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## THE CONSTRUCTION DEPT.

Billy Mason and his versatile outfit are prepared on short notice to do 57 varieties of service. If a pipe leaks, call 57. If there is a car of heavy material to unload, 57 gets the order. If a new pane of glass is needed, or a new building, pavement, or bridge, the job is turned over to Department 57, while the rest of us forget it, they do it.

### History

Twenty years ago there was a bench along the wall in the Machine Shop, which was then the Construction Department. George Neyhart made such repairs as were needed. On March 3, 1903, William T. Mason, who had been working as a machinist in Tuscola, Ill., accepted a job at the Mueller plant as millwright at \$15.00 a week. In the summer of that year he began the organization of a regular Construction Department. The carpenters and yard gang were turned over to him. Gradually, various activities were included in this Department until it is now one of the most varied in the entire organization.

The Construction Department has had headquarters in various places. For a time they used the buildings now occupied by the Mueller Fountain and Fixture Company. In the summer of 1919 they moved into the rooms next to the Power House. In the basement is the pipe-fitters' work stock room, stock, and equipment. On the first floor are the office, the general repair room and the box makers. On the second floor are the carpenter and sheet-metal shops. West of Mercer street is the factory back yard which Department 57 keeps tidy.

### Builders

A surprising amount of concrete is used about the place. Floors, foundations, pedestals, pavements, curbs, bridges, and many other structures are made of cement. James Joplin, assistant foreman and concrete expert, has charge of this work. He has been with the Company continuously since January, 1911, and had worked here before that. Jim's cement force are accustomed to putting over any job that is put up to them in a very efficient way. A bridge was needed over the Ward Branch on the Mueller land, south of town. Certain county officials said that a permanent bridge could not be erected on this location. Mason, Joplin, and Company forthwith put in a concrete struc-

ture, which stood the record high waters without any damage.

George Presnall, the head carpenter, and his helper, Dan Dunn, are called upon to build anything from a foot-stool to a house. Like all good mechanics, they prefer to do fine work, but whether rough or fine, they put it through in good style.

William L. Porter is our brick mason and George Danaha supplies him with materials. Porter and his helper, besides doing a lot of repair work, have put up a number of brick structures. The neat little oil house Elmer Locer's pride, which is built of paving brick from Cerro Gordo street, is a recent example of their work.

There is a large amount of sheet-metal work done at this plant, and James Peek is the mechanic who does it. Suction lines, furniture, and special jobs of all sorts fall to his hands. His shop uses more sheet-metal than any other shop in Decatur.

Tom Dempsey and Carlo Danaha are expert painters and can handle any job in their line. They have a shop and a full line of supplies in the building just east of the library.

William Collins paints with a gun and not a brush. He operates the pneumatic paint spraying machine and covers in and out door surfaces with paint applied in this new way.

### 57 Kinds of Service

Not only does Department 57 build things but they provide many forms of service, which are very essential to the smooth running of the plant. While these men do their work well, not much attention is paid to them, but let something go wrong and then the importance of their service is very quickly recognized. Bert Meece came to work here in 1905 as an oiler and became a millwright and now has charge of this work. Bert has been with us continuously except for a few months when he worked for the Pan-American.

Charles F. Dunaway is the expert who is responsible for all the belts in the factory. He has a special room in a central location and is prepared to give very quick service. If a belt to a line shaft should break it might throw out of operation a number of machines. Charles sees to it that lost time from this source is cut down to a very minimum. He knows every belt in the plant.

If somebody did not oil the machinery around this place, there would certainly be



lots of noise and trouble. Maurice Hopper and his helper, Dan Dunaway, oil and clean all the overhead machinery and shafting.

Jake Koons and William Hoewing, both twenty-year men, make the wooden boxes which carry away the Mueller goods. Hoewing saws the lumber and Jake nails the boxes together. They have made enough boxes to enclose the entire plant and then some.

Frank Lash can reform an ordinary apple barrel so that it will safely carry 600 pounds of lead pipe. He has considerable space on the second floor of the College street building and provides barrels and light packing cases.

Department 57 has a coal loader which will lift a ton of coal a minute. George Schultz and Harry Coleman manage this contraption when not busy at something else. Coleman also serves as extra truckman.

In this plant there are many miles of piping for water, steam, gas, air, oil, and drainage. Laz Shorb is the expert in charge of this important work and is assisted by Glen L. Reinhart. Laz has recently installed in his home a hot water system which is the last word in making a house comfortable in cold weather.

T. S. Maddox (Bud), looks after the yard grounds and roofs. Incidentally he sells kindling and performs other duties too numerous to mention.

Billy Doyle is the landscape gardener whose efforts have turned six blocks of parking into a pleasing variety of excellent shrubbery and flowering annuals.

Besides building sheet-metal storage racks and boxes, Elmer Locer keeps the oil house in ship-shape. Elmer has all kinds of oil properly stored. An insurance inspector remarked recently this was the cleanest and best kept factory oil house he had ever seen.

We must not close without mentioning Charles E. Cochrone, the efficient and accommodating clerk of Department 57. He keeps time, looks after stock and tools and many other things.

This rather lengthy catalog does not include all the varied activities of Department 57. It is not as some may have supposed, a gang of unskilled men on common labor, but it is a highly diversified organization using many skilled craftsmen and performing many kinds of service. A number of men who have begun in the Construction Department have found their way to many other positions. An interesting article could be written on this subject alone.

The safety interests of this plant are in

charge of Mr. Mason. Machines are well guarded, approaches to stairways and doors are protected, and sanitation is maintained. State Factory and Insurance inspectors have often remarked that there is not a safer, or cleaner plant in Illinois.

The Construction Department must be ready at all times to meet emergencies large and small. The variety of demands made upon them and the nature of the work requires an efficient and flexible organization. That is what we have in Department 57.



### THE KICK UNDER THE TABLE

1. After a man has been married awhile, and his wife has grown used to his manner and style; when she knows from the twinkle that lights up his eye the thoughts he is thinking, the wherefore and why, and just what he'll say and just what he'll do, and is sure that he'll make a bad break ere his through, she has one little trick that she'll work when she's able. She takes a sly kick at him under the table.

2. He may fancy the story he's telling is true, or he's doing the thing which is proper to do. He may fancy he's holding his own with the rest. The life of the party and right at his best, when quickly he learns to his utter dismay, that he mustn't say what he's started to say. He is stopped at the place where he hoped to begin, by his wife who has taken a kick at his shin.

3. If he picks up the wrong fork for the salad, he knows that fact by the feel of his wife's slipped toes. If he's started a bit of untellable news, on the calf of his leg there is planted a bruise. Oh, I wonder sometimes what would happen to me, if the wife were not seated just where she could be on guard every minute to watch every trick, and keep me in line all the time with her kick.



### West Side Boys' Noon Hour



## The Mueller Force Thirty Years Ago



Tempes fugit. She certainly do and kicks things into the discard in the passing, or brings changes which makes old familiar scenes and faces look strange.

The picture shown above was taken thirty years ago when the Mueller factory occupied the building at the corner of East Main and State streets. This building is now a part of the Millikin bank building.

Of the 23 men shown above only two are now members of the Mueller force. They are Anton Schureman, Frank Zetterlind and Walter Screeton.

Those who do not remember that far back would have a hard time identifying them.

Whiskers were the vogue in those days and these two stalwarts of the Mueller organization are hiding in the bushes.

Frank is the second man on the lower row, sitting with his arms crossed.

Walter is the sixth from the left of the bottom row.

Anton is standing in silent grandeur about the center with his arms folded. He is wearing a high cap. The good natured face which we know today, is one of austere dignity. We will wager that both Frank and Anton wonder now why they wore all that drapery on their faces.

This picture supplies a subject for meditation. When it was taken the present members of the company were either just completing their education or had been connected with the business a short time.

Today we have more foremen than the entire force of that day. Instead of 23 men we have a present force in Decatur of 850 employees. This seems like, and is, a big

increase, but this thought also is a subject for meditation.

When we view the plant of today, those who do not know its history, are too quick to accept the material evidence of accomplishment without consideration of the slow progress of development which has led up to it. They look upon the company as a big and rich, and many envy it. They never stop to reason out how it all came about. Let's analyze a little.

In thirty years the force has grown from 23 to 850. Where one man found employment 30 years ago, 36 find employment today.

It has been a slow process of development. The Company and its business did not spring up over night. It is not of mushroom growth. It was not handed to the present company on a silver plate.

It's here today because the members of the company patiently fought their way through many obstacles.

The rise seems rapid because we are apt to forget that time flies, but it in reality has not been rapid; it has been a slow, upward grind.

The picture is not only interesting to look at, to even laugh or joke about—it's also interesting to think about.



Barney Marty asked to know if you have to have a sub-assemble number on a watermelon to get it through Department 18. Bethany Ren says, "You must, Barney."



## WE WONDER—

How many "Auers" are in a Mueller day.  
If C. W. Hudson ever flowed down past  
George Washington's home.

If Clyde Sayler ever sailed the ocean blue.  
If K. Shaffer was once a little shaver.

If Gilliland came from a savage country.  
If Red Parker had a Ford, would he  
drive her or Park-er.

If Bob Dessen could dress a chicken.

If J. Hon's name isn't just short for  
honey.

What H. Black would do if he was color  
blind.

If C. W. Hathaway hath-a-way of his  
own.

If Nellie Wicks would "light out" if some-  
one proposed.

If Bessie Smith was ever in Salt Lake  
City or China.

If Eleanor Wolf couldn't be tamed to eat  
out of your hand.

If Opal Verner will be a Jewel after she  
is married.

How Department 20 likes their new  
Brugh.

If J. W. Wells ever struck oil.

If Harold Ryder used to ride the morning  
Herald.

If Brock was ever a native of Brockton,  
Mass.

If the barber guessed Joe's last name  
when he gave him a hair-cut.

Which one of the three Graces Miss Cam-  
eron was named after.

If Gussye will get a card from her beloved  
Paris.

If Harris came from Harristown, or Har-  
risburg.

What makes Bill Burkholder doze so  
much during the day time.

What percentage Foltz is batting now.

If Lucas knows that suspenders are in  
style again.



## OUR ADVERTISING

The various advertisements which have  
appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, and  
the large newspapers of the country have  
had a stimulating effect on business as well  
as a wide influence in making this company  
better known to the people of the United  
States.

The next advertisement will appear in the  
July 8th issue of the Post, at which time we  
will exploit our Tub-Shower Faucet and  
Combination Sink Faucet.

All of this work is being supplemented by  
direct advertising to the trade with the sup-  
port given by the sales department and the  
traveling salesmen, it is doing a good work  
in making business active.

## HE THINKS

A Strong Pen Picture of Clemenceau, the  
Tiger of France

The Philadelphia Public Ledger prints an  
interesting article about Clemenceau, who  
did for France in the war what Lloyd  
George did for England. It reproduces a  
picture of the house where Clemenceau is  
now living. This house overlooks the Bay  
of Biscay where the ancestors of Marshal  
Foch and other Basques used to hunt  
whales on the stormy seas 2,000 years ago.  
Clemenceau, the great French statesman,  
lives here.

Clemenceau is 80 years old. He has  
fought for France, for the truth, and for his  
own honest convictions all of his long life.

Today he rests. He walks into the pine  
forests five or six miles, slowly, THINK-  
ing.

Or he stands before his simple house look-  
ing out over the rough waters and the wild  
coast of the Bay of Biscay, THINKING.

He is alone, except for an old woman who  
cooks his food and one man, Albert, who  
looks after his small possessions, not much  
of a task.

A dog and a monkey make up all that re-  
mains of his household.

For this house Clemenceau pays a rent of  
\$12 a year. And for the surrounding dunes  
of sand he pays to the government 20 cents  
a year. For what he eats and wears he  
spends perhaps \$200 a year, probably much  
less.

And that is the man who held France  
against Germany, supplied the unbreakable  
determination, ruled the French govern-  
ment and spent for it thousands of millions  
of dollars AND WON VICTORY.

He is typical of the French, their power,  
and, above all, THEIR SIMPLICITY.

He could have had a thousand fortunes,  
he HAS nothing and WANTS nothing.

The sky is his, and the beautiful forests  
near him, the magnificent waters in colors  
on a stormy day before him. FREEDOM  
OF THOUGHT is his, and the good con-  
science that comes of serving our fellow  
man.

Look at this little house in which the  
greatest modern Frenchman, greater than  
Foch, greater than Napoleon, greater than  
any fighter, spends his last days.

And realize that happiness is WITHIN  
YOURSELF, and nowhere else.

## "HOW I GOT STUNG"

### Instances of Ill Advised Investments Which Produced Nothing But Loss

Under this subject the Illinois Journal of Commerce has been printing stories of the experience of certain Illinois people who purchased worthless stock. A farmer near Macomb, who had been saving his money for years, first bought stock in an automobile company, then in a tire factory, and then traded this for shares in a concern that was to manufacture a washing powder. All turned out to be worthless. This man was cheated out of his life's savings.

A business man in Chicago was called upon the telephone by a stock broker, who skilfully induced him to buy stock on a margin. Shortly afterwards he received dividends and was induced to take more stock and still more. Later, when he wished to get more information about his investments, the broker was gone and no trace of him could be found. Selling worthless stock by long distance telephone has been a recent successful swindle.

A Bloomington man bought stock in a Co-Operative Grocers' Association. Such an outfit was busily at work in Decatur last summer. All that he has now to show for the \$500 are some gold engraved stock certificates.

A citizen of Aurora had a friend who induced him to buy stock of a manufacturing concern. About a year later the same friend tried to get him to take more stock and he declined. Then he began to investigate and found that the company was bankrupt.

In every case these men were offered opportunities to get rich quick and they handed over their money without taking the time to investigate. A little common sense inquiry in each case would have saved these men their losses.



### LINE LOGIC

It requires no diagram expert to confirm the claim that the increase in divorces is due to war. Peace at home never caused a divorce.

The trouble with prosperity is that it makes us want to dance and when we have finished paying the fiddler, there is no prosperity.

They say the demand for moonshine is falling off. Why? They have killed the better part of their customers.

This new yeast-eating fad saves a fellow a lot of embarrassment, who may be specializing upon home brew.

Remember that "American" ends in "Ican."

—The Houghton Line.

## Billy Jean Climans



Billy Jean has begun to read and count but he's a regular all 'round boy and just loves to play a "ball game" as he calls it. His father is stock keeper in No. 20 and his mother is employed in the Brass Shops.

### NIGHT SHIFT AT WORK

A Night Shift was started in the Foundry on the evening of June 13, with Harry Miller in charge. The night force is made up of experienced molders and helpers and the new men going into the Foundry are working days.



### EX MUELLER GIRLS FORM CLUB

Five young married women, formerly associated with the H. Mueller Mfg. Co., have formed a club, calling themselves "The Mueller Girls Club." They meet once a week, talk over the good old times, exchange ideas on "the household beautiful," etc. They are as follows:

Mrs. Frank Dunston, formerly Miss Ethel Ayers, secretary to Mr. Cruikshank.

Mrs. Orton Braehm, formerly Miss May Ayers, Cost Department.

Mrs. James Keating, formerly Miss Teresa Urban, head of the Box Making Department.

Mrs. Harry Kemper, formerly Miss Sophia Costello, Cost Department.

Mrs. James Keller, formerly Miss Viola Costello, Cost Department.

Mrs. Archie Greenleaf, formerly Miss Mary Miner, Packing Department.



## The Office Owl, Hoo! Hoo!

Mac: "Creta and Mamie are about the same size."

Shaw: "Only Mamie is a little rounder."

Myrta: "You certainly would not marry a spendthrift, would you?"

Creta: "It would all depend upon whether he was starting or finishing his career."

"Must be out of order," said Merle, trying to fill his Eversharp from the ink well.

"Vannie's a pretty nice girl, take her all around."

"Yes, if you take her all around."

Mrs. Mason: "Why, Billy, you have your shoes on the wrong feet."

Billy: "Can't help it, they're the only feet I've got."

Mr. Robert: "Well, how's things this morning?"

Doyle (who keeps parkings clean): "Picking up, thank you."

Sunday L. H. Burleigh took his first lesson in golf. Tuesday he had considerable trouble with his teeth and in desperation he rushed to a dentist and had seven of them extracted. Arriving home Burleigh communicated to his wife the news of the loss of his teeth. Mrs. Burleigh did not offer sympathy. Throwing up her hands in a despairing gesture, she exclaimed: "First it was golf and now you are losing your teeth. Alas! old age comes creeping on."



### A Chip Off the Old Block

There was a girl named Minter,  
She married a man in the winter.  
The man's name was wood  
And now as they should,  
They have a cute little splinter.

"The style of girls clothes these days reminds one of a barbed wire fence."

"How so?"

"They protect the property but don't obstruct the view."

There was a young lady named Mabel,  
She sat on a dining room table,

But she turned very red

When some fresh guy said,

"Gee look at the legs on that table."



Carl Gates and Mike Fleckinstein left Decatur June 24 to spend a month in the Polishing Department of the Port Huron plant.

## BOB UP A TREE

### Embryo Farmer Has Exciting Experience Picking Cherries

To his other diversions, recreations, avocations, or whatever you choose to call his outside interests, Bobby Mueller has added a fruit farm on which is a cherry orchard.

Bob decided to pick the ripe cherries out of the top of one of the large trees and climbed out as far as the branches would hold him. He was puling in the luscious ripe fruit with both hands when the tree seemed to lose its balance and the ground rose at an angle to meet him. There was a crash as the tree struck, and another jolt as Bobby came down through the branches and made a forced landing. Aside from a number of scratches and bruises he was no worse off for the experience. The tree was broken squarely off at the ground.

Ulie Friend, who had clamped his cherry seeder to a nearby fence, was up in the top of a tree nearby, and when he heard the uproar of Bob's unexpected descent, he fell out of his tree in order to save time in getting down to see how Bob had fared. The Record would suggest that this pair take Blackie, Mason, or some other capable safety man to protect them from the hazards of fruit picking.



### A NEW STYLE LANDLORD

A Los Angeles man named Bordsky has built a large apartment house and rents it only to families with children. When a child is born in one of these apartments the rent is cut \$5.00 per month. Newly married couples receive an apartment, rent free for one month and if there is no baby at the end of the year, they must move. There are special playrooms and playgrounds for children and a motion picture hall.

The landlord provides a trained nurse, free of charge, to tenants. She takes care of children while their parents go out for the evening.

This is a very popular apartment and is said to be a profitable investment.



### GAVE UP TRIP

It had been the intention of Mr. Adolph to sail for Europe about June 15. He was to have been accompanied by Attorney A. G. Webber.

Conditions arose, however, about June 1, which necessitated the abandonment of the trip. It was a great disappointment, of course.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassey

### THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

### IT CAN'T BE DONE

#### Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassey Quietly Celebrate an Important Anniversary

How did the world get started, son?  
Why, someone said, "It can't be done!"

Friday, June 6, was the Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassey. There was no formal celebration of this event. Mr. Bassey's son, Edward, came down from Chicago, and this made the family circle complete, while friends remembered the couple with good wishes and flowers. The Company sent a beautiful bouquet and the following letter:

That settled it. The troglodyte  
Came out of darkness into light.

"Dear Aunt and Uncle Bassey:

"This is your Golden Wedding Day and we congratulate you and rejoice with you on your having reached this important anniversary.

"It can't be done!" somebody said,  
And lo! the green fields gave us bread.

"While many couples travel life's uneven path as man and wife for half a century, there are few who make the journey in such perfect mutual happiness, thorough understanding and loving consideration of each other's rights and welfare as you two.

With that taunt ringing in his ears  
Has man gone upwards through the years!

"You certainly are entitled to feel proud and happy to have lived so long and contentedly and to have reached this golden goal still loving and respecting each other and being loved and respected by all who know you, and by none so much as by your loving and admiring nephews and nieces, your grand nieces and nephews and your great grand nephews and nieces."

You should have seen the mill wheels run  
When someone said, "It can't be done!"

"They join in wishing you many, many happy days yet to come.

"It can't be done!" they said before  
A sail put out to sea from shore.

Since the world's remote and dismal dawn  
Those magic words has spurred us on.

It drove Columbus where the sun  
Went redly down, "It can't be done!"

"It can't be done!" the weaklings said,  
And lo! the Wrights flew overhead.

"It can't be done!" was what they cried  
When Fulton offered them a ride.

They said it, and Marconi sent  
His message through the firmament.

That is the way it happened, son.  
Praise God for this. "It can't be done!"

Mueller-Cruikshank Families.



**Tell Us, Langdon**

C. N. Wagenseller arranged the Mueller exhibit at the Plumbers' Convention in Detroit. Roy Coffman was with him for several days and assisted him in showing Mueller goods and also Messrs. Sullivan, Aaron, and Lincoln, salesmen.

One noon Mr. Adolph took Wag and Sully to lunch and as they were about to be seated at the table, Waggie disappeared and was shortly after observed at another table, some distance away dining with a handsome, curly haired blond. He did not tell about it when he came back, but Mr. Adolph did.

(Note:—Mr. Langdon presented the above item for the Record. He rather suspected it would be suppressed. Wrong, Mr. Langdon, all wrong. It's being printed and in return we ask what if you had entered the dining room and a sweet young thing had in the unwritten work of the order indicated that your company was acceptable at lunch—what would you have done? Perhaps Mr. Langdon does not care to answer. Suggestions from readers of the Record as to what he would have done will be published next month.—Ed.)

**IMPROVES NEW SERVICE**

Miss Lilly Gottwald, who had done good work gathering news in the Brass Shops, has been appointed staff reporter and will report regularly for the Core Department, Brass Shops, and the West side. Tell Miss Gottwald what is happening and she will write it up. A personal interest by you in the Record will make it more interesting to every reader.

**Camera Shy**

Guess who this camera-shy bird is. Send answers to Employment Department. Replies will be published next month.

**J. H. McCormick Listens In and Hears Mr. Wooley of T. E. B. Fame**

J. H. McCormick, traveling for our Company in Ohio, evidently has "a little radio outfit in his home," and occasionally "listens in." We have a note from him asking "when is the advertising department going to begin broadcasting by the radio?" And attached to this note is the following self-explanatory correspondence:

**Radio Mesage**

Huron, O., June 5, 1922.

Mr. Wm. J. Woolley, Secy. and Mgr.  
The National Trade Extension Bureau,  
Evansville, Ind.,

Dear Sir: Saturday night while "listening in" at my home here in Huron, O., I was very much pleased to hear your address to boys, delivered at the Detroit Free Press radio broadcasting station in Detroit. Could hear you very plainly and appreciated the truth of your message to the boys.

Yours truly,  
J. H. McCormick.

Evansville, Ind., June 16, 1922.

Mr. J. H. McCormick,  
Care H. Mueller Mfg. Co.,  
Huron, O.,

My Dear Mr. McCormick: This will acknowledge receipt of yours of the 5th which I find on my return to the office today. I am very glad indeed that you were able to catch my talk. I find it was heard in quite a few places throughout the country, as I had several wires sent me while in Detroit and as far west as Washington, Ia. The radio is certainly a great thing and I hope that some day every home will have one so that we can install a broadcasting station here and send out messages to the public, as well as the trade.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
The National Trade Extension Bureau,  
Wm. J. Woolley, Manager.

**BIRTHS**

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dunaway, on May 7, a daughter, Rosa May.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Van Crouch, May 29, a son, Lester Eugene Van Crouch. Mr. Crouch was formerly employed in the Core Department. At the present time he is working at the carpenter trade.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT Of the Employees' Aid Society, from May 17 to June 24, 1922

Balance on hand May 17.....	\$319.38
<b>Receipts</b>	
Co.'s Contribution .....	\$ 50.00
June Dues .....	407.75
	<hr/> \$777.13

<b>Payments</b>	
Benefits Listed Below .....	211.21
Balance June 24, 1922.....	<hr/> \$565.92

<b>Benefits Paid</b>	
Alma Siweck .....	\$ 9.65
H. E. Hukill .....	66.50
Grace Gordon .....	12.00
C. G. Moore .....	5.00
J. E. Schifferd .....	6.00
W. McClanahan .....	1.50
Everett Zetterlind .....	18.03
Luther Williams .....	12.00
Claude Wood .....	7.50
J. D. Dempsey .....	5.00
W. C. Beckemier .....	8.03
Roy Perry .....	2.25
G. L. King .....	15.00
Mrs. Anna Geibe .....	21.00
Mrs. Emma Boyd .....	5.00
Jesse Fuqua .....	9.25
Harold T. Ryder .....	4.00
Cecil Smith .....	1.50
William Thomas .....	2.00

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\$211.21

E. H. Langdon, Treasurer.



### MISS JACKSON WINS PRIZE

Miss Opal Jackson, daughter of Burt, who has been teaching English in the high school at Dupu, Ill., has been awarded \$50.00 in a prize essay contest conducted by the Houghton Mifflin Company. The essay will be published in the June 15th issue of the Journal of Education.

Miss Jackson graduated from the Decatur high school in 1919 and later attended the University of Illinois.



### GOES TO SARNIA

June 24th Loren Burleigh ended a two weeks' visit to the factory and with his family left for Sarnia, Ont., where he becomes superintendent of the Canadian plant. Loren took with him his American flag and patriotic decorations and announced that he proposed to float Old Glory at every opportunity. We trust that in his zeal to impress his Americanism upon our Canadian friends that he will not do anything rash and involve us in international complications.

### A. Warren and Family



Artie is one of our initial assemblers having been in the department almost from the beginning.

### DEPARTMENT 53

Kitty Wilkins was busy with the evening paper. Said Bruce: "Say, papa, what does diplomacy mean?"

Kitty: "Well, my son, diplomacy means doing the right thing at precisely the right time."

Bruce: "Then I used diplomacy last night"

Kitty: "How's that?"

Bruce: "When mother came in with the castor oil I rolled James over in my place and when she came to the other side of the bed I quick rolled him back again. So Jim got both doses and I never got any."

Louis Rohr thinks Kitty is taking entirely too many shower baths a week. How about it, Kitty?

The clerk was making up a new list of our addresses.

Clerk: "Your address, please, Mr. Whitehead?"

Whitehead (scratching his head in attempt to aid failing memory): "Er, I—can you beat it. If you don't mind waiting I'll go home this noon and ask my wife."

Kitty: "What are you taking for your cold, Louis?"

Louis (eagerly): "Make me an offer."



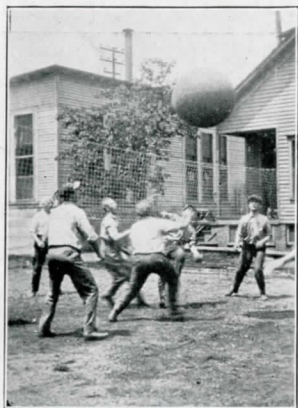
### YOU CAN HELP

A personal interest in the Record will help give it a more general interest.

Any little note about shop, office, or factory will assist in giving interest to a publication of this character. If you know of anything send it in.



### It's Not a Balloon



But a game they play at noon with a ball that looks like one.

### AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Mr. Robert Mueller and wife came home the first of the month after three weeks in the east. At Washington, D. C., Mr. Robert attended the sessions of the National Association of Commerce. From there Mr. and Mrs. Mueller went to New York and New Haven, Conn., to visit their son Ebert who is a Junior at Yale College. On the way home they stopped over at Dayton, O., for a visit with relatives.



### MEMORIAL DAY

The entire factory was closed on Memorial Day, May 30, according to our custom.

Formerly the employees, accompanied by a band, marched to Greenwood and held Memorial service, but because of the changing personnel, this practice was discontinued two years ago.

However, the employees, following the more recent custom, sent flowers to the tombs of Mr. and Mrs. Heronymus Mueller and of Henry Mueller.



### MADE HIM "LAF"

You can guess for yourself what he thought of the Volstead law and what he was going to do by his answer to an advertisement offering a gas washing machine. His letter said:

Puritan, Mo., Dear Sir: Your macheen she look good to me. How many galons will she hold and how much money will it cost to put pipe for cooling. Does she work on wheat or barley or corn. You work great bluff on wash macheen. I laf. You let me know what it take to fix me up."

### Brass Chips

Jesse Johnson of the Mueller Metals Company and Frank Fleckinstein of Sarnia and their families drove to Decatur in a Dodge touring car. Both are polishers and are on their vacation. Frank went to Sarnia in 1913, married a Canadian girl, and has his home in Sarnia. He is a brother of George and Mike.

"Curly" Allen, superintendent of the Canadian plant, spent about ten days with Mr. Burleigh in the Decatur factory.

Ed. Harris, chief inspector, and family, spent a week's vacation in the Mueller cabin on the Okaw River.

Herschel Wacaser of the Billing Department and family were there the following week.

Roy Cartwright, our Decatur salesman, and his wife, were in Decatur recently attending the funeral of Mr. Bear, Mrs. Cartwright's father.

Rexford Mason, son of W. T., spent the week end of June 24 at home. He is in the aviation school at Rantoul.

Chris Hendrion has a new Ford.

Julius A. Staudt has gone to work in the Shipping Department. He helped to install the new core ovens.

Mrs. Fairy Hughes is the new clerk in the Brass Shops. Mrs. Vera Oldham has gone to housekeeping.

Miss Amy Spitzer went to work recently in the Brass Shop.

Miss Leslye Hooper is a new comer in the Assembly Department.

Miss Vera Curl is supply stenographer in the Main Office during the vacation season.

Ed. Hukill of the Night Shift returned to work June 19th after an absence of several weeks on account of poor health.

Philip Cruikshank and Ebert Mueller are home from Yale College for the summer vacation and will take positions in the office and begin learning the business.

Frank Mueller, who is home from school will also be in the office. Frank has a ready served one term as an order drummer.

Mr. Oscar Mueller was down from Port Huron the first of the month, attending meetings of the Company, and he was back again at the end of the month, leaving for home on June 24.

Mr. Fred Mueller came back from French Lick Springs the latter part of May and expects to spend the greater part of the summer here.

It is understood that Mr. Langdon and W. E. Mueller are organizing a swimming class for girls. Those wishing private lessons see W. E. Mueller.

H. W. Knauss, formerly systtmatizer in the office and factory, was here early in the month, calling on his friends.

Miss Nita Harris of the Brass Shops was one of several Decatur girls to attend the Y. W. C. A. Industrial girls' camp at Dewey Lake, near Dowagic, Mich. The camp lasts for ten days and includes class work in various subjects, games, some out-door sports, good eats, etc., but no dates. The party left Decatur June 16th.

Amos Reynolds (Red) of the Night Shift went home for a vacation recently. The boys accuse him of being married. His denials are not convincing.

H. E. Hukill of the Night Shift has been laid up some time with neuritis.

Leo Martin is the new man in the Record Department. He succeeds Leslie Johnson, who was transferred to the Main Office.

Twenty people from the Drafting Room spent the afternoon and evening of June 24 at Mueller Heights. A picnic supper was served. Baseball was the sport for the afternoon and dancing and cards at night.



### IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LODGE

Extensive improvements have been made at Mueller Lodge. A porch has been added to the south side. It has a cement floor and stone foundation. The building has been painted white with green trimming. The tennis courts have been put in good condition and a pump has been installed to provide water and shower baths installed.

### Mueller School Exhibit



Wayne Lawson of the Roosevelt Junior high school brings a display of Mueller goods for the annual industrial exhibit of the school.

### HOW JOHN GOT HIS START

Like most of the rest of us, John Doe wanted to save money, but some how it seemed to take all his income to live and he was not getting ahead. One day John chanced to read the story of a man who had learned to save money by keeping a record of his expenses, and then saving systematically. He decided to try it himself and bought a small account book. He acquired the habit of entering in this book all his expenses from a postage stamp to an automobile. Soon it became an interesting game to compare the different items of expense from month to month and to watch the savings grow.

These household accounts soon began to give a surprising amount of information about where the money went and what was obtained for it. By having the facts he was able to secure better values and to buy to better advantage. Every month a certain amount was set aside for the Building and Loan Association.

After nineteen years of record keeping and saving, John Doe has been able to buy his home, provide for his family and maintain an automobile. This was made possible because he kept a record of his expenses and saved systematically. The WILL to save is the important thing.

This is the actual story of one of our men. It is all true but the name.



John Cooley



Last month this picture was printed as Bill Busby, who is now shown at the right.

Bill Busby



### Department 18

"The fellow who thinks he knows a lot is in an awful shape."—Harry Koontz.

Sam is going to do without the new tie. He will have the old tie mended and pressed. Perhaps someone knows of a reliable individual who mends ties reasonably.

One of our assemblers and his better half were going up Water street when they met George Heflin all dolled up. The husband casually remarked to his wife: "That's one of Mueller's men." "Oh," replied the wife, hastily looking back at the retreating figure, "which one of the Muellers is that."

Charlie Riley says time must go pretty fast in Italy because every time you turn around you see a dago.

Hank: "I have ate dewberry cobbler."

Paul (correcting him): "Say eaten."

Hank: "None of your night school talk in mine; I went to day school."

We have looked in the latest Webster for the proper way to pronounce Bentar. It says to say it this way: Ben-tar", accent on the last syllable.

Jack and Hon. Jay Bone are trying to make a Methodist out of Walter. If a couple of hard baptisms a day will do it, we have strong hopes for Walt.

The department has suffered from an epidemic of toothache. Charlie Kuntz had it first and his face all went pretty much to his left cheek. George Leipski is another

#### MARRIED Dannewitz-Wright

Miss Mary Wright and F. W. Dannewitz of No. 30 were married on June 15, and will reside at 875½ North Water street. Mr. Dannewitz has been in the employ of the company since October 2, 1919.

#### Allen-Michle

Miss Elsie Michle and Clint Allen were married on June 10. Mr. Allen is employed in the Foundry, having entered the service of the Company October 25, 1921. The couple will reside at 1134 N. Main street, where they have gone to housekeeping.

#### Shepperd-Camron

Miss Lucille Camron of the Main Office and Oscar Shepperd were married at the bride's home, Wednesday, June 7. The groom is the son of Mr. Theodore Shepperd one of our twenty year men. Oscar Shepperd is employed as timekeeper in the Wabash car shops. The couple have gone to California on a wedding trip.

#### Bland-Adams

Lewis Bland of the Punch Press Department and Miss Emily Adams were married on June 3 at the parsonage of the Rev. A. M. Wells. They will reside at 434 East Orchard street. Mrs. Bland was formerly clerk on the West Side.

victim. Hon. Jay Bone advised him to go to a dentist and George went. When he returned the following week, Jay Bone asked if the tooth was fixed. "Fixed, yes," said George, "but he fix him worse, py yimminy und I walk upon de floor all mit de night und holt mine jaw, yes. Dis morning I look in de glas und py golly it ain't me."

Allen Travis (busy riveting handles): "I got a job knocking for the firm."

George Heflin has taken to wearing specs. Emory thinks it's the handwriting from Little Rock that's spoiled George's eyes. We suggest the lady use a bolder hand.

Walter is going to have Hank's bench and hammer padded so he won't hurt himself when he hits his finger.

Artie Warren's turned zoologist.

Overheard just before the noon whistle: "Gee whiz, that clock's been standing at half past eleven for the last two hours. Call up Burk and ask if there's anything wrong with it."

"I'm so doggone hungry I don't know who I am."

"There goes a pop-corn wagon."

"Hey, Bill, got another chew. I used mine all up. Nearly starved."

"Hope the landlady don't have hot dog today or I'm all out o' luck."

"Here, Heavy, come help me lift this box. I can't do another lick till I've had something to eat."

"Oh, boy, I'm hungry!"

Scrubby Furry is now sole director of the great Wild Cat band.

Harry Eller, watching a mob of girls racing through on their way to the clock, one minute of seven in the morning, "Here comes the women's foot race."

Artie wants Smith Carder expelled for throwing "snowballs" at him.

Heflin wants to spend his vacation in Little Rock and would like some one to tell him how many railroad ties there would be to walk.

Walt writes an order on Mr. Mason to this effect: "Mr. Mason, please repair one of our vices." We don't know which vice Walt refers to but we think he's on the right track.

Honorable Jay Bones is selling patterns off his new style apron at two bits each.

Red has a cow to sell and Billy Cantwell wants to buy one. Billy: "What kind of a cow did you say she ie?" Red: "She's part Jersey." Billy: "What's the other part?" Red: "Why, cow, of course!"

Robbers entered the home of Harry Koontz and stole a gold watch and eight dollars in cash, not two feet from where Harry lay sleeping. Now we know why Harry thinks his mind's a blank.

Ask Mose how he likes Frank Orr's screw driver.

Shorty Williams is greatly enraged and not on speaking terms with John, the trucker, because he brought him five screws too many.

Barney (to our watchman, Jack): "I never could understand why a black hen lays white eggs. Jack: "It's because she can't lay black ones."

We wish to apologize for misrepresenting Frank Orr's matrimonial prospects. He says his intentions are philanthropic and he is championing the cause of widows and orphans now.

Walt wants someone to lend him a baby so he can have its picture put in the Record.

Rose sat with knees crossed discoursing on the cost of silk hose. "Just think! I paid \$3.50 for these!" Harry Eller: "I should say that was well spent coin for three dollars of it is always visible."

Smith Carder has a bold "No Trespassing" sign pinned to his back. Bill "Spaggett" is requested to take heed.

John Burkholder celebrated his birthday June 19.

Percy turned in rather late one night, when he heard his wife stir. Panic-stricken, he tip-toed to the baby's cradle and began to rock furiously. "What are you doing over there, dear?" asked his wife in surprise. "I've been sitting here for the last two hours trying to rock Philip Eugene to sleep," replied he boldly. "Why, you silly, I've got baby here in bed with me," said his wife. Percy doesn't tell us how the story ended.



### Billy Bob Lighthall



Four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lighthall. Roy worked in the drafting room last year, and Mrs. Lighthall is a daughter of John Burkholder in our department. John is very proud of his grandson, and says he's trying to talk already. They all remember here what a talker Roy was.

Alberta: "Say, papa, what part of the body is a vocabulary?"

Harry: "I don't know, why?"

Alberta: "Teacher said Wesley had a large vocabulary for his age."

Mose Miller is very anxious to possess one of those new fangled pencils the advertising department is giving all clerks and people of renown in the factory. Mose wanted to know how one can achieve renown without doing anything and Allen Travis told him to have his name put in the Record. Here's hoping Mr. Wagenseller will be properly impressed.

Artie (to his small son): "William, how far did you study in your reader?"

Little William: "As far as the book's dirty, dad."

Vict is going in for strict economy. Saturday morning before coming to work she gave friend husband the following bill of groceries: one pound raisins, one dozen eggs, one-half pound dried apples, one bottle lemon extract, one tin ground cinnamon, one pound sugar, one quart milk.

Husband: "What in the name of sense do you want with all this—someone invited to dinner."

Vict: "No, there will be no company. I have half a loaf of stale bread I want to work up into a bread pudding. I'm not going to let anything go to waste."

Scrubby (to foreman): "Can I have a couple of days rest. I need it bad. Look at the dark circles under my eyes."

Walter: "Rest, nothing! You need a bar of soap and some hot water."

Mrs. Beshle( trying to get rid of a back door caller): "If you love work why don't you find some?"

Tramp: "Alas! madam, love is blind."

Someone ought to tell Red Whitesides that he can't run a Ford on its reputation. Patronize an oil station once in a while, Red.

Vacationists for the month are Bill Busby to Michigan; William Schudziara and Bill Disponet at home, and E. H. Fairchild to Mt. Elmo.

Four men and one young woman have been added to the department. Fred Frees, Donald Ferry, Fred Nash, Henry Petrowski, and Miss Leslye Hooper.

Wesley Kates (to waiter): "This steak's tough as leather and the knife is too dull to cut butter."

Waiter (promptly): "You might strop the knife on the steak, then."

Claudia says she's no mind reader. We think folks who have anything to say ought to speak up and not leave her to guessing.

A lot of noisy carpenters have been at work enlarging our quarters. The partitions forming the old laboratory rooms have been torn out and assemblers benches set the entire length of the building. These are to be used by the men, who will put up regulators.

Mrs. Emory Whiteacre attended Ben Hur convention at Indianapolis for a week.

Foster's white oxfords and suspenders to match are causing a lot of comment in fashion circles here.

Bentar (to John, our stock room trucker, when he brought a sackful of seatwashers): "What are you bringing them that way for? Didn't I order half a box?"

John: "They didn't have no half boxes on hand, but I'll have 'em saw you one in two next time."

George Redmon was absent several days attending the funeral of an aunt.

## BRASS CHIPS

It was so hot last week that twelve of the fish in the pond in the court-yard died of sun stroke.

C. F. Roarick attended the Plumbers' convention in Detroit early in June. He visited the Sarnia and Port Huron plants. "Pick" also had an interesting boat ride on Lake St. Clair and went through the Ford factory

Leslie Johnson of the Main Office resigned June 17. He has taken a position in Detroit.

Several boys, fresh from school, have sought experience in the Foundry. They got it. Several were satisfied by noon of the first day.

E. W. Allen, superintendent of the Canadian plant, spent the second week in June in the Decatur factory.

Angeline Ekert, Mamie Sanders, Mae Turner and Myrtle Conner of the Main Office spent Sunday, June 18, sight seeing in Chicago.

Miss Myrta Conner resigned June 17. She expects to teach school near Latham next year.

It is reported that two of George Weber's tame guinea pigs followed him to work recently.

Elmer Locer has in his front yard a flourishing tomato patch which could be covered with a table-cloth.

William Ferry of the Power Plant bought a new Ford early in May and locked it up in his new garage. Next morning it was gone and no trace of it has yet been discovered. Fortunately, he had some insurance and now has Ford number two.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hatch spent the week end of June 4th with friends in Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sane, and Mr. and Mrs. William Burtch made a flying visit to Niagara Falls the last week in May.

Mr. Adolph stopped at the desk of the factory messenger who was sorting his mail. "Good morning," he said pleasantly, but the messenger was too busy to exchange greetings with strangers.

Mrs. Maude Simms has returned to work in the Core Department.

Floyd Curry is again working in the foundry.

Ray Trinkle of the Polishing Department has resigned to sell Ford cars.

The Tallyn brothers of Department 57 are touring the U. S. A. in their Ford. They will follow the western wheat harvest.

Rexford Mason, son of W. T. Mason, is making good progress as a mechanic in the aviation school at Rantoul.

W. N. Dill, manager of the New York office, has been in Decatur for several days visiting his father and sisters and renewing old acquaintances. He went from here to Salt Lake City and San Francisco before returning to the New York office.

We would like to assure visitors as well as the employees that Ethel Marshall is harmless, even if she does accost total strangers and demand to know where they are going.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

A recent pamphlet prepared by President Kinley gives some interesting information about this great institution.

The total registration for the year 1921-1922 is 10,627 bona-fide resident students, an increase over last year of 1,134. They are distributed as follows:

In Champaign and Urbana, 8,714.

In professional schools in Chicago, 824.

In summer school, 1,089.

Total, 10,627.

In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, there are 2,786 students; in Commerce 2,063; in Engineering 1,737; in Agriculture, 1,036.

On the teaching and administrative staff there are 987 people. There are 481 clerical and other workers. The university's payroll amounts to \$2,800,000.00 a year.

The university is increasing in size and usefulness, but has no corresponding increase in its income. Each year there are more young people able and eager to take higher education. The taxpayer is reluctant to increase his taxes. The cost of the university to each individual citizen is about 67 cents a year.



## FROM FARMER TO FLORIST

Jake Koons is not raising vegetables this summer, but has turned his attention to flowers. He has 1,500 astor plants in one bed and he assures us that this will be some sight when they are all in bloom.



## STANDARDIZATION

## Limits to Which Individual Ideas of Making the Same Article Lead

A berry-box is a simple little utility of which there are seventeen kinds. There are thirty-one varieties of grape baskets, fifteen kinds of piano stools, fifteen hundred styles of pocket-knives, and seventeen thousand forms of pipe fitting.

Under the stress of war production it was found that there were many articles manufactured for the same purpose, but just enough unlike not to be interchangeable.

The United States Department of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce have been co-operating to reduce the number of styles of many articles to as small a number of standard sizes and designs.

This matter of standardization is one of considerable importance to this business. An effort is being made to manufacture on a quantity basis the accepted standard articles of this line and to discontinue some patterns altogether.

The table listed below will show the progress in standardization being made in several different lines.

	Old Number of Styles	Reduced to Standards
Berry Boxes .....	17	3
Rond Papers .....	105	7
Grape Baskets .....	31	3
Hammers, Hatchets ....	2,752	761
Paving Brick .....	66	7
Piano Stools .....	15	1
Pipe and Fittings .....	17,000	610
Stoves and Ranges .....	2,982	364
Walking Plows .....	147	41
Writing Papers .....	40	5



## VICE-PRESIDENT LEARY

The current number of the Western Plumber contains an article on the San Francisco Sanitation Development League. It is composed of representatives of plumbers, jobbers, manufacturers, etc. The object of the organization is to promote all matters of importance bearing on better sanitation. Our own Tom Leary is Vice-President of this organization. His picture appears in the Western Plumber along with the other officers.



A number of our men are sending extra copies of the Record to distant friends. Billy Cantwell mailed several to points in Wisconsin and recently received a number of requests for more. Said they were using Mueller goods throughout their locality and found them superior to all others.

## THE SAME OLD STORY

Once upon a time there was a "wise guy" who thought he was like "Eddie the Immune;" that is, nothing could hurt him. This "wise guy" got a little sliver in his finger. Says he, "This is nothing. I am healthy, and it is too far down to the first aid station to have Mrs. Bayley fix it up."

Two days later red streaks appeared in wrist and arm and infection or blood poison set in. Result: "Wise guy" suffered lots of pain, was off three weeks, and his wife and children went without many things they might have had if daddy had not been hurt.

MORAL: Report all cuts, scratches, and eye injuries to the first aid station at once. Foremen, supervisors, and men, BE CAREFUL TODAY.

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UNTO THE THIRD GENERATION

An important step in the history of the Company was taken at a recent meeting of the directors.

It was the election of R. H. Mueller, son of Philip Mueller, and W. E. Mueller, son of Adolph Mueller, as directors of the H. Mueller Mfg. Co.

And thus begins the passing of Decatur's largest industrial enterprise into the hands of the third generation.



R. H. Mueller

It is a process of the development which many of us foresaw, and yet nothing had been intimated that it was about to take place, and the action was therefore somewhat in the nature of a surprise.



W. E. Mueller

Bobbie Mueller will continue as the head of the Engineering Department.

Everett has been elected assistant treasurer and will continue at the head of the regulator department.

Both of these young men have been identified with the company business since boyhood, starting as messengers and working in various parts of the factory and office.

They have inherited in large degree the family trait of democratic association with their fellow employes, and are well liked throughout the organization.

## MARK TWAIN'S "SERMON TO SALESMEN"

"The pastor was the most eloquent orator I ever listened to," said Mark. "He painted the benighted condition of the heathen so clearly that my deepest compassion was aroused and I resolved to break a life-long habit and contribute a dollar to teach the gospel. As the speaker continued I decided to give five dollars, and then ten. Finally, I knew it would be my duty to give all the cash I had with me—\$20. The pleadings of the orator wrought upon me still further and I decided to borrow \$20 from my friend in the next pew and give that also.

"That was the time to take up the collection.

"However, the speaker proceeded and I gradually lost interest and dropped off into a sweet slumber. When the usher woke me up by prodding me in the ribs with the collection plate I not only refused to contribute, but am ashamed to state I stole 25 cents from the plate."

Moral: When you have made your sale, stop talking.



## THE DEMON WEED AGAIN

How many cigarets were manufactured in the United States last year?

The enormous number of 61,859,900,000.

How many of these were sent out of the country to weaken other lands?

Only 15,834,000,000.

Leaving how many to enfeeble our boys and men—and girls and women?

The incomprehensible number of 46,000,000,000.

And cigars?

They numbered 8,720,754,000.

And tobacco for chewing, for pipes, and for snuff?

The little matter of 413,891,000 pounds.

How many acres of ground were wasted on this harmful crop?

Just 1,894,400 acres of rich farmland.

And does any good come from this enormous cost?

Not a particle. Nothing comes from it but debilitated bodies, stupefied minds, and flabby purses.

And how long is a "civilized" country going to stand for this sort of folly?

You say.

—Arrow.



## BATH TIME, BOYS

The hydraulic laboratory has been trying some new experiments in shower baths. Louie Rohr had a good clean-up from a tap on a high pressure line last January. Kitty Wilkins had a good shower bath in June. Roy Whitehead's turn is next. Then all the members of this department will have had their annual baths.

## KEEP ON FIGHTING

Roger Babson says there is business for those who go after it. It is not hiding—it is just backward. It can be brought out with proper effort. The salesman have got to do it. In every battle the heavy fighting always falls on one particular section. The rest of the force gets behind that section and supports it.

That's what we are doing with our road force this year. We are sending out more and better advertising, doing more scheming, figuring out more plans, and exerting more efforts than ever before in our history.

While the selling force is on the front line of attack, the office and factory is back of the force with plenty of ammunition and a solid support.

There never has been a time when this force—factory and office—was keyed up to such tension in an effort to put over a big year.

Business is not dead—there is a big volume of it. The consensus in high places is that normalcy has actually began. It will be felt very decidedly during the summer. Those who will be in the front ranks of prosperity are those who are fighting now, those who are aggressively doing more than just holding on. You can bet your last penny it will not be the fellow who has laid down.

There have been a lot of failures perhaps, but a big per cent of them have been in lines that have no direct bearing on recognized lines of trade. In fact, the experts feel that in many instances the body of business is being purged and will swing into real good times with a strong and healthy body.

All we have got to do is to keep on fighting every foot of the way.



## THE ANNUAL PICNIC

The salesmen have been notified to come to Decatur August 14 for their annual meeting which will be held at the Lodge, and will continue for five days.

The annual picnic will be held Saturday, August 19, at Fairview Park.

Plans are already being made for this annual event, and although we have had good success in previous events of this kind, we feel confident that the 1922 picnic will exceed all previous undertakings.

It is not too early to begin making your plans.

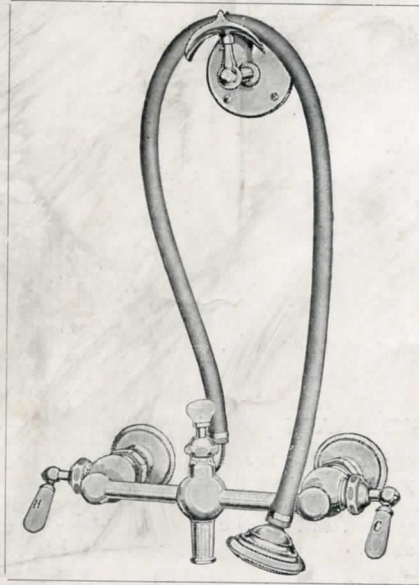
Let's start now with the thought of making it a 100 per cent affair.



Mrs. R. Pope was given a delightful surprise party Wednesday evening, June 28, by a number of the office girls from the Mueller Mfg. Co. She received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Pope was formerly Helen Whitman, daughter of Mrs. H. D. Whitman of 237 W. Eldorado street.



# Don't Ever Forget



To remind Decatur persons building that Mueller Goods will give them unqualifiedly first class service.

A word by you may result in the use of Mueller Goods—it's the use of our goods that keeps the factory going.

You'll help, of course.

The Combination Sink Faucet is a good thing to talk about.

## H. Mueller Mfg. Co.