

# *The* **MUELLER RECORD**

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ON THE LAKE AT MUELLER HEIGHTS



Photo by Margaret Marcott.

Miss Dorothy Knauff, Niece of Mr. Adolph, Playing  
Hockey.

# START SAVING NOW

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Accounts may be opened in the Employees' Investment Plan at any time. Deductions are made from payroll according to this schedule:

Per Year	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 mature in one year.

To open an account you will sign a card authorizing the Paymaster to make a deduction according to the schedule. He will deduct that amount from your pay check for 24 pays and in each case issue a receipt. When the amount 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.

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## SAVE A DOLLAR FIRST AND LIVE ON WHAT IS LEFT

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## WONDERS OF THE MACHINE AGE

Paper Presented by L. W. Mueller at Meeting of Foremen's Club January 31

We are living and entering an age of thrills. Practices change over night. Precedent counts for little. The substitution of machines for human hands has revolutionized industry. Current problems are so new and complex that old answers no longer suffice. Business hazards are great and rewards for success are large in proportion.

The factor of change has always been a problem to each generation. When wigs went out of fashion, the wig-makers were so upset about their loss of work that they appealed to King George III. Then lace became fashionable and covered even men's suits until the French Revolution caused a sudden reaction to simplicity. Old laces nearly as precious as family jewels were discarded and the lacemakers found it difficult to earn a living.

The effects of a new idea, mode, or fashion, today far exceed those of yesterday. The element of surprise is now so common that vigilance cannot be relaxed. There are a hundred unexpected changes at present for each one of the past. Bobbed hair nearly ruined the hairpin industry. Short skirts doubled the sale of stockings and greatly reduced purchase of dress materials. Automatic cigarette lighters have materially reduced the use of matches.

It takes seven factories to turn out enough sandwiches at present to furnish the soda fountains of New York City. The consumption of 250,000 sandwiches a day in New York developed from the idea of a restaurant owner who tried to build up his income by supplying a nearby drug store with sandwiches. The druggist agreed to take only the first batch on trial without cost or obligation. He did not see the future of an idea that materially effected the entire restaurant business of a large city.

About 50,000,000 pounds of licorice and sugar are used in flavoring chewing tobacco and 25,000,000 yards of cotton sheeting are required annually in growing shade-grown tobacco. This illustrates the inter-dependence of industry which is the chief difference between a machine age and one dependent upon hand work. This inter-dependence of industry which is the chief difference between a machine age and one dependent upon hand work. This inter-dependence is considered the principal cause of mass production and vertical mergers has changed American industry from a raw material production to one of manufacturing.

The success of each one of us today depends as much upon mental attitude as men-

tal capacity. We must get used to the idea that this is an age of building up by tearing down. Our commercial advance is by the destruction of old industries and the creation of new ones. The growth of the automobile business proceeded rough shod over the remains of what were once profitable buggy and wagon manufacturers. Steel and cement have replaced lumber. Artificial silk materially affected producers of cotton goods. C. Gorset manufacturing would not give in and lost by hanging on to obsolete equipment.

It may take a lot of imagination to draw a comparison between the past and the present but let's see. It was just a short time ago when we cranked our telephones; when kerosene was used for lamps; everybody rode bicycles, and bathed only on Saturday night in a wash tub. Hoop skirts, bustles, pill box hats, and cameo brooches were the style.

Men wore padded cravats, spring bottom trousers, and fancy derbies. The boys wore copper-toed boots designed to fit either foot and the assiduity bag which hung around their neck was supposed to protect them against disease. That was when a man always went home to eat and in the evening could get drunk for a dime and dead drunk for a quarter. Snuff was commonly used in the place of our present day cigarettes. Horse and buggy was the mode of travel. Every house had a fence around it and streets were lined with hitching posts and trees.

The houses to be complete had gaudy mottoes on the walls, mustache guards adorned the coffee cups, and squeaky rocking chairs were mounted on stationary runners.

The church was the center of all social activity and ladies in getting in or out of buggies were so modest they used stepping stones.

The first speed law was passed by the town council of Fredericksburg, Virginia and it imposed a fine upon anyone who galloped his horse on Main street.

Public opinion was opposed to baby carriages because they made it possible for mothers to wander away from home. The first talk about women's rights, female doctors, co-education or other such subjects brought forth all sorts of criticism about unsexed women and he-girls. Exposed ankles were considered highly immoral and ladies were not expected to walk alone on the street or go to a theatre unescorted.

Until 1883 we did not have an accurate time-keeping method. Trains between cities started on one time and arrived on another. A train to be an hour or so late was alright, it was expected.

It is only when we glance back as we have here that we fully realize the tremendous changes which have taken place during the past few years in this country. The transfer of the responsibilities of civilization from the financiers, politicians, soldiers and doctors to the engineers and chemists was not foreseen or even thought of.

A Cyeck playwright, Karel Capek, in a satirical drama, called R. U. R gave the world a new word now very much in common use. Robot, which was the word, has come to mean in all languages an automatic machine apparently endowed with the power of thought. Man has not succeeded in building a machine that will think but he has built machines that will think but he has built machines that do wonderful things.

In an upper room of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, is a machine to which you may submit any problem in calculus—the highest branch of mathematics—and in a few minutes this robot will give the answer which would have taken by formal mathematics anywhere from a month to a year to work out.

Ali Baba in the Arabian nights tales stood before the cave of Forty Thieves and said, "Open Sesame" and the stone door swung open, a fantastic fairy tale but—

A robot stands guard at a certain door in East Pittsburgh where if you speak to it in Ali Baba's exact words it will open the door for you but if addressed otherwise, will remain unopened.

The Iceland ship, "Ellida" in the fairy stories of Iceland needed no helmsman. She understood what was said to her and obeyed her master's voice. A fairy story of course but—

On Sept. 20, 1927, the steamship, Pulpit Point, made her handfall at Barrier Island off the harbor of Auckland, New Zealand after a run of 21 days from San Francisco during which no human hand touched her steering gear. There were spider webs on her wheel when the robot which had held her true to her compass course for three weeks turned the helm over to the Auckland Pilot. No myth, but a reality.

In the medieval romance of Valentine and Orson a great brazen head stood in the castle of the giant Ferracute which would tell those who inquired whatever they wished to know about past, present or future. Impossible of course but—

In a room in Washington, D. C., stands a great machine called, "The Brass Brain." To it every day men put questions about the future which it answers with such prompt precision that tens of thousands risk their lives and untold millions of wealth are staked upon the accuracy this robot's forecasts. It predicts the tides for every port in the world for years ahead or can tell what the tide was at any time in the past.

It settled the dispute about Paul Revere's ride in that it was believed that English troops were detained from their westward

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## OUR OWN WINTER RESORT New Skating Rink at Mueller Heights Is Very Popular

Some persons may go to St. Moritz and others may go to Lake Placid for winter sports, but members of our organization are more fortunate. They have winter sports right at their front door. Look at the accompanying illustrations and be convinced.

This is the first season for the new ice skating rink at the Mueller Athletic Club. An excavation was made for this during the past summer and with the coming of cold weather it was filled with water and a beautiful sheet of ice was formed during the days that the mercury was flirting around the zero mark. When the ice becomes cut up by the skate rims, it is quickly brought back to the skating condition when the men flood it at night with a thin sheet of water.

This rink has a great many advantages. It is close to the Employees' club house where the skaters may repair for rest and warmth if desired. This is ample skating surface to accommodate a large crowd but the prime claim for popularity is safety. The body of water collected is shallow and to break through would mean nothing more than getting one's feet and ankles wet. There is absolutely no danger accompanying skating. Continued cold weather will give great popularity to the rink and lots of people will put on skates who have not had them on for years past.

This rink is just another evidence of the Company's thoughtfulness in providing good wholesome, healthy amusement for employees.



## BABY CRIBS

The fifty baby cribs purchased by Mr. Adolph Mueller and made available for the babies of employees have now all been placed. Mr. Mueller is considering ordering more cribs. From all who have used these cribs we have had expressions of appreciation.

To make the care of a small baby easier for its mother was the motive prompting Mr. Mueller in providing these cribs. They are loaned to employees in good standing for one year. At the end of that time they will be returned to the Employment Department and if needed longer an extension of time will be secured. As soon as the baby does not need the crib it will be returned to the Employment Department where it will be available for another child. A man who leaves his job and has one of the cribs will of course return it on checking out.



## THE PICTURES

Reading across: Top row—Nellie Bowman and Flossie Etheridge, Hazel Virden and Adolph Mueller, Robert Mueller.

Second Row—Marian Richards and Adolph Mueller; W. E. Mueller, Billy Mueller.

Third Row—Irma Barth Frank Edmonson pulling Alma Virden; Joe Brownback and Billy Mueller; Roy Prase in fancy skating.

Below—Group picture of the skaters.

Note—Photographs by Margaret Marcott.





## ATHLETICS

There is more athletic activity going on in the Mueller gym at present than ever before. Basketball is one of the leading sports at this time of the year. Each sport in its season is a slogan being carried out.

Outdoor baseball will soon come into its own. The Mueller athletic field diamond should be in ideal shape this coming summer. When the bleachers are put up in the spring we will have a seating capacity of five hundred.

Our new miniature golf course is a living monument to professional Joe Sturm. Joe made this course as difficult as he knew now. There are nine greens. The average distance from tee to green is thirty yards. Besides numerous hedges to sail the ball over there are many sand traps which make it difficult to land on the greens, which are made in all manner of shapes, each equivalent to about ten feet square. The flight of the ball must be nearly perfect to make the course in par. Players will have an opportunity to call some of these traps sweet and tender names. It has been suggested by our physical director that when golfers are confronted by the trap problem that they make no more unnecessary remarks than are absolutely necessary.

Record of basketball games since last publication:

Mueller, 32; C. B. & Q., 25.  
 Nighthawk Reserves, 37; Owls, 16.  
 Shippers, 42; Pirates, 16.  
 Nighthawk Reserves, 25; Cerro Gordo, 5.  
 Shippers, 28; Pirates, 24.  
 Drafters, 22; Pirates, 13.  
 Black Cats, 28; Shippers, 22.  
 Loch Clothiers, 36; Pirates, 12.  
 Shippers, 21; Engineers, 10.  
 Cerro Gordo, 32; Nighthawk Reserves, 18.  
 Nighthawks, 85; Wild Cats, 13.  
 Drafters, 25; Pirates, 22.  
 Black Cats, 41; Mueller, 21.  
 Drafters, 18; Engineers, 12.  
 Shippers, 26; Pirates, 15.  
 Butterfly Conf., 26; Mueller, 22.  
 Cerro Gordo, 22; Nighthawk Reserves, 21.  
 Black Cats, 30; Nighthawks, 26.  
 Assumption, 37; Nighthawks, 23.  
 Provident Mutual, 48; Nighthawks, 11.  
 Mueller, 32; Black Cats, 18.  
 Shippers, 19; Drafters, 6.  
 Engineers, 22; Pirates, 21.  
 D. A. E., 35; Nighthawks, 34.  
 Pirates, 19; A. W. Cash Co., 12.  
 Mueller, 29; Monticello, 19.  
 Nighthawk Reserves, 26; Pirates, 10.  
 Nighthawks, 77; P. D. Q.'s, 9.  
 Team standing, Monday, Feb. 4, 1929.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Shippers .....	2	0	1.000
Drafters .....	1	0	.500
Engineers .....	1	0	.500
Pirates .....	0	2	.000

### BASKETBALL

Mueller League basketball schedule:

7:00 p. m., Wed., Jan. 23, Drafters, 18; vs. Engineers, 12.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Jan. 23, Shippers, 26; vs. Pirates, 15.  
 7:00 p. m., Wed., Jan. 30, Drafters, 6; vs. Shippers, 19.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Jan. 30, Engineers, 22; vs. Pirates, 21.  
 7:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 6, Drafters vs. Pirates.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 6, Engineers vs. Shippers.  
 7:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 13, Shippers vs. Pirates.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 13, Drafters vs. Engineers.  
 7:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 20, Engineers vs. Pirates.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 20, Drafters vs. Shippers.  
 7:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 27, Engineers vs. Shippers.  
 8:00 p. m., Wed., Feb. 27, Drafters vs. Pirates.

BILL CRANSTON,

Physical Director.

Mueller Basketball Commercial League schedule, Y. M. C. A. Annex:

8:15 p. m., Wed., Jan. 2nd, vs. C. B. & Q.  
 7:15 p. m., (postponed) vs. I. T. S., Thursday, March 14.  
 7:15 p. m., Thurs., Jan. 17th, vs. M. V. S.  
 8:15 p. m., Thurs., Jan. 24th, vs. Staley.  
 7:15 p. m., Mon., Feb. 4th, vs. Cash.  
 7:15 p. m., Mon., Feb. 11th, vs. Osgood.  
 7:15 p. m., Mon., Feb. 18th, vs. I. P. L.  
 8:15 p. m., Thurs., Feb. 21st, vs. Wabash.  
 7:15 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 28th, vs. I. T. S.  
 8:15 p. m., Mon., March 4th, vs. C. B. & Q.

BILL CRANSTON,  
 Physical Director.

### BUNCH PARTY

The C. G. A. Club had a Bunch party at the Mueller Athletic Club Tuesday evening, January 22. Misses Marie Yonker and Estella Rhinchart were hostesses to twenty-six of the Mueller girls. First prize was won by Wera Bauer, second prize by Lucille Morthland and consolation by Alma Vir-den.

### EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OPEN AT NOON

The Employment Office is now open from 7 until 5 o'clock with some one on the job during the noon hour.

If you have matters of personal business to take up use part of your noon hour for that purpose.

Dr. Long is also in his office during the noon hour.



### AN HONEST MAN

At the suggestion of Chief Duffey we are glad to acknowledge the services of William Shockley who works in Department 8 during the day and at 5 o'clock he goes to the office as janitor.

The other day he found on the floor a lady's purse which contained \$28.60 in cash. There was no identifying mark in the purse. Without hesitation he reported his find to Watchman Owen. The next morning it was claimed by one of the office girls who had spent a sleepless night worrying over her loss.

Another time Shockley found a twenty-dollar bill that some one had carelessly dropped from his pocket. This was reported and eventually given to its owner.

Again he found in the waste basket a ten-dollar bill which was later restored to the owner.

In each case the lost money was due to oversight on the part of the owner, and if Mr. Shockley had not found and returned it, the owner might have suspected that the money was stolen to the embarrassment of all concerned.



### LETTER FROM JAKE VOELCKER

Some time ago we printed a picture of the Mueller old automobile and among the innocent by-standers was Jake Voelcker, who was formerly a member of this organization. Jake now lives in Indianapolis.

Louis Rohr sent Jake a copy of The Record containing the article and in a few days received a letter from him in which he said:

"I looked at the index and the first thing I wanted to see was the Mueller built auto and I was sure surprised to see my mug. I didn't know there was such a picture in existence. I remember when William Jennings Bryan came to Decatur to make a speech and Mr. Hieronymus Mueller was the principal person on the reception committee and met him at the depot with his auto. Oscar drove the Benz auto and four of us young huskies were guards at the rear of the auto, but our real job was to push if the thing refused to run. However, the Benz behaved nicely and we did not have to push."



### FINDS A NEW WAY TO GET HURT

George C. Billingsley of the Polishing Department, loaned his car to his brother on a cold day. His brother put some alcohol in the radiator without telling George.

George went to use the car, took off the radiator cap, lit a match to see how much water was in the radiator. The alcohol fumes took fire and burned his face and eyes. He was laid up for several days.



### HAS A NEW FORD

The familiar Dodge touring car with the California top which had conveyed Fire Chief Duffey on his duties and pleasures for the last six years has at last been replaced by a new Ford Sedan.

### BETTY JONES



Just about as cute as they make them isn't she—Billy Jones, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones. Guy belongs to the night foundry force.

### DENTAL WORK

Dr. Geo. T. Knapp comes to the factory on Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 until 12:30. He will examine your teeth, tell you what should be done, give you an estimate of the cost, without obliging you in any way. You owe it to yourself to have your teeth examined.

If you have cavities or bad teeth they should be repaired.

More and more it will be necessary for men to keep their teeth in repair in order to be in good health and those who are neglectful in this respect do thereby endanger their health. They can blame only themselves if they are replaced by men who take care of their teeth.



### EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

The payroll deduction method of operating the Employees Investment Plan is proving very popular. The savings amount to \$2,000 a month more than when the deposits were made in cash.

Accounts may be opened at any time. Arrange to see Mr. Cornelius in the Employment Office at noon.



### THE CAMERA CLUB

The subject for this contest was "Interiors." Opal Jackson was awarded first prize, the subject being her mother at home. Second prize was awarded Margaret Marcott and third prize to E. H. Langdon's picture of his little daughter asleep in her crib.

## SMILING AND HAPPY



Father, mother and kiddies, all smiling and happy.  
Wm. De Laughter and his family.

## NEWS FROM PLANT NO. 3

R. V. White has been employed as clerk at Plant No. 3 succeeding Mr. G. L. Buck who has been transferred to another branch of the office.

Orrin Phares is ill at his home in Moweaqua with scarlet fever.

The new men employed at Plant No. 3 are:

W. Masterson of the Shipping Department.

Rex Waggoner of the Shipping Department.

Emery McKee, Casting Department.

Geo. Wood, Mold Shop.

LeRoy Wm. Peck, Shipping Department.

Roscoe Ridlen has been added to the Fire Department at Plant No. 3.

J. R. Mayhew has been appointed manager of the Vitreous ware plant, succeeding P. H. Cruikshank.

Department 31 has been playing a very important part in beautifying the grounds at plant No. 3, filling and leveling in the drives with cinders.

Evidently the men at plant No. 3 know the value of a dime as well as the good wholesome food with which they are served in view of the fact that approximately 75% of the men employed in the day time are eating their meals at the new cafeteria.

## LIVE AND LEARN

Marie Pilger King has learned from experience that red cough medicine, tho being the same color, has not the same effect as Mercurochrome, when applied to a cut. However, a mistake or two is to be overlooked on the part of a new bride.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
EMPLOYERS' AID SOCIETY

November 30, 1928—February 1, 1929  
November 30, 1928 Cash in Bank.....\$1,324.86

## Receipts

Company's Contribution	
for December.....	\$ 50.00
Company's Contribution	
for January.....	50.00
Membership dues Nov.....	1,119.70
Membership dues Dec.....	1,139.80
	<u>2,359.50</u>
	\$3,684.36

## Payments

Death Benefits.....	\$ 75.00
Geo. Heflin.....	
Walter Sereeton.....	50.00
Robert Stewart.....	100.00
Flowers.....	5.00
Expense—Clerks.....	8.00
Dr. Trainor—Services.....	7.00
Investments—City of De-	
catatur.....	
Improvement Bonds and	
Int. ....	<u>528.37</u>

Benefits listed below .....2,605.85      2,779.22

Cash in Bank Feb. 1..... \$ 905.14

## Resources

Brass Co. Bonds.....	\$3,000.00
City of Decatur Bonds.....	2,500.00
City of Calenico bonds.....	500.00
Bldg. and Loan Stock.....	1,600.00
Emerg. Loan Fund.....	1,200.00
Int. (estimated).....	240.00
Cash.....	<u>905.14</u>

Total .....\$9,945.14

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

## BENEFITS PAID

Chas. Norman 3.00	Geo. Heflin \$14.40
Rudolph Schell 12.00	C. E. Lane 26.25
Harvey Adams .50	Guy Jones 15.00
Vernon Berry 1.80	C. Curlin 5.25
J. L. Botts 1.90	Monroe Tate 61.80
W. A. Hise 15.00	W. A. Atkinson 2.25
F. Hubbard 3.00	Wm. Weggs 5.40
H. A. Henry 39.90	C. J. Daniels 43.40
W. L. Porter 18.00	H. Kinney 3.60
Helen White 10.00	Dennis Doolin 33.90
Robert Stewart 59.20	John Watson 3.00
C. L. Gille-	Ed Walz 15.00
brand 97.20	C. E. Lenover 3.60
E. W. Work-	W. E. Durbin 10.00
man 43.90	Geo. D. Wil-
Harry Myers 3.60	iams 3.00
Robt. H. Harris 3.60	R. L. Day 22.65
Sylvia Bergin 33.00	Cecil D. Smith 15.00
L. M. Elliott 126.25	Jo Eyer 9.00
Archie Phillips 30.30	Geo. B. Dart 73.80
Dorothy Neal 1.00	Roscoe Ridlen 7.00
Ben Notting-	C. Moreville 12.60
ham 2.50	Tony Bland 1.50
Dennis Masters 34.60	Carl Yonker 1.00
Trenna Burke 20.00	Ged Massengill 10.00
Flossie Ethridge 6.50	Mildred Nelson 15.60
Leonard White 30.00	C. A. Davey 1.80
Cecil Phelps 13.50	C. H. Rexroat 19.80



C. Parr	14.25	Win. De Laugh-	5.00
B. A. Mason	45.00	ter	5.00
Clyde Blank	9.00	Henry Watkins	10.00
W. F. Auer	2.00	Chas. Cunning-	
Lucille Watkins	22.60	ham	9.00
Francis Wood	24.75	Helen Brannon	4.50
Mildred Elle-		Marie Eagleton	3.50
good	12.00	Ruth Zetterlind	27.00
Chas. Braden	1.50	Walter McCau-	
August Rau-		ley	24.00
shek	12.00	Velma Olive	15.00
C. W. Glass-		John Allen	9.00
cock	1.50	Elmer Russell	3.00
Genneth Pope	5.00	W. N. Knight	12.00
A. W. Gordon	5.00	Geo. Strong	15.00
T. B. Davidson	27.00	Harlan Roark	9.00
May Gray	5.00	Albert Trailor	1.00
N. A. Blakeman	13.50	Chester Meisen-	
S. Elsea	26.40	heimer	9.00
Laura Lee	25.60	F. W. Leliew	3.75
H. L. Adams	2.00	Lloyd Brincey	6.00
Geo. Billingsly	3.00	W. E. Behras	15.00
F. L. Wilkinson	27.00	Edmund Peters	12.00
Freida Cochran	3.00	L. E. Reunion	5.00
W. K. Baker	2.70	Oscar Taylor	37.50
L. B. House-		Norman Ed-	
worth	4.50	wards	12.00
Lucille Bruder	1.00	A. W. Gordon	4.00
Chas. German	4.50	V. E. Stark	10.00
H. D. Fletcher	4.50	Chas. Gilmore	6.00
C. Wright	15.00	Louise White-	
Dewey Tripp	18.00	head	68.00
C. Tolliver	6.00	H. L. Kerwood	2.00
Chester Cook	30.00	Robt. Hill	3.00
H. Woodruff	2.50	Wes Lake	3.00
A. Carter	9.00	Guy Rice	4.00
Noah Beck	.90	Geo. W. White	18.00
Enoch Masters	4.50	Carl Marose	26.00
G. W. Jobe	20.00	E. J. Dodwell	10.00
Ruby Finnigan	7.00	Geo. Wilson	25.00
L. E. Runion	10.00	Imogene Peer	3.00
Tony Bland	4.50	Al Wilkins	5.00
L. Kirk	1.50	F. H. Feltenger-	
C. Ruck	3.75	ger	20.00
Otis Cox	10.00	Jane Carson	19.00
Ralph Seeley	15.00	J. L. Botts	5.00
Elza Jolly	4.50	Leo O. Wright	4.00
Warren Thomas	5.00		
Walter Screeton	2.50	Total	\$2,005.85



### GARNISHMENT AND WAGE ASSIGNMENTS

We still have a few people who allow their wages to be assigned, tho we are glad to observe that this is on the decrease. A record is kept of all garnishments and wage assignments and these are entered on the employee's record card.

It is our earnest suggestion that employees who find themselves in financial difficulties arrange their affairs before the matter is taken to law. After a garnishment has gone into effect there is not very much that we can do.

### MISS ULA DAVIS



Miss Ula Davis, daughter of Mr. Tilden Davis of The Mueller Manufacturing Company of department No. 9, graduated from the Decatur High School, January 25 and entered Millikin, January 28.

She completed high school in three and a half years.

### NOT JANITOR NOW

Two girls who had been to the Employment Office the other morning looking for work, met Mr. Adolph Mueller at the door as they were leaving.

"How do you do, girls, did you get a job?" he asked pleasantly.

"Yes," answered one of them. "I start tomorrow morning."

"Do you work here, too?"

Mr. Mueller answered, "Yes, I work here, I have been here a long time."

"How long?"

"About 48 years."

"And what job did you start with?"

"I was janitor," said Adolph. "They let me sweep out the shops."

The ladies surveyed him with interest and asked, "Are you still janitor?"

Mr. Mueller smiled quizzically. "They call me the President."



### BETTY BENNETT RECOVERING

Betty Bennett of the mail desk, was taken to the Decatur and Macon County hospital where she was operated on for appendicitis. She came through the operation all right and is looking forward to the enjoyment of better health as a result.

## DEATHS

The deplorable accident that befell Walter Screeton, Friday morning, January 18th, was a shock to company members and all employees who knew him. Walter had been with the company for 42 years. He worked for Mr. Mueller when the company was located on East Main street in the building that is now a part of the Millikin bank.

At the time he met his death Walter was crossing Eldorado street, at the corner of North Main. It was early morning and he was on his way to work at the factory. Witnesses say that the lights were against him. The automobile that struck him was driven by E. J. Dodwell of 1661 East Lincoln avenue. Mr. Dodwell is also a Mueller employee, being connected with the core room.

The morning was dark and foggy and it is said that Mr. Dodwell was not driving fast. No one could deplore the accident more than Mr. Dodwell, who immediately picked up Walter unaided and carried him to the boulevard. The accident happened at 6:40 a. m., and Walter died at 7:15 in St. Mary's hospital where he was hastily taken in an ambulance. Mr. Dodwell was also taken to the hospital suffering from nervous reaction and an injury to his back in carrying Walter to the boulevard.

Walter Screeton was a native of Hollingham, England, where he was born in 1860. He was a finished machinist and came to Canada in 1882, where he remained until 1887 when he came to Decatur and was employed by Mr. Mueller. He was assigned to tapping machine work on which he was still engaged at the time of his death. He had completed nearly 42 years with the company having long since received his \$500 for twenty years service. In 1926 the company gave him a trip to his old home in recognition of 35 years service. Mrs. Screeton was to have accompanied him but died a few months before the date of sailing. Perhaps no incident in Walter's life gave him so much pleasure as this trip. In his native town he found relatives and friends from whom he had been separated for nearly a half century.

Few if any men connected with our company stood higher in the good opinions of his employer or his fellow workmen. A quiet, unassuming person, gentle in speech and act, he was in every essential a gentleman and his untimely death.

Two daughters survive him, Mrs. Myra Mummins of St. Louis, and Mrs. Amelia Leake of Belleville, Ill.



## ROBERT S. STEWART

Robert S. Stewart of the Night Brass Shops, Ground Key Department, died of pneumonia Monday, January 14th. He had been absent from work since December 8th.

He first began work for Mueller Co., April 24th, 1902. He checked out September, 1901, and returned to work on January 17, 1911. Except for this short break in his services,

he would have been with us continuously for 26 years.

Robert Stewart was born March 13, 1859 in Ohio. He came to Macon county with his parents in 1859. He was never married. His brothers, Henry and W. G. Stewart, of Decatur, and his sister, Mrs. S. A. King, of Oklahoma City, survive him. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. B. J. 'Marty' who was his foreman, when Mr. Stewart started to work in 1902, states that Robert was a faithful, steady worker, and was always on the job if physically able.

He carried a policy in our Group Insurance plan.



## GLENN D. PRESTON

Glenn D. Preston, 526 E. Grand Ave., died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital at 7 o'clock Monday morning after a short illness. A week ago he developed a boil on his hand, and later one appeared on his face. They became infected and his condition grew steadily more critical until he was taken to the hospital Sunday night.

Mr. Preston had been employed at Plant 3 since August 9, 1928, and before that he had been in the Polishing Department. He went to work regularly in the Polishing Department in November, 1926. He had formerly worked for the Wabash Railroad and the Wagner Casting Company.

He was born in Charlevoix, Michigan, on August 9, 1899. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Laveda Williams Preston, and his daughter, Helen, age 8.

Funeral services were held in Brintlinger's chapel. Pall-bearers were provided by Mueller employees.

Mr. Preston had a policy in our Group Insurance Plan.



## FOREMEN'S CLUB

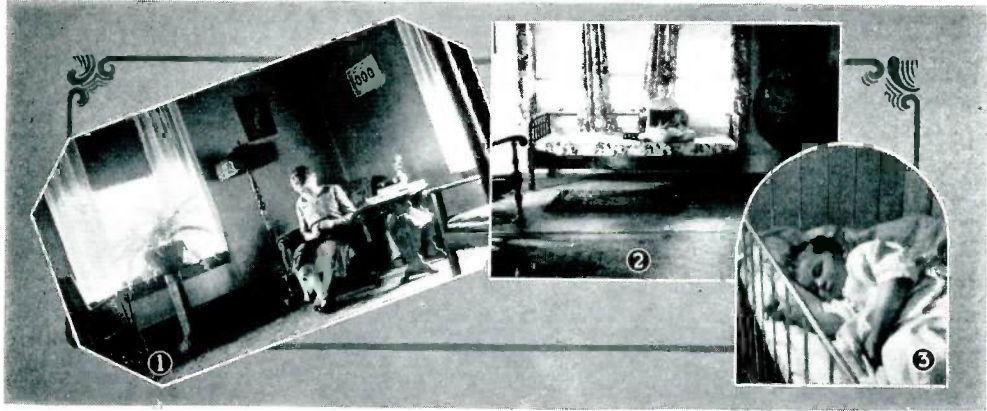
The January meeting of the Foremen's Club held last Thursday evening was one of unusual interest.

Lucien Mueller presented a paper on the "Machine Age." The paper appears in full elsewhere in this issue. The significance of the changes coming to industry set the foremen to thinking.

Adolph Mueller made an interesting address touching on a number of subjects, among them the recent controversy between the Company and the Decatur Herald. Mr. Mueller stated very clearly his position on the matters at issue.

He also, invited us to go skating on the lake at Mueller Heights and announced that the boys of Mueller employees between the ages of nine and fourteen would be divided into groups and go on a hike on the afternoon of Saturday, February 2nd. The hike ended at the Mueller Lodge where refreshments were served.

## THE CAMERA CLUB



The subject of the last contest was Interiors and some very pretty pictures are the result. Miss Opal Jackson won first with a picture of her mother, Mrs. Bert Jackson, in her home. Margaret Marcott was second with a rather difficult subject and E. H. Langdon was third with his little daughter asleep in her crib as the subject.

### MUELLER TRUCKS LEAD

Our drivers have led all others in the Truck Drivers' Safety Contest sponsored by the Safety committee of the Association of Commerce. The contest has covered three months and has three months to run. The telephone company drivers are second for the first three months. Our men had 897 truck days to their credit while the telephone company had 822. In the three months mentioned there were 46 accidents, which is an average of one and a fraction per thousand truck days.

It is thought this contest is contributing to more careful driving by truckmen. We are all looking for our men to end the six months period with a perfectly clean record.



### IN FLORIDA

Mrs. Philip Mueller, Mrs. Bessie Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Vere Brownback and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Bobbie) Mueller are at Bradenton, Florida, where they will remain for several weeks.

Bobbie has made a nice recovery from the operation he underwent last December. He probably will not be back in the factory until April. His many friends expect to welcome him home completely restored to health.



### STATE PLUMBERS

The annual convention of the Illinois Master Plumbers' Association was held at Peoria, January 23, 24 and 25th. The meeting was at the Pere Marquette Hotel. Carl Draper of the Sales Dept., and Geo. White, Illinois salesmen, attended from Decatur.

Mr. Adolph Mueller attended the closing day's session by special invitation and addressed the plumbers.

### BARBARA ANN

That's the name of W. R. Gustin's little grand-daughter, age —. She now lives in Detroit where Mrs. Gustin recently visited. Barbara Ann is loaded with infantile wise cracks, which she springs at unexpected moments. She was playing with one of her dollies with Mrs. Gustin setting near, when she suddenly broke out with:

"Grandma buys Dollie a rain-coat."

There was a moment's silence when Barbara Ann again opened up with:

"No. Grandma doesn't buy Dollie a rain coat."

She was right the last time.



### BIRTHS

Robert H. Tauber of the Machine Shops, daughter, Rita Mary, January 9th.

Russel Armstrong of the Pottery, daughter, Margaret Eloise, December 31st.

O. J. Hawkins of the Sales Department, a son, Gerald Lawrence, December 26th.

Wm. Taylor of the Pottery, a daughter, November 16th. She has been named Daralene Ruth.

Warren Hall of the Machine Shop, a son, William Carl, December 27.

W. A. Pumphrey of the Pottery, a son, Harlan Wayne, October 26th.

Floyd E. Walton of the Night Foundry, a son, Donald Floyd, Jr., born October 26, 1928.



George Preswall went to Peoria Saturday, January 19, to set up the Exhibit made at the annual convention of the Illinois Master Plumbers' Association.



## LAST OF THE THIRD



Frank or "Frankie", as we all know him, is the youngest of the third generation, and now one of the busiest in the Engineering Dep't. He is also active in athletics.

## FLU

We cannot tell at this time just how many people have been disabled by the flu. It has been our policy to insist on early care and rest. Experience has shown that for one to work when coming down with the flu makes the attack much more severe. For that reason we have had those suffering from colds or the flu see Dr. Long before returning to work. In this way we have prevented much sickness in the form of relapses which would certainly have come to over-confident people if they had been allowed to return to work in a weakened condition.

It is the relapse of influenza that is dangerous. It often runs into pneumonia. It has been our constant aim to prevent this relapse.



## LEAVING SERVICE

New workers are hired by the Employment Department. When someone quits he checks out thru the Employment Department. It is necessary to have a final interview with the Personnel Director or someone in his office before the checkout is cleared to the Paymaster. Foremen and Department Clerks will please take notice. Check-out slips are issued by the Foremen. Thus the person leaving service must see his Foreman before quitting.

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march by the tide being in, whereas, the Brass Brain shows that the tide was out at the time the troops were ready to move forward.

In another room at Washington, a man picks up his telephone, calls a number and receives an intelligent answer from a mechanical man—a Robot—It is used in determining H2O level of the reservoir. The Robot answers over the phone by means of signals for the water level.

Another Robot stands at a gate in Springfield, Mass., and counts the automobiles as they pass by. It has no physical contact with them except by means of light as you and I see.

Still other Robots count money, determine for themselves when electric switches should be thrown and do a hundred mental operations accurately.

The other side of the story is chemistry and physics.

There has been produced a synthetic sunshine hotter than the hottest star. This was only for a fraction of a second time, but it was done.

The X-rays through their power to penetrate matter now tell us if castings are sound, if the core of golf balls are symmetrical, if automobile tires are perfect, if certain coal runs high in ash and if there are hidden knots or weaknesses in a piece of aeroplane timber and in our sea ports if smuggling is being attempted by hiding things in bails of cotton, etc.

William H. Mason, once a pupil of Edison, has perfected a process of exploding saw mill waste from guns in such a way as to convert it into a mass of separated fibers which with pressure is converted into artificial boards for auto doors, card tables, desks and radio cabinets.

A new German fabric is made of hemp fibers instead of flax. Old auto tire casings sold to Greece are converted into footwear.

Leather from shark skin is being produced in large quantities. The by-products of this include oil, glue, insulin, and walking sticks. Some companies capture 3,000 sharks in a single night.

A few years ago hardly a dozen articles were made from asbestos. Now it is being made into composition floors, roofs, electrical appliances, phonograph records, switchboards, tapestries, rugs, ladders, mail bags, shingles, theatre curtains, brake linings, pipe coverings and fire proof clothes.

Glycerine is now made from sugar. In this process, one ton of sugar yields 400 pounds of glycerine, 550 pounds of alcohol and 100 pounds of mixed aldehydes.

Only two or three dozen alloys were available in 1900. Now we have about 1,700 alloys with more being developed every day.

Heavy metals are giving way to newer ones of greater strength and lightness. We may soon see the time when a man can easily



carry a 100 pound engine on his shoulder. Typewriters and other machines will weigh only a fraction of what they do now. Knowing the construction of atoms and molecular arrangements of crystals the chemical engineer will produce the precise alloy he desires by drawing up plans on paper similar to the design of a machine today and then proceed to make them with the same accuracy.

All this means that the scientist and the engineer have made available a flood of new knowledge, and a multitude of new methods and machines, that are changing the conditions under which we live and work. It calls upon us to continue to make unexpected and often drastic adjustments to a changing environment. Therefore it is more important than ever, that we be physically fit, alert, open-minded and able to adapt ourselves to the requirements of a new age.

Many of you men have heard me remark of the changing conditions of industry and of our living conditions and etc. As we look around and realize what is going on, I think we are extremely fortunate to be living during this period.

We are living in an era of thrills.

#### BRASS CHIPS

Miss Vivian Scholes has left the service of the Company. She had for some time acted as Mr. Wells' stenographer. Her place is being filled by Mrs. Louis Wyant, who formerly acted as Mr. Wells' stenographer.

Mrs. Lillian Embery has transferred from the advertising department to James Thorp's upkeep stock department and Mrs. Helen Pope has returned to her old position in the advertising department.

H. L. Walker of the Polishing Department has taken a position with the Wabash.

Fred Davey of the Tubing Department, has left us again for a "better job."

C. G. Haug, who has been clerk in the Tool Room for some time, left January 31st to go on the road as a salesman of automatic vending machines. He is succeeded by Wm. Bullard who has been transferred from the Assembly Department.

Howard Taylor of the Pottery quit to visit relatives in Indiana.

Harry Myers of the Night Polishing Department, checked out January 31st while drunk.

Gerald St. Pierre has been transferred from the Tube Department to the Machine Shops.

Albert Anderson of Plant 3 becomes Night Fireman at the Pottery. He succeeds J. W. Radcliff who resigned.

Levi Prater has been transferred from the Pottery to the Assembly Department.

Hunold Sarver is now a regular Night Electrician.

Vivian Scholes, who has for some time past been stenographer to J. W. Wells, has taken a position uptown.

Walter Garman has been transferred from the Night Polishing Department to the Night Inspection Department.

Roy Baker is now assistant to Foreman Mike Fleckenstein in the Night Polishing Department.

Lewis M. Elliott, formerly of the Metal Pattern Room, has been absent from work since July 5th. Most of this time he has been under medical care and is still unable to work.

Frank Tompkins of Vandalia and his son, Horace, were in to see us January 23.

Mrs. Harold Seeley, Miss Irene Selley and Miss B. Houston visited the plant January 17th.

Messrs. Linguist, Robinson and Levy of the Mueller Brass Co., spent February 1st and 2nd at the Main Plant in Decatur.

Alpha Vick, and her sister, Bee, of Chicago, made us a brief visit on January 28th. They were formerly employed in the Main Office.

Dalton A. Bomar is now the night watchman at the Monroe St. gate. He succeeds Steve Mahannah who is now day watchman at Plant 2. Mr. Mayberry has resigned on account of failing health.

Carol Sutton of the Brass Finishing Department, has gone to the farm.

Gustave Monska has left the Machine Shop at Plant 2 to return to the Wall Paper Mills.

Herman Kelch has resigned from the Tool Room and has gone to Chicago for a job.

Vernon Berry of the Night Polishing Department and Elza Jolly have gone to seek their fortune in Texas.

#### NEW OFFICERS

The annual company meeting has been held and some changes have been made and announced. The officers of the company are:

Mr. Adolph Mueller—President and General Manager and Chairman of the Executive and Budget Committee.

Mr. W. E. Mueller—Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, in charge of Finance and Vice-Chairman of the Executive and Budget Committee.

Mr. Robert Mueller—Vice President, in Charge of Public Relations.

Mr. L. W. Mueller—Vice President, in charge of purchasing Works Management and Engineering.

Mr. J. W. Simpson—Vice President, in charge of selling.

Mr. J. W. Wells—Secretary of the Company and assistant to the President.

Adolph Mueller, Lucien W. Mueller, Robt. H. Mueller, and Philip Cruikshank were re-elected to the board of directors. Other members are: Robert Mueller, William E. Mueller, Ebert Mueller, Mrs. Ora M. Blair and J. W. Simpson.

It has since been announced that F. W. Cruikshank and Phillip Cruikshank have withdrawn from active participation in the business.

### MRS. WALKER WRITES

#### Likes California but Longs for Muellers and Illinois

Practically all members of the organization know Mrs. Walker, who was for many years connected with the Cafeteria. She is now living in Los Angeles, to which city she journeyed last fall, making the trip by auto. In a recent letter she says:

"I received your nice letter and it is needless to say I certainly was glad to hear from you all and I want you all to know that while you people back in Decatur have missed me, I have missed you all and it certainly makes me feel good to know that if I ever get back to Decatur and am able to hold a position I certainly would come to Mueller's first and would feel like I was coming home once more, for I felt just like I was leaving my own people when I left you all. It may be I will be back that way some day and . . ."

"I stood the trip just fine and wasn't very tired when we arrived. We were only eight days on the way and my nephew's daughter drove all the way and we did not have much trouble—only two or three punctures and they all happened in some of the small towns as we were passing through. We had lovely weather all the way and we all enjoyed the trip very much. There were 4 of us ladies in the party. One of the four will be leaving about the 15th of December for her home back in Harrisburg, Illinois. She will go back by rail. I almost wish I was coming back with her. I like the weather out here but I can not say that I like it as well as I do in dear old Illinois, but I may after I am here a few months."

"I certainly was sorry to hear of the robbery in Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank's home and truly hope that they have got the guilty party."

Now remember me to all the girls at the Cafeteria and also in the offices and all the boys all over the plant and also Mrs. Rost and Louis. Tell Louis I dreamed I heard him calling Walker—guess it was all a dream. My daughter and Bob asked to be remembered to all the bunch and Helen Louise, their little girl, said to tell Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank hello for her. She is quite a young lady now. Would be glad to hear from you all at any time and wishing you all happy Thanksgiving. I remain

"Yours sincerely,

"MRS. H. C. WALKER."

### MUELLER LTD.

Three Decatur men were elected to offices in the annual meeting of the Mueller Co., Ltd., of Canada, held last week in Sarnia, Ont.

Officers chosen are:

President—Adolph Mueller.

Vice-President—Robert Mueller.

Secretary—William Twaits.

Treasurer—W. E. Mueller.

The company had an excellent business

during the year, increasing the payroll to 230, a gain of seventy employees. More are being added.

### KEEPING FIT

Is the title of a booklet issued by the Travelers' Insurance Company. This booklet tells how to avoid catching cold, some interesting information about ventilation, clothing, diet and exercise.

It closes with the following paragraph:

"BE CHEERFUL AND DO NOT WORRY"

"The mind has a great influence over the body. Discontent and brooding over trouble may seriously undermine your health. Anger, worry, envy, hate, or jealousy may tire you more than a day's work. Forget those things which go wrong or make you unhappy. Try to remember only the things which make you happy. Do not worry about your health or try to overdo the rules for keeping well. Lay out certain rules and follow them the best you can. Take your life and your work cheerfully. This will bring happiness and in turn will promote healthfulness."

This booklet may be obtained upon request at the Employment Office.

### BOXING

Bill Cranston and his juvenile boxing pupils went over big in three round glove fights. The program follows:

Dave Simpson vs. Lee Bauer.

Gordon Gunter vs. Raymond Adams.

Gene Simpson vs. Tom Baker.

The feature match which was to have taken place between Mark Simpson and Rhodell Holderby was postponed owing to Rhodell just getting over a sick spell.

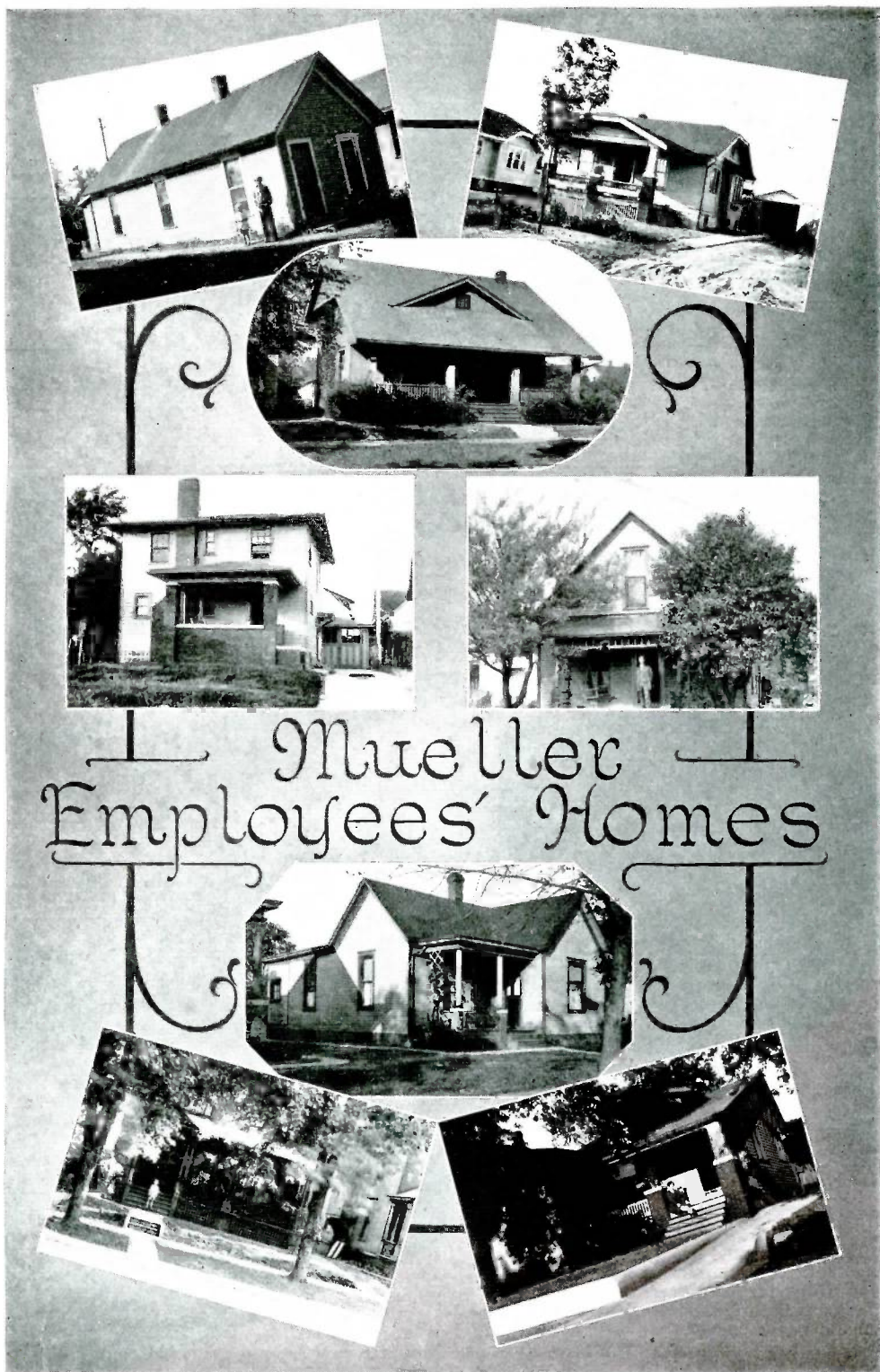
The boy hikers of the party were:

Herman Roe, Kleon Roe, Raymond Adams, Charles Marson, Mark Simpson, Jack Enloe, Gene Simpson, Gerald Carder, Bernard Carder, Lee Bauer, Ben Harsbarger, Roy Peterson, Robert Taylor, Delmar Parks, Rhodell Holderby, Truman Reynolds, Myer Shellabarger, Dale Goodwin, Melvin Trimmer, Robert Sattley, Dale Wilkins, Eugene Payton, Robert Rhodes, Floyd Moore, Myron Choeran, Dave Simpson, Edwin Keil, Howard Reynolds, John Shellabarger, Floyd Trimmer, Leonard Albert, Mason Albert, Orville Albert, Junior White, Tom Baker, Delmar Binns, Rollie Denton, Leonard Helpenstein, Melvin Mallinson.

### HOMES OF EMPLOYEES

The homes of Mueller Employees pictured on the opposite page, are:

A. W. Warren, 1281 Vanderhoof St., Levi Prater, 1132 W. Packard St., Betty Bennett, 1133 N. Monroe St., C. W. Hachaway, 654 W. Elm St., H. E. Hickill, 952 W. Division, John Duffy, 1142 East Hickory St., A. G. Martin, 885 W. Leafland, Floyd Flanders, 1120 N. Monroe St.





## BOYS HAVE HIKING PARTY



Forty-one members of the Mueller Boys' Hiking Club enjoyed themselves to the limit Saturday, Feb. 2nd.

Three groups of boys, led by Adolph Mueller, Wilbur Simpson and Bill Cranston, left the Gym at 2 o'clock, each taking a different route. Adolph chose a southwesterly course over the old St. Louis bridge, and then to Mueller Heights, stopping long

Mr. Adolph made a nice little talk to the boys which included the following proposition:

One dollar each for the best account of the hike of the different groups.

Two dollars for the best of all the stories submitted.



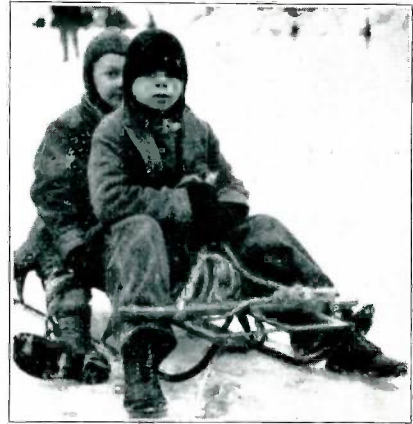
HERMAN ROE

enough for a trip through the Vitreous Ware plant.

Miss Lucille Morthland supervised the indoor games which kept the boys in an uproar. Robert Sattley was the big game winner.

Louis Rost put the boys through army maneuvers and mimic warfare. Ed. Stille made a big hit as waiter.

Transportation manager, Mat Trott, of the Transportation Dep't., had a battery of automobiles on hand to take the boys to their homes.



## WEDDINGS

Bessie Marie Pilger of the Cost Department, and Raymond King, of Decatur, were married January 20th. They live at 845 North Church street.

Wilbur Allmon of the Engineering Department, and Nellie Chapman were married January 20th. They will live at 807 W. Eldorado street.

Ruth Zetterlind of the Dictaphone Department, and Charles Davis were married in Clinton, January 13th. They live at 953 E. William street.

The announcement of her wedding is not news but Ruth's statement that she is going to give up her job and keep house is news.

Chas. R. Hale of the Main Office, who was stricken with paralysis last summer, is now drawing his group insurance in monthly installments for total permanent disability.