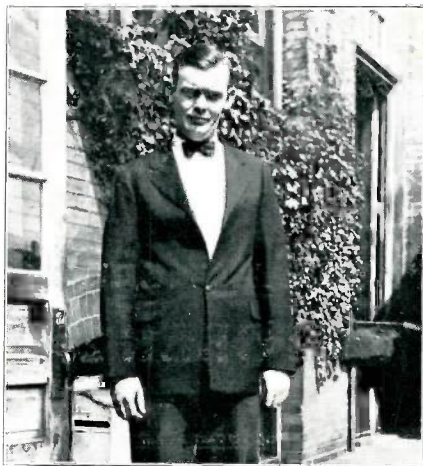


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Foremen's Club President



Martin Stratman, foreman of Department 30, elected president of the Foremen's Club at the opening meeting at Mueller Lodge, September 11th.

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Editorial

Tuesday, November 6th, is a day of great responsibility for every American citizen. On this day a president will be elected to represent us at home and abroad during the next four years. We shall not even mention the names of the candidates, but feel that everyone entitled under the law to vote should do so.

To vote at a presidential election you must be registered in order to avoid swearing in your vote at the polls. No matter how long you have lived in a voting precinct, go to the polling places on registration day and see that your name is enrolled. Watch the paper for announcements.



To be a qualified voter, you must have lived one year in the state, ninety days in the county and 30 days in a precinct.



Hallowe'en, October 31st—witches, goblins, parties, masquerades, jokes and tricks. Ain't we got fun. Hallowe'en's real significance is more of a religious character, being so called because it precedes All Saints Day, which is November 1st.



Every citizen should be proud of Decatur—one of the most progressive cities in Illinois. We have gained 13,000 since 1920 census. This is according to the estimate of the census bureau. For many years we trailed Bloomington, but passed that city in population in 1920. Now we are less than 10,000 behind Springfield. In a few years we will lead her. The growth of Decatur cannot be stopped. With her many industries to furnish steady employment, with her progressive and liberal spirited men of means who back every forward enterprise, Decatur is destined to become one of the leading cities of the state. Those who own property here are fortunate and will profit by its natural increase in value. Those who do not would do well to acquire it now. The price may seem high now to those assuming an obligation to buy a home, but it is never going to be any lower. Those who acquire property now will be the beneficiaries of the city's advancement in the next decade. Many keen sighted business men see Decatur as a city of 100,000 within the next twenty years.



Promises may get thee friends, but non-performance will turn them into enemies.—Benjamin Franklin.

Safety and the Truck Drivers

We have often seen some thoughtless boy racing a delivery truck about the streets and have cussed him for his carelessness. Then we draw the hasty conclusion that all truck drivers were careless.

The opposite, however, is the fact. Most men who drive trucks regularly are careful and have very few accidents. It is the reckless "kid" with the old "flivver" that gives them all a black eye.

The Decatur Safety Council has organized the truck drivers to promote safe driving and to get the careless drivers off the street.

These men are experts in handling motor vehicles and are jealous of their reputation. They wish to establish the tradition of careful driving for all men who are professional chauffeurs.

Our Truck Department under the direction of Claude Ping, has joined in this movement and our drivers are taking a particular interest in safety. They have always had a reputation for being careful drivers and naturally welcome a movement that will encourage all drivers to be careful.

Few of us realize the size and importance of our Truck Department. At present we now have 18 licensed chauffeurs driving Mueller trucks.

One of the drivers suggested that we have a "kangaroo court" and hale before it any driver that has an accident. The Mueller Records extends its good wishes.



Seeing California

Philip Reab and sister have been touring the West as guests of our company and have enjoyed themselves immensely. Phil has sent back a number of post cards to his friends here.

Few of us who go away attract sufficient attention to figure in the dispatches to daily papers, but Phil does. We have been handed the following press dispatch appearing in a Los Angeles paper under a San Francisco date line:

California All He Wants to See

"San Francisco, Sept. 22.—(Exclusive)—For thirty-five years Philip Reab toiled faithfully for the Mueller Company at Decatur, Ill., never getting more than 100 miles from the factory during that time.

"Then he was one of four veteran employees who were chosen for a trip through the United States or to Europe at their option, at the company's expense as a reward of meritorious work.

"The other three chose Europe. Reab chose 'America first' and headed straight for California. He's here now looking us over. Los Angeles is next."

HALLOWE'EN



No one, young or old, can resist the lore of a Hallowe'en frolic. And the hostess who selects this night to entertain is always sure of a successful party. The only problems that confront her are: What

kind of party to give? How to make it original?"

Your first concern as a hostess will be your invitations. They must be in keeping with the theme of your party and must give needed information as to time and place. There is something delightfully informal about an invitation written in rhyme, and this little jingle may be inscribed upon a pumpkin cut from orange paper:

Come—Join In!

Tonight let black and orange have full sway,
Let winds and witches meet in wild affray
With Hallowe'en's strange rites and mystic lore;

Enter within! You'll find an open door.

Below the verse should be added the name, time and place.

Games

Of course there must be games and stunts, for no Hallowe'en party is complete without trying the old-time tricks and games such as "Ducking for Apples," "Cutting the Flour Cake" and "Pulling a Root of Kale." But new games are also welcome, and for variety try some of these:

Hallowe'en Superstitions

Pass papers and pencils and ask your guests to write all the superstitions that they know. For instance, walking under a ladder is a sign of bad luck; picking up a pin found lying on the floor will bring good luck. At least two people must have heard of the omen to make it count. A small, stuffed black cat should be awarded as the prize to the writer of the longest list.

Ghosts

Make about a dozen bags of thin white paper and place a different object in each one. Select things that have as greatly differing and distinct outlines as possible. Pin the bags on a line stretched across the room or in a doorway so that there is a strong light behind them. Put out all the other lights in the room and give five or ten minutes in which to guess what the ghosts are. The bags must not be touched, the shadows giving the only clues. "Ghosts" of even well-known articles are harder to guess than one would imagine. Turn the lights on and write lists of the articles. Two "ghost" handkerchiefs, one a boy ghost and

the other a girl ghost, may be awarded the winners.

Apple Race

The contestants for this race carry four apples in a row on each outstretched arm to a given point at the opposite side of the room. They may possibly arrive with one in each hand, but the others are apt to be found anywhere along the way. The person who arrives at the goal with the eight apples intact certainly deserves a prize.

The Table Decorations

Unexpected thrills and chills add zest to the Hallowe'en party. You will get them aplenty when first you behold the grinning ghosts waiting to join you at supper.

These eerie visitors, wired to the backs of chairs, are nothing more formidable than cardboard skulls enshrouded with white crepe paper; but the effect is uncannily weird.

In cheerful contrast are the bright orange pumpkin blossoms which twine around the stems of goblets and the genial smiling pumpkin cauldron that graces the center of the festive board.

This cauldron centerpiece can be made quickly and easily—simply tie together three large pumpkins cut-outs. Then make a tripod of three slender sticks wrapped with orange crepe paper. Prop the sticks over the pumpkin cauldron and fasten them together with spool wire. Cover this joining with a dashing big bow of orange maline.

To make the pumpkin blossoms, cut strips of orange crepe paper seven inches wide with the grain of the crepe running up and down. Cut the strips into petals two inches wide. Then curl the edges of the petals by rolling them over a knitting needle and pushing the crepe towards the center. When all of the petals are curled, divide the strips into blossoms of five petals each. Insert a center (a little strip of orange crepe paper fringed at one end and rolled up to the size of a match) and wind a wire around the base of the flower.



Hallowe'en Party

Girls of the C. G. A. Club are arranging for a Hallowe'en party on the night of October 24th. Invitations have been issued as follows:

A big black cat said to tell you this:
There's a party soon that you must not miss.
Mr. J. O'Lantern is the host—
Assisted, of course, by O. A. Ghost.

SO

On Hallowe'en, when the moon is pale,
If your heart is stout and your nerves not frail,

There's a Ghosts' Convention at the Club, so
Come dressed as ONE that no one will know.

C. G. A.

MUELLER ATHLETIC CLUB
OCTOBER 24TH—7:30 P. M.

PUSHERS AT THE POTTERY

Here is the supervising staff at the Vitreous Ware plant, which has recently been reorganized. Standing, left to right: John Eckman, Gorlin Buck, Dick Burris, Samuel Gaudette, Albert Culver, Fred Colendar, Richard Cash, Loren McCay. Seated: Gerald St. Pierre, Van Campbell, Phillip H. Cruikshank, E. J. Creevy, J. R. Maykew.

Borrowing Money

There are times when most of us are short of money. It seems, that at such times, that if we could just borrow a few dollars it would help wonderfully.

There are more serious occasions when it appears absolutely necessary that a person must have some cash. These situations we will refer to as emergencies.

The Employees' Aid Society has a small fund supplied by the Mueller Company from which to make emergency loans to employees in cases of extreme need. An emergency situation may arise in case of death, a serious illness, a severe accident, or some unforeseen need which could not be anticipated.

In such emergencies we have been liberal in granting loans. We do not regard it as an emergency merely to be short of money, to buy coal, or to pay grocery bills, or to pool a number of debts and pay them at one place, to finance automobiles or to meet the ordinary expenses of life.

There is a third class of requirements which we call commercial loans. An opportunity to make a good investment, or to improve one's home or to save something by judicious spending sometimes occasions borrowing. The bank is the proper place to apply for such loans and a number of men who have asked for emergency loans have been able to get commercial loans at the banks.

The purpose of this notice is to suggest that the Employees' Aid Society be not asked to finance other than emergency loans.

Labor Day on Okaw

The Labor Day camping party was the crowning event of the Okaw social season. Festivities were opened Thursday preceding Labor Day by Mr. Adolph, who went down to superintend the preparations for the main body of hunters, fishers, etc., who arrived up until Sunday morning. The company included about 15 office and factory men. The days were spent in hunting and the evenings at cards. Dove shooting was poor but squirrel hunting was never better. The bottom lands are alive with squirrels this fall. Bert Jackson filled the position of cook and the hungry campers paid him the highest compliment by cleaning up the table at every meal.

Blue Lusk and son, who formed a part of the above company, remained over at the cabin for a week following Labor Day.



Have you gotten a crib for your baby yet? Make application at the employment office. Those who have received the cribs have expressed themselves as being delighted with them.

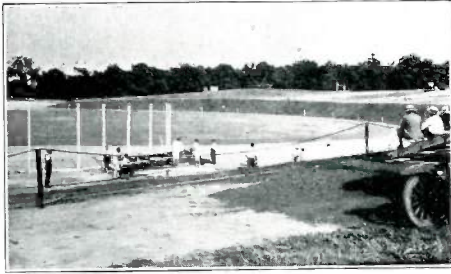
Car thieves have been busy again. Fred Lake of the Night Foundry had his Dodge car stolen on the evening of Monday, October 1. It was parked in front of the factory without a lock.

Mrs. Clara Gilbert of the Employment Department, parked her car by the Core Room one afternoon recently and when she came from work it was gone. She has not heard from it since. In neither case were the cars locked.

THE RECREATION CLUB

All Mueller Employees Made Members Until June 30th

Good news for all Mueller employees. Officers of the Recreation Club have decided to



New Athletic Field at Mueller Heights on Dedication Day

make the employees members of the club until June 30 without dues. The recreation field at Mueller Heights together with the club house are features designed for the enjoyment of Mueller employees. In addition to providing a field for all kinds of outdoor summer sports, a skating rink is being provided for this winter.

Here are some of the features briefly outlined by the Recreation Club for the coming months:

Men's Basketball tournament.

Girls' Basketball tournament.

Indoor Baseball tournament.

Movie program at Gym every Wednesday noon, November 1 to March 1.

Beginning May 1st, the children will have a fully equipped play grounds at Mueller Heights with Merry-go-rounds, teeter boards, slides, swings, sand piles, wading pool, etc.

All employees will be given details of these plans in a letter which the president of the Recreation Club is to issue in a few days.

C. G. A. Girls Active

A meeting of the C. G. A. Club was held at the Mueller Lodge October 3rd and a Hamburger Fry enjoyed.



Pie-eating contest at Athletic Field on Dedication Day. E. C. Stelle, master of ceremonies

A business meeting was presided over by the president, Miss Dorothy Jordan.

Among the activities discussed were basketball, fencing, golf, archery and cards.

Committees were named to investigate and report at a later meeting.

In place of a standing social committee it was decided to assign four girls to have charge of the entertainment for each month from October to August.



Theatricals

The girls of the C. G. A. are planning for another theatrical entertainment. Tryouts will be held October 11, and every club member is urged to attend and try for a place in the cast. The coach will be present and have several plays to select from.



Are You Spending More Than Your Income?

In these days of easy credit, and installment buying, many people are able to spend more than their income and go into debt. Always a day of reckoning comes. The debtor is either hounded by his creditors



Grading for the Skating Rink at the Athletic Field.

or escapes them by leaving the community. For the honest man neither of these solutions of the debt problem is fair or honorable.

There is only one remedy and that is spending less than the income. This means that the careful employee will save something. Those who are thrifty do not need to ask for emergency loans. They do not have to neglect their teeth for lack of money to pay a dentist. They do not have to pay higher prices for buying goods on credit. They take advantage of cash discounts. Some ready cash is one of the best of friends.

Start a savings account in the Mueller Investment Plan. Save a dollar first and live on what is left.

Deposits may be made at the Employment Office at noon on the first and second days after pay-day or with the cashier at the Mueller Club, or with the clerks at Plants 2. and Plant 3.



The room formerly occupied by the Superintendent has been added to the Paymaster's space and the petition removed.

GIRLS GO TO THE OKAW



Left to Right: Alma Virden, Edna Cranston, Erma Barth, Velma Randall, Mary Wilkins, Mariam Richards, Marie Eagleton, Hazel Virden, Ruth Zetterlind, Ruth Ross, Arlonyne Eckert, Eloise Dickson, Dorothy Kraft, Lois Christy, Pauline Verner, Helen Brannan, Vivian Scholes.

Here is about as cute a picture as ever went into The Record. Twenty-one Mueller girls all dressed up in knickers and overalls preparatory to their camping trip to the Okaw cabin on Saturday, August 26.

Immediately following the noon day meal the girls returned to the gymnasium and got into their camping clothes. A photographer was awaiting them when they came out. After the girls had been shot they climbed into waiting automobiles and three hours later the Okaw bottoms were ringing with shouts of laughter. Saturday afternoon and Sunday were spent in swimming, horseback riding, fishing, taking photographs and reading. Excellent meals were served and the party was unanimously voted a complete success. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson accompanied the party as chaperones.

There were lots of pranks played which the girls won't tell about, for instance their elopement with the motor truck, a wild midnight ride through the woods to the hard road and then a drive of ten miles or more, all of which created consternation in the camp when the chaperone suddenly found half of her flock missing.



Dennis Doolin of the janitor force, fell from a ladder while washing windows in the machine shop recently. He has been laid up since September 12.

Ed Robb is now testing service lamps in the Machine Department at Plant 2.

Steve Mahannah replaces A. W. Hawkins as Night Watchman at the Monroe Street gate.

George Tipsword of the Core Department, has decided to have a dentist care for his teeth. For the past two years he has lost considerable time due to illness caused by bad teeth. Even patent medicine could not cure him.

Touring Canada

Taking a brief vacation, C. N. Wagenseller of the advertising department, made a combined business and pleasure trip to Canada. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wagenseller. They drove through to Montreal where Mr. Wagenseller attended the New England Waterworks' Association convention. From there they went to Quebec City with a little side trip to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, always a magnet for visitors and especially those of Catholic faith.

Canada is a wonderful country, full of interesting sights and historical points. People, both English and French, are uniformly courteous and kindly. Many thousand American tourists visited Canada this season, the number being greatly in excess of any previous year and it is expected that next year will see still greater throngs. There is nothing more fascinating on this continent than a motor trip through Canada from Windsor to Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Gananoque, the gateway to the Thousand Islands and Quebec. From Gananoque up the trip follows the great St. Lawrence river.

No tourist, it would seem to us, could fail to get the maximum of enjoyment and recreation from a trip to this land of great delights.



Othniel March has been transferred from the Polishing Department to the Drafting Room as an apprentice draftsman.

William L. Porter, brick layer, bruised his knee severely September 14. He has been on crutches since.

Lawrence Kramer of the Night Brass Shop was playing baseball in his home town on Labor Day, September 2. He stepped in an unseen hole in the ground and broke his leg. He spent some time in a hospital in Effingham but is now at home.

THE LYCEUM COURSE

THE ATTRACTIONS

Accordion Novelty Co.—Oct. 20.

Henry & Co.—Magic—Nov. 23.

Glen Wells Co.—Feb. 22.

Taggart—Old Time Fiddler—March 8.

Beginning October 20 with the Accordion Novelty Co., our second Lyceum Course will open. It promises to be much better in every way than the course given last winter because we have had experience and thereby are enabled to make a more attractive offering. Last year the course consisted of three entertainments costing \$1.25 for a season ticket entitling the holder to reserved seats.

This year the course will consist of four entertainments and the cost will be only \$1.00 for the series.

All the entertainments are from the celebrated Redpath Lyceum Bureau, which is a sufficient guarantee of merit.

There will be no entertainments in December this season for so little money. The attractions will be:

Charles Ross Taggart and his old time fiddlers.

The Accordion Novelty Company.

Henry and Company in Magic Mystery and Mirth.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells in Music and Drama.

These entertainments will take the place of the Foremen's Club social meetings, but all employees are asked to patronize them.

Dates for the various entertainments will be announced later.

Presenting Complete Plays

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells have scored tremendous successes by the presentation of a complete two or three-act play as a part of their Lyceum programs.

They have been particularly fortunate, in having written exclusively for them by Herbert Thomas, the eminent English playwright, who wrote the melodramatic success, "Under Orders," two plays which are sure-fire Lyceum "hits." One of these is "Atonement," a three-act drama, and the other, "The Come Back," written in two acts.

Wherever these plays have been given by Mr. and Mrs. Wells they have invariably been hailed with the greatest enthusiasm, not only because of their remarkable intrinsic interest, but also for the splendid manner in which they are presented.

Mr. Thomas has also written for Mr. and Mrs. Wells a comedy duolog, "Wanted, a Cook," and a play based upon Dickens' famous "Dombey and Son," in which Mr. Wells will take the part of Dombey, and Mrs. Wells the part of his wife, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have had over fifteen years' successful experience together as Lyceum entertainers. They are both excel-

lent interpreters of dramatic sketches and readings, and are delightful singers as well.

Accordion Novelty Co.

Four girls make up The Accordion Novelty Company—popular entertainers who have made an outstanding "hit" in the musical-entertainment field.

The most interesting feature, from a musical standpoint, is the use of four accordions. Truly beautiful and novel music is attained with this combination. Cello, violin and piano are also used, and harmony singing adds attractive variety.

Magic

For 15 years Henry, the mystic, has brought joy to enthusiastic audiences throughout the United States and Canada. When he has the platform the elements of mystery, novelty and surprise are blended into a facile fantasy that intrigues the young and revives the old. Mystification is born of bewilderment, laughter is spontaneous, entertainment reigns supremely when Henry is back of the footlights.

Old Time Fiddlers

This entertainment is entirely unique. It is not like any you ever attended. Charles Ross Taggart is a famous entertainer. He is not only a fiddler, but also a story teller, a pianist and a ventriloquist. So you will find a delightful variety in the entertainment.

And when it comes to the fiddling part—O Boy! How those fiddlers can fiddle the old-time jigs, reels and hornpipes! And if you want a good laugh you will get it in the comedy sketch, "The Pineville Orchestra."

Daniel Ross, one of the Fiddlers, is a Scotchman and he presents a Scotch-fiddler act in costume, including many of the Scotch strathspeys and reels, with stories about them. Mr. Ross has for a number of years played the part of the Scotch fiddler in the celebrated Scotch plays, "The Cotter's Saturday Night," "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" and "Auld Lang Syne," written by John Daniels. He has also played the part of the mountain fiddler in the John Fox, Jr., play, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come."

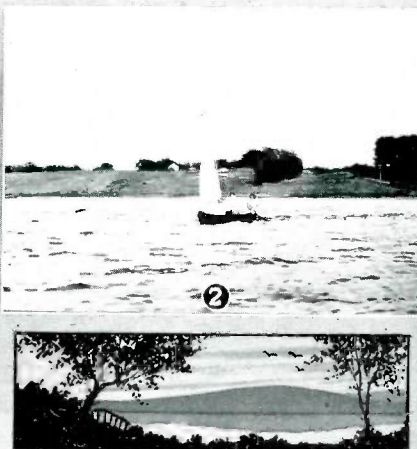
Perley Klark, another Fiddler, is a Yankee from the "Old Granite State." Mr. Klark is an orchestra leader of note, and Klark's Orchestra is well known all over Northern New England. Mr. Klark fiddles and plays the piano.



W. D. Wardle of the Night Brass Shop has been transferred to the Night Tool Room.

We have had a procession of factory messengers again. The present carrier is Francis Jordan. The mail service has been reorganized. "In" and "out" baskets have been placed in a number of departments.

THE CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club contest for August produced some very good pictures. The judges said the three above were winners.

Eloise Dickson was awarded first prize and readers will agree that she was entitled to it. Her picture of Mary Shultz and Marian Richards with the lake as a back ground, makes a very pretty piece of amateur photography.

Margaret Marcott was awarded second prize and Dorothy Jordan third.

BRASS CHIPS

Paul Burchett of Department 9 left abruptly September 7th to take a job in Chicago.

Thos. Finin, who has been assistant in the Laboratory for the past year, entered Millikin University this fall.

Carl Chepan of the Ground Key Department, is now working in Detroit.

Frank Nehls resigned August 22nd to take a position in Chicago.

Archie Johnson of the Shipping Department of Plant 3, resigned August 30th to go to Dayton, Ohio. He found work was scarce and returned to Decatur and was able to get back on his old job.

Everett, Ernest and John C. Simpson are the first foundry apprentices to be hired for foundry careers. Both are high school graduates and Ernest has had a year at Purdue University. They will be regular members of the apprentice school, taking appropriate courses in foundry practice and in the Department will undertake to get as wide and thoro a knowledge of foundry procedure as possible.

Ruby Finnigan and her sister, Gladys Osterloh, have gone to work in the Core Department.

Adolph Fischer, who was formerly employed here, has returned and is working in the Pattern Shop.

Clara Uhl, general clerk in the Credit Department, went to work September 5th.

Virgil A. Hoots is the latest apprentice draftsman to come into the Department.

Leslie Cochran, for a time factory mes-

senger, resigned to work for the Wabash Railway.

Welby Gatchell is now working in the foundry at Plant 2. He was formerly a helper in the Blacksmith Shop at the Main Plant.

Amos Wrightsman went to work August 24th as Assistant to ceramist Van Campbell, Plant 3.

Clifford Tolliver is the junior clerk at Plant 3. He began work August 23rd.

Lester Perrine, who left us last year to go to Detroit, has returned to work in the Polishing Department.

Geo. S. Carder, who survived the Marathon dance last summer, is working in the Ground Key Department.

Cecil Preston has returned to work in the Night Brass Shops.

Thomas De Vore is back at his old job at kiln placing in the Pottery.

Wm. T. O'Dell, who helped build Plant 3, is now a green ware finisher at the Pottery.

Edgar B. Brusco is also a recent addition to the Engineering Dept.

Some recent promotions are the appointment of J. H. Van Vleet as assistant Production Manager.

L. E. Clark is now under contract as Director of the Metallurgical Laboratory.

J. B. Yarbrough has been transferred from the Polishing Department to assistant clerk in the day Tool Room.

Herschel Benvenuto of the Brass Foundry, is getting a change of work in the Receiving Department.

NEWS FROM PLANT 3

Van E. Campbell, Ceramist at Plant No. 3, went to the library the other evening to spend the evening in special reading.

He parked his faithful Ford, which he refers to affectionately as "Hector" in front of the library, and on entering the library soon lost himself in study. Meanwhile Mrs. Campbell did a little window shopping.

Upon his return he found the faithful "Hector" was gone and had to walk home. Later "Hector" was found on a country road near Lake City stripped and abused.

The faithful River was returned, reconditioned and put into service.



Fawney D. Powers of the Drafting Department, has been transferred to Plant No. 3 as draftsman and keeper of engineering records. He succeeded Adrian Hathaway, who resigned recently and has gone to Chicago to seek his fortune in the city.



Forrest D. Smith who recently came to Decatur from the Pacific Coast, is instructor in the Casting Shop. Mr. Smith and family drove from the Pacific Coast to Decatur. Some days they made very good time, and other days they were delayed by weather and bad roads.

Ira Harris is laid up again with an infected eye.

The carpenters and the Construction Department are at work erecting a building for a cafeteria just north of the Pottery building. The first meals will be served in October.

There will be a dining room for noon day conferences such as has been held in the main plant for years. Food will be prepared in the cafeteria in town, brought out hot in a special truck, and the men at Plant No. 3 will be able to get a warm meal at noon.

In addition to the Boiler Room a brick structure serving as a shelter for the water softener is nearing completion. Well water is used at this plant, and this special equipment will rid it of mineral in solutions.

An elevated wood storage tank is also being erected. It will have a capacity of 10,000 gallons.

A considerable area south of the Pottery is being graded to the level of the floor of that building.

Temporary wood structures that formerly housed the power saws have been removed.

P. H. Cruikshank and J. R. Mayhew went on a business trip for the company in the East the last week in September.

E. H. Langdon has arranged to come to Plant No. 3 every Tuesday afternoon with Mr. Morey, First-Aid man. Those having business with him may see him at that time.

Clifford Tolliver has been appointed reporter for Plant No. 3. Anyone having news items for the Record will please send them in to Mr. Tolliver.

The resignation of Mr. A. V. Lawton brought about a number of changes. He is

succeeded as superintendent by E. F. Crecvey, a recent graduate of the Ceramics Department of the University of Illinois. He came to us from the Pacific Coast plant of the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company.

Garlan L. Buck succeeds Dale Bailey as clerk. The latter resigned with the expectation of selling life insurance. Mr. Buck was formerly in the Polishing Department.

Plant 3 is to have its own cafeteria, they are glad to announce and the building is already under construction. It is north of the main pottery building. A water softening plant is also being installed.

Samuel D. Goudette resigned Oct. 1 and returned to Trenton.



Night School

There are a number of men in our organization and various departments who are taking correspondence courses. Arrangements have been made to open a study hour for these men in the school room adjoining the Employment Department. Tuesday evening of each week has been selected as the evening of the meeting and the hours are 7 to 9.

The idea of this meeting is to set a definite study hour per week under supervision. In the course of time the progress that men make may be observed and their opportunities to apply their special knowledge will be improved.

It is the policy of the Mueller Co. to keep in close touch with men who are making this effort to improve themselves and this will give them such encouragement and help as is practical.



Melvin Wynaski has been transferred from the Core Room to the Assembling Department.

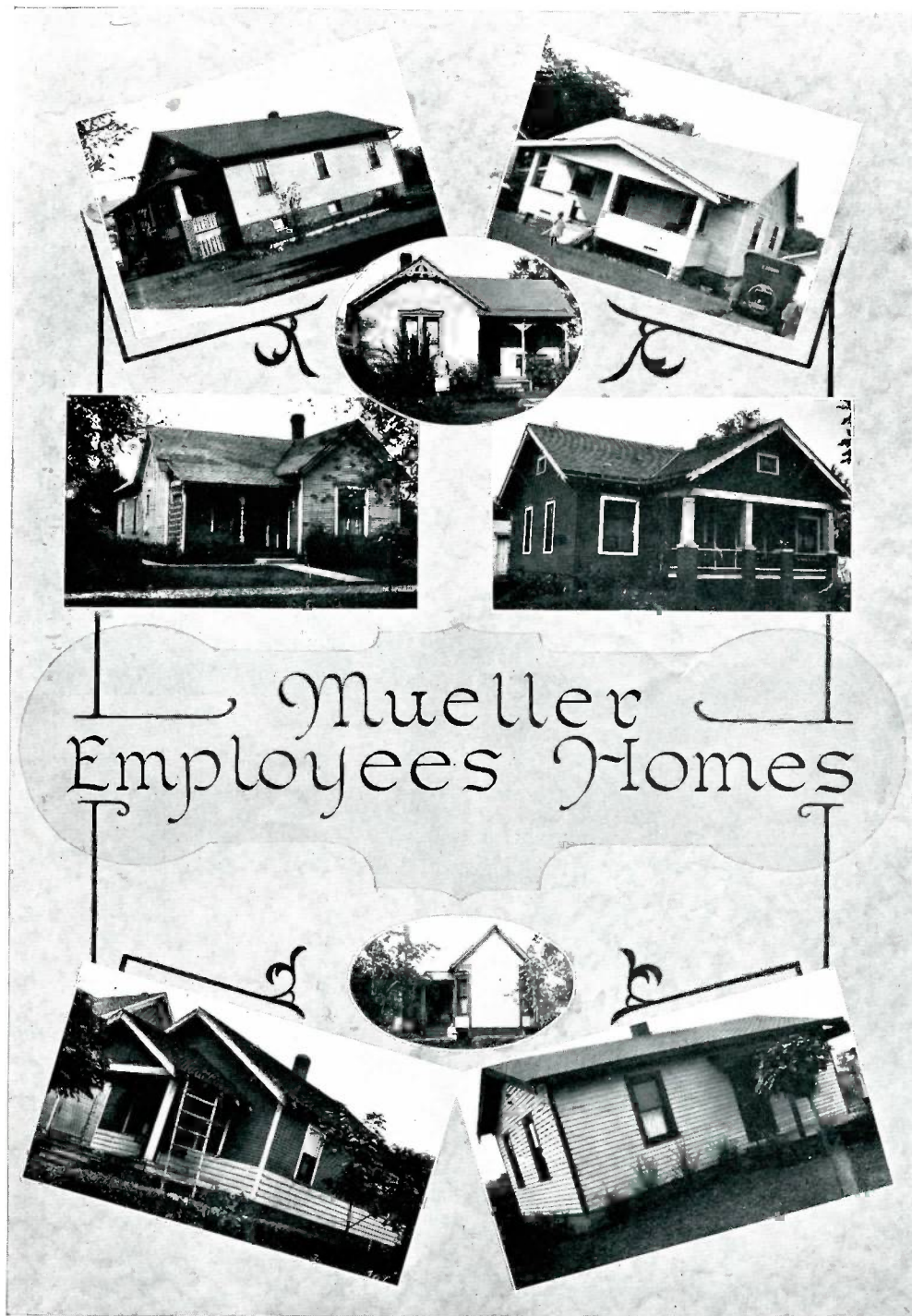
Clyde Robb has been promoted from the Inspection Department to a clerical position in the Engineering Record Department.

Dorothy Leek is a new stenographer in the Employment Department. She was graduated from the Decatur High School last June.

Paul Jones and Axel Olsen of the Tool Room, spent a month this summer in the Citizens' Training Camp at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis.

Roy Pease, who has been on the road with a truck demonstrating Mueller copper service pipe, has returned to the Engineering Department. Paul Jones of the Record Department, has gone out on his territory.

Foreman, clerks, stenographers and others who send mail should be careful to direct papers properly, direct to a person and a department. Carelessness in this matter makes it difficult for the messenger to give good service. It is very confusing when a new boy comes on the job to have mail addressed to telephone numbers. The messengers has been instructed not to take mail that is not properly directed.



Mueller Employees Homes

Another group of homes of Mueller Employees as follows: (1), Carl Marose, 1235 East Hickory, Decatur, Ill.; (2), Ralph Slayback, Homewood Add., Decatur, Ill.; (3), C. S. Winegardner, 927 North Jasper, Decatur, Ill.; (4), Walter Screeton, 461 East Olive, Decatur, Ill.; (5), Kelly Margan, 1125 East Roger Ave., Decatur, Ill.; (6), H. Zipse, 768 East Lawrence St., Decatur, Ill.; (7), L. E. Kramer, 504 South Fairview, Decatur, Ill.; L. B. Ritchie, 700 East Van Buren St., Decatur, Ill.

THE OKAW CABIN

New Rules for the Okaw Cabin—Effective
November 1, 1928

The Okaw Cabin and the land thereabouts are the property of a member of our Company. He allows employees of Mueller Co. and their friends the use of the Cabin when he does not occupy it. The Cabin is located about eight miles northwest of Vernon, Ill.

The Cabin is equipped with furniture, kitchen utensils, cots and mattresses. Visitors should take their own bedding and food.

Application for the use of the Cabin should be made at the Employment Office some time in advance so that the caretaker, Mr. Frank Tompkins, may be notified.

We have in the past requested those who use the cabin to do a reasonable amount of extra work in the garden and in keeping the grounds orderly and clearing weeds. However, in accordance with the suggestions of several who have used the cabin, we have eliminated this requirement and will hereafter make the following small charges for the use of the Cabin:

Fifty cents for the first day for each adult and child over 16 years of age, and 25c each for each day thereafter on that particular trip. For children under 16 years of age there will be no charge but they must be accompanied by their parents. These charges will be applied on the overhead expense of maintaining the cabin such as repairing the roads, cleaning up around the cabin, cutting the weeds, etc.

Any employee who secures the cabin is responsible for it and for his guests for the time of their occupancy. The keys to the cabin will be kept by the Cashier, 3rd floor of the Main Office, and will be charged out and in by him. These keys must be delivered to the Cashier immediately upon return of the person who uses the cabin and payment made to the Cashier at that time of the fee specified above for the use of the cabin. He is also expected to make a report in writing to the Employment Office regarding the condition in which he left the cabin and premises, using the back of this sheet, a copy of which will be furnished by the Employment Department.

It is expected that the cabin will be kept and left in an orderly condition with the utensils put away in their proper places, clean and locked up. Tin cans and bottles should be thrown into the large hole or depression just northwest of the Cabin. Refuse or food such as coffee grounds, bread, etc., should be thrown in the river south of the boathouse.



Gus Ollesh is again working as a moulder at the iron foundry.

J. T. Sutliff of the Engineering Department, has been transferred to the sales force as Sales Development Engineer for gas goods.

PAUL GADDIS AND SON



Here we have Paul Gaddis of Dept. No. 30 and his son.

Mrs. Walker Leaves

Mrs. Helen Walker, who has been employed at the Mueller Co. off and on for the last eleven years, resigned last week to go to live with her daughter in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Walker has been in charge of the Cafeteria for the night shift ever since meals have been served at night. Each year at Picnic time or when the salesmen have had a meeting at Mueller Lodge, she has been chief cook and has pleased the palates of many. Her unfailing kindness and cheerfulness have endeared her to a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Walker began her career with the Mueller Company as a munition worker during the war.

Mrs. Walker is the mother of Mrs. Robert Collins, wife of a former employee and salesman. Bob came to the attention of the management when he took part in a minstrel show given in the triangular building at the west end of the plant which is now used as an Automatic Screw Machine Department. Bob was end man in the minstrel show and did his part so well that they took him off and put him on the road as salesman. He left the Company sometime ago and now resides in Los Angeles where he still sells plumbing supplies.

FOREMEN'S CLUB

First Meeting at Lodge and One of the Best Ever Held

The first meeting of the Foremen's Club for 1928-29 was held at the Lodge, Tuesday evening, Sept. 11th. It was most auspicious opening for the season, large attendance, good interest and a fine programme, the feature of which was the address of W. H. MacDonald of the firm of Henri, Hurst & MacDonald, our Chicago advertising representatives.

Preceding the exercises, a fine chicken dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Rost and her assistants.

Martin Stratman succeeded Walter Behrns as president of the club and in turn was succeeded by C. W. Halloway as vice president.

Mr. MacDonald was introduced and spoke on general business and salesmanship. His points were emphasized by reference to characters and throughout his address he held the undecided attention of his audience.

Among other things Mr. MacDonald said: "The way out in the present highly competitive situation is through this increasing market for quality goods. There will always be a market for cheap goods, but people are learning to take the long and figure their costs over a period of years rather than on an immediate basis," Mr. MacDonald said.

Sales Start at Factory

"The factory man is the basic salesman. It is his job to produce merchandise of style and quality that can be sold at a fair price.

"Style, and quality come through skilled and careful workmanship. The fair price is made possible by wise economy in manufacture. There is an important distinction between cheap goods and economically manufactured goods.

"Henry Ford thinks less of the selling end than of anything else, yet he is one of the world's greatest salesmen. Hieronymus Mueller, with his advanced ideas of quality production was the greatest salesman ever in the employ of this company, and he probably did not consider himself as a salesman at all."

Mr. MacDonald stressed the importance of advertising in the selling of goods and gave an outline by means of charts of the present Mueller advertising campaign.

The following new members were received into the Foremen's Club. The first group from Plant 3 were introduced by Phillip Crikshank.

E. F. Creevy, factory superintendent at Plant 3 and a graduate ceramist.

Samuel D. Gaudette, assistant factory superintendent and general foreman of the Casting Department.

Van Campbell, ceremist in charge of the Laboratory.

Fred I. Colandar, modeler and foreman of the Mold Shop.

Albert H. Culver, foreman of the Slip House.

Dick Burrus, glost ware inspector and foreman of the Shipping Department.

G. R. St. Pierre, foreman of the Greer Ware Finishing Department.

Loren McCoy, foreman of the Casting Shop.

Richard Cash, labor foreman in the Kiln Department.

Harlan L. Buck, chief clerk.

From the main plant the following men were added to the membership roll:

C. B. Albert, follow-up engineer.

W. S. Anderson, foreman of the Tool Room.

Alfred D. Bashore, assistant foreman of the Shipping Department.

L. E. Clark, metallurgist in charge of the foundry laboratory.

David D. Dresback, Hydraulic Engineer.

Geo. Krag, foreman of the Pattern Making Department.

E. W. Lowe, Chief Draftsman.

E. H. Parker, head of the Engineering Record Department.

J. H. Van Vleet, assistant Production Manager.

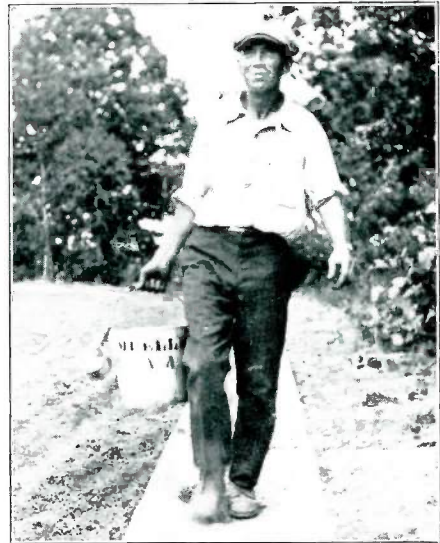
E. S. Watkins, foreman of the Iron Foundry at Plant No. 2.

C. W. Hathaway was nominated for vice-president.



L. L. Seely has been transferred from the Assembly Department to the Night Brass Shop, exchanging with Ernest Wardle, who on account of his health, was transferred to the day shift in Department 18.

THE WATER BOY



Chester (Shorty) Marson, water "boy" at the Athletic Field. A welcome comes on a hot day.

AT ATHLETIC FIELD



Chas. Cochran directing work at Mueller Athletic Field

The Right Bower

Louis Wyant has been the right bower to the advertising manager in preparing exhibits for various conventions, including the New England Waterworks at Montreal, the American Gas Association Municipalities at Kansas City, Kansas and the Southwestern Waterworks' Association at Dallas. Some very pretty exhibits were sent and are being sent out. The convention season closes with the Southwest Waterworks' Association.

Through Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller left Labor Day for an automobile tour of Wisconsin. They had no particular place in view, leaving with the intention of making up their itinerary from day to day.

The Winter Season

This month practically ends outdoor sports and from now social activities will be transferred indoors. With the Athletic Club house, the gymnasium, dancing, Lyceum course and Dramatic club we look forward to a busy season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Trott left on Friday, Sept. 7th, for the cabin on the Okaw expecting to spend several days in camping.

Tom Keck is now apprentice draftsman. Walter Kostenski is learning metal pattern making.

Fawney Powers has been transferred from the Drafting Department to Plant 3 on special drafting and record work.

Care of the Teeth

In his physical examination of applicants and employees, Dr. Long finds the most frequent defects is bad teeth. Many men think that so long as their teeth do not ache they require no attention.

As a matter of fact a dead tooth may be rotting at the root and pouring a stream of poison into the blood and yet cause no pain, but later rheumatism, kidney trouble and other serious conditions may result.

A man whose teeth are in bad condition may get a slight injury which may be a focal point of infection caused by his bad teeth, and really serious trouble may result. We have known a number of such cases.

It is possible to care for the teeth and keep them in pretty good condition. If they are rotten and useless, they can be extracted and false teeth are serviceable. The worst thing to do with teeth is to neglect them.

We hear more and more about the necessity of efficient production and we can only be efficient when we are physically fit. The man who has bad teeth and neglects them can not be as physically fit as he should be. Therefore the question will arise in many cases of neglected teeth as to whether such a man should be continued in service.

We make the earnest suggestion that those to whom we have spoken about teeth, and others whose teeth are bad, see a good dentist.

Dental work of this kind we would regard as an emergency worthy of special help from the Employees' Aid Society or the basis for an emergency loan. In many cases would remove the objection that the employee can not afford to have his teeth cared for.



Vote as You Please but Vote

It is the duty of every American citizen, male or female, to vote at election time. A citizen who does not vote has no right to complain if his ideas are not quite carried out in the management of public affairs. VOTE AS YOU PLEASE BUT VOTE. November 6.

Who May Vote

American citizens, men or women, 21 years of age or over, who have lived in the precinct 30 days, in the county 90 days, in the state one year, and who are properly registered.

Be Sure to Register

A poll of voters is being taken by a house to house inquiry and the names entered in the official list of voters. Make sure that your name is on this list.

You may register for the coming election on Tuesday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 30. The official list may be seen at the polls then. If your name is not there, see that it is entered.

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE BUT VOTE.



Mistakes are assets—If we don't make the same mistake twice.

Community Chest

Jesus said long ago, "The poor, ye have always with you," and this is as true in Decatur now as it was in Galilee 1900 years ago. There are more people now, life is more complex and some system in dispensing charity has become necessary. The Community Chest represents the modern organized effort of the community to meet the problems of human relief adequately and effectively.

This year for the first time the strictly charitable causes in the Chest have been separated from the character-building institutions, and the contributor may designate to which group his gift shall go. That is, if one wishes to contribute to the Salvation Army and not to the Y. M. C. A. he may do so. If he prefers to support the "Y" and not the Salvation Army he may do that. A good many employees in the past have stated their desire for just such a separation and this year they have it.

Those who have been near the interests in the Community Chest, or have given the matter any investigation have been impressed with the large amount of real service that all of these agencies give to humanity.

Each has its particular field and does its special work. Some causes appeal to one person and some to another, but all have for their purpose relief of distress, or ministration to childhood, or the up-building of youth. Whether we will or not, these claims are made upon us.

The Mueller Co. reaffirms its stand that no subscriptions will be solicited by foremen or other employees or shall be made upon the Company's premises. The Company, however, is in sympathy with the purpose of the Community Chest, contributes each year toward it and believes that all who can should give. But the amount and the manner of giving is a matter between the individual and the community and the Company does not presume to regulate such matters.



Apprenticeship

After vacation during the month of August the Apprentice School began sessions early in September.

Mr. Adolph Mueller in his address to the Foremen's Club on September 11th, stated that in his opinion the establishing of a definite apprentice program providing for shop and school training was in its way one of the most important advances that the Company has made.

The apprentice idea is to be extended to the foundry and already there are three young men in the foundry as apprentices. This number will slowly increase. The idea is to give these young men a broad shop experience and proper school work in mathematics, drawing and applied science.

The apprentice committee consisting of the superintendent, the foremen of the shops in

which there are apprentices, chief engineer and the personnel director are working out an apprentice training program. It is their aim to make the apprentice training as effective and thorough as possible. Great care is to be taken in the selection of apprentices and mechanical interests and ability will receive particular attention. A boy's ability to learn, not only in the shop but in school will be taken into account. The number of high school apprentices will probably increase from year to year.

It is hoped to bring the apprentice training to a high standard of achievement.



Chrysler of Motor Fame Says:

"Visions plus management has put American business where it is today.

"If you are in a business that is face to face with a new competition, seek new markets. Other industries are facing new competition, in which the whole industry is pitted against each other to secure a larger share of the buyer's dollar.

"Business is available to the alert and the aggressive. The timid hang back. Proceed with confidence."

Birthday Cakes for Two



Little Evelyn Johnson and her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Kiser, celebrated their birthdays together this year on Labor Day. Evelyn being 2 years old on September 3rd and her grandmother's birthday being September 9th. Both had a fancy birthday cake. The grandmother was much surprised, as she thought the party was given just for Evelyn.

A few families were present and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Employees' Aid Society, Aug. 8-Sept 30, 1928

Aug. 8, Cash balance.....\$1,899.80

Receipts

Interest	\$ 15.00	
Company's Contribution.....	50.00	
Company's contribution for September	50.00	
Dues for Sept.	891.55	956.55
Total		\$2,856.35

Payments

Benefits listed below.....	\$1,244.45	
Oct. 1, cash balance.....	1,611.90	

Resources

Bonds	\$5,500.00	
Accrued interest on Muel- ler bonds.....	90.00	
Bldg & Loan stock.....	800.00	
Emergency Loan Fund.....	1,200.00	
Cash	1,611.90	

Total\$9,201.90

E. H. LANGDON, Treasurer.

BENEFITS PAID

Mrs. Fran		Warren Godker	45.00
Early	\$25.10	Chas. Cole	15.00
Willis Taylor	121.00	Andrew Led-	
Mrs. M. Paus-		better	4.50
chert	35.60	Marvin Baum	1.80
Oscar Taylor	15.00	Daisy Cole	4.00
G. J. Yonker	4.50	Arthur L. Haw-	
John Mertz	4.00	kins	1.80
J. L. Geringer	2.25	Grover Renfro	3.60
Luther Piersen	31.50	Iva Hippler	4.50
C. G. Camp-		Eugene R.	
bell	60.00	Cash	39.90
Chas. R. Hale	56.40	Otto Danne-	
Wm. Cam-		witz	11.50
bridge	33.90	H. Watkins	5.00
Jewel Young	8.00	C. L. Ruckebell	3.00
Seburn Wood-		Oscar Gerhardt	4.00
rum	4.50	Sebel Davis	3.75
Harry Miller	7.20	E. L. Lindley	3.00
James R. Davis	5.40	Chas. Thobald	2.50
Donald Andrews	3.00	Herman Am-	
J. L. Botts	.90	mann	2.00
C. W. Hathaway	3.00	E. M. Mathews	6.00
A. P. Townley	6.00	W. J. Michl	2.25
Grace Meadows	7.50	Louis Rost	4.50
C. J. Muller	25.00	Frank Volkman	47.20
Geo. Hendrick-		Wm. Oakley	24.00
son	25.00	Earl Myers	9.00
C. M. Gilbert	2.00	Chas. Murray	22.50
H. S. Buckley	2.25	Mary E. Wilkins	4.00
Elmer Baker	2.50	Clare Lane	16.50
Noah Beck	22.50	C. O. Miller	22.50
J. A. Mason	20.00	L. E. Kramer	47.20
Ora Sluder	3.60	Hubert Talley	3.60
James Ginger	10.00	Fred Keefer	9.90
Geo. Grupp	53.40	J. H. Johnson	15.00
Wilbur Allman	6.00	D. M. Clements	30.95
W. C. McClana-		Homer Vander-	
han	70.50	vort	30.00
Jesse W. Moore	15.00	W. L. Porter	40.00
Joe Norwell	18.00		
J. O. Peifer	19.20		
Albert Ander-			
son	30.00	Total	\$1,244.45

For Baby's Comfort

Mr. Adolph Mueller takes much interest in his little grandsons who live in New York. He never visits the metropolis without seeing them.

He observed that they had cribs or baby coups that were mounted on large rubber-tired casters and inclosed with screen wire. Thus the baby could be out of doors and free from the flies and safe from dogs.

He observed that the baby coup was a comfort to the infant and a great convenience to the mother. He also learned that they were rather expensive. It also occurred to him that this crib would be of equal convenience to the wives of employees who had small children.

At the picnic he announced that he would be willing to provide a baby coup for each small baby in the homes of Mueller employees. A wholesale order was placed immediately after the Picnic and the baby coups were delivered last week. They are now available for the families of employees where they are needed. Cribs may be secured for a definite period, and when the baby no longer needs it, the crib is to be returned. It may then be used by another family. If you want one of the cribs, and have not already applied for one, see Mr. Langdon.



Cause for Insomnia

Pat—"I can't sleep."

Isaac—"Vy can't you sleep?"

Pat—"Your note is due on the 15th, and I can't pay it."

Isaac—"Vy tell me? Now I can't sleep."



BRASS CHIPS

Chester Bright has returned to work at the Pottery.

Trall Carder has been transferred from the Assembly Department to the Engineering Record Department.

Louise Bowden has been transferred from the Core Department to the Paymaster's office.

Walter Auer, who has been in the Engineering Department several years, has been transferred to L. W. Mueller's office as secretary.

Superintendent Roarick and Works Manager L. W. Mueller now share the same office in the space formerly occupied by the Traffic Department.



A clean job was never produced in a dirty plant.

His clothes may make the man but her's oft break him.

Take on new thoughts, throw off old habits, and there is no danger of old age.

Is "E" the most unfortunate letter in the alphabet? It is out of cash, in debt, in trouble, in danger and always in sleep.

Yet, without it there would be no life, love or hope. It is the center of honesty, and always in heaven.