

The **MUELLER** **RECORD**

NOVEMBER, 1927



Thanksgiving

Christmas Meeting

... of ...

Mueller Employees and Their Families

... at ...

Mueller Club Gymnasium

Thursday, Dec. 22nd, 1927

7:00 P. M.



There will be a short program appropriate to Christmas followed by:

Presentation of Employees' Gift to Firm Members.

Presentation of Service Rewards and Emblems.

(This will include both continuous and interrupted terms of service.)

Distribution of Prizes for Suggestions.

See detailed program when it appears on bulletin boards.

COMMITTEE.

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EDITORIAL

There is still a little time left to retrieve some of those broken 1927 New Year's resolutions before hatching a new batch for 1928.



Thursday, November 24th—Thanksgiving.



The automobile is an instrument of death as well as pleasure, not because of the automobile itself but because of irresponsible and reckless drivers. The time is coming when radical legislation will be passed restricting the operation of automobiles and the elimination by law of persons who disregard the rights of others. How would you like to be deprived by law of the pleasure an automobile gives you and your family? The way to avoid it is to put yourself in the class of sane and considerate drivers.



A year from now we will have a new president of the United States. Nominations of candidates will be made in a little more than 6 months. Both democrats and republicans are apparently at sea regarding a leader. The Record does not propose helping them out, being non-political. It is our suggestion that we inform ourselves on the real issues to be and on suitability of candidates. It's time to begin now. Read the newspapers and study the questions discussed, so you will vote intelligently when the time comes. The issues involved are too great, too far reaching and too important to you and the country to be called off-hand on election day.



The Mueller Record enters its 17th year with this issue. It is now among the oldest house organs in the country.

Originally it had a decidedly restricted circulation. It was sent to the salesmen and a selected list of a few persons in the plant. Its purpose primarily was to present to the

salesmen information of a somewhat technical and confidential character.

Later its scope was enlarged to include foremen and heads of departments, and still later to include all employees.

Special numbers such as Christmas and the picnic editions were mailed to the entire trade.

Last year the policy was again changed. Four times a year the Record is sent to the entire water plumbing and gas trades and eight times a year it is printed for factory circulation only.

The four special editions per year call for an edition of 50,000 copies each.

Bound copies of the Record are kept in the Employment office.

Some of the copies of the Record may have seemed of small consequence at the time they were issued, but today they possess unquestioned value, recording as they do the progress of the company. It has an especial value as a reference book.



THANKSGIVING

For fertile soil and kindly skies,
For fecund seed, for strength and skill
To sow and harvest the supplies
Which now our bursting garner's fill,
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

For daily grace through daily prayer,
For daily aid in daily strife,
That we have been allowed to share
The Wine of Heaven, the Bread of Life,
We give the thanks, O Lord.

For every wise and holy thought,
For all of worth that we have won
For every kindness we have wrought,
For every kindness to us done,
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

For faith—of all thy gifts the best—
The vanquisher of worldly care,
For peace amid the world's despair,
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

Ours is the pilgrim's changeful lot;
Let light or gloom fall on our way,
May we press on and falter not,
Till in the land of fadeless day
We give thee thanks, O Lord.
—John Power, in Living Church.

BRASS CHIPS

Dan Dunaway, belt man for Department 57 goes on Philip Mueller's farm near Vernon, Illinois.

F. D. Willis of the Ground Key Department adjusted a stop grinding machine without shutting off the power and lost the little finger of his left hand in consequence. If he had observed the rule to always shut off the power before making adjustments on the machine this injury would not have happened.

C. F. Roarick has gone on his annual fishing trip. In the past he has the luck to draw rainy weather. While this added to his discomfort it did not prevent him from fishing.

H. D. Deterding, formerly our metallurgist stopped in for a brief visit October 29. He is now located in Kansas City, Missouri, engaged in chemical and commercial work.

There is much interest in the chromium plated paper weights souvenirs made to represent a little basin faucet. These will be sold for 50 cents. Orders may be left at the Employment Office. They are now going thru the shops.

Thomas Finin, a recent graduate of the Decatur High School, succeeds J. M. Eckman as assistant in the Laboratory.

A girls athletic class is held every Wednesday evening at the gym. Miss Pfaler of the Y. W. C. A. is in charge.

Julius Heisler, Earl Tague, George Slaughter, Loren Burris and L. A. McCoy have returned to work at Plant 9.

Rachel Watson of the Core Room has gone to live with her mother in Chicago.

H. C. Albright, formerly of Plant 9 is attending Mount Morris College. He is preparing for the ministry.

Ernst & Ernst, engineers, are progressing with their time study work in Department 30.

Alfred Hexum of Plant 8 has been transferred to the Power House at the Main Plant. Harry Edson and Carl Torrence have been transferred to the Iron Foundry from the Brass Foundry.

J. M. Eckman of the Laboratory, Claude Roe of Department 30 and Myrtle Howard of the Main Office have returned to work at Plant 9.

Hubert Johnson of Department 15 has been transferred to the Machine Shop.

Leroy Himes who had the misfortune to injure his finger with a fish hook last fall suffered a relapse which laid him up in the hospital for nine days. He is now able to be about again.

H. D. Fletcher of the Core Department injured his ankle while doing some painting at home. He has been laid up for a month.

C. J. Muller who fell from the structure at the new dam at the Athletic Field is now

at home and indications are that he will make a good recovery.

James O. Eyer of the Night Polishing Department who was injured in an automobile accident returned to work October 25.

William Padrick, foreman of the Night Tool Room, is still under treatment at the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. He was invited over Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30 by Harry Miller who was sent by men of the night shift. He was very glad, indeed to see someone from home. Harry Miller reports that he is encouraged to think that Padrick will recover.

"Pat" expressed several times to Harry his deep appreciation of the good-will and practical help extended by his friends at home.

Earl W. Bailey of the Purchasing Dept. visited a number of eastern cities on a business trip for the company.

George Tipsword of the Core Department has been laid up by sickness for the past month.



In the Pontiac

Hawkins:—I'd like to have some one hold a stop watch on that car of mine to get an accurate timing in just how fast she'll do a mile.

Draper:—Stop watch! You mean a calendar, don't you?



The Newly Weds

Lot of weddings lately. Maybe some of the brides have already got acquainted with their husbands, because some of them have had a pay day. For the benefit of those whose husbands have not we publish the experience of one who has:

We asked her: "When did you first become acquainted with your husband?"

She replied: "The first time I asked him for money after we were married."



Unhappy F8!

Weep to the tale of Willie T8

Who met a girl whose name was K8.

He courted her at a fearful r8.

And begged her soon to become his m8.

"I would if I could," said lovely K8.

"I pity your lonely unhappy st8.

"But, alas, alas, you've come to 18!

—Northwestern Life Lines.



A Big Surprise Ahead

"What are you doing, Mabel?" asked her fond mother.

"I am knitting, mother, dear," replied the young woman. "I heard Jack say the other day he was afraid he'd have to buy a new muffler for his car, and I thought I'd knit him one as a sort of surprise."—Story Magazine.



DICK DUCKS OUT

Wheeling into College street with his big Reo truck on the morning of October 27, Dick Moore with a wave of his hand roared good by, stepped on the gas and headed for the Carolinas. He will spend the next two months visiting water works and demonstrating copper service pipe and fittings.

Dick has already covered thousands of miles with this truck and visited hundreds of water works. He says the truck drives easily and rides like a Cadillac.



Apprentice Training

It is planned to begin a definite apprentice training program for the Machine Shop and Tool Room in the near future. The plan will provide half a day of study in class and four hours of home preparation. The class work will be selected for each boy with a view to being of practical help to him on his job. The International Correspondence Schools will supply the educational material. E. H. Langdon will conduct the class sessions and the foremen of the departments concerned will supervise apprentice training in the shops.

A definite program of this kind will be a decided advantage to a boy in learning a trade. It will give him an opportunity to learn a good many things in class that the foremen would not have time or facilities to teach him in the shop. On the other hand the shop experience is of the utmost importance and the combination of the two is very desirable.

H. A. Frommelt, Apprentice Consultant for the I. C. S. has been in Decatur several times to assist in working out the apprentice training plan.



Mr. and Mrs. August Schudziara celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday, October 9 at their home on the Rock Springs Road. The day was spent in visiting and feasting and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Schudziara 25 more years of wedded happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Schudziara started house-keeping 25 years ago at 1103 E. Condit where they lived for ten years, when they bought their place in the country. They spend their leisure in raising garden truck, fruit, chickens and enjoying fresh country air. They regard it as the ideal life. Mr.

Schudziara will complete 30 years of continuous service in January, 1928.

The big squash shown in our illustration was grown this summer and weighed 80 lbs. This was brought to Robert Muzzey who lives across the street from the plant and Mrs. Muzzey estimates that it will make about one hundred pies.



CHARLES STARK DEAD

Former Mueller Employee Passes Away at Cleveland, Ohio.

Charles Stark died recently at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, and was buried Thursday, November 3rd at Indianapolis. He leaves a wife and one son, Willard, who grew up in Decatur and graduated from the Decatur High School.

Mr. Stark was a former Mueller employee in the Catalogue Dept't about 20 years ago. He was a native of Indiana and prior to his coming with our company had been a teacher in the Macon county rural schools, being particularly well known at Warrensburg where he taught for a number of years. After leaving Muellers he went to Indianapolis where he was engaged in business for a time and later identified himself with a Cleveland plumbing goods house as a traveling salesman. He was engaged in this line of work up to the time of the illness which resulted in his death.

Mr. Stark was a member of the Masonic order.



WEDDINGS

Drops-Raushek

Edith Drops and August Raushek of the night tool department were married Sept. 28th at the St. Pauls Lutheran Church by Rev. Frank P. German. The bride has been employed at the Williams Sealing Co. They are living in their home which they purchased at 1221 E. Decatur.

Pugsley-Huddleston

Theodocia Pugsley and W. Huddleston of Dept. 8 were married Oct. 15th by Judge McCoy. They are living at 1340 N. Folk St.

Sailsbery-Butler

Eloise Sailsbery and Coy Butler of Dept. 9 were married Sept. 17th in Shelbyville at the First Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Booth. They were accompanied by Miss Roberta Curtis and Mr. Frank Hines. The bride is the daughter of Ray Sailsbery of Dept. 20. They are living at 2251 N. Monroe St.

Margaret Heibowitz of the Employment Office, and Carl Miller were married at the St. Johannes Church, Saturday, November 5 by Rev. William Heyne. The bridesmaids were Margaret Beyrend and Helen Sterne. The bride wore white taffeta.

They will live at the bride's home at 1118 N. Main St. Mr. Miller is employed by the Park Commission.

JUNIOR RECREATION CLUB

Gymnasium Will Be Open on Saturday Mornings for the Boys of Employees

The Recreation Club has addressed the following letter to employees:
To All Parents:

Beginning Saturday November 12, 1927, Mueller Gymnasium will be open every Saturday morning from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock for all boys between 9 and 15 years of age inclusive, who are sons of Mueller Employees.

"On this date a Junior Recreation Club will be formed for the purpose of playing Indoor Baseball, Basket Ball, Volley Ball and other sports.

"Basket Ball teams will be organized at once and if enough interest is shown a Basket Ball Tournament will be conducted.

"W. G. Cranston, our Physical Director, will be in personal charge of these Saturday morning activities and he is already planning a big Weiner Roast Hike, some Movie Shows and a lot of other big features in connection with the regular Gymnasium work, and we want every boy who possibly can to take part in this fun.

"There is no expense connected with this program, the only requirement being that all boys who take part in these activities are sons of Mueller Employees.

"Of course each boy will furnish his own Gym suits and Gym shoes.

"If you have boys of this age in your family please send them down to Mueller Gym at 10 o'clock Saturday morning Nov. 12, to learn more about this."

This offers a fine opportunity to the boys to enjoy the benefits of our splendidly equipped gymnasium.

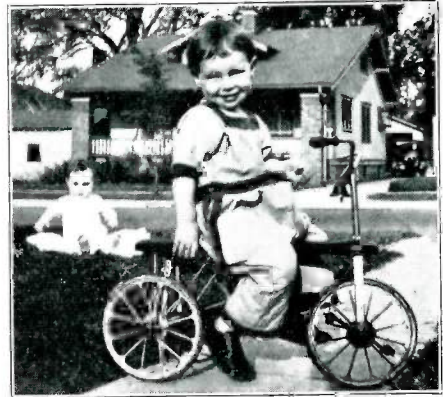
Under the direction of Director Cranston the youngsters will secure instruction and exercise that will build up their bodies and make them strong and healthy.

Parents should arrange to have their sons take advantage of this opportunity.



The First Thanksgiving of Pilgrims

The prevailing impression concerning the first Thanksgiving Day is that it was held in 1621, when the Pilgrims met to give thanks for their first harvest in America. But from the marginal notes in an ancient family Bible, recently discovered, we learn of a meeting for prayer and thanksgiving held a year earlier, on Dec. 20, 1620. The occasion was the final choice of the site of Plymouth as their location, ending the weeks of wandering. An other cause for thanksgiving was the birth of the first white child in New England, Peregrine White, on the preceding day, Dec. 19.



THE DAVEY DARLINGS

Here we have Helen Louise Davey, aged 2 years and 9 months, out on his four cylinder roadster—2 wheels and two active legs—for a morning airing while in the back ground is her baby sister, Donna Elaine Davey aged 9 months doubtlessly wondering what it is all about.

These are the children of J. A. Davey of the Machine Repair Dept., Their appearance and good health prove that they have excellent care at home.



DOC'S FIRST AID

This young gentleman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morey, at the age of 19 months, apparently is very much interested in what is "going forward" as Wm. Hale Thompson's phantom enemies might say. What?

The Father is our first aid man, generally referred to by employees as "Doc." and quite naturally developed parental pride in his son and heir—and he's justified.



George Von St. George has left the service of the company. He had been foreman of the tool room.



With the rest of the country we are holding our breath for Christmas and the new Ford car.

MUELLER DANCES

The dancing season has opened and Tom Hill is again in charge.

With Homebrook's orchestra to furnish the inspiration the first dance was given on the evening of October 8th. The attendance was fair and the occasion an enjoyable one.

An equally pleasant affair was held on the evening of October 26th with music by Hlogans orchestra.

Two dances are scheduled for November—the 12th and 26th. Homebrook will play for the first and Wilkins for the second dance.

Manager Hill has just one regret regarding these dances and that is the absence of Mueller Employees. Back in his head Tom has some notable events for later in the season. These dances are for the enjoyment of Mueller employes and it is hoped they will take advantage of them. The dancing floor and music are as good as any in Decatur.

Let's all turn out and help make them successful. They are not given for profit—they are given for your enjoyment. The charge is just sufficient to defray the expenses.

MANUFACTURERS MEET

Mr. Adolph returned October 28 from Chattanooga where he had been for several days attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers. The meeting was largely attended by prominent men from all over the country. It was one of the best sessions ever held by the Association. At the noon day meeting Mr. Adolph gave a very interesting account of the proceedings, bringing out the high lights of the sessions.

Bobbie: "What do you think. I got China on my radio last night."

Chester: "That's nothing I set my radio on the new library table and I got hell."

Dear Old Doc.

"Whazza Rush? Why Hurry."

"Going to the Doctor."

"Sick?"

"No, thirsty."

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Wm. Everett Schleeter

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Schleeter, Larchmont, N. Y., Nov. 5th, a son, who has been named William Everett Mueller in honor of his uncle.

Mr. Adolph announced the arrival of his grandson at the noon-day lunch Friday, Nov. 12th, and sent a box of cigars around the table.

Monday evening he entertained a company of his friends at his home and with appropriate place cards gave out the news of the arrival of his second grandson.

MRS. POPE LEAVES US



Mrs. Helen Pope voluntarily left the service of the Company Saturday, Nov. 5. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Pope bought a grocery store on South Haworth Ave. and this business demands all of their attention. They have already a very nice trade with good prospects of increasing it. Mrs. Pope felt unequal to the task of doing office work, keeping house and assisting in the grocery store.

She has been a member of the Mueller organization since July 15, 1921, beginning in the cost department from which she was transferred to the catalogue department and later to the advertising and stationery department. Her duties in the latter position brought her in contact with many different departments and gave her a wide acquaintance throughout the factory. She also has been active in various girls' clubs, and social activities. Her Mueller friends wish her success and happiness. Miss Lillian Olive, formerly in the Purchasing Dep't., has succeeded Mrs. Pope in the advertising dep't.

BRASS CHIPS

Dave Dresback is back from New York where he has been in the interest of the regulator department.

The Pottery is getting back into production after being closed down on account of damage by the cyclone of last spring. There has been a good deal to do since then in the way of rebuilding, remodeling and re-arranging plans.

INFECTIOUS EYE AILMENTS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

By B. Franklin Royer, M. D.

Medical Director, National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness

The human eye is wholesomely receptive to many kinds of germs. The eye tissues lend themselves splendidly to the growth of most germs which form pus. Generally speaking, in infectious eye ailments, pus-like discharges are commonly seen on the edges of the lids, in local areas along the lashes or in the little pockets at the angle of the eye nearest the nose. Some of these eye infections are very easily transmitted to other eyes,—some of them are caused by germs so small in size that for a long while they escaped the studied search of doctors hunting for them with microscopes. It would almost appear that the smaller the germ causing eye trouble, the greatest its likelihood of being transmitted from one person to the eyes of another.

Pink-eye is caused by a germ discovered almost at the same time by the great German bacteriologist, Dr. Robert Koch, while doing research work in Egypt, and by a widely known New York ophthalmologist and research worker, Dr. John Elmer Weeks. The germ causing pink-eye now carries the name of the Koch-Weeks bacillus. This is one of the tiniest germs known to invade the eye.

The germ that causes boils, the staphylococcus, may constantly be found in styes or in that inflammatory condition of the eyes where the edges of the lids are more or less crusted, with little pustules frequently developing, and where the lids and lashes often stick together in the morning. These same germs are often found in the pustular condition at the inner side of the eye where the tear duct goes down into the nose, although here the germs that cause nasal catarrh are also often found present. The germ causing pneumonia sets up severe eye trouble at times.

Some infectious eye ailment are due to direct transfer of germs from one part of the body to another. An individual with a discharging ear, either while asleep or by carelessness when awake, may readily carry pus from the ear to the eye. The child picking its nose may transfer infection directly to its eye, or those with foul teeth and sinuses discharging about them may readily soil their fingers and infect the eyes. Sometimes the route of infection is from a local collection of pus in the tonsils or in the sinuses of the nose through the circulating blood or through the lymphatic system to the eye. In any such transfer of infection the same strain of germs will be found in eye discharges as in the original focus of pus.

Chronic ulcer (phlyctenular disease) in malnourished children and trachoma have

not yet been proved to be caused by germs alone.

Many eye ailments bear a very close relation to dietary faults. This relationship is not yet fully explained. The bleary-eyed children with pustules on lid edges and crusts on their lashes so commonly seen in orphanages twenty-five years ago have almost disappeared with modern feeding of children and modern hygiene in these institutions. Perhaps many germs grow best in the eyes of individuals not well nourished or with eye tissue resistance lowered from dietary faults.

All infectious eye ailments are to a certain extent a menace to vision. The strictest cleanliness is most important. Drugs applied locally for treatment should be prescribed by a physician. It is of great importance in these infectious eye ailments also, especially the more chronic ones, that constant attention be given to the diet. Diets rich in vitamins, such as an abundance of whole milk and leafy vegetables, are advised, while in winter, with the absence of sunshine and shortage of green leafy vegetables, cod liver oil should be given as a food for all children with such eye ailments.

Physicians will always advise cleaning up of the local collection of pus, whether it be from the ear, tooth, tonsil or other part of the body, and will give strict instructions as to cleanliness before placing fingers to the eye. No unclean hand should ever go to an eye. No finger touching pus is safe around the eye. It is equally true that no individual with an eye discharging pus should be in close and intimate contact with those who have clean eyes. For such an individual, separate bed, towels, toilet articles, wash-basins, etc., are imperative. The danger of transfer of the infection is often great but sometimes may be known only by trial exposure, a needless menace to the other fellow's eyes.



SPRUNG AS A SURPRISE

The Mueller motor wagon returned from Nashville, Tenn., where it made a big hit at the Exposition. It was sprung on the people there as a surprise.—Review 30 years ago.

It is a safe bet that it was a surprise. Nowadays a street jam will not turn his head to look at a beautiful Cadillac or Lincoln.

But times have changed Maria.

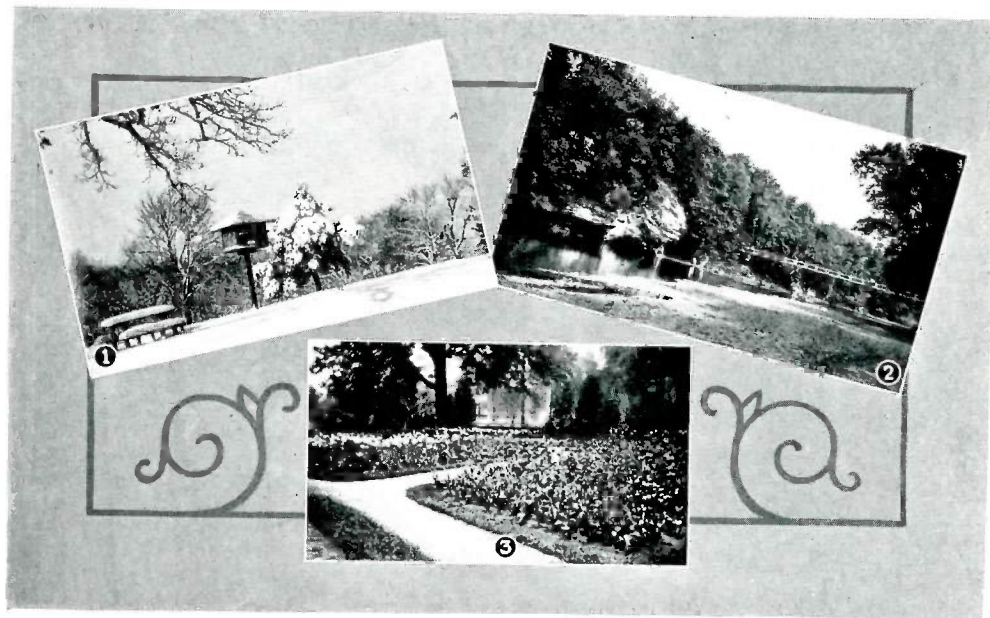
Thirty years ago the automobile or "motor wagon" was a newly discovered method of transportation.

Boot-blacks, bums and millionaires turned their heads and even chased the Mueller machine whenever and wherever it appeared on the street or at fairs or expositions. It was a seventh day wonder and a curiosity then.

It would be equally so in this day of highly developed motor cars.

Too bad we did not keep it as a relic.

LANDSCAPES



The subject of the Camera Club last month was "Landscapes" which gave the members considerable latitude. They were not confined to any particular season of the year, which accounts for the mingling of summer and winter season. The pictures are complimented by those familiar with photography as unusually good—one judge saying that as a group of pictures they are uniformly better than anything we have yet published.

The summeries:

1. Mrs. Marie Eagleton.
2. Clarence Rubicam.
3. Mrs. Helen Pope.

Mrs. Eagleton's subject was Mueller Lodge grounds after the big show of last winter, and is a splendid picture indeed. We believe readers will agree that the judges were right in their decision.

Rubicam picture is of landscape in the vicinity of Turkey Run, Indiana; a charming summer scene.

Mrs. Pope's subject was the Tulip Beds at Fairview Park in Spring.

FOOTBALL

The Illinois-Michigan football game at Champaign Saturday, October 28, attracted the usual number of our employees. All were able to get back home after the game including the few who bet on Michigan. Automobiles have greatly lessened the necessity of the sportively inclined walking back home after big events nowadays. Conductors and double-fisted brakemen do not form a part of the personnel of automobiles.



Geneva: I sure had an awful fright at the movie last night.

Dixie: I know it dear. I saw him.

Bill Gustin, Attention.

Bill Gustin is the biggest bowler in the organization—may be the best—and these "dongs" are printed for his benefit:

Don't wear spiked shoes.

Don't blame the pin boy for all your tough luck. You may be married, but is that his fault?

Don't hit the pins too hard, especially if you own the alleys.

Don't slide over the foul line, unless the judge is your brother-in-law.

Don't stuff the finger holes with gun-cotton if they are too large for you.

HOME SWEET HOME

Many of Mueller Employees Have Them

This is the first in a series of pages illustrating homes owned by employees. Many are paid for. Others have been secured by a small "down" payment and monthly installments "like rent."

The larger the down payment, the less interest accrues and the faster the principal is reduced. In some cases the down payment is so small that the installments scarcely cover the interest.

Some places are paid for in a few years, while others will be encumbered a decade hence. But the pride of ownership remains. These houses have a cared-for appearance. Each is home to some thrifty family, and it stands a monument to their sacrifice, labor, and good management.

After a day in the shop, foundry, or office a man will cheerfully work several hours more to improve or to beautify his home. The lawn, the garden, the countless little jobs about the place keep him occupied.

In many cases a man has built his own garage, painted the house, renewed the roof, or laid the concrete driveway. Sometimes the neighbors or fellow workmen join in putting a job thru.

Nor is the part of the wife any less important. She suggests many of the improvements and supervises the work of carrying them out. She wields the paint brush to realize a favored color scheme. Her skill as an interior decorator transforms a house into home, and no structure, however fine or imposing is home without her.

In these dwellings, many of them humble, children have their rightful place. Their presence does not prevent parents from adding the touch of beauty that is the inspiration of all art. "Home Sweet Home" was not written in a flat.

Each individual house has its history, wrought with the lives of those who dwell there. The furniture, the pictures, and even the kitchen-ware are loaded with associations that raise a tear or grip the heart when death breaks into the family circle.

The finger prints of children, the scars upon the woodwork, the piece of furniture made by "sonny" in manual training class, the daughter's bit of fancy work, all these things, little things they may seem at times, weave themselves into the life fabric of these home dwellers; mute evidence they are of growing life realizing itself and reaching out for still more life.

And while we do not know the individual histories of the homes that we shall picture: our readers, from their own experience and imagination can supply it.

1. J. C. Uhl, 2121 N. Union St. Mr. Uhl is a tool maker. Mrs. Uhl and daughters on porch.
2. Marshall Stratman, 1027 W. King St. Mr. Stratman is Foreman of the Machine shop. This new home was awaiting his bride when they were married two years ago.
3. Jay A. Ball, 2600 E. Geddis Ave. Mr. Ball works in the Night Foundry. He decided to quit paying rent and invested in this cozy cottage.
4. W. P. Deverell, 1231 N. Edward St. Mr. Deverell is inspector in the Tool Room. This has been his home for a number of years.
5. M. Borders, 945 N. Clinton St. Mr. Borders works in Ground Key Dept., day shift.
6. (In Oval) W. C. McClanahan, 820 W. Leafland. Mrs. McClanahan on the step. In the rear is a flower garden in which she takes much pride. Mr. McClanahan has been on night shift in Brass Shop for many years.
7. U. V. Wacaser, 1475 N. Union St. Mr. Wacaser is a 25-year man. On the porch are Mrs. Wacaser, her daughter, Mrs. Parmenler and infant granddaughter.
8. Tilden Davis, 1152 N. Monroe St. Mr. Davis is on the night shift in the Brass Shop.



PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOUSES

There are now on file at the Employment Office picture of 366 homes owned by Mueller employees. Most of the pictures were taken by Paul Burke. Those who desire prints from the Company's negatives may obtain them from him at low cost.

Not all these pictures can be used by the Mueller Record at once. The editor is in doubt whether he can use all of them due to the expense of making cuts and the lack of space. It is planned, however, to assemble them in an exhibit which is soon to be prepared.

An exhibit of Mueller goods has been placed at the Roosevelt Junior High School for the use of students.



"I Thought It Didn't Amount to Anything"

This is the explanation given when injuries have developed from slight accidents that were neglected when they happened. This time-worn excuse is no longer accepted as a reason for not getting first aid or reporting injuries promptly. The foreman is concerned not in what you think about it, but he insists that you report to him and get first aid treatment for any injury however slight. It is care and precaution that he wants, not excuses. No matter what you think "Report any injury however slight to your foreman at once. He will arrange for first aid."



Mueller
Employees Homes.



The Great Laurant & Co.

It's only a few weeks until Christmas, and already plans are being made for the Children's Christmas party. There is a magic about Christmas and this is going to be increased by a magic entertainment.

Laurant, the man of many mysteries, has been secured to give the children an entertainment at the club house.

He does more tricks than a clown dog.

The Great Laurant, magician and wonder-worker, combines wizardry, music, and colorful splendor in his elaborate programs. He employs the arts and the ingenuity of both ancient and modern conjurers. Hindu magic, the craft of the Chinese, and American illusion and fun follow each other with startling rapidity.

During a period of nearly twenty years in the profession, Eugene Laurant has always striven to make each year's program greater than that of the year before. That he has succeeded is universally admitted. His performance this season will eclipse all anticipations.

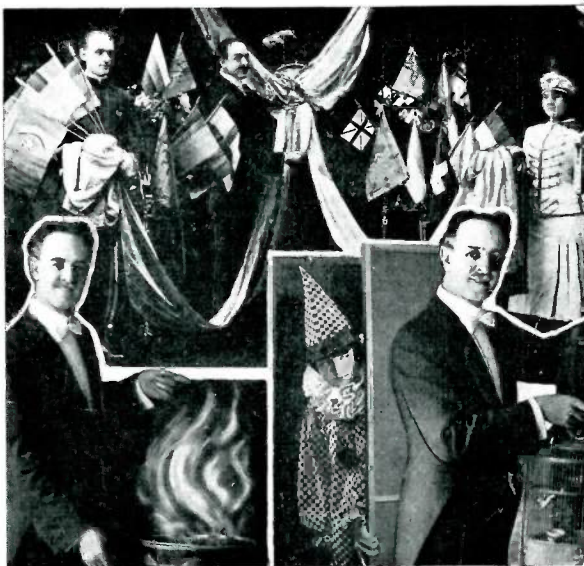
With Mr. Laurant in the company are Greta Banes Laurant, pianist, and Fred Larsen, stage manager. Mrs. Laurant assists in the magic work and, both from this standpoint and also in her piano selections, proves herself a thoroughly delightful entertainer. Upon Mr. Larsen devolves the duty of superintending the huge mass of equipment used in the lavish Laurant productions.

This is by far the most elaborate entertainment ever prepared for the children at Christmas time.

The little folks will surely enjoy the many tricks that will be performed by the great Laurant and his excellent company. He comes from the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, the same organization that is supplying the attractions for our regular Lyceum Course.

The committee having the affair in charge makes the following announcement regarding the arrangements.

Our annual Christmas Party for children of Mueller Employees will be held in Mueller Gymnasium on Saturday, December 17, 1927, beginning promptly at two o'clock p. m.



Mr. Laurant, the noted Magician, will entertain with a wonderful afternoon of Magic, for all Mueller Employees' Children between 6 years and 16 years of age.

Owing to the large number of children now in our organization, in comparison with the size of our Gymnasium, we find it necessary, this year, to make this event a strictly Children's Party for Children between the ages as stated above.

We want every Child who attends this Party to have a seat where everybody can be seen and heard and in order to insure this we will need every inch of space for the Children.

A comfortable waiting-room has been arranged in our Cafeteria Department for the accommodation of parents who would rather bring the children instead of letting them come alone.

Program begins promptly at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 17, 1927.

Yours very truly,
Mueller Co.



Theiss-Verner

Helen Verner and Harvey Theiss were married at Springfield five or six weeks ago and kept the wedding secret for three or four weeks and then the news leaked out. The bride is a sister of Pauline Verner of the Cashier's office, and at one time worked in the Main office. The groom is manager of the St. Nicholas garage on Wood street.

SAFETY FIRST



An Ode to the Careless Smoker

Some birds who use the fragrant weed no fire prevention rules will heed. They sneak away and have a drag at clay or corncob, rope or rag. They pick a place that's out of sight and then proceed to strike a light. They always seem to hang around where'er combustibles are found. With careless grace the match they throw and leave a butt that's still aglow.

Our fire losses are severe—some half a million bucks a year; and fourteen thousand lives or more are added to the fire fiend's score. "Matches—smoking" head the roll of causes for this dreadful toll. The money and the lives are all forever lost without recall. Insurance merely spreads the loss; it hits the workman and the boss. The premiums, whether low or high, are tacked on all the stuff we buy. On everything we eat or wear the hidden cost of fire is there.

If fire destroyed the plant some day you'd lose your job, likewise your pay. So watch the match, also the butt. Be careful always—use your nut. "No Smoking" signs are meant for you; the other chap must heed them too. Safety rules sometimes chafe, but do your part to make it safe.



A FIRST AID QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires on every imaginable subject are being used to find out how much (or how little) we know. Here are a few simple questions on first aid:

1. How many kinds of germs are there?
2. In what ways do germs enter the body?

3. What is the best antiseptic for wounds?

4. Why is a punctured wound particularly serious?

5. Is rust on a nail dangerous?

6. Why should home remedies for headache, toothache, etc., be avoided?

ANSWERS

1. Ask us an easy one.

2. There are four ways:

(a) From the air by inhaling through the mouth or nose.

(b) By eating infected foods or drinking contaminated water.

(c) Through the skin by means of wounds or scratches.

(d) Into the blood through the bites of animals and insects or by absorption from a local infection.

3. Iodine and mercurochrome are both reliable antiseptics. Mercurochrome has the advantage of being non-irritating. Iodine becomes stronger as the alcohol evaporates and old iodine may cause a serious burn. Hydrogen peroxide was formerly much used as an antiseptic for wounds but is not considered as effective as iodine or mercurochrome. Phenol (carbolic acid) and compounds containing it are useful for disinfecting toilets, washrooms, etc., but in effective strength they are too irritating to apply to a wound. Bichloride of mercury is a powerful disinfectant but it is too deadly a poison to keep around the home. Boric acid is a mild antiseptic, suitable for use in eye-washes, but not reliable for preventing infection in wounds.

4. A punctured wound is particularly dangerous because of its depth which makes it difficult for an amateur first aider to reach the affected tissues with an antiseptic. Medical treatment is needed for such wounds.

5. Rust in itself is not dangerous and a bright nail may carry germs of infection as readily as a rusty one.

6. Some remedies for aches and pains contain dangerous drugs which should be used only on a doctor's advice. Pain is a symptom—a danger signal—not a disease in itself and drugs which relieve the pain result in the real cause of the trouble being neglected, often with serious results.



What Is It?

What is it that gives me my food and clothing and shelter and whatever comfort I need?

What is it that I sometimes neglect and make nasty remarks about?

What is it that I do not value until I lose it?

What is it that gives me a chance to climb high in the world and make a better person of myself?

What is it? MY JOB.

LEGAL INTEREST

We pointed out in these columns once before that the loan sharks advance money at the legal rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest per month, or 42% a year.

An actual case came to our attention last week. A man borrowed on a wage assignment, \$200.00, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ a month, to be repaid in installments of \$10.00 a month.

Out of curiosity we spent an hour or more carefully checking figures to find out how long it would take to pay this debt on these terms if the payments were met regularly each week. We find at the end of two years and eleven months the debt would just be paid. That is the borrower will have made 35 payments, or \$350.00 to pay a debt of \$200.00.

At the end of the first year after he has paid \$120.00 he still owes \$156.20. It is not until he has made 15 payments that the interest is less than half the monthly payment. At the end of the second year on his debt of \$200.00 he has paid \$240.00 and still owes \$90.03.

If, however, this borrower is unable to meet a monthly payment, of course the interest continues at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ a month. The kind of men who borrow money on these terms are usually not the kind who make their payments regularly. Surely there is some better way to meet a situation than by tying oneself up on a contract of this kind.

The banks are in the business of lending money and worthy men who keep their contracts can borrow money there at 7%. Such credit would have been worth \$108.00 in cash on this one transaction.

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A man who cannot lead and will not follow, invariably obstructs.

✦

Husband and wife should not find fault with each other: leave it for the relatives of each to pick you to pieces.

✦

Burbank died too soon. If he could only have done something about a stringless ukulele.

✦

Co-operation is a first aid to Safety.

✦

It is better to stop a minute than forever.

✦

To be Safe we must recognize facts.

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If Safety isn't first there may be no opportunity for other things.

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Careful habits are your best bodyguards.

✦

Automobiles are like people. They smoke, they skid, they break down, they knock. Sometimes they stall.

THE DAY'S WORK IS DONE



Barney has been inspecting all day long and it is judged he is headed homeward.

In the course of a day Barney circulates about the factory, and makes frequent trips to Plants 8 and 9.

The other day we met him in a long linen duster affair, which prompted query, "Why the artist's frock."

"Because I inspect models," answered Barney.

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It turned out just as we promised it would—the first entertainment in our fall and winter lyceum course—Satisfactory to all who attended and there was a good sized audience present. We have not heard a single complaint on the character nor class of this company. They gave us a high grade evening's party entertainment. One did not need wait until the program was finished to ascertain how the audience liked it. The applause following each number told the story.

The bell ringing (the quartette numbers and the solos were received with satisfaction and appreciation. All of these were enjoyed alike by old and young.

AT ROCHESTER, MINN.

William Padrick, foreman of the Night Tool Room who has been in Rochester, Minnesota, taking treatment for his throat for the last six weeks, underwent an operation Nov. 5. Altho the operation was severe he stood it very well and in the course of a month or six weeks hopes to be home again. Later reports show encouraging progress.

Mrs. Padrick expresses their appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to the family.



Apprentice Take Notice

The apprentice training plan recently submitted to the Company by a committee to study the matter has been adopted. Superintendent Wilkins will be general supervisor of apprentices. Martin Stratman, foreman of the Machine Shops will be shop supervisor and E. H. Langdon will conduct the class work. The foreman in shops where there are apprentices will, of course, have direct supervision of their work.



BIRTHS

Wanda Louise born October 30 is the little daughter of Glen Hester of the Machine Shop.

On October 31 Dorothy Jean arrived at the home of Clifford Roderick of the Tool Room and on the same day Nancy Isabelle was born to the family of Charles Baker of Plant 9. These babies each weighed 9 lbs.



BRASS CHIPS

Wilbur Huddleston of Department 8 and Theodosia Pugsley were married October 15.

Ed Harris of the Inspection Department has been laid up with an operation for the past month returned to work November 1st.

Geo. Tipsword of the Core Department returned to work November 7 after an absence of a month on account of illness.

Omar Curl and Earl Tague have returned to the Pottery as casters.

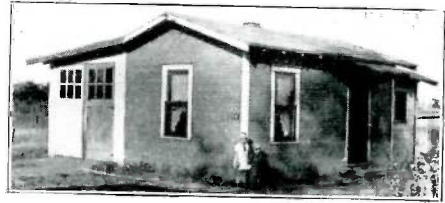
Charles Baker who has been working at Plant 8 has returned to his job as kiln man at the Pottery.

Alfred Hexum has been transferred from Plant 8 to the Power House at the Main Plant.

Arnold Taylor has been transferred from the Core Department of the Main Plant to the Core Department of the Iron Foundry and Harry Edson has been transferred from the Brass to the Iron Foundry.

Mrs. Lois Christy is now acting as secretary for L. W. Mueller. Ida Mae Moore divides her time between the Employment Office and the Superintendent's Office.

Odie Walker is assisting in the Foundry in making time studies.



This cozy little home belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Milo Wright, and below are their children, Betty Jane and Milo Jr.. Mr. Wright is employed at Plant 8, and gets lots of comfort and enjoyment in his home and with his family. This home is right up to date with the garage as part of the house. As time goes by Milo expects to improve his lot which will add new comfort and pleasure to the home.



On the Okaw

Mr. Adolph, Bill Ferre, Charlie Cochran and W. E. Mason went down to the Okaw Wednesday, November 9th, for a hunting and fishing trip.

Later on it is expected that there will be a big coon hunt down there. Coons are said to be plentiful but are roosting high this fall owing to the high water that has prevailed during the past summer.



Pauline Verner Home

Pauline Verner resumed her duties in the office of Chas. Auer upon her return from a trip to California. She was absent for several weeks, spending the greater part of the time in Los Angeles.



Minstrel Show

Plans are under way for an old fashion minstrel show to be given in the club house early in December. The talent in the factory is being rounded up and some new features will be introduced.



Good-bye, Vacation

Little bankroll, we are parted;
Truly I am brokenhearted.
All the year I worked for you,
I was faithful, you were true;
Came vacation and a day
We two blithely went away
To a truly festive spot;
I returned—but you did not.

—Anon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees' Aid Society, Oct. 3-Nov. 2, 1927.

Nov. 3 Balance.....\$1,817.10

Receipts

October dues	\$818.35	
Company's contribution for November.....	50.00	
Interest on hands	105.00	973.35
		<u>\$2,850.45</u>

Payments

To refund dues	\$ 6.70	
Benefits listed below.....	815.60	822.30
Nov. 2 balance.....		<u>\$2,028.15</u>

Resources

Bonds	\$4,500.00	
Emergency Loan Fund.....	500.00	
Building & Loan Stock.....	800.00	
Cash	\$2,028.15	

Total\$7,828.15

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

BENEFITS PAID

Nola Harrison	\$10.50	Mrs. Louise	
T. L. Gillespie	9.00	Estes	6.00
E. D. Smith	27.00	Wm. Padrick	74.00
A. Patterson	15.30	F. B. Willis	31.65
Perry Tankers		O. D. Elliott	6.00
ley	18.25	George Tips-	
Geo. Hendrick-		word	32.40
son	7.20	Noah Beck	17.40
Cleo Tally	5.40	Geo. Wilson	.90
Ray Franklin	23.00	Jas. O. Eyer	26.40
Herman Elsea	9.90	Ben Cook	4.50
M. C. McClan-		Ed Wits	30.00
ahan	1.50	Ralph Marlow	7.20
E. F. Harris	59.20	C. H. Jerdon	5.40
LeRoy Himes	60.75	Louis Heisler	10.60
Otto Danne-		A. C. Welch	10.80
witz	17.60	Margaret Hei-	
Merle Barter	11.60	bountz	26.00
Fred Rohman	15.00	John Scoles	11.25
Henry Leipski	.50	F. A. Drake	12.00
Hubert E.		Joyce Carder	14.00
Johnson	38.40	C. J. Muller	16.50
U. R. Moont-		John Tindall	23.20
ey	3.60	Chester Ha-	
Trall Carder	12.00	gen	9.00
G. E. Woods	9.00	H. D. Fletcher	35.40
W. L. Vail	1.80	Duward Fletch	
A. M. Jackson	9.00	er	22.50
Ralph Slay-		Maurice Daily	2.00
back	15.00		<u>\$815.60</u>



Volley Ball fans are in action again several evenings a week at 5 o'clock.

HONEYMOONERS

Those of you who do not know Mr. and Mrs. Coy Butler step forward and be introduced because you will surely like the happy smiling couple. They were married recently at Shelbyville, Ill., and are living at 2251 North Monroe St.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Salsbery. As most of us know Ray shoulders a good deal of the trials and turmoil in Dep't. No. 20.



XYLOPHONE TROUP NEXT

The Grosjean-Mirambo Zylophone Trio is the next attraction in the course appearing at the gymnasium, January 11th. This is a musical entertainment full of an entirely different character.

The marimba-xylophone is a melodious instrument uniting the best qualities of the marimba and the xylophone. The marimba has been in use for centuries among the Indian tribes of Central America and among the natives of South Africa. The xylophone is a well-known favorite with American audiences. The miramba-xylophone achieves a tonal quality of remarkable depth and resonance.

Miss Floss Grosjen, feature artist of the company, is a well-known impersonative entertainer. She wins her audiences with her gay and sunny smile and her wholesome enjoyment of the humorous things of life. Riley poems, as interpreted by Miss Grosjean, are always very popular.

In addition to her character sketches, Miss Grosjean is a clever banjoist, saxophone artist and pianist. She also gives notable ventriloquistic numbers.

Harry L. Jensen is a popular Lyceum entertainment and a valued member of this company. His saxophone numbers are especially pleasing.

Completing the ensemble of the company is Miss Armina Wilson who, in addition to her proficiency on the marimba-xylophone, contributes notably to the program with her playing of the clarinet and piano.



The worst thing about this decline in commodity prices is that the people who buy the commodities have never noticed it. —American Lumberman.