

The Mueller Record

A thorn among roses



HIERONYMUS MUELLER MUSEUM

Summer

2002



Was work always this much fun?

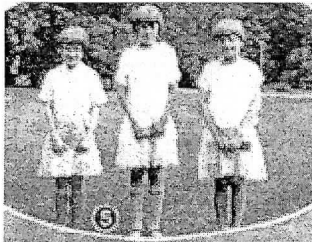
Former Mueller Co. President Harlan A. White is surrounded by the office staff of each department during the 1970s. From left are: Jane Cranston, Vivian Doolen, Gladys Masterson, Edna Rybolt, White, Evelyn Cox, Shirley Catron and Christine Freeman. Mrs. Lulu White gave this photograph to the Museum when she was cleaning out drawers for her recent move to a smaller residence. Wonder why they were laughing?

Company Picnics

Pretty Baby! BABY SHOW Pretty Baby!

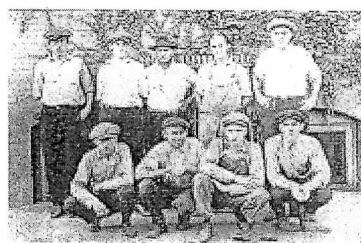


Front row, left to right: Mrs. Louis Ross, Mrs. Edgar Stark, Mrs. J. A. Staudt, Mrs. Halden Hansen, Mrs. Virgil Morrison, Mrs. Roy E. Bray, Mrs. Paul Barnes, Mrs. Carleton Hackman. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Leo Siloski, Mrs. Archie Sefton, Mrs. Wm. Mathes, Mrs. Eric Blankenburg, Mrs. Harry Boiz, Mrs. Wayne Ford, Mrs. Lee Bauer, Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis, Mrs. Carl Schuman. In addition to those shown above there were nineteen other babies born within the last year. The fathers were: Mervil Bethards, Lloyd Tucker, Everett Dickey, Carl Yonker, Wayne Fyke, Paul Holmes, Keith Smith, Carroll Ford, Merlin Coates, Earl Bethards, Robert Hutchins, C. W. Stogsdill, Geo. Sulwer, Chas. Schroeder, Arthur Nash, Chas. Brownlow, Eugene Cash, Marion Fanner, Howard Dempster.



Gretta Anderson, Virginia Burks, Gwendolyn Watkins

1925



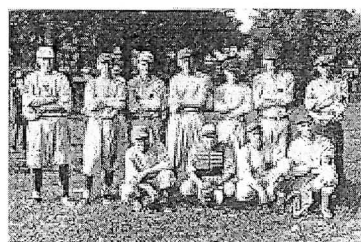
GROUND KEYS
Standing: Grant, Fleckenstein, Winholtz, Gates, Widick; sitting: Leipski, G. Fleckenstein, Holcomb, Flaughter



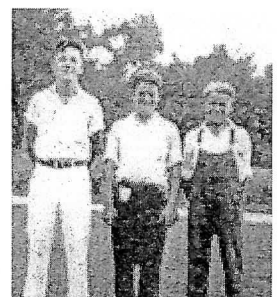
Mary Harpstrite, Gertrude Fitzgerald, Lois Scheef



Left to right: Mrs. E.K. Shaw, Eleanor Shaw, Dorothy Shaw, Althea Peck, Esther Like, Jennie Richards, Ethel Fogle, Mrs. Wm. E. Bailey, Neina Greening, Opal Jackson.



RAPIDACS
Standing: Davies, Dayton, Heisler, Porter, Burns, Yoder, Finfrock; sitting: Yonkers, Casey, Hobbs, Kortum



Arthur Pitzer, Joe Brownback, James Dennis

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Persons donating items in past year

Mrs. Marilyn Black—cap, key rings, cigar box, playing cards, pen from Mueller Employees' Credit Union

Mrs. Mary Ann Broske—souvenir miniature tapping machine and fire hydrant

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brunner—ink blotter with Mueller-Benz featured on it

Mr. Eldon Bissey—wood block of Charles B. King with 1st car in Detroit. (Mr. King was the umpire in the Mueller-Benz during the 1st official car race in 1895 and copper engraving for 1932 Mueller Record

Mr. Charles Brown—brass 1904 watch fob with advertisement for a "Bath a Day the Mueller Way"

Mrs. Audrey Cruikshank—green teapot of Leda Mueller Cruikshank

Mr. Don Frahlman—employees badge, 1929 newspaper of headlines, including dedication of Lake Decatur; directory of Mueller retirees

Mr. Greg Irwin—1923 certificate of membership for Illinois Association of commerce

Mr. and Mrs. Don McQuality—photos of antique car

Mr. John Moma—maps of Decatur, patent for Philip Mueller's invention for inserting corporation cocks, tickets to Christmas parties from 1963-1990, 4 watch fobs, 1904; key rings, Mueller Co. hot and cold

water faucet, 12 Mueller employees' handbooks, 1959-1980, handbooks

Mr. Marvin Spitzer—leather strap from plumber's tool bag; shower head; various photos of fire hydrants

Mrs. Harlan White—fire hydrant lamps, tie clasp, key ring, souvenir measuring tape, photos

Current Board Members

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Mr. Mark Staley

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The Museum just won another award! This time, it was an educational award from the Historical and Architectural Sites Commission in Decatur. The award was presented May 15 and accepted by Jane Mueller.

Through its 6-year history, the Museum has also received quite a few of awards, including:

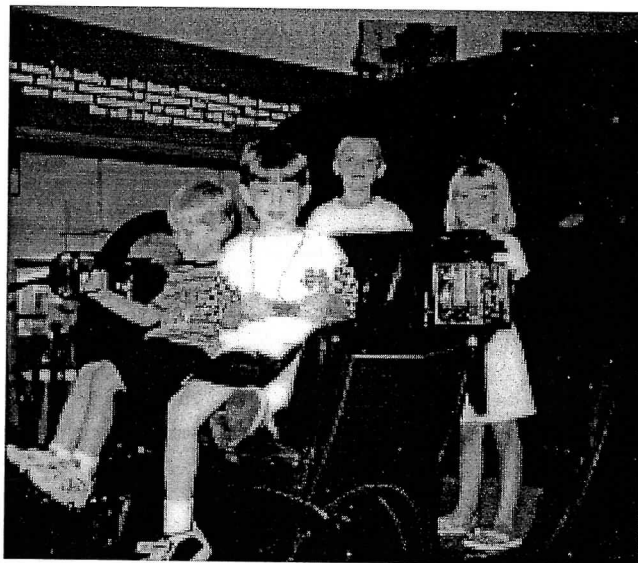
- ✓ **Award of Excellence** from the Illinois Associations of Museums for permanent exhibits, 1996
- ✓ **Award of Merit** for museum brochures from the Illinois Association of Museums, 1996
- ✓ **Annual Art Award for Arts Organization** from the Decatur Area Arts Council, 1998
- ✓ **Arthur Pløegar Award** for clothing exhibit from Historical and Architectural Sites Commission, presented to Jane Mueller and Mrs. Henry Staley, 1999 (This exhibit was called "Steppin' Out" and featured clothing worn by the Muellers and Staleys in early years.)
- ✓ **Award of Merit** for a calendar for volunteers from Illinois Association of Museums, 2000
- ✓ **Award of Merit** for video, "Mueller Co. 75th Anniversary Revisited" from Illinois Association of Museums, 2000. This video, featuring 140 lantern slides shown at Annual Picnic in 1932, is available for purchase at \$20 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling from the Museum.

For The RECORD

by
Nancy Jo
Batman



This is what happens when you don't put names on pictures. We just have some pretty big question marks on the back. But our best guess is they are all descendants of Philip Mueller and may be: Delos Cozad Jr., Phyllis Kaiser, Betty Kaiser Robison and Janet Cozad Gates. If you've got a better idea, we'd like to hear!



The grandchildren of Ray and Irma Storck take a "ride" in the Museum's "Mystery Car." Seated: Samuel and Jeremy Hartman; standing: Kurtis and Emily Minton.

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***Note:** The miniature cars will remain on exhibit through the fall. If you haven't seen these incredible, handmade antique cars and trucks, you must make a point to visit. They were created by John Mason of Decatur*