

Strictly Personal Chattanooga

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NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES



RETIREMENT - JOHN L. RICE

On June 3, 1977, John L. Rice, a B & P Operator in the Foundry Division, retired after 35 years 1 month and 12 days service with Mueller Co.

"Deacon", as he is more commonly known by his fellow workers, was employed April 21, 1941 when the company was known as Columbian Iron Works, a Division of Mueller Co.

Over the years John has set an exemplary work record that can only be surpassed by few. He has never received a leave of absence, nor is there a single blemish on his work record.

John and Mrs. Rice have acquired a large family of 12 children and 17 grandchildren since his employment at Mueller Co. Eight of the children gave John a surprise visit at the Personnel Office on Friday, and they were given a tour of the foundry where John had spent a good part of his life.

The children are located not only locally but in various cities throughout the country and hold positions such as

teachers, college professors, and factory superintendents. The "Deacon" is surely proud of his fine group of children and well he should be!

While touring the foundry with his family, John was presented with a Television set and other gifts by his fellow workers.

This amiable employee will surely be missed by Mueller Co. and hundreds of his fellow workers.

Shown in the picture are John, Mrs. Rice, eight of his children and one grandchild.

RETIREMENTS

Alex J. Mesevich, tool grinding machine operator, 20 years, 3 months and 9 days, July 31, 1977 (80 plan).

Persie L. Campbell, furnace pour-out man, 22 years, 1 month and 13 days, August 31, 1977 (disability).

Willie Southern, furnace charger, 22 years and 27 days, October 12, 1977 (80 plan).

1 OF 6 SELECTED FROM 10-MILLION

Benjamin McKinley, met with President Jimmy Carter in the nation's capitol on June 30.

Benjamin, son of B.F. McKinley an automatic molding machine operator in the foundry, was one of six school children from across the nation who discussed issues of national importance with the President.

The youngsters informed the Chief Executive what they considered the gravest problems facing the nation today and how they would like him to go about solving them.

Benjamin, 14, recently graduated from East Lake Junior High School. He concentrated on pollution problems in his discussion with Mr. Carter.

Other topics included energy, consumer prices, conservation, jobs, and crime. These issues were determined the most important from a survey of nearly one million school children.

Crime was the greatest problem, however, expressed by the students in the survey and the youngsters urged Mr. Carter to allow stiffer punishment for lawbreakers, enforce gun control laws and control the sale of handguns as remedies.

Benjamin and the other five children were selected from some 10 million elementary and junior high school students who participated in the Listen, Mr. President program sponsored by Xerox Publications during the past year.

In addition to touring the White House, the Capitol and other government buildings, the students were interviewed on national television.

Earlier they had attended both national conventions, appeared on two ABC-TV election specials and attended the inauguration in Washington on January 20.

SERVICE AWARDS

10 years:

Roger H. Kirby
Gerald E. McKissic
Earl D. Edmonds
Freddie L. Crabtree
William Harrison Logan
Ernest D. Jackson
Bessie L. Wooden
Wintford A. Wilson
Robert Jordan
Ronnie D. Hughley
James C. Forest

20 years:

Jacob A. Wardlaw
Edward Reed
Benjamin F. McKinley
Buford H. Cole
Cary Swan Jr.,
Wanda P. Glenn
Howard Freeman
Elige M. Dean
James L. O'Neal
Jesse R. Norton
Willie R. Florence
William L. Headrick
James D. Careathers
Samuel Heath
Roy L. Miller
Luther Blue
Hayward Watkins
Olin Hayes
Thomas N. Jordan

30 years:

Clifford Kelly
Mitchell Robinson
William E. Clay
Jesse C. Hines

CHATTANOOGA IN TOP TEN FOR INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

According to the 1976 figures from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Chattanooga ranks in tenth place among all metropolitan areas in the United States in the number of manufacturing workers as a percent of non-agricultural employment.

The comparable positions of some other cities are Atlanta at 62, Birmingham at 47, Pittsburgh at 30, Detroit at 13, and Newark at 29.

A recent release of the unemployment rate for the Chattanooga area was 5.1%. This is considerably lower than the national average.

FAMILIAR FACE IN A NEW PLACE

Shirley L. Sawyer, computer operator, has been promoted to the position of systems analyst-programmer.

Shirley joined Mueller Co. on November 12, 1956 as a clerk in the production control department and has held many positions since that time.

She received her education in Hamilton County Schools and Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

Shirley and her husband, Doug, reside in Hixson and have one daughter, Susan Elizabeth, who is a graduate registered nurse.

FOREMAN'S CLUB ELECTS OFFICIALS

At a recent meeting of the Foreman's Club on Lake Chickamauga, the following officers were selected for the 1977-78 year: President - Sam Cline, assistant manager of production and inventory control; Vice President - Rufus L. Yates, Jr., senior tool methods engineer; Secretary - William C. Hambrick, assistant machine shop foreman; Treasurer - Glenn L. Cottrell, tool engineer. Plans are being formulated for the new year.

SIX HOUR FISHING TRIP

Jim Serre, manager of industrial engineering, Jack Pope, cleaning room foreman and W. T. Mullis, tool room foreman recently embarked on a fishing expedition to Panama City, Florida.

Included in the fishing trip was Eric Serre, son of Jim, and his friend, Gregg Thompson. The total 'haul' for the six hour trip was over 275 pounds of Red Snapper, White Snapper and Triggerfish. Another trip was planned for a later date.

DENTISTRY SCHOOL

Anthony Hodges, son of Bettye Hodges of the purchasing department, has been admitted to the School of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee, Center for Health Sciences at Memphis Tennessee. Anthony received his B.A. degree in Chemistry and biology at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

A NEW SYSTEM INSTALLED

A new Dynamic Air Bond Transport System was most recently installed in the foundry department. The new facility, manufactured by the Newaygo Company, is among the newest on the market today. The unit is used to transport pre-mixed bond to the various sand systems throughout the foundry.

The old unit which had been in service since 1966 was finally retired and met its Waterloo on the scrap pile.

RECYCLING

The old sewage plant has finally received a new facelift and a new home. The plant, known to many by various off-color terminology, has been recently remodeled and relocated.

The structure, sporting a new floor and paint job, will serve as a pattern storage facility and will supply additional space for storing patterns and core boxes.

This is truly a good example of recycling a waste facility.

Would you hire you?

Of course you would.

You work hard. Care about what you do. And you know your job inside and out.

That's what everybody says.

And for most of us, it's true. But it's also true that we could all do better. No matter what kind of work we do. And we'd all have more to show for it.

More money, for one thing. Because we'd be giving each other our money's worth for the products, the services and even the government we pay for.

For another thing, we'll be giving America better ammunition to slug it out with our foreign competitors. That should help bring the lopsided balance of payments back onto our side. And help make your dollar worth more.

Best of all, as we hit our stride, we'll be protecting jobs here at home. And we'll have a deeper sense of pride in the jobs we've got.

All this can happen. And more.

Think of what you can do to make it happen.

America. It only works as well as we do.