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April

Now the noisy winds are still;
April's coming up the hill!
All the spring is in her train,
Led by shining ranks of rain;
Pit, pat, patter, clatter,
Sudden rain and clatter patter!

All things ready with a will,
April's coming up the hill.

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EDITORIAL

"The man said, Darwin, "who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life."

This a thought for deep contemplation. Darwin did not mean that man should make a drudge of himself that he should be, "a brother to the ox," that his life should be one of laborious application to productive activity. He means that man should make every hour profitable, whether it be devoted to work, play, travel or reading, each hour should produce something added to one's life whatever the hour is devoted to—industry or recreation. When we work either for ourselves or others we should work and not waste, and when we seek retaliation it should be of a character benefiting us mentally or physically. Do not waste time either working or playing—get something out of each hour and you will live a happier life, it's a simple rule—but seemingly hard for many people to follow.



ARBOR DAY

April 10th, Is the Time to Plant A Tree

April 10th is Arbor Day, set apart for the planting of trees. Did you ever plant a tree? It is a real pleasure. It need not be a large tree. There is a sentiment and a satisfaction growing with the tree and the years.

Years after when the tree has attained goodly proportions casting a generous and protecting shade, it is a real joy to stand beside it and extol its beauty and its value.

Can't you hear some one saying:

"Yes sir, it was a mere sapling when I planted it twenty years ago, and look at it now. I would not part with it for love or money."

A sort of a comradeship grows up with the tree. Outside of sentiment it has a commercial value. It adds to the value of your property.

Plant a tree on Arbor Day—you'll never regret it.

A writer in "Better Homes and Gardens," gives J. Sterling Morton, former Secretary of Agriculture, credit for the institution of Arbor Day.

Moving from Michigan to Nebraska, when the latter was largely an unadorned plain, he beautified his imprising home by planting many trees.

Morton went to Nebraska City to work on a newspaper at a salary of \$50 per month. He took up government land and trees became one of his hobbies. Successful as a

newspaper man, a farmer and a politician, he became a national figure and a power in National politics. Long before this success came to him, however, he did Nebraska an inestimable service through his advocacy of tree planting.

On January 4, 1872 he presented and put through the Nebraska Horticultural Association, designating April 10th as Arbor Day. A prize of \$100 was offered the County Society planting properly the greatest number of trees and a prize of \$25.00 to the person who planted properly the greatest number of trees.

From this beginning the Arbor Day movement grew until it is now observed by practically every state in the union.

Mr. Morton's idea has redounded to the good of all people.

Another idea that is worthy of thought and action is the planting of a tree on baby's birthday or in commemoration of the year in which the baby was born. Many people do this and get an added interest and sentiment as the baby and tree grow together.



A MYTH EXPLODED

For more than half a century people have devoutly believed that Mrs. O'Leary's cow started the great Chicago fire of 1871 by kicking over a lighted lantern.

Few subjects have inspired more cartoons.

Skeptics sometimes questioned that the tradition and attributed the blaze to a "stew party" in the loft of the barn, but their theories never gained a very wide acceptance.

Now, however, it seems that the cow was guiltless. Michael Ahern, a veteran Chicago newspaper man who died recently, confessed sometime ago that he was one of the three reporters who invented the famous yarn for a sensation loving public. The truth probably was that spontaneous combustion of green timothy hay in the O'Leary hay mow caused the conflagration.

This story bears all the earmarks of the truth, but the fiction concocted by facetious reporters will long continue. A tradition handed down to the second generation does not die easily.



Diner—Waiter, what's wrong with this chicken?

Waiter—It's been in a fight, sir!

Diner—Well! Take it back and bring me the winner.

Dentist—Now, I'm not going to hurt you, so just—

New Patient—Cut out the professional chatter, old man. I'm a dentist myself.

GIRLS BREAKFAST AT LODGE



Approximately one hundred girls accepted Mr. Adolph Mueller's invitation to breakfast, Sunday morning, March 27th, and hiked to the Mueller Lodge. The girls met at the transfer house and started promptly from there at 6:30. Mr. Adolph had volunteered to do the cooking, but when the party grew to such large proportions he enlisted the aid of Billy Mason, Dave Dresback, Paul Jacka and Ed Stille. Statistics show that the hikers did away with 340 biscuits, twelve dozen eggs, eighteen pounds of bacon, and nine dozen oranges.

The girls sang, gave yells, and improvised songs all calling for more biscuits. The men appeared with huge trays of biscuits which vanished like magic. The eggs and bacon vanished in like manner.

Miss Pfahler of the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Atlas of the Review were guests. Before the breakfast was served, the girls sang songs that were favorites of the past, beginning with "Old Black Joe."

Judging from the hilarity and cheering of the girls, the breakfast was a success, and it is safe to say that Mr. Adolph had as much fun as any of the girls.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A party of six girls from the main office celebrated Mary Schultz's birthday on March 21st by a dinner and theatre party. Mary was presented with a gold wrist watch band. Those in the party were Mary Schultz, Marian Richards, Eloise Dickson, Margaret Whalen, Dorothy Jordon and Ruth Ross.

C. G. A. CLUB PARTY

Fifty-two girls attended the Pot Luck supper and card party given by the C. G. A. Club on March 4th. The supper was held at the Mueller Lodge and the card party at the Mueller Athletic Club House. Adolph Mueller was guest of honor and made a brief talk following the supper.



Above is a group picture of the girls and cooks at the breakfast party given at the lodge, Sunday morning, March 27th. The cooks and waiters are shown below. Reading from left to right, they are: Paul Jacka, Dave Dresback, Billy Mason, Adolph Mueller, and Ed. Stille.

Prizes were won by the following:

Five Hundred—First Prize, Alpha Vick; Consolation, Ruth Ross.

Pinochle—First prize, Enola Smith; Consolation, Imogene Organ.

Bunco—First prize, Hazel Virden; Consolation, Alma Herbrig.

Cooty—First prize, Goldie Karl; Consolation, Margaret Heibowitz.

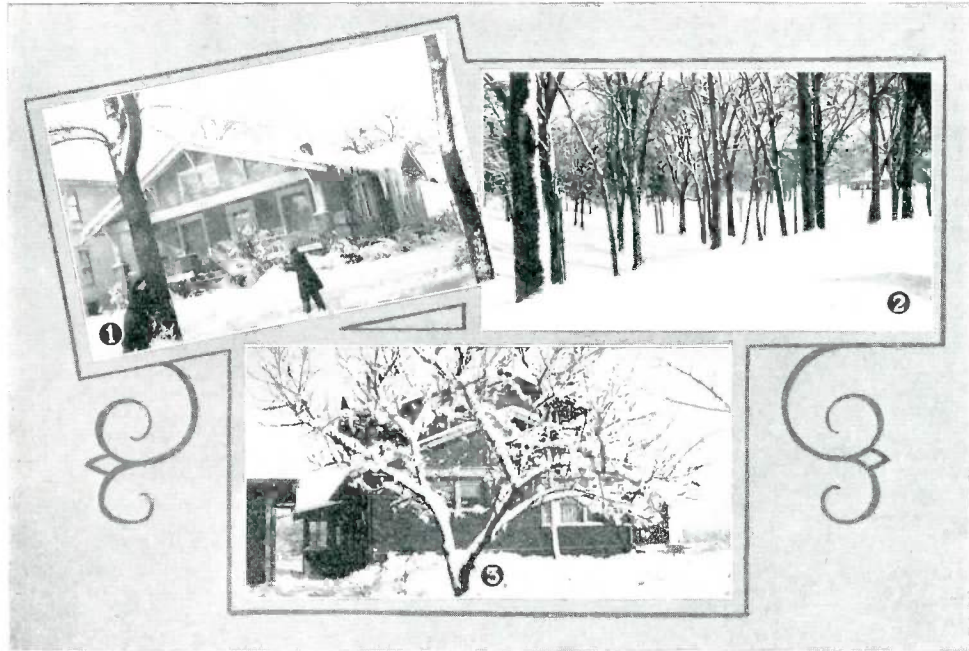


DO YOU WANT ADVANCEMENT?

As we have said many times it is the aim of the Mueller Co. to build up the organization from within by promoting the men who work here when there is opportunity to do so.

Among 1800 employes it is sometimes hard to locate those who are ambitious and who are preparing themselves for better jobs. We take this means of asking those who are ambitious and who are making definite preparations for promotion, or who have experience that should be considered, to write a brief letter to Mr. Langdon calling attention to his training or experience.

The Camera Club



The subject for the Camera Club for the month of March was "Winter Scenes." Prizes were awarded as follows: First—Marie Eagleton; second—R. L. Pope; third—C. G. Auer.

The subject for April is "Action" and pictures must be turned in not later than April 11th.

WORD FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Several years ago when Kitty Wilkins went out on the road as regulator expert, he visited several times the United States Naval Experimental Station at Annapolis, Md. There began his acquaintance with Robert H. Jones, the engineer in charge of the hydraulic laboratory. Our regulators were being tested, later they were passed by the U. S. Navy experts. Mr. Wilkins sent him the Mueller Record, and in a recent letter Mr. Jones says:

"The MUELLER RECORD is read not only by myself, but by the entire family and by the boy who keeps the files.

"I note by the RECORD that you (Mr. Wilkins) are still with the Mueller Co. for I occasionally come across an item referring to you.

"You may tell the Editor of the RECORD that a number of the men at the Experimental Station read your magazine and find it useful and interesting."

THANKS FOR FLOWERS

The beautiful cluster of roses sent Mr. Robert on his birthday by the Foreman's Club called for the following appreciation:

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Foremen's Club for the beautiful bunch of roses which they so kindly remembered me with on my birthday, March 27th.

The flowers were very much appreciated by me and especially the brotherly thoughts which went with them.

I also took some of the flowers home so that Mrs. Mueller could also enjoy them. We all wish to extend our thanks and best wishes to all members of the Foreman's Club."

Yours truly,
Robert Mueller



"I hear, doctor, that you have left off attending Mr. Smith."

"Yes."

"Then I know he is now out of danger."

Ruth Louise Brand



Ruthie Brand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brand. Ruthie was three months old when the above picture was taken. Mrs. Brand was formerly Ruth Black of Dept. 8.

ILLINOIS

Early History Reveals Conditions That Excite Wonder and Curiosity

Illinoisans raise their voices in fervent tones when they sing, "Illinois—not without thy wondrous story, etc." In a transport of love and patriotism they are carried back to anti-bellum days—the days of Lincoln, Grant, Logan, Oglesby, Cullan, and other Grant's of our public life. Most of us are not concerned with the early history of the State, in a way we know that we were at one time an indistinguishable portion of a vast territory, stretching southward and westward for interminable unexplored miles of plains and forrests, infested by wild beasts and wilder savages.

It's when one gets into the details of early history that one sits and marvels at the roughness of the lives and the severity of the laws, through which the wilderness was transmuted into the Illinois of today, third greatest of all states.

Picking up one of six volumes of a very complete history of Illinois, we turned idly through the pages describing that period when Illinois was still a portion of the north-west territory—a vast empire lying north and west of the Ohio river. This was in 1787, somewhat prior to the segregation of Illinois as a separate portion by itself.

It's interesting to read of the laws which governed the people of those heroic days.

Treason, murder and arson, if death resulted, were punishable by death.

Burglary and robbery were punishable by whipping, fines and imprisonment. Minor offenses were punishable by fines, whippings, imprisonment, disfranchisement, or the pillory. Offenders who could not pay fines were sold by the sheriff for limited terms of service in accordance with the gravity of the offense.

Children and servants disobedient to the commands of parents or masters were sent to a house of correction, and we judge that the crop of correction was never short.

They had strong drink in those days and drunkenness was punishable even then. The first offense cost the offender five dimes; the second offense ten dimes and the third offense resulted in the offender being sent to the stocks.

Idle, vain and obscene conversation and profanity were reprehensible and repugnant "to every moral sentiment, subversive of every civil obligation, inconsistent with the ornaments of public life and abhorrent to the principles of the most benevolent religion."

Ministers, Justices of the Peace, heads of families, parents and others of every description, were strictly enjoined to abstain from practices so vile and irrational and that by examples and precept to the utmost of their power they prevent the necessity of adopting and publishing laws, with penalties upon their heads, and it is hereby declared that the government will consider as unworthy its confidence, all those who may obstinately violate these injunctions."

Marriage was also regulated. It was necessary to announce the purpose of marriage 15 days in advance. This could be done in church by announcing intent on three different Sundays in church or by written statement before a Justice of the Peace.

These most interesting notes are made from the History of "Illinois and Her People", by Prof. George W. Smith, M. A. head of the Department of History, State Teachers College, Carbondale, Illinois.



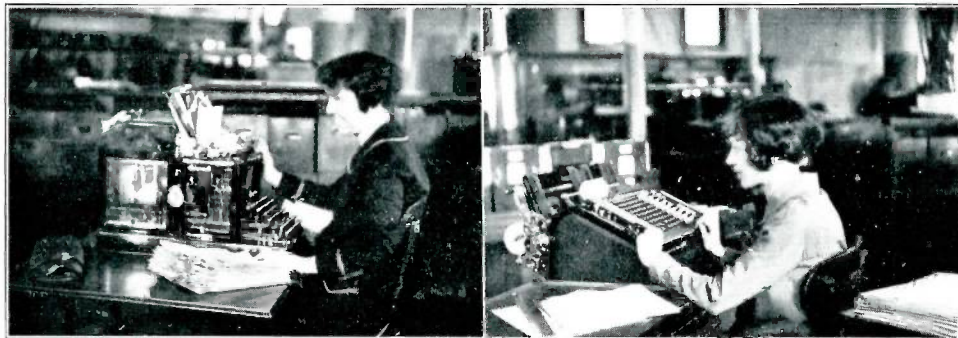
BILLY MASONS PRESENT HEAD-QUARTERS

Billy Mason now has his office with Duke Mueller, Works Manager. There are now just a few spots about the plant where Billy has not had his office. Incidentally Billy celebrated his twenty-fourth anniversary with the company. He celebrated the event by making himself a present of a Chevrolet Coupe.



Ed. Stille says that Charlie Cochran has fallen into the creek three times out of four trips after minnows this spring.

Machines That Are Almost Human



Upper left hand picture: Mrs. Lucille "Bob" Watkins at the Billing machine located in the Billing Department. Upper right hand picture: Marie Yonker at the new Bookkeeping machine in the Accounting Dept. Lower picture: Erma Barth and Estelle Kinehart at the Tabulating machines in the Cost Dept.



DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

The spring series of Departmental Meetings opened March 28. Those present at the session were from plants 8 and 9, the Core Dept. and the Departments west of Mercer Street. On Wednesday, March 30, at 9:00 o'clock all of the men of the Night Shift met at the gymnasium.

Two more sessions will be held in April, one the eleventh and one the thirteenth, to which will be invited all the remaining members of the organization.

As the business grows larger it is increasingly difficult for the Company members to keep in touch with the workers, such meetings accord one more point of contact. It is also an opportunity to get first hand information in regard to the problems and opportunities in this industry.

The following program was presented:

Health and Safety E. H. Langdon
(Attendance Taken)

GETTING AND MAINTAINING QUALITY IN MUELLER GOODS

Inbuilt Quality Eng. Dept.
Inspection B. J. Marty

Remarks Robert Mueller
Vitreous Ware P. H. Cruikshank
Advertising and Sales J. W. Simpson
Recreation G. G. Auer
Remarks Adolph Mueller



EDUCATION

"The light of the world comes principally from the students lamp."

Education is very valuable capital with which to set forth in life, and it gives one an advantageous start. If the possession of knowledge has a given value at fifty, it has a much greater value at twenty-five; for there is the use of it for twenty-five of the most important years of life; and it is worth more than a hundred per cent interest. Indeed, who can estimate the real interest of knowledge? Its price is above rubies.

—(Anonymous.)



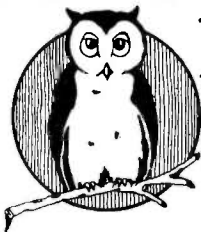
Reporter—And to what, Mr. Stubbs, do you attribute your great age?

Mr. Stubbs—To the fact, sir, that I happened to be born in 1825.

—Pathfinder

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



Suspicious friend: Are you perfectly sure Earl does go fishing?

Marie: Oh, quite, my dear—he never brings home any fish!

Ollie, speaking of the card party the C. G. A. Club had March 4th, said, "I didn't go because I don't play any kind of cards except checkers."

Vi Blankenship addressing advertising matter to B. F. Kitchen: "How will they know who this letter goes to in the B. F. Kitchens, shouldn't it be addressed to a man in care of the kitchen?"

Edna: "I read that the increased heart action caused by each kiss shortens life three minutes. Gee, it sounds like propaganda for longer and better kisses."

Ollie: I think every kiss a girl gets makes her an hour younger.

Vi: Goodness! Then I don't think I'm born yet.

And speaking of kisses, the other day Marjorie Smeathers confessed that she remembered the first man that kissed her.

Tragedy in One Act

Phone rings.

Edith Davis reaches for it.

Chair slips, so does Edith.

Edith—Cushions and cuss words.

Elizabeth McClure: "I think going away to school broadens one."

Brownie: "Well you can stand to be broadened a little, you're pretty thin, you know."

Shhhhh!!!

It is rumored that Alpha Vick is sadly afflicted and may have to be taken to Jacksonville soon. They say she sits at her typewriter all day, gazing vacantly into space, and tearing paper into bits, while she croons softly to herself, "He loves me, he loves me not!"

Vivian Scholes made a request for a type-

writer that can be operated while standing. Her reasons were vague, but it is rumored that she has taken up roller skating. Moral: Before laughing at some one else, put on your shock absorbers.

Marie and Betty had some Bells.

They hung them 'round their necks, Now they are rather "Dingy"

But we are nervous wrecks.

Amen

C. Draper: Have you seen Mr. Mix?

Visitor: Yes, isn't he a sight!

Marie: (In search of jokes for the Record). Do you know a good joke?

Office Girl: Not intimately, but her first name is Eleanor.

In Mr. Sutliff's opinion the best way to tell a flapper from an antique is that upon reaching 25 a woman's knees become rough. (This has been emphatically denied by Betty Bennett.)

Edith Davis asked the electrician to put a new ampere in her department. After extensive investigation he finally discovered she wanted a light globe.

Professor—Waiter, half an hour ago I ordered a steak. Have you forgotten it—have I had it—or didn't I order it?

Diner—Waiter, there's a fly in my ice cream.

Waiter—Let him freeze; it will teach him a lesson. The little rascal was in the soup last night.

Grandma—(at bed-time)—How nicely you say your prayers, dear.

Cora Ann—Oh, that's nothing. Just wait till you hear me gargle!

"I took my girl horseback riding yesterday, but her horse was too rough for her."

"What did she do about it?"

"Oh, she got sore and walked home."



Safety News



IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY

Lightly turns to thoughts of love, sang the poet. But it may also turn to thoughts of baseball, motoring, pitching horseshoes, fishing, golf, or anything else he may be interested in. His fancy may even turn toward nothing in particular, but away from work. All of these come under the symptoms of "spring fever," a disease for which no germ has yet been isolated.

There are no definite statistics to prove that production falls off in the spring, or that accidents are more frequent. Day dreaming as a cause of accidents is busy all the year round, but it is much harder to keep the mind on the job in the spring when the outdoor world is most attractive. Recreation is great stuff to keep feeling fit, but it won't mix with a job that requires close attention to avoid accident.

Another spring fancy, most noticeable in the younger workers, is the desire to play practical jokes which reaches the peak on April 1st. If the jokes are harmless and confined to the lunch hour they are not objectionable. But, horseplay around machinery shows a decided lack of horse sense, and fooling with electricity or compressed air is inexcusable. Even a good story may take a man's attention from his work with disastrous consequences.

One thing that spring inspires—in addition to poetry of all grades—is housecleaning. When nature freshens things up outdoors we are moved to do the same inside and many accident hazards disappear in the housecleaning. Clean-up may have been started by paint manufacturers, but everybody profits by fewer fires and fewer accidents.



Fools rush in where angels later tread.



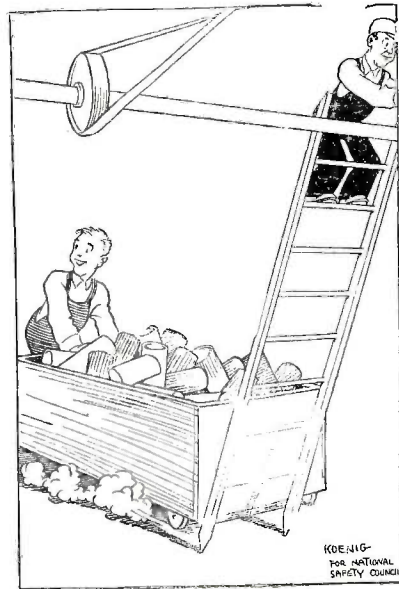
"What is the name of the specie I just shot?" asked the amateur hunter.

"I've just asked him, sir," said the guide. "He says his name is Smith."



APRIL FOOL

April Fool pranks were quite prevalent as usual on that famous day. Both Bill Gustin and Ed. Buck found their chairs tied to their desks when they returned from lunch, and more than one hat was found stuffed full of paper, and scarfs tied to the lights or other places where scarfs are not naturally found. But the crowning success came when the cooks at the cafeteria prepared a delicious



dish of potato peelings covered over with sauerkraut for Billy Mason. Billy enjoyed the trick and the sauerkraut, but as for the potato peelings, we can't say.



Cole—Has anyone seen Pete?

Earl—Pete who?

Cole—Petroleum.

Earl—Kerosene him yesterday and he ain't benzine since.

"Did the Doctor treat you yesterday?"

"No, he charged me \$5."

Nokes—When I drink coffee I can't sleep.

Jokes—With me it's just the opposite. When I sleep I can't drink coffee.—Paris Pele Mele.

"This is a good restaurant, isn't it?" said the customer to the waiter who had brought his order.

"Yes," replied the waiter. "If you order a fresh egg here you get the freshest egg in the world. If you order a good cup of coffee you get the best cup of coffee in the world, and—"

"Yes, I believe it. I ordered a small steak."

Adolph and Grandson



Here is a picture of Mr. Adolph and his grandson, Frederick Edward Schluter. During a recent visit of Mr. and Mrs. Schluter, the baby accompanied them to the office and Mr. Adolph carried him about introducing him to various persons. The picture was taken while the pair were in the Advertising Department and is a splendid likeness. It is really an excellent picture of Adolph showing him in a happy mood.

AMOS KRAFT OF DRAFTING ROOM

Attends Chicago Meeting, State Employed
Boys Conference at South Chicago
Y. M. C. A.

We arrived in Chicago about 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, and we first went through part of the University of Chicago, which is a wonderful place. The Y. M. C. A. in which we stayed, is a new building with over 200 rooms, besides two gym floors and everything that make an up to date Y. M. C. A.

While we were there, we had an opportunity to hear several well known men in business and Y. M. C. A. affairs speak. One of the things that impressed me most was the small conference groups in which about 15 or 20 boys would talk over the troubles together, whether great or small. I found that most all of the boys, who were from all over the state, had different troubles in their lives. Experienced men advised them how to make the most out of their jobs, and what vocations are best for a high school graduate or a college graduate.

The conference was a big success, and I think that every boy got a lot out of it, and I wish to thank the Mueller Co. for enabling me to attend the conference.

Amos Kraft

COMPANY CHANGES

The Mueller group was interested in the announcement of the deal where certain changes were made relative to change in ownership of Mueller properties at Decatur, Port Huron and Sarnia. That such changes were in contemplation, have been known for some time, but it was a large deal and it took time to work out all the accompanying details.

In brief Mr. Oscar has sold his Decatur and Sarnia holdings to the Mueller Co. of Decatur and the Mueller Co. of Decatur has sold to Mr. Oscar all their holdings in the Mueller Brass Co. of Port Huron.

Mr. Philip and Robert Mueller, however, retain their interest in the Port Huron company and will hold directorship in that organization. Mr. Oscar, his son Bernard and Fred Riggan will also be members of the directory. Mr. Oscar will be president and general manager, and announces a two year expansion program involving an outlay of \$500,000.00. A fine business has been developed at Port Huron, with many bright prospects of a large increase.

The Sarnia plant which has always been under the management of Oscar passes to Decatur under the new plan which necessitates a new set of directors and officers, as follows:

President	Adolph Mueller
1st Vice President	L. H. Burleigh
2nd Vice President	Robert Mueller
Secretary	Wm. Twaits
Treasurer	W. E. Mueller

Fred Riggan who is advanced in the Port Huron rearrangement was formerly with the Decatur organization, having entered the service of the company as a stenographer in the Advertising Department when it was located in a one story frame building on Cerro Gordo Street, where Dept. number 30 now abuts. Later he transferred to the general office as stenographer and secretary of the company, also supervising the Stationery Department. He went to the Sarnia plant when it was put in operation about 1912, and later to the Port Huron plant.

Loren H. Burleigh was formerly with the Decatur company in the Engineering department and then became head of the Cost Department and systematizing. He was sent to the Sarnia plant at the close of the war.



A Peach of a Skirt

Peaches—"I'd like to try on that rose dress in the window."

Salesman—"Sorry, Miss. That's the lamp shade."—Western Christian Advocate.

A Peevish Performance

Signboards, awnings, tree tops, and window panes were jerked from position by the raging guests and scattered through the streets in jumbled and threatening masses. —Kentucky Paper.

BRASS CHIPS

James T. McKown of the Machine Shop has been absent from work for some time. It appears that he deserted his wife and child and his creditors and left his surety in the shop to pay his note.

Paul French, press feeder in the Advertising Department has taken a job driving a truck. Helmuth Opalka has taken his job and Howard Fender has been employed to do the work of Helmuth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waddell have moved to a farm near Harristown.

Harry Berry of the Assembly Department decided that he would have a vacation and took one even though he had to check out to do it.

Several of the country boys have answered the call of spring and have gone back to the farm. Still others heed the siren call of the city and try to escape the country.

Frank Hargis of Department 58 has been transferred to the Grinding Department and Andy Leadbetter to the Assembly Department.

Chas. Tilton is now clerk in the Compression Brass Shop.

Frank Gard has been transferred from Department 9 to the Tube Department.

Geo. Bittroff has been transferred from Department 9 to the Engineering Department.

Asst. Works Manager, Lucien Mueller, now has an office on the second floor, adjoining the Employment Office. Alpha Vick is his stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Mueller are taking a winter vacation in North Carolina.

E. H. Langdon returned from Laramie, Wyoming March 16. He was called there by the serious illness of his sister who died March 13.

Elmer Osborne succeeds Leonard Stanley as factory messenger.

Reuben Yoho is in charge of the Pattern Vault. His predecessor, Cleve Allen, has gone back to farming.

John Jukes has returned to the truck division of the Traffic Department after a sojourn in Indiana, his old home.

There has been an epidemic of mumps lately about the plant.

John Hoots of the Assembly Department has been laid up with the flu for the past six weeks.

Le Roy Gelsinger, a new man in the Compression Department, is disabled with pneumonia.

Joyce Carder of the Core Department returned to work recently after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Fred Bentrup returned to work last week after an illness of three months.

Philip Reab of Department 8 has been laid up with flu.

"Mack" The Second



This is James Arthur McCutcheon, two and quarter years old, son of John A. McCutcheon, better known as "Mack" of the Truck Drivers Brigade.

RED SMITH AT PLANT 8 MET

Ed. Stille out there on one of the warm spring like days—the kind that makes you feel like out door sports—and sent word to Humpy Behrs that he had better get his baseball team in shape for hard work, because he is shortly to be challenged by Plant 9 team.

"It's this way", said Red. We are organizing a real team out here. John Curtis, pitcher and John McKinley catcher. Jim Lehman will play short stop if he can find his baseball shoes. Jim's in hard luck. He had a pair of good shoes, but his dog ran away with one of them, and he can't locate it."

Enlarged Usefulness

Austin, Texas, January 11—The champion hog-caller of East Texas and one of the ranking callers of the United States has been elected assistant reading clerk of the House of Representatives.

—Dallas Morning News, via Literary Digest

"Doctor, can you cure me of snoring? I snore so loud that I awaken myself."

"In that case I would advise you to sleep in another room."

Billy Murry Conyer



The above picture was taken when Billy Murry Conyer was younger than he is now, as he will be one year old May 10th. He is the son of Murry Conyer of the Mueller Fountain Co., and nephew of William Utterback of the Shipping room.

FOUND BAD RAIL

Charlie Cochran Made Discovery Which Brought Thanks From Wabash

On March 15, Charlie Cochran of Department 57, when crossing the Wabash tracks at Mercer St. discovered a bad rail which might have caused a wreck.

He reported the matter to Matt Trott of the Transportation Department who promptly arranged to flag the next train, which happened to be the Banner Limited.

Supt. James Stumpf expressed his appreciation of this in the following letter:

Decatur, Illinois, March 23, 1927.

Mr. M. W. Trott,
Traffic Manager,
Mueller Co.,
Decatur, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have report that one of your employes, Mr. Chas. Cochran on March 15, found bad rail on northbound track, Decatur and that he notified you and that you arranged to flag train No. 10. Banner Limited, which was the next train due.

I wish to express to you our appreciation of the action taken by both Mr. Cochran and you in calling attention to this condition which no doubt saved an accident.

Yours very truly,

J. Stumpf
Superintendent

DECATUR'S BIGGEST ORGANIZATION

Public Schools Deal with Over 10,000 Pupils Daily

In calling the roll of the larger organizations of Decatur we would probably name the Wabash Shops, the Mueller Co., and the A. E. Staley Mig. Co.

As a matter of fact the Public School System deals with more people every day than these three concerns combined. For the year 1926 there were 10,344 students in the public school system under the supervision of 370 teachers.

Naturally the educational institutions that provide for 10,000 children for eight or twelve years must have an expensive and complete system. It costs 40 per cent of the taxes, or about \$800,000 to run the public schools for one year.

There are in the elementary schools 6,400 boys and girls, in the junior high schools, 2,209, and in the senior high school, 1,495. The cost per student in the elementary schools per year to the School Board is \$72.03; in the junior high schools per year, \$117.65, while a student in the senior high school costs the community, \$152.85 a year. If a man has a child in the third grade, another in the junior high school, and another in the senior high school, it costs the community \$343.50 per year to educate his children. If his taxes are \$75.42 a year, he is receiving from the community in education alone \$268.00 more than his total taxes. He certainly is in no position to kick about taxes.

While the teaching staff in the Decatur schools is not as well paid as in many other cities, still it is of excellent quality. In the elementary schools the teachers average about eight years experience and in the junior high school about eleven years.

A new plan for locating a school building in Decatur aims to place an elementary school within at least half a mile of every child, and a junior high school within a mile. This plan is now in the process of being realized. Eventually there will be four junior high schools, one in each quarter of the town, and in a few years a new senior high school will be needed.

This bare outline gives some hint of the complexity and size of Superintendent Harris's job.



"Are you bothered much with things dancing in front of your eyes," inquired the oculist.

"Yes," admitted Fastleigh, "and those new garters bother me a lot too."

Thrift Thoughts

SURETY

Those who loan money usually require the borrower to provide surety. The surety is one who signs the promissory note of another one. The surety of "security" binds himself to pay the amount borrowed if the first signer does not pay. Most notes are so worded that the surety has the same liability as the maker, for example: "We, or either of us, promise to pay."

When the Employees Aid Society advances money from its Emergency Loan Fund, a surety is required. The liability of the surety is just the same as that of the maker, and if the borrower fails to make his payments promptly, the surety may be called upon to make them instead. This means that if you sign the note of another man, you are bound to pay the note if the maker defaults.

The employees Aid Society has very seldom called upon a surety to pay, because they have succeeded in collecting from borrowers, but the surety's liability remains until the last dollar of the principle and interest is paid.

We would close with this word of caution: if you sign the note of another, you may have to pay it.

THE ADVANTAGES OF CASH

There are times in the lives of everyone when a little ready cash seems absolutely necessary. At such times men borrow money at high rates of interest and mortgage their future for months and years to come. There are certain loan sharks who will lend to people in such circumstances and they charge a high rate of interest. Three and one half per cent is the "legal rate". This amounts to 42 per cent a year. This is not understood by some borrowers, but if it were, it would not keep them from going into debt. The one way to keep out of the hands of money lenders is to save something from your earnings. In order to teach this lesson of thrift, we maintain the Employees Investment Plan.

You may invest a small amount each week with perfect safety and get seven per cent interest.

CHARACTER LOAN COMPANY

There has recently been organized in Decatur a new financial institution known as the Character Loan Company. This concern has the approval of the local banks and manufacturers. Ebert B. Mueller is one of the directors. The interest charges on loans made by this concern are comparatively low. Before a loan is made the borrower's financial situation is analyzed and valuable advice is given in regard to handling his

finances. The Character Loan Co. is a strong advocate of the budget plan of making expenditures. Only by careful planning and good book-keeping is it possible for a man who is in debt to pay his way out. He will not get out of debt without a plan. He probably got into debt without one.

The Character Loan Company issues a pamphlet which gives the following information about their methods.

"We do not ask you to furnish collateral, nor do we require an assignment of your salary. The applicant for a loan has two or more endorsers sign his note. These endorsers must be permanently employed and of good character. Cards will be furnished to be filled in by the endorsers and with this information in our hands, it will not be necessary for them to come to the office. It is not required that your endorsers be property owners. The basis of each loan is character and earning power.

We make loans at the legal rate of interest from \$25.00 upwards. There is only a nominal fee to cover the necessary investigation and clerical work pertaining to the loan.

The amount of the loan may be repaid in small weekly, semi-monthly or monthly payments to suit the convenience of the borrower. Of course if the borrower desires, he may make larger payments at any time and thus reduce his indebtedness more quickly.

The exact time required to complete the loan depends entirely upon the completeness of the information furnished by the borrowers and endorsers. With the full report of the facts, loans will be made promptly. There is no publicity attached to the transaction."



Kolp Brothers



Some of the old-timers will doubtless remember the Kolp brothers had worked here years ago. They all learned their trade with our organization. They are, reading from left to right: Charles, Elmer, Fred, Arthur. The picture was taken at a Kolp reunion in Bloomington.

Lois Marie Schuerman



This picture of Lois Marie Schuerman was taken when she was five months old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schuerman and the granddaughter of the late Anton Schuerman.

EMPLOYES AID SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jan. 24, March 26, 1927

January 24—Balance in Bank \$1831.31

Receipts

Company's Contribution for		
February	\$ 50.00	
March	50.00	
February dues	1094.15	
March dues	1103.15	
Interest on Bonds	102.50	2399.80
		\$4231.11

Payments

Error in listing checks20	
To refund dues	10.00	
Treasurer's bond	12.90	
Death Benefit:		
E. N. Whitacre	75.00	
Benefits listed below	2322.51	2420.61

March 26—Balance in Bank \$1810.50

Resources

Cash	1810.50
Interest due April 1	60.00
Decatur Improvement Bonds	1000.00
Calixico City Bonds	500.00
Mueller Metals Bond	2500.00
Emergency Loan Fund	500.00
Peoples Savings & Loan Ass'n.	400.00
Mutual Home & Savings Ass'n	400.00

\$7170.50

E. H. Langdon,

Treasurer

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DEATHS

Mrs. Delos Cozad

Death again entered the Mueller family circle on March 14th, taking Mrs. Delos Cozad, 2031 North Edward Street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller.

The announcement was a shock and surprise. Mrs. Cozad had gone to the Decatur and Macon County Hospital for an operation for appendicitis, about a week prior to her death. Nothing alarming in her condition presented itself and the family and close friends confidently anticipated a speedy recovery. A sudden sneeze released a small blood clot which formed after her operation, and this clot finally reaching the brain, produced death.

Mrs. Cozad's death was a heavy affliction to her parents, brothers and sisters as well as her circle of friends. She was a woman full of bouyant life and spirits and apparently the possessor of such splendid health that her passing is hard to realize.

She was born in Decatur, August 24, 1888 and was married to Delos Cozad, on May 22, 1908.

Decatur has always been her home. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian church and was greatly interested in the work of the Mother's club of the Oglesby school. She was widely known and had a host of friends. She is survived by her parents, her husband and four children, Mueller, Janet, Delos and Clarence Cozad. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters, Robert H. Mueller, Lucien W. Mueller, Mrs. Clara Kaiser and Mrs. Leda L. Brownback, all of Decatur. Frank H. Mueller is attending school in Ithaca, N. Y., and Mrs. Brownback is visiting in Florida.



Emery N. Whitacre

Emery N. Whitacre of the Assembly Dept. died at the Decatur & Macon County Hospital, on March 20, 1927, of pneumonia after an illness of five days. Mr. Whitacre was born November 28, 1860 in Ohio. His early life was spent on a farm. Later he worked in a coal mine and for the C. & E. I. Railroad. He was first employed by the Mueller Co., February 14, 1905. He broke service for a few months in 1917, returning October 29, 1917. He left again on May 1, 1923, when he went to Michigan. He was re-employed October 10, 1924, for the Assembly Department where he has been since.

At the time of his death, he had just completed a total service of twenty years.

He was twice married and was the father of a large family. He had many friends in the Mueller organization and particularly in the Assembly Department, where almost his entire time of service had been spent.

Funeral services were conducted on March 22 in Monson's Chapel. Burial was in the Boiling Springs Cemetery.



Dorothy Marie Nash

Dorothy Marie Nash, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Nash of Dept. 8, died March 21st. She was born Nov. 15th, 1926. Besides her parents she leaves two sisters, Betty Jane, age four, and Florence Irene, age two. Funeral was held at 2 o'clock, March 23rd and burial was in Fair-lawn cemetery.



BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perrine, at Macon County Hospital, March 29, a 9 3/4 lb. boy. He has been named Lester Oren.



WEDDINGS

Neal-Hornbrook

Dorothy Neal of the core room and Edward Hornbrook, Staley employe, were married February 5th at Sullivan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robertson. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Silvers. The bride wore a costume of tan canton crepe. They will live at 820 North Church St.

Hunt-Leonard

Ethel Hunt and John Leonard, inspector in Department 9, were married March 12th, at the Grace M. E. Parsonage by Rev. Wilbur Dowson. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson. The bride wore a dress of tan flat crepe with accessories to match. They will reside at Flower Dale Farm, R. R. No. 1.

Williams-Seeley

Ora Williams and Harold Seeley, employed in the night core room, were married March 19th by Rev. Fred W. Ingvaldstad, pastor of the First M. E. Church. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Washburn.

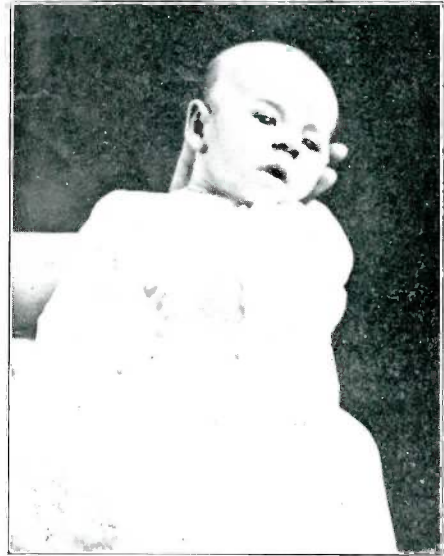
Cowgill-Waddell

Helen Cowgill of the core room and Harlan Waddell of Dept. 15, were married February 23rd at the Court House. The bride wore a dress of rose canton, trimmed with tan. They are living at 1129 W. Wood St.

Stevens-Wombacher

Jessie Stevens of the core room and Emil Wombacher of Dept. 57 were married February 19th by Justice of the Peace, Charles DyArman. They were attended by Mrs. Lucille I. Stevens and Mr. I. L. Gullett. The bride wore tan canton crepe dress. At the present they are living at 1020 W. Tuttle St.

James Davis Jr.



This is James Davis, Junior, taken when he was only four weeks old. He was born July 1, 1926, and is the son of J. E. Davis of Dept. 9

BARNEY GOT BACK HIS DIME

Curiosity killed a cat and it nearly broke Barney Marty's heart when he put a dime in Bill Gustin's savings bank. And Bill nearly threw a fit over his sudden acquisition of wealth, but his mirth was short lived, Barney cracked the bank and escaped with his money.

It wasn't the loss that hurt Barney. It was chagrin at being victimized by an innocent girl like Neina Greening. Only those who know her realize that she's bubbling over with fun.

Barney dropped into Bill's office and noticed a miniature Liberty Bell on Bill's desk. The bell swung quite naturally from the cross beam, but Barney, his curiosity urging him on, discovered that the bell had no clapper.

"It won't ring," he said, "Oh, yes it will". Chirped Neina, "See that slot in the base, slip a dime in there and you'll here it ring "My Country tis of Thee."

"By George, I'll try it," said Barney as he separated himself from a dime.

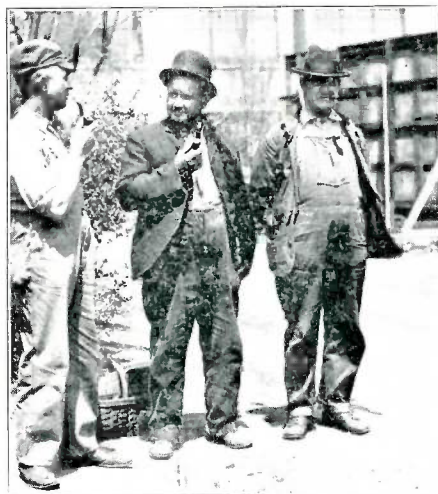
Nothing doing, except Neina's giggle and Bill's broad smile.

"Well it did not ring", protested Barney. "You heard the dime ring when it hit bottom didn't you," inquired Bill.

"Skin game", snorted Barney, as he proceeded to "jimmy the safe" and escape with his coin.

C. J. Bronson	4.50	Glen Overton	5.25
Erick York	6.00	F. M. Durbin	44.40
Leon J. Sloan	9.75	J. F. Duter	70.80
Geo. LaBrash	22.50	Fisher Peel	6.75
Archie Sidwell	25.50	Wm. Flaughter	1.00
Ivan H. Cook	33.60	Sebel Davis	9.00
Jane Carson	25.35	C. F. Ward	6.00
Julius Shaw	29.20	Roy Gelsinger	50.40
Clifford Manning	9.90	John Buckley	4.00
Frank Parris	1.80	Wm. H. Long	.90
Fred Nash	1.50	Wm. C. Rybolt	2.25
Margaret Morgan	6.60	Walter Howard	1.50
Robt. Ralston	12.90	Fred Embry	3.60
Glen Walker	45.30	Wm. Danewitz	8.00
J. H. Dowden	15.00	Ray Hanks	9.00
A. J. Talley	3.60	J. E. Johnson	104.00
Wm. R. Riley	3.90	Joe Dixon	7.20
Allen Henry	3.90	H. A. Henry	3.00
Geo. Alexander	17.40	E. L. Rankins	13.50
Claude Flanders	2.40	Roy Workman	35.40
Geo. McCaluey	7.50	Frank Falk	50.40
Ben Cook	21.90	C. Schwartzle	5.25
E. L. Rankins	5.75	A. Grossman	4.00
Delbert Conder	23.70	H. V. Jones	22.50
Embry V. Romm-	39.00	Geo. H. Hendrickson	8.10
son	39.00	Fred Bentrup	61.80
Jas. Thomas	18.00	Chat Winegardner	36.00
Otis Oldham	48.30	John Ronan	10.00
Ervin Green	15.00	T. E. Hoy	52.50
Ora Mitchner	32.40	Helen Freyburger	5.00
Frank Henkel	14.00	J. E. Ellis	10.50
Dorothy Hornbrook	20.00	Homer Aydelotte	10.80
Luther Pierson	9.00	Romey Smith	3.60
Earl Troutman	1.50	John D. Longbrake	2.00
H. H. Wikle	3.60	Beulah Ervin	3.00
Abner Shirk	6.25	Warren H. Durbin	35.40
Fred Embry	6.75	Ralph Carter	35.10
Warren Hall	5.25	Frank W. LeHew	3.00
Wm. Cross	16.50	Madge Daniels	6.50
B. Hammers	1.80	Willis Taylor	6.00
H. J. Linton	48.90	Walter Howard	1.50
Drue Stogsdill	7.20	Roy A. Gillen	9.00
W. W. Enloe	3.00	Glen D. Preston	27.90
Geo. Tipsword	4.50	Helen White	16.60
Helen Stoker	1.00	Grace Lilly	13.60
Julius Shaw	53.20	Norman Clark	35.40
Andrew Ledbetter	9.00	E. Buchanan	49.00
Henry Tertocha	1.50	Fred French	3.00
C. W. Stogsdill	6.00	Ed. Kushmer	9.00
J. A. Mason	16.00	Roy Jolly	12.00
Ralh Schultz	10.50	Margaret Heibowitz	10.00
R. Myers	7.80	Edward Short	14.40
Chas. Norman	3.00	C. E. Coombe	12.00
Adrian Hoskinson	12.00	E. H. Umphreys	57.90
Edmund Peters	35.20	E. C. Hawkins	16.20
Gottlieb Leipski	.83	A. G. Taylor	30.90
Chas. Scoles	22.65	Wm. Hise	7.50
Ruby Finnegan	4.60		
Wilma White	4.60		
Linn Maddox	9.60		
Joyce Carder	22.60		

Three of a Kind



Left to right, William Love, August Schudzeria and J. E. Headrick.

Douglas Logue	2.60	Orland Mathews	9.60
Albert Flaughter	2.00	Ada Stolle	43.20
John McKinley	9.65	Otha Gammon	2.00
L. B. Ritchie	3.00	Ray Lynch	10.80
H. Watkins	2.50	John Hoots	30.48
J. A. Heisler	4.00	Philip Reab	12.15
J. A. Ball	21.00	E. Goodbrake	800
Keith R. Smith	20.25	E. F. Sanders	3.60
Henry Brown	43.65	Wm. Holly	33.90
Harry Bickers	35.20	Louis Shario	20.00
Wm. L. Joseph	6.00	Carl E. Gray	6.00
Wm. DeLaughter	3.75		
O. R. Reynolds	5.40		2322.51
Joe Bullard	7.00		
Hary R. Michael	15.00		



"I'm so glad we're having such good weather for golf," remarked Mrs. Clegg to her caller.

"Why, I didn't know you played golf."

"I don't but I'd rather have my husband out playing the game than at home talking about it."

Wife, (scandalized)—It says here a South Sea Islander will exchange his wife for \$10 and some fruit.

Husband—Oh—er—does it say how much fruit he asks to boot?—

—London Humorist.