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DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

Thursday afternoon, May 21, a departmental meeting was held in the gymnasium at 3:30. There was a big attendance. Perhaps we have never held a departmental meeting which was attended by such a large percent of employes. It was just a friendly gathering and the only speaker was Mr. Adolph who put every one in good humor with a few jokes and wisecracks at the beginning of his talk.

Then he spoke in a more serious vein about business, and gave some good advice concerning work, home life, and obligations as citizens. He was frequently applauded and every one went home pleased and happy. In the words of the old time reporter, "a good time was had by all."

SAVING

What it means to save money is graphically illustrated by the following which appeared in the Chicago papers recently.

"W. P. A. workers compiling a guide book for the city of New York last week dug up the story of one of the oldest savings accounts in the country. A \$15 deposit, on which \$3,455.03 interest had been collected, was disclosed. The account was opened in 1819 with the Bank for savings by John S. Thorne. The original deposit has remained in the bank since that time. After Thorne's death his heirs decided to keep the account for sentimental reasons."

FIRST IS THE LAST

Velma Runyon felt the sudden need of excitement during the stay of the last carnival in Decatur. In fact, her courage ran so high that she decided she had been very foolish in not venturing on any of the rides in previous carnivals, and so she began by going on the boats that swing higher and higher until finally you are standing on your head in mid-air. Velma came down a mighty sick young lady, and for the next twenty-four hours had no desire for any kind of food or rides.

THE IRISH SWEEPSTAKES

Two Decatur Men Lucky to the Extent of Winning \$26,000

E. R. Roberts, for several years connected with the Super-Service Station and now conducting his own station at the corner of Eldorado and Franklin St., with W. E. Carter, bought a ticket in the Irish Sweepstakes and this ticket brought them \$26,000. It was a fine windfall for both men. Mr. Roberts recently established his own filling station, and anyone who has ever started business on limited capital knows the many obstacles which must be overcome and the patience required to do this. Therefore Mr. Roberts' acquaintances and friends can appreciate the fervence of his remark: "Heaven know how badly I needed the money." The two lucky men figure that they will net about \$8,500 each. The government gets a good cut on all such winnings. Anyway you look at it the two Decatur men were lucky on such large returns on a \$1.26 investment each. Mr. Roberts has quite a few friends in this organization who are pleased with his good fortune.

FORMER MUELLER MEN "COPPERS"

Louie Rost who was for several years connected with this organization while his mother was in charge of the Cafeteria has been and now is a member of the traffic squad. Louie operates at the corner of Water and William street, one of the most troublesome corners in the city. In addition to the heavy traffic on both streets there is a great deal of double parking on account of several prominent stores in the vicinity. Louie has learned to say, "You know better than that." "Move on, no double parking, etc." Soon as he forgets himself and asks "What do you think you're doing," and "Where do you think you're going," he will be in Class A. Anyway he tends to his knitting in good shape.

There are three other Mueller men on the police force. They are Billy Bain, Art Roper and Cass Runyon.

WELCOME TO FRANK MUELLER

On the evening of May 21st the Foremen's Club held a social at The Lodge and enjoyed a fine dinner. The affair was in the nature of a welcome home to Frank Mueller who has been at Warm Springs, Ga., for a year and a half. An operation recently performed enables him to walk with the aid of two canes. Frank accepts his trouble philosophically. He still maintains his buoyant spirit. When the foremen arrived they found Frank sitting on the lawn where he shook hands with all and received their congratulations on his improved condition. The women of the cafeteria prepared an excellent dinner. The meal included meat, potatoes, string beans, buttered beets, salad, bread and butter, coffee and strawberry short cake. The dinner was served on the east porch of the Lodge.

At the conclusion of the meal Mr. Adolph spoke briefly and then called on Frank M. who told of some of his experiences at Warm Springs and of the joy and happiness he felt at being home. It was a nice, friendly little talk. Frank was given a round of hearty applause when he stood up to speak. When he finished Ed Stille, president of the club suggested a hand clap welcome home to Frank and this was given with sincerity and enthusiasm.

At the conclusion of the meal the party adjourned to the Lodge for cards and a social time generally.

FINE ORCHESTRA

On the evening of Wednesday, May 20, the W. P. A. Orchestra appeared at the Mueller Gymnasium and with their colorful costumes and artistic music racks.

Director Harkness presented a delightful and varied program, with several features that were original with this orchestra. All numbers were enthusiastically applauded.

The orchestra played before the showing of the Chevrolet picture, during the intermission, and at the close. Besides short subjects, the Chevrolet feature picture, "Master Hands", took the observer thru a great automobile plant. The work of skilled hands and great machines were shown with dramatic vividness. This is the finest piece of photography yet achieved.

The director of the Detroit Philharmonic Orchestra spent weeks at the factories, studying the rhythms of the dynamos, motors and other power units as well as the syncopation of other machines. As a result, he made a symphonic arrangement to match the beautiful and swiftly moving photography that actually defies description.

The evening provided one of the best entertainments they have had. The committee regrets that so many, who were expected, missed this fine performance.

BIRTHS

SARVER—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sarver, a son, Gerald Eugene, on April 18. Mrs. Sarver was Lucille Logan of the Ground Key Department.

MUELLER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

As was announced in the last Mueller Record, the Mueller Softball League opened the 1936 season at Mueller Heights on May 18.

The Plumbing Division and the Main Office had the honor of playing the opening game. The Main Office added to this honor by winning the game. The Plumbing Division was defeated 10 to 5. Herman Dash was the winning pitcher and Ben Harshbarger the losing pitcher.

On May 20, the Foundry Division and the Specialty Division battled, and after the smoke had cleared away it was found that the Specialty Division was on the long end of a 14 to 10 slugfest. Bert Flaughter was the winning pitcher, and Elmer Fowley the loser.

On May 22, the Plumbing Division and the Ground Key Division met and after a well played game the Ground Key Division won out 7 to 5 under the pitching of Ben Taylor. Pete Kelly was the losing pitcher.

On May 25, the Main Office and the Foundry met. After an excellent game going into one extra inning, the Main Office defeated their opponents 3 to 2. This was one of the best games played to date. Herman Dash was the winning pitcher and Elmer Fowley was again the loser.

Before this game several of the fellows were practising catching fly balls, and during this practice Buddy Grossman and Barney Morrison collided with the result that Buddy is in the hospital with a broken jaw and cheek bone. The last report we have is that an operation was performed on Buddy and he is doing as well as can be expected. Barney Morrison carried a big bump on his head for several days.

The game scheduled for May 27 was postponed to a later date due to the fact that most of the Specialty Team has been working overtime.

On May 28 one of the best games of the season was played, and after it was all over the Main Office was again the victor by a score of 1 to 0. This game was featured by excellent pitching and tight defensive work on the part of both teams. Herman Dash pitched for the Main Office and Ben Taylor for the Ground Key Division.

The Standing in the League is as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Main Office	3	0	1000
Specialty Division	1	0	1000
Ground Key Division	1	1	500
Plumbing Division	0	2	000
Foundry Division	0	2	000

The following games are scheduled for the first week in June:

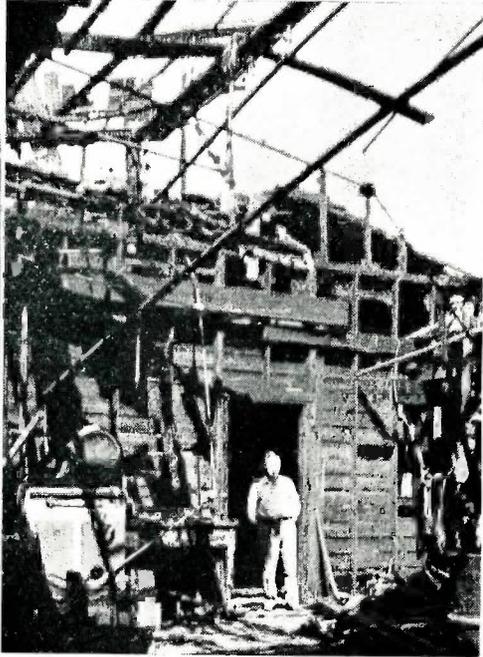
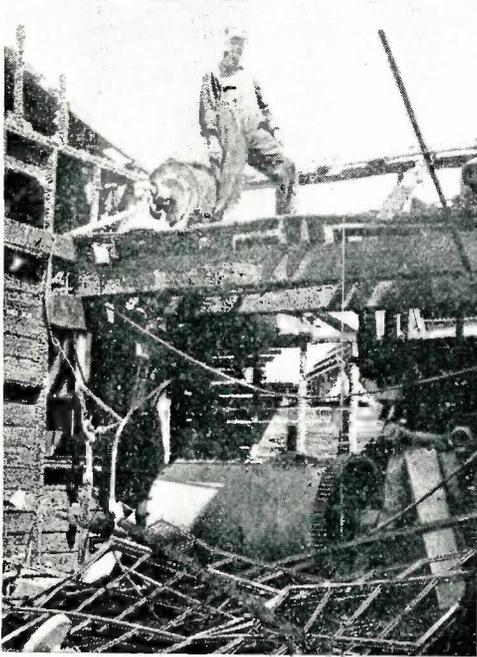
June 1—Foundry Division vs. Plumbing Division.

June 3—Main Office vs. Specialty Division.

June 5—Ground Key vs. Foundry Division.

All games start at 4:30 or 5:00 P. M. at Mueller Heights, and are seven innings long. Come out and cheer for your favorite team.

Frank Edmonson spent the first week in June in Chattanooga on company business. He drove down, taking with him Mrs. Edmonson and daughter, Carol.



EVENTFUL DAY

May 21st Wound Up With Fire at Plant 2

May 21st was an eventful day for our organization. In the afternoon there was a very pleasant departmental meeting in the gymnasium. In the evening there was a meeting and dinner at the Lodge. This was in the nature of a welcome home to Frank Mueller, who came back from his long stay at Warm Springs, Ga., greatly improved. And then came the fireworks, quite an expensive display for the company. About midnight a fire was discovered in the Foundry cupola at Plant 2 on East Eldorado street and for the next few hours there was considerable excitement in that locality. The flames spread rapidly over the roof and three fire companies failed to stop the progress of the blaze. A fourth company was ordered out. The fire was discovered at 12:45 A. M. but the firemen were on the scene until 3:00 A. M. in the morning. The flames travelled along the roof of the building and it was this portion most seriously damaged. The water poured into the building however, messed things up considerably. Billy Mason and his men were on the job early the following morning to clean up the mess and Ed Stille was there to look after making repairs to the electrical equipment. Other departments at Plant 2 were at work as usual the day following the blaze. The damage was placed at about \$5,000.

Herschel Wacaser was the watchman on duty.

and as soon as he discovered the flames he ran to the office to call the fire department, but lost the connection before he could do this. Then he ran across the street and got on another phone. Glen Kerwin at police headquarters got the alarm at the same time and called Charlie Cochran, who was soon at the plant. Two police squad cars were at Plant 2 to give aid to the fire department. Both police and firemen worked efficiently.

POLICE DOG BITES A POLICEMAN

Cass Runyon, husband of Velma Runyon of the Upkeep Stock Department, and a member of the Mueller organization until he resigned to accept a position of the city police force a few months ago, was directing traffic at his usual stand at Water and William streets, when a car came along and stopped directly in front of him. In the back seat was a huge police dog, and suddenly lunged through the window and bit Mr. Runyon on the shoulder. Both the policeman and the police dog will be under surveillance for ten days.

Ethel Fogle entertained a number of her friends in her new home on West Marietta street Saturday afternoon, May 23.

Mabel Gates spent the week end in Bloomington, May 24, visiting friends.

THE TOOL ROOM



TOOL MAKERS

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:—Ira Auer, Fred Galka, Frank Kuntz, W. S. Anderson, F. A. March, Leo Siloski, W. H. Padrick, Roy Hartwig.

CENTER:—D. Burger, Wm. Doherty, Al Radke, David Simpson.

BACK:—Wm. Kuntz, Guy Rice, Louis Wallenbrook, August Raushek, M. H. Stratman, C. E. Rubicam, Chas. Taylor, Paul Jeschawitz.

A LITTLE SERMON

"In old days there were angels who came and took men by the hand, and led them away from the city of destruction. We see no white winged angels now. But yet men are led away from threatening destruction; a hand is put in theirs, which leads them forth gently toward a calm, bright land, so that they may look backward; and the hand may be that of a child."

The famous authoress, George Elliot wrote those lines years ago and the words are just as true today. A good word, a kind look, a thoughtful suggestion may influence a life for better things, may teach one whose thoughts have gone amiss into paths of happiness and brightness. In big industrial organizations, kindness, courtesy, consideration, helpfulness, interest in companions and thoughtfulness are "the hands of little children" which reach out to lead a fellow worker to a better understanding of vexatious problems of life, a better understanding of his fellowmen and the fact that at heart most people are kind and willing to help. Courtesy is a little helping hand which extended every day brings good cheer into the daily life of our associates. It costs nothing but falleth like the gentle rain from heaven blessing him who practices it and him to whom it is proffered.

FIRST PLACE

Rex Smith's Air Mail Poster Wins at State Convention

Rex Smith, member of Mueller Boy Scout Troop No. 2 and a student in the Decatur High School, was awarded first prize for his air mail poster at the state meeting of the Illinois Postmaster's Convention at Springfield. More than one hundred posters were submitted by high school students of twelve cities. Six of these were submitted by Decatur students. Postmaster Allen announces that the winning poster, together with the other six from this city, will be exhibited in the lobby of the Decatur post office.

The annual convention of the National Postmasters Association will be held in Cleveland in September, and Postmaster Allen will enter the group of Decatur posters in the national competition. The contest was arranged by Washington post office officials.

Rex Smith is the son of a retired Mueller worker, and last summer was a vacation worker in this organization. He has a fine record as a scout, and student, and his talent for drawing, if developed, justifies the hope of his friends that he will become an artist of marked ability.

SARNIA NEWS

News that can be published, seems to be lacking around the plant these days. Maybe the boys are quiet thinking about the inventory to be taken, or after working hours are too busy pursuing the various diversions which this season, with its glorious weather affords. However, don't forget this column would appreciate hearing of your doings.

For the fishermen around the plant:

THE FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

O Lord, suffer me to catch a fish so large that even I—when talking of it afterwards—may have no need to lie.

Today's Helpful Hint:—By holding flies over steam, you can restore matted hackles to their original fluffiness.

CHEER UP SCOTTIE!

A novice, with great determination after numerous attempts: "I'll stay here till I hit this ball."

Caddie: "Weel, ye can get some ither laddie to haud yer sticks, for this is ma bath nicht!"

Ponder Over These

How does Dennis Tilley spend *his* holidays, and is he really engaged?

Is it true that Charlie Hardy is married, and that he is keeping it secret?

When does Bert Campbell intend to put in that thar' garden?

How did Frank Bassford get the new Chevrolet?

When is Reta getting married, and who is he?

Why did two girls wear *red* blouses to the office the day that the salesman Johnny Bull came round?

How does Lewis Daws manage to get so many girl friends?

Do you honestly think it possible to start a fire with baby's diapers and collect insurance money? A Muellerite knows all about it.

Our "Bill"

Do you know it is hard to understand our Bill Young. Would you not think he was the most sociable and most congenial little man who would not pick a quarrel with a fly. But he surely must lack something, for the latest news is that his wife has left him for over a month. It is said she has gone back to Mother. But strangest of all, mother lives somewhere around Niagara Falls.

Poor Bill has visited the doctor who has given him a delightful kind of tonic so we hear, to build up his spirits, or is it his strength?

Of course, such an article as the above must have a sales talk somewhere to make it appear normal, so the writer is glad to inform you, that Bill, to fill in his spare time, is the sole

agent around the plant for chewing tobacco, used only once. This can be exchanged for cash or old newspapers.

Boys—Rally round and help your pal in his distress.

Travelling

Gordon Callum attended the Foundry Men's Convention held in Detroit May 5 and 6th. Mr. McIntyre joined him on May 6th.

G. W. Parker and Wm. Twaits were in London May 19th, and Mr. McIntyre in Windsor.

Robert Mueller and Wm. E. Mueller were visitors in Sarnia during May.

Wm. Twaits left on May 25th, for a business trip, visiting Toronto, Montreal, and the Maritime Provinces.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Eyes open and look on all sides. You may see something that will pay you good returns if you study and think of a way that some operation or practice could be done in a better way, a more economical and more efficient way. The suggestion plan which has been in operation in this plant for many years offers a way to get extra money and to show that you are wide awake and thinking. Such a statement would be useless and meaningless if there was nothing to support it. We all know that there is. Every holiday season we learn of a group of employes who won prizes for suggestions on these subjects:

Reduced Ovearhead.

Safety.

Increased Production.

In no instance did these winners grab the prize out of the air. They had to use their heads, keep their eyes open and figure out a suggestion useful to the company.

Then there is the slogan contest and awards for each suggestion accepted, which means a lot. Looking back to the January Record we find that Al. Spitzler won \$25 for his increased production, \$10 for his safety suggestion, and nine other accepted suggestions at \$2.50 making his total winnings \$57.50. Quite worthwhile was it not? Do not get the idea that there is nothing left to do in the way of suggestions. When that time comes we might well say we have reached a state of perfection. Every day brings opportunities for doing something different and better. Business and human effort present new problems everyday. They are a succession of changes and progress.

Suggestion blanks may be obtained from Walter Auer. Get an idea in your head and then get a blank and fill it in.

EATS ALWAYS GOOD AT
OUR CAFETERIA

BRASS CHIPS

Dorothy Cooper has been assisting with some extra work in the Cost Department since May 19th.

Eloise Woods is helping out in the Billing Department. She began May 20.

Carl Dodwell has been operating a press in the Printing Department while Bill McClure has been absent. Carl was transferred from Dept. 90. He was off Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th, to have his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dickey, Credit department, and two children, have returned from an automobile trip to Kansas. They were gone about ten days.

Gerald Hawkins, young son of O. J. Hawkins of the Sales Department, fell out of a tree on May 19 and broke his arm above the wrist in two places.

Walter Auer went fishing on May 17, but all he got was a sunburn. Presume his fishing calendar must have failed him.

Dorothy Gepford, her mother, Mrs. S. R. Gepford, Evelyn Telling, telephone operator, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pope spent the week end of May 23-24 in Chicago. Dorothy and Mrs. Gepford visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nehls, former residents of Decatur. Mr. Nehls was a member of the Engineering Department of the Mueller Co. several years ago. Evelyn visited Irene Meyers, also a former resident of Decatur, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hanks. Mrs. Hanks was Hazel Cook before her marriage, and worked in the Billing Department.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wert, of Chicago, were the guests of Dorothea Hill at the Mueller Cabin over the week-end of May 23. Mrs. Wert is Dorothea's sister.

Jack Bain, Plant 2, was playing baseball with the St. James team at Newman, Illinois, Sunday, May 17. A base runner collided with him and Jack's leg was broken in three places at the ankle.

Tony Grossman, Engineering Dept., was playing baseball after work, May 25, when he ran into Barney Morrison with such force that Tony's face bone was broken.

A. L. Bethards of the foundry, is now convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Louis Rohr, who has been laid up for about two months, is up and around but not yet strong enough to work.

Several others are exchanging old teeth for new dentures, a fancy word for artificial teeth.

The little son of Edgar Lewis, Dept. 9, fell in the back yard recently and broke his arm.

Oscar Friend, formerly a member of this organization, is now engaged in doing yard and landscape work, and says he has worked up quite a nice business.

Elmer Miller, trick dispatcher, has commenced work on his new house northwest of the city. He expects to have it ready for occupancy by fall.

Memorial Day came on Saturday—and so does July 4th.

Mrs. Thomas of the cafeteria, was in Detroit about the middle of May, having been called there to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law.

W. R. Gustin was in New Orleans the week of May 25th, attending the National convention of purchasing agents. Bill can tell those guys something besides buying—spinning a ball down a bowling alley for instance. We trust that Bill knew what to do with his eyes while on Canal Street. Certainly some good-lookers on that parade ground.

Printer Bill is still absent as the result of a mastoid operation which kept him in St. Mary's hospital. He was afflicted with a mastoid abscess, a very serious case because the seat of the disease is in such close proximity of the brain, and calls for a severe but delicate operation.

When Paul Jacka was here a few weeks ago he reported that his little daughter was gradually recovering from a mastoid infection.

Mrs. Sylvester Ivans of Cobb Avenue was hostess at a May breakfast at Mueller Heights, Sunday, May 23.

Daughsis Club had a May Breakfast at Mueller Heights on the morning of Sunday, May 31.

M. W. Trott was on company business in Chattanooga a couple of days the third week in May. He reports that the T. V. A. is making a raid on the office help in Chattanooga.

C. Albert Anderson has been transferred to Plant 2 as cupola tender helper.

Irish McQueen has been transferred from Plant 2 to the Brass Foundry.

Wilbur Edwards of the Ground Key Department has been transferred to Dept. 300.

John Willis, who has been helper in the Brass Foundry, has been transferred to the Iron Foundry to try his hand at molding.

Earnest Hetzler, who has been on Mason's crew for some time has been transferred to Dept. 300.

Edwin Jeschawitz, who formerly worked on the yard force, has been employed at the Iron Foundry.

Gerald Powell has returned to the Brass Foundry after a lay-off.

W. L. Reynolds has returned to the Polishing Department.

Jack Enloe returned May 28 from a trip to the southwest. He drove a car for the ride. While in Los Angeles he visited our Pacific Coast factory.

THE COMING PICNIC

Children Let Us Know About Your Pets

In the last inside Mueller Record attention was called to the coming picnic. The committee asked employes for suggestions for the program. Not a single reply has been received. It is strange that in an organization as large as this one that no one has an idea. Think up some stunt that will be funny and entertaining. We did not make it clear that wives and members of employes' families are as welcome to make suggestions as employes.

One thing the committee has in mind for the children's parade is a display of pets which the little folks can either lead or carry. If the plan goes through there will be a row of pens where the pets can be displayed. With the right kind of co-operation this could be made an interesting feature of the picnic. Fill in the coupon below. If you have a pet fill in the blank space and send it by father, brother or sister to the Editor of The Record.

<p>PET COUPON</p> <p>My name is _____</p> <p>Live at _____</p> <p>I have a pet _____</p> <p>Can you bring it to picnic? _____</p>
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Any kind of a pet is acceptable—pony, cat, dog, bird, chicken, goat.

Be sure and let us know. Fill in the blank and ask your father, brother or sister to drop it in the department mail basket. Address it Editor Record.

MUELLER HEIGHTS

Grounds Will Be Used for Various Picnics and Reunions

A number of events are scheduled for Mueller Heights. A district meeting of the Girl Scouts was held May 28th, at the Lodge.

On May 29, the Senior Class of the Decatur High School had their picnic. This affair was in charge of Russell Larsen, president of the class, Joan Walraven, chairman of social committee, and Miss Grace Bridges of the faculty.

The Decatur Garment Co. Employes will have their annual picnic at Mueller Heights on Saturday, June 6.

On Sunday, June 14, the 130th Infantry Band of the A. E. F. Veterans will hold their annual reunion at the Athletic Club.

On Friday, June 19, we plan to have a fifteen-cent luncheon to be followed by a drama presented by the W. P. A. actors assisted by W. P. A. orchestra with vaudeville between numbers.

We are assured this is a first class drama produced by professional actors. They are offering "The Living Dead." A play that had a long run in New York and for which royalties are paid. There will be special scenery and lighting. In every way, this will be the largest dramatic presentation yet offered in the open-air theatre. There will be no charge for the show, only for the lunch.

Do not miss this big show.

SUPPER and PLAY

on Evening of
June 19th
at the Lodge

A Good Play By
W. P. A. ACTORS

Supper Consisting of;
Sandwich, Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Coffee or
Milk.

ARRANGE TO ATTEND

LAUGH THESE OFF

Accept Our Sympathy, Grandma

X—"What's that awful racket?"

Y—"Grandma ain't used to her new teeth and just broke a saucer drinking her tea."

Heard by C. Cochran at Okaw

First Mosquito: "I claim the world owes me a living."

Second Mosquito: "Well, all we have to do is to present our bills."

Mind on Business

Edmonson: "I see by the paper that a widower with twelve children just married a widow with nine children."

O'Keil: "That was no marriage—that was a merger."

Nose in the Air

He: "Does Vera look her age?"

She: "No; she overlooks it."

Fast and Slow

She: "Time surely separates the best of friends."

He: "Quite true. Fourteen years ago, we were both eighteen. Now you are twenty-three and I am thirty-two."

A Holdup Game

"Where did Brown get all his money?"

"In the hold-up business."

"Never!"

"Yes. He manufacturers garters."

Entirely Too Much

Dear Ed: "What shall I do, I am so unhappy. I am engaged to a man who says he simply can't bear children.—Orphan Annie."

Dear Annie: "Gee whiz, Annie, you can't expect too much of a husband."

Wise Kid

Fond Mother: "Quiet, dear, the sandman is coming."

Modern Child: "Okay, mom, a dollar and I won't tell pop."

Easy Answer

"Some men thirst after fame, some after money, some after love."

"I know something all thirst after."

"What is that?"

"Salt herring."

Eve Was Careless

When Adam in bliss, asked Eve for a kiss

She puckered her lips with a coo,

Then with look quite ecstatic, she answered emphatic:

"I don't care Adam if I do."

WEDDINGS

Crissup-Hutchins

Violet Crissup and Gale Hutchins of the Regulator Department were married at the bride's home in Maroa on May 22. They are living at 628 W. Eldorado street.

PLUMBERS' CONVENTION

The annual convention of the National Association of Master Plumbers will be held at Buffalo, N. Y. the latter part of June. The company will make an exhibit and will be represented at the convention by O. C. Draper, O. H. Sharlock and Harold Probst. The convention and display will be held at the Statler Hotel.

CALL FOR MR. NECK



"See here, waiter, I found a collar button in this pie."

"Didn't see nothin' of an umbrella, did yo' boss? Dah was one los' heah last night."

Don't Forget
MUELLER
Employes Picnic
at
Mueller Heights
SATURDAY AUGUST 8th
PLAN TO BE THERE