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May

Now the bright morning star, day's harbinger,
Comes dancing from the east, and leads with her
The flowery May, who from her green lap throws
The yellow cowslip, and the pale primrose.
Hail, bounteous May, that doth inspire
Mirth, and youth, and warm desire;
Woods and groves are of thy dressing,
Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing,
Thus we salute thee with our early song,
And welcome thee, and wish thee long.

—Milton. On May Morning.

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EDITORIAL

Well, here's the month of May and daylight saving all in one delivery.

Service is a big word in business nowadays. People have become educated to good service because all progressive business men strive to give it. Those who fall down suffer by comparison. They lose customers and friends as a result. A buyer will overlook many things not measuring entirely up to his expectation, but if a seller negligently disregards giving prompt service, explanations are of little avail. Everyone connected with this factory is in some measure responsible for good service. Failure to handle orders promptly and correctly has a direct influence on deliveries. With competition growing keener every day it is most necessary to stay on tip toes and keep production humming.

Second holiday of the year, this month—Memorial Day. It comes on Monday.



The Vital Spot is becoming known all over the United States. It stands for the Mueller Co. and represents our policy of good workmanship, quality, service and fair dealing. We insist in our advertising that faucets are the vital spots of plumbing, that they carry the responsibility of service, of satisfactory plumbing; that they wear and that they eliminate pounding and knocking in the pipes. All these claims put us on record with the public. Persons buying on advertisements remember the claims made in printed statements. If the goods fail to measure up to our claims the buyers tell us of the fact. Worse than that they tell their friends and prevent other sales. You are a Vital Spot in our organization. The work you do on the goods determines whether they live up to our claims. Your present responsibility is greater than it ever was. Remember the success of a factory is determined by the sales. Lots of sales—lots of steady employment. Limited sales—limited

work. Don't you see where your self-interest and your responsibility comes in? Be a real Vital Spot in this organization. Don't fall down on any part of the job.



WHAT DOES IT COST TO RUN A CAR?

It takes considerable accounting to accurately list all of the items of expense that enter into the cost of owning and operating so humble a car as a Ford. When some drivers are asked the cost of automobile travel, they mention gas and oil and beguile themselves into thinking that is all. But a true record of costs would show that these two items are not even the principal costs of motoring.

Let us assume, that the said flivver costs \$140.00 and that it is bought for cash. The interest on this amount at 7% is \$30.80 per year and to a man who is buying his home on payments it would save him just that much interest, or \$2.56 a month.

Let us suppose that the car gives six years of service and depreciates accordingly. We should charge up \$73.30 or \$6.11 a month. Each year there will be \$8.00 license and every driver should carry a liability insurance. These items easily amount to more than the gas and oil. We have said nothing about repairs, new tires and battery replacement. All of these things need to be taken into account to get the true cost of driving. If this were done we would not kid ourselves into thinking that the cost of a trip to Springfield was merely the amount of gas and oil used. By the time the six years have passed, the little flivver will have cost about \$1,000.00 and all that remains will be some rusty junk and assorted memories.

If this money had been saved it would be producing an income from year to year, it would not wear out nor depreciate, and would increase with the passing of time.

A dollar saved when a man is twenty will be ten dollars when he is forty, and the dollars spent for motoring when a man is twenty may lead him to poverty when he is forty.

DIXIE GETS HIGH COMPLIMENT

Thoughtful Courtesy Calls Fourth Appreciation of Visitor

Mr. J. A. Simmons, General Traffic Manager of the C. I. & W., attended the recent meeting of the Traffic Club and luncheon at Mueller Lodge and also paid a visit to Matt Trott of the Traffic Department. In a letter of appreciation of various courtesies extended him, Mr. Simmons compliments Miss Ethel Dixon very highly because of her thoughtful kindness to him. The letter follows:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31, 1927
Mr. Adolph Mueller, Pres.,
Mueller Company,
Decatur, Ill.
Dear Mr. Mueller:-

I have your favor March 21st, in relation to the luncheon at Mueller Lodge extended by the Association of Commerce through your courtesy, Thursday, March 17th, to Railway Officials and others.

I wish to say to you, frankly, and in all candor, that I doubt if in my many years experience, I have ever attended a luncheon with better appointments and service in general than the one referred to. I know that every guest felt he was in a homey atmosphere and beyond all that was the beautiful luncheon that I know was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In fact, I heard numerous comments on it, and made a number of them myself.

These visits are of extreme value in my opinion, and personal contact affords, always, better relations and better understanding among business men, and your Transportation Club is doing a splendid service to your community.

I received a copy of the Mueller Record to which you refer, and have enjoyed it's many interesting subjects very much.

I wonder if I might relate to you an experience in calling at your office, on the Traffic Department, on the 17th. Mr. Trott had been called out. I was waiting therefore to talk to his assistant, who was busy with other railroad men at the time. The young lady, stenographer, in Mr. Trott's office displayed the utmost interest in according me entertainment in my wait by judicious and kindly conversation for a few moments, finally getting me a copy of a recent issue of the Mueller Record with which I amused myself while waiting to talk to Mr. Trott's assistant who received me graciously and kindly when I got to him, all of which indicates, to my mind, the kindly attitude of your entire staff in seeing to it that none of your callers are neglected. I was able, of course, to see Mr. Trott later on in the evening,

who is of that kind of a disposition to be helpful to everyone he comes in contact with.

Naturally, I always like to hear our representatives treat our friends and patrons with consideration and kindness, and I thought it only fair to make some mention of this matter to you.

A similar attitude is observed in the relations of the roads, I know, with all the other Decatur industries, the result being that, for Decatur and its business men and interests, an extremely kindly feeling and interest by the railroad fraternity and others coming in contact with these gentlemen, is felt.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Simmons
General Traffic Manager.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Ruth Daniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Daniel to Roland H. Gieseke of Springfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gieseke of Trenton, was announced at a party given April 15th, by Dorothy and Eleanor Shaw, cousins of the bride to be. Twelve friends were guests, and decorations were in yellow and lavender. Miss Lucile Helpenstine, who received the consolation prize, received the announcement of the engagement in a large Easter egg. Miss Daniel is a graduate of Decatur High School, attended Millikin two years, and is a member of Theta Gamma sorority. She graduated from the University of Illinois last year and has been teaching this year at Knoxville. The wedding will take place early in the summer.

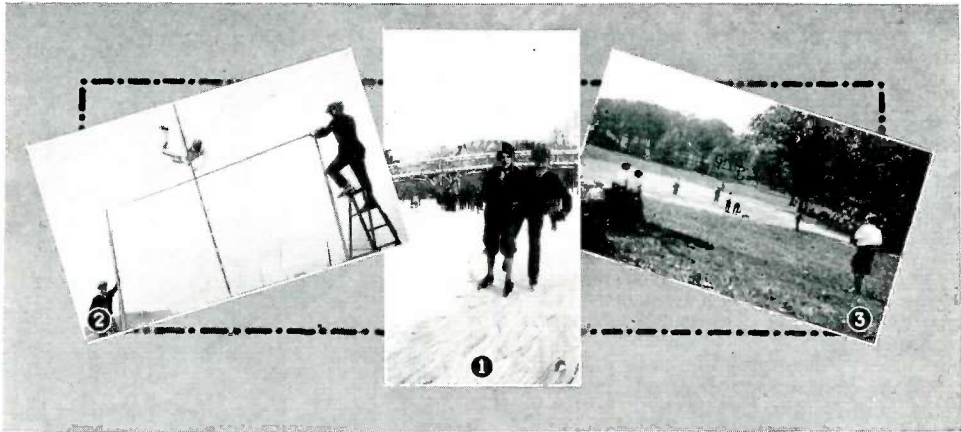


MISS MARJORIE IMES

A recent issue of the Decatur Herald contained a very interesting article in reference to Miss Marjorie Imes, daughter of William Imes, clock number 3034. Accompanying the article was a picture of the subject. The writer said:

Miss Imes is an interpreter, but not of the usual sort. She is the daughter of number 3034, William H. Imes, 423 West King street, a mute. Her mother who died a year ago also was a mute. Miss Imes, brought up from childhood to interpret the sign language of her parents into speech for the understanding of other persons, and vice versa, has gradually grown into the position of official interpreter for other mutes in Decatur. She officiates at funerals, translating the minister's words into sign language, at churches where special services for mutes are held, at lectures, and wherever else she can be of assistance. She attended Decatur High school and later went to school in Indianapolis. She is employed by the Cash Company.

THE CAMERA CLUB



The April contest of the Camera Club which had for its subject, "Action Pictures" brought out a number of excellent photographs on this interesting theme, although owing to the rainy weather and late season at the time of the contest, only a few of the members contributed. These, however, covered a variety of subjects, embracing every sport from ice skating to tennis, swimming and other midsummer sports. Most of these, although taken with simple cameras, showed extraordinary distinctness, clarity and detail.

The first prize of \$2.50 was awarded this month to Miss Eloise Dickson for her excellent picture of ice skating at Dreamland Park. The second prize of \$1.50 was awarded to Paul Burke for his photograph of a pole vault. The third prize was awarded to Miss Margaret Marcott's picture of a ball game at the last Mueller Picnic.

The gratitude of the Camera Club is extended to Mr. Pease of the Rembrandt Studios, who judged the contest and also described the merits and defects of the various pictures submitted. He said that the value and beauty of the prize winning photograph lies in its artistic placement and makeup, its contrast and detail. The second prize picture is a good action study having good tone and sharp lines. However, the picture slants slightly and is poorly placed because of the height and the necessity for speed in taking the picture. The third prize picture is also a pleasing view, not only of the baseball game, which is in itself a difficult subject to photograph, but also of the picnic crowds watching it.

The May contest will be "Miscellaneous." Bring or send your pictures to Marie Eagle-ton on or before May 10th.

MUELLER EXHIBITS

We have sent out some very pretty exhibits to conventions during April. One of these went to the annual convention of the Southeastern Water Works Association, held in the Edwards Hotel at Jackson, Miss. This was attended by Paul Hines and W. B. Ford.

Another exhibit went to the National Gas Convention to be held in Cincinnati, May 9th. The company was represented there by Jim Sutcliffe and Salesman Gaither.

The Atwood High School had an exhibit on Saturday, April 30th, for which occasion the company sent a very attractive single panel, showing bath faucets, lavatory faucets and sink combinations and sink faucets.



HOME FROM THE SPA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller spent several weeks in April at The Spa, Waukesha, Wis. This is a noted health resort with many attractive and home like features as shown by beautiful post cards and descriptive booklets sent back by Mr. Robert.

They returned home the latter part of April.



AT DALLAS

Billy Mason has been at Dallas for a week or more on preliminary plans connected with the new warehouse the company is to build there.

This warehouse is to be a two story structure with a foundation designed to carry four stories.

Its going to be a brick building and will occupy a lot 100 x 104 at the corner of McKinney and Lamar Street.

Billy returned to Decatur Saturday, April 30.

MAKES ADDRESS AT SARNIA

Mr. Adolph Mueller visited Sarnia on April 4th and was a guest and speaker at the Luncheon Club, speaking of his appearance there the Canadian Observer published at Sarnia says:

In an interesting talk covering several subjects, Adolph Mueller, president of Mueller Limited here, stressed the value of determination in building a business or community at the weekly meeting of the Luncheon Club at the Sanford hotel this noon.

The speaker preceded his remarks with a series of humorous stories and his talk was interlarded with flashes of humor drawn from personal experiences and other sources. He spoke of the evidence of a strengthening of ties between English speaking nations during the last few years, especially since the war, and said that such relationship was as it should be.

Sanitary Methods

Sewage and sewage disposal, modern sanitation and sanitary methods were dwelt upon briefly. Drainage, he said, was not a hard problem, but the ultimate disposal of the sewage without polluting the streams was a difficult problem to solve.

In passing he mentioned several projects in prospect including the St. Lawrence deep waterway scheme and said that this would bring both nations—the United States and Canada—closer to the seaboard, would broaden the markets and bring the two great countries closer to the old world. The anticipated cheaper transportation would also help the farm problem.

Mr. Mueller paid a tribute to the British Navy and said he felt a thrill when the members sang a number entitled "Don't Let 'Em Scrap the British Navy." It expressed his sentiment, he said.

United Effort

Advances in sanitation and plumbing were cited and in concluding he said that the Mueller plant at Sarnia had been located here because it was thought, it was the right place to locate it in Canada. It had been brought to his attention that the city had registered a gain of 7 in population last year. By the efforts of the business men and those associated with the Chamber of Commerce it could be made seven, yes seventy times seven this year and in the years to come.

A. W. Mills was chairman today and there was a large turnout of members.

The B. Y. Club held a Hard Time Party at the Athletic Club on April 26th.

IN THE SOUTH

W. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson have been down in Texas during the past few weeks, calling on the Jobbers and the trade. They went first to Miami, Florida and later called at Dallas, Texas, where the company is going to build a warehouse.

Matt Trott left for Dallas Saturday, April

In the Navy



Kenneth Overfield, son of Mrs. Overfield of the Cafeteria force. Kenneth was formerly "bell hop" for Barney Marty. Now he is a member of Uncle Sam's Navy and a right good looking addition to our sea force.

30th, driving through in Everett's big Buick. Matt expects to be down there for several weeks. Everett and Billy picked up the car at Dallas and drove from there to Decatur, making numerous stops on the way.

FOREMAN'S CLUB

The last business session of the Foreman's Club was held Thursday evening, April 20, at the club house, and was followed by the usual good dinner for which Mrs. Rost and her assistants are celebrated in factory circles.

Preceding the dinner, Chief Inspector, Barney Marty, talked on production. He made clear to foreman that inspection meant no reflection on them. Its purpose is merely to find out where are troubles are and to correct them. Samples of goods which had been thrown out were shown and the defects pointed out.

Carl Draper talked about marketing the goods and Mr. Robert Mueller made a general talk in which he told of his recent visit to Waukesha and of business conditions in the water and plumbing field.

The May meeting of the club will be a social affair and after that there will be no meeting until September when the annual election will be held.

An Early Morning Hike



A party of office and factory girls had breakfast at the lodge in the early spring. They "hiked" to the lodge to bolster up their appetite for ham and other good things. The picture above shows the infantry crossing the bridge at the dam. Do you recognize any of the marchers?

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The C. G. A. Club held a birthday dinner on April 25th at the Mueller Lodge for Mr. Adolph Mueller. Mr. Adolph's birthday was not until May 8th, but in view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller were leaving on April 29th for Washington, D. C. and will not return until after the eighth, the Club decided to have a birthday party early, rather than not at all. Forty-five girls attended the dinner and special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller and Mrs. Robert Mueller. A lovely chicken dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Rost and her assistants. Mr. Adolph was presented with a birthday cake with candles from the girls and a bouquet of pink roses from the Foreman's Club. Songs, specially prepared for the occasion were sung before the dinner and as the cake was presented. The evening was spent in dancing, card playing, and singing. Mr. Adolph sang as a special favor, "Old Black Joe."



WEDDINGS

Mildred Meece of the Core Room Dept. and Noble Owens were married March 5, 1927.

The wedding was a surprise to their families and friends. Mr. Owens is employed by the Staley Co. They have been living in the Homewood Addition.

Hartwig-Sefton

Virgie Hartwig of Dept. 18 and Archie Sefton of Dept. 24 were married April 5th by Rev. R. E. Henry, at his home. The bride wore tan georgette. After a trip to Vandalia they are living with the bride's parents on Route 4.

Doolen-Moomey

Bertha Doolen and Darrell Moomey, of Dept. 18, were married March 4th at 6:30 p. m. in the Parish House of St. Patrick's

church by Father J. P. Murphy. They will live at 988 W. View St.

Graham-Ritchie

Pauline Graham and L. B. Ritchie of Dept. 18 were married July 3rd and kept it a secret until April 6th. They were married in Springfield. The bride was a nurse at the Macon County Hospital.

Hurst-Bland

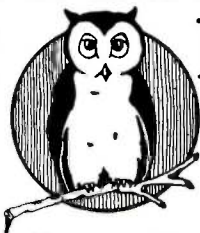
Edna Hurst and Tony Bland of the Shipping Room, were married April 6th at the U. B. Parsonage. Elza Willis of Dept. 18 attended the wedding.



Betty and Marie with the bells on at a recent outing. No they are not blue bells—horrors! They are cow bells.

THE OFFICE OWL

HOO! HOO!



An extension wire with head phone has been run into the directors room. It very closely resembles the apparatus which Frank Cruikshank uses at times. Coming into the directors rooms Mr. Robert discovered it and straightway called Marie on the switch board.

Call Frank quick he exclaimed. He left his head phone and is liable to need it, as he is going out of town."



WHAT ABOUT OUR BRIDES

We've got a row of this month—just refer to the Weddings then read this and see if it applied.

THE SPRING BRIDE

By Jov, who is that blushing bride,

Who to the altar goz,

Rite down the middle of the church

Wair students fil the ros?

Ther's Charly hoom she motord with,

And Mac is in that jam,

And Buck—she usd to walk with him—

And Gene who called her lamb.

Ther's Jack, the futbol star, she vamped,

And Pete of P. B. fame;

Ther's Henry, yes, and Steve and Lou

And—I forgot his nam;

And ther is Joe and Galen, too,

With whom she used to mush.

No wonder she's a blushing brde!

Ye gods, she awt to blush.

—Penn. Punch Bowl.



PAGE THE SHERRIFF

"She deserved her fate," hissed Hawk, the bloodthirsty demon driver of Sangamon. No sign of pity, compassion or regret marked his classic features as he looked his victim over. Instead his face was marked with rage, and the vibrant air rang with his maledictions:

He had choked her;

He had killed her;

There could be no doubt about it.

He listened to her dying gasp:

She was still cold—

Cold as the hand of death.

Yet in his fury he was not convinced.

He stepped on her—

Stepped on her with his big, heavy foot.

A faint gasp—

Was she groaning?

No, she was dead.

"Darn that engine," he muttered. Orville I'm going to be late this morning.

"Ho, hum," said Bert Jackson, standing on the scale—"still 225—Oh well I always was a poor loser."

Can and Will are Cousins

Who never trust to luck;

Can is the son of Energy,

Will is the son of Pluck.

Can't and won't are cousins, too,

Always out of work.

Can't is the son of Never Try,

Won't is the son of Shirk.

—Boston Transcript



Gerry: "What in the world is it that those Chinese want?"

Derry: "China!"—Boston Transcript.

"Do you think Liz minded that awful lawsuit she was mixed up in?"

"Why, my dear, I think she rather enjoyed it—I know she told me they had a grand jury!"—Life.

She: "When does a book become a classic?"

He: "When people who haven't read it begin to say they have."—Clipped.



Vi Blankenship: "I don't know the first thing about golf. I don't even know which end of the caddy to hit the ball with."

Mack McCutcheon was reading a bulletin put up by the Employment Dept. about lost library books. On the list was "East of the Setting Sun" by McCutcheon. Mack exclaimed very indignantly: "They're crazy, I never had any of their old library books."

Quaint Old Iowa Law Repealed

An old Iowa law, on the statute books for thirty years has just been repealed. It recalls the early days of motoring.

"The traveling motorist is ordered to telephone ahead to the next town of his coming so that owners of nervous horses may be warned in advance."

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

And The Carolinas Make a Deep Impression on Dave

Wm. E. Mueller must have been impressed by the beauty and hospitality of North Carolina, for the next week after his return he sent David Dresback to explain the intricacies of the Mueller regulator to the plumbing and water works trade of this region.

Since it was spring Dave was willing to go, and in due time he called at the home of the Sheltons in Raleigh, North Carolina. John Shelton's enthusiasm for the Carolinas was evidently contagious for now Dave tells us that the beauty of these mountains and the excellence of the roads surpass anything that he has seen. (California please take notice).

While not as high as the Rockies nor as rugged, the Blue Ridge Mountains are densely wooded. Most of the timber is cedar and pine which gives a dark green back-ground. Against this the dog wood was in full bloom and the color contrast together with the balmy air, and the beauty of the forest clad mountains made a picture that the young man from Illinois will long remember.

Dave has not committed himself on the beauty of the girls of North Carolina, but we cannot bring ourselves to believe that they are second to the scenery.

Dave found that the Southern people maintain their famous traditions for hospitality.



L. W. Mueller, P. D. Ruthrauff and Quinn Charlton made a business trip to Chicago for the Company, April 28 and 29.



ATHLETIC SHOW

Four o'clock in the morning, and all is well.

At a recent athletic show, held in the gym, over three hundred employees attended. The performances consisted of four wrestling matches and four boxing bouts. This show was promoted as a benefit for the Night Hawks' baseball team to purchase needed equipment.

At an early hour one Saturday morning the sidewalk in front of the club house was lined with blue blooded sports all set for the grand rush for ring side seats. Although considerable excitement prevailed the crowd was orderly and well behaved.

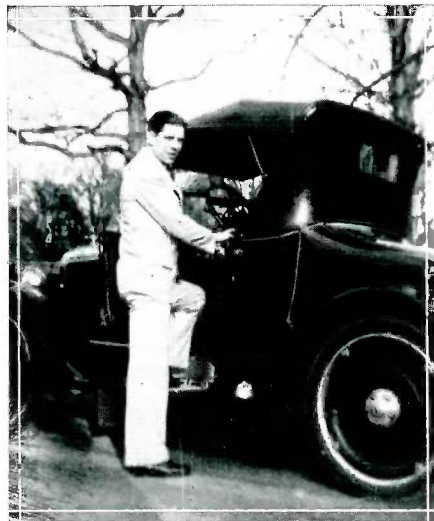
Program

In the first wrestling match Harold Taylor gained a fall from Buttercup in exactly one minute, with a double nelson.

Eddie Chepaun threw James Shelton in five minutes with a body scissors and an arm hold.

Red Bland won a fall from Phil Joplin in seven minutes with a series of head locks.

Ready for a Spin



Wm. Utterback with all the car marks of a Hollywood sheik, about to enter his Rolls-Royce for a spin down the highway. Oh dream of dreams why must you be shattered. The Rolls-Royce is only a "flivver" and doesn't even belong to William. It belongs to John Jukes of the Traffic Department, who loaned the car as scenery while William posed for this picture. Good picture, all right and a good looking subject, No? Yes?

Harold Kenney pinned Maynard Moore's shoulders to the mat in one and one half minutes. Kenney used his famous half nelson and crotch hold in securing the fall.

The following boxing matches wound up the program. Each bout lasted the full four rounds.

Sam Oglesby vs. Earl McClure.

Augie Rauchek vs. "Outlaw" Baum.

Paul Wagner vs. Arthur Yobski.

Fred Roarick vs. Keith Anderson.

Night Superintendent Joe Dial was largely responsible for the success of the performance. His organization of field managers in disposing of tickets was an outstanding feature in promoting the event. Seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents was taken in. Director of athletics, Bill Cranston, conducted the entertainment and refereed all the contests.

It is possible that similar events will be staged in the future. A night men's class in boxing has been organized. It won't be long before they will be handing out some healthy wallops.



Why?

Fair Motorist—"Really, I didn't hit you intentionally."

Irate Victim—"What have you got that bumper on your car for, if you aren't aiming to hit someone?"

AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Wednesday afternoon, April 27, Mr. Adolph appeared before the students of the Department of Business Administration, University of Illinois and made an address, dealing with practical business problems.

He was heard by about 300 persons, who evinced deep interest in what he had to say.

AID SOCIETY EXCHANGES BONDS

We have been notified by the Mueller Brass Co. of Port Huron that they would call in their 7% bonds on August 1st, 1927.

They offer in exchange through Schluter & Company of New York, their new series of bonds paying 6% interest. They offered for the old bonds \$102.77 per \$100.00. The offer was accepted and the Aid Society increased its holdings in Mueller bonds to \$3,000. The financial statement shows that the premium received on making this exchange was \$69.25.

The Trustees believe this is a good investment and assures us an income of 6% on this investment for the next ten years.

BRASS CHIPS

Clarence Hinderliter of the Assembly Dept. has quit to go to farming.

Ed. Kushmer has been transferred to Dept. 18 to succeed Lester Carder who has resigned.

Earl Shellabarger has been moved to the Paymaster's Office, and Alfred Roper succeeds him as clerk in Dept. 30.

Mrs. John DeFratus died early Thursday morning, April 28. The funeral was at Springfield, Illinois.

A recent visitor came to stay at the home of Roy Fleckenstine of Dept. 8. The newcomer arrived March 14 and has been named Herbert Joseph.

The Employment Office has stopped hiring men since the temporary retrenchment at Plant 9. A number of men laid off there, have been placed in other departments.

Carl Yonker of Dept. 8 has been transferred to the Machine Shop.

Orval German of the Shipping Dept. has been transferred to the Production Control Office.

The Power house is now running on coal which has been stored at Plant 9. The coal is loaded into freight cars with a patent dip shovel that lifts a half ton of coal at a time. The cars are transferred from the Illinois Central to the Wabash.

NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

Charles Cochran and his force are going to put some vigorous work on the new Athletic field which they hope to have in readiness during the present season. A great deal of work has already been done on this field, it is going to be a splendid acquisition to the social and athletic activities.

WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE BUS

Dick Moore Preparing for An Extended Visit to the Trade

A new form of direct-to-customer advertising is about to be initiated. Dick Moore who is well known for his good humor and sales ability, will be in charge of a traveling exhibit of Mueller copper service pipe. A Reo speed wagon has been purchased and fitted with a special body in which is mounted a device for proving by actual test the superiority of Mueller copper service pipe. Regulators, tapping machines, and a full line of water works calking tools are included in the exhibit.

Dick has as his territory the entire United States and starts this summer through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and other central states, going as far west as Montana.

He will call particularly on the water works trade.

We are sure that Dick will have some interesting experiences and hope that he will narrate some of them for the readers of the Muller Record.

CHIPS FROM THE AUTOMATICS

Latest safety slogan in Dept. 7—"Watch out for the overhead trolley cars."

We are getting to be a real "up-to-date" Department. We now have an overhead railway system for handling rod, tubing, and copper service pipe. The track has two and three switches, and also is equipped with turn tables.

Spring was here for a while because only two or three stayed at work until 6 o'clock, when we had those few nice spring days. As a result the whole department goes home at 5 o'clock now.

Several men live in the district that was damaged by the hailstorm recently. John Kush and Wm. Bradley had several windows broken out of their houses. Sampson had the roof of his house damaged considerably.

We wonder if "Cyclone" is still interested in the Bag Factory. Evidently he is as he has been seen several times going to the north door and casting a longing glance in that direction. Perhaps he has lost something over there. We won't give up hopes for him yet as we think he will come through it all right.

Bill is trying to establish a new record by not having a date for a month. It won't be much longer now. Bill, as you only have two more weeks.

May 2, 1905

Trenton,—Governor Stokes signed today the new automobile law compelling registration and limiting the top speed on open roads to twenty miles an hour. The bill represents a compromise with those who wish to bar automobiles from New Jersey.

New York Tribune

DO YOU TIRE EASILY?

"That tired feeling" is no respecter of persons. Old or young, male or female, the insidious weakness may creep upon one at any season; and if it persists, accompanied by loss of appetite, failure in endurance and the absence of real joy in living, it is probably due to some serious cause.

This cause may be found either in disease, in some mechanical error or peculiarity of the human machine, or in faulty habits of living.

First in importance among these, perhaps, are hidden infections. This means that somewhere there is a formation of pus pouring its poison slowly into the blood. The most common sites for such infections are at the roots of dead teeth, about the gums (pyorrhea), and in the sinuses or spaces in the bones of the face which open into the nose. The ordinary cold is usually an infection, extending into the sinuses, and may leave a chronic infection.

Another common place of infection is the prostate gland in men; and still another the lungs, which may develop tuberculosis from chronic infection. The kidneys are supposed to drain the poison out of the blood, but if diseased will fail to do so. The heart, if weakened by disease, also fails to distribute oxygen through the body, thereby causing weakness.

Such mechanical defects as flat feet, varicose veins, uncorrected eye trouble, and obstructions in the breathing passages in the nose will often cause weakness. Flat feet produce an unnatural strain on the leg muscles, and the muscles of the eye, in order to make up for defective vision, are under a constant strain. Obstructions to breathing reduce the amount of oxygen freely supplied to the vital organs.

Habits of living are directly related to endurance. Tie up an arm for a time and it becomes useless for lifting. Take only liquid nourishment, and the digestive organs will eventually refuse to care adequately for solid foods.

A well balanced diet is essential, one containing a generous percentage of vitamins. It is equally unwise to eat too much or too little. Certain ball players are said to have eaten themselves out of the big leagues; habitual overeating certainly uses up energy and causes mental sluggishness. This is especially true of the person following a sedentary life.

Of equal importance is plenty of fresh air, both waking and sleeping.

Exercise must be fitted to the man in relation to his other activities. The outdoor worker needs comparatively little; also he will usually not feel exhaustion after long continued exercise, within reasonable limits. On the contrary, the sedentary person may feel exhausted after comparatively little severe exercise, due to the inexperience of

'Aint He Dandy



This is Robert Earl Wyant, son of F. L. Wyant of Plant 8. Robert is only five years old. Fine looking kid now. He is a happy victim of the golf transformation which put knickerbockers on gray haired men and long trousers on the kiddies. Robert is not kicking however, he likes the change.

his muscles. He should indulge in moderate exercise at frequent intervals, rather than severe exercise once a week.

Excessive smoking may be at the bottom of some cases of easy exhaustion. Moderation in this for one may may be excess for another.



BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Amman, February 18th, a daughter. She has been named Loretta Maxine. Mr. Amman works in Dept. 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Spitzer, March 4th, a son. He has been named Marvin Grady. Mr. Spitzer is foreman of the Automatic Machine Division.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frye, April 3rd, a daughter. She has been named Eleanor Janet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Clark, Tuesday, March 29th, a daughter, weight 9½ pounds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 26—April 28, 1927

March 26, Balance.

Receipts

March 26, Balance	\$1810.50
Company's contribution	\$ 50.00
April Dues	1044.75
Interest on Decatur Improvement Bonds	60.00
Sale of Mueller Metals Bonds	2500.00
Premium on above	69.25
Interest on above	41.81
	5576.31

Payments

Mueller Brass Co. Bonds	3000.00
Interest on above	13.00
Exchange	.15
Dues refunded	1.35
Benefits listed below	1127.17
	4141.67

April 29, Balance

Resources

Mueller Brass Co. Bonds	\$3000.00
City of Decatur Improvement Bonds	1000.00
City of Callexico Bonds	500.00
Emergency Loan Fund	500.00
Peoples Savings and Loan Ass'n	400.00
Mutual Home and Savings Ass'n	400.00
Cash	1434.64
	\$7234.64

BENEFITS PAID

E. H. Langdon, Treas.

Arthur Vaughn	10.20	Jas. H. Simpkins	28.65
Raymond F. Hardy	4.50	W. D. Keller	22.50
H. L. Himstead	10.00	Raymond Wheeler	20.40
Otis Oldham	14.40	Leon J. Sloan	32.40
Roy Workman	22.50	C. C. Hagen	24.00
A. L. Hahn	18.00	Ray Franklin	9.90
G. R. Hawkins	18.00	C. M. Hatch	3.32
Edward Stringer	9.00	Mrs. Sarah Evans	17.10
W. W. Enloe	26.60	E. Whitacre (Flowers)	5.00
Faye Daniels	12.00	Philip Reab	24.65
E. W. Lindley	12.15	F. A. Drake	2.00
S. R. Gepford	3.00	J. D. Smith	2.00
Jas. O. Piefer	3.60	John Hoots	19.65
Wilson E. Corley	9.00	J. A. Dill	2.00
Roy Gelsinger	27.00	Chester Bright	.75
Louis Shario	47.20	W. A. Brunner	1.00
L. Mattison	8.00	Ray F. Hardy	28.50
J. H. Linton	48.15	Dorothy Hornbrook	15.00
Harry Bickers	12.00	G. W. Jobe	20.00
Henry Brown	45.90	C. A. Trellogen	1.80
A. F. Kuykendall	9.00	Thorton Frantz	3.00
F. M. Durbin	9.00	Dorothy Gray	14.00
L. B. Ritchie	12.00	Mrs. Esther Hammers	59.20
O. N. Kimball	18.00		

Earl Reeves	3.00	A. G. Taylor	9.00
Sylvia Mire	18.00	Archie Johnson	8.40
J. E. Myers	3.60	Gottfried Blankenburg	10.00
Clifford McCoy	22.50	H. L. Himstead	7.50
G. A. Hodges	6.00	C. E. Du Vall	15.00
R. J. Humphreys	16.50	Roy Neil	4.50
Eugene Ochs	14.40	Oscar Taylor	21.00
Chas. G. Fickes	9.00	Wallace Cochran	5.00
R. W. Disney	10.00	Fred Manship	12.00
Julius Shaw	47.20	Ira H. Woodall	9.75
Jacob T. Eyer	5.40	Wm. J. Baldwin	6.00
Clarence Bland	15.10	Warren Godker	1.80
Fred Kushmerz	42.40	E. C. Hawkins	3.60
Oasby Fuson	4.50	Jess Fuqua	2.40
Fred Stephens	9.00		1127.17
C. A. Hanna	3.60		
John Mertz	15.20		



MATT TROTT UNLOADS

Tells a Few Funny Yarns Gathered During His Travels

Matt Trott, our peripatetic traffic manager, submitted to an interview by a Record reporter the other day who extracted the following contributions.

W. E. Mueller and Matt Trott made a recent trip to the Carolinas and of course they called on John Shelton who is now a one hundred per cent southerner. John is as enthusiastic and high pressure a booster for the South as Bill Jett is for California.

Our friends were met by John who now navigates a Nash car and were taken for a drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains. This region is becoming famous as one of the most beautiful in America and John pointed this out to his visitors with emphasis.

As they were passing the little fields set edgewise on the hillsides, Everett remarked, "This land must be darned hard to farm."

"It is for a fact," said John. "The other day I came around the bend of this road and found a man lying prostrate in the grass. 'What's the matter, neighbor?', I asked. 'Did somebody bump you with a flivver?'"

"Hell no!" he answered. "This is only the third time this afternoon that I've fallen out of that field up thar."

Since John tells this for a fact there can be no doubt about it.

When Trott told this yarn to Ray Salsbery, who is a former resident of this section, Ray said, "That is a fact all right. I remember when I was a kid in Carolina, we could look up through the kitchen chimney and see the cows coming home on the hill above."

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Over heard at the departmental supper: Addah Paradee: "I never did see a man that I didn't think was nice."



Safety News



THE GAMBLER

Monte Carlo has its graveyard of suicides who played and lost. So has the highway grade crossing.

In 1926 there were 5921 grade crossing accidents in the United States in which 2492 persons were killed and 6991 were injured. Unfortunately, "suicides" weren't the only victims. A large number of them had entrusted their safety to drivers who were reckless in betting with other peoples' lives.

Some of these drivers approached the crossing without thinking, others waited for one train to pass, but didn't stop to make sure that no train was coming from the opposite direction. But a large number deliberately raced the train to the crossing, paying no attention to flagmen, bells or wig-wags, and even crashing through lowered gates. Some of them were such poor judges of speed and distance that they struck the side of the moving train.

Probably you've heard this before. So had most of those who failed to stop, look and listen. And it's an old story for the coroner.

When you invite anyone to ride with you, you have a legal and moral responsibility to drive safely. If you must bet, stick to the World's Series or the election, and don't let anyone gamble with your life.



Hops!!!

How a Milwaukee man saved his life by leaping into the air and alighting on the hood of an automobile that was bearing down upon him is recorded in an old newspaper clipping. That this stunt could be duplicated today is doubted, since it was the hop that made Milwaukee famous in that day.

May 11, 1905

John D. Rockefeller, who has always had an aversion to automobiles since their introduction and who has posted signs barring automobilists from his private drives at Pocanto Hills, has decided to become an automobilist. He has purchased a large, covered touring car for \$5,000, and has engaged an expert to drive the machine. His prejudice against motor cars gave way after taking a drive with his brother, William Rockefeller, who owns seven cars.

New York Tribune



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Priddy Goes Fishing

Trott told of another incident in his experiences in Florida when he and Chester Priddy were there last year. Priddy was very keen to go fishing and Trott arranged with a native son to provide him with a little sport.

The native son and Priddy went up Rice Creek and Chester was trolling happily when the boat hit a log in the grass. The log leaped to life and began switching an enormous and powerful tail that would have shattered the boat in a single stroke had the native not skillfully steered it out of the way. They put on full speed with both oars and were pursued by the angry alligator for a few hundred yards when he wearied of the chase and returned to the tall grass.

An Alligator Yarn

The city of Jacksonville has been nursing an old alligator for the past 300 years. He has a pen and pool in the center of the public square where he passes his days peacefully.

The story is told of a young society bud, dressed to the fashion of the moment, who was leading a fluffy poodle. The diminutive dog passed between the iron bars of the pen and examined the torpid reptile with mild interest. In less than a flicker of an eye the great jaws of the alligator had snapped open and closed upon the bit of fluff, neatly cutting through the brass chain that held it.

Miss Jacksonville fell backward in a faint.

Hunting Easter Eggs



EASTER EGG HUNT

Mueller Lodge Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was an ideal spring day, and the Easter Egg Hunt held at the Mueller Lodge was quite a success. About four hundred children of Mueller employees attended. Mr. C. G. Auer, Miss Violet Blankenship and Ed Stille were the committee in charge of the hunt.

About 1,800 colored eggs, 250 chocolate eggs, and 100 eggs decorated with a Vital Spot, were hidden. The children were divided into two groups, those under six years, and those from six to twelve. Eggs for children under six were hidden on the lawn south of the Lodge, and the grass and shrubbery afforded ideal hiding places for the little tots. For the older children, the eggs were hidden along the road leading over the log cabin and in the woods around the cabin.

One hundred and sixty-five two day old baby chickens were given to the children finding eggs with Vital Spots, and as special prizes.

A baby chicken was given to each child in the five largest families present. They were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Carder, and Trall, Joyce, Ethel, Bernard and Gerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper and Mildred, Wanda, Wanetta, James David and Vivian.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. De Laughter and Cora Louise, Nancy, Joe, William, August and Julius.

Mr. and Mrs. James Joplin and Dale, Lynn, Ada, Margaret and Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollingshead and Leona Marie, Charles, Cecil, Wilbur and Pauline.

A rabbit doll was given to Betty Ruth Tippet, daughter of J. L. Tippet, for being the fattest baby under three years at the hunt.

For being the youngest baby present,

Ralph Lawrence, three weeks old son of Ed Kramer, received a brush and comb set in an Easter basket.

There were six sets of twins present and they were awarded fancy candy Easter. They were as follows:

Pauline and Paul Glen, children of Andrew Ledbetter.

Thelma and Wilma, daughters of Daniel Dunn.

Beatrice and Bennett, children of William Heln.

Donald and Arnold, sons of Henry Metzger.

Bernard Ray and Gerald Jay, sons of Smith Carder.

Mary and Margaret, daughters of W. T. McClure.

Red-headed boys and girls were awarded baby Rhode Island Red chickens for their distinctive mark.

Jack Enloe received a baseball for having more freckles than any boy present.

Wanda Lee Harper received a large chocolate decorated Easter egg for having more freckles than any girl present.

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Pictures on opposite page:

Upper left corner—Betty Ruth Tippet, fattest baby.

Center—Five sets of twins.

Upper right corner—Wanda Lee Harper, Girl with most freckles.

Panel above oval—Five largest families.

Oval—Red headed children.

Panel below oval—Winners of baby chickens.

Lower left corner—Ralph Lawrence Kramer, youngest baby and his mother.

Center—Tessie Brinkley, Alpha Vick, Violet Blankenship, Joyce Carder, Mae Turner, Goldie Karl with baskets of Easter eggs.

Lower right corner—Jack Enloe, boy with most freckles.



Frank Mueller's Ball Team



Frank Mueller youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller, now a student at Cornell, is pictured above in the days of real sport. The above is Frank's ball team in the days when he was a pupil in the Marietta Street school.

Reading from left to right, standing are, Harry Meisenhelter, Ralph Bogan, Wilbur Peel, brother of Mrs. Lucille Watkins of the Main office, Harold Saylor, and sitting: Raymond Clifford, Lyle Mahan, Captain Frank Mueller Everett White and Bill Doherty of the tool room. It was a great team in those days to the members and today it is a fond memory.

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AND COME SEE

“ THE LITTLE CLODHOPPER ”

On May 20th, At Mueller Gymnasium

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CHILDREN UNDER 12, 10c

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