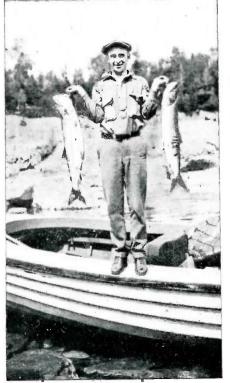


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SARNIA, the home of the MUELLERS in Canada, is Ontario's Central Gateway to its vacation land.

The Blue Water Highway Association is Ontario's pioneer Tourist Association with headquarters at Sarnia. Through its work last year over 40,000 tourists entered Ontario at this Gateway for a stay of up to thirty days.

"Motoramble in Canada" is the 64 page Guide Book published by this Association which will be forwarded upon receipt of a postal card request to the Association or to our Port Huron or Sarnia plants.

The accompanying photograph is one of an American tourist who landed a pair of 14 pounders off Cove Island, just north of Tobermory. Tobermory is at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, 220 miles north of Sarnia. It is the objective each year of the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce Hikers.

How about a vacation in Ontario?

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EDITORIAL

In November we vote to elect a United States senator along with some state and county officers. Everybody should vote. It costs lots of money to be a candidate for senator, and we should get the worth of the money—if we can.

Decatur is a real city now; it has a traffic light system. The system is located at the corner of William and Water streets. Drive down and take a look at the system.

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And now the picnic—August 21, Fairview park. Lot of fun is being cooked up by the committees—athletic events, band concert. dancing, moving pictures and whatnot. Don't do anything that day but go to the picuic and have a rollicking good time.

--o--Business is good with the ice man but there are others as well--it's good with us.

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Labor Day is Okaw day.

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August is a busy month with us. We have: Dove shooting.

Dog days.

And a lot of other minor duties to look after. August is the eighth month of the year. We know this by experience but have verified the fact by a calendar and Webster's dictionary, so feel reasonably assured of its correctness, without consulting a lawyer, who might raise an objection and provoke an argument. August was named after Augustus Caesar. Sextillus was the old Roman name meaning the sixth month from March in which the primitive Roman year began. We are not interested in Roman history, however. It's the present that calls to us. There are five Sundays in this August which means an extra day for golf and motoring. August is generally regarded as the hot month of the summer, but if it beats July, we're going to the tropics to cool off,

if we can get through Cuba without stopping over. The soothsayer who slipped Caesar the tip to beware the Ides of March might have stayed on the job and given him some advance information on dog days. They are something to be avoided. An authority tells us they fall between July and August—"canicular days—so-called because reckoned in ancient times from the heliacal rising of Sirius (Dog Star) in conjunction with the su.n" Take it or leave it. We've given you the information for what it's worth.

In popular fancy, which is a nice term for ignorance or superstition, dog days is a time when dogs are supposed to go mad, and small boys are scared by the wild tales of the dangers of going in swimming, for some supposed connection between hydrophobia and dogs. It's all too involved for clear explanation. Parents who spun the yarn didn't scare the small boys one whit they continued to go swimming anyway without harm to themselves, except sunburn, mosquito bites, and stone-bruises—and the dogs did not go mad in vast hordes.

Be all this at is may,—romance, fact. or history—you can forget it without loss but remember one thing about August— MUELLER EMPLOYES' PICNIC, Saturday, August 21, 1926, Fairview Park.

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July is a month of some significance to the Mueller organization. It was on July 16, 1832, that Hieronymus Mueller, founder of Mueller Co., its factories and branches, was born. Just twenty-five years later he came to Decatur and founded the business with which we associate the name Mueller.

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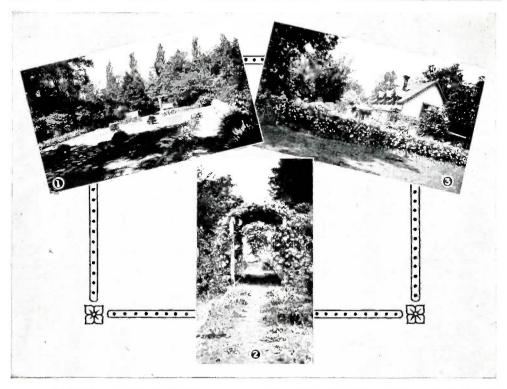
THE CHRISTIAN ICE MAN

"Mama," said little Marie, "do you know our ice man is a good Christian?"

"No, I do not. How did you learn the fact."

"Well, this morning he dropped a great big chunk of ice on his foot, and I heard him tell God all about how it hurt him,"

CAMERA CLUB CONTEST



CAMERA CLUB PRIZES

Prizes for the Camera Club contest for July are awarded as follows:

First Prize-W. J. Mix. Second Prize-E. C. Stille. Third Prize-W. J. Mix.

Mr. Mix's first prize picture is a scene in the garden of Mr. Adolph Mueller. His third prize snapshot was taken in Fairview park.

Mr. Stille's picture was taken July 4 at his home in Indiana.

The contest subject for August will be lake scenes. Turn in your lake pictures early to Margaret Marcott of the laboratory. Contest closes' August 10.

The pictures were judged by three em-ployes and Mr. Fred Lawson of the Capitol Engraving Co., Springfield. -

RUSSELL JOLLY IN

Russell Jolly, junior salesman under Otto Sharlock, was in July 4 for a week's vaca-tion. He went out December 1 with the first contingent of assistant traveling salesmen and is all enthusiasm for his work with Sharlock and Pittsburgh. "It's great stuff," he declares.

BIG TRIP THRU IOWA AND DAKOTA James Thorpe, accompanied by Mrs. Thorpe and their daughter, started out July 2 on a trip that took them into northern Illinois, across the northern part of Iowa and into South Dakota.

The Thorpes traveled by hard road to Galena, from where they took a gravel detour to Dubuque, lowa. At Dubuque Jim's brother and wife joined them. They set out for White Lake, South Dakota, where they visited Jim's sister.

On the way to White Lake they went through Waterloo, a pretty town of about 30,000. The first night the party spent at Storm Lake, Ia. The next night they were at White Lake, 547 miles from Dubuque.

The scenery throughout northern lowa is described as beautiful. The roads, which are gravel, are good. The crops, too, are splendid.

On the return trip the tourists made Clear Lake, Iowa, where the lake is extraordinarilv beautiful. They came through Charles' City also.

It was a memorable trip. Jim's greatest regret is that he had to drive and couldn't see quite everything.



THE OKAW IS RIPE

Parties of Muellerites have been seeking peace and quiet at the Mueller cabin on the Okaw in the past few weeks. It is an attractive spot with good fishing, swimming, and a comfortable cabin to recommend it.

On July 25 Mr. Adolph. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eagleton, and others drove down to Okawland. It was Marie's first taste of the country, and she vowed at once to go again.

The week-end before Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and daugh-ter, Billy Mason, Blue Lusk, Robert Lusk, and others, were down. On that occasion blackberries and dewberries, as well as fish were found to be ripe and in good condition, -

BOULEVARD STOPS IN DEPT. 15

William Brunner has been constantly warning Buddie Grossman about boulevard stops. "Now, Buddie," he'd insist. "Just because you have a Ford speedster that looks more like a baby buggy than an honest-to-goodness Ford is no reason why you can whiz by the boulevards."

July 26 Brunner missed one himself. And, unlike Buddie, he was caught.

"Four-fifteen for failure to stop at Water

"But. Judge," protested the judge. "But. Judge," protested the man from 15, "I did not want to buy the court house."

An eye witness carries the story on from this point, and he states that Bill had urgent business in the direction of the interurban station and left immediately.

Anyway, Bill stops at every corner now.

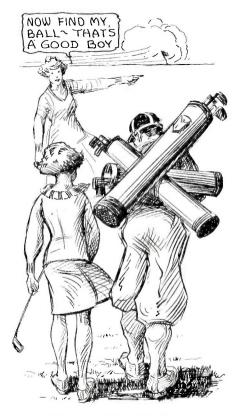
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JENNIE GOES TO CHICAGO

Jennie Richards of the Employment Department spent a week in Chicago. Did she have a good time? Well, just mention Chicago in the faintest whisper and see how wistful she grows.

She had so much to say of it, in fact, that immediately upon her return four other office girls, Bob Watkins, Ethel Dixon, Lois Christy, and Marjorie Smeathers, went up. And they all agree that they had the time of their lives.

HAWK AND PROBST TO NEW YORK Orville Hawkins and Harold Probst left July 26 for New York. We can picture Hawk bustling down Broadway with his own Sangamon stride. We can probably give our readers more news of the new metropolitans in our next issue. They haven't been gone long enough as yet to write,



EZRA K. ON A HOLIDAY

From an authoritative source we learn that Ezra Kendall Shaw, well-known credit man, has joined the local caddies' union. Our staff artist has caught the new caddy and the lady golfers-who are the Misses Shaw -in an especially pleasing and life-like position.

After the artist left, as we understand it, the game broke up because the caddy was unable to locate any of the balls.

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Friends of Al Lindamood of the Pattern Room are being requested to ask him about the color of "darling Nellie's sweet daddy."

JUST A WORD OF THE OLD DAYS

Lately there has come to our attention a little invitation that is more than twenty years old. It is a small green folder and printed on the inside is this invitation: We cordially request your presence

at the

Fourth Annual Employes' Banquet Monday Evening, December thirtieth, Nineteen hundred and one,

at eight o'clock in our new Foundry Building, Factory Grounds, W. Cerro Gordo St. Sincerely yours,

H. Mueller Mfg. Co.

With the invitation is a small card carrying this legend:

Just a Word

We want all of the boys to thoroughly enjoy themselves at this banquet.

If you can get more enjoyment while you wear old clothes, come that way.

Whatever your costume, wear an emptystomach and a happy smile, for you are due a good time.

Yours truly, H. Mueller Mfg. Co.

Verily, times do change. It would be hard to imagine the Company sending out little announcements urging employes to dress comfortably at the annual picnic. But, then, "hardboiled" shirts and six-inch collars aren't quite the rule now, either.

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Rohmann-Skelley

Miss Emma Rohmann and Lester J. Skelley of the Experimental Department were married July 9 in St. Patrick's Catholic church rectory by Rev. Father J. Murphy. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rohmann. 1524 East Sanganon street, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Skelley, 1104 West King street.

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Juanita



We are pleased to introduce little Miss Jaunita Ione Runion, whose daddy works in the Foundry

Down the Walk



A pretty summer scene down the walk just outside our regulator department and machine shop

WALTER SCREETON ON LONG VACATION

Walter Screeton, who has been a Mueller man for more than thirty-five years, sailed July 10 on the Adriatic for a long-anticipated visit in his old home in Nottingham, England. He, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Myra Cummings of St. Louis, left for New York on the 5th of July. On the 17th the travelers landed in Liverpool.

Mrs. Screeton, who had planned to make the trip with her husband, was unable to do so because of illness. During Mr. Screeton's absence she is with another daughter, Mrs. Amelia Lake, in Belleville.

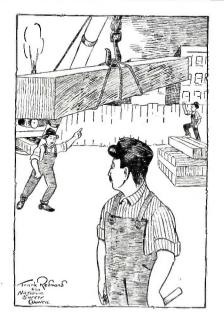
A couple of days before he started Mr. Screeton was up in the office for some final arrangements. He mentioned his relatives, one brother and one sister at Nottingham, and one brother at Bradford whom he has not seen for forty-three years. He spoke, too, in his quiet way, of his early trade, of the apprenticeship he served. In England he was a lace-maker; Nottingham has long been famous for its fine laces.

Mr. Screeton was married in England and emigrated to Canada. Later he came down to the States. On his arrival in Decatur he sought employment with Hieronymus Mueller in the latter's gunshop, then located on the corner of State and Main streets. F. O. Zetterlind and the late Anton Schuermann were Mueller employes at the time.

Mr. Screeton, since he became associated with the Mueller Co., has spent most of his time on the tapping machine.

Mr. Screeton and Mrs. Cummings will sail from England September 13. They will arrive in Decatur September 25.





CAREFUL THERE, BROTHER!

How often when we cross the street, or hazards in the shop do meet, our minds are wandering from our work and all our safety senses shirk, somebody gives a warning shout, "Hey, Buddy, watch your step, look out!" We stop and look with foolish grins and dodge in time to save our skins.

'Tis not alone the brainless fools who disregard the safety rules. The careful man will sometimes slip; he needs a friendly warning tip when he forgets that danger's near, or ignorance prevents all fear.

Bill's mind is at the baseball game while Bill is underneath a crane. Give him a warning loud and clear to catch his inattentive ear. He'd surely do the same for you, or any member of the crew.

Co-operation oft you've heard in safety sermons on that word. But getting down to simple facts it's made of kindly deeds and acts. You help your pal and he helps you; that's fellowship and safety, too.

POISON IVY

Every part of this vine or bush is poisonous. If you touch it or handle it your skin will become red and swollen within a few hours. The itching and burning is very painful. Learn to recognize this plant and leave it alone. Poison ivy has long stems bearing three leaflets, like a shanrock. Small green flowers hang in clusters between the leaflets. These are followed by bunches of small dead-white berries.

If you should touch poison ivy, wash your hands at once. Use plenty of soap and hot water. Make a heavy lather and wash for five minutes. Rinse four or five times. Use running water or change water for each rinsing. Do not use a brush.

The best treatment is that which you will get by calling a competent physician. In a serious case, the patient should go to bed and apply cloths soaked in soda water (a teaspoonful of cooking soda or borax dissolved in a cup of water). Eat light foods, such as fruits and vegetables, and drink lots of water. Do not apply salve of any kind unless the doctor orders it.

If you have to handle poison ivy wear rubber gloves or thick leather gloves with gauntlets to protect the wrists. Avoid raising any dust from the plant. After using, wash the gloves thoroughly with soap and water, and rinse several times. Do the same with clothing which has been in contact with the plant. This will help to prevent the poisonous material or dust from being carried to other parts of your body.

-National Safety Council,

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SUBSTITUTES FOR "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN"

A Houston, Texas, sign painter says our danger signs are based upon a wrong psychology.

Tell a man to "Stop, Look, Listen," and he is impelled to do none of the three.

He suggests the following signs for railroad crossings:

"Come ahead. You're unimportant."

"Try our engines. They satisfy,"

"Don't stop. Nobody will miss you."

"Take a chance. You can get hit by a train only once."

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First aid may prevent last rites,

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The place for a crab is in the ocean, not in the shop.

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Take a lesson from the woodpecker; he uses his head when he works.

Taking another lesson from natural history, the buck passer is a goat getter.

VISIT TO PORT HURON AND SARNIA By E. H. Langdon

In a general way we know that there is a Mueller plant at Port Huron, Mich., and another at Sarnia, Ont., but unless one has visited them information is usually rather vague

It was the writer's pleasure to visit these plants several days in July. The present title



Port Huron Plant girl in uniform

of the Port Huron concern is Mueller Brass Co. The plant is located on the western edge of town at the end of a street car line about one and one-half miles from the St. Claire River which is the outlet of Lake Huron.

Mueller Company Ltd., is located at Sarnia, Ont., across the river from Port Huron and the Mueller Plant is directly on the St. Claire river.

An enormous amount of shipping passes over the St. Claire river, and it is one of the most traveled water highways of the world. All of the ore from the Lake Superior district for the eastern blast furnaces travels this way, and on the return trip ships carry coal and manufactured goods. In the summer season, there are always several ships in sight.

The Port Huron plant, which makes brass rods, tubing, some castings, forgings, screw machine products and automobile parts, is very busy this summer. The present force is about 900.

The Tube and Rod Mill is the largest department and runs day and night. The out-

put of this mill has doubled in the last few years, due to better organization and the stimulus of a bonus for production.

Considerable quantities of rod and tubing are used by industries in Detroit, 60 miles distant, and the Port Huron organization fills orders with extreme dispatch. Ernest Miller, the Traffic Manager, told me that telephone orders for rod received at late as 4 o'clock in the afternoon were delivered by motor truck that evening in Detroit in time to be used on the night shifts. The whole organization seems geared to get results and to get them quickly.

The organization is new and the men who control affairs are young, and matters are caried through with the enthusiasm and dash of youth. There is a spirit of co-operation and understanding that makes for efficiency.

There are a number of employes' activities among which may be named: The Athletic Association, Employes' Aid Society, Service Club, composed of employes who have been in the service for five years or longer; Foremen's Club, Office Girls' Club. Country Club, and the Industrial Board. All of these organizations have their distinctive places and they seem to be carried on with considerable success from year to year.

considerable success from year to year. There is an Employes' Investment Association for handling real estate, a Credit Union for small savings, Christmas Club and loans to employes.

Under the Group Insurance plan a man may get a thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars worth of life insurance for sixty cents a month. More than three-fourths of the employes have gone into the plan.

The Company has made available land in the timber about three miles from the plant on which has been erected a building which corresponds to Mkeller Lodge, and near by the Employes' Aid Society has built six cottages which are always in demand during the summer season.

The Employes' Aid Society, in addition to offering sick and accident benefits, operates the Cafeteria and Canteen, the profits from which have enabled them to bulld these cottages at a cost of about \$1,000,00 each, and they still have an invested surplus of several thousand dollars.

Since there is plenty of land adjoining the plant, a soft ball league has been organized for the summer for a series of games after work. These contests under the auspices of the athletic association, are now in the midst of an active season.

The Country Club is considering the laying out of a golf course on the land which Mr. Oscar Mueller has made available.

Throughout the plant the workers strive to earn a bonus on production with the result that most of them have been able to increase their earnings materially and at the same time have brought down production costs.



Port Huron Aid Society Cottages

The city of Port Huron itself has not been growing as rapidly in recent years as Decatur, but many new pavements and houses have been built. Mueller Brass Co. is one of the largest industries in town and offers probably the best place to work in that vicinity.

Mueller Company Ltd., at Sarnia, în charge of Mr. Burleigh, former cost accountant of the Decatur plant, is efficiently operating on a relatively small force. Business in Canada is not so active as it is in the United States, and there is exceedingly keen competition among manufacturers,

The Sarnia plant has been able to get some excellent business in this intensively competitive field. The Mueller Club building at Sarnia overlooks the beautiful St. Claire river, and Mr. Burleigh says it is one of the finest locations in America.

Port Huron and Sarnia units of the Mucller organizations are well worth the visit of anyone who has the opportunity to go through them. The time is always too short to get in touch with all the interesting things that they are doing.

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Dues Refunded	2.40
Flowers for Arthur Hunt	5.00
Com. Chest, 4th installm't.	300.00
City of Decatur Improve-	
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1, at 6 per cent	13.83

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Mrs. Veda Plumley	5.00
John Patterson	14.00
Frank Cilasko	45.20
W. G. Cranston	
Fred Roarick	2.40
Wm. Karloski	41.25
Lee Smith	9.75
James Sanders	14.75
James Cunniff	30.40
Wm. Price	1.50
Robert Henninger	13.50
Harry Myers	4.00
Bert Kitchen	5.00
Kelley Morgan	48.90
Caroll Sutton	74.85
Clark Morgret	75
Cora Wilkinson	2.00
Robert Kuykendall	4.50
H. I. Buckley	1.80
Florence Bentley	42 00
Allred T. Christy	4.50
Koy Fleckenstein	3 00
A. T. Spencer	69.15
Alex Brule	675
John Hoots	5.00
Chas. E. Jordan	18.00
Mrs. Edna Whillock	3 00
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Another pretty Port Huron girl uniformed

Mueller Employes Annual Picnic

The Picnic will be held Saturday, August 21, 1926, at Fairview Park. After considering the matter it has again been decided that this is the best place to hold the picnic, until our new recreation grounds south of the river are ready.

The program has been prepared earlier than usual this year and a tentative program appears below. It will be noticed that several features are under the auspices of the Mueller Athletic Association. This organization will, we trust, in time take over the management of the picnic.

It will be noted that the Goodman Band has been engaged to give a three hour concert in the afternoon beginning at 2:30. This addition to our program will be accepted with general pleasure.

The contests for women for dressmaking, bread and cake baking have been discontinued.

There will be an exhibit of Mueller Goods in the pavilion in charge of Charles Sipe, Everett Dickey and Paul Jones. Each employe will receive a ticket with his name and clock number and this ticket may be dropped in a barrel at the exhibit on picnic day. At 4 o'clock two tickets will be drawn from this barrel, and for one of them will be awarded a Mueller sink combination and the other a Mueller tub shower faucet.

If your baby was born in the past year be sure to have it listed at the Employment Office, and bring it to the baby show. The list appears on another page.

The women's rest tent will be located north of the pavilion and someone will be on duty there throughout the day.

As usual, the clerk of your department will call on you between now and the picnic week and make the count on which refreshment tickets are issued.

In the afternoon anyone may dance in the pavilion, to music of the band, but in the evening so great is the demand for an opportunity to dance that we are requesting children under sixteen not to dance or ask for tags.

Robert Lusk and committee which has the dance in charge will put forth an unusual effort this year to avoid crowding on the dance floor.

The check room will be maintained as usual, with Dick Sheeley in charge.

The refreshment stand will again be in charge of the Auer brothers, and they will make a particular effort to reduce congestion of the soda fountain in the alternoon. Ice cream cones will be served in several different places and it will not be necessary to go to the fountain for ice cream,

Morning

- 9:00-Children meet at Mueller Club, Cerro Gordo and Monroe Sts., where moving pictures will be displayed in the evinnasium.
- 10:00-March from gymnasium down Cerro Gordo to Edward for street car ride about town ending at Fairview Park.
- 10:00-Baseball game at Fairview Park, Fat Men vs. Leans. Prize, box of cigars. These events are given under the auspices of the Mueller Athletic Association, and are in charge of Wm.
- G. Cranston, physical director. 10:00-Volley Ball-Two teams, selected by Clifford Gillibrand. Prize, box of cigars'.
- 10:00-Horseshoe pitching throughout the day, in charge of R. L. Yoho. Prize. cigars. Resulting in final matches to be played in the afternoon.
- 10:00-Golf putting, in charge of E. C. Stille. Green west of baseball diamond. Prize, 6 golf balls. Each entrant plays five balls into a hole. Record is kept of strokes. Throughout the day the preliminary, semi-finals and finals will be played.
- 10:00-Basketball-Free shots for basket. Kaj Olsen in charge. Prize, cigars. Entrants will have five innings with five throws each. During the day the preliminary and final rounds will be played.

Afternoon

- 1.00-President's Annual Address. Presentation of service rewards and emblems in charge of J. M. Wilkins.
- 2:00-Children's games and contests on playgrounds, northeast corner of park. Burt Jackson in charge.
- 2:00-Comic contests for grown ups, aus-pices of Mueller Athletic Association, in charge of E. H. Archer. Prize, refreshment tickets. Fat man's race.
 - Blowing up balloons, 12 to a side. Three-legged race, men, 3 teams, Tug of war, 10 men to side. Ball throwing contest, men, 6; women, 6.
- 2:00-Continuation of horseshoe pitching, golf putting and basket shooting.
- 2:30-5:30-Concert by Goodman Band.
- 3:00-Baseball, Mueller League champion-ship. Auspices of Mueller Athletic Association, W. G. Cranston in charge. Cash prize of \$30.00 to win-ners. There are at this date, July 27, four teams in the league.

THÈ MUELLER RECORD

AUGUST 21, FAIRVIEW PARK

"West Enders"-John Kush, Mgr. "Regulators"-Tom Langley, Mgr. "Night Hawks"-Ernest Schlegel, Mgr.

"Plant 8"-Lester Ruthrauff, Mgr.

3:00-Baby show, women's rest tent. This contest is open to children of emploves who have been in the company's service a year or more and have had children born since the last picnic.

E. H. Langdon in charge.

- 4:00-Drawing for Mueller sink combination and tub shower faucet, at exhibit in pavilion. Chas. Sipe in charge.
- 4:30—Relay race, 4 teams, 4 men each to run 50 yards. Dick Moore in charge Prize, cigars.
- 5.00-Results of contests in horseshoe pitching, golf putting and basket shooting to be announced. Evening

7:30-8:30-Moving pictures on lawn southwest of pavilion, in charge of C. N.

Wagenseller. Seats used in afternoon available.

7:30-10:30-Annual dance at pavilion. Homebrook's orchestra. Robt. Lusk, Tom Hill and Paul Andrews in charge.

The pavilion will be enclosed with woven wire with gates at south, west and north. This will enable the committee to actually control the crowd and thus reduce the congestion that in the past has marred this occasion.

Children under sixteen are asked not to dance in the evening.

Special dance tags will be required for admission to the floor.

Not more than two tags will be issued to one employe.

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LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Below is a tentative list of the employes who will receive awards at the annual pienic for long periods of service with Mueller Co. Any corrections should be brought to the attention of the Employment Office at once:

Five Year-

Frank Anderson
W. T. Auer
Howard Blankenship
Tessie Brinkley
Daniel Burger
C. E. Cochran
Lloyd Flanders
Roland Friend
Harvey Gallahon
Chas. Gilmore

Dorothea Hill Wm. F. Kuntz E. H. Kushmer Margaret Marcott Ralph Masters C. F. Morenz Kaj Olsen J. L. Parker Veda Plumley Helen Pope

Chas. Sanders B. P. Schuermann Chas. Sipe George Storminger Oscar Taylor

I. L. Tippitt Homer Vandervort Pauline Verner F. L. Wyant

John Marty

Algie Mier

John Scholes

John D. Smith

Robert Stewart Jas. T. Thorpe Frank Volkman

Alfred Wilkins

Addah Paradee

John E. Schifferd R. C. Stafford J. W. Wells

Ten Year-

Fifteen Year-

T. F. Dempsey Walter Drew John Galla C. M. Hatch Fred Kuschmerz Elmer Locer

Wm, Doyle Wm. Griffiths John Gunther O. J. Hawkins Wm, H. Imes Chas. Kuntz H. L. Marker

Twenty Year-James Ashcraft W. A. Atkinson T. J. Buckley T. J. Buckley J. H. Dowden

Ed. Lloyd L. F. McKibben Fred Schlipf Dick Sheeley Carl Von St. George J. M. Wilkins

Twenty-five Year

C. G. Auer

Lewis Dodwell

W. C. Heinrichs John Hoots

Rudolph Johnson

Wm. Hopf

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Mueller Fixture Company to Participate in Picnic

The employes of the Mueller Fountain and Fixture Co. will participate in the Mueller Employes' Annual Picnic, August 21.

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HARRY FORNWALT LEAVES

On July 2 Harry Fornwalt checked out. ending a long period of service with our Company.

Harry was a twenty year man in 1919. He left to visit his daughter in California. He returned two years ago and worked in Department 9. He will make his home with his daughter.

Before his long period of service with us began, Harry Fornwalt was a railroader. In the days that he was a brakeman on the Wabash between Decatur and St. Louis, C. N. Wagenseller knew him. In fact Waggie rode over to Danville more than once with him.

All of Harry Fornwalt's friends in the organization wish him pleasant days in California.

LIST OF BABIES SINCE LAST PICNIC

This list below is that on the records of the Employment Department of the babies reported since last picnic. The list is probably incomplete and if your baby's name is not here be sure to notify the Employment Office at once.

It has been the custom of the Company to give children the following object lesson in thrift. The Company gives \$1.00 to start a savings bank account. If the parents, within the next year, add to the account \$2.00 the Company will, on the second year, add another dollar, and so on for ten years. The parents, of course, will deposit \$2.00 each vear.

Thus at the end of ten years the child will have an account of deposits of at least \$30.00 and with the interest accumulation of \$5.00 or more.

This year we are asking all the parents of new babies in what bank they wish the account opened. Please let us know at once. All replies must be in by Monday, August 9, 1926.

To parents whose children have accounts opened in the past, we ask you to bring the Monday, August 9, 1926, in order that the Company may add the dollar for this year. In other words please get the bank book to the Employment Office and then the Company will gladly add \$1.00 for 1926.

Babies Reported Since Last Picnic

Father's Name Joseph E. Hart D. A. McElhaney Gerald Yonker Frank Kalinski Harvey Gollahon J. L. Tippett Clyde Hester E. J. Butt Millard Havice Jesse Hargis C. I. Mauer Harl Redmon Walter Auer Henry Morey S. W. Walters Reuben Harrell Walter Copsy Ed Burchard Art Metzger I. E. Davis Chas. Tilton

Do Da My Jol An Tes Sor Res Eli Jac Geo Eva Jac Sar Son Ian All

John Robert Butts



Master John Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Butts. Mr. Futts is foreman in the Machine Shop. Mrs. Butts we knew as Miss Anna Zipse, or Zip, formerly in the Purchasing Department. John Robert will probably be a Mueller man when he grows up

Baby's Name	Birthday
Dora Mae	September 11, 1925
Donald Joseph	October 16
Joseph Eugene	October 3
Frank Thomas	October 1
Donald Lynn	October 5
Daughter (?)	September 21
Myron Clyde	November 16
John Robert	November 22
Andrew James	June 10
Jesse Frederick	August 3
Son (?)	December 19
Regina Ferry	January 22, 1926
Elizabeth Helen	
Jack Norman	March 7
George Ray	February 20
Eva Fern	March 8
Jacqueline Mary	
Sarah Evelyn	March 25
Son (?)	July 17
James, Jr.	July 1
Allen Dwaine	March 25

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schuerman, July 24. in St. Mary's hospital, a daugh-H ter

Ezra Stickles of the Traffic Department has taken a job in Muskegon, Mich.

A. T. Spencer is now serving as day watchman at Plant 9. He lost a finger some time ago in a machine in Department 5.

Carroll Sutton, who broke his leg while repairing tractors at the new athletic field, is now able to be out with the aid of crutches.

A Prize Winner



This little lady is Rosemary June Short, who won first prize in a baby contest conducted by the Decatur Dry Goods Co. Rosemary June is beginning to capture honors early, but we believe she will win more laurels in time to come. She is the daughter of Cecil Short of Department 30.

Visitors

Louis Schario of the Night Shift. Department 24, Plant 8, with his guests who visited the plant July 7

Brass and Iron Chips

E. H. Parker of the Engineering Record Department was called to Goldstein, N. C., by the death of his brother, who was principal of the high school there.

Frank Williams of the Night Brass Shop and a party of friends spent several days at the Okaw cabin last week. Frank, who is an expert maker of willow ware, made a settee which he presented to the cabin.

The Okaw cabin is proving very popular this summer and is engaged for all week ends until the middle of September.

E. H. Langdon visited the Port Huron and Sarnia plants July 12 and 14, and visited several factories in Detroit.

W. R. Gustin was a visitor in New York recently.

Matt Trott, our peripatetic Traffic Manager, was in Decatur a few days last week between trips.

Ed Kushmer of the Paymaster's Office and Adrian Hoskinson of the Heat Treatment Department are attending the Citizens' military training camp in Wisconsin for a month.

Norman Poole of the Polishing Department was on guard duty at the Decatur Military unit at Herrin for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Marty attended the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, in June.

Miss Mary Schultz of the Main Office attended the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in June. Miss Eloyse Dickson accompanied her.

Ollie Fortchneider and Robert Sutton have returned to work in the Night Tool Shop.

Mueller Cozad is working this vacation in the Laboratory.

John Keinathe, a twenty-year man, has been transferred to the Assembly Department.

Mrs. Alloene Durbin resigned recently from the Core Department to give her time to housekeeping.

Paul Hall who has been clerk in the Foundry Office for the last year or more, has gone to Cincinnati, his former home.

Eugene Hauck gave up his apprenticeship in the Tool Room and went to Chicago.

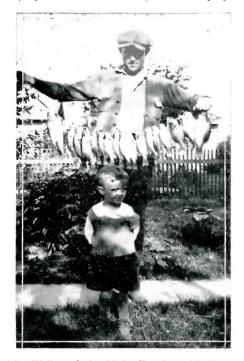


It has been the policy of the Employes' Aid Society to build up its reserve as opportunity afforded from time to time. The financial statement shows that the bonds for the value of \$500.00 have matured and have been paid. The Society has reinvested this money and \$500.00 more in City of Decatur Improvement Bonds, which yield six per cent.

We were able to make this excellent investment through the courtesy of the Millikin National Bank. This brings our reserve to \$4,000.00.

According to the agreement between the Aid Society and the Mueller Co. made for the year 1925-26, the Company gave to the Aid Society \$1,200 which has been paid to the Community Chest in four installments of \$300.00 each. The final installment appears in the Society's statement.

For the year 1924-25 a similar arrangement was made involving \$1,000.00. This is in line with the Company's policy not to take collections from employes. This Company does not wish to use its position as an employer to collect money from employes.



Odie Walker of the Night Foundry with his son, Odie, Jr., and a fine string of crappie caught in Lake Decatur

At the same time they approve of the Community Chest but believe that employes should contribute individually as they are able without pressure from their employer.

The members of the Employes' Aid Society should remember, however, that the money contributed by the Society for the Community Chest has been received from the Mueller Co. and has not been paid from dues collected from members.

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(Communed from page 9)	
Fred Johner	1.50
Margarite Morgan	4.00
Emil Wombacher	6.75
Glen Gilmar	9.00
Millard Havice	2.40
Dorothy Gray	10.00
Otto Cummings	59.55
J. Grabenhofer	2.50
Frank Leslie	16.20
Frank Allison	8.40
Clarence Trevillion	5.60
Chas. Morris	7.50
R. R. Dunaway	3.00
Wm. L. Perkins	4.50
Ed Moore	26.40
E. H. Parker	5.00
J. W. Skelley	4.50
James McKown	27.00
Gid Massengill	12,00
Chas. A. Carr	16.50
Jesse Starkey	18.00
Jay A. Ball	3.00
J. A. Davey	2.00
Thos. Deain	
Floyd Moore	. 3.00
Wade Rambo	15.90
Albert Auderson	7.50
Walter Knykendall	5.00
T. R. Williams	14.90
Mrs. Lucy Snyder	18.60
C. B. Lovelace	8.40
C. O. Miller	8.40
Earl E. Lackey	29,40
C. W. Brown	9,75
Enock Kelley	3.00
C. P. Baker	3.75
H. W. Fletcher	29.40
W. T. Mason	12,50
Joe Wall	6.00
Mrs. Alloene Durbin	6.00
E. T. Lansford	4.80
Shirl Fish	36.50
C. E. Martin	16.50
Homer Aydelotte	22.80
Homer Jones	6.90

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

\$1,118.55

DEATHS

Mrs. Imes Dies

Mrs. Christena Imes, 54, a mute, wife of William Imes of Department 9, died June 26 in her home, 423 West King street, following an illness of long duration. She had been confined to her bed for the last three weeks. The cause of the death was cancer.

Funeral services were conducted both in articulate language and dactylology, or "sign language.

Christena Brugh was born July 23, 1871, near Lafayette, Ind. She was united in marriage with William H. Imes at Lafavette on July 28, 1897.

Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Miss Marjorie Imes, at home. Three sisters, Mrs. D. F. Beeman, Wabash, Ind.; Mrs. Lottie Kelly, Battle Ground, Ind.; and Mrs. Emma Troxel, Cerro Gordo, and two brothers, Daniel Brugh, Colburn, Ind., and G .W. Brugh of Lafavette.

Mrs. lines had been a resident of Decatur during the last 15 years, moving here from Monticello. She was a member of the Mute Methodist church

The body was removed to Monson's where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hasenstab of the Mate Methodist church of Chicago, and Rev. G. A. Papperman of Decatur. Burial was in Fairlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Hall

Mrs. Mary Hall, mother of Arlie C. Hall of the Stock Room, died July 19, 1926, death resulting from paralysis.

Mrs. Hall was born near Nashville, Tenn., August 23, 1860. She made her home in Macon county for the last thirty years. She was a member of the Christian church of Niantic.

She leaves two sons, A. C. Hall of Decatur, and J. I. Hall of Niantic.

Funeral services were held July 21 from Moran's chapel.

Mrs. Edith McKee

Mrs. Edith McKee, mother of Miss Ethel McKee, died July 23 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. James E. Pierce, 1034 East Cantrell street. Funeral services were held July 25 in Boiling Springs church.

Edith McKee was born Jan. 21, 1850, in Harrison county, O., and was married to Albert McKee in Decatur, Nov. 14, 1867. She had been a resident of Decatur for 32 years and was a member of the First Congregational church.

She leaves the following named children: Mrs. L. E. Davis, Miss Ethel McKee, Mrs. T. W. Parker, Charles L. McKee, and Mrs. J. E. Pierce of Decatur; her brothers. John B. Major of Warrensburg, J. Marion Major, Decatur; her sisters, Mrs. N. C. Lehman,

Two Mueller Homes



Home of Perry Taukersley of Department 30 1205 W. Cerro Gordo Street



Home of George Morris, 1210 W. Cerro Gordo St.

Santa Anna, Cal., Mrs. Malinda Bear, Buffalo; also twenty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Mrs. T .F. Leary

A telegram received Monday, July 26, an-nounced the death of Mrs. Thomas F. Leary, wife of our San Francisco manager, at her home in San Francisco. The news came an unpleasant surprise. But few in our organ-ization knew Mrs. Leary but a great many know Tom, and all of us sympathize with him in his bereavement.



\$671.26

\$484.07

BOOSTERS CELEBRATE

The Booster Committee of the Mueller Athletic Association frolicked about at a gettogether party at the Mueller Athletic Club House, July 11. Members of the committee and their wives and guests attended. They talked over the future of the Athletic Association and took care of a "Dutch feed" that had been provided.

E. H. Archer, president of the Athletic Association, made an address, and began in earnest the work of boosting the association among employes.

Members of the booster committee are: Night shift, F. G. Rupp, Mike Fleckenstein, Odie Walker, Ernest Schlegel; Day shift, F. A. March, L. Flanders, Robert Lusk, Roy Pease, Burt Jackson, Tom Hill, Art Metzger, Walter Behrns, B. J. Marty, Travis Johnson, Charles Morris, Charles Cochran, A. L. Spitzer, Paul Andrews, Marie Eagleton. Earl Meador, D. L. Bailey, J. Frye.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF MUELLER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Year Ending June 30, 1926) Receipts

Memberships, 249 \$304.50 Cakes sold at Pienic, Dancing Club, Basket Ball Games, Sport Nights

Total Receipts Expenditures

Opening Dance Given by the Ath-\$ 45.00 letic Assn. Orthophonic Victrola & Records Athletic Club for the new 337.00 House Refrigerator & Oil Stove for Log Cabin at Mueller Hts.... 44.75 Material for Baseball Teams, such as Rats Balls. Score Book 34.50 as Bats, Balls, Score Book Miscellaneous, such as Playing Cards, Ash Trays, Magazines, Sheet Music, etc., for new Ath-

letic Club House 22.82

Total Expenditures

\$187.19 Balance on Hand J. M. WILKINS, Treas. Mueller Athletic Assn.

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Hazel Virden of the Main Office spent a pleasant week in Galesburg attending a convention.

WHO DO YOU SAY?

Guesses on the identity of the trio whose baby pictures were published in the June Record have been many.

Among the opinious expressed are these: The little boy with the round cap and fancy walking stick is Mr. Adolph. This venture is doubtless based on the fact that the little lad in the picture carries what might pass as the ancestor of the golf club.

Someone else identified the boy on horseback with the assistant chief engineer. Mr. Hathaway.

The little cheruly with the golden curls has been called Walter Auer and Cecil Foltz.

Now for the awful truth:

The round capped and caned youngster is L. N. (Louic) Rohr of the experimental department, as he used to be-

The daring horseman is Paul Jacka of the drafting room.

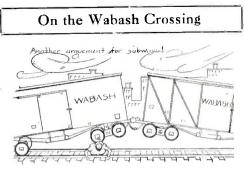
As for the fellow with the nice curls, that is Emmet Reedy, chief draftsman.

Yes, time does make a difference, doesn't if 7

SAFETY NOTES

In the past month several men whose names we are tempted to give, but we refrain. have been laid up with infections as a result of breaking the safety rule. "Report any injury, however slight, to your Foreman, who will arrange for First Aid." They neglected to get first aid.





I wonder what Mr. Wabash would say if he knew who "Tiny Louise" was, wiping the grease off of his pretty cars, with the back of her dress.

But if he wants an explanation we might say that one cannot let the moss grow between one's pretty toes, at one minute till seven in the morning.



"Yet shall you have to rectify your palate,

An olive, capars, or some better salad." —Ben Jonson

We have heard, on good authority, that Mr. Adolph is the champion salad-maker of the Okaw. He makes potato salad, certain Okaw frequenters assure us, that is past imitation. His recipe is unknown. From reports, however, we believe it is not unlike this recipe, fathered by Sidney Smith, quoted in Marion Harland's "Common Sense in the Household."

Two boiled potatoes, strained through a kitchen sieve.

Softness and smoothness to the salad give; Of mordant mustard take a single spoon— Distrust the condiment that bites too soon; Yet deem it not, thou man of taste, a fault To add a double quantity of salt.

Four times the spoon with oil-of Lucca crown,

And twice with vinegar procured from town;

True taste requires it, and your poet begs The pounded yellow of two well-boiled eggs. Let onions' atom lurk within the bowl, And, scarce suspected, animate the whole; And lastly, in the flavored compound toss A magic spoonful of anchovy sauce. Oh, great and glorious! oh, herbaceous meat! 'Twould tempt the dying anchorite to eat, Back to the world he'd turn his weary soul And plung his fingers in the salad bowl.

Do you like shrimps? That recalls, of course, the old, old restaurant joke:

Guest: "Do you serve shrimps?"

Waiter: "We serve everybody, sir."

But, if you like shrimps, you'll like shrimp salad. It's a salad into which you can put almost anything you like. Celery, hard-boiled eggs, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers, are all good. Scraps of potatoes, even left-over meat, may be utilized. The only really indispensable ingredients are the shrimps and the salad dressing with which the salad is mixed.

Have you ever tried peanut salad? Take equal parts of roasted peanuts, bread crumbs (or cracker crumbs), and cabbage which have been run through the food-chopper. Mix them together with salad dressing. Delicious for picnics. Another salad that is "different" is spaghetti salad. Break up the spaghetti and boil it in the usual way. Cut celery in fine pieces slice pimentos, chop walnuts finely and add to the spaghetti. Mix together with salad dressing.

The Efficient Housewife says:

The "built-in" has come to stay. In modern kitchens the convenience of built-in features is indisputable. Cupboards, closets, ironing boards, and folding tables are obtainable and can be fitted into almost every kitchen.

A housewife can waste more with a tablespoon than her husband can bring in with a shovel. It's the little economies that count.

How to Preserve a Husband

Select with great care the young and green varieties. Takes longer to prepare, but excellent when done. Those too old take a long time to cook and are often tough after being prepared. Even the poor varieties may be made sweet and tender by the following method: Wrap in a mantle of charity and keep warm, a steady fire of loving domestic devotion. Garnish with patience, well sweetened with smiles, and flavored with kisses to taste. Served with peaches and cream and thus prepared will keep for years.

-Exchange.

'Way Back When



This picture was taken in 1912 by Brugh Werner in the old No. 1 Firehouse. John Duffy, our fire chief, is in the group

THE OFFICE OWL HOO! HOO!

Motor Notes

The new Andrews Nash is coming along very well, thank you. From what we hear, it is not even a little tired from its travels of the nights before.

Evart Zetterlind, collector of antiques, has installed on his well-known purchase a bicycle attachment. A bicycle now rides in the back seat to take care of emergencies. If the flivver won't go, the bicycle will.

Fire Chief Duffy's car has come in for a rejuvenation. A little paint—face or barn—does work wonders.

Someone with an enormous bump of curiosity is wondering why:

Mary Schultz likes tops.

Marie Eagleton doesn't trust the Postal Boys anymore.

Paul Andrews purchased a Nash roadster. Ethel Waymire likes to go motor boat riding.

Hazel Virden is taking Uke lessons.

Eleanor Shaw went to commencement at U. of I.

Tony Yonker brings souvenirs back with him.

Arlie Eckert chose the Ruby ring.

Dorothy Jordan doesn't hurry.

Everett Dickey never takes anyone motorcycling with him. Ruth Ross wtches for men wearing red

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Florence Waymire thinks its useless to fall again.

Bill Flaugher is so industrious.

"Bob" Watkins came to work late Friday morning, June 11.

Charlie Sipe dictates before 7:00 in the morning.

Troy Rousch likes the girls.

Pauline Verner is so interested in the map. Ruth Zetterlind is getting a permanent.

HE has such rosy cheeks.

Evart Zetterlind thinks he owns a CAR.

Eloyse Dickson likes Persian kittens.

Niena Greening has developed such a marked preference for "cokes."

Some of Ollie's customers at the stationery counter remain so devoted.

Mr. Wells is playing golf so consistently. The Prince of Wales WILL wear his coat.

Miss A. Paradee has taken on that harrassed look.

M. W. Trott needs a vacation.

Jennie Richards enjoyed her stay in Chicago so much.

The dictaphone girls won't let us have any of their camping pictures.

In the Sales Department

"What's the principal ingredient used in the manufacture of face rouge?"

"Dunno, but it tastes like honey."

Sangamon boy: "My father's bigger than your father. He makes cars."

Young Hawkins: "He ain't either! My dad's a commuter and makes two interurbans a day."

Paging Mr. Moore

Four of our girls, Margie, Lois, Bob, and Dixic, made a trip to Chicago. Dick Moore, in his usual accommodating way, wrote to a hotel manager friend of his about the girls' reservations.

The next day Dick was tranquilly going about his duties when he was stopped and told that Telephone Marie had been frantically trying to locate him all over Decatur. She had a telegram for him. Dick tried to get the Office. There was no Marie at the other end of the line. A fuse was blown, and no oue could get Mueller's on the outside 'phone.

He arrived breathless with just enough strength left to pick up the telegram from the telephone desk.

The well known Mr. Moore broke into a jovial laugh.

"My God!" he cried.

He handed the message to Marie, who read, over the name of Dick's friend, "Send on the girls,"

We agree with the Western Plumber humorist in this little sentiment:

"There are jokes that make us laugh, There are jokes that make us groan, But the jokes that seem most funny

Are the jokes that are our own."

WEDDINGS

Durbin-Finch

Emma Durbin of the Core Room and George Finch were married July 19 in St. Patrick's Satcholic church. The ceremony was witnessed by immediate relatives and a few intimate friends.

The bride was attired in white suede crepe, with a full length tulle veil. She carried roses and baby's breath.

Miss Nettie Finch, sister of the bridegroom, served as bridesmaid, and wore a frock of bois de rose flat crepe. Her cap was made of tulle and medallions to match her gown, and she carried roses.

Edward J. Blank of Decatur was best man.

Following the wedding a dinner was served in the home of the bride's parents to 35 guests.

Mrs. Finch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Durbin.

Mr. Finch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Finch and is employed at Staleys. Mr. and Mrs. Finch are at home at 144 West Packard street, and already have gone to housekeeping.

Out of town guests at the wedding and dinner were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Finch of St. Elmo, parents of the bridegroom, and his sister, Mrs. C. A. Vogel of Altamont.

Emma's friends of the Core Room gave the newlyweds an old-fashioned charivari on the evening of July 19.

Hall-Durbin

Miss Alloenne Hall of the Core Room and Ray Durbin were married June 12 in the parsonage of the St. Paul's Methodist church by the Rev. H. F. Powell. The single ring ceremony was used. They were accompanied by F. H. Newell, a cousin of the bride.

Miss Hall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hall of 1314 North Church street. Mr. Durbin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Durbin of Brownstown and is employed by the Wabash.

Mr. and Mrs. Durbin will be at home to their friends at 1124 North Church street.

Kennedy-Probst

Miss Marie Kennedy and Delbert Probst, of the Drafting Room, were married May 20 in the Grace Methodist parsonage by Rev. Wilbert Dowson. The ring ceremony was used. They were attended by Miss Edna Banton and Frank Kuntz. The couple will make their home in 853 West North street.

Mrs. Probst is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kennedy and Mr. Probst is the son of Mrs. Ada May Probst.

Andrews-Grinestaff

Miss Flossie Irene Andrews and William Buford Grinestaff of Department 9 were married June 19 in the parsonage of the

Mr. and Mrs. Grinestaff



Third United Brethren church, by the Rev. C. T. Todd.

Mr. Grinestaff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grinestaff of Cisne. Mrs. Grinestaff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews of 1211 North Jordan street. Mr. Andrews is employed in Department 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Grinestaff will make their home at 709 W. Leafland avenue for the present.

Muller-Moreland

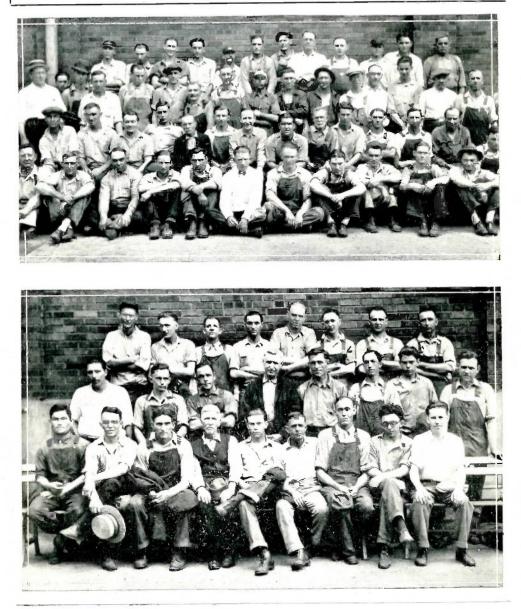
Richard J. Muller of the Night Foundry and Miss Lela J. Moreland of Bement were united in marriage July 12 at the Third United Brethren church, Rev. C. T. Todd, the pastor, performing the ceremony. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Noah Beck.

M'r. Muller has been a resident of Decatur for more than a year.

Mrs. Muller's parents reside in Iowa and she has been making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Beck. She graduated from the Beneut high school with the class of 1924 and since that time she has been employed as stenographer at the Gordon Manufacturing Co.. and in the offices of Attorney W. G. Cloyd in Beneut.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Muller took a short wedding trip.

Two Groups of Night Men



MORE SAFETY NOTES

Disobedience of another safety rule cost a man of the night shift a finger. He did not shut off the power while making adjustments on his machine.

It seems that every man must learn for himself through bitter experience that safety rules mean something. How much time and suffering would we save if we could profit by the experience of others?

DO YOU WANT A TYPEWRITER

We have frequent requests for typewriters. Generally we have a place for every typewriter in stock, but now we have two to spare, both Olivers.

If you want a typewriter, come and get one at \$6.00.

They will need some repairs but put in good shape they will give years of service in a home.