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TEAM WORK

It Is Spontaneous Cooperation of A Free People

"The highest and best form of efficiency is the spontaneous cooperation of a free people." This is the team work President Wilson had in mind when he gave utterance to the thought quoted from one of his addresses. It is this kind of team work which has enabled America to accomplish in 150 years more than many older nations have accomplished in a thousand years and more than they will accomplish in another thousand years, because their social standards, their business methods and traditions are opposed to radical changes.

"In this century what helps business helps you." It is our business system that has created more wealth, and distributed more benefits more widely than any other system ever devised.

Now, as in the days of Franklin and Washington, business men stand on the firing line. Are they less loyal, less patriotic, because they say to the Government:—"It can't be done that way"?

Are they guilty of impeding progress because they say: "You're heading in the wrong direction"?

In the 20's foreign nations sent their agents to the United States to learn the secret of American business efficiency. They went back home and reported: "American business has a genius for organization. American business men pull together."

If that "genius for organization" pulled us out of the hole back in the colonial days—and many times since—is there any reason to believe that it cannot pull us out of the hole again—if it is given the chance?

Remember, business starts with the individual. It is the day's work of more than 40,000,000 people.

In more than 3,000 towns and cities business men, in voluntary organizations—chambers of commerce—are trying to smooth the way for these activities, ironing out labor problems and trade wars, creating jobs. Trade associations are doing the same thing for industry.

What they do is of vital importance to you.

Whatever helps business helps you. Whatever hurts it hurts you.

KISS-O-METER AND BLONDS

Bulletin Causes a Flurry Among Our Girls—Brunettes Are Defiant

A bulletin appeared recently regarding the Kiss-O-Meter, a device tested out at Armour Institute of Technology.

A kiss-o-meter is based on the engineering principle of resistance. It is a formidable looking contrivance uniting a voltmeter, batteries, switches, and an amplifier. It is purely non-commercial. It was described in the Chicago papers and led to the following being posted on the bulletin board.

Bad News for Brunettes

Gentlemen prefer blonds—they did and now they do, more than ever. A new scientific device—the Kiss-O-Meter—for registering the "voltage" of a kiss gives added attraction. Tested out recently at the University of Chicago, a pretty blond hit the high mark—12—and rang the bell—a bull's eye as it 'twere.

Two elderly ladies kissed the device and scored four.

The Brunettes Defi

A Kiss-O-Meter that is no test!
Lips and a moustache are much the best
There we will find hope and life and love
While some one is calling us his turtle
dove.

The blond is preferred, eh? Is that so?
Then why for a kiss to a machine does
she go?

So long as she does, though her score be
high

We brunettes get our men with soft looks
and a sigh.

P. S. Some spiteful blond penned the following on the bulletin beneath the second verse:
'Oh yeah—is that so"?'
—●—

No More Worrying

Mr.: "I've just had my life insured for \$5,000."

Mrs.: "That's nice. Now I shan't have to keep telling you to be careful every place you go."
—●—

Walk fast until you get upon the right ground, and then stand fast.

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He is rich who is contented.

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EXPECTANT



Brother and Sister are all expectancy. They are watching carefully for that little bird supposed to be in the camera. In the meantime they are looking what they are, the two fine children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ford. Their names are Richard Dwayne, aged 2, and Nancy Arlene aged 1. Marvin is a member of Dept. 8.

LOCAL BOYS BECOME NEWS

Twelve thousand copies of a broadside mailed out by the Advertising Department during the month of May carried quite a prominent picture of a number of the boys in the Engineering Department. The broadside, entitled, "If You Designed Your Own Fire Hydrant," was 18" x 25" when unfolded and showed an enlarged sectional view of the Columbian fire hydrant and pointed out the features of the hydrant, among which are the safety flange, self-oiling top, and the double drain valves.

An enlarged picture at the top of the inside spread showed Walter Bowman, Frank H. Mueller, Harley Himstead, John Smith, Fred Tratzik, and Elmer Fawley studying a blue print. Another fold of the broadside revealed Earl Lowe at work on a large blue print.

The broadside was printed in red and black and made a very striking piece of advertising literature. A copy was mailed to every water works in the United States.

End of Argument

"And when Mrs. Gubbins sez you wasn't no lidy, wot did yer say?"

"I sez, 'two negatives means an infirmiry,' and I knocks 'er down. She is now in the 'orspital.'"—New Zeland Railways Magazine.

MATCH GAME OF CROQUET

Verl Hawbaker and Bert Butt Come Through as Winners

The moot question for a while was whether John Smith and Charles Johnson were better croquet players than Verl Hawbaker and Bert Butt. The dispute has been settled, after much argument, to the satisfaction of Verl and Bert. It was agreed that the two teams would meet for a battle to end all arguments on the night of June 2. The time was set for 6 o'clock, and friends of both teams were urged to be present, with an added inducement of a good ball game to be played at 8 o'clock on the baseball diamond.

The first game was a good, hot contest with both teams evenly matched, but the final score gave the victory to Verl and Bert. Then the second game was started with John and Charles the determined winners. But alas, disaster befell this gallant team. Charles Johnson got sand in his eye and "blew up." After all, no team can play their best under such a handicap. Verl and Bert again won, but John and Charles concede the victory only because of fortuitous circumstances.

THIS MARRYING QUESTION

Don't become discouraged girls. The older you are when you get married the better your chances are for happiness—that is if you believe the results of a scientific study of the subject. They figure it out as follows:

Brides under 24, only 28% remain happy; from 24 to 29, 59% remain happy. Brides over 30 years of age are happy to the extent of 63%. And say these scientists, happiness takes wings more easily when the bride is older than her husband. There is the dope girls.

P. S. Note that the scientist does not favor either blonds or brunettes. Just girls and a free for all.

COMPTROLLER CONFERENCE

A Comptrollers' Conference was held at Indianapolis Monday May 23rd under the direction of the Comptrollers Institute of America. The sessions were held in the Marrott Hotel and the attendance was good. Two Decatur Comptrollers had prominent places on the program. They were Franz Eakin of the Staley Co. and O. C. Keil of Mueller Co.

The former read a paper on the subject "Financial Reports to Employes" while Mr. Keil read a paper on "Provisions of 1938 Federal Revenue Act."

And Avis Proves It

Avis says it isn't always those who are on skates who suffer the most painful injuries. He was merely standing and watching when a lady skater lost control and came charging at him with the speed of a mad bull. Avis limped about with a sore knee and foot for several days, while the lady, once she had regained her equilibrium, went blithely on her way.

ATHLETICS

Interdepartmental League
Standings of 7 teams in the Interdepartmental:

Team	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Plant 2	4	4	0	1.000
Dept. 8	4	4	0	1.000
Utility	4	2	2	.500
Office	3	1	2	.500
Dept. 300	4	1	3	.333
Foremen	4	0	4	.000

Soft Ball

The first half of the season is almost over. Five of the teams have one more game to play and one team has two more.

Probably the best game of this first half will be when Department 8 and Plant 2 play their scheduled game. Neither of these teams have lost a game and they will both be out scrapping to knock the other out of the race.

There has been quite a lot of interest shown on the part of the spectators who have been coming out to see the games.

To all of those who do not know the schedule: League games are played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, also on Thursday night the Mueller All-Stars play a game after the regular league game.

The All Stars have had some tough luck so far as wins and losses are concerned. They have played three games and have lost all three. It has been quite a problem to determine who shall play and in what position, but they are gradually being shifted around to fill the spots in which they are best suited.

The hitting of the Mueller team hasn't been anything to brag about, but they have been hitting some of the best pitching in Decatur and also they haven't had very much practice.

Diamond Dust

If there is a good leather worker in the factory and he will see Frank Taylor, we believe he can get a job. Frank says there is a doggoned spring in his glove and he can't get it out.

Herman Roe has probably shown more qualities of an outfielder than any man who has been out there so far this season.

The two best hitters in the League are Lefty Adams and Hubie Maddox.

Red Roarick has the strongest arm in the field.

Hank Stratman is the quietest player.

Troy Roush and Ben Taylor are tied for first in the grippers division.

Anyone who would like to join Plant 2's Mudcat Band, please hand in his applica-

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT!"



Here we have "news pictures" of Miss Margaret Behrend well known member of the Core room force, snapped while on an outing at Peoria. In the larger picture she is found at the boat dock awaiting the return of her nephew who is cruising on Peoria Lake in a speed boat with his cousin Dorothy Ammann, who is a daughter of Herman Ammann. The boat is owned by Jimmy Costello of Peoria, Illinois. In the smaller picture Margaret is shown in the boat with her nephew.

tion to Loyle Davis or the Band Director, Augie Jendry, at Plant 2.

It looks as if quite a few of the women are going to be expert skaters by next fall. If practice makes perfect they are going to be good. Quite a few are using the gym every afternoon.

Notice to Horseshoe, Croquet, and Badminton Enthusiasts

New croquet sets have been purchased for the use of the employees on the croquet courts at Mueller Lodge. Those people who are interested in playing in the tournament, which will be held before long, should be practicing with these new sets.

There will be a new badminton court just north of the croquet court at Mueller Lodge. Lights will be installed and those who wish to will have the privilege of playing under lights during the evening. There will be a tournament held for badminton players before long also.

To those fellows who like the old fashioned, but still fascinating, game of horseshoe, the pits will be ready in the next day or two.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

Helen Draper of the Upkeep Stock Department is "among those present" on the mystery invitation list and expresses some curiosity as to what it all means. Helen is a somewhat mysterious person and has quite a bit of curiosity. Do you suppose that she's an "under cover man" promoting the mysterious invitation propaganda.

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



And this young gentleman at an early age is looking the world over with a quizzical eye. He wants to know what it is all about. Just as a starter he seems to think it something to smile at. Let's hope he will maintain that attitude throughout life. His name is Loren Richard Hetzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hetzler and he was two years old on flag day--June 14--that should make him a patriotic citizen. The proud father works in the Pattern Vault, Foundry office.

NEW SCOUT MASTER TROOP 2

Veteran in Scouting is Now at Head of Troop--Other "Old Timers"

With the rush of summer activities in the Recreational Department of the company, Loyle Davis, Director of Recreation and Scoutmaster of Troop 2, has found it impossible to properly function as Scoutmaster. Effective at once, Mr. Davis will become a member of the Troop Committee, in which capacity he will keep in the Scout activities with the regular recreational program.

The new Scout Master selected to succeed Mr. Davis, is Herman Roe, employed in Dept. 8. Herman is a 100% product of Troop 2. He joined the troop when it was first sponsored by Mueller Company, becoming a Tenderfoot Scout February 23, 1931, and advanced rapidly to Second Class and First Class Scout. Then Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scout Master and Assistant Scout Master,

and now he becomes Scout Master of his Alma Mater, Troop 2.

This is an enviable record since we must remember that during these years Herman also became a husband and a father.

When Herman was first advised of his appointment as Scout Master, he made a resolution to start work at once, with other scouts in the troop, toward acquiring the additional merit badge awards needed for his Eagle award.

He also has other ambitious plans for the troop, toward the accomplishment of which the Troop Committee pledges its whole-hearted support.

There are several other old time Troop 2 scouts still active in the troop, namely. Truman Reynolds, Assistant Scout Master. Like Herman these two young men started in Troop 2 as Tenderfoot Scouts under the leadership of Odie Walker, and also like Herman, they have faithfully stuck with the troop and still hold positions of leadership which has been well merited.

The work of these three young men, their loyalty to scouting and Troop 2, is a fine testimonial to the effectiveness of Mr. Walker's work as Scout Master when the troop was first organized.

NEW YORK

Raymond Scharming and Bob Schoenwaisner are no longer members of the New York organization. Both resigned recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Garutti are the parents of a lately arrived daughter, who has been christened Virginia. Mrs. Garutti was formerly a member of the order department force. She recently completed six years service.

JUST WOKE UP



"Well, I've had my afternoon nap, and am ready for a frolic, dinner, or what have you?" asks John Richard Taylor. This smiling good-natured little fellow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Taylor, 1266 North 18th St. He has been a resident of Decatur for 6 months and likes it as far as he has gone. The pleased father of this promising young citizen is a member of Dept. 8.

Testimonial Dinner -- Bob Makes A Gift



Guests at the Dinner—Harry Ruthrauff Next to Adolph.

On the evening of May 23, at the Lodge, a testimonial dinner was tendered Harry Ruthrauff, who for fifty years has been associated with the Decatur Water Works. It was an enjoyable social event as well as a happy reunion of many of Mr. Ruthrauff's old friends and acquaintances. The dinner was all that a hungry man could ask for and the prompt and orderly service reflected credit on those of this organization assigned to the preparation and serving of this feast.

Decatur Water Works

Cigars followed the dinner and then impromptu speeches.

Mr. Adolph presided and in a few words told the purpose of the meeting and presented A. G. Webber for an address on the history of the Decatur Water Works.

The address of A. G. Webber was of particular interest because it dealt with the installation and development of the water works plant. Mr. Webber, in tracing this development, gave many facts and incidents which were new to even some of the older citizens present.

The Guest of Honor

Harry Ruthrauff, the guest of honor, spoke at some length, recounting his associ-

ation with the department, and telling of personal experiences and contacts with others who had at times been identified with the important industry, which is the foundation and life of every progressive city.

After the speaking, the company adjourned to the living room to smoke and visit.

During a brief intermission, Mr. Ruthrauff was presented with a beautiful Hamilton watch, a token of the esteem and appreci-

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The presentation of gifts. Adolph handing Mr. Ruthrauff a beautiful watch. Left to right: Commissioner John Rehfelt, Harry Ruthrauff, Adolph Mueller, A. G. Webber, Robert Mueller.

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ation of his worth as a citizen and an official of the city.

A second gift was a fifty dollar bill by Commissioner John Rehfeldt and members of the water works force.

Beautifying Grounds

Mr. Adolph spoke on the question of beautifying the ground surrounding the water works plant, and pointed out that such a park should be a center of attraction for citizens. He said a suggestive plan had been drawn up and this would be explained to the assembly by Engineer Brown.

J. L. Brown, city planning engineer, presented this suggested plan for the beautification of a water works park, and it seemed to meet with approval.

Bob Makes a Gift

Robert Mueller proved to be the most popular speaker of the evening. He sprang the big surprise, giving no intimation of his purpose until he came to the end of his talk. After greeting the assembly in his quiet, sincere way, he spoke of pleasant boyhood memories associated with the water works, the river, and the Allen lands which was the retreat for "our gang" in boyhood days, relating some liberties taken which did not meet with Captain Allen's complete approval. He likewise referred to the interest he had always had in the water works from boyhood to the present time and his thought and feeling that it should be a clean, orderly, attractive place inside and out so that citizens could not only derive pleasure from visiting it, but could take a justifiable pride in showing it to visitors. "It is with these feelings I want to say that I have saved a few dollars which I can spare to carry out a plan whereby these grounds can be made more beautiful and attractive and an enduring credit to the city. With this in mind, Mrs. Mueller joining me, we tender for the purposes just stated a gift of \$5,000."

Bob's ending brought forth loud and enthusiastic applause, and from later speakers words of appreciation for the offer.

Mayor Lee made a short talk in which he urged the value of long distance planning.

The others spoke along the same lines. Just what will be the results of this gathering is in the future.

The company present included eighty or more citizens. Representatives of all municipal taxing bodies were there and all members of the water works department.

FLORIDA WEDDING

The Decatur Sunday Herald and Review carried an account of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Knauss and Pat Kimbrough, Jr., Hartselle, Ala., which occurred on Thursday, June 2, at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Miami.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Knauss of Montesano, Washington. During her residence in Decatur she lived with Mr. and Mrs. Mueller while attending Millikin University.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS SCHARIO



"When You and I Were Young Maggie" is not the song that this couple sing, although they recently celebrated the 43rd anniversary of their marriage.

They are young yet, with no immediate intention of permitting old Father Time to romp on them.

The groom, Lou Schario, is one of the well known employes of this organization. Lou tied in with the Mueller Co. in 1903 for 35 years continuous service, which is something of a record. In that time he has been in several departments, being one of those who can adapt himself to a variety of jobs. At the present time he is "doing time" in the shipping department. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Schario congratulate them on their long and happy married life, and wish them continued health and prosperity.

SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement was made on June 13 of the marriage of Miss Ruth Eagleton and Ray Fritts which took place in Bowling Green, Missouri, on March 5. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Eagleton, 910 Curtis avenue. The bridegroom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Fritts, 1226 N. Water street, is the order drummer in the main office.

BIRTHS

O'DELL—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. O'Dell, a son on June 6. Mr. O'Dell is employed in Department 8.

At the Picnic

Old Lady—Why don't you try to cheer your little brother up?

Small Boy—Didja ever try to cheer anybody up who'd just eaten five bananas, a hot dog and six ice cream cones?

Joe Brownback is home for summer vacation—working in Duke's Office.

CHATTANOOGA

The enclosed picture is of Napoleon Gaither, molder in our Iron Foundry.

"Here is Napoleon who did not meet his Waterloo, To prove that he made sixty (60) molds in 57 minutes, he shows you two \$5.00 checks he wagered for and won



from two "doubting Thomases"; namely, Paul Jacka and Don Andrews. (Editor's note: Paul and Don, don't you know better than to bet on the other fellow's game?)

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parsons announce the birth of a son on May 24. The Baby has been named Robert Parsons, Jr. Mr. Parsons is employed in the Chattanooga Machine Shop.

C. D. Clark has been away from work several weeks due to an accident he received to his eye, while at work in the Machine Shop.

Homer Van Vleet has been away from work several days due to illness.

While enroute to the Kentucky Derby on May 6, Mabel Phillips of the Sales Dept. received an injury due to an automobile accident. Mabel will be absent from work several weeks—and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

We Only Heard This, Eut:

Recently Mary Wilson (one of our fair maidens in the Sales Department) decided to learn the art of piano playing.

A teacher of said art was found and the music lessons started.

Flash! After two weeks of practice, the teacher informs Mary (confidentially) that she must leave at once for Chicago to visit her brother—a very sick man.

Time marches on! Two months to be exact. But cheer up, Mary—remember the teacher advised that her brother was a very sick man.

After all, Mary, no teacher, no practice!

Mr. Adolph Mueller visited in Chattanooga on Wednesday, May 25, enroute to Florida.

GET THIS

Columbian Iron Works products figured in the new Minneapolis Sanitary District Sewage Treatment plant, which was recently completed. We installed 74 large sluice gates, thirty-eight of which are electrically operated, while thirty-eight are hand operated. Photographs of this equipment were taken by Marion Eckman, copies of which reached Decatur and the editor's desk.

We hope to be able to use some of these later, if they prove suitable for reproduction. They are small but good considering the fact that the subjects were so large. The thing of greatest interest to us is that our products figure in an improvement of such importance.

WEDDINGS

DuBois—Yardley

Announcement of the wedding of Miss Jane DuBois, Huntington Park, California, and Martyn H. Yardley of South Gate, California, has been received. The young couple were married May 27 at 8:30 P. M. in the Wee Church of the Heather in Glendale. Rev. Francis L. Bennetts, pastor of the South Gate Community Presbyterian church, officiated.

Miss Martha DuBois, whose marriage will take place in the fall, was maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Miss Betty Ann Fischer and Miss Betty DuBois. Jean Belyca, 3, was the flower girl, Harry Yardley, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Robert Belyca and Kenneth Hathaway were ushers.

The bride is a daughter of C. H. DuBois, formerly a member of the Mueller Decatur organization, but now salesman for the Mueller Pacific Coast factory.

Spence-Hackman

Miss Doris Spence and F. Carleton Hackman, Plant 2, were married in the First Methodist church at 3 p. m. on May 6. Rev. W. W. Cutlip officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spence, and the bridegroom the son of Mrs. Lula Hackman. Mr. and Mrs. George Harshbarger were attendants.

The bride wore blue lace over taffeta, white accessories, and had a colonial bouquet of pink roses and larkspur.

Mr. and Mrs. Hackman are living at 1764 E. Johns avenue.

Annin-Trimmer

Announcement was made on May 8 of the marriage of one year ago of Helen Annin of Decatur and Orville Trimmer. They were married May 8, 1937 in St. Louis and were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunham. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Trimmer, caretakers of the Mueller land south of the lake, and works on a farm there.

THEY ARE ROLLING AROUND

Skating Three Nights a Week Still Claims Attention of Muellerites

Few recreational plans put forth in recent years have gone over with a whoop and a hoopla as has roller skating. It's a wow and how! Girls, boys, men and women have become addicts to this exhilarating and enjoyable diversion, and many of them never miss an open night. Roller skating, at one time considered as a winter sport only, is now an all the year round sport, at least with such weather as is still prevailing. There are a number of public rinks in the city, but we feel there is none which presents the attractions and environments offered by our rink. It's a private affair with an unsurpassed floor, ample seating capacity, and always plenty of room for skating. Then there are clean rest rooms, and above all there is no charge. In public rinks with no particular rules or restrictions, the conduct does not measure up to that in our rink where good behavior and good fellowship are just naturally a part of the plan.

At last reports something like 120 pair of skates have been sold.

There is skating from 7 to 10 P. M. three nights per week—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and will be so long as the weather is agreeable.

The facilities of the recreational building are available only to Mueller employes, their families, and guests. If guests are invited they must be accompanied by an employe of this company. It is not sufficient that they have an acquaintance with a Mueller employe.

VISITORS FROM SCHOOLS

Largest Group from Macon County Headed by the Superintendent

Pupils from the town and rural schools have been streaming through the factory during the past few weeks getting an eye full of the manner and methods of making water, gas and plumbing goods. The largest group came from Macon county rural schools led by Mrs. Cora B. Ryman, county superintendent. This group to the number of 800 visited us on May 13th. Divided into smaller groups and under leadership of our guides they were taken to all parts of the factory, the guides explaining various processes and answering innumerable questions. Following this visit Mrs. Ryman sent the company a letter of thanks and appreciation.

On the 17th of May, 8th grade pupils from the Shelbyville High Schools, with

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

One of the big events in these parts in recent days was the Office Girls' picnic at Mueller Heights on June 9.

The first outstanding thing about the picnic was the number present. There were 40 there. In the second place, the gathering was unusual because everyone who had promised to come was on hand. There were no regrets and no excuses. Nice record, say we.

A delicious meal—and we mean delicious in a large way—was served on the spacious porch of the Athletic Club House. Because of another June shower, it was deemed best not to eat out-doors. The menu was well planned, and there certainly was a lot of food.

As probably everyone knows, Dorothy Gepford was the principal "instigator" of this picnic. Dorothy, we are told, has a weakness for picnics.) Mary Ruth Harrison, who served as chairman of the short meeting following the dinner, Vera Bauer, and Helen Brannan were efficient committee members.

It was decided by the girls that, so successful had this affair been that they would have similar get-togethers in the future. Helen Pope was appointed to head a committee to plan the next party, which will be early in September.

Further picnic notes—Entertainment for the picnic was just ready-made. Some of the girls hiked about the grounds, which, after the abundance of rains this year, are especially beautiful. Dorothy Cooper and Dorothea Uhl seized the opportunity to improve their golf driving. We might add that they had quite a good-sized "gallery".

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Mr. Fegly, instructor, and graduates of the Macon Schools were our guests. Mr. Stephens of the Macon School was at the head of his group of graduates.

On Friday, May 20, a group from Arcola High School, with Mr. St. John, superintendent made the visit.

Mr. Adolph, when in the city, addressed these groups and they also were entertained with the showing of the moving picture, "Let's Go America."

The guides selected to pilot the different groups through the factory were:

W. E. Behrns, Brugh Werner, Chas. Tilton, Bert Butt, R. K. Duncan, Lorin Crossball, Merlin Coates, Walter Bowan, Roy Whitaker, Wallace Gould, Robert Taylor, H. L. Himstead, Herman Dash, Ralph Uhler, R. H. Tauber, M. Fleckenstein, Harry Sackriter, Roy Pease, William Mueller, Earl Parker, Leo Masterson, Heck Whittington, Julius Staudt, Ray Kilcen, Don Boggs, Troy Roush, Otha Mills, John Bixler.

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Clara Uhl and Jane Cranston also tried a few shots.

Then Helen Rinehart and Erma Barth entered what promised to be a most exciting horseshoe contest. The going was just becoming good when everybody was summoned for supper.

After the meal a number of the girls went over to the ball diamond to watch the inter-department softball game and the Mueller All-Star-Oakes Products game which followed it. The All-Stars, we learned, were ahead when rain stopped further play at the fifth inning.

Visit Mrs. Gilbert

We have news of Mrs. Clara Gilbert, formerly of the Mailing and Personnel departments, now living on her farm north of Mattoon. On Saturday afternoon, June 4, Dorothy Gepford, with Mrs. Gepford, Louise Whitehead, Mrs. Roy Whitehead and Opal Jackson, drove down to call on "Gilbert" and Miss Layton. They were much interested in seeing Gilbert's pleasant farm-home, in making the acquaintance of the family of pigs and the cows, and in wandering around through the pasture and the very appealing woods beyond. They found Gilbert and Miss Layton very busy and quite happy in their new home. They were much interested in hearing about all their friends in the Mueller organization.

On the way home the group stopped off in Arthur to call on Mrs. Shelby Gibson, formerly Ollie Springer of our Advertising Dept. They inspected with considerable pleasure Ollie's attractive home. And they enjoyed greatly Arthur's Main Street on Saturday night, where one can sit on benches on the curbstone and watch the traffic go by!

At Plumbers Convention

O. C. Draper and Ray Kileen left for Cleveland on June 2 to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Master Plumbers. Before the convention opened they set up the company's exhibit for the Home Comfort Exposition held in connection with the meeting.

The company's exhibit this year was very pleasing to the eye, modern in design, blue in color. Outstanding features of the display were the miniature Adapto shower combinations operating under glass and the illuminated drawings, in color, of various tub installations for which Adapto shower combinations may be used.

Mr. O. H. Sharlock and Mr. Thomas E. Gaither also represented the company at the convention.

Dorothy Gepford and a party of friends were Log Cabin campers June 11 and 12. Not the least enthusiastic member of the party was "Judy", Dorothy's lil' dog

Clara Uhl, Opal Jackson, Dorothy Cooper

were in St. Louis to attend the June 11 performance of "Gentlemen Unafraid", first opera of the 1938 Municipal Opera.

Pos: Mortems

With the beginning of the softball games at Mueller Heights, controversy, not to say very extended post-mortems on games played the night before, has raged hot and heavy. Discussion is even more heated than during the World's Series. In a way, it's quite exciting, for every morning there are always players, and fans, who can say exactly—and do say in no uncertain terms—how the game the night before could have been won. But, after a time, the arguments grow a little wearying, to the bystanders, anyway. Personally, we believe we'd like to see the disputants put on boxing-gloves and settle the matter once and for all.

Willie Rohman Rivals Sherlock

Willie Rohman, our messenger, has had an exciting time during the past week or two keeping up with his bicycle. And in the process of so doing he has developed into a first-class detective.

The bike disappeared from its usual parking place in front of the plant. Straightway, Willie began combing the streets of Decatur for his lost chariot. He had never realized before, he said, how many bicycles there were in town, and he was glad that he didn't live in Holland or some place else where almost everyone rides wheels. At last, though, he saw the missing bicycle. From the boy riding it, he learned that it had been purchased at a second-hand store. The two boys visited the dealer and learned who had brought in the bicycle and signed a receipt for the money received for it. It was an individual who had been observed loitering about the neighborhood.

At this point Willie threatened to become a sure-enough detective, or maybe a Mountie, and bring in his man. Eventually, however, the culprit was brought into court where he told a twisted and incoherent story of why he took the bike. Released on bond, the unfortunate was soon apprehended once more for taking another bicycle.

Now Willie has his bike again and is going about his customary routine, and the story of the bicycle is just one more adventurous episode to chalk up to experience.

Over the Holiday

Memorial Day week-end, offering as it did a three-day holiday, was marked by trips and jaunts of various kinds on the part of our third-floor friends.

Six girls, including Mary Ruth Harrison, June Krumseik, Ellen Jane Peabody, and Clara Uhl (who is reported to have been the chaperone) had a house-party at the Log Cabin at Mueller Heights on May 28, 29 and 30. A little rain failed to dampen the

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enthusiasm of the campers, and they are all anxious to go again.

The pictures that were taken of the party particularly one of Ellen Jane and Mary Ruth tramping about bare-footed, were good. We think our readers, if any, would be interested in those pictures, but we just weren't very lucky about getting even one little picture for publication.

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Mr. and Mrs. Smith motored to Louisville, Kentucky, the week-end of May 30, enjoying a pleasant trip. The Smitties' have been making rather frequent trips to Kentucky of late; May 14 and 15 they were in Paducah.

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Ruth Liestman took advantage of the Memorial Day holiday to visit friends and relatives in Chicago.

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Frank Edmonson confessed that he devoted part of the holiday to assisting with house-cleaning. (And he, we have reason to know, was not the only one.)

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The Jacksons, Mr. and Mrs. and Opal, were in Litchfield and Paris the 29th and 30th.

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Don Boggs and family spent the week end in Wisconsin.

Suprise Party

A group of office girls arranged a surprise party for Louise DeJanes, recently of the Cost Dept., at her home, 1030 N. Pine St., May 27. Louise came home to find a group of third-floor girls in her living room. She was presented with an electric ice-cream freezer.

Guests included: Estelle Stille, Erma Barth, Helen Rinehart, Helen Wallisa, Dorothy Cooper, Ruth Liestman, Irene Otis, Helen Brannan, Dorothy Gepford, Irene Santanen, Marjorie Tatham, Ethel Dixon. Cake and ice-cream were served.

Pictures of the group were taken by Louise's husband, Bob, an enthusiastic photographer.

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New coiffures continue to be in evidence among our girls. Helen Rinehart is still a little in doubt as to how well she likes the "nest" of curls atop her head, but she can take the word of the rest of us for it that the arrangement is becoming, even if a little troublesome sometimes.

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Marjorie Tatham was a Chicago visitor the week-end of May 15.

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On the sick-list in recent week have been

Jane Hawkins, Dorothy Cooper and Grace Adams. Grace had to spend a few days at the hospital. They've all recovered and are doing well, thank you.

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Jane Cranston was a guest at the Millikin University Senior Ball June 4, and we are informed by eye-witnesses that she was pretty as a picture.

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Charlie McCarthy isn't alone in having a June birthday. That honor has been shared by a number of third-floorites who have observed birth anniversaries this month, to wit: June Krumseik, Dorothy Cooper, Clara Uhl, Miss McKee.

Over the Dam

Troy Roush and Willie Rohman—Willie really rates this time—have had to take a lot of kidding of late regarding their rehearsal for crossing Niagara Falls.

They were fishing in a boat above the old dam below Lake Decatur. So absorbed were they that before they knew what it was all about they and their boat were over the dam—separately. Things looked very black for Willie, who doesn't swim. He hung onto the overturned boat for dear life, however, and soon was able to reach part of the cement structure of the dam. The boys both came through with nothing more serious than a good drenching, we are glad to report.

Freak Accident

Irene Otis of our Filing Dept. was the victim of another freak accident. A week ago Sunday afternoon she was riding, with relatives, not far from Tuscola. A car whizzed by from the opposite direction, and as the car zipped past, someone threw out something—later found to be a lemon—which came through the window of the car in which Irene was riding and struck Irene. Irene suffered a badly bruised nose and eyes, and both lenses of her glasses were broken. We're all happy that her experience, though painful, didn't turn out to be more disastrous for Irene.

And we might add that we think Irene's disposition is something to envy, as is evidenced by the good humor with which she has smiled through an almost continuous barrage of razzing from all of us about her black eyes.

PLACING THE BLAME

Irate Mother: "Willie, how dare you kick your little brother in the stomach?"

Willie: "It was his own fault. He turned around."

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1938



Here we have nine fine looking wide awake boy and girl graduates, who are now ready to hitch their wagons to the stars and face the world, except those who may desire to pursue their studies in some of the higher educational institutions. There are two others, Dorothea Hill and Edwin Keil, whose pictures appear on another page.

Those shown above, top row:

John Ditty, son of Jess Ditty, Department 204 Plant 2. Paul Morenz, son of August Morenz, Iron Foundry. Marjorie Bixler, daughter of John Bixler, Main Office. Marie Riewski, daughter of Julius Riewski, Dept. 8. Mary Louise Mudd, daughter of Tom

Mudd, Dept. 8.

Bottom row: Raymond F. and Ernest K. Mounts, sons of Hoyt Mounts, Dept. 6, Brass Foundry. Kenneth True, Stonington Community High School, son of Jack True, Foundry. Charles White, son of George W. White, Salesman.

In accordance with the custom of the company, each will receive \$10 award for having completed the prescribed course of the Decatur Public High School or the public high school of some nearby town, providing of course, that they are sons and daughters of Mueller employees.

FINISHED AT MILLIKIN

Everett Pippin, son of Marion Pippin, foreman of the Tempering Department, has finished a four year course at Millikin University. He majored in advertising, commerce and finance.

Sunny Side Up

A well-known actor was appearing in a play in which a thunderstorm played an important part. One night in the middle of a speech he was interrupted by a terrific peal.

The annoyed actor looked up into the flies and said, "That came in the wrong place."

And the angry stage-hand replied, "Oh, did it? Well, it came from 'eaven."

—Tid Bits.

Plank Walker Now

"Come, come, my man, you've been looking around here a long time without buying. What do you want?"

"Guess I want another floorwalker," replied the old gentleman. "I'm the new owner."

—Boston Transcript.

ST. THERESA GRADUATES



Joe and Rita Fleckenstein, grandchildren of Mike Fleckenstein of the Polishing Department, who completed the high school course at St. Theresa Academy this month. They are the children of Merle Fleckenstein, who formerly worked in the Grinding Room.

ROUND ABOUT

On Monday, June 6, a group of girls gathered to help June Krumsick celebrate her birthday. It was a surprise party and June received many lovely presents. Everyone had gobs of fun, even if it did rain and rain.

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We don't know for sure but some of our scouts have informed us that we have in our midst a "Snow White"—but ours is "Snow White with the Naughty Eyes."

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Well, Ray Fritts finally broke down and told us about all the wedding bells that rang on March 5. Shame on him keeping it from us this long. Congratulations!

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The office girls' picnic was a great success, lots to eat, and plenty of fun. Another one coming up the first week in September. Helen Pope is chairman of this one, so we feel sure that it will be as much of a success as the other.

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The receiving department has a very rare piece of art to which we must make mention. The title of said art is "Rusty and Al". For full appreciation one must see it, come one, come all.

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Fore — fore — and have you seen Dots Cooper and Uhl swinging the clubs. They are really hitting the balls, too.

MINUS PRECIOUS JEWELS

Ruth Campbell awoke one morning and found a box on front porch. It was an interesting looking box, of fair size, and for a moment Ruth and her husband thought elatedly that they had been left a present. But before the box was opened Ruth began to grow suspicious. One has a tendency to become suspicious upon slight provocation when working around a group of ingenious young men such as found in Department 44. So cautiously they peered inside and found—not a gift—but toads. Toads without the precious jewels in their heads, just ugly and venomous toads. Immediately Ruth identified them as residents of Harley Himstead's new home on Lake Decatur, and to Harley she sent her thanks. "Just what my father needs in his greenhouse," she advised him, and we're not sure, but we've heard that now Harley spends all his spare time catching toads. Next year he expects to work up quite a trade selling toads to greenhouses.

SAVE THE DAY

Employee's picnic scheduled for August 6 has been moved to Saturday, August 20. Save that day for the picnic. Last year was said to have been the best picnic we ever held. That may have been so up to 1937, but the committee says this year is going to make another new record. Every effort is being put forth to secure new and novel features. Due announcements will be

ORVILLE NOW AN ENGINEER



Orville Hawkins, Jr. graduated with high honors this month from the University of Illinois, receiving his degree in Bacteriology. Orville, who is well known around the factory because of his summer time work in various departments, spent two years at Millikin and two years at the University of Illinois. His father, Orville, Sr., is in the gas division of the Sales Department, and his sister, Jane, is a stenographer in the office.

AH, WILDERNESS!

"Wherefore art thou, Juliet?

Don't forget you've got a date

With your dark haired Romeo,

Whose blue eyes roam Dept. 8."

Like the character in the play "Ah, Wilderness," one of our tall, dark and handsome young men in Department 8 is having kid brother afflictions. The kid brother's name is Sid, and to him is directly credited the report that our hero is becoming widely known as that "dark haired Romeo with eyes of blue." But lest false hopes be raised, the Romeo has a Juliet in Elwin, so we are informed.

FASHION NOTES FOR COMPTOMER OPERATORS

This year's style in hats endorses anything from flower pots to kitchen utensils for milady, but our own fashion reporter tells of a unique little number seen atop Dorothy Cooper at the Municipal Opera in St. Louis. It was described as a ducky little water-proof affair with two cute peaks resembling rabbit ears wiggling merrily in the rain.

made. In the meantime, save your breath and save that date, Saturday, August 20.

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BARBARA MOFFETT WINS HONOR

Grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gustin is "The Daughter of the Flag."

W. R. Gustin, purchasing agent, and wife are the grandparents of a promising young lady, Barbara Moffett, age 12 years, now a resident of Rochester, New York, and an outstanding pupil in the public schools of that city. During the past year she won the high honor of being named "The Daughter of the Flag." Barbara made a speech of acceptance. She is now in the 6th grade.



BARBARA MOFFETT The news came in a letter to the grandparents, which gives the particulars as follows:

Dear Morher and Dad:

The good news and half expected honor happened to Barbara today. Mr. Sabin, the principal, called her into the office and told her she was awarded the honor of being "The Daughter of the Flag" for the school next year. It is the highest honor given in the school and is based on popularity by students (taken by vote) and highest grades and best all around student. It will be announced in school tomorrow. We are pleased and proud, as we know you will be. To be eligible one had to be in the school at least three years and their work for that period was weighed. Because she was so much in the lime light on "Know Your School Week" I hoped this would be the outcome.

Gertrude

Mrs. Moffett was formerly a member of the Mueller main office and is pleasantly remembered by her former associates.

DEATHS

Mrs. Bertha Hill

Mrs. Bertha Hill, 68, mother of Dorothea Hill of Dept. 8, died May 26 in her home, 1253 East Walnut street. She had been ill for several weeks. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Carl and Herman of Decatur; four daughters, Mrs. Antonia Wert, Chicago; Mrs. Ella Shanafelt, East St. Louis; Mrs. Alma Dodwell; and Dorothea, both of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P. M. on Saturday in the Dawson & Wikoff chapel, with burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Christina Bain

Mrs. Christina Bain, mother of Mrs. W. E. Behrns, died at her home, 1661 E. Condit St., May 26. Funeral services were held on May 28 with interment in Fairlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Arminda J. Murray

Mrs. Arminda J. Murray, mother of Charles Murray of Plant 2, died at Paris, Illinois, on May 18. Funeral services were conducted at

the J. J. Moran chapel on May 20 with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

Andrew W. Black

Andrew W. Black, for nineteen years a member of the Mueller Co., died on May 23 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pansy Mitchell in Harrisburg. He was 78 years old. Beginning here in January 1913, he worked in Department 8 and as a watchman until his retirement January 4, 1932. He is survived by one daughter, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson.

THE SECOND SON GRADUATES



Edwin Lee Keil, son of our comptroller, O. C. Keil, was a member of the graduating class of Decatur High School in June. He was not only a good student, but was popular with his classmates and schoolmates as shown by his election as president of his class, and also as leader of the student band. This is the second son of Mr. Keil to graduate from Decatur High School. The Keil family have left their footprints on the "sands of time of the school history" of this city. Mr. O. C. Keil is a member of the Board of Education, where his accountant ability has been of great value to the board and tax payers as well. At the school election on Tuesday June 7th he was re-elected for another term of three years without opposition. In addition, there are more footprints to come—another son and the only daughter are yet to follow their two brothers through the high school.

THE NUTS HAVE IT

Hiram: "What part of an automobile kills most people?"

Slim: "That's an easy one—the "nut" behind the wheel."

AN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Dorothea Hill a Fine Example of What
Determination Will Do

Dorothea Hill, Department 8, was a member of the 1938 graduating class of the Decatur High School, a distinction which she attained solely upon her own efforts. Doro-



thea came to work for the Mueller Co. in 1921, having finished the eighth grade in school. Since that time she has worked in several departments, and has always done creditable work.

Dorothea Decides

In 1932, she decided that she wanted a high school education, even though it meant sacrifice and hard work. She enrolled for morning sessions, and has attended classes summer and winter, working in the afternoon, and studying at night. She majored in history and English, and over the six years has maintained an average grade of 94 plus, which ranked her with the honor students of the graduating class. With this average she also would have been entitled to a Gold Delta, but for the fact that she engaged the services of a private tutor in her studies of the French language.

Music, too

In addition to obtaining a high school education, Dorothea has studied music extensively and has become quite an advanced pianist. She is giving serious thought to the continuation of her studies and expects to take comptometer training at high school during the present summer course. We think this a commendable achievement on Dorothea's part, and we are proud of her record, her ambition, and her fortitude.

BRASS CHIPS

Ralph (Pete) Duncan, has been confined to his home with the mumps.

Monroe Tate, Department 8, made a trip to Kentucky June 1-6 to visit his father and mother. His father has been quite ill, but Monroe reports that he is some improved.

Roy Fleckenstein, August Morenz, Jess Ditty, John Bixler, and O. C. Keil were among those in the organization who attended the graduation exercises of the Decatur High School.

Hazel Cunningham is recovering from an appendectomy May 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meador, Dept. 8, spent the Memorial Day vacation on a motor trip to Louisville, Kentucky. They visited friends and relatives at several points along the route.

Earl Dilbeck of plant 2 was ill for two weeks with an attack of influenza.

Coy Butler, Plant 2, was off work ten days suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Lucille Smith attended the bowling tournament in Cleveland the week end of May 14.

James McKown, Maintenance Department, was off two weeks due to illness the first part of May.

Marshall Hobbs was quite painfully injured when a golf ball hit him on the head while at the Nelson golf course. He was unable to work for several days.

W. R. Gustin attended the Purchasing Agents Convention held in St. Louis last month.

The annual class day program and picnic of the senior class of Decatur High School was held at Mueller Heights on Friday afternoon, May 27.

Mrs. Emmett Holderby entertained the Carnation Club at the Athletic Club on May 19.

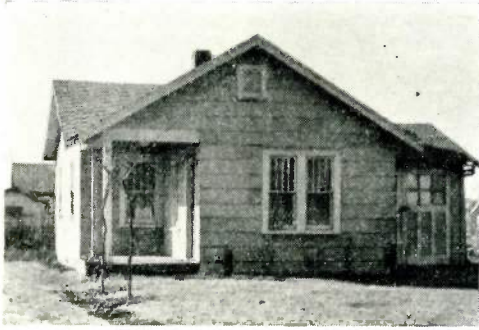
Ruth Campbell was hostess to the Delta Handa Beta club on June 3 at the Athletic Club.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority to which Marian Richards belongs held a card party at the Athletic Club on May 21.

The log cabin at the Heights has been reserved for the entire months of July and August.

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COZY LITTLE COTTAGE



This cozy little cottage, which they built some time ago, makes a comfortable and happy home for Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Stevenson. It is located at 931 North Hill Street. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the Watchman force.

HERE'S A GOOD ONE

Some One in the Organization Has Submitted the Following Interesting Problem.

"A western rancher died leaving 17 cowponies to be divided among his favorite three cow-hands, in the proportions of one-half, one third, and one-ninth. The number 17 will not divide by these fractions and since the cow-hands could not agree, they called in a lawyer.

The lawyer had the 17 mustangs put into a corral, and then borrowed a mule from a neighbor and put in with them, making a total of 18. He gave one-half, or 9 to the first man who led his ponies away; the second got one-third, or 6; and the last one got one-ninth or 2. This made a total of 17 leaving the mule left over, and he was then returned to the neighbor and every one was satisfied."

Comment

Please note that it took a lawyer to figure it out.

AT CONVENTION

General Supt. Frank Taylor visited Rochester, N. Y. recently on a business trip for the company, from there he went to Cleveland to attend the annual convention of the American Foundrymen's Association. Then he joined Walter Behrens, Blue Lusk, Earle Gustin, Mr. Cheney, Leo Wiant and George Krag. This party of Muellerites was completed by Paul Jacka, Hugh Churchill and Don Andrews of Chattanooga. There was a great deal to be seen and learned. The display included an array of new equipment for foundries, sand cutters, conveyer units, cupolas, etc. There was a large attendance and our representatives came back enthusiastic and full of new ideas.

Good deeds live and flourish when all other things are at an end.

ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. Archie Sefton Is New President
—Social Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mueller Social Club was held at the Lodge Wednesday evening May 18. Although the attendance was small those present had an unusually good time.

The table for the pot-luck supper, was decorated in a color scheme of pink, orchid, yellow and green. This was carried out in crepe paper, napkins, candles and beautiful garden flowers.

The hostess, Mrs. O. J. Hawkins brought plenty of scalloped chicken for all. This added to many good things brought by the guests, and the dessert, strawberry short cake topped with whipped cream, served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. O. C. Draper, Mrs. John Bixler and Mrs. Howard Gragg, made a delightful meal.

After the supper the members held a business meeting and election of officers. Mrs. Archie Sefton will be the new president, Mrs. Ray Kileen vice-president and Mrs. Frank Edmonson secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Francis Carroll and Mrs. Burt Jackson, who have served the club so well as president and, secretary and treasurer respectively, are the retiring officers.

The club voted to have the annual picnic Saturday June 18.

Following the business meeting a social time was spent playing bingo. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carroll and Richard Sefton.

SAVING SCHEME

One Man Kids Himself in Stacking Up Dollars

It has been observed here that successful savers frequently resort to petty, even childish, devices to wrench a few dollars out of the pay envelope.

A man sends details of a scheme which he says puts \$300 to \$400 in his savings account that other wise would not be there.

When he writes a check he deducts an extra dollar from his balance.

"I seem to have just as much, spend just as much, and don't go broke any quicker than I did before," he confesses. "I don't know whether I am kidding myself, or trying to kid the banks or just what it is that produces the result, but I am sure of this much—I get a few hundred dollars ahead each year without conscious pain."

TACTLESS

"I wish that you'd show a little more tact," said the restaurant manager to the leader of the orchestra. "Here we've got the Imperial Society of Umbrella and Raincoat Manufacturers having dinner, and you go and play 'It Ain't Gonna Rain No More'."—Pearson's

He who hath thriven may sleep until eleven.

SARNIA

News is still rather scarce around our Sarnia plant. However, we have noticed O. C. Spears and Alex Hodges, both in the Cost Department, driving new cars. We wonder if they are trying to rush anyone in particular.

Also we think Dennis Tilley loves punishment. He is just recuperating from his tonsil operation and now we read of his engagement to be married early in June.

Phil Hamilton of the Shipping Department starred in the Bowling Alley the other evening winning a tournament and six dollars in cash.

Violet Wareham of the Core Room competed in the May Music Festival held in Sarnia annually. Violet is quite an accomplished pianist and received worthy mention at the Festival.

Visitors at the Plant

Wm. E. Mueller spent a short time at the plant on May 26th.

L. Wiant of Decatur spent several days at the Sarnia plant assisting in time study work.

Ebe, waiting for Scottie:--You remind me of an old aunt of mine--she's been dead twelve years.

Dennis--Take Note

A lecturer was growing very vehement in the course of his address. His subject was "The Ideal Wife."

"As we all know," he said, "the duty of a wife is to be a loving helpmate to her husband by cooking his food, attending to his various requirements, conducting his household affairs, and so on and so on."

Then a little man in front arose and blurted out: "They never do the last thing you mentioned, Sir."

"What is that?" asked the lecturer.

"Why," said the little man, "sew on and sew on."

And he proceeded to show how he had made a safety pin do for a button.

BUG DETECTOR

"Good morning," said a stranger to a woman who had answered the door bell where a room was advertised for rent. "Would you like to buy some insect powder?"

"No," she snapped. "I have no use for that stuff."

"Good," replied the stranger. "I will take that room you are advertising."

BE CAREFUL AT HOME

Accidents Result from Using Chairs, Ladders and Boxes

In the May Record going to the trade we printed an article showing that the home was only a little behind automobiles in fatal accidents. The home folks seemingly recognize no element of danger in climbing on insecure tables, boxes, chairs, ladders, etc. They do not know that standing on a chair or box to get something beyond easy reach leads to over balancing and falls for many. They take chances which an experienced person would quickly back away from. Every day we find accounts of accidents of the nature referred to. Here is one we came across recently:

"Mrs. Harry Swartz of London Mills near Canton, Ill. is dead. She was injured when the folding desk she was standing on while dusting folded up. She died at a Galesburg hospital."

Can you imagine any one so thoughtless as standing on a folding desk. Its very name bubbles with danger. What more could you expect to happen of such a piece of furniture, made to write upon when opened up, do anything else than crumple up under the weight of a person using it for a step ladder?

Another Case

"Horace Williams, Heyworth, Ill. was doing his own painting, when the ladder slipped and threw him through a plate glass door. His arm was so badly cut that it is feared he may not regain use of it."

The chances are in the first place that the ladder was insecurely set up and in the second place that it was unsuited for the purpose for which he was using it. By the time Mr. Williams pays his doctor and hospital bill and deducts time out while incapacitated, he will doubtless find that he would have been money ahead had he employed a regular painter to do his work.

The better way for men and women of the household to do is to have a competent man to do these little household jobs. Mechanics do not form a part of the training in household economics. Men trained in work know the danger that lurks in ladders, boxes and chairs. Had Mrs. Swartz called an experienced man she would have been alive today, and by the same token Mr. Williams would have been about his usual business.

Don't forget that home is only as safe as we make it by the exercise of common sense, and avoidance of trying to do things for which you are improperly equipped.

THE LYING SEASON

Stranger: "In what direction does the village lie, my friend?"

Flagman: "Well, sir, it's likely to lie in any direction that comes handy, but at this time of the year it's mostly about the size of fish."