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## IN THE HIGH WATER DISTRICT

Elmer and Lee Merrow and Otis Fears of our organization, who are members of the Illinois National Guard, Decatur unit, have had some interesting experiences in southern Illinois.

They went into service on January 25, with Top Sergeant Elmer Merrow in charge of the Supply and Transportation Unit (twenty trucks). Lee Merrow and Otis Fears were truck drivers. They worked over much of southern Illinois. Their present headquarters are in Carbondale. They carried supplies, men, and refugees in and out of Harrisburg, West Frankfort, Anna, and Cairo.

Lee returned to Decatur on March 1, and to him we are indebted for this sketch of their experience. He said that many of the refugees have nothing to live on but the Red Cross, Army, and W. P. A. supplies, but these various services are well organized and work efficiently. He spoke very highly of the American Red Cross.

One thousand refugees have been brought to Centralia and housed in a factory building. In West Frankfort, Harrisburg, and other towns refugees live in churches, schools, offices, tents, and meals are served in mess halls.

This unit was on duty day and night, and shared the satisfaction and excitement that goes with serving humanity in a time of great need and some danger. Cold, damp weather has made it hard for the flood sufferers. Medical services are well organized, and folks are standing the hardships well.

A party at Harrisburg was out in a boat looking for a house and finally found it when the boat ran into the chimney. Lee said that he thought he knew how to drive a truck when he went to southern Illinois, but he learned a whole lot more about it since. He told of driving a truck with ten men for about two miles through a fog when the water on the road came up to the running board of the truck. The only guide he had was some fence posts off one side of the road.

Otis Fears is still on the job and Elmer Merrow is in charge of a Decatur unit of forty men now stationed at Carbondale. We congratulate Elmer on his service record.

The booklet "Working with Mueller", sometimes called the "rule book", is being reprinted. There will be enough copies for anyone who does not have one.

## HOW TO GET ALONG

### Glen Hester Sets An Example Which Others Might Imitate

Glen Hester of the Brass Finishing Shop, Dept. 91, checked out March 2 to go on his farm near Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

In the fall of 1920 Glen got a job as a laborer in the Construction Department. A month later he was transferred to the Brass Shop. He became an expert New Britain machine operator, and has been on that work most of the period of his service here.

When Glen came to work in Decatur he had enough money to carry him over to the next pay. He and his wife were good managers, and planned carefully, and from the first began to save something. Even during the hard years of the depression they were able to add a little to their savings.

In due time Glen bought a farm of 190 acres of good land near Opdyke, Illinois, with good improvements on the place. It is now paid for and Glen has enough cash to start in farming. He is now planning his 1937 crops.

In leaving, Glen told us that he had saved it all out of his wages here. Meanwhile, he has supported his wife and child.

He carries with him the good wishes of his many friends in the Mueller organization.

### DO YOU WANT A GARDEN?

Whether the Company makes land available for gardens this year will depend upon how many people want gardens and what kind of care they take of them.

If you want a garden, please make it known in writing at the Employment Office as soon as possible, and not later than the first of April.

You will be asked to pay one dollar on each lot to apply on the cost of plowing. You will be expected to keep your lot clean and in good order, and in case this is not done, you will be expected to pay the cost of having it done.

If there is not enough demand for gardens, the land will be put to other uses. So make up your mind now.

O. J. Hawkins, Jr. and Earl Duncan, students of the University of Illinois, visited the plant early in February when they were home between semesters.

## EDITOR OF THE RECORD

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Here is the cartoonist's conception of the editor of the Record. Editors do not like to parade their pictures in the paper they edit. There is a reason for doing so now. There are many new members in the organization who do not know the editor and this is why we are introducing ourselves via the picture route. Personal congratulations to the cartoonist. He has more than done full credit to the subject.

## IS THAT SO

An exchange says: "About the only thing the government has not tried to regulate is our diet." What dye you mean not regulate our diet, and what diet are you popin' off about? "Diet means eating and also means a legislative assembly. Much depends upon the word "diet". It not only means straight away shoveling food into the fire box, but likewise it means a prescribed course of food. Recurring to its legislative application "who shall say me nay" that is not on a prescribed diet. There is at least a strong suspicion to that effect, and some bold, bad newspapers go beyond suspicion to actual accusation. Then reverting to "diet" as applied to food, the word is much in use by ladies who are fair, fat, and forty or even fifty, and who seek to return to their sylph-like figures of the gay nineties through the agency of a prescribed diet. It may be accomplished perhaps, and the operation would be a success if the ladies could compel the facial epidermis to follow in the wake of decreasing obesity. Therein lies the lament. After the ladies succeed in reconstructing nature from curves to straight lines, the outshell droops to slouches on the face and neck which reminds one of the wrinkled big top taken down after a rain storm.

Then again, speaking of "diet" there's the "Diet of Worms." Does not sound appetizing, but it was an epoch in history. It occurred in 1521, and its object was to check the reformation and to condemn Luther as a heretic.

In a legal sense "diet" is the day on which a person is cited to appear in court.

At one time, "diet" was used to calculate twenty miles distance, presumably for a horse-man—that is to say "a man rode two diets today," but we've been on this diet too long, and are ready to sign off.

## GETTING THE RIGHT START

## The Way to Begin the Day Is to Take Your Time

Your frame of mind and your appetite have a great deal to do with your efficiency during the day. They also have great bearing on your disposition. If you get up at the last minute, hurry to get into your clothes, grab anything handy to eat, hurry to your work and get there a bare second ahead of time, you are not in first class shape to tackle the problems of the day.

On the other hand, if you arise in time to dress leisurely, take sufficient time for breakfast and then walk to work leisurely, you are in good mental and physical shape to not only tackle your tasks with alertness and dispose of them easily and quickly.

There is a reason for this which has been worked out by doctors and dieticians and among them the following:

The stomach goes longer without food from a normal dinner hour from 6 to 7 p. m. until the normal breakfast hour the day following.

In consequence, in the morning the healthy stomach is as empty at the hour of arising as it ever will be. Usually more than twelve hours elapse between the evening and morning meals.

An empty stomach craves food, and having gone a twelve hour period, instead of the six hour period of day meals, it is logical that the sensible thing is to give the stomach what it craves.

Here's what breakfast does—gives tone to the body, quickens circulation, steadies the nerves, and prevents one from drawing unduly on the body's reserves.

One of the best reasons for eating breakfast is that it helps keep the intestinal tract clean. Digestive processes begin as soon as the food enters the stomach.

For indoor workers, breakfast should consist of easily digested foods, including fruits, cereals, eggs, bread, toast, or rolls, and a cup of coffee. This may occasionally be augmented by a reasonable helping of ham, bacon, or sausage.

The same food in somewhat larger quantities will furnish ample nourishment for outdoor workers, even though called upon to put forth greater physical efforts than those who work indoors.

Breakfast needs not be an expensive meal. A bowl of cereal with milk sufficient to moisten the food, a few slices of toast, a few prunes in juice and a cup of coffee is surely not an expensive meal, but it is quite sufficient.

The great trouble with most of us is that we have eyes bigger than our stomachs, and an appetite which supplants common sense. These benefit no one but the doctor.

If our stomachs could see the unnecessary mess we force into them, they would go on a "closed up strike."

C. E. Pettus of the Brass Foundry has been laid up for several weeks with the flu.

## DEATHS

**Mrs. Johanna Hines**

Mrs. Johanna Hines, age 76, died Saturday, February 27, at her home after an illness of seven months. She was the mother of Paul Hines, salesman for the Mueller Co., travelling in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.

Mrs. Hines was born in Jacksonville, June 20, 1861, and married Charles Hines April 23, 1890. He died September 26, 1933.

Besides Paul she leaves the following children: Teresa, Josephine and Frances Hines. Mrs. Ann Lees, Decatur, Mary and Grace, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Catherine Doyle, Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Margaret Maher, Assumption.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 2, at St. Patrick Catholic church, and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

**Lum Thomas**

Lum Thomas, the aged father of William Thomas, died in his home in Moweauqua, March 2. Funeral services were held in Moweauqua on Thursday, March 4.

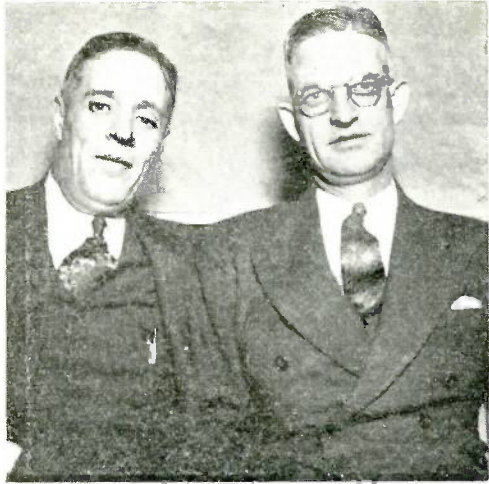
## OUR HELLO GIRL.



Mrs. Evelyn Telling, in charge of our telephone desk. She is a competent operator and gives excellent service. She has the gift of speaking pleasantly into the phone, and the patience which is so essential in giving prompt and efficient service.

Leslie Newcome of the Brass Foundry Night Shift was bruised and shaken up in an automobile accident February 19, and has been disabled since.

## OLD AND NEW SALESMEN



Two of the Mueller salesmen. They are left, Robert Whitehead, and right, E. W. Peterson. The former is an old timer and has for some years made his headquarters at Minneapolis. Upon the death of W. C. Heinrichs, he was shifted to the St. Louis territory, and Mr. Peterson was given the Minneapolis territory.

**MRS. GILBERT LEAVES US****Moves to Her Farm Near Mattoon—Given Farewell Party**

Mrs. Clara Gilbert ended thirteen and one-half years of service on the afternoon of February 26. She and her friend, Miss Anna Layton, are living on a farm a few miles west of Mattoon, R. F. D. No. 1.

Mrs. Gilbert inherited this property recently from her father. She believed that her health would be better if she were out of doors more. Several years ago she and Miss Layton developed a one acre place near Harristown, where they made their home.

Mrs. Gilbert took a temporary job on inventory in 1922, and then became clerk in the Iron Finishing Shop, which is now Dept. 240, then located west of Mercer Street. Later she was employed in the Cost Dept. and for several years had charge of the Mail Desk, and spent about three years in the Employment Office.

On the afternoon of February 25 the office girls, about forty in all, cut short their lunch hour and gathered in the Employment Department to bid Mrs. Gilbert farewell. At that time she was given a handkerchief shower and a fine black leather purse. Mrs. Gilbert responded by inviting the entire group to visit her next summer for a chicken dinner.

Jane: "Oh, Profy, what do you think of me now that you've kissed me?"

Prof: "You'll pass."

**FIVE TEAMS IN RACE**

Close Finish Promised in the Mueller Bowling League



There are nine games left to play in the schedule of the Mueller Bowling League, and five teams stand a chance of winning the pennant. The high team has a percentage of .577, while the fourth and fifth have .513. Leo Wiant tells us that it is as close if not the closest contest in the history of the organization, which naturally keeps up the interest of the players and the fans who are watching the race.

Since last report there has been but little change in the standings. The Specialty Division still leads, but the Utility Engineers have nosed into second place, while Plumbing No. 2 drops into third place. Plant 2 crawled out of the cellar and the Tool Room fell in.

In the ten high bowlers, Clarence Roarick climbed into third place and E. Blankenburg fell into fourth place.

The standing of the teams, ten high bowlers, and individual scores follow:

**Team Standing**

Name—	G	W	L	Pct.	Av.
Specialty Div.	78	46	32	.577	813
Utility Eng.	78	43	35	.552	811
Plumbing No. 2	78	43	35	.552	721
Office	78	40	38	.513	794
Machine Shop	78	40	38	.513	785
Plumbing No. 1	78	35	43	.448	716
Plant No. 2	78	33	45	.423	683
Tool Room	78	32	46	.411	773

**Ten High Bowlers**

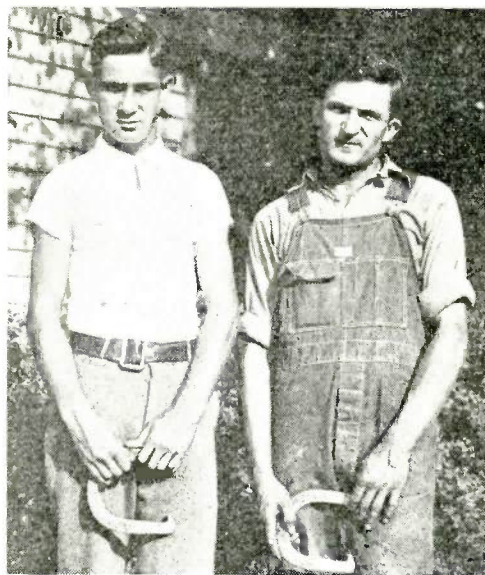
A. Flaughter, Mach. Shop	78	189	268
K. Blankenburg, Spec. Div.	78	180	223
C. C. Roarick, Tool Room	66	178	251
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	71	178	226
C. Dodwell, Office	78	176	236
W. Behrns, Util. Eng.	69	175	245
C. Hill, Spec. Div.	78	171	264
H. Stratman, Spec. Div.	69	168	235
C. Cochran, Office	59	164	202
A. Grossman, Spec. Div.	78	163	217
H. Leipski, Mach. Shop	39	163	220

**Individual Averages**

SPECIALTY DIV.		MACHINE SHOP	
K. Blankenburg	180	A. Flaughter	189
C. Hill	171	H. Leipski	163
H. Stratman	168	A. Olsen	161

A. Grossman	163	M. Brilley	145
W. Frantz	136	G. Hutchens	145
UTILITY ENG.			
E. Blankenburg	178	W. Mueller	128
W. Behrns	175	PLUMBING No. 1	
B. Mason	162	L. Adams	151
M. Curry	158	C. Constant	149
C. Charnetzki	154	L. Kramer	147
F. Trazik	143	H. Thompson	144
PLUMBING No. 2			
M. Riewski	160	E. Krumsiek	139
J. Morrison	152	C. Kelley	119
C. Curry	151	PLANT No. 2	
R. Caudle	134	C. F. Roarick	166
G. Hickman	131	A. Jendry	153
H. Maddox	128	R. Roarick	150
OFFICE			
C. Dodwell	176	E. Merrow	137
C. Cochran	164	M. Foster	129
A. Werdes	162	R. Tertoca	126
L. Wiant	161	TOOL ROOM	
H. Gragg	151	C. C. Roarick	178
C. Draper	138	G. Krag	170
		M. Chaney	161
		A. Radke	157
		C. Rubican	148
		A. Raushek	131

**HORSESHOE CHAMPS.**



Here is a reminder of the 1936 picnic held at Mueller Heights

They are left, Martin Harrison, and right, Oren Harrison, and they cleaned up on a big field of horseshoe tossers and thereby became the champion team.

One of the bonus boys says, "Over there I thought I was fighting to save the world for democracy. Now I find out it was for a fur coat for my wife."

Unintelligent stubbornness is pightheadedness. Intelligent stubbornness is will power.

### FIRST OPENING OF CABIN

The spring opening of the cabin northeast of Decatur was celebrated Saturday, March 6, by a large group of foremen and others.

The party left at quitting time and came home about midnight. The beautiful spring day contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The big event was the turkey dinner, accompanied by oyster dressing, baked potatoes, green beans, apple pie, and coffee.

Cards and other games monopolized attention, while others tried their luck at fishing, but it was poor luck because the fish were not in the humor of biting. Altogether the party was a decided success, and the occasion was one of thorough enjoyment.

### SAFETY IN PLANTS

The efforts of American industry to improve safety in manufacturing plants have resulted in making occupational accidents far fewer and far less serious than any other kind, according to the latest figures published by the National Safety Council. There are less than one-third as many occupational accidents as home accidents, the figures show.

In the words of one authority on the subject:

"The truth is that of all the accomplishments of industry, none has been more spectacular than this. The latest report shows industrial accident frequency to be 61% lower than in 1926. The seriousness of accidents has declined at a comparable rate.

"Now how has this been accomplished?"

"Partly through direct safety devices. Partly by the development of safety education for the workers. Notably by the provision of automatic tools and mechanisms, which do for the worker a good many things he used to do by hand.

### WAGES UP—HOURS DOWN

During the period of most intensive mechanization in America (1900-1930) the average individual not only earned more and was able to spend more, but in addition had to work fewer hours. For instance, in 1899 the average number of hours of factory work was 66.8. In 1929 it was 48.4. And in the same period the average annual wages per wage earner in manufacturing rose over 200%.

### MUST WORK

"I cannot think of any American man or woman pre-eminent in the history of the nation who did not reach their place through toil. I cannot think of anything that represents the American people as a whole so adequately as honest work. We perform different tasks, but the spirit is the same. We are proud of work and ashamed of idleness. With us there is no task which is menial, no service which is degrading. All work is ennobling and all workers are ennobled."—Calvin Coolidge.

There is no defense against adverse fortune so effectual as a sense of humor.

### TWO IN THE TUB



Here are a couple of cute ones snapped in a bath tub. The water has not been turned on yet, but they seem to be in gleeful anticipation of that event. They are Milton Wayne, age 3, and Donald Walter, age 4, sons of Walter Bowman, Eng. Dept.

### BOY SCOUTS ELECT

Troop 2 of Mueller Gym has undergone the annual troop election in excellent Boy Scout sportsmanship manner. The following troop officers were elected: Senior Patrol Leader, Donald Howard Baldis; Scribe, Frank M. Hull; Quartermaster and Historian, Van Riley; Patrol Leaders, John Riley, Bob Whitacre and LeRoy Stacey.

The troop is decorating their troop room with airplane pictures. This is in line with the air project to make this troop the "Air Troop of Decatur." Model building is receiving much attention and time. It is expected that weather will soon permit the flying of a large gasoline powered model at the airport.

An all night hike and a kite flying contest is to be held this month at Mueller Heights.

### Ready to Help

Man (employed by Scotchman): "I have been around here ten years, sir, doing three men's work for one man's pay, and now I want a raise."

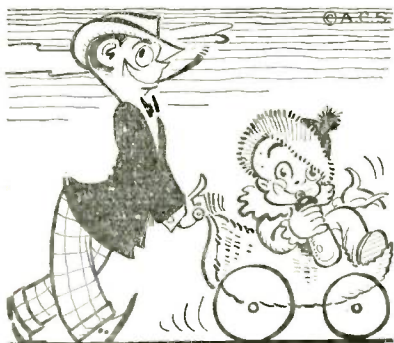
Employer: "I canna gie ye that, but if ye'll tell me the names of the ither two men I'll fire 'em."

### The Owl, the Eel and the Warming-Pan

The owl and the eel and the warming-pan,  
They went to call on the soap-fat man.  
The soap-fat man he was not within;  
He's gone for a ride on his rolling pin.  
So they all came back by the way of the town  
And turned the meeting-house upside down.

—Laura E. Richards.

## PROUD PAPAS



## BIRTHS

COATES—Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Coates, a son, Ronald Lamar, February 12. Mr. Coates works in Dept. 8.

On preceding page the two kiddies in the tub are sons of Walter Bowan, not Bowman

## BRASS CHIPS

Geneva Reifsteck of the Core Department won a \$16.95 dress in a drawing held by the Delta Theta Tau on Monday night, March 1, at the Orlando Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith drove to Louisville, Kentucky, the week end of February 27, and visited friends there and viewed the flood damages.

L. W. Mueller returned from his vacation in Florida and the South February 26. He told the foremen at their meeting Tuesday evening, March 2, some tall fish stories. These were reinforced by circumstances that could not be denied, even though credulity was strained somewhat.

If you have a new picture of your house, family, children, or travels, or any other items that would be of interest to the readers of the Record, please send it in. Some of them the editor will be glad to use. Pictures will be returned in good condition.

Due to a slump in business, a number of new men have been laid off. Most of them have made good records and will be given preferred consideration when additions can be made to the force. Some of them have already found work, but a number of them have been unable to do so.

Andrew Hardwick, who worked for a time in Dept. 91 on a lathe, resigned on February 17 to join the army.

Billy Campbell lost two weeks in February due to the flu. This is the first record we have of Billy Campbell ever being sick in his forty-

three years of service.

E. H. Langdon attended a meeting of the Illinois Manufacturers' Assn. in Chicago, February 25.

## WRONG NUMBER?

Telephone operators are supposed to be creatures who derive great satisfaction from giving out wrong numbers. Our operator, Evelyn Telling, has the reputation of always giving out right numbers. But Mary Wilkins and Louise Whitehead agree that she certainly had their numbers wrong when she referred them to a certain restaurant in Peoria because the "fish food" was excellent.

## LOVE LETTERS TO ORDER

We have just discovered in our midst, a young lady whose specialty is writing love letters. Always desirous of being helpful, we will be glad to direct any inquiries into the proper channel, although we wouldn't think of giving the young lady any free advertising. However, she can be found on the second floor and answers to the name of Louise.

## SHIRLEY DIMPLE RUNION



Is Shirley Dimple, aged five months, having a good time with herself? Clothes are the least of her worries, and is she plump and pretty? We leave it to you to say Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Runion. The proud father works in Dept. 8.

## Higher Education

Farmer Brown: "What did your son learn at college?"

Farmer Green: "Wal, he hadn't been home a week before he showed me how to open a bottle with a half dollar."

## As Usual

Professor (to mother of freshman): "Your son has a great thirst for knowledge. Where does he get it?"

Mother: "He gets the knowledge from me and the thirst from his father."

GRADUATES



Two midwinter graduates of the Decatur High School. They are, left, Vera Walls, and right, Kathryn Riley. The former is the daughter of Walter Walls, and the latter the daughter of Barney Riley.

WEDDINGS

Chalcraft-McKinley

Announcement was made recently of the marriage of Dewey McKinley, Dept. 300, and Alceitha Chalcraft, daughter of John Chalcraft, Dept. 8. They were married in Decatur on June 20, 1936. They are living at 508 E. Leafland street.

Eaton-McGeorge

Dorothy Eaton and Charles McGeorge of the Night Foundry were married in Kankakee on January 30. They live at 1021 W. King St.

Travis-Tucker

Lucille Travis and Wilbur Tucker of the Brass Foundry were married at the home of Rev. Harmon of the West Side Nazarene church on February 13. Robert Hutchins of Dept. 8 served as best man, and the bride's sister, Miss Loretta Travis, was maid-of-honor. They are living at 560 W. North street.

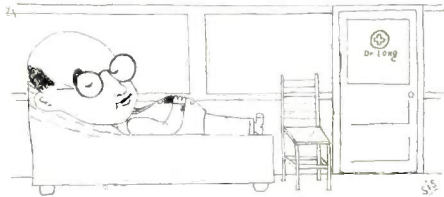
Caliban in the Coal Mines

God, we don't like to complain—  
 We know that the mine is no lark—  
 But—there's the pools from the rain;  
 But—there's the cold and the dark  
 God, You don't know what it is—  
 You, in Your well-lighted sky,  
 Watching the meteors whizz;  
 Warm, with the sun always by.  
 God, if You had but the moon  
 Stuck in Your cap for a lamp,  
 Even You'd tire of it soon.  
 Down in the dark and the damp,  
 Nothing but blackness above,  
 And nothing that moves but the cars—  
 God, if You wish for our love  
 Fling us a handful of stars!

—Louis Utermeyer.

Many a frail little gal is some strong man's weakness.

SLEEP, TIRED NATURE'S SWEET RESTORER



—Rybolt

The first case of spring fever took our personnel director a few days ago. When the 4:30 o'clock quitting bell sounded, Mr. Langdon stepped into the annex of his office. There stood the cot. It seemed to say, "Come to me and rest—just a little snooze before you start down the road to Macon." The temptation was too great for a man who is generally immune to temptation, and Mr. Langdon yielded. Sweet was the sleep, refreshing the rest—but the rest that followed was not so good. It was 6:30 and dark when he awoke. The first thing was to escape from the building in which he had been locked. This was accomplished through the aid of the watchman, who was found after a search, and then Mr. Langdon was hitting it up to Macon. Of course, Mr. Langdon's exemplary character and conduct made explanations easy. But we know some guys around here who could never have made that story stick, even though true as gospel or if certified to by Walt Auer, yes or the Editor of the Record.

GIVE AND TAKE

Clarence Masters of the Core Department has been nursing a couple of black eyes and a bruised nose, the penalty for having met up with a bandit Friday evening, March 5. The hold-up occurred just one block from Clarence's home, and netted the bandit just \$3.00.



## SARNIA NOTES

### Home Loan Plan

It is expected that some lines of Industry will be speeded up around these parts by those taking advantage of the Home Loan Improvement Act.

Recently the government made it possible whereby loans on homes from \$1000 to \$2000 might be borrowed for home improvements and paid back over a period of five years at an interest rate of approximately 6%. As an added incentive it is expected that Provincial legislation will be passed shortly whereby increased taxation on improved homes will be delayed until the loan on property is paid off.

Attractive advertising on building, plumbing and heating improvements are now being posted and we confidently expect that many Sarnians will benefit by all the facilities which are now being offered for their benefit.

### The "Flu" Germ

The "Flu" germ has been floating around Muellers' these days and many have suffered from its very bad effects. Perhaps a reminder about carelessly running from one warm building to another, through rain and snow, without wearing the necessary coat and rubbers might act as a caution to the offenders at this time. Our sympathy is with the sufferers, but it takes time to save time sometimes.

### Travelling and Visitors

Mr. Thornton Graham, President and General Manager of Western Supplies Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta, visited at the plant a few days ago. Mr. Thornton was enroute on a business tour to Eastern Canada. He was later meeting Mrs. Thornton and continuing his journey to Baltimore, Maryland, to visit his daughter for a few days.

Mr. J. J. Conway, our Western Canada representative, spent two days at the plant enroute on a business trip to the east. Much of his time will be spent in Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. M. A. Schroder and Mr. R. McIntyre spent several days on a trip to Buffalo, Welland, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller were visitors at the Sarnia Plant for a few days during the early part of February. During their visit Mr. and Mrs. Mueller witnessed a hockey game between the Forrest and Petrolia teams, the Forrest team being the winner with a score of 3-2.

The plumbers from Sarnia and district journeyed to London on Feb. 5th, to attend a meeting sponsored by the Canadian Plumbing and Heating Institute at Hotel London. The purpose of the meeting was to further the work of Home Improvement along plumbing lines.

### A Good Catch

The latest fish story to come to our attention originates with Curly Chappell from the Brass Shop, the truth of which has been vouched. On Saturday afternoon a couple of weeks ago Mr. Chappell was fishing through the ice with five lines out. Luck was far from good for

some time, but suddenly one of the lines showed activity. In his rush to the hole, Curly went part way on his ear as the ice was very slippery, but before he could regain his feet and grasp his line, the one with the wooden spool attached disappeared through the ice. Another line was set in place.

A few minutes later a second line ran out. Pulling this in, the second line was found to be entangled with the first on which a very large fish was tugging away. It was finally landed and proved to be an eight pound pike, 31 inches long.

A peculiar feature about the incident was that the second line was some feet away from where the first one was lost; also that several other fishermen had lines out, and the fish swimming about missed these and became entangled in Mr. Chappell's second line.

### Births

Mr. Percy Knight of Dept. 19 became the father of a splendid son on Feb. 17th. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Knight.

### Let's Laugh

Dennis to prospective father-in-law:  
"Sir, I want your daughter for my wife."  
"And I sir, am not willing to trade."

What was Bill Young doing standing in the rain? Trying to catch the "Flu" or "Pennies from Heaven."

Hank—Nice place you have here. Is it free from cockroaches?"

Frank Powers, Agent—"There isn't a single one around."

Voice from the Alley—"Correct, they're all married and have children."

## CHATTANOOGA

F. T. Hale has been employed as clerk in the Brass Foundry.

Floyd Johnson was in Chattanooga several days the first of the month.

Jimmy Puffer and Arch Massey are newcomers in the Machine Shop.

A. D. Werdes was in Chattanooga a few days the week of February 8th.

"Huck" Mitchell has been transferred from the Iron Foundry to the Machine Shop.

James Kendricks is now working in the Cleaning and Grinding Department.

It is reported that "Jake" Kraft continues to improve. "Jake" has now been away from work since last March.

Billy Stoner is working in the Iron Foundry, having been transferred there from the Assembly Department.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Sarah Willis Houston and Hugh L. Baker, of our Sales Department. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

Paul Jacka and Don Andrews are attending the American Foundrymen's Convention in Birmingham, Alabama this week.

Mr. L. W. Mueller was at the plant yesterday, having stopped over on his way back to

Decatur after spending several weeks in Florida.

**Smile**

"Mandy," said the dusky woman's mistress. "I've heard about your hard luck. And I'm terribly sorry."

"Deed, ma'am, Ah ain't had no hahd luck."

"But your husband—wasn't he killed in an accident yesterday?"

"Oh, yas'm; but dat's his hahd luck, not mine."

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**EMPLOYES' AID SOCIETY  
BENEFIT FUND**

**Financial Statement**

Dec. 1, 1935—Nov. 30, 1936

Dec. 1, 1935 Cash Bal. \$2,524.80

**RECEIPTS**

Membership Dues—		
Decatur	\$4,592.60	
Los Angeles	822.00	\$5,414.60
Investments:		
Loan Fund	650.00	
Decatur Imp. Bond	100.00	
Sale of Thermoid Co. Bonds	1,958.66	2,708.66
Interest		387.28
Picnic		36.44
Other income		39.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,111.18</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Benefits:		
Decatur—		
Sick. & Ac.	\$4,300.92	
Death	150.00	4,450.92
Los Angeles:		
Sick. & Ac.	706.55	
Refunds	9.00	
Recreation	22.64	
Expense	3.18	
Other Items	14.40	
Decatur Com. Chest	300.00	
Am. Red Cross	50.00	
		<b>\$5,556.69</b>

Nov. 30, 1936 Cash Balance. . . \$5,554.49

**Resources, Nov. 30, 1936**

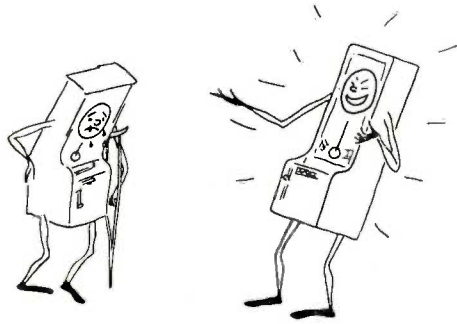
Investments—		
Bonds, Decatur Improvement	\$ 271.00	
*Von Swearingen (at par)	2,000.00	\$2,271.00
Building & Loan Stock		
Mutual Home & Sav.	1,252.41	
Peoples Sav. & Loan	1,275.58	2,527.99
Emergency Loan Fund		4,000.00
Int. accrued on above to Jan. 1, 1937		90.00
Millikin Bank savings Account		3,625.20

Millikin Bank, checking account	5,554.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,068.68</b>

\* Interest on Von Swearingen bonds is in arrears since 1932. They were refinanced May 6, 1935 to mature May 1, 1940 at \$1,410 each, \$2,820 for the original investment of \$2,000.00.

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer,  
Audited by A. C. Werdes.

**NEW TIME CLOCKS**



—Rex Smith

**Old Clock:** They biffed me and they banged me,  
They swore they would hang me;  
And they sure did.  
Now I sing no more for the Mueller boys

**New Clock:** Let me show them how it's done.  
I can take it.

We've got sixteen new time clocks. The old ones were worn out. The new ones are a big improvement, but still much like the old ones. If you don't come in time, they'll ring you late. A good way to stop this is to start to work early enough and then the clock will not penalize—it will ring you in on time in nice clear figures, which Paymaster Enloe will be able to read without glasses.

**SMILES AND SENSE**

Aaron: "I made some very valuable contacts today."

Geo. White: "I did not make any sales, either."

The best idea is worthless if the creator is not willing to back it with faith and energy.

Guest: "Where's that pretty little maid who was passing out the cocktails while ago?"

Hostess: "Are you looking for a drink?"

Guest: "No, I'm looking for my husband!"

"The next piece on the program," announced Deacon Jones, "will be a song by Miss Tabineta Thompkins, entitled, 'Put Me in My Little Bed,' accompanied by the minister."

## SARNIA NEWS

### Bulletins

Many interesting bulletins have been posted on the boards during the month of March, and the good news seems to have been coming thick and fast.

We feel sure that many will attend the Mueller dance, which will be held in the Recreational Hall on April 2. It is a good way to get acquainted with your fellow-workers, and we know a good time will be enjoyed by all.

Secondly, it is encouraging to know that so many of our employees are finding the Employees Aid Society new welfare venture so beneficial. All those feeling the need of optical attention, are well advised to make use of this good opportunity.

The last of the three bulletins was perhaps the most enthusiastically received for it concerned us all in a very vital way, and we wish to extend a vote of thanks to those responsible for it.

### Symbolical Songs

According to recent reports around the plant we are led to believe that certain employees symbolize the following songs:

Al. Bannister.....	Far, Far Fway
Ross Thompson.....	The Peanut Vendor
Harold Coates.....	Basin Street Blues
Bill Young.....	.....
.....	Where Oh Where Has My Little
.....	..... Dog Gone?—
Harry Morris.....	.....
.....	Little Man You've Had a Busy Day
Carl Smith.....	After the Brawl
Dennis Tilley.....	In a Sentimental Mood
Frank Wren.....	.....
.....	A Bicycle Built for Two, "Daisy"
Bert Banting.....	.....
.....	I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen
Clairce Cook.....	Waiting at the Gate for Katy

### Puns on Names Around the Shop

We understand that the Chinese Cook from the dining Carr says Tilley can't sing any more. At night when he is through his work, he seats himself in a Morris chair and he himself sings request numbers for his Young friends. His voice is said to carry twice as far and Foster, than Tilley's. However, when he sees little Wren, he always stops singing and says, "Callum boy here I Leckie to see if Chappel sell one of his Coates." Apologies—"T."

It was interesting to notice on March 19, that the U. S. Mail and Railway Ferry Boat went up the river. This boat had previously gone down the river for repairs and was unable to move until March 19. This seemed almost a sure sign of spring.

Mr. Gordon Callum did some high step-

ping on March 12, when he attended the Railway Men's dance held in Hotel London.

### Births

Mar. 7, 1937—Mr. Harold Martin of the Polishing and Buffing Dept., became the proud father of a son. Congratulations.

### Visitors

Mr. Adolph Mueller was visiting at the plant on March 24. During his short stay he renewed acquaintances with the employees and delivered a friendly speech to the assembled workers in the Recreational Hall.

Mr. A. C. Werdes spent several days at the plant during the month of March. Mr. Werdes is the inter-plant auditor for Mueller Co.

The Home Improvement Plan is being very well received in Canada, and much business is being created by the new improvements. In this connection Mueller Ltd., at Sarnia, had a very attractive display at the Sarnia Builders' show held in our City Hall, for several days during the month of March. The show was decided a success, the attendance being well over 2,000.

Our own city had a decidedly Coronation touch. The background was draped in a royal blue, while the center panel formed a bright red background. This center panel showed a full line of bath faucets, basin faucets, sink faucets, and also included lavatory combinations, sink combinations, and tub and shower combinations. We had also two full size tub and shower combinations on black velvet covered stands, and a Mueller heat control suitably mounted. We also exhibited one of our double filglas faucets.

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### MARCH-APRIL RECORD

This issue of the inside Mueller Record comes to you as the March-April Record. The reason for this is the fact that our presses have been so tied up for two or three weeks on discount sheets and other important printing that they could not be spared for printing the Record. The type has been set and the forms made up for more than two weeks. We hope to hit around the first week in May with the next Record for inside circulation.

### BARNEY MARTY LAID UP.

Ed Stille is in receipt of a letter from Barney Marty thanking him for the beautiful flowering plants sent him. Barney has been confined to his home for a month with an attack of arthritis but is now showing signs of improving, which will be good news to his many friends.

## SARNIA NEWS, Cont. from p. 10

The following press clipping is interesting: Ottawa, March 16 (CP).—Finance Minister Dunning announced today that 808 loans had been made under the Dominion Housing Act up to Feb. 28 for a total amount of \$5,692,842.

These loans provided housing accommodation for 1,200 family units, and the average loan per family unit was approximately \$4,740. Loans were made in all provinces except Saskatchewan and Alberta. Loans and amounts for the seven other Provinces follow:

Prince Edward Island, 6, \$32,364; Nova Scotia, 117, \$514,427; New Brunswick, 14, \$53,729; Ontario, 389, \$2,399,074; Quebec, 254, \$2,523,483; Manitoba, 13, \$115,564; British Columbia, 15, \$54,200.

## FOREMAN'S CLUB MEET

The Foreman's Club met at Mueller Lodge Monday evening, March 29. There was a large attendance and an excellent dinner was served, consisting of the following menu:

Cole Slaw	Celery	Olives
	Swiss Steak	
Mashed Potatoes	Beets	Cauliflower
Apple Pie	Cheese	
	Bread	Coffee

After dinner the members of the club assembled in the big living room and listened to addresses by L. W. Mueller and Adolph Mueller. These were largely confined to subjects concerning business conditions and factory affairs.

Following the speaking those who cared to remained for cards and a social time.

## FALLING DOWN

Maybe it's spring in the air that makes folks light headed. Anyhow, reports have come to us of young ladies who suddenly for no apparent reason at all fall off their chairs. Helen Waddell in the Core Room and Mabel Gates in the Stationery Department are the latest known victims of this strange malady.

## ROY IS BACK

Roy Wood, Foundry Office, returned to work on March 29 after an absence of several weeks. Roy was suffering from a severe streptococcus infection.

## Romance Rumor in Core Room

It has been suspected, reported, affirmed, and denied, that a certain young lady in the Core Room will "ankle down the middle aisle" in November with a soldier boy.

## Suspected But Unaffirmed

A stenographer in the Main Office was either married on Easter Sunday or will be in the near future. The ceremony will involve a member of the shipping department.

"You were swindled over this Rembrandt. The picture is not over fifty years old."

"I don't care about age, so long as it is a genuine Rembrandt."

## FORMER FIRE CHIEF DIES

## John D. Duffey Passes Away After a Long Illness.

The news of the passing of John D. (Jack) Duffey was received with feelings of genuine regret by his old friends and acquaintances, although his intimates had long realized that his recovery was impossible. For several years he had held the position of fire chief for Mueller Co., for which he was qualified by reason of his long connection with the city's fire department. His illness had extended over a period of two years, during which time he had the constant and loving attention of his devoted wife. His death occurred at his home, 1143 East Hickory street, Tuesday, March 23, due to heart disease and kidney trouble. The funeral was held on the following Friday morning at St. Thomas church, and the burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Duffey was born at Clinton, Illinois, December 19, 1865. He was the son of Patrick and Margaret Foley Duffey, and had lived in Decatur practically all his life. He was married here May 6, 1908, to Miss Ellen Musselman.

In 1888 he joined the city paid fire department which was established only a year or two prior to that date. He served on the chemical truck for twenty-one years, and for one year was captain of No. 2 station on North Morgan street. He retired in 1912 and became a member of the police force for eight years. In 1912 he was voted the most popular city employe and was presented with a watch in a ceremony in the Bijou theater.

Surviving him are his wife, two sisters, Miss Cecelia Duffey and Mrs. Sarah Smith, both of Decatur, and three nieces and two nephews.

As a fireman and police officer, he had a fine record due to his good judgment and fairness. He was firm enough to enforce his orders, but considerate enough not to do so arrogantly or harshly, because of the authority with which he was invested.

## DOUBLE WEDDING

## An Unusual Matrimonial Affair Occurred at Los Angeles

Two members of the Polishing Department of the Pacific Coast factory shared honors on March 2 in an unusual wedding ceremony. It was a double wedding, with a double ring ceremony, and all four participants originally came from Missouri. Miss Wilda Vance was married to Donald Coleman, and Miss Helen Crabtree was married to Ross Daily by Rev. Percy A. Dean in the Wedding Chapel at 205 North Broadway, Los Angeles.

Both brides wore blue dresses, and both couples are living at a newly furnished home at 1007 South Sydney Drive, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Coleman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Vance of McFall, Missouri, and Mr. Coleman a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Coleman of Ridgeway, Missouri. Mrs. Daily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crabtree of Bethany, Missouri, and Mr. Daily the son of Mr. Fred Daily, also of Bethany, Missouri.

## COOKING AND CROCHETING

Mrs. Overfield and Mrs. O'Byrne Demonstrate the Fact



Mrs. Marie Overfield and Mrs. Grace O'Byrne, two of the cooks whose regular job it is to prepare those delicious meals served in our cafeteria. They are demonstrating here that their talents are not confined solely to their culinary ability, for each has recently completed a lovely hand crocheted bed spread. Mrs. Overfield's is made of what is known as the "K" stitch, and she crocheted twelve strips each two and three-quarters yards long and joined these together. She used fifteen skeins of thread with eight hundred yards in each skein, a total of 12,000 yards of thread. She began the spread in February, 1936 and completed it in March, 1937.

Mrs. O'Byrne's spread, began in July, 1936, and completed in March 1937, is made of the "Pop corn" stitch. She used twenty-two skeins of thread, eight hundred yards to a skein, or a total of 17,600 yards of thread. Her method was somewhat different as she crocheted 506 separate pieces and joined them together to make the complete bedspread.

Both women are very proud of their handiwork, and justly so. The work is very beautiful and the spreads something that will be retained in their families for many years to come.

## Thought for the Month

Every time one man puts a new idea across, he finds ten men who thought of it before he did—but they only thought it.—*Exchange.*

## LADY LUCK SMILES

Lady Luck smiled on two members of the organization recently—the first time on Marian Richards when she won \$10 in a drawing at a sorority dinner, and then on Margaret Marcott, who held a winning ticket in the Lincoln Square Theater's weekly horse race contest.

## CHATTANOOGA

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Don Andrews is back at the plant after being away from work several days due to illness.

Mr. Adolph Mueller stopped over in Chattanooga Thursday, March 18th, on his return from Miami Beach, Florida.

The Amity Club met last Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Monte Henderson.

Lester B. Swaney of the Pattern Shop underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. He is reported to be improving rapidly.

Russell L. Baker has been employed to work in our Engineering Department.

Tom Gaither, of Ohio, is visiting the Chattanooga plant this week.

Ray Egebrecht will leave this week for another position. Ray has been connected with the Engineering Department for several years.

We wonder why Hugh Baker often forgets what he is doing these days and simply stares off into space?

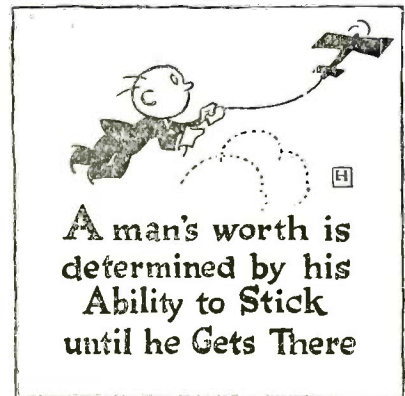
## HERE FOR FUNERAL

W. B. Ford, travelling for our company with Birmingham as headquarters, was here Friday, March 26. He came to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Ford, who died at her home in St. Louis. Her remains were brought back here for burial in Calvary cemetery.

## ILL.

Mrs. Ed C. Stille has been confined to her home for a week or more, suffering from an attack of the flu.

Fred Galka of the tool room has been confined to St. Mary's hospital due to an attack of enema.



A man's worth is  
determined by his  
Ability to Stick  
until he Gets There

EAT AT MUELLER  
CAFETERIA . . . . .

## *The Wreckers*

**I** WATCHED them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town,  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"  
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.  
I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken a year to do."

I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?  
Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

—H. S. HARP.