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Cover picture. Every so often someone asks, "Why don't you put one of those cover girl pictures on the front of the Record?" So in response to popular demand we introduce our own cover girl—Kathryn Kinert. She is our plant nurse, and has her first aid department next to the main office in Plant 1. Here is the lady who can so capably care for your injuries, aches, and pains. Kathryn was graduated as a registered nurse from Decatur & Macon County Hospital. She has been with the Mueller Co. a little over three years. In the photo she is shown doing some routine laboratory work. . . And right here is a good place to re-emphasize a rule she believes in: "Report every injury no matter how slight."

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Mueller Record Changes Publication Dates

When your editor took over, the first issue to come out was the August Inside edition to our employees. Since the Outside edition to our customers always alternates months with the employees' issue, we found that the Christmas party

with the service awards could not be reported until February. So it was determined to get back on the former schedule; with Inside Records appearing in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

So this issue is an Inside edition—the same as the last one. This change may not make much difference with our readers, but it was no help to our three correspondents. The sudden switch in plans left them with little time to gather enough material to fill up the space given them. So all factories are not as well represented this issue as they will be in future ones.

We would like to remind our readers in Chattanooga, Los Angeles, and Sarnia that your correspondents took on this reporting activity because they were willing to do what they could to give your factory a good representation in the Mueller Record. You can help them greatly by turning in your news items, stories, and photographs promptly. They haven't the time to go around and dig out the stories. And remember,—a friendly pat on the back or a word of encouragement now and then for the fine work that they do will be genuinely appreciated by them.

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Years following years steal something every day. At last they steal us from ourselves away.—Pope.

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If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.—Southey.

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Disguise our bondage as we will, 'tis woman, woman rules us still.—Tom Moore.

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Let your wit rather serve you for a buckler to defend yourself, by a handsome reply, than the sword to wound others, though with never so facetious a reproach, remembering that a word cuts deeper than a sharper weapon, and the wound it makes is longer curing.—Osborn.



The Home Built by John Dennis

THEY BUILT THEIR OWN

"Mid pleasures and palaces though we
may roam,
Be it ever so humble there's no place
like home."

—J. Howard Payne.

How true are these words from "Home Sweet Home." How many times have we said, in the words of Pliny, "Home is where the heart is." But to several Muel-lerites there is more than just the heart in their homes. There is also a lot of labor, long hours, callouses, tired bodies, and sweat—but no tears. For these ambitious people have literally built their own homes from the basement to the roof with their own hands. This is surely one way that we can meet the high cost of housing.

We were curious as to how many of our employees had done this sort of thing, and so we began a little investigation. We found six who have built this year. Our hope is that we have not overlooked anyone. We give you brief details here. All of these houses were "built the hard way." All the homes shown are the result of planning, perseverance, and hard work.

House That Stoltz Built

The first is the home of Zua Stoltz, of the Los Angeles Accounting office, and

husband Al. A little more than a year ago they purchased a view lot in San Gabriel and started to build their home. They decided to use cement blocks, and Al was made official mason with Zua mixing mortar and carrying blocks. They did their own plumbing, wiring, cabinet making, and landscaping. Zua points out that she laid over half of the hand split cedar shake roof. One wall of the living room is of natural brick. The kitchen is twelve by twenty feet, with natural finish hardwood cabinets and a large picture window located in the breakfast room section. The combined house with attached garage totals 960 square feet at present, and they plan to add more in the future.

Canadian Homecrafters

The next is that of J. Alphonse Migneault, a heat treater in Department 9 at our Sarnia, Ontario, plant. Al sent in some beautiful pencil tracings of the floor plans. He started the house in May, 1948. He dug the foundation by hand! No bulldozer here! He began by building a neat apartment in the basement area and completed the shell before winter. He insulated the basement so that he and his wife could live in it during the winter. This area covers 560 square feet. There is a big bedroom,



Shown from top to bottom are
the homes of:

Zua Stoltz,

J. Alphonse Migneault,

Maurice Paslay,

and Rex Smith



living room, vestibule, kitchen, and bathroom down below. There are seven rooms, including a sunporch, and a bath upstairs.

Al says that he did all the wood work, rough and finish, electricity, plumbing, heating, painting, cement, and cement blocks. Except for a little help from relatives the first three months, he did everything except the brickwork and plastering. It has taken two and a half years. When finished it will have cost \$10,000 with only one-tenth to contractors. At present Canadian values it is easily worth \$18,000.

M. R. Barker, who is a casting inspector in Department 2 of our Sarnia plant, is also building his home. Unfortunately it isn't far enough along to photograph, so we cannot show it here. It will be four rooms and bath with basement under the main half. Excluding labor it has cost about \$900 at this writing.

The Dennis Dream Home

Another ambitious builder was John Dennis of the Printing department in Decatur. His home is at 1314 E. Lawrence street. He has four rooms with bath and a full basement. John drew up some rough plans of what he wanted, and the building trades class of Decatur High School made the working drawings and blueprints. He built his home on a reciprocal basis. He helped other GIs build their homes, and they, in turn, helped him. Everywhere are built-in conveniences to add to the efficiency and usability of the home. His wife, Madeline, is no slouch as a builder. She mixed all the mortar, nailed on the rock-lath, painted nearly all of the house on the outside, painted and varnished inside, and even helped on the roof several times. Appraisers value his home at \$11,000, but John told us that the actual cost was approximately \$6,700.

Suburban Builder

Maurice Paslay, of the Tool Room office, is building a nice home on the side road back of "The Farm" northwest of Decatur. His brother is helping him with it. As the photograph shows, it is not quite completed as yet. It has four rooms and a bath. The full basement which occupies 936 square feet is made

of red cement. Phyllis Paslay, as ambitious as her husband, lent a willing hand, too. She painted interior walls and did a good portion of the outside painting. She finished nearly all of the floors herself, putting in a filler first and then a sealer.

The garage is twenty-four feet square. It is but partially finished now. Complete costs are not in yet, but Maurice estimated that his home will be worth \$12,000 when completed. He says half of the problem of building a home is getting up enough nerve to start it.

In The Wide Open Spaces

Rex Smith, of the Plant Engineer's office, built his brick home just off Route 51 in the Mound School area north of Decatur. Rex designed it himself and made all the tracings and blueprints himself. It is a well planned home and is along modern lines with low roof and attached garage. His brother helped him. The two of them did all the work except the plumbing, wiring, and plastering. Mrs. Smith did her share, too. She told us that she laid a good many of the bricks herself. The bricks are tan in color. There is no basement. The house is heated with a radiant heating system, with the pipes in the floor. Ought to feel good to bare feet on a winter morning. The cost, including one acre of ground, was \$6,000. The place is valued at \$14,000.

We wish to compliment all these people on the fine work they did, and thank them for proving a point: even lacking experience, it is possible to beat today's high cost of living, provided one is willing to work hard enough and devote most of his leisure time to such a worthy task.

TIP FOR OUTDOORSMEN:

Both you and a match have heads. The match cannot think with his head; you can. So be sure every match is out before you throw it away. The same thing goes for your cigarette or cigar. It must be out, too. . . Remember—only YOU can prevent forest fires.



Roy Wood presents an electric saw to Thomas Mudd, retiring guard, while Pete Workman (second from left) and Truey Hoy (far right) look on.

Plant Guard Retires

On September 30 Thomas Mudd, guard on duty at the Plant 1 Foundry building, retired. He had served a total of twenty-nine years and seven months with the Mueller Co. He first began work in February 1929. His first job was filing keys in the building on Mercer street. Six years later he was put on a grinder in Department 8 and remained there until 1940. He was next assigned as a guard in Plant 3 and remained on the plant protection force until his retirement.

Tom was a sincere, conscientious worker who was well liked by everyone who knew him. His philosophy is best explained by this one thing that he told us: "Just play a straight game and you can get anywhere." He is not worried about the future as he has a little machine shop where he sharpens lawnmowers, does carpenter work, and other odd jobs. This should make his retiring

a pleasant thing. The boys in the east end of our plant presented him with an electric Skill-Saw.

■ ■ ■ Veterans' Addresses

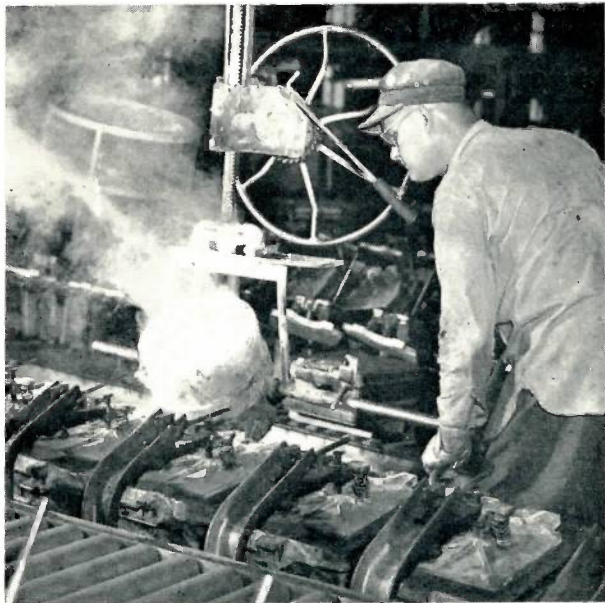
With many of our employees entering the armed forces it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep track of them. It is our wish that every one of them in the service shall receive copies of the MUELLER RECORD—both the inside and outside editions. Friends or relatives can do us and the Personnel department a real service by keeping us informed of any changes in the address or status of these Muellerites. Notify Loyle Davis, Personnel Director, and he will see that the Record office is informed and the address changed. We do not want them to miss an issue. If the veteran worked in one of our other factories, then give the information to the factory manager who will relay it to the Decatur office.



CALLED TO SERVICE

Ray Foster, of Plant 2 Core Room, left for the service on October 9. He had already passed his first physical examination, and was to go in a few days for his final check-up. Ray worked in the core room as core filer and hauler. He had been with our company a little over two years. Shown above is E. H. Potts, foreman, presenting Ray with a combination cigarette case and lighter—a gift from the men who worked with Ray.

In this candid camera shot taken in the brass foundry Frank Ridgeway is shown pouring hot metal into a row of molds.





Front row (left to right): Verna Scheibly, Betty Newlin, Clifford Newlin, and Georgia Koons.
Back row: Cliss Pierce, Wilma Jean Poe, John Hall, Vera Poe, and Irwin Keller.

MERRILY THEY ROLL ALONG

I have just had an interesting and rather enlightening experience. I went out to Chap's Roller Rink at the north edge of Decatur. Some of our Mueller employees were out there enjoying a spin on roller skates. You may have thought, just as I once did, that it was just another way of combining a health giving exercise with a pleasant hobby. And so it is. But for the skater who goes in for competition, it is a long, complicated procedure involving rigid training and constant practice. You've got to be good to get to the top.

First, there are the skates. All rink skates have hard maple rollers. The first pair I owned had wooden rollers, too. But after a summer of sidewalk use they wore down with the grain and became elliptical in shape. An hour of skating, then, was equivalent to a ten-week treatment in a vibrating machine. I examined the rollers of Betty Newlin's skates and found them to be the precision-bearing, sealed type. The bearings are

precision ground and a heavy type grease is sealed in. This grease prevents the rollers from spinning when the foot is raised from the floor—a safety factor in fancy skating. Yet these rollers are so sensitive that the slightest tilt of the body will cause one to move.

Surely these things cost money. I remember the first pair I bought when a boy. My sister and I popped corn and sold it in offices downtown to get the money for our skates. You can't buy these precision skates with popcorn money. Betty told me that the boots alone cost \$10. The skates were an additional \$45. That is a lot of money, but good skates are very necessary when one goes in for competition as Betty has done.

There were nine in our group. All of them were good skaters. There are others among us who skate, but these could not be present when we took the pictures. And I am sure that there must be more

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Shown executing an intricate dance step are Verna Scheibly and Betty Newlin.



Taking a turn at a fast clip are (left to right): Vera Poe, Cliss Pierce, Wilma Jean Poe, and John Hall.



that I did not know about. There is something to the music that adds grace to the skill of the skaters. The effortless ease with which our boys and girls circled the rink revealed one thing: I can see how the men in the Shipping department who handle heavy boxes and barrels all day can feel like skating for several hours after a hard day at the plant. It just isn't work at all after one knows how.

I was interested in this competitive skating. We do not have room here to go into details, but a few points can be brought out. There is a definite plan of progress from beginner to fancy skating. A proficiency test is given. This includes actual skating of certain routines as well as a written test. The first step is Junior Bar. Another test, if passed, rates a Bronze Medal. Silver Medal follows this, then Gold Medal, which is the top rating. Many take lessons from professional skating teachers.

On Up to Champion

When a skater has reached a certain degree of proficiency, his club or the rink enters him in various meets. Eventually he reaches the state meets, and finally the national competition. Betty reached the state contests, but a recent operation will prevent her from doing much serious skating for some time. Contrary to ice skating rules, a roller champion may not compete more than once for an honor won.

The dance routines are difficult to do. All of them can be plotted on charts which makes them easier to learn. They take a lot of practice and dance partners must skate together often to perfect rhythm and coordination of movements. A well executed dance on skates is a beautiful thing to see.

There is a magazine devoted to roller skating. A national organization regulates the contests. Yes, roller skating is big time. It is an excellent hobby, a

good health builder, a challenging sport, and, fortunately, one that is not very expensive. There is the social side of it, too. Groups of friends enjoy skating together. Then, as one of our skaters put it, after one has learned the difficult dance routines, there is a real thrill in the execution of them with precision. After seeing it done, I agree.

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Common sense is an uncommon degree in what the world calls wisdom.—Cole-ridge.

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Virtue, according to my idea, is the habitual sense of right, and the habitual courage to act up to that sense of right, combined with benevolent sympathies, the charity which thinketh no evil. The union of the highest conscience and the highest sympathy fulfills my notion of virtue.—Mrs. Jameson.

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We show here a snapshot of Robert L. Laughery standing near the barracks in Camp Pickett, Va. Robert was a lathe operator on the night shift in Department 8, and left for service about six weeks ago.

Bells! Bells! Bells!



Lucille Turner, relief operator, putting a call on the LOKATOR.

All over the plant at intervals during the day one may hear a bell ringing rhythmic signals. In the noisier departments an auto type horn sounds in place of a bell and a large red bulb lights up. Perhaps many wonder what these signals mean. To some they may be a bit monotonous unless they know what they are for. Actually they are a vital part of the plant communication system. We thought you would be interested, so we tracked down the clues and here is what we found.

The device is known as a LOKATOR. It is attached to the telephone switchboard. When someone puts in a call for, say, the electricians, and none are at their work bench, then they cannot be reached by phone until they are first located. The operator then presses a lever on the LOKATOR in the slot marked 3-2. The call goes over the wires throughout the plant and rings all the signal bells. When John Smith, the head electrician, hears this call he hurries to the nearest telephone and calls the op-

erator. She gives him the information direct or connects him with the person who called.

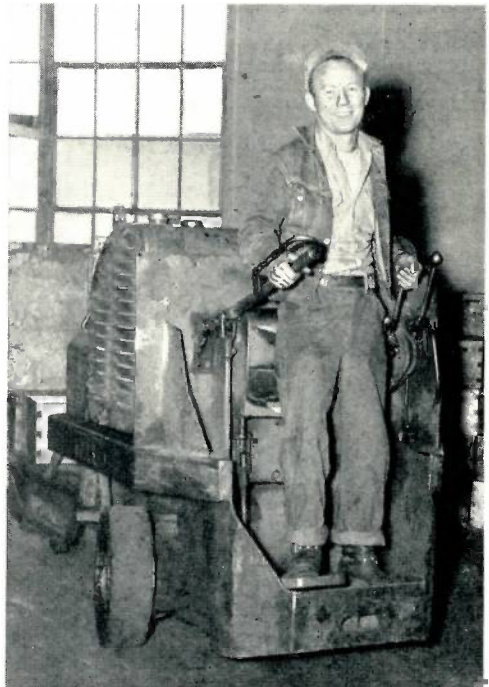
This is a vital feature when an emergency or an accident occurs. The plumbers, electricians, nurse, or others can be summoned immediately if they are not near their own phones.

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COLOR PREFERENCES

What colors do you like? It has been found that by many tests that most people prefer colors in this order: blue, red, green, violet, orange, and yellow. Blonde racial types prefer blue over red, while the brunet racial types choose red first. Children are attracted to brightness and richness of hue. Red usually is first choice. Very young children also like yellow as a second choice instead of blue. The people who make things to sell to us are very aware of these trends, and are successful because they give us the colors we prefer.

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A lot of material is moved every day by our "goat" drivers. Here we show one of them, Luther Pratt, who stopped his "goat" long enough to give our photographer one of his biggest smiles.

Decatur

Flying Saucers

Artie Carter, of the Standards department, had an experience with the mysterious saucers which paid off handsomely for his son, Mark. On October 6 Morehouse and Wells Co. pulled a novel advertising stunt. They had a plane fly over all the communities around Decatur and drop paper plates. On each plate was a number which, if it was the lucky one, entitled the holder to one of a number of prizes. When the plane flew over Blue Mound, Mark and his brother, Ronald, went around and hastily gathered all they could find. The next morning, as he was going to work, Artie noticed five more that had blown down from a tree during the night. So he drove around the block to his home and told the boys about them. Mark went to this home and retrieved these five from the yard. Saturday morning the boys took them into the Decatur store, and much to Mark's surprise he had won a girl's bicycle. Now you know a boy really does not want to be seen riding a girl's bicycle. So with a six dollar assist from dad, Mark made a deal and took home a fine, shiny, boy's bicycle. Now all the boys in Blue Mound envy him and his good fortune.

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Births

On October the stork visited Ruth Rohman Patterson and left a baby boy. The young man's name is Hiram Monroe Patterson and he weighed in at nine pounds. Ruth was a member of our Main Office staff. All join in best wishes to the mother and son.

Evelyn Hindman, formerly a stenographer in the Sales department, has announced that she and her husband have adopted a little boy. He was six weeks old when he joined Hindman household on September 12. Evelyn says that they did not know until the baby arrived whether they would get a boy or a girl. All the suspense and excitement of getting ready for the newcomer made it seem almost as real as if it was born right into the family. We hope she

brings the new son over to see us some noon hour.

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Wedding Bells

Patricia Van Camp of Palos Park and William Baney of Decatur were married September 16 at the home of his parents. The couple left for a honeymoon in the Wisconsin Dells region. William works in Department 80.

On Saturday, October 14, Miss Patricia Floyd of Sullivan and George Brown of Decatur were united in marriage at the Sullivan Christian Church. George is a member of the Shipping department. We wish the happy couple many years of nuptial bliss.

Another Shipping department employee has just returned with his bride after a honeymoon in the Ozark region of Missouri. He is Carl Buchwald, whose marriage to Miss Marie Hutchison of Decatur took place Saturday, October 21, in the St. Thomas Catholic Church. Our best wishes go to this couple.

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The first week in November saw several of our men from two factories in for a manufacturer's meeting. E. M. Reedy and P. G. Caho were here from Los Angeles. O. E. Walker and J. H. Wall came up from Chattanooga.

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Takes First Vows

We learned from Helen Hettinger, of the Billing department, that on October 4th her daughter, Martha Lucille, took her first vows. She joined the Community of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. The impressive ceremony was held at the motherhouse of the order in Springfield. Martha has completed her two year novitiate. She studied the religious life and its obligations; and made further secular studies in the field of work in which the sisters engage. She has taken her new name, and will be known as Sister Lourdana.



Boy Scouts of Troop 2 lined up just before the Camporee parade.

Camporee Big Success

The Fall District Camporee was held again at Weldon Springs State Park, and for the second time in our memory we had a camporee with no rain. The weather was ideal and Troop 2 made the most of it. The menu was up to our usual high standard. The new Scouts are still talking about the glorified hamburgers, pioneer drumsticks, and magic lemon pudding.

The three new Tenderfeet were with us for the first time. They are Tommy Gendry, Lewis Harshbarger, and Walter Meyer. Saturday after dark the three went on a snipe hunt. They did not catch any snipes, but they did catch on. At the campfire program our dancers put on one of their fine Indian dance routines in costume.

At our October Court of Honor many awards were presented. The new Scouts were invested as Tenderfeet. Fred Cox, Jr., received Life Scout rank. Also four merit badges. Lynn Simpson received a merit badge. He soon will be Eagle Scout. Fire Trailers Clan badges were presented. Lynn Simpson, three years; Roger Simpson, Donald Shepan, and David Gendry, one year each. Our 100 per cent Attendance Pins were awarded. Roger Simpson got his first one. Lynn Simpson his three-year bar and Everett Scott his four-year bar.

Two more of our Naval Reserve men were called to active duty. They were Dean Grant, Tool Room draftsman, and

Keith Harris, Engineering department draftsman. Dean left on October 4 and Keith left September 29. Both were in the navy in the last war, and re-enter the navy this time.

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Sees Kentucky Home

Harley Himstead and wife took a trip to Danville, Kentucky, on October 5th. He reports that the scenery was beautiful, especially the rolling blue grass fields. As many know, this is quite a horse country. Harley tells us that on the walls of the hotel were many murals picturing famous race horses. While on the trip he went through the Catholic church in Eardstown. The walls in this church are filled with fine mural paintings done by some of the finest artists of the time. They are well preserved considering the age of the church. While here he and his wife also visited The Old Kentucky Home. They saw the desk on which many of the songs of Stephen Foster were written. Harley showed us a snapshot he had taken of an old Negro known as Uncle Lem. For a small financial consideration Uncle Lem played "Old Kentucky Home" on a banjo. He displayed quite a nimbleness with his fingers in spite of his apparent age. The Home, itself, is solidly constructed and is kept in good condition. All the rooms have been restored as near as possible to the way they were when Foster lived there.

Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

Virginia and Frank Kellett have moved into their lovely new home on Haney Drive in Brainerd. Others of our office force who have new homes under construction are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brown—their home is being built in Red Bank. Dalpha and Edward Holmes are building a new home at Wildwood, Georgia, and Mildred and Ralph White are also going to be "Georgia Crackers." They are building a new home at Flintstone, Georgia.

Elmer Hughes of the Core Room has been ill for several days at his home. We hope he will be able to return to work soon.

One of our most recent visitors was a former employee of this plant, Elmore Tanner. Elmore retired in December, 1945, and prior to his retirement he was a loyal and faithful employee of the Shipping Department. We really enjoyed his coming back to see us.

Some of the men who have left recently to enter Military Service are Noble May of the Foundry Division; Earl Davis of the Core Room; Kenneth Jones of the Machine Shop and Sam Ed Brown, Jr., of the Assembly Department. We regret that these men have to leave us but hope that all the news we hear will be good.

Wedding Congratulations Are Extended to:

Eugene Burkhart, of our Machine Shop and Jeannette Smith in their recent marriage.

Betty Brown, of the Sales Department, and Roy W. Hudson were united in marriage September 30, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. George McClure.

Betty Jane McAllister, of the Production Control Department, and Marvin Adams were united in marriage October 14th. They also chose the home of the Rev. McClure as the scene of their wedding.

New Fathers and New Daughters!

Leslie Higdon, foreman of the Machine Shop, is the proud father of a baby daughter born October 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Higdon have named the baby Judith Ann.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bray, a daughter named, Janice Dianne, was born October 10th. J. P. is employed in our Pattern Shop.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gurley, a daughter named Barbara Ruth, was born September 27th. Albert is employed in our Brass Foundry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Teem, a daughter, Reba Sue, was born September 6th. Ben is employed in our Machine Shop.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGintis, a daughter Linda Jo, was born August 20th. Joe is employed in our Foundry.

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JEST FOR FUN

Goss: "So Elsie finally got married! Who gave the bride away?"

Sipp: "Nobody. The groom hasn't found out a thing."

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Take her to Florida this winter. A coat of tan is cheaper than one of mink.

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Insanity, says a psychiatrist, can be prevented by working hard 14 hours a day. Anybody foolish enough to follow this advice is already nuts.

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First Old Maid: "I just love veterans."

Second Old Maid: "Oh, you say that after every war."

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The woman lion tamer barked a command, and the fiercest lion meekly walked over and took a lump of sugar from her mouth. The crowd cheered—all except one man.

"Anybody could do that," he yelled.

"Could you do it?" asked his friend.

"Certainly," was his reply. "I can do it as good as the lion can."

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent

Birthday Greetings To—

December:

Henry Payan, Lillian Alfano, Ida Lou Hughes, Warren Packer, Frank Mecado, Bill Dixon, Joe Perez, Hector Valdez, Otis Abadee, Lacy Mayfield, Bill English, Walter Arnett, Bob Hamlin, Mary Pavillard, Charles Foulger, Theo. Maxstadt.

January:

Richard Roe, Vance Ziebarth, Orphia Borsz, Katie Thompson, Hattie Zylicz, John Blevins, Francis Campbell, Fred Dunne, Bill Devor, Bill Thompson, Cecil Foltz, Floyd McCown, Gunnerd Nelson, Rudy Gordines, Clayton Travis, Frank Williams, Leonard Goostree, Barney Pacheco, Roy Barker, Sam DeGeorge, John Lowell, Albert Mallory, John Teekamp.

Sports Note

The Sunday morning "Tea and Football League" held their opening game at Mark Keppel field, the West downing the East 42 to 24. Included in the line-up were Bob Hughes, Warren Packer, Rudy Gordines, Bill Stach, Bill Baker, Don DeDoncker, Jack Purdy and Jerry Henry.

The Mueller Bowling League, now in its fourth week (at this writing), is merrily rolling along with the Woodchucks out in front. This team includes Tom Overly, Evelyn Miller, Doc Oglesby, Fred Dunne and Charlie Portee.

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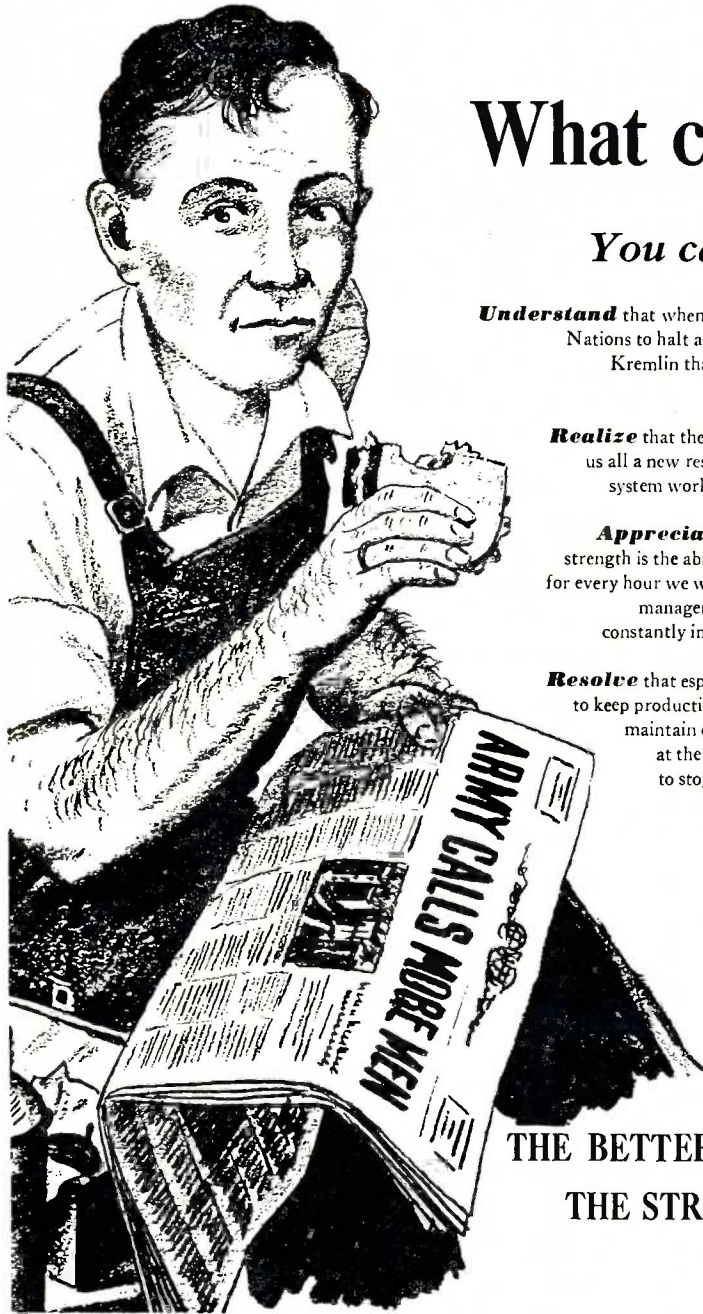
HAVE YOU A HOBBY?

A hobby is a good thing for most people. Many persons, after their working hours are over, go home and settle down for the evening with the radio or the newspaper and are contented. Many others feel a bit of restlessness when there is nothing specific to do. Here is where an interesting hobby can do a great deal to make one's leisure hours more pleasant and worth while.

There are all kinds of spare time activities that one may pursue. Along the creative line, those with a flair for originality often take up the arts: painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and the many kinds of handicraft. Others who like to work with their hands are found making furniture, cabinets, radios, and the like. There are more who delight in collecting things. People collect stamps, coins, cigar bands, match box covers, old glass, buttons — all interesting. Many men prefer active hobbies like bowling, baseball, hunting, fishing, riding, flying, and others.

We are sure that many Muellerites have interesting activities that occupy their spare hours. In past issues of the Record we have featured some of them. In this number we have written about roller skating—another hobby. Tell us about yours. We would like to print more stories about you and you and you. We think our readers will be interested.





What can I do?

You can do this:

Understand that when your country rallied with the United Nations to halt aggression in Korea, it was notice to the Kremlin that the free nations were not going to be pushed around any more . . .

Realize that the U. S. drive to build our defenses gives us all a new responsibility to make our free American system work even better than it ever has before . . .

Appreciate that the true source of our material strength is the ability of our free people to *produce more* for every hour we work than any other nation—to do it by management and labor *working together* with constantly improved machines, power and skills . . .

Resolve that especially now *you* will do your level best to keep productivity going up. Only in this way can we maintain our high living standards at home, and at the same time produce whatever is needed to stop aggression when and where it comes.

If every one of us does this through the uncertain days ahead we can face the future with confidence.



THE BETTER WE PRODUCE . . .
THE STRONGER WE GROW