

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

DECEMBER, 1928



You May Now Save In The Employees Investment Plan By Payroll Deductions

Beginning in December, 1928, any regular employee of the Mueller Co., may deposit in the Employees' Investment Plan according to the schedule below.

Per Pay	Per Year	Interest
\$ 2.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 1.68
3.00	72.00	2.52
4.00	96.00	3.36
5.00	120.00	4.20
6.00	144.00	5.04
7.00	168.00	5.88
8.00	192.00	6.72
9.00	216.00	7.56
10.00	240.00	8.40
11.00	264.00	9.24
12.00	288.00	10.08
13.00	312.00	10.92
14.00	336.00	11.76
15.00	360.00	12.60
16.00	384.00	13.44
17.00	408.00	14.28
18.00	432.00	15.12
19.00	456.00	15.96
20.00	480.00	16.80

Accounts may be opened at any time and mature in one year.

To open an account you will sign a card authorizing the Paymaster to make a deduction according to the schedule. The Paymaster will deduct that amount from your pay check for 24 pays and in each case issue a receipt. When the account matures according to plan, the Company will pay 7% interest.

If you need your money before the year is up the account may be closed in which case 3% interest is paid.

At the Main Plant on the day shift accounts may be opened by applying at the Employment Office during the noon hour between 12:30 and 1 o'clock.

On the night shift see the Night Superintendent or your Foreman.

Plant 2 may see Jack Frye.

Plant 3 see Garlan Buck.

This plan enables all employees in whatever department or plant to save regularly, and to receive a good interest return.

Accounts started before December 15th will mature before December 15th next year.

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EDITORIAL

Only ——— days till ———. Fill in yourself and get busy.

✦
If you intend making New Year's Resolutions begin practicing them now and they will not be so hard to carry out when the time comes.

✦ EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

Beginning December 6th, the Mueller Co. opens its payroll for deductions for savings. The details of this plan are found elsewhere in this issue.

We have been told many times, "If you will take a deduction from my pay check I will be glad to open an account and save regularly." You now have the chance.

SAVE A DOLLAR FIRST AND LIVE ON WHAT IS LEFT.

✦ HOW SANTA CLAUS COMES

Here little folks of the Mueller organization is what Santa Claus does when he comes in his sleigh, drawn by reindeers to leave presents for you:

"And he whistles and shouts and calls them by name:

'Now Dasher! Now Dancer; Now Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!

Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all, As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.

So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof, As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound."

✦ BEAUTIFUL STATIONERY

Following the custom of the Mueller Co., all holiday letters will go out on specially engraved letter heads with envelopes to match. The design selected this year is a Winter scene with a cottage as a center piece, and is very pretty indeed.

The Company introduced this practically eight or ten years ago, and was a pioneer in using high class engraved holiday stationery. Since that time many other Companies have followed this league.

WHAT TO DO ON CHRISTMAS

Go skating if there's any ice.

Automobile riding if the roads are good.

To the club; it's always open.

Call on your friends.

To a pool and billiard hall.

To a bowling alley.

To a large city for a big dinner or a big show.

Down town and stand on the street corner.

Go hunting if you have a gun.

Sit in on a game of draw.

To a movie afternoon and night.

Do any or all of these things if you have no home or family. No one will blame you. Christmas is a lonely day to those who have no family ties.

But the man or woman who has a family of growing children can find nothing so fine to do as to stay right at home, day and night. The real spirit of Christmas spirit abides in the home. The man who spends his Christmas in his home is doing his family a favor, he is piling up for himself happiness, not for the day alone, but all future days, especially all future Christmas days, when memory reverts to the past, and present to him days and scenes long since past. Then will he realize to the fullest extent the value and the pleasure of a Christmas Day at home with "mother and the children."

✦ TAKE CARE OF THOSE TEETH

For a limited time we have an arrangement whereby a dentist is present in the Employment Office for several hours on Wednesday and Friday mornings and during the noon hour when he will examine teeth. He will do this without charge to you. This is a good chance to get expert dental advice without obligation.

Again we call your attention to the necessity of doing what you can to build up your health.

Neglect of the teeth is sure to injure your health and eventually will cost you money and suffering. In the interest of economy and efficiency HAVE YOUR TEETH EXAMINED.

✦ RECENT SEPARATIONS

Jack Eckel who for a time was employed in the Construction Department, bade us good bye on November 15th and stated that he had a two-year contract with a dredging concern which paid him \$1.00 per hour. Good work Jack.

Millard Havice of the Night Foundry disappeared on November 1st.

IN THE DUCK BLIND

The next meeting of the Foreman's Club should bring out a full attendance. It is to be held December 17th and is to be a wild duck dinner.

President Mack Stratman has issued the following notice:

"At the last meeting of the Foreman's Club, Mr. Adolph Mueller announced that Messrs. Frank W. and Phillip H. Cruikshank had offered to furnish wild ducks to be served at a dinner for the members of the Foreman's Club and their wives.

"We have accepted this offer with thanks, and have decided that the most convenient time to have this dinner will be Monday evening, December 17th.

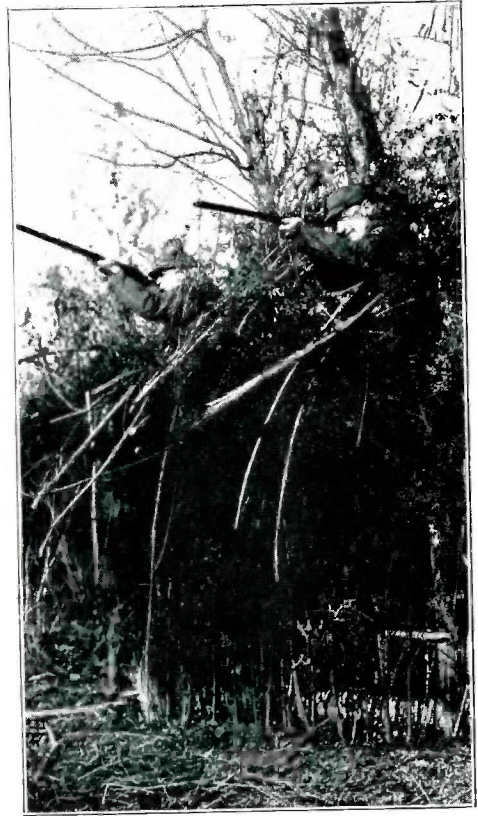
"The dinner will be served in the Mueller Gym at 6:30 P. M. Afterwards there will be dancing and other entertainment.

"In order that we may know how many ducks will be needed, it is necessary that reservations for this dinner be turned in without delay."

With a good wild duck dinner and dancing to follow this should be one of the outstanding parties of the Foreman's club for the season.

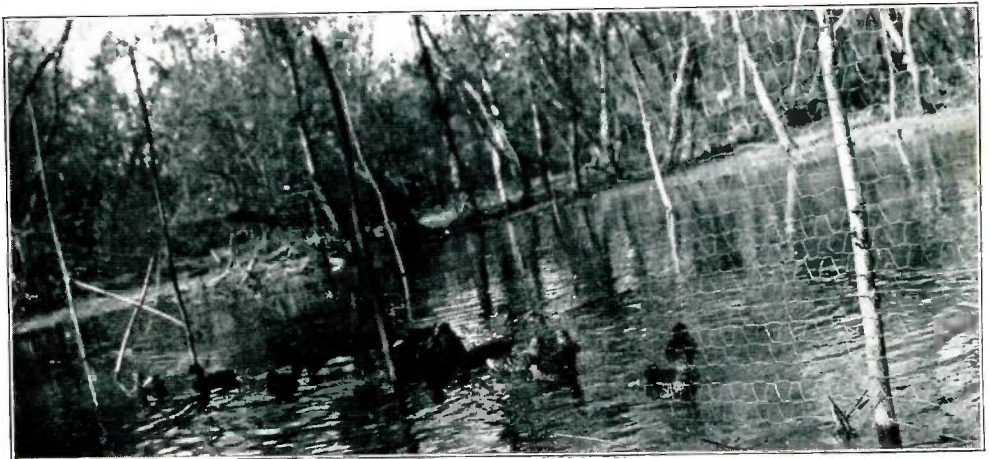
It certainly is generous of the Messrs. Cruikshank to supply the necessary ducks.

In this connection the pictures accompanying this article are of special interest. They were taken by F. W. Cruikshank and are indeed unusual. The gentlemen in the picture shooting from the blind are men of national reputation. They are Hon. Allen F. Moore, of Monticello and Excongressman and William W. Wilson, alien property custodian of the United States. These two distinguished sportsmen had just risen from the blind for a shot at a flock of ducks when F. W. Cruikshank took the snap shot. He assures us that this is an unusual photograph in duck shooting. In fact no duck shooter to whom he has shown it remembers of ever having seen one like it. The

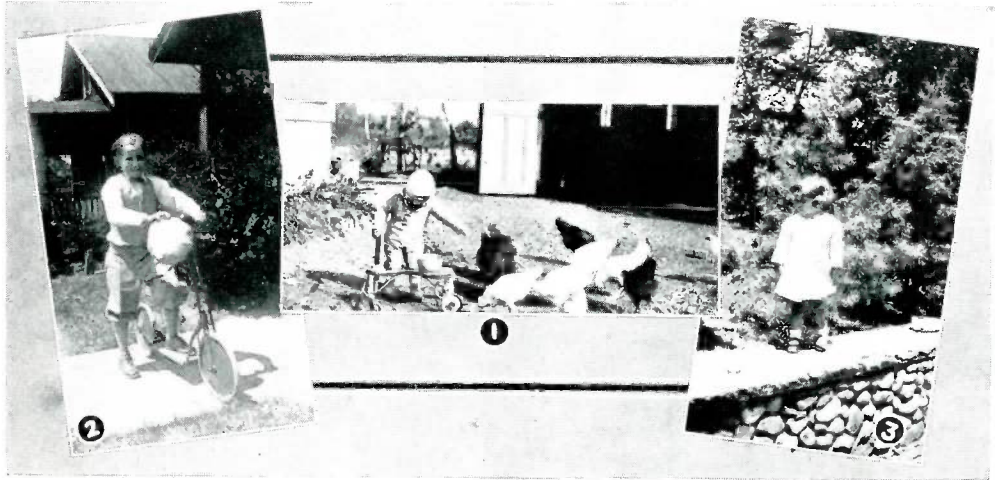


camera was snapped just an instant before the two men fired. Considering the surroundings and the difficulties under which a picture of this character must be taken,

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THE CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club prizes for the month were awarded as follows:

First prize—Marie Eagleston.

Second prize—Eloise Dickenson.

Third prize—Marian Richard.

The pictures were judged by the Rembrandt Studio. The subject was miscellaneous.



MUELLER CLUB LADIES' PARTY

On the 24th of November, the ladies from the Mueller Cafeteria gave a party for their husbands and themselves, at the Mueller Athletic Club House. The party started with a good time and ended with a good time. An old time fiddler, Charlie McCarthy, came all the way from Mueller Co. to play old time tunes for the ladies and their husbands to dance many long square dances. The callers for the dance were George Berry, Roy Workman and C. N. Overfield.

The refreshments were (as the ladies of the club called it) "good old hamburgs and coffee."

A good time was had by all and as it was a success they have planned another one for themselves and their husbands on the 29th of December at the Mueller Athletic Club.



Louis Rost of the Cafeteria attended the International Aeronautical Exposition on December 3, 4 and 5th, in Chicago.



C. J. Daniels of the Shipping Department, who has been absent from work since October 22nd, underwent an operation for double hernia. He has been making very good recovery from the operation, but his recovery of late has been somewhat delayed because of a cold. He hopes to be back on the job before long.

W. A. Hise, iron molder at Plant 2, was

walking along the sidewalk in front of a store, November 17th when a careless automobile driver ran over the curbing and the car struck Mr. Hise on the leg. He was disabled for several weeks. A by-stander stopped the driver or he would have run away without disclosing his identity.

Harold Seeley of the Core Department, was laid up for some time with an injury to his toe. Something fell on it. Accidents of this kind can be prevented by wearing safety shoes which have a strong toe guard.

Tom Massengil of the Foundry has been laid up with typhoid fever.

Charles McLemore of the Night Polishing Department has been off for about six weeks recovering from an operation for hernia.

D. D. Doolin, window washer, fell on October 30th from a ladder while at work. It is supposed that the step-ladder slipped at the floor. Hernia resulted from the fall which necessitated an operation and laid Mr. Doolin up for a number of weeks.



BIRTHS

The following little ones have arrived since the last Mueller Record appeared:

Earl Tague of Plant 3 is the father of Dorothy June, born November 12th.

John Hollingshead announces the birth of Lois Maxine on November 2. This is the eighth child in this family.

Jack Frye of Plant 2 is elated over the arrival of Charles Wallace who came October 30th.

Fred Galka of the Tool Room named his son, born October 29th, Fred William, Junior.

J. A. Morrison's son, James Edward, was born October 17th.

Coy Butler, clerk in the Brass Finishing Shop, has a little girl, Edna Lois, born October 7.

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET



Here we have G. R. Hawkins who frequently takes a trip to Marion county to visit with his uncle who is 86 years old, and to hunt wild game which is very plentiful in that section. The well is an old land mark. It is 80 feet deep and is walled with stone. From the crevices ferns grow from the top to the bottom of the well.

WAGE ASSIGNMENTS

There are still some workers that persist in assigning their wages. Some of them do not realize what they are doing. Most credit clothing stores and some jewelry stores take a wage assignment when they sell an article on payments. It is not explained to the buyer that he is assigning his wages and laying up trouble for himself and his employer. If there is any default in the payments then there is trouble all along the line.

There is a rule which states, "WAGE ASSIGNMENTS ARE PROHIBITED."

If you are in financial difficulty, mention it to your Foreman or tell us about it at the Employment Office.

We would much rather discuss the situation before a garnishment or wage assignment appears than afterwards.

VISITED NEW YORK

Mr. Adolph Mueller and wife left Monday, December 3rd, for Chicago and from there took the train for New York where they will visit with their daughter, Mrs. Frederic Schluter, while Mr. Adolph looks after business matters.

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It is a splendid photograph depicting as it does the tense faces of the hunters.

The other picture is of the bottom land showing live decoys enclosed in a wire pen. It's also a splendid photograph.

The hunting ground in which Mr. Cruikshank is interested is on the Sangamon river, 9 miles from Chandlerville, Ill. The party of hunters at the club on the occasion when the ducks for the dinner were bagged included Ex-Congressman Moore, Mr. Wilson, Allen F. Moore, Jr., Bradford Van R. Moore, F. W. Cruikshank and Philip H. Cruikshank.



RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

Numerous Changes Made and Being Made About the Plant

At the Mueller Club a cover is being placed over the north exit. This will permit emptying this hall from both the north and south ends and will provide an extra stage entrance.

CORE DEPARTMENT. A second story is being added to the front of the building which will become the women's rest room. The floor space thus released will be added to the capacity of the Core Department.

THE MAIN OFFICE. The Tabulating machines have been enclosed in a partition which helps to isolate the noise made by them.

Many of the polishers now work at individual wheels arranged along a conveyor system which has been located in the room south of the Brass Shops. The work moves along on the conveyor and the polishers pick up a piece, perform an operation, and lay it back. This saves moving the castings and reduces lost motion.

Self-closing doors, operated by electricity and air have been installed at the entrance to the Brass Department. This is a great convenience to the lift-truck drivers who are thus able to open a door without getting off the truck and in some cases without stopping.

A number of workers from the Standards Department have been placed with the Cost Department and are now in the Main Office.

J. M. Wilkins, J. T. Sutliff and Paul Andrews now have desks in a new space allowed for the Sales Department. J. W. Wells has been moved forward.

The Machine Repair Department is overflowing into the north end of the stock room for Department 30.



OUR REGULATOR BUSINESS

Dave Dresbach left for New York, Sunday, December 2, to visit the Eastern Branch and the trade in regard to regulator business.



"The steam that makes the noise doesn't help do any of the work."

STUDENTS FROM U. of I.



Prof. A. G. Anderson, of the School of Commerce at the University of Illinois, thinks well of Mueller Co., and the feeling is reciprocated. Every year on different occasions he brings parties of students to visit our plant as a part of their studies. The party here pictured with Prof. Anderson on the right, recently came to Decatur in the big bus and made a tour of all Mueller Plants.



EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

The Employees' Aid Society has invested \$800 more in stock in Building & Loan Associations of Decatur.

Thus we add to our invested surplus from time to time. At present our income from that source amounts to a little more than a dollar a day.



L. E. Kramer of the Night Shift is back at work again. He was playing baseball on Labor Day in a pasture near his home town and made a mis-step which resulted in a broken leg and laid him up for nearly two months.

Mrs. Margaret Miller of the Employment Department accompanied her husband to Texas where they will spend a month or more. Mr. Miller is a landscape gardener and has some winter work there.



WORKING WITH MUELLER

This is the title of a new employees' handbook now on the press. It is a revised edition of our book of "Information and Rules," and will soon be distributed.

Do not assume that you know all that is in it, read it, for there have been a number



of changes and additions. You will be expected to be familiar with them.

The title emphasizes the fact that we are all working together for the success of the Mueller Co., in whose prosperity we share.



There is often no easier mark, than the man who "knows it all."



W. L. Shockley of Ground Key Dep't., conducts party of relatives thru factory. Picture taken last summer.

NOTES FROM PLANT 3

The first meal was served in the new Cafeteria at Plant 3 on Monday, November 19. Everyone seemed quite enthusiastic over having a good, warm noon-day meal. Food is served cafeteria style.

The Construction Department is still working on the roads and gutters around the plant.

A number of young trees have been transferred from the Mueller Lodge grounds to the grounds at plant No. 3.

Several car loads of cinders have been received for use in making roads around the buildings.

The Permutit Water Softening System has been completed and is very successful. We now have better water than the City Water Works furnish.

Fisher Peel is back in the Casting Shop.

Kenneth Smith is a new hand in the Mold Shop. He was formerly with the Kokomo Sanitary Mfg. Co., Kokomo, Indiana.

Hubby awoke with a start, and in the dim light of the bedroom observed his wife going through his pockets. "Hey there," said he, "Keep your hands off that money. It belongs to me."

Wife: "It won't be long now."

Bone: "Man is wonderful. He has learned to fly like a bird."

Head: "Yes, but he hasn't learned to sit on a barbed wire fence."

Child—"Sheeps is the dumbest of all animals, ain't they, mama?"

Mother (absently)—"Yes, my lamb."

Dentist—What kind of a filling do you want in your tooth, son?

Boy—Chocolate.

WILLIAM H. IMES

We were startled to hear on November 9th that Wm. H. Imes of Department 9 had died. He had been absent from work only two days when the doctor was summoned and ordered him to the hospital. His condition was found to be serious, due to complications of diseases and an operation followed, from which Mr. Imes did not recover.

The burial was at Fairlawn.

William H. Imes was born October 19th, 1870. An illness in early childhood rendered him deaf. He received his education at the State School for Mutes at Indianapolis. For a number of years he followed the trade of harness maker.

He began work for Mueller Co., April 11, 1919 and has been here continuously since that time. He was a skilled operator on a turret lathe. His wife died June 20th, 1926. He was survived by his daughter, Mary Marjory, who has been in poor health of late. Miss Imes is making her home at Mishawakee, Indiana, with an aunt.

Mr. Imes had a policy in our group insurance plan. The premium has been paid to his daughter.

CHARLES EDWARD WITTS

Charles Edward Witts died November 4th of cancer at the National Soldiers Home at Danville, Illinois. He had been a patient in the hospital there for several months. He has been in poor health for a number of years and has not been at work here since about September 7th.

Ed. Witts was born in Monticello, March 13, 1868. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

He began work for the Mueller Co., April 26, 1905. He has been here since that time. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Esther and his son, Charles.

For a number of years Mr. Witts was in charge of the Tool Storage Room in the Brass Shops. He had the rank of Foreman.

He was insured in the group insurance plan and Mrs. Witts has received the insurance.

GEORGE HEFLIN

George Heflin of the Assembly Department, died at his home December 2nd, after a short illness. He had not been in the best of health for some time but his death was a surprise to his friends. In fact, he was down at the plant a few days before his death to see if he could go to work.

George F. Heflin was born April 18, 1876. He worked for a time at the Decatur Coffin Co., and was first employed by Mueller Co. in April, 1914, and he has had two short breaks in his service since that time.

He was a tester in the Assembly Department.

He was married November 17th, 1923 to Mrs. Alice Shumaker who survives him.

Mr. Heflin was also insured in the group insurance plan.

WINTER ATHLETICS

Trainer Bill Cranston Has His Hands Full Now

With the cold weather ending the outdoor sports, indoor athletics in our organization have taken on great activity. Principally, among the sport organizations in the basketball team representing our Company in the Industrial League. This team has played three games, winning two and had one thrown out because the C. B. & Q., whom they defeated, is now not of the League.

The Mueller team defeated Staley's 41-16; Mississippi Valley Steel Structural Co., 39-19 and the C. B. & Q., 40-16. Our team is under the management of Emmett Reedy, and the basketball fans say that it is the best team that has ever represented the Company and look to it to win the pennant. The members of this team are:

Ted Anderson	Earl Lowe
Clinton Keller	Jack Bourner
Gilbert Masters	Amos Kraft
Ivan Keller	Ernest Friese
"Happy" March	Frank Mueller

Y. M. C. A. Commercial League Games

The schedule for the remainder of the season follows:

7:15 p. m., Monday, Dec. 3rd, vs. Cash Co.
 7:15 p. m., Monday, Dec. 10th, vs. Osgood.
 7:15 p. m., Monday, Dec. 17th, vs. I. P. & L.
 8:15 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 20th, vs. Washash.
 7:15 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 27th, vs. I. F. S.
 8:15 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, vs. C. B. & Q.
 8:15 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 10th, vs. M. V. S. S.
 8:15 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 17th, vs. Staley.
 8:15 p. m., Monday, Jan. 28th, vs. Cash.
 8:15 p. m., Monday, Feb. 4th, vs. Osgood.
 8:15 p. m., Monday, Feb. 11, vs. I. P. & L.
 7:15 p. m., Monday, Feb. 18th, vs. Washash.
 8:15 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 21st, vs. I. F. S.
 7:15 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 28th, vs. C. B. & Q.

Trainer Bill Cranston is busy lining up various teams and activities for the organization games to be played in the Gymnasium. The Mueller League official basketball games will open in January. A gold basketball and watch fob will be awarded the winners. These prizes will be on exhibition before the games begin.

Various teams are playing basketball every noon in the Gymnasium and from the razzing and yelling and enthusiasm of the players, one might judge that a world's series was in progress.

The different basketball teams are known as the "Engineers," "Pirates," "Drafters" and "Red Birds." They are made up of the following persons:

THE EWING BOYS



These bright little fellows are Robert Eugene and Raymond Earl Ewing. They are sons of Mrs. J. A. Ewing and nephews of Miss Clara Tipswood of the Core Department and grand sons of George Tipswood.

Engineers	Drafters
F. Mueller	Allman
March	Roarick
Bourner	Hill
Reedy	Kraft
Friese	Lowe
Chamberlain	Ferry
Jacka	Lindamood
	Duncan
Pirates	Red Birds
Leonard	Anderson
Portee	Masters
Poole	C. Keller
Butler	I. Keller
Stark	O. Keller
Wall	Roush
Blankenship	Smith
Gould	

The Mueller Gymnasium will be one of the busiest spots about the plant during the next few months, especially during the holidays, when various social events and meetings are to be pulled off.



Many of the old-time clinging vines now have daughters who are ramblers.

JETT GETS A CUP



Mr. Robert Mueller is shown here presenting W. L. Jett with a loving cup which he won at the salesmen's golf tourney last summer. Seeing Jett's picture recalls a story sent in from the Dallas office about the Jett's burglar scare. The story follows:

Mrs. Jett was vastly excited. She was telling the story for the fourth time.

"So when we heard the burglar prowling around," she narrated, "I told my husband I was afraid and was going to crawl under the bed."

"What did he say to that?" asked an interested neighbor.

"He said: 'Nonsense, dear, there's no need for you to get under here, too.'"



MARRIAGES

Eliza J. Willis of the Assembly Department and Charlotte MacFarland were married November 29th. They live at 925 West View St.

Rachel Watson of the Core Room and George Oren were married December 1st. They live at 945 East Whitmer St.

William Brunner of the Machine Shop and Irene Walker were married September 1st, 1928. They will live at 722 South Sixth street. Announcement of the wedding was made October 29th, 1928.

Mildred Doolin of the Core Department, and William Nelson were married October 23rd. They will live at 840 N. Mercer St.

Norman J. Clark of the shipping Department and Louise Green were married October 27th. They will make their home at 406 South Webster St.

Finley M. Wilson of the Machine Repair Department, and Bernice O'Laughlin were married October 3rd. They will make their home at 1595 N. Water St.

The marriage of Miss Wynnonno Weiser

and Harold Kinney was celebrated in Bloomington, Nov. 24 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Mr. Durden. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Joplin, of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weiser of North Lowber street and has been employed at the E-Z Bag Company in this city. The groom is a Mueller employe, being connected with the tool room.



The papers tells us each day how many more shopping days there are until Christmas. This is not news—it is simply a daily prodding to remind us of the shortening time between the present and the greatest of all holidays. From this on feverish preparations will be the order of the day.

In our organization we are not overlooking the close approach of the Christmas festival. Committees are already at work laying the plans for various holiday features, and numerous occasions within the organization will demand our attention in the days that are close at hand, while outside of the organization individual members are preparing various kinds of holiday entertainments.

Forman's Club Social

The next event in the Mueller calendar will be the Foremen's Club Social which comes on the evening of Monday, December 17th at 6:30 P. M. As noted elsewhere, this will be a wild duck dinner at the Gymnasium to be followed by a social and dance. Mr. Frank and Philip Cruikshank have very generously donated the ducks for this event. Nearly everybody likes wild duck, but under the present restrictive laws few are able to avail themselves of this delicacy. Wild duck is no longer obtainable in hotels and restaurants and it is only when the hunter remembers his friends that the greatest majority enjoy the privilege of sitting down to a duck dinner, consequently the foremen and their wives are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to an evening of feasting and merriment. The event will take place in the Gymnasium.

The committee arranging this affair has decided to make it a dinner dance and the Christmas plan is somewhat more elaborate than usual. Tables will be arranged around three sides of the gymnasium and the dinner will be served in courses. Homebrooks' orchestra will be present and between courses the company will dance in the center of the room. The hours will be from 6:30 to 8:30.

Service Pins and Awards

On Thursday evening, December 20th, at 7:00 P. M., the annual meeting will be held in the Gym for the distribution of Service Pins and the awarding of cash prizes for suggestions on the subjects of "Decreasing Overhead Expense" and on "Safety". The committee passing on these suggestions has been busy for some time reaching a decision on the merits of the hundreds of suggestions that have been made during the year. Details of the program for this occa-

sion have not been entirely completed, but that will be in keeping with the main purpose of the organization.

On this occasion, the committee in charge has arranged a special program in accordance with the spirit of Christmas. The choir of Grace Methodist church, 30 voices, will furnish the music. The program will be as follows:

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.....Choir
O Little Town of Bethlehem.....Choir
Bethlehem—Moving Picture.

Silent Night.....Choir

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful.....Choir

Christmas Story.....Rev. R. M. Pierce

Presentation of Service Rewards.....

Robert Mueller

Presentation of Employees' Christmas Gift to Company.

Presentation of Prize Suggestion Rewards

Adolph Mueller

Dinner to Apprentices

The first event and a new feature of the Christmas festivities in the Mueller organization will be the dinner at the Club House on the evening of December 14th. This is given in honor of the students in the apprenticeship school which has been conducted in the room of the Personnel Department during the past year. A number of the apprentices in the factory have entered this school and applied themselves in a way that has called forth the approval of the Company members who are going to compliment these boys with a fine dinner, to which the parents of the students will be invited. No set program has yet been announced, but it is understood that Company members will address the gathering and there will probably be other features of interest to all who attend.

Children's Party

The final event of the month and one which is always received with enthusiasm will be the annual Christmas party for the children of Mueller Employees. This will be held in the Gymnasium, Saturday, December 22nd at 2:00 P. M. Among other things the program will consist of movies and the distribution of candy and oranges to the little folks.

Christmas this year falls on Tuesday. The annual distribution of presents to the employees will doubtless be made on Monday preceding that day. Within a few days the entire factory will be in the annual Christmas turmoil, but a very happy turmoil at that.



DEDICATED TO MARGIE

You drink to the girl who can dance like a dream,

The girl that can play the piano;

To the girl that writes poetry beside the sea
Or sings a high C in soprano.

To the girl that can talk, to the girl who does not,

To the saint or the sweet little sinner—
But we'll drink to the cleverest girl of them all,

The girl who can cook a good dinner.

FOUR GENERATIONS



Here is an interesting picture of four generations including Mrs. Narcessa Meward, her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Parker, her granddaughter, Parker Fenton and her great-granddaughter, Verda Josephine Fenton. Mrs. Parker is the wife of E. H. Parker of the Engineering Dep't. and Mrs. Fenton is the wife of Elwood E. Fenton of Dep't. 85.



Arthur J. Dial who has been in the Shipping Department for some months has been transferred to the Night Tool Room and has begun his apprenticeship as a machinist.

H. K. Ingram and Glen Grandfield have been transferred from Department 30 to the Pattern Room.

Roy Baker and Joe St. Pierre of the Night Polishing Department have been moved into the Inspection Department.

Tom Keck, formerly clerk in the Tool Room is now in the Engineering Department as a draftsman.

Charles Adams and William J. Wallen of the Polishing Department and Rubert S. Henry, of the Ground Key Department, have become Inspectors.

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Earl Gustin has been promoted to the Night Foundry as Foreman. He is assisted by Lewis Fleming.

Clifford Toliver has been transferred from Plant 3 to the Polishing Department.

LaVern Walley who has made a good record at Plant 2 has begun his apprentice course as a machinist in Department 30.

QUARTETTE OF CORE ROOM GIRLS



Left to Right: Iaa Grubbs, Ruby Finnigan, Bertie Hartwig, Ethel Erwin

J. W. WELLS PASSES THE TIME

J. W. Wells, office manager, will make himself a Christmas present of a new watch. About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 1, he reached for his watch and found it missing. Yes, he was surprised and got busy trying to figure out where it could be. Then he remembered or at least figured out the possibilities. A short time before he had been with his family on Water street watching the Block & Kuhl Santa Claus parade. When it was over his party started to get their car. The jam on Water street was terrific and offered excellent opportunities for pick pockets to work. Evidently one of them worked on J. W. The loss of his time piece was regrettable because of the fact that it had been a present from Mrs. Wells.

J. W. says he enjoys passing the time with friends but it don't like passing it with a pick pocket.

Later—A Call for Sherlock

If a Conan Doyle can get off of Spiritualism for a brief period, and hit the pipe, he can work up a good Sherlock Holmes story on Mr. Wells' Watch.

Three days after its disappearance when all the Wells family were agreed that the watch was gone for good, it came to light in a most mysterious and unexplainable manner. "It's even more mysterious" we are assured by J. W. "than the disappearance. Three days after, it was missed upon returning from the Mother Goose Parade" Mrs. Wells was shopping. Owing to inclement weather she was clad in her cloak which in turn was covered by

a rain coat. Having made a purchase she unbuttoned her rain coat to get at her purse in her cloak. Was she surprised to find hanging to the belt of her cloak the lost watch. Well, she had reason to be and even more surprised that she had not dropped the time piece on her trip up town. The chain simply crossed the belt, the watch hanging down on one side and the charm on the other.

How did it get there? It's your guess.

J. W. has a theory, somewhat complicated to be sure, but just the same a theory. He figures it out this way: He hung his vest in a closet with the rain coat. Taking the vest out again the watch chain caught on a button and was there suspended until Mrs. W. slipped the rain coat on over her cloak when the chain was engaged by the cloak belt and then transferred to that garment. It's logical or possible. If Conan Doyle does not want the plot for a story, J. W. might sell the facts to a magician for trick purpose or in event of that failing might write a book on "Home Magic."



ORIGINAL AND UNUSUAL

Floyd Watkins who checked out of the Brass Foundry last week, did an unusual and original thing. He came around to Blue Lusk, shook hands with him, extended his good wishes and topped it off by giving him two ten cent cigars at one time. Blue nearly fainted but did pull himself together enough to thank him and is still feeling good about it. He said, "That is the first time it ever happened to me."

HOW ARE YOU?

The usual answer is, "Very well, thank you."

We are inclined to let it go at that. But again we ask the question, "Just how are you?"

Better arrange to come up to Dr. Long's office and have an examination. If you are in first class health you will have the satisfaction of hearing him tell you so.

If you have a weak organ or some disease the sooner you will find it out and begin preventive treatment the better it is for you.

More and more emphasizes is being placed on the idea that efficient work can best be done by being physically fit. It is going out of style to be half sick; and censure rather than sympathy should be given those who are disabled by sickness which can easily be prevented.



CHASE YOURSELF

Donald—I've never kissed a girl in all my life.

Betty—Well don't come buzzing around me. I'm no prep school.



PING IS PROUD

His Fleet of Truck Drivers Second in Municipal Safety Contest

The Chamber of Commerce Safety Drive for Trucks ended with a splendid showing for our fleet of trucks. We were second in the contest which was led by the drivers of Nafziger's Bakery with 918 working days.

Truck Dispatcher Ping is very much elated over the showing that has been made by our drivers, and is working hard together with the co-operation of the men to maintain the fine record made.

1. William Thomas.
2. James Soules.
3. David Avis.
4. Sherman Elsea.
5. Wade Rambolt.
6. Melvin Girt.
7. Lloyd Mathewson.
8. E. J. Pasley.
9. Jessie Jones.
10. Harry Tanner.
11. Levi Prater.
12. Tom Ralson.
13. Johnny Jukes.
14. N. Rutherford.



ADVERTISING PLANS

The advertising plans of our company for 1929 are the most thorough and comprehensive we have ever made. During the year we will have three double page spreads in the Saturday Evening Post. These will be in four colors and will be as fine as anything appearing in the Post. These advertisements will be real works of art, the original paintings being by artists of National reputation.

KID PARTY

A Kid Party was given by the Social Committee of the C. G. A. Club, Tuesday evening, November 20th at the Mueller Athletic Club house.

The party of girls were met at the Inter-urban station by Mr. Trimmer and were taken out on a Hay Rack.

There were about twenty-five kids attended, many contests and games were held, prizes being given for:

The most comically dressed kid—Estelle Ringhart.

The prettiest dressed kid—Dorothy Gephord.

The best recitation—Alma Virden.

The best mold made out of clay—Dorothy Kraft.

The most babyish acting kid—Dorothy Jordan.

Refreshments of pop-corn balls, candied apples, animal crackers and hot chocolate were served by the hostesses of the evening who were Helen White, Irene Santanen, Chalice Smith and Hazel Virden.



INVENTORY

This year inventory was taken in record time. While the Plant was closed down for Thanksgiving day, Ray Sailsberry and his inventory-takers were on the job, and the next day nearly all the departments went into full operation again. Thus practically no time was lost on inventory.

It hasn't been many years ago since we had to close down nearly a week. Inventory was larger this year than ever before and there was more work in progress.

We congratulate all concerned on their efficiency.



A HOPELESS CASE

Joe—Half a dozen doctors have given Bill up!

Charlie—Really! What is wrong with him?

Joe—He simply won't pay their bills.



MUELLER EMPLOYEES' HOMES

On page 14 appears another group of Mueller Employees' homes as follows:

170—Harry Woodruff, 786 East Cleveland, Decatur, Ill.

164—G. Tosh, 753 West Division St., Decatur, Ill.

166—Brugh Werner, 1157 South Jasper St., Decatur, Ill.

155—J. F. Secrest, 1210 North Calhoun St., Decatur, Illinois.

145—John Owens, 1457 East William St., Decatur, Ill.

160—Albert Spitzer, 1860 North Morgan St., Decatur, Ill.

210—H. A. Wacaser, Suncrest, Decatur, Illinois.

223—Cal. McQuality, 1092 West Green St., Decatur, Ill.



HOMES of MUELLER EMPLOYEES



THE MEN OF THE CORE ROOM



Standing, Left to Right: Henry Fletcher, Wm. Powell, Frank Auburn, Henry Gilbert, Ed. Blank, Clarence Masters, Henry Clamen, Harold Cruzan, John Simpson, Harold Seeley, Lloyd Flanders.
Seated: Harvey Washburn, Claude Wood, Walter Walls, F. A. March (Foreman), Ira King, George Tipsword, Wm. Adams.

NEWCOMERS

Raymond Houseworth began working at Plant 2 after a variety of experience elsewhere.

Walter Kuykendall is one of the molders at the Iron Foundry at Plant 2. He was formerly in the Night Brass Foundry.

Earl Sattley has returned to work at Plant 2 in the Machine Shops.

Loie Conde has been added to the Engineering Department in the office of Emmett Reedy. Mr. Conde came from Rockford, Illinois.

John Hantle who worked for us a number of years ago is in with Dick Carson and William Bainter as a steady man in the Galvanizing Department.

Amos Kraft has returned to the Drafting Room. Since working here before he has attended James Millikin University and worked at the A. W. Cash Co.

Other Devine has returned to work in the Polishing Department after a short sojourn in Detroit.

Carrol M. Cornelius has been added to the force in the Personnel Department. He was graduated from the University of Illinois last Spring. Somewhat over four years ago he was in our Accounting Department and left to attend school. He is now learning some ins and outs of human engineering.

Chester Priddy, who was formerly in the Shipping Department and later our repre-

sentative in Florida, returned to work in the Shipping Department.

Mrs. Sally Berry has returned to work in the Cafeteria.

Gus A. Witte is now Foreman of the Machine Shops at Plant 2. He succeeds Charles O. Atchison who resigned.

Phillip Joplin has returned to work in the Night Tool Room with experience gained elsewhere.

Owen, Ray and Bernard Hasler of Wisconsin, visited the plant December 3rd. L. E. Kramer of the Night Shift, was their guide.

L. M. Ross, our salesman from Iowa, visited the plant November 30th.

Robert Neighbor of the Upkeep Stock Department, resigned recently to take a position as Railway Mail Clerk. Frank D. Smith succeeds him.

Ed. Moore has been transferred from the Grinding Room to the Assembly Department.

Carl Yonker, who has been in the Ground Key Department, was transferred to the Pattern Room.

Leo Wiant was transferred from the Main Office to the Standards Department.

Lela Mae Mercer of the Core Room has been transferred to the Cost Department.

John Schuman has started in to learn Molding at the Iron Foundry. He has been a helper on the night shift.

EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY ELECTION IN JANUARY

The Trustees of the Employees' Aid Society had an important meeting November 16th. The treasurer reported that the society's finances were in a good condition. The Trustees went on record in favor of preventive care; the general principle being that it is better to spend some money on a man and keep him well than pay him benefits for being sick.

Dr. Long reports that the most common physical defects of men who work here are bad teeth. The Aid Society is now prepared to consult with men with reports on the matter of dental work and in many cases can give material assistance.

The terms of Burt Jackson, President; Ebert Mueller, Vice President, expire December 31, 1928. An election will be called early in January.

The Trustees are of the opinion that two more trustees should be added; one of them representing Plant 2 and one Plant 3. These representatives should be elected by the men in these plants. That would make a board of seven instead of five. The increase in the size of the organization justifies it and it is desirable to have the various departments represented.

The present officers of the Employees' Aid Society are:

Burt Jackson, President.

Ebert Mueller, Vice President.

Roy Campbell, representing the Brass Shops.

Joe Dial, representing the Night Shift.

E. H. Langdon, Secretary-Treasurer, representing Mueller Co.

Some slight revision of the Constitution and By-Laws will be made, but due to lack of time this work has not been completed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

Oct. 1—November 30, 1928

Oct. 1 Cash balance in bank	\$1,611.90	
Receipts		
Interest on Mueller Bonds	\$ 90.00	
Company's contribution for October	50.00	
Company's contribution for November	50.00	
Membership dues for October	924.40	
Membership dues for November	939.30	2,053.70
Total		\$3,665.60
Payments		
Expense—document box	2.00	
Nurses and Tuberculosis Ass'n.	5.00	
Death benefit, W. H. Imes	75.00	
Flowers	10.00	
Investments—Peoples Savings & Loan Association	400.00	

Mutual Home and Savings

Association 401.25

Benefits listed below 1,447.49 2,340.74

Cash balance Dec. 1 1,324.86

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

BENEFITS PAID

John Faith	\$ 6.00	Ethel Carder	6.00
Louise Bowden	1.00	L. E. Kramer	54.40
Finley Wilson	4.00	Rachel Watson	1.00
Dorothy Ostrander	32.20	Wm. Thomas	7.00
Trenna Burke	54.20	Wm. Bridwell	5.00
Rosa Bear	8.50	Delos Casey	3.00
Wm. De Laughter	51.50	Londo Bunch	5.40
Troy Brookshire	2.70	Walter Carlock	12.60
Ralph Smith	1.80	R. W. Disney	6.25
E. W. Beneze	1.50	Vivian Roscoe	39.20
Fred Kondritz	4.00	Jack Wilson	7.20
Gustave Monska	1.00	C. J. Daniels	60.60
Geo. Tipsword	10.50	Harold Seely	17.50
D. D. Doolin	69.15	Eugene Sprinkle	23.40
G. W. Gideon	5.40	Jack Rice	26.25
Willis Taylor	65.50	May Gray	9.00
Keith W. Ferre	6.00	P. Tankersly	.60
Roy Fleckenstein	3.32	Lela Harris	49.00
Chas. Oldham	5.40	W. L. Perkins	32.00
Theo. J. Schance	42.00	Kenneth Pope	1.50
Hubert Johnson	39.00	F. T. Jolly	6.00
Mary Winholtz	5.00	John Robb, Jr.	9.00
Margaret Anderson	36.60	Jucille Bruder	2.00
Evart Zetterlind	5.83	Hubert Tally	4.50
Wm. I. Michl	4.50	A. D. Black	6.49
Earl Hall	16.50	Oscar Amenda	2.40
Chas. Smith	9.00	M. L. Taylor	3.75
M. Havice	6.00	Thomas Massengill	30.00
Wm. L. Porter	70.80	Ed. Stille	1.25
Carl Buckwald	4.00	Chas. McElmore	82.90
Mrs. Clara Gilbert	5.00	J. L. Tippet	21.00
Chas. E. Morton	12.50	Sebel Davis	5.40
Walter Goodman	6.00	Howard Taylor	12.00
Thomas DeVore	3.75	H. R. Mooney	10.80
Albert Rokash	3.00	Sylvia Bergen	12.00
Minnie Musser	55.20	Geo. Jackson	3.60
Obie Diney	4.50	E. L. Schlegel	12.00
Harry Myers	3.60	Monroe Tate	15.75
John Mertz	11.20	W. L. Adams	2.70
Chester Bland	9.00	R. H. Neighbor	3.00
Geo. Frailey	2.70	Otto Wassom	12.60
Daniel Brille	1.50	M. O. Rutherford	2.25
I. Martin	3.00	Wm. Heddin	30.15
H. W. Kinney	2.40	C. E. Burcham	3.00
Jesse M. Moore	7.50	J. T. Ever	6.30
Covl Berry	9.00	Paul Maddox	3.00
		W. A. Hise	31.50
		C. L. Smith	9.00
		Chas. Davis	9.00
		Roy Blankenship	3.00
		Clif Tolliver	8.25
		Walter Gideon	3.25
		Total	\$1,447.49

Let us endeavor to live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.