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BOWLING TEAMS HARD AT IT

The Specialty Division in Lead at Last Report on Standings

Here we go off to a good bowling season. The Tool Room team, winners of last season's pennant, is not looking so good, at last reports, being in the sixth place with the Specialty Division in first place followed by the Utility Engineers, last season's tail enders. Another near tail ender last season, Ground Key Division, is in third place. The Plumbing Division has a grip on the tail end.

There is some rivalry among the four high bowlers. The four high men of last season are still the four high men now, although in somewhat different positions. Blankenburg leads, Frank Mueller second, C. C. Roarick third, and Ed Stille fourth.

The statistical story up to and including October 2 is as follows:

Standing Week Ending Oct. 2, 1934

Team	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Ave.	H.G.
Specialty Div.	12	8	4	.667	827	899
Utility Eng.	12	8	4	.667	728	816
Ground Key	12	8	4	.667	717	897
Pattern Shop	12	7	5	.583	806	957
Works Mgr. Of.	12	7	5	.583	785	855
Tool Room	12	6	6	.500	709	835
Regulators	12	3	9	.250	696	783
Plumbing Dis.	12	1	11	.083	623	791

Individual Averages

Specialty Division	Works Mgr. Office
K. Blankenburg . . . 187	W. Behrns . . . 175
A. Grossman . . . 167	L. Wiant . . . 167
A. Flaughter . . . 166	M. Curry . . . 151
R. Hill . . . 159	J. Bain . . . 150
C. Hill . . . 158	S. F. Roarick . . . 149
E. Hartwig . . . 137	M. Chaney . . . 140
Utility Engineers	Tool Room
F. Mueller . . . 183	C. C. Roarick . . . 181
B. Mason . . . 168	A. Radke . . . 152
J. Morrison . . . 142	M. Stratman . . . 144
H. Fairchild . . . 138	C. Rubican . . . 138
F. Tratzik . . . 106	H. Stratman . . . 96
W. Groble . . . 99	L. Siloski . . . 93
Ground Key Division	Regulators
E. Stille . . . 179	W. Smith . . . 169
L. McKinney . . . 157	G. Hutchins . . . 145
H. Gragg . . . 150	F. March . . . 142
J. Taylor . . . 147	J. Pollock . . . 135
F. Taylor . . . 126	A. Olsen . . . 132
G. Edwards . . . 107	G. Pollock . . . 119

Pattern Shop

H. Leipski . . . 179	O. Draper . . . 142
A. Lindamood . . . 175	O. C. Keil . . . 141
C. Morenz . . . 173	E. Krumseik . . . 136
G. Krag . . . 166	A. Jendry . . . 130
R. Lusk . . . 156	L. Kramer . . . 114
E. Foley . . . 96	C. W. Hathaway . . . 109

Plumbing Division

Ten High Bowlers

Name—Team	G.	Ave.	H.G.
1. K. Blankenburg, Sp. Div.	12	187	224
2. F. Mueller, Util. Eng.	9	183	226
3. C. C. Roarick, Tool Rm.	12	181	204
4. E. Stille, Grd. Key Div.	12	179	204
5. H. Leipski, Patrn. Shop	10	179	208
6. W. Behrns, Works Mgr.	12	175	226
7. A. Lindamood, Ptn. Shop	8	175	211
8. C. Morenz, Ptn. Shop	11	173	197
9. B. Mason, Util. Eng.	12	168	198
10. L. Wiant, Works Mgr.	12	167	200
A. Grossman, Spec. Div.	8	167	193

COMMUNITY CHEST

The Community Chest this year, according to circulars distributed recently, is asking for \$109,000 to be divided among eighteen agencies. Each agency of the Chest has had its affairs carefully scrutinized by a Board of Directors who consider all its claims for public support.

Each agency is able to make its case or it would not be in the Chest. Some of them could get more money in special drives of their own but they have been requested to come into the Chest and share in the general drive.

Food, clothing and shelter for those who are in need are supplied by the Illinois Emergency Commission after investigation of their need. In the nature of the case of the Relief Commission can not provide for child care, for the guidance of youth, for health and hospital needs, and for family welfare. The agencies in the Community Chest do this.

It was the Master who said: "Life is more than meat and the body more than raiment."

It is to these higher needs that the agencies of the Chest address themselves. If there were more knowledge of what these agencies do, there would be less criticism of them and more cheerful giving to them.

Leonard Woods, of the Assembly Dept., has been confined to his home because of illness for several weeks. He is now able to be about again.

HAPPY DAYS AGAIN

A Finer Spirit of Sociability at Recent
Mueller Gatherings

The second barbecue of the season was held at Mueller Heights Thursday evening, October 4. The weather was ideal for the occasion and the big crowd in a happy mood had an evening of genuine enjoyment. There was plenty to eat, and the second beef from Adolph's Okaw farm was just as nice, juicy and palatable as the first. The loud speaker worked perfectly and musical members of our organization presented an excellent program, followed by dancing on the stage. This probably will be the last barbecue of the season, but that is no reason why other entertainments cannot be arranged. The spirit of sociability so marked at the two barbecues should be maintained. We have been more or less in the dumps for three or four years. Let's forget that and go in for a good time.

The program for the last barbecue follows:

STRING QUARTETTE
C. McArthur H. Meador
C. Meador R. Jones
ACCORDION AND HARMONICA
Elmer Merrow
MUSIC BY MORENZ FAMILY
Eleanor Elmer Norma Paul
BUCK AND WING DANCE
A. H. (Happy) Thompson
LEWIS FAMILY ORCHESTRA
W. E. Lewis Mrs. W. E. Lewis
A. Lewis O. Lewis
"THREE EAGLE HOT SHOTS"
The Boys That Give Hot Music
George Roberts Nick Workman
Al Ingles

CHATTANOOGA SCOUTS

Albert Heard, of the Assembly Department, recently appointed Scoutmaster of Troop Sixty on Signal Mountain, reports much progress in scouting on the mountain.

The troop has twice as many scouts as it formerly did, and two new branches of scouting have been introduced: namely, sea scouting and cub scouting. There have been quite a few overnight hikes for the older scouts. The cubs, younger boys in the troop, have taken hikes to various points on the historic heights.

To celebrate the new formation of the troop and the appointment of Mr. Heard, an informal banquet was given in September.

FINE DISPLAY

August Raushek, assisted by Emmett Conners, is doing the mechanical work on the elaborate display of Mueller goods for the annual meeting of the American Gas Association, Atlantic City, October 29-November 2. The display will consist of large and small tapping and drilling machines, gas stops, regulators, and miscellaneous goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller spent several days in Chicago early in October visiting the Fair and attending to business matters there.

CONVENTION AT BOSTON

Adolph and Frank Mueller Attend Meeting
of New England Association

Adolph and Frank Mueller attended the annual convention of the New England Water Works association the week of September 17-21. It was a well attended meeting and the proceedings were full of interest. The sessions were held at the Statler Hotel, Boston. Adolph visited for a few days in New York and came home September 26. Frank came back as soon as the convention closed. The company had an elaborate display showing our full line of water works goods including Columbian Hydrants and check valves. The display goes from Boston to Waco, Texas, where the Southwestern Water Works Association meets about the middle of October.

THE LAST CHANCE

If you have not made a suggestion, get busy and do it now. This is the last month. The contest closes on October 31st. That does not mean that you have no chance to win. The last suggestion made is just as apt to win a grand prize as the first one made at the beginning of the year. Keep your eyes open and your wits alert. If you see anything bearing on safety, reduced overhead, or increased production, send it to the prize suggestion committee on the proper blank. It will be given full and fair consideration.

WOODMEN'S DAY AT FAIR

Saturday, September 22, was Woodmen Day at the Century of Progress Exposition and Mervil Curry and Ortha Mills, accompanied by their families, made the trip to Chicago to participate in the Woodmen program. They marched with the Forestry team along with thirty-seven other teams comprised of men and women from all over the United States. The line of march was down the Avenue of Flags, past the reviewing stand, into the Court of States where the speeches and program were presented. Afterward supper was served for the entire group at Walgreen's. The Decatur party enjoyed every minute of a happy and inspirational trip.

WATER ON KNEE

Ethel Fogle of the Upkeep Stock Dept. was taken to Decatur Macon County Hospital on September 10th suffering from water on the knee. She was able to leave the hospital on Sept. 30 and went to her home in Chicago Heights to convalesce for a week or so.

PAUL JACKA HOME

Paul Jacka returned, bag and baggage, to Decatur on September 15, after having been a citizen of Chattanooga since December 1, 1933. He expects to put the damper on his roving disposition and stay home for a while—at least long enough to renew old acquaintances.

GEORGE KRAG LOCKED UP

Fellow Workmen Leaving at Lunch Hour Turned Key on Foreman

Pattern makers spending their lunch hour outside the Foundry building on Cerro Gordo Street one day recently were much surprised when a sudden cry of "Hey, let me out of here," fell upon their startled ears. Looking about for the source of the cry and seeing nothing, they were about to settle down and attribute the call to someone's idea of a joke, when it came again. This time more commanding and we suspect a bit more profane. Investigation soon disclosed a bald head protruding above a window sill in the foundry. Immediately, Harold Moats recognized the window and the head. "It's the boss!" he ejaculated. "I've locked him in with the die casting machine."

And sure enough—George Krag had been locked in the small room where the new die casting machine is located. Unbeknownst to Harold Moats, operator, he had been sitting behind the machine inspecting the dies when noon came, and Harold had set the gauge on the furnace, locked up the room, and gone to lunch, leaving George a captive. Being locked up with a die casting machine is far better than being locked in a lion's den or even jail, but judging by George's vociferous protests, he has a decided aversion to being locked up any place—be it ever so safe.

HELP THE CHEST

Any one in this organization in a position to do so should contribute to the Community Chest. It is a worthy cause, of course. Everybody knows and admits that. There will be lots of hungry people in Decatur this winter. They must be fed. Without work they are helpless.

Bread Is Not Enough

The sick and helpless, the suffering children, the disheartened aged are appealing to you. The Community Chest is their mouth piece. Do all you can to help.

Three Little Beauties



These little girls are the pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacka. With their parents they lived for a year in Chattanooga but now have returned to their Decatur home. Reading from right to left they are: Paula Ann, Patricia Jean and Mary Rebecca.

WILD AND WOOLLY

Quartette of Muellerites See Detroit Trounce Cardinals

J. A. Morrison, Walter Walls, Clarence Masters, Harvey Washburn, and George Anderson all of the core department, were five of the 37,492 persons who saw the fourth game of the World's Series played in St. Louis on Oct. 6.

And they all agreed that the Cardinals and Tigers didn't do right by them when they played the worst game of the season, with a score of 10-4 for Detroit.

Leaving here Friday night, the Decatur group were in line at 5 a.m. The box office opened at 7:30 and was sold out by 9. Thousands who had driven from all parts of the country were turned away.

Barney Morrison, commenting upon the occasion, said he had never seen a wilder-crazier bunch of people assembled in one gathering. The band coming out upon the field at 9 o'clock to entertain the audience, was forced to retreat to a place of safety under a barrage of bottles, apples, and anything available which could be thrown.

Melvin Wisnaski accompanied the group to St. Louis but spent his time seeing the sights offered by the city other than the ball game.

DISPLAY OF DECATUR PRODUCTS

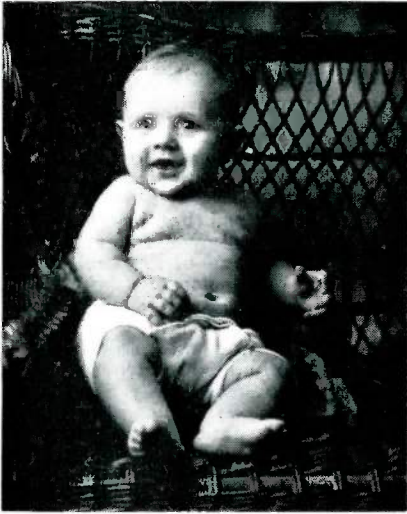
For the next few weeks there will be a display of house building materials in the room formerly occupied by Block & Kuhl in the Standard Life Building. The show opened Wednesday evening and will continue for several weeks. There are some twenty exhibitors including Mueller Co. with a showing of shower baths and plumbing fixtures. Every Saturday evening there will be a drawing for a cash prize. The object of this local exposition is to acquaint Decatur people with products manufactured here or obtainable here. A special effort is being made to reach those who may take advantage of the government to remodel or improve their homes. We suggest that members of our organization see the display. It is sponsored by the Association of Commerce. There is no admission fee.

BIRTHS

- SMITH—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Saturday, Sept. 22, a daughter, Barbara Ann.
 NASH—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nash, Sept. 24th, a daughter, Beverly Jean.
 DICKEY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dickey, September 10, a son. He has been named David Foster.
 MATHEWS—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mathews, Iron Foundry, September 15, a son. He has been named Donald Lee.

At the meeting of the Decatur Traffic Club on the evening of September 12, Julius Staudt, our assistant traffic manager, won the attendance prize. It was Western Union night and the program had to do with telegraph development.

ALLEN DALE MYERS



Here's a husky little chap who has not been here long but he has made friends with the world and is having fun with it. Born March 30, 1934, weight 18 pounds at 3 months and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers. The father works in the polishing department.

FUN AND FILOSOPHY

Carlyle says if you are in doubt whether to kiss a pretty girl or not give her the benefit of the doubt.

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"Lookut here, did you say that my mother-in-law had a face like my bull terrier?"

"I did, what about it?"

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"You've gotta fight. Nobody's going to say things about my dog and get away with it."

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It is not necessary to drink up the whole puddle to find that the water is dirty, nor the whole keg of beer to find that it will make you tight.

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The tongue of a woman is her sword which is never allowed to grow rusty.

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Beggar: "Kind lady, I was not always like this."

Lady: "No, last week it was your other arm missing."

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Time is a file that wears but makes no noise.

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Mary: "So you call your canary Joe? Does that stand for Joseph or Josephine?"

Marge: "We don't know. That's why we call it Joe."

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Walk fast until you get on firm ground—then stand fast.

THE PLACE TO EAT

You cannot get as good a noonday lunch in Decatur for as little money as at our cafeteria. More than that, you cannot get as good food or as clean a place to eat. The surroundings at our cafeteria are sanitary. The food is prepared under kitchen conditions that are not to be found in the average restaurant. Good strengthening and filling soup, sandwiches, salads, meat, vegetables, pastry, bread and butter, milk and coffee are always available. Seasonable fruits and vegetables are always on the menu. As we have told you many times, this cafeteria is not run for profit, it is run for your convenience. It has always lost money for the company. Under the circumstances, don't you think that the proper thing to do is to eat at the cafeteria?

EBERT MUELLER HERE

Ebert Mueller, who is now in the Cost Department of the Sarnia plant, was in Decatur on a visit during the week of September 24. Ebert is looking well and doing well, and he likes Canada and the Canadian people. He has not acquired an English accent but still clings to his "h's" and converses in plain old "United States".

COAL

A number of our people bought coal before the rise October 1 by placing their orders to local dealers through the Employees Aid Society. From now on, we will not order coal direct but may finance coal when necessary by means of loans. This will relieve our offices of the rather cumbersome detail of keeping coal accounts.

IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Clyde Oldham, who used to work in the Brass Foundry at Decatur, has been with our Los Angeles plant for several months. On September 12th, Clyde was injured in an automobile accident which disabled him until October 1st.

MRS. BASHORE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Al Bashore was reelected president of the Mueller Social Club at the election of officers for the forthcoming year held at the Mueller Lodge, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 18th.

Other officers elected were:

Vice President—Mrs. Marshall Hobbs.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. O. C. Keil.

SUFFERS RELAPSE

G. F. Krock, who underwent an appendicitis operation last June, suffered a relapse in September and it is reported that he will be disabled for several months more. We are sorry to hear of his misfortune. He received benefits for three months from his membership in the Employees Aid Society.

Smells Bad

Jack (astonished)—"Why have you got your socks on inside out?"

John—"My feet were hot so I turned the hose on them."

BRASS CHIPS

Henry Stratman, Dept. 300, spent three days at the World Fair, Sept. 22, 23, and 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Groble took a vacation Sept. 8-15, and visited relatives in Indiana and spent a couple of days at the World Fair.

Helen Brannan and Ruth Myers spent several days in Chicago and visited the Century of Progress Exposition.

Erma Barth and sister spent the week end of Sept. 22-23 at the World Fair.

Hugh Baker also was a recent visitor at the Fair where he spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton and son, Jimmy, visited relatives in Anderson and Kokomo, Indiana, beginning Sept. 23rd. Mr. Hamilton joined the Mueller Co. a year ago last September when the Groble Regulator Co. at Anderson was taken over.

Willard Hake and family were in Chicago for several days during Willard's vacation, and the remainder was passed in Southern Illinois visiting relatives.

Clara Moessner, formerly of the Cost Dept., has been assisting in the Traffic Dept. and Upkeep Stock Dept. with some extra work.

Halloween comes on Wednesday, October 31. There has been some talk of a big party at the Lodge.

The Employees Aid Society has been assisting several men at Plant 2 Iron Foundry to get special safety shoes.

The committee in charge of the First Barbecue, September 7, turned into the Treasury of the Aid Society \$25.95.

Charles Portec, one of our polishers, who went to Los Angeles, suffered an injury, received in an automobile accident on September 16th, which disabled him for several days.

Fred Galka, of the Tool Room, has been laid up with rheumatism since September 12th. He is reported to be convalescing now.

H. A. Henry, of Plant 2, underwent a severe operation for goiter recently from which he is making an excellent recovery. He is much improved in health and returned to work Oct. 3, 1934.

John Curry accidentally got his thumb in the rip saw on September 28th. It was badly lacerated but the doctor said it is doing well at this time.

Merle Cunningham got two fingers mashed September 18th while helping unload pig iron from a car.

Mrs. Emmett Reedy and daughter, Suzanne, returned to their home in Los Angeles, September 16, after spending several weeks visiting Mrs. Reedy's parents in Decatur.

Sylvia Barnes was a visitor at the World Fair on September 15 and while in Chicago she also saw the WLS Saturday night Barn Dance.

Duke Mueller came up from Chattanooga for four days from September 14-17 to give attention to matters demanding his attention in the Decatur plant.

DEATHS

Mrs. William F. Witt, sister of James Thorpe, died September 19, at her home 1317 N. College Street. She had been ill since last Easter, suffering with a heart ailment.

She was born near Maroa, June 4, 1876, and was married January 19, 1897. Nearly all her life was passed in Decatur where she was well known.

Funeral services were held Friday at 9 A. M. in St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Herbert T. Tauber

Herbert Tauber, brother of Robert Tauber of Plant 2, was fatally injured at 6 A. M. Monday, September 3 in an automobile accident which occurred at Rutland, about twenty-five miles south of LaSalle. Robert, who accompanied him, was slightly injured.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tauber, and four brothers, William, Arthur, and Robert of Decatur, and Oscar, who is a teacher in the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

Emil Tauber retired in 1932 after fourteen years service with the Mueller Co.

WEDDINGS

Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, stenographer in the water works division of the sales department, and Edward Yochum were married Sunday evening, September 30th in Lincoln by Rev. H. M. Bloomer. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the First Methodist church.

A Calling

Miss W.—"How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"
Mr. P.—"Neither. It's a calling."

Cost Him a Quarter

"Well, I finally got into the movies."
"You really did! How?"
"Oh, I paid the usual fifty cents."

MAKES WILLIAM HAPPY

A Record reporter met William Seeforth the other evening carrying a dinner pail, which is a sure sign of a job. William was for many years in the blacksmith shop at the main plant. Now he is in the blacksmith shop at Plant 2. William says he has quite a bit of work ahead of him, and is glad he still has a job with Mueller Co.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT MILLIKIN

Four young people, children of Mueller employes, were enabled to enter James Millikin University this fall because of scholarships donated by members of the Mueller family.

Mr. Adolph Mueller's scholarship was awarded to Bernice Bixler. Mr. Robert Mueller's scholarship went to Orville Hawkins, Jr. Mrs. Phillip Mueller's went to Everett Pippin.

Mrs. Ora Mueller Blair and her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Staley, Jr., together gave a scholarship to Elmer Morenz, son of August Morenz, iron moulder at plant 2. Elmer was graduated from the Decatur High School in 1931 and attended Concordia Seminary at Springfield for three years.

The other three students were members of this year's graduating class of the Decatur High School.

Wm Heddin, of Plant 2, caught his left foot in a hay baler Oct. 6. He may lose his great toe as a result of this accident.

Blue Lusk and his foundry men had their first party of the season at the Mueller Athletic Club Oct. 5. Fourteen couples danced to the music of Curry's four-piece orchestra. Their next party is scheduled for Oct. 19. They plan to have these gatherings at intervals of every two weeks.

Paul Jacka, and his family, and a party of neighbors had an outing at Mueller Heights Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6.

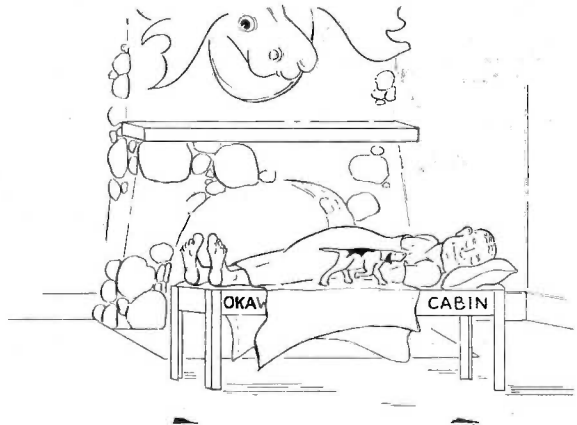
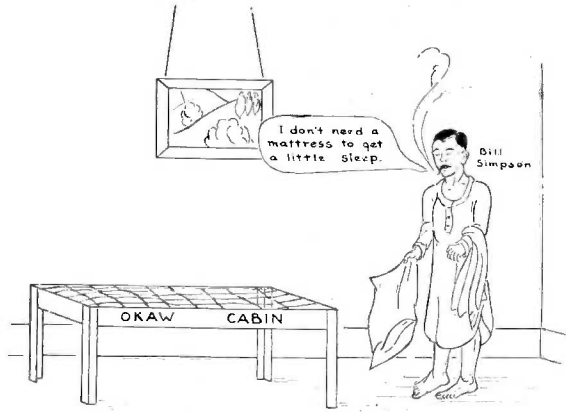
On Tuesday, Oct. 2, Miss Grace Mills gave a party to a number of Mueller tenants.

Mrs. George Moeller lost a fine wrist watch at Mueller Heights some two weeks ago which was found by David Simpson on the croquet court. The owner was traced by means of a notice on our bulletin board. Mrs. Moeller was delighted to recover her watch.

On Sept. 19 Dept. 300 had a weiner roast at Mueller Heights.

Season's Crop of Okaw Cartoons

(By Ray Killeen)



Ask C.F. Roarick For Complete Details

