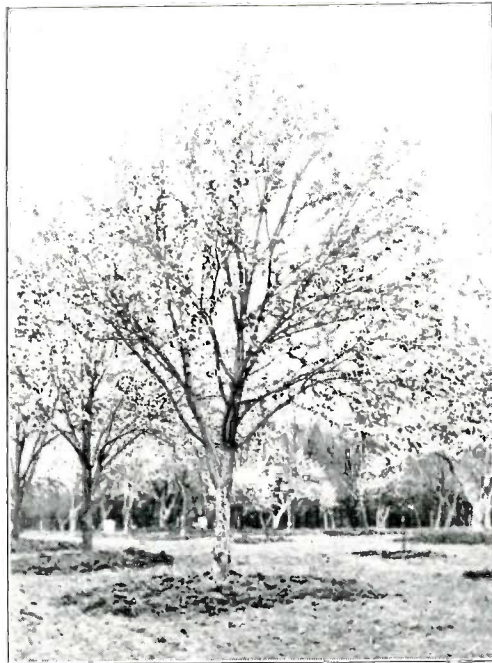


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THE PEACH ORCHARD AT MUELLER HEIGHTS—Picture by Marie Eagleton

In the . . .
“Good Old Summer Time”

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SOMETHING

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Open an account in the
Employees Investment Plan

*Start now with the first
dollar from this week's check*

Employment Office
Thursday Noon

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EDITORIAL

THE SPRING STYLES

As changeable as a woman! As uncertain as the weather! As fickle as fashion! How well we know all of them! Though we can only agree with all the things that are said about changing styles, who of us doesn't get a lot of fun out of wondering just what the women will wear next? A popular magazine remarks that this is "the season when men's jeers at women's fashions begin to sound a little wistful."

Consider the Easter parade. Compare it with the corresponding scenes of twenty-five years ago. Though the setting may be the same, there is little similarity. Think of the sleeves, the skirts, and the hats of those days. Whether we've changed for better or worse, it is difficult to say. Fashions, like statistics, will support any point of view.

There are countries, indeed, which preserve from season to season and generation to generation the same fashions. Economical, no doubt, easy for the nerves, but think of the monotony! And besides, what would people in a community like that ever talk about?

It may be that we are gradually evolving something standardized in the way of dress, but it is doubtful. Fashion seems, rather, to move in cycles. We are back again, fashion historians say, to the bouffante skirts of Martha Washington and Marie Antoinette. Moreover, the lately eclipsed Theda Bara is supposed to be but a twentieth century model of old Cleopatra. The cynical say that without much effort we will get back to the original Garden of Eden creations. But whatever may or may not be said, there is little doubt that we have it all over the folks of twenty-five years ago when it comes to fashions. Can you imagine a woman playing golf or driving a flivver in the dragging skirts and balloon sleeves affected by the lady of 1900?

As for the fickleness of Dame Fashion, we venture to say that there are changes going on in other fields. Who in the world would want to live in the same atmosphere, with the same people, with the same ideas always? Without change and a willingness to change experimental science would die. Civilization would come to a stand-still.



See the little humble bee
Bumbl'ing o'er the lea.
If you're wise you'll let that
Little humble bee.

TRANSPORTATION CLUB HAS MUELLER DAY

The Transportation Club of Decatur observed "Mueller Day," May 20, with an extended and varied program. About 200 traffic men and their ladies were guests.

First of all, the Transportation club guests made an inspection of the various Mueller plants. They were conveyed by a special train from the Illinois Central station to the Vitreous plant and shown through it.

Luncheon was served in the Mueller Club during the noon hour. During the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, golf was played on the Decatur Country Club links.

At 6:30 o'clock dinner was served at Mueller Club. Mr. Adolph Mueller gave an address on railroads.



INDIANA JOBBERS OUR GUESTS

About twenty jobbers and salesmen, representing the Central Supply Co., of Indianapolis; the Knapp Supply Co., of Union City, Ind.; the Scioto Valley Supply Co., of Columbus and Canton, Ohio, were guests of Mueller Co. April 30.

The visitors toured the factory on Friday. Friday night they were guests at a party given the Foremen's Club at Mueller Lodge. Saturday morning was given over to a meeting at Mueller Lodge at which Company members and members of the sales department were present.

The visit of the jobbers proved very helpful, establishing, as it did, contacts between guests and hosts, that made for mutual understanding and consideration.

Messrs. Lincoln and Gaither, Mueller representatives in Indiana and Ohio, were in for the meeting.



MUST BE SIXTEEN

The law of Illinois forbids boys or girls under sixteen to work on any kind of power driven machinery in a factory. The employer is held responsible if boys or girls under sixteen are hired, in violation of this law. Further, the law does not take the word of a parent in regard to the age of his child. In fact, a great many parents are willing to have their boys under sixteen employed. The law requires some such proof as the statement of the county clerk as to when the child was born or a certificate from the parish priest in churches where records of the kind are kept, or a statement in writing from the public school officials from the place where the child went to school.

Boys who attempt to "get by" this law are found out very shortly—to their embarrassment and that of their parents.

"When May was a marvel of bloom"

CAMERA CLUB CONTEST



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Spring pictures were submitted in the contest for May. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- First—Opal Jackson.
- Second—Opal Jackson.
- Third—Helen Pope.

Mr. H. D. Spencer, Jr., well known local amateur photographer, judged the pictures. In reaching a decision, he made the following comments:

First Prize Picture—"Good composition, good depth of focus. Characteristic of spring. Nice lights and shadows."

Second Prize Picture—"Typical of Spring; new leaves; good detail."

Third Prize Picture—"Good detail. Nicely placed for tree portrait."



CAMERA CLUB IS INSTRUCTED

Sunday afternoon, May 2, at the Athletic

Club House, Mr. Pile of Pile's Camera Shop, addressed members of the Camera Club in regard to picture taking. Some very helpful demonstrations of kodak work were given.



FUTURE CAMERA CLUB CONTESTS

The next Camera Club contest will close June 10. The contest subject will be landscape.

Miss Margaret Marcott, president of the club, announces these subjects for the contests for the next year:

June 10—Landscape.

July 10—Garden.

August 10—Lake.

September 10—Vacation.

October 10—Homes.

November 10—Children.

December 10—Miscellaneous, general entries.

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"The Apple blossom's shower of pearl"



Safety News



A SUGGESTION FOR THE SPRING CLEAN-UP

"A clean tooth never decays," the dentists say. We might add that a clean plant has fewer fires and accidents.

This is the time for the spring clean-up. It's a good thing as far as its goes, but there is no reason why it shouldn't be kept up all through the year. It takes time to put materials and tools back in their places, keep passageways clear and destroy rubbish before it accumulates, but it will save many a slip and stumble and speed up production.

But the plant isn't the only thing to be cleaned up. Often there are unsafe men who can cause as much trouble as a strongly perfumed black and white pussy at a garden party.

One of these is the practical joker who hasn't "evolved" far enough to drop his monkey tricks.

Of course there are rules against horseplay in the plant, but it won't help the victim to fire the joker after the ambulance has been called. The joker loves an appreciative audience and usually gives up when his stuff fails to make a hit.

Don't overlook the practical joking hazard in the spring clean-up.

There's at least one of these back of every accident:

I don't know.
I don't care.
I forgot.
What's the use?
It can't happen to me.
I can look out for myself.
This safety stuff is all "baloney."



FLOWERS FOR POOR SOIL

"Better Homes and Gardens" lists these flowers as good possibilities for poor soil:

Portulaca.
Nasturtium.
Verbena.
Kochia.
Ice Plant.
Godetia.
Cockscomb.
Snapdragon.
Sweet Alyssum.



HAPPY GIVES UP

Happy March, after six months' effort to grow a moustache, has given up and has made a clean shave of it. He cannot compete with Chris Hendrian in hirsute attainments.

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January 10—Interiors.

February 10 and March 10—Winter scenes if possible.

Miss Marcott urges that you take your pictures now and turn them in at the proper time. Don't wait until January to take your interiors or November to photograph children; take the pictures now and submit them later.

Any employe who has paid dues in the Athletic Association may submit pictures. The contestant must have taken the pictures turned in, but it is not necessary that he develop or print them.

The next time you go walking or driving take along your camera—and turn in the pictures!



MAKING CHANGE

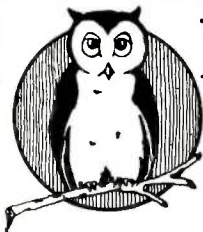
Hay and feed dealer: "You owe me three dollars for oats, Mose, and if you don't pay me I'll have to take your horse."

Uncle Mose: "All right, Mista Guggenheimer, an' Ah'll pay you de balance o' de three dollars jest as soon as Ah kin."—Ayer's Almanac.

"Now, nature hangs her mantle green on every blooming tree"

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



A woman is always at the bottom of every trouble, the wisecracks say. Perhaps there is something in the old saying, for some people—Troy Rousch, for instance.

It came about like this: Troy Rousch's fair lady had a birthday. Troy, aided and abetted by his friend, Evert Zetterlind, gave up his noon hour to purchase for the lady a suitable gift. He had bought one gift and was just emerging from a flower shop with an enormous floral tribute when the accident happened.

Evert was busily engaged in trying to steer his partner into the waiting car before he spent every cent he had on one or two more gifts. Troy, his eyes seeing things afar, his mind elsewhere, eagerly remonstrated with his friend. The result was sudden and most unexpected by both victims. Troy and Evert collided. Sixteen stars were counted by passers-by. From the gash in the dreaming Troy's head, we would venture that Evert is becoming hard-headed enough.

These visiting University students have caused a great many palpitations of feminine hearts up here. It was surprising, too, how interested a number of our girls were in the noon-day dances those two days when we had the University boys with us.

They're a fetching lot, those Champaign lads. We always did say so.

Mary Mills Copsy and her six weeks' old daughter, Jacqueline Mary, were Office visitors May 18. Jacqueline created a good deal of a sensation among the Office girls, but the young lady herself was not greatly impressed. She slept right through expressions of admiration which were heaped upon her.

Florence Waymire, the little girl who so efficiently receives our telegrams and presides over the Order Register, has been trying something in the way of fancy steps lately. The other day she fell downstairs twice. She must have rehearsed her stunt for there were no casualties reported.

Hugo Hendrian arrived at the dignity of sixteen years, full working age, and palm beach trousers on the same day, May 15. Now, just dare to call Hugo "that cute little boy."

Norman Longbrake has been added to the personnel of the advertising department. He has joined the press feeding force.

Girls! Girls! Have you heard about it? One more car in our midst. Yes, it's true. Paul (Slow) Andrews has taken unto himself a new Nash roadster. Don't crowd, girls. His number is in the telephone directory.

We regret to announce the death of the grandmothers of Hugo Hendrian and Wm. Flaughter.

Most of us were unaware of the double tragedy. Mr. Adolph, however, scented the trouble, and on the morning of April 29, the day of the opening game at Staley field, called both messenger boys into his office. He presented them with tickets to the game and bade them pay their respects to their defunct relatives.

A bulletin was posted, at the instigation of Mr. Adolph, stating that, in spite of the handicap under which it labored, the factory would endeavor to run during the afternoon without the two messengers.



Helen Freyburger and Laura Becker of the Core Room are such staunch supporters of daylight saving that they have made their own improvements on the Company plan. The other morning they arrived to work at 4:55 a. m. That, we believe, is record punctuality.



PREDICTION

Isobel: "Don't be surprised if Tony proposes to you tonight."

Trixie: "Gracious! Do you think he will?"

Isobel: "I do. When I refused him last night he said he didn't care what became of him."—London Opinion.

"Daughter of heaven and earth, coy Spring"

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VISITORS



Second group of University of Illinois students who have visited the plant this Spring

WORKING TOGETHER

Visitors who are trained observers and who go through this plant, invariably remark upon the good understanding that is evident between the management and the men. There is an opportunity of co-operation that is evident even to the casual visitor.

There are a number of reasons for this good will and one of them is the fact that the Company members see to it that the men are informed about the business.

Another opportunity to get a view of the business as a whole afforded in the Departmental meetings which were held the last two weeks in May. All employees were invited to a dinner served at the Mueller Club, after which the following program was presented:

Production and Wages.....L. W. Mueller
The Secret of Safety.....E. H. Langdon
The Engineering Department—What It Is
and What It Does.....C. W. Hathaway
Sales and Advertising.....

.....W. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson
Business Conditions.....Adolph Mueller

The series opened with a session for the night shifts, held at 9 p. m., city time, at the Mueller Club. The dinner was served at the regular noon hour for the night shifts.

The second group of departments met on Friday, May 21. It included the Core Department, Foundry Division, Plant 8, Plant 9, Blacksmith Shop and the Garage. The women of the Core and Assembly Departments were present on this occasion.

On Monday, May 24, all of the brass finishing shops and the Production Control Department were present.

On Tuesday, May 25, all of the remaining departments were combined and included the Office, Engineering Department, Machine Shop, Tool Room, Shipping Department and a number of others.

Most men are glad to avail themselves of this opportunity to get some first hand information of the conditions under which this business operates.

Mt. Zion Students



Students of the Mt. Zion high school, with their principal, visited the factory May 13. These students have visited a number of industries as part of a vocational survey.

"And all the woods are alive with the murmur and the sound of Spring"



Women of Department 18, with Walter Behrns, the foreman

DEPARTMENT 18

An Interesting Step in Industrial Management

One of the most important, not to say interesting, steps in the manufacture of our goods is the Assembling Room. Even the greenest layman is fascinated by those moving conveyors by which the assembled and packed goods pass from one operator to another. Guides who are conducting parties of visitors through the plant by schedule, find that they need great powers of persuasion to tear their charges away from this department.

"I don't know anything about this, but it's so interesting, and I want to see this," insists the guest who is requested to stay with the rest of his party.

The Assembling Room employs about ninety-five people, fourteen of whom are girls. The girls do light assembling, packing and boxing. The men assemble and test.

Goods are brought to Department 18 ready to be put together. They are assembled, the goods traveling from one man to another by means of conveyors. The compression work moves on one conveyor, the ground key on another.

The goods are then tested. Compression work is tested under two hundred pounds pressure, a higher pressure than any faucet meets in actual service.

Goods that must be nickel plated are removed to the polishing room. And here the recently installed nickel plating machine catches the eye of the visitor and holds it for a time. The goods are moved about automatically in the plating tank. The work of transferring pieces of goods from one tank to another is thus obliterated.

The nickel plated goods return to the assembling room, where it is packed for shipping.

The goods that are to be packed also move along on a conveyor. They are packed into cardboard boxes, then placed in larger wood boxes. On the outside of the boxes the kind of goods, the size and quantity are marked.

Throughout the department every effort is made to check up on the goods. Great care is taken to eliminate all nicked goods, as well as to prevent nicks and scars from appearing on finished goods.

The packers' slips are an example of the care used in checking up on all operations. Each packer places in each box of goods which she packs a slip on which her name is printed. Any questions relative to the packing of any particular carton of goods can be referred to the packer.

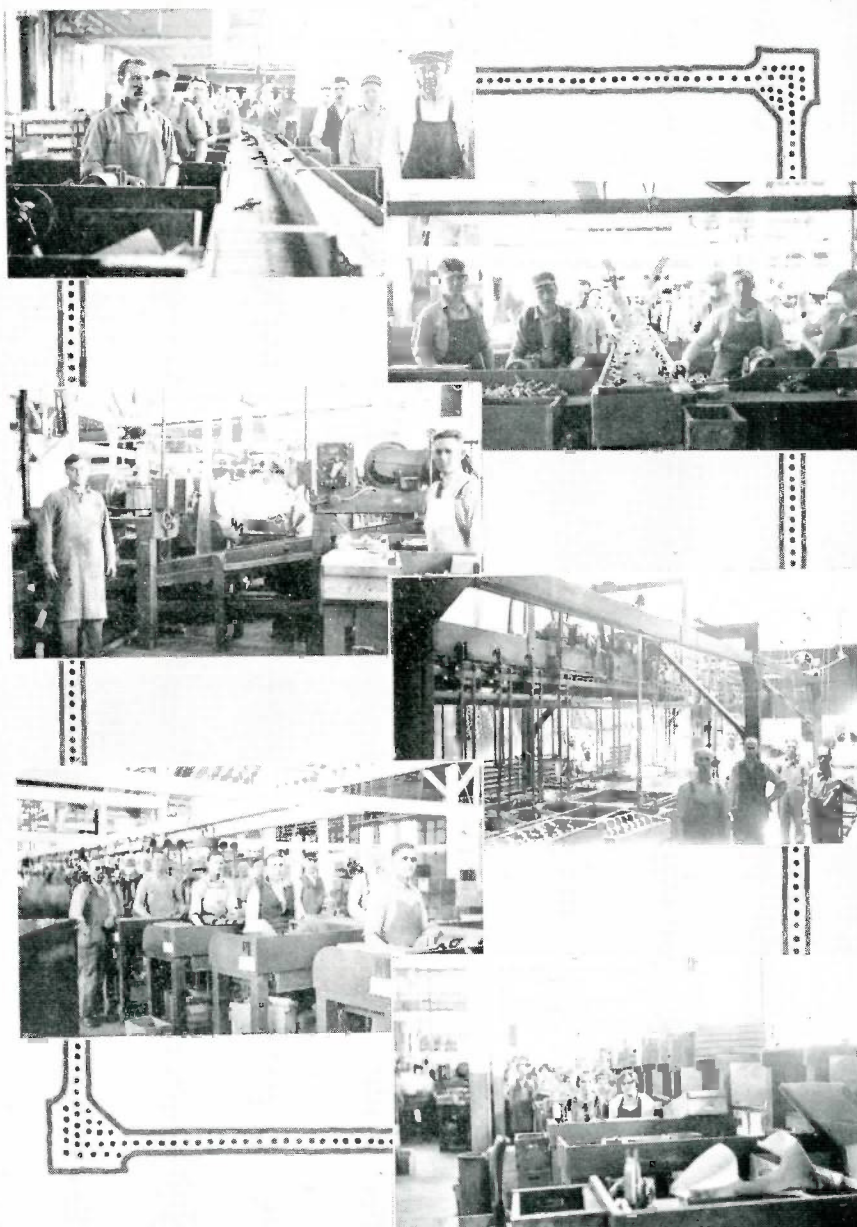
The conveyors, which were installed in the department the first of last December, have revolutionized the work of the department. The work of assembling, testing, and

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MEN OF DEPARTMENT 18

"The year's at the Spring"



SCENES IN DEPARTMENT 18

packing is done without the trucking necessary before, with more speed than was possible before, with fewer employees than were needed before.

The entire Assembly Department, under

the new system, demonstrates the possibilities there are in modern industrial research. Great saving in time and money and energy can often be effected by careful study.

"The hillside's dew-pearled"

BRASS CHIPS

A recent bulletin announces that Marshall Hobbs of the Production Control Department is "store supervisor directly in charge of and responsible for conditions and operation of:

"1. All purchased stocks under control of Production Department.

"2. Receiving department.

"3. Purchase stock books.

"Employees concerned with the operation of the above should look to Mr. Hobbs for instruction as to their work."

Claude M. Ping of the garage has been appointed assistant fire chief. He reports to Chief John Duffy.

Spring has taken back to green fields and hard roads some of our people who desire to work "inside" during the winter and "outside" in the summer. We will see them again next fall.

Arthur Koszozsa of the Ground Key Department, has left our employ to seek his fortune with the Wabash.

Pearl Malone of the Core Room has had to give up her work because she was needed at home.

William Casey of the Assembling Department has left us to play ball and work for the I. T. S.

A. Blankenship, who recently returned from Detroit, is again working in the Compression Brass Shop.

Frank O. Broadstone, formerly of Robinson, is now working in the Pottery.

Perry Tankersley of Department 30 has returned to work after an absence of six weeks because of illness.

As Albert Carter was riding home from work on his bicycle May 8 he was run down and disabled for one week.

On April 8 Dorothy Jordan was hurrying down stairs, eager as the rest of us to get to the table at noon. She failed to count the steps correctly and her heel caught. She fell, breaking the bone in her ankle. She returned to work May 17.

Physical Director W. G. Cranston is in the Decatur and Macon County hospital convalescing from an operation.

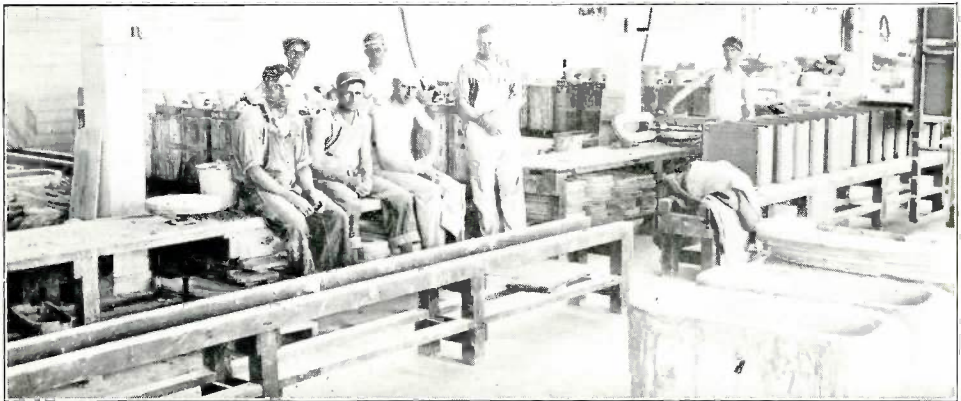
E. H. Langdon attended a meeting of Chicago Employment Managers association May 10.

We learn with delight that work is about to begin in installation of a new ventilating system in the offices of the second floor. We hope that this system may mitigate the torrid temperature that prevails in this location during warm weather.

Russell Smith of Lincoln and Eugene Park have recently been added to the laboratory staff.

Emmett Browning has been transferred from the laboratory to the office. He takes the place of Donald Phipps who is working in the Regulator Department under O. J. Hawkins.

IN THE POTTERY



"The lovely town was white with apple-blooms. And the great elms overhead"

ATHLETIC FIELD AT MUELLER HEIGHTS

Under the able direction of Billy Mason and Charley Auer, the work on the new athletic field is progressing rapidly. The surface of an entire 40 acre field is being leveled or terraced. The baseball diamond will be at the west side of this area. Provisions are being made, too, for tennis, volley ball, and football. The dance floor which will be erected just back of the athletic club, will be 60 by 120 feet.

These different areas are a series of terraces overlooking the lake, with the woods and athletic club house in the background. When this work is finished and the whole area green with sod, it will be a very attractive country club, unequalled for beauty in this part of the State.



ROY BURTON ON THE ROAD

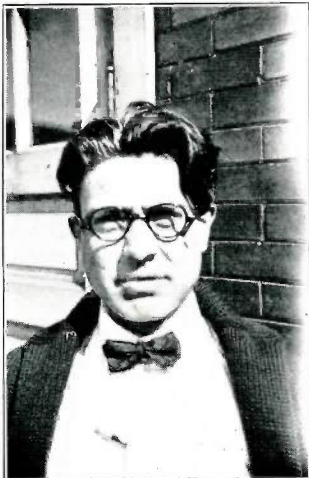
Roy V. Burton is the newest Junior salesman. He started out a few weeks ago as an assistant to Thomas E. Gaither, our Ohio representative.



Subsraction.—Vicar: "What would happen if you were to break one of the Ten Commandments?"

Willie: "Well, then there would be nine."

Julius in Florida



Julius Staudt, the willing and ready, has left his old haunts in the traffic office for balmy Florida. He was recently placed in charge of the warehouse in Palatka. Although he has been in Florida but a short time, he has already been showering souvenirs upon his friends back here. Marie received the cunningest little alligator the other day.

Plant 9 Clerk



Introducing Dale Bailey, Clerk at Plant 9. He is a brother to Bill Bailey in the Purchasing Department

QUIT THIS BAD PRACTICE

Every day and sometimes oftener the Paymaster's Office is beset with wage assignments. Someone buys a suit of clothes, furniture, or something else on payments. He is asked by the merchant to sign a paper which the customer usually does without reading it.

In reality this paper gives the holder the right to collect your wages from your employer. Naturally the employer does not like it. This practice of assigning wages is expressly prohibited in the Rule Book. (See page 10). Do not assign your wages. You may be assigning your job also.



FOREMEN'S CLUB MEETS AT LODGE

The Foremen's Club, with the wives and guests of the members, entertained the visiting Indiana jobbers at their April meeting at Mueller Lodge. About a hundred foremen and guests, in addition to some twenty jobbers were present and had much to say in commendation of the Lodge in its spring beauty and of the program arranged by the committee.

The program for the evening was:

6:30—Introductions.

Dinner

Remarks.....Mr. Adolph Mueller

8:00—Dance.

Cards.



SEND IN BABY NAMES

The Employment Office tries to keep a record of all children born to employees. Please see to it that your little one's name is listed.

"'Tis time to run, 'tis time to ride"



Spoon and Duster



With fresh fruits and vegetables fast coming into their own, the housewife's problem of finding something "different" to eat is becoming, for a time, less difficult. But, even with favorite dishes of long-standing popularity, little variations from the old story are not amiss.

Asparagus is one of the most healthful of vegetables. Here are two recipes:

Goldenrod Asparagus

To two cupsful of rich, highly seasoned cream sauce add the finely chopped whites of two or three hard-boiled eggs, and pour over a bunch or more of cooked asparagus (tough portions) which is arranged on six oblongs of hot buttered toast. Rice yolks of eggs over all, garnish with very fine shavings of green sweet peppers, and serve.

Spanish Asparagus

Cut asparagus into inch-long pieces and cook until tender. Make the following sauce: Melt two tablespoonsful of butter with one of flour, blend and add, stirring, one cupful of thin cream, salt to taste, a dash of cayenne and one tablespoonful of lemon juice. After it is thickened and smooth add the asparagus, and serve poured over hot toast croutons, all very hot. Two hard-boiled eggs, sliced, may be added to make an adequate main dish for lunch.

In June, the month of brides, there is always plenty of opportunity to use new ideas for showers and parties. One woman's magazine writer makes this suggestion:

A "Tin Lizzie" shower is as clever an idea as I ever heard of. The sponsor of the party utilized her mother's sewing room model or "dress dummy" and dressed it in an inexpensive gown of silver tulle. Around the waist was hung a "girdle" composed of small aluminum jelly-molds strung together on wire. One each side of the figure a small skillet depended, while in front a whole set of aluminum mixing and cooking spoons and forks extended to the hem. The necklace was skilfully made from four sets of measuring spoons of graded size, which gave the appearance of pearls or beaten silver. Salt-cellars hung from the ears, and muffin-rings and twisted spoons made the bracelets. On the head was a full-sized aluminum kettle and in her hands she held a beautifully polished griddle—in lieu of a hand-mirror. Other small gifts were heaped at her feet.

The Efficient Housewife Says:

A small quantity of sassafras bark placed among dried fruits will keep them free from worms for years.

A tablespoonful of vinegar added to the lard for frying doughnuts prevents them from absorbing extra fat.

My brooms last longer and do better work if I give them an occasional bath. I use four tablespoonsful of household ammonia to two quarts of lukewarm water. The straws are placed in the solution for half an hour, after which they are thoroughly rinsed and hung straw end down in a cool, dry place.

Instead of throwing potato peelings into the garbage can I burn them to prevent the accumulation of soot in the pipes.

There are new uses for rhubarb, too. Have you ever thought of rhubarb shortcake or baked rhubarb? Rhubarb conserve doesn't sound half bad, either. It is made in this way:

Rhubarb Conserve

Take two quarts of chopped rhubarb, drain off most of the juice, add three large oranges and one lemon, put through the meat chopper, and an equal weight of sugar; cook slowly, stirring occasionally, until it is rich and thick. Put into sterilized cans and top with paraffin.

Do you like pineapple and tomatoes combined in salad? This salad—it has the intriguing name of Water-lily salad—is made by this recipe:

Take rather small tomatoes, uniform in size. Peel them without removing the stem end. Cut in sixths, partly through the solid part at stem. Press gently apart until the tomato is like a water lily about two-thirds open. Put tomatoes on lettuce leaf and fill the centers with drained crushed pineapple. Garnish with mayonnaise.



A MARKET OVERLOOKED

Excitedly the manufacturer of the World's Greatest Insect Exterminating Powder burst into the export manager's office.

"Hey!" he bellowed, "have we got an agency in Egypt?"

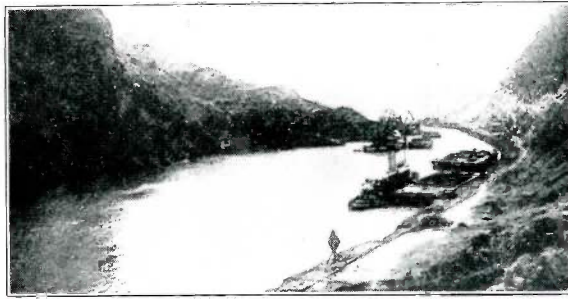
"Why—er—no, sir."

"Well, why ain't we? I saw a movie of them pyramids las' night and it says they was covered with millions of hieroglyphics."

"The Spring is here—the delicate footed May"



Leisure Hours



Culebra Cut, Panama Canal. This is another one of the very beautiful sights in Mr. Robert's recent trip to the West Indies and the Isthmus

There are a number of things about Mr. Robert's West India trip which are most interesting. We continue his narrative from the point at which we stopped in the April number.

Saturday, March 13, 1926.

Colon, Panama.

We reached Colon March 13. This is a very pretty and substantial city. The U. S. owns five miles on each side of the Canal Zone and the wonderful improvements which our good old U. S. A. has made during the last thirteen years are simply great.

After 400 years almost to the day, or on September 26, 1913, the first test of the Gatun Locks was made and all of the engineering work proved out in a first class way and in the manner the engineers laid out the extraordinary and most wonderful engineering feat the world has ever known. It is of such stupendous magnitude that words cannot describe a one-thousandth part of the engineering scientific part of it. We are all so very proud of our American engineers who built the canal.

The distance between shores at the place selected for the canal is 34 miles and the low point in the Continental Divide through which Gaillard (Culebra) cut has been driven, was some 365 feet above the level of the sea when the French began their excavations.

The highest point was Gold Hill, or 662 feet above sea level. This is where the heavy land slides took place about five years ago.

The average width of the canal is about 320 feet through the deep cuts and about 70 feet deep.

On our canal trip, which took the whole day, we also visited Balboa (the main quarters for our soldiers and sailors), old Panama and new Panama.

All of these places were so very interesting and educational.

Our soldiers and sailors are taken care of in beautiful homes with all of the latest plumbing conveniences and the yards have beautiful flowers, shrubs,

and trees. Uncle Sam surely doesn't do anything in a half-hearted way.

In Colon they have a great number of nice stores where we enjoyed ourselves on shopping tours.

We arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, on March 16, and remained there two days. We were delighted and much pleased when we entered the port, as we landed at a most beautiful dock.

The Island of Jamaica is owned by England and is one of the best islands for sanitation and health we have had the pleasure to visit. We saw banana fields from 8 to 10 miles square. We also saw miles and mile of coconut trees. The island ships years from 16 to 20 million bunches of bananas. There are about 9 heads or 20 bananas to the head, or in other words, about 180 bananas to the bunch. Most of the fruit is handled by the United Fruit Co. They have large warehouses every place. During all of our train trips, all of the people were served free fruit and Poland drinking water. Bananas sell to the trade for about 30 cents a bunch. When the United Fruit Co. ships out the bananas they receive on an average of 50 cents a bunch. The people work for very small wages, receiving from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day. The mountain people usually walk from ten to twenty miles a day and they usually carry from 5 to 35 pounds in baskets on their heads.

For a short and beautiful trip we would recommend a trip to Kingston and other cities on the Jamaica Islands.

We arrived at Santiago, Cuba, on March 18. The harbor in Santiago is considered the finest in Cuba. Although the entrance is but 600 feet wide, the bay within is six miles long and four miles wide. It was at the mouth of this bay that Lieutenant Hobson sank the "Merrimac" on June 3, 1898, in an effort to bottle up the Spanish fleet. Old Korro Castle, guarding the right side of the entrance to the harbor withstood a terrific shelling from the fleets of Admiral

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"The crocus bed is a quivering moon of fire"

WEDDINGS

Stewart-Watson

Hazel Stewart and Stanton Watson, both of the Core Room, were married the last of April. They have since left the employ of the Company, giving no address.

Musselman-Jewell

Emma Musselman, one of the best known and most popular girls of the Core Room, and George Jewell were married April 28 in the parsonage of the St. Paul's Lutheran church, with the Rev. Walter Obermeyer performing the ceremony.

Miss Musselman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Musselman, 1520 East Grand avenue. She has been employed with our Company for the past five years. Mr. Jewell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jewell, 612 North Main street, and is employed by the Illinois Power & Light corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell are residing at 1123 South Illinois street.

Burgener-Sternes

Miss Verian Burgener and William Sternes were married Saturday evening, May 15, in the Presbyterian parsonage in Assumption, the Rev. DeLong, pastor of the Presbyterian church performing the ceremony.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hall of Decatur, sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride wore tan georgette, a large picture hat, and blonde accessories. She carried bridal roses. Her attendant was attired in blue silk crepe.

Mrs. Sternes is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos F. Burgener of Plant 9. She completed her education in the schools of Assumption. Mr. Sternes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sternes of Assumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Sternes are making their home in Assumption.



DEATHS

ARTHUR HUNT

Arthur Hunt of the Polishing Department died of pneumonia May 13, 1926, after an illness of two weeks.

He started to work in the Polishing Department on Feb. 2, 1926. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Wave Deain, step-father, J. T. Deain, who is employed at Plant No. 9.

Arthur was a member of the Illinois National Guard. The family moved to Decatur from Oreana last fall. Burial was at the family lot at the Center cemetery near Vandalia.

Donald Dean Schuman

Donald Dean, infant son of John Schuman of the Iron Foundry, died May 18. The little fellow was three weeks old. Funeral services were held May 20 from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnson.

William A. Wood

William A. Wood died of heart failure at his home in Tower Hill, April 21.

Three of his sons, Roy, Irwin, and Eston, work for the Mueller Co. Another son, Claude, formerly worked here. The youngest son, Glenn, is in the United States navy.

Catherine Marie Rhodes

Catherine Marie Rhodes, infant daughter of William L. Rhodes of the Foundry, died April 21, at the family residence, 1718 North Gulick avenue. She was eight months old. Her death was caused by pneumonia, following an attack of whooping cough. Beside her parents she is survived by a brothers, Robert Rhodes, and two sisters, Laura Bernadine and Opal Virginia Rhodes.

Duvall Infant

Robert Kendall, 18 months' old son of C. E. Duvall of the Machine Repair Department, died of pneumonia at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, April 24, following a month's illness. He was born Oct. 1, 1924, near Lodge. Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters and one brother.

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Sampson and Admiral Schley, and still stands in comparatively good state of preservation.

Santiago has a distinctly Oriental aspect from the bay as it lies against the hillside, its radiant roofs gleaming in the sunlight. The house where Hernando Cortez lived stands on a hill and offers a vantage point for viewing the city. At the Filarmonia Theatre near the plaza, the peerless Adelina Patti at the age of 14 made her debut. It was in Santiago in 1873 that the captains and sailors of the American steamer, "Virginus," captured as filibusters, were stood against the wall and shot. A tablet marks the spot.

An enjoyable ride was taken along the park-like Alameda to San Juan battlefield, where Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders won immortality. On the way to San Juan, the famous Surrender Tree, where General Toral surrendered to General Shafter, was passed. It was here that Spanish rule in Cuba came to an end.

We did not think much of the City of Santiago as we found it very dusty and the streets, in a great number of places, were dirty, and, we thought, unsanitary. We saw the exact location of our American army. We also saw Teddy Roosevelt's monument, of which we were very proud. We also took an auto trip on the mountain road called "Wood Folly" and it certainly was ne of the most hazardous trips we have made. This road cost the United States a little more than 18 million dollars.

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"Awake! the morning shines, and the fresh field calls us"

A VACATION IN A TRAINING CAMP

From the Army Information Service comes an interesting account of citizens' military training camps—camps in which 125,000 youths have been trained in the last five years.

This summer, in accordance with provisions recently made by Congress, there will be more camps and larger enrollments. This summer, also, is expected to see the greatest participation by industry since the camp movement began.

From the Information Service announcement we quote: "The Government offers you thirty days in the open air under a systematized program which will fill you with pep and ambition and which holds twice the action and enjoyment your usual vacation would afford. All expenses are paid, including railroad fare to and from camp; food, athletic equipment, and lodging. Added to this, physical training under expert instructors designed to build up the bodies of young men, military drill, rifle and pistol marksmanship, and the chance to obtain a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps."

Four courses of training are offered. Each of them includes thirty days in camp for four years. The first course provides preliminary instruction in athletics, military drill, marksmanship, and other subjects. The advanced courses permit the applicant to specialize in the branch in which he wishes to be trained. Graduation from the Blue or final course confers upon the successful student eligibility to take the examination for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

The purpose of the citizens' military training camps, according to the announcement,

Enter the Atom

Recently a noonday meeting was temporarily diverted from its usual purpose to allow



Mr. Morey

Mr. Langdon to read an article on the effect and influence of chemistry upon life, habits, and civilization. Naturally, both barrels of the article were loaded with scientific terms which are Mr. Langdon's regular diet, and which he tosses about with the skill and grace of a professional juggler.

Some of the minor scientific terms had to do with molecules, atoms, etc. "And now," said Mr. Langdon, reading from the article, "comes our little friend, the atom." Just at that moment a somewhat small sized Dr. Morey of first aid fame, entered the room, and everybody was quick to give Mr. Langdon credit for his bit of unconscious humor. The laugh at Dr. Morey's expense caused him to blush deeply and suggest first aid to prevent blood pressure on the brain.

is: "To offer to the youth of America the best possible opportunity to mingle with other young men of their age, and to rub shoulders with them while undergoing military drill or participating in athletics in a way which they will never otherwise be able to do. Leading teachers, business men and high public officials of the nation have heartily endorsed the movement."



THE ORATOR

A great deal has been said about speaking briefly and to the point, about making one word do the work of ten. This story illustrates the old idea:

A negro met an acquaintance of his, also colored, on the street one day and was surprised to see that his friend had on a new suit, new hat, new shoes, and other evidences of prosperity.

"Hey, boy," he said, "How come you all dressed up this way? Is you got a job?"

"I've got something better'n any job," replied the other. "I've got a profession."

"What is it?"

"I've a orator."

"What's a orator?"

"Don't you know?" asked the resplendent one in surprise. "Well, I'll tell you what a orator is. If you was to walk up to a ordi-

Moving Day



Billy Mason's office in the process of being moved

"For lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth"

nary nigger and ask him how much was two and two, he'd say 'four,' but if you was to ask one of us orators how much was two and two he'd say, 'When in de cou's of human events it becomes necessary to take de numeral of de second denomination and add it to de figger two, I says unto you and I says it without fear of successful contradiction, dat de result will invariably be four.' Dat's a orator."

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We arrived in Havana March 20. We were instantly impressed with its beauty. The new part, especially, has so many large and interesting buildings.

Havana is the metropolis of the West Indies—cosmopolitan, pleasure loving, chivalrous. There is so much of interest in this remarkable city that it is an almost futile task to attempt even a meagre description.

The thing that most appeals to the tourist is the atmosphere of joy that pervades the place. It is indeed a city of happiness where there seems to be no room for care.

Among the attractions in the immediate city are Old Fort, where DeSoto set forth for the conquest of Florida, capped as it is with a bronze figure of La Habana, the Indian maid for whom the city was named; Morro Castle on the left of the harbor, and La Punta fort on the right; the Cathedral on Empedrador streets where the remains of Columbus once reposed; Obispo and O'Reilly streets, with their attractive shops; the beautiful Prado, a magnificent boulevard extending from Central Park to La Punta Fort; the Fronton, where jai alai is played; the Colon cemetery where the bodies taken from the battleship "Maine" are buried.

Close at hand and easy of access, are numerous pleasure spots, including Marianao Beach where delightful surf bathing may be enjoyed; the Havana Country Club with an excellent eighteen hole golf course and the Havana Yacht Club.

Our only regret is that we cannot remain here for a week instead of only two days. Havana has a population of five hundred thousand. One can ride for a half day at least on the most wonderful paved streets I have ever seen. The climate is ideal.

We will leave in the morning for Nassau and then to New York. Will arrive in New York, Roosevelt Hotel, the 26th.

P. S.—This evening after dinner a group of men sat together and they were telling their experiences of seeing Havana, and it was finally decided that this was one of the best and most beautiful cities in the world. They are now constructing hundreds of large substantial business buildings, warehouses, and private residences. We never saw so much work going on in any city as we have visited as I understand it. This is one of the second or third largest harbors in the world. About thirty to thirty-five large freighters and passenger boats ply between Havana and the United States. We are having bushels of fun and also deriving an education which we cannot get from reading books.

EMPLOYEES' AID SOCIETY

Financial Statement, April 21—May 18, 1926

April 21 Balance.....	\$1,477.26
Receipts	
Company's Contribution.....	thel P L I
Co.'s contribution, May.....	\$ 50.00
Deus for May.....	930.55
	980.55
	\$2,457.81

Payments	
Death Benefit—	
Arthur Hunt.....	\$ 60.00
Other benefits.....	571.85
	\$ 631.85
Balance May 18, 1925.....	\$1,825.96
Assets	
Mueller Bonds.....	\$2,500.00
Municipal Bonds.....	1,000.00
Cash.....	1,825.96
	\$5,325.96

Benefits Paid	
Geo. Denning.....	\$ 5.40
J. T. Duter.....	79.80
Florence Bentley.....	32.20
J. W. Workman.....	4.50
James McKown.....	18.00
Albert May.....	22.50
Wm. Beckentier.....	39.90
H. F. Jones.....	35.40
Jackson Ellis.....	5.25
J. H. Chalcraft.....	9.00
Dorothy Jordan.....	23.60
Perry Vawter.....	12.00
Omar Anderson.....	2.70
J. Heisler.....	1.00
Wm. E. Davis.....	1.50
James Cuniff.....	20.40
Hugh Kerwood.....	4.50
Chas. Hobbs.....	17.60
John Leavens.....	1.50
Walter Donaldson.....	4.50
John Harrell.....	26.40
Perry Tankersley.....	35.40
Dwight Seeley.....	13.80
Wm. Thomas.....	12.00
Walter Stone.....	18.00
W. G. Meis.....	2.00
Mildred Meece.....	5.00
Wm. L. Joseph.....	9.00
Mrs. Lola Brown.....	6.00
Wm. Wall.....	3.75
G. A. Alexander.....	9.00
W. G. Cranston.....	15.00
Madge Daniels.....	6.00
Arthur Hunt.....	6.00
James Sanders.....	10.75
Paul Spangler (refund).....	1.35
Alfred Carter.....	9.00
Sydney Miller.....	11.25
Cecil Pope.....	30.90
	\$571.85

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love"