

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

JANUARY, 1925

THRIFT AND SAFETY NUMBER



"THEY SAVED A DOLLAR FIRST"

Here are about one-fourth of the Mueller folks who carried savings accounts to maturity last year. Most of them are in the plan again. There is room for more

Start your investment account this week

REPORT ABSENCE

Note this from the Company's Rule Book

ABSENCE SHOULD BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO THE EMPLOYEE'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT by telephoning (Main 160), by mail, or by note. The cause should also be stated. FAILURE TO REPORT may be regarded as a desire to quit.

You are expected to observe this very reasonable requirement. Report promptly to Main 160. Night men should call before 5 o'clock. Records of absence are being kept, and those who fail to report may find themselves disconnected from the pay roll.

TAKE CARE OF THE SMALL INJURY

REPORT ANY INJURY, HOWEVER SLIGHT, TO YOUR FOREMAN

THE small injury which seems to be of no consequence some times becomes serious. Take no chance! The Company has engaged Robert Harris, who has been thoroughly trained in the Navy for four years in first aid to handle this service in the Decatur Plant. You are expected to use it.

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EDITORIAL

A master workman was asked by an apprentice how it happened that he made no mistakes in his work. "It is," he replied, "because I measure twice and cut once." That is a rule that we might all follow to advantage. Most mistakes in manufacturing are due to thoughtlessness, which is merely another way of saying carelessness. It may not be intentional—it never is with an honest workman—but the result is always the same. Mistakes are avoided or reduced to a minimum, as the master workman said by "measuring twice and cutting once"—being sure of the result before taking each step. This thought carried in your mind may save you embarrassing and costly mistakes.

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The year 1925 is going to witness tremendous building activity. This is the opinion of all statisticians and business prophets. This means that any manufacturer whose product enters into the building industry is going to have a busy year. These business prophets say the building program for 1925 will amount to five billion dollars, divided as follows:

Residential (homes, apartments, hotels)—\$2,000,000,000.

Farm buildings, \$400,000,000

Commercial buildings, \$600,000,000.

Industrial buildings, \$500,000,000.

Educational buildings, \$325,000,000.

Religious & Memorial buildings, \$125,000,000.

Social & Recreational buildings, \$140,000,000.

Institutions, Hospitals, etc., \$100,000,000.

Public Buildings, Naval, Military, etc., \$50,000,000.

Public Works & Utilities, \$1,000,000,000.

So thoroughly sold are they, that they say nothing short of a national disaster will prevent the accomplishment of this building program.

Lot of us whine and whimper and are whipped if we suffer some physical disability. We lose courage and give up. We quit trying to help ourselves, and place the responsibility on some one else—that is, most of us do.

And then every once in a while we see a striking example of some man who is really down but not out—one of those characters who can't be licked.

Recently we received a circular from A. E. Rump of St. Louis, who is a magazine agent. He was formerly a postal clerk, but was forced to resign because of total physical disability. He has been bedfast for fifteen years—down and out—except for a courageous mentality which refused to accept defeat. Mr. Rump went into business as a magazine subscription agent with his bed as his office and he is doing a good business. He is down but he is not out—no man is so long as he can think, reason, and plan—and has the courage and the will to do it.

But we don't have to go out of our own organization to find examples of this character. Look at Charlie Riley, totally blind, but at his bench every day—always happy, always smiling, always joking. At a departmental supper recently he was seen carrying his own tray, one hand on a comrade's shoulder, to guide him, but walking firmly and confidently and doing more talking and laughing than any one in the crowd.

It did one good to look at him. It makes one realize what mental and moral cowards most of us are.

Perhaps we can get some of it out of our system if we study Charlie Riley for a few moments.

At least, those of us who have no great physical disability can by comparison reach the conclusion that we have no kick coming.

That will help a little.



O'Flanigan came home with a deep band of crepe around his hat. "Oh Mike," said his wife, "why are you in mourning?" "I am wearing it for your first husband," said Mike. "I am sorry he's dead."

SUGGESTION PRIZE WINNERS



Standing—J. A. Dill, H. A. Goerges, Clifford Gillebrand, J. M. Peek, Joe Bullard, Ed Harris, Charles Dunaway, John Scoles, Tom Hill. Sitting—Ivan Lowe, Allen Maples, Virgil Ellegood, Frank Taylor, Clyde Saylor, Harry Glenn

SUGGESTION PRIZE WINNERS

For three years past the company has offered cash prizes to employees for suggestions of value to the business. The suggestions are divided into three classes:

Increasing Production; Reduction of Overhead; Safety

In each of the above divisions there were six prizes ranging from \$100 for the first to \$10 for the sixth.

Then there were a large number of \$5 prizes for various suggestions.

The interest manifested is shown by the large number of suggestions made. Four hundred thirty-seven employees had ideas which they believed would help the business. From this number one hundred twenty-four were selected as winners, and

divided a total of \$1,280.00.

The awards were made by a committee which had to consider each suggestion. There were about three hundred in all and the task assigned the committee was by no means a small one.

The awards were made at the Christmas exercises held in the club house on Wednesday, December 24, when the employees gave presents to the company members.

After Mr. Adolph had explained the plan of giving prizes for suggestions, he called the names of the fortunate one who came forward amid applause of his fellow workmen, and received his check.

The list of winners with his department number and the amount of his prize money follows on next page.



Standing—Ed Winholtz, H. C. Spaar, Harland Himstead, Louir Rohr, Walter Auer, J. N. Poster, E. V. Hirsch, Wm. Kuntz, Harry Koontz, Ben Tarr, Walter Screeton, Jack Frye, Ben Sellars, Art Metzger, George Heflin, Luther Morrison. Sitting—Albert Spitzer, George Fleckenstein, Dan Dunaway, Joe Brady, Albert May, Cecil Short, C. C. Foster, George LaBrash, Cal McQuality, L. W. Curtis, Chas. Sipe, Clarence Evans, F. W. Dannewitz, Harry Berry, J. M. Majors, Joe Baldridge, John Gray

Increasing Production

Prize	Name	Dept.	Amount
1st	John Scoles	21	\$100.00
2nd	J. V. Keck	9	60.00
3rd	J. A. Dill	18	40.00
4th	Allen Maples	30	25.00
5th	I. L. Lowe	15	15.00
6th	C. L. Sayler	50	10.00

Reduction of Overhead

Prize	Name	Dept.	Amount
1st	C. F. Dunaway	57	100.00
2nd	H. Glenn	9	60.00
3rd	H. P. Harris	99	40.00
4th	W. A. Atkinson	20	25.00
5th	F. E. Taylor	8	15.00
6th	V. Ellegood	7	10.00

Safety

Prize	Name	Dept.	Amount
1st	Joseph Bullard	57	100.00
2nd	J. H. Peck	57	60.00
3rd	H. A. Georges	56	40.00
4th	Thomas Hill	30	25.00
5th	Charles Taylor	30	15.00
6th	C. L. Gillibrand	50	10.00

Five Dollar Prizes

Name	Dept.	Amount
W. T. Auer	50	\$30.00
David Avis	20	5.00
Joe Bready	9	5.00
Harry Berry	18	5.00
Joe Baldrige	50	5.00
Roy Campbell	20	5.00
L. W. Curtis	30	5.00
C. F. Dunaway	57	25.00
Dan Dunaway	57	5.00
Art Davlin	82	5.00
W. F. Dannewitz	30	5.00
Oscar Dowdy	8	5.00
V. Ellegood	7	10.00
C. Evans	21	5.00
Henry Ellis	15	15.00
J. W. Frye	M. I. F.	5.00
C. C. Foster	20	10.00
J. J. Ficker	15	5.00
Geo. Fleckenstein	15	5.00
C. L. Gillibrand	50	5.00
J. C. Gray	99	5.00
A. L. Gates	30	5.00
E. V. Hirsch	30	5.00
L. F. Hewell	30	5.00
H. L. Himstead	50	5.00
George Heflin	18	10.00
J. V. Heck	9	15.00
Harry Koontz	18	15.00
H. L. Kerwood	30	5.00
William Kuntz	55	10.00
Geo. LaBrash	21	5.00
L. Miller	8	5.00
A. May	30	35.00
J. H. Major	24	10.00
E. Meece	57	5.00
W. McClanahan	7	5.00
C. McQuality	21	10.00
Luther Morrison	15	5.00
A. C. Metzger	20	5.00
F. W. Nehls	51	5.00

Mrs. Chas. Spiker and son



Mrs. Charles Spiker and Charles, Jr. Mr. Spiker is employed in the foundry. They decided to quit paying rent and bought a lot in the 1400 block, East Decatur. There they erected a garage on the back and Mrs. Spiker has made the place very cozy and home-like. They expect later to build a cottage on the front of the lot.



F. Nash	18	5.00
J. N. Porter	20	5.00
J. N. Peck	57	10.00
L. N. Rohr	53	15.00
Glen Reinhart	57	5.00
C. T. Sipe	73	15.00
H. C. Spaar	8	5.00
A. Spitzer	7	15.00
C. L. Sayler	50	10.00
Walter Screeton	30	5.00
B. F. Sellars	20	5.00
Cecil Short	30	20.00
W. B. Tarr	20	15.00
F. E. Taylor	8	25.00
Charles Taylor	30	10.00
F. L. Wyant	20	15.00
E. V. Winholtz	7	10.00
A. A. Warren	18	10.00
Bruh Werner	20	5.00



VISITING ANNA

Mr. Adolph Mueller, Everett Mueller, Duke Mueller, Philip Cruikshank, and Mr. Lawton made an automobile trip to Anna and Cairo, Illinois, January 22, and got back January 24. They found hard roads practically all the way and bright sunshine and mild temperature made the trip a most delightful one.



Safety News



ACCIDENTS IN 1924

The number and severity of accidents in 1924 was somewhat less than it was the last time a survey was made, October 1, 1923. Comparative figures appear below:

	1921	1923	1924
Average Force	771	980	1066
Number of Accidents	153	251	262
Total Hours Lost	7029	12767	10216
*Average Per Worker	9 Hours	13 Hours	9.6 Hours
Compensation Paid	\$879.58	\$1,974.16	\$1,128.53
Accident Benefits Paid		\$2,290.63	\$2,017.93
Value of Lost Time at 40c	\$2,811.60	\$5,106.80	\$4,086.40

*These averages obtained by dividing the number of people into the number of hours.

The important figures here are those which show that last year 9.6 hours were lost for each employe on account of accidents. The year before that it was 13 hours, and in 1921 it was 9 hours. While we have reduced our accidents in comparison with last year, they are still a little higher than they were three years ago.

With a trained man in charge of first aid, with an organized safety campaign, with the support of the Company, and the co-operation of the foremen, 1925 should show a marked decrease in time lost by accidents.

Every man has his chance to help. A friendly word of warning in regard to danger to the new men will help to prevent accidents. The prompt care of small injuries will prevent infections. The everlasting team work of every blooming soul in THINKING SAFETY will help to banish Old Man Carelessness.

For the past four years Robert Harris, who formerly worked in the foundry office, has been in the United States navy learning first aid under the best instructors. Bob had graduated from high school and has a very thorough training in first aid and care of injuries. He was examined by one of the best surgeons in Decatur and pronounced quite competent to handle our work.

He went on the job Monday, January 26, and with Mrs. Brady's help, will soon learn our requirements.

Bob will also give particular attention to Safety. The matter of accident prevention will receive more attention than it has in the

THE SAFETY VALVE

Trouble never breaks a date—especially automobile brake trouble.



past. A safety campaign will soon be started, a safety council formed, and no one will be allowed to forget the necessity of care and prevention of accidents.



Assembling Department

We have been told, and we believe it, that Alice has a new sheik.

Claud Coventry, new man in Department 18, had difficulty in locating the pump handle on the drinking fountain on his first day.

O. R. Beckman says he feels as though he were working in an old men's home.

Billy Casey has checked out to go to Springfield to work in a printing office there.

Homer Vandevort was so sympathetic when a certain fellow told him all his troubles, that he has been laughing ever since.

Travis Johnson has gone to hell hopping.

Blanche Bates has checked out and gone to Chicago.

Goldie Karl, Edal Connoll, Mae Turner and Mrs. Eller have been transferred from the Brass Shops to the Assembling Department.

Alice wonders why Roy Pease and Clarence Foster quit eating over on Eldorado street.

Foster's new apron is designed after the Hula Hula style.

Henry Turner and Bert Butt are new men in the department.

Harry Koontz is back in his childhood cutting his teeth.

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LET'S FATTEN HIM FOR NEXT YEAR



LET'S KEEP HIM FOR NEXT NEW YEARS

Hatched January 1, 1925, a no accident record. He's a tender bird, hard to raise, and an atmosphere of negligence and indifference may prove fatal to him. With care on the part of everybody in this plant, he may live many months, or even a year.

Remember this, a no accident record means more than a bunch of "goose eggs" on a score board and favorable statistics on the monthly accident report. It means he on the job instead of home or in the hospital nursing painful injuries. It means more money in pay envelopes, happier homes and bigger and better production. Everybody profits. The little extra effort it takes to work safely is worth while.

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Wayne Maddox is assisting Albert Venters in his work.

We would like to know what happened to Chuck when he went to Findlay. He wasn't able to work the next day and hasn't felt the same since.

Cherry Tosh said he has to sleep on his stomach because when he rolls over his wings hurt him. Such is the tough life of an angel.

Department 30

The only original Butterscotch Pie Oscar is in Department 30. He says there is only one thing that he likes better and that is more butter with plenty of Scotch, and when assembled they call it pie. January 2 a few of the boys enjoyed helping Oscar Gerhardt eat a big butter scotch pie, until they all had scotch in the eye. This was on the occasion of the presentation of the famous pipe by W. F. Dannewitz of Department 30.



Thrift Thoughts



EMPLOYEES INVESTMENT PLAN

On the front cover of this issue is a picture of a few of the people who carried savings accounts to maturity according to the plan. They saved \$50.00 to \$250.00 each. It is probable that more than this number of accounts will run to maturity in 1925.

The plan demonstrates that almost anyone can save money by setting a definite goal and putting aside the first dollar from the pay check every week. Below is a list of those who carried accounts to maturity.

C. G. Auer.	Paul Hines.
Jas. Ashcraft.	H. E. Hukill.
Wm. Bain.	Burt Jackson.
Paul Bastign.	Frank Keen.
Anna May Bauer.	Harry Koontz.
J. B. Bauer.	L. E. Kramer.
W. E. Behrns.	August Kusch.
Chas. F. Bertol.	E. H. Kushmer.
Carl Blankenburg.	Fred Kushmercz.
G. Blankenburg.	George LaBrash.
J. H. Breckenridge.	John Leavens.
Wm. Burgess.	Von S. Le Hew.
H. C. Cameron.	Leslie Hines.
Wm. Cantwell.	E. W. Lowe.
Wm. Casey.	Robert Lusk.
W. A. Coventry.	V. C. McClanahan.
W. G. Cranston.	L. F. McKibben.
Philip Cruikshank.	Carl McQuality.
L. W. Curtis.	Margaret Marcott.
C. J. Daniel.	C. F. Morenz.
J. H. Dowden.	Ollie Marmor.
J. P. Dial.	Carl Marose.
John Duffy.	Ethel Marshall.
Dan Dunaway.	A. G. Martin.
John Faith.	B. J. Marty.
Wm. Ferry.	John Marty.
Mike Fleckenstein.	W. T. Mason.
Roy Fleckeknstein.	Chas. Meador.
Fred French.	Amelia Monska.
C. M. Frizzell.	C. C. Morris.
Fred Galka.	Adolph Mueller.
Anna Geibe.	Ebert B. Mueller.
Ruby Geibe.	Wm. E. Mueller.
Gertrude Goatley.	Louis Offner.
H. A. Goerges.	Axel Olsen.
Neina Greening.	Glen Overton.
Ben Gregory.	Bertha Paradee.
W. R. Gustin.	G. A. Pauschert.
Viola Hall.	Marion Pippin.
Otto Halmbacker.	Al Radke.
C. M. Hatch.	G. L. Reinhart.
C. Hendrian.	Jesse Hileman.
E. C. Stille.	A. A. Rice.
George Storminger.	Allen Ridgeway.

The Thrifty Three



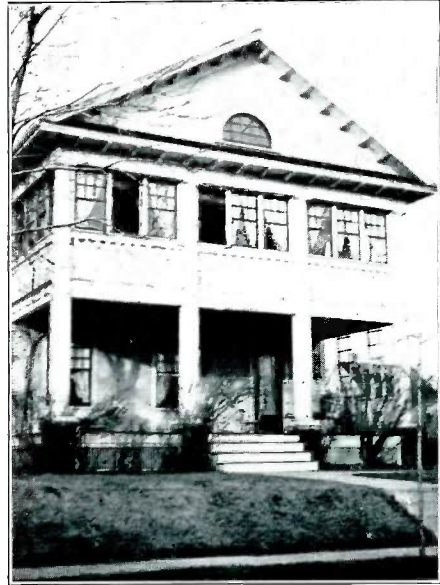
Here are three thrifty girls who saved money in our Savings Club. They are Ollie Marmor, Anna May Bauer and Ruby Geibe. Ollie is just naturally thrifty; she was not saving because she was to be married right after New Years. Her name is now Mrs. Bert Springer, and she has a nice little home on the east side. The other girls feel that Ollie set them an example worthy of following—they will some day.

Frank Taylor.	Julius Riewshi.
R. E. Thomas.	Estella Rinehart.
M. W. Trott.	C. F. Roarick.
Colonel Turner.	B. F. Royse.
Frank Volkman.	Clyde Saylor.
Carl Von St. George.	Louis Schooley.
C. N. Wagenseller.	Wm. Seeforth.
Odie Walker.	Dick Sheeley.
Ernest Wenger.	John Shelton.
F. B. Willis.	Abner Shirk.
J. M. Wilkins.	Albert Spitzer.
Ed. Witts.	

The employment office is open on Wednesday and Thursday at noon from 12:30 to 1 o'clock and accounts may be opened and deposits made with very little loss of time. The men of the night shift may open accounts on Wednesday evening, as the office is open for a time after 5 o'clock.

Here is your chance to save. Don't let it get away from you.

Homes of Thrifty Mueller Employees



Above is the house of Charles Riley, the blind employe who sees through his hearing, sense of touch, and general intelligence. Below is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Butts of the Machine Shop, at 1085 West Prairie. Mrs. Butts was Anna Zipse, a former Mueller employe. On the right is the home of John Shelton, just north of the Millikin University grounds.



WHY MAKE A WILL?

(Robert E. Henry)

One of the most important things which we may consider and one which we nearly always neglect is that of making a will. The usual reaction of a person when you suggest that he should make a will is either what is the use of doing so, or "I don't have enough to bother about."

Of all the hundreds of wills that have been probated through the years in Macon county, not one per cent of them have been contested, and not even one per cent of those contested are broken. It is because the contests, only, get into the newspapers that we think wills are frequently broken.

The other reaction, that it isn't worth while because "I am not rich," is also a wrong notion. Every person, whether rich or poor, ought to make a will. Plan the disposal of your property, while you are alive.

Especially should a man with minor children make a will, for upon his going away the wife is compelled to go into court at much expense before she can even dispose of any property even for so good a cause as the education of the children.

A word or two about what a will should contain. It should be as short as possible. One of the finest lawyers that Illinois ever had when his will was read, it was found to contain only one clause: "I give, devise and bequeath all my property to my wife."

It should be very definite. Don't make it until you know just what you want to do, then say it in the fewest words, and so clearly that there can be no mistake in their meaning.

Consult some good lawyer in whom you have confidence that the will may have proper form and witnesses, then make it.

But, after all, the important thing is—DO IT.



Have you ever set down in black and white the results of your spending month by month? That is a very illuminating thing to do. Perhaps you were more economical than you should be in some ways and more extravagant than you yourself would think wise in others. How can you decide unless you know the facts?

"I know what these questions are driving at," says a reader, "they mean keep ac-

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HAWKINS FAMILY



This is the family of Geo. R. Hawkins, night foundry man. There are eleven children in the family and all were together December 14, 1924, for the first time in seven years.

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Employees and Company Members Meet at Dinner and Discuss Business

Following a practice established several years ago, departmental meetings are being held at the club house. At each of these a fine dinner has been served. The object of these gatherings is to promote closer relations, to get acquainted and to advise the men as to form plans and policies for the years. The gatherings this year have been of special importance because of the company's policy in selling to the jobbers instead of the plumbers as was formerly the practice.

At each meeting the same subjects are discussed.

The first meeting was with the night shift on January 7. It was held from 10:30 to 11:30 p. m., and was the best attended, practically every employe being present.

The next meeting on January 12, was made of employes of the brass and iron foundries, the men of the core room, grinding room, blacksmith shop, and the west side.

The last meeting was held on January 26, and included the employes of the brass shops and of the construction department.

There are yet two meetings to be held. The first of these will be for all of the men who have not been included in either of the groups above mentioned. This will be held on February 2.

The last meeting will be for the women of the factory and office. The date has not been selected for this gathering, but it is expected that it will be one of the biggest and best of the series.

The following is the program observed at these various gatherings.

Welcome—Robert and Philip Mueller.

Physical Training—W. G. Cranston.

Athletics—Walter Behrns.

"Save a Dollar"—E. H. Langdon.

"Think Safety"—W. T. Mason.

Meaning of "Overhead"—P. D. Ruthrauff.

"What We Are Up Against"—Adolph Mueller.

Our Advertising Campaign—C. N. Wag-enseller.

Our New Sales Policy—W. E. Mueller and W. J. Simpson.

Getting Production—John Shelton.

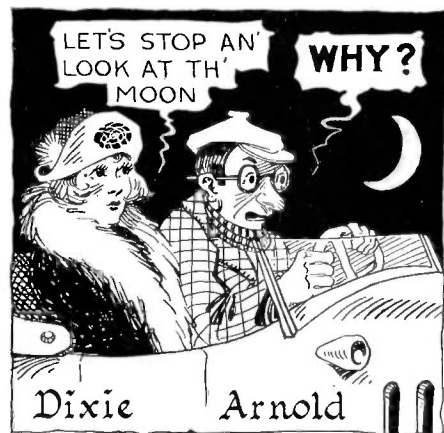
Our new selling policy was carefully explained to the men by either W. E. Mueller or J. W. Simpson. They were told why the company had found it to the advantage of all concerned to market our product through the jobber. This is due to several reasons, among which are new habits of buying by plumbers, and the advantage to them in being in closer touch with the jobbers. This means quicker and more satisfactory deliveries of goods.

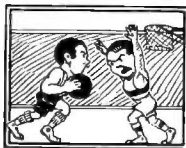
Mr. Adolph's talks were directed to impressing all connected with the organization with their responsibility of getting out the goods. There is a lot of business in sight and it is imperative that production be kept up to the maximum so that orders may be filled promptly. Service is what counts these days. The business is in sight and it is up to each one of us to do his part in order that we may be in a position to take care of the portion which comes our way.

SARNIA AND PORT HURON VISITORS

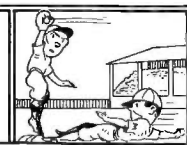
Loren Burleigh, superintendent of the Sarnia plant, J. R. Wightman, advertising manager, and Bud Mueller, Daddy Hill and Fred Riggins of the Port Huron plant, were in Decatur Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27, for a conference on business matters.

Shipping Dept. Observations.





Athletics



BOOST ATHLETICS

Athletics are not receiving the encouragement and support they should. The company has provided for employees as fine, if not the finest gymnasium in the city. It is equipped with the latest and best apparatus which provide scientific and healthful methods of exercise, and showers for a bath afterwards. Nothing could be better or more inviting and yet all this free opportunity is greatly neglected.

There is good, wholesome entertainment almost every night in the shape of basketball and indoor baseball. The inter-departmental games are free. The only time a charge is made is when a visiting basketball team comes. That is necessary. The expenses of the visitors must be paid. Our teams' expenses are paid when they go out of town.

Let's show more interest. Come out and see the games. Get the benefit of the club house. It's your place to play and have fun. Take advantage of it.



BASKETBALL GAMES

Mueller Team Scheduled for Some Important Contests

The Mueller basketball team that represents the Company, has a number of important engagements ahead, which include games with some of the crack teams of central Illinois.

February 6 the team goes to Monticello for another game with the Syrup of Pepsin players. The game will be followed by a dance.

One of the big games of the season will be played in our gymnasium on February 11 when Behrn's bunch meets the Springfield Spartans. This is looked upon as the strongest team in Central Illinois. They have met with only one defeat this season, but Humpy and his bunch are building up muscle and skill with a view to make it two after the 11th.

Other games in which we are scheduled to play are Moweaqua, on February 13—and that's Friday, too, and spells bad luck for some one—and Villa Grove on the 19th.

Some time in March the team will go to Monticello to play in the independent tournament.

It is the belief that this event will bring

together the best basketball talent in this part of the state.



CAGE RESULTS

Mueller vs. Assumption, 31-22.

On December 26 the Mueller team met Assumption here and defeated them 31-22.

Mueller vs. Assumption, 19-18

On January 6 the Mueller basketball team won from Assumption on their floor, 19-18. With thirty seconds to play, Jolly, forward for Muellers, caged a hard shot and finished the score in our favor.

Mueller vs. Mt. Auburn, 44-28

Muellers defeated Mt. Auburn January 9 with a score of 44-28.

Mueller vs. Mansfield, 40-26

On January 14, with Jolly and Porter running wild, the Mueller team won from the Mansfield Independent five. Ward was the shining light for the visitors. A large crowd of people attended the game, filling the Mueller gym.

Mueller vs. Decatur Guards, 30-14

January 21 Mueller team played the Decatur Guards and won from them, 30-14.

Mueller vs. Villa Grove, 31-30

A long field goal by Porter in the last half minute of play gave the Mueller quintet a victory over the Villa Grove Indians, in a thriller in the Mueller gym, January 25, by the score of 31-30. The count at the time Porter uncorked his long heave was 30-29 in favor of the visitors.

The Indians have several stars from the 1922 state high school championship team of Villa Grove and put up a merry struggle all the way. At the half the Villa Grove outfit led by an 18-14 count and up until the final minutes, when the locals staged a rally and won the game.

Mueller vs. Moweaqua, 37-15

The Mueller basketball five was an easy winner over the Moweaqua Independent cagers at the Mueller gym January 28. The final score was 37-15.

A large crowd saw the victors penetrate the visitors' defense almost at will and score innumerable baskets at short range. Jolly and Porter were the high point men for the winners.

Lonesome Place

"Mamma," said the little girl, "do liars go to Heaven?" "No," said her mother. "Did Daddy ever tell a lie?" "Perhaps." "Did the minister ever tell a lie?" "Possibly at some time." "Say, Mamma, won't it be awful lonesome in Heaven with only George Washington and God?"

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Of the Employees' Aid Society, November 24, 1924 to January 28, 1925

Bal. in Bank Nov. 24..... \$1,282.15

Receipts

Co.'s Contrib. Dec. \$ 50.00
Dec. Dues 736.20
Co.'s Contrib. Jan. 50.00
Jan. Dues 872.00 1708.20

Total \$2990.35

Payments

Community Chest 250.00
Dues refunded 70.00
Clerical expense 17.00
Benefits listed below 1366.28 1703.28

Bal. Jan. 27, 1925..... \$1287.07

Benefits Paid

Olan Henry	15.00
W. F. Muirheid	5.00
Elbert Meece	85.50
J. H. Walker	13.50
Earl Hall	9.75
Arthur Welch	52.80
E. Miller	5.00
F. P. Royse	14.00
Wilbur Allen	61.80
John Gere	10.65
John DeFratus	1.50
Chess Lupton	27.00
Levi Prater	13.50
Clarence Durbin	17.50
Mrs. Edol Connelly	20.00
S. E. Goodwin	19.50
Allen Maples	3.75
Ezra Utzler	9.00
Clarence Masters	5.25
John Hill	20.25
W. J. Mix	1.50
W. E. Behrns85
John Tindall	78.40
Antone Schuermann	128.00
Ilene Gunther	38.60
Jesse Tippet	14.40
C. V. Higgin	8.40
W. L. Perkins	37.65
E. A. Ritchie	16.50
Gain Goins	35.25
Ellsworth Hill	10.00
Wm. Doyle	43.20
Jesse Hileman	44.40
A. Carter	6.00
Sarah Evans	1.00

John Mertz and Dog

The above picture shows John Mertz and his dog posing for a photograph. John is very proud of this dog and thinks there is none like him. The dog displays real intelligence when having a picture taken and poses patiently and quietly until after the picture is completed. John works in No. 9 on a monitor lathe

Jas. Ashcraft	27.90
L. A. Jordan	7.50
LeRoy Hauck	21.90
Carl Spruth	46.65
Joe Cashen	3.75
Fred Schlipf	29.65
H. L. McClanahan	9.00
C. Hutson	1.50
H. C. Peniwell83
C. Newcome	4.00
Earl Ferris	21.75
Earl Sattley	9.90
Earl Shallabarger	41.40
Frank Miller	8.30
Jesse Oldham	16.80
F. J. Schwartz	6.00
C. Buckwald	2.00
J. H. Dowden	40.65
G. F. Vandever	12.00
Era Frantz	4.50
Lee Smith	19.50
V. G. Higgins	10.00
Allen Travis	3.00
Sidney High	4.50
Robert Hoots	15.00
Frank Pauley	14.60
Ruby Osterloch	8.00
W. C. McClanahan	12.00
Floyd Westbay	4.50
Tim McDermott	46.20
H. S. Swank	9.00
Geo. LaBrash	30.00

\$1,366.28

E. H. Langdon, Treas.



Leisure Hours



DINNER, PICTURES AND DANCE

Social Season of Foremen's Club at Expense of Port Huron and Sarnia

A social session of the Foremen's Club was held at the Club House on the evening of January 19. In addition to wives and sweethearts of the members, there were a number of guests, including Circuit Judge Baldwin and wife, presidents of various civic clubs and their wives, Supt. James Stumpf of the Wabash and wife, and a number of others.

Dinner was served cafeteria style in the basement of the club house and it was a fine spread which every one enjoyed.

After the dinner the party adjourned to the gymnasium where a short address was made by Mr. Adolph. He was followed by Mr. Robert who gave in detail an account of his forthcoming trip up the Mediterranean. A very pretty little arrangement was made in this connection. The miniature ship from the lodge was mounted on a table, which was hid from view by a strip of white cloth. The lights were lowered and as the table was pulled across the room, nothing showing behind the cloth but the ship, it looked very much like a ship at sea.

Charles Auer sang "A Life on the Ocean Wave" and the audience applauded heartily.

At the conclusion of the song Matt Trott, president of the club, presented Mr. Robert with a handsome binocular, with best wishes of the members of the club.

A most enjoyable feature of the program was the vocal solos by Jack Stapleton, traveling freight agent of the Cotton Belt. He was a guest of the club and his singing was given tumultuous applause.

Moving pictures of scenes on the Island of Corsica were shown and then there was dancing, interspersed by moving pictures.

Port Huron and Sarnia paid for this party. It was agreed early in the year that the company making the largest per cent gain in business should be entitled to a dinner. Port Huron and Sarnia being pitted against Decatur.

Five girls from the Core Room spent Sunday, January 25, at the Mueller Lodge. They were Emma Musselman, Kate Wenger, Clara Maleska, Jean Watson, and Opal Robb.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

On December 30, at the party given by Miss Mary Heffernan at her home, 1231 North Church street, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Miss Hazel Cook and Eugene K. Hanks, which took place January 12. Four tables of five hundred were at play, high score prize going to Miss Margaret Hastic; second, Miss Helen Groves, and consolation, Miss Hilda Dawson.

CHICKEN DINNER

On Tuesday, January 20, Alice Mercer gave a chicken dinner to the basketball team of Department 18 in honor of their triumph over Department 50. Those present were Delbert Probst, Walter Coventry, Luke Jordan, Melvin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Behrns, Beatrice and Harold Vick. The evening was spent in dancing.

CARD PARTY

On Wednesday evening, January 28, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pope gave a five hundred party in celebration of their third wedding anniversary. Five tables were at play. Mrs. Earl Eagleton won first prize for the ladies, Mrs. William Brannan second, and Mrs. Eugene Williams won the booby. Mr. Ed. Marshall received first prize for the men, Mr. Earl Eagleton second, and Mr. Arthur Watkins was awarded the booby.

TRAVELING IN EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller are aboard the White Star Liner S. S. Homeric, bound for Europe. They sailed from New York Saturday, January 24. Their itinerary includes Naples, Cairo, London, Paris, and many other European cities and they expect to be absent from home for three months. The steamer, Homeric, on which they sailed, is one of the newest and finest liners in the Transatlantic service. Bob and Mrs. Mueller left filled with hope of a delightful holiday which their many friends in the organization hope will be fully realized.

HEARS PIANIST

Nellie Blanchard was in Springfield Saturday, Jan. 24, and went to hear Harry Snodgrass, the ex-convict pianist.

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count! I did that once and it was a lot of bother and didn't help me a bit."

That is exactly true. Keeping accounts is what this article stands for and it is also true that you may have tried them without being one bit richer for your pains. It all depends upon your purpose in keeping accounts. If you keep them to find out how much money you spend, it's a stupid waste of time. Count the money you have on hand at the beginning of the month; subtract the amount left at the end (if there is any left) and the difference is what you spent. But if you want to know what you spend your money for or, in other words, what you get for your money, that's different. To discover that, you have to keep systematic accounts.

And right there is where your best friend the household or individual budget, bobs up and makes his bow.

There is a lot of misunderstanding about that simple thing, a budget. Some folks think it is a very high sounding something that has to do with colleges and the study of economics; some folks think it is a household or personal account. It is neither. It is the interpreter of the household and personal account and is the best friend you can have. If you want to do yourself a favor get out a pad and pencil and figure up a budget for yourself or for your own home to live by during the coming year.

"But," objects some one, "I've read a lot of budgets and I never found one that suited me and I don't know how to make none for myself."

Undoubtedly you have read plenty of budgets and very likely they don't suit you. Your tailor has a lot of measurements in his book but quite likely no one set will exactly fit you. And a budget is quite as personal as a suit of clothes—maybe more so. So if you haven't a budget, do exactly as you would if your wardrobe were suddenly destroyed—borrow until you can make one to your own order. Borrow a budget; live by it for three months; keep an accurate expense account all the time, and at the end of three months, check up on the borrowed budget; see where it pinches and where it is over large and make one to fit your own need. You'll know what you want by then. It is as fascinating as the cross-word puzzle, and a great deal more profitable.

You are saying, "I do want to save, but how?" The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company has employed Mrs. Monser in their new business department to help people work out their personal household budgets, so they can save. There is no expense for this service.

Bankers are coming to see that it is their task to teach people how to save. Bankers cannot advise you about your health, but



At first glance you may think this a picture of a snake charmer. Evidently the man is in trouble. He has something on his mind and a few things on his person. This happens to be our cashier, Charles Auer. One morning recently he overslept and when Paymaster Enlow stopped to pick Charles up there was no time left for dressing. Charlie grabbed his clothing and on the way to the office managed to get on some of them, but when he "punched the clock" he still had a fair proportion of his attire in his hands. We suggest that Charles adopt the fireman's method of dressing. When awakened they simply step into their clothing. Jack Duffy will gladly explain the system, having had years of experience.

they can and will advise you about your wealth. A man or woman owes it to themselves to live within their income and to lay by something during the productive years of their life so they will be provided for during the non-productive years. Again, the family or individual who has accumulated something is happy, free from worry, and can look the world square in the face, "owes no man anything." That type of people are worth more to their employer, to themselves and to society.

—Mrs. Monser, of Farmers & Merchant State Bank.

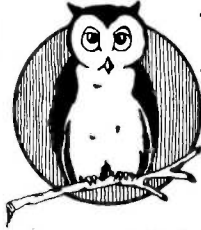


MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

And the Record has value as a matrimonial exchange. In the picnic number we printed pictures of two handsome Mueller girls on an outing. Now a wealthy plumber is writing us for their names. One of the girls is likely to receive a proposal.

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



LEAP YEAR LAUGHS

Lot of Fun Caused by Bulletins Posted on Last Day

There was a lot of fun in the Main Office on December 31. It was the last day of the year, and worse and more of it, for unmarried girls, it was the last of Leap Year. At about 11 a. m. Mr. Adolph caused a bulletin to be posted calling attention to the fact that time was growing limited and the unmarried would have to hurry or face the possibility of another four years to get equal proposal rights with men.

Miss Paradee very much regretted that Mr. Adolph overlooked posting this bulletin some time ago. She said that even though posting it a day previous would have been a very limited notice, she could at least have laid off the day it was posted and given a full day to make an acceptable capture.

Betty Bennet ran around the office like a mechanical toy and came back to breathlessly inform her side-kick, Bee Vick, that she tackled every man in the house and made an absolute failure. She advised Bee to go out and make a strenuous drive, because, she said, "You know that sometimes fish will bite for one person when they won't bite for another."

In the meantime the girls got together and framed the following bulletin which was posted:

Regarding bulletin on close of Leap Year we found the time so limited, and marriageable prospects in the office already so intensively cultivated that there was practically no chance of success, notwithstanding we put forth desperate efforts.

We earnestly beseech the co-operation of all during the few remaining hours and agree not to be envious or jealous of any one of the undersigned who may by some miraculous turn in luck win a Leap Year "hubby."

Astrid Olsen

Betty Bennett

Addah Paradee
Beatrice Vick
Angeline Eckert
Ollie Marmor
Lois Dunaway

Marjorie Smathers
Marie Yonkers
Estelle Rinehart
Ruth Moessner
Hermane Allman

We've made a calendar note for next Leap Year—four years hence—and the next bulletin will be posted fifteen days in advance. Then if the girls don't win a husband, they can just be old maids, for they won't have much of a chance after that.



That blood-curdling scream that Hazel Viriden startled the office so with Saturday morning, was not caused by a mouse as most of us believed, but by an insignificant little rubber band which came flying through the air, ejected from an invention of Harold Probst's, and landed an upper right on her jaw.

—oOo—

Unknown

Man from a furniture store: "I came out to lay the lineoleum."

Latest bride in the office: "But I'm not ready to have it laid."

Man: "Well, your husband sent me out."
O. M. S.: "My who?"

—oOo—

Marie Eagleton and Astrid Olsen were patting themselves on the back one day for having refrained from getting themselves written up for the Record, so we take this opportunity of taking them down a notch or two.

—oOo—

Estelle (having just had a hair-cut): "My hair is too short for long hair." So we presumed.



Hazel Viriden and Anna Mae Bower are now working on a petition to make the nights and the noon hours longer.



As long as we do not surrender our ideals, life is all right, since our aspirations represent the true nature of our soul—Max Muller.

WEDDINGS**Cook-Hanks**

Miss Hazel Cook of the Billing Department, and Eugene K. Hanks, of Chicago, were married January 12 in the Central Church of Christ by Rev. John R. Golden. The single ring ceremony was used. They were attended by Miss Mary Heffernan and Roy Hittabiddle of Chicago. A few intimate friends and near relatives witnessed the ceremony. The bride was attired in blond crepe with accessories to match. The bridesmaid wore black satin. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hanks left for Chicago, where they will make their home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook, 2167 N. Edward street, and a graduate of the Decatur high school, class of 1922. The bridegroom attended the Decatur high school and the Northern Illinois College of Opthamology. For a short time he was with J. Frank Wallace and Augustine and Oplinger. For the last three years he has been employed at the O. H. Bersch & Company in Chicago.

We regret to see Hazel leave our ranks, but wish her many years of marital bliss.

Marmor-Springer.

Mrs. Ollie Marmor of the Advertising Department, and J. B. Springer were married January 22. The couple motored to Springfield and were married there by a justice of the peace. They were accompanied by Mrs. Helen Pope. The bride wore a dress of copper colored canton crepe with accessories of tan. The bridegroom is a barber on East Eldorado street. They have gone to house-keeping at 2244 East Hickory. Mr. and Mrs. Springer have the best wishes of their friends in the office and factory.

Neagle- Roemlien

Edward Neagle, a molder at the Iron Foundry, and Lena Roemlien were married at 4 o'clock Saturday, December 27, in the court house, the ceremony being performed by Judge J. H. McCoy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neagle are well known in Decatur and have many friends here.

Walker-Doolin.

Mildred Walker and John Doolin of the Ground Key Department, were married at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, December 30, by Rev. Wilbert Dowson. The single ring

Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. Hanks of Chicago. Mrs. Hanks was formerly Hazel Cook and worked in the Billing Department of the Main Office. They were married January 12, and we hope they look as happy on their fiftieth anniversary as they do here.

ceremony was used. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Walker. They will make their home in the 1200 block on North College street.

Anderson-Packard.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson and Earl Packard, of the Construction Department, whose home is in Curtis, Wis., were married at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, December 20, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Wyant, 2265 North Union street, by Rev. H. R. Applegate. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ralston of Cerro Gordo. Mr. and Mrs. Packard left for Wisconsin for a visit after which they will make their home in Decatur.

Double Wedding

Saturday morning, January 3, Faye Brown and Nelson Reindl, Grace Scole and Merle Lilly drove to Springfield. There they were married by a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Reindl and Mrs. Lilly are employed in the Core Room.

Duncan-Butts.

On Monday, January 5, Zola Duncan of the Core Room, and Albert Butts were married in Springfield. This made the third wedding for the Core Room within three days.

**Golla-Dworak**

John Dworak of the Construction Department and Marie Golla of Decatur, were married at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, January 17. The ceremony was performed by Judge J. H. McCoy at the court house.

DEATHS

Roy Thomas Woodrum, son of Seburn Woodrum, of the Grinding Department, died January 4, at the home of his parents. His death was due to a nervous breakdown. His brother, Wabash Fireman Robert Woodrum, was killed January 14, 1924, when his engine turned over between Campaign and Sidney. The shock of that accident caused Roy to suffer a nervous breakdown from which he never recovered. He was twenty years old. The family moved to Decatur five years ago from Niantic where Roy was born. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Helen Mendenhall. The funeral was held in Moran chapel, 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday, January 6.



BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, December 17, a son. Mr. Johnson is employed in Department 20.



OSCAR SENDS THANKS

Pleased at Christmas Remembrance From
Decatur Employees

The employees in the Decatur plant, in making Christmas presents to company members, never overlook Mr. Oscar. He has been away from us for quite a few years now, looking after company interests in New York, Sarnia, and Port Huron, but there are many of us who still remember when he was bustling about the Decatur plant as an active member of this organization.

This year the same presents were sent him as given the other company members and the committee on presents is in receipt of the following letter of acknowledgment. To Employees of Mueller Co.,
Dear Friends:

The box of cigars and pocket knife which you so kindly sent me, finally have been received. The box containing same first went to Port Huron, where I expected to be long before this. However, due to our daughter's illness felt it necessary to remain here.

The cigars are in perfect condition and the knife is as keen as ever.

Not only due to the season's holidays, but also due to the strain we have been going through, your remembrance is doubly appreciated.

Friends sure count during such trying times and the best friends are those we work with and see often. There can be no greater satisfaction in the world than true friendship

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Packard



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Packard who were married December 20th. Mr. Packard is employed in the Construction Department

between employe and employer, and that is what we are all constantly striving for.

We all make mistakes, but knowing each other as we do, it is easier to forgive such errors.

Thanks very much. I will smoke the cigars to such an extent that it will be difficult to cut the smoke with the knife, even though ever so keen.

Florence is doing fine. Can probably take her from hospital in two weeks.

Son, his wife, and I will leave Thursday evening for Port Huron.

Kindest regards from all of us to all of you.
Oscar.



BRASS CHIPS

The night polishing department has grown faster than any other department in the plant. Alfred Wilkins is in charge. Many of the men are rapidly learning the work. Several boys have been added to this shift for color polishing. This department now needs a good reporter for the Mueller Record. There are enough men there for their own basketball teams, parties, and other activities. Will we hear from the night polishing department next month? We hope so.

The night assembling department has also grown rapidly. Artie Warren is foreman. We wonder why these two departments could not arrange a series of games to be played off in the gym. We would like to see them challenge the other departments such as Billy Meehan's and Joe Dial's brass finishers, and Harry Miller's molders.

The newest night shift is that of the tool making department, in charge of Bernard

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WIRELESS TO ROBERT

We may read of radio and wireless telegraphy and without mental resistance say it's a great thing. We are surrounded by and daily use so many wonderful discoveries and inventions that we are rather case-hardened to them. It's when we employ their use personally that we set up and take notice.

For instance, Mr. Robert Mueller sailed on the White Star Line Steamer, *Homeric*, on Saturday, January 24. On Tuesday, January 27, if unobstructed by storms, the good ship should have been 1500 miles out on the Atlantic or about half way over. Just to let Mr. Robert know that his friends and co-workers of the Noon Day Lunch Club were thinking of him, a wireless message was sent him as follows:

Mr. Robert Mueller,
Steamship *Homeric*,
New York
Decatur 1-26.

Greetings and good luck.

Noon Club.

Now it is wonderful, indeed, to realize that on that evening or the following morning some ship employe in mid-Atlantic, walked quietly through the crowded vessel, saying: "Paging Mr. Robert Mueller," and finding him, presenting this message of good will—a message telegraphed from here to New York, and then turned loose in the air, where each word was finally grabbed out of the air, written out and delivered to Bob.

And one can imagine how pleased he was to get this message while tossing on the bosom of the ocean. It is not everybody making an ocean voyage that gets a wireless message! While wireless is not still a novelty, it is not so old as to be in common use.

The cost of sending such a message is determined by the distance the ship is from shore. In this instance the cost was 24 cents per word, but every word counts, including the address and signature.

We know Bob enjoyed the message unless—but perish the thought—we know he wasn't—he had made up his mind that he would not be sea-sick.

BRASS CHIPS

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Schuermann. A reporter from this department will be a welcome addition to the news staff of the Record.

Still another night shift has been added to the departments west of Mercer street.

The thoughtfulness of Angeline's co-workers was proved one morning when she arrived and found a big soft cushion on her chair. When she inquired as to the meaning, she was told that they knew she went skating the night before and they wanted her to be as comfortable as possible.

Departments 11 and 12

F. G. Bromley is running an automatic machine now. He says he likes it fine, and he doesn't have to work so hard.

Dan Rostek who has been on "low downs" for the last two or three years, is also now on an automatic.

A number of new men have been added to our departments in the last month. We are in hopes of having a good basketball team now that we have some good material to start with.

Ted Turner reports that he has been working on his Hupmobile and that it is again in running order.

Cecil Preston went down home to Olney about a month ago for a visit. He got as far as the city limits but couldn't get into Olney on account of the mud.

Bill Jones came to work the other night with a very nice looking dress shirt on. 'Nuf sed!

Frank Lesley and Ernest Waddell seemed very disappointed about something the other morning. We haven't found out what it was, however.

Judging from the number of bath passes that are being used since January 1, there must have been a number of New Year's resolutions made.

Lloyd Prosser is working on his Buick. Something went wrong with his windshield. He is also fixing his cut-out.

Chester Morville is still living in Cerro Gordo, and is at home to all his friends.

Some one reports that Gus Edwards was married Sunday. We don't know how true it is, but Gus hasn't passed around the cigars yet; in fact, he denies that he is married.

Wilbur Allen has returned to work after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness. We are glad to have him back with us again.

Henry Roy has fallen in love. He met a girl a week ago, and, according to the story told by some of the men in the shop, he has only eaten three meals since. We would like for some one to suggest something that would give Henry back his appetite.

BRASS CHIPS

Louise Brubeck of the Stock Upkeep Department resigned January 7. Her position has been filled by Ethel Fogle who worked in the Cost Department a year or so ago.

Mrs. Art Watkins, formerly Bob Peel, returned January 12 to take up her old duties in the Billing Department, which was left vacant by the resignation of Hazel Cook, who recently was married.

Mrs. R. G. Howard, nee Myrtle Stevens, has returned to the office to take up her duties again after a short honeymoon.

Duke Mueller and C. N. Wagenseller drove to Springfield Wednesday, Jan. 21, to

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THAT CANADIAN ATMOSPHERE

The following article appeared in the Mueller Bronzecrafter, Sarnia plant house organ, for December:

"It certainly is wonderful how that brisk Canadian air does 'pep' one up. Mr. Burleigh has remarked upon it, too. The other night Roy Whittaker moved over to Sarnia from Port Huron, where he had temporarily been living since his recent arrival from Decatur. The other morning he awakened feeling like a two-year-old. He listened and heard people moving and talking in the next room. He got up and dressed himself, shaved, and was "all set" for work when he decided to take a casual look at his watch. It was only one o'clock in the morning!"

And when Roy gets back to Decatur he sleeps until seven o'clock and is late for work. Better send him back to that Canadian atmosphere!



"Please, Ma'am," began the hobo in appealing tones, as he stood at the kitchen door on wash day, "I've lost my leg."

"Well, I ain't got it!" snapped the woman slamming the door.

Austin Le Roy Le Hew

This smiling little chap is Austin Le Roy Le Hew, grandson of F. W. Le Hew, of Department 19. He was born July 19, 1924

ANALYSIS OF BENEFITS IN EMPLOYES' AID SOCIETY IN 1925**TABLE I****Sickness—**

	Cases	Amount
Men	90	\$3,121.93
Women	27	502.30
Accidents in Factory—		
Men	120	1,968.58
Women	6	49.35
Accidents Outside—		
Men	32	697.70
Women	6	122.33
Quarantine—		
Men	3	78.25
Women	0	
		\$6,540.44

TABLE II

	Cases	Men	Cases	Women	Cases	Total
Sick	90	\$3,121.93	27	\$502.30	117	\$3,624.23
Accident In	120	1,968.58	6	49.35	126	2,017.93
Accident Out	32	697.70	6	122.33	38	820.03
Quarantine	3	78.25	0		3	78.25
	245	\$5,866.46	39	\$673.98	284	\$6,540.44

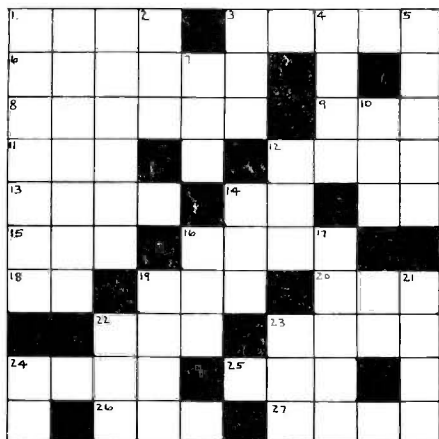
TABLE III

The average of all claims paid was.....	\$23.03
Average sick benefits paid—men.....	34.69
Average sick benefits paid—women.....	18.60
Average Accident benefits paid—men.....	17.54
Average Accident benefits paid—women.....	14.31

From the above table it appears that women in the factory are not injured as often as men. It is true that they are not on the jobs where there is very much danger. There were 6 accidents to women, compared to 120 to men. In the matter of sickness

there were 90 cases among the men and 27 among the women which is a little more than their proportion. Among the men there were 120 accidents in the factory and 32 outside. Among the women there were 6 accidents in and 6 out.

Crossword Puzzle



This cross word puzzle was made by the Engineering Department and offers the following contest open to all except members of the Engineering Department. The first employe turning in the correct solution will be awarded a prize. All solutions to be given or sent to Mr. Mix of the Drafting Department. Answer will be published in next month's Record.

Horizontal

1. What the girl in Department 50 is, that's the greatest heart-breaker.
3. Condition Jolly is in after one of his all night dates (two words).
6. What Gillie is good at.
8. What the girls in Department 50 use the most.
9. The fellow's initials that made this puzzle.
11. Geneva's oldest ancestor.
12. What our Department don't have enough of on some cold morning.
13. Abbreviation for the kind of nose Saylor has.
14. What we call Joe when speaking of him.
15. What Emmett did most on our camping trip last summer.
16. What the younger fellows of Department 50 don't remember.
18. What she told Bennie the other night.
19. Who Nellie likes best.
20. What Earl Smith felt like when he played judge at the department party.
22. Mix says I.....when asked of he can get a job out right away.
23. Mix gets.....us when we make mistakes.
24. What we did to Department 18 in last departmental game.
25. What Lowe did when he stayed away from school.
26. What our department team has.

27. What Lowe's dog has that some dogs haven't.

Vertical

1. What Walter Auer is since the war.
2. What our sample castings are made of.
3. What Davidson has lots of and Wiesman hasn't.
4. What Nellie Knits.
5. The way the department was dressed at the masquerade ball.
7. What Benny felt like when Nellie slapped his face.
10. What the guy is that blacked Jolly's eye.
12. What Murphy never takes to the dances and should.
14. What the firm gave us for Christmas.
16. A kind of file number that four fellows and one girl in Department 50 have a lot to do with.
17. The fellow Helen had a date with Christmas eve.
19. Black's attitude toward overtime.
21. What Harley worked with before he moved to town.
22. What Jolly lost and had to go home without.
23. What Murphy was when he bit on the fish club.
24. What Hank was when he was on the road.



BUILDING CAPITAL CITY

Mr. Walter Burley Griffin, Distinguished Architect, Guest at Mueller Club

One of the most distinguished visitors we have entertained in a long time was Mr. Walter Burley Griffin, a personal friend of Mr. Adolph and Robert Mueller. Mr. Griffin occupies a distinguished position in his chosen profession of architecture. In a world competition he was the winner of the position and honor of designing and laying out the new capitol of Australia. This is in a location which has been named Cannaberry. Mr. Griffin has been engaged in the work for the past ten or eleven years, and in that time has only been back to the United States but two times.

The capitol and town with provision for expansion in population, has been designed solely as a capital city which includes the capitol itself, other necessary government buildings, and streets laid out in a permanent plan.

Mr. Griffin formerly practiced his profession in Illinois and when the Mueller homes were built in Millikin Place, he was engaged to do the landscape gardening. Mr. Griffin is a native of Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois. It takes about three weeks for him to make the ocean voyage from Australia to America.

Drafting Department

D. S. Bennington of the Drafting Department resigned to take a position in West's Drug Store.

On January 17 the Drafting Department gave a party at the Mueller Lodge. Thirty were in attendance. Dancing and games were participated in. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sayler and Mr. and Mrs. Mix chaperoned the party. Hot chocolate, coffee and Nabiscos were the refreshments.

Noah Pierce resigned his position as draftsman and is going to school at Champaign, Ill.

Walter T. Auer has been transferred to the Inspection Department, and Harley Himstead has taken his place.

**THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DORWYN S. BENNINGTON**

I, Dorwyn S. Bennington, better known as "Bennie" in the Drafting Room of the Mueller Co., bequeath the following to these said people:

To Chas. Peters, I leave my brush; may it brush away the dirt and tears, and serve him as faithfully as it has served me.

To Hank Fairchild, I leave my natural understanding of WOMEN.

An Echo of Christmas

Three Mueller employees moving out of the club house with cigars between their teeth—a fine ham and side of bacon in their baskets. We have given many different substantial Christmas presents, but finally settled on ham and bacon which is much more popular than poultry because it does not all disappear in one day; in fact, it helps the Christmas spirit in the home for a week or more. This year we gave away 1100 hams and sides of bacon.

Mrs. Geibe Leaves Us

Mrs. Anna Geibe has left our Company after being employed here a number of years. She was one of the first women to seek employment here when we were making munitions during the war. Afterward she worked in the Core Room and then went back to the Brass Shop. Her production was equal to that of any employee in like occupation.

To Russell Jolly, I bequeath my "Giboon" to expectorate in at his leisure.

To Emmett Reedy, my ability to play basketball, may the Lord watch between him and me.

To Nellie Wicks, I leave my inexhaustible ability to eat; may she use it and become a large woman.

To Tony Stiller, my comb to keep him in good standing with the office girls.

To Harley Himstead, I bequeath my enjoyment derived from looking at the fair sex; may it not lead him astray.

To Pat Murphy, my desire to have a wild time (look out, Pat!)

To Hub Black, I give back my knowledge partaken from him.

To Earl Lowe, my ability to get dates whether in boxes or otherwise.

To Del Probst, my arguing instinct; may it serve him faithfully.

To Joe Baldridge, I leave my sense of humor. (Don't lose it, Joe).

To Gertrude Goatley, my good looks I bequeath her; may it help her.

To Geneva Burton, I leave my desire for married life; may she get it all.

To Clifford Gillibrand, I leave my pleasures derived from playing indoor baseball.

To Walter Auer I leave with pleasure my enormous size.

To Clyde Sayler, my beautiful head of hair and a comb with which to comb it.

To Cecil Foltz, I leave the regulators with regrets from the innermost part of my practical self.

And I leave the Mueller Co. in the same place which I found it.

As these things are to benefit these said people, I gladly deprive myself of same.

Signed, D. S. Bennington.

Department 20

The Production Department, of which John Shelton is in charge, has moved into their new office building just erected between Monroe and Mercer streets. After being cramped up for several weeks in a little office in one corner of the brass shops, their new work place seems very wonderful indeed. They are now afforded excellent light and plenty of room for expansion.

A drinking fountain has not yet been installed, and Mr. Jolly is holding down the job of water boy very admirably.

Fairy has entered a complaint that Dorothea stole her sheik.

On account of the blacksmith department shutting off the view, the entire department missed the eclipse last Saturday, and since there will not be another one for another hundred years, hence missed the chance of a lifetime.

When asked for news Hobbs said all he heard was "drum Gustin."

Ray's new hose were the objects of many envious glances and profound admiration.

We noticed a nifty looking chair being occupied by Hobbs, and upon inquiring how come he should get a new chair, were informed that he had resurrected an old one, repaired and painted it and then as an assurance that it would remain his, stenciled

Betty and Her Doll

This is a picture of Betty Bennett and Bee, taken just before Christmas. At the exercises in the club house, when presents were made, Betty was given a large doll which squeaked "Mamma" when pressed in certain unmentionable parts of its mechanical anatomy. Even if it is only wax and full of excelsior, wires and springs, Betty adores it and named it Bee after her friend, Bee Vicks.

Cadet Marshall Yeaw

Marshall is now in the Salvation Army School in Chicago. He says that he used to be messenger at the factory. Now he is messenger for Christ in Chicago.

his name on the back.

John Shelton was real worried the other day after returning from a trip to the Main Office, to find that he had a hole in his heel, and wondered if all the girls had noticed it.

We wonder why Lawrence Leonard comes to work so dressed up on Saturday morning.

Lec Gray was inquiring whether truly began with a "t" or an "s." Depends on what you've been drinking.

Polishing Department

Emma Leipski has been making better speed through the department than she did before a certain young man resigned.

The girls in the department have all been transferred to different departments, and this is strictly a he-man locality.

Earl Meadows is foreman since Alfred Wilkins was transferred to the night force.

George had Luther back in the wheel room Saturday afternoon showing him how to take care of wheels. They seem to get along remarkably well.

George certainly hated to see Louise leave.

Production in Department 15 is now going at full speed, and a number of new men have been added.

The department supper Monday night, January 26, was enjoyed very much. The department attended in a body.

Monk is still on the job and growing a mustache. He looks like a barn yard sheik for sure.

Mrs. O. R. Curry and mother visited the factory recently and Monk had a good time showing them around.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

Below appears the annual financial statement of the Employees' Aid Society for the year 1924.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1924..... \$ 366.41

Receipts

Company's Contribution	\$ 600.00	
Interest on Mueller Bonds	175.00	
Picnic Concessions	66.85	
Dues from Members	7,825.15	
Dues Allowed on Benefits	92.65	8,759.65

Total..... \$9,126.06

Payments

Benefits—Sick and Accidents	\$6,540.44	
Benefits — Deaths (2)	125.00	
Benefits — Flowers (2)	10.00	
Dues Deducted from Benefits	92.65	
Community Chest	250.00	
Municipal Bonds	1,005.00	
Dues Refunded	16.20	
Welfare	62.60	
Expense—Clerical Help	9.00	8,110.89

Total..... \$1,015.17

Resources

Mueller Bonds	\$2,500.00	
Accrued Interest	72.62	
Municipal Bond	1,000.00	
Accrued Interest	22.50	

Cash in Bank	1,015.17	
Total.....		\$4,610.29

January 28, 1925.

Mr. E. H. Langdon, Treasurer Employees' Aid Society:

We have checked all records submitted by you, covering transactions of the Employees' Aid Society for the year 1924 and find that all disbursements made agree with requisitions and are supported by cancelled checks.

Your annual statement correctly shows the receipts and the disbursements for the year, also the bank balance and net worth of the Employees' Aid Society, as of January 1, 1925.

MUELLER CO.

By L. F. McKibben, Comptroller.

A word in explanation is offered in regard to the following items in the statement above. When an employee leaves the service of the Company in the early part of the month, his dues are usually refunded to him. This explains the item of \$16.20.

Last year the Company asked us to relieve cases of acute distress as a welfare proposition, agreeing to give such backing as was necessary. Last year relief to the extent of \$62.60 was given.

Although \$250 were paid to the Community Chest, our resources at the close of 1924 are about \$1800 more than they were one year ago.

The Society has had a good year financially.

In November the Company made the pro-

position to the Society that if we would contribute \$500.00 to the Community Chest, the Company would add \$500.00 to it and thus \$1,000 would be added to the Chest Fund. A special meeting was called at noon and the proposition was unanimously accepted. At this date (Jan. 27) the first installment of \$250.00 has been sent to the Community Chest. Another installment will be due the first of February, the third the first of May, and the last August 1. The Company will in the meantime pay its share.

The Company has made a tentative proposition to the Aid Society that its officers take over the handling of the Community Chest campaign in the Mueller plant, and if a satisfactory plan is arranged they would increase their monthly subscription from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The difference would then

be added to the employees' contribution to the Community Chest in 1925.

Most of the members think that the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. should not be included in the causes covered by the Community Chest. This view will be presented to Mr. C. G. Auer, who is on the General Committee for the Chest.

Announcement will soon be made in regard to an election of trustees and officers. The terms of John Shelton, president, and Everett Mueller, vice-president, have expired. There will also be a general meeting at which the Company's proposition in regard to the Community Chest will be discussed. The officers of the Society would like to hear from the members who have definite views in this matter.

A word of explanation: Due to a clerical mistake made in writing the receipts for dues in January, a number of members were charged their membership fee a second time. This mistake is sincerely regretted and effort has been made in every case to pay back in cash the overcharge. If any member has not received his refund he may get it by seeing Mr. Langdon.

Behind the rooster's crow is a pair of efficient spurs. Where accidents are rare the safety work is usually backed by conscientious instruction and supervision.

ANTON SCHUERMAN DEAD

One of the Oldest and Best Known Employees Passes On

Anton Schuerman, who for many years was at the head of our experimental department, and one of the two oldest Mueller employees, died Friday afternoon, January 30.

Mr. Schuerman had been away from the factory for several months.

He had been identified with Mueller Co. for forty years.

The sad news of his death came just as the Record was going to press. A more extended account of his life will appear in the next Record.



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attend the convention of the Illinois Master Plumbers, which was held in the new Elk building there.

Fred B. Mueller left January 10 for a ten weeks' trip to Florida.

Lloyd Wilkinson is the new man in the printing department who took Sam Weiser's place when he checked out the early part of January.



Spontaneous combustion is often given as the cause of fires that are due to poor housekeeping.

START YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT THIS WEEK

The Employees' Investment Plan offers an opportunity to secure 7 per cent on savings if paid regularly in weekly amounts at the Employment Office, which is open Wednesday and Thursday noons, at 12:30 for this purpose.

Accounts may be opened at any time and mature one year later. Fifty-two weeks are allowed in which to make fifty payments. The following classes are open.

Class	Weekly Payment	Total for Year	Interest 7%
B	\$1.00	\$ 50.00	\$1.75
D	2.00	100.00	3.50
F	3.00	150.00	5.25
G	4.00	200.00	7.00
H	5.00	250.00	8.75

OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT THIS WEEK