

# MUELLER RECORD

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## VISITS CALIFORNIA

Supt. C. F. Roarick returned February 13th from a three weeks' trip to California. The trip was primarily for business and therefore the major part of his time was spent at the Mueller Pacific Coast factory in Los Angeles. He found time, however, at evening and over the week ends to visit quite a number of California's points of interest. Mrs. Roarick accompanied him on the trip west and spent most of her days and nights being shown about the country by Mrs. Reedy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roarick returned full of enthusiasm about the wonderful things they had seen and enjoyed, and of which they will long retain many happy memories.

Rick said he had the pleasure of bowling a game on top of Baldy Mountain, where they could look out the window and see the snow covered peaks of the mountain. They visited the University of Los Angeles, Hollywood, the orange and lemon groves, saw the oldest grape vine in the United States which bore two tons of grapes last year. The vine is kept up by the government.

They particularly enjoyed the horse races at Santa Anita. The parking system and method of handling traffic there was the most perfected ever encountered, and a source of wonder to Rick. Sixty thousand people were assembled there, and without any evidence of traffic congestion or confusion the grounds were quickly emptied after the race.

This was not true of traffic in downtown Los Angeles, Rick asserted. There he said he found the worst traffic congestion he had ever seen, where it sometimes took thirty minutes to go about four blocks.

There is lots of building going on in Los Angeles: one hundred houses having just been completed and preparations being made to start another hundred. General Motors are building a large assembly plant and also developing a housing unit, where a number of houses will be constructed for factory employes.

The Roaricks and Reedys planned a week-end fishing trip, but the wind was so strong that it was necessary to forego this pleasure. Waves on the ocean were ten to twelve feet high, and this, Rick decided, was a bit too rough.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mueller left Dacatur on February 29 for Sarasota, Florida, to visit Mrs. Philip Mueller. They expect to remain in the south for several weeks.

## AN EXCITING MOMENT

### Louise Whitehead and Helen Pope Witness Real Hold Up.

Face to face with hold-up men gave Louise Whitehead and Helen Pope the thrill of a life time Tuesday evening, March 3. They dropped into Michael's drug store, Eldorado and Monroe, to make a purchase, when in stepped two bandits. Neither of the girls was frightened, although they admit that the bore of the pistols looked as large as the Hudson river tunnel. While one of the men held a gun against the ribs of the clerk, the other frisked his pockets and the cash register. While they were thus engaged, the girls were busy taking off rings and watches and concealing them. The robbers finishing their work with professional finesse departed, and left the girls safe with their jewelry. They may have been successful robbers, but certainly ungallant. Unlike the gentlemanly robbers we have read about, they did not even say, "Good night, ladies?" or as the story book tells us, "Have no fear fair maidens, no harm shall come to you."

Helen said she maintained her usual equanimity to reassure Louise, and Louise said that she showed no excitement merely to keep Helen from fainting.

Record readers may draw their own conclusions.

## SHOWERS

The way to take a shower bath is with your clothes off but that is not the editor's way.

Arising recently and going through the usual proceeding in the tub, he arrayed himself in clean clothes from the hide out.

Minus coat and vest he was despatched to the cellar to put water in the furnace. It happens that there is a shower in the basement. Getting squarely under the shower he absent-mindedly turned on the wrong valve and got an unexpected ducking which necessitated a complete redressing before coming to work.

Madam got a good laugh out of it and so did Skippy, the wire terrier — at least she looked like she was laughing.

## FIRST ONE

Everybody has always looked forward to the robin as a harbinger of spring, but the red bird, which remains all winter, is always first to start the spring musical festival. We heard our first one on Washington's birthday.

## TALL STORY

The cold weather, according to custom set off the tall story men, and there were many of them. The best that came to our attention was the one peddled by Blackie Morrison of the foundry force.

In former days he lived on a farm. One winter morning he had to go to the woodshed in the early morning and carried a lantern to light the way. Suddenly the woodshed became dark. An examination showed the light in the candle had frozen. Blackie says he broke off the frozen light and threw it on the floor, returning to the house. But that's only half of the story. When the first warm day came in the spring, the frozen light of the lantern thawed out and set fire to the woodshed, which was saved only after vigorous work.

Another cold weather story was to the effect that cream froze on the hot coffee and had to be broken away with a fork to get at the coffee.

## BUILDING A HOME

Elmer Miller, superintendent of trucks, lives northwest of town near Paymaster Enloe. Elmer has been something of a farmer in past years, but this year he forsakes the soil and will devote himself to building. Some months ago he bought the old George S. Lyon's home on West Eldorado Street, which was owned by our company. He had the house torn down and removed to his home place. The house was a large two story structure. Mr. Lyons was a lumber dealer and naturally selected only the best material for his own home. Elmer not only got the usual lumber used in a two story house, but also got quite a bit of walnut and other good lumber. This summer, aided by carpenters, he will build himself a good substantial home.

## VALENTINES

A number of the Leap Year prospects about the plant received Valentines with a maiden's name affixed, but postmarked "Miami Beach, Florida." The finger of suspicion was immediately pointed at Mr. Adolph Mueller, now sojourning in Miami Beach, by most of the doubting victims. But not so with George Krag. His valentine was signed "Sally Rand," and a couple of days later George found a picture of Sally in the Decatur paper. Beneath the picture appeared the information that Sally was spending the winter in Miami Beach. He can produce the picture to prove the authenticity of his valentine—if there be any doubters left by now.

Notices were issued for a February meeting of the Women's Mueller Social Club at the Lodge on Thursday, February 20. On second thought, it was decided that the weather was too severe and the February meeting was therefore cancelled.

With the pleasant weather of February 21, the outdoor meetings were resumed at the main office.

## GRADUATE



Truman Reynolds

Graduate D. H. S. January 1936. Son of Paul Reynolds, chromium plater. Truman went to work recently in Dept. 8.

## OVERHEARD AT NOON

Dorothy G.—"I don't like it. I got sent to jail too often."

Less there be some who might get the wrong impression, Dorothy was referring to the game "Monopoly." To the best of our knowledge, Dorothy has her name on the police blotter but once—and that for double parking, which she still insists she didn't do.

## Also Overheard at Noon

Louise Whitehead being dunned for a chicken dinner. We are curious to know just how she lost the chicken dinner, but she's like a clam when the subject is approached.

## FROZEN SERVICES

"Frozen Services" was the title of a double postcard mailed to all water and gas companies the latter part of February. It is known that the extreme cold weather throughout a greater portion of the country has caused serious damage to water and gas services, but just how great the damage will not be known until the ground thaws out.

The card urged water and gas companies to place their orders immediately to take care of all emergencies. The card was printed and mailed out by our printing department.

George Ford, Harold Musterman, and Aileen Dawson assisted the regular force, and the 13,000 cards were printed in two colors and mailed out in less than three days.

### HARD TIMES PARTY ON VALENTINE DAY

John Chalcraft and Charles Johnson were hosts at a Valentine party at the Mueller Athletic Club on the evening of February 14. Fifteen couples were present and all came dressed in overalls and aprons. John Chalcraft wore elaborately patched overalls and an enormous red tie held down to his overalls with a horse blanket pin.

The evening was spent in old fashioned dancing. Music was dispensed by Curry and Meador.

Reports are that everybody had lots of fun.

John Chalcraft and Clarence Woodrum sponsored a party at the Mueller Athletic Club Friday evening, February 28. The evening was spent in old fashioned dancing to the music of Curry and Meador and the Jones. Another good time was had by all.

### LOW CUTS

The low cut safety shoes are becoming more and more popular among shop men, and more regular safety shoes are being worn by others than at any time in the past.

We are also pleased to observe that the new men are quite eager to protect their eyes. In so far as we know, there are none who are not properly fitted with goggles. If any one is not, we will be glad to see that he is. A number have told us of flying particles striking their goggles, and they were very glad they had the goggles on.

### ANOTHER ACCIDENT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

"It's a good thing that I was wearing my safety shoes that Langdon put on me when I came to work in the Construction Department," said Sam Roles.

"How come?" asked Billy Mason.

"I was trying to move one of those big boxes of paper when the thing fell over and came down on my toe. I'd probably be at home or maybe in the hospital if I hadn't been wearing safety shoes."

### BIRTHS

TAGUE—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tague, a daughter, Marilyn Anis, February 24.

HAKE—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hake, a daughter, Marilyn Ruth, February 14.

FORD—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ford, a son, Richard Duane, January 31.

JONES—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones, a daughter, Feb. 29. Mr. Jones works in the foundry.

RAMBO—Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rambo, a son, March 2. Mr. Rambo drives one of the Mueller trucks.

### SERIOUS OPERATION

While in Decatur recently, Paul Jacka reported the serious illness of his daughter, Patsy, who suffered from a mastoid abscess and the results of an operation. Her condition was for a time alarming, but as nothing further has been heard from Chattanooga, it is presumed that Patsy is recovering.

### WEDDINGS

#### Baker-Shannon

Mildred Baker, stenographer in the Credit Department, and Clifton Shannon of the Maintenance Dept. were married at noon, Monday, February 10. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Homer E. Sala in the parsonage of the First Christian church.

The attendants, Opal Flynn and Kenneth Carter, were the only guests present for the ceremony. A wedding dinner was served that evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baker, 1027 W. Green Street.

The bride wore a dress of turquoise blue, black hat and accessories, and had a shoulder bouquet of Talisman roses and forget-me-nots.

Mrs. Shannon is a 1933 graduate of the Decatur High School.

They are living at 1033 North Union street.

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#### Payne-Chalcraft

Miss Dorothy A. Payne and Leo C. Chalcraft of Dept. 8 were married February 21 in the parsonage of the First Congregational church by Rev. Leo L. Duerson.

Mrs. Chalcraft is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Payne, and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chalcraft.

Mrs. Chalcraft has been employed at the A. W. Cash Co. since her graduation from the Decatur High school in 1934.

They are living at 876 North Edward street.

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#### Allen-Cline

Mary Margaret Allen and Merle Cale Cline, were married February 9 just after the morning service in First Congregational church. White lillies, tall white candles, smilax, ferns, and palms decorated the church. Mrs. A. D. Lamont sang "At Dawning."

The bride wore white satin made with a train and a full length tulle veil, and carried white roses and white sweet peas. She was given away by a cousin, Harry Stewart, of Decatur, Dorothy Payne, bridesmaid, wore peach colored lace, with talisman roses and pink sweet peas. A wedding dinner was served to fifteen guests in Mrs. Holiday's tea room.

The bride, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Allen, made her home with an aunt, Mrs. Jessie Stern. She graduated from the Decatur High School in 1934 and worked in the Core Department until just recently.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline, rural route, Decatur, and was a graduate of the Decatur High School, class of 1931, and attended Blackburn college in Carlinville. He and his bride are living at 1171 West Main street.

Eugene Warren, tool maker at the Los Angeles factory, came to Decatur with Emmett Reedy and spent ten days studying our mechanical equipment and methods and gave us the benefit of his experience. Upon his return, he will have a better understanding of Mueller methods.

### WHERE THEY HAVE REAL SNOW

Here we are sitting in central Illinois frothing at the mouth and raving about snows, ice, sleet and cold, and now find out that we don't know anything at all about winter. At least, we get this impression from newspaper articles and illustrations received from salesman George F. Sullivan. We regret that we cannot reproduce the pictures because they tell more at a glance than it is possible in many words. One picture shows the Waupun-Green Bay bus stalled on highway 151 near Waupun. The drift is up to the roof of the bus. Twenty-eight passengers were rescued and cared for in the farm house of George Taylor, while the bus was being dug out. Mr. Taylor was host to the travelers for thirty-six hours.

Mrs. Inez Schultz of Wisconsin Rapids had a terrifying experience in the same place. Her small car was almost hidden in the drift. She was trying to reach the home of George Taylor.

It is evident that Illinois weather was nothing, so far as snow is concerned compared to that experienced in Wisconsin.

### GOOD FOOD FOR LITTLE MONEY

The Mueller cafeteria offers employees more than good food at reasonable prices. It offers cleanliness, companionship, and a social half hour which makes a delightful, restful period in the day's work. If you care to bring your own lunch and supplement it from the counter with a bowl of hot, nourishing soup, a cup of coffee, or a piece of pie, you are at liberty to do so. What we should like to see is all employees assembled in the cafeteria at noon whether you bring your lunch from home or buy it from the counter. The dessert served is equal to the best obtainable anywhere and the price is very reasonable. No better food is offered anywhere in this city, and at astonishingly low prices. Fifteen cents insures you a good, tasty meal.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED

About midnight on February 3, L. F. Stephenson was riding his bicycle home from work. He was struck by a bit-and-run driver, and later picked up by another motorist and taken to St. Mary's hospital. X-Ray pictures disclosed that one shoulder blade was smashed, and he was badly shaken up. He was at St. Mary's hospital about two weeks, but because erysipelas made its appearance he was removed to the City hospital and was there for about ten days. Erysipelas subsided and he has returned to his home. Considering the seriousness of his injury, he is making good progress toward recovery.

### STEAMSHIP FIREMAN NOW

C. I. Bartlett called on Wm. Ferry of the Power House February 25. Bartlett used to be fireman in our power plant some twenty years ago. He is now marine fireman on the Matson line which operates between New York and South America.

Ernest Schlegel of the Columbian Iron Works was in Decatur the week of February 24.

### MAKE SUGGESTIONS

Two months of the year have passed and 110 suggestions have been received. This is about one-half of the number received during the entire year of 1935. This demonstrates the growing interest in the suggestion system. If you have not made one or more, give the subject thought and perhaps win one of the grand prizes. No business goes along in the same route year after year. Every day changes are brought about through new conditions arising. In many instances inefficient methods are followed because through habit, no one thinks of a better possible way to do a thing. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you see a better way of doing a thing send your idea to the Suggestion Committee. Remember there are three subjects:

Reducing Overhead  
Increasing Production  
Safety

The more suggestions you can make, the better your chance of winning a prize.

### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Why not have a white elephant sale of our own and dispose of all sorts of things we are not using at home but which might be of use to someone else?

This idea has been suggested several times and a number of people have said that they were interested. If you are interested, either to buy or to sell, notify Mr. Langdon in the Employment Office.

This sale could be held later in the spring and would last a day or two and could be held in the gymnasium.

Will YOU take part?

### CAUTION—BE CAREFUL

Recently an apple core was found in a toilet bowl. Of course, the toilet would not flush. The plumber was called and the repair bill amounted to \$5, an unnecessary expense.

It is thoughtless things of this character which, added together for the year, make a LARGE AND UNNECESSARY CHARGE AGAINST THE BUSINESS.

Repeated cautions have been given against this thoughtless, needless practice.

Never deposit things like apple cores, orange peel, rags, heavy card board, and heavy paper in a toilet. It is mechanically impossible for these to pass through the bowl no matter how many times flushed.

Public buildings warn against this practice, and we are again warning you and expect all employees to bear the thought in mind in the future and cooperate with us in eliminating any toilet repair expense.

### STUDENTS HERE

Professor A. G. Anderson of the University of Illinois, Raymon Hsui, Chinese student from Shanghai, and Rap P. Brunkhe, also of the University of Illinois, visited the plant February 24. They are interested particularly in our production control system. Mr. Hsui came to America last fall to enter the University to study industrial management. His people operate silk mills in Shanghai.

## FOUR HEAVYWEIGHTS



C. F. Roarick, Paul Jacka, Raefield McIntyre and Emmett Reedy

During the third week in February there were present in Decatur, Emmett Reedy, superintendent of the Mueller Pacific Coast Factory at Los Angeles, Paul G. Jacka, superintendent of the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Raefield McIntyre, superintendent of the Mueller, Ltd., Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and C. F. Roarick, general superintendent of the Decatur factory.

They spent their time checking up on the mechanical equipment, and manufacturing methods and factory administration in general. They claim that much good resulted from this common understanding of their problems.

When we refer to this group as "heavyweights" we offer the following figures:

McIntyre	196 lbs.
Reedy	205 lbs.
Roarick	222 lbs.
Jacka	230 lbs.

Nothing small about such men. Paul Jacka tops the list at 230, which is just 55 pounds more than he weighed when he came to work here in 1925. In the far East a polite greeting to a guest is to say, "May your shadow never grow less," and if anyone has made that wish in regard to these gentlemen, it has certainly been fulfilled.

As we know, all these men began in the ranks and have worked up. Mr. McIntyre went to work at the Sarnia plant as a mechanic, July 2, 1914. He has one of the longest service records at the Canadian plant.

Reedy came to work September 25, 1923 as a draftsman, and just two years later was given an assistant foreman's contract. Soon after he became chief draftsman. February 2, 1928 he was appointed products engineer. In the fall of 1929, he was in charge of budget control. January 2, 1930, he was appointed head of the plumbing division, and October 1933 he went to Los Angeles, and has been superintendent since this plant's beginning.

Paul Jacka began as a draftsman on February 10, 1925. In August 1926 he was given a contract as junior engineer. In 1927 he was

promoted to senior engineer. In December 1929 he was placed in charge of rearranging and reconstructing Plants 1 and 2, which at that time underwent extensive alterations. In August 1931 he was power plant engineer, and soon after that he was made plant engineer.

Since the Columbian Iron Works were acquired, he has divided his time between Chattanooga and Decatur, and in December 1935 was appointed superintendent of the Chattanooga plant to succeed J. M. Wilkins.

C. F. Roarick started his service with the Mueller Co. on April 9, 1903. For many years he worked in the brass finishing shop which was then located in the space now occupied by the pattern department. He received his regular appointment as foreman in September 1918. In August 1921 he was made supervisor of the brass division. February 9, 1925, he was appointed assistant general superintendent, and on June 5, 1929 was appointed general superintendent, the position he now holds.

These men are not only interested in problems of production, equipment, and efficient operation in general, but they also attempt at all times to give due consideration to the human side of plant management, which is just as important as the mechanical or production side.

## DEATHS

## William T. Kitchen

William T. Kitchen died February 24 following an illness of two months. He was a brother of Bert F. Kitchen, salesman for the Mueller Co. with headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida.

## Mrs. H. C. Jeschawitz

Mrs. Johanna Jeschawitz, mother of Paul Jeschawitz, of Dept. 300, died March 1, after an illness of nearly a year. She was born in East Prussia Sept. 1, 1867, married H. C. Jeschawitz in Germany in 1886, and came to America thirty-two years ago, moving directly to Decatur, where she had lived since.

Funeral services were held in the Moran chapel and St. Johannes Lutheran church on Wednesday.

## Mrs. George Collins

Mrs. America Isabel Collins, mother of Ray Collins of Dept. 8, died March 3 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Miller. Funeral services were held in the Moran chapel Thursday afternoon with burial in the Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

Opal Jackson of the Los Angeles factory, was injured in an automobile accident February 12, and was laid up about five days.

C. F. Morenz of the Pattern Shop had influenza with a relapse. He returned to work early in the month.

Clifton Shannon, whose hand was injured by a punch press on January 10, has been released by Dr. Long to go to work.

Ralph Wood of Dept. 8 was laid up for about three weeks due to sickness.

## NEWS FROM SARNIA

### The Mueller Dance

About two hundred people, consisting of Mueller employees and friends, attended one of the most delightful and informal dances of the season, held in the recreational hall, on Feb. 18. Much credit for the success of the dance goes to Mr. Gordon Callum, and his committee, including Mr. W. B. Campbell and Mr. C. Teskey. Mr. Wm. Twaits represented the Company at the dance.

Round and square dancing continued from nine till one A. M. Clare Thorner and his orchestra provided the music for the evening.

The hall was artistically decorated with yellow and green streamers. During the evening balloons suspended to the ceiling floated down amongst the dancers. At midnight refreshments were served to the guests.

### The "Miner" Who Struck Gold

Those who dabble with the stocks  
In silver and in gold,  
Will want to hear of "MINERS"  
And have the story told.

Each noon the extension wire burns,  
Try phoning—you will see,  
Receiver down, you'll surely hear,  
How is Chibougami?

Perhaps you think this is the bull,  
His furrowed brown and greying hair  
Twas caused by playing with the "bull",  
When he should have played the "bear".

But Lady Luck at Miners looked  
And on her face was seen  
A smile, that turned his pals all sick,  
And with envy turned all green.

What matters now the wrinkled brow,  
The locks of hair turned grey,  
Old Eldorado's up a point,  
He's made ten bucks today.

—"Pancho Jilla."

### News of the Invalids

George Hayward, foreman of the core room, underwent an operation on January 27th. Although George has not returned to work, reports show that he is making steady progress.

E. B. Mueller of the office staff had an appendicitis operation during the early part of February. The operation proved successful and we are hoping to have him around the office shortly.

Lile Short, who has been off work for two weeks with a broken finger, is almost recovered and will be on the job again soon.

During the extremely cold weather C. Brent had the misfortune to freeze his proboscis while working on the coal-pile. However everything is normal once again.

We heard on good authority that when George was coming out of the ether he was very

busy making love to the nurse. The "sleuth" didn't hear of Ebert's conduct yet???

Our sympathy is extended at this time to W. Jenkin's whose father passed away in February. The late Mr. Jenkins was employed by this company about the year 1918, at which time he worked in the lower Press Room.

### Travelling

G. W. Parker and Wm. Twaits were in London, Ont., Monday, Feb. 3.

Mr. Parker left on an extended tour of the Western Provinces, on February 18. He expects to return to Sarnia March 20th, travelling home via Los Angeles and Decatur. To today's date we have had little word from Mr. Parker, but then the day he left, we read that Winnipeg had a temperature of forty-two degrees below zero, with a twenty mile an hour gale blowing, so perhaps he is frozen up somewhere.

Mr. McIntyre was away from the plant from the 15th to 22nd of February. During this time he was visiting at the Decatur plant.

### Chatter

*Why Dogs Leave Home.* We are told that Bill Young had a dog that bit folks. He was ordered to muzzle him or get rid of him. He took him for a muzzle, but the man refused to go near the dog, so Bill said, "Give it to me. I will put it on myself."—He did, and the dog was still without a muzzle.

Hats off to *Bob Moore*. He has been made Assistant Pastor of the Canon Davis Memorial Church. No wonder he quit smoking!

Fancy *George Lee* on a milk diet: he certainly looks better for it.

Dennis Tilley has started his budget early. He is even sharing his ice cream cone now, with his lady friend.

After much experimenting Bill Young has at last settled on a radio. He now has it grounded on the sewer pipe, and claims he gets a much better line.

And now Charlie Garrick, openly admits he spends most of his time looking at the pretty girls. Tut, Tut!

We wondered for awhile what Gordon Geary had against girls. Now we hear that a certain young lady at the Steel Plant, is setting her cap for him. Look out, Gord, it's Leap Year!

Then Mr. McIntyre returned from Decatur, and starts dropping hair nets around the office. What would you deduce from that, my dear Watson?

How are your *feet* behaving these days, Jim? Possibly Hank Robertson considers himself a fortunate man. He has such a warm boarding house, that the other day during the mild spell the roof burst forth into a blaze with the internal heat. We are glad to report that Hank's bed was still intact.

Mrs. A. Reeve, now in the Accounting Dept., finished her thirteenth year with the Company on Feb. 27, 1936.

### MOVES AND IMPROVEMENTS

There are a good many more changes in the plant layout going on than one realizes until he goes about over the place and sees what is being done.

We are told that the Ground Key division will be rearranged to make place for new equipment. This work has not been started yet.

In Department 9, Compression Division, the rearrangement is actively under way. The rod machines have been moved to the building west of Mercer Street. Their places have been taken by machines from Department 300, and this division will occupy the northern half of the building which for a long time has been known as the Brass Shop.

The space inside the door at Monroe Street has been rearranged. The conveyor has been removed, assembly benches placed there, the space west now being filled with storage bins and machines moved into the space formerly occupied by Department 9. The tool makers remain where they are in the south end of Department 300.

The assembly conveyor of Department 9 is being taken out and machines will occupy this space. The Nickel Plating Department has been moved into the space formerly occupied by the big concrete tank where the nickel plating used to be done automatically.

The mechanic's shop has been moved up into the south end of the room which was formerly the plumbing division. The space thus vacated in the west end of the garage will now be used to store parts stock.

West of Mercer Street will be found the headquarters of the Construction Department, Receiving Department, and factory supplies. The latter has been entirely worked over and the very best stock keeping methods tabulated.

West of the stock room are the automatic rod machines which have been used in Department 9. In the triangular building at the extreme west is now located the brass rod stock. The remainder of the building is now used for storage of miscellaneous materials. The area-way between the Receiving Department and the Carpenter Shop has been roofed over its entire length. When the various changes are complete we will have a very efficient and convenient plant.

### PAUL JACKA HERE

Paul Jacka, general superintendent of the Columbian Iron Works, was here for a week the latter part of February, getting here in time for a taste of that good old fashioned winter we were "enjoying". It didn't bother him, however. Paul, like a polar bear, is accustomed to cold weather. He grew up in Michigan. Regarding the weather at Chattanooga, he said there was some cold but it did not hang on with the bull-dog grip as it did in this section. Paul said the robins had been frisking about Chattanooga for a week or ten days. We authorized him to notify them that they were wanted in Decatur, and to be in a hurry in getting here. Its a big job to switch Illinois from winter to spring, and we need help.

### BOOM! BOOM!



"They say that Miss Keen is going to marry an army officer."

"Well, I should think that a man who makes a business of war might be able to get along with her."

### FOREMAN'S CLUB ORGANIZED

The Decatur Herald of February 26 furnishes a bit of ancient history. We picked up from the "Twenty-five Years Ago" column. It says:

"Fifty-six foremen and assistants of the Mueller factory organized a social and cooperative club at a dinner last night in Greider's cafe No. 2. The following officers were elected:

President—W. G. Cranston.  
Vice-President—C. N. Wagenseller.  
Secretary—Earl Mann.  
Treasurer—Jake Voelcker.

### ON THE FORCE

Cass Runyan, who has been working in Dept. 9 for several months, was appointed to the city police force on March 3. He took his examination last summer, but there were quite a few others ahead of him, and he had not expected to be called so soon. A number of recent changes in the police force soon brought him to the top.

Mr. Hugh Baker, overseer of Mueller land and farms south of the lake, was confined to his home for over a week due to serious illness. We are glad to report that Mr. Baker is able to be up and around again.

Jack Shone of the Los Angeles factory, has been disabled for about four weeks. He had his tonsils removed early in February.

Reports of floods threatening the Okaw bottoms come to Decatur. The general opinion is that this will be a spring and summer of floods.

The only letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller came from Mrs. Mueller. It was written at sea and mailed in Honolulu.

Rick wants to know how much Reedy would like to bet on the race horse, Munsey.

**AN IDEA SMALL**  
**MAY BE GREAT AFTER ALL**  
WINNING  
1935  
SLOGAN  
NOW FOR 1936  
**DIG IN YOU MAY WIN**