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Spring Song

*Fresh is the wind in my face tonight;
Sweet is the breath of the new green sod;
Gold in the blue is the moon's fair light;
Soft under-foot are the paths I trod.*

*Old as the valleys, the song I sing:
Life in the mould of the earth set free;
Love born anew and the lark a-wing;
Spring in the wind and the heart of me.*

*Old is the song of the Spring and youth,
Yet I would sing again to you:
Time is the gauge and the test of truth;
True is my song and my love for you.*

—Lem Phillips

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EDITORIAL

The month of March was about sixty days long this year.

With the coming of the outdoor season automobile accidents immediately increase in number. The automobile is dangerous, as a rule, in exact proportion to the caution or carelessness of the driver. Many drivers of automobiles are absolutely irresponsible and should not be permitted to drive a car. They fail to comprehend the enormous power which they are directing—they have no proper conception of the rights of pedestrians or other drivers—they take useless chances which endanger their own safety and the safety of others. We of the Mueller organization can do our part in adding to the safety of others by driving thoughtfully and cautiously. A good time to practice is when leaving the factory at noon and evening. At these hours there is congestion at every crossing. About fourteen hundred men and women are suddenly discharged from buildings and flood the streets and crossings, all intent on getting home. There is confusion augmented by the roar of many motors and cars starting at high speed with horns tooting. What better time can we find to exercise care, caution and thoughtfulness in driving an automobile? It's a good time to get the safety thought in your mind.

All men who are successful leaders or managers, at times ask advice and they accept and use it if it is good advice. But they do not stop to ask advice when it is time to act or direct or make decisions, and that's why they are leaders or managers. The man who does not occasionally seek advice from the men he manages or directs, is not so apt to succeed as the one who does.

Those who do not know how to work do not love it, but to those who do it is life, a pleasure, a desire, almost a religion. Too many people regard work as drudgery or as a necessity to earn a living. Work is never drudgery to the right minded and right

thinking person. The person who accepts it as drudgery unnecessarily picks up a heavy burden that robs life of much of its joy. In most instances work is a necessity but this does not mean that it is an unpleasant hardship which we should hate. On the contrary we should accept it with thankfulness as a necessity opening the gateway to pleasures which would otherwise be denied us.

Statisticians figure that America spends 23 billion annually for food. They also figure that the average city family spends \$825 yearly and the country family \$375. These figures would indicate that all the money is not pouring into the tills of the automobile manufacturers although one would scarcely believe it when hunting for a downtown parking place.

Swat the fly! It's going to be a busy season. One pair, some entomologist claims, produces five trillion descendants each season.

There are three kinds of people in all organizations, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. There are the rowboat people, the sailboat people, and the steamboat people.

The rowboat people always need to be pushed or shoved along.

The sailboat people move along when a favorable wind is blowing.

But the steamboat people move along continuously, through calm or storm.

They are the masters of themselves and their surroundings.

We need more people of the steamboat variety.

In what class are you?

You do your own classifying.



LEM PHILLIPS' "SPRING SONG"

The poem which appears on the cover was written by Lem Phillips, a student at the University of Illinois, who died about three years ago. He had seen two years of the War and had sailed two or three years on the Black Sea and Indian Ocean. His gift for translating his experiences into words made his poems especially promising.

The world is big enough for millions of people

TWO NEW JUNIOR SALESMAN



Walter Coventry

In the last month Paul Hines and Walter Coventry, both of Department 18, have become Junior Salesmen.

Mr. Hines is traveling under W. C. Heinrichs. His headquarters are in New Orleans. Mr. Coventry is traveling in Oklahoma under the supervision of J. A. Keown.

Both young men have worked in compression assembly, Hines for six years and Coventry for three years.

Before going out on the road the boys graduated from an intensive course in Mueller goods and sales methods taught in the thorough way of the Sales Department and the experimental department.



Paul Hines

BACK TO THE FARM

At this season of the year the allurements of apparently greener pastures elsewhere takes a number of our people away. These men are among those who have left for the farm:

Raymond Myers, Department 8.

Traver Clinghammer, Foundry Furnace Department.

Tony Hamilton, Department 9.

Royal Benstoter, Foundry.

CHANGING NUMBERS

In order to facilitate work in the Paymaster's Office and the Cost Department, it has been decided to change the numbers in practically all departments in the factory.

In general, it is the plan to increase the numbers one figure. Thus, the Core Department has become Department 2000, and the Production Control Department 20,000.

Under the old number plan, when the personnel in any department amounted to one hundred or more, there was no way to assign further numbers except by introducing a dash after the department number. This was not very satisfactory.

When a night shift was added to a department without such a shift, it was customary to add a cipher to the regular department number. For example, the night foundry was 04.

Under the new plan, each department may have one thousand individual numbers. A department's night shift is designated by the symbol 500. To illustrate, these figures indicate the following departments:

4500—Night Brass Foundry.

5500—Night Grinding.

6500—Night Furnace.

8500—Night Ground Key.

9500—Night Compression Shop.

15500—Night Polishing Room.

55500—Night Tool Room.

The work of changing numbers, now in

the hands of Paymaster Enloe and his assistants, involves the taking in of old badges the attaching to them of new number tapes. When this is done, all clock numbers on the records in the Employment office and in the office of the paymaster must also be changed.



TRUTH CLUB IS ORGANIZED

For some years we have had a thriving, if unofficial, Ananias Club in our midst. For some years we have swallowed whole stories about fish and hunting and radios. But now we are going to be able to know the truth when we hear it. The newest thing about is the Truth Club.

The insignia of the recently inaugurated society is patented. Louis Rohr is the club designer. The badge from which the illustration was made belonged to Mr. William Ampere Burke, the leading member of the new organization.

Applicants for membership are asked to see Mr. Burke or Charles Morris, well known comedian. Step lively! Membership privileges will be extended only to a limited number.



NOW WHY?

Himstead and Stille had been wildly cheering at a basketball game. Suddenly Stille disappeared. After some time he came back, giving occasion for the following dialogue:

Himstead: "Where've you been, Stille?"

Ed.: "Downstairs."

Himstead: "What Doing?"

Ed.: "Aw, Cranston gave me some horse medicine."

Now, why did he do that?



Ruth Ross (looking up from Salesmen's records): "Is the 25th of December a holiday?"

Efficiency in small things eventually leads to opportunity in big things

-- JOBBERS VISIT US --



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Over twenty salesmen and jobbers, representing A. Harvey's Sons Mfg. Co., of Detroit; Richards Mfg. Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Galloup Pipe and Supply Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., were our guests April 9 and 10. For the entertainment of the visitors—a live bunch, incidentally—a very comprehensive program was arranged.

Friday the big event was the trip through our main plant and Plants 8 and 9. Under the direction of Messrs. Pease, Wilkins, Robert H. Mueller, Robert Mueller, C. L. Gillibrand, Walter Auer, and E. H. Langdon, the jobbers inspected our buildings and manufacturing processes. Friday noon they participated in the regular noon-day activities. Friday night they had dinner at Mueller Lodge. Afterwards, they came in to witness the girls' basketball game and men's volley ball game which took place in Mueller gym. After the athletic contests, they returned to the Lodge where they devoted themselves energetically to cards.

Saturday was given over to a discussion of Mueller goods and business policies. Mr. George Rowell and Mr. Frank Chance of Henri, Hurst, & MacDonald, were present. Mr. Rowell talked on advertising and salesmanship.

Business was suspended at intervals during the day while the visitors and Mueller Co. representatives engaged in an exciting game of baseball. It didn't take the guests long to get acquainted with the Mueller

bunch, and they were liberal with their kidding. Even Mr. Adolph, Mr. Robert, and Mr. Philip came in for their share of "razzberries."

Saturday night a number of the salesmen came in for the "Moonlight and Roses" dance at Mueller Club.

The jobbers' visit gave our Company an opportunity to explain much in connection with Mueller policies, and the meetings at Mueller Lodge were fully as valuable to hosts as to guests.

The guests came down from Detroit in a special sleeping car which was held in Decatur for the return trip.



THE ARCHITECT'S CATALOG

Robert W. Baugh, our salesman out of Los Angeles, writes in, anent the new Architect's catalog:

"Wish to compliment you on the Architect's catalog. We are very proud of this, as it is really in keeping with the MUELLER standard of quality, and is being accepted by the architects as such.

"We have had many compliments from the architects regarding the way in which it is gotten up—from the cover to the wonderful large clear cuts of our fittings.

"At this time we have in the hands of the architects sixty-nine of these catalogs and they are bringing results and will be a wonderful help to us in Los Angeles and vicinity."

Everybody thinks the "Keep out—this means you" sign means to the other fellow

— MUELLER MINSTREL —



CAPACITY CROWD ENJOYS MINSTREL SHOW

Cork was king, and Uncle Joe, little Eva, and Topsy came into their own to the accompaniment of well known negro melodies, popular songs, and Charlestoning in the minstrel show presented before a keenly appreciative audience April 16 in Mueller gym.

The show began in rather a unique way. A series of tableaux were presented. First came the cabin scene. A negro mammy, better known to us as Charlie Morris, sat rocking a pickinunny. Old Black Joe, whom we ordinarily call Mr. Adolph, sat dozing by the table. A quartette behind the scenes sang "Old Kentucky Home."

In the second scene Simon Lagree (C. O. Atchison) stood with whip raised. Old Black Joe lay on the floor, while little Eva (Trela Cole) and Topsy (Joyce Carder) were kneeling before the slave-driver. From behind the scenes came the air of "Swaunee River."

As the curtain rose on the third tableau, the quartette sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia." Mammy sat with her head bowed. Old Black Joe came in and sang "Old Black Joe" while Mammy wept copiously.

At that point Eva and Topsy entered, saying, "O, Uncle Joe, we just found out this is your birthday, and we're going to have a big celebration. See—here comes all the folks now."

And the celebration, of course, was the minstrel show proper. The black faces assembled in the conventional semi-circle. C. G. Auer was interlocutor. An interesting program of songs and dances, etc., interspersed with jokes, followed. These were the principal events:

"Smile a Little Bit"—A. E. Lindamood.

Charlestoning by Eva Holt and Cleo Cole.

Dance—Art Metzger.

"Always"—William Flaughter.

"Kentucky's Way of Sayin' Good Mornin'"—W. R. Price.

Dance—Little Eva.

Quartette Number—Harl J. Redmon, C. L. Gillibrand, Roy B. Pease, A. E. Lindamood.

"Tie Me to Your Apron Strings Again."—E. C. Stille.

"The Prisoner Song"—A. E. Lindamood. Charlestoning by Topsy (Joyce Carder) and Trall Carder.

"O, How I Miss You Tonight."—Elmer Baker.

Singing and Dancing Number—Billie Burns.

Xylophone Specialty—Johnny Burns.

"I Love My Baby"—Bernard Schuermann.

Singing and Dancing Specialty—Harl Redmon and Trall Carder.

Coontown Charleston Contest—Little Eva,

A hearty laugh will do more than a smile, and a smile is better than a grin, but a grin is better than nothing

Billie Burns, the Carders, Cleo Cole, Eva Holt.

Finale—"Show Me the Way to Go Home"—The circle.

The end-men who tossed jokes back and forth were: Adolph Mueller, Burt Jackson, Frank Schwartz and E. C. Stille.

The orchestra which accompanied songs and choruses was composed of Paul Andrews, piano; Carl Chepan, saxophone; Harlo Redmon, banjo; Charles Sipe, drums; Harry Miller, guitar. This orchestra also played for the dance which followed the show.

Downstairs there were peanuts and popcorn sold. It was a gala night. Everybody had a good time and enjoyed the blackface performance apparently, for, despite the fact that there were hundreds of eggs down in the cafeteria left over from the Easter egg hunt that didn't come off, there were no calls for them.



SMOCKED!

One of the brightest flowers of this Springtime is the smock. One sees it blooming on every hand—in stores and shops, in kitchen and office. And now, after grow-



Clara Gilbert, Ollie Springer, Thelma Roberts, Helen Pope, Vera Gibson, Enola Smith, Esther Like.

ing some months among our friends in the cities, it has come to us. A couple of weeks ago several varieties and colors were noted in the Main Office. In the days since new species have appeared.

Advocates of the smocks have many advantages to urge. The new garments protect dresses. They will, as will any uniform, make for a democratic spirit among the wearers. And no one can deny that these smocks do brighten up the Office.

One of the most attractive features of the smock is its history, its connection with artists and their work. It calls up its old associations with Greenwich Village—before

that habitat of inspired but unfortunate genius became a myth. It brings back memories of smocked people who starved gaily, gave generously, and loved greatly their work, those painter and writer folk of whom we are accustomed to term "Bohemians."

And so—long live the smock!

SMOCKS AND N. Y. OFFICE GIRLS



These two pictures are of the new York girls. The names of those in the lower picture are, left to right, M. Evelyn MacKay, Margaret Curley, Beatrice Martin, Irene Johnson, Marie Henry, Wm. J. Mix, Grace Trimm, Ella Falney, Helen Brennan, Ethel Brady.



Department 18

We are looking forward to a very busy season, for Paul Hines and Walter Coventry of the department have just recently gone on the road.

We've heard lots of 'em, too, but how's this? Ritchie the other day asked for a blue pencil like a red one.

Anyone interested in becoming a carpenter will find Foster unexcelled as an instructor. Foster is an expert, on his own account, in driving nails, too. (Adv.)

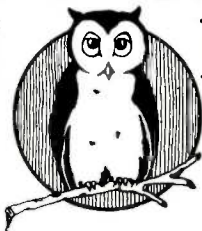
Artie Warren's "puddle jumper" has lost its reputation. Not so long ago it didn't jump; it just stuck—and stuck.

Mabel McClimans has become an aristocrat. She's moved out in the west end.

A few can speak wisely, but all can speak kindly

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



The local prognosticator has been prophesying Spring since New Year's Day, and it's beginning to look now as if he might know what he was talking about. Spring hats and even new smocks didn't mean so much, but now there are more reliable symptoms. The fishing worms have come up for air. E. K. Shaw and other apostles of Isaak Walton are talking enthusiastically. The Dance Club stages a "Moonlight and Roses" dance. Some new romances crop out, and long-standing ones get more interesting. Everybody begins to figure up vacation credits. Isn't Life WON-DER-FUL?

Eddie Kushmer and Evert Zetterlind attended a Y. M. C. A. conference in Chicago last week.

Heard at the minstrel show:
"Yeh, that's Little Eva."
"Little Eva who?"

Hospital Notes

Marie Alt was home ill for almost a week. The measles epidemic has struck us. Willard Hake started it. Now Lois Christy has 'em. Next?

Helen Pope came back from a week-end in St. Louis with a damaged ear. Helen and Ted believe in Safety, but the fellow who hit them didn't. There was hardly enough of the Pope Ford left to tell the story.

Jennie Richards, too, has been among the missing. For a couple of weeks the Employment office seemed rather desolate. Jennie is well and back again now, though, we are glad to say.

Teacher: "With \$1,000.00 in the bank, how much interest at two per cent would you earn in a year?"

Little Jackie: "Teacher, at two per cent, I would not be interested at all."

Mr. Adolph (coming out of his office): "Is Mr. Draper around here?"

Second-floorer: "I don't know. I haven't heard him."

"That ends my tale," said one of Helen Pope's seven cats when he backed into the lawn-mower.

First Dictaphoner: "Yes, sir, she swears she has never been kissed by a man."

Second Ditto: "Well, isn't that enough to make any girl swear?"

Messenger Boy Philosophy

It is sometimes better to keep one's mouth shut and to be thought a fool than to speak and confirm it.

—Hugo Hendrian.

Office Bachelor Philosophy

"Beware, my son, of she that taketh an interest in thy neckwear; its color, its cut—or the way thy shirts and hose are mended—for already, mine own son, she hath committed matrimony in her heart."

—Westhampton Press.

Mary Schultz has lately taken to spending all her substance on telegrams. Mary! Mary!

Dorothy Jordan Laid Up

A couple of weeks ago Dorothy Jordan became the heroine of the hour. She was staving the office at noon when she missed the very last step and fell. Paul Andrews gallantly tucked her under his arm and ran upstairs with her. Then the doctors came, but could not quite make up their minds. So Dorothy was taken from her couch in the show-room out to the hospital. The X-ray revealed a broken ankle bone.

Dorothy is getting along pretty well now, but, of course, is not able to walk yet. Tough luck, Dorothy! The only thing we envy you in the whole experience is the ride upstairs!



AN AXE-IDENT

There was a young salesman, named Phipps,
Who married on one of his trips,
A widow named Block,
But he got quite a shock
When he found there were six little chips!

"I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life."—Theodore Roosevelt

APRIL FOOL, YOURSELF

April 1 found some of our keenest wits all primed to celebrate in old-fashioned style.

Complete statistics are not available. There are some whose pranks didn't work according to schedule; there are others who will never tell to their dying day just how it was that they were "sold." The list is, therefore, incomplete:

W. R. Gustin, better known as "Big Bill" was sent to Mr. Adolph's office. We are reliably informed that his knees almost gave out, but he finally managed to get upstairs for the fake interview.

Ed Kushmer was called to the 'phone by some mysterious personage who "wasn't there" when Eddie was.

Roy Pease, ever devoted to bon bons, ate with relish some chocolate covered onions.

Lois Christy, before she could go home on the evening of April 1, had to remove the excelsior from her hat and unwire her galoshes.

Margaret Marcott fed Roy Whittaker some doped sweets, and Roy's disposition hasn't been the same since.

Paul Andrews ate trick candy, smiled sweetly, and pronounced the confection delicious.

Sometimes you can and sometimes you can't.



BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Harrell a daughter. The young lady has been named Eva Fern.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Copsey, on April 4, a daughter, who has been named Jacquelin Mary. Mrs. Copsey was formerly Mary Mills and was employed in the filing department.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burchard March 25, a daughter. Her name is Sarah Evelyn.



WEDDINGS

Vaughn-Fletcher

Miss Jessie Fletcher and Glenn Vaughn of Department 14 were married in Decatur January 26. They are making their home at 1121 W. Green street.



Department 50

We'll bet if it wasn't for the boulevard stop the cops would never have caught Lowe, that is, as long as the wind was good.

Who was it that said they saw Jacka filling his pipe with the "emptyings" of the bricks down by the entrance?

No, Cecil, Robinson Caruso did not miss his calling, he just wasn't there when they called.

DEATHS

Joseph N. Grossman

Joseph N. Grossman of the Brass Shops died at 5 o'clock Monday morning, April 19, at St. Mary's hospital. He would have been forty-three years old this month. His death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mr. Grossman was born in Springfield, Ill. April 29, 1883. He was a member of St. James Catholic church and was well known. He is survived by his wife, Anna Grossman, and his children, Frank, Anthony, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Catherine and Helen Grossman and his sisters, Mrs. Helen Dreschel of Decatur and Mrs. Mamie Blatnick of Springfield.

Funeral services were conducted April 14 in St. James Catholic church.

Agnes Robozek

Agnes Robozek of the Core Room died of peritonitis March 25 in St. Mary's hospital, after an illness of five days. It is a coincidence that her death so soon followed that of Miss Helen Salogga, one of her schoolmates, and a member of the same confirmation in St. Johannes church. They were intimate friends, both popular in that congregation.

Agnes was well known and liked in our organization. She had worked until five days before her death.

Agnes Robozek, born Feb. 27, 1908, in Decatur; had lived all her life in this city. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robozek, and the following named brothers and sisters: Carl, Esther, Edwin and Harold Robozek and Mrs. Fay Ickes, all of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted March 28 in St. Johannes Lutheran church.

Mrs. Charles Smith

Lulu, wife of Charles Smith of the Polishing Room, died March 25 in the family home 1452 East Logan street. Her death was due to heart disease.

Lulu Rider was born Jan. 12, 1891, in Long Creek township and had lived all her life in Macon county. She leaves her husband and two children, Margaret M., and Charles Smith, Jr.



"I heard your son was an undertaker; I thought you said he was a physician?"

"Not at all. I just said he followed the medical profession."

Stop, look and live long

TEACHERS AND STUDENT VISITORS

TEACHERS VISIT FACTORY

April 4 was Teachers' Day. Over forty teachers in the Decatur high and grade schools visited the plant and were conducted through the factory.



A group of Decatur teachers

The party met at 9:30 in the gym where Mr. Adolph Mueller made a brief address on the history and policies of the Company.

Three groups made the "grand tour" of the Main Plant. At 11:30 the guests were served lunch in the gym. During the noon hour they participated in the regular noon dance. In the afternoon special trips to the Vitreous Plant and the Iron Foundry were arranged.



ILLINOIS STUDENTS VISIT FACTORY

A peppy crowd were the University of Illinois students—about seventy strong—who visited the plant April 15. When, in the address that he made to them in the



Another group of public school teachers

gym, Mr. Adolph announced that they would be expected to join in the regular noon-day dance, they burst out into a regular football cheer.

Mr. Adolph, in the course of his talk, traced the history of the Mueller organization, discussed briefly its policies, and spoke of the place of education in business. He appealed to the students to contribute what they could to modern business.

The visitors, who are enrolled in the College of Commerce at the University, were then turned over to Messrs. Hinmstead, Davidson, Mix and Archer for the tour of the factory. At lunch time they re-appeared, quite ready for lunch and dance.

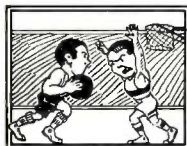


NIANTIC STUDENTS' VISIT

Students of Niantic high school visited the factory April 16. They were accompanied by their principal, Mr. McReynolds.



Students from University of Illinois
Calamity is man's true touch-stone



Athletics



MUELLER GIRLS HAVE OUTSIDE GAMES

The Green Parrots and the Gold Eagles have played a number of games with outside teams in the past month.

March 26 the Golds played the Y. W. C. A. Playmor club and won with a score of 15-7.

The Greens won over the Playmors April 2 in the Y. W. gym with a score of 21-18.

April 5 the Greens were defeated by a team of Roosevelt Junior High girls in Mueller gym. The score was 5-19.

A team of St. James girls won over the Golds April 7 by a score of 30-18 in Mueller gym.

April 14 the Golds played the Playmo club in the Y. W. C. A. gym, winning by a score of 17-25. The next night the Eagles won over the Y. W. C. A. Business Girls' club by a score of 6-24. On the Gold team Mary Wilkins and Ruth Zetterlind played forwards, Mary Wilkins and Hazel Virden, center; Ruth Waymire and Erma Barth, guards. One the first night Florence Waymire substituted for Hazel Virden; on the second, Marie Yonker substituted for Ruth Zetterlind, and Hazel Virden for Mary Wilkins.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GREENS

Volley Ball Game a Tie

The Green Parrots won over the Gold Eagles with a score of 18-12 in the last basketball game of the season April 9, before a record Mueller athletic night crowd. In the office and factory men's volley ball game which followed the girls' game, Mr. Adolph's team won a set, and Blue Lusk's team won a set.

According to spectators who had watched the girls all season, both Greens and Golds were in their best form for the final match. Lina Lindsay and Mary Schultz, stars all winter, did good work. Teamwork on both sides has improved with the games played since their game before the Foremen's Club. The Parrots, winning three games out of four, are conceded the champions.

The line-up for the contest was:

Green—		Gold—
Waymire	C	Virden
Shaw		Verner
Lindsay	F	Schultz
Porter		Zetterlind
Roberts	G	McKeown
Christy		Wilkins

Substitutes—Barth for Wilkins; Watkins for Lindsay; Lindsay for Christy; Wilkins for Virden.

Preceding the game the girls, under the direction of Miss Ruth Pfahler, their instructor, gave a demonstration of their class exercises. "Skinning the snake" was one feature much enjoyed by the spectators.

In volley ball Mr. Adolph was supported by J. W. Wells, E. H. Langdon, Burt Jackson, P. D. Ruthrauff, J. W. Simpson. With the "Brass-Busters" were Robert Mueller, J. M. Wilkins, Earl Meador, Robert Lusk, B. J. Marty, W. E. Behrus, C. E. Roarick.

The visiting jobbers and salesmen, who were with us for the week-end, were special guests. During the contests they occupied reserved seats on the stage.



APRIL IN HISTORY

April is a month that seems to have been particularly significant in American history. An important chapter of the history of our country we find in these events:

April 18, 1775—Paul Revere took his famous midnight horseback ride.

April 19, 1775—Battle of Lexington—The first blood of the Revolution was shed.

April 22, 1778—Lord North's bill seeking peace with the colonies was rejected by Congress.

April 15, 1783—Congress ratified the preliminary Treaty of Peace.

April 30, 1879—General Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States.

April 24, 1864—War with Mexico commenced.

April 12, 1861—Fort Sumter was fired upon, and the Civil War began.

April 9, 1865—Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

April 14, 1865—President Lincoln was assassinated.

April 21, 1898—War between Spain and the United States was declared.

April 6, 1917—War was declared on Germany.



"THE TASTE IS THE TEST"

Robert Taur of the Machine Repair Department was brushing his teeth the other day. With his mouth full of queer tasting lather, he realized all at once that something was wrong. He concluded that he didn't have the right tool. He had picked up the shaving cream.

The value of a thing is determined by the very worst side of it

CAMERA CLUB CONTEST



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The Camera Club prizes in the April Camera Club contest were awarded as follows:

First Prize—Chat Winegardner.

Second Prize—Helen Pope.

Third Prize—C. L. Gillibrand.

Mr. Winegardner's picture is a pretty woods scene in which members of his family are shown. The composition of the snapshot was characterized as "excellent" by the judge.

The baby in Mrs. Pope's picture is Robert Herman Marshall. Mrs. Marshall, Bobby's mother, formerly worked in the Cost Department. The picture, according to the judge, is especially good in respect to light and shade.

Mr. Gillibrand's picture is a snapshot of Mrs. Gillibrand in a moving motor boat on Lake Decatur. The picture, the judge thought, was particularly good as an action picture.

Mr. Harry Seitz of Seitz' Studio judged the contest pictures.

The contest subject for May is Spring. Turn in your Spring pictures early to Margaret Marcott.

SIZE 46

There are bright moments in everybody's life. Even the switch-board operator finds many things to smile over. In proof, we offer this "Tale of the Pants."

It was noon. Ollie was on the board. A call came in, and after being informed that he was talking to Mueller Co., the man at the other end of the wire stated:

"Tell the gentleman who wants size 46 trousers that we don't have any in his size."

"Who is the man?"

"I don't know. He called me about gym trunks. He wears size 46." And he hung up.

Ollie was all at sea. She saw Kitty Wilkins going to lunch and asked him if 46 were big or little.

The General Superintendent was a bit vague. "I wouldn't have any trouble getting into that size," he remarked.

After a few minutes of reflection, Ollie decided that the unknown man must be a member of the noon day lunch club. She told Mrs. Rost the story, and that lady immediately went up into the firm's dining room and asked, "Who wears size 46 trousers?"

Barney Marty "fessed up," and the message was delivered.

"Truth, like a torch, the more 'tis shook, it shines"



Spoon and Duster



In almost every family there are children or grown-ups who do not like milk. That fact remains, however, that milk has great health value for everybody. Experiments have proved that every child needs at least one quart of milk every day. Milk contains almost everything required for bodily development. Its mineral content is especially valuable. It contains the elements essential to building bones and muscles and blood.

To give one's family milk disguised so that it doesn't appear to be milk requires some ingenuity. Fortunately, however, there are countless dishes that can be prepared with milk as a basis. For example:

Caramel Custard

- ½ cup sugar, caramelized
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups scalded milk
- Few grains nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ cup sugar
- Few grains salt

Caramelize the sugar by melting it over moderate heat and pour it into a metal pan, tipping it until the syrup is hardened on the bottom and halfway up the sides. Then beat the eggs, add the sugar, salt and flavorings and pour in the scalded milk. Turn into the pan containing the caramelized sugar, set in a larger pan containing hot water and bake in a slow oven. Chill before unmolding.

Potatoes with Cheese

- 3 cups boiled potatoes
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 3 tablespoons grated cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons bread crumbs.

Arrange a layer of the potatoes, cut in dice, in the bottom of a buttered baking dish. Cover with the milk, which has been thickened with the flour and seasoned with the salt, pepper and butter, and sprinkle with the cheese. Repeat until all the ingredients are used, covering the top with the bread crumbs. Set in the oven long enough to heat thoroughly and to brown on top.

Flavored Milk

Place a few drops of any good flavoring extract in a glass of milk and add one teaspoon sugar. Sprinkle a dash of nutmeg or cinnamon on top. A spoonful of whipped cream added to the milk improves its flavor and appearance.

Potato Soup

- 3 potatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 small onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 bay leaf
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 1 quart milk
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cut the pared potatoes in cubes and cover with the hot water. Add the chopped onion, celery, bay leaf, pepper and salt. Cook until the vegetables are tender. Press through a colander. Heat the milk and add the flour and butter, which have been mixed together. Add the potato mixture and cook until the soup thickens slightly. Stir constantly after the flour is added. If celery is not available a little celery salt may be used.

Cocoa Delicious

- ½ cup cocoa
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups cold water
- 6 cups milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Mix the cocoa, sugar, flour and salt and add the water. Stir to remove the lumps and cook twenty minutes, stirring the mixture until the boiling point is reached. Cook until the mixture is glossy in appearance. Add milk, bring to the boiling point and stir in the vanilla. Beat one minute with a wheel egg beater and serve hot with marshmallows or whipped cream. This cocoa improves if allowed to stand a few hours, and no settlements will be found in the bottom of the kettle. This recipe is for ten servings.

Curtains, scarfs, and a number of things may be decorated with what is termed "block printing." These are the directions for making the block:

You can make the block yourself from a half-inch board and a square of plain linoleum. Choose a design, then cut the block slightly larger. Glue the linoleum on the block, cloth side down. When this is thoroughly dry apply the design with carbon paper. Take a sharp knife and cut away the unnecessary parts, leaving the motif in relief.

As for the printing:

Before stamping, stretch the fabric over

The only side the neutral cares for is the one on which his bread is buttered

a paper-padded board and fasten with thumb tacks. For a stamp pad use a felt-covered block of wood. Brush the pad thoroughly with paint mixed with turpentine. A few drops of vinegar will set the colors.

We heard a cook say the other day that she cooks spinach by steaming it. That does away with the "wateriness" to which so many people object.

The Efficient Housewife says:

A pint or two of milk added to the water in which the chicken is to boil gives flavor to the meat and makes it white and juicy. An old fowl cooked in this way has the appearance of a young bird.

A piece of camphor in the drawer where I have my extra silver keeps it from tarnishing.

If the upper crust of a pie is brushed with milk before placing in oven it will bake a rich, even brown.

Rub linseed oil into oilcloth and it will last twice as long. The oil must be wiped off well and the oilcloth allowed to dry thoroughly before using.



BRASS CHIPS

Paul Baldwin of the Machine Repair Department left April 17 to look after some business interests in Wisconsin.

A number of new men have been added to both night and day force of the Ground Key Department.

James Chenoweth is a new recruit in the night tool room. He comes from Hoopes-ton.

Recent shipping room additions are Clifford Moyer and Ben Hastings.

Howard Johnson and Marley Purvis are among the new men at Plant 9. They come from Kokomo, Ind.

Ira Stockton, a man who has had many years' experience in potteries, has been placed in charge of instruction in the Casting Room at the Vitreous Plant. Mr. Stockton also comes from Kokomo, Ind.

Robert Sutton of the night tool room has been appointed Federal Inspector of pneumatic equipment on railroads.

Better to out-think than to out-talk

Thelma Mae Gilbert



The little lady shown above is Thelma Mae Gilbert, daughter of Henry Gilbert, clerk in the core room. Thelma is ten years old.

John Harell has been laid up for several weeks recovering from a mastoid operation.

James McKown was rehearsing with the other Mueller minstrel players when he attempted to step from the stage. He injured his foot and was laid up about three weeks.

Luther Jordan of the Shipping Room was repairing his car. He had jacked up both front wheels at the same time. The car shifted to one side, struck Luther's foot. Result: Luther had to stay in for a week or so and take care of the foot.

W. W. Enloe of the Core Department returned to work March 12 after an absence of six weeks.

Charles Koontz of the assembling room came back to work April 1, after being off seven weeks for an operation.

Wayne Allen of the Machine Shop checked out to go to the Polar Co.

Harry Clerk of Department 9 has returned to Indiana.



Leisure Hours



DOROTHY SHAW HAS BRIDGE PARTY

Dorothy Shaw entertained six couples at a pretty bridge party March 26 in the Mueller Athletic Club House. Favors were in keeping with the Easter idea.

Out-of-town guests were: Miss Ruth Daniels, A. N. Zacher, R. C. Hoffman of the University of Illinois, and Roland Griescke of Springfield.

The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Daniel.

DANIELS HAVE POT LUCK SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Daniels entertained April 14 with a pot luck supper at the Mueller Athletic Club. The supper was followed by a dance. The guests were much interested in the new club house and delighted with its possibilities.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Egebrecht, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartmann, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hanselman, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Housley, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cloney of Elwin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller had a delightful trip in the West Indies and are home again safe and well. They witnessed many strange and interesting sights. Both have traveled extensively in this and foreign countries, but it is doubtful if any trip they have made gave them more real pleasure. Continuing his account of the trip, Mr. Robert says:

Sunday, March 7, 1926.
Port of Spain, Trinidad,
N. E. Border of S. America.

Dear Folks:

We left New York at 10:00 a. m., Saturday, Feb. 27, on the United American Ship, "Reliance." This ship is scheduled at 20,000 tons. It is beautifully arranged and very substantially constructed. It required about two years for the Germans to build it. The cost was about a million and a half dollars. As reported to me by one of the officers the head officers are Americans and all of the ship's crew is made up of Germans from Hamburg. We have 402 passengers and about 410 in the ship's crew so you can see that we are well taken care of. The food is excellent in every detail. I really believe too much food is served. Following is schedule of eats:

First—Breakfast, 8:00 a. m.
Second—Bouillon and light lunch, 10:30 a. m.
Third—Luncheon, 1:00 p. m.

Fourth—Dinner, 6 to 7 p. m.

Fifth—Light lunch, 10:00 p. m.

By the above food list you will naturally think we are over-eating but we are not, as we eat only when we feel that we are hungry. Another thing, as we wish to be real sylph-like, we watch our diet very carefully. For exercise we walk several miles on walking deck "B." We also go in the swimming pool. We keep in good physical trim and as we wish to be on the different decks during all the daylight hours, as there are so many beautiful and wonderful things to see.

I am sorry to state that during the last several days rumors have been going the rounds that the Harriman interest of New York have sold this ship to a German company. I hope that the story is untrue as we are all so proud that this is an American ship.

Our trip from New York Saturday, Feb. 27, until Wednesday, March 3, at 9:00 a. m. (1,400 miles), when we reached San Juan, P. R. (U. S. possession) was very wonderful in every way; with the exception that I was slightly seasick but at the same time I held my own because I didn't believe in feeding the "fishes."

There are a great many Americans in this city (population about 75,000) as well as on the island. We met a great number of Americans who said they would rather live here than any other place in the world. It is surely a beautiful island, 100 miles long by 40 miles wide, on which they raise so much sugar corn, tobacco, coffee, etc. They also have a great many high grade autos. We took an auto trip of about 70 miles and enjoyed every minute of our entire trip. The average temperature is about 75 degrees. The many places of interest were visited by our party, including a visit to the Governor's mansion and flower gardens. We were very sorry that we did not get to meet our friend, Mr. Hartzel, who for quite a period was acting Governor. The people generally seem to be very happy and prosperous.

A great many kinds of vegetables are also raised on this island. Labor is extremely low in price. I understand common labor is now advancing a little. Many of the people wear few clothes.

In 1917 American citizenship was extended to the people and since that time a great number of American schools (although small) have been built and the children are very aggressive in taking up a real educational spirit. The American flag flies in many parts of the island.

Reach St. Thomas

On March 4 we reached St. Thomas. This is one of the most important islands of the Virgin Islands in the West Indies, and is about 80 miles East of Porto Rico which the U. S. bought from Denmark in 1917 for the sum of \$25,000,000. At one time we could have bought it for five to seven and a half millions, but it seems we did not have the proper

Mind is the great lever of all things

vision. As far as I could view things the island is worth a great deal more than we paid for it. The main production is sugar cane and bay rum. About a week ago as one of the large ships was at anchor in the beautiful St. Thomas Bay and while dozens of small row boats containing the black money-diving boys, who dive after money which is thrown by the passengers from the ship, a school of man-eating sharks came in the bay and killed and took away four of the darkies. They say in a few days a great number of the diving boys were back again, diving for money just as if nothing had happened. We saw Blue Beard's and Black Beard's old castles.

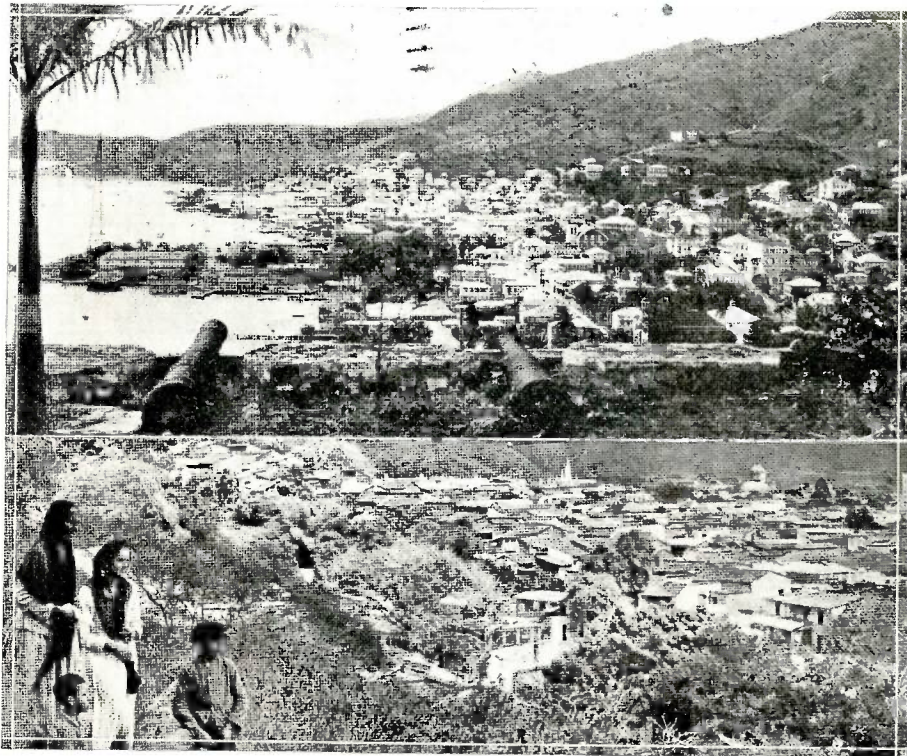
Where Big Earthquake Occurred

On March 5 we visited Fort de France and St. Pierre located on Martinique Island. This island is owned by France. We concluded that this island is not worth very much. At St. Pierre, Mount Pelée, the lava and fumes caused the death of 30,000 people; in fact, they claim every person in the city died from suffocation from the gas fumes and lava with the exception of one person and this person was in an underground prison. The people who have again located at St. Pierre during the last twenty years are erecting some very plain, low, substantial buildings and, in time, might build a pretty good sized city. Personally, I wouldn't give thirty cents for the village

and surroundings, as they now exist. They are now building a concrete and stone cathedral and on Thursday when we were there they were trying to get up a chicken fight, right along side of the church.

On March 6 we arrived at Barbados, and we were taken in automobiles for a delightful drive through the beautiful surrounding country of Bridgetown, via Trafalgar Square, Broad Street (principal shopping district) Prince William Henry Street past the police station and law courts, Carnegie Library, White Park and Bank Hall Road, the "Waterford" Sugar Plantation and Codrington House was reached. We passed amid sugar plantations and other tropical vegetation and here and there a negro hut. We went through many plantations and reached St. John's church, where a brief stop was made. At this church we saw the tomb of Paleologus, the last descendant of the ancient line of Greek Emperors. We then continued our drive and reached the Crane Hotel, where another short stop was made. We returned by way of Christ Church Road Drive which is to a great extent along the sea coast and on to the Pomeroy Hotel, just outside of Bridgetown where the party took luncheon. We passed the Governor's residence and Queen's Park on our way to the wharf but we put in the balance of the afternoon shopping.

Barbados is such a beautiful island and has so



The top picture is the beautiful St. Thomas Bay. St. Thomas is about 80 miles east of Porto Rico. The lower picture is a view of Caracas, a handsome city with many beautiful public squares which are bright with tropical flowers and palms.

Every man can maintain his rights if he doesn't care what happens to his fenders

many things of interest that we would like to have, remained here for several weeks instead of only fourteen hours. If the English Government would at some future date offer this island to the United States (at a reasonable price) we ought to buy it by all means. Some day we hope to see Barbados Isle again and if we do have this pleasure, we trust that our stay will be much longer than our present one.

At Port Au Prince

We arrived at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the northeast coast of South America, at 2 p. m. March 7 (Sunday) and remained there 36 hours, or until Monday night following. We had a most wonderful visit here. The thermometer stood at about 85 degrees. We suffered a great deal from the heat but at the same time we did not mind it as we dressed accordingly. Our ship had to anchor about three miles out on account of shallow water. We had to take a tender to the wharf but as the sea was quiet we had a pleasant trip.

Automobiles were in readiness at the Customs Wharf for a drive over the following route: We proceeded to Laventille and the village of San Juan thence up to the Santa Cruz Valley and over the "Saddle" into the Maraval Valley. Some of the most charming scenery in Trinidad is spread before the tourist. The drive also included a visit to Port of Spain's principal points of interest: Botanical Gardens, Queen's Park Savannah, the Market Place, Government Buildings, and ended at the Queen's Park Hotel, where luncheon was served. After the luncheon we had two or three hours for sightseeing, shopping, etc.

About thirty years ago this city had a big fire and most of the homes and stores were burned to the ground. They have rebuilt the stores and residences and it is now a real city of about 60,000 people. There have been so many volcanic eruptions and fires in these island cities that I have decided that the good old U. S. A. is the place for me to spend the balance of my life.

As there are so many sharks around these different islands, I much prefer to do my bathing in Lake Decatur.

On Sunday evening the sailors set out some well baited throw lines with corks about one foot long and eight inches in diameter to catch a large shark that was swimming around and near our ship, but it was too smart to grab the bait, so he finally went on his way rejoicing.

In Venezuela

We are now on our way to La Guayra, Ven.

We arrived at LaGuayra Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock, in the small tender which we took from the ship. We found the bay pretty rough but as we are getting accustomed to some rough water, we do not mind it. LaGuayra, the port of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, is cozily situated at the foot of a great mountain, La Silla. The actual distance between the two cities is only $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles; the distance by railroad is 23 miles. The railroad runs zig-zag up a precipitous mountain side to an altitude of 3000 feet. This climb furnishes a real thrill to the tourist and gives an excellent view of the harbor and the neighboring island. Both La Guayra and Caracas were destroyed by an earthquake in 1812. They were quickly rebuilt and the latter especially has grown

into a handsome city with many beautiful public squares, bright with tropical flowers and palms. Caracas is spoken of as the cradle of the South American Liberty. Its elevation gives it a climate of perpetual spring.

Venezuela is now building one of the finest concrete roads (about 25 miles) around the mountain of La Silla which I have ever seen. The road is about twenty feet wide with a four foot concrete wall on the outer edge. On account of this road they are bringing to La Guayra hundreds of high grade automobiles to be reshipped to Caracas. This road is being paid for by the money received from some great producing oil wells. When we were leaving La Guayra the citizens (all of them) closed shop and they celebrated the occasion by shooting fireworks. It was a novelty to all of us Americans. About a mile from the Bronze Statue of Simon Bolivar they erected a very beautiful statue of George Washington.

We arrived at Curacat Island about 8:00 a. m. on March 11. This is a coral island off the North Coast of Venezuela. It is under Dutch control and even the negroes have taken on distinctly Dutch modes of living. They have a very strange language called the Papiamento, a jumble of Spanish, Dutch, English and African words. They publish a weekly paper in this unusual dialect which defies the skill of the best linguist unless he has dwelt for some time in this particular locality. Little rain falls in Curacao and the landscape is parched with a thorny vegetation or cactus growing here and there. This is the landing port for the city of Willemstad, about ten miles inland. At the capital Willemstad there is a salt water distillery which provides the city with abundant fresh water. The women do their washing in the ocean and hang the clothes to dry on cactus plants or sharp pronged rocks. At Willemstad the harbor is spanned by a "pontoon" bridge. A regulation requires the barefooted pedestrian to pay one cent as toll, while the person wearing shoes is obliged to pay two cents.

The residences and stores are constructed of brick, stone, and with tile roofs. Everything looks so strange and beautiful. The streets are kept so clean and sanitary and so polished looking I would not be afraid to eat from them. We purchased quite a number of small articles made by the Dutch people. Governor N. J. Brantjes of Curacao, his wife, aide de Camp Hulst, Hon. Theo. Voetter, American Consul, and a number of prominent residents were entertained at lunch aboard the "Reliance." They were welcomed aboard by Capt. Iverson and Mr. Emil Lederer, vice-president of the United American Lines.

After lunch when the Governor's party left for the shore, the band played the Dutch National Anthem after this playing "America." It was all so very interesting.

March 12.

We are now within 18 hours of Colon, Panama. Will land there about tomorrow noon. As Colon is one of the best mailing points we are sending everything we can from that point.

I was initiated in the "Pirates" organization this morning. It surely was very interesting degree work. We had to sign our sworn oath with blood (red ink). We are going to have a "Pirates party" tonight.

We have taken some very good movie pictures. Will write again after leaving Colon.

A large sum of money supplies a man with a large opportunity to make a fool of himself



Cal McQuality

TRANSFERS FOR NEHLS AND McQUALITY

Frank Nehls, formerly of the punch press, has been transferred to the experimental department. He is succeeded West of Mercer street by Cal McQuality, now acting foreman of Department 21.



Frank Nehls

EMPLOYES' AID SOCIETY

Financial Statement, March 16-April 21, '26

March 16 Balance..... \$1,956.50

Receipts

Co.'s contrib. April..... 50.00
April dues 986.65
Int. Municipal Bonds..... 15.00

986.65

Payments

Com. Chest, 3rd payment 300.00
Death benefits—
 Agnes Rozabek 60.00
 Clarence Moore 75.00
Bain Floral Co. 10.00
Benefits listed below 1,020.89

1,465.89

April 21 Balance..... \$1,477.26

Assets

Mueller bonds \$2,500.00
Municipal bonds 1,000.00
Cash 1,477.26

\$4,977.26

Benefits Paid

C. E. Byers \$ 9.00
C. E. Lane 56.40
C. K. Morgret 29.40
Mrs. Ada Stolle 12.00
Wm. Jenkins 1.40
Geo. Bryant 15.60
W. T. Lemmon 1.50
Albert Foster 26.50
Wm. Severe 23.40
Lola Brown 6.00
Evert Zetterlind 1.62
John Chalcroft 1.66
R. Butt 3.00
Robt. Henniger 3.00
S. L. Walters 13.50
Earl Robb 35.40
Mrs. May Taylor 9.00
Henry Turner 8.00
Alfred Carter 9.00
John F. Secrist 35.65
Orland Matthews 12.00
W. J. Burgess 9.00
Wm. Yarbaugh 3.00
John Harrell 51.90
Lee Werner 2.40
Carl Cartmill 16.20
Henry Wadkins 30.00
W. Goodin 3.60
J. S. Doolin 24.00
Albert May 60.25
Arthur Fair 8.00
Chas. Hobbs 18.00

L. E. Runion 22.50
Luther Voyles 33.00
Ezra Stickles 4.50
Leo McInroe 5.25
Floyd Landrum 4.50
Joe Grossman 12.50
J. E. Cowger 3.75
C. E. Hunter 19.80
Chas. McLinnmore 9.00
Tony Bland 11.25
Walter Dunn 3.75
Chas. Koontz 10.83
J. K. Cooley 1.50
Reuben Harvell 3.60
E. L. Williams 1.50
Olon Henry 4.00
H. F. Jones 11.25
Frank Drake 3.00
Willis Taylor 12.00
W. W. Enloe 23.00
C. C. Kemper 25.50
D. D. Dresback 15.00
Robt. Jordan 6.00
Jack Bohn 22.00
Paul Burk 18.50
Carl Marose 17.25
Howard Jones 17.40
Cecil Pope 4.50
Herbert Foster 2.25
Jennie Richards 7.00
Merwin Moore 11.60
Fred Davey 12.15
Carl Morton 2.25
Luther Jordan 7.65
Henry Baker 3.75
James McKown 11.25
Wilma White 9.10
Donald Andrews 3.60
Dorothy Jordan 8.00
Geo. W. Denning 5.40
Willard Hake 5.00
Perry Tankersley 21.90

\$1,020.89

E. H. Langdon, Treasurer.



JUDGE HUGGINS VISITS FACTORY

Judge William L. Huggins of New York City called at the plant April 20. He invited all Mueller foremen, as well as other employes, to attend his lecture that evening in Millikin University auditorium on the subject of "Industrial Survey."

Hint to Husbands: Never ask what she is pouting about; just say, "Honey, I'm sorry"

THE MAN WITH THE HOE

Not the One Markham Wrote About, But the Gardening Guy

Now is the time when the laziest of us feels himself a potential gardener. Now is the time when seed catalogues are the most popular form of literature. Now is the time when we all are given to making plans for flowers and vegetables—we know just where we would put them. A good many of these dream gardens, of course, will materialize. For the benefit of those gardeners who really will garden we give these Garden Reminders as they are suggested in garden magazines:

Remove the mulch from the hardy borders gradually. If manure was used for mulch, spade as much of it as possible into the soil. Do not remove all of the covering too early or the tender plants may be hit by a late frost.

Exact planting dates for flowers and vegetables cannot safely be given, but a reliable rule is to plant hardy vegetables such as radishes, onions, lettuce, peas, carrots, beets and the like when plum and peach trees are in bloom or when the temperature averages 45 degrees in the shade. About the only flowers which may be planted in March are sweet peas, which should be put out as soon as the ground is at all workable, and poppies, which may be sown broadcast over a late spring snow if desired. Tender vegetables and flowers should not be planted out until all danger of frost is over. Remember, nothing is to be gained by being too impatient to start spring work.

Transplanting of trees and shrubs should be done early in the season. Have the new location ready before moving, making sure that the hole is large enough for the tree or shrub which it is to receive. Do not allow fresh manure to come in direct contact with the roots.

Plowing or spading should be done as soon as the ground is in workable condition. Do not attempt the work while the ground is heavy and wet. A deeply dug, well-worked seed bed is the first requisite to growing good vegetables and flowers.

Loosen up the soil around trees and bush fruits as soon as the frost is out of the ground, provided the soil is not wet. Some fertilizer may be worked into the soil at this time.

Many roses are injured each year by improper pruning. A good rule to remember is that most climbing roses bear the best blooms on growth still to be made. Prune early before growth commences.

Asparagus beds must be fertilized well each year and now is a good time to do the work. A top dressing of commercial fertilizer will do as well as manure and has the advantage of being free from weed seeds.

Hez Heck says: "No man's fame kin last long if it has to be kept alive with a brass band"

Gladiolus can be planted as early in the season as the ground can be worked. Plant the bulbs a few at a time to insure successive blooms. Set the small bulbs two inches deep and the larger ones in proportion.

Plant tufted pansies, columbine, aconitum, foxglove, canterbury bells, flax and violets in shaded locations.

Paint fences, trellises, and the like before the plants are up. Be sure the yard and garden are entirely free from litter before garden-making time. Put up bird houses early in the season. Give lawn furniture and the like a fresh coat of paint. Brighten up your surroundings.

Plants which have been started indoors must be watered consistently. Early in the season the soil does not dry out quickly and there is danger of over-watering. Later, the reverse is true. Accordingly, at first water the plants sparingly, preferably in the morning. Give more water as the season advances and soil dries out more rapidly. Keep the soil in as near the same state of moisture as possible.

First plantings should be shallow, because the surface soil is warmest; the seed should be sown thickly, because germination will not be as good as later.

A good lawn needs a certain amount of maintenance work each spring, and a poor one will show the greatest improvement for the work expended on it if the job is done early. As soon as the frost is on the lawn should be rolled, to press the frost-heaved roots back into contact with the soil, and to make the surface smooth. Any bare spots should be scratched up with a sharp fine toothed rake and seeded liberally. A top dressing of bonemeal, half a pound per square yard, a little later when growth starts.



FLOWERS FOR QUICK RESULTS

Most people who desire to beautify temporary homes will want quick growing plants that are not expensive. Annual vines and blooming plants may be had to fit almost every need, but the expenditure of a little money of bulbs and bedding plants will make the effect desired sooner and with less care and labor.

For backgrounds and dividing lines or screens, castor beans, cosmos, and the helianthus or fancy sunflower tribe, are good annuals, and the canna is a fine tropical looking plant grown from bulbs.

For vines to grow on the porch or trellis, cypress, balsam apple, morning glory, hyacinth bean and canary bird flower are fine, but quicker results will follow the use of plants of the moonflower or bulbs of the maderia vine.

Charles Smith, Jr.



This little man arrayed in the long trousers, is the two-year old grandson of Frank Carr of Department 3. His name is Charles Smith, Jr.

GARDEN FANCIES

Who does not delight in garden, trim and well-kept? Much has been written of gardens, of the inspiration and pleasure that they call forth. These are thoughts of the poets on the subject:

My garden is a lovesome thing—God wot!
 Rose plot,
 Fringed pool,
 Fern grot—
 The veriest school
 Of peace; and yet the fool
 Contends that God is not—
 Not God in gardens! When the sun is
 cool?
 Nay, but I have a sign!
 'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

—Thos. Edward Brown—My Garden.

My garden is a forest-ledge
 Which older forest bound;
 The banks slope down to the blue lake-
 edge,

Then plunge to depths profound!
 Emerson—My Garden.

A little garden square and wall'd;
 And in it throve an ancient ever green,
 A yew-tree, and all round it ran a walk
 Of shingle, and a walk divided it.

—Tennyson—Enoch Arden.

At this season the masculine sneers at feminine styles begin to sound a little bit wistful

I walk down the garden paths,
 And all the daffodils
 Are blowing, and the bright blue squills.
 I walk down the patterned garden paths
 In my stiff brocaded gown,
 With my powdered hair and jewelled fan,
 I too am a rare pattern. As I wander down
 The garden paths.

—Amy Lowell—Patterns



APRIL FOREMEN'S MEETING

The program for the April Foremen's Club meeting was:

5:15—Roll Call.....J. W. Wells
 5:20—Our Labor Audit.....E. H. Langdon
 Discussion by Foremen.
 5:40—Our Production Program.....
L. W. Mueller
 5:48—Sales Outlook.....J. W. Simpson
 5:55—Business Conditions.....Adolph Mueller
 6:15—Supper.



GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TAXES

Several who have tried it suggest the following plan to make payment of next year's taxes as painless as possible:

Start a savings account in the Mueller Employees' Investment plan of \$1.00 or \$2.00 a week. In a year you will have the money on hand to pay your taxes.

It will be easier to save this amount, a dollar or two a week, than to part with a large sum a year from now that has not been saved to meet this inevitable debt.

Accounts can be opened any week in the Employment office on Thursday noon.

These are the children of Ezra Stickles, truck driver. They are Alice, age 18 months, and Bobby, age 3 years.



AN OPTIMIST CANDIDATE

We don't know whether Harvey Cameron is a member of the well known Optimists' Club or not, but we believe he is a promising candidate for membership.

The other day Harvey was observed fishing in a drinking fountain. We knew there were plenty of suckers about, but we'd never have thought of looking in a perfectly good Mueller fountain for them.

Just how many Harvey caught nobody was able to tell us.