

# argus eyes for Victory!

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## ARGUS GETS ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD

### WELL DONE, PLANT II!

Each of the men and women working in the Optical Factory of Argus, Plant 2, are wearing the Army-Navy production award for high achievement in the production of war material. It is the coveted, prized "E" pin, the mark of outstanding excellence. Proudly they're wearing it as a badge of honor showing what they have done and are doing as their part in the winning of the war.

At the same time Plant 2 received the Army-Navy "E" flag which, flying exultantly beneath the Stars and Stripes, proclaims that here is an American factory where loyal Americans are giving service to match the supreme effort of our fighters on the battle front. The sight of that flag is a daily inspiration to us all and will be a daily inspiration to everyone in Ann Arbor.

#### Not Lightly Given

The Army-Navy "E" production award is not lightly given—nominations for it are made by the Army or Navy officers in the district where the plant is located. The nominations go on to Washington and are carefully investigated. If approved by the Army and Navy and Navy "higher ups," it then goes to the final board, which proves the award. Between nomination and approval are many rigid examinations, many performance requirements, many technical essentials. As the Army and Navy themselves say: High quality and quantity of production in the light of available facilities or prime factors in selecting awardees. The board also considers full utilization of available equipment, avoidance of stop stages, maintenance of fair labor standards, cooperation with the war program, effective management and engineering, record of accidents, health, sanitation and plant protection, utilization of subcontracting facilities, the training of additional labor forces and record of absenteeism.

#### Standards Are Exacting

Plant 2 of International Industries and its men and women workers have been judged according to these very impressive and very exacting standards and have been found worthy. This week at the ceremony held at the plant, and which was fittingly presided over by the dignitaries of the city, the Army and the Navy, they received the award they have won by the diligent, faithful and difficult labor.

Not only have the workers of Plant 2 passed the Army and Navy test with distinction, but their products have too—passed even the more severe and more significant test of battle. As has already been set forth, telescopic gunsights made by the workers honored today had their part in smashing Rommel's supposedly invincible tank and artillery forces in Egypt and Libia, they had their part in bringing about unconditional surrender of Tunisia. Eighteen months ago the Army gave International Industries, Inc., a job to do, a job of tremendous difficulty, a job involving the training of young men and women in a new, highly technical, exacting precise industry. This job has been done and is being done with increasing effectiveness. Today the workers who have made it possible are continuing their fine performance of production for which recognition has been given in this award. The men and women of Plant 2 have deservedly received the congratulations of the Army and Navy through Major McCormick and his fellow officers at the ceremony which was held on Monday. They have received the congratulations of their fellow workers in International Industries, Plant 1, who also have made an impressive record in producing aerial radios and who, because of that record, may be presumed to be well on their way to their own "E" award. They will also receive the congratulations of workers in other Ann Arbor plants who are doing valiant service in this war



Winifred Frazer, Howard McCombs and C. H. Harris accept Army-Navy "E" pennant for all employees of Plant 2.

effort, some of whom have already earned their "E" pin and some of whom may still be able to fulfill the strict requirements governing this award.

Ann Arbor may well be proud of the award presented to Argus, it may well be proud of all the war work being done by all those people who call this community home.

#### Week-End Trip

Mrs. Mayzo Klager made a trip to St. Louis, Mo., to visit her husband, Cpl. Paul Klager, who is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, oversea's replacement center.

The best of luck and happy landings, if and when, with a gal like Mayzo plugging for you, you can't go wrong, can you, Paul?

#### Doing Their Bit

Virginia Myers and Jackie Schaffer are taking Nurse's Aid training. Good for both of you, "Ginnie" and "Jackie," you couldn't do anything better.

Since the new half-hour lunch period has gone into effect, the girls decided it would be nice to have a potluck right in their room so they could spend the whole time just eating, which they did and hardly had time to eat all the good potato salad, deviled eggs, home-made cake and all the trimmings. It was a great success and they decided to do it more often.

At the start the wind from a bomb explosion has a velocity of 7,000 miles an hour. That is 50 times as fast as an average speed tornado (150 m.p.h.).

#### Attention Argus Club Members

The annual Argus Club Picnic will be held Friday evening, July 9, at the German Park, on Pontiac Road. Refreshments will be served free of charge. Music for dancing will be furnished by Eugene Schumann and his orchestra.

Because of food rationing, it is compulsory that you fill in the coupon below and give it to Roy Hiscock by Friday, July 2. Food will be furnished for those who make reservations, as receipt of reservation tickets will be issued.

If you are not a member of the club and care to join, contact your departmental representative. Your membership card entitles you to bring a friend.

I am planning on being present at the picnic, Friday, July 9, at 7:00.

NAME .....

#### Pledged to Our Fellow Workers Now in the Armed Forces

On this occasion, the employees of Plant 2, International Industries, Inc., acknowledge the share contributed by our fellow workers now in the Armed Forces to the production record which won for us this coveted award. To these and all the men and women of all the United Nations on the fighting fronts of the world, we, on our production front, pledge our continued maximum effort to reach the goal which lies ahead of us all—Victory.

#### June Birdsall Engaged

Mrs. May Birdsall, 1330 Wilmut St., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss June Birdsall, to Mr. P. T. Stevens, a senior student in Engineering at the U. of M. The wedding is to take place in October. Miss Birdsall is a first aid nurse in Plant No. 2.



Standing together proudly beneath the flag for superlative performance, which was instituted in 1906 by the Navy for Excellence, Mrs. Winifred Fraser and Mr. Howard McCombs, as representatives of the men and women of International Industries, were standing firmly behind the men behind the guns in all parts of the world. Their distinguished service badge for gallantry of spirit, perseverance and the determination to win.





This paper is an employees' publication. Its aims are:

1. To present news of individuals throughout the two plants.
2. To keep former employees now in the service informed as to what is going on at International Industries.
3. To present up-to-date information on all problems vital to employees which the war has brought about.
4. To give all employees an opportunity to express themselves.

No items will be used which will tend to ridicule or embarrass anyone. Humor and good-natured fun, however, are always acceptable.

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Depts. 41, 44, 33 News

Evelyn Barth is a newcomer in Dept. 33. She's slaving over a hot stove all day long, blocking. The Inspection Room is glad to have you with us, Evelyn.

If you have been wondering why Viola Curtis has the white X on her cheek, it's all because of a boil. She has such a sweet disposition, and the normal amount of meanness has to come out some place, hence the boil. The Inspection Room hopes you feel lots better soon.

Vera Hoffman has left for her vacation. Gone home to see her mother in Ohio for two weeks.

How about that, Marie Nagel? Has Harold Skinner kept that date? Remember, he was going to teach you how to whistle. Say, Marie, maybe Harold likes to ride a bike, too, or if he doesn't then maybe you could teach him.

Viola Curtis has returned from a trip to Camp Belvoir, Virginia, where she had intended to visit her brother. Alas, she arrived just five hours too late. Her brother had been sent to Arkansas to help fight back the flood waters there. Too bad, maybe you'll be able to go another time, we hope so.

Luella McIntosh has been on time to work every morning since she has had that new two-tone bike, with a basket and all equipment. She's decided to save her shoe leather and burn up the tires, for a while anyway. The first day she had trouble sitting still, after her first lesson the night before. She's looking for some one to teach her how to coast on the hills. Don't give up, you'll learn. Besides look at all the fun you're having.

The Inspection Room will sure miss Marjorie O'Day—no more M3, no more Marjorie. The girls had a party for her at Metzger's Thursday, June 10. A good time was had by all. Besides a beautiful corsage which she wore, the girls presented her with a purse and a pair of earrings, the presentation being made by Opal (Shorty) Conley.

AT THE ZOO

Said the flea on the lion to the flea on the bear, "Let's have a game of golf."  
"Where shall we play?" asked the flea on the bear.  
"Over on the lynx, of course," replied the flea on the lion.



Winifred Fraser, who represented the women of Plant 2 and one of the employees of the longest period of service, received the award with Mr. Howard McCombs from the Army and expressed in a few well-chosen words the real American spirit. She said in effect that with her this was a family affair—her husband and brothers are all engaged with her in this great undertaking. This spirit of unity is the real reason for our success and the continued gains towards ultimate victory against the aggressor nations.

Dept. 39 News

By Hazel Dally, Plant No. 2

It seems that on Saturday, June 12th, Plant 2 was in distress. At least, that is what the flag indicated. Why? We'd like to know. Ask Cpl. Nobb Ward.

Billie Hamlet and Dorothy Elliott are leaving for Peoria, Ill., to spend their vacation. Have a good time, girls. Hurry back, we'll miss you.

Pvt. Dane H. Williams (Herbie to you) would like to hear from all his fellow workers. His address is: Pvt. Dane H. Williams, his address can be obtained from N. Knight, Plant 1.

Wilma Literal has just returned from a vacation in Portsmouth, Ohio.

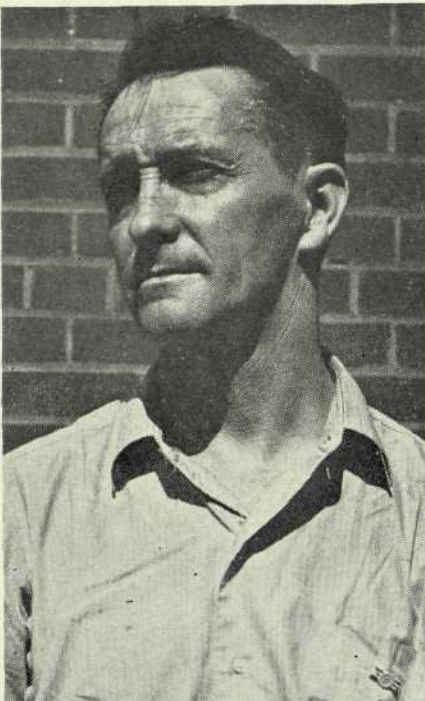
On June 14th Doris Shuman looked mighty blue, as though she had lost her best friend. Well! Howard Cleveland left for the Navy, didn't he?

About those returning from vacations were Bob and Barbara Bultman. They had a grand time in South Dakota.

Mildred Williams just returned from Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. Girls, she says, she never saw so many soldiers and sailors before.

You have all heard by now of the bouncing baby boy born to Marge and Harry Sparks in Chicago on June 3rd. The baby weighed seven pounds.

The Cementing Room misses Merna Patrick. She has left Plant 2 to work as a switchboard operator in Plant 1.



Mr. Howard McCombs, accepting the flag in cooperation with Mrs. Fraser, is the representative of the men. Howard McCombs must have felt very proud surrounded by the panoply of the ceremony at which this highly prized distinction was conferred on his fellows. It was a proud moment, indeed, for Winifred Fraser and Howard McCombs and through them for each of us here at International Industries and a greater inspiration to carry on.

Chang Eoyong gave a dinner for the girls in the Cleaning Room. Prepared entirely by Chang's elder son, Peter, it was a typical Chinese dinner. After dinner the girls were entertained by Robert Chang, who works in a war plant at Detroit, and K. T. Giang, an instructor of chemistry at U. of M., both friends of the Champ family. Chang Eoyong's family consists of two boys and two girls—Peter, 20; John, 14; Mary, 18; and Ruth, 7. The three elder children have been in Ann Arbor about three years, the youngest two years. The family lives at 310 N. Thayer St.

Department 36

Jack Davis and Bill Walker have left us to work for their "Uncle" at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Good luck, boys, send in your address.

We are very sorry that Art Boyle had to leave us on account of ill health. Here's hoping he'll soon be well again.

Everyone in our Dept. is wondering what "good luck" charm Alta Mahurin has been carrying that helped her to win two bonds successively in our bond pool. What's the secret, Alta?

Lucille Haven and Dorothy Elsifor are new inspectors in our room. Welcome, girls!

Sales Dept. News

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob Woolson and Ted Humphreys held their June birthdays on the same day, the 3rd. "May their shadows never grow less."

Amanda Alber's favorite cocker spaniel, "Blondie," was hit by a truck Tuesday and killed. She's missed greatly by the family.

Learn Electronics and Radar

Each offers a big opportunity for the future—as well as here and now in radio work.

A free training course in the elementary mathematics, physics and electrical basis of Electronics and Radar started on June 14th for two hours per night. The class will meet from 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. on Monday and Thursday nights. It is open to any International Industries employee who wants to help himself or herself get ahead in radio work. It will help you in the work you are doing now and to gain advancement through knowledge.

This course was developed by the United States Navy and is used for training Navy-Coast Guard Technicians in Electronics and Radar. We have obtained official permission to use it for International Industries. It will be given at the Ann Arbor High School, which is located at State and Huron Streets, and will include laboratory as well as class room work. No home work will be required, but it will help you to get ahead faster and equip you for a better job if you enroll now.

N. T. BROTHERTON,  
Personnel Office.

If you are interested in taking this course, please sign below:

Name .....

Clock No.....

Attention Girls!

Rules for getting up from a table in the Cafeteria GRACEFULLY

1. Take a glance around the room to see if anyone in particular is looking.

2. If the coast seems to be fairly clear, start to stand up. In doing so, knock over a milk bottle on the table, which will make a commotion. By this time you call the attention of two-thirds of the people in the room, apologize for being so clumsy. In your embarrassment fall back to the bench, sit there for a few minutes until everybody has gone back to their refreshments. In the meantime you discover that you have snagged your last pair of hose; you all know how this will make you feel. Don't say it, hold your temper, for you must remember that your main objective was to leave, for the buzzer blew five minutes ago.

3. Make a second attempt, lift one foot cautiously over the bench and set it squarely on the floor. If this isn't done properly, in shifting your weight from one foot to the other, things more disastrous might happen. Now that you have your footing, raise the other foot over the bench.

When this is done, consider that you have achieved a real accomplishment, for really, folks, it is a task to remove oneself from a bench with dignity.

—Anonymous.

Dept. 28 News

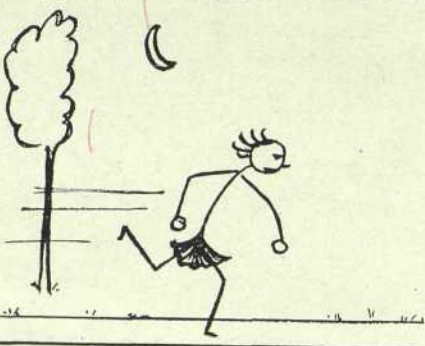
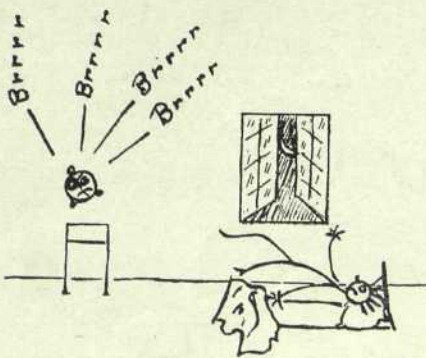
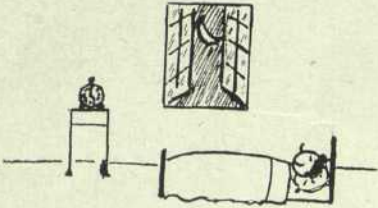
Marjorie Young is meeting trains from Chicago. I wonder if she is expecting a soldier to step off the 6:10. She's pretty thrilled over something.

There is a young lady in our Dept. who has to go to Chelsea for a beer. Maybe the miles are getting longer since the war, or she didn't get back till 3 A. M. Better stick to Ann Arbor beer, it will taste just the same around that time in the morning.

Earl Wilkie is in bed with a lame back. Too much bike riding, I'll bet.

We are glad to have Alma Fox back with us again after being in the Paint Shop for three weeks. She celebrated her birthday June 8th. It was also her son's.

OUR NEW HOURS



Marie Barbier



## Help Needed to Keep Bull's-Eye Flying



It has been fun to watch the percentage of payroll deductions for bonds creep up. Last August it was only 6.4—then, by October, it was 7.3. And in November 90% were subscribing, entitling us to fly a Minute Man flag. In November the deduction was 9.3, so we thought, "Why fly a mere Minute Man when a Bull's-Eye is just around the corner?" From 9.3, however, it crept up rather slowly until, in March, all hands decided to raise the Minute Man flag, which was done, half a loaf being generally thought better than no bread.

The April bond drive brought our payroll deductions up to 11.7, so with great optimism we hurriedly ordered the Bull's-Eye flag. It is flying at the mo-

ment, but it is coming down soon. Everybody is worrying about income tax. Everybody is worrying about a 20% deduction. Everybody is contributing toward a panicky run on the "war bond bank." If you are head of a family and earn between 30 and 40 dollars a week and have one or no dependents, your deduction is a mere \$2.20 a week, which includes the Victory tax you have been contributing. Our war bonds are savings which will be returned to us with very decent interest at a time when we'll need them, so let us continue this painless and convenient way of providing for the future.

Painless to us, but shed a tear for the payroll department. They must keep up

with the various deductions from our pay, and also our changes of mind regarding our bond subscriptions. Let us help them a bit by saving our payroll check stubs and knowing exactly in any way except to raise them.

The April bond drive, now so far in the past in these fast-moving times, was really inspiring. Do you remember Evelyn Clark's campaign? And Harold Peterson, in a few minutes, sold the whole of Department 10 to the figure of \$1,950.00. Doris Laver did a wonderful job, too. Frances Hill of Optical Assembly sold second to the highest figure in the Industrial Group. Greg Letsis, Stan Read, Bob Kelley and Elmer Pfister helped no end, and all the foremen co-

operated and everybody bought and bought.

Harry Crist deserves special mention. Ever since bond sales in this company began he has gone on quietly buying a hundred dollar bond each pay—ever since last July. During the April drive he bought an extra one to send to his niece and nephew as an Easter Greeting.

In a few days our Bull's-eye flag will probably be lowered, but perhaps we needn't part with it forever. If each of us raises his present subscription by one per cent and those of us who are not subscribing at all do so, we can fly it forever. It is a beautiful flag and goes much better with the Stars and Stripes than the rather anemic Minute Man.

## Birthday Party



MRS. SARAH FISHER

Known to Most Older Employees as "Mamie"

Mrs. Fisher was first employed 14 years ago last Spring in what was then known as the Cavac Corp. in the women's division on Summit St. When this building burned, the women were all transferred to what is now Plant 1.

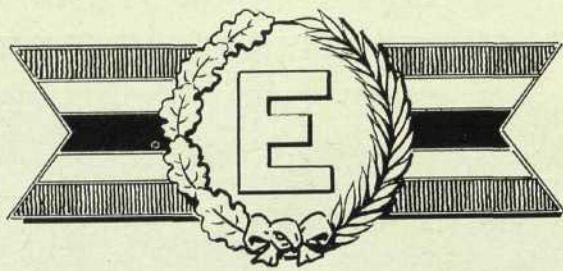
Mrs. Fisher went to work in the Wire Dept., where she was a familiar figure all through the Kadette days.

When the company discontinued the radio line and produced only cameras and photographic equipment, Mrs. Fisher took a well earned rest. Back in the old days there weren't any wire cutting machines, all wires were cut by hand.

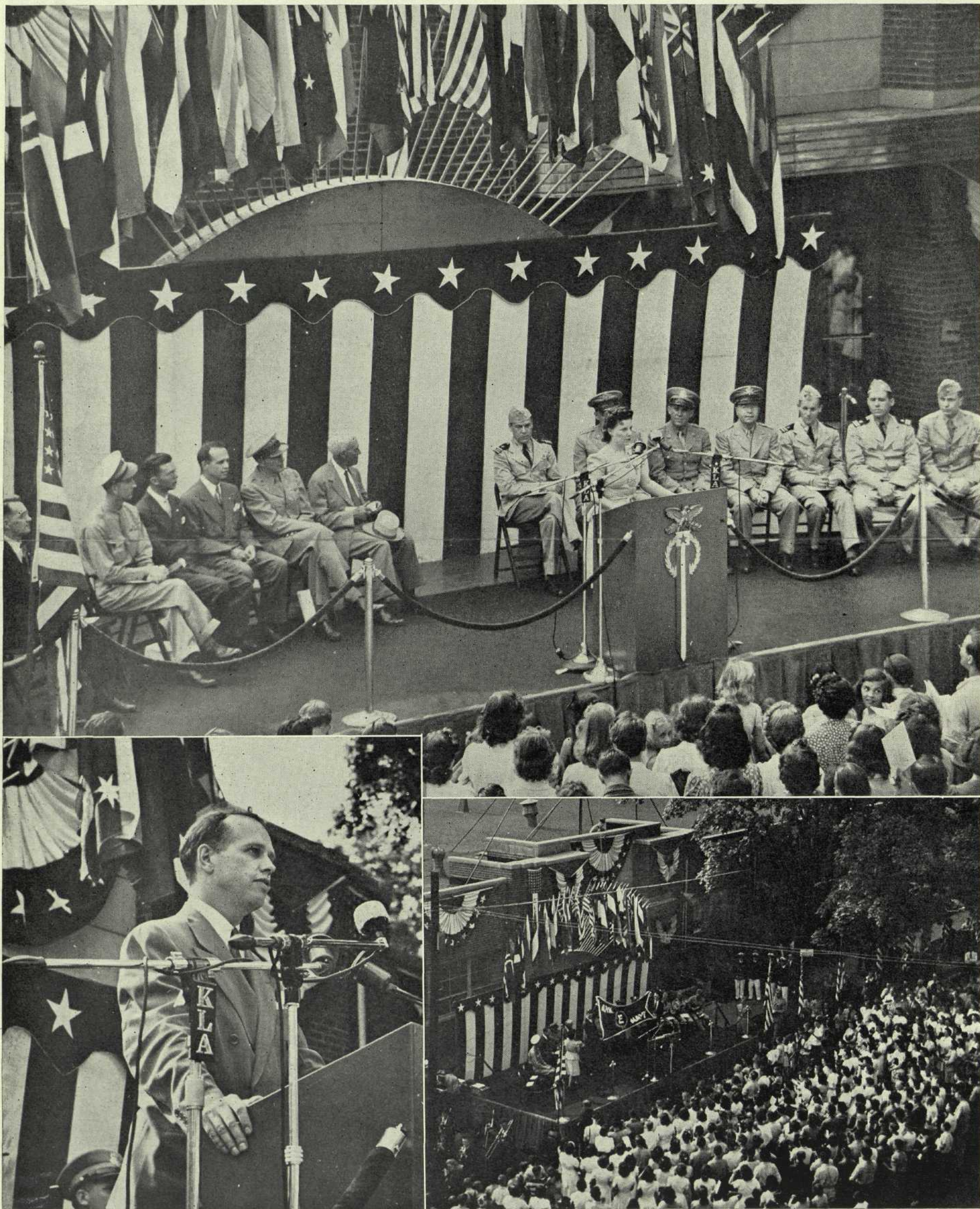
But when the war came, and the company went into radio production, only this time for our fighting forces, back came "Mamie" to cut more and more wires (only this time by machine) to help toward "Victory."



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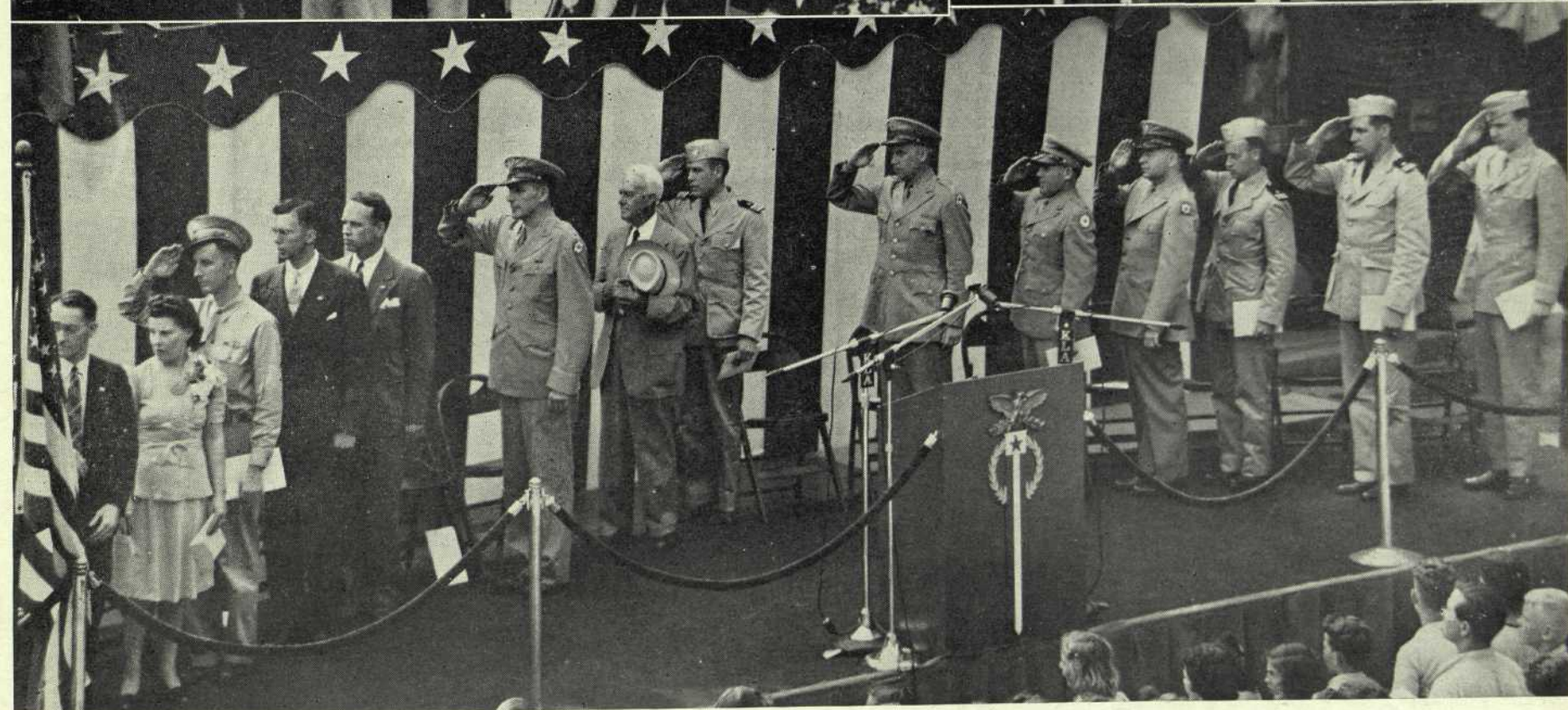
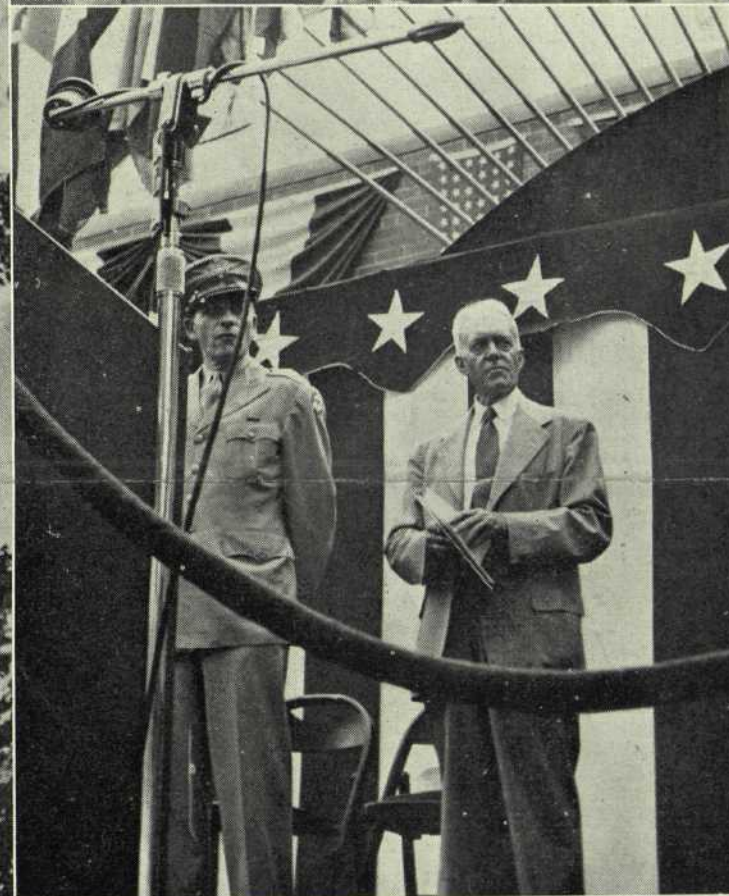


WORK



Top—Winifred Fraser accepts the Army and Navy "E" badge on behalf of the employees. Lower left—Mr. Robert Howse speaking of his pleasure in accepting the flag for International Industries. Right—Bird's-eye view of the ceremony and the assembled employees who received the award.





Proudly flying over the factory, the American Flag celebrates its 166th birthday—in company with the “E” Pennant and the Bull’s-Eye Flag. Mrs. Winifred Fraser, Mr. Howard McCombs, Mr. Clinton Harris and Mr. Robert Howse receiving the “E” pin. Mayor the Honorable Leigh J. Young—Chairman. Major Nelson W. McCormick—Chief of Security Division, Detroit Ordnance, who presented the award. “The Star-Spangled Banner.”



## Letters From Soldiers



### Letters from "Argus People" in the Armed Services

Due to the limited space and the large number of letters received, we have been forced to discontinue printing the entire letter, but we will acknowledge each and every one and print items from as many as possible. Let us hear from you, if only to keep us posted as to your address.

In a letter from **Olen Morris** he tells us that it's rather warm where he is—120 degrees in the shade and no shade, but the beer is good, so that helps. What he really wrote for was to tell us how much he likes getting "Argus Eyes," seeing pictures and reading about all the people he knew here.

In a letter from **Al. Crabb** he tells us that he appreciates getting the "Argus Eyes" even more than the Ann Arbor News. Why? Because it's a good chummy paper. He likes seeing pictures of all the people he knew and getting acquainted with those who are new since he left.

In a letter from **Al. Stitt** he tells us life is a bit different now than when he was at International. Reveille at 6:15, with retreat at 5:45, no time and a half for overtime or bonus. He's been promoted to Corporal. Congratulations, Al!

In a letter from **Romane Weis** he tells that when he completed his basic training, he received a furlough and went to California, where he was married, and on his return to Camp was promoted to Sergeant T/4. Double congratulations, Romane! Just keep us posted to any change of address and we will make every effort to see that you receive "Argus Eyes" each month.

In a letter from **Owen Kaufman** he sends a new address and his thanks for "Argus Eyes." Also his regards to Dept. 16.

A V-mail letter from **Hazen Figg, Jr.**, says that the V-mail stationery that was in his Xmas box comes in handy, as there is little or nothing to buy at his present address, North Africa. Good luck, Hazen, and may your address be Ann Arbor soon again.

A V-Mail from "**By**" **Aldrich** tells us that he and all the men in his barracks all cried over the pies pictured at the lunch counter. Sorry, "Sgt.," we didn't intend making you fellows feel bad. That his discharge papers are being approved and that if and when he gets back to International, "Ed. Ginwan" will have to remove the monkey's picture from his badge. Some cartoon we're going to try and reproduce it.

**Corporal Norman Egeler** writes home that he is well and getting along fine somewhere the other side of the ocean. He is getting the "Argus Eyes" regularly and enjoys them very much. He sends his thanks to the club and says hello to all his friends here in the shop. He gets pretty lonesome way over there and would enjoy hearing from some of the old gang. His address is:

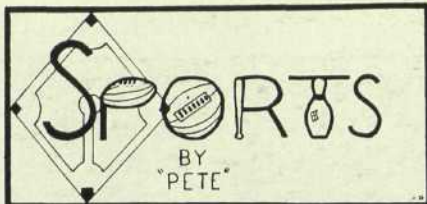
Corporal Norman Egeler  
Depot 0-629, APO 507  
% Postmaster  
New York City, N. Y.

Norman worked in our paint shop in Plant 1 before his induction in April, 1941. He took his basic training in Camp Lee, Virginia, and was then transferred to Fort Jackson. He was then sent to Fort Dix and from there went across to England.

Pfc. Robert Haines, formerly of Department 36, left San Diego about May 15 for points unknown in the South Pacific. He has been in the service since November 18, 1942.

### AMERICANA

Girls who serve in U. S. O. canteents now call themselves "duration damsels." . . . Older women form sewing groups called "Keep-the-boys-in-stitches" clubs.



## SOFTBALL

The 1943 Softball season is only in its third week, but already the two teams representing International Industries have given notice to the other teams in the Industrial League that each is going to have a lot to say as to the winner of the title. The Argus Radio Team seems to have a slight edge in the play so far, and this team must be given an excellent change of repeating again this year and annexing the crown for the third successive year. In the opening game of the season the Radio Team tangled with the Buhr Tool Nine, and even though this game was dropped by the close score of 5-3, the boys showed a great deal of promise and possibilities. Our team was off to a poor start in the first inning when two errors, coupled with a pair of singles, produced four runs for the Toolmakers. After the opening inning, however, the Radio Team settled down and played heads up ball, but the inability of the Argus team to hit safely with runners on the sacks was the cause of their defeat. Wayne Larmee on the mound for the Radio team pitched a good game and gave indication of developing into one of the better pitchers in the League.

The following week the Radio team met and defeated the American Broach team with the score of 9-3. In this game manager Lou Lou Belleau called on the veteran Ed Kuehn to go to the mound. "Fish" responded with a well-pitched four-hit game and proved that again this year he will be tough to beat. His baffling slow ball proved to be just that to the Broach hitters, who were taking their full cuts, but only succeeding in popping out or hitting weak ground balls to the infield. The Argus hitters found their batting eyes on this game and cuffed the noticeable improvement in the play of the Argus team and the players seemed confident of themselves. The team this year is made up of a few veterans from last year's championship team with "Recruits" filling the vacancies of the fellows who have gone into the service. The catching duties are being taken care of by George Kline and Clyde Melton.

Wayne Larmee and "Fish" Kuehn leave little to be desired as far as the pitching department is concerned.

On first base, "Power" Fox is playing a bang-up game.

At the Keystone sack the ever reliable "Shrimp" Rayment is cavorting around like a youngster.

The short stop duties are being taken care of this year by the youthful Jimmy Strieter.

The hot corner is being handled by the veteran, "Slugger" Sinelli. In the outer gardens it is "Irish" Joe O'Donnell, at rover.

Manager Lou Belleau, in left; Rube Egeler, in center, and Sid. Weiner, in right.

The team as a whole looks as good, if not better, than the team that last year brought the championship to "Argus."

We are all hoping that they will again this year. Make it three years, boys!

Even though the Argus Optical Nine dropped their first two games, there is every reason to believe that this team is going to make it tough for some of the top teams.

The Optical Team is made up of many players who are playing their first year in the Industrial League, and there has been just a tough nervousness, which has affected their playing ability. When this is overcome and the players become accustomed to the type of ball played in the Industrial League.

Other teams will have an interesting evening when they tangle with the Optical representatives.

## Girls' Softball

One day some time ago someone called me on the phone and wanted to know if we could have some girls' softball teams. Joy Hartman got the girls together and four teams were organized, two from each plant. The Argus club furnished all the equipment needed.

We were all set for practice when someone turned the weather on, and what weather! We had to postpone practice for some time until one day we were sure it wouldn't rain. We were ready to start the game when the rains came, so we had to give up again.

Finally the sun came and we had our first practice game. There were girls enough for two teams, so Christine Be-

zirium and Stephanie Gala chose sides and the game was on. Stephanie's team won with an easy victory of 28 to 11.

The next day there were more stiff in the plant than there were girls. I hope Tillie has recovered by now.

We had planned on a four-team league, but something happened to the girls in Plant 2 to make them decide not to play. I think it is too bad, considering the expense to the Argus club for equipment. Maybe they don't realize a good thing when they see it. Not many girls have the privilege of asking for things and getting them, especially the girls across the ocean.

There will be only two teams, made up from girls in Plant 1 and a few from Plant 2. Stephanie Gala is captain of the Spitfires and Mary Tucker has charge of the Bendix Wildcats. We will play every Tuesday night at Allmendinger park.

We hope there will be a city league next year, so we can pick the best players from our two teams to represent Argus.

It is too bad the rest of the girls don't want to play, because we expect to have a lot of fun.

I am not sure who the girl was who called me on the phone that day, but I hope she is one of the few from Plant 2 who is playing with us.

—LAURA EGELER.

## GOLF

The Argus Recreation Club has given its approval of the formation of a golf club that will sponsor tournaments for all the employees of International Industries who are interested in the popular game. At the present time there are twenty-five who have signed up and professed interest in the idea.

Norm. Tweed, of the Cost Accounting Dept., Plant 1, and Norm. Hartman, Plant 2, are taking names of those interested.

In the near future a meeting will be held, officers will be elected and a handicap committee chosen.

All of the playing will be held on a handicap basis so that all players will have an equal chance in the various prizes that will be offered. The recording of each player's handicap will give everyone the opportunity of watching his improvement.

The kind of tournaments and the type of play that will be used will be decided at the meeting of the members.

Most of the employees of International Industries have been enjoying their golf at Stadium Hills, because it is the least crowded and easily reached for the majority of players.

Because this club is being formed rather late in the season, it is imperative that we make definite plans in the very near future, so that a tournament can be held.

If there are any players who have not been approached, just give your name to Norm. Tweed, Plant 1, or Norm. Hartman, Plant 2.

Let us try to make the Golf Club just as successful as the Bowling teams.

Eddie Girvan: "I've kissed the Blarney Stone."

Norm. Hartman: "You must have swallowed it."

## Happily Married



Mrs. William Robert Patton and Mr. Patton were married Saturday, May 8, in St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The bride, the former Jean Barbara Wilson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Wilson, of Monterey Avenue. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Patton, of Edison Avenue, and works in Plant 2. Congratulations and many happy years.



Mrs. Shaw, who is employed in the Stock Room in Plant 2, has very kindly allowed us to publish her son's letter. I think we know that this is how the boys in the Armed Forces feel. It would seem they're not very much interested in our little troubles, compared with the great ones they have to undergo. I think we should write probably the things that they seem to be most interested in.

Sunday, May 23.

Dear Mom and Mary:

Today is Sunday and it is a day of well-earned rest, and as I have time, I will try and write a little. You have no idea how hard it is to write. I have exhausted all available material long ago and the only thing we can think of is to get this war over with and get home. We all are pretty tired and we need a change. Civilization has long been a dream to us, and when we look at a magazine or pictures of the good old U. S. A., it is like looking at Mars or some far-off mythical place where all good soldiers go.

I haven't had any mail for over two weeks, so I'm not quite up on the local situation. I want to hear about Ann Argor, Detroit, how people act, think, what is going on. It really is surprising how much the same all the letters we get are. They all talk about tire shortages, gas and food rationing. Your letters are good, Mother, you mention people and places that I know and love and things I want to come back to and see and be near, that after all, is why we are over here—to fight for these things—people and plans and little things, not gas rationing or the shortages of sugar and silk stockings. People at home have no idea how it is not to see a building, a church, a pretty girl, for seven long months, not to eat an orange or apple or see a piece of lettuce. People don't realize these things because you have to go through it before you can, and we're not unmindful or ungrateful for all they are doing for us over here. It's just that we want always to have the world we want to come back to held up before us, it makes it that much easier to go on.

This is a peculiar letter, Mom, but I'm sure you understand when I write about these things. I think of you and the family each day and I pray that this will all come to an end soon.

Love to all,

BERNARD.

Mr. Stork had a very busy week-end, June 4th to 7th. We hear he's going to start using B17's soon.

### DELIVERED TO:

Mr. and Mrs. William Cartwright, a boy. Margurite worked in Plant 2, Time-keeping Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo, a girl. Mrs. Waldo will be remembered better as Beverly Pierce, of Sales Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Martin, a boy. Dave works in Dept. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern O. Nelson, a girl. Vern works in Dept. 45, and Louise used to be a timekeeper in Plant 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Veron Heck, a boy. Vern works in Dept. 45, but is well known in both plants, as he's the former president of "Argus Club." Marjorie worked in Cameras.

### YESTERDAY—TODAY

There is glory to be gained, There are great deeds to be done There are goals still unattained, Waiting some courageous one. What was finished yesterday Merely paves tomorrow's way.



## Service Department Touches African Soil In War Zone Camera

By Doc Benson

To Jimmie Barker:  
Jimmie, I would like to suggest that something be published in "Argus Eyes" concerning the Service activities in conjunction with the war effort. We have been serving a lot of cameras for men in the armed services, both in the States and in foreign territory. While our volume of service is somewhat less than it was a year ago, it seems that we are now having a much higher percentage of returns from soldiers. I guess this is because there are more men in the armed service every day and we may reach a point where it will be something to talk about when a camera comes in from a civilian (provided, of course, the war lasts for a few more years).

We have a staff over here of 14 people, including the office and myself, or you can make it 13 and skip me. I think there are a lot of people in our own plant that don't even know a Service Department is operating. Aside from the functions of the Camera Sales Department, the Service Department seems the only link between the manufacturer and consumer. I feel that this sustaining factor is of considerable importance at this particular time when many industries have closed up insofar as civilian business is concerned. Since the Argus Service Department is holding down the fort against tremendous odds with respect to operating with an inadequately staffed department and having to find ways and means of making substitutions for some materials we are out of and no longer get, I am proud of what we have been able to do in spite of these facts.

Attached is a letter from a customer in Africa. His camera arrived and you should have seen it. It was my first time to actually touch African soil. The camera was full of it.

I might mention that we have about a half dozen customers' cameras here unclaimed. Some of them have been here for about a year. Normally we would dispose of them, but I now feel we have a definite responsibility in keeping them. The owners are probably in the Armed Service and will eventually write for their cameras if they survive. If and when they do, it will be gratifying to be able to tell them their cameras are still here and accounted for.

Argus  
Service Department  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
U. S. A.

Captain Leonard E. Kohn  
1st Engineer BN, APO 1  
New York, N. Y.  
April 16, 1943.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding by parcel post this date my Argus Model C-2 camera, which I purchased last May in Columbus, Ga. This camera suffered damage by water and sand, and I would greatly appreciate its prompt repair.

While in action here in North Africa recently, it was necessary for me to cross a Wadi in a Jeep after a 24-hour downpour. The Wadi was a roaring torrent over 100 yards wide and three to four feet deep, but there was no alternative. Disconnecting the fan belt and muttering a silent prayer for the safety of my Argus, my driver and I set out. We made it across all right, but not without the liquid silt roaring a foot high through the Jeep. I barely managed to grab my Musette bag, which contained the camera, before it could sweep away, but my new Weston Exposure Meter, which I had just received, was carried downstream in my dispatch case and I never saw it again. By the time I reached safety and could examine my camera, I saw that it was thoroughly soaked. It was a very sad blow to me and I made an attempt to dry the mechanism, but quickly realized that it was a job for experts.

Inasmuch as I had become greatly attached to my camera during many months of unusual experiences and inasmuch as it now appears that the greatest experiences are still forthcoming, I hope that you will be able to give special attention to its prompt repair. After the camera has been repaired, please send it at once by parcel post to my father at the address given below. He will immediately forward it to me and upon receipt of your bill will send you a check on my account by return mail. His address is:

Mr. Herman I. Cohn,  
1041 Summer Street,  
Stanford, Conn.

Surface mail being as uncertain as it is, my mind would be greatly set at ease if you were to acknowledge receipt of the camera and case as soon as my par-

## "Since We Have Said Good-Bye"



I work at Anne Nagel Restaurant in Hollywood, California, which is patronized by radio and movie stars. I have seen and waited on a great many of them, but to me the radio stars are tops.

I have been studying piano for a year in Hollywood at Paul and Butler School of Music. As for song writing, I have been at it for five years, and this is the only one I have tried to publish, as it means a lot to me. I wrote it after my hubby was shipped overseas in March, 1942. He is now in New Guinea, a technical sergeant with the Transportation Corps.

Letters arrive about every three weeks, he tells me that "Kate Smith" is the one and only person who could really make a hit out of my song.

He and all his buddies hear "Kate's" overseas broadcast whenever it is possible.

It would mean a lot to both of us if it were possible to get it backed and sung over the air.

My address is as follows, and I'd like hearing from all of you.

Gwen Breining  
P. O. Box 2093  
Hollywood, Calif.

Gwen Breining, who worked at International for five years or more, paid us a visit and brought a very welcome addition to our music program. A recording of her own song, "Since We Have Said Good-bye." We all wish her all the success in the world.

cel reaches you. If possible, use V-Mail as it is the promptest service available, and send it to the address shown at the head of this letter.

I realize that I am probably requesting better than average service, but you will probably agree with me that the circumstances are somewhat unusual and the case a worthy one.

To insure that you receive this letter, I shall send a duplicate one in about 10 days. I shall be highly grateful for all that you do.

LEONARD COHN.

## Echoes From Another War

High prices, scarcities and rationing are not novelties peculiar to these times. Americans suffered them in previous wars, reminds Maud MacDonald Hutcherson in Nation's Business.

She recalls the staunch patriot, John Adams, entering Mrs. Huston's inn at Falmouth (now Portland) and asking, "Madam, is it lawful for a weary traveler to refresh himself with a dish of tea, provided it has been honestly smuggled, or paid no duties?"

"No, sir," she said, "we have renounced all tea in this place, but I'll make you coffee."

Indian corn sold in 1779 at \$4 hard money a bushel. Linens were \$20 a yard and ordinary calicoes \$30 to \$40 a

yard. Board cost \$50 to \$60 a week and it took \$4 a day to hire common labor. Mutton and pork were not to be had in most colonial markets during the Revolution.

The colonies made an effort to control and fix prices, but it failed, as indeed all similar attempts in industry have failed.

And who did the patriots of that day blame for it all? You guessed it—the merchants. It is always and ever the same. The man from whom ultimate consumers buy is the goat when prices are exorbitant or quality bad. They are unable to see that the retailer is only the end link in a chain—that he often suffers from a war economy as much as anyone else. But it's easier for an indignant purchaser to cuss the retailer for a profiteer than to think back from effect to cause.

## Farewell Party

A party was given at the home of Esther Phillips, by the Cross Country Ten Club, for Hazel Miller, who is leaving with her husband to manage their resort on Otsego Lake, Gaylord, Michigan, for the summer.

Hazel has been with International for twelve years, most recently on the MP10 Line.

Have fun, but hurry back, we'll miss you, and besides, we'd like to be there, too.

## Speak Wedding Vows

Opal Shimmons spoke her wedding vows to Cadet George E. Sloane of Chicago, Ill.

Before more than 200 guests gathered at the Court Street Methodist Church, Flint, Michigan.

Dr. W. E. Harrison read the rites before a setting of candelabra, palms and baskets of all white flowers.

The bride was attended by Miss Marjorie Keller of Grand Rapids, maid of honor, and three bridesmaids, Isabel Colthrop, Saginaw; Betty Malerich and Cleo Jean Covert, both of Chicago.

Mr. Sloane asked Max Rafaelson, Detroit, to be his best man. Ushers were Robert W. Sloane, brother of the groom, David Keller, Grand Rapids, and Don Granger.

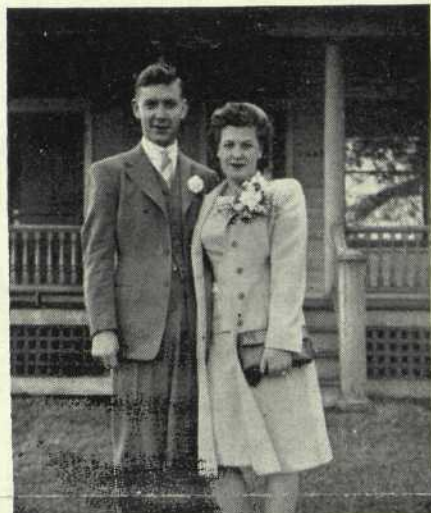
A reception for 100 guests followed the ceremony, with Misses Marie Bannan, Port Huron; Margaret Groefsma, Detroit, and Betty Breathwaite serving.

After a brief wedding trip to Detroit, Mrs. Sloane returned to Ann Arbor and her position at International, and Cadet Sloane to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Both are members of Phi Kappa Phi, Cadet Sloane to Tau Beta Pi, and Mrs. Sloane the Pi Lambda Theta.

Congratulations and many happy years!

## Changes Name



Another girl in our Dept. has changed her name! On May 8th, Ruth Romelhardt became the bride of Arthur Blanchard. They were married at the home of Rev. Brenion, Manchester, Michigan, and are home to their friends at 731 Lakeview Drive.

## Casualty

Ted Humphreys of the Sales Dept. had a very close call. When Summer decided to come, he proceeded to take down the storm windows. The weather being very hot, he wore shorts to do this little job. And a mosquito bit him on—the ear.

## California Bound



We were sorry to lose Sophie Franczyk, who left June 2 for sunny California. She plans to find work and make her home there. Sophia was a Company Inspector for the M-18 Telescope. As a farewell gift the girls of Optical presented her with a beautiful traveling bag with her initials inscribed.

Good luck, Sophia, and come back and see us sometime.

## Girls From Dept. 28



Although in raw inspection, these comely Argus workers look far from raw. From left to right, they are: Marjorie Young, Lillian Stutzmann, Marine McDaniel, Amanda Alber, Katherine Pfabe.



Fire-Fighting Demonstration



In the winning of the 'E' award, Plant Protection and Fire Prevention played a great part—safety measures to insure the employees' safety and to maintain continued and uninterrupted performance. In the pictures, Captain Haller of the Ann Arbor Fire Department is carrying through a demonstration with the captains of each section and their fire-fighting assistants. Mr. Robert Howse is also taking a keen interest in the factory's display.

Optical Assembly Gossip

Our new stockchaser sure gets around. It's O. K., Helen, as long as you give us a break at rest period.

We are glad to have Georgia Herling of Inspection Dept. back on the job after an absence of four months.

We express our sympathy to Lois Conkey, who is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she will be back with us soon.

With Norman Hartman as our new assistant foreman, production should really roll. Congratulations, Norm!

We would like to extend a word of welcome to the several new girls in our Dept.

Argus Chimney



Even the early bricklayers who built Plant 1 had pride and appreciation in "Fine Work." The Old Chimney, which is a fine example of good Dutch brickwork, has as many facets as one of our prisms that have, amongst other things, won such praise from the Armed Forces.



M. S. SMITH

Better known as just "Smitty," of the Engineering Dept. of Plant 1. Last worked for United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D. C., as catrographer in the Aeronautical Chart Division.

For the past seven years has worked in architecture, mechanical drafting, steel construction engineering, radio speaker engineering and commercial photography.

Hobby, photography and gas model aeroplanes.

Home town, Fort Wayne, Ind.

**You Can't Cut Down the Clouds!**

When Thoreau, the nature lover, saw the woodsman's axe destroying the forest, he exclaimed: "Thank God, they cannot cut down the clouds!"

There are some eternal things that the destructive powers of men, in all their fury, cannot destroy. To think on these things is to achieve an inward quiet and peace even in a war-torn world. The stars still shine. The sun still rises and sets. The mountains are not moved. Birds sing. Little streams dance merrily on their way. Flowers bloom and give off their perfume. The world goes right on being a beautiful place.

There are indestructible qualities of the human spirit, too. Mother love is immortal, and though crushed to earth, it will rise again. Courage and sacrifice glow with a new light in the midst of the blackouts of hope. Faith gallantly rides the whirlwind that's sweeping the earth.

You cannot cut down the clouds! The spirit of man cannot be destroyed! The finest things of life are immortal . . . they will survive!

LONG MEMORY

Two Southern gentlemen were bragging about the unusual memories of their respective colored boys.

"See that old, white-haired fellow hoeing corn?" asked one. "Well, about seventy years ago, when he was just a boy, the Devil appeared to him out of a cloud of dust and asked, Rastus, do you like eggs? Yassuh, Mister Devil, answered Rastus. Well about a week ago the Devil appeared to Rastus again out of a cloud of dust and asked, How? Fried, said Rastus."

BOUND TO WIN

Then take the honey for the bitterest cup  
There is no failure save in giving up  
No real fall so long as one still tries  
For seeming setbacks make the strong men wise  
There's no defeat in truth, save from within  
Unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win.

"The Proper Clothes For the Job"

A survey made in England and the United States shows an increase in the number of accidents to women in industry.

A large factor in this is the fact that more women are employed now than ever before, especially in war industry where we have the more inexperienced workers.

Safety education is most essential, and all hazards should be pointed out to the new individual on a job.

Ordinary street clothes are not to be worn in a factory, especially around machinery.

Frills, cuffs, belts, ties and anything loose that may be caught in moving machinery is very dangerous.

A protective safety hat is important, as the static electricity generated tends to pull the hair toward a machine and to endanger the worker.

All shoes should be low heeled and well fitted. High heels have no place in a factory where there is machinery, oily floors or stairways.

If each woman employee would take it upon herself to see that she is properly dressed for the type of work she may be doing, we would go far in lowering the percentage of accidents among women in industry.

Notice to All Employees

You may buy your vitamin tablets from the nurses in First Aid, both Plant 1 and 2, also in the Cafeteria. Price \$1.00 per bottle of 100 tablets. This price is for employees only.

Speak Wedding Vows

Miss Beatrice McCallum of Optical Assembly and Gregory Letsis of Blocking Dept. exchanged their wedding vows at seven o'clock on June twenty-second at the Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

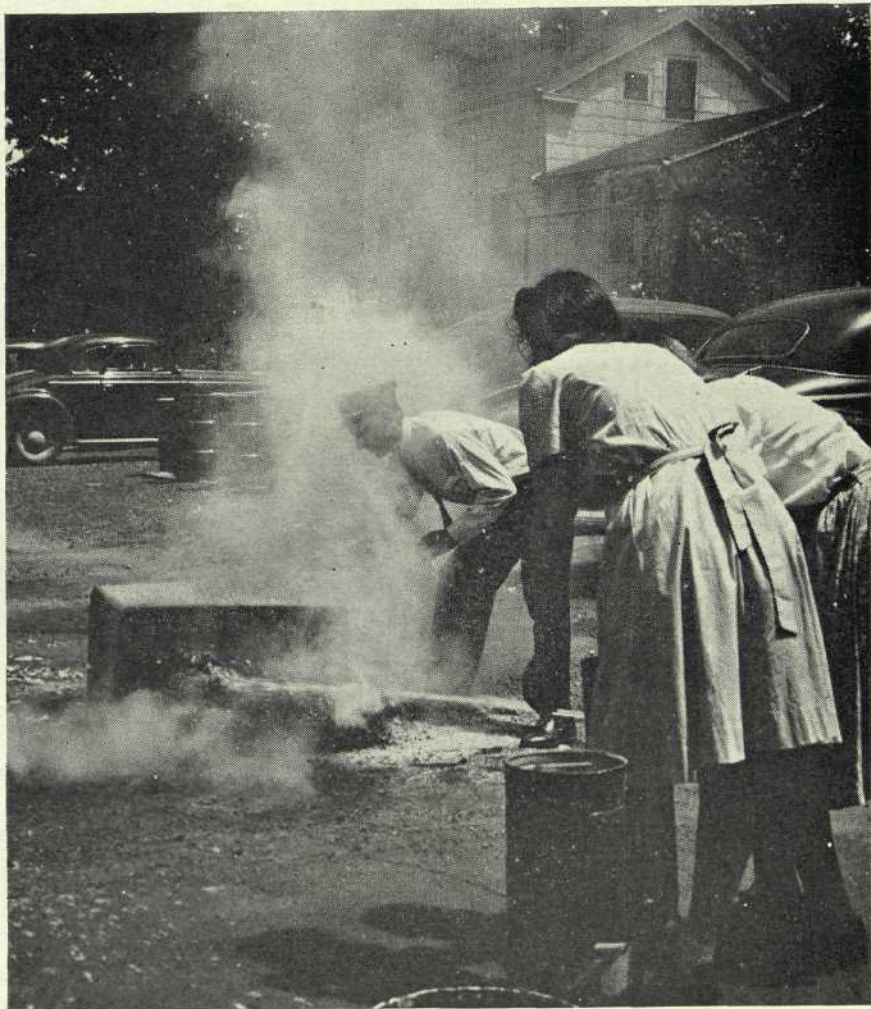
The bride wore a street-length dress of powder blue, with Navy blue accessories and a corsage of white gardenias.

Dorothy Ormsby of Saline and Steven Letsis of Lansing acted as bridesmaid and best man, respectively.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Sheldon Baker of Plymouth, sister of the bride.

The happy couple will be at home to their many friends at 1340 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. We wish them happiness and best wishes.

Fire Fighting Drill



Capt. Heller, of the Ann Arbor City Fire Department, recently gave a demonstration of fire fighting to the captains of each section of both plants, with their fighting assistants.