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New concrete walk and trees and shrubbery in parking on Cerro Gordo street

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EDITORIAL

Success is such a hackneyed word, says the *Kalends*, house organ of the Wilkins & Wilkins Company, that sometimes it is refreshing to ponder a little over failure and its whyfor. And such pondering is somewhat convincing that most people fail either because they are not fit for anything else, or because they attempt tasks for which they have little or no aptitude.

It is related that there were two dogs with lengthy pedigrees and numerous blue ribbons to their credit. One was a setter and the other was a collie. The setter when he flushed a convey would immediately assume a rigid attitude, while the collie at night acted as a thoroughbred sheep dog should. While it may seem strange (but the world is full of strange things), it so happened that a hunter purchased the collie and a shepherd bought the setter.

What was the result? The setter slept at night and the sheep were killed, whereas the collie chased across the fields and frightened away the game his master was seeking. Thereupon the respective owners declared the dogs to be miserable failures. Were they right? "Silly question!" you say. And yet the world of men and affairs is filled with "failures" for no better reasons. Nature never yet has created a failure—it remained for man to create them.

It's fine to feel happy and useful, but don't get the idea from this feeling that you are really indispensable.

The personality of some people offends. Little oddities unworthy of note are magnified and we are irritated by them. In our deep seated prejudice against persons who offend us with their oddities we lose sight of the fact that we possibly have the same effect on others by reason of some peculiarity we manifest. The best habit one can form is a broadness of mind which refuses to be influenced or prejudiced by little personal oddities. Find in the person who shows

them the real good things that make up his character.

"Beware of little expenses," advised Benjamin Franklin. It is the little expenses that eat holes in your income. A dime here and a dime there soon makes a dollar. Americans as a rule have too little regard for "chicken feed," which is the reason that so many do not have any.

NOT SOULLESS NOW

"The heartless, soulless corporation" was what the political stump speakers used to call them. They did not believe it but it was high sounding talk and they made great use of it, because the corporation did not pay any attention to them. They would not have dared, of course, to apply the same line of talk to an individual and they can no longer berate the big corporations, who give greater thought and consideration to the employees than does the smaller employer. The following item recently published in the *Chicago Tribune*, does not indicate any "soulless" or "heartless" qualities in one of the greatest corporations in the country:

"The United States Steel corporation today made public the fourteenth annual report of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension fund.

It shows that \$1,683,920 was distributed in the form of pensions among retired employees during the last year. A total of 4,478 retired men were carried on the pension roll as of Dec. 31. There having been 843 employees to the list during the year while 419 were removed by death.

The pension fund takes in all employees of the parent and subsidiary organizations which numbered approximately 250,000 at the end of 1924.

Honesty on the Increase

Elihu Root, looking back over fifty-seven years of activity in public affairs, finds "all over the country there is a vast inquiry, studious investigation, real thought and anxious seeking after light as to the duties of citizenship." And he finds also, "there is far greater honesty in public service than there was half a century ago." One result follows the other inevitably. A working, thinking Christian citizenship insures an honest, earnest administration of the people's business.

THE LUCKY ONES

Names of those who Will Receive Money Gifts and Service Pins

At the picnic a year ago the custom of paying \$500 to men who had served twenty years was changed somewhat. Under the new arrangement the sum is divided and payments begin at the end of a period of five years. The other classes are composed of employees who have served 10, 15 and 20 years. The picnic, to be held in September, will be welcome to the following men who will be rewarded in cash for periods of five, ten, fifteen and twenty years service. In addition they will receive service buttons representing those periods of service.

Under this arrangement the various groups of employees will receive money as follows. This list is subject to criticisms.

Five Years Continuous Service—\$33.33

Chas. Tilton	L. W. Rollins
John Hodges	Marshall Hobbs
Mrs. Lillie Dash	Ben Gregory
Margaret Behrend	Ben F. Sellers
Martha Jendruy	Allen Ridgeway
Mrs. Viola Hall	Wm. B. Tarr
Alloenne Hall	John F. Haines
G. Blankenburg	Wm. Thomas
Roy E. Thomas	Frank Nehls
Odie E. Walker	Earl McQuality
Herschel Benvenuto	J. M. Major
Orville T. Brown	Olan F. Henry
Earl Gustin	Jesse Ditty
Lewis Fleming	Smith Carder
Wilbur Trotter	Wm. Furry
David M. Clements	Wm. C. Disponet
Harry Miller	M. T. Miller
Ed Moore	Paul Hines
Joel R. Hill	Jackson Ellis
Wonus McClanahan	Goldie Karl
Thos. E. Snyder	Mae Turner
Edwin V. Winholtz	Flossie Poe
Virgil Ellegood	Arthur A. Warren
Clarence Evans	Roy Vandervort
Monroe Tate	Oscar Friend
Roy Fleckstein	Wm. F. Dannewitz
Wm. L. Shockley	Wallace Cochran
Frank B. Keen	H. L. Kerwood
Jos. Grossman	Wm. H. Padrick
Chas. R. Cole	Thos. Hill
Amos Reynolds	Basil A. Mason
Glen Hester	Ed C. Stille
Ralph Slayback	Geo. Rogers
Howard Gragg	Wm. E. Davis
Jas. E. Davis	Jas. Borders
Jos. Bender	Archie Johnson
W. H. Brinstead	Mrs. Ella B. Rost
Geo. H. Moore	H. E. Fairchild
Lawrence Kramer	Harland Himstead
Eugene E. McCauley	Geo. H. Simpson
Ernest Waddell	Ira L. Auer
George Butz	Wm. C. Doherty
Frank Scholes	Ellsworth F. Hill
W. C. Beckemeir	Louis M. Elliott
Frank Williams	Paul A. Stroyeck
Chas. Tucker	Richard Dannewitz

Noon Hour



Taking it easy at noon on the North side of Mueller Club

Alonzo Carroll	Homer Starbody
Earl Meador	Wm. Collins
Henry Ellis	Dan Dunaway
John T. Smith	Wm. T. McClure
Ben Nottingham	Harold Probst
Len Hargis	Helen Brannan
Wm. J. Wallen	Angeline Eckert
Ralph Adams	Claude T. Smith

Ten Years Continuous Service—\$66.67

Geo. W. Patterson	Elmer E. Large
Elmer Baker	Anthony Yonker
Albert May	

Fifteen Years Continuous Service—\$133.33

D. H. Washburn	Rex Funk
Geo. Webber	Lester Carder
E. McDaniel	Gus A. Pauschert
W. T. Lemmon	Alfred B. Venters
Julius Riewski	John G. Bauer
Chas. Reab	Marion Pippin
Harry Glenn	J. F. Baldrige
Kelly Morgan	Julius Grabenhofer
Elmer Goodbrake	Watson McCarty
Chas. Meador	Frank Lash
J. D. Dempsey	

Twenty Years Continuous Service—\$266.67

Gottlieb Teike	J. J. Burkholder
C. O. Foster	C. L. Saylor
Frank E. Miller	Ed. Witts
J. W. Layman	Preston Ruthrauff
Wm. Cantwell	Chas. J. Daniels
Gottlieb Leipske	Frank F. Smith

Twenty-five Years Continuous Service

C. H. Laughlin

Thirty Years Continuous Service

John Ronan Wm. Seeforth

Forty-five Years Continuous Service

F. O. Zetterlind

TWENTY YEAR BADGE

Some time ago a regular twenty year badge was found and returned to the Company. It must have been lost by some twenty-year man but no one has claimed it.

THE ROCKFORD VISITORS



A bunch of real live good fellows who recently visited the Decatur plant

U. OF I. PAPER COMMENTS ON MUELLER RECORD

One of the college papers at the University of Illinois published the following:

"The last issue of the Mueller Record, the house organ of the Mueller Company at Decatur contains a special article on the University. The buildings, the history of the institution, some accounts of the research departments, mention of well-known alumni are contained in the article.

"The article attempts, as is pointed out, 'to take a passing glance of some of the high lights' of the University. Pictures of the stadium, the armory, the library, Smith Music Hall, are run in connection with the article.

"An account is also given of recent visit of one of the classes of Prof. A. G. Anderson of the department of business organization and operation, through the Mueller factory.

"A cut of the visiting students is run on the cover of the magazine."

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This was after the lovers' quarrel:

"I can never forgive you!" he cried: "last night you said I was a lobster."

"But my dear," she replied coyly, "you must remember how crazy I am about lobster."

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* Mistress: "What makes you sa sad, Dinah?"

Dinah: "Ah 'specks mah feller ain't loyal."

Mistress: "So it's the eternal triangle?"

Dinah: "Ah fears it ain an infernal hexagon."

GOOD-BYE

Maurice Cotner of the Ground-key Department has bought a bailer and has gone into the straw business in Warrensburg.

Ralph Scrivner, of the Machine Shop, checked out recently. He said that he was going to Denver. We hope that he likes the west.

Gilbert Vandever, formerly of Department 57, and later in the Brass Shop, left us April 25 to go on the road as a ventriloquist and magician.

Ray Rhodes of the Foundry was given a permanent vacation due to irregular attendance.

William Markwitz who was in the Inspection Department for a short time, has taken a position with Linn & Scruggs.

Jess Oldham of the Polishing Department has gone to work with his father-in-law as a carpenter and contractor.

Theodore Saltsgaver, who has been in the Machine Shop for several years, is now working in a garage.

LeRoy Trimmer is the new custodian at Mueller Lodge. He lives in the house recently vacated by J. E. Prosser on the road south and west of the Mueller Lodge entrance.

Alfred Ambuehl is one of the new Inspectors.



Safety News



YOU WON'T LOSE IF YOU WAIT

"Wait! You May Lose" was the slogan posterized at railroad crossing all over the United States last year. Most of the 14,000,000 or more automobile drivers stopped, looked, listened and lingered until it was safe to cross, but 2,135 were killed and 6,333 injured in the unequal encounters between locomotives and automobiles. Interstate Commerce Commission statistics do not show how many got across unhurt through good luck rather than good judgment.

Worst of all, many of these victims were the innocent passengers of drivers who gambled with other people's lives. The driver who invites anyone to share his car assumes the responsibility of doing all within his power to give his passenger a safe ride.

There is another side to the grade crossing problem which few of us stop to consider—the feelings of the railroad engineer who is involved in a grade crossing tragedy through no fault of his own. And for every engineer who has had the terrible experience of seeing his locomotive crush an automobile and its passengers, hundreds of others have gone through the agony of apprehension at seeing some motorist beat the train across by a hair's breadth.

The recklessness of motorist imposes a terrible nervous strain on the man who is entrusted with the lives of his passengers. Statistics of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers show a considerable increase in heart and nervous diseases, due largely to the strain of the ever possible grade crossing tragedy. Is it fair for one worker to injure the efficiency and shorten the productive years of another? We are all workers regardless of occupation, and few of us have any capital other than our ability to work.

The most you can lose by looking both ways is a few seconds, which you won't miss in half an hour. Stop, look, live—and spare the engineer.



THE SAFETY VALVE

There Were Speeders Then, Too

"A lady was run over by a hack in front of the Tribune office yesterday and badly injured"—From the Chicago Tribune, March 31, 1865.

SICK HEADACHE

Sick headache, known as migraine among the medical profession, is a frequent cause of lost time and is second only to tooth-ache from the standpoint of temporary misery. Women have sick headaches more frequently than men.

A person with a bad attack of sick headache can neither see clearly nor think straight, consequently he is an increased accident risk at work and on the street.

Sick headaches often begin with blurred vision which usually clears up within an hour leaving the patient feeling sick and "achy" all over. After a night's sleep the effects of the headache usually disappear although some of the symptoms may remain the next day or even longer.

These headaches usually begin in childhood and occur, on an average, once a month. They have a tendency to decrease in frequency and severity after the age of 40. The tendency to sick headache is believed by many doctors to be hereditary.

This family tendency can be overcome to a large extent by proper habits of living. Regular sleep, exercise and meals all help. Generally speaking, victims of sick headache should eat meat moderately and eat plenty of fruit and vegetables, drink milk and cream and take plenty of exercise in the open air.

Every little disorder should be remedied. If vision is defective, proper glasses should be worn and nasal catarrh or diseased tonsils should be treated. Only sedatives prescribed by a physician should be taken. Coal tar remedies may cause the attacks to be more frequent and prolonged and may even injure the general health.

Too frequent attendance at the movies is bad for migraine victims, because of the effect on the eyes, which are usually sensitive, and the poor ventilation often found in theatres.



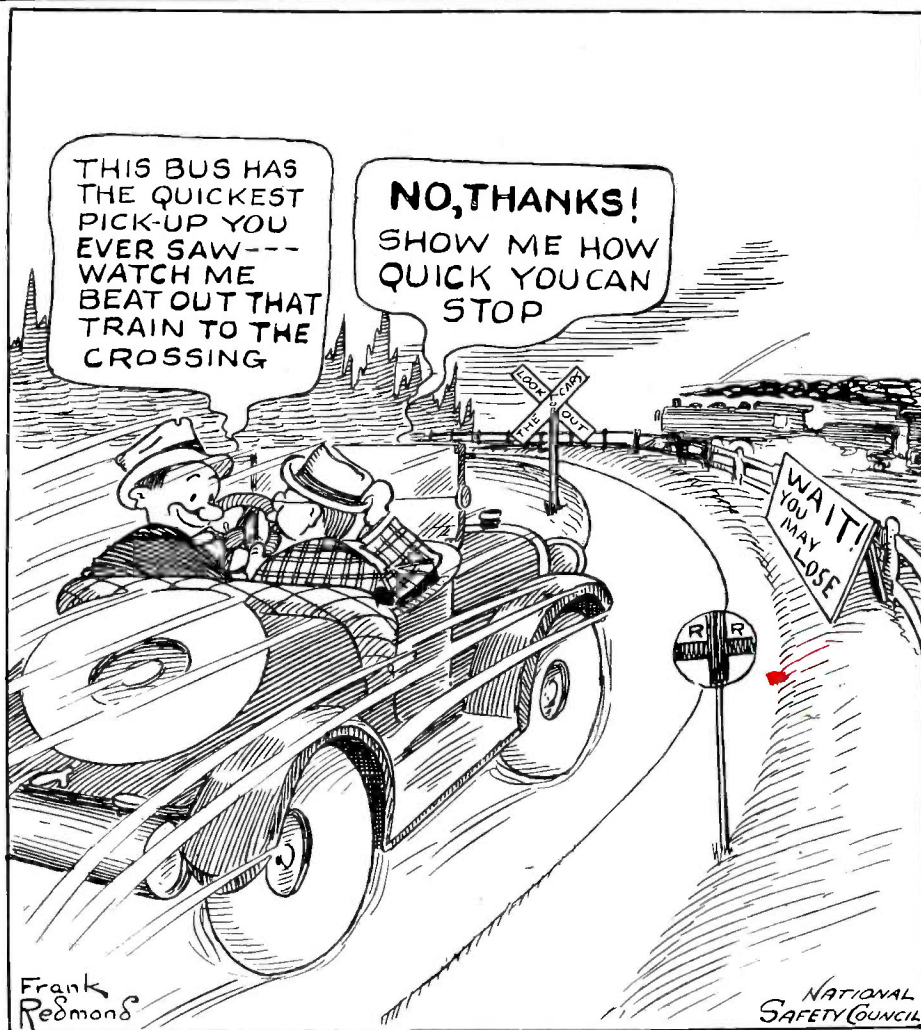
One Is Enough

"Have an accident?" asked the fellow who arrived at the scene of an automobile wreck too late to be of any help.

"No, thanks," replied the victim as he picked himself up. "I've just had one."

A danger sign can't talk but it's not so dumb as the fellow who disregards it.

You Won't Lose If You Wait



One of the many advantages of crossing crossings cautiously is that you get to the other side.

Why Is It

That some people will bite on every get-rich scheme that comes along, no matter how often they've been stung?

That police court records show that certain individuals get arrested with unfailing regularity?

That the faces of certain "accident repeaters" are so familiar at the first aid dispensary?

Apparently there is an accident complex

as well as a sucker complex and a crime complex?

The old time souse used to boast that he could "take it or leave it alone." Nowadays the fellow who believes everything the boot-legger says may not have a chance to decide for himself the next time.

Man is the only creature endowed with reason and a yearning to do things his reason tells him are harmful.

Neglect is often just another way of spelling infection.

IN THE NEW BUILDING



Paymaster's Office in the new building. "W. S." at his desk.
Left: Ed Kushmer and Mrs. Allen. Below: Paymaster
Enloe and Charles Walter, age one year

DOINGS IN DEPT. 24

(Department 24 is now a combination of several departments which were formerly west of Mercer street. They are now in Plant No. 8 on East Eldorado street).

Red Smith has decided not to accept the contract offered him by the New York Yankees, but will stay at home and pitch for Illiopolis this season.

Merl Lilly still has one fender left on his Ford, and we hope that he can get through the week without smashing it. Slim says he can't.

Abie Collins has been entered in the Chicago Beauty Contest and stays at home every Monday to catch up on his sleep.

Fred Holzkamp can operate an emery wheel almost as well as he can push "an Irish Chariot."

We challenge the Iron Foundry to race the clock and "no holds barred."

Archie Ritchie is the official announcer for this side of town. Engagements his specialty.

Since moving out here, we all miss Glenn Kerwin and particularly his little friend across the street. She often asks us when the "sheik" is coming back.

James Layman stumbled the other day and cut his face on a barrel top as he fell. He was laid up about two weeks.



George Pflug has been transferred from the Night Grinding Room to Cal McQual-ity's Night Tube Benders.

Noah Harlow is now at the Inspector's table in the Foundry.

Charles Runion is now on the Night Foundry force. He has been grinding.

Harry McClanahan has been recently transferred from the Shipping Department to the Truck Drivers Division.

Chape Bayless has been transferred to the Night Foundry force.



Thrift Thoughts



A WAY OUT

Everybody wants to sell us something. Store keepers tempt us with alluring window displays. Agents knock at our doors. Salesmen seek us everywhere. The less we need their wares, the greater the sales effort brought to bear upon us.

Trained specialists who know the weaknesses of humanity beguile us into buying things that they make us think we want. "Sign now and pay later," is a lure that catches money. No mention is made of the long, long period of installment payments.

Our limited income is all too small to meet the many requirements made upon it. We spend our days and some sleepless nights in trying to think of ways to enlarge it, but in vain.

Now, if we would look at the other side of this matter, we will see that every expense saved and every economy practiced is in reality an addition of just that much to our income.

A number of young men have been in financial difficulty because some saucy salesman induced them to buy a suit in the latest cut for \$55 on credit, when just as good a suit could have been bought for half that much cash.

Romantic young men who wish to show their ladies particular honor are easily influenced to buy enclosed cars on credit, sometimes even asking to borrow the initial down payment, when a sensible girl would rather he would save his money and ride to work on a bicycle.

There is a good deal of spending of this kind which makes the pay check look all too small, and which prevents us from saving money against emergencies. Careless spending leads to life-long poverty.

There are many who work hard for their money and let it get away easily without getting any adequate value. The surest way to stop this and at the same time to protect ourselves from wily salesmen, is to keep an accurate account of all expenses and then sit down occasionally and face the facts. Then we may see for ourselves just where such a course will surely take us—either to poverty or affluence.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

There is now a solid block of cement sidewalk on Cerro Gordo street between College and Monroe. This is an improvement our feet appreciate. An ornamental hedge has been planted between the sidewalk and the building. English ivy has already begun to climb the brick walls.

The various shops of the Construction Department have been moved to the south building west of Mercer street recently vacated by the Service Box Department.

The painters now occupy the old galvanizing room. Next to them will be the pipe fitters and their stock. Then comes the carpenter shop and the sheet metal workers. In front is the office and stock room and in the balcony, Charles Dunaway, the beltman, who has his supplies and equipment.

We hope later to give this department a special write-up with picture illustrations.

A First Aid Station has been cut out of the corner of the office of the Production Control Department in the new brick building that stands across Cerro Gordo street. This room will be easily accessible from the Brass Shops and from Cerro Gordo street. There is good light and new equipment. "Doc" Harris is happy in the prospect of having a room especially suited to his requirements.

The rooms vacated by the Construction Department will be added to the storage facilities of the Shipping Department.

Additional manufacturing space has been added to the Core Department by extending it into the north end of the Rest Room. At the foot of the stairway leading from the Core Department to the tunnel is a new door cut into the sand storage room to avoid the danger threatened from the elevator which partly obstructs the old passage.

Bailey Electric Furnaces have been removed from the Foundry and they have been replaced by three Schwartz oil-burning furnaces.

The drop-hammers have been removed from the Blacksmith Shop and are now located in Department 24 in Plant No. 8.

The new cupulo in the Iron Foundry is now in service and the daily out-put of cast—
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CORE ROOM VIEWS



Upper left: Machine Core Makers. Upper right: Hand Core Makers. Lower: Core Inspectors

REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

James O'Donnell Bennet Writes of Old Newspaper Stories

While attending the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary war, James O'Donnell Bennet, the talented correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, wrote an interesting article to his paper, comparing the newspaper treatment of the war for Independence with the newspaper methods of his day.

Extracts from original copies of revolutionary day papers carefully preserved in libraries and museums, supplied the information.

Extracts as copied by Mr. Bennett from these priceless papers have a fascinating historical interest.

E. Russell, editor of the Salem Gazette, published a few miles from Boston and apparently uncensored, was the white type until he had atrocity convulsions.

He led his paper under date of April 21—two days after the battles—with a report from which I quote the first two sentences as being pretty nearly model reporting under stress:

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., a body of soldiers under the commande of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, to the amount of 800 men, embarked from Barton's Point in Boston, about 11 o'clock, crossed the Charles river, landed at Phips' farm in Cambridge and marched immediately up to Lexington, near twelve miles from Boston. At sunrise they observing between 30 and 40 inhabitants exercising near the meeting house, the commanding officer ordered them to lay down their arms, and disperse, which not being directly complied with he "damned them for a

pack of rebels," ordered his men to fire upon them, and killed eight men on the spot, besides wounding several or more. The army then proceeded to Concord, drew up on parade near the meeting house.

And so one for a column and a half—a great deal of information which, as we now know, was accurate, but at the end of this paragraph the surrender to those reports of "mutilations," which go, in my experience, with books, with every war since war began:

In Lexington the enemy set fire to Deacon Joseph Loring's house and barn, Mrs. Mullikens' house and shop and Mr. Joshua Bond's house and shop, which were all consumed. They also set fire to several other houses, but our people extinguished the flames. They pillaged almost every house they passed by, breaking and destroying doors, windows, glasses, etc., and carrying off clothing and other valuable effects. It appeared to be their design to burn and destroy all before them, and nothing but our vigorous pursuit prevented their infernal purposes from being put in execution. But the savage barbarity exercised upon the bodies of our unfortunate brethren who fell is almost incredible. Not content with shooting down the unarmed, aged and infirm, they disregarded the cries of the wounded, killing them without mercy, and mangling their bodies in the most shocking manner.

That last line, if one may say so, is bunk. In the first place the enemy had no time for such elaborate flesh-carving. They were in an urgent hurry.

In the Massachusetts Spy of May 3, 1775—a fortnight after the event—I found what may be the first mention, and certainly is one of the earliest mentions, of the ride of Vice President Dawes' great-great-grandfather, William Dawes, to help Paul Revere

warn the provincials. The rider, as you will see, was not named but the identification has long since become a certainty.

Relating the fact that "expresses sat off immediately" to warn the farmers, Editor Thomas tells how they were halted by British officers on the road between Lexington and Concord, and adds:

One of the expresses immediately fled, and, was pursued two miles by an officer, who, when he had got up with him, presented a pistol, and told him he was a dead man if he did not stop, but he rode on until he came up to a house, when stopping of a sudden his horse threw him off, having the presence of mind to hollow to the people in the house, "Turn out! Turn out! I have got one of them!" The officer immediately retreated as fast as he had pursued. The other express after passing through a strict examination by some means got clear.

Editor Thomas led the battle issue of the Spy with a battle cry. Thus:

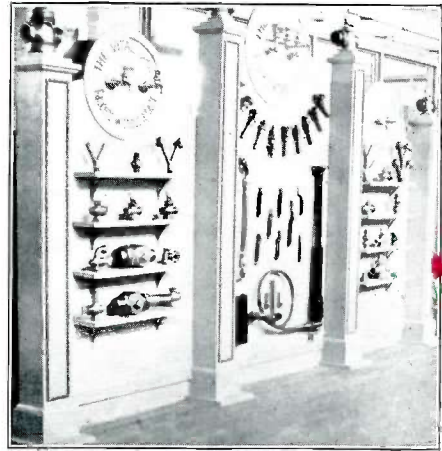
Americans! Forever bear in mind the battle of Lexington—where British troops, unmolested and unprovoked, wontly and, in a most inhuman manner, fired upon and killed a number of our countrymen, then robbed them of their provisions, ransacked, plundered and burnt their houses! Nor could the tears of defenseless women, some of whom were in the pains of childbirth, the cries of helpless babes, nor the prayers of old age, confined to beds of sickness, appease their thirst for blood!—or divert them from their Design of Murder and Robbery!

Meanwhile, prices were rising and there was distress in Boston, then a town of 15,000. General Gage, the British commander, forbade the inhabitants to leave, then lifted the ban a little but without much bettering the situation, and the editor of the Spy commented thus:

After this the inhabitants were again allowed to come out, but none without a permit. In short, according to the present method (General Gage acting contrary to his engagement) the inhabitants cannot possibly get out of Boston under five or six months. His intention, no doubt, is to divert our army till the arrival of more troops. During this time no provisions are allowed to be brought in, and the inhabitants suffering the greatest distress, thousands of women and children are almost drove to despair. Salt Pork sold for eleven pence sterling the pound and fresh at nine pence.

And so it went, and so it was to go for the eight weary years of which we of 1925 have this April begun to celebrate the 150th anniversary. Eight years of privation and death. You find much bitter writing in those crumbling newspapers of 1775, much credulity, much "mutilation." But I will tell you one thing you don't find. You don't find a squawk of fear.

WATER WORKS EXHIBIT



Display of goods made at the meeting of the American Water Works at Louisville, Ky., April 29th to May 2nd

GLORIFYING THE PLUMBER

"For years the plumber in real life has been the butt of jokes," says the Philadelphia Ledger, "and now we find this useful but expensive mechanic has come into his own through the medium of the stage. In other words, instead of being the mark for the shafts of the funster, the lead fixer himself is the shooter of quibs and pointed remarks of a humorous nature directed at others. All of which is a round-about way of saying Eddie Dowling, in the role of Jimmy Dugan, the principal character in "Sally, Irene and Mary," at the Shubert, has so popularized the plumber that others, as is always the case when an actor or playwright creates a hit, may be expected to rush in to emulate him. It is not so surprising, therefore, to hear that one of the chief roles of a new production is that of a plumber. I refer to "Lollipop," written by Zelda Sears, and presented by our old friend of lovable personality, Harry W. Savage, at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York. A young fellow, who has adopted the stage name of Gus Shy, but who, I am told, is a scion of one of Buffalo's best families, is the new joint-wiping hero. Plays and characters change with the times. If I may be permitted my own little joke, it is the hero, not the burly villain, who carries the lead pipe. Authors of the books of the modern musical comedies are finding their principal characters closer to home than was the practice formerly, when princes and nobles and beautiful women of mythical kingdoms and provinces were drawn upon for material."

OLD C. B. & Q. MEN

Mr. A. G. Webber Contributes an Interesting Letter on the Subject

The "Commonwealth," house organ of the Commonwealth Steel Company of Granite City, is collecting reminiscences of the old C. B. & Q. railroad men. An article on this subject attracted the attention of Mr. A. G. Webber, who wrote the following interesting letter:

Mr. Gilbert F. Close,
Editor of the Commonwealth,
Pierce Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

"Dear Sir:

"On page 13 of the October-November 1924 issue of the Commonwealth, is printed the invitation to any reader to give any further information regarding the old-time C. B. & Q. men.

"On your invitation, I submit to you some tardy personal reminiscences of Thomas J. Potter.

"He was the Division Superintendent of the B. & M. Division of the C. B. & Q. Railroad at the time, in 1874, when the writer was in the employ of the C. R. I. & P. Railroad, which crossed the C. B. & Q. Railroad at Ottumwa, Iowa.

"The two personal reminiscences of this distinguished railroad official which I desire to feature, are as follows:

"1. While he was located on this division, engaged in purchasing ties for his road, a head-on collision between two passenger trains occurred at night near Tyrone, on the Western Division. The officers of the company had no one there to give immediate attention to this wreck and a telegram was sent to Thomas J. Potter to look after the interest of the company. Mr. Potter immediately requisitioned a conveyance and drove to Keosauqua and requested Judge Trimble to come to his relief, and the two entered upon settlements for as many of the injuries as was possible.

"When these settlements came to the attention of the officials at Burlington, they disclaimed and disapproved them. Upon further investigation, however, it was found that the settlements made were very favorable for the company and instead of repudiating this service, it was willingly accepted and approved.

"This valuable service in behalf of the company, so distinguished Thomas J. Potter that he was soon thereafter promoted from the position of a tie-spotter to the office of Division Superintendent, from which position he advanced into the presidential chair of that company.

"2. At a meeting of the Railroad Presidents, someone asked Thomas J. Potter how it happened that his promotions were so rapid from a tie-spotter to the presidency of

BUILDING A HOME



"Bob" and her "Lord and Master" built the garage first and started housekeeping under some slight gastronomical difficulties when their chairs and table failed to arrive with the rest of their furniture. Luckily a cedar chest and a hat box saved the day and kept them from starvation. A splendid example of woman's resourcefulness. How could a mere man, who keeps his belongings in a collar box, ever meet such an annoying dilemma?

that railroad, and he gave that telling answer, that the only thing which he believed earned his promotions was, that he never performed any official duty for his company without first asking himself the question, 'Is it in the interest of the C. B. & Q.?'

"If it was, then he performed it; if it was not, he always refused.

"Here was a man that in early life had for his shibboleth to success the following: he proved his superior ability at a trying time, and he always proved his loyalty by doing what was to the interest of his company."



JIM THORPE NOW HELPS

Taxes borne by the owners, purchasers and drivers of motor cars return to the Federal and State Governments revenues of nearly a half billion dollars a year. This is the present rate of payment, and the rate is increasing as the number of automobiles increase. Also the figure \$432,000,000 is the total of taxes aimed especially at the automobile and does not include other levies on motor cars as an item of personal property. The license tax is the heaviest of the special automobile levies and now runs at \$228,000,000 a year, according to estimates obtained by multiplying the total number of cars, trucks and motorcycles by the known average license fee. The license fees comprise 53 per cent. of the total tax.

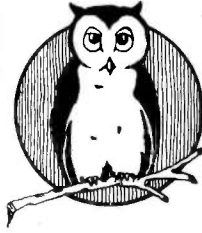


Slim: "Where does the white go when the snow melts?"

Fat: "The same place your lap goes when you stand up."

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



For the Love O' Mike

Marie had a little lamb
About a peck or so
To fertilize her Dahlia bulbs
And make them thrive and grow.

She ordered it by phone one day,
They sent it in a sack;
She smelled it, fainted dead away,
Then sent poor Lambie back.

What makes the little Lamb smell so
The office girls all cried,
It's just that kind of a Lamb you know,
Was all Marie replied.

Enroute to Europe

Lady: "I suppose you have sailed enough
to be accustomed to sea legs."
Simpson: "Lady, I wasn't even looking."

On the Monday following Easter an
Easter Egg hunt was staged in the Main
Office immediately after work. Mr. Adolph
furnished the brightly colored eggs, and
those who found the eggs were Mildred
Hill, Ollie Springer, Bee Vick, Ethel Way-
mire, Hazel Virden and Marie Youker.

Pay as You Go

Paul: "I'd go through anything for you."
Pauline: "Let's start on your bank ac-
count."

Not Understood

The Artist: "Will you sit for me?"
The Lady: "Wotcher think I am—a blink-
in' hen?"

Obeying Orders

Mother: "Didn't I see you sitting on that
young man's lap last night?"
Daughter: "Well, you told me that if he
tried to get sentimental, I must sit on him."

Claude Wilkinson of the printing depart-
ment, thought H. P. signed after Mr. Wag-
enseller's signature meant "Hen-Pecked."
But if Claude remains as bashful for the rest
of his life as he is now, he'll probably never
have to sign H. P. after his name to show
he's hen-pecked.

Marie: "Did you hear about Marge flirt-
ing with the station man while he was filling
her tire, hoping he'd give her free gasoline?"

Vick: "Did he?"

Marie: "No, he just gave her the air."

Hawkins: "What do cannibals do with the
heads of their victims?"

Probst: "Make noodle soup of them, you
dumbbell."

STENOGRAPHER'S SPRING

When the sap starts a-flowing,
And the grass starts a-growing,
And the blood races madly through
your veins,
When the birds are sweetly singing,
And your thoughts go a-winging,
Down the daisy-bordered, winding
country lanes.

When to you Spring is a-calling
Bringing visions so enthralling,
Or perhaps a book and hammock
'neath the trees,
Or you wistfully are dreaming
Of a brook that's brightly gleaming,
Then you hear a voice say, "Take
a letter, please."

—"The Holder."

Stille's Speed

Ed Stille had a dog which had been try-
ing to accompany him wherever he went in
his Ford. But the gait Stille went was
more than the dog could stand so he desert-
ed Stille and took up with a man that drove
a horse and buggy.

The Two Bill Tourists



Post cards and letters are finding their way back from the two Bills, Simpson and Mueller, now touring Europe.

The first of these were written on ship-board, one of which was addressed to J. W. Wells and read at the noonday lunch. It follows:

"Since leaving we have often thought of you and all of the noonday lunch club.

"Weather has been fine except for two days when there was considerable roll. During that time Bill missed several meals and spent a number of hours in bed. Of course he was not sick—so he says.

"We have wondered how Jim Thorpe is getting along with his new car.

"Newt Wagenseller would enjoy this trip for several reasons.

"We hope Blue has gotten his 35,000 molds.

"We send our best regards to all of you.

"Sincerely,

"Everett and Bill."

The Departure

The embarkation of the tourists on April 7 is told of by W. R. James in a letter to Mr. Adolph. He says:

"Thought you would be interested to know that the boys got away on the dot this morning, and they seemed to be quite pleased with the thoughts of their trip.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schluter went down to the boat, also a young gentleman by the name of Mac, who I understand was best man at your daughter's wedding, and Al Rice and myself went down from the office. It was a very fine boat and not overcrowded.

"While standing upon one of the decks we saw crews of men carrying large boxes made of very heavy wood and in each box there was a very large alligator. The shipment was being made to Hagenback, the circus man at Hamburg. There were also other cages with animals and as I told the boys, if some one failed to nail the lids on securely, they would have a merry trip.

"Mr. Rice arranged for the fruit which you asked him to send, and the salesmen

operating out of this New York Branch and others in the office sent some cigarettes, and assorted nuts and two paper officer hats and two false faces. Thought they might use these hats and false faces at the masquerade, which is usually held on board, and even though they do not put them to use that way, they might after the ship begins to rock, put on these disguises so they can recognize one another.

"Taking all in all they are going to have a very wonderful trip and it sure did us good to be on hand to see them off."



WHAT IS SUCCESS

R. E. Kirchner contributes the following poem on success.

It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man,
It's making money, but ~~loving~~ friends,
And staying true to your aims and ends,
It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high,
And dreaming a little and doing much,
It's keeping always in closest touch,
With what is finest in word and deed,
It's being thorough, yet making speed,
It's daring blithely the field of chance
While making labor a brave romance.
It's going onward despite defeat,
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet,
It's being clean and it's playing fair,
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair,
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of life and love,
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin,
It's sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth,
And making better this good old earth,
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress,
It's doing your noblest—that's Success.



AN OKAW STORY

One of the good stories that came back from the Okaw runs as follows: Adolph Mueller and Bill Ferry went hunting and came to a place in which Adolph thought would be good game. Accordingly he directed Bill to go up to the farm house and inquire of the owner if there were any objection to their hunting on that land.

Bill went up and spoke his piece, to which the man replied: "I don't own that land, but I don't think the owner would object. A man from Decatur owns it."

"Eh? A man from Decatur. Do you know his name?"

"Sure, his name is Adolph Mueller."
So Adolph and Bill went hunting.

FACTORY VISITORS

Among recent visitors to the factory was the Optimists Club, whose members were with us on April 9.

A fine dinner was served in the gymnasium and the visitors loudly praised the efforts of our culinary department.

It so happened that Fred B. Mueller was the only Company member in the city that day and presided at the dinner in a very graceful and dignified manner.

Short talks were made by Charles Leas, Fred Mueller, and A. G. Webber, who explained the benefits of an Optimistic outlook on life. Through George W. Allen, Optimist president, members thanked the Mueller company for the tour and the use of the club house.

Two trips through the manufactory had been arranged. Members with little time were shown only the major interests, while those with more time were given a longer and more thorough tour.

Other Visitors Here

The Decatur Review mentions some other visitors as follows:

Friday appeared to be visitors' day at the personnel office of the Mueller Co. C. E. McAdoo and I. J. Kessler, seniors at the School of Commerce at the University of Illinois, made a study of the functioning of the office as the basis of a report on personnel administration which is part of the requirements for their course under Prof. J. S. Watkins.

They were shown through various offices and departments of the plant by E. H. Langdon, in charge of the personnel office. About

eight or ten other students have made similar tours of investigation this year. Rev. C. E. Reidt of the First Congregational church was also a visitor at the plant.



MORE AUTOS THAN BATH TUBS

Jess Keown, traveling in Nebraska for the Company, keeps his eyes open for anything that refers to the plumbing business. The other day he found the following item in a Lincoln, Nebraska, paper, which he mailed to the home office:

"The Mitchell (S. D.) Retailer's Association weekly bulletin contains statistics, gathered in a recent survey made in four South Dakota counties. The survey revealed that on 61 per cent of the farms, water had to be carried to the kitchen an average distance of 72 feet, and on one farm the water supply was half a mile away.

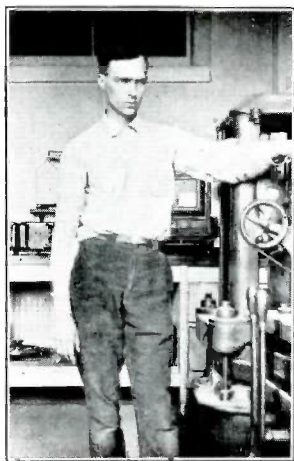
Only nine farms had bath tubs, but 88 per cent had automobiles.

It is certainly a strange condition of mind when people disregard personal cleanliness and personal comfort, and invest their money in automobiles. No doubt what is reported in the above counties, holds good in many other counties of the country.

There is surely a great field yet uncultivated by the plumber. No one criticises the farmer for wanting and owning an automobile. It's a practical, sensible method of transportation, and the farmer undoubtedly gets a greater per cent of real benefit than the average owner.

The same rule would hold good of the bath tub and domestic water supply, but the farmer is not yet awake to that fact.

THE MUELLER LABORATORY CREW



J. C. Martin and metallurgist from Missouri. We don't have to show "J. C." He shows us about metals and other things and he does it in a mysterious and somewhat odiferous way. On the right side is Margaret Marcott, who has been assistant in the laboratory ever since it was established. This feature of our factory is always interesting to visitors.



Waiting For the 1 O'clock Whistle



FRANK GETS A TREAT

Oldest Employee to Be Sent on Visit to His Old Home in Sweden

Some time ago Mr. Adolph, passing through the blacksmith shop, stopped for a chat with Frank O. Zetterlind, our oldest employed—45 years with the Company.

"Well, Frank, I'm going to Europe in June. How'd you like to go back to your old home?"

Frank's eyes glistened as he told Adolph that nothing could give him greater pleasure.

Later a Company meeting was called and it was decided that Frank had earned a holiday, and the Company proceeded to give him a real one. He was notified that he was to have two months off with full pay and a trip to Europe with all expenses paid.

Frank's old home is in Gottenberg, Sweden. Passage is being arranged for him and he will sail some time next month. Since the Company's decision was made Frank has been a busy man making necessary arrangements for his trip. Going to sea is nothing new to Frank.

For a number of years while his home was in Gottenburg, he was a sailor before the mast. He enjoys telling of his experiences on the sea. The forthcoming voyage will be an especial novelty to him, in that he will be riding in a comfortably furnished cabin, on a steam propelled vessel, instead of helping keep in trim the sails which furnished the motive power for the cumbersome craft on which he worked.

✚ OUR BIG FORCE

At the present time we have the largest force in our history. The number of employees today is 1,507. This represents an increase of approximately 400 since the same

time last year.

All the departments in the plant are busy.

✚ BOB COUNTS THEM

Bob Harris, our agile and amiable First Aid man not only ties up cuts, bandages burns, and pulls out slivers, but he keeps a classified record of his various activities. Thus is outlined statistical data which gives us information in regard to hazards and accidents such as we did not have before.

It is gratifying to note that while a great many treatments are given for small injuries, the amount of time lost is decreasing. There are fewer serious injuries and there is increasing evidence of progress in making this a safe plant. Still we need to remember that one accident is too many.

The figures given below may be of interest:

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Abrasions		49	43
Burns	22	16	24
Bruises	44	16	19
Crush	2	9	8
Cuts	91	88	102
Eye Trouble	20	25	31
Fracture	2		1
Grind	17	22	16
Punctures	42	17	11
Sliver		33	28
Sprain	7	9	8
Strain			6
Medical	43	46	27
Total	290	330	324
Total treatments and dressings....	806	721	759
Cases to the Doctor	11	14	13
No. hours lost due accidents....		837	538
Average force	1380	1442	1480



Leisure Hours



DANCING CLUB

The Mueller Employees Dancing Club had three dances during the month of April. The first was April 4, with Homebrook's orchestra furnishing the music. The second was on April 18, with the same orchestra. On April 25 the third was held, Voyles' Six Piece orchestra playing.

CARD PARTY

On the evening of April 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins entertained three tables at Five Hundred. Prizes were won by Mrs. R. L. Pope and Mr. Wm. Brannan. Consolation prizes were awarded Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eagleton.

FAREWELL PARTY

On May 6 at the Mueller Lodge Miss Neina Greening and Miss Virginia May gave a farewell party for Miss Iva Puckett who is leaving to go to her home in Fairfield, Ill. Nine tables of Five Hundred were at play. First prize was won by Mrs. Art Watkins, second by Miss Marjorie Smeathers, and the consolation prize went to Miss Olivia McKeown.



Prospective Employer: "Why did you leave your last place?"

Chauffeur: "The guy I worked for went crazy. Started shingling his house when his car needed new tires."

BIRTHDAY ABROAD

Mr. Robert had a birthday while traveling in Europe. The local Rotary Club sent him a cablegram of congratulations, which was thoughtful of them and appreciated by the recipient, who acknowledged the message in the following letter:

Mr. Bert Whitsit, President
Rotary Club,
Decatur, Ill., U. S. A.

"Dear Brother Rotarian:

"I received your wonderful cablegram of birthday greetings. Your message reached me just as I was getting off the train at Geneva, Switzerland, several days ago. It was certainly nice of you to think of me and furthermore on account of my being so far away from you.

"I gave a nice dinner to about ten people of the Cook's party at the Metropol Hotel at Geneva, Switzerland. Of course, as much as we dislike to have our birthdays come round in an annual way we at the same time must consider the wonderful favors and blessings which we receive from our many friends. This surely over balances all the dislike which we may have for our annual birthday arrivals.

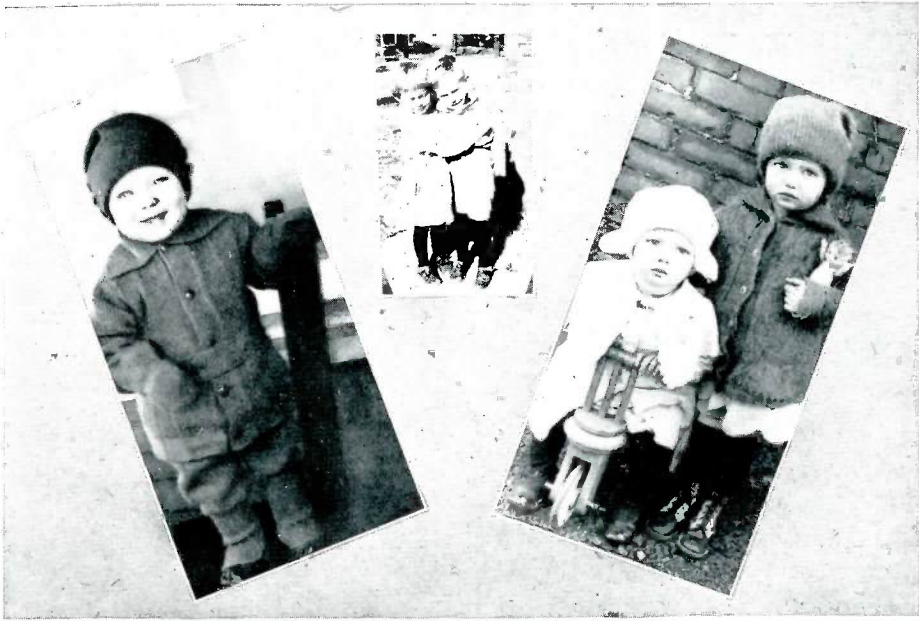
"I tried very hard to get several Rotarians to join me in my birthday dinner, but I could not locate them as they were stopping in other hotels. We had a wonderful time and

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Girls from the Core Room on an outing at Mueller Lodge

MUELLER KIDDIES



Left: Wayne Skelley, one year old son of John Skelley of Dept. 9, and grandson of Mrs. Sturgis, formerly of the Core Department.
 Center: Howard Mills and Helen Marie Braden, twins, children of C. C. Braden of Dept. 55
 Right: William, Jr., age 20 months, and Nancy Johanna, age 3 years. Children of Wm. D. Laughter, molder in Day Foundry.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Bridgwater, on Easter Sunday, a seven pound daughter. She has been named Marylynn Mae. Mr. Bridgwater is a Mueller salesman with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Bridgwater was formerly Miss Lida Bass, and worked in the Employment Office for a number of years.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kuntz, on April 24th, a daughter, Jola Wandoline. Mr. Kuntz is employed in the Tool Room.



Pull the Door Shut

Applicant: "I hear you need a bright, industrious, good looking young man."

Employer: "I do. Whom can you suggest?"



Among the Missing

Absent-minder Prof: "Mr. Smith, I want you to tell us what—"

Mr. Smith: "Professor, I'm absent today."

Prof.: "I beg your pardon, sir, the next man will take the question."

HOME LIFE IS DANGEROUS

A Washington dispatch says:

Almost twice as many persons lost their lives in home accidents in January as were killed in automobile accidents, in proportion to the number of cities represented, according to figures made public today by the National Safety council.

In thirty cities, 232 persons died as a result of accidents in the home, while in 68 cities, 290 motor vehicle fatalities were reported.

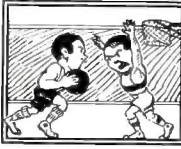
Another contrast shown by statistics was that 42 per cent of persons who lost their lives in homes were between 15 and 54, while 32 per cent of the motor vehicle victims were persons under 15.

Of the home fatalities, 27 per cent were the result of falls; 26 per cent, burns and scalds; 6 per cent, fires and explosions; 28 per cent, asphyxiation and suffocation; 5 per cent, poisons, and 8 per cent, other causes.

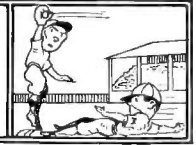


"Can't you wait on me?" asked the impatient customer. "Two pounds of liver. I'm in a hurry."

"Sorry, Madam," said the butcher, "but two or three are ahead of you. You surely don't want your liver out of order."



Athletics



ATHLETIC ACTIVITY

New Association Will Put Life Into Mueller Sports

A well designed athletic field for Mueller employes is now an assured fact. This has been in state of planning for several months, but now preliminary details are disposed of and actual work is under way.

C. G. Auer, at the meeting of the Foremen's Club, April 30, outlined the plan for the formation of a permanent athletic association and 50 or 60 employes have already joined and paid their first yearly dues which are only \$1.25.

The field is located at the Mueller Lodge grounds. The old club house, the first building erected there by the Company, is now being remodelled to meet the needs of the new organization. There will be a reading and card room on the second floor, with a dance hall on the first floor, and shower baths in the basement.

Six tractors are now at work on the athletic field finishing up the baseball diamond. In addition to this there will be volley ball courts, horse-shoe pitching courts and if the demand develops, tennis courts.

The usual thoroughness that characterizes Mueller endeavors will not be missing.

The Company provides the field and building fully equipped. The association, however, is supposed to take care of it and to provide money to carry on the work of athletics which is the reason for the nominal dues of \$1.25 a year.

We certainly should succeed in an organization of five or six hundred employes and develop athletics to a degree in keeping with other activities of the Mueller Co.

The plans for organizing this association will be presented at a meeting to be held on the evening of May 12. This meeting will be held at the Mueller Club.

The following notices have been sent out and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Mueller Athletic Association

There will be a meeting in Mueller Club Tuesday evening, May 12th at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an Athletic Association.

Every employe is urged to attend and hear all about the big athletic and social program depending on the outcome of this meeting.

A good snappy program including movies, has been arranged and meeting will be over by 9 o'clock.

A meeting for employes on the night shift will be held at 4 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 12th, and we hope all night shift employes will attend. The same pictures will be shown at both meetings.

This athletic movement promises to be the beginning of a whole lot of activities which have heretofore been allowed to smolder. The general purpose of this initial step is the development of many other things which will bring the organization into closer fellowship, and provide outdoor and indoor entertainments and amusements which have previously followed no definite or systematic lines.

All of these plans will be fully explained at the meetings which have been called.

MUELLERS WIN IN OVERTIME BATTLE

On April 2, the Mueller team won 36-35 from the Monticello Syrup Pepsin team in an overtime game. The score was tied at the end of the first half and several times during the game.

In the overtime period the winning point was made by Humble, Mueller forward.

The proceeds of the game went to the tornado relief fund.

SYRUP PEPSINS WIN BENEFIT GAME

The Syrup Pepsin team of Monticello won 33-28 from the Mueller basketball team in a game played at the Mueller gymnasium on April 7. The game was the second played to raise money for the tornado relief fund.

BOXING

Athletic Director Bill Cranston is planning to organize a boxing association in the city.

Some high class talent is to be brought here for occasional shows in the Mueller gym which can take care of 1,000 members in good shape. Preliminary bouts between good local boys will also be arranged.

The Mueller gym has all the ideal requirements for good private bouts. No smoking is allowed in the building on boxing nights and no one is to be admitted without an association membership.

Well Known Trainer

A local paper says of Cranston: "Cranston is no novice at the fight game and was formerly identified as sparring partner and trainer of Young Griffo, lightweight champion of Austria and Tommy Ryan, for-

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DAY FOUNDRY MEN



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mer middleweight champion of the world. He was also an exhibition boxer with Bob Fitzsimmons, Tom Tracey, welterweight champion of Australia, Dan Creedon and associate trainer of George Dixon, former featherweight champion of the world. He was also connected with the Chicago Athletic association and boxing instructor and physical trainer at the University of Illinois."

Friday Bouts

His boxing classes on Tuesday night are open to all glove artists in the city who are given free instruction.

MUELLERS WIN LEAGUE OPENER

The Mueller team was winner of the first game of the Y. M. C. A. Commercial Baseball League May 4, defeating the Wabash team by a 3-2 score. Casey of the Muellers fanned eleven men and allowed only four hits. Reynolds allowed only three hits, but had poor support.

Men Wanted

A man who can find things to be done without the help of a manager and three assistants.

A man who gets to work on time in the morning and who does not imperil the lives of others in an effort to be first out at night.

A man who is neat in appearance.

A man who does not sulk for an hour's overtime in an emergency.

A man who moves quickly and who makes as little noise as possible.

A man who looks you straight in the eye and tells the truth.

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

A recent factory bulletin announces that the factory will be closed for Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, and Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4. This arrangement makes it possible for employees with vacation credits to have three consecutive days of vacation without reducing their vacation credits more than 14 hours.

The Office and Shipping Department, however, will work on Friday.



The first section of the classes in Foremanship finished their work about the middle of April and have received notice of their vacation allowances. The following men completed the course:

Ivan Lowe
Russel Jolley
Earl Gustin
Cecil Foltz
James Edwards
Chas. Cochran
Roy Campbell
Paul Andrews
Walter Auer
Albert Spitzer
Emmett Reedy
Marion Pippin
Laurence Olsen
Julius Riewski
W. J. Mix
J. C. Martin

J. N. Porter
Wilbur Trotter
M. W. Trott
Frank Taylor
Julius Staudt
Oscar Stratman
Otto Yenny
Claude Wood
Chas. Williams
Sam Walters
Odie Walker
C. Von St. George
W. B. Padrick
B. C. Mason
B. J. Marty

Section 2 of this class, composed of the men on the night shift, are now meeting twice a week, and will complete their course in a short time.

BRASS CHIPS

Gertrude Goatley checked out Saturday, April 25th, to go to Walrus Mfg. Co.

Florence Waymire, sister of Ethel, succeeded Hermance Allman as order poster.

Riley Tilton, press feeder, checked out to be a farmer, and Merle Overton takes his place.

Mrs. Margaret Connery has taken Gertrude Goatley's place in Mr. Hathaway's office.

O. B. Mueller and Alvin Kropf were in Decatur the 16th for a conference with officers of the Company.

Joe Dial became plumber to a sick furnace in the foundry the other night. Joe is acquiring a variety of new experiences.

James Dively and family appeared in a new Dodge coach last Sunday. Some class to quiet James.



WINS SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

Miss Opal Jackson who graduates from the University of Illinois next June was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Membership in this society is granted only to students who have maintained throughout their entire University course very high standards of scholarship. It is an honor that comes to less than five per cent of the seniors. Miss Jackson was also awarded membership in an honorary society for excellence in Journalism.

We congratulate Opal and her proud father for this distinction.



Adolph Mueller has been interviewing all new employes. He takes this means of extending his personal acquaintance and there is a further advantage to the men in this opportunity to know their chief. When Mr. Mueller meets a group of new employes he gives them some history of the business and outlines the opportunities for advancement in this business. He expresses the fact that the Mueller organization is in reality a large family.

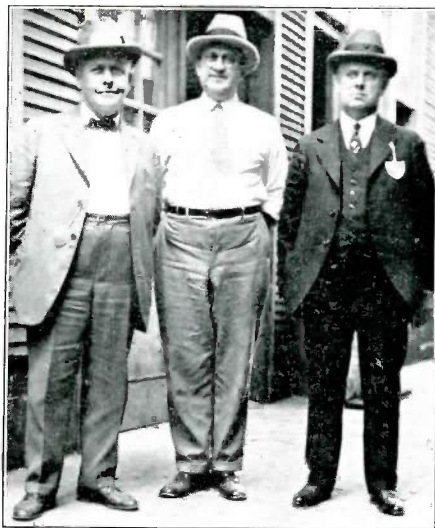


Mrs. Myrtle Howard, stenographer in the Sales Department, will return to Bloomington where Mr. Howard is employed.

John Marty, for many years clerk in Department 8, has asked to be placed on a machine. He now operates a key lathe.

Paul Hall is the acting clerk in this Department.

VISITORS



Mr. Cox, E. H. Archer, and E. R. Schollenberger. Mr. Cox and Mr. Schollenberger are water works men who visited the plant April 13th

Department 20

Dorothea went to Carbondale and came back with a boil on her mouth. All of which look suspicious.

Lester Carder laid off for a week to mend a tire. It isn't his absence that the department is objecting to but the fact that he took his pen and blotter home so they couldn't use them.

Pickett has a new cat, and he has named it after Fairy because she gave it to him.

Ray has strongly expressed his disapproval of knickers for girls.

Department 20 wishes it known that they are now to be found just back of the hospital since part of their room has been taken for a first aid station.

Bob Jordan has purchased a new Ford Coupe.

Pickett nearly lost his grandmother the day of the opening ball game, and came near freezing to death as a result.



Thirty Years Ago

One of the local papers of May 3 carried the following item under the head of "Thirty Years Ago Today:"

"The new Mueller motor wagon was taken to the race track where it made one-half mile in two and a half minutes. It could be run over country roads and would go in two inches of mud."

DEATHS

Trusten Adams

Trusten Adams, 20 year man, and employed in the grinding department, died Wednesday, April 15th at the Decatur and Macon County hospital. He was 74 years old last February.

Mr. Adams had lived in Decatur for many years and was well known. For the last twenty-two years he had been employed at the Mueller factory. His wife died several years ago. He is survived by one son, William Adams of Decatur. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters. William Adams and James Adams of Decatur, John Adams in Dakota. Mrs. Sarah Travis of Peoria and Mrs. Lizzie Faith of Decatur.

Funeral was held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Moran's Chapel. Burial was in Wyckle's cemetery.

Benton C. Hawkins

Benton C. Hawkins, father of Orville Hawkins, of the Sales Department, died Monday, April 27th, at his home north of Sangamon. He was eighty-three years old and had lived at Sangamon for over 50 years.

He leaves six children, Benton J. Hawkins of Bement, J. A. Hawkins, Orville J. Hawkins, Mrs. J. H. Riggs, Mrs. Jesse Vowell, all of Decatur, and Mrs. J. W. Betchell of Oreana. He was a member of the Universalist church.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the North Fork church. Burial was in North Fork cemetery.

**Mrs. Sam Walters**

Alice, wife of Sam Walters of Department 5, died Tuesday, April 7, in St. Mary's hospital where she had submitted to a surgical operation.

Mrs. Walter was born March 19, 1869, in Jamesport, Mo., and had been a resident of Decatur for 32 years. She leaves her husband and one son, Guy E. Walter, her step-mother, Mrs. C. O. Rose, her brother, Charles Rose, and her sisters, Mrs. Anna Morris, Mrs. O. J. Ray, Mrs. Ida Ray and Mrs. Laura Dunham of Decatur.

Funeral was held at Dawson & Wycoff chapel at 1:30 Thursday afternoon April 9.

Mrs. Althea Enloe

Mrs. Althea Enloe, wife of W. W. Enloe, of the Core Department, and mother of W. S. Enloe, Paymaster, died Tuesday, May 5, at the family residence, 1935 North Monroe street. She was 63 years old, lacking a few days. She had been ill five weeks, but was bedfast only one day.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Roy Enloe of Pearl City and W. S. Enloe of Decatur. She also leaves her father,

THREE BIG 'UNS



J. C. Lloyd and Frank Tompkins from the Okaw section on a visit to the factory. Photographed with Mr. Fred whom they guarantee a lively time if they ever get him down there

W. W. Whitlock, and the following sisters: Mrs. John Taylor of Vandalia, Mrs. W. E. Lindsey of Aberdeen, S. D., Mrs. Effie Caudel of Decatur, Mrs. Dessie Murphy of Patoka and Miss Mabel Whitlock of Aurora.

Funeral was held at 1:30 Thursday afternoon, May 7, at the residence. Burial was in Fairlawn cemetery.

Dorothy Hollingshead

Dorothy Irene Hollingshead, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hollingshead, died Friday afternoon, April 3, at the family residence, 1860 N. Wilbur street. She was born Dec. 19, 1923. Besides her parents she leaves three brothers and two sisters, Albert, Charles, William, Pauline and Cecile Hollingshead.

**NELLIE BLANCHARD WRITES**

The following letter has been received from Nellie Blanchard, formerly of the Shipping Department, but who is now in the Sanitarium at the Decatur and Macon County hospital.

"Dear Girls at Muellers:

"Just received your beautiful roses and I thank you very much.

"I don't know how you found out I was in 'prison' but I guess one of these spring birds told you.

"I would like to have you come out and

JUST MARRIED



Mr. and Mrs. Otto Butts who were married April 2

see me, but we are only allowed three visitors on any one visiting day, so don't feel that I don't want you if they won't let you in.

"I am on the same porch with Aileen Gunther and Louise Hendrian, so it is almost a Mueller reunion.

"Please excuse me for writing with a pencil but it's all I can master while lying flat on my back. Can you imagine me staying in bed all the time?

"Thanking you again for the flowers and hoping to see all of you soon, and—couldn't you please write?

"I am, yours sincerely,

"Nellie Blanchard."



PLANT LIBRARY

In the new office building on the second floor, a room has been set aside for a plant library. Some new equipment is being built and as soon as it is finished, the library will be opened.

There will be a number of magazines dealing with current events and technical matters pertaining to this business.

The Public Library will place with us a selection of books of general interest, and the Company is acquiring various up-to-date books on technical subjects that are of interest to the men who work here. Books on salesmanship, business administration, mechanics, and economics will be included.

WEDDINGS

McKelvey-Butts

Miss Jeston McKelvey and Otto Butts of Department 30 were married April 2 in Springfield, by Rev. Taylor of the West Side Christian Church. Immediate relatives of the two families were present. Mrs. Butts wore a tan charmeuse ensemble suit with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of ward roses and sweet peas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McKelvey, 1335 N. Monroe street, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butts of Havana.

They took a wedding trip to Havana and Peoria and are now at home at 1335 N. Monroe street.

Berroyer-Younger

Miss Florence Berroyer of Pana and Ancil Younger of Department 17 were united in marriage on May 2nd by Judge W. Foster at Taylorville. They will be at home after May 11th at 419 E. Peoria Avenue.

Blakeman-Allison

Miss Emma Blakeman of the Core Department, and Frank Allison, night filer in the Brass Shops, were married May 4 at Taylorville. They will reside at 711 N. Fairlawn Avenue.

Edwards-Koons

Miss Hazel Edwards, daughter of Van Edwards of the Grinding Department, and Wilbur Koons of the night Polishing Department, were married April 29 by the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church. They will make their home at 900 N. Fairlawn Avenue.

Haines-Turner

Miss Gertrude Haines and Colonel Turner who worked in Department 24 for a number of years, but left last February, were married Thursday night, May 7, at 7 o'clock by Rev. Wilbert Dowson in the parsonage of the Grace Methodist church.

Hatfield-Sexton

Thomas Sexton, one of the new men in Department 18, surprised his friends by being married May 4, to Alice Hatfield of Vandalia. The ceremony was performed in the county court room by Judge McCoy. They will live at 1019 North Union street.

It is planned to have the library open at noon and in the afternoon for men of the night shift. Announcements will be made as soon as preparations are completed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees' Aid Society, April 1-May 7, 1925

April 1 Balance	\$1,257.53
Receipts	
Co.'s Contribution, April.....\$	50.00
Co.'s Contribution, May.....	50.00
April Dues	987.65
	1,087.65
	\$2,345.18
Payments	
Benefits listed below	934.62
	\$1,410.56

Benefits Paid

Emma Blakeman	6.00
Dan Rostek	9.00
Nellie Blanchard	15.00
Dan T. Phipps	24.90
Wm. Kern	48.90
Pauline Kraft	19.00
Geo. Finch	5.25
Herbert Snider	5.25
Henry Fletcher	3.00
Henry Turner	14.60
Kenneth Scroggins	8.40
Frank McCasland	5.00
Lee McIntroe	44.40
Mrs. Irene Baker	56.20
Henry Zipse	23.40
Dan Rostek	8.40
Walter Walls	12.00
Frank Hargis	35.40
Perry Tankersly	36.90
Mrs. Helen Pope	6.00
F. N. Grimsley	15.00
V. C. Higgins	6.50
Ruben Runion	3.00
Herschel Aubert	6.00
Cecil Doran	22.80
Chas. Kuntz	4.65
Alva Reed	3.60
Glen Gillmar	1.20
Vincent Mason	64.05
Carsie Good	4.00
Claudia Coventry	30.90
C. M. Frizzell	63.20
Margaret Mosley	9.00
E. J. Dodwell	16.00
Geo. Tennison	35.40
Cecil Smith	3.00
Richard Dannewitz	16.00
Chas. Jolley	27.00
John Duncan	9.00
Clifford Newcome	1.80
J. F. Schwartz	22.00
Walter Coventry	10.50
Homer Aydelotte	14.40
Ellis Lansford	10.80
Owen White80
A. Spencer	13.50
Harold Ooton	3.60
Chas. C. Strong	20.00
Wm. H. Halley	39.90
Clyde Robb	12.00
A. W. Gordon	3.00
L. D. Hunt	23.70

Chauffeurs



Ezra Stickles and John McCutcheon of the Truck Department

Lorraine Wiesmann	12.50
Frank W. LeHew	18.82

\$934.62

E. H. Langdon, Treas.



LINCOLN PLUMBING CENTER

Wholesale Distribution of Light, Water and Ventilation Supplies Over \$2,000,000

A Lincoln, Nebraska paper says:

"Lincoln climbed to the \$2,000,000 mark in 1924 in the wholesale distribution of plumbing, heating and ventilating supplies, farm lighting systems and water materials. An estimated total business of from \$2,000,000 to \$2,225,000 was done. The past dozen years has witnessed an amazing expansion of this branch of the jobbing and distributing trade of the city, it is said at the chamber of commerce, where the figures were compiled.

Stocks of the estimated value of from \$500,000 to \$600,000 were carried. From twenty-five to thirty traveling men represented the trade. From 150 to 175 persons were employed, and the total annual payroll was \$250,000 to \$275,000.

Jobbing stocks are ample for handling the heavier demands of the trade. Lincoln plumbing, heating and ventilating supplies, farm lighting systems and water equipment are sold all over Nebraska and in many other states. Lincoln jobbers, through contractors furnish plumbing and heating and ventilating equipment for a number of public buildings, such as court houses and school houses.

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several very nice unique presents were given me on the occasion.

"In crossing from Southampton to New York we expect to have another Rotary meeting because as usual there are a great many Rotarians on board that wonderful ship "Homeric."

"With very best wishes from both Mrs. Mueller and me and very much regretting to learn of the death of our good friend Wilham Huff, I remain,

"Yours Rotarily,

"Robert Mueller."



TALKS TO CITY CLUB

Mr. Robert Tells of His Travels in Europe

Mr. Robert was a guest of the City Club at their noon day luncheon May 4, and he spoke to them in an informal way on his wanderings in Europe and his voyage to principal Mediterranean ports. He was able in a most interesting and understandable way, to tell them of many of the strange sights and experiences which befell him during the time he was abroad. An outline of his journey as detailed to the Club is given below.

"Leaving New York on the Homeric, January 24, we witnessed a beautiful parting from America. Hundreds of spools of ribbon and confetti of all colors were thrown aboard the boat and made a very beautiful sight. There were inspiring songs from those on the docks. The voyage was pleasant all the way to Maderia Island.

"At Funchal we found a beautiful city with clean streets, pretty buildings, and attractive scenery. We ascended a high hill on 3300 feet of cog railroad and came down in the heavy sleds with greased runners which run over small stones. It was a novel and unusual trip. We also enjoyed the novelty of a ride in a heavy sled with a fancy canopy top, the sled being drawn by two bullocks. The officials of the Island gave us a reception and dance.

"We went on to Cadiz, Spain, where we took a train for Seville, where we visited cathedrals, saw the church Columbus attended, the bull ring and the famous Alcazar. We saw the new exposition buildings which will soon be open. They seem much stronger than those built at the Chicago and St. Louis World's Fair. We were advised that these were built with the idea of permanency for future expositions.

"We next stopped at Granada, after a most interesting ride through a country looking like one well kept vineyard. Grape culture is a specialty in that vicinity. We

visited the cathedral where Ferdinand and Isabelle are buried. The vestments which we saw are now worn only on special occasions. We saw the famous Alhambra with the magnificent fountains and bronze statuary in the various courts.

"From Granada we went to Algeciras, Spain, and embarked for Gibraltar. This great rock rises 1400 feet and is honey-combed with caves and subterranean passages. Gibraltar Fort is synonymous with strength and has always held the reputation of being the strongest fort in the world. The bay of Gibraltar in 6 miles wide.

"Our next visit was at Algiers, Africa, a most wonderful sight from the sea with its quays and wide boulevards bordered by tall modern buildings behind which rise the Moorish houses. In the museums we saw the wonderful sculpture and paintings. We visited the large Mosques and saw the worshippers. The men wash their feet before entering and then proceed to worship. We were not allowed to step on the carpet until after we had encased our feet in sandals. We went through the Governor General's Palace and the ancient palaces of the Deys. The Arab quarters are indescribably filthy and on every side are beggars and dirty little children.

"Then we went to Tunis and anchored about five miles out. First we visited Carthage by automobile. This ancient city lies twenty miles from Tunis. We visited the arena where the early Christians were made sacrifices to the lions and also saw the ancient Roman theatre now in ruins, and a small museum containing many relics. Considerable excavating is now in process in Carthage in the hopes of finding old and interesting ruins.

"From Carthage we took automobiles to Tunis, which is noted for its rugs, statues and Roman mosaic work. There were many beggars here but the Arab section seemed cleaner than at Algiers. There is a large hospital here where they are taking care of about 2,000 orphan children as a result of the war. We were not allowed to go in the Mosque because in this city unbelievers are barred."

(More of Mr. Robert's talk will be given next month).



It seems that there are young men at the University of Illinois who are studying personnel administration. A requirement of the course is a paper of some length describing the actual operation of a Personnel Department. Student-like some of these young men postponed writing their paper until the last minute and then drove over from Urbana and to ask us to tell them all about everything in an hour.

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ings have been considerably increased. The overhead carrier system is now in operation and molten iron may be moved to almost any floor without being carried by hand. The entire ground space of Plant No. 8 is now under roof except the passage between the Iron Foundry and the Service Box Building. This is used for long d.istant throwing at noon.



ONCE MORE

We call your attention to the importance of reporting absence promptly. There has been some improvement in this respect of late but the careless ones still make their foreman and clerks extra work by not attending to this simple but important matter. Employees who have been careless in this matter have been checked out.

If you find that you cannot come to work or that you will be late, telephone M. 160. If you are out of town, write us. A special delivery stamp on your letter would be a dime well spent. Your job might even be worth a telegram and we would know that you had not forgotten us.

An employee who is out of town on account of sickness should report at least once a week. This is only justice to the foreman and is required by the Employees' Aid Society.

ONCE MORE we wish to announce that members of the Employees' Aid Society who expect to get benefits should report disability to Mr. Langdon at the Employment Office and their report should be made each week if disabled.



ADOLPH'S BIRTHDAY

Friday, May 8, was the birthday anniversary of Mr. Adolph, but he didn't look a day older when he got to his desk that morning.

He was surprised, however, to find on his desk a bouquet of beautiful roses with the compliments of the Foremen's Club, and it is needless to say that being a lover of flowers he appreciated this remembrance. His second surprise of the day was when he sat down at the noonday luncheon to find a bountiful chicken dinner which had been prepared in his honor. Adolph had made up his mind not to eat a bite Friday noon, but it takes a strong willed man to resist the temptations which the Mueller culinary department subjects all visitors to, and the third surprise followed when a birthday cake was carried in lighted with little red candles. Adolph followed the custom and blew out each candle and dexteriously cut the cake, which accompanied the ice cream that immediately followed.

During the day he was in receipt of a cablegram from Everett Mueller, who happened to be at Meeunchen, and also a telegram from his son-in-law, Frederic

Schluter. Both of these were of a congratulatory character.

Altogether it was a very happy birthday.



RULES FOR USE OF OKAW CABIN

The cabin on the Okaw River is the property of Mr. Adolph Mueller. Improvements and equipment have been added by other members of the Mueller Company. The cabin is placed at the service of Mueller employees with the hope that they may use and enjoy it.

The cabin is reserved for the Mueller families on such holidays as Decoration day, Fourth of July, Labor day, but is open to employees during the summer and fall.

Application should be made to Mr. Langdon giving particulars regarding number going and time of stay. Applications will be considered in the order that they are received.

Permission to use the cabin will be granted to individual employees who will be personally responsible for the Cabin and its contents, for the grounds and for the good conduct of the party. When the keys are delivered, a letter to the caretaker will be issued stating the time of occupancy, the size of the party, and employee in charge.

Visitors are to cut their own wood from logs or old boards in the timber, and are not to use wood or kindling on the porch.

In the Cabin are cots, mattresses, dishes, cooking utensils, etc., but campers should bring their own bedding, food, and fishing tackle.

There are lockers for dishes and kitchen utensils and another for mattresses. On leaving these should be put away and locked. Any matches should be put in a tin bucket with lid securely on, and hung up.

Kitchen refuse should not be thrown out the door, but should be buried. Cans, bottles, etc., should not be thrown in the river, but should be removed to a distance.

It is expected that a party which is there for several days will clean the Cabin thoroughly, cut the grass and weeds, and clean up generally. Everyone should do at least a little work around the place to keep it in good order.

On returning the keys should be returned promptly to Mr. Langdon, and a statement signed regarding conditions at the cabin.



A Candy Kid

"My sister is awfully lucky," said one little boy to another.

"Why?"

"She went to a party last night where they played a game in which the men either had to kiss a girl or pay a forfeit of a box of chocolates."

"Well, how was your sister lucky?"

"She came home with thirteen boxes of chocolates."