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NICK COY COMES BACK

Old Time Mueller Employee Here From
Idaho On Visit



Among Adolph's recent callers was Nick Coy, a former employe but for some years past with the Craig Mountain Lumber Co. of Winchester, Idaho. In addition to Adolph he remembered a few friends who worked here at the time he was on the pay roll. Nick sketched his Mueller history as follows:

I first started to work with Mueller Co. in 1895, when I was 18 years old, driving the one horse delivery wagon. You had one team, the only shop transportation at that time.

After that I went into the Blacksmith Department, and when hard times came in 1897 Billy Payne was laid off and Henry put me in the brass shop and I made pretty good there, then Billy Payne came back. I always wanted to learn the blacksmith trade, and went back to that department, and worked there the rest of my time. Finally it was decided to have men grind tools, and I ground tools for four years with S. M. Yonker and others. After that I went into the tool storage and was there about four years, or a little more, and left. I worked for the company going on twenty-one years. You know a fellow had to stay here twenty years to get the \$500 bonus which was given me in due time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Here follows the winners of the June Golf tournament held at Nelson Park, Banker's Handicap System.

1st Low Net—Archie Meador, 3 balls.

2nd Low Net—Wallace Gould, 2 balls.

3rd Low Net—Tie, Ollie Fortschneider and J. W. Wells, 1 ball each.

1st Low Gross—Charles Girard, 3 balls.

2nd Low Gross—Augie Werdes, 2 balls.

3rd Low Gross—Marshall Foster, 1 ball.

Low on 3 Blind Holes—Elmer Fawley, 1 ball.

High on 3 Blind Holes—Bob Tertocha, 1 ball.

Greatest Difference Between Nines—Fred Tratzik, 1 ball.

Greatest Difference on 2 Blind Holes—Pete Duncan, 1 ball.

Low on Blind Hole—Dick Holmes, 1 ball.

High on Blind Hole—Bud Grossman, 1 ball.

July tournament to be held at Scovills.

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BUILT HIS OWN HOME



Here's a pretty little home that Artie Carter and family are proud of and live comfortably and happily. The principal reason for this lies in the fact that Artie was the architect and builder. He accomplished the task in his spare time. The dimensions are 24 x 28 feet. There are four nice rooms and a screened-in porch. The residence is in Blue Mound. Artie is property man in Engineer Cheneys department at Plant 3. His family consists of his wife and three children and they all join Artie in that dear old song—"Home, Home, Sweet Home."

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations by One Who Has Never Been Able to Do Much About It All)

July is traditionally the time of patriotic fervor—when the magazines of late have carried flags on their covers, when we display our colors on Independence Day without fanfare but with prayers in our hearts for the safety of those who are fighting for us and sympathy for those who have loved and lost . . . Gone are the days of fireworks, Fourth of July picnics, contests for climbing the greased pole, political speeches, lost children. This year we even dispensed with large numbers of automobile casualties.

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Summer has moved in in earnest and with it a realization that there is much work to be done . . . at home and abroad . . . in the factory, the office, the garden, the kitchen. And may we all be brave enough and strong enough for what lies ahead.

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As a farewell gift to Ted Masterson who has gone to the army and Jack Rubicam now in the Navy, the office presented each of the boys with a Parker pen—and ink to fill it.

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New members of the office organization, for whom the band will please strike up an overture of welcome are: Alberta Bliler, Barbara Roderick, Olive Moore, Catherine Hayes, Betty Jane Walker and Frances Cade. Josephine Higman we also greet as a new member of Mr. Enloe's staff.

To an old-timer, Velma Runyan, we say welcome back. Velma is taking over the work in the Accounting Dept. of Esther Treacy, who is resigning soon.

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June Krumsiek is one of those lucky people who has had a vacation. She and Carolyn Alderson were in Colorado for a week late last month and are most enthusiastic about the glories and the beauties of the Rocky Mountains.

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Clara Uhl is back at her bookkeeping machine after a struggle with an infected foot which kept her at home for a week.

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Evelyn Thompson is now a member of the Advertising Dept. Being a versatile person, she is also relief telephone operator.

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Evelyn Jendry, for some time our switchboard operator, is still quite ill in her home at 425 S. Fairview, and news of her improvement will be very welcome indeed to all the organization.

In Evelyn's absence Elizabeth Tolladay, who has been a grand friend to all of us, is in charge of switchboard operations.

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Our hearts go out in very real, if quite futile and inarticulate, sympathy to Ellen Jane Stevenson of the Paymaster's Office. We were all stunned when Jane received here at the office on July 13 a message sent at the direction of the Secretary of War

informing her that her husband, Warrant Officer Dwight L. Stevenson, had died June 16 in the North African area. There were no other details given.

Those of us who were privileged to know "Steve" had found him a high type individual and an intelligent and courageous soldier. Young men like him are the glory of our world, and their loss spells tragedy for all of us.

Steve had been in the mechanical section of the army air force for some years. He and Ellen Jane were married in Decatur, September 21, 1941. Until he was sent out of the country, Steve and Ellen Jane made their home on the West Coast, first in Fresno, California, and later in Washington. Ellen Jane then returned to her home in Decatur and her former duties with this company.

In addition to Ellen Jane, Steve is survived by his parents, a brother Russell and a sister Wanda, all of or near Salem, Ill.

For Ellen Jane we can only hope that time and the hopes and prayers of those who care will bring a measure of comfort.

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BIRTHS

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil T. Williams June 18 in Decatur and Macon County Hospital a daughter, Sandra Kay.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Craft, June 19, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital a daughter, Glenda Kay.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmitt, June 22, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a daughter.

BORN TO: Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Coates, July 8, in Decatur and Macon County Hospital, a son, Keith Merlin.

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WALT'S NEW HOME

Walter Auer is now nicely located in his new home on West Main Street. A beautiful site in a fine section of the city. These facts have in no way caused an enlargement of the cranium, nor have they caused an aristocratic aloofness, but they have made Walt very particular about the appearance of the yard. Driving by recently we found Walt on his hands and knees, clipping the grass with manicure scissors.

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AWARD PINS

A late bulletin from the Works Managers Office relating to the Army-Navy E award pins to new employees says:

"In answer to your letter of June 24, please be advised that persons who are added to the payroll after May 1, the date of the letter of notification from the Under Secretary of War, will not be eligible to receive pins until and unless their plant receives the Star Award."

This comes from the War Department—so that's that.



Mueller Boys At The Front

TWIN BROTHERS ENLIST IN SAME OUTFIT

HUBER J. MADDOX



Huber J. Maddox began as elevator boy in the Shipping department on April 16, 1929, and made good in that job. He was soon promoted to the position of packer but owing to conditions he was laid off. He came back in 1935 as order picker and stock clerk, and in 1942, was transferred to the Munition Plant. His industry and ability as a machine operator is commended by his superiors. This is true of his entire

connection with the company from the time he began as elevator boy. He was inducted in service on June 17. He is married but has no children. Huber was well liked by his associates in the organization.

"TED" MASTERSON



Leo (Ted) Taft Masterson checked out Saturday, July 10. On July 22 he will leave for Camp Grant where he will be outfitted—and then—it will be time to quit making predictions and giving out decisions—he will be in the Army then and the Army will do all the directing with no back talk. Ted has already had some experience in pre-service arrangement. He had agreed with Jack Rubicam that they would

have a bushel of fun if it so happened they would be in the same outfit. They won't Jack got the Navy and Ted is on the skids for the Army. Owing to his position Ted has a wide acquaintance in the organization. He signed up with Muellers Sept. 19, 1928, and was located in the upkeep stock department where he remained until July 1, 1942, when he was transferred to the Personnel department. He was married to Gladys Wilson Sept. 10, 1935, and Mrs. Masterson was and still is an office stenographer. He was educated in Maroa Community High School and took a course in Business Management at Millikin University. Mrs. Masterson will continue with the company during her husband's time of service.

HUBERT G. MADDOX



Before we had a chance to print the article opposite Hubert G. Maddox appeared on the scene. Note similarity of names. They are twins. Hubert is 31 years of age, married, but has no children. He has been with us for about 13 years, beginning in the Buffing Department, then Assembly Department, Stock Room, Order Drummer and Production Clerk in the Plumbing Division. He checked out

July 13th and leaves July 29th for Camp Grant and from there to Camp Claiborne where he expects to be in the Engineering Division as machinist in charge of machine maintenance. These twins, according to Hubert will be in the same division. Huber will be in the receiving and shipping department. The subject of this sketch, like his brother, leaves behind him a good record service.



HAROLD RENTFRO



Harold Rentfro was accepted for service on June 10th, and reported on the 24th at Camp Custer, Michigan, for outfitting. From there he was sent to Camp Claiborne, I.a. Harold expects to get in the Engineering Corps as a mechanic for which duty he feels that he is fitted. He is 22 years of age, married but has no children. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Rentfro of Marion

Illinois. He joined the Mueller organization in July 1941 and his first employment was in the iron foundry. The time came when he was laid off temporarily but in 1942 he was again employed and until his departure was a member of Plant 3 organization. His wife, Mrs. Reba Rentfro, is employed in the Advertising Department.

GEORGE E. KIRK

George Eugene Kirk began work October 25, 1939, and soon thereafter was placed on the munition contract. He was inducted in the armed forces on June 26th. He is unmarried. He attended school at Carbondale and before joining us was in the CCC camp from July 1937 to October 1939. When he came to us he was first placed in the construction department but within a month was transferred to the specialties division for an opportunity to learn a trade. Later he was given a job as welder and did exceptionally well on the night shift.

ORVILLE HENDRICKSON

Orville Hendrickson was inducted on the 10th of June and was assigned to Camp Clabourne, La., where he was outfitted. He left on June 24th without knowing to what branch of service he would be assigned. His hope was that he would land a machinist in the Engineering Corps, Orville graduated from the Decatur high school with the class of 1939 and has been working in the munitions plant. He is married but has no children. Mrs. Hendrickson is in Dept. 20 where she has been for 6 or 7 months working on the base operation of the new 57 mm. She expects to continue in this position.

MARION O. DAVIS

Marion O. Davis reported that he was just going into the Army, which about tells the story. He has been in the organization since June 10, 1941, and started in the foundry. In November of that year he was laid off temporarily but came back in 1942. For a time he was a watchman and later on the maintenance crew. He is married but has no children. He was sworn in June 30th, and left for Camp Grant July 14th. Mrs. Bailey will remain in Decatur for the time being. Marion has made his home in Decatur for some years but was formerly a resident of Bethany.

JACK C. RUBICAM

Here's one you all know—you couldn't live in the some township without knowing Jack. He was born in Decatur back in 1916, graduated from the Decatur High School in 1934 and attached himself to Mueller Co. in 1935 and has been here ever since. However he did a little bouncing around before getting properly anchored. Jack began as a messenger boy and his official record was that of "good, alert and efficient." Next he appeared in the shipping room with visions of becoming a salesman, but he changed his mind and became a messenger in the Specialties department. From there he moved to the Paymaster's office, was promoted to the Accounting department, but shortly returned to the Paymaster's office, and there he has been for a number of years. He is a wide awake, active personality and has many friends in the organization. He was married to Dorothy Alice Dunham June 8, 1940. Mrs. Rubicam is in office work with the Home Manufacturing. Jack is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rubicam. Clarence has been with us for a long time. His name appears in "the 20 Year Club" list of those who have been in the company service from 20 to 40 years. Jack left June 7 for Great Lakes. Keep your eyes open for an Admiral of the Navy—if the war lasts long enough.

H. DALE CLONEY

H. Dale Cloney had been with us a short time. His employment record shows that he joined the organization on March 16, 1943, and was assigned to the Mmunition Plant as a stock clerk. He is a Decatur boy, born at the close of the former war, and now, like many others, sent into a similar war against the chief offender of the previous upheaval. He was married to Wilma T. Bantner, December 8, 1940. They have no children. Mrs. Cloney is employed at Staleys. Dale is a graduate of Macon Community High School. He checked out June 30 and is now at Great Lakes as a member of the Navy.

JACK RUTHRAUFF WRITES

He Is Somewhere on Other Side of the Atlantic

J. W. Wells is in receipt of a letter from

Cpl. Jack Ruthrauff written on the "V" mail stationery, that is reduced in size to 4½ x 5 inches. Even so, the writing is clear and legible. Jack wrote under date of June 12 as follows:

"Have not written you for quite some time, but am sure you all know our intentions are good.

"I received the MUELLER RECORD yesterday after some delay as we had already received the April and May issues. Seems as though we appreciate them more than when we were in the States. Glad to hear the Company received the Army and Navy "E" although we were almost certain that they would.

"We've been to the big city several times lately, and it compares with ours, with the exception of a few 'attractions.' I'm sending a few books home to Dad, and perhaps he will take them to the office. Will close because I'm running out of space."

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HERBERT W. DEIBERT



Herbert W. Deibert came from Brownstown, Ill., and after trying out work in Hazelrigg's garage, roofing and farming he was employed as a sand cutter in the Plant 2 iron foundry October 1940. Later he became a machine molder but was later transferred to the munitions plant. His foreman gave him a good record of fine personality, quick to learn, trustworthy and constructive.

Herbert made his home near Long Creek. He was married to Velna Elizabeth Syfert June 9, 1940. They have no children. He is a brother-in-law of Cecil Wilson and Tilman O'Dell and a son-in-law of Lawrence Syfert. He left for Great Lakes, having been assigned to the Navy.

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EUGENE W. LINK



Eugene Warner Link is 26 years old and was educated in the Maroa Community High School. He joined us March 25, 1942, as a member of Department No. 7 and with that department moved to the Munition Plant where he became an operator of a turret lathe. He is married, his wife being the former Wilma Thompson. They live at Pierson Station, and have no children. During his connection with this company, Eu-

gene drove his car back and forth every day.

During his absence Mrs. Link will make her home with her parents. This young soldier is something of a philosopher. He was not due to report for several weeks but concluded that as he had to go he might as well get into the service at once and get it over with quick as possible. He checked out July 8th, and if he passes he will go directly to one of the outfitting camps and get his final assignments for training. His preference is the Army.

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BERKLEY A. HEILAND



Berkley A. Heiland was a member of Plant 3. He joined us in March 1942. He is 22 years old and a graduate of the Findlay high school, a member of the class of '38. He is married but has no children. He is a nephew of Walt Coventry, well known to many of the organization. He enlisted in the Engineering Corps and expects to be assigned to the telephone division having had four years practical experience as a line man. Berkley left July 1st for Camp Custer, Mich., for outfitting, three days later he was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

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GAROLD POWELL



Garold Powell is now in the Navy. He was accepted at Chicago, June 10th, with instructions to report on the 17th. Just what will happen after that Garold does not know but it is his guess that he will be sent to Great Lakes for some weeks of training. Beyond that he has no guess because he is not looking for any special branch of the service. He has been with the company almost

8 years, serving five years in the foundry. More recently he has been at Plant 3 working on ammunition. He is 30 years of age, married and lives at Willys. The day he was accepted there were 107 in line, 7 or 8 of these being from Mueller's. Charles Prior was in the bunch but couldn't pass, much to his disappointment. Garold has two brothers in the Navy, Glenn and Harold. The former, however, is out of the service temporarily, on medical discharge on account of broken arches. Harold, who at one time worked for us is still in the Navy. William Powell, father of these boys, has been a member of the organization for 10 years and at present in working with Bobby Gates.

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PLANT 3 POTPOURRI

One of our young ladies while on her vacation was traveling through a neighboring State, she noticed that they now have "set up men" on the farms, women drive the tractors while the "set up men" sit in the shade at the end of the field to oil the tractor, change the plows, or what not. It sure is a changed world.

Somewhere Bob Tauber got the idea that if he walks backwards no one can see that the seat of his pants has done busted out. (It won't work Bob! We all noticed it).

If you want your lawn mowed see Ben Taylor. He cuts 'em with his pocket knife.

According to reports from reliable people Bill Knight is going in the dairy business. Good luck, Bill.

Gladys says if you want a feller wear a Canarie yell.

If while you are traveling around you should see a couple of cow boys please let Stacey and Elowese know. They are sure hunting for them.

Bill Knight says it is O. K. to fall off your porch roof if you light on your head. The only trouble Bill had was to stop bouncing.

Dorothy O'Byrne says she has been met at Railroad stations by Brass Bands and young men by the score but when she arrived in Detroit not long ago it was the first time she ever caused a riot. They even called out the State Troops.

We were all glad to see Frances Hockaday while she was home. She sure looks fine in her WAC uniform, but Frances always looks fine.

Heck Whittington has been off work for a week, had an operation we understand. We sure hope Heck is getting along O.K. and will soon be back with us. We also are sorry for Heck's wife. How did she put up with him for a whole week.

Bill Mueller is trying to find a safety box—or something in which to put his lunch while he uses the phone.

King Moore fell off a machine the other day but as luck would have it a full cuspidor caught the King. (No harm done).

The Record has promised the married men called into service that it will keep an eye on their wives and if they don't act up to standard, will write them up and see that the husbands get a Record.

(Fore Warned)

FACTORY GOSSIP

What new fangled styles won't these men think of next. Garver has started the latest and I suppose all the other men will follow suit. He was seen out in the guard office carrying a ladies red purse. If his wife has a red purse its news to us.

It is evident that Bill Mueller doesn't trust his dinner partners or he wouldn't hide his tray when he's called to the telephone. It must be imagination on his part.

If Howard and Violet Hartwig and Russ and Ruth Short are going in for catching foxes, our advice to them would be first to learn the difference between a fox and a cat.



These attractive youngsters are Lloyd Brownlow, Delvin Beinfuhr and Rita Brownlow. Lloyd and Rita's mother, Ruth Brownlow, is a clerk in the Departmental office, 2nd shift. Their daddy is Charles N. Brownlow stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Delvin's mother is Georgia Beinfuhr, a sister of Ruth's and she formerly worked in the Core Room.

Clarence Byers, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Byers had the misfortune to fall, Tuesday evening while playing leap frog, breaking his left arm—Raymond and Dorothy are employed on the second shift.

Recently when George Hill visited his son at an Army camp he drove 70 miles before he hardly got out of Macon County. It seem he got off the right route very early in the trip. Was he burnt up? (and so was the gas).

All due apologies to Edgar. We now understand that he was not dressing dolls. Must have been two other fellows.

Dorothy Johnson, our second shift telephone operator has carried off the cutest

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of Queenie's pups. She reports it cried all night the first night and was relegated to the corn crib the next, where it managed to break a chickens wing. No further trouble and apparently the pup has accepted his fate.

No one has reported any roots growing on the Cape Jasmine recently presented to us by Mr. Adolph Mueller.



Does any one recognize Miss Betty Riewski in this charming little Miss?

The girls big Rest Room was very (oh very) slowly completed but now that it is finished we are very proud of its appearance.

Hlene Fagan has recently undergone another operation on her right wrist. She is back at work and is doing a left hand job until the other one is completely healed.

We've sent a couple of snakes (one wasn't much bigger than a good sized fish worm to be truthful) to where ever it is they go, recently. They seem to have an idea that this place was built especially for them. One was killed by Pop Austin in front of Mr. Chaney's office. It was nearly 3 feet long. From the noise some of the girls made upon its discovery, we thought maybe they had cornered a bear.

We have no doubt they raise big potatoes in Blue Mound. There is enough "breeze" blowing there to dislodge any potatoe bug trying to make an honest living.

Troy Jones is recuperating from an emergency appendix operation.

Roy Carter will have enough stones to gravel his driveway when he returns from Decatur and Macon County Hospital. Maggie reports over 200 stones were re-

moved from his gall bladder. This tops any record we have heard of to date.

We have certainly taken advantage of the presence of Mrs. Bashore in our midst. Her smiling, cheerfulness and understanding are greatly appreciated by all of us. Visit us as often as you can Mrs. Bashore.

Wednesday, June 30, was the last day for Mrs. Bernice Curry. Before the girls reported for work. Bernice was presented with a lovely bouquet of sweet pea and snap dragons and also a big box of Stork "lovelies" from the girls. Eugene has recently bought her a big rocking chair in which she is to rock and do her waiting after he reports to the Army which was July 9th to Chicago and at the time this goes in we don't know where he reports after that. Anyway with his happy disposition he will be a welcome addition to any one of Uncle Sams Camps. More power to you, Eugene.

Raymond Oakley is back after a long absence minus a little weight and was transferred to plant 1. In fact we are missing quite a few familiar faces these days.

THOMAS J. ADAMS



Thomas J. Adams left last Thursday morning for Chicago to take his final physical check up before entering the Army. He hopes to be in the Engineering Corps. Tom is 33 years of age, married but has no children. He is a Macon resident and a graduate of the High School which has a fine reputation in educational circles in this County. He became a member of this organization March 23rd, 1942, and worked in Plant 3 operating a turret lathe. Mrs. Adams will make her home with her parents in Macon until Tom finishes his part in straightening out Hitler, Mussolini and the Japs.

IN NORTH AFRICA

Mrs. Shannon Hears From Husband Now In Foreign Land

Mildred Shannon of the Sales Dept. has just received word that her husband Pvt. Clifton K. Shannon, has landed in North Africa, arriving there on June 20.

Cliff was employed in the Shipping Dept. from 1936 until March 1, 1942, when he transferred to the Plant 3 munition force. He was at Plant 3 until the time of his induction. He is now in the Combat Military

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TWENTY YEAR CLUB BANQUET



Seated: Harvey Cameron, W. H. Campbell, Adolph Mueller, Frank H. Mueller, W. E. Mueller, L. W. Mueller, Roy Whittaker.

Standing: R. H. Mueller, Charles Laughlin, Lou Schario, Barney Marty, August Schudziara, Lewis Fagan, William Seeforth, J. W. Simpson, A. G. Webber, Sr.

In the last Inside Record brief mention was made of a banquet on the evening of June 18th at the St. Nicholas Hotel. It was a Veterans' Dinner in recognition of employees with long service records. It was one of the most notable affairs held for several years. It was called "The 20 Year Club".

The dinner was served at 6:30 p. m. The menu consisted of:

	Fruit Cocktail	
	Fried Chicken	
Mashed Potatoes		Giblet Gravy
New Peas		Spring Salad
	Parker House Rolls	
Celery		Olives
	Coffee	
Ice Cream		Cake

The men with service records of over 40 years at the speakers' table were:

Adolph Mueller	A. Schudziara
A. G. Webber, Sr.	Lewis Fagan
W. H. Campbell	Charles Laughlin
B. J. Marty	J. W. Simpson
Wm. Seeforth	Roy Whittaker
Louis Schario	Samuel Yonkers
H. C. Cameron	James Thorpe

W. E. Mueller, L. W. Mueller, R. H. Mueller and Frank H. Mueller were also at the table as speakers on the program. There was good music and singing by the company. In response to a call Adolph sang

"Old Black Joe", without his make-up but in a resonant, clear voice which brought forth a fine burst of applause. Frank Mueller, as toastmaster, was in his usual good form. Introductions were always accompanied by some good-natured quip, reminiscence or story about the old timers present. These always called for a laugh or applause.

Nearly all the men with more than 40 years service responded when called upon, and they, too, had stored in mind some humorous event which marked their earlier days with the company. W. E. Mueller, L. W. Mueller and Adolph Mueller made brief addresses either of reminiscent or business interest.

The decorations were of a patriotic character. In the center in a circle were four significant figures:

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These figures represented the combined years of service of those attending the banquet and members of the "20 Year Club."

We feel that there are few, if any, records in industry in this country equal to this showing of the Mueller Co. employees.

These combined years reduced to centuries mean 43 centuries, plus 84 years, sixteen years short of 44 centuries. The group present was divided into terms of service as follows:



Years of Service	Total Years
20-25	1890
25-30	371
30-35	711
35-40	552
40 and over	860
Grand Total 4384	



This quartet of Foundry employees have given to Mueller Co. an aggregate of approximately 160 years of service. And young-looking, too, aren't they?

Lewis Fagan has been with the company 44 years, Roy Whitaker a mere 40, while the youngsters, Lusk and Patterson have chalked up just a few years less.

On the program it was stated the practice of giving emblem pins was inaugurated in 1923-1924. This was partly an error. The

first of such pins was given on August 17, 1918, at the annual picnic. It was in recognition of 20 years of continuous service. It was shield shape, solid gold. Twenty-four were given out. At the picnic August 23, 1924, the plan was changed. Pins of smaller design marking various periods of service were given out. These periods are 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years. The design and size of the 20 year pin was retained for a few years but was then redesigned to correspond with the other periods. The half century pins until this year had been awarded only three persons—Frank Zetterlind, Robert Mueller (both deceased) and Adolph Mueller. Now W. H. Campbell has joined the charmed circle.

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Teacher: "Johnny, what does F-E-E-T spell?"

Johnny (somewhat backward): "I don't remember."

Teacher: "Well, think hard. What is it of which a cow has four, while I have only two?"

Johnny (brightly): "Oh, yes, I know. It's" (Johnny's knowledge of anatomy was very embarrassing.)

Two Liars

Wife (from above): "Ready in a minute!"

Husband (a little later): "No hurry now, dear! I've got to shave again."



Front row: Fred Nash (20), Ethel Dixon (25), Al Lindamood (30), Chas. Meador (35), Clint Wright (25), Earl Lowe (20).

Second Row: Archie Sefton (20), Oris Whitacre (20), Shirl Tish (20), Clarence

Rubicam (20), Orville Spencer (20), T. E. Hoy (20), Bert Flaughter (20).

Third row: Cecil Short (20), Ralph Wood (20), Virgil Athey (20), Karl Blankenburg (20), Gerald Yonker (20).

OVER FORTY YEARS

Adolph Mueller
A. G. Webber, Sr.
W. H. Campbell
B. J. Marty

Wm. Seeforth
Louis Schario
H. C. Camron
A. Schudziara

Lewis Fagan
Charles Laughlin
J. W. Simpson
James P. Thorpe

Samuel Yonker
Roy Whitaker

TWENTY TO FORTY YEARS

Ralph Adams
Herman Ammann
William Anderson
Virgil Athey
Ira Auer
Walter Auer
Al Bashore
Margaret Behrends
Walter Behrns
Laura Becker
William Binstead
John Bixler
Lewis Bland
Karl Blankenburg
W. H. Blankenship
August Bork
Helen Brannan
Michael Brilley
Orville T. Brown
Daniel Burger
Charles Cochran
Niena Cochran
Roy Coffman
Otis R. Curry
Richard Dannewitz
William Dannewitz
Art Davlin
Jesse Ditty, Sr.
Ethel Dixon
C. W. Doherty
Carl Draper
Charles Dunaway
Jerome Edwards
W. S. Enloe
Albert Flaughner
M. Fleckenstein
Roy Fleckenstein

L. McKinney
Cal McQuality
Earl McQuality
Charles Meador
Earl Meador
Grover Meadows
Elmer Miller
Lucien W. Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
William E. Mueller
Charles Morenz
Alva Morrison
James A. Morrison
Fred Nash
William A. Nash
Maria Overfield
William Padrick
Earl Parker
Geo. W. Patterson
Roy Pease
Marion Pippin
Flossie Poe
Helen Pope
Chester Priddy
Amos Reynolds
Al Ridgeway
Julius Riewski
Barney Riley
Clarence Rubicam
Lewis Runion
Preston Ruthrauff
Ray Sailsbery
C. Herman Salefski
Charlie Sanders
Archie Sefton
William Shockley
Warren Frantz

Calvin Frizzell
Paul Gaddis
Henry Gilbert
Charles Gilmore
Henry Goerges
Albert Golembeck
Julius Grabenhofer
Howard Gragg
John Gray
Z. H. Grinestaff
Earl Gustin
O. J. Hawkins
Roy Harper
Ed Harris
Harley Himstead
Marshall Hobbs
Emmett Holderby
Truey E. Hoy
Burt Jackson
Paul Jeschawitz
Orval Keller
Cecil Kelley
Thomas Knowles
Harry Koontz
Lawrence Kramer
William Kuntz
Henry Leipski
Matt Like
Al Lindamood
Earl Lowe
Robert Lusk, Sr.
Basil Mason
Clarence Masters
Ernest Matthews
Albert May
Watson McCarty
Lester Skelley

Horace Slater
Claude Smith
Cecil Smith
Orville Spencer
Albert Spitzer
Julius Staudt
Ed Stille
Estella Stille
Martin Stratman
Marjorie Tatham
Robert Tauber
Charles Taylor
Frank E. Taylor
Gottlieb Teike
Emma Thomas
Jesse Tippitt
Shirl Tish
Matt Trott
Roy Vandervort
Herschel Wacaser
Ernest Waddell
C. N. Wagenseller
Walter Walls
J. W. Wells
Brugh Werner
Oris Whitacre
Frank Williams
Ralph Wood
Roy Wood
Margaret Woodruff
Clinton Wright
Milo Wright
A. O. Yonker
Gerald Yonker
Cecil Short

LOUIS S. DRAPER

Louis S. Draper, 77, 250 W. Packard, father of O. C. Draper, passed away in the Decatur and Macon County Hospital June 21, brief mention of which was made in the last Record. He is survived by his widow, his son and two grandchildren, Helen Draper, Decatur; and Pvt. William L. Draper of the U. S. Army.

Mr. Draper was born near Mt. Zion, the son of Anderson and Sarah J. Draper. He was married to Mary Nona Hunt in Mt. Zion October 17, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Draper celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1939. Mr. Draper had resided in Decatur for 49 years and for many years had been in the grocery business, from which he retired in 1932.

Funeral services were conducted in the Monson chapel, with burial in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

MRS. THOMAS F. CURRY

Mrs. Ida Gelsing Curry, 63, of 560 W. Wagoner St., the mother of John and Clark Curry, died June 21 in St. Mary's Hospital, where she had been a patient for two weeks.

Mrs. Curry was born in Fayette County February 10, 1880, and was married to Thomas Fletcher Curry in 1898. She came to Decatur from Assumption in 1926. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband and nine children, who, in addition to John and Clark, are Cecil Curry, Hoopston; Carl, Chicago; Mervil, Peoria; Mrs. Lola Marie Hertle, Palmer; Mrs. Inez Phelps, Assumption; Elmer, Decatur; Rodell, Decatur. She also leaves a sister, three half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Funeral services were held in the Moran and Sons' Funeral home, with burial in the Macon County Memorial Park cemetery.

GIVEN BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Fogle's Marriage to John Leonard Celebrated By Her Office Friends

Ethel Fogle of the Up-keep Stock department and John Leonard of this city were married in St. Louis, Missouri, June 20. Ethel was attractive in a pink two-piece ensemble with white hat, shoes, gloves, purse and flowers.

The best wishes of all their friends are extended to Ethel and John, who are at home at 345 W. Marietta St.

Ethel was honored at a bridal shower the evening of July 9 when 43 of her office and plant associates gathered in the small pavil-



Mrs. John Leonard

ion at Fairview Park to extend their felicitations and wish her happiness. She received a large number of beautiful and practical gifts, as her pot of gold at the end of a Treasure Hunt. The last clue directed her to something reputed to be "like an elephant, I have a trunk. I am gray. I cannot tell you my name, but the last of my number is 625." That clue proved to be Doity Gepford's car where the gifts a whole trunkload, were hidden.

Games were played, included singing action games. Prizes were won by Addie Hambleton, Margaret Woodruff and Erma Barth. The winners in the group games were awarded all-day suckers.

Ice cream and cake and iced tea were served at picnic tables set in pastel colors and lace paper place doilies.

The committee in charge of arrangements was composed of Elizabeth Tolladay, Dorothy Gepford, Dorothy Cooper, Opal Jackson.



Josh: "Over a year ago, I bought a cow that took the Country Fair first prize as a breeder, and no results yet."

Timothy: "Somebody must have given you a bum steer."

FIVE HUSKY SONS



Jerry Edwards, in Department 30 has a service record of 29 years, which justifies his feeling of pride for long association with the company. However, he has other reasons for feelings of pride. Look over his five husky sons and you'll agree without argument.

Reading left to right they are: Lynn Dale Edwards, Myron Edwards, Plant 3, Glenn Edwards, employed at the Victory Plant. Sgt. Norman Edwards, only one in the service thus far, Fitzsimmons Hospital, Philadelphia. Wilbur Edwards, with Bill Anderson in the Tool Room.



ELDO COFFMAN



Eldo Coffman has been a member of this organization since October '39. Worked for about a year in Plant 3 and was later a member of Department 8. He is 25 years old, married and has one son. He leaves for Chicago July 16 and will be sent to San Diego for his "boot training" which requires 13 weeks. After this he will get his advanced training. Mrs. Coffman will remain in

Decatur for the present. Marion will serve his country in the Marines. His enlistment is for the duration plus 6 months additional. Aged 25 years he is a fine specimen of young manhood.



Biggest Library

The largest library in the world is the Bibliotheque Nationale, in Paris. It contains over 1,000,000,000 volumes.

One of the Stork's characteristics is known in all the world's districts.

It doesn't sing tunes,
Nor grow any plumes,
But it attends to the Vital Statistics.

SARNIA

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. A. Sharp, a son, Andrew Peter, born on July 4, 1943. Congratulations.

On June 22 the office Staff of Mueller, Limited, entertained at a dinner held in the Cafeteria, in honor of Isabel Danby of the Accounting Dept. and Shirley Kirkland of the Priority Dept., who were married on June 26th. The girls were presented with linen table cloths by Charles Browett, office manager. Congratulations and best wishes girls.

We are still plugging for Doc Tilley's Mueller Ball Team. They have had a little tough luck but we still have hopes. Each member is quite distinctive since they each wear a different sweater, maybe now that Doc has decided on a sweater, they will be distributed to the team sometime before the end of the season. The last game was played against the Sarnia Bridge Works and the score was 10-11 in favor of the Bridge-workers. To-night they are opposing them again so better luck this time boys.

A double wedding was solemnized on June 26th when Jacqueline Claxton, of Dept. 14 was married to Allen Wyville, of the R. C. A., and her sister Betty was married to D. Levan.

Winnie Devine, of the War Dept. came to work last Monday wearing a beautiful new diamond ring. Her fiance is Pat. P. Parrott, R. C. A. F., an ex-Mueller Employee.



The pretty little girl pictured here is Roselle Marie Murphy, 7 month old daughter of Muriel and Fred Murphy. Roselle's mother works in Dept. 14 and her father works in the Shipping Room.

A WARTHAN'S PLEA

O God above, if Thou art there,
Bend low Thine ear, and hear my prayer,
For in this night, I need Thine aid,
When sounds of war make me afraid;
Incessant drone of planes above,
Raining death on those we love,
Those who yesterday were here,
Warm and loving, very near—
Those who now are coldly still,
O God—is this Thy holy Will?
Here I stand—forlorn, alone,—
Listening to the rising moan,

That seems to come from hearts bereft,
Torn and bleeding, of those who, left
To carry on the endless fight
With sorrow in their hearts, that night,
With usual enchanting balm
Can never, in this chaos, calm;
Hearts, that, pulsing with endless pain,
Will never be cured or healed again;
For these, the trials of ruthless war,
Has buried souls deep—deeper far,
Than man ever has or ever will,
For this our foe does more than kill—
. . . O God, can this be Thy holy Will?

This poem was written by Geo. Parker's daughter Margaret and received the first prize for the best poem submitted to the Collegiate Institute Magazine.

RAYMOND P. COLLINS



Raymond P. Collins was inducted into the Army May 22nd. He joined this organization August 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Munitions division. He was a resident of Atwood. He was married to Marjorie Eileen Cruse of Hammond, Illinois, July 14, 1940, and has no children.

SAFETY NEWS

Nothing is more precious to you than eyesight. Take no chances. Many men and women will boastfully tell you, nothing is the matter with my eyes. How do you know? This is a question that only an oculist can answer, and he can't tell without an examination. The Better Vision Institute tells us: "A survey of 12,000 employees in a group of factories disclosed the fact that 72 per cent had defective vision and less than half of these had sought professional care for sub-normal eyes. In another group of 3,000 workers only 22 per cent had normal vision. Nearly four out of five had dull and unreliable eyes. Thirty-eight per cent had astigmatic defects. Twenty-eight per cent were far-sighted. Seven per cent were near-sighted. The balance had miscellaneous functional shortcomings. Most eye handicaps are near-sighted, far-sighted and astigmatism. There are so many eye ailments that unfit one for work, but most of these can be corrected by the oculist. Your own good demands that you find out if there is anything the matter with your sight. In many cases, unknown defects have been the cause of serious accidents. Take no chances. See that your eyes are as good as you think they are.

The fighting men on the front depends on the worker at home. Carelessness at home may cost a life at the front.

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Police Division, charged with the responsibility of policing occupied combat areas.

Cliff's progress is being followed with more than ordinary interest by his small son Jack, now six and "going on seven" years old. Jack has just completed his first year of school. One of the high points of his life was the visit he and his mother made last Spring to Georgia when his father was stationed there. Needless to say, he enjoyed the train trip, and he enjoyed all the sights to be seen in camp—various maneuvers, different types of equipment, meeting his father's friends, and wearing his own uniform when he walked down the street with Cliff.

FROM C. R. ALLEN

Clifford R. Allen is "somewhere in England" as the following letter to W. L. Enloe, dated July 4th, shows:

"Well here it is the fourth of July so I will try to write a line or two to let you know that I am alright and feeling fine. I even feel better this morning as I received the Mueller Record last night and I think I have read it all over two or three times. You just can't realize how much good a fellow gets out of it. I see in Mr. Adolph's birthday picture several faces that I know and they sure look swell, hope they continue that way. I also think that the Mueller plant is tops. It is very pretty. Gosh I could go on for ever about all I saw and read in the Record but just don't have room. So thanks a million for it and tell everyone hello for me".

Sincerely,

Pfc. Clifford R. Allen

FROM FAR AWAY AFRICA

Everett Wacaser, and Brother Just Missed Meeting There

Under date of June 24, Everett Wacaser writes letters to his father and wife. They are most interesting. He tells of locating the 61st T. C. with which his brother Dale is serving. It was located not far from Everett's camp. He got a telephone connection only to learn that Dale's outfit had just moved, and Everett's own outfit moved the same day. That the brothers, who had not seen each other since leaving the States should be so near each other in far away Africa, and still unable to see each other, is one of the misfortunes of war.

He says he is nicely located right on the beach of the Mediterranean. There is a big American-British hospital. Continuing he says: "We have left the dust, flies and hot weather behind and are apparently resting up. We have lots of birds and trees which is surely a relief. I've made several friends among the British boys. Some of these boys have been through Dunkirk and all of the African campaign and are still just over 20

years of age. The French and Arabs bring in a lot of tomatoes, peaches and plums, which gives us a little fresh stuff on the side and it is very welcome. Spent a day in Algiers and bought a few trinkets, but I'm broke now and pay days are very uncertain. Have not heard from Lyle or Dale since leaving the States. Hope they are OK. I am fine and hope you are too."

Another interesting section of Everett's letter will be published in the next Record. —Ed.

EARL HARRIS WRITES

Duke Mueller is in receipt of the following letter from Staff Sgt. W. E. Harris, Hdq. Co., 16th Post (Mobile), dated July 3rd.

Dear Duke:

Just received news this morning of your receiving the Army and Navy "E", and although your ears are probably still ringing with congratulations, I'd like to add mine to the list. I've shown the folder and newspaper clippings to every man, woman, and boy in the office, from the janitor to the Colonel himself, and pointed to my name on the Mueller Roll of Honor, with a great deal of pride—a fellow can't help feeling proud, knowing that he was once part of such a company.

I'll be going overseas soon, and I can only say that when they start passing the ammunition, I hope it carries the Mueller trademark.

"SIGN HERE" LETTERS

Harold Linton, Dept. 30, has followed up a good idea inaugurated in Dept. 8, when writing to men in the service and in answering their postcards and letters. He does not make it an individual letter. Everyone in the department is asked to add a comment, a wisecrack or a word of cheer or hope. Then all sign their "nickname", which gives an added personal touch. One may well imagine the joy and pleasure such a message gives to a man in the service. It cannot fail to bring back to him "those good old days" when he lined up with his pals for the day's work, neither can it fail to bring a ray of happiness in the thought that his old pals have not forgotten him. We think it a fine plan—worth adoption by all departments and groups in the organization. One of the boys receiving one of these collective letters said it gave him a thrill he will never forget.

Mr. Gotrocks: "You say you want to marry my daughter. Preposterous. Young man, you couldn't even keep her in underwear."

Suitor: "You haven't been doing any too well, yourself!"

Second Table for Gals

In the republic of Andorra the women cannot eat at the same table with their husbands.

"BARGAIN COLUMN PAGE"

BUSINESS SERVICE

WANTED: Lawn mowers to sharpen. R. L. Pope, Sylvan Shores. Phone 3-3374.

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Bed springs and dresser in good condition. Phone 2-0819 or call at residence, 924 North Warren street, or see Thomas Mudd (1124) watchman at Foundry, 2 to 10 p. m. except Mondays.

FOR SALE: Brown all wool suit, waist 38, length 33. \$12.00. 403 E. Division, Kennes Karnes.

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

FOR SALE: E flat Alto Saxophone. Satin silver finish, recently overhauled, \$50. See W. D. Hays, 853 W. Packard St. or call 5884.

FOR SALE: Trumpet and case, Champlain, Paris—\$25. Arthur Bauer, 246 W. Harrison.

FOR SALE: Want to sell—Gas range, side oven, four burners, black and white—\$8.00; Kitchen table and four chairs, white and black trim—\$8.00; Man's Hamilton wrist watch, rose gold, 17 jewel, Carmen band—\$30.00. Phone 2-6337.

FOR SALE: Wicker Baby Carriage. Large size and in A-1 shape. This is not a folding buggy. Haldon (Teaberry) Hanson, 2814.

FOR SALE: One Baby Bed. Good condition and priced reasonable. Phone 3-3106—June Leipski, Plant 3.

FOR SALE: 1 h.p. gas engine, high speed; Man size bicycle, good condition. See T. A. Mudd, Plant 3—2924 or call 2-0819 at 924 N. Warren st., evenings.

FOR SALE: 1—8 in. Table Saw, 1—Wood Lathe. 1—Water Pump for water tank. Swap $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ motor on a 1 h.p. or would sell. Plant 3, Chas. R. Baker, Forsyth, Ill.

FOR SALE: 1935 Oldsmobile sedan. Four new tires and tubes; just been overhauled. 1509 E. Division.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: A large sized Electrolux refrigerator, gas operated. See Orville J. Hawkins, c-o Main Office.

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

WANTED TO BUY: One chest of drawers. Nola Lowry—Plant 3.

WANTED TO BUY: 5 rooms, modern, Northwest. Moderate price. Good condition. See Stanley Shannon, Dept. 44.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The high spot for the month of June was the Sea Scout investiture for Bobby Hughes and Richard Hoppe. On June 24 Commodore King came over for the ceremony. The land ship was erected in the gym. We had masts, a complete set of international code



flags, new gang planks and so on. Around 8:00 P. M. the standard ship opening ceremony was held in which the Commodore and Skipper Jackson were piped on board. Following this, the investiture

took place. Richard Sefton and Committeeman Hughes represented the Troop in this feature. Jesse Bridwell, Herbert Harner, Stewart File, and the Skipper, aided by the Commodore put on an impressive ceremony as the two Scouts were graduated from the troop into the Sea Scout Ship. The whole thing was excellently done and made quite an impression on the troop as well as the Sea Scouts. Every man and officer in the Sea Scouts were fully uniformed—the snappy white outfits looking very smart by the candlelight.

The big thing on the mind of every one now is camp. Fifteen are already signed up and the Scoutmaster is going with them. All are eager to go, and our motto this year is "Every Camper Advance A Rank". We will be at Camp Robert Faries from July 18 to 25 and visitor's day is Thursday and Sunday.

Our sailboat, VIKING II, has been launched and will be sailed over to camp. There the Sea Scouts going to camp with us will have ample time to pack a lot of sailing practice into a week's time. Herbert Harner is making a "water bug". This is a small one-man sail boat. He hopes to have it done in time to take it to camp with him.

Richard Hoppe and Robert Hughes together earned five Merit Badges at the last Board of Review. Now if only the rest of the troop would follow the example of these hustlers . . . Stewart File is working in Michigan this summer.



SUCCEEDS TED MASTERSON

M. Lenore Warries is now a member of W. S. Enloe's force in the employment department. She has been there for several months understudying the work of Ted Masterson, who is on his way to the Army, and will step into his shoes when he departs. The last is purely a figure of speech as the young lady would disappear from view if she did this literally. Ted's job is a rather technical one, being made up of names, dates and ages.