

Register of Old Buildings  
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: #4 Millikin Place

Legal description:

Adolph Mueller's First Resurvey  
In City of Decatur (Plat 745/101)  
(Exc. W25' of N 1/2 Lot 1)

Date of original construction: 1911 (Assessor's office)

Name of original owner: Adolph Mueller

History:

1. Data from available city directories:

1912-1944 Adolph and Minnie B. Mueller,  
Adolph - chm. board, Mueller Co.  
1945-1946 Vacant  
1947-1962 Richard E. Reeser (Maxine S.)  
Contractor  
1963-1964 Vacant  
1965-1966 Harold R. Hamilton (Ruth M.), clinical coordinator,  
Neisler Laboratories  
1967-1975 K. George Tietz (Margaret G., physician  
1976- Raymond H. Gregg (Barbara), Marketing Emp., Cash Co.

2. Data from office of Decatur Township Assessor:

2 stories, 11 rooms, wood frame, stucco on wood, hip roof, medium  
pitch, tile roof  
Front porch 10x11  
Side porch 19x24 (screened)  
50% basement  
Pine floor (softwood) - 1 room (kitchen)  
Hardwood floors - 10 rooms  
Hot water heat (community heating plant !!!out of date!!)  
4 bathrooms  
Garage - cement floor 35x25 100 sq. ft. of concrete for turn  
around for cars asphalt drive 300'

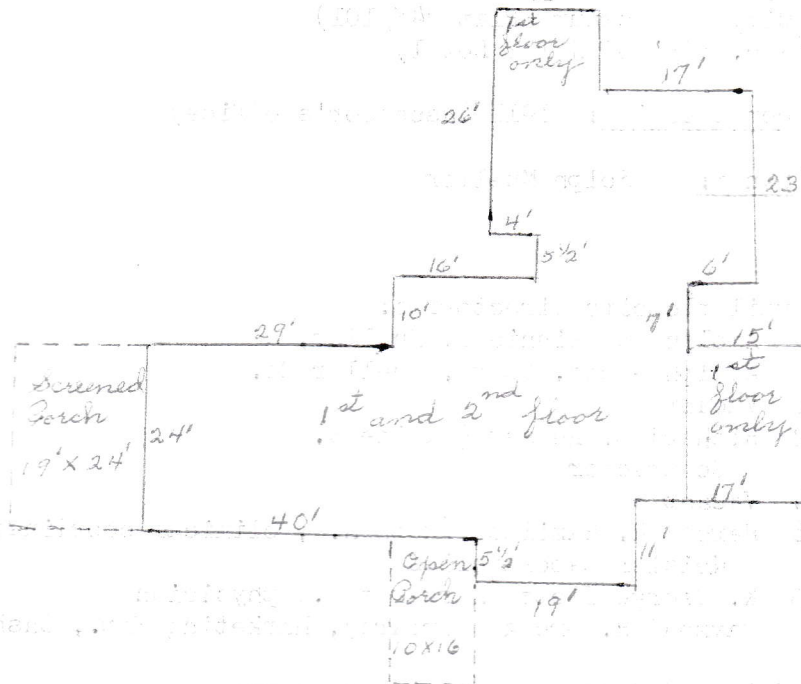
(See sketch on next page)

Present owners: Raymond H. and Barbara Gregg.

History Cont'd.:

2. Data Cont'd.:

Sketch:



*Not drawn to scale*

3. See following attachments:

- a. Write-up of visit to #4 Millikin Place on February 8, 1976 by Margaret M. Meyer.
- b. Olsen, Gail, Plates 38 and 39, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, Adolph Mueller House.
- c. Decatur Herald, Oct. 27, 1912, p. 9, Adolph Mueller's Residence and Novel Macadam Driveway.
- d. Decatur Herald, May 14, 1944, obit. Adolph Mueller.
- e. Architectural Record, October, 1916, p. 300, House of Adolph Mueller, Esq., Decatur, Illinois, Von Holst and Fyfe, architects, Marion M. Griffin, Associate.
- f. Decatur Review, June 4, 1915, p. 2, Wading Pool at Mueller Home - Designed by Griffin.
- g. Sunday Review, Nov. 19, 1911, views of Adolph and Robert Mueller homes.

# Millikin Place



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Visit to #4 Millikin Place February 8, 1976

The entrance hall is wide and welcoming; the den at the north end of it is quite small. To the left is the living room, which is stunning. The ceiling is ridged, following the roof line: on either side of this ridge, slanted down, are stained glass panels which can be lit by concealed bulbs; two ~~and~~ quite long rectangles; and the other four are smaller, on either side of the central ones. On the right is a fireplace, the opening a rectangle; the wall above is brick, with rows of tiles which trimmed it originally. Immediately above the opening is a broad band of stone across the full width. This has all been painted white; the tiles were a mustard shade which did not fit in with Mrs. Gregg's color scheme: the furniture is upholstered in sunny yellow, and the rug is light, perhaps an off white. Walls are white, so that the fireplace wall blends in. There are window trios either side of the fireplace, with low closed bookcases below. At the west end of the living room is the glass-doored entrance to the closed porch. Above the doors is a triangle of glass, which follows the ceiling shape. All windows have a distinctive pattern, repeated in combinations, leaded and with colored glass insets. Radiators are concealed by wood screens, with square uprights; one to the ~~ix~~ right of the porch door has a decorative design above and the square uprights below; the radiator is in the wall at this position.

On the right is the dining room. The original light fixture, of cast brass, Mr. Gregg said, is still in place. Beyond it, to the east is the "dining porch" of the original floor plan: this is now a garden room. The floor has multi-colored small octagonal tiles; the walls are covered with small random shaped tiles, and the radiators are covered with wrought iron and tile. There is a wrought iron gate into the room.

A door to the north of the grilled gate leads into the narrow hall; from this to the north was the butler's pantry, which Mrs. Gregg has remodeled for use as a breakfast room. North of this is the kitchen, which has been completely modernized. The original cold porch has laundry equipment. The rooms for maids, west of the kitchen, have been made into one large room, with two game tables; Mrs. Gregg said these rooms appeared not to have been used and were in poor condition; paneling has been put on the walls.

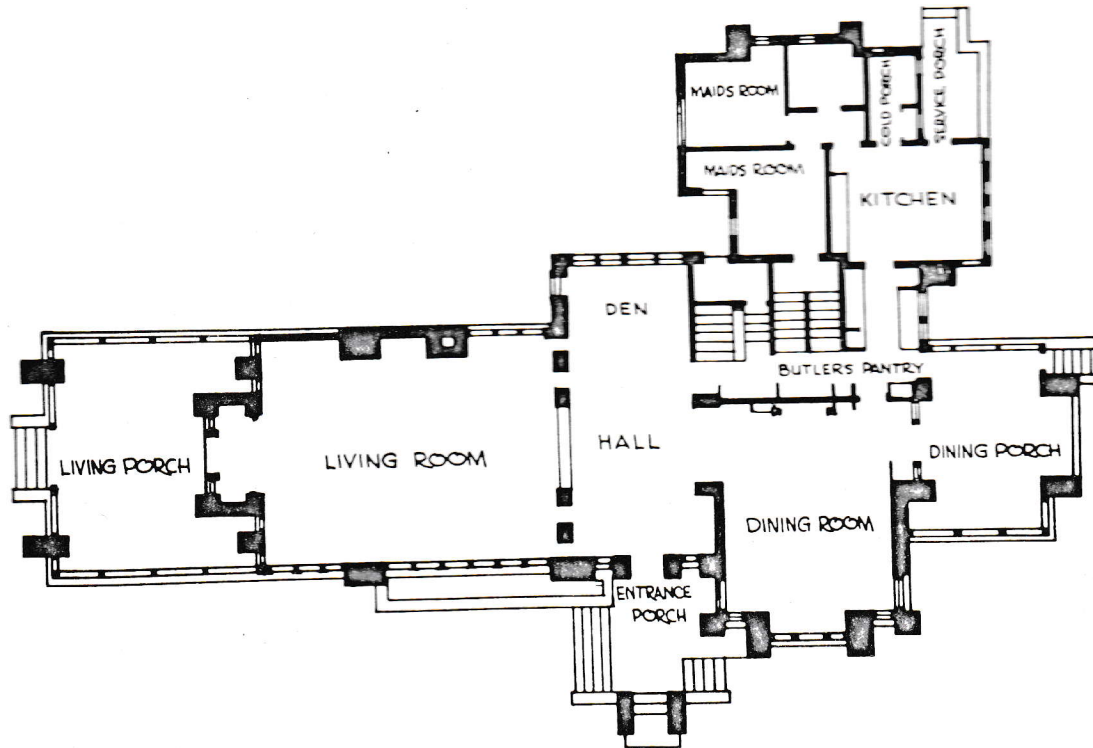
A wood screen about five feet wide shields the stairs from the front entrance. A long window, floor to ceiling almost, lights the landing of the stairwell.

Upstairs, the hallways are narrow. They are lined with a series of built-in cupboards, the linen cupboard having shelves which pull out. The master bedroom has a fireplace with a low Roman arch, an adjacent sleeping porch, and built-in closets and drawers. Their son's bedroom also has an adjacent sleeping porch. Bedrooms at the back, over the kitchen wing, posed a problem in decorating. Mrs. Gregg said, because of the windows which leave little wall space. All woodwork upstairs has been painted.

*Margaret*

## PLATE 38

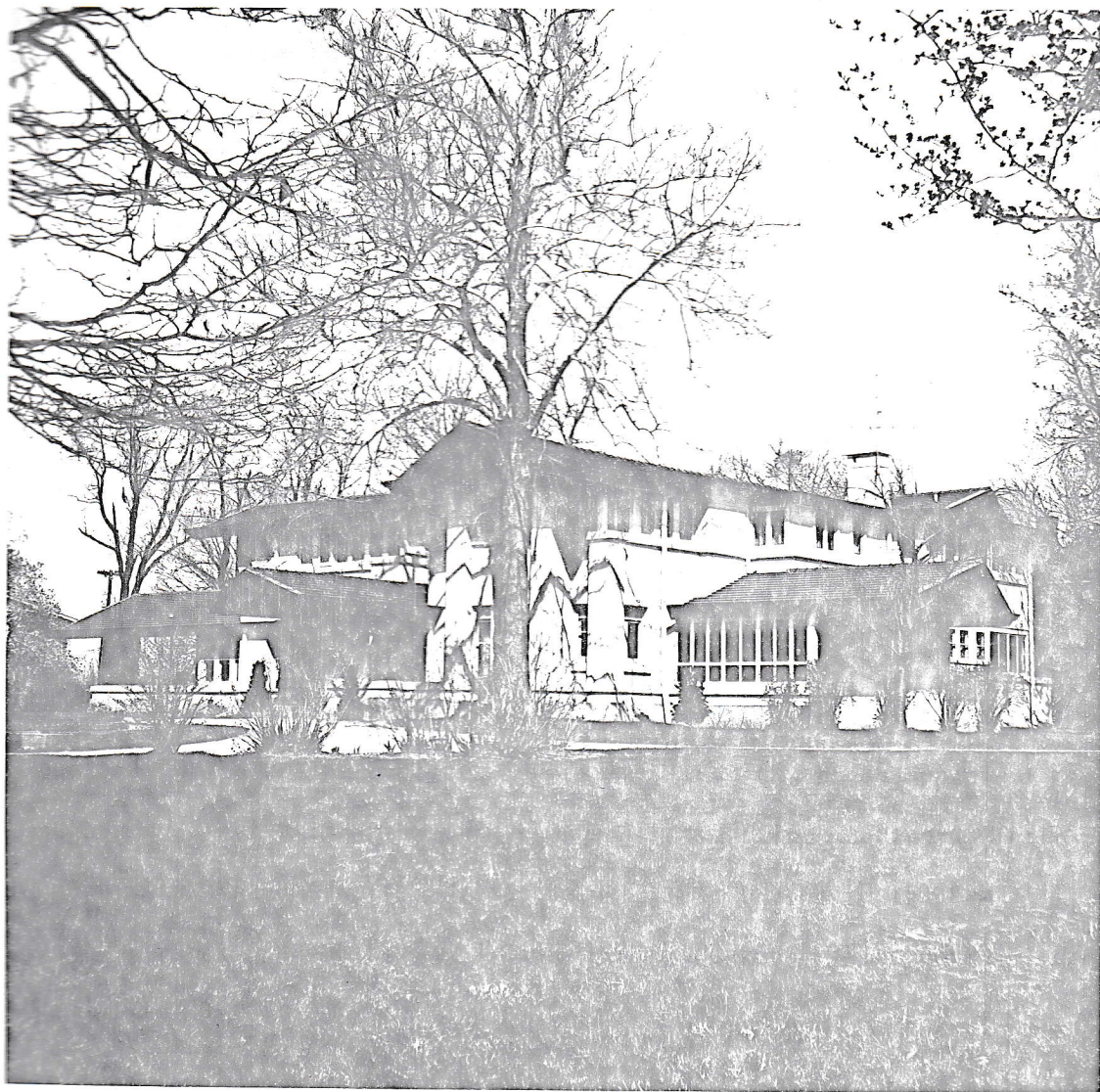
## PLAN OF ADOLPH MUELLER HOUSE



The plan of this house is similar to number one on a larger scale. It is L-shaped with the living area in the stem and the service area in the foot. Three large porches stand out from three sides to take advantage of the magnificent view present at the time the houses were built. (Millikin University campus was to the west.) The only problem was that the railroad ran between the campus and his house. Mr. Mueller tried many times to have the railroad re-routed around the city. Perhaps his efforts were motivated selfishly since the view from his west porch was marred by a passing train.

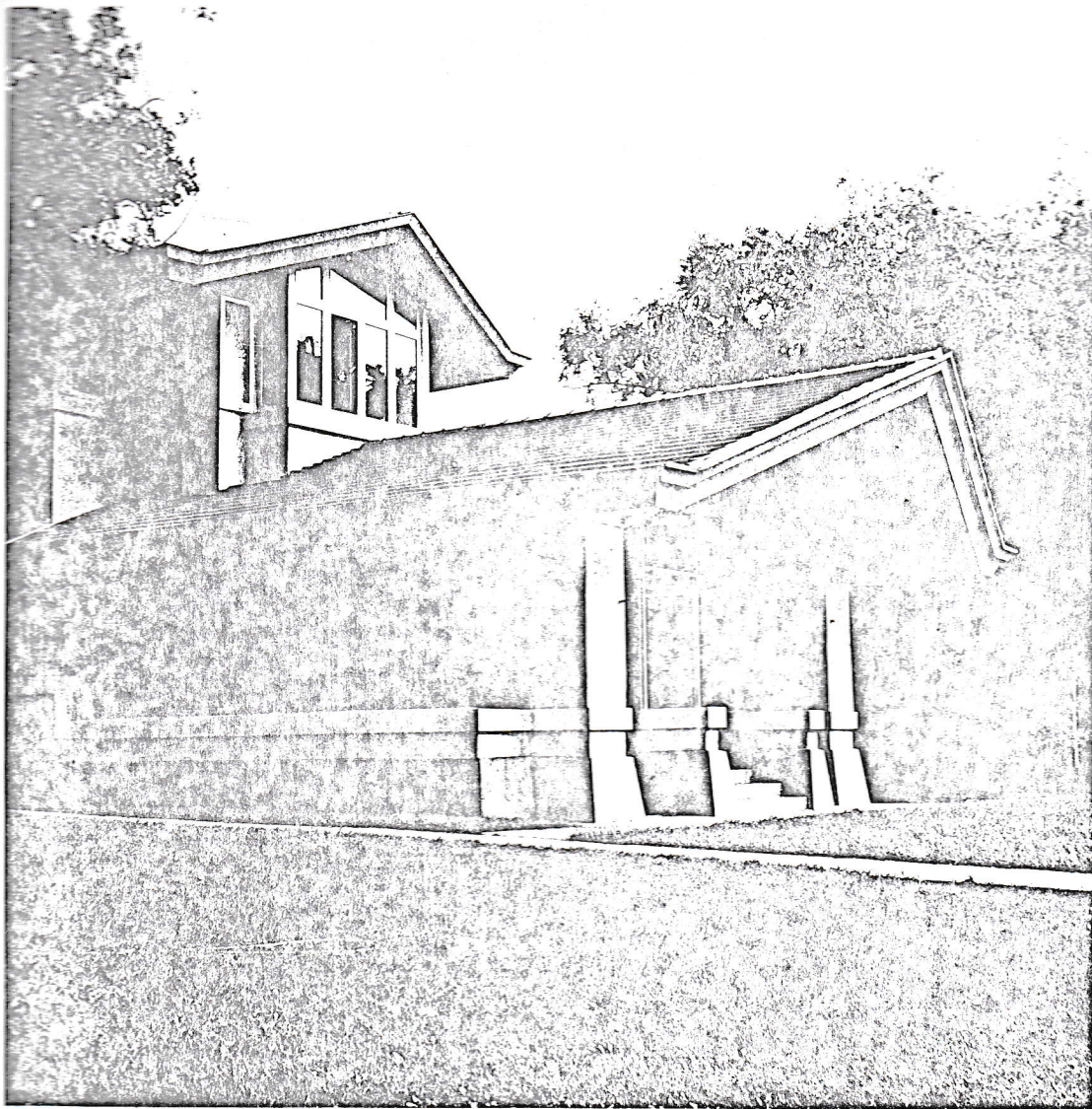
## PLATE 39

## ADOLPH MUELLER HOUSE



The gabled roof, freely used by both Wright and Griffin, gives this big house a light, birdlike quality. At first glance the house appears to be other than Wrightian; the author urges that one look further. There is much here that comes from Wright's last great houses in the Prairie style. Compare it to the Boynton, Evans, and Coonley houses in Hitchcock, figures 142, 144 and 150.

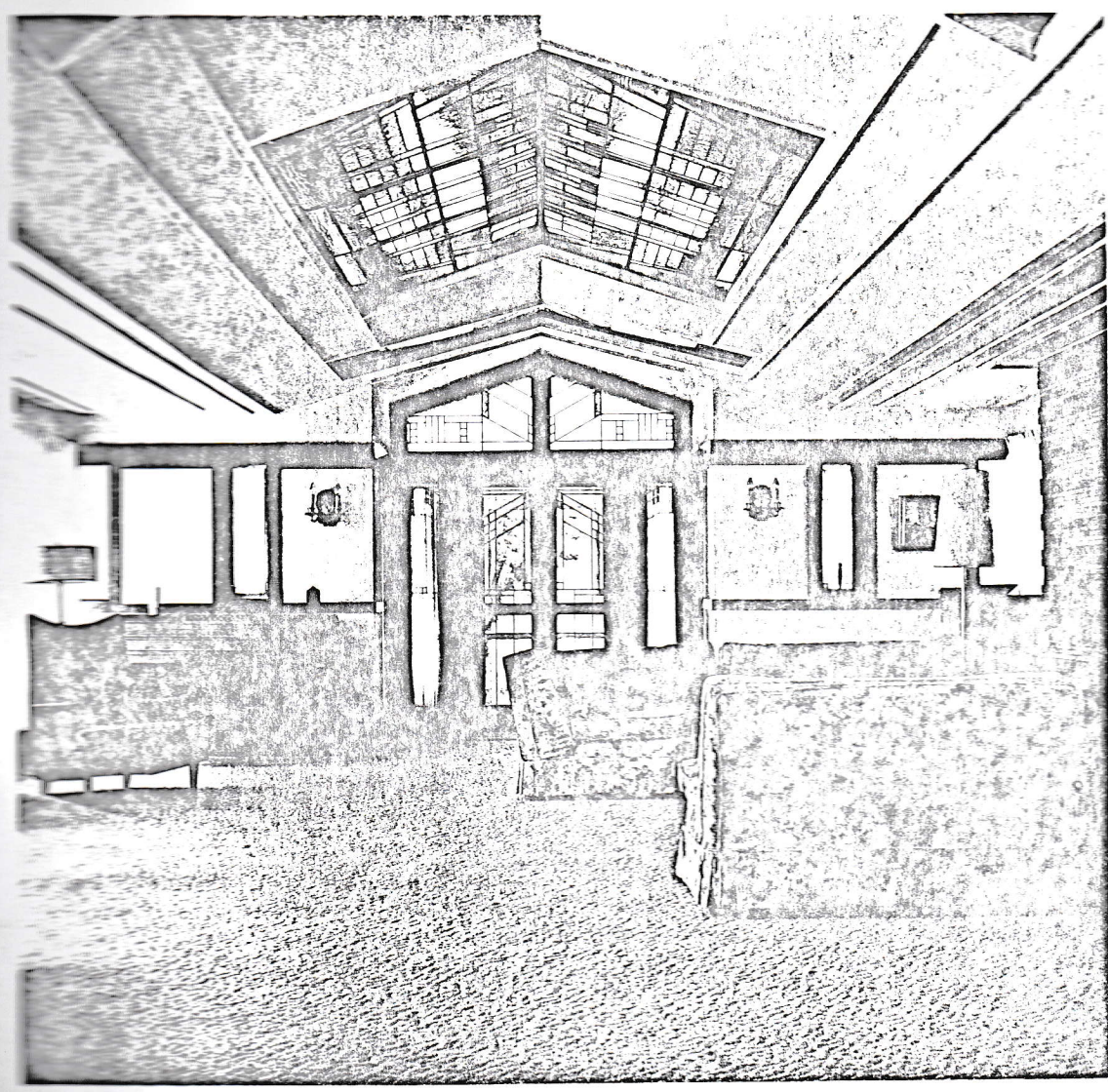
PLATE 42  
LIVING PORCH



The large sitting porch of the Adolph Mueller house facing west has an extremely deep overhang to protect people from the evening sun. Similar structures can be found in Wright's Dana house in Springfield, Illinois, and in Griffith's William H. Emery house in Elmhurst. The design-motif established here is repeated in the leaded glass ceiling light and in the windows.



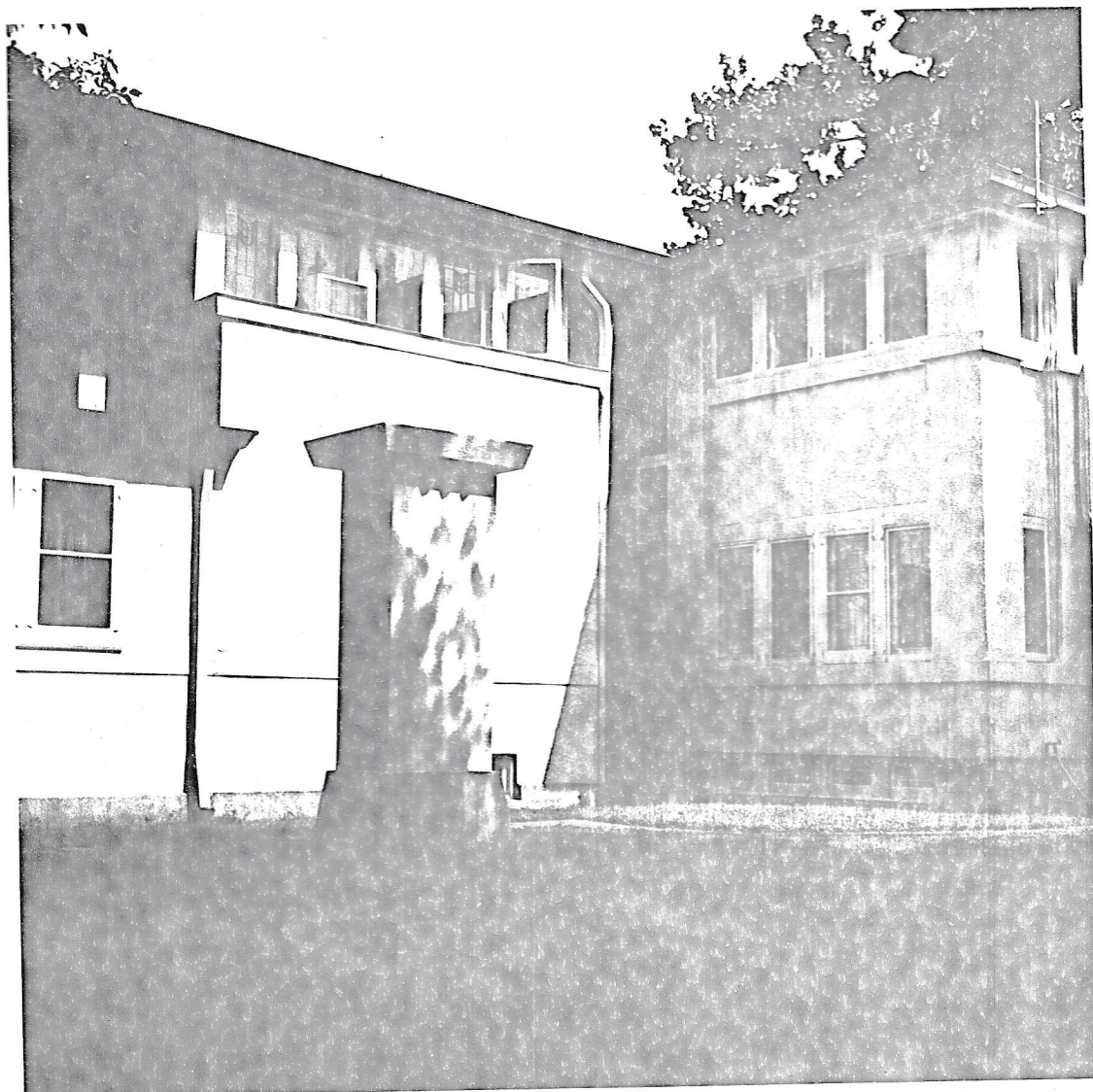
PLATE 41  
LIVING ROOM



The long living room is full of light from its row of windows on both sides and the large glassed-in doorway at the end. The corners are dissolved in light--a prime criteria of Wright's Prairie house style. The magnificent decorative glass ceiling has additional panels at each end. The fireplace is Roman brick and somewhat undistinguished.

## PLATE 43

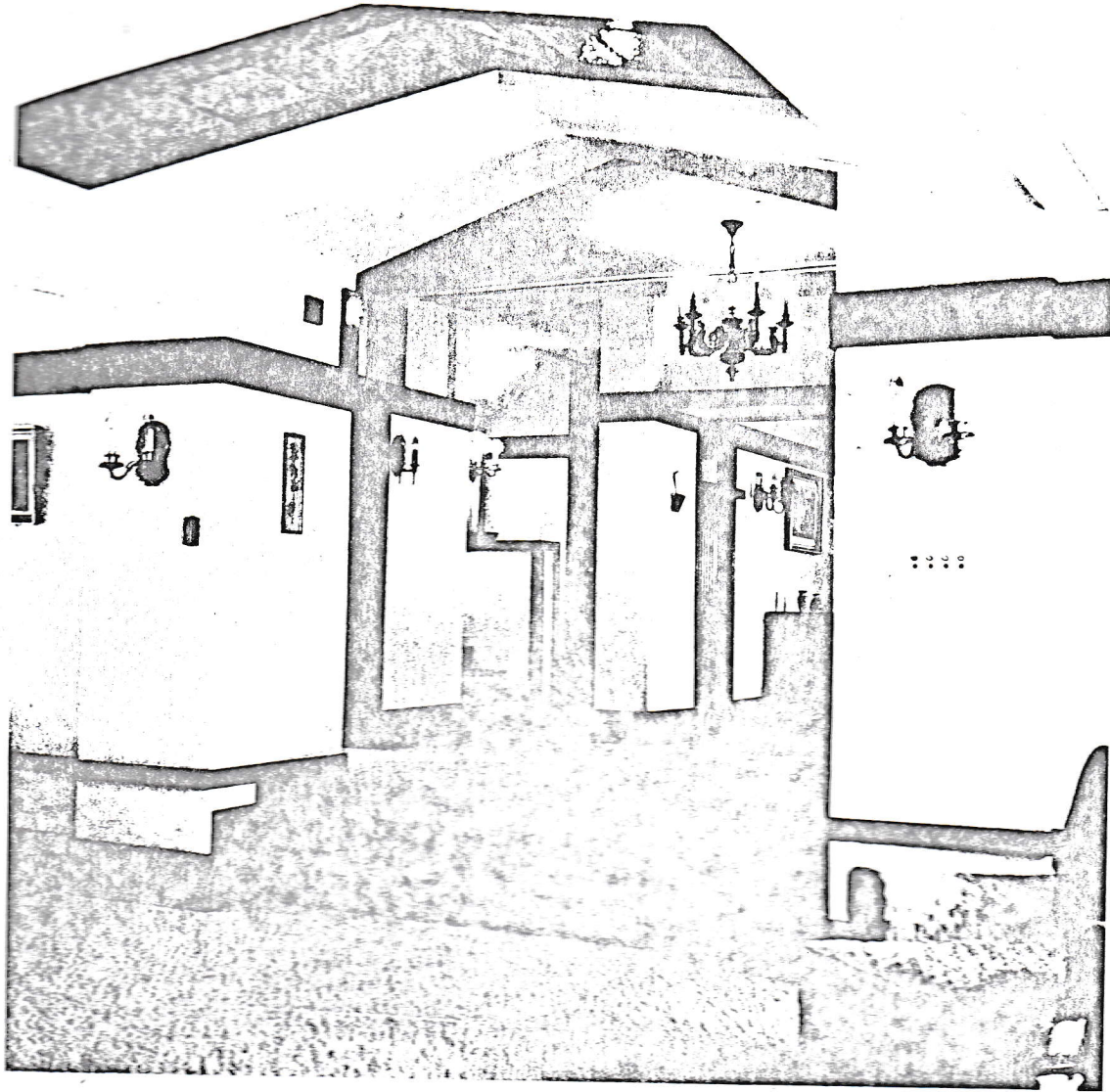
## BAT HOUSE



This view of the back of Adolph Mueller's house gives an excellent view of the long stairwell window from roof to basement. Notice the small overhang on this part of the house. The free-standing structure in the center foreground is a bat house. European bats were imported in the hope that the bats would eat the mosquitoes. No information is available to relate success or failure. There are no bats living here at the present time.

## PLATE 47

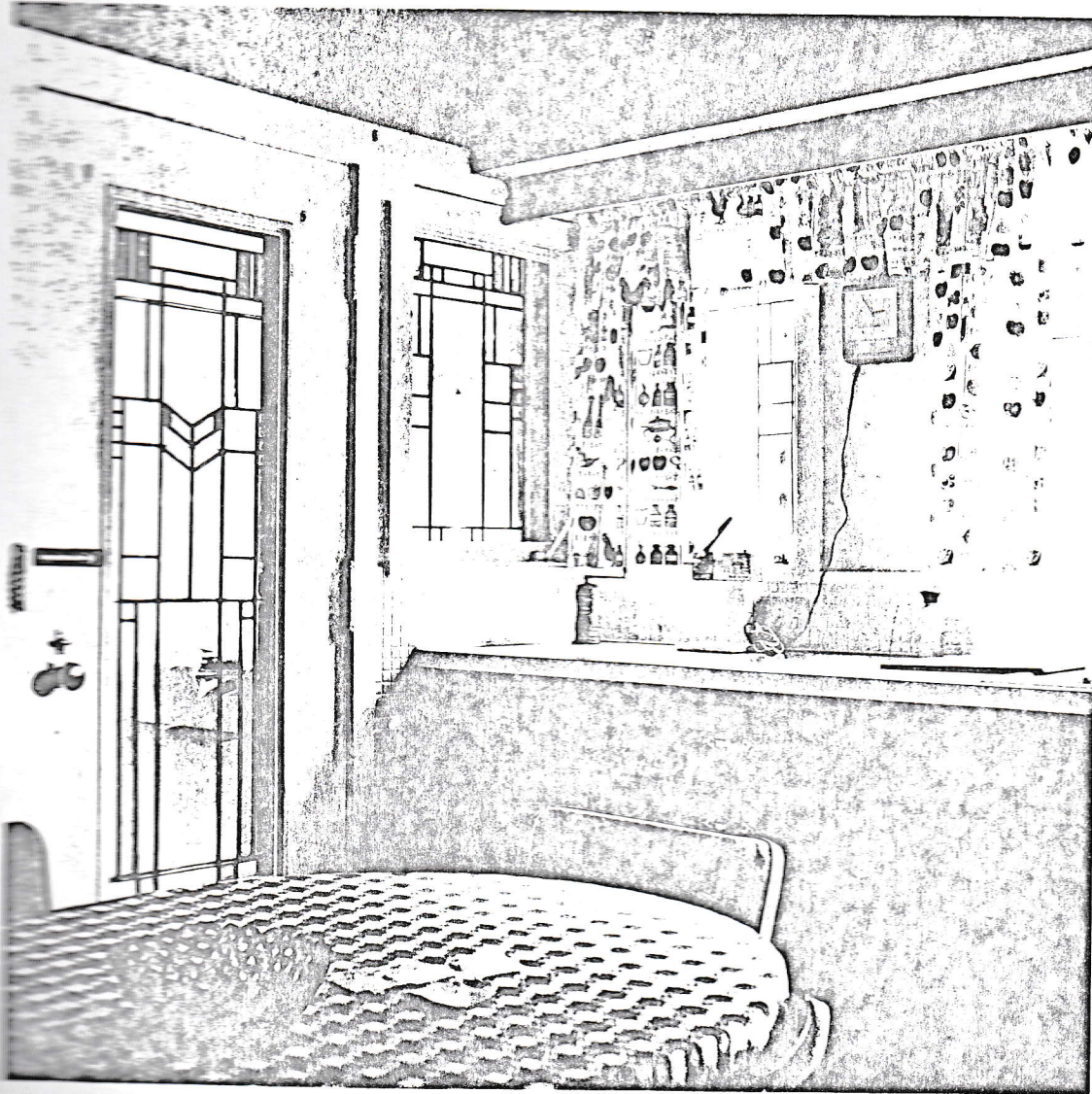
## STAIRWAY



Wright made early use of the split level, the hall is two steps up from the living room. The stair hall is separated from the dining room by a wooden screen. One can see into the dining room as he descends the stair.

## PLATE 49

## KITCHEN



The kitchen has been radically changed. This view shows the charm of leaded glass even in the working areas.

PLATE 50  
STAIRWELL WINDOW

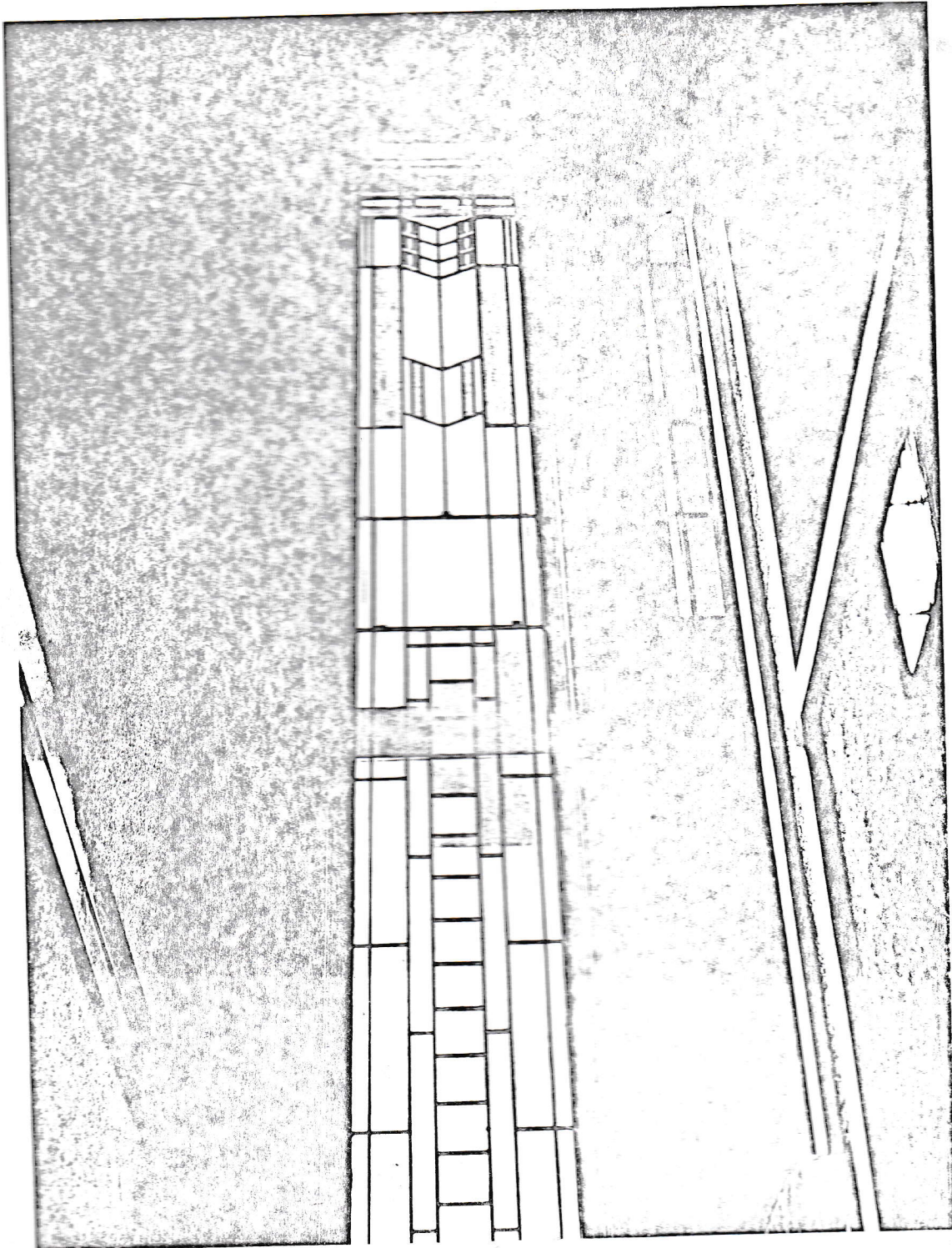


FIG. 91 Marion Mahony, Adolph Mueller house, 4 Millikin Place, Decatur, Illinois, 1916. Photo by H.A. Brooks

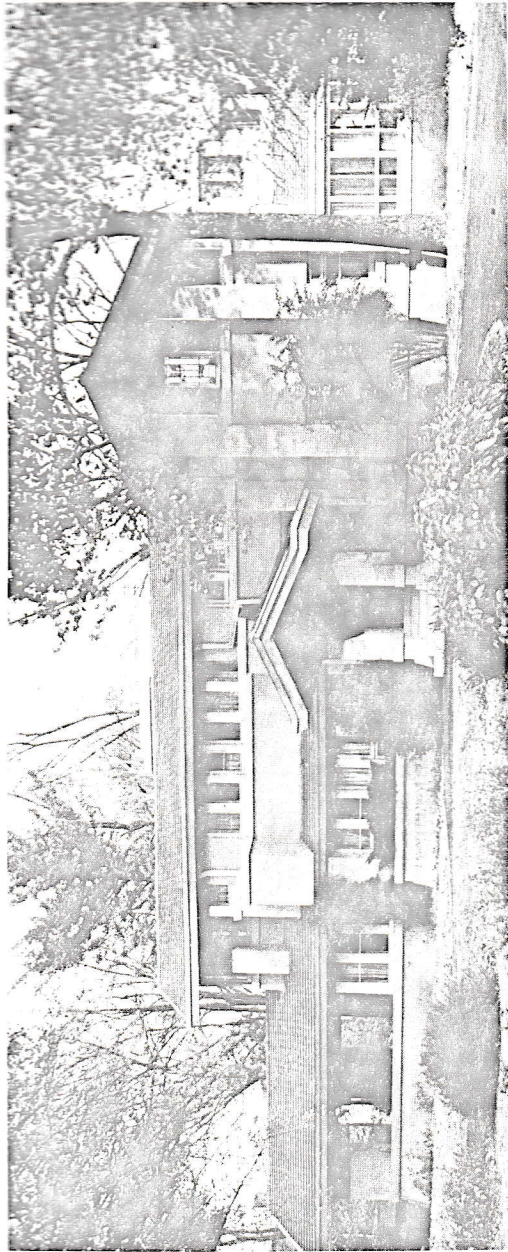
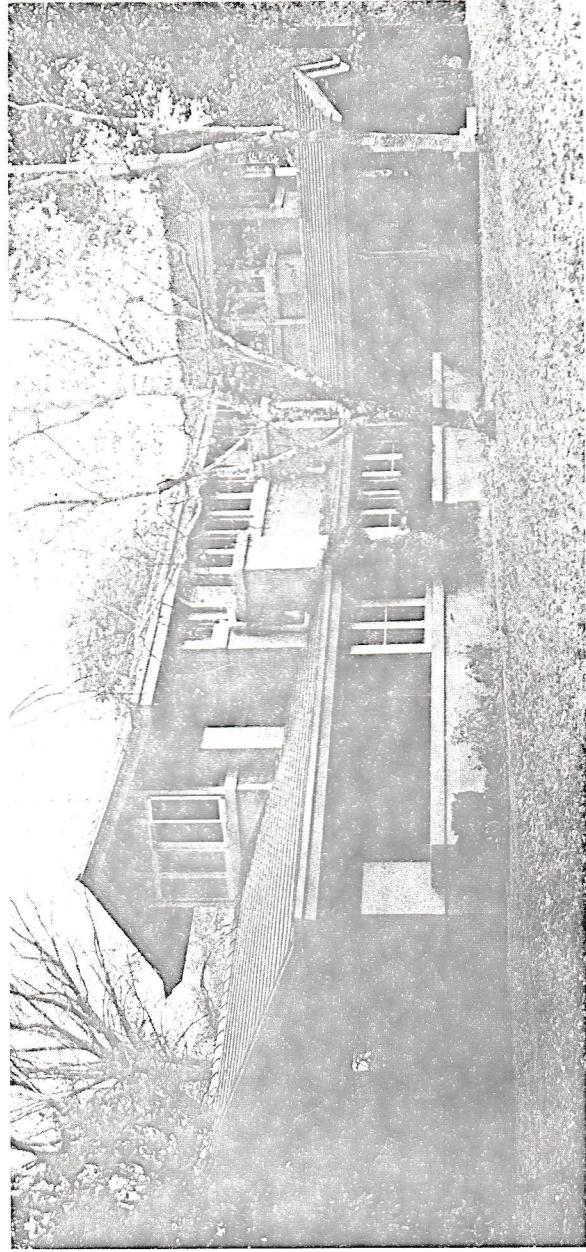


FIG. 92 Marion Mahony, Adolph Mueller house. Side view. Photo by H.A. Brooks



wheel, is modified in its axial scheme with the right central not on axis, and the central axis passing behind the chimney rather than through the living room (fig. 90). This results in a more intricate and interesting spatial experience, but it is inconsistent with the other four plans. Perhaps the reason for this is that Wright left behind some elevation drawings which Mahony utilized, and in so doing was forced to accept certain pre-conditions regarding the plan. A change in level does occur, this in the corridor behind the chimney so that the entrance hall, den, and living room are three steps lower than the dining room, breakfast porch, and service wing. The way the various rooms open off the changing level corridor is very

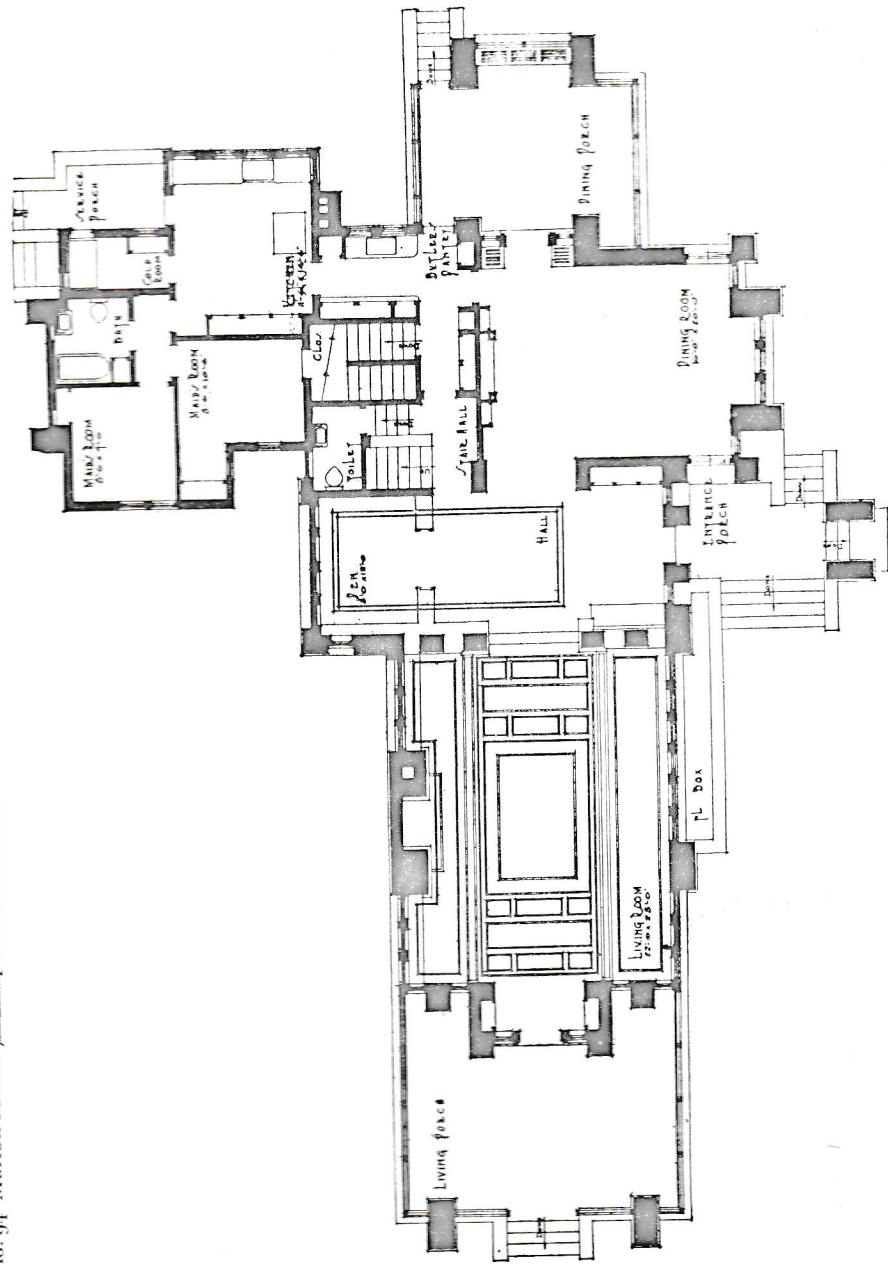
FIG. 93 Marion Mahony. Adolph Mueller house. Interior: living room with view through hall and dining room to porch. *Architectural Record* 1916



pleasant, as a maximum amount of spatial variety and interest is thus achieved.

Common brick, a cool gray color, and stained casements with leaded glass, are combined with a red tile roof. Small balcony-like projections at the sides are surfaced with plaster, as are the soffits of the roof. Colored tile set in plaster panels decorates the area between the front piers, the design being a stylized flower pattern which recalls the tulip motif at the Coonley house. But here it is placed as at the Ford project (fig. 95) or as at Griffin's Ricker or Blythe houses (figs. 102 and 179). Roman brick, plaster, wood,

FIG. 94 Marion Mahony. Adolph Mueller house. Plan. *Architectural Record* 1916

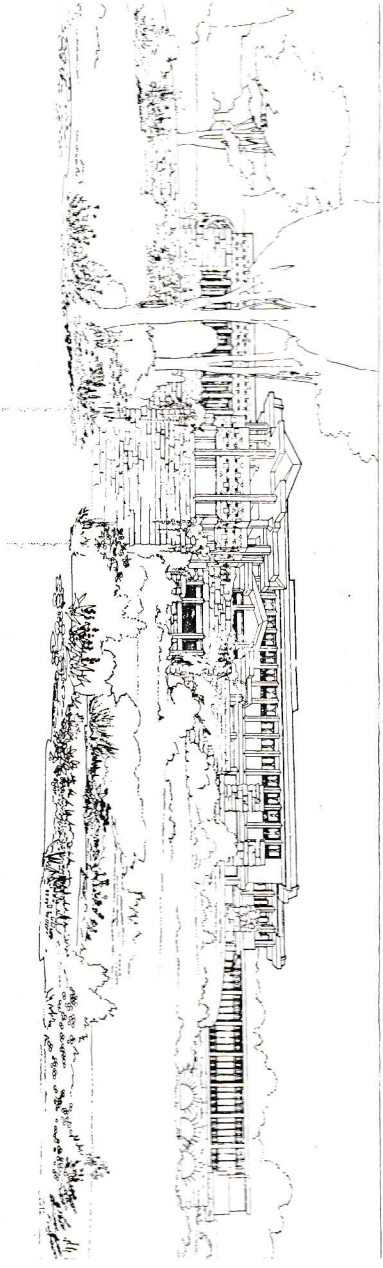




and the materials of the interior, the bright, veiling on gaily, the of the breakfast porch recalling the not always subtle colors in the Amberg house. The blueprints for the Robert Mueller house are dated in September 1911, and the architect is given as von Holz. Apparently the formal recognition of Mahony as 'associate' began only after von Holz and Fyle entered partnership—an event post-dating her marriage to Griffin in June 1911.

The Adolph Mueller house exemplifies all the characteristics thus far associated with Mahony: exterior massing like that of the Thomas house, long, restful horizontals combined with rather tight, narrow verticals, foundations that are high and heavy, and crisp, sharp (gable) roofs (figs. 91–2). The interior has the same sharp, angular quality in the details, and the inevitable low tent-like ceiling (fig. 93). The plan has a central axis passing through the major rooms with the two terminal spaces (porches) centered on this axis (fig. 94). Certain intermediary rooms are set at 90° to this axis; the plan is not bilaterally symmetrical and in outline suggests a pinwheel shape. Plaster rather than masonry was the exterior material. The blueprints are dated 30 November 1910, with all revisions in April and May 1911. Although Mahony was not given credit for the Adolph Mueller drawings, it may safely be considered the most complete, authentic house ever built to her designs.

FIG. 95 Marion Mahony Griffin. Project: Henry Ford house, Dearborn, Michigan, 1912. Courtesy Northwestern University



# Adolph Mueller Dies.

## In Home in Florida

Died May 17, 1944

### Long Career Of Industrial Leader Ends

Adolph Mueller, dean of Decatur industrialists and one of the community's leading civic benefactors, died at 8 a. m. Sunday at Miami Beach, Fla., after an illness of 10 days.

The 78-year-old chairman of the board of the Mueller Co. had been in good health until his last illness, and had continued to take his usual active part in management of the firm.

Mr. Mueller, who in 1902 became president of the enterprise that had been started by his father, Hieronymous Mueller, in 1860, died as he would have wished to do, "in the harness." Few men of his age in American industry had kept so alert to the details of operation of their business. For although he had retired in 1938 from presidency of the company to become chairman of the board, Mr. Mueller had continued to be looked to by other officers of the firm as final authority in important matters.

At Mr. Mueller's bedside at the time of his death was his only son, William Everett, who for the last five years has been company president.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Services, in charge of Dawson & Wilkoff, probably will be held Saturday.

#### Canceled Trip Home

First word of Mr. Mueller's illness came when it was announced that his train reservations for return to Decatur May 5 had been canceled. He had gone to his Florida home, at 4950 Pine Tree drive, Miami Beach, in December, as had been his annual custom. He returned here for his usual spring visit in March, and was planning to come home again last week to spend the summer at his Decatur residence, 4 Millikin place.

Besides his son, William E. Mr. Mueller is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Frederic Schluter of Princeton, N. J.; seven grandchildren, William Everett, Jr., Henry Adolph, and Jane Mueller, all of Decatur, and Frederic E., Jr., William, John Adolph, and Peter Mueller Schluter, all of Princeton, N. J., and a sister, Leda, Decatur, widow of the late Frank W. Crutkshank.

Mr. Mueller was the last of his generation of the Mueller brothers. The others, who preceded him in death, were Henry, Philip, Fred, Robert, and Oscar.

The passing of Adolph Mueller removes from the ranks of Decatur's business and industrial leaders one of the most outstanding men in the city's history. His career has ranked him with James Millikin and A. E. Staley, Sr.

#### Genius in Family

The founding and early development of the firm that now bears the family name was due, almost wholly to the inventive genius of Hieronymous Mueller. The first of the Muellers here started in business with a little gun shop that was only 20 by 40 feet in size.

His inventions ranged through an amazing list of successful machines and devices until he turned out the world-famous device for tapping water mains for service and other connections without turning off the water in the mains. This is now used by 95 per cent of the waterworks in the United States and has had a very extensive distribution in foreign countries.

It has been the genius of Adolph Mueller that has expanded the business venture of his father into one of the three most important industries in this community and a leader nationally in its field of production.

In 1896, when Mr. Mueller's study in mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois was cut short after two years, he and four of his brothers were taken into his father's business as partners. Ten years later a sixth brother, Oscar, joined the other five to carry on the business.

#### Had Seven Plants

The firm's operations were expanded until there were seven plants, three in Decatur, and one each in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Sarnia, Ontario, and Port Huron, Mich. Some years ago Oscar sold out his Decatur holdings and bought out his brothers' interests in the Port Huron plant. Later that plant was sold to the Atlas Corp. The Mueller Co.'s six plants now employ 2,100 men in the manufacture of plumbing, water and brass goods. Of these, 500 are employed at the Sarnia plant. Under war contracts the firm for the present is heavily engaged in the manufacture of munitions.

Adolph Mueller was born in Decatur May 8, 1866. He attended

public school and high school in Decatur, and studied at the University of Illinois from 1894 to 1896. On June, 1893 he married Minnie Bachman of Decatur.

Mr. Mueller always had been proud of the fact he started at the bottom in his father's business, to work up to the important position which he later held.

At the age of 14 he began as plumber's helper, and one of the homes in which he remembered helping with some plumbing work was that of Mr. and Mrs. James Millikin, which is now the Decatur Art Center. His wage at that time was 75 cents a week.

#### Unusually Modest

Although prominent in a long list of civic activities, Mr. Mueller almost always insisted in remaining modestly in the background, and many of his philanthropies were handled anonymously. In 1930, when asked about his achievements, he said: "My inventions have been insignificant, although I have secured patents on a few plumbing and water fixtures."

Among his favorite interests at that time he listed hiking, raising quality tomatoes, and "endeavoring to play satisfactory golf."

His generosity extended to any worthy person whose need of help came to his attention. Always at Christmas time he made himself personally responsible for bringing cheer to many families who otherwise would have had a drab holiday. One example out of literally hundreds was the occasion when he completely outfitted as a Christmas gift a family of five with no one knowing who the benefactor was.

He used to buy bushels of candy, fruit and toys for distribution to needy children at Christmas. In the

depression days of 1931-1932, fore establishment of the WPA other federal agencies, Mr. Mueller was a one-man relief agency. His story is told of how he frequently would hire men out of work to a thorough job of cleaning up a church. Since the congregation did not know its church was being cleaned up, the generosity felt in both directions.

#### Boosted Home Ownership

Mr. Mueller was always a booster of Decatur, and of home-ownership, and gave much attention furthering the comforts and curily of his employees. He deeply felt the importance of industry to the community, and did all in his power to make his independent civic force in Decatur.

"Industry and agriculture," once said, "are the foundation society. Although dependent both, Decatur as a city is directly concerned with industry." Decatur's industries are really backbone of the city's prosperity. Every business man and every citizen has an interest in local factors, in the sense that the success of the factories is an inseparable part of business and civic success. Mr. Mueller made every effort to put this philosophy into practice. The operation of the Mueller plant, the friendly interest he took in employees was known to all, this extended to their families, their recreation and welfare. 36 years—up to last year, when conditions connected with war production by his plants prevented had presided personally over holding of an annual picnic to firms employees and their families.

See Card

In recent years attendance at these outings, held at the Mueller lodge across the lake south from the city, had attracted an attendance of 2,000 or more.

#### Considered Individuals

It was this human consideration for his employes that made Mr. Mueller constantly advocate resident ownership of industry rather than outside ownership. Back in 1916 he said:

"Outside ownership often means that there is no cooperative spirit between owner and employes, and no willingness on the part of the owner, in slack times to run his plant for a period at a loss to keep his organization intact and the men employed. These more or less sentimental phases are taken into account by resident owners."

Mr. Mueller also put into practise his philosophy on this point. Whenever times were slack, he made adjustments that would keep wages satisfactory and men in employment. In the midst of the depression years of the thirties he kept his plants in operation with 1,000 men employed on a 40-hour week.

#### Honored Outside City

Mr. Mueller's interests and activities in industry extended beyond Decatur. In 1924 he represented Central Illinois as a director of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. He was at one time president of the Illinois Manufacturers association, and president of the National Association of Brass Manufacturers. He also played a prominent part in the affairs of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

For 38 years, from 1906 to 1944,

Mr. Mueller served on the board of directors of the Millikin National bank. Last March he wrote to the bank officials. It was said today by W. R. McGauley, bank president, explaining that since he planned to be out of the city much of the time henceforth, he thought it would be better to replace him on the board with someone who could be more active.

The veteran industrialist's civic interests extended into many branches of community life.

He was one of the original nine members of the Water Supply Co., which planned the construction of Lake Decatur, later turning the lake over to the city of Decatur.

Among other institutions and projects in behalf of which he directed his civic efforts are the Decatur parks, Decatur airport, the Salvation Army, Boys' Opportunity Home, Girls' Welfare home, Boy Scouts, and James Millikin university.

#### Equipped Park Center

His chief contribution to the city's park facilities was his gift of \$12,000 toward equipping the Southside Community Center building, started in 1938 as a WPA project.

In 1934 he was Decatur's representative at the 23d annual convention of Boy Scout laymen held in Buffalo, N. Y. About Scout work, he once said: "We need men who are intensely interested, earnest and self-sacrificing to give time to training boys and giving leadership to the Boy Scouts."

The Y. M. C. A. he also felt, is very valuable. "The Y. M. C. A.," he said, "is doing a work that is practical, necessary and in the broadest way Christian, and we've got to support it."

Mr. Mueller was an honorary life member of the board of directors of the Salvation army, an honor given in recognition of his constant help.

It was William Everett Mueller, son and successor of Mr. Mueller as president of the Mueller Co., who first set in motion the plan for the construction of the present Salvation Army Citadel, but it was Mr. Mueller himself who was largely responsible for the completion of the drive for funds during the lean years of the depression when it looked as if many pledges were not going to be filled.

#### Army 'Godfather'

When in 1937 an indebtedness of \$32,000 was still due on the building, Mr. Mueller made what was described as a "substantial contribution" that largely took care of pressing demands. Most problems are now, thanks to Mr. Mueller's generosity, completely solved. Mr. Mueller's habit was to watch any sums raised by contributions in town and county in order to provide necessary funds for the Army.

For the last 20 years Mr. Mueller has been the "godfather" of the local Army, according to Edward Buckner, prominent Decatur at-

torney associated with the Salvation Army. He provided, always anonymously, countless needed bits of equipment and facilities. He frequently made donations of \$200 or \$300 with the invariable injunction to "just keep still about it."

Though not an active member of the board, Mr. Mueller was often present at the Citadel. A lifelong early riser, he frequently appeared there as early as 6 a. m., eating breakfast with the transients and chatting with them before they left. He took a great deal of pleasure in associating with and helping along the lowly and unfortunate.

He was in the habit also of appearing frequently at the Sunday school and enjoyed giving to the boys and girls their presents of oranges he had brought with him from Florida.

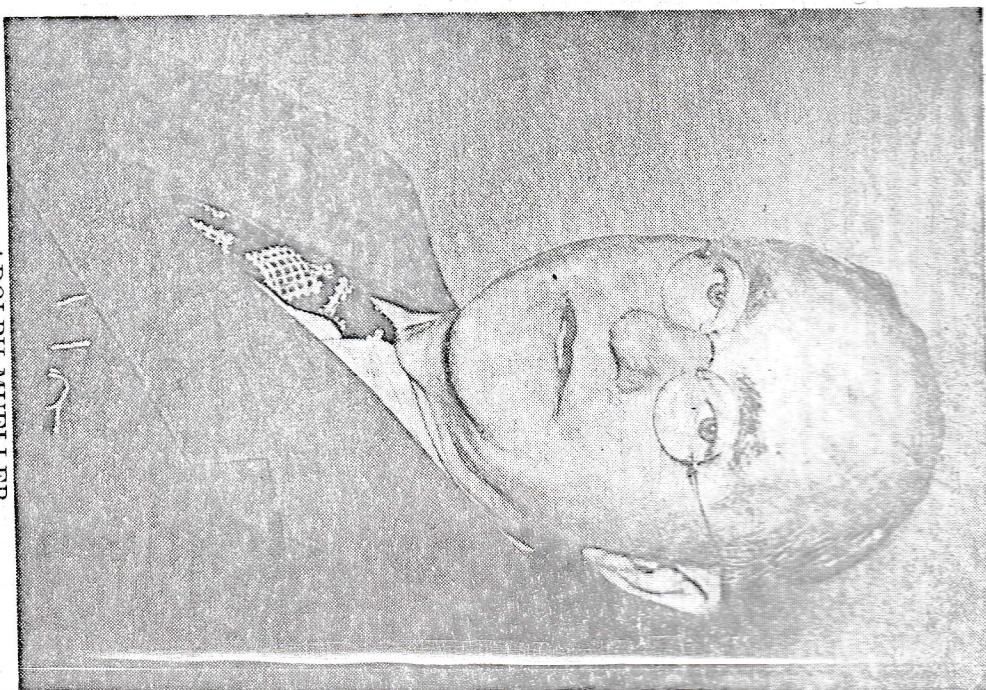
In 1941 Mr. Mueller had presented to the Army a 38-acre tract of land for the establishment of a \$50,000 fresh-air camp to be located on the east side of Lake Decatur opposite Faries park. The camp was to have been used for the benefit of needy mothers and children. The project, however, was dropped because of "pressing war needs."

Only a week ago on Sunday, May 7, the Salvation army indicated its appreciation of the many services of Mr. Mueller by holding a special Mueller Day in his honor.

#### Degree from Millikin

Mr. Mueller, together with the late A. E. Staley, was one of the two industrialists ever to have their careers recognized by the award of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by James Millikin university. On June 3, 1940, Dr. J. C. Hessler, president of the university, conferred the honorary degree upon both men. Decatur's two most illustrious manufacturers.

That occasion was the first that either Mr. Mueller or Mr. Staley had appeared in cap and gown. Relations between Mr. Mueller and Millikin university have always been of the closest. One of the strongest friends and supporters of the university. Mr. Mueller, who once served as a member of the Millikin board of trustees, had in many ways been a patron of Decatur's institution of higher learning.



ADOLPH MUELLER

Adolph Mueller, last of six brothers who had operated the firm founded 84 years ago by their father, Hieronymus

His most recent demonstration of his friendship was the gift in November 1941 of \$20,000 to the industrial arts department. At that time Mr. Mueller praised the efficient work being done by the department under the leadership of Prof. Richard Cole in modernizing its work and making the institution industrially minded, but he felt that sufficient funds were not available for doing the job properly.

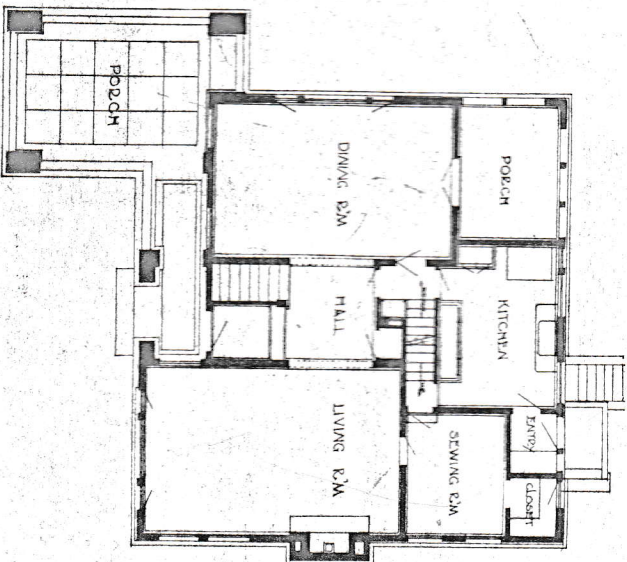
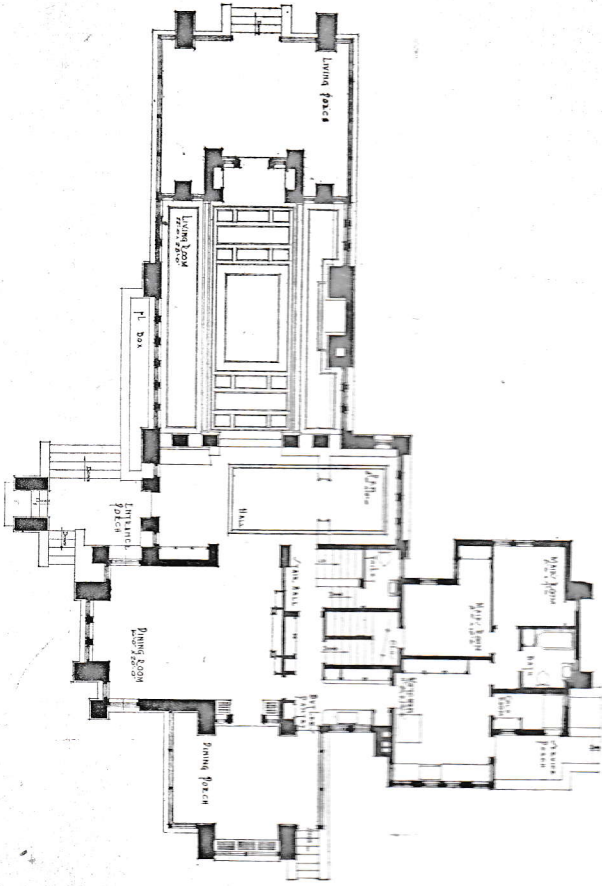
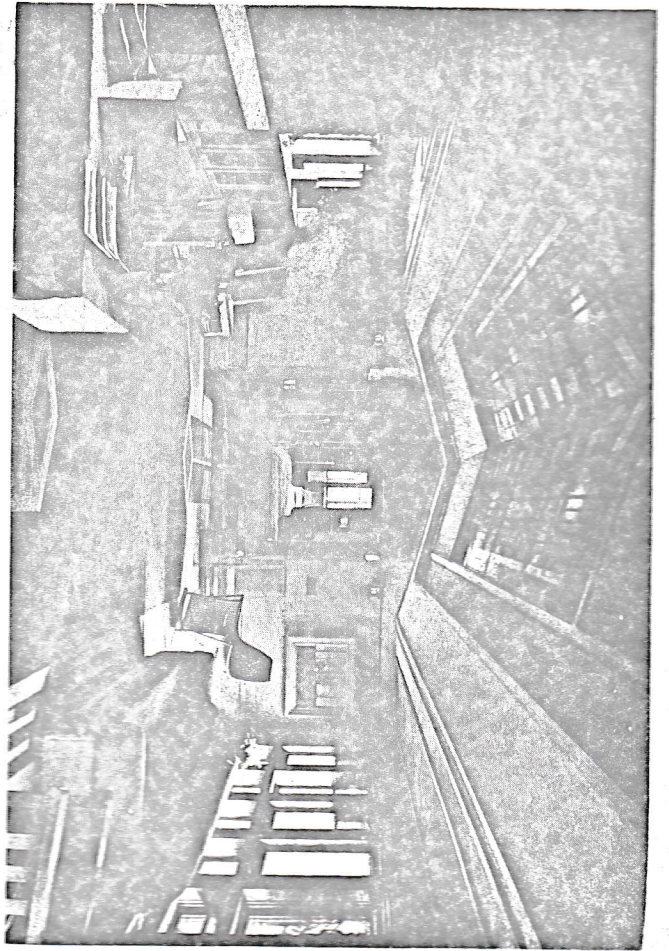
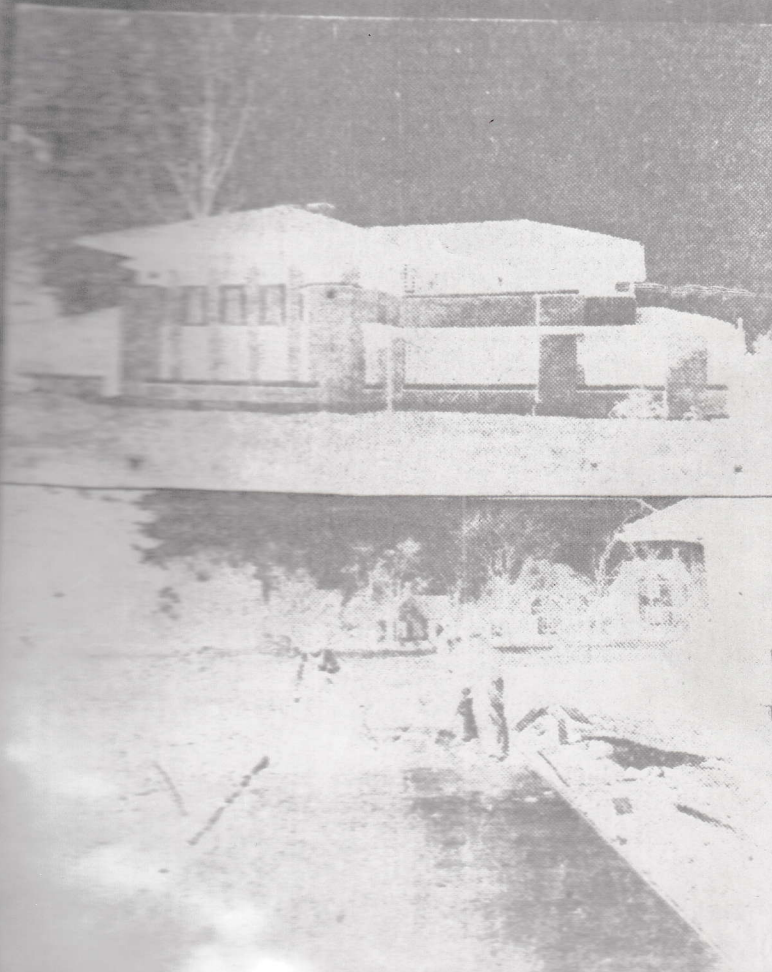


FIG. 9. INTERIOR VIEW AND FIRST FLOOR PLAN. HOUSE OF ALVA MULLER, ESQ., DECATUR, ILL., VON HOIST & HERRER, ARCHTTS., MAHON M. GIBBON, ASSOCIATE.

FIG. 10. VIEW AND FIRST FLOOR PLAN. HOUSE OF PERCY W. ANDERSON.

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# ADOLPH MUELLER'S RESIDENCE AND NOVEL MACADAM DRIVEWAY



with asphalt. In each instance the supply of asphalt was supposed to be sufficient to fill all interstices. The last application of limestone was almost a dust, it had been crushed so fine, and when that had been properly spread, the roadway was rolled with a heavy steam roller.

In private grounds there is no reason why such a roadway would not withstand the traffic of a lifetime. Such construction would be suitable for parks where traffic teams are unknown and only pleasure vehicles use the roads. Park drives of crushed stone, with the interstices filled with limestone dust, have been used for years in some city park systems. The limestone dust ultimately becomes almost a solid mass, but it is not wholly impervious to moisture. With the foundation of crushed rock, filled with asphalt, as has been put in the roadway at Mr. Mueller's residence, the asphalt makes the road bed water proof, and the probable expense of upkeep is reduced to the minimum.

Commenting upon the roadway, Mr. Mueller said, "The odd thing to me was that I could not get bids on the work. I do not know if that was due to the fact that the contractors were busy with other work or whether they felt that they did not understand the construction of such roadways. One reason that I do not know why

they failed to bid is because of the letters to contractors unanswered.

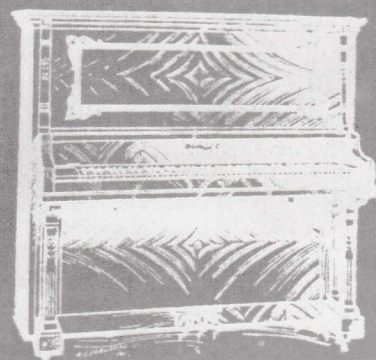
Late Hunt was the only one on that work, which was done by the supervisor of a man familiar with that type of construction. Kansas City recently I enjoy drive over some of the country ways being constructed out from city. I was told that they had that time a total of fifty two mi roadway, a system of macadam legislative enactment there of the road builders to use a part of revenue from liquor licenses for building public highways and in cities with cities like Kansas City there are more than 100 dram of the fund available for road but is sufficient to make a showing that improvement.

### Adds Homelike Touch.

In the improvement or beautification of private grounds, according to idea, a smooth, concrete roadway suggestive of something too formal and rigid. It does not harmonize with the idea of home grounds as does the surface of a macadam roadway and for that reason chose the latter. Across my driveway there was no effort at drainage to protect the driveway. I did think it necessary. But I believe when such precautions have been taken, so the danger of a weakened foundation has been eliminated, such roadway as has been constructed across my lawn would be sufficient to resist the wear of traffic heavier pleasure vehicles. I believe such roadways through our yards would improve the appearance of these resorts and the upkeep would be almost nothing."

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The Adolph Mueller residence, a new macadam driveway across the road. The new driveway has been built after the same specifications in some instances of which there is no doubt that a more secure and more private ground. The construction was made of crushed stone and limestone dust.

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## You Will Miss It

If You Don't Buy One of Those \$300.00 Kurtz Bros. Pianos which we are selling for only

\$212.00 on terms of only \$6.00 per month.

A stool, scarf, instruction book and term of music lessons free.

A large size, oak case, \$450.00 Adam Schaaf piano, almost like new, only \$200—Easy payments.

**PIANOS RENTED \$3.50 PER MONTH**

Several bargains in used pianos, \$145 to \$200.

# Suffern Music House

2nd Floor. 351 N. Water. Take Elevator.

## BROWN SCORES BUT HARVARD IS WINNER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 26.—Harvard today, with the junior, a new record forward pass out of numbers than an unusual number of penalties, mostly against the crimson, and individual line tugging by both teams, marked Harvard's victory over Brown today by the score of 20 to 10.

# WHY NOT MAKE IT

# MOELLER MINUTE MEN

### Local Company Formed Following Dinner.

## TENNEY LIEUTENANT

### Second Lieutenant to Be in Every Township.

William Mueller was named captain of the Decatur company of Minute Men of the Constitution, Company No. 1, at a meeting following a dinner held at the Mueller lodge Monday night when about sixty men sat around the dinner room after 6 o'clock.

Mr. Mueller was named by General Charles C. Dawes who spoke before along the same line on which he is named at the same meeting Monday in the I. R. C. A. annex but declining membership in the subject of organization.

### TENNEY LIEUTENANT

Major Ralph Tenney was named lieutenant and Mr. Tenney was named to look up the work of the company by presenting a list of names.

Twenty-four of the thirty-six members of the township were not present at the dinner. Sixty-six members and lieutenants in charge of the company were present.

The company will be named sometime in the near future. The work of soliciting members is to be started at once.

### DAWES SPEAKS

General Dawes said of how the movement had been in these cities and how many companies had been formed. He said that the total membership in the company would be toward 1000.

He said that he would have a post office box for the company and that there is nothing to be done of the Minute Men except to have a better citizenship and to have an inferior government of the law.

General E. R. Hitchcock was named as member of the company.

### MEET MONDAY EVENING

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## Purpose of "Minute Men"

The purpose of the Minute Men of the Constitution; as set forth by Gen. C. G. Dawes on his cards, is

"The Minute Men of the Constitution is a non-partisan association, organized to obtain delegates from Illinois to the Republican and Democratic State and National Conventions, pledged to support the inclusion of the following planks in the platform of each party:

"1. Advocating the renewal and building up of respect for law and the Constitution of the United States.

"2. Condemning all influences and agencies which breed class or religious discriminations.

"3. Recognizing the right of the individual to associate with others to defend within the law his rights and advance his economic, social and political interests.

"4. Endorsing the announced position of the government of the United States, maintaining that the right of a citizen to work without unlawful interference is as sacred as the right of a citizen to cease work, irrespective of whether he is or is not a member of a labor or other organization.

"5. Declaring that loyalty to the Government of the United States must be above and beyond that to any civil or industrial organization working for the interest of special groups or classes.

"The above is a movement for good government. It is not in the interest of any individual candidacy for office in either party.

"The action of political leaders and office seekers in evading issues involving the safety of our great free and constitutional government because they antagonize aggressive minority organizations, makes it necessary for patriotic American citizens themselves to define issues or stand idly by and watch the undermining of the republic.

"Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, to join this movement does not mean that you abandon your political party. It means that you demand and propose to see that your party properly upholds in precept and action the Constitution of the United States and its principles, for which our forebears fought and died, and which has given to us as a people the blessings of liberty under law."

## GROTTO CIRCUS TO OPEN TONIGHT

### Ralph Varner to Be in Supreme Command.

The Grotto circus will open tonight at North Water street and the Illinois Central railroad.

Monarch Ralph Varner, of Zohak Grotto, will be in supreme charge of the entire circus, from the front gate to the backwall of the big top. George Van Cleave is in charge of the big top and E. J. Majors will handle all finances connected with the show. The circus is manager of the United States Circus, of Chicago.

## BRIDGES MAKE GOOD PICTURES

### Review Contest to Close on June 9.

How about the bridges across Lake Decatur as subjects for The Review lake picture contest? Although made of steel and stone, they each have a

personality, a certain distinction and certainly, as they in the main arteries of rail and other traffic, they are not dead and therefore come under the head of objects having potential motion.

Then the graceful concrete arched of the Wabash bridge at Paris park down to the new cantilever structure of the Nelson park bridge, the new sweep of Lost bridge and the County bridge, each would make an effective subject.

### HOW TO TAKE IT.

In taking a bridge, not to take a broadside shot at it. Remember that lines stretching straight across the

## Ready-Mixed Paint

Comes in all the wanted colors; is suitable for practically all purposes—Half-gallon .....

### Waterproof Varnish Stains.

Ten fine shades—varnish-stains and stains at one time; dries hard with rich gloss—Quart .....

### Floor and Woodwork Varnish.

High-grade, for all interior work; quick drying; has high gloss, very durable—Half-gallon .....

# \$1

# A Great Big

## \$2.50 and \$3 Full Fashioned

Come in black and all new shades, finest silk, in both plain and chiffon weave, some with lace or embroidery cloaks. All first quality and on sale at this low price only because of an enormous purchase of samples—on sale Wednesday, a pair .....

# \$1

Women  
These are extra white or brown—on sale for  
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All sizes, with in good quality 50c a pair—che

## Women's 50c Knit Union S

Good summer weight suits with all style tops and with-je A very popular Wednesday Bargain at Three Suits for

### Carter's \$1.50 Fine Lisle Suits

The genuine Carter's suits, for women, in all styles and all sizes—pink and white. These are very fine quality lisle and are an extra good value at—a suit .....

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Wome  
Mighty comfort of nainsook, some pink and Sealpak suits,

### Men's Athletic Suits, Two for \$1

Our regular 79c men's good grade athletic union suits, made of fine pajama checks, well made, with elastic knit back—Wednesday, two for .....

# \$1

Men's  
Come with lot three-quarter summer weight Wednesday of

## Ladies' \$1 Silk Hose

### \$1.50 Hemstitched

### 20

# WADING POOL AT MUELLER HOME

### Makes Handsome Addition to the Grounds.

## PROVED A SURPRISE

### For Mrs. Mueller; Designed by Griffin.

Work has just been completed on a handsome wading and fish pool in the yard at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller, 4 Millikin Place. The pool greatly enhances the beauty of the grounds and is a feature which is found at few other homes.

#### WAS A SURPRISE.

While Mr. and Mrs. Mueller were on their recent eastern trip, Mr. Mueller had a small army of men working on the pool in order to get it done in time to surprise Mrs. Mueller on her return home. Needless to say, she was delighted with the attractive new pool.

Walter Burley Griffin, a noted Chicago landscape gardener, drew the plans for Millikin place and the Mueller grounds. The wading and fish pool was included in the plans. Since leaving Decatur, Mr. Griffin has added greatly to his fame by going to Australia and drawing plans for a new city there.

#### AT WEST END.

The new pool is located at the west end of the garden and is lined with stones, the bottom being concreted. Lillies have been planted around the edges and gold fish will be put in some time soon. A Japanese structure of some sort may be erected at the back.

It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Mueller to make the pool and grounds as attractive for the song birds as possible. The birds may use it for drinking water and some places will be made shallower with rocks in order to attract the feathered flocks.

## ARE MAKING PLANS FOR LABOR DAY

Deputy Miss Irene Springfield Trades and Labor.

D. A. Bostick, City Editor and George Clark went to Springfield Friday to attend a meeting of the Trades and Labor assembly of that city and Bostick reported labor in Springfield to attend the Labor Day celebration in Deatur the first Monday in September.

#### Concert Netted in Deatur.

The concert social given the men of Dr. Miller's class by the women of R. F. Davidson's class of Grace Methodist Sunday school Thursday night was a great success. An excellent program was given and refreshments were served. Rev. B. F. McDaniel and Mr.

# MRS. T. J. PRENTICE NEW PRESIDENT

### E. A. Gastman Mothers Elect Officers.

New officers for the coming year were elected by the Mothers' club of the E. A. Gastman school Thursday afternoon. They are as follows: President—Mrs. T. J. Prentice. Vice president—Mrs. Henry Abaly. Secretary—Mrs. Clara Trisch. Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Smallwood. The report of the treasurer given at the meeting was very good. It showed a balance in the treasury of \$20.

#### ULLRICH.

Ullrich school Mothers' club, at its meeting Thursday afternoon, decided to postpone its election of officers until the beginning of the new school year. Reports of various committees and of the treasurer were heard at the meeting. The club will make another payment on its piano and will still have a balance in the treasury. The business for the year was finished up.

The mothers discussed the matter of joining the National Congress of Mothers, but decided not to do so this year.

#### OGLESBY.

Oglesby school is planning for an ice cream social to be held next Monday evening on the school grounds. The grounds will be illuminated with electric lights. There will be plenty of entertainment during the evening, as the children will give their wand and dumbbell drills and folk plays and there will be music by the high school band.

The program by the children will probably not begin until about 6:30, but the mothers will be ready to serve refreshments much earlier, by 4:30 or 5 o'clock. They will have on sale sandwiches, coffee, candy, popcorn and ice cream and cake.

#### DENNIS.

The Dennis school spring festival Thursday evening was attended by a large crowd and was most successful. The children carried out their program exceedingly well and everybody was pleased with them.

At the social after the program, the mothers took in \$25. Practically everything was sold out. Fifteen gallons

## WHEN YOU WASH YOUR HAIR DON'T USE SOAP

Most shampoos and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain melted coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

of ice cream were used. The cost was covered by the mothers.

# MEETING AT MRS. HUSTON'S HOME

The Women's Missionary society of the Church of God held its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. B. Huston, 1346 North Church street, with a good attendance. The fifth chapter in "The Child in the Midst" was studied, the topic being "The Child at Worship." Devotions were conducted by Miss Clara Richmond and the lesson was discussed. Mrs. Huston, Mrs. A. J. Eberhart, Mrs. A. E. Richmond, and Mrs. W. L. Two new members were received.

At the close of the meeting there was a social hour and refreshments were served by the hostess.

#### Atwood Crochet Club.

The Atwood Crochet club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. Snyder, 1328 North Union street. Mrs. Nelson and Miss Tabler of Missouri were guests. The women sewed during the afternoon and they were entertained with Victrola music. Refreshments were served and each person was given a bouquet of pansies as a favor.

Every Lady Should  
Read Our Special  
Announcement in  
Sunday's Papers.

# BASEMENT

Items of special interest

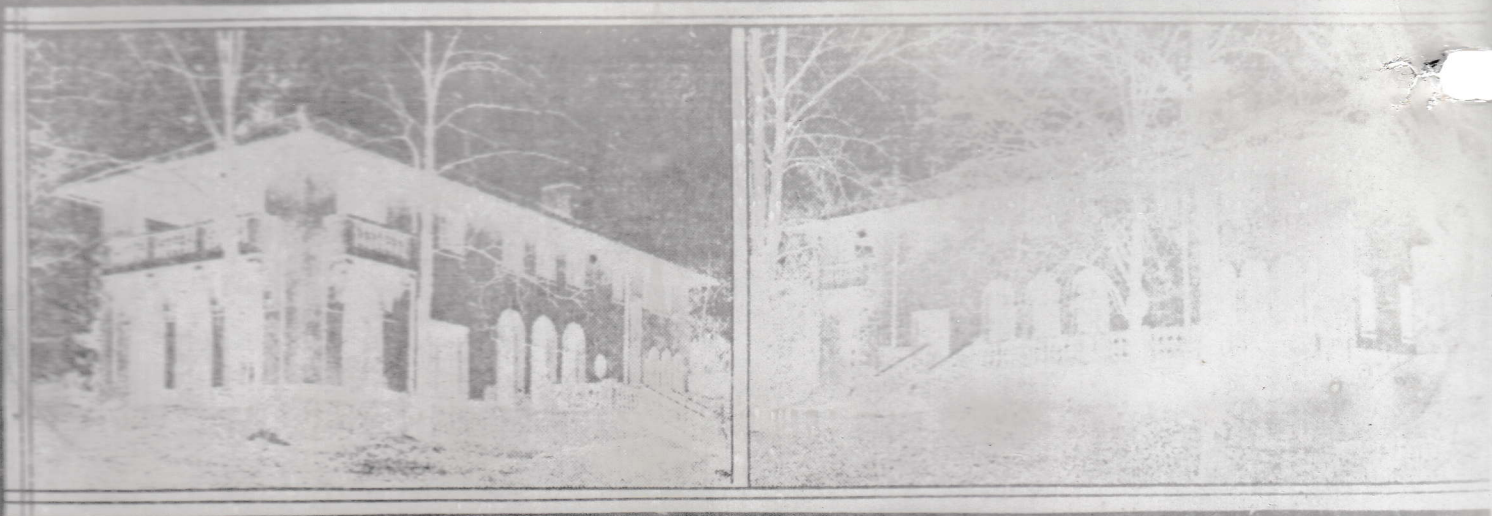
## SEASONABLE GIFTS

We have arranged and included in the lot are 3 puff boxes, vases, etc.

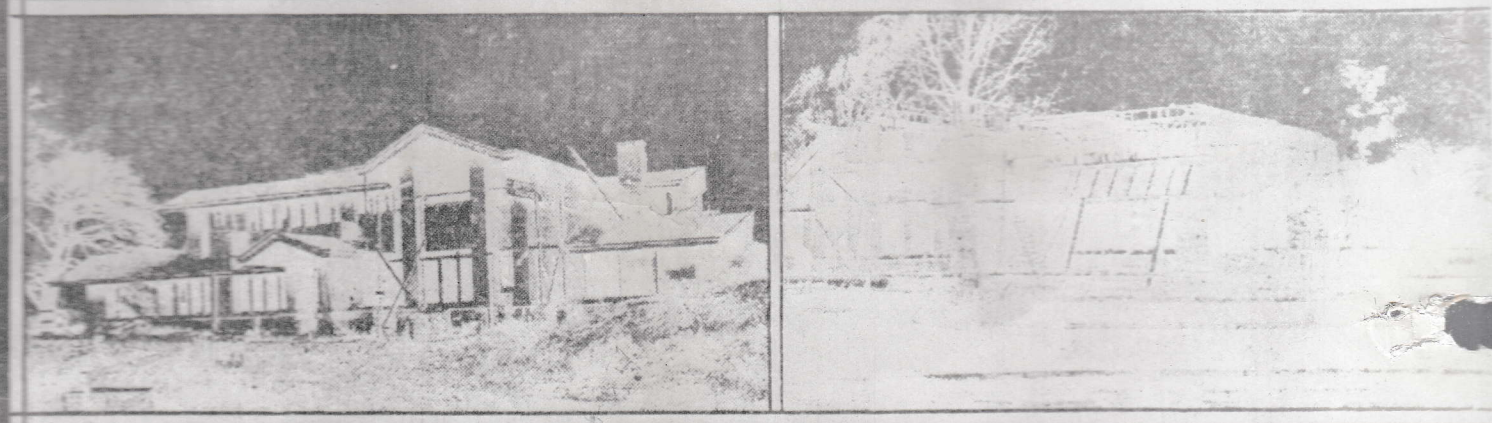
This is the season of good vacations, visits, outings, etc., and about the first any of these expeditions trunk, such as we are showing attractive assortment.

A Well-made Steamer inches long, canvas covered by heavy hardware, for each.....

Our Special Fiber-covered Trunk is extra well inches long and, like item, is well protected hardware. It sells at each.....



Two Views of C. A. Ewing's Home.



Adolph Mueller.

Handsome Houses Under Way.

Robert Mueller.

These are not near enough done to give an idea of the appearance of the buildings finished, but the picture shows the size and architectural importance of the residences.



PERCY GEBHART  
1409 North Broadway

CLAYTON CLENDENNING  
1787 East Caldwell street

FRED RAFFEL  
786 East Caldwell street

WALTER NEWTON  
805 East Caldwell street

