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EDITORIAL

There is considerable advise being offered now on the subject of thrift, and it is well that we should heed it. However, it is well enough to remember that there is a wide difference between stinginess and penuriousness and sensible thrift.

One hundred and eight in the shade does not mean outdoors under a tree—it means the second floor of the new office building.

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Wrigley spent millions in advertising to get Spearmint into the mouths of the people and succeeded, but he did not quit advertising. When asked why, he said: "First I had to get them to chew gum, and now I have to keep them chewing." Advertising, to be successful, must be perpetual.

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Too much stress cannot be placed on the value of a good name. In business it is the most priceless asset. In private life it is a jewel which all admire and respect. In the industrial world it is invaluable—a workman who keeps his name unsullied is seldom out of a job.

The name "Dodge" represents \$80,000,000. Similarly the name Hart Schaffner & Marx had such commercial value that when a company took over the business it took over the name also, because without the name the business would have been of little more importance than any similar enterprise.

Two things contributed to this unpurchasable value of a name.

First, a product that had merit and was dependable.

Second, widespread publicity which kept the name and the product before the public. --o--

An English scientist avers that human life may be extended to 150 years. There are a few cases where the expenditure might be justified.

MEET BILL JONES

Have you met Bill Jones? If not, do so. You'll find him on page 10 of this issue.

Bill has become a regular feature of the Record. He will have something to say to you each month. Bill is a philosopher, an optimist, an advisor and a friend. His short, terse, comment is loaded with good advise. It gives you something new to think about, or it jogs your memory on some duty or line of conduct which you may have temporarily overlooked.

Old and young alike can read Bill Jones to advantage.

Make it a habit to see what he has to say each month.

The national convention of the Master Plumbers Association held at Portland, Ore., last month, brought together the brightest minds and the most progressive men in the plumbing business, and also the newest and best in manufactured products. The displays were artistic and had an undoubted educational value. There were some new devices shown, but in general the big thing was in the development and improvement of devices with which all householders are familiar.

The interest of the public in plumbing was demonstrated in the large attendance in the evening when the public called. Many persons who believed that they had the latest and best in plumbing equipment, were astonished at the development of the past few years. Thousands of people are able and desirous of keeping abreast with this development. It is evident that they are not informed as to the progress that is being made. With national advertising, however, they will become educated and that means bigger things for the plumber and the plumbing business.

--o--Three coming events-Labor Day, the Salesmen's meeting and the Picnic.

Tat So.

"For goodness sake," murmured the co-ed as she pulled down her skirt.—Sun Diel.

The Pottery Force



Left to right: A. V. Lawson, Julius Heisler, Clarence Albright, James Peek, Philip Cruikshank

SOME INCIDENTS

At the plumbers' convention in Portland, one of the distinguished callers at our booth was Billie Wong. Billie was not distinguished as a prosperous plumber or as a prominent citizen, as a mechanical genius, or as reformer, but because he was a very keen witted, cheerful, playful Chinese boy of 12 years.

"What's your name?" we asked.

"B-i-1-1-i-e Wong," spelling the first name. heavy emphasis on the Wong.

"Where's your father?"

"D-i-e. He's dead. Give me a lead pencil."

Billie was interesting because Chinese kids were new goods to us. He attends public school; the Chinese children are segrated. Billie is in the A class fifth grade and has all the tricks and antics of an American kid, using their slang. He wore American clothes, neat shoes and every morning came with clean face and hands. For a day or two he was very popular, and then like his little American play fellows, he grew fresh and someone in authority chased him.

Equally interesting were the little Chinese girls, many of whom were about the hall with small American girls. One particular quartette with sober faces and eyes filled with wonder attracted plenty of attention. When asked, they said their names were Ethel, Ruth, Annie and Susie.

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American visitors who know and judge Chinese only through contact with a single laundryman in the town found much inter-

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est and amusement in these little Americanized children from the Flowery Kingdom, dressed like Americans, speaking understandable English, playing the same games and doing the same things that American children do. There were some who were friendly and talkative, while others pouted and stood aloof, just as we have all seen American children do. It was amusing to see a little Chinese and American girl with arms entwined, hopping and skipping about. After all, it is not so much a question of nationality as it is of civilization, custom and education. * * *

And then that boy Billie: Stopping at a booth where they gave away small cans of a boiler cleaning compound, he said:

"Gimme a can of powder."

"What do you want with it?"

"Give it to my sister to powder her face."

"'Taint that kind of powder, Billie; this is to kill cockroaches."

"Cockroaches? What's them?"

"Why, big black bugs that crawl about water pipes. Didn't you ever see 'em?"

"No."

"Did you ever see bed bugs, Billie?"

"Betcha life," and Billie went dancing on to another booth in his quest for souvenirs.

The gentleman from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City sitting opposite had the lower berth. An hour after leaving he left for the smoking car. Along came a middle aged, very little woman, accompanied by a large, meek-looking man. Her face was brown and leathery in consequence of years of exposure to western sun and winds. She gave one glance at the berth number, grabbed the gentleman's train bag and fired it in the general direction of the writer. An instant later the air was filled with a flying overcoat and a straw hat. Next the man's suit case was pushed over and she dropped into the seat. The meek-looking man followed her example.

"Madam," suggested the writer, "that berth is occupied."

"I say it is; it's my berth and I'm going to keep it."

"I fear you will find yourself mistaken."

She darted a glance at me that was full of spite and venom. I know now how a rattle snake looks just before it strikes. Also I

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Camping at Camp Gray, Mich.



Upper picture, left to right: 1. Mildred Verner and Ruth Shelton who attended the Y .W. C. A. Conference at Camp Gray, Michigan, as Mueller representatives. 2. Mildred Simmonds, Irene Hipp of Mansfield, Ohio.; Ruth Shelton and Mildred Verner in their "Romany Day" costumes. 3. Mildred Verner, Ruth Shelton and Ruth Meyers.

Lower:

1, Scene at the beach; 2, Delegation which attended from Decatur.

MUELLER GIRLS AT CONFERENCE

Ruth Shelton and Mildred Verner have returned from a two weeks' trip to Camp Gray near Saugatuck, Mich. The Y. W. C. A. hold a conference there each year and a number of delegates were sent from Decatur, two of whom were from this company. Girls from all over the country attend these meetings and this year over 300 attended. Opportunities were given the girls to make little talks about the companies they rep-

resented, and souvenirs were presented. Small powder compacts were presented with the compliments of the Mueller Co. Ruth Shelton has written the following concerning the trip.

"The Mueller Co. made a big hit with the 300 girls in conference at Camp Gray, Mich., when the delightful souvenirs were distributed among the group.

"Our trip on the boat from Chicago to Camp was certainly an enjoyable one. No

sooner had we started, than groups of girls from Peoria, Danville, Chicago, Lima and Dayton, Ohio, left their deck chairs and started to get acquainted.

"The boat was too large to come up the Kalamazoo River to Saugatuck, so we landed at Ottawa Beach, 30 minutes from the little gray sandy path which led about a mile through the beautiful woods to Camp Gray.

"The camp accommodates about 400 and is beautifully situated overlooking Lake Michigan, and is a perfect beach of white sand, the kind that is clean and deep enough so that you sink in over your slippers each step you take. Can't you see 300 of us empty our shoes a dozen times a day?

"We were busy every minute in the day, for after our discussion and lecture period in the morning we all took part in swimming, hiking and playing games.

"One of the most inspiring hours of the day's program was flag honoring immediately after breakfast. Each day the flag of a different nation was lowered with the rising of the American flag. Girls who were born in foreign countries were dressed in their native costumes and either sang their national anthem, or told an interesting bit of history about their country.

"'Romany Day' was observed, inspired by the custom of some students in Southern Europe, where they started out on the trails into mountains, carrying their books and walking until they found a pleasant, quiet spot to discuss their problems. So we, too, started out early in the morning and trailed through the weeds and had our discussion groups out in the open. At 12:30 lunch was served on the beach.

"The Decatur delegation learned to know

most of the conference leaders, following the plan of inviting a leader to sit with us at dinner each evening.

"A conference of this kind gives girls a better opportunity of meeting and co-operating with other delegations."

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LANDED JUNE 18th

Letters are coming back from Mr. Adolph who is in Europe to attend the International meeting of the Association of Commerce, which is to be held at Brussels.

Mr. Adolph and wife landed at Plymouth, June 18th. They had a pleasant outward voyage.

After the meeting at Brussels, Mr. and Mrs. Mueller will visit a number of the principal cities of Europe and will return home early in the fall.

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Fifteen girls from the Core Room spent June 27th at the Mueller Lodge. The day was spent in playing ball, dancing, and having a good time generally. A picnic dinner was served on the lawn.

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A recent issue of the Kohler News announces that Sousa's Band will play two concerts at Kohler on Sunday, June 19, in the open air theatre.

The band was brought to Kohler under the auspices of the Recreation Club and associated committees. A full band with 75 pieces will be on the program and in time our employes' association can present so attractive a feature.

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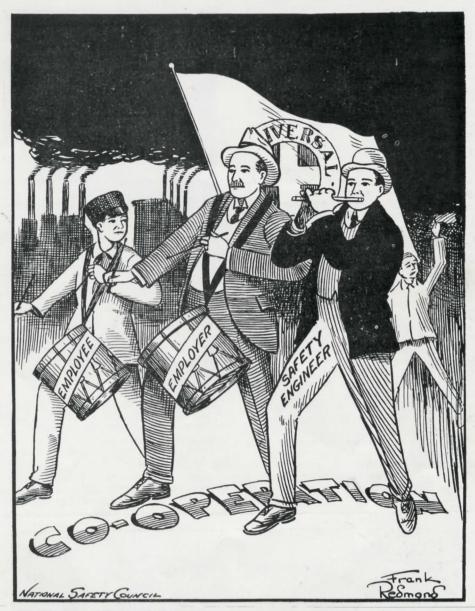
Matt Trott, traffic manager, spent the first week in July visiting relatives and friends in Minnesota.

Children of Mueller Employes



Left to right: Jerald Travis Johnson, age 2 years, 4 months, son of Travis Johnson, order drummer for Department 20. Helen Estes, age 5 years, and Wilfred Edward Estes, age 20 months, children of Mrs. Louise Estes of the Core Room. Lloyd Flanders, Jr., age 15 months, son of Lloyd Flanders of the Core Room. Lloyd Junior is just like his dad. Bobbie Johnson, age 6 months, son of Travis Johnson and brother of the young man on the extreme left.

The Spirit of Safety



FIRST AID HEADQUARTERS

Bob Harris, First Aid man, is now located in his quarters in the Production Control Department's office. This is located on Cerro Gordo street just beyond Monroe at the left of the elevated truck way.

Bob has new equipment and our First Aid Department is now ready to handle its work on a basis that compares favorably with other industries of this size. W. T. Mason, construction foreman, and Mrs. Mason have been in Texas since the last week in June. He reports that rains have failed entirely this season and the country is approaching famine conditions. It is the worst drought known in that region. Thousands of cattle are in danger of starvation. Cotton and corn crops are entire failures. Replanting was in progress the first of July.

PLANT 9

The recent rains have settled the heavy dust that obscured operations of Plant 8 during the dry weather. The air is fresh and clear and the work is going on much more pleasantly.

The deep fill on the inside of the building along the east wall is progressing rapidly with eleven tractors on the job. These dart about like giant bumble bees and their exhausts fill the air with a vibrating roar.

Glen Overton is in charge of the tractors and sees that they have oil, gas, water and care. About two hundred gallons of gas are consumed daily.

The brick layers now have the walls up to the I-beams of the windows.

James Joplin has been supervising the work during the absence of W. T. Mason. The following men who were formerly in Department 57 are now trying their hands at laying bricks: N. E. Stevens, C. I. Maurer, Frank Settles and K. M. Smith. John Keck and Job Webber are the water boys, and they are kept on the job. John says he has knocked out his third pair of shoes in two weeks. He must be some stepper.

Water is supplied from the three inch well. The pump is driven by a gas engine.

W. T. Mason received word last week that his mother, Mrs. J. H. Mason, was seriously ill at Gonzalas, Texas. He and Mrs. Mason started at once and arrived the day before her death.

Otto Halmbacher, foreman of the Nickel Plating Department, and Alfred Wilkins, foreman of the Night Polishing Department, left Decatur June 26 to attend the Electro-Platers' Convention at Montreal, Canada. They were gone for a week. The route was from Toronto to Montreal by boat on Lake Ontario and down the St. Lawrence River.

The father of Thomas E. Fisher of Department 24 died on June 16 at Bingham, Illinois. Mr. Fisher was ninety years old. C. F. Roarick took his vacation the third

THE PROOF



Ed Kushmer of the paymaster's office went fishing while the plant was closed for Memorial Day, and predicted several days before that he would catch some fish. He did, and several days later produced these pictures as evidence. Ed and his sister, Velma, are displaying his catches.

week in June with the opening of the bass season. Several mornings he got up at 3 a. m. but was rewarded with several fine catches: two bass that weighed 3¼ pounds each, one that weighed a pound and a half. He used minnows for bait.

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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller and C. N. Wagenseller attended the National Plumbers Convention at Portland, Oregon. The Company showed a fine exhibit of Mueller Products. Various salesmen from the Pacific Coast Branches were in attendance.

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Warren Browning of Department 8 is pulling ice for the Consumers' Company.



THRIFT THOUGHTS

THEY GOT THE HABIT

Last year several girls in the Main Office started savings accounts of \$1.00 a week in the Investment Plan. They say that the first year it was pretty hard to part with the dollar, but when they got it back the first of January with interest at seven per cent, they decided to try again in 1925 with two dollars a week.

Now they find it much easier to save two dollars a week than it was formerly to save one. Thrift is largely a matter of habit, and is a habit that pays well in every way. Save a dollar first and live on what is left.

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DEATHS

Otto Starbody

Otto Starbody, father of Homer Starbody, of the Tool Room, died July 7 in his home, 1186 East Clay street. He had been in failing health for more than two years. He was born August 22, 1882, in Decatur, where he had made his home all of his life.

He was married to Rosie Stern in 1903. Mrs. Starbody and their five children survive him. The children are Homer, Kenneth, Linden, Lisle and Mildred; also he leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Kline and Mrs. Ed Schultz, his brother Walter and his mother Mrs. Minnie Starbody and one grandchild. He was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

Funeral was held Thursday afternoon, July 9, a 4 o'clock, in Moran's chapel, Rev. J. King of Mt. Pulaski offciating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

George W. Bain

George W. Bain, father of William Bain, died June 30 in his home, 910 North Lowber street. He had been in the grocery business in Decatur for 35 years.

G. W. Bain was born Jan. 27, 1841, in New Bottle parish, in Scotland. He came to the United States in 1870 and first made his home in Sharon, Pa., coming to Decatur about 40 years ago and for 30 years was in the grocery business. Probably some of the most intimate acquaintances of G. W. Bain were among the little folks. One of his hobbies was birds and when the children were interested in his pets he became interested in them. Not only did he enjoy a large circle of acquaintances but he was generally well liked by all who knew him. He leaves the following named children: James, Rob-ert, William, and David Bain, Mrs. C. Winegardner and Mrs. August Chepan of Decatur; Mrs. Maude Edmonds, Monongahela City, Pa.; his brothers James Bain, Decatur,

and John Bain, Jackson Center, Pa.; and one sister, Mrs. Isabell Wiggins, in Scotland; also 27 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He was a member of the Shenango lodge No. 387, Knights of Pythias, Wheatland, Pa.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, July 2.

Mrs. C. Herman Salefski

Mrs. C. Herman Salefski, 969 North Jor-dan street, died at 2:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon, July 9, in St. Mary's hospital, the first heat victim of 1925. She was ill only a few hours, was taken to the hospital. where her death occurred an hour later.

She leaves her husband and the following named children: Elma, Ella, Clara, Irene, Otto, Walter and George Salefski; also her sisters, Mrs. Caroline Scharein, Mrs. Minnie Stern, and Mrs. Emily Fruchtl; her broth-ers, August and Emil Schwalbe of Milwaukee, Otto, Fred and Albert Salefski of Decatur.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Johannes Lutheran church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Baugher

Mrs. Frank Baugher, mother of Winifred Baugher of the Core Room, died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital Friday afternoon July 10, at 2 o'clock after several weeks illness in the hospital. Mrs. Baugher underwent an operation some time ago for the removal of her appendix. She later developed pneumonia, which caused her death.

Mrs. Baugher is survived by her husband and three children, all of whom live in Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Milton Bergen of Deca-tur, and a brother, Mr. Walmsley in Michigan.

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Warden: "In this institution we aim to put every man to work at his regular occupa-Now what is your business?' tion.

No. 3333: "Traveling salesman."

AT HOME

George Tennison and family in front of their home on North Dunham Street





There's a chap who's always trying to do just a bit less than he's paid for Measured by the rule of Square Deal he will eventually get out of his Efforts no more than he has put into them! The LAW of COMPENSATION is always WORKING!

BRASS CHIPS

Someone in the Night Polishing Department is reported to have gone to sleep, we will not say where. When he woke up and found his arms full of flowers. Further details would probably be interesting but embarrassing.

Alfred Carter of the Machine Shop, and his wife, were driving home in the afternoon of June 20. Someone ran into them and Mr. Carter's car was considerably damaged. His hand was severely cut by the broken windshield. He was in St. Mary's hosp.tal for a time.

B. J. Marty spent a week end in Chicago recently and visited the Field Museum. He thinks that the Daylight Special of the Illinois Central is a very fine thing.

PLANT 8

The Mueller Bear Cats have won seven out of eight games so far this season. Five of these victories were taken from the regular Mueller team. The Bear Cats would like to play for the consideration at the picnic.

Billy Butler wants the world to know that he doesn't chew. We wonder if he lives on a diet of soup.

Two more machines have been moved out to Department 24. This department now numbers about 40 men.

Grover Meadows spent his vacation in Chicago attending a Woodman Encampment. Olen Henry accompanied him.

Jess Ditty now lives in the suburb of Forsyth and drives back and forth to work.

Red Smith has recently joined the strong

Mt. Auburn baseball team. In the early season he pitched for Illiopolis.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

In accordance with its usual custom the Mueller Company presented to each high school graduate whose fathers worked here a savings account of \$10.00 and a letter of congratulation. The following young people were thus remembered:

Thelma Bashor, daughter of H. D. Bashor of the Galvanizing Department; Edna M. Porter and Geneva B. Porter, daughters of William L. Porter of Plant 9; Mary E. Wilkins, daughter of Alfred Wilkins, foreman of Department 15; Jack Hathaway, son of C. W. Hathaway, Assistant Engineer; Lucille Keen, daughter of Frank Keen of Department 8.

Jack Hathaway is driving a Dodge for Fred B. Mueller this summer.

Jess B. Shrout who was graduated from the University of Illinois this June has been employed as a Draftsman.

Opal Jackson, who was this year graduated from the University of Illinois, is now working in the Main Office.

Eloyse Dickson and Jennie Richards, recent graduates from the Decatur high school, are now on the Main Office force. Miss Richards is in the Employment Office.

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BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bland, on April 14th, a daughter, Doris Louise. Mr. Bland works in Department 21.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bart L. Allen of the Foundry, on July 4, a son. He has been named Leon Edward.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marshall, June 26, at St. Mary's hospital, a son, Robert Herman. Mrs. Marshall formerly worked in the Cost Department.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cruikshank, July 7, at the Decatur and Macon County hospital, a daughter. She has been named Gertrude Parke Cruikshank.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Charlton, 1108 West Green street, in the Decatur and Macon County hospital, July 11, a daughter.

Ezra Stickles of the Traffic Department spent the Fourth of July vacation with home folks at Mt. Vernon, III. He enjoyed the home cooking so much he forgot to come back until Tuesday.

Charles N. Arnold, who has been teaching in the University of Illinois, returned to work in the Electrical Department again this summer. He left us on July 2 to accept a position in Chicago.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Top: Lucille Keen, Geneva Porter. Center: Jack Hathaway, Thelma Bashor Lower: Edna Porter, Mary E. Wilkins

THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT



Left to right: Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Major, Dorothy Martius, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Gouker, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Overfield

WEDDINGS

Perry-Davey.

Fred Davey of Department 21 and Miss Jane Perry were married at 3 o'clock June 20, in Springfield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pouir. They will be at home after July 1 at 115' Hilton street.

Mills-Copsy

Miss Mary Mills of the Main Office and Walter Copsy were married July 3 at 8 o'clock in the parsonage of the Grace Methodist church, the ceremony being performted by Rev. Wilbert Dowson. They were accompanied by the bride's father, Tolliver Mills, Anthony Grossman and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Sylvia Copsy. They will live at 531 East Marietta street for the present.

Weaver-Bushert

Miss Dorothy Weaver and Lloyd Bushert were married June 30th at 8 o'clock by Rev. Henry. The bride has been employed in the Core Department. Mr. Bushert works on his father's dairy farm. They will reside on Rural Route 1.

Brubeck-Finfrock

Miss Louise Brubeck and Glen Finfrock, both former Mueller employes, were married at 8:30 p. m., Saturday, June 20th, by Rev. Wilbert Dowson, the ceremony being performed in the Grace Methodist church. About 25 guests and friends of the couple were present.

BASKETBALL CLUB

The basketball club held its second meeting Wednesday, July 8 and elected the following officers:

President-Dave Dresback, Dept. 27.

Vice-President—Chuck Coventry, Dept. 18.

Secy.-Treas.-Paul G. Jacka, Dept. 50.

The club has gotten under way and aims to promote departmental basketball by means of a factory league. The league will consist of teams representing departments, and groups, including the Iron Foundry and Vitreous Plant. The "Mueller" team will be chosen from players in this league.

At this time fifteen or twenty have shown interest in the club and are working hard. Watch the bulletin board for announcement of the next meeting.

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THE CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club of the Athletic Association is now in the process of organization with Margaret Marcott as temporary chairman. The club is sponsoring good pictures for the Record. Local scenery, vacation pictures, fishing, hunting, or party pictures. They hope to put on a contest every month with a small prize for the winners and a grand prize for the winning picture of all former prize pictures at the annual exhibit. All prize and honorable mention pictures will be published in the Record.

Every one who is a member of the Association is eligible for membership and we hope to have real live contests and furnish difficult tasks for the judges. The subjects for the monthly contests will be announced on the Bulletin Boards. Let's take lots of good pictures, turn them in, and put over something really worth while.



MUELLER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

With 225 live members, an abundance of modern equipment, an honest to goodness athletic field with all the trimmings, the financial support of the Company, and with a set of real officers the newly organized Mueller Athletic Association promises to become a real factor in all Mueller activities.

The association has already taken over the management of all organized athletic and social activities in the plant.

A basketball club and a camera club have been organized and before the end of July clubs will have been organized covering baseball, volleyball, horse shoe pitching, boxing, wrestling and fishing. A social club and a glee club are also to be organized in the near future.

In addition to the supervising of all athletic and social events in the Mueller Club on North Monroe street and the new Athletic Club House and Athletic Field south of the Lake, the Athletic Association has deased the log cabin at Mueller Heights from the Mueller Co. and will maintain this for an outing and picnic center for the use of members. The cabin has been thoroughly cleaned and painted, the porches have been screened in, electric lights installed, and picnic tables have been placed around the ground for convenience of picnic parties.

The cabin will be rented to employes at a very nominal rent and it is hoped to have same occupied during the summer and fall months by employes who enjoy camping out.

It is planned to have the Mueller Athletic Association supervise the athletic program at Mueller Picnic this year.

This Association now has for its use a modern and fully equipped gymnasium, a large moving picture machine and screen, a well lighted and heated athletic club house with shower baths, locker roms, kitchen, ball room and reading room, a large open air dancing pavilion, an open air theatre, an athletic field containing a baseball diamond, cinder track, grandstand, and bleachers, volleyball and basketball courts, croquet and tennis courts, and the use of Mueller Lodge and grounds.

Plans are already under way for a big celebration for opening of the new Athletic Club House. A big athletic carnival is also being planned for early fall in Mueller Club. Beginning with September 1 it is planned to present a program of moving pictures each Saturday morning for employes' children and the Mueller Dancing Club will resume its regular Saturday night dances in September.

Silver cups will be offered as prizes in inter-departmental tournaments of basketball, volleyball, horse shoe pitching, and indoor baseball, also monthly prizes in camera club contests with a grand prize to be given at the regular annual exhibition.

On another page of this issue of the Mueller Record is an announcement of dues, etc., together with a membership application blank. If you are not already a member of the Mueller Athletic Association just clip out this application blank, sign same and send in to J. M. Wilkins, treasurer, together with \$1.25 and become a member now. The association needs your co-operation and will pay you good dividends on your investment.

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THE COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Muellers and the I. P. L. nine staged a real slugging match at Torrence Park June 20. The Mueller athletes finally winning by a score of 10 to 8.

On June 29 the Leader Iron Company team fattened their batting averages at the expense of two Mueller twirlers, obtaining 11 hits off Yonkers and Casey and winning by an 11 to 2 count.

by an 11 to 2 count. On July 8, Pitcher Casey lost a no-hit game to the I. T. S. in a sensational hurlers' duel with Sablotny, who allowed but one hit.

The Commercial League fans saw some real pitching from both twirlers but the "breaks" of the game went against the Mueller slabman. In the third inning Casev hit Williams with a pitched ball. Williams then stole second and scored when Shortstop Hobbs overthrew first after fielding a ground ball.

The game required only 45 minutes, the record time for a game in the league this season.

The sanding of the clubs is as follows:

Standings

		Lost	Pct.
I. T. S		0	1.000
Wabash	4	0	1.000
Decatur Brass		2	.600
Leader Iron		3	.250
Muellers		4	.200
I. P. L	0	4	.000

NATIONAL CREDIT CONGRESS By E. K. Shaw

Saturday, June 6th, over 200 credit men assembled in Chicago for the purpose of making a trip together to Washington, D. C., to attend the National Credit Congress June 8th to 13th inclusive. Those from Decatur were C. L. Walker, credit manager Staley Mfg. Co., and president of the Decatur Association of Credit Men; Mrs. H. S. McNulta. secretary of the Decatur Association of Credit Men; and E. K. Shaw of the Mueller Co.

The special train, which left Chicago at 4 p. m., over the B. & O. railroad, consisted of two sections, seven Pullmans and two dining cars in each section. Practically all day, Sunday, June 7th, was spent in traveling through the Cumberland and Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia and West Virginia. At Blaser, W. Va., the train entered the famous Cheat River Cannon noted for its ever changing beauty, and here two large mountain type engines were use in front and one behind each section to ascend the mountain to Terra Alta, W. Va., a rise of 117 feet to the mile for 14 miles. Arrangements were made for those who wished to attend church at Oakland, Md., but as the weather was extremely warm, a great many took automobile rides instead.

A stop of two hours was made at Harper's Ferry, the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, and a much contested point during the Civil War. During the entire trip all the delegates were very congenial and appeared to be having a delightful time. The Washington Association was on hand to meet the train and everyone was furnished free transportation to their respective hotels.

After the convention was called to order Monday, June 8th, the delegates soon learned, if they did their full duty, a busy week was ahead of them. At various times during the week the convention was addressed by such nationally well known speakers and educators as Hon. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce; Hon. Simeon D. Fess, U. S. Senator from Ohio, and Dr. David Friday, Director of Research, National Transportation Institute, Washington, D. C.

The high water mark of the convention was probably reached on Wednesday, June 10th when J. H. Tregoe, Executive Manager and Treasurer of the National Association, was presented with a check for one million dollars for the prosecution of commercial fraud. This was the result of a campaign carried on for three or four months previous to the convention, and now that the Investigation and Prosecution Department of the National Association is to be supplied with sufficient funds to carry on its work,

In Washington, D. C.



Upper picture shows Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ford and son, Jack. Mr. Ford is Mueller representative in Washington. Lower picture is C. T. Ford and Jack, and E. K. Shaw of the Credit Department.



the commercial crook will no doubt seek a less dangerous place than the United States to operate. This department of the National Association has already made an excellent record with the limited funds available.

Owing to the fact that the District of Columbia is considered one of the most important places in the nation's history the Washington Association of Credit Men had an unusual opportunity to entertain the delegates and visitors and the entertainment Committee certainly functioned very effectively.

While this, the 30th annual convention, was not as large in attendance as some of the former ones, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that in many respects it was one of the best that has ever been held.

To the writer it would seem ungrateful to close this article without mentioning the efforts of Mr, C. T. Ford and his good wife to make his stay in Washington pleasant. The use of their car enabled us to see and enjoy many points of interest that would otherwise been impossible.

IN ANCIENT LANDS

Mr. Robert Tells of His Travels in Europe and of the Trip Home

The last two issues of the Record contained a synopsis of Mr. Robert's address to the City Club on his recent European tour. Their visit in Rome is told here, and of their trip home.

Cairo, Egypt

We arrived here from Luxor and a gentleman who was recommended by the Cook Company was our guide. We made up a party of five and rode cars about eight miles out to the Nubian Desert. When we arrived at the desert they had eight camels waiting for us. There was a Sheik, who had control of 5,600 people on the desert. The sheik had a beautiful white Arabian horse and he was a wonderful rider and looked wonderful to us.

Our guide told us that he was taking us over the same route Cleopatra traveled. He said she would burn insense before she entered the desert to keep the evil spirits away. After she got out she would sleep there because she claimed that it was such a restful place and she could sleep well.

Our guide had a bottle of perfumery with a long glass cork and in several instances he would have us stop and form a circle and then he would take this cork and rub it over the nose or cheek of each one, stating that this was the way Cleopatra did. The perfume was made from the Lotus flowers which grew in the desert.

Rome

Instead of remaining in Rome for only a few days, we would have liked to remain there for several weeks, as there were so many things of interest to see. The Vatican is so wonderful and beautiful and also the many jewels, precious stones, wonderful furniture and paintings which the Vatican contains.⁶ It would take one at least one to two weeks to see the Vatican in the proper way.

From Rome we went to Elorence. We visited some of the factories where they make fine jewelry, also wonderful stationery, etc. We also visited quite a number of cathedrals.

From Florence we went to Venice. As you no doubt know Venice is surrounded by water; in other words it is built out in the water. They have 450 bridges in the city no automobiles; at least, we did not see anv. We saw the large glass industries, as well as all the different samples of glass ware which they make. It is noted for its fine glass ware.

We then went to Milan and visited the principal places of interest there. We spent one half day in one of the largest cathedrals which we saw on our trip. From Milan we went to Stresa. This is a beautiful city, with beautiful parks and lakes around it, and the Alps Mountains are on one side, so you can just imagine how beautiful this country could be.

From Stresa we went to Geneva, Switzerland. We visited the League of Nations buildings, as well as the Swiss watch works, also we visited the many statues in the parks. In this city is one of the cleanest streets we saw; in fact, the streets and sidewalks are kept so clean and white one could almost eat a meal from them without feeling at the same time that he was swallowing dirt.

From Geneva we went to Paris. This is a beautiful city and whoever conceived the idea of laying out the streets and parks surely had a very wonderful mind, as the streets are very wide and very smooth. Some of the streets are made out of wood blocks while others are made of asphalt. In Paris they now have completed a large number of Exposition Buildings for all kinds of arts to be exhibited. The Exposition starts on May 1 and lasts until December 1. We saw hundreds of very interesting things in Paris.

From Paris we went to Brussels. This city is also very well systematized. They have beautiful trees for miles and miles which are called the Beech trees. They are about 25 feet apart and 75 feet high, and 15 to 20 inches in diameter, so you can imagine by this what wonderful sight it is to see these trees.

While we were in Brussels, they had an election on Sunday and we asked why the election was on that day and they informed us that the people could all be at home and in this way be able to vote.

We also saw the stone on which Edith Cavell stood when she was shot by the German soldiers. One German soldier refused to shoot her and the consequence was that he was immediately condemned to death by the superior officer. At this place they have a large building in which they have shooting port holes, about 24 in number, and the young men, as well as the older ones, come down to this building and shoot rifles at targets at a very great distance simply to become better marksmen. They claimed that the Belgians were not very good marksmen before the war.

From Brussels we went to Antwerp. Here we saw some beautiful galleries which contained some very beautiful paintings.

From Antwerp we went to the Hague, from the Hague to Amsterdam and from Amsterdam to the Hook of Holland and then across to Warwich, England, and from there to London.

At Southampton we embarked on the S. S. Homeric for the U. S. On April 21st we saw the sinking of the Japanese freighter, Raifuku Maru. It was a horrible thing to stand by and watch the ship and its men go down. Captain Roberts has been severly criticized by some who think he should have tried to launch boats, but I want to say that he did all that was humanly possible. A terrific sea was running. It would have been impossible to put off life-boats without having them smashed to pieces against the sides of our own ship. My state room was on deck C which was a good forty feet above the normal water line, and still, when I left the porthole open for a breath of air, waves hit it, smashed the glass, drove the port inward and flooded the state room.

I spoke to some of the crew—men who had been on the sea for 30 years—and they told me they had never, in all their experience, seen anything like the weather we encountered.

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THE CONVICT SHIP

Anchored in the Chicago River east of the State Street Bridge is a three-masted sailing ship, the oldest vessel afloat. It is the famous convict ship, "Success," built in Moulmein, British India, in 1790.

There is a long and interesting story back of the old ship which we have time to sketch only in barest outline. The ship is open to visitors for a charge of fifty cents. An hour spent on this floating jail is an experience not soon to be forgotten. It proves most vividly that the world is really getting better.

For the first twelve years of its history the "Success' was an East India merchantman sailing between England and the Orient. The ship is built of Burmese teak wood and is still staunch and seaworthy. In 1802 is was used for carrying prisoners from England to Australia and was continued in this horrible service for 55 years.

In the good old days one hundred years ago there were in England 145 offences punishable by death. Milder sentences such as transportation for life or for fourteen years were common for trespassing, stealing or killing game on private land. A woman stole a yard of cloth and was sentenced to fourteen years of imprisonment. Her two children went with her. Men were given seven years for stealing something as small as a pie from a baker's shop.

Prisoners were kept in small dark rooms down in the hold and were allowed on deck for exercise only one hour a day, and then they carried heavy iron balls. There were no sanitary provisions, no bedding or furniture, or conveniences of any kind. Many died early in their imprisonment.

Those who had strength enough to resist the exceedingly cruel and rigorous discipline of the prison ship were punished in many brutal ways. They were lashed with "cat-o-nine-tails" until their backs were cut

AT NOON



Left to right: Frank Ward, Harl Redmond, Alfred Christy, Roland Friend, Len Hargis, and John Haines

to bits. Many died from such floggings.

For a number of years a captain of "Suscess" was a man of extreme cruelty who invented many ingenious forms of torture. Eventually he was killed by the prisoners.

In the various rooms or cells in the hold are images of persons associated with its history.

Six men of Dorset were sentenced to seven years imprisonment because they asked for an increase of pay from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a week. The head of a gang of outlaws which committed ninety-two murders was imprisoned for a time on the "Success" and later hanged. Another man was accused of murder, served a term of sixteen years. He maintained his innocence throughout all that time. He died soon after gaining his freedom and not long afterwards a dying man confessed that he had committed the murder for which another man had served sixteen years on the convict ship.

In those days there was very little distinction in the penalty between murder and petty larceny. The prison system was exceedingly cruel and made men infinitely worse than they were before. The relics and documents on the "Success" show in a gruesome but surprising way how much torture men can inflict and endure. One sentenced to a term on the "Success" was more apt to die of disease and cruelty than he was to live out his sentence.

In 1857 this system came under investigation and was abolished. At that time there were seven ships in this service and the government ordered them all to be destroyed. The "Success" escaped, due to a clerical error, and for a time was used as a prison for women and later a place for the storage of ammunition.

However, in 1885 the ship was scuttled and sunk in Sydney harbor. Five years later she was raised and fitted up as an educa-

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MR. PHILIP IN THE WEST

Interesting Letter from Works Manager on His Travels

Mr. Philip Mueller is enjoying himself in the west after attending the National Convention of Master Plumbers at Portland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mueller and their son, Frank.

From Portland they went to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and then to Yellowstone Park.

The following letter has been received, telling of some of his experiences, and will be of interest to his many friends in the organization.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 4, 1925. Dear Brother Robert and all the rest of the gang:

"We consider the Convention at Portland a success as far as the exhibitors are concerned and I think we had the best exhibit in the hall. We had a dance every night and you know I never cared to dance, but I had to keep up with the crowd, so I just danced every time.

"We were taken on a drive on the Columbia Highway on Friday, June 26. This was the best drive I have ever taken. We stopped at Bonneville where they have a fish hatchery. They claim they hatch twelve million trout each year at this one hatchery and one hundred and one million in the state of Oregon. Ask the fishermen in our plant how they would like to be here.

"We left for San Francisco Saturday morning, arriving at our destination Sunday at 11 a. m. We were met by Tom Leary with a new car and driven to his home where we had a good dinner and a drive through Berkeley. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdav we met a number of house builders and contractors and talked plumbing. We also had several drives through the Mountains. In fact, we had a very pleasant visit all the time—and then some.

"You no doubt have read all about the carthquake at Santa Barbara and the papers no doubt have done their part in enlarging on the quake. We left San Francisco on Thursday morning, passing through Santa Barbara about 4:45 Thursday afternoon. We saw quite a bit of ruins from the train. The people we talked to and heard talking about the quake seemed to feel perfectly at ease and not a bit worried, so I think they have gotten used to these little shake-ups, as some call them.

We arrived at Los Angeles Thursday about 7:30 p. m. Friday evening we were driven out to the beach by a plumber by the name of W. Melville. Had a good dinner, dance and last but not least, a ride on the roller coaster. Our party consisted of Wm. Melville. Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. James of Plant 9



Tractor grading at Plant 9

New 'Yawk' (Mrs. James' way of saying New York) and ourselves.

"Frank coaxed mother to take a ride on the roller coaster and when we got through mother and all the rest of us said 'Thank Heavens, this is over!' No earthquake could be any worse. We are going to see Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer and Mrs. Plumber tomorrow if we can.

"Will leave for Salt Lake and Yellowstone Park next Saturday or Sunday.

"Hoping this letter will find you all well and busy enough to keep you all out of mischief.

"Your brother,

"Philip Mueller."

The Atheltic Club at Mueller Heights is nearing completion. The building is located at the head of a ravine. The north verandas will offer a good view of the Mueller Athletic Field. Between the ball diamond and club building will be located an outdoor dancing pavilion. Beyond the Club at the head of the next ravine will be an open air theatre. The first floor of the club building has across one end a large fireplace. It is to be fitted with a lounge and the floor will be finished for dancing. Up stairs will be a reading room. There is a kitchen, and down stairs are showers and lockers.

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My auto 'tis of thee, Short cut to proverty; Of thee I sing. I paid a lot of dough For you two years ago, And now you refuse to go, You darned old thing.

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tional object lesson in penal history. She made her way from Australia to England under her own sail and has been on exhibit at a number of European ports and in 1912 she sailed to the United States. The voyage across the stormy north Atlantic lasted for ninety-six days, and was a great achievement in seamanship.

The "Success" has now been exhibited in many American ports and at present is open to the public at the State Street Bridge across the Chicago River. More than 20,-000,000 people have visited her.

To the people of the twentieth century it seems impossible that such cruelty and barbarity could have existed as a part of the penal system of a civilized government only one hundred years ago.

It is in itself convincing proof that the world is getting better. The purpose of courts and prisons is not to brutalize men but to restrain them and to redeem them.

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SANTA BARBARA EARTHQUAKE

"People of California become no more alarmed over an earthquake than we in Illinois are aroused over a cyclone," says Charles N. Wagenseller, advertising manager for the Mueller Co., who has just returned from California. Mr. Wagenseller was in Portland attending the meeting of the National Association of Master Plumbers and on the day of the Santa Barbara earthquake was in San Francisco.

"When anyone from the east asks them about quakes," went on Mr. Wagenseller, "they don't become perturbed, but come back with a 'Well, what about your Illinois cyclones?" They seem to think it no more unusual for California to have a quake than for some mid-western state to have a tornado.

Not Afraid of Publicity

"They aren't afraid of rumors of earthquakes spoiling their publicity for the well known climate of that state. I did notice that they were careful, however, to see that the large broadcasting stations of the west sent out the real truth relating to the quake and got all the facts straight for the listeners-in."

"On June 29 I was in Frisco," said Mr. Wagenseller. The quake was at 6:30 that morning but it wasn't felt where I was. Los Angeles felt it. Previous to that time, Butte, Mont., had had some small quakes which had gained quite a bit of space in the Sunday San Francisco papers. First reports reaching San Francisco were to the effect that the whole town had been shaken to pieces and that forty or fifty had been killed. Also the report came in that a tidal wave

AT WORK



Laying brick at Plant 9

had destroyed the Southern Pacific railroad —which we found to be untrue. The resertoir at Santa Barbara had broken and flooded the tracks causing much damage, but there was no sign of a tidal waves effects.

In Santa Barbara

"I left Frisco at 7 o'clock Monday evening and was in Santa Barbara twenty-four hours after the quake did all the damage. About ten to fifteen miles out of the city you could see chimneys shaken off houses and a little further on was an old mission that had been shaken to ruins. When we pulled into Santa Barbara proper, which is a small town, the residents of which are mostly rich (it is called 'the millionaires' playground') people had deserted the houses and moved their household goods out into the streets and on the sidewalks. They were sleeping in the yards.

No Panic

"There was no evidence of panic—only cool-headedness and calm. They didn't get excited over their dilemma but did the best they could under the circumstances. State street, which is the main street, was completely wrecked and it has been stated already that this main thoroughfare would be entirely rebuilt.

"The houses and buildings there are not of the Illinois construction, but are light framework buildings with much stucco work. It should be explained that an earthquake is not an opening of the earth with

great fissures and an engulfing of all visible buildings as we of the middle-west may sometimes have imagined. Instead it is a trembling—a shaking just like waves—of the earth.

"One man whom I talked to and who was in the quake said his bed went first to one side of the room, then slid to the other side and when it slid back again the outer wall was gone and he shot out into the street. He was bruised but not otherwise injured.

Predicted Quake

"One professor from Leland Stanford university," continued Mr. Wagenseller, "who was there at the time of the quake had predicted that it would occur and made the trip especially to watch things happen. He also is credited with the statement that there will never be another quake like it in Santa Barbara. How he found out both of these facts I do not know.

"The quake had the same freakish turn in many instances that a cyclone does and one could see a small light frame house standing untouched while next to it would be hte ruins of a house that had been just like it. Rooms of the hotels along the whole side of the building could be seen—exposed but with beds, dressers and furniture intact.

"Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller and their son, Frank, went through the town a couple of days after I did. They are now in Yellowstone Park, after a visit through the west."—Decatur Review.

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Mrs. Freida Lankton severed business relations with Mueller Co. on Monday morning, leaving immediately for Chicago where her husband has accepted a position.

Her many friends are found, not only in the Main Office, but throughout the factory where her work often led her. We regret her going but sincerely trust happiness and prosperity follow her wherever she goes.

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LIBRARY

The plant Library is now open. You are welcome to spend your noon hour there and men of the night shift may come in any time in the afternoon. We have a number of books that pertain to business and shop practice. There is a large collection of magazines dealing chiefly with business subjects. All of these are at your disposal if you will use them.

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William Campbell, foreman of the Machine Repair Department, spent his vacation putting the "Bonnie Bee" in the condition to break the speed records on Lake Decatur.

Jack DeFratus traveled some 1,600 miles during his brief Fourth of July vacation. He visited points in Minnesota, in particular the famous granite quarries at St. Cloud. Frank Thompkins of the Okaw was in Decatur last week. He reports that the cabin is now in first class shape and that a new room has been added which is 20 by 24. This brings the bunk space of the cabin up to a capacity of twenty-five.

Hank Fairchild of the Drafting Department spent the Fourth of July with home folks on the Okaw. The folks went fishing near the Wrenn Bridge. Hank hooked himself in the thumb which became infected and laid him up two days after his return, but eh got a Mississippi catfish which actually weighed 37½ pounds, and while that lasted he forgot all about his thumb.

We hope to have the picture of Hank and his fish for the next issue of the Record.

TO THE NEW MEN

When you were hired we gave you considerable information and good advice. We feel some of this may not be clearly remembered, so repeat the following suggestions: Report any injury, however slight, to your Foreman. He will arrange for First Aid.

If you find you cannot come to work telephone M 160 promptly and your Foreman will be notified.

If you have moved please give your address to the Employment Department.

If you are a member of the Employes' Aid Society and are disable you should notify E. H. Langdon in the Employment Office. This is necessary in order that you get your benefits.

Join the Mueller Athletic Association.

Watch the bulletin boards.

Read the safety bulletins.

Read the Mueller Records and send us news items.

Start a savings account in the Mueller Investment Plan.

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"Hey, conductor!" yelled the passenger, "that's my station. Why didn't you stop?"

"We don't stop there any more; the engineer's mad at the station agent."

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Lizz says train's comin'

Izzy says 'taint;

They started across-

Now Izz ain't.

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Real Gratitude

"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully," wrote the grateful woman. "A month ago I could not spank my baby, and now I am able to thrash my husband. Heaven bless you."

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Force of Habit

Absent-minded business man as he kissed his wife: "Now, dear, I'll dictate a couple of letters."

EMPLOYES' AID SOCIETY Financial Statement, June 3—July 13, 1925 June 3 balance \$1,733.03 Receipts June dues \$924.25 Co.'s July contrib. 50.00 Int, on Municipal Bonds... 15,00 989.25

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Third	Installment	250.00	1,606.38

Benefits Paid Homer Aydelotte 14.40 W. Scott 0. 9.00 Ed Carter 59.00 T. E. Fisher 4.50 Odie Walker 29.00 Clois Hacker 7.50 Kenneth Overfield 1.50 Millard Havice8.40Luther Voyles7.50C. Travellion2.00 Fred Davey 3.00 Burt Musser 12.00 Frank Pauley 17.60 Harry Farmwalt8.40H. C. Straw4.50Chas. A. Treloggen14.40 Ethel Woolard 10.00 Carl Yonker 5.60 Floyd E. Moore 9.00 Claude Brown 15.00 Joe Grossman 49.00 Wm. McCoy 4.00 Paul T. Burk 19.20 Theodore Marquis 1.00 Emma Allison3.50Virgil Anderson1.80Everett Stephens32.70 Wm. Jones 6.00 Robert Hoots 5.20

Walter Drew	22.50
Clarence Miller	
J. H. Chalcraft	35.48
A. Carter	4.50
B. H. Murphy	7.50
Cecil Murray	5.00
E. Treadway	18.00
Henry T. Leipski	3.00
Mike Hanrahan	1.50
E. C. Greenfield	3.75
Carl Eaden	9.00
Louis Kevos	12.00
Glenn Hester	21.32
Elmer Baker	14.00
Enos Musgrave	8.40
Dale Robertson	3.75
Geo. Labrash	25.25
Ruby Osterlosh	
Francis Weygant	3.00
Hiram Davis, Jr.	
H. E. Fairchild	
Herschel Donovan	
John Keinathe	25.13

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E. H. Langdon, Treas.

A butcher shop in Indiana was blown up recently and several of the beefsteaks were badly bent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nehls left Thursday July 2, by motor, for a trip of several weeks duration in the north. They will be in Detroit, Mich., Sarnia, Ontario, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Columbus and Indianapolis. Mr. Nehls is going to Port Huron and Sarnia to visit the Mueller Co. branch factories.

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In fact the Fourth of July vacation was so generally popular that when the whistle blew on the morning of July 6 there were 105 employes absent. Most of them, however, were back on the job by Tuesday.

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Bugler, Blow "Taps!"

In the divorce of Light vs. Light, before the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, one of the Lights was accused of going out too much.—From the Docket.

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Too Much

First Bean: "I hear your wife is taking classic dancing. Does she show aptitude?" Second: "She did, but I made her stop."

Tee Hee

Wife: "Do you know what day this is? It's twenty-five years ago today since we became engaged."

Absent-minded Prafessor: "Twenty-five years. Why didn't you remind me before? It's high time we were getting married."

