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*Y*our ability to save
and to meet your own
financial obligations
is evidence of your ca-
pacity to carry re-
sponsibility in our
business

—Adolph Mueller

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BIGGEST IN OUR CLASS

American cities in many instances take their names from illustrious military leaders and statesmen. In consequence there are many duplicates.

There are 31 Franklins, 27 Madisons, 25 Clevelands, 24 Monroes, 23 Wilsons, 18 Paris', 18 Genevas, 17 Berlins, 15 Adams, 13 Roosevelts, 12 Tafts, 12 Moscows, 11 Londons, 6 Pekins, 5 Hardings, 2 Brussels, and 15 Decatur; and Decatur, Illinois, is the largest of all. Some Decatur are so small, however, that they are unknown except to the postal department.

Dealing with the younger element in the organization the older heads should practice consideration, kindness and helpfulness. Just as the first colt can be spoiled by rough handling, the most promising young human can be wrecked by unfair treatment.

When you begin to feel that you're one of the best people your office has turned out, be careful that doesn't happen to you.

"ILLINOIS, OUR EYES ARE ALL ON YOU"

Illinois is becoming the center of the nation's manufacturing, population and wealth, the Chamber of Commerce of Illinois has recently announced. Accompanying the announcement is a map of the New England, east central and middle-western states, showing the centers of population since 1790, and the centers of manufacturing since 1850. The indication are that by 1930 the center of population will be well on the western side of the Illinois-Indiana border, and by 1940 the center of manufactures will be in the same location.

The announcement reads:
"Westward the course of empire makes its way. Today the center of population of the United States is at the Indiana line. No doubt the census of 1930 will show it in Illinois, says the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, which will broadcast the industrial story of Illinois.

"Not all realize that inevitable leadership

of Illinois as do those wise investors and manufacturers who have made a careful study of Illinois resources as compared to those of the nation," said Scott Brown, vice-president of the Illinois Power & Light Co., and the chairman of the New Industries Committee of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a recent address in Chicago. Mr. Brown continued:

"The center of population is now entering Illinois as it moves westward. Time is very near when Illinois will be the manufacturing center. It has long been the railroad center and wholesale center; the greatest market in the world for farm products.

"Illinois is the largest manufacturer of agricultural machinery among the states, making 40 per cent of all; it is the largest manufacturer of musical instruments and the greatest grower of cut flowers. Illinois has the greatest drygoods, furniture, grocery and grain market in the world.

"Illinois has an unequaled supply of coal and water for low priced electrical power; is unequaled for railroad transportation. Lying at the very heart of the nation's center of population, manufacturing and wealth, Illinois is strategically the best state in the Union for locating any sort of industry. All Illinois asks it that men seeking industrial sites in the central west investigate Illinois' possibilities."

A booklet has been gotten out by the same organization setting forth the claims of various Illinois cities. Of Decatur we read: "Decatur, a city of diversified industry in a rich agricultural section."

Then under a picture of Lake Decatur are:

"Advantages offered by Decatur which it considers exceptional are threefold:

"1. Its location in central Illinois near the source of raw materials, both agricultural and mineral, and markets.

"2. Transportation facilities adequate for bringing in these raw materials and distributing them in finished form.

"3. A water supply sufficient for a great city."

The population of Decatur in 1910, 1920, and 1925—estimated then at 53,859—is given along with an analysis of the population.

Reckless automobile driving arouses the suspicion that much of the horse sense of the good old days was possessed by the horse.

A penny saved is a penny made

Floyd Is Back



Remember Floyd Johnson, who formerly fluttered about the Sales Department and afterwards joined our road selling force? Well, he is back again, and is traveling in the Kentucky territory, succeeding the late J. D. McGauley.

The House Agent: "You say you have no children, graphophone or wireless, and don't keep a dog. You seem just the quiet tenant the owner insists on."

The House Hunter: "I don't want to hide anything about my behavior, so you might tell the owner that my fountain pen squeaks a bit."



"Ah, we doctors have many enemies in this world."

"Yes—but more in the next."

—Buen Humor (Madrid)



HIS PROGRESS

An old southern planter met one of his former negroes whom he had not seen for a long time.

"Well, well!" said the planter. "What are you doing now, Uncle Amos?"

"I'se preachin' de Gospel."

"What! You preaching?"

"Yassah, Marstar, I'se a-preachin'."

"Well, well! Do you use notes?"

"Nossuh. At de fust I used notes, but now I demands de cash."



No Danger Now

Doctor: "Have you taken every precaution to prevent the spread of contagion in the family?"

Rastus: "Abs-lutely, doctah, we've eben bought a sanitary cup and we all drink from it!"

DEATHS

Benjamin Dill died January 7 at his home 968 West Wood street, from the infirmities of old age. Mr. Dill had lived to the remarkable age of 96 years. Four years ago he experienced a severe attack of pneumonia which left him in a weakened condition, but did not break entirely the rugged constitution with which he was blessed.

Mr. Dill was a native of Pennsylvania but came to Decatur many years ago and followed his trade as a contracting carpenter.

He was the father of W. N. Dill, formerly a salesman for this company but now of Los Angeles; and Frank Dill, Minnie Dill and Maude Dill. The last named was for many years a member of the Main Office force.



Mrs. Lydia Lincoln

Mrs. Lydia G. Lincoln, mother of C. E. Lincoln, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, in her home in Seattle, Wash. The body was brought to Decatur for burial.



SIGNS OF SPRING

Billy Simpson on the way to the office one day last week heard a red bird whistling.

Ground Hog day February 2.

St. Valentine's day February 14.

A few warm days during the month—maybe.

Nearly every one will see the first robin—a few will see snakes—if they don't reform.

Lent begins February 17.

Automobilitis—a recurring spring disease—which chains its victims to monthly payments for the remainder of their lives.

Flappers will begin taking off heavy wraps—that's all—they don't dare take off any more clothing. Oh, no, it's not because they fear catching cold. Even flappers have some modesty.

Bobbie Mueller tunes in on seed catalogs.

Mr. Philip begins to overhaul his fishing tackle and count up his minnows.

JimmThorpe will grease up his Maxwell for 50 per hour.

Business will begin to liven up and it our guess that it will keep all of us on the jump.

Wise economy will be the salvation of the future

WEDDINGS

Devore-Tankersley

Perry Tankersley of Department 30, and Miss Dorothea Devore were married Jan. 15. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Henry. After the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to St. Louis. They are now at home at 828 North Edward street. Mrs. Tankersley has been bookkeeper at Staley Mfg. Co. for some time.

Brooks-Watson

Thelma Brooks and Frank Watson were married December 24 in the home of Rev. Kenneth Ogden. Mrs. Watson is employed in the Core Room and Mr. Watson works for the Swift Packing Company. They are living at 830 North Mercer street.

Richey-Evans

Mary Etta Richey and a Mr. Evans were married January 3. The bride is employed in the Core Room. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are making their home at 214 South Broadway.

Perry-Harris

Miss Emma Perry of the Core Room and Everett Harris were united in marriage at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19, in the parsonage of the Third United Brethren church. Rev. C. T. Todd performed the ceremony. They were accompanied by the bride's mother, Mrs. Sherman Perry of Vera and Miss Donna Barnett and P. Moore both of Sangamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their home with the bridegroom's parents for the present.

WANTED SMALL WEDDING SO THEY WENT TO SPRINGFIELD

On the morning of December 31 one could hear whispers in all corners of the second and third floors' offices. Everybody was saying, "For evermore," or "Really?" It was evident that some epoch-making event had occurred or would occur.

All conjectures were soon laid to rest by an announcement on the bulletin boards. Everybody left his desk to read:

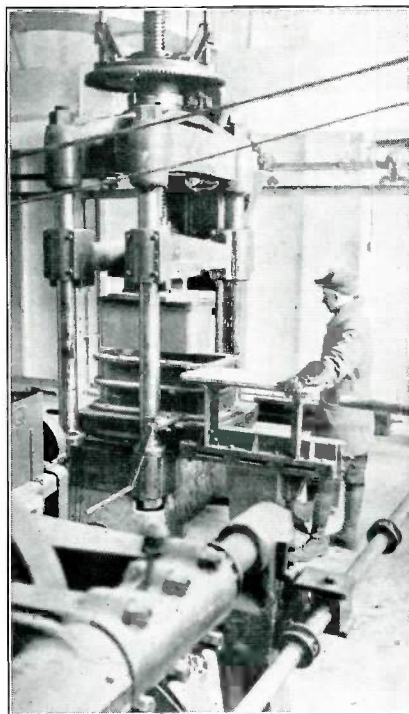
"Mr. Adolph, I hope you will excuse my absence until Monday, as I have a very important engagement in Springfield, where I am to marry Mrs. Mary Hodgson.

Charles Newton Wagenseller."

Later in the day a telegram of New Year's greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Wagenseller was posted. We were all kept almost as well informed as though we had been invited to the wedding. And we wish for our advertising manager and Mrs. Wagenseller

A squandered income gathers no happiness for anyone

The Sagger Press



The Sagger Press at Plant 9. The machine molds rough glass containers which protect the vitreous ware while being forced in the kilns.

much happiness, just as much, in fact, as if we had been asked to attend the ceremony.

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To Katie McKeown belongs the credit of putting over "the best one yet" on the new bridegroom. She telegraphed her congratulations "collect." He telegraphed his thanks "collect," but the telegraph messenger forgot to collect from Katie. Later she received a bill which she replaced in its envelope and sent down to Mr. Wagenseller. He, thinking he was getting a sure-enough wire, paid the charges.

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GOOD BYE, JIM

The Decatur Sunday Herald had the following interesting head lines about Jim Thorpe, whom we never suspected as being a sport, much less an associate of Indians:

JIM THORPE THROUGH WITH SPORT

To Hunt and Fish with Indians

James Cox



Mr. Cox is a member of the Russell Engineering Company which is constructing the kilns at Plant 9.

Couldn't Make the Grade

Janie was returned from the Home of the Feeble-Minded to the Orphans' Home, as the doctor's examination had proved her merely "subnormal."

Said Mamie to Anna in a burst of confidence and gossip: "Janie was sent away to be an idiot, but she couldn't pass and had to come back."



CAMERA CLUB CONTEST FOR FEB.

The Camera Club announces that the contest for February will be limited to photographs taken at Mueller Heights. Pictures of the natural beauty of the place or the Mueller Athletic Club or the interior of it, or any of the employe activities that take place there may be submitted.

The opening of the Athletic Club next Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31, give an excellent opportunity to get some good pictures.

Margaret Marcott, President.

We can learn much from the squirrel and the ant, who provide for the future

COMPANY MEETING.

Officers Re-elected and Business, Past and Prospective, Discussed

Mueller Co. held their annual meeting during the past week, elected officers and directors and discussed plans and prospects for the coming year. The officers chosen are:

Adolph Mueller—President, Treasurer and General Manager.

Fred B. Mueller—First Vice-President.

Philip Mueller—Second Vice-President and Works Manager.

Robert Mueller—Secretary and Assistant General Manager.

Frank W. Cruikshank—Assistant Secretary.

W. E. Mueller—Assistant Treasurer.

Robert H. Mueller—Chief Engineer and Assistant Works Manager.

Directors—Philip Mueller, Fred B. Mueller, Robert Mueller, Adolph Mueller, Oscar B. Mueller, Frank W. Cruikshank, W. E. Mueller and Robert H. Mueller.

President Adolph Mueller read his annual report of the industrial and commercial activities of the company during the past year.

Business in 1925 was greater in volume than in 1924 and on the whole was most satisfactory. The company is preparing to take care of a still greater volume during 1926, by improved methods of manufacture.

Among these improvements is a modern conveyor system which eliminates frequent handling of an article in process of manufacture and thereby speeds up the production.

Ground was broken this week for a brick stock room just south of the Mueller Club House on Monroe Street. This building has a frontage of 46 feet on Monroe Street and a depth of 140 feet.

The company is going after business more aggressively than ever and has already begun an intensive national advertising campaign and a more thorough cultivation of the business field by increasing the sales force. This has been done by the addition of junior salesmen working with and under the seasoned salesmen in the larger centers.

The company is in better shape to take care of increased business than ever.

The force of employes in Decatur at the present time is approximately 1,600 and the factory is working day and night, as usual.

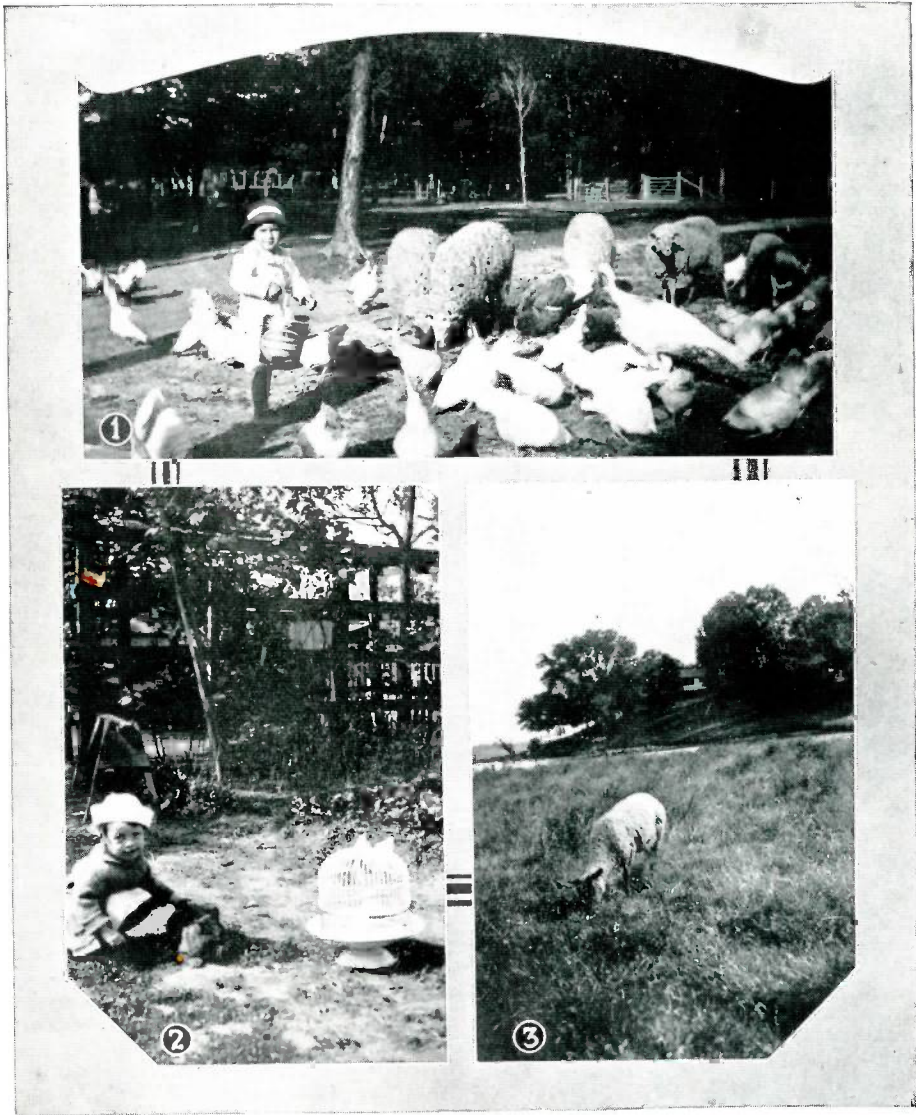


UP IN PORT HURON

"Coonskin" Thompson wants A. D. Black to come up to Port Huron, for Coonskin says that if ever he catches him in Port Huron in the winter time he'll take him out into the middle of the lake and float him away on a chunk of ice.

Mr. Powers of the Sarnia plant expects to pay us a visit this summer.

CAMERA CLUB CONTEST



The Camera Club contest pictures were referred to three amateurs for selection and decision. The result is given above. The pictures were submitted to three disinterested persons and each one made a choice without knowing what the others had decided on. Insofar as "technique, focal depth, over or under printing" and a few other technical details which the experts take into account are concerned, the committee professes ignorance. They picked the pictures which appealed to them and decided in that manner. First—Roy Whittaker. Second—Chat Winegardner. Third—Margaret Marcott.

Thrift is a kind of preparedness that is as valuable in peace as in war

This is Miss Wyant



We'll try to be careful in introducing this young lady, since they say big compliments are bad for children, though we don't mind saying that it looks as though some of the beauty contestants of 1944 or so would have a race for their money. This is little Norma Jean Wyant. She is ten months old and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wyant. She is a real Mueller baby, for her daddy has been in the organization since 1918, and her mother, who was Vera Curl before her marriage, used to be stenographer to J. W. Wells.

OSCAR SHOWS APPRECIATION

His Letter of Appreciation for Employees' Christmas Gift

In giving Christmas presents to Company members, the committee representing employees did not overlook Oscar.

The following letter of appreciation has been received from him:

Bradentown, Fla.,
December 30, 1925.

Mueller Employees of Mueller Co.,
Decatur, Ill.

Dear Friends: Again as so often in the past, you have caused me to be grateful to you. It sure was fine of you all to think of me at this time, and I surely appreciate the beautiful cuff links you sent me this Christmas.

As I sit here this evening with these cuff links before me, a picture comes to my mind, a more interesting picture than any movie, starting many years ago—over thirty-five—

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

The new Munning system of nickel plating started operation last week. The work suspended from an overhead track and is automatically moved through the plating liquid. The parts are first cleaned in an elaborate automatic washing device. These two pieces of equipment greatly increase the output of the Nickel Plating Department, eliminate the most disagreeable work, and enable the department to run with only a fraction of its former force. The night shift in the Nickel Plating Department has been discontinued.

The new system of assembly now operating in Department 18 has enabled the night shift from this department to be closed, and the men will be placed elsewhere in the organization.

A new stock room is to be built on Monroe street adjoining the Mueller Club on the south. This will supplement the stocks in the Shipping Department and will take care of the added output from the Assembly Department.

Two new stop grinders have been added to the equipment in Department 8. A very efficient semi-automatic machine for finishing the shank ends of lavatory faucets increases the output in Department 9.

The production control system which is being installed by L. W. Mueller, is beginning to get results in more efficient production. This is a more difficult and complex piece of work than those unfamiliar with it realize.

The night Core Department, with Lloyd Flanders in charge, is getting its stride in production. Thirty-five men are now on the force.



His Own Grandfather

Last year I asked my best girl to marry me and she refused. I got even with her by marrying her mother. Then my father married the girl. Now what am I to myself?

When I married the girl's mother, the girl became my daughter; and when my father married the daughter, she became my mother. Who am I?

My mother's mother, who is my wife, must be my grandmother, and I being my grandmother's husband, I am my own grandfather.

I see so many of you that I know so well, many with whom I worked.

Probably in some future life you will hold my position and I will have yours, and I hope to serve with you as well as you have done by us.

My best regards to you all.

Oscar.

The wise man builds on a savings account



Spoon and Duster



The importance of vegetables as a regular part of the menu, especially in winter, cannot be over-emphasized. In the Tribune Cook Book, Jane Eddington says of them:

"Vegetables are invaluable in the menu because they furnish digestion-promoting bulk, mineral salts, which for one thing prevent anemia, and vitamins which are health insurance agents, or essential elements in the diet of such people as so nourish themselves as to insure unbroken health over long periods of time.

"Vegetables are also the greatest and best seasoning agents for meats, soups and salads. Independently served, they flavor a meal and complement the meats, if well cooked. The French serve them as a course.

"How to Cook Vegetables"—Vegetables contain sugar but loosely confined in their meshes. Sugar is soluble in water, especially hot water. The mineral salts are also soluble. For these two, and other reasons, it is best to cook these foods in little water or none. They may be baked, fried and steamed or cooked in so little water, and with so little fire, that they are really steamed, although we call the process boiling. There are ways of cooking even beets and cabbage in small amounts of water.

"Baking soda injures or destroys the vitamins and changes the flavor of vegetables undesirably. Do not use it even in cooking dried beans. Strong heat injures or coarsens the delicate vegetable flavors. Therefore cook gently whatever the medium."

Speaking of vegetables, have you tried that delicious carrot salad? This recipe works pretty well:

2 medium sized carrots grated in a package of lemon jello.

1 small can of crushed pineapple.

Draw off the juice of the pineapple, add to it enough water to make two cupsful. Heat the liquid to the boiling point, pour over the jello and carrots. When cool, add the pineapple. Mold and serve with dressing. To garnish the salad, take a bit of cream cheese molded into the shape of a carrot. For the leaves of the "carrot" use a sprig of parsley.

Among her vegetables Jane Eddington mentions celery.

For creamed celery she uses:

celery, cut fine.

celery water.

a white sauce.

a grate of nutmeg.

toast, perhaps.

The directions are:

Wash and prepare the celery, cutting it truly fine. When as fine as for the nicest salads it gives the best effects. Just cover it with cold water, put to cook and when water boils—in a covered kettle—cook twenty minutes. Use the cooking water and an equal measure of milk in making a sauce like white sauce. Put in the celery which was drained from the cooking liquid and cook until it is well blended with the sauce. A little salt and a grate of nutmeg make the flavor more pronounced but do not use enough nutmeg to taste. Serve on toast or as you will.

Women of today may not be better cooks than their grandmothers were, but they do know how to use a great many short cuts that were unknown to the women of a generation or two ago.

An effort is being made today to make of cooking a science. Accordingly, the human body and its needs are studied with the idea of finding the most suitable foods and learning the most wholesome and economical ways of preparing them. At the same time, household science experts bear in mind that the "lady of the house" has, beside cooking, many duties, and it is highly desirable that she cook with one eye open to saving time and labor.

One of the recent developments in this community has been the inauguration of cooking schools, short courses in foods conducted by the local newspapers. The schools have been well attended and mark a step in a laudable movement to make easier and more enjoyable the life of the American housewife.

The Efficient Housewife Says:

To clean silver quickly place the silver in an aluminum kettle, add a teaspoonful of salt and a teaspoonful of soda. Cover with water and boil. Dry the silver with a clean cloth.

A small step-ladder is a real convenience in every kitchen. It may be used as a kitchen stool when not doing duty as a ladder.

This recipe for cinnamon gems somehow caught our fancy:

1-3 cup butter.

1-3 cup sugar.

2 eggs.

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The Thrifty man has learned to choose wisely



Thrift Thoughts



THRIFT WEEK

Each year the 17th of January, and the six days following, are celebrated as Thrift Week. The birthday of Benjamin Franklin is January 17. His practical common sense in money matters is a worthy model for the wage earners of America. In his time he saw clearly the very great disadvantage under which a man labored who spent all or more than he earned.

The lot of the spendthrift is no easier now than it was one hundred and fifty years ago in the time of Franklin.

The lessons of thrift are emphasized each year by the observance of some special aspect of the subject on the various days of Thrift Week.

In this special "Thrift" issue of the Mueller Record, we have tried to state some of the lessons in the language of today. We have dwelt upon the advantage of home ownership, upon the need for life insurance, on the value of a bank account, on the usefulness of household accounts, and upon the advantages offered by our Employees' Investment Plan.

All of these things are designed to add to our material wealth. There is one other aspect of thrift which should not be overlooked, and that is the question of wise giving. There are many causes which are supported by the gifts of benevolent people. The interests represented by the Community Chest, the church with its many benevolent enterprises, and the worthy poor whom we may know—all have a claim upon our help. As practical people we should set aside a part of our income to help support these worthy causes. This method is better than haphazard giving in response to fervid appeals to sympathy.



CAN WE AFFORD A CAR?

In how many families does this question arise? If the answer is left to the salesman they will have the car all right, and possibly a mortgage on the home besides.

This problem was solved by one man who works here, in a very sensible way. We withhold his name at his request, but the circumstances are strictly true.

This family lives some distance from the plant and it was evident that a car would be a very great convenience as well as pleasure to them. The salesman, of course, was insistent and dwelt upon the many advantages that come from owning a car. Mr. Smith, as we will call him, realized, however, that the first cost was only a part of the

expense of riding in an automobile. It was the up-keep that he feared.

Smith and his wife talked the matter over and then began to figure out how much their living was costing. They were economical and managed well, but they had no definite information because they did not keep household accounts. So they decided to put off buying a car until they had kept accounts long enough to measure their own financial ability.

In time they learned many interesting facts about their own finances. Some items were more than they should be. Always there was an opportunity to buy something desirable that was not really necessary. Such items as food, fuel, clothing and taxes could not be reduced below a certain minimum. It soon became clear that a car would have to be purchased out of any income that was left after living expenses were paid. This very evident and important fact is overlooked by some who buy cars.

Moreover, the first cost is only the beginning. Car ownership brings with it a whole train of expenses. A garage and driveway would be needed at once. Gas, oil and many small items of up-keep would all add their weight to increasing the total of expense.

The Smiths decided not to buy a car until they could see their way clear to pay for it and to maintain it. After they had been keeping their accounts for a time they had sufficient information about their own ability to pay that at length they saw their way clear to buy one of the excellent automobiles that are now sold at remarkably low prices. They know that they can afford it and have already made their plans for payment.

How much better is this method of knowing one's financial ability than leaping blindly into debt as so many do!

No one can afford not to keep personal or household accounts.



THE USE OF A BANK ACCOUNT

One of the wonders of modern credit lies in the fact that one may write a few words and figures on a piece of paper and have it passed from hand to hand instead of money. To a visitor from central Africa, who knew nothing of checks and drafts, it would appear to be a magic paper. The uses of credit made available by a bank account are truly marvelous.

There is no safer or more convenient way

It is adversity, not prosperity, that breeds men



Charlie at Home

This is the home of C. J. Daniels of the Shipping Department. It is located at 61 Fairview Place. The house on the left is the home of Ruth Ross of the Main Office.

to transfer money than to do so with the use of bank checks and drafts. Keeping a bank account not only gives us this advantage, but enables the banker to become acquainted with us. In financial matters the advice of a banker is the advice of an expert; such assistance he gives freely.

It should be the ambition of every man to build up at the bank a credit that will enable him to borrow money there if he should need it. The main business of banks is lending money, and their facilities are open to the man who has the character and the means to use them.

It is certainly an unfortunate happening that so many depositors are betrayed by the defunct Farmers State Bank; but that should not stand in the way of opening accounts in the other banks which are sound and worthy institutions. You may rest assured that the lesson taught by this bank failure has not been lost upon the other bankers of this city.

There are many men in this organization who are worthy of bank credit, but who have not taken a little time to cultivate the acquaintance of their bankers. This we would earnestly recommend.



WHY LIFE INSURANCE?

A person sometimes wonders why a life insurance agent is so active and persistent. Probably for the reason that almost no one is anxious to hand over his money on the chance that relatives will receive it after his death. Naturally we are more interested in the good our money will do us while we are still on earth.

The old idea that one has to die to beat life insurance is, or should be, out of date. The young man who has his life insured has in prospect an estate which is of value to him before he dies. It is an estate he could acquire in no other way except by inheritance. He can borrow money from the insurance company. The very fact that he has life insurance strengthens his credit at the bank.

Many forms of life insurance mature before death. Insurance is an excellent form

of savings.

One of our men at the age of 21 took out an endowment policy which would mature in twenty years. At first it was some sacrifice for him to pay the premiums, but as his earning power increased he was able to meet the payments with less and less difficulty. He was buying property when this endowment policy matured and the \$2,000 came to him at a time when he could use it to a very good advantage. "In fact," he said, "it was just like finding \$2,000 and it was that much less to worry about."

Another form of life insurance is known as the "twenty-payment life policy." A man pays his premium each year and at the end of twenty years he does not need to pay any more dividends on that policy. If he is insured in a mutual company, he will probably get dividends.

Twenty years ago the writer allowed an insurance agent to sell him a twenty-year payment life policy. He thought that it was more than he could afford because he was then in school and expected to be for several years. The agent kindly arranged to help him carry the premium in case of need. The premiums were met in due time without unusual sacrifice. On one occasion a loan against this policy tided the holder over an emergency. He now has \$1,000 life insurance paid up, and receives each year in cash dividends amounting to about \$10. Furthermore, he has had the protection through all of these years.

The field of life insurance has so widened that a man can insure against poverty in his old age and provide an income when he reaches the age of 60 or 65. It will take care of him the rest of his life.

He can provide for the higher education of his children when the child is small, and by the time he is old enough for college there will be money to send him.

He can insure his business partner against loss due to his death.

In the financing of a home, the right kind of an insurance policy will protect the in-

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It is the storm, and not the calm, which makes the mariner—Severy



Red and His Family

Red Porter, clerk in Dept. 57, is pretty well known around the factory and also in the athletic activities of the organization. If it's any kind of a game indoor or outdoor, you are more than likely to find Red in the line-up. His family, however, is not quite so well known to us, but this picture introduces the group and you'll have to admit that Red has a fine team behind him. With such support he should be a winner.

terests of creditors against the emergency of death.

All of the benefits mentioned above are in addition to the great fundamental purpose of life insurance, the provision for loved ones, after the death of the insured.

Further protection can be given to a widow by paying her policy in installments instead of a lump sum. In fact, annuity insurance provides an income of so much a month for a widow during her life. In many cases it is better protection than to provide a large sum of money for a woman inexperienced in financial matters.

We would by all means advise young men to take out life insurance in some good old line company. We close by remarking that the insistent insurance agent may be, after all, a very good friend. It is well worth your time to hear him out, at least once. But do not let him overload you.

✦ CREDIT WITH A SMILE

Salesmanship in the twentieth century is regarded in some quarters as an art. The real salesman is one who promotes a transaction in which both the buyer and the seller benefit. There are many cases in which enthusiastic salesmen unload upon the passive prospect something which is of no real benefit to him. "Use it now and pay for it later," is the slogan that closes the deal. This is especially true with such items as jewelry, clothing, automobiles, and furniture.

A window display attracts attention to the stylish clothes displayed. A sign, "Your Credit Is Good Here," tempts the observer to step inside. A salesman appeals to his vanity and sells him the suit for \$2.00 down

and the rest on installments. As a mere matter of form he is asked to sign a paper which contains several lines of fine print which the buyer of the new suit of clothes does not take time to read.

This paper turns out to be a wage assignment, which is brought to his employer at once if he gets behind with his payments. The new has long been worn off the stylish suit of clothes and there are other demands for his money. Then he learns that the concern which extended credit with a smile can now collect from his employer. Naturally the boss does not like to be used as a collection agency for those who buy clothes on credit. So he tells an employee who assigns his wages that he is liable to lose his job.

It is pure carelessness as well as poor management to sign an agreement without reading it and no employer favors wage assignments.

Many have learned that it is far better to do without things that are sold this way until they can be bought for cash. Beware of the concern which extends "credit with a smile" and collects with the help of a constable.

✦ A FRIEND IN NEED

There are many times in life that a little ready cash is the one friend that can give us the help that is most needed. The absence of this friend in such emergencies makes all manner of trouble.

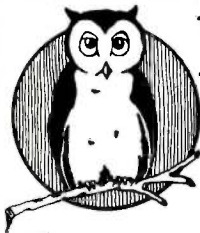
Many single men employed here could in the course of a year save \$50.00 or more. A number of them have saved \$250.00. This

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The Budget is a sensible solution

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



Congratulations, Hazel!

Hazel Virden has recently brought glory to the Office Owl. She won honorable mention in a shorthand contest conducted by The Gregg Writer. She was consequently rewarded with a pretty little gold pin, received just the day after Christmas.

By Their Words Shall You Know Them

These are some of our masters' voices up in the Office:

1. "It is imperative that your order be marked 'confirmatory' to avoid possibility of duplication."
2. "Eloise, wrong."
3. "Furthermore—"
4. "...which would make the cost almost prohibitive."
5. "We are pleased to mail you, under separate cover, copy of our latest catalogue."
6. "Practically every water works in your state buys our goods."
7. "In other words—"

Ruth Zetterlind was recently employed in the Main Office as a correspondent clerk. We have one more member of the long-service Zetterlind family with us.

Mary's little lamb—it's old enough to be an ancient sheep now, poor thing—was discovered at large in the dictaphone department. Mr. Adolph and the president of the Athletic Association have developed an unusual interest in sheep.

Betty Bennett, as we all know, has capacities far out of proportion to her size. A few weeks ago a handsome Valentino went back to Mr. Wagenseller's office. Betty was all a-thrill. In two seconds she had a marvelous plot all ready for execution. She would bribe Hugo to run past the advertising manager's office and yell "Fire!" Thereupon the gallant young Romeo would dash to the rescue. He would pick up Betty, who, of course, would be conveniently stationed nearby. It was a beautiful plot, but somehow it didn't work. Better luck next time, Betty.

Our Overworked Salesmen

A recent bulletin to the salesmen, before it was revised, read:

"These matters must be referred to and handled by the salesmen in which the convention is held."

The dictaphone department has gone in for better reading. The following books, the girls tell us, are "best sellers:"

"The Coast of Folly....."	Ethel Waymire
"The Merry Widow"	Addah Paradee
"Stage Struck"	Margaret Whalen
"Cobra"	Tony Yonker
"Pretty Ladies"	Paul Andrews
"Kiss Me Again"	Hazel Virden
"The Lucky Devil"	Marie Jamison
"Street of Forgotten Men".....	O. C. Draper..
"That Royale Girl".....	Mary Wilkins
"Wild Wild Susan"	Geneva Porter
"Argentine Love"	Donald Phipps
"Hot Water"	Francis Carroll
"Girl Shy"	Troy Roush
"Introduce Me"	Evart Zetterlind
"Going Up"	Bill Flaughter
"So Big"	Eloise Dickson
"The King on Main Street".....	J. W. Simpson
"The Perfect Flapper"	Eleanor Shaw
"The Dark Angel"	O. J. Hawkins
"Alias Mary Flynn"	Mary Schultz
"Three O'clock in the Morning".....	Ruth Ross

Our Own Society Column

Even though The Record went to press too early to mention the Office Christmas party, it seems a shame to wait until next Christmas to say something about that very enjoyable celebration. It was a real Christmas party, with an honest-to-goodness Santa Claus and a great Christmas tree. Santa Claus was none other than Mr. Adolph Mueller who seemed to have as good a time as anyone else. Everyone received a gift, and all of them were singularly appropriate. We are waiting breathlessly for Marie to come out in the bathing suit Santa presented her.

As are your savings, so is your self-respect

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2 cups flour.
 3 teaspoonful baking powder.
 ½ teaspoonful salt.
 ½ teaspoonful cinnamon.
 ¾ cupful milk.
 2-3 cupful currants.

Cream butter, add sugar and well-beaten yolks of eggs. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the first mixture, alternating with the milk. Stir in the currants which have been floured. Lastly, fold in the whites of eggs beaten stiff. Turn into gem pans and dust the top with cinnamon and sugar. Bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven.

The Grand Total.—Teacher (to class): "Work this sum. Two eggs at 5 cents each, a pint of milk at 6cents a pint, and half a pound of sugar at 10 cents a pound. What do they make together?"

Small Girl: "Please, Miss, a custard."

Among its household helps, a well known woman's magazine suggests that spinach can be cleaned very effectively if placed in a colander and washed by means of the bath spray. All of which is probably quite correct, but why the trouble to take the spray from the bath-tub? If you have a G-2161, G-2241, or one of the others installed in your sink, you have a hose spray just where you need it.

✦ MARK TWAIN'S SERMON TO SALESMEN

The famous humorist went to church one Sunday and heard a missionary talk. In his report of the address he lays convincing emphasis on the importance of knowing when to stop.

"He was the most eloquent orator I ever listened to," writes Mark Twain, "He painted the benighted condition of the heathen so clearly that my deepest compassion was aroused. I resolved to break a lifelong habit and contribute a dollar to teach the gospel to my benighted brethren. As the speaker proceeded I decided to make it five dollars, and then ten. Finally I knew it to be my duty to give to the cause all the cash I had with me—twenty dollars. The pleading of the orator wrought upon me still further and I decided not only to give all the cash I had with me but to borrow twenty dollars from my friend who sat at my side. That was the time to take up the collection. However the speaker proceeded, and I finally dropped to sleep. When the usher awoke me with the collection plate I not only refused to contribute, but am ashamed to state that I actually stole fifteen cents."

This is an old story but it is worth repeating because it brings out an important point in sales psychology—choose the right time to close.

The more debts you have the harder it is to pay them

Ezra Hesitates



E. K. Shaw of the credit department, nick-named Ezra Kendall Shaw, hesitated just a moment on a bright day recently, but it was long enough for the photographer to catch him in a characteristic pose.

SUCCESSFUL MEN

Big successful men come from the ranks. This fact is demonstrated almost daily. Think of the really successful men in America, trace their history and you will find that they began as poor boys. There are two reasons. The poor boy has to work, and he is ambitious. Rich boys as a rule do not have to work and they are not ambitious.

A recent instance is the election of Charles W. Gray, a former taxi cab driver, to the presidency of the Yellow Cab Company of Chicago, succeeding John Herz, who becomes chairman of the board of directors.

Charles Gray left a job as vice-president and treasurer of a failing Chicago newspaper twenty years ago, to become a taxi driver. In those days every cab driver was his own mechanic. He went through many trials and troubles and became a familiar figure on the streets. John Hertz started in the cab business about that time, and Gray went to work for him. He first won the attention of his boss by assembling a worn-out cab and driving it around the city. It took him nine days to find the various parts and

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much ready cash would stand between its possessor and these emergencies in a very gratifying way.

Those who do not have the friendly help of some ready cash try to borrow it to meet emergencies. One man we know has a wife who spends her husband's money without stopping to figure where it is coming from, and he is always on the borrowing line. Another man cannot resist the wiles of a salesman and buys on credit a suit of clothes for \$46.00 when he could do just as well for one-half that much cash.

Another man is injured, gets some compensation money, and falls into the hands of an automobile salesman, who sells him a car on the installment plan. In addition to the monthly payments on the car he has to buy gas, oil, pay for repairs. Besides the car provides extra opportunities for spending money. Soon he joins the borrowers in an effort to satisfy his clamouring creditors.

Another young man hopefully opens a checking account at the bank. Thinking that he can remember how much there is to his credit, he does not keep a record of checks written. Presently he forgets one or two checks and the bank reminds him that his account is overdrawn. He wishes to borrow money to make his credit good at the bank.

A young couple who were married for love and who had no cash to finance the foundation of their home, bought their furniture on the installment plan. There is sickness. Payments are delayed and creditors become insistent. They pacify them with small payments, and gradually the married lovers get on their feet when relatives descend upon them. More furniture is needed, and for this emergency they seek to borrow money.

To some people winter seems to come as a great surprise every year. The cold weather catches them without coal and to meet this great emergency they wish to borrow. While we are not prophets, we venture to predict that every year cold weather will come. The forethoughtful man will lay aside some money to buy coal.

There are others who seem to regard the landlord as a very hard hearted individual when he demands his overdue rent. Those who pay rent in advance are free from such annoyances.

There are others who buy new automobiles or used cars so that they may come a distance to work. The same motorists could come to work just as well on a bicycle when a bicycle costs no more than a pair of Ford tires, and it requires no gas and there is no license to buy.

All of these difficulties and many others could be avoided if those who work here

He's a Regular Fellow



This little boy in the cap that is almost bigger than he is, is Wilfred Estes. He's two years old and, to judge from this picture, is a regular fellow. His mother, Louise Estes, is employed in the Core Room.

would save a dollar first out of each pay check and live on what is left. There would be a further benefit in keeping a record of money received and spent. Guessing at one's finances is expensive.

One man who is always in debt does not know and cannot tell without much effort just how much his debts are. He is loose and careless in his thinking. He supposes that his creditors will keep his accounts for him and as long as they are quiet he allows them to be forgotten. When he does hear from them they speak in a loud voice.

There are times when a certain amount of debt is necessary but one should remember that his creditors are human and they expect fair treatment.

And it is not fair to a creditor to avoid him simply because you haven't the money to pay him. We close with the well worn but excellent advice, that the working man should keep a record of all his personal and household expenses, and that he should spend a little less than he earns, and that he should see his way out before going into debt.



WHAT I THINK OF BUDGETING

"The budget idea, I may admit, is a sort of obsession with me. I believe in budgets. I want other people to believe in them. I have had a small one in my own home; and besides that, I am the head of an organization that makes the greatest of all budgets—that of the United States Government. Yes, I regard a good budget as among the noblest monuments of virtue."

—Calvin Coolidge.

Contrive each day to outclass the fellow you were yesterday

OWN YOUR OWN HOME

Lots of Mueller folks own their own homes, and a lot more are on the way to that end. Every one who can should own his home, and nearly any one can nowadays under the various reliable financial plans that have been developed. The owner of a home is a better citizen from the moment he takes possession, because from that moment he becomes interested in all private and public improvements. He feels that he is a real part of the community.

The amount of building in the United States this year has been enormous:

The total building and engineering contracts awarded during the month of October amounted to 550 million dollars. This was 28 per cent greater than the volume for the previous October. However, there was a 5 per cent decline from September, which is unusual as October customarily has a somewhat larger building total than September.

Of this total of 550 million dollars, 52 per cent was for residential buildings, which gives an indication of the building trend today, and the fact that people believe in owning their own homes.

For the first ten months of this year, the volume of construction started amounted to \$5,100,000,000 which is nearly equal to the total amount for the year 1924 and this year will reach the unprecedented figure of \$6,300,000,000.



EMPLOYEES' INVESTMENT PLAN

A large number of new accounts have been opened in the Employees' Investment Plan this year. There are still room for others. Bring your deposits to the Employment Office at noon on Thursdays.

The Mueller Co. hereby gives notice that in weekly installments the Employees' Investment Plan may be made in even dollars up to \$10.00. Thus in 50 weeks \$500.00 could be saved under the plan.

The following classes are now open:

Wkly Deposits	Amt. in 50 Wks.	Int. In 1 Yr.
\$ 1.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1.75
2.00	100.00	3.50
3.00	150.00	5.25
4.00	200.00	7.00
5.00	250.00	8.75
6.00	300.00	10.50
7.00	350.00	12.25
8.00	40.00	14.00
9.00	450.00	15.75
10.00	500.00	17.50



Bill, the messenger, was using a ladder to take down the Christmas decorations. Mr. Adolph, seeing him, said:

"Bill, is that Jacob's ladder?"

"Naw, it belongs to the office."

The Inventor



This is not a patent medicine advertisement. We don't mind saying, though, that J. M. Wilkins has a home-brewed concoction that would make Dr. Caldwell and Smith Brothers dark green with envy.

The staff cartoonist has caught our superintendent preparing the first hundred doses of his famous Cure-All. You can see for yourself that great resource, ingenuity, and endurance are necessary in compounding a medicine of this kind. Mr. Wilkins is one of the few men in our organization who could qualify.

All the ingredients in the new and valuable remedy have not been divulged. It is necessary, as the illustration points out, to put Vic's Vapo Rub in a frying-pan, drop in some eggs, fry them until brown. Just what else is necessary Mr. Wilkins refuses to tell, but the success of his invention cannot be doubted. He tested it out very thoroughly. He fried eggs in the above described manner, went hunting, ate the eggs when he became hungry, came home loaded down with game and feeling like a six-year-old.

A man of less ability and vision might, under the same circumstances, have stumbled on the important discovery, but not Kitty. He knew all the time that he was inventing something for which hundreds of ailing mortals would be everlastingly grateful. He will not state just how or when his great idea came to him, but he does assert that from the time he put the grease in the skillet he realized that nobody need ever again be troubled with colds, sore throats, pneumonia, influenza, sneezing, earache, or, in fact, anything.

Savings mean security

PORT HURON PAYS TRIBUTE TO MUELLER

The Directors of the Mueller Brass Co. were honored by a testimonial dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce of Port Huron January 13 in the Harrington Hotel, Port Huron, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller, Mr. Frank W. Cruikshank, Mr. Robert Mueller, Mr. Adolph Mueller, Mr. J. W. Wells, Mr. A. G. Webber, Mr. B. J. Marty, Mr. R. W. Peden, Mr. F. L. Riggin, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mueller were named on the program as special guests of the banquet.

A Port Huron newspaper says, in part:

"Some 200 citizens of Port Huron, men and women, honored the directors of Mueller Brass Company at the testimonial dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce at the Harrington Hotel Wednesday evening.

"After the banquet Frank S. Henson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, opened the program by stating the object of the meeting to be an expression of the appreciation felt by Port Huron citizens for the benefits accruing to the city by reason of the Mueller industry being located here. Mr. Henson read a letter from John B. McIlwain, former mayor, tendering his regrets for his inability to be present and commending the Mueller organization as one of the first industries of the city. Mr. Henson concluded his introductory remarks by turning the meeting over to Louis A. Weil, toastmaster for the evening.

"The toastmaster called upon A. G. Webber, attorney for the Mueller interests, for a short history of Hieronymous Mueller, founder of the Mueller family and the Mueller industry.

"Hieronymous Mueller, founder of the Mueller industries, possessed one quality no other citizen of Decatur possessed," said Mr. Webber. "He was a genius as a mechanic, and behind his work was the stately pride of the man who is unsatisfied unless his goods are the best of their kind."

"Adolph Mueller, president of the Decatur company, was next introduced by the toastmaster. He awarded the credit for the initiation of the Dawes plan, now in successful operation in Europe, to a delegation of American business men, of which he was a member, on their way to the International Chamber of Commerce at Rome in 1923.

"Adolph Mueller was followed by Robert Mueller and Philip Mueller, each of whom made short addresses; and the toastmaster introduced Oscar B. Mueller, the guiding genius of the Port Huron plant who was accorded an ovation by his audience. The Port Huron industrialist takes no credit for the success of his factory, but states that all credit is due to the excellent organization in his employ.

"We maintain a close relation with our men through the various organizations of

This Is Al



Al Radke tool maker and volley ball player. Al was one of the most enthusiastic frequenters of the court situated south of the club house.

employees such as our foremen's club, investment association, insurance association, athletic association, and other clubs. We are also anxious that the public be familiar with our organization and that the people of the city be fully informed about our business. I feel that we are a public institution, and that any business is a public institution."

Mr. B. J. Marty's comments on this banquet, at which he was a guest, are equally interesting:

"It was indeed gratifying to see that fine acknowledgment of the place of Mueller Brass Co. in their community that was exhibited by the citizens of Port Huron. Mr. Webber's address on the Mueller family was indeed a masterpiece; it was very enthusiastically received. As for Mr. O. B. Mueller's address, it was typical of the magnetic O. B. I am sure that his explanation of the policies of Mueller Brass Co. relative to employees are better understood by what he said. I am sure that he made just a little clearer the Mueller way of treating the employee, the interest in the employee that is, so to speak, "more than skin deep."

The Decatur party was in Port Huron and Sarnia from January 13 to January 16 for the purpose of attending the annual shareholders' and directors' meetings of Mueller Brass Co. and Mueller, Ltd.



Kitty: "And did you let him kiss you?"

Betty: "Let him? I had to help him?"

Life.

Thrift is a habit—the sooner you form it the better for you

Safety News



PASSING THE BUCK

Passing the buck is one of our great national sports—one which is at the bottom of many of our troubles. The idea of individual responsibility for good government and the prevention of accidents has not struck home with sufficient force.

The man who tries to slip the cop a five or appeals to a political friend to escape the consequences of stepping on the gas often wails the loudest about official corruption and the appalling automobile death rate. But the man who accepts the bribe is no worse than the man who offers it and the reckless driver who has escaped accident through sheer luck is as much a criminal as the one serving time for killing an unwary pedestrian. Passing the buck won't clean up this situation.

The fellow in the above cartoon thought he was a safe worker because he watched his step a dozen times. But the thirteenth time he forgot, as anyone might.

Who was to blame for this accident? Of course, the man who left the nail there in the first place was the worst offender. But everyone who passed by the hazard thinking, "I didn't put it there, let someone else pick it up," also had a share in the responsibility.

The whole responsibility for accident prevention can't be unloaded on a safety inspector or a safety committee. There are enough hazards in the best guarded plant to need everybody's help.

Beware of the buck passer. His indifference and unwillingness to take any responsibility help to cause accidents.

If the spendthrift succeeds, it is in spite of his extravagance, not because of it

Using Heat in the Home

Don't try to heat your kitchen with hot water heater or gas oven.

Don't buy a closed top to put on your gas stove. An inclosed-top stove is provided with adequate ventilation, but to attempt to transform your open-top range is both dangerous and uneconomical.

Don't try to cook with pilot light. If it is high enough for this, you are wasting gas. Use simmerer when small amount of heat is needed.

Don't have strong draft across your stove. Not only is there danger of the flame being blown out, but heat is deflected from kettles.

Don't use paper for heat insulation on top of oven, or between oven and wall. Asbestos pads are for that purpose.

Don't try to dry your hair over gas flame.

Don't turn on gas in over before striking match. Gas and air make an explosive mixture.

Don't forget that small pot and large burner make a bad combination. So is gas turned high enough to "lick the pot."

Don't allow too long a period between cleanings. Sandpaper rust spots immediately and oil. Wipe off grease while it is hot. Keep burners clear with hatpin and boil once a month.

Learn to read your meter. It is interesting!



Song of a Stenographer

Work for the night is coming,
And wadda I care if it does;
No tears will be shed when the day is dead
And that which now is, will be wuz.

The noise and the strain of an office,
The knock of the typewriter key,
May satisfy some correspondingly dumb,
But they hold no allurements for me.

O, give me a home in the suburbs,
And sunshine—a garden to weed—
A little bambino, an R. Valentino,
And life would be perfect indeed!
—Madiline, in Chicago Tribune.

Who ?



You've got one guess as to the identity of this photograph. He is a well known, husky Mueller employe and has been for some years.

DEPARTMENT 3

Joe Grossman recently underwent an operation and is seriously ill in St. Mary's hospital.

Roy Fleckenstein has been off with tonsillitis for a couple of weeks.

Paul Yonker has returned to work after being off for four or five weeks with the flu.

Frank Miller is back again after being ill with gripe and flu combined.

Ed Witts of the Tool Storage Department is off duty on account of his eyes. C. R. Murphy is assisting in the Tool Storage Department during his absence. John Levins is doing Mr. Murphy's work in Department 8. John says he may have to have a pair of skates in order to deliver the tools to the machines and back to the Tool Storage on time.



MOTORING NOTE

Money spent by tourists in Colorado last year equaled six times the gold output.

And from this brief bit of information we are enabled to figure out the possibilities of the "hot dog" industry.

Special reports hereafter, Mr. Babson.

No man knows what tomorrow will bring, but the thrifty man doesn't worry

BRASS CHIPS

Elmer Funk and Lester Ramey have been transferred from the Shipping Department to the Assembling Department. By the new method of assembling and packing, goods are now boxed in the Assembly Department, and some orders are filled there for shipment.

Harlan Waddell has been transferred from the Polishing Department to the Inspection Department.

Arlie C. Hall, formerly of the Punch Press Department, now assists Ben Tarr as stock clerk on the night shift.

Noah Beck, who broke his leg while at work on the roof at Plant 9, has now recovered and is working in the Night Core Room.

Henry Morey of the Foundry is now First Aid Man. He has had several years' experience as hospital orderly and surgeon's assistant before coming to work here.

Bob Harris, who handled the First Aid Work for some months, is now living in Pensacola, Florida.

Herman Starbody has been transferred from the Grinding Room to the Night Polishing Department.

Claude Hunter has been transferred from the Construction Department to the Night Core Room.

Ralph Masters, who has been pick-up man in the Foundry for several years, has been promoted to the Engineering Department.

Cecil Doran, Virgil W. Michell and William L. Perkins, have been transferred from the Night Grinding to the Night Foundry.

The tool grinders of the Brass Shop have been included in Department 54.

Benton Fonner and Frank Drake of the Day Foundry are now furnace men.

Everett Dickey, who has been in the Shipping Department for several years, is now in the Sales Department.

John Kelley of Department 57 checked out for irregular attendance.

Ekke Weinke of the Night Polishing Department, has gone to Quincy, Illinois, to be manager of one of the Newark Shoe stores.

Rosemary



That's for remembrance, as Aphelia said. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Short. Cecil works in Department 30. Rosemary was born Sept. 2, 1925.

Mildred Groff, Marguerite Anderson and Dorothy Neil are newcomers in the Core Department.

Alpha Vick is a new stenographer in the Production Control Department.

John Ronan of the Assembly Department has been laid up for several weeks with flu.

Clarence Moore of the Tool Grinding Department, is in the Macon County hospital. He is making some improvement.

Joe Grossman of Department 8 has been seriously ill. At present he is at the St. Mary's hospital.



George Moore of the night shift in the Brass Shop was shoeing a horse on December 21. He had driven a nail through the hoof when the horse struck the projecting nail point in the fore finger of George's right hand inflicting an ugly wound. He returned to work January 18.



Pat was much disgusted. "That was the hungriest game Oi ever saw," he said. "How's that?"

"The score was nothing to eight."

A savings account is like a good wife—always backing you when you need it

PLANT 9

Much progress has been made in the past month in getting the Vitreous Ware Plant ready for operation. Partitions have been put in place and it is now evident what space has been allotted to the various departments.

The monorail system is working and is almost a mile long. The monorail is overhead and suspended from it are simple frames with adjustable shelves which are capable of carrying great quantities of material. It is said that one man can move seven tons of weight. In fact, the entire plant has been planned to make handling of materials efficient and easy. There will be no carrying or hand trucking.

The great kilns which are the feature of the central part of the structure, are nearing completion and one of them will be fired February 1. The "sagger" room in the south end of the building has gone into operation. Here are made the great containers in which the pieces of ware will be fired.

For a number of months past Phillip Cruikshank and A. V. Lawton and their helpers have been preparing molds at the Tait Building on East Cerro Gordo street. All of this material has now been moved to Plant 9. Most of it was loaded into box cars and moved by rail. The last car was loaded Saturday afternoon, January 23.

A frame shed 200 feet by 40 feet has been erected at Plant 9 for the storing of obsolete equipment, formerly kept at the Tait Building.

Phillip Cruikshank announces that the plant can go into production about February first. For months past he has been keeping an application file of men who have had experience in this line of work and has a large number from which to make selections. At present there seems to be a greater number of men than will be needed. Although the building is large, the space is occupied chiefly with storage and large equipment, and the number of men in proportion to the floor space is relatively small.



Elmer Nichols of the Foundry returned to work Monday after a period of sickness.

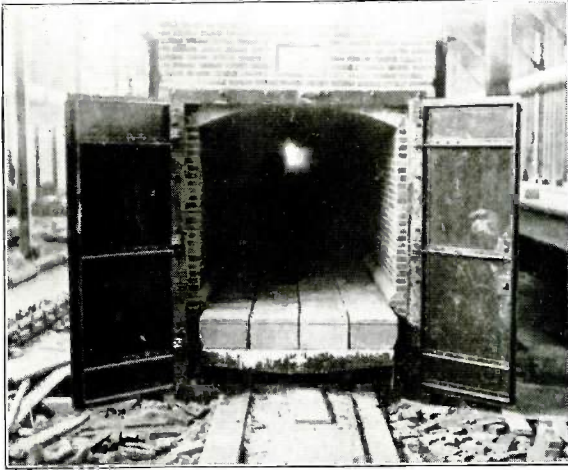
John Tindall of Department 57 is laid up with a broken toe.



DEPARTMENT 21

George LaBrash has organized a quartet consisting of Professor LaBrash, soprano; Mr. Welch (better known as Shorty), tenor; James Sadius (known as Macon), alto; Harry Ellison (clept Humming Bird), bass. Any club or public meeting wishing the services of this quartet, please see Frank Nehls.

THROUGH THE KILN



This looks like the yawning mouth of a mountain cave, but it is merely the beginning of a 350 foot kiln at Plant 9. At the opening tunnel may be seen the end of one of the cars that carry the ware in the saggars through the kiln while it is being fired. The platform of the car is specially insulated and carries in addition thick hollow tile which forms the platform for the saggars containing the ware.

DEPARTMENT 20

Our former head, John Shelton, has written Ray telling how much he likes his new job down in "Ca'lina."

Alpha Vick was recently employed in the office in Department 20.

Al Ridgway was transferred from the Receiving Department to Plant 9.

Corwin Price has been added to the department force.

Here's a brand new contest: The Five Hundred players of Department 20 will challenge any other department's card sharks to a game for money, marbles, or chalk. Ray says money would be preferable, though. Alpha, Pauline and Dorothea play every noon. The fourth player, we understand, is selected on a basis of good behavior. Most of the time Keller is the lucky man.

L. W. Rollins, it is rumored, is offering himself as a candidate for departmental reporter. He himself volunteered that he would soon have some extra good news for The Record.

✦ CORE ROOM

We all miss Clarence Hill who checked out and moved to Detroit.

Mr. Thomas, we are sorry to report, has been off a couple of weeks because of illness.

Ed Blank is of the decided opinion that chivalry is not dead. The manners of the stronger sex are just as fine as they ever were, he says, and he sticks to his story.

Henry Fletcher enjoys his job of core-making. Grape nuts—there's a reason.

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"I think the Charleston is awful."

"I can't do it either." —Brown Jug.

SEND US YOUR NEWS ITEMS

When a wedding is reported please give us the full names of both parties, where the ceremony occurred, where the couple will live and any other notes of interest.

In reporting the birth of a child, give the date, father's name, department, and the baby's name.

In news items give the definite facts regarding these four things, which are always part of a news story. Writers call them the four "W's:" Who, When, Where, Why.

✦ THE FOREMEN'S CLUB

The members of the Foremen's Club held their first business meeting of the year at Mueller Club, January 26, 1926. The following program was carried out:

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| 5:10—Roll Call..... | J. W. Wells |
| Contest Between Mueller Companies | J. W. Wells |
| Announcement regarding Compensation Insurance | J. W. Wells |
| 5:20—Defective Goods..... | Ed. Harris |
| 5:28—Sales Prospects..... | J. W. Simpson |
| 5:35—Labor Turnover and Rating Men..... | E. H. Langdon |
| 5:55—The Outlook..... | Adolph Mueller |

At the conclusion of the program a good dinner was served.

The next gathering of the club will be a social session.

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Margaret Whalen had a birthday January 14, and the dictaphone department thought the occasion a good one for a party. They went out to Margaret's house and had a rousing time. They played bunco, and little Eloyse Dickson, as usual, went home with the prize.

Thrift and thought begin and end in the same way

Al Bruckman



Al is the Iron Foundry foreman at Plant 8. He is as hard as nails physically but as good natured as they make them in contact with his fellows.

GROWING CELERY

Celery is easy to eat and is not so hard to grow, we are told by the experts. At one time its culture was confined largely to certain regions and its use was restricted to Thanksgiving and Christmas, but now it is an all the year round edible.

Prof. Ora Smith of the Iowa State College says:

If you have a damp spot in the garden where a drain runs out or a low place which is well drained, do not allow it to remain idle but put it to the task of growing you a crop of this delicacy. Celery loves rich, moist cool soil, especially cool nights. Of course, it will grow throughout the hot summers if it has had a good start in the earlier cool days of spring. The more manure, leaves, and other decaying humus or organic matter that you have in your soil, the better the crop will be.

Celery seed is very small, delicate and slow to germinate. If the gardener has no facilities for growing the plants, they may be obtained at seed stores or grocery stores in the spring. The time of sowing the seed is determined largely by the time the crop is desired for use. It is best to make several seedlings in order to have a succession of harvests or to use early and late varieties and sow at about the same time. The seed for the early crop should be sown the last of February or first of March in a window box with about three inches of fine rich soil. This should contain a large amount of thoroughly rotted leaves, manure or something which will keep it from packing down when wet.

Firm and smooth the top of the soil and sow the seed thickly over the surface. Then sift over enough soil just to cover them. Care should be taken when watering not to wash the seed to one side or into the corners. It is good to lay a piece of rough cloth over the box and water through this. This may be left on the box until the seeds germinate.

As soon as the plants show the first true leaf, or the third leaf, they are ready for transplanting. This is generally from four to six weeks after sowing the seed.

They should be transplanted to another box with soil about three inches deep and spaced about 2x2 inches apart. This extra transplanting causes a very vigorous root system to develop and adds greatly to the future crop. When freezing weather is past or about May 1, the plants may be set out in the garden. If the soil is rich the best method is to set the plants into one solid bed with the plants about 8x8 inches apart. In this manner the plants are so close together that the stalks are blanched by the shade of their own foliage. A constant supply of water must be available as enormous amounts of plant food and water are needed to support the large number of plants on a small area. If the soil is dry water should be added during transplanting, and it may be a good idea to shear off a portion of the tops to reduce evaporation of water from the leaves. It would also help to cover the plants with newspaper for a day or so and to do the transplanting in the evening or during cloudy weather.

When the plants have grown so large that you can no longer hoe them conveniently, boards about one foot wide are placed on edge around each bed in order to blanch the outside rows. The plants eventually will make so dense a mass of foliage that no sunlight is able to penetrate to the stalks below, and as a result, the stalks are an attractive golden yellow color and very tender and brittle. This method of blanching is especially adapted to the early varieties. The late varieties are generally blanched by piling earth up around each plant or along the row and excluding the light in this manner.

Celery is often affected by blight which causes the leaves to turn brown and dry up or die. This can be controlled by keeping the foliage covered with a spray of bordeaux mixture 5-5-50 in strength. Fortunately celery is free from any serious insect pest.

Celery can be stored so you may enjoy this fall crop long into the winter. The early varieties will not keep long, but Giant Pascal and Winter King or Winter Queen will last most of the winter. When cold weather comes, dig up the bunches with a spade, roots, soil and all, and pack closely together upright in a box with several inches of soil

Life is an uncharted voyage—the wise mariner anticipates the rocks and reefs

in the bottom. Place in a cool cellar and keep the soil moist as the stalks will shrivel in dry soil.

Great care should be exercised in watering. Do not get the leaves or stems wet or the entire plant will rot.



ONE ARM SPRINGITIS

Fall marriages have to a large extent abated the dangerous disease of one-armed spring drivers. However, the Board of Nature avers the disease will occur in the spring of 1926 with increased virulence because "day by day in every way there are more Fords on the highway." This is not a knock on the Ford. Anything that promotes marriage is a blessing.



Frank Tompkins, of Fayette county, superintendent of Mr. Adolph's farm, was in Decatur, January 8, and was a guest at the noon day lunch. January 8 was Jackson's Day and no good Democrat works on this anniversary, which may or may not account for Frank's presence in this city. We don't believe that Frank is a Democrat but if he is not, he is a lonesome man in Fayette county, because everybody else down there is. Anyway, Frank enjoyed his visit here. We taught him how to eat sauerkraut and the next time he comes we are going to teach him the art of getting limburger cheese past his nose without fainting. If he succeeds in doing this, he will eat it.



A western exchange tells of a speed maniac who ran head-on into a seven-story office building and after regaining consciousness weakly murmured, "I blew my horn."



I sure stick up for the fellow who sticks up for his country, his own convictions, and the firm he's working with!

LOYALTY is the PUNCH behind DEVELOPMENT

*These are my sentiments!
Bill Jones*

OPARKER-HOLLADAY COMPANY, 230 EAST OHIO ST., CHICAGO, ILL. 42.

NEWLYWEDS



Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tankersley who were married recently. Perry is attached to Department 30.

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fit them together.

Mr. Hertz made Mr. Gray traffic superintendent and finally garage superintendent. When the Yellow Cab Company was organized eleven years ago, Mr. Gray went to the new company as superintendent.

It is said he knows the names of more of his drivers than any other man in the organization. Porters, mechanics, drivers, and executives crowded to the 21st street headquarters last night to congratulate him.

Mr. Gray is 57 years old and lives at 6759 Bennett avenue.

"The election of Mr. Gray," explained Mr. Herz, "is in keeping with our policy of promoting men from the ranks."



Had a Complaint

The angry citizen puffed into the office of the city editor.

"See here, sir," he yelled, "what do you mean by publishing my resignation from my political office in this way?"

"You gave the story yourself, didn't you?" asked the editor.

"Of course I did," replied the angry citizen, "but your fool paper prints it under the head of Public Improvements."



Jim Thorpe had just entered W. E. Mueller's office.

W. E. to Bill Simpson: "If Jim Thorpe had fifty cents, what do you think he would do with it?"

Jim (interrupting): "Ah, I'm going to get a hair-cut Saturday, Everett."

The mint makes it first and it's up to us to make it last—N. Y. American

EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY Financial Statement

Nov. 20, 1925—Jan. 20, 1926

Nov. 20, 1925, balance..... \$1,615.08

Receipts

Co.'s contribution Dec.....\$100.00
December dues 943.40
Int. on municipal bonds..... 15.00
Co.'s contribution Jan..... 50.00
January Dues 985.05
2,093.45
\$3,708.53

Payments

Death benefit Edwin Peifer 75.00
Flowers for J. R. Taylor.... 5.00
Clerical help 7.50
Dues refunded80
Benefits listed below 1,428.90
1,517.20

Jan. 20, 1926, Bal..... \$2,191.33

Resources

Mueller Bonds \$2,500.00
Municipal Bonds 1,000.00
Cash 2,191.33

Total..... \$5,691.33

Benefits Paid

Elwood Fuqua 27.75
Madge Daniels 2.00
Frank Hornbeck 24.00
Chas. D. Porter 12.00
Oris Whitacre 20.10
Lulu Stoker 17.60
Vergil Perry 3.00
Ted Dishon 7.50
Mrs. Lillie Dash 27.50
Noah Beck 51.90
Edwin Peifer 4.50
Ross Elliott 63.30
Dale Bailey 12.00
Geo. Bryant 6.00
Lee Smith 1.50
Robt. Kuykendall 6.00
Homer Aydelotte 83.70
Jesse Fuqua 67.80
Wesley Lake 19.50
Ernest Matthews 69.30
John Murphy 6.00
Carl Chepan 2.00
J. K. Sanders 19.60
G. R. Gepford 41.40
Russell Larsen 22.50
C. G. Moose 63.30
S. W. Reynolds 29.20
Lora Robb 14.60
R. E. Thomas 30.00
H. A. Richard 25.50
Geo. Arend 2.00
M. Musgrave 4.50
John Robb 6.00
Homer Etchison 15.15
Mrs. Bernadine Vance 21.60
Leta Fry 32.60
Wm. Griffiths 23.20
C. B. Albert 32.75
W. A. Ratliff 21.90
Ray Six 60.30

F. W. Nehls 3.00
A. Claypool 12.00
Dorothy Gray 8.00
John Schuman 30.00
Geo. Jobe 1.80
R. P. Royse 2.00
W. E. Robb 4.00
Julius Staudt 9.00
Frank W. Lesley 9.00
Matt Like 12.00
Ray G. Preston 16.80
W. O. Scott 31.80
A. Carter 4.50
Ruby Osterloh 5.00
E. L. Rankin 28.80
Geo. Tipword 9.00
John Kepner 3.00
Lester Gray 6.00
Albert Anderson 18.50
Elmer Nichols 29.00
Richard Cash 12.90
August Sablowski 17.40
H. F. Mast 7.50
W. A. Atkinson 6.00
LeRoy Peek 12.60
Wm. Hoeing 29.20
George Cherva 3.00
John Tindall 24.20
K. A. Blankenship 20.90
George Moore 33.90
Mike Brilley 9.90
Joe Oglesby 7.50

\$1,428.90

We wish to make certain corrections in the published statement of the Employees' Aid Society which appeared in the December Mueller Record. Due to an error in addition the total sick and accident benefits paid should be \$99.25 more than the statement indicated, \$10,713.93, and the balance in the bank is not \$1,486.98, as published, but is \$99.25 less than that, or \$1,387.73.

Another error crept into the statement of resources which says that the Society has \$4,500 in Mueller Bonds. Correct figure is \$2,500. The total esources should be \$5,066.81.

E. H. Langdon, Treasurer.



ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

Two trustees who have had a year to serve have resigned. They are John Shelton, who has gone on the road as a salesman, and William E. Mueller, who has many other duties.

Two men to fill their unexpired terms are to be elected.

The terms of Roy Campbell and Harry Miller have expired. After consultation with the present trustees, members of the Company, the superintendent, and others, the following nominations are suggested:

To fill the places of the men resigned are suggested: Burt Jackson and Ebert Mueller.

Ben Franklin would say that we are paying too much for our whistles

Burt Jackson's experience in fraternal orders will be of value to the Aid Society. Ebert Mueller is in close touch with the members at Plant 8.

Roy Campbell should be re-elected. He is familiar with the administration of the Society and his position enables him to represent the day Brass Shops.

Joe Dial is the best man in the organization to represent the night shifts.

A special meeting of the members is called at the Mueller Club Thursday noon, Feb. 4, at 12:30 for this election. All members are urged to come and vote.

E. H. Langdon, Secy.

SOME ILLINOIS VERSES

We are familiar with the University of Illinois stadium, with the exploits of "Red" Grange, but many of us hardly realize that university students excel in things other than football. For instance, on the Illinois campus there is a newspaper published every morning, several magazines put out every month, a couple of flourishing dramatic organizations, a well-known band, some glee clubs, and a number of things. A couple of years ago the best poetry written by students was collected by one of the English instructors in a volume with the title "Illini Poetry."

These lines were written by a former student, who was later an instructor and is now a magazine writer in New York:

White Jasmine

Tinkle of glass, of cups the genial clatter
Mingle with gay inconsequential chatter.
My lady at the tea-urn plays her part,
Blushingly fair by nature and by art.
"Lemon or cream?" she queries graciously,
And pours the steaming jasmine-scented tea.

Fragrance of Jasmine!—Lo! the spell
Bears me across sun-jewelled deeps
To where an age old cloister rears
Its slender columns. Near the well,
Whence russet monks, for countless years,
Have drawn its cool and sparkling stream
Frail jasmine grows, as waxen-white
As tapers, in the dimming light
Before cathedral altars, gleam
Unlighted. Now, with falling dusk
And vesper bell, the garden sleeps,
And nun-like flowers spill their musk,
As incense, on the night.

Through time and space comes laughter
teasingly,
Calling me back to courtesy and tea.

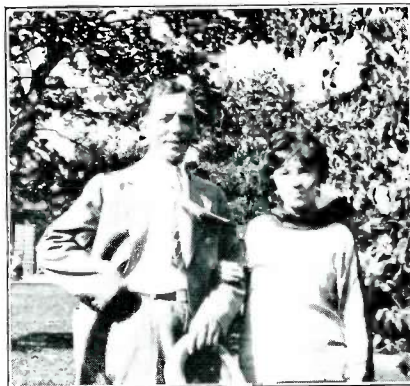
And these were written by a graduate of last year:

Summer Rain

Rain and the gray mist swirling,
Swirling over the lake
Thin waves softly curling

There is a world of difference between a thrifty man and a miser

This is Billy



During a summer outing some camera fiend caught Billy Simpson of the Sales Department when he was accompanied by his daughter, Frances. We all know Billy and those who have met Frances know her to be a fine growing girl "very much fond" of her father.

With never a whitened break;
Drenched crows winging blackly
Into the leaden sky,
Poplars swaying slackly,
Swallows that wheel and cry.

Over the days you're calling
Singing your wonderful lays,
Weaving your spell enthralling,
Strangely sweet rainy days.

Dry Cleaned

A colored Baptist was holding forth.
"Now, bredden, come up to de altar an' have yo' sins washed away."
All came up but one.
"Why, Brudder Jones, don't yo' want yo' sins washed away?"
"Ah done had mah sins washed away."
"Yo' has! Where you' had yo' sins washed away?"
"In de Methodist Chapel."
"Ah, Brudder Jones, yo' ain't been washed, yo' just been dry cleaned."

Eggs for All Tastes

Customer: "Have you any eggs that have no chickens in them?"
Grocer: "Yes, ma'am; duck eggs."

Forgetful

A young woman who had studied in one of the modern universities met a professor who was noted for his absent-mindedness. "Don't you really remember me, professor?" she inquired. "You once asked me to marry you, you know."

"Ah, yes," replied the professor, displaying sudden interest; "and did you?"

Stole One



Mrs. Walker of the Cafeteria dodged all photographers at the salesmen's meeting but L. M. Ross. He did not ask to "let me take your picture"—he just took it.

SHE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR

Telephone Girl Has a Hard Time—Treat Her Carefully

It might do some of us good to read and meditate on this defense of the telephone girl, sent out by the Kansas City Telephone Company:

She's a Neighbor Girl of Yours
—that's your telephone operator. She came to work this morning like thousands of other men and women—on the street car—hurried along to her business office to take up a busy day's work—on the job in work that requires concentration and skill every minute of her working day.

Maybe you don't know her personally. She's the same high class girl, the same human sort of a girl as the stenographer in your office.

The stenographer at her desk, the operator at her board—these neighbor girls of yours are the backbone, the mainstay, of modern communication.

You know a stenographer's troubles, her griefs, because she's right there at hand. Mistakes now and then—to be sure. Little details of work that are irritating—certainly. But you know the circumstances under which they occur. They are forgotten, these mistakes, in the bigger job of getting things done. Day in and day out your valued office help is on the job—loyal to you—working with you—co-operating more and more with you as you co-operate with them.

It's like that, too, with this unseen assistant of yours—the telephone operator. She makes mistakes now and then—they're irritable things to have happen when the time is short and you're busy—certainly. Give her a chance to correct them; after all, she's

working for you and she'll do better the bigger job of improving your service, if you'll overlook some of those little vexations that are bound to spring up now and then.

She's on the job, day in and day out—a regular worker—seeking no favors—asking only a better understanding of the sometimes difficult job she has to do.

Things were getting busy when she cut in her board this morning. The city was coming on the job for another day. As the forenoon passed, hundreds of increasing calls crowded her board. Because she is highly trained, alert and on the job she likes, she handles the "peak load" of calls deftly, quickly, with all the accuracy possible under conditions increasingly difficult as the hours pass.

Right hard, at such times, not to make mistakes. She works to overcome them, to urge her fingers to little more quickly, a little more surely, at your demands, as hundreds of other persons flash various and insistent requirements on her board.

It is then, just as it is with your office force, that your co-operation helps this unseen assistant to give you better service.

She's a neighbor girl, proficient in highly skilled work—battling often and well against unfavorable conditions not of her own making—a girl who knows her job, who stays with her job, who serves you, unseen and unthanked, increasingly well.

That's your telephone operator.



No Rehearsal

"Who's dead?" asked the stranger, viewing the elaborate funeral procession.

"The man what's inside the coffin," answered a small boy.

"But who is it?" the stranger pursued.

"It's the mayor," was the reply.

"So the mayor is dead, is he?" mused the stranger.

"Why, of course he is," said the small boy, witheringly, "D'you think he's having a rehearsal?"



MR. AND MRS. SCREETON LEAVE MAY 18th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Screeton, according to recent information, are planning to leave about May 18 for a trip to their former home in England. They will be accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Myra Cummings of St. Louis, Mo.

The trip of Mr. and Mrs. Screeton comes as a reward made by the Company for Mr. Screeton's 25 years' of continuous, loyal and faithful service.



A Go-Getter

"Is the motor car an asset to the church?" inquires a religious paper.

Well, of course, it brings a good deal of business to the churchyard.

A wise father teaches his son the value of saving

Start a Savings Account

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Mueller Employees' Investment Plan

You can deposit \$1.00 or any even amount to \$10.00 a week

**Seven Per Cent. Interest is paid
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Deposits are received at the Employment Office on Thursdays, 12:30 to 1 p. m.

THE FOREMEN

Are responsible for SAFETY in their departments.

YOU—

Are responsible for your own safety. Your carelessness may injure others.

Read again the SAFETY CODE in the Rule Book, and observe it strictly.

MUELLER CO.