

# The **MUELLER RECORD**

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Hallowe'en

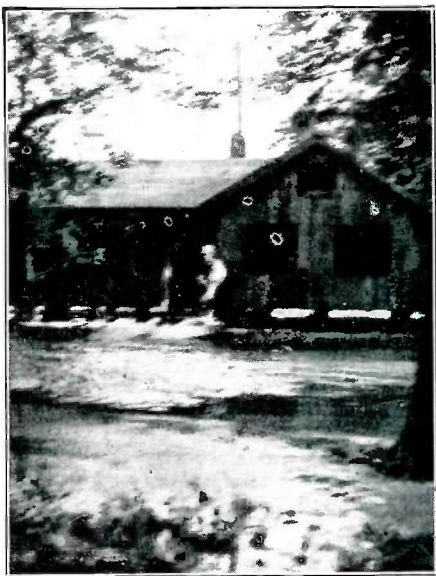


*A rustle of leaves—a flash  
of white*

*For of all the year, this is  
the night*

*When ghosts and goblins  
frolic and prance*

*And join "us mortals" in  
play and dance.*



#### WHEN OKAW'S ON RAMPAGE

When the Okaw goes on the rampage here is what happens to the cabin which in dry weather provides a comfortable and happy retreat. Frank Tompkins in a boat on the north side of the cabin is shown on an "investigate" trip.

#### Cutting Out the Prattle

"If no one talked of what he does not understand," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "the silence would become unbearable."—Washington Star.



#### Not Exactly Downy

Mrs. Flanagan—Was your old man in comfortable circumstances when he died?

Mrs. Murphy—No, 'e was 'alf way under a train.—Western Christian Advocate.



#### Bad Dream

Doctor (examining life insurance prospect)—Do you ever talk in your sleep?

Prospect—No, but I often talk in other people's sleep.

Doctor—But how can that be?

Prospect—I'm a college professor.—College Humor.



#### Family Broadcasting

"We've had the best time playing postman," exclaimed the small hopeful of the family. "We gave a letter to every lady in the block."

"But where did you get the letters, dear?"

"Oh, we found 'em in your trunk in the attic, all tied up with a blue ribbon."—New Outlook.

## Don't You Hear Them Bells

They are Calling You to the Gym.

Tuesday Evening, Oct. 18th

Jack Woods Male Quartette and Bell Ringers  
will give you an entertainment that's really worth  
while.

Get Your Tickets—

Don't Miss It

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## EDITORIAL

The world becomes better or worse day by day according to your work and conduct.



Experts in the gas industry predict the day when gas will be the universal fuel, eliminating the great American smoke nuisance. Don't be too skeptical. Remember that thirty years ago we laughed and made jokes about the automobile and the air ship—that is, the majority did. A few wise acres saw the possibilities and today the laughing majority is contributing millions to the few wise acres.



In so far as it is possible we should give encouragement and support to all internal enterprises for the general benefit and entertainment of Mueller employees.

For instance, the coming Lyceum course to be given at the gymnasium.

This is not a company undertaking. It is promoted and sponsored by the Recreation Club.

It is not a money-making venture. The club is not trying to make money out of the undertaking.

The one purpose is to provide clean, wholesome entertainment for Mueller employees at the least possible cost.

The attractions to be presented are high-class and come from the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, whose record of many years' successful catering to the amusement-loving public is a guarantee of quality entertainment.

We should greet these attractions with crowded houses.



Boasting is no longer fashionable, and bombast is employed only by those who lack the power of expressing themselves in language that carries conviction. They depend on noise. Repressed expression has been found more fruitful than the boastful kind. The person who knows the meaning and force of words does not have to shout them to carry conviction to the person who understands them. This is true of advertising also. The most convincing writers of

advertising now depend upon quiet, truthful statements. Circus methods have been relegated to the past.



Many jokes are sent to us for publication in The Record. No doubt when these do not appear the sender is disappointed. Verbal jokes accompanied by a laugh or smile lose their sting. In cold type they are different. A spoken joke that is harmless is often dangerous in type. This is one reason why many jokes are refused by editors. There is another reason—that is the difference of opinion as to what constitutes humor. There are many persons who are amused at mental suffering—even physical suffering makes some people laugh. Ridicule of an affliction or natural oddity of a person, a queer characteristic, peculiarities of dress are all subjects for jokes by the unrefined and the unthinking.

A writer on this subject classifies what he considers a poor joke as follows:

"When some woman blushes with embarrassment.

"When some heart carries away an ache.

"When something sacred is made to appear common.

"When a man's weakness provides the cause for laughter.

"When profanity is required to make it funny.

"When a little child is brought to tears.

"When everyone can't join in the laughter."



With October the year swings into the last quarter. If we have failed or neglected to make the most of 1927 there remains the home stretch on which we may regain some of the lost ground and perhaps bring the year up to our expectations. Many a race has been won on the home stretch.



Emanuel Jackson, mule tender, appeared one morning on crutches.

"How come?" asked a friend. "Ah thought yo' was one o' de best mule skimmers in de business."

"So ah is," affirmed Emanuel proudly, "but we got a new mule dat didn't know mah repitation."

# THE FIRST ENTERTAINMENT

*Jack Woods' Quartette and Bell Ringers*

⌘ Come Tuesday, October 18th ⌘

Mueller employees will have an opportunity to hear a first-class company of musicians—Jack Woods' quartette and bell ringers, Tuesday evening, October 18, at the gymnasium.

This is a Redpath attraction. The name Redpath is a guarantee of high-grade quality.

This will be the first of a series of three entertainments which constitutes our first winter course.

Tickets for the entertainments are only \$1.00 for general admission, \$1.25 for all if seats are reserved, and 50 cents for one entertainment.

Such high-grade attraction as this course will offer could not be given at these prices in a down-town theater. It is only possible with us because we have the hall without rent.

Jack Woods, leader and organizer of this quartette, is a versatile and clever entertainer of many years experience and has long been known as one of the leading bell ringers of the country.

The bells used by the company were made by the same bell-founders who cast the great bells of Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The selections given are remarkable in their scope, ranging from such a powerful number as Rachmaninov's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" to the liveliest of popular tunes. A descriptive number, "Sunday Morning in London," provides a unique vehicle for the music of the bells and is always a great favorite.

A good male quartette is always popular, and bell ringing is a form of music the novelty of which appeals to all just as much as the melody delights the ear.

Make your plans to attend this first entertainment in the course.



## BRASS CHIPS

Matt. Trott has returned from his trip to the Pacific Coast branches and Dallas. He reports business good at all three branches—San Francisco, Los Angeles and Dallas, especially the latter.

O. J. Hawkins paid a visit to Kalamazoo, Mich., last week to explain to the city commissioners the merits of the Mueller Relief Valve.

Albert Anderson of Department 57 has



gone to work for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria.

Katherine May, daughter of Glenn Rinehart, entered James Millikin University this fall to take the teacher's course.

Many good suggestions have been made for the 1928 picnic. The success of the 1927 outing encouraged brain activity on the part of a great many persons and the prospect is for a lot of new and entertaining features next year.

William Padrick, foreman of the Night Tool Room, accompanied by his wife and mother, left September 26 for Rochester, Minn. Some months ago a growth of some kind appeared in Mr. Padrick's throat, the exact nature of which the doctors were unable to agree. Cancer was feared. At this writing, we have not heard definitely the diagnosis of the Mayo Clinic.

Ed Witts of the Tool Storage Department has been in the hospital of the Soldiers' Home at Danville undergoing treatment for the past two months. He is slowly improving. He returned to Decatur last week.

John Tindall of the Construction Department, who fell from a stepladder and broke his collar bone, has gone to Indiana for a vacation.

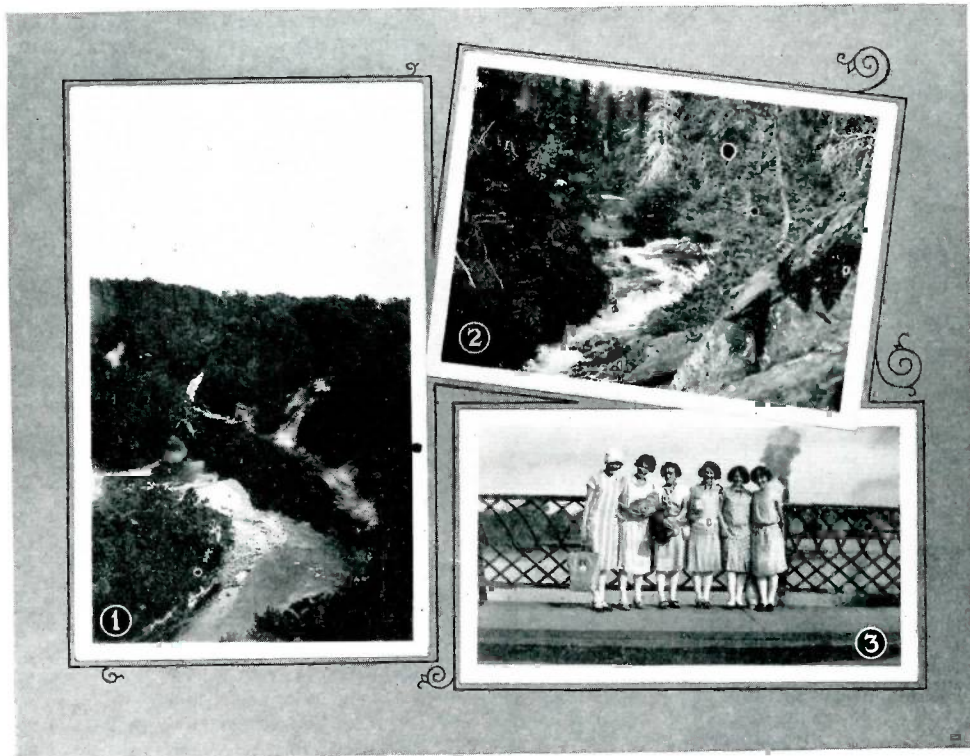
Ralph Slayback of Department 9 is laid up with a broken arm. His Ford backfired when he was cranking it.

John Leavens was laid up for several weeks as the result of an injury to his foot.

Mrs. Alpha Turlev, who has been acting as secretary to Mr. L. W. Mueller, has given up her work and gone to housekeeping.



## THE CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club had as its subject for the month of September "Vacation Pictures." There were many beautiful pictures submitted, and the pictures were judged by Mr. Seitz of the Seitz Studio. His selections were as follows: First—Picture taken at The Shades, Indiana., by Marie Eagleton. Second—Photograph of Swift Current Creek, taken in Glacier Park, by Margaret Marcott. Third—Photograph of six office girls on County Bridge on their way to Mueller Lodge for picnic, taken by Eloise Dickson. Subject for the month of October will be "Landscapes."

It is safe to say that the next time Violet has a birthday, she won't boast so audibly that no one is big enough to spank her. After spending the week-end on a cushion, she realized that such boasts did not convince some people in the office.



Dick Moore called the office, Main 7980, on a pay phone. The operator got the number and said, "Deposit your nickel, please." No response, so she again requested a nickel.

Dick: "What is this, a pay phone?"

Operator: "Deposit your nickel, please."

Dick then said a few uncomplimentary things about the phone and the innocent operator, but managed to dig up a nickel. We wonder now, how Dick will account for that nickel on his expense account.

Marion Richard succeeds Mrs. Alpha Turley as secretary to L. W. Mueller.

Lillie Olive has been transferred from the Purchasing to the Dictaphone Department.

Flossie Ethridge has been transferred from the Assembly Department to the Metal Storage as clerk.

John Eckman of Plant 9 is working at the present in the Laboratory.

The dumb waiter between the Engineering Department and the first floor has been moved and now communicates with the Tool

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### APPRENTICE TRAINING

For a number of years young men have come to our Machine and Tool shops and have worked through a practical apprenticeship under the foremen's supervision. In this way many good practical mechanics have learned their trade.

A study has recently been made of apprentice plans in vogue in other places. In Milwaukee, for instance, the industries of the district have combined their efforts to provide apprentice training. They have been particularly successful in developing foundrymen.

Milwaukee has a good vocational school which offers technical education in many trades. The railroads, the labor unions, the manufacturing industries and in some cases the building trades have united to give the apprentice boy the best possible chance to learn his trade.

When a boy has decided to follow a certain trade the matter is referred to his parents and if they also agree, an apprentice indenture, or contract, is signed by the apprentice, by his parents and by the employer. One copy of this indenture goes to the State Supervisor of Apprentices who has oversight of apprentice training in the state of Wisconsin. The boy is taken on trial for a period, and if he does well he continues his apprenticeship, usually for four years. For high school graduates the period is shortened to three years, and for college graduates to two years. The apprentice's wages are rather low, but there is a definite schedule of increases and usually a cash prize of \$100.00 for successfully completing apprenticeship. The boy is allowed one-half a day of his employer's time each week to go to school where he gets class room instruction useful to him in his trade. He also spends some time each week in study at home. Training of this kind in addition to experience in the shop is a great advantage to a young man. Illinois does not make provision for the supervision of apprentices as Wisconsin does.

Some cities in Ohio have working arrangements with the public schools whereby a boy goes to school one week and works in the shop the next week and his partner changes places with him.

In Connecticut the state provides, in the industrial cities, technical schools which are separate from the local public schools. These co-operate with local industries and give a boy the class training that he needs.

A number of corporations have apprentice plans of their own. The Ford Motor Corporation maintains the Henry Ford Trade School which is housed in its own building near the Highland Park plant and in which there are 750 boys, most of whom are learning to be tool makers. In the Ford Trade School the boy spends two weeks in the shop and the third week in school. In the shop he makes a product used by the Ford

Motor Company. Orphans or the sons of widows are given preference in this school. They are taken as young as 12 years. The upper age limit is 18. The boy receives apprentice wages while in school and of this he is required to save at least \$2.00 a week. The class instruction covers many subjects some of which are quite technical.

The Scovill Manufacturing Company at Waterbury, Conn., has a special training department where apprentices are received at the rate of one a week. There is an instructor for every six or eight boys and with this close and constant supervision they do remarkably good work. The boys for Scovill apprenticeships are selected on the basis of intelligence tests. These tests are regarded as a very accurate and fair index to the boy's ability. The company does not feel it worth while to provide training of this kind for dull boys.

The White Motor Company of Cleveland has an apprentice training division with a special shop for apprentices. In this shop they spend 20 weeks a year and the other 21 are spent in the shops. They have class work one-half a day a week and are at all times under the supervision of their foremen and the apprentice supervisor. These boys are selected on the basis of written examinations on a number of subjects after which they are interviewed by the apprentice supervisor and by some of the foremen.

The Warner & Swazy Company of Cleveland, makers of machine tools, have been training apprentices since 1891. Their product requires skilled mechanics and salesmen and in the course of 36 years they have trained many men who have been successful as mechanics and as executives.

In 1910 this company added class work to its shop training with very good results. This company now limits apprentices to graduates of Cleveland Technical High Schools and the aim of the company is to train men that they may eventually be experts in their line. Many develop into executives.

In the cities of Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Rock Island and Moline, Ill., have joined in an apprentice training program using the International Correspondence School courses for apprentices and co-operating with the public schools. Their wage schedules are uniform for the same trade and apprentices are indentured. This plan was put in operation about a year ago and is said to be working well.

There has been some discussion in Decatur among manufacturers of joining their efforts in apprentice training and securing the assistance of the public schools. Up to

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This young gentleman appears to have important business on hand. He is a son of Paul Goddess of Department 30. He is mutilating distance just as fast as his young legs will carry him as shown by the snapshot.

Some men are born to trouble; some have it thrust upon them; others look for it by violating the safety rules.



Justice needs that two be heard.—Goethe.



We cannot command veracity at will; the power of seeing and reporting truly is a form of health that has to be delicately guarded, and as an ancient rabbi has solemnly said: "The penalty of untruth is untruth."—George Eliot.



Shall we have cars on the stretch for the footfalls of sorrow that never come, but be deaf to the whirr of the wings of happiness that fill all space?—Maurice Maeterlinck.



#### When a Man Marries

Floods, storms, earthquakes and families are the quartet of calamities that throughout the ages have brought most misery into the world, exclusive of epidemics.—New Orleans Times-Picayune. (Corrected in a later edition.)

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees Aid Society, Sept. 2-Oct. 3, 1927.  
Sept. 2, Balance.....\$1,808.30

##### Receipts

Sept. dues.....\$870.75  
Company's contribution for  
October.....50.00 920.75  
\$2,729.05

##### Payments

Death Benefit—  
Ray Lynch.....\$100.00  
John Ronan.....50.00  
Flowers for above.....10.00  
Benefits listed below.....691.95 851.95

Balance.....\$1,877.10

##### Resources

Bonds.....\$4500.00  
Interest accrued on bonds 105.00  
Emergency Loan Fund.... 500.00  
Building & Loan stock..... 800.00  
Cash.....1877.10

Total.....\$7,832.10

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

#### BENEFITS PAID

Nola Harrison	\$35.40	John Leavens	32.40
Dorothy Gray	6.00	Walter Howard	12.00
John Tindall	47.20	Ray Franklin	30.60
Jesse Meyers	5.00	Andrew Tracey	1.80
C. F. Goodbla	53.20	A. M. Jackson	12.00
J. E. Jones	3.00	C. E. Cochran	10.00
Fred Lake	2.00	Ralph Slayback	14.65
W. L. Adams	3.60	Alfred T.	
Cleo Grubb	22.00	Christy	1.50
Del Logue	9.00	Walter H. Moatz	4.80
Carl R. Morton	17.40	Fred Stephens	8.40
Ed. Witts	59.20	Wm. S. Ander-	
Albert Anderson	23.20	son	10.00
Kathryn Bardin	4.00	Archie Sidwell	2.25
Arthur Claypool	21.90	James O. Eyer	26.40
Herbert Carr	6.00	E. E. Fenton	11.00
Merle Barter	20.60	J. A. Patterson	16.00
Mrs. Emma		LeRoy Himes	24.90
Reed	3.00	Wm. H. Long	10.80
H. B. Whitting-		Carl Brock	6.00
ton	39.90	Wm. Padrick	45.00
Chas. J. Mueller	15.90	Wm. Eifert	3.00
Geo. Wilson	7.50		
A. H. Thompson	.75		
Geo. E. Woods	2.70	Total	\$691.95



#### Ask Her Another

Herbert—You flappers don't know what needles are for.

Vivienne—Well, I do—they're for the phonograph.—Notre Dame Juggler.



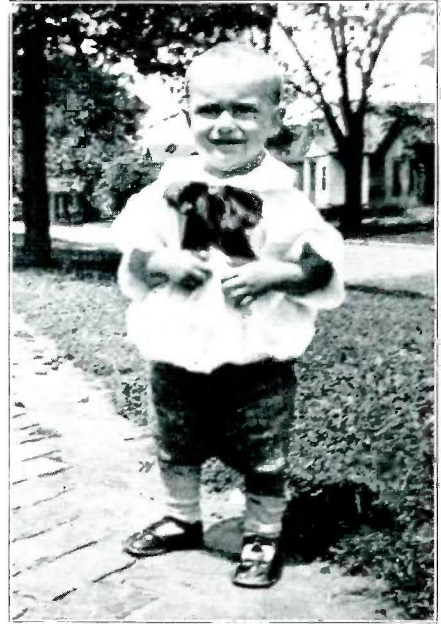
#### Sounds Like Croup

Several outbreaks of coccidi.xTrtTheK2 xE eparation-osis in chicks have been reported.—South Dakota paper.

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## The Two Little Lebos



Above is Katherine May Lebo, aged 5 years, and to the right is her little brother, George, aged 1 year, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Lebo.

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Room and the Laboratory. While the carpenters were at work on this job, George Presnall was climbing the ladder between the floors. Margaret Marcott saw him and innocently asked, "Is this the new dumb waiter?"

The partition between the office of the Chief Engineer and the office of the Junior Engineer has been removed, thus making one room.

Donald Prestley, formerly of the Engineering Department, now has a position with the A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company.

M. W. Trott reached Decatur, September 17, after a trip to the Pacific Coast and Texas branches. In San Francisco he met Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller and reports that Mr. Robert is looking very much improved in health. He also met them again in Los Angeles. Trott says business is quite active at Dallas. Present indications are that the northwest in the vicinity of Seattle will see a marked industrial development in the next few years.

William Jett, general sales representative for Southern territories, was in Decatur last week.

Margaret Wollard is now serving as time clerk in the Assembly Department.

Trall Carder of the Assembly Department was cut in the leg in an automobile accident October 1.

LeRoy Himes of Department 9 has been

laid up for the past three weeks with an infection in his finger resulting from a fish hook wound.

Perry Tankersley of the Machine Shop has been taking treatment for stomach trouble at West Baden, Ind.

Carl Goodbla of the Blacksmith Shop was called to North Dakota by the death of his sister.

Merle Barter of the Automatic Machine Department was laid up two months by an injury to his back received when he was struck by an automobile when he was riding a bicycle.

James Eyer of the Night Polishing Department was injured when his automobile skidded on the hard road and upset with him. He has been laid up for about a month.

The Receiving Department is now located in the building on Monroe street adjoining the Mueller Club. This gives the department more room than it has ever had before and ready access to the street.

This note was received October 1 from William Padrick: "I have been in the Hospital Norwell ever since I came to Rochester. They opened up my throat, the swelling is gone and it is clearing up nicely. The trouble with my voice is an unusual case and seems to have puzzled them. It will be several days before they know for sure what my trouble is. Give the bunch my regards and best wishes. Wm. H. Padrick."



## PICTURES OF HOMES

**Hundreds of Mueller Employes Have Quit Paying Rent.**

It was announced at the last series of Departmental Meetings that the Employment Office desired a photograph of the homes owned by employees. To date we have post-card size photographs of 212 homes. The list appears below.

The photographer has about 20 more places in the northwest part of town on his present list. If you own or are buying your home we would like to take the picture. There will be no charge for you and later if you wish to get prints you may do so.

Many of these pictures will be used for illustrations in The Mueller Record but it will be some months before they can all appear.

We are planning to make a special exhibit, possibly showing them throughout the plant. They will make an impressive display.

If you own your home or are buying it and you do not find it on the list please send your clock number, name and address to the Employment Office and we will arrange, if practical, to have a picture taken yet this fall. If you live on a rural route please tell us just how to get there.

Wm. H. Ines, H. Chalcraft, H. C. Spaar, H. A. Goerges, Ira Auer, H. W. Fletcher, Roy Campbell, Glen Reinhart, C. H. Laughlin, H. C. Penniwell, W. H. Dixon, J. C. Uhl, U. V. Wacaser, Geo. P. Kost, J. S. Doolin, Albert May, T. Davis, John Hines, W. C. McClanahan, L. Schario, A. D. Bashore, Frank V. Scholes, Robert Lusk, W. P. Duval, H. P. Clannin, Alva C. Davis, Mrs. Viola Hall, John G. Bauer, Marshall Hobbs, E. W. Bailey, Alfred Wilkins, E. Meece, John Lawler, W. F. Muirhead, M. H. Stratman, H. L. Roberts, F. J. Schwartz, Claude Hanna, Richard Donewitz, J. W. Layman, G. W. Redmon, F. W. Nehls, C. J. Danials, S. R. Gepford, W. G. Cranston, William Secforth, J. W. Simpson, E. J. Butt, L. Breck, L. Olsen, B. J. Hawkins, E. J. Langley, Paul T. Burke, Frank Miller, Herman Hill, Enoch Masters, Ed. F. Harris, E. A. Waltz, Charles Sipe, Clarence L. Utt, Wm. Atkinson, J. T. Sutliff, C. O. Foster, Louis Wyant, C. H. Winholtz, J. F. Baldridge, Roy Whitaker, Herman Salesfske, C. Gillibrand, Frank Swiney, G. R. Hawkins, Harry Edson, E. Potts, Roy B. Pease, William McClure, Joe Cheetham, Lester Skelly, Henry Gilbert, Perry Tankersley, Howard Gragg, Fred Moessner, H. C. Camron, Harlan Himstead, Mrs. Helen Brannon, L. W. Rollins, J. J. Fickes, John Hoots, J. M. Wilkins, J. D. Smith, F. A. March, Earl Gustin, J. Hodges, Duward Fletcher, P. D. Ruthrauff, Clint Allen, William Bain, W. F. Bainter, J. A. Ball, W. E. Behrns, Ernest Bond, Jas. Borders, Paul, Burchett, W. Bridwell, John Buckley, Daniel Burger, Paul Burke, J. J.

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## LAST BIG CONVENTION

**American Gas Convention Held at Stevens Hotel, Chicago.**

The last big convention of the year, in fact the biggest which we attend, the American Gas Association, will be held October 10 to 14, at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. In point of exhibits and attendance it ranks high with any convention held.

The Stevens is Chicago's newest and largest hotel, 3,000 rooms and each one equipped with bath.

It is claimed to be the largest hotel in the world.

Those representing the company were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cruikshank, Frank Huntley, Chicago; C. J. G. Haas, Boston; W. L. Jett, Memphis; J. D. Sutliff and O. J. Hawkins, Decatur.

Mrs. Ella Rost and son, Louie, left Saturday, September 24, for Buffalo, N. Y., to attend the convention of the restaurant and cafeteria association. The company did not make a display but Louie took with him samples of Filglas faucets and other lines of goods used in restaurants, hotels, etc.

The Southwest Water Works Convention, a division of the National Association, was held at Hot Springs, Ark., October 10 to 14. The company was represented by W. C. Heinrichs, Paul Hines and Jess McKnown.

The Municipal League Convention of Kansas was held at Junction City, Kan., October 12 and 13. Harry V. Seevers attended.

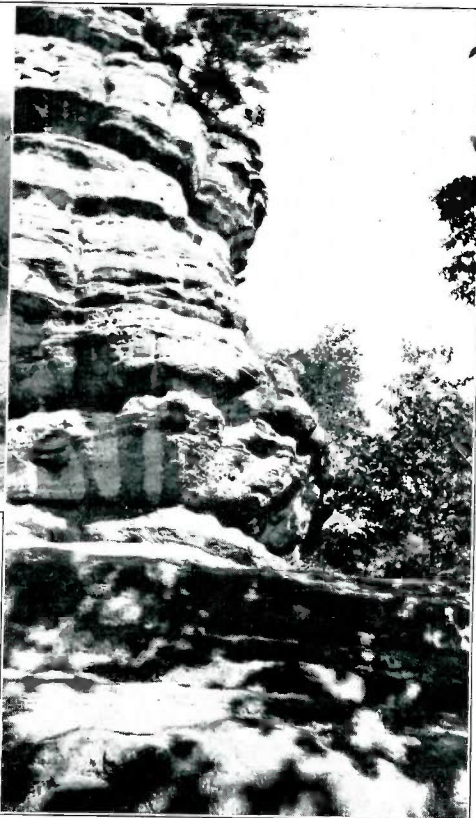
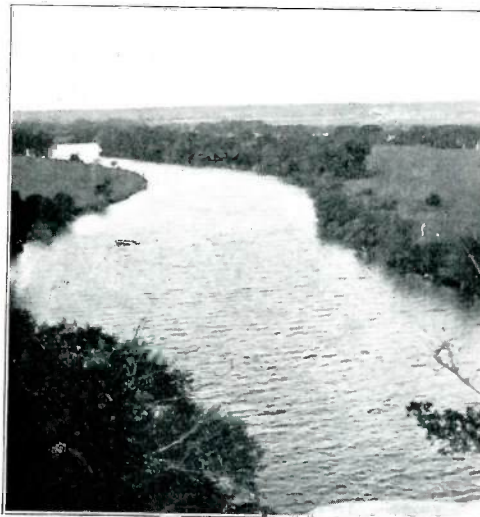
**SAFETY A BIG MOVEMENT****A Nation-Wide Effort to Prevent Injury and Death by Accident.**

Henry Morey, first aid man, was sent by the Company to the National Safety Congress held in Chicago the week of Sept. 26. The convention was held in the new Stevens Hotel, which modestly claims to be the largest hostelry in the world. Chicago is the headquarters for the National Safety Council and this year's Congress surpassed all previous meetings. It was said that there were six thousand safety men in attendance, representing all lines of industry. Each year shows decided gains in safety education among the industries and attention is now being turned directly to questions of home and public safety. These require educational and co-operative effort which make this problem rather difficult but its importance is evident. Morey reported on the convention at the noon day foremen's meeting on Friday, September 30.



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## ILLINOIS SCENIC SPOT



These pictures will recall to memory of many Mueller employes a familiar scenic spot in Illinois which many have visited during the past summer. Similar pictures have been published in *The Record*, but we doubt if any have excelled in distinctness and naturalness. Mrs. Rose Heil of Department 18 was the photographer. The pictures were taken at Starved Rock. The rock itself is a popular object for all amateur photographers, but not so many are attracted by the Illinois River, flowing through the prairie, bordering the rock.

### AUTUMN

(By L. Mitchell Thornton)

The frosts have touched the clover  
And every forest seems  
Lit up with torches crimson  
Where gay the maple gleams.  
The meadows golden tinted  
Lie dreaming in the sun,  
And every grainfield whispers  
That summer's work is done.

The wren has left the woodland,  
The robin sings no more;  
The crickets chirp their vespers  
Beside the cottage door.  
While drowsy bees go droning,  
Each hiveward in the sun;  
And every insect whispers  
That summer's work is done.

The hearth fires glow and glimmer,  
The chairs are in their place,  
They seem like friends who welcome  
With genial, smiling face.

And wheresoe'er we wandered  
Whate'er the laurels won,  
Home whispers—I am waiting.  
When summer's work is done.



The men who give their work character, distinction, perfection, are the men whose spirit is behind their hands giving them a new dexterity. There is no kind of work, from the merest routine to the highest creative activity, which does not receive all that gives it quality from the spirit in which it is done or fashioned. Work without spirit is a body without soul; there is no life in it. Flawless workmanship is tinsel unless touched by some influence of the spirit; imperfect workmanship is often redeemed by the power of spirit lodged in it.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

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**PROMISING LAD**

This promising lad is Everett Campbell, son of Roy Campbell, of Production Control Department.

### WEDDINGS

#### Horr-Hodges

Miss Esther Horr of Urbana, Ill., and George Hodges of Department 30, were married September 17 in Jacksonville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis, pastor of the Grace M. E. Church. They were attended by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Shoemaker.

#### Dunham-Carr

Alma Dunham of the Core Room, and Cloyd Carr of Department 57, were married September 10 by Rev. Henry. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartwig and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carr. They are living at 1528 East Division St.

#### Roper-Cochran

Fannie Roper, of Centralia, and Wallace Cochran of Department 33, were married July 7 at Hillsboro. The bride was a nurse

in the Little Sanitarium at Pana. They are living at 778 East Decatur St.

#### Dodwell-Stephens

Goldie Dodwell of the Core Room, and Leonard Stephens were married August 25 at Springfield, Ill., by H. W. McPherson. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chilton. The groom is employed at the Wabash. They are living at 1205 North Water St.

#### Gray-Ostrander

Dorothy Gray of the Core Room, and Victor Ostrander were married September 4 at the First Church of God, by Rev. G. A. Brownlow, of Charleston, Ill. They had as their attendants Miss Kathryn Wenger, bridesmaid, Miss Wilma White, maid of honor, Lloyd Diamond, best man, and Albert Gray.

The bride was attired in a dress of white crepe satin draped with georgette, and wore a long veil with orange blossoms. The bridesmaid wore pale green and the maid of honor pale pink, with head pieces of pearls.

The two ring bearers were Billy Constant and Sharline Davis. The rings were carried on lilies. Alma Gray, sister of the bride, was flower girl and was dressed in white. The church was decorated in palms and ferns and garden flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander will be at home in their new home in Maryland Heights, Constant View addition, after November 1.

Mr. Ostrander was formerly of Long Prairie, Minn., but is now employed at the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co.

#### Daniels-Yonker

Fay Daniels and Carl Yonker of Department 30, were married September 3, by Rev. A. Smith. They were accompanied by Leo MacInroe of the Shipping Department and Madge Daniels of Department 18. They will live in their new home at 1328 East Logan St. as soon as completed.

#### Armentrout-Malernee

Edna Mae Armentrout and Earnest Malernee of Department 15 were married September 3 at Sullivan, by Rev. C. D. Robertson, pastor of the M. E. Church. They were attended by Dewey Franklin of Decatur, and Floyd Brown of Sullivan. They will live at 1234 East Dickerson St.



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson drove to Ft. Atkinson, Wis., September 17 and their daughter, Miss Opal, who has been working on a paper there, returned with them. The trip took them through the Rock River country, which boasts of some of the prettiest scenery in the state of Illinois.



Robert Mueller returned October 10 from an extended Western trip. He looks and feels better for his rest and change, and has many interesting things to tell of his travels.

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### OFFERED SERVICES TO TUNNEY

#### Bill Cranston Wanted to Get Champion Ready to Fight.

In writing about Gene Tunney in the September issue and the efforts of some Decatur people to get him to do his training stuff we overlooked the fact that within our own ranks was one whose professional talents and attainments had been tendered Mr. Tunney.

Whose else could these talents and attainments belong to but the redoubtable Bill Cranston, our energetic physical instructor with a record behind him of having prepared many successful battlers for their encounters.

As soon as it was determined that Tunney would train in the vicinity of Chicago Bill got busy with his pen and inscribed a long letter to the champion offering his services.

He expounded and expatiated upon the imperative need of Tunney being physical fit and mentally alert before stepping into the ring.

Bill claimed to have all the art and skill necessary to produce a sure-fire winner if given a chance.

Under date of August 26 Tunney, as is his custom, answered Bill's letter, which gives Bill the autograph of the champion, and of which he is quite proud.

Perhaps the dispute about the seventh round would have not been possible if Gene had accepted Bill's offer, because Bill's system of training does not permit any near-knockout blows. All such are delivered by the man Bill trains.



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this time, however, no definite results have been obtained.

The Mueller Company has been giving the matter of apprentice training serious study and it is hoped that a definite plan may soon be forthcoming that will add class work to the shop experience which the boys already get. Such a plan will provide a more definite plan for apprentice training both in the shops and in school.



The great elements we know are no mean comforters; the open sky sits upon our senses like a sapphire crown—the air is our robe of state, the Earth is our throne, and the Sea a mighty minstrel playing before it.—John Keats.



What doctor possesses such curative resources as those latent in a single ray of hope? The mainspring of life is in the heart. Joy is the vital air of the soul, and grief is a kind of asthma complicated by atony.—Amiel.

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Meet Dolores Marie Overfield, age 7 months July 24, 1927. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Overfield, and the queen of their household. Her father is a member of Department 20.

### VACATION AUTO TRIPS

#### Employees Register Some Long Drives During Summer.

Vincent Mason of the Engineering Record Department, returned September 27 from a motor trip to Colorado and Oklahoma. He was accompanied by his mother. In Denver they visited his brother, Rex, formerly of this organization, who is now a bond salesman. From Denver they made a number of trips into the mountains. On their return they drove to Bartlesville, Okla., which is located in the oil fields. Altogether they had an interesting and pleasant trip.

Charles Tilton, clerk in Department 9, returned September 17 from an extended motor trip to the Pacific Coast. He left Decatur July 2 and drove to Los Angeles, where Mrs. Tilton and their young son had been visiting. After some time spent in sight-seeing they made the long drive back. The journey was made each way in seven days. Naturally in a trip of this length there were many interesting sights and experiences.

The highest price paid for gas was 30c a gallon at Baker, Cal., where they entered the desert on the Santa Fe Trail.

W. E. Mueller and J. W. Simpson have been away for several weeks on a business visit to jobbers in the Eastern territory. They made the trip in Everett's Buick.

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## THE COMMUNITY CHEST

## What Decatur's Organized Charity Does For Those in Need.

Suppose that something happened to you and your little boy was left without friends or support. What would happen to him? Just that has happened to about thirty-five boys in Decatur in the past year or two. They have a chance to grow into useful citizens in the Boys' Opportunity Home. Last year it cost \$11,000.00 to run this institution and it received from the Community Chest a little less than \$5,000.00. The Girls' Welfare Home gives unfortunate or delinquent girls a chance.

The Day Nursery cares for children during the day while the mother works.

It costs about \$4,200.00 a year to maintain the Day Nursery and about \$1,900.00 of this comes from the Community Chest.

Our local Red Cross is served year in and year out by Miss Inez J. Bender who receives no salary. The Red Cross receives from the Community Chest about \$3,100.00.

The Salvation Army throughout the year offers a gospel that is free, and material help and comfort to those in need. Its officers serve for very low pay.

The Child's Welfare Clinic and the Public School Clinic are intended to prevent disease. These Clinics apply literally the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is Worth a pound of cure."

A Venereal Disease Clinic provides, in its quiet way, for those who suffer from social disease. It too looks toward prevention.

The causes described above may be regarded as direct applications of charity. They minister to those who are in need. There is another group of institutions which assist in building character and preventing young people from ever becoming subjects of charity. Their aim is to build up character and physical fitness and to make self-supporting and social-minded citizens. To this group belong the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts and the Pines. The Christian Associations give to young people a service that costs very much more than they charge for it. The Y.M.C.A. drew from the Community Chest last year \$14,950.00 and received from other sources \$59,644.26. It received from the Community Chest about 20 per cent of all its income. It returned to the community several times this amount in the value of the services it gives to young men and boys.

The Y.W.C.A. receives from the Community Chest \$10,200.00 and from other sources \$11,533.00.

"The Pines" is a social and recreational center for the east side of town. It enriches the lives of many children who otherwise would be left to go wild. The Pines has no other source of income than

the Community Chest and received from it last year \$4,434.40.

No one questions the statement that an investment in the character of boys is one of the best that can be made. Growing boys need the association and direction of older men of character and general fitness to guide them in such activities as the Boy Scouts organization provides. Last year this organization received from the Community Chest \$5,571.43. Any Boy Scout can tell you something of what it accomplished.

This year the Anna B. Millikin Home comes into the Community Chest and it will receive from it \$1,500.00. The work of this home does not need description.

Each of the fourteen organizations mentioned fills an acknowledged need in this community. Their reasons for being in the Community Chest have been thoroughly investigated. Their financial statements have been scrutinized by certified accountants. They have practiced economy to the limit. In order to carry on this year as they should they need the amount asked for, \$109,000. This is the same as last year's total.

It is hardly necessary to say that the reasons these causes are organized into the Community Chest is because one public appeal is made for all which is more satisfactory to the public and far less expensive. In fact the cost is less than one-fifth as much to put on a campaign for all of these causes than it would be if there were fourteen drives.

If we could actually see the cases of need that these various organizations relieve none of us would have the heart to withhold support. It is part of our duty to humanity to support these causes as best we may. Contributions, unless otherwise designated are divided pro rata among these organizations. If, however, a giver wishes to favor some of these causes rather than others he may designate the cause or causes to which he desires his gift to go.

You will not be solicited at your work for the Chest, but do not let this prevent you from doing your part.

## Debts

Scarcely a day passes that the Paymaster or the Employment Office is not approached by some creditor seeking to collect a debt of some employee. It is not the policy of this Company to interfere in the personal affairs of employees, but when debts are not paid this unsatisfied claim is thrust upon our attention.

In most cases the debtor has neglected to keep his promise to pay the creditor when he said that he would. It is only natural then, that the creditor should take some active means of collecting what is due him. This sometimes leads to garnishment which makes

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## DEATHS

## John Ronan

The sudden death of John Ronan of the Assembly Department, which occurred on the afternoon of Saturday, September 24, removes another old timer from the ranks. Mr. Ronan had been working about the yard as was his custom on Saturday afternoons. A half-hour after he left the house his sister, Miss Nell Ronan, with whom he made his home, went out to look for him and found him lying against the fence. He seemed to recognize her but was dead before the physician answering the call arrived. He probably died of heart failure. He had worked in Department 18 as usual the day before.

John Ronan was born in Decatur, March 14, 1859, and lived here all his life. At one time he was turnkey at the County Jail and worked for the Wabash R. R. for five years.

He began work for the Mueller Co. on June 10, 1895, and has been employed here continuously ever since. Most of this time he has been in the Assembly Department. "Jack" Ronan was known and admired by a wide circle of friends. He was a faithful and steady worker, bore an excellent character, and was a gentleman.

The funeral services were held from St. Patrick's Church on the morning of Tuesday, September 27. He was buried at Calvary. Honorary pallbearers were John Leavens, J. A. Dill, F. E. Smith, John Hoots, W. E. Behrns and C. J. Buckley.

## Ends His Own Life

We were somewhat startled to read in the Decatur Herald that Lester Carmean of the Brass Finishing Department No. 9 had shot himself the morning of Friday, September 16. The cause for this act seems to have been family trouble.

Mr. Carmean had worked for the Mueller Co. at three different times. His last term of service began the 1st of November, 1926. He was a good turner lathe operator and a steady worker. His friends here knew nothing of his family difficulties.

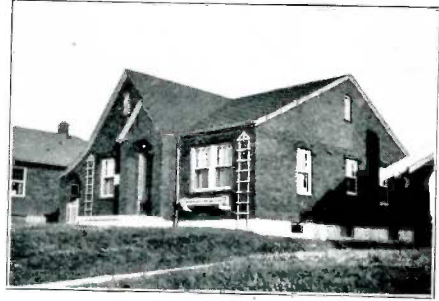
Lester Carmean was born near Casner, June 10, 1884. He married Edna Beck of that place in 1904. To this union four children were born: Mrs. Helen Holman, Kenneth, John and Mary Catherine.

They lived on the farm near Shelbyville until they moved to Decatur last October when Mr. Carmean went to work for the Mueller Co.



## WITH MARINES IN NICARAGUA

Frank Morey, brother of Henry, our First Aid Man, and a former employee in the foundry, has been with the U. S. Marines in Nicaragua for the past three months. From here his outfit was sent to China where he is stationed at present. No wonder the Marines have interesting tales to narrate on their return.



## THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

This is the home of Jack Frye of Plant 8. It is located at 1949 East Gile street and was but recently completed and occupied. John Donovan, formerly of the Advertising Department, who became prominent in local contracting and building circles, built the house for Jack.

## AS GOOD AS MOST OF THEM

A reader of The Record hands us the following recipe for home-brew, which is published with the assurance that it is as good as most of those in use:

"Chase three wild bullfrogs three miles and gather in the hops. To them add ten gallons of tan bark, half pint shellac, one bar of common laundry soap. Boil 48 hours. Then strain through an I. W. W. sock to keep it from working. Add one grasshopper to each pint to give it a kick. Pour a little into the kitchen sink. If it takes the enamel off it is ready for bottling. Wash bottles before and after using."

Laurence Alverson, who has been employed in the Laboratory for the last two and one-half years, checked out September 10. He plans to attend the University of Illinois for the next two years. He has saved enough money while working here to carry him through one year, but hopes to be able to make his money last him two years, by working outside of school.

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the employer, against his will, a party to the employee's debts.

In this organization employees are forbidden to assign their wages or to allow their affairs to go to garnishment. We do not know a case where a worthy man who has been fair to his creditor has not received fair treatment from him. We know of scores of cases of neglectful men who have forced their creditors to take legal steps against them.

It is our earnest suggestion that you keep in touch with your creditors instead of avoiding them and that you come to a settlement and then keep the terms of the settlement. You should not make it necessary for your employer to take a hand in getting you to pay your just debts.

It is pretty well known that if you are in financial distress that you can get help and advice by asking your foreman or enquiring at the Employment Office.





Richard Dean Metzger, son of A. C. Metzger, Department 30. Richard celebrated his first birthday July 17. A fine healthy youngster like this is sufficient justification for the paternal pride which Art feels.

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Burkholder, A. F. Buskirk, Wm. Cantwell, George Clark, Amy Courtwright, Burl Dial, John Galla, William Girl, Albert Golembeck, Wm. Griffiths, C. M. Hitch, E. C. Hawkins, George C. Henne, J. Hollingshead, T. E. Hoy, E. H. Humphreys, G. W. Jobe, Travis Johnson, Albert Kusch, W. Kostensky, Charles Kuntz, Matt Like, John Lines, Steve Mahanna, A. C. Metzger, Harry Miller, Charles Morenz, J. D. Owen, E. H. Parker, C. M. Ping, M. C. Pippin, Delbert C. Probst, Al Radke, W. A. Ratliff, G. R. St. Pierre, C. L. Seeley, J. F. Secrest, H. T. Smith, H. Stevens, R. H. Tauber, Albert Spitzer, Al Taylor, O. F. Taylor, Willis Taylor, Frank Tosh, Odie Walker, Brugh Werner, T. B. Willis, Edwin Winholtz, Harry Woodruff, A. P. Townley, J. Shaw, N. Beck, Myrle Carter, Walter Drew, H. Zipse, John Haines, Mrs. Clara Gilbert, C. S. Winegardner, C. F. Roarick, Louis Bland, Walter Screeton, Floyd Moore, Mrs. Marie Eagleton, Carl Goodbla, L. B. Ritchie, R. A. Gaines, Ray Sailsbury, Edward Hirsch, Richard Cash, Louis Wallenbrook, W. S. Enloe, J. L. Gelsenger, F. E. Hornbeck, Ralph Slayback, W. T. Wallen, J. W. Frve, O. R. Curry, C. G. Auer, R. L. Pope, Kelley Morgan, Louis Kramer, O. Thompson, L. N. Rohr, Harry Koontz, H. A. Wacaser Earl Myers, J. W. Wells.

## "RED" GRANGE AND CHARLES LINDBERG

Two years ago everybody was wondering whether "Red" Grange would continue his studies in the University of Illinois after the football season was over, or go into professional football.

The day after the season closed the newspapers carried the announcement that Grange was going on the road with a professional football team and that he would make a lot of money out of it. There were a few that thought he should continue his studies and not enter the ranks of the professional athletes. They were told that any man would make all that he could out of such an opportunity. Who wouldn't?

Time answers many questions as it brought a striking answer to this one.

Charles Lindberg's non-stop flight from New York to Paris was called by the Literary Digest, which describes Lindberg's mail, said that within one month after this flight he received 3,500,000 letters, 100,000 telegrams and cablegrams, and 14,000 parcels of gifts. Among these letters were many offering strong financial inducements to do or say something. The Digest further states:

"A conservative estimate by a well-known banker is that these business offers amounted to \$6,000,000.00

"More than half this amount was covered in perfectly feasible moving-picture contracts. One company offered him about \$500,000 if he would put in a few days doing the star part in a picture that would represent American home life. Another wanted him to do an air thriller in twelve releases at \$40,000 a release. Still another offered him \$100,000 to appear in a film in which he would actually be married, the stipulation being that there be close-ups of his face when he first met the girl that appealed to him, and at the moment he was pronounced her husband. For this unique pictorial study of emotion it was said he would receive \$1,000,000.

"The most amazing offer he received in Europe was of \$2,500,000 for a flight alone around the world. Perhaps the easiest money he could have made was a proposition which involved about forty minutes of his time. He was to get \$240,000 if he would stand in front of a camera which registered both voice and picture, and read his own first account of the flight across the Atlantic as published in the press. He could have made about \$300,000 by letting a talking-machine concern make a record of his story in his own voice, the reading to be bracketed by the 'Marseillaise' and the 'Star Spangled Banner' played by a big orchestra."

None of these alluring offers was accepted. Lindberg would not commercialize himself. He would not sell out for money.

## VISITORS FROM CANADA

## L. H. Burleigh Gives Some Interesting Points on Sarnia Plant.

L. H. Burleigh, Curly Allen and Ray McIntire of Muller, Ltd., Sarnia, were in Decatur from September 14 to 17. On these days the thermometer rose almost to 100 degrees every day and our Canadian friends received a warm reception.

Mr. Burleigh tells many interesting incidents in his experiences in selling Mueller goods to the Canadians. A provincial fair for the Province of Quebec was held in the city of Quebec from September 3rd to the 10th. There was a fine display of Mueller goods. The signs and advertising matter were all printed in French. This seemed a bit strange until Mr. Burleigh explained that 95 per cent of the population in the province were of French descent and spoke French. The Mueller salesman for that territory, Monsieur Armand Thideault, prepared this literature and has effectively introduced the French-Canadians to the use of Mueller goods. Mr. Burleigh says that they are quick to appreciate the excellence of our goods which are gaining in favor among them.

A number of Canadian cities have high pressure on the water mains and they particularly value Mueller goods because they can withstand high pressure.

The Canadian plant has been successful in getting contracts for plumbing goods in a number of large public buildings and hotels.



## IT IS DANGEROUS



The place to cross streets is at regular street crossings. Don't take chances. Automobiles kill and maim 20,000 persons a year.

## As Happy as They Look



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hawkins under their own "vine and fig tree" with Lizzie in the distance. Elmer belongs to the Night Foundry force.

## REMEMBER THE WHISKERS?

One day when Sam Roles of the Night Foundry, was shaving with a dull razor, he came to the difficult area on the point of his chin he decided to leave that region until later. When he came to work that night the boys were so impressed with the start of whiskers that he had, that they bet him a cigar that he wouldn't let them grow for two weeks. He did and the results up to that time were shown in a recent photograph published in the Mueller Record. So impressive was the showing that they made up a bet of \$5.00 that he would not let his whiskers grow for two months.

Sam did allow them to grow and the result was a phenomenal crop of luxuriant whiskers for which collected his \$5.00, had his photograph taken and celebrated the 4th with a shave.

We cannot but admire the romantic manner of the bewhiskered gentleman who resembles in appearance a medieval buccaneer.



Solon compared the people unto the sea, and orators and counsellors to the winds; for that the sea would be calm and quiet, if the winds did not trouble them.—Lord Bacon.