

MUELLER RECORD

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THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Preparations Completed for Big Event at Mueller Heights, Saturday, Aug. 11.

And now the picnic—Saturday, August 11 at Mueller Heights. It is going to be a great day. No Mueller employes should miss it. Free bus rides. Free refreshment tickets. A good afternoon program at the open air theatre. Goodman's band. baseball. baby show, balloons, and a big dance. A day of real sport and recreation.

There will be some new features. A new loud speaking system has been installed. You will be able to see and hear everything on the afternoon program. A flock of extra large balloons will be released at the close of the afternoon program. Some of them will bear tags entitling the finder to a piece of Mueller plumbing goods. How far do you suppose these balloons will travel? One released at a former picnic was found in Ontario, Canada.

The committee having arrangements in charge has put forth every effort to make this picnic an enjoyable occasion for all Mueller employes and their families.

The tentative program of the day follows:

Morning

Golf tourney at Sunnyside.

MUELLER HEIGHTS

Pony rides for children.

Afternoon

Open Air Theatre

Band Concert.

Address of Welcome Robert Mueller

Address Adolph Mueller

Ukelele and Guitar Pippin Brothers

Boy Scouts.

Clown Act and Comedy Juggling. A. C. Kramer Band.

Comedy Sketch "Oh, No, No!"

Directed by Miss Margaret Clark, Decatur College of Music.

She Marian Suleeba

He Reed Schlademan

McCarthy's Musical Quartette.

Mueller Dancing Girls.

Comic Stunts:

Girls' Balloon Blowing Contest

Boys' Cracker Eating Contest

Charles Johnson's Human Ford

Flight of Large Toy Balloons

Other Events:

All day croquet—three courts this year.

Games for children.

Horseshoes.

Free Beano Contest.

Soft Ball Game.

Baby Show.

Evening

Short Band Concert on lawn at Lodge.

Awarding Golf Prizes.

Moving Pictures—Open Air Theatre.

Dancing.

The refreshment stand will be under the direction of Auer brothers.

There will be some one at headquarters all day.

Morning—Mrs. Helen Pope.

Afternoon—E. H. Langdon.

Evening—Bob Tauber.

Music for the dance will be supplied by Homebrook's orchestra.

The Big Parade

Remind the kids of the "Big Parade," the opening number of the afternoon program. Tell them to be on the lawn at Mueller Lodge at 1:30 P. M.

Goodman's Band leads the parade of Boy Scouts, Ponies and children with balloons.

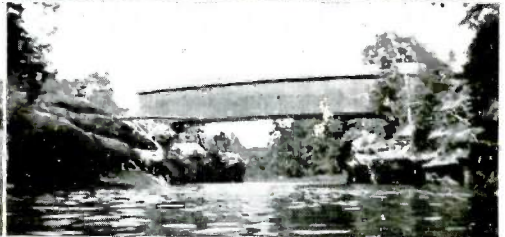
NEARLY GOT GRACE

Gangsters, machine guns, pineapples, or T. N. T. no longer hold any terror for Grace Rhoades. She now feels that she's qualified to converse with any battle-scarred veteran of any war. Passing through the Pattern Shop one day, she inadvertently became a witness to a test which didn't work out as planned. A piece of 10 inch iron pipe with plate glass bolted on the ends, was being tested under pressure, when without warning the plate glass ends blew out. Grace had just passed the end and got the full benefit of the noise of such an explosion. By the time she stopped shaking and discovered that all her arms and legs were still fastened on in their proper places, she was ready to argue with those who assured her "it really was nothing". In the meantime, Grace is making no more excursions through the pattern shop until the new bullet proof armor which she has ordered arrives.

Plans for the bowling season are already under way. The team this year will start the season arrayed in new shirts with the name Mueller on the back.

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SCOUTS AT TURKEY RUN



Swatiska Patrol Boy Scouts were given an achievement reward based on merit of their good work during the spring and summer. They were taken to Turkey Run, Indiana, for a two day camping trip under the guidance of O. C. Keil, Scout Master Howard Baldis and Mrs. Baldis. It was a wonderful experience and will be long remembered by these boys.

Our Trip to Turkey Run

Oh! what a swell trip and boy what fun
 Spending a week end at Turkey Run.
 The V-8 with trailer, old Chevy in the rear
 Coughing and spluttering and up on its ear.
 Left home at five-twenty, arrived before eight
 Hoping and praying we'd not be too late.
 To locate a good spot to pitch our tents, three,
 Could hardly wait until daylight to see.
 The woods, trees, and canyons and such like—
 To get rested and ready to take a long hike.
 When pitching the tents, the rocks didn't suit
 Ed.
 Don wanted to use the car seat for a bed.
 We finally got settled as comfy as a mouse
 And who'd trade a tent for the best little house?
 The boys went for water, then we passed the
 cookies round
 And all prepared for our bed on the ground
 Now would you believe it, we almost froze?
 A night in July and not enough bed clothes.
 Saturday morning the boys took long hikes,
 All on "Shank's ponies", not horses or bikes.
 Roy was our chief cook, Bob helped all he could,
 Don, Stanley, and Dale carried most of the
 wood.
 Junior was "flunky", Howard tried to be boss.
 Gerard was our baby, but not a bit cross.
 Boy, how we ate, so good the food tasted
 All the grub we took care of, not a bit wasted.
 Right after lunch we all took a stroll
 With Mr. Keil and the boys to the "ole swim-
 min' hole".

Saw some monstrous big trees, more'n a yard
 across

We must follow the pathways or we might get
 lost.

Above us all rock, and below the ravine:
 An ice box, a coal mine are sights to be seen.
 "Schools" of minnows swimming down the
 streams

No vacation for them this summer it seems.
 After supper another long trail they took
 To tell all about them would fill a big book.
 'Twas dark when they got back, glad to be
 home

But some had to go farther for an ice cream
 cone.

Again Sunday morning a long stroll they took
 To learn a bit more from Nature's own book.
 They held their church services out on the way
 Lest we forget this is God's own day.
 Living out in the open, the trails we've trod
 Cleanses our souls and brings us closer to God.
 After a big dinner we started to pack
 Must break camp and load up for the trip back.
 For years we'll remember and I'm sure all agree
 That the most beautiful scenery we ever did see
 Was the time the Swastika Patrol from Troop

Two
 Went to Turkey Run, Indiana. Now isn't that
 true?

MRS. HOWARD BALDIS.

HAD TYPHOID

Floyd Johnson, salesman in Kentucky and Tennessee, was quite ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, but has now recovered and is again covering his territory.

IN CANADA

Dr. V. M. Long left August 2 for several weeks vacation to be spent in Canada and northern cities. He expects to return to Decatur about August 27.

LOG CABIN POPULAR

The log cabin has been in constant demand since the season for outdoor activities got under way. John Bixler and family spent three weeks there in July. Burt Jackson and family were there from July 28 until August 4.

August 5-10, ten of the office girls are keeping open house. Mr. W. S. Enloe and family will move in on picnic day and remain until the 17th.

Dorothy Andrews will entertain a group of friends there over the week end of August 18-19.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jackson, and daughter Opal, occupied the Cabin during the week of July 30-Aug. 4.

No reservations have been made from August 20 on. Now is the time to make your plans for an outing at the log cabin. Any Mueller employe can arrange to rent the cabin at very reasonable rates. See Mr. Langdon for details.

DEATHS

George Rambo

George W. Rambo, age 75, died July 30 at his home, 544 East Eldorado street. He was the father of Wade Rambo, Mueller truck driver. He was struck by a train in November, 1927, and had been an invalid ever since. The accident occurred at the Twenty-second street crossing where he was employed as a crossing watchman.

Mr. Rambo was born in Circleville, Ohio, August 13, 1859. He leaves his wife and four children, Claude, Jack, and Wade, of Decatur, and Mrs. Harry Hoover, of Chicago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Moran chapel, with burial in the La-Place cemetery.

NEAR TO NUDISTS

The shipping department as a whole practically joined the Nudist's Colony the day the thermometer rose to 108 degrees. Mahatma Gandhi would be considered very much bundled up in comparison to the shipping department's adopted attire.

BRASS CHIPS

Gladys Wilson and Ted Masterson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson visited the Century of Progress Exposition the week end of July 28th.

Dorothy Gepford and Helen Pope and a party of friends visited Turkey Run on Sunday, July 15th.

Ada Mae Brown, Erma Barth, Irene Santanen and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Keller are among those who went to Niagara Falls on the excursion, July 27-30.

Marian Richards and Dorothy Lindquist visited the Century of Progress Exposition from August 3-5.

Rex Smith is the new messenger boy in Mr. Hathaway's department.

Mrs. Mae Gillibrand is now working in the plumbing inspection department.

E. H. Langdon was in Chattanooga from July 22 to August 6, looking after the affairs of the personnel Department there.

The Gebhart Auto Supply Co. rented the Athletic Club for an all day and evening picnic for their employes, August 5th.

Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a basket picnic on the grounds at Mueller Heights, August 12.

Mary Wilkins and Clara Uhl spent the week end of August 4 in St. Louis, where they attended the Municipal Opera and saw "Sally".

Mary King was in Chicago August 4th and 5th, and spent one day visiting the Century of Progress Exposition.

Marjorie Tatham visited Chicago August 4th and 5th with a party of friends, and they also attended the Century of Progress Exposition.

Ralph Duncan returned from Chattanooga August 5th where he spent two weeks assisting in the installation of a tool operation card system the same as used in the Decatur factory.

M. W. Trott has been in Chattanooga since July 27th where he is organizing the shipping and traffic departments.

Dorothea Hill left August 7 for a vacation at Devils Lake, Wisconsin. She expects to be gone a week or ten days.

Mildred Baker spent the week end of August 4-5 in Jacksonville, Illinois.

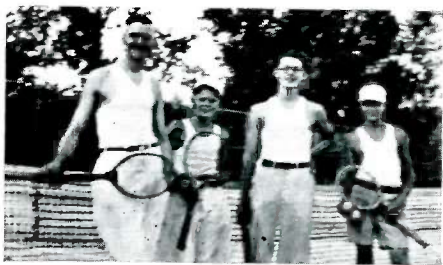
Mary Wilkins became Aunt Mary on July 16 with the birth of a son to her sister, Mrs. Leo Swier.

Jackson: What made you leave Mrs. Blah's boarding house after living there for three weeks?
Jones: I found out they had no bath tub.

HEAT MELTS ROLLERS

The extreme heat in July made a lot of trouble for Printer Bill and his helper, Karl Brimm. Printers' rollers for inking type are made of molasses, glue, and other sweet as well as ill-smelling ingredients. It's a matter of great difficulty to cast and harden these rollers so as to withstand heat. In fact, some roller makers never succeed in doing so. Under great summer heat, rollers, which must be perfectly round, suddenly collapse and run into a messy, misshapened mass. We were not alone in our troubles. Every printer in the heat area was a victim.

THE TENNIS PLAYING KEILS



Comptroller O. C. Keil and his three tennis playing sons. From left to right: O. C. Keil, Girard, Otto, Jr., and Edwin Lee.

In the recent tennis tournament at Fairview Park, Edward Lee Keil in singles for Class B Junior division finished as champion. The tennis writers on the local papers commented favorably on the smoothness of his stroke and his playing in general.

TITLE GOES TO MUELLERS

Victory Over Staley's Clinches 2d Half Crown in City League

Staley's, the only team to defeat Mueller's in the second half City league softball race, tried to prolong the championship race July 26, in its second meeting with the league leaders, but failed. Mueller's got to Grant late in the game and pushed across enough runs for a 4-1 victory that assured it of the second half title.

Moran's won the first half crown and the two will meet in the title playoff beginning probably next week.

Staley's went into a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning when C. Smith's single scored Heisler from third. However, a walk to Laskowski in the fifth followed by Bain's triple tied the score. Bain tried to stretch his hit into a homer and a fast relay to the plate had him out, but Collins dropped the ball. Two walks, two hits and an error accounted for two more counters in the sixth.

Mueller's ended the season with a record of five wins and one setback. Neal accounted for all but one of the victories and permitted but two runs to be scored off him in the four games.

The score by innings:

Staley's	0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1
Mueller's	0 0 0 0 2 2 x—4

Errors—Collins, Barter, Koslowski. Three base hit—Bain. Two base hits—Collins, Lowen. Bases on balls—off Grant 2; Neal 2. Struck out—by Grant 2, Collins 4.

Mueller's Win from Taylorville, 4 to 3

Mueller's, leaders of the second half in the City Softball League, won a 4 to 3 decision from the Taylorville All-Stars, July 25. Neal pitched three hitless innings and then Bob Gross gave up but three runs while allowing 10 hits in the last six.

Salogga hit a home run for Mueller's first run

and Scott counted after his double in the fifth. Two walks followed by R. Leipski's two base hit drove home the winning runs in the sixth.

Mueller's	0 0 0 1 1 2 0 0—4	7	4
Taylorville	0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0—3	10	0

Neal, R. Gross, and M. Brumaster; Wells, Crist, Rockaselt, Argust and Hendricks.

SQUIRREL HUNTERS AT OKAW

The last party pulled off at the Okaw was a big success even to the sunburn on Chick Roarick's back, which forced him to stand with his back to the wall to prevent anyone touching him.

The event was pulled off about July 20th when the open season on squirrel went into effect.

The party included: Bill Ferry, Charles Cochran, W. E. Mueller, Ed. Stille, O. C. Draper, Burt Jackson, Frank Edmonson, Blue Lusk, C. F. Roarick, W. T. Mason, C. W. Hathaway, and Adolph Mueller.

The first big event of the trip was the fish dinner Friday evening, but the great gastronomic performance came on Saturday evening when a squirrel dinner was served.

The members of the party shot squirrel Saturday and Sunday morning with good success.

The next big feature of the outing season will be the Labor Day blowout.

NO COMEBACK

Humphy Behrns officiated as umpire at one of the donkey baseball games played at Fans Field. The player upon making a hit, mounts a donkey and rides to first base.

One of Humphy's friends got him in a crowd and told this story:

"One player made a hit and got so excited that he leaped on Humphy's back instead of that of the donkey and rode him clear to second base before either of them discovered the mistake."

Usually Humphy is very quick with a comeback, but when this story was told he was so taken back that he said nothing. He did not even affirm or deny the story.

See, what's the old saying—"Silence gives consent".

As Humphy is a pretty good kidder himself, he is able to take a good deal of "razzing" without blowing up, and is still umpiring ball games.

ADOLPH SELLS CATTLE

From "Grain and Livestock Herald," July 19, 1934: "Adolph Mueller, who is connected with the Mueller Co. of Decatur, Ill., sent a load of Yellow Hammers for Tuesday's market, July 10th, that scaled 908 lbs. and brought \$5.40.

BIRTHS

SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil (Red) Smith, Dept. 8, an eight pound daughter, born July 11. She has been named Janet Jeanine.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Mrs. Emmett Reedy Brings Home Interesting Gossip of Former Decaturites

Cecil Foltz has really gone "California". Out there he has won the title of "Native Son". He lives in Los Angeles, is interested in gardening, and has bought a dog.

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George Leach and his brother, Russell Jolly, and Emmett Reedy, all of the Los Angeles factory, went fishing from July 18-22, at Silver Lake, Mono County, on Carson's Peak. They hooked a trailer on behind the car and loaded it up with tents, camping equipment, and fishing tackle and it is reported that the trip was quite a success. Emmett caught eighteen trout in one afternoon and we have no record of what the others did. Silver Lake is fed by icy streams from perpetual snow banks and is known as a wonderland for fishermen, artists, and nature lovers.

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Young Jerry Preshaw has been making a number of trips climbing up into the mountains with boys from the high school which he attends.

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Russell Jolly, foreman of the Assembly Dept., and his wife live in Los Angeles. Mrs. Jolly is a skin consultant in the beauty salon of a large department store where many of the movie stars buy their clothes and have their beauty work done. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jolly find California a good place to live.

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A temperature of 95 degrees in Los Angeles has been the hottest this summer, but the nights are cool enough to sleep under blankets. A little of such talk goes a long way with most of us since the last hot spell when the nights and days were both unbearably hot.

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In the Record last month there appeared a picture of Emmett Reedy and a large string of fish, posed in front of an oat field. Along with the picture we published Supt. Roarick's assertion that such fish were never caught in an oat field, but more than likely purchased from a fish peddler's wagon. From Mrs. Reedy we got the "low down"—that Emmett actually caught the fish in the ocean and brought them home, and then decided to have them photographed, for the benefit of Decatur Fishermen. With this thought in mind, he drove seventeen miles to find a place to take the picture.

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Friends of Gerry Preshaw will be interested in Gerry's garden. It seems flower gardens are the thing—every one having a flower garden in their back yard. Gerry, not to be outdone by his neighbors, went to considerable trouble and expense to make himself an attractive garden. It was coming along quite nicely, when Gerry, accustomed to the Illinois custom of sprinkling, got out his hose one evening and proceeded to water his garden, noting at the time that the neighbors looked on in wonder. Next morning, Gerry went out to view the progress

made over night, and discovered to his dismay that all the plants had been washed out of the ground. The soil, being sandy, must be irrigated by means of small irrigation ditches, as the force of water expelled from a hose is too strong.

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Suzanne Reedy, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Reedy, was selected as one of thirty-four children from the Meglin Studio to ride on a float and participate in the "Film Frolic", a charity carnival, staged by the movie stars in Hollywood early in May. The carnival lasted for three days, during which time there was a rodeo, chariot races, aerial stunts, and a regular three ring circus with Eddie Cantor as master of ceremonies. At each performance some actress presided as queen, and at the last performance Ann Harding was chosen Queen of Queens.

The Meglin Studio teaches dancing and both Suzanne Reedy and Norma Jean Wyant are students there.

CALIFORNIA AS SEEN BY A NATIVE OF ILLINOIS

Mrs. Emmett Reedy, who moved to Los Angeles early last fall when her husband was transferred to the new Pacific Coast Factory, returned to Decatur in July for a visit. Her stay in California had been of sufficient length to enable her to have visited many points of interest, and she told of them in a most entertaining manner.

The Reedys, Preshaws, and Wyants live in Alhambra, a town of 30,000 about eight miles out of Los Angeles. The selection of this town for a home was due chiefly to the lack of fog so prevalent in Los Angeles and other cities of lesser altitude. Also, because it is known as one of the most healthful locations on the coast, and this fact has been attested to by the improved health of all. The San Gabriel mission, founded in 1771, is located in San Gabriel which is right next to Alhambra. Mt. Loya, a mountain so steep that it is scaled only by means of a cable, towers in the background.

At the present time a forest fire is raging on the mountain and in the Arroyo Seco canyon near Pasadena, and the immense flames, some a block long and as high as the pine trees, are visible from the home of the Reedy's.

It was a forest fire which was indirectly responsible for the terrible floods which swept over the countryside in the vicinity of La Crescenta and Mount Rose last New Years. Mrs. Reedy's account of the flood was most vivid and impressing. The water gathered in the canyons at the top of the mountain, and with the trees and underbrush burned away, rushed unhindered down upon the unsuspecting valley, bringing with it huge boulders, some as large as thirty-five tons. Houses not washed away by the raging water were often crushed by the boulders, and many freakish things happened. One woman, reading a paper in her living room, was carried three blocks and deposited unharmed in a church. The home of Fred Klinck, of the Los Angeles shipping department, was in the

midst of the flood. As the waters receded, mud to a depth of several feet covered everything, and forty-two persons were rescued from being buried in the mud in the vicinity of the Klink home.

Mrs. Reedy said that she had always heard that when the rainy season came it really rained, and the fact that many of the stores made elaborate displays of raincoats, galoshes, and umbrellas, lead them to expect regular torrential downpours. But the rain, when it came, was more what we call "mists" or "drizzles" here in Illinois. For five days it "misted", and that constituted the rainy season.

Along about Christmas time, when most of the ex-Decaturites were feeling more or less homesick, Mrs. Wyant expressed the general sentiment of all with the remark: "Oh, what I'd give for a good old Illinois blizzard," and Mrs. Reedy said she thoroughly enjoyed seeing

a "good old muddy road" when she got back.

Vegetables are much cheaper, carrots, beets, turnips, cabbage all being purchased for a cent a bunch or head. Canteloupes and watermelons are delicious and likewise very cheap.

AND IT ISN'T MOONSHINE

Congregating in the Receiving Dept. following lunch is a bunch which discusses questions of state and subjects of lesser importance.

During one of these sessions recently, Earl McQuality, the box maker, asked if any one has ever seen five moons at one time. No one ever had but Earl insisted that he had seen this phenomena when living in Kentucky. Of course there was just one line of razzing to meet this claim, and it was moonshine. Earl claimed that this can be done by looking through a silk handkerchief.

SPECIAL PICNIC NOTICES

Transfer from different sections of city to grounds will be made at the transfer house. Picnic bus stand on west side.

Kindly maintain quiet and good order during the speaking at afternoon exercises at open air theater.

Wear your badge in plain sight This is important in order that gate men on duty can identify you as a member of the Mueller organization.

The last night bus to the city leaves the grounds at 11 p.m.