Day at the Factory

June 28 was a great day for the families of Mueller employees. Mothers, wives, children, and sweethearts joined the throng to make a complete inspection of the plant. There were ten or twelve guides to show the visitors around and all seemed to be deeply interested in what they saw and learned. The gymnasium was headquarters, and it was here that the mothers left their small children, who were entertained and cared for by our regular nurse, Mrs. Ferne Pope, assisted by Mrs. Helen Pope and Mrs. Mae Gillibrand.

Refreshments were served to each group after they returned from their tour of inspection by Mrs. Betty Enloe, Miss Nellie Fishburn, Jimmy Freeman, Gene Simpson, and Bob Tertocha.

The children were shown moving pictures and given ice cream cones and cookies, while the adults had ice tea and ice cream.

Tours were also conducted at Plant 2 for those interested in seeing the iron foundry.

And Not Heard

Tourist: "What's in here?"

Guide (leading the way into a morgue):
"Remains to be seen, sir."

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Mueller Social Club enjoyed their annual picnic Saturday evening, June 17, with between fifty and sixty present. The supper table was decorated with pink crepe paper and vases of pink roses and small white flowers. June being known as the month for a bride, a miniature bride and groom accompanied by the minister was placed in the center of the table.

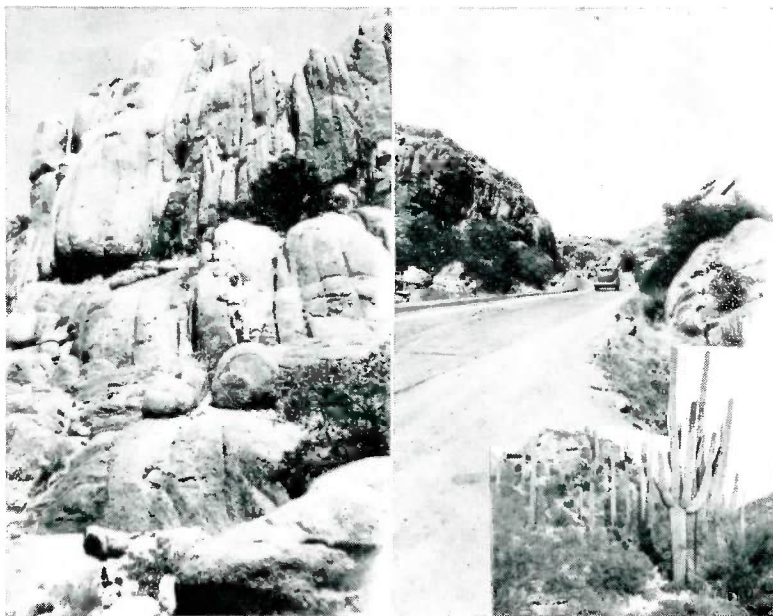
Fried chicken, potato chips, ice cream and cake were the special dishes.

After the dessert the club presented Mrs. Archie Sefton, the retiring president, a gift of a beaded purse. They also presented Mrs. Johnson with a compact in appreciation of her services for the club.

Before supper was served a croquet tournament was played with Mrs. Howard Gragg and Willard Hake winning the prizes, and immediately following supper a ping pong match was played and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan were the winners. All enjoyed playing "Cootie" for the rest of the evening with the prizes going to Mrs. Archie Sefton and Ray Kileen.

Mrs. Ray Kileen had charge of the entertainment, and Mrs. Walter Bowan was hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Mrs. Willard Hake, and Mrs. Otha Mills.

Whitakers On Trip of More Than 4,000 Miles



On the left side Granite Dells near Prescott, Arizona. Highway near Prescott, Arizona. Insert, lower right; giant cacti.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whitaker and Mrs. Whitaker's brother, Joe Long of Chicago, and her sister, Mrs. J. R. Burton of McLean, Illinois, had a delightful two weeks vacation in the southwest, during which time they drove 4,420 miles.

Leaving Decatur on May 28, they followed route 66 to Amarillo, Texas, going through the northern part of the Ozarks. From there route 70 was taken to Roswell, N. M. The first night they stopped at Galena, Kansas, and the second at Shamrock, Texas. The second day as they got into New Mexico the ascent into the Rockies was begun. After spending the night at Las Cruces, N. M., the party drove on to Douglas, Arizona, on the border of old Mexico, where is located the Phelps-Dodge Copper Refinery. Mr. Whitaker, being particularly interested in all aspects of ore, went through this refinery and brought back quite a few specimens of copper ore which he displayed in the cafeteria.

The copper is mined at Bisbee, about thirty miles from the refinery, and hauled by train to Douglas. The ore is crushed and elevated to large furnaces fired with natural gas and air.

These furnaces have a capacity of 75 to 100 tons, and as the ore begins to melt a huge arm-like contrivance swings out and rakes off the top 7 or 8 inches into a large ladle, which carries it to another furnace where it is melted down and slagged off. Finally the melted ore is drawn off and

poured into plate molds, then taken from the molds and submerged in a tank of water. The copper has gold and silver in it and this is removed by electrolysis.

Bisbee, where the mines are located, is built in a crevice in the mountains. It has only one street which winds around the mountain side.

The next stop was at Tucson, where they made a side trip down to Nogales and old Mexico. While in Mexico the visitors saw the President of Mexico lunching in a cafe which caters to American tourists. This cafe had been blasted out of the side of a mountain and the solid rock formations inside were beautiful.

Roy said they enjoyed their trip down into Mexico, and especially the street market which they visited, where everything, including meat and food of all kinds, was spread out in the street with no protection from flies or dirt. It seems to be a custom to skin whole heads of cows and put them up on pegs for display to be sold to the natives to be made up into some of their Mexican concoctions.

The Whitaker party visited Phoenix, Prescott, and Tombstone, Arizona. The latter is the site of the famed "Boot Cemetery," so called because of the legend that every man buried there died with his boots on. Tombstone was once a prosperous mining town the same size of Los Angeles, but while the latter has marched rapidly up the

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scale in size, Tombstone has become just what its name implies.

Two days and one night were spent in the Grand Canyon. Built on the rim of the Canyon is a building where daily lectures at 11:30 A.M. and 8 P.M. are given by an old man who claims to be the only living person who has ever gone through the Canyon. This lecture, Mr. Whitaker avers, is well worth any one's time, and should be heard before entering the Canyon, because the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river is one of the scenic wonders of the world. It is 217 miles long, mostly in northern Arizona, with a width at the top of from four to 18 miles, and descends in a series of graduations to a depth in some places of 4,000 to 5,500 feet below the surrounding plateau. The party drove 55 miles along the rim and down in the canyon.

Stationed along the rim at intervals are gigantic telescopes through which one may look. Mr. Whitaker noticed with his naked eye a clump of bushes in the distance, and focused the telescope in that direction. Imagine his surprise to find that he could plainly see some mules, a cabin, and a man moving about, none of which he could discern without the telescope.

From the Canyon the party traveled to Flagstaff, Arizona, and thence to Raton, N. M., where they crossed over the Great Divide, twelve miles up and twelve miles down.

They visited Colorado Springs where they viewed the Garden of the Gods, Cave of Winds, and other marvelous sights, and then on to Pueblo, where they saw the cliff dwellers.

The group stayed in tourist cabins along the route, and the farther west they traveled the nicer they found the cabins, until in Arizona and New Mexico they found beautiful little adobe cabins with every modern convenience, hardwood floors, and artfully decorated with Indian rugs.

They visited relatives in Tucson for several days, and brought back many attractive souvenirs and the three excellent pictures shown herewith.

Easily Detected

Sherlock Holmes: "Ah, Watson, I see you have on your summer underwear."

Watson: "Marvelous, Holmes, marvelous! How did you ever deduce that?"

Holmes: "You forgot your pants."

Hot Shot

Chairman: "Will the staff please be quiet! I haven't heard a word I've said since I called the meeting to order."

Voice from the rear: "That's all right. You're not missing much."

WILLING TO CO-OPERATE

Mayor: (Welcoming Legionnaires) "I don't have a key to the city to give you, but I'll help any Legionnaire pick the lock."

LOS ANGELES NEWS

Births

WARREN—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warren, a son, Donald Alan, June 11. The father works in the Polishing Department.

Jaackson-LeRoy

Opal Mary Jackson and Trueman LeRoy were married on May 27 in Maywood, California. The bride is employed in the core department.

Boss-Kellie

Betty Jane Boss and Donald "Happy" Kellie were married May 19 in the Little Church of Our Savior, Alhambra, California. "Happy" is employed in our Polishing Department.

On Thursday, June 22, twenty members of the office accompanied by their wives and husbands drove to Santa Monica Beach for a weiner bake. Although only a few went in bathing, the evening proved most enjoyable for all.

Mildred's voice is beginning to sorta quiver when she answers the telephone, now that her time is getting short and she will soon be a Mrs. "Good Luck Middie."

The polishing department has a record of which they are proud, and justifiably so at that. Within a year Herb Foote, Bill Kulikoff, Michael Liebherr, White Volkhoff, and Earl Jacklin have become proud fathers of baby boys. Now Jack Warren carries on the tradition of this department with a new son.

We are still hearing about the fishing trip held on June 3. Some of the names these fishermen have won are worth publication. Mr. Werdes is being called a "Prevaricating Piscator" which is most fitting, judging by some of the fish stories he told at the office. Charles Du Bois remarked that the farther west Augie got the more he looked like a Chinaman, because it seems he became yellow and then purple. Augie also shares with Russell Jolly the title of "Up side down fisherman."

It seems that "Chuck" Musmecci isn't quite the worker that he was before his girl started working in the Polishing Department. Even his ping pong has suffered, but he'll get over that in time. Love is never fatal.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Briock and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Foster deserve the same recognition that was given Mr. and Mrs. Dale Scott in a recent issue of the Record. Both families have been building their homes by degrees, a commendable undertaking.

E. Reedy and R. Jolly spent a nice week end in the High Sierras. They drove as far

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as possible, and then packed in and spent a week end away from everything except a beautiful cotton cake baked by Claire Zale.

The Leach and Rease families spent a week end in San Bernardino Mountains at Big Bear Lake.

The Stoller family migrated to San Diego and spent a quiet 4th.

Another name that will stick is the one that Charles Porter assumed. It is "Just call me Tijuana."

Standings in Mueller Coast League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Machiners	4	1	.800
Polishers	4	1	.800
Assemblers	3	2	.600
Officers	0	4	.000

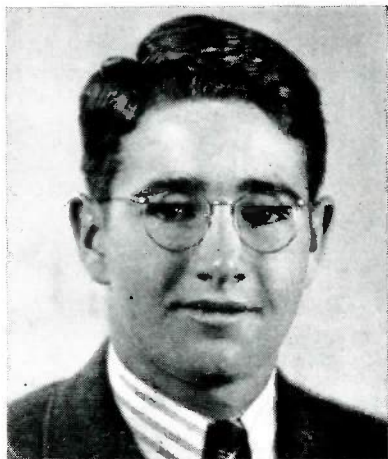
Mueller Big Six

Player	AB	H	Pct.
E. Bright	21	14	.666
M. Porter	27	16	.592
E. Reedy	16	9	.562
J. Lindgard	16	9	.562
J. Masoni	25	14	.560
B. Young	25	14	.560

LOS ANGELES HONOR STUDENT

William Harry Reas Comes Through with Flying Colors

In sending photographs of graduates of Los Angeles employees, that of William



Harry Reas, son of Orville Reas, accounts payable bookkeeper, was overlooked until too late for the last issue of the Record. We here-

BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR HENRY



June 19 was Henry Gilbert's birthday and the core room girls helped him celebrate by presenting him with a beautifully decorated cake made by Emily Waltens. Henry has been in the core room for twenty-one of his twenty-nine years service with the company, and is what is known as a core handler. He is always cheerful and willing to do anything he can to help the girls make their bonus, and the cake was presented as a token of their esteem and appreciation of Henry's services.

KEEPING YOUR EYES OPEN

How can you contribute more to your job than the next fellow?

There are, of course, many ways, but there is one which most men never consider. And it can best be summed up in the form of a question:

Are you, when you are working, constantly alert to look for ways of making your job easier and more efficient?

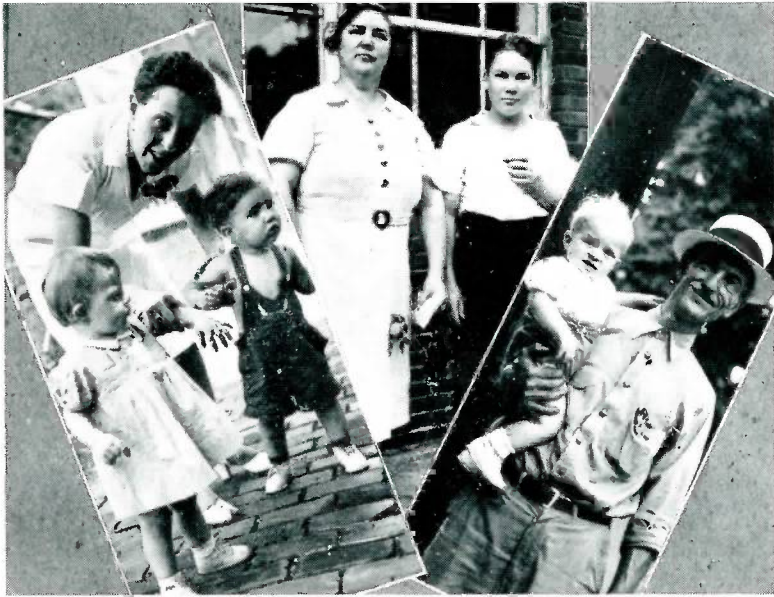
No matter how efficient any operation is, the chances are that some improvement is possible. The history of industry's progress in making better products and more of them is to a large extent the history of such improvements—most of them small in themselves, but the sum total of their contribution staggering the imagination.

A man can display interest in his work no more evidently than by showing he has studied it closely enough to see what is wrong with it. Interest in your work can be your passport to a better job. So don't forget—

Look for a way to make your job easier and more efficient. Everyone concerned will profit from your interest—your most of all!

by introduce William, a fine looking boy, an honor student at the Redondo Beach Union High School. He won a gold torch from the California Scholarship Federation for grades of 85% or better. He also received a volume, Modern Seamanship by Baldrige, presented by the Graduate Association of the U. S. Naval Academy for excellence in physics and athletics. In the latter field Bill was a shining light, winning letters in track, football, and basketball, and he was treasurer of the senior class and vice president of the Boys League. He plans to attend the University of California at Berkeley and will major in Chemical Engineering.

Snap Shots on Visitors' Day



In this group we have Phyllis Jean Fyke, daughter of Wayne Fyke, Dept. 6, and Ronald Hawbaker, son of Verle Hawbaker, Maintenance Dept. Shortly after this picture was snapped Ronald succeeded in gaining possession of both cookies, but Referee Ferne Pope, who was on hand all day to settle any such arguments, quickly restored peace and order without even one little howl of protest being uttered.

The second picture shows Mrs. Homer Hart and son, Clarence, of Danville, Illinois, out of town visitors who called at the factory on Family Day, June 28. Mrs. Hart, who was Martha Hawkins before her marriage, worked in the factory during the war making munitions. She found that the improvements and additions made in the last twenty years had changed the appearance of the place, but she greatly enjoyed the tour of the various departments because of its educational value as well as her former association with the company. Her son concurred in his mother's pleasure at being permitted the opportunity of seeing the plant in operation.

Mrs. Hart said that her husband, Homer, had worked in the foundry about sixteen years ago, and her four brothers, Clarence, George, Art, and Elmer, as well as a sister, Mrs. Alta Hawkins Greenwood of Evanston, and her father, A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, had all worked for the company at various times.

Word was received in Decatur, about ten days after this picture was taken, that the son, Clarence, had drowned while swimming at Danville.

The next picture shows Larry Dick Chalcraft, who may be a lady's man when he

grows up but now he is most decidedly a man's baby. His mother, Mrs. Leo Chalcraft, left him in the gymnasium with the other babies while she toured the plant on Family Day. He was mildly agreeable to the attention of the nurses for a little while, and then he discovered that there were too many "nice" men around from whom he could get service if he just used a baby's prerogative and cried. Elmer Miller was one of the first pressed into service, and Harry Sackriter, Earl Harris, Everett Wacaser, Loyle Davis, found themselves on the entertainment committee before the afternoon was over. Three of these are among our most eligible bachelors, but the way they handled this baby indicates that they spouses at least some of the domestic qualifications which will make them "good catches."

Lucky if They Were

Business Man—I put on another suit this morning and in one of the pockets found a big roll of bills which I had entirely forgotten.

Pessimist—Were any of them receipted?

—Wall Street Journal

ALERT

Boy—I've called about the job for a smart message boy.

Manager—Sorry, my lad, the vacancy was filled yesterday.

Boy—Then it's a smart manager you need, to take the notice out of the window.

—Montreal Star

GET YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN

And Don't Forget That There Is Big Money
In Sight This Year.

It may seem early in the year to talk about suggestion contests but November is only a little more than three months distant, and time is a fast traveller. It's none too early to be thinking up a suggestion that will make you a little money on the side—money that will come in just before Christmas.

The details of the contests for suggestions on:

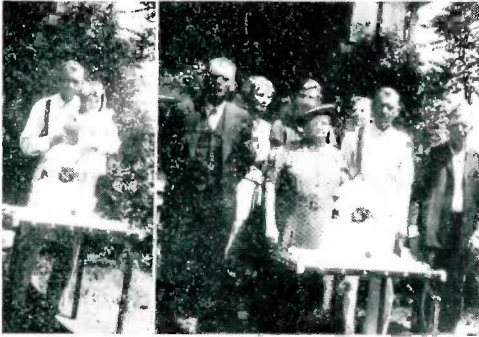
**SAFETY,
REDUCED OVERHEAD,
INCREASED PRODUCTION,**

are well known and do not need elaborate explanations. There is one weakness about the average person who has a suggestion idea in his head. He is apt to minimize its value or importance. Don't try to pass judgment on your own suggestion. Its surprising how many simple little ideas are approved by the committee. Some of these prove valuable when put in practice.

Products Design Special Contest

This is something new, is bigger and of more importance as to possibilities of prize money. It is worthy the thought and effort of the brightest minds in the organization. Read and study the following rules governing this contest. We are reproducing from

SURPRISE FOR ALEX



Thirteen years ago the family of Alex Brule had a surprise party on him for his birthday. Since that time the celebration has been repeated each year, but no longer is it a surprise for Alex. Rather it is in the nature of a family reunion. Since 1936 Alex and June Walton, his granddaughter have shared honors on the occasion. On June 4 this year 96 persons gathered in Fairview Park to help eat the basket dinner. A large angel food cake, baked by Mrs. Thomas Debrun of Assumption and decorated by Mrs. McKean of Lincoln, Nebraska, was used for a special table display. June is the daughter of Floyd Walton of the brass foundry, where Mr Brule is also employed.

AT WATER WORKS CONVENTION



Mrs. Mueller accompanied Frank to the convention of the American Water Works Association held in Atlantic City in June. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Association. In the picture above is Leroy Evans, Mrs. Frank H. Mueller, and John P. Stenner, who is giving Mrs Mueller a demonstration of how to sell Mueller goods. She looks very doubtful, while Mr. Evans is evidently greatly amused at his colleague's performance.

the April Record a statement covering this contest.

Here is bigger and better news for all employes, with the exception as prescribed in the rules governing the regular contest, to earn big money. It's to be known as a "Products Design Special Contest." This is to be tried out this year. In so far as now known, it is not instituted as a permanent annual contest.

Bulletins announcing this affair are just going out. They will supply all the details and rules.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors is self-explanatory.

"March 11, 1939.

"Whereas the Mueller Co., of Decatur, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, desire to further stimulate the interest of its employes in the design and improvements of products of the Mueller Co., a program of special reward for such suggestions and improvements is offered.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Mueller Co., of Decatur, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, will pay to any of its employes, except those specified herein, the amounts of money from \$2.50 up to and not to exceed \$500.00 for each suggestion or improvement offered to the company within the dates and under the provisions hereinafter set forth."

The special committee named to have charge of this special contest is composed of:

J. W. Simpson	R. H. Mueller
L. W. Mueller	W. E. Mueller
F. H. Mueller	J. W. Wells

Get busy—think of that prize money—\$2.50 up to and not to exceed \$500.00.

Some contest!

On Top of the World in Beartooth Mountains



Upper left: Looking down 3,000 feet. Upper right: Second curve Beartooth Mountains. Lower left: Marian makes new friends. Lower right: A lazy grizzly in Yellowstone yawns as the tourists go by. Upper center: Second and third levels. Center: Wyoming Creek curve. Left lower center: Mrs. Richards, Marian, and her brother, Ed. Right lower center: Marian on top of world, summit of Beartooth Mountain, 10,942 feet.

Marian Richards came back Monday, June 10, after a long automobile tour west and northwest, accompanied by her mother, brother, and sister. They were absent two weeks, and saw enough to write a book. From Decatur they reached Des Moines the first day. After that it was a different state every day—South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Yellowstone Park, Pocatello, Idaho, Twin Falls, Sun Valley, Salt Lake City, Denver, Topeka, Kansas, and then back home.

This much can be told and read quickly, but the sights that they saw and thrills that they had will make memories and conversation for months to come.

The first thing of any interest on the trip out were the Bad Lands and Black Hills of South Dakota. These are something worth seeing, but of course one gets only glimpses from an auto. All told they consist of 6,000 acres. The highest summit is Harvey Peak with an altitude of 7,216 feet. It has been a rich gold producing district. The name Black Hills comes from black pine forests which are common there.

On Mount Rushmore the party saw where the sculptors are carving out of solid granite the faces of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt. The monumental task has been going on for several

years and is still far from completion.

Marian's party entered the Yellowstone through the northeast entrance over the Red Lodge-Cook City Highway, an outstanding thrill in mountain driving. This was only opened about a year ago, the highest point of which is given at 11,000 feet. Much of the trip is at an elevation of 10,000 feet, yet the ascent was so gradual, Marian says, that the car took the grade on high. The trip is not dangerous. Where there are any risks the outer edge is protected by heavy balustrades. There are 69 miles of this driving owing to the fact that it is not a straight across passage but accomplished by numerous switchbacks. This road is through the Beartooth Mountains, a part of Montana and Wyoming, famous as a dude ranch country. At one point you may see twenty or more mountain lakes besides miles of valley, other mountain ranges and other scenery, the beauty and magnificence of which can not be conveyed in words. In addition there is everywhere a profusion of mountain flowers adding a gorgeous and vivid touch to the landscape.

The travellers entered Yellowstone from the Cooke City entrance and saw the highlights of the park which included the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Lake, the Geysers, the animals, and the usual sights which greet the tourist.

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SARNIA

Some of the Highlights of Ed. Hiller's trip to the Platers' Convention in New Jersey in June.

Visited New York and had a bird's-eye-view of New York off the Empire State Building, the largest building in the World.

Attended the annual convention of the American Electro Platers' Society held in Asbury Park, N. J. There were 680 delegates attending the convention.

Also visited the Anaconda Copper Works at Perth Amboy, N. J. where copper ore is refined by electrolysis and also scrap alloy metals are refined to the pure state in their respective elements. This was interesting as to the plater's viewpoint as electrolic copper anodes and also silver anodes are refined to 99.9 purity.

Visited the Hanson Van Winkle Mining Co. of Mattawan, N. J., one of the largest manufacturers of plating equipment in the U. S. A.

REAL FISHING



Pictured here are two Sarnia Mueller employees with a successful catch of perch. On the left is Harold Martin and on the right Charlie Hardy both employed in the Polishing and Buffing Dept. The fish were caught in Lake Huron.

Our sympathy is extended to the following employees during their recent bereavement.

To Mr. Lyle Short whose father died recently.

To Mr. J. Kerrigan whose mother-in-law, Mrs. Gough, passed away.

To Mr. Jack Flood whose mother died.

Also to Mr. Jack Foster whose father, late resident of Rainy River, Ont., passed away on June 26, 1939.

Our congratulations go to Willis Dennis of Dept. 5 who was married during June in the Parker Street United Church to Miss Frances Lauretta Guthrie, second daughter of William

Guthrie, M. P. P. and Mrs. Guthrie.

After a beautiful wedding ceremony and reception the bride and groom left by motor for a wedding trip to the Niagara Peninsular.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mueller enjoyed a four day cruise on the C. & B. passenger steamer during June. The Lions Club International, of which Ebert is a member, chose this novel way of holding their annual convention.

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They left Yellowstone by the West Yellowstone entrance into Idaho and drove to Pocatello along the Grand Teton Range of mountains called the Switzerland of America and saw the towering peaks of an elevation of over 12,000 and 14,000 feet.

A visit was paid Twin Falls, Idaho, and from there went to Sun Valley, the resort famous for skiing in the Sawtooth Mountains.

From Idaho they drove to Salt Lake City, where they visited points of interest, including the tabernacle where they heard the famous organ in solo music, and accompanying the choir of 500 trained voices, the state house, the museum showing relics of the Mormon's trip across the plains, and other points of interest.

After finishing with Salt Lake City, the travellers turned homeward by way of Estes Park in Colorado, followed the Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park through Big Thompson Canyon, Grand Lake over Berthoud Pass into Idaho Springs then to Denver.

SWING ME HIGH!



Jackie Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Shannon, finds swinging an exciting pastime for a young man only two and one-half years old. He also had his first swim in Lake Michigan during the Fourth of July holidays, and from all reports Jackie is going to be enthusiastic about aquatic sports. His father is employed in the Shipping Department, and his mother is a stenographer in the sales department.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

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(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

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Now that our friends of the Third Floor have actually begun the business of setting forth on their travels, we sit ourselves down, with quite some satisfaction, to "tell all," if we may borrow a phrase from the old-fashioned thrillers.

Now is the time for short trips and long trips, for picnics and camping parties. Ye Goode Olde Summertime isn't precisely our favorite season of the year, but we do dote on the things that one can do in the warm months.

Mildred and Cliff Shannon, and their young son, Jack, had an enjoyable trip into Michigan the first five days of July. They visited relatives in that State and stopped in the cities of Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor and Grand Rapids.

Marjorie Bixler vacationed at the Log Cabin the week of July 3.

Enola (Smitty) Smith, we are glad to learn, is making good recovery from an operation to which she submitted a few weeks ago.

Earl Duncan, who is pretty much of an old-timer in these parts, began working in the Cost Dept. July 5. Earl is now ready for his Senior year in the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois.

Irene Santanen began her vacation July 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carroll have been enjoying a motor trip into the Eastern States and Canada. Cards received indicate that they are having pleasant experiences in the scenic country of Canada and New England.

T. E. Gaither, Mueller Co. representative in Ohio, called at the office while on vacation.

Joe Fleckenstein, office and factory messenger, celebrated his birthday anniversary July 11. He had the pleasant experience on that morning of opening a stack of mail that was addressed to him, greeting cards from a number of friends in the organization.

Joe rounded the holiday off by a Nico-lodeon dance that night at Mueller Heights with which a group of his friends celebrated his birthday.

Clara Uhl has been counting weeks and days until she should begin her vacation on Friday, July 14. Clara, her sister Catherine,

her sister, Mrs. Eastham, and the nieces, Winnifred and Beth, are traveling out where the West begins, and in a big way, too. The itinerary included Denver, the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Cheyenne. Lately it's been a debatable question as to whether Clara or young Winnifred was the more excited about the trip.

The reason that Earl Duncan could hardly drag himself up the stairs to the third floor on Tuesday morning, the 11th, was, he says, that he had devoted the previous week-end to swimming and croquet and badminton—just to prove, no doubt, that he can take it.

We were all sorry to learn of Don Boggs' emergency appendectomy. Don recently left us to take up his new duties in Philadelphia.

Harry "Sacky" Sackriter and Jimmie Freeman attended the July 14 presentation of "On Your Toes" at the Municipal Opera of St. Louis in Forest Park.

Mildred Shannon is the proud owner of a new wrist watch, a birthday gift.

Other July "birthday children" are Ellen Jane Peabody of the Paymaster's Office and Wera Bauer of the Billing Dept.

Newest recruit to the Grandfather's Club is P. D. Ruthrauff of the Cost Department. Pres' new grandson is a fine boy, we understand.

MAN-OF-THE-MONTH: We pay tribute to the inveterate picnicker, that individual who, undaunted by the whims of wind and weather or insects, delighting in trees and skies, grass-clad earth and in simple food eaten in simple surroundings, returns time after time to the great out-of-doors. Never dismayed by the unexpected, always informed as to the spots of superior quiet and shade, able on all occasions to build a fire or achieve a shelter—with him, your true picnicker, the most common-place excursion into the world outside becomes an adventure.

WALT NOW STATESMAN

Walter Auer and family are down east attending the Worlds Fair and seeing the big eastern cities.

We have had a postcard from Baltimore, the family having visited in Washington the day before. Walter is in the big duck pond, having been entertained at dinner by Congressman Wheat in the senate restaurant. The family will be home early next week.

BRASS CHIPS

C. F. Harrison and August Morenz, Plant 2, Eugene McCauley, Dept. 8, and John Shephard, Boiler Room, who have been off work for quite some time because of illness are still unable to return to work.

Frank Keen, Dept. 8, necessarily spent a quiet 4th due to a sprained back.

Roy Pease, Dept. 33, spent several days in Chicago early in the month.

Thirty-eight employees were absent on the Monday before the 4th, nearly all of whom were indulging in short vacation trips.

Robert Hutchins, Dept. 8, and his brother, Gale, Dept. 300, were called to Kokomo, Indiana, recently because of the serious illness of their grandfather.

Bud Grossman, Dept. 300, attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Grossman, in Springfield on June 29.

Gladys Lloyd, Core Dept., has been ill and unable to work since June 26.

Thelma Coffmann, Core Dept., visited in Chicago over the week end of June 24.

Ernest Watkins, Plant 2, did his duty by serving on the jury for one week.

Al May, Dept. 300, was called to Kentucky on June 23 on account of the illness of his mother.

Friends of Mrs. Al Bashore will regret to hear that her mother fell and broke her hip on June 23. She was confined to the Decatur and Macon County hospital.

Helen Draper was called to Indianapolis recently because of the death of a very close friend.

Ray Caudle was absent from work June 8 to 26 suffering from a dermatitis.

VISITORS

Among the recent visitors to the factory were Charles Hagler and his grandson, Billy, of Salina, Kansas, who were in Decatur visiting a cousin, Mrs. G. E. Goodwin. Mr. Hagler was for many years a plumber in Kansas and said he had installed many pieces of Mueller plumbing fittings. The thought occurred to him while in Decatur that he would like to see the factory where the products had been made, and he came over and spent nearly one-half a day getting acquainted with Mueller processes and policies.

LOG CABIN

Reservations for the log cabin at the Lodge have been made for the entire time until after the picnic except for two weeks. The first week the cabin was occupied by Clark Curry, Dept. 8, and his family; the second by Carlton Hackman, Dept. 9, and his family; and the third week the Bixler family took possession.

This is an ideal place for those who love to "rough it" to spend a vacation without the inconvenience and expense necessary when traveling any great distance to get to a cabin in the woods. A stay at the Mueller log cabin could scarcely be called "roughing it" because the cabin is equipped with bath room, shower bath, running water, and many other conveniences seldom found when camping. Located in the heart of the grounds away from the main roads, the cabin provides an excellent place to spend a quiet, restful vacation close to mother nature—but not too close for comfort.

FAMILY DAY VISITORS

Among the uninvited guests on reception day for employees' families was a pretty little tan and white terrier, which followed Irene Santanen when she rang in. The little animal visited the force on the third and second floor, making friends of all including Adolph.

C. F. Stiegemeier, teacher of mathematics at Roosevelt Junior High School, and John Rush, teacher of biological science at the Decatur High School, were in one group inspecting the plant. They said that they found the trip well worth the time, and considered it very educational to see the different operations necessary to complete the manufacture of one apparently very simple little fitting, and to have explained the equipment, the mechanical machines, and the testing procedure for turning out precision perfect material.

Found Where They Belonged

Not so long ago we carried in the Record a story of the difficulties Roy Whitaker had with his trousers. In that particular instance, it was keeping rats out of them. It seems that this "pants dilemma" is a chronic affliction with Roy, because while on his vacation this particular garment caused him further annoyance. This time it was the loss of his pajamas pants. The party had spent the night in the Grand Canyon, and the weather was decidedly cool. Roy arose early to prepare for their departure, and as they were about to leave he suddenly remembered that he had not packed his pajamas. The whole party joined in the hunt, but it wasn't until the cabin had been completely searched and their baggage unpacked that the discovery was made that Roy still wore the missing pajamas underneath his regular clothing.

The heat makes men do strange things, but this would prove that the cold likewise can have an odd effect.

◆ ATHLETICS ◆

SOFTBALL

The Softball season is now going in full swing. Our Mueller team is not winning every game but they are playing some very good ball. In fact, the fans are saying that the Mueller team is playing better ball and are showing a better team spirit than has been shown on the field for a long time. The team should have a little added strength now that the boys are coming back from school.

Don't forget to come to the ball field every Tuesday and Thursday night from now on until the end of the season. There will be a good Double Header at the field every Tuesday and Thursday night. Save those dates for the ball field.

Mueller Soft Ball League

The teams in the Mueller league are having quite a battle to see who is going to win the first half schedule. More enthusiasm and spirit is being shown now since it has been decided that the winner of the first half will play the leading team in the second half on Picnic Day.

If the team that won the first half is still leading the second half at the time of the picnic, the two teams having the best standing at that time will play on Picnic morning.

Two more very good teams have been added to our playing roster. They are known as the "Wind Bags" and the "Know Alls", and they both come from Plant 2. They played their first game last week and the "Know Alls" trounced the "Wind Bags" 13 to 3. It was one of the most interesting exhibitions that we have witnessed this season.

Now the "Know Alls" are beginning to get cocky and have issued a challenge to either the Mimics or the Squedunks.

Altogether, now we have 12 softball teams in our plant here.

Croquet

For the past week the croquet courts have been very busy. The Men's and Women's Singles croquet tournaments are now in progress and much more interest and enthusiasm is being shown this year than last. In fact we have 32 men in the singles and 16 women, and 32 people are signed up for the doubles tournament. As soon as the croquet tournaments are finished we will start with the badminton and horse-shoes.

Golf

There have been many requests for the renewal of the annual golf tournament on Picnic day so it has been decided that we will hold our annual tournament this year at Nelson Park. This is open to all men in

the factory, the office and also the salesmen.

The green fee at Nelson Park is 25c. We already have the course reserved from 7:00 A. M. until all of our men have started in the tournament. Prizes will be the Rotating trophy and also golf balls will be given away. Prizes will be given in 3 classes so that the good, average, and poor golfer will receive prizes in their respective groups so get those woods and irons out and get them limbered up for the big tournament on Picnic day.

Please see that your name is entered on the entry form and sent to the employment office so that everything can be arranged in the near future.

Interesting Sights at Mueller Heights

Pres Ruthrauff, our All-Star Manager, as he sits on the players bench reminds one a lot of Connie Mack.

Charlie Johnson down on his knees on the croquet court talking and praying to his ball so it will go through the next arch.

The various colored uniforms that the ball players wear.

The number of girls who have decided to be as comfortable as possible while playing and have changed from dress to slacks.

The number of people who are spending enjoyable afternoons and evenings at Mueller Lodge.

SOFTBALL STATISTICS ON ALL STAR TEAM

PLAYER	TIMES AT BAT	HITS	WALKS	PCT.
Jeschawitz C	27	9	5	.333
W. Roarick O. F.	3	1	0	.333
Nalefski B. B.	30	9	2	.300
Bond 2 B.	17	4	3	.235
Kambo S. S.	19	4	8	.210
Taylor P.	20	4	1	.200
Anderson S. S.	10	2	6	.200
Charnetski O. F.	22	4	2	.182
Hanson O. F.	12	2	0	.167
Mathes P.	6	1	0	.167
Maddox S. S.	32	5	4	.156
J. Ruthrauff	31	4	2	.129
Roe	32	4	5	.125
Wilkins	8	1	3	.125
Adams	38	4	1	.105
Yonker	5	0	0	.000
Uhler	3	0	0	.000
Brown	2	0	0	.000
Monska	1	0	0	.000
Dodwell	1	0	0	.000

GAMES PLAYED AND SCORES

MUELLERS	2	LINCOLN MERCHANTS	0
"	13	CLEO COLA	5
"	1	Y. M. C. A.	5
"	6	LUSTER FORD CO.	8
"	5	WTT. ILL.	4
"	3	V. F. W.	9
"	4	GREAT EASTERN TEA	17
"	6	—	3
"	6	CLEO COLA	9
"	0	STALEYS	4
Totals MUELLER 49		OPONENTS	56

Mueller All Stars have WON 4 and LOST 6.

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ITEMS FOR SALE

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

STEVENS—"Little Scout" 22 Cal. Rifle. Good as new in every way. Sell for \$2.00. Walter Hays. 853 W. Packard St.

FOR SALE—Ice Box. 50 lb. Top Icer. 616 E. Grand. Phone 21276. Albert Lindamood.

For Sale: Violin, full size, with case. Wilbard Hake, Upkeep Stock Department, or 1070 W. Green street.

VACATIONS

Roy Cook, Construction Department, is on a leave of absence to make a trip to California. He left Decatur on June 20 and expects to be back August 7.

Lambda Tau Delta

Elois Wood of the Stationery Department attended the national convention of the Lambda Tau Delta in Kansas City, July 4-9. She and four other girls motored, and had a fine trip in spite of the fact that they drove right into a heat wave with temperatures over 100 degrees.

Mabel at Toronto

Mabel Gates, also of the Stationery Department, left on July 8 to attend the national convention of the deaf at Toronto, Canada.

ED STILLE MEETS OLD TIME FRIENDS

Ed Stille, while prowling around on the roof of the building between College and Monroe streets, found a nest of night hawks. There were two young birds in the nest, still unable to fly. The mother, when she saw Ed, flew about and created quite a commotion to attract his attention from the nest. First she flew about him and suddenly dropped as though she were dead, and when this failed she flew up on a telephone wire and scolded. Ed didn't disturb the babies, but did take their picture. The birds, however, so closely resembled two stones on a pile of dirt, that the picture would not answer for reproduction purposes.

Happy Thought

WPA Executive: "If we don't figure out a way to spend that one hundred and twenty million dollars, we lose our jobs!"

Secretary: "How about a bridge over the Mississippi—lengthwise?"

WEDDINGS

Blankenship-Rehfelt

Miss Betty Blankenship, daughter of Howard Blankenship, Dept. 9, and Ralph Rehfelt, son of Commissioner and Mrs. John L. Rehfelt, were married Saturday, June 7, in the home of the bridegroom's parents. They are living in their new home at 2275 E. Wood street. Betty worked in Advertising Department last fall.

Benton-Blankenburg

Helen Benton and Eric Blankenburg of the Pattern Shop were married June 30 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by Rev. F. Melzer of the Trinity Lutheran church. The bride, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, is a department manager at Montgomery Ward & Co. Mr. Gray is in the Grinding Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Blankenburg spent about ten days in the Ozark Mountains.

Pippin-Johnson

Announcement was made on July 10 of the marriage of Miss Verna Johnson of Minneapolis and Clarence Pippin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Pippin on June 10. Clarence, who has worked about the factory in various capacities during his vacations for quite a number of years, has been an instructor in the mechanical engineering department of the Kansas State College for about one year. The wedding was performed in the Swedish Baptist church in Minneapolis. After a reception, attended by 125 guests, the couple left for Yellowstone and are at home now in Manhattan, Kansas.

Morris-Goberdiel

Miss Frances Morris of Galesburg, Illinois, and Paul Goberdiel, were married in Galesburg on June 23 in the parsonage of the Immaculate Conception church with Rev. James Bryant officiating.

Paul, who is now connected with the Shoe Market Store at Traverse, Michigan, formerly worked in Dept. 9 and prior to that was the factory messenger. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin and the nephew of Mrs. Helen Brannan, cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. Goberdiel are living in Traverse City, Michigan.

BACK FROM THE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Whitehead and daughter, Roberta, and Mary Olive Simpson, have returned from an eastern trip. They, too, visited the Fair.