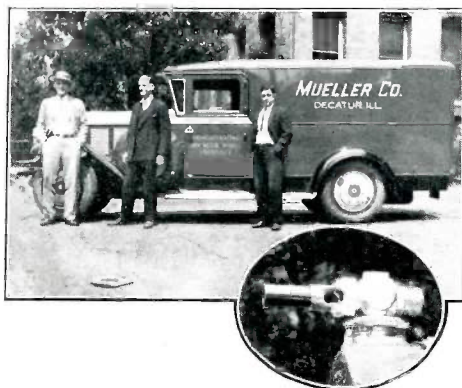


# The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

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Photographed by E. U. Langdon.

The new Reo truck for demonstrating new waterworks goods now is safe in the home park after its "maiden" voyage with J. M. Wilkins as skipper and Paul B. Andrews as navigating officer. The machine gun effect on the radiator is a copper service pipe stop and a piece of burnished copper pipe.

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## PICNIC DATE IS AUGUST 18th

### Committees Working on Plans Which Promise Great Day at Fairview

The initial steps for the annual picnic were taken by the appointment of a general arrangement committee consisting of E. H. Langdon, C. C. Auer, C. N. Wagenseller, J. W. Wells and W. T. Mason. This committee has already met and made a survey of the possibilities for our annual outing. It is the desire to get away from the character of picnics which we have held for so many years, and inject new thoughts, new amusements and new life in the gathering.

Two ideas have been advanced for the consideration of these men on the committee. One of these was a picnic at Mueller Heights and the other to change the type of amusement from the old fashioned picnic to something in the nature of a fair. Both of these ideas were given serious consideration. The committee thought well of the proposition to hold the affair at Mueller Heights, but felt that the present arrangements at the Heights would not meet the requirements of the picnic, the principle objection to this was the absence of shady grounds. There is beautiful shade around the lodge itself, but the ground space there is scarcely sufficient to accommodate a large crowd.

This meant that a large portion of the program would fall on the Athletic Field which is unshaded. At the season of the year the picnic is held it is quite certain to be very warm and it was felt that it would be something of a hardship for both adults and the children to be exposed to the rays of the summer sun for several hours.

The committee, therefore, recommended to the Company that we continue to hold the affair at Fairview Park. This met with the approval of the Company.

August 18th is the day selected for this picnic and the Company suggested that the fair idea, if possible, should be worked out. The committee will follow along the lines of this suggestion.

There will still remain games for the children and other amusements and many of the old picnic features will be in evidence, but it expected to make a fair one of the big features. Various other attractions such as throwing at the babies, ball-hoo artists, etc.

It is thought that the salesmen will be in session here during the week preceding the picnic and will remain over to participate in that affair. Much dependence by

the committee is placed on the efforts of the salesmen to arrange features for the fair and take an active part in this portion of the program.

Committees to handle details of the picnic have been named as follows:

Grounds—Charles Cochran, Wm. Ferry and George Presnall.

Carnival—E. F. Stille, Burt Jackson, George F. Sullivan and Frank H. Mueller.

Athletics—W. G. Cranston, Walter Behrens and Jack Frye.

Publicity, St. cars and moving pictures—Tom Riggs and C. N. Wagenseller.

Automobiles and trucks—Matt Trott and Chas. Ping.

Children's games—Burt Jackson and Frank Schwartz.

Dancing—Blue Lusk.

Baby Show—E. H. Langdon.

Check Room—Dick Sheely.

A meeting of the chairmen of the above committee was held at the Noonday Club dining room, June 25th, and preliminaries were discussed. During the present week these committees will begin work and are expected to make a report at another meeting Monday, July 2nd.



### Authorities Like Mueller Tools

There is plenty of evidence of the acceptance of Mueller Goods by experts as a quality line. Two instances of this came to our attention during the past week.

In Waterworks Engineering a writer on Waterworks Tools and Waterworks Practice Pertaining to Calking, used Mueller calking tools to illustrate his article.

Another and perhaps more noteworthy instance, was a copy of a technical book on Plumbing, Waterworks, Drainage, etc., published by McGraw-Hill Company. The author is Harold E. Babbitt, M. S., professor of Sanitary Engineering, University of Illinois. This book is just from the press. Prof. Babbitt used various articles of our manufacture to illustrate his book, which is a very thorough treatise on plumbing, and he gives us full credit, showing that the goods are "Mueller."

Writers on technical subjects are very particular in their selection of illustrations. Very naturally they want to use goods that have admitted value and reputation as to design, serviceability, workmanship and materially.

We certainly appreciate this compliment paid the Mueller Line.

## GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL



Left to right, top row: Dorothy Shinoski, Leah Barnhardt, Anna L. Haug, H. Everett Wacaser.  
Bottom row: John W. Keck, Beulah May Stevenson, Clara Uhle, Dantzell Tarr.

### Graduates From High School

The following sons and daughters of employees have been graduated from high school this year and are entitled to the \$10.00 savings account which the Company this year has decided to award each of them:

Graduate	Father
John W. Keck	Joe V. Keck
H. Everett Wacaser	H. A. Wacaser
Fred Moessner	Fred Moessner
Anna L. Haug	C. G. Haug
Clara Uhl	J. C. Uhl
Dorothy Shinoski	B. H. Shinoski
Leah Barnhardt	G. C. Barnhardt
Beulah May Stevenson	F. L. Stevenson
Dantzell Tarr	W. B. Tarr



The sons and daughters of employees who were graduated this year from high school each received from Adolph Mueller a letter of congratulation enclosing a check for \$10 with a suggestion that it be used to open a savings account or to add to an account already opened. Mr. Mueller expressed the wish that this amount should become part of an income-producing fund which would grow thru the years.



Fred Moessner

Ralph E. Jones of Heyworth, Ill. brought a party of neighbors and friends for a visit to the factory on June 13th. We are glad to show family groups of this kind who are interested in industry just how brass goods are made.



The vacation period is on and per usual causes more or less confusion in various departments.



## WEDDINGS



There were several wedding during this month, and practically all of them were surprises. Paul Andrews lead out with the first surprise. He left here Saturday noon, June 6th and a bachelor, and turned up Monday morning a benedict. However, some of his intimates had been advised and on the trip to the minister some of them tried to add to the joyousness of the occasion by a noisy automobile charivari. The pursued Paul and bride in their Nash car. Paul did not spare the gas and managed to give his tormentors the slip. Mrs. Andrews was Miss Lucille G. Chaille, teacher in the Decatur Public schools. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Fred Ingvolstadt. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are living in their own bungalow on the lake shore near Nelson Park.

## German-Hill

Orville German and Miss Caroline Hill were married in Decatur by Rev. Oglesby on June 12th, and are living at 2025 East Dickinson Ave. The groom works in the Production Department.

## Embrey-Oliver

Lilly Olive, stenographer in the Advertising Department, was married to Fred Embrey, June 23rd, at the office of County Judge J. H. McCoy. Both young folks are residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Embrey will make their home, at 1019 North Union street.

## Bentley-Meehan

Miss Leona Bentley and William Meehan were married Thursday in St. Louis. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hannah Richardson, 1221 North Main street and formerly owned a beauty shop in the 700 block North Water street. Mr. Meehan is a son of William Meehan, 931 North Morgan street. He is employed as a foreman at Muellers. After a wedding trip to Memphis, Tenn., they will be at home after July 1, at 528 West North street.



Herman Dash is the new office messenger. He succeeds Arnold Moyer who has begun his apprenticeship as a machinist in Dept. 300. His buddy, Elmer Merrow, is now an apprentice in the Night Tool Room. Elmer was factory messenger for a number of months. He has been succeeded by Leslie Cochran.

## At Convention

L. E. Clark, J. H. Cheetham and Paul Jacka attended the National Foundrymen's convention at Philadelphia, May 14th to 18th. They report a very useful meeting. On the way they stopped at Washington for a day and took an airplane ride over the capital.



## Plumbers

The annual convention of the National Association of Master Plumbers was held at Memphis, Tenn., June 19, 21, 21, in the fine, new auditorium. There was the usual good attendance and many beautiful exhibits were made by manufacturers. Our company made a beautiful display. Speaking of this the Plumbers Trade Journal's Daily Convention issue said:

"Mueller Co. of Decatur, Ill., can always be counted on for an exhibit of unusual attractiveness. This year's display is not only novel and a credit to the manufacturer, but it is decidedly interesting, showing as it does, practically the complete line of plumbing brass goods. The popular Adolph Mueller, president of the company, is on hand for the convention and at the exhibit will be found a large staff of Mueller Co., representatives, including Ivan Van Haaften, of New York City territory; W. F. Aaron, division of Michigan territory; W. B. Ford, Birmingham, Ala., southern territory; J. L. Boyle, Little Rock Ark., southern territory; W. L. Jett, Memphis, Tenn., divisional manager, and O. C. Draper, sales department, Decatur, Illinois.



## Waterworks

The American Waterworks' Association held the annual convention at San Francisco, June 11 to 15. The meetings and display there were at the Fairmont Hotel. Notwithstanding the distance, there was a fine attendance from all parts of the United States and some splendid technical papers were listened to by the delegates. The display of waterworks goods was fully up to the standard that has for years been established by this important industry. The Mueller Co. display ranked with the best according to our representatives attending, who were Tom Leary, Billy Simpson, W. E. Mueller, Frank Huntley and Leroy Evans.



## Mueller Athletic Society

The Mueller Athletic Society is one of our flourishing organizations. Officers for the year are:

President—Marshall Hobbs.  
Vice-President—Burt Jackson.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Lois Christy.  
Trustee—W. G. Cranston (3 years).  
Financial statement:

## Receipts

Balance July 1, 1927.....	\$ 521.93
Receipts .....	974.08
Total .....	\$1,496.01
Expenditures .....	732.11
Balance on hand.....	\$ 763.90

## A Play Bungalow



Jimmy Soules, truck driver, has a soul. He also has a deep love for his children, and he believes in making their childhood happy. Witness by the picture what he has done for them—a playhouse bungalow. Jimmy built and furnished it himself. It is finished and furnished inside just like a real house, and is as near modern as such a miniature abode can be, including electric lights.

The size of the house is 8x9 feet and the height is 5 feet 6 inches. There are two rooms and a back porch and Mr. and Mrs. Soules' children appearing in the picture are having the time of their life. Likely enough, nothing in future years will hold sweeter memories than this miniature bungalow. The children, James L. age 6 and Mary May, age 4, are content to stay at home and entertain themselves and their playmates.

### George Haley Here on Visit

George Haley, who was formerly head of the drafting room, mingled with his old friends in the organization, Monday, May 28, and took dinner at the Cafeteria. He is now connected with the Gardner Co. at Quincy, Illinois. It has been twelve years since George was a member of our organization, but these years have made little change in him. He met many of his old friends and acquaintances who were glad to see him again.

### Made a Hit

Carl Draper and Joe Mayhew from Decatur attended the National Plumbers' Convention at Memphis, Tenn., the third week in June. Joe reports that the Mueller display was one of the most attractive there and was the occasion of much favorable comment. Wm. Jett, and Ivan Van Haften also assisted in the exhibit.

## ENTRANCE TO OAKLAND

### Mr. Adolph Remembered Entrance to Decatur Early Part

The other day the Review printed a picture of the entrance to the southeast corner of Millikin University grounds. The photograph was taken in 1888, long before Mr. Millikin had decided on a gift of the grounds and \$100,000 for the establishment of a University. At the time the picture was taken, Mr. Millikin had given the city the use of the grounds as a park. Camp meetings, Faith Cure revivals and picnics were held there.

Mr. Adolph, Jack DeFratus, Allan Travis, the writer and other old timers, remember how these grounds looked, but the picture must seem strange to the younger element who never saw the grounds except as they now appear.

Mr. Adolph has a particularly vivid recollection of the old park. In about the center of the grounds was a small lake and on this lake floated the little steamer, City of Decatur, which was the biggest and only steamboat that many Central Illinois people had ever seen. It was built and owned by the Muellers.

The little steamer made excursion trips around the lake—three rounds for five cents, and Adolph sold the tickets.

On Sundays and special days the City of Decatur did a lively business.

## GROUP BONUS

In our April issue considerable space was given to explaining the group bonus. Since that time this plan has been extended to other departments.

The Standards Department, now in charge of Odie Walker, continues to make careful time studies and rates are being set with care.

At the present time there are in the Core Department four groups on bonus. They are designated as the fast machine core makers, the average group, hand core makers and the cleaners.

In the Foundry there are two groups of machine molders on both night and day shifts who are on bonus, and in the Grinding Department, there is one group on the night shift, and one on the day shift.

In the Machine Shop, Dept. 300, the original three groups in the Regular Department continue on bonus with good results.

On the west side, test runs have been made in the Tube Dept. and the Rod Dept. and the report is that these two departments are soon to go on bonus.

In the main Brass Shops, Dept. 9, the group of workers who make stems are on a trial run for bonus.

Thus it is seen that group bonus plan is gradually extending itself, and as the kinks are worked out, and the groups of operators become familiar with the method; this form

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## PROMOTIONS MADE

## Some Interesting Changes in the Organization During the Past Month

There have been a good many changes in the personnel of our organization since the



last home issue of the Mueller Record appeared.

J. M. Wilkins has gone on the road as Waterworks Sales Development Engineer. This was a difficult position to fill and the Company finally concluded that the best man available was Mr. Wilkins. This is a decided promotion and we congratulate Kitty.

C. F. Roarick succeeds him as General Superintendent and is now finding his way through the maze of responsibilities that go with this difficult job.

Odie Walker succeeds Mr. Roarick as Engineer of Standards. To the eight persons of this department falls the important work of establishing the rates for the group bonus. Mr. Walker began his career with the Mueller Co. as foundry helper, then molder, instructor and time study man. His promotion is one more proof that capable men can work up in this organization.

Mueller Co. will have several trucks on the road in various parts of the country demonstrating new developments in waterworks goods. J. M. Wilkins will supervise this work.

Paul Andrews of the Sales Department, will spend part of the time on the road with Mr. Wilkins. Walter Coventry of the Shipping Department, has just returned from a trip to southern Illinois with a Reo Speed Wagon and is again on the territory. Roy Pease of the Engineering Record Department, accompanied Mr. Wilkins and Andrews on the first trip of the new demonstrating truck shown in our illustration. Mr. Pease will also spend some time on the road in development work.

John Bixler succeeds Paul Andrews in the Office. He handles correspondence concerning copper service pipe.

Evert Zetterlind has taken over part of the work handled by Mr. Bixler who was general correspondent in the Sales Department. Evert had been reading orders and Williard Hake of the Up-keep Stock was promoted to this job. Robert Neighbor was called off the Night Shift to take Mr. Hake's place as clerk in the Up-keep Stock Department.

These changes are also promotions and the Record extends its good wishes to all of these young men in their new positions. Such changes often mean sacrifice for the supervisors and foreman who must give up an experienced man and train a beginner on the job, but this long list of changes clearly indicates that the Company is following its policy of promoting from within.



## Changes in Main Plant

There have been a number of changes in the Main Plant. The Engineering Department has been very largely re-organized. C. W. Hathaway is now designated as Engineer of Tools and Operations.

Paul Jacka is now Engineer in charge of Machinery and Equipment. He is assisted as draftsmen by Frank Nehls of the Experimental Department who succeeds Chas. Peters who recently resigned. Dorothy Kraft, a newcomer, is stenographer. His office is in the same room with Mr. Hathaway.

Emmett Reddy is now designated as Products Engineer. He is assisted by Frank B. Mueller and draftsmen Delbert Probst and Walter Bowan. New offices are being arranged for them on the second floor over the Laboratory.

The Experimental Machine Shop has been moved into the space north of this office and the Electrical Department is now located with the Construction Department.

E. W. Lowe continues as Chief Draftsman and is breaking in several apprentices.

W. T. Mason is now known as Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance. Chas. Cochran is his assistant. This department now supervises all new construction and all maintenance including the Machine Repair Department under Wm. Campbell.

At Plant 2, Jack Frye has been appointed General Foreman and on the night shift Jess Ditty supervises the work.

At the Pottery, Plant 3, P. H. Cruikshank has been appointed Manager and A. V. Lawton, Superintendent.



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of wage payment will tend to supercede straight hourly rates. It is necessarily a considerable undertaking to establish a plan of this kind but facilities and careful study are available and eventually results will justify the change.



The Okaw may not be a very good place to go camping now, but for swimmin'—say boy, you could not beat it.

Safety is best attained by playing safe.

Adolph Mueller was in Rockford last Thursday and Friday attending a meeting of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Hunt drove to Chicago last Friday on a brief pleasure trip combined with some business matters demanding Mr. Roberts' attention.



### Fast Travel

F. W. Falck of the Advanced Electric Company, Los Angeles, Calif., was in Decatur, Saturday June 16th. He came to spend the week end with his friends, Joe Mayhew. Mr. Falck is building an apartment house in Los Angeles and Mr. Mayhew informed him regarding the latest in plumbing goods. Mr. Falck drove from Los Angeles, Calif., via the Santa Fe trail to New York City in a Packard six in less than eight days. He drove from Chicago to Decatur in three and a half hours.

For the past month he has been traveling about the country at that rate. Before coming to Decatur he had visited New York, Washington, Buffalo and Detroit. In Chicago he attended the convention of the Radio Manufacturers' Association.



### At the Okaw

The following spent the week end of June 16th at the Okaw Cabin:

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas.

Mr. Ed Stille

As usual they had a good time. It is rumored that William Thomas got lost for a time not in the woods but somewhere in the cabin. We have no further particulars.



### Violet Goes to Chicago

Miss Violet Blankenship, who for about a year past, has been connected with the Advertising and Stationery department, took a two weeks' vacation and visited part of the time in Chicago. While there she secured a position that appealed to her and accepted it.

Miss Blankenship has been a very popular member of the organization, taking an active part in the Athletic and Dramatic clubs. She is now connected with the International Accounting Society. She is a daughter of Howard Blankenship, night fireman in Dept. No. 9.



### The Blue Room

When Everett and Billy Simpson come home from the West Coast, they will be greeted with a great big surprise.

During their absence some important changes have been made in the "blue room." The walls have been retinted, the furniture varnished, new carpets laid and other little touches added which add greatly to the general appearance.



Rollie Bayless who has been a student for the past half year at Millikin, is working through the summer in the Shipping Dept.

David Tarr, son of Ben Tarr, is the new bell hop in the Rod Department.

Laurence Vandervort is working for the summer at Plant 2.

Mrs. Rost and son Lowe, now ride in a Cadillac.

## From Niantic



Among excursion parties visiting Niantic was the above group from Niantic schools.

## LONG TRIP WEST

### J. W. Simpson and W. E. Mueller Take Long Business Hike by Auto

W. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson left on Memorial Day to drive through to San Francisco, stopping at Dallas and Los Angeles on the way. At San Francisco they will remain for some time attending the annual convention of the American Waterworks Association. This convention begins June 11 and continues through to the 16th. After this meeting, Messrs. Mueller and Simpson will continue up the Coast to the leading cities of the Northwest and will then head for home. They will be absent in all about six weeks.



### A Man's Job

A man's job is his best friend. It clothes and feeds his wife and children, pays the rent and supplies them with the wherewithal to develop and become cultivated. The least a man can do in return is to love his job. A man's job is grateful. It is like a little garden that thrives on love. It will one day flower into fruit worth while, for him and his to enjoy. If you ask any successful man the reason for his making good, he will tell you it is because he likes his work; indeed, he loves it. His whole heart and soul are wrapped up in it. His whole physical and mental energies are focused on it. He walks his work; he talks his work; he is entirely inseparable from his work, and that is the way every man worth his salt ought to be if he wants to make of his work what it should be and make of himself what he wants to be.—Senator Arthur Capper.



On May 24, E. K. Shaw passed cigars and all invited asked, "what for." "Grandfather" was the reply.

## CHANGES AT PLANT 3

## New Men Take Important Places in Vitreous Ware Plant

Samuel D. Gaudette is the new Casting Shop foreman at the Pottery. Mr. Gaudette, a French-Canadian by birth, is a man with a large and varied experience in the pottery business. He was born in the village of Iverville, Quebec, a place famous in Canada for its potteries. For many years Mr. Gaudette was in Trenton, N. J., and has been associated with such companies as the Trenton Potteries and the Monument Pottery Company. He brings to the Mueller organization a wealth of experience and practical knowledge. Later he expects to bring his family to Decatur.

Albert B. Culver, also from Trenton, and a man of large experience in his line is Foreman of the Slip House. Mr. Culver has in Trenton a son, Albert, Jr., whom he regards as equal to any boy of the corn belt.

Mention has been made in a previous issue of Van Campbell who came to us from Kalamazoo and who is a recent graduate ceramist from the University of Ohio.

Harold Albright, who has been at Mount Morris College for the past year studying for the ministry, is working this summer in the Mold Room.

Carl Armstrong, who has been working in the Construction Department for some time, has been transferred to the Pottery.

Loren McCoy is Assistant to Mr. Gaudette in the Casting Shop.

Richard Cash is again labor foreman on the kilns and kiln processes.

Garlin Buck, formerly of the Polishing Department, has been in the Shipping Department Room at Plant 3, for a time and was recently transferred to the office as clerk.

Lick Burris is Chief Inspector and reports to Joe Mayhew who supervises inspection and promotes sales.

Luther Pierson is in the Shipping Department in training for supervision there.

John Eckman is electrician and head kiln fireman.

Joe Mayhew wears the impressive title of Manager of Sales of Vitreous Ware and Sales Development Engineer of Plumbing Goods.

Phillip H. Cruikshank is General Manager of the Pottery and A. V. Lawton is General Superintendent of the Pottery.

## Start That Savings Account

The foundry and shops at the main plant began June 11th to work fifty hours a week. This amounts to a ten per cent increase in income as compared with a forty-five-hour week which we have had for some months. The Iron Foundry is still working five days. The Pottery, plant 3, has for some months been working fifty hours.

This condition should make it possible for a number of people to open savings ac-

## At the Pottery



Here is the bunch of green ware finishers at the Pottery

counts in the Employees' Investment Plan. Accounts may be opened and deposits made in the Employment Office at noon on the first and second days after pay day. Deposits may also be made to Jack Frye at plant 2, Dale Bailey at plant 3 and Louis Rost at Mueller Club for the Night Shift. Seven per cent interest is paid on savings the first year. Save a dollar first and live on what is left.



## OFFICE GIRLS MEET MARY OLIVE

## Guests of Mrs. J. W. Simpson at a 6 o'Clock Dinner

The Mueller Office Girls received a very pleasant surprise a short time ago in the form of an invitation to a 6 o'clock dinner by Mrs. J. W. Simpson, wife of our Sales Manager, in her home at 1017 W. Prairie Ave.

The girls in the third floor main office were invited for Friday evening, June 22nd, and the second floor main office girls and the girls in the offices of the Drafting Room, Engineering Department, and Standards Department, were invited for Saturday evening, June 23rd. About thirty girls attended Friday evening and 18 Saturday evening.

A lovely four-course dinner was served, rambler roses serving as table and house decorations.

The girls presented Mr. and Mrs. Simpson's new seven-weeks-old daughter, Mary Olive, with a beautiful silk coat and bonnet, and Mrs. Simpson with flowers.

The party was voted an entire success by everyone.



## Safety Hints

Accidents don't just happen—they are caused. It is these causes we are trying to remove.

It pays to be careful; the more careful you are the better it pays.

Any fool can be careless. A careless man and a good job are soon parted.

The best way is the safe way; and the safe way is the best way.





Eugene Moessner, son of Mrs. Clara Moessner, grand son of Mr. John G. Bauer of Dept. 18 and nephew of Miss Wera B. Bauer of the Main office.

#### Married

We have received a very interesting announcement which reads like this:

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Franklin Fellweck  
Announces the marriage of their daughter  
Irma

to

Mr. Edward MacMillan Buck

On Saturday, May the twenty-ninth  
Nineteen hundred and twenty-eight  
Beatrice, Nebraska

At home  
after July 1st.  
Mansfield, Ohio.



You know Bill Collins, who has assisted us in the cafeteria, during the noon hour and also for parties for at least five years—at the old Club House too—was married December 28, 1927, just a few days before Leap Year. Bill wanted to prove to the world that he did the asking, so when the cafeteria force felt the newly-weds were comfortably settled, on April 21st a group of 18 went out to get acquainted with the new wife. The guests presented the couple with a beautiful table cloth and napkins to match.

The evening was spent in a good old fashioned way—games and music. The party broke up at a late hour wishing Bill and his wife many happy years together.

#### CAFETERIA.



Dorothy Shinoske and Clara Uhl, members of the class of 1928 of Decatur High School, have been assisting in the Advertising Department recently.

#### BRASS CHIPS

Dorothy Kraft has been added to the Engineering Department as a stenographer and Howard Tueth as draftsman.

Floyd Miller started his work as an apprentice draftsman, June 12th.

Everett Wacaser, one of this year's graduates from Decatur High school, is a clerk in the Brass Shops on the night shift.

Rachel Watson is tired of Chicago and has returned to her job in the Core Department.

Arthur W. Hawkins is watchman on the west side of Monroe Street. He succeeds B. F. Royse, deceased.

Cecil McWhorter of the Grinding Room, has gone to the farm.

Fred Rothschild of the Drafting Room has joined his parents who now live in Kokomo, Indiana.

Carl Fadon of the Iron Foundry thought more of his cigarettes than his job and quit.

John A. McCutcheon who has been truck driver for a number of years, resigned to drive for a furniture store up town.

Lester Grant of the night Tool Room, has returned to Hoopston, Ill.

Kaj Olson of the same department, left us May 19th to increase his experience by working in other shops. Kaj learned his trade while here.

J. M. Wilkins, Jr., left the Shipping Department to play in an orchestra in Denver.

Ora Waymire of the Grinding Department, has been transferred to the Tube Department and Wm. F. Dennis to the Shipping Department.

Roy Hardy is now in the Shipping Department and Leonard Neighbor has been promoted to clerk in the Machine Shop.

Walter Brix is trying out as apprentice in the Pattern Room.

Dewey Tripp has returned to work at the Iron Foundry.

Dean Carter is said to be working in Chicago.

Paul Andrews of the Main Office, and Lucille Chaille were married by Rev. Ingvolstadt at the parsonage on the evening of June 7. Mrs. Andrews was a teacher in the Decatur schools. They live in their own little home at 2184 East Dickinson street.

Audrey Anna is the name of the little daughter of Robt. Harris, born June 4.

Andrew Kettlekamp has been transferred to the Standard Department as time study man.

Fred Lake of the night foundry has been laid up for several weeks with lumbago.

Eugene Ochs of the Night Shift, has gone with friends for an extended automobile tour of western states. They expect to visit Yellowstone Park.

A recent bulletin announces the appointment of John Ditty as general Night Foreman of Plant No. 2.

## Mrs. F. E. Carroll



Mrs. F. E. Carroll, wife of a member of our Dallas Organization

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Behrns spent Memorial Day at East St. Louis. They went there to observe Memorial Day and to look after the graves of some relatives.

H. A. Wilkins and L. E. Clark attended the American Electric Platers' convention at Toronto, Canada, June 25-28.

Joe Mayhew and A. V. Lawton spent about a week in New Jersey and New York, early in May. Their trip was on business in connection with plant 3.

When the factory closed for Memorial Day it remained closed until the following Monday, except a few departments. This was done to permit taking the semi-annual inventory.

And now we don't get another holiday until Wednesday, July 4th.

O. P. Curry returned to work in Polish-ing Dept., after an absence of ten weeks, recovering from an operation for hernia. He started to lift a tote box, gave a sudden jerk, and a severe rupture resulted. This is one more object lesson for care in lifting.

#### In Washington

J. W. Wells left June 19th for Washington, D. C., where he will spend several days on Company business. L. W. Mueller made a business trip to St. Louis last week.

## FRED MOESSNER'S RECORD

### Has Completed Twenty-Six Years of Faithful Service

On June 4th Fred Moessner completed 26 years of continuous service, practically all of which has been in the Brass Shops. He is a steady, quiet, efficient worker and, therefore we hear but little about him. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1882 and twenty years later went to work for the Mueller Co.

He has two sons and two daughters. The youngest is Fred, Jr., who was graduated from Decatur High school this year. Fred took an art course in drawing, entered a a poster contest offered by the Decatur Posting Service and somewhat to his surprise, was awarded a second prize.

This qualified him to enter his poster in the state contest at the University of Illinois and on this occasion he was awarded first prize for the best poster in the exhibit. The Decatur Review has this to say: "Fred Moessner's winning poster was a thing of beauty, consisting of several well blended colors, featuring an open book, and the lettering 'Read More and Better Books.' His lettering was especially well done and the poster as a whole was simple in layout and very effective in result." He was awarded a scholarship in the National Academy of Commercial Art in Chicago. This scholarship has a cash value of \$385.00 and will enable Fred, Jr., to go to Chicago for further training. We extend to him our good wishes.

The other children of the Moessner family have in turn all been graduated from the Decatur High School. Frieda was the first. For a time she was employed in our Main Office. She continued her study of music, taking a bachelor's degree in Chicago in 1927. She teaches in the Decatur Musical College.

Robert Moessner was graduated from High School in 1921. He took a Commercial Course and is now secretary to Mr. Geo. Hess in the general offices at the Wabash Railroad. Ruth was in the class of 1923 and worked as stenographer in the main office until her marriage.

We cannot refrain from commenting upon the quiet efficiency, steadfastness and the culture of this family which succeeded in educating all of the children, in buying their home, and in acquiring another property which is rented. The career of Fred Moessner is proof that by steady work, good management, and cooperation at home, that a factory man can succeed and can give his children a chance.

Winston Wells, son of J. W. Wells, is again working in the Laboratory in the afternoons this summer. Winston has remarkable knowledge of science for a lad of his age.

## A Granddaughter



This bright little tot is Pena Elmore, granddaughter of B. J. Hawkins

## ROY WHITAKER'S VACATION

## An Interesting Auto Trip Through Famous Black Hills

Roy Whitaker and his wife and some of Mrs. Whitaker's relatives left Decatur May 30th to visit folks in Nebraska, and for a vacation in the Black Hills. For fifty miles the party drove through the Bad Lands of the Dakotas which are famous for their wierd scenic beauty. The road wound in and out of the hills affording a great variety of picturesque and beautiful scenery. The rock strata lie in level beds cut by erosion in many fantastic shapes and over it all a glorious riot of color. The roads were just wide enough for one car with spaces at intervals for vehicles to pass. In order to make sure of not meeting another car in the narrow places, the driver stops at one of the passings, sounds his horn and if there is no answer, he proceeds. Roy said he didn't know what would have happened if he had met someone on the hillside.

Three days were spent in the Black Hills and the party visited Game Lodge which was the summer home of President Coolidge last year. They also stopped at a hotel in which the waitresses were Indian girls in costume.

Another interesting feature was a gas service station built of fossil bearing rock in which could plainly be seen the petrified remains of extinct animals.

A very interesting story of this trip is given by Mrs. C. W. Metteer, of Creighton, Nebraska.

"It is a two-day drive from Creighton, Neb., to the Black Hills, two days of delightful travel over perfect graveled roads. The country rises gradually in low-rolling

hills, past well kept farm houses and unpainted Indian shacks with their iron kettels in the yard for outdoor cooking; gradually higher to the unfenced open prairies north of Winner. These are truly a marvel to folks accustomed to Illinois with its trees. Acres upon acres of unfenced, swelling hill land, with not a tree as far as one can see—the horizon clear cut and treeless, and the wide, smooth graveled road climbing endlessly over it.

"The morning of the second day brought us to the famous Bad Lands which beggars description with its steep hills and abrupt turns as the road winds through a land actually and in fact—dead. A few prickly cactis—some sharp, gray, spear-like desert grass—and then no sign of any life. Crowding closely to the road, the tall, cathedral-like spires of lava rock, or crumbling lime-stone rise to great heights and as abruptly sink far below the road level. Past this good half day drive, then into the Black Hills, which are visible many miles before we reach them. We drove over perfect roads, through the village of Hermosa and passed the little white church which Coolidge attended. The State Game Lodge is a few short miles farther on. This is a beautiful place—well-kept lawns that slope to the rocky, swift little stream called "Grace Coolidge Creek." The road climbs steadily through the famous Needles—towering pinnacles of sheer rock that stretch in unbelievable heights, and all kinds of fantastic forms on either side the road—up to beautiful Sylvan Lake, with its broad-porched hotel and friendly swans and crystal clear water. An altitude of 7,240 feet the air is wine-like and a little sharp, and the cars seem to loose their climbing ability, and we feel a bit shaky as to knees and short of breath. This is a wonderful trip—worth anyone's time, the scenery truly marvelous. The people are very cordial to tsrangers; the road well-nigh perfect. What more could be desired for an automobile vacation?"

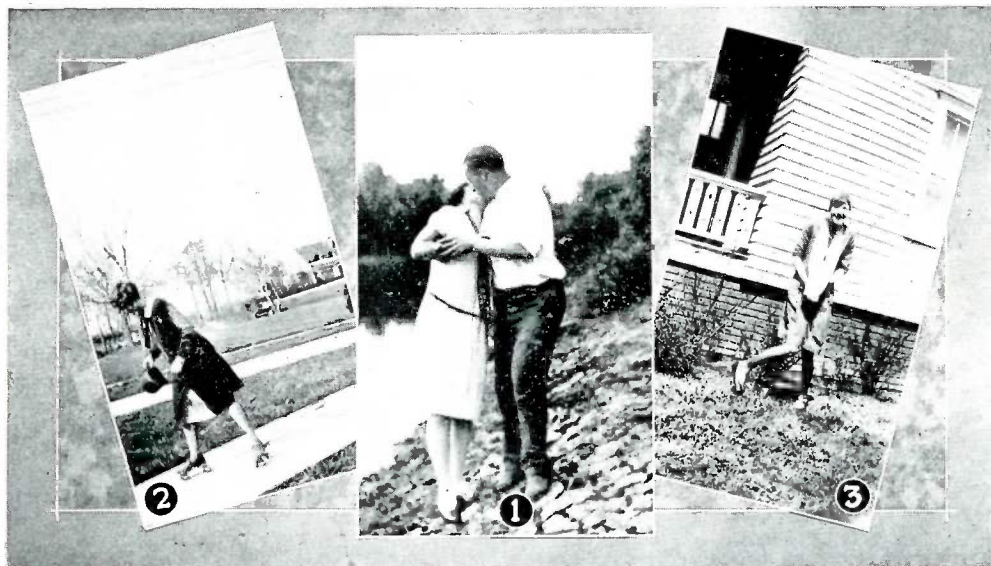
## Baseball

Mueller Club of the Commercial league is showing up fine. Unfortunately the record of games came so late that only a summary can be given:

	R. H. E									
Muellers	3	3	2	0	0	—	8	11	2	
Brass Works	0	2	0	0	2	—	4	8	4	
Muellers	2	0	0	0	1	—	3	6	2	
L. T. S.	1	0	3	0	0	—	4	7	4	
Muellers	1	6	3	0	2	—	11	14	0	
Leader Iron	0	0	1	1	1	—	3	5	2	
Muellers	0	4	1	3	0	—	10	7	4	
Review	0	0	3	1	1	—	5	9	8	
Wabash	0	0	0	1	0	—	1	4	8	
Muellers	0	1	4	1	0	—	6	6	1	
Mueller	0	1	0	2	2	—	5	7	1	
C. B. & Q.	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	4	3	



## THE CAMERA CLUB



Girl on Roller Skates

Yum-Yum

Charleston

The subject of this Camera Club contest was "Action," and first prize was won by Marie Eaggleston. The names of the subjects are known but were deleted by the censor. Second prize went to Mary Wilkins. Her subject was "Dorothy Shimoski. The third prize was won by Ollie Springer, who took a shot at Hallie Reddock, to whom some one had just told a joke.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees' Aid Society, April 21, June 14, 1928

April 21, Balance.....\$ 921.28

#### Receipts

Dues for April.....\$ 777.45  
 Dues for May..... 762.55  
 Company's Contribution  
 for May..... 50.00  
 Company's Contribution  
 for June..... 50.00 1,640.00

Total.....\$2,561.28

#### Payments

Dr. Trainor services..... 4.00  
 Benefits listed below..... 995.08 \$ 999.08

June 14, Cash Balance.....\$1,562.20

#### Resources

Bonds.....\$5,500.00  
 Bldg. & Loan Stock..... 800.00  
 Emergency Loan Fund..... 900.00  
 Cash..... 1,562.20

Total.....\$8,762.20  
 E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

### BENEFITS PAID

Claude Hanna 34.50	Sylvia Bergin 6.00
C. D. Horn 29.10	C. T. Utt 2.50
W. M. Childers 45.00	W. E. Davis 63.20
Dora Albright 20.00	Mabel Working 10.00
LeRoy Himes 2.25	Earl Reeves 2.25
W. E. Robb 3.00	Oscar Taylor 53.00
C. J. Muller 27.00	R. Ridler 9.00
C. McWhorter 5.40	W. N. Knight 30.90
B. F. Sellers 27.15	Marie Yonker 1.00
Mrs. L. Estes 25.60	H. E. Hukill 26.80
R. A. Henson 26.40	Louis Heisler 6.00
E. Mark 13.50	J. W. Howe 8.40
A. Claypool 26.40	Phil Reab 17.50
O. R. Curry 82.40	J. W. Radcliffe 3.00
Herbert Carr 1.00	W. H. Padrick 3.60
L. Correngron 13.50	J. A. Dill 30.00
Ethel Dixon 4.30	Frank Walker 22.65
Frank Carr 30.00	C. I. Maurer 1.50
Harry Glenn 25.48	W. H. Long 1.80
Mrs. M. Maple 1.00	J. W. Workman 3.00
E. Robinson 10.50	Willis Taylor 3.00
Tilden Davis 1.80	N. E. Stevens 17.25
Lloyd Flanders 3.00	Louis Wyant 1.25
V. W. Reisinger 4.50	J. D. Allen 15.00
W. E. Beckers 12.00	J. P. Garrison 3.60
Joe Wall 6.50	Mrs. Ada Stalle 12.10
W. C. Beckemeier 6.00	Geo. Anderson 2.40
E. Masters 4.50	H. J. Linton 1.50
Arthur Nash 12.00	C. Schwartzle 1.50
H. Weikle 3.60	Fred Lake 74.00
R. H. Mueller 5.00	Warren Hall 9.00
	\$995.08

Basil Mason has transferred from Dept. 9 to the Experimental Dept.

### Do You Remember

Do you remember the afternath of the old days of street fairs in Decatur. They ended generally on Saturday night and for several days thereafter the air on Water street was impregnated with the odor of hamburger and onions. Those were the days when you made mental resolve to oppose any further attempts at street fairs. It's all recalled now by the experience of the Democratic convention at Houston described in a press report as follows:

"Pants have meant much to the human race. But until preparations for the Democratic National Convention of 1928 began to be perfected they had played no part in the inanimate world. Hamburger steak having been barred from the convention hall, while hot dogs are admitted, a hamburger dealer has indignantly told the committee: 'They are made of the same meat; the only difference is that hot dogs have pants on.'"



### Vacations

For many years—at least since the war, rail roads have not gone in heavily for summer excursions. Years ago these excursions were very common. Now the railroads are coming back. Maybe they want business but it's all in favor of those who want to travel.

One of the latest advertised is most attractive \$34.53 to Atlantic City and return. There is a through sleeper to Atlantic City and including a berth, the round trip fare will be about \$50. A person willing to sacrifice can get there and back for the railroad fare alone. The ticket permits 16 day limit with stopover privileges returning. A person who does not want to buy everything in sight can have a delightful visit at this famous Seaside resort. A good room may be had for \$2 or less per night—you don't need a bath—the Atlantic ocean is there for your pleasure, convenience and cleanliness. It does not cost any more to eat, even on the board walk than it does in Decatur. This is true even on the board walk if you know how to order meals.

The trip over the Pennsylvania gives you a pretty ride through the Allegheny Mountains and drops you in Philadelphia, where you transfer to another Pennsylvania train and in one and a half hours you are in the greatest Seaside resort in the world.

On the return trip you have the opportunity of stopping off at Philadelphia, the most historic city in America, or any other city on the line of your journey.

It's a great vacation trip.



### A Few Figures and What to Do About It

Statistics show that during the nineteen months we were at war, 50,000 American soldiers were killed, and 200,000 injured at the front. At home in peaceful America, during the same period, 126,000 men, women and children were killed and 2,000,000 in-

jured by accidents on the streets, in industries and in homes.

The United States has the reputation of having the most careless people in the world, so far as accidents are concerned. Reasons may be offered to justify such a situation, but none are adequate. There is no reason why the United States should have an annual accident rate of seventy-six fatalities for each one hundred thousand of our population.

A lot has been done in recent years to prevent accidents, but we must continually keep after the work. How can we protect ourselves?

1. Develop habits of SAFETY.
2. Give proper attention to small wounds and injuries.



### It "Pays" to Advertise

This story drew a laugh around Wall Street: A Western bank believes in turning such a financial annoyance as a robbery into good advertising copy. This bank had a window display with \$54.50 in cash accompanying it as a realistic touch. A sign over it read: "This is the interest that \$100 will bring in ten years if invested with us." A thief, who evidently did not believe in waiting ten years for the interest, smashed the window and took the money, whereupon the bank immediately put another sign into the broken window. This sign read: "If the culprit deposits the \$54.50 immediately, his money in ten years will have earned \$30.80 to begin life on when he gets out of the penitentiary."—Pepperell Sheet.



S. M. Yonker, for many years foreman of Tool Grinding has been moved to a location near the Tool Storage Dept. in the Brass Shop and his machinery has been combined with the Tool Grinding equipment.

H. A. Georges will act as assistant to Mr. Yonker.



Miss Thelma Roberts of the Drafting Room, checked out last Saturday. When this Record reaches its readers Miss Thelma will be Mrs. Charles R. Peters and will be a resident of Rockford, Ill.

There have been many surprise weddings in our organization recently, which is alright with us. It saves us the expense of buying rice, even if it does deprive us of a way of getting rid of our old shoes.

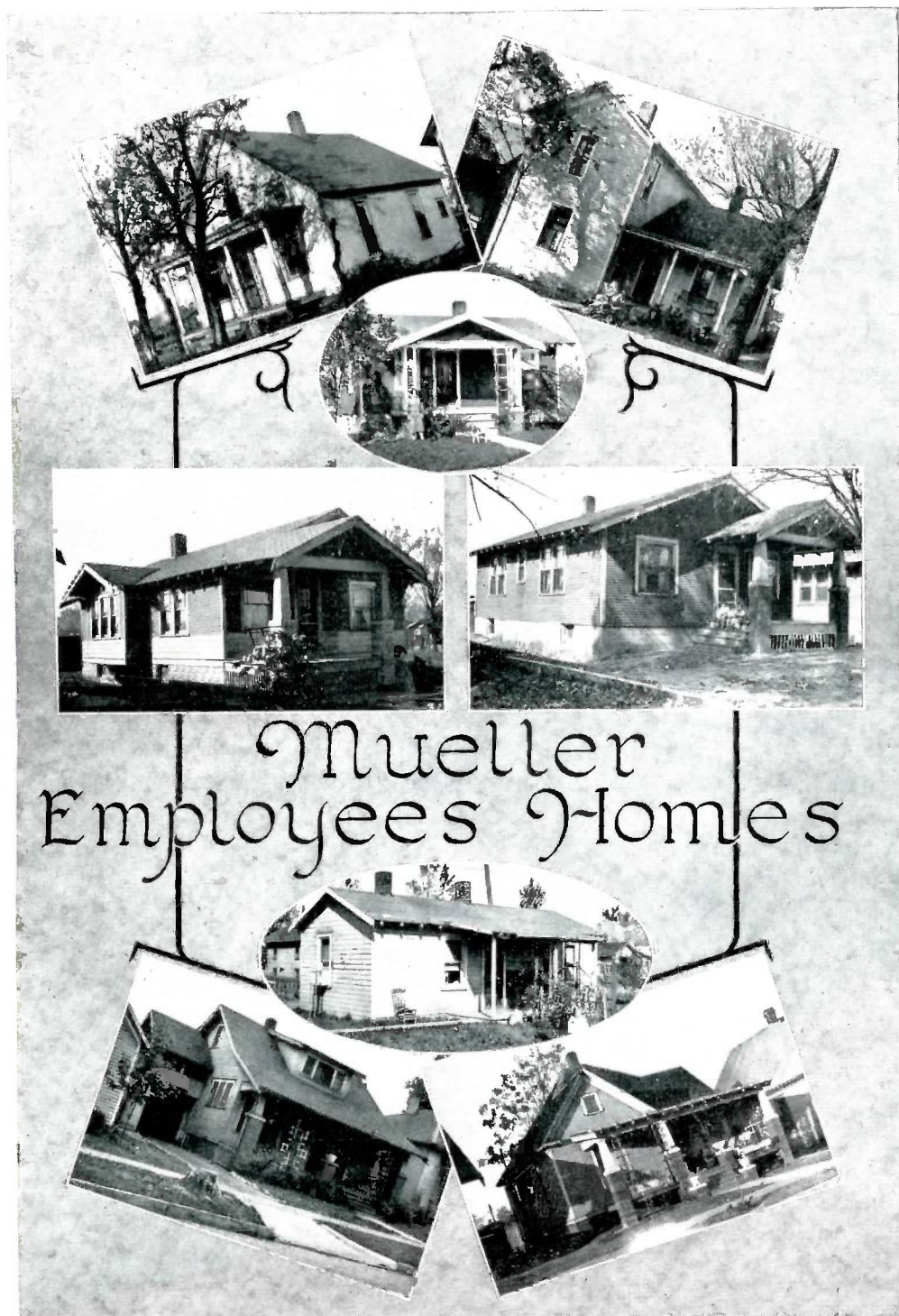


### HOMES OF EMPLOYEES

Another page of Mueller Homes on opposite page.

- 1—Jesse Ditty, 1460 N. Railroad Ave.
- 2—W. A. Hise, 1336 E. North.
- 3—Wayne McCarty, 1228 E. Riverside.
- 4—B. J. Keen, 955 W. Center.
- 5—H. Gallahan, 1643 Walnut Grove.
- 6—Henry Morey, 2500 Walnut Grove.
- 7—W. H. Padrick, 855 W. Packard.
- 8—H. E. Slater, 236 E. Olive.







## THE GIRLS' MINSTREL SHOW

### One of the Best Entertainments of the Mueller Season

The girls' minstrel show at the Club House, Friday evening, May 25, was one of the best entertainments given in a long time. The attendance was large and the program was greatly enjoyed. Every member was loudly applauded and some of the stunts were given encores. Mr. Adolph, the only male member of the cast, served as interlocutor and in the second part gave his "Old Black Joe" specialty, which was given prolonged applause. Mr. Adolph's singing voice continues good. The girls taking part had been trained by Miss Ruth Pfahler, who was also present in the black face circle.

The first part consisted of a wedding with the following cast:

Parson Henry Black, Parson—Adolph Mueller.

Mrs. Henry Black, Parson's Wife—Ruth Zetterlind.

Okaw Delicatessen, Bride—Mary Wilkins.

Percy LeRoy Vital Spot, Groom—Eloyse Dickson.

Iris Petunia, Flower Girl—Mariau Richards.

Cutie Cura, Bride's Maid—Margaret Whalen.

B. V. Deez, Best Man—Vi Blankenship.  
Bull Durham Delicatessen, Bride's Father—Estella Rinehart.

Uneda Delicatessen, Bride's Mother—Dorothy Jordan.

G. Reece Spot, Groom's Father—Florence Waymire.

Iusta Beauty Spot—Groom's Mother—Erma Barth.

Dan Derine, Friend of Both Families—Ruth Pfahler.

Hallie Tosis, 1st Cousin—Hazel Virden.

Victrola Valspar, 2nd Cousin—Alma Virden.

Mandy Musterole, 3rd Cousin—Arlie Eckert.

P. Ann Ola, 4th Cousin—Wera Bauer.

Lilly White, Organist—Ida Mae Moore.

As the wedding march was played on an old fashioned wheezing organ, the wedding party entered at the rear and proceeded with stately tread down the center aisle. Miss Mary Wilkins, as the bride, looked unusually tall beside Eloyse Dickson, who impersonated the groom. As Parson Henry Black, Mr. Adolph, met the bridal party and performed the ceremony, which was full of funny cracks that kept the audience giggling. He had a lot to say about the pay check ringing in and out and other matters pertaining to working and married life.

The second part was according to the following program:

Interlocuter—Adolph Mueller.

End men—Rastus Razzberry, Sambo Strawberry, Bones Blueberry, Snowball Busch.

## Callers From Heyworth



We have many visitors from schools and colleges but here is a group of residents of Heyworth, up near Bloomington. They had heard a lot about our company and drove down to make a trip through the plant.

Opening Chorus—Entire Company.

Sunshine—Sambo Strawberry.

Melancholy Baby—Victrola Valspar.

Ukelele Urchins—Bones Blueberry, Dan Derine.

"What Are You Waiting For, Mary?"—Mammy Black.

"Stay in Your Own Back Yard"—Sambo Strawberry, Bones Blueberry.

"Old Black Joe"—Henry Black.

Harmonica Harmonics—Luke Warm.

Finale—Entire Company.

The solos and duets and choruses were all good and the entertainment lasting until nearly 10 o'clock, did not have a dull moment for the audience.

The receipts were nearly \$30.00.



## No Okaw Party

For the first time in several years there was no Okaw party on Memorial Day. It was not because the gang did not want to go. They were all anxious as usual, but a variety of things arose to prevent. Several had previous engagements, Billy Simpson and Everett Mueller were departing on a long trip west, Mr. Robert was in Kansas City, and through these and other combinations of circumstance the journey had to be abandoned.

However, the enthusiasm of Adolph could not be curbed and on the day following a scouting party left for the cabin. It was a sort of a preliminary visit to see how the cabin weathered the floods, ascertain condition of the roads, and getting things in shape for the season.

Incidentally, of course, there was to be hunting, fishing, etc.

The party remained until the following Saturday and included Adolph and Robert Mueller, Billy Mason, Charles Cochran, J. W. Wells and E. K. Shaw.



Factory and offices close all day Wednesday on account of the 4th.