



argus eyes for Victory!

ARGUS RECREATION CLUB 1944 - 1945

The Argus Recreation Club was formed for the purpose of promoting the social activities of the employees of Argus. The only requirement necessary for membership is to be an employee of the Company.

The yearly election of Officers and Advisory Board took place on April 26th, and we have the pleasure of presenting to you the electees for the coming year.

It will be their ambition to make this year a notable and interesting one, and they want everyone to feel that this is his or her organization and that they share the responsibility for its success. So let's back the new officers and continue the good work started by the capable hands of the retiring officers and committees, to whom we express our thanks and sincere appreciation.



EDDIE GIRVAN
President



MAXINE WICHMAN
Secretary and Treasurer



HARRY ROOKES
Vice-President

ARGUS RECREATION CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADVISORY BOARD



NEW ADVISORY BOARD

Helen Fraser
Charles Millage
Frances Gee

Maurey Doll
Frances Watterworth
Mary Jane Truax

Dorothy Jacobus
Herman Bauer
Wilma Kennedy

Stewart McLean
Nellie Hecox
Thelma Livesay

Laura Egeler
Grace Hinz
Doris Sherman

Hubert Krasny
Wilma Bailey





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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HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT YOUR PROFIT-SHARING SAVINGS-RETIREMENT PLAN

Everyone Now Employed by Argus Has a Chance to Enjoy These Benefits Some Day, and So Read This With Care

Eligibility: Except for the Charter Members and Wage Award Holders, all new employees are eligible for membership after they have been in the employ of the Company for a continuous period of three full fiscal years. The fiscal year begins August 1st.

Resignation: Any individual who leaves the employ of the Company and is later re-hired must serve again the three fiscal years before being entitled to membership. However, employees on leave of absence do not lose their status in the Fund.

Employee Contributions: Employee contributions are limited to 5% of their wages, but not less than 2%, which are deducted from their wages each pay day. The yearly payment to the Fund is limited to \$200. Employee contributions are limited to this amount in order to prevent high-salaried employees from sharing too greatly in the benefits which are intended primarily for the majority of our workers.

Company Contributions: The Company agrees to pay to the Fund at the close of each fiscal year not less than 10% of its net operating earnings, after taxes and other charges, but not exceeding the limitation placed by the Revenue Act of 1942; that is, 15% of the total annual compensation of the members of the Fund.

Retirement: When a member becomes fifty-five years of age or has served the Company continuously for twenty years, he may terminate his membership in the Fund and receive the entire amount to his credit there.

Voluntary Resignation or Dismissal: If an employee is discharged or leaves the employ of the Company before reaching fifty-five, or before having participated in the Fund for 20 years, he receives, ninety days after termination of employment, all that he contributed to the Fund with accumulated interest, and one-half (50%) of the Company's contributions, with accumulated interest. The remainder falls back into the General Fund and goes to increase the credits of the other members; no part of it ever coming back to the Company.

In the Event of Permanent Disability: Where a member is incapacitated by reason of illness or physical disability, and has not reached the age of fifty-five, at the discretion of the Trustee, with the approval of the Managing Committee, he may be paid his full share in the Fund according to the books of accounts. In other words, in this event he will receive the full amount credited to him at the time regardless of the length of service with the Company.

In the Event of Death, Prior to Retirement: Upon the death of any employee-member of the Fund prior to retirement, there is paid to the estate of such employee, or to such beneficiary as may have been designated by him, his full

PROFIT-SHARING FUND INVESTS \$100,000 IN SPECIAL PREFERRED STOCK



R. MILLER Secretary and Treasurer

R. D. HOWSE President

Members of the Profit Sharing Fund will be glad to know that they are now part owners, as well as employees of ARGUS INCORPORATED through the ownership of one thousand (1,000) shares of the new \$100 par value Employee Profit Sharing Preferred Stock.

As all members know, the contributions made by employee members must be invested in government or government guaranteed securities. The portion of the fund contributed by the Company may be invested by the Managing Committee and Trustee as they may deem best. After considerable study by the Managing Committee it was decided that since expanding operations of the Company would be needed for larger profits, and since the members were interested in larger profits, an investment in the Company would be ideal.

There was opposition to a common stock investment by the committee because market fluctuations might wipe out the equity of the members. A study of the practices of other

companies having such a plan revealed that a limited preferred stock issue would be ideal for this purpose. As a result, at the request of the Managing Committee, the Trustee submitted to Company stockholders, a request for the authorization and issuance of preferred stock of your Company, to be sold only to the Employee Profit Sharing Fund. The stock is on a five (5) per cent cumulative dividend basis. Dividends are paid on the Employee Profit Sharing Fund stock before any common stock dividends can be declared and paid to stockholders. The Employee Profit Sharing Preferred Stock is preferred as to assets of the Company in the event of dissolution or liquidation. The stock is callable by the Company on thirty days' notice at 102.50 per share.

The changes in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company necessary to approve the issuance and sale of stock were approved by a more than two-thirds vote of the stockholders on November 3rd at the time of the Annual Meeting.



share of the Fund, that is, the total amount to his credit as of the date of his death.

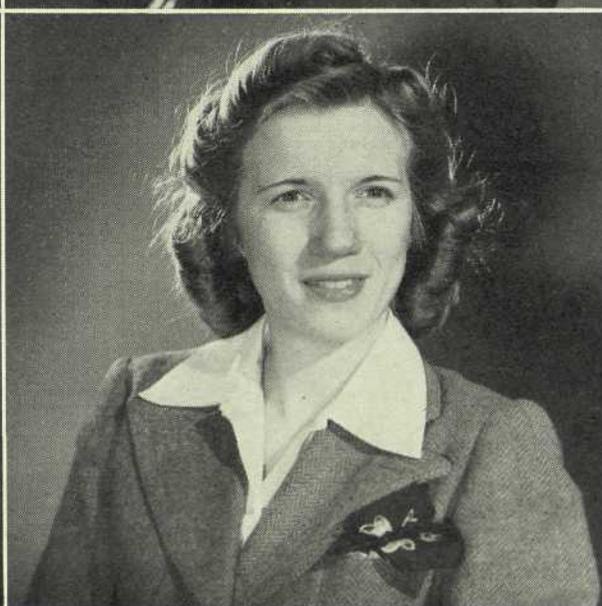
Members' Credit Not Attachable: Neither the member's individual or collective interest in the Fund is grantable, transferable or otherwise assignable, in whole or in part, either by the voluntary or involuntary acts of all parties to the Fund.

It is not attachable by operation of law, nor can it be taken for any debt.

Managing Committee: In the control, management and distribution of the Fund, the Trustee is subject to, and can act only with the approval of the Managing Committee. The Committee consists of five members (of which the Trustee is one). Two of the members

are selected annually by the management or directors of the Company and the remaining two members are elected by a majority vote of the employee participants in the Plan. The Trustee is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company and holds office until removed. His vote only counts in case of a tie in a Managing Committee meeting.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT



Robert P. Miller, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Gerry Brown, Mrs. Gillespie's assistant.

Miss Clem Donner, Elliott-Fisher bookkeeping machine operator.

Mrs. Opal Sloane, Secretary to Mr. Miller.

Miss Dorothy Meineke, Stenographer.

Miss Mary Frances Womack, Stenographer and Record Clerk.

Mrs. Iva Covert, Billing Clerk.

Mrs. Lucile Gillespie, Head of Accounting Dept. and Cashier of Company.

Mrs. Jessie Hack, Accounts Receivable Clerk.

Miss Jeanne Clark, Statistical Clerk.

Miss Mildred LaRue, Assistant Billing Clerk.

A Spring Lamb



Here is a lamb of the genus, "Cake." It will never gambol on the green, but it tastes just as good as it looks. Mrs. Elizabeth Wrathell, Plant 1 Maintenance Dept., manufactured it for her son, Lt. Wm. H. Wrathell, who is recuperating from an injury received while on duty at his post at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Good cooking has long been a sort of a hobby with Mrs. Wrathell, but the hobby may become a business considering the number of folks who have asked her to bake lamb cakes for their boys in the Service.

Dept. 17-R News

Ha! The truth will get out about that supposedly stiff neck of Mary Watson's. We have learned hubby Paul has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. His latest news was that their B-24 crew had completed twelve missions over Germany. We hope that there won't be many more to fly and that the boys will soon be home.

Has anyone noticed the rock on Paul Eugene's left hand? He says the numbers haven't been given of late. But by the looks of it, some nag or something must have come in.

Ed Nimke has been quoting "Ready, willing and able" of late. At first we were rather dubious about it. But with all the new ideas for making production faster and easier for us, we are sure that's what he means. You're all right, Boss.

Is a new romance budding in our department?

Ed Nimke and Jesse Cope have placed \$2 bets on what country will crack first. Jess says Germany will and Ed says Japan. Mary Watson has \$5 on Germany, while Mary Dobransky has \$2 that the war will end this year. The rest of us have decided not to bet. But at any rate, we hope they both crack together and get it over in a hurry.

Riveting's bowling team wants the rest of the teams to know we enjoyed playing with everyone of you. Although we did not have much luck, we sure had a lot of fun.

Hasn't anyone noticed the streamlining of certain ones in Dept. 17?

A few guys keep boxing numbers and losing every day. We are only hoping their wives don't catch up with them and box their ears.

Pvt. Larry Dieterle of Ft. Worth, Tex., visited the Dept. while home on furlough. Larry certainly looks grand and we think the Army agrees with him. He says he still likes Michigan, but if he can't have it, he will take Texas. Good luck, Larry.

Carrie Behnke says that the latest news from brother, F 2/c Harry Steers, is that he is back from sea duty and is having extended training in California.

A good number of the employees have had the opportunity to look at a snapshot album of Mary Dobransky's. She is making it for brother Michael when he comes home. They are snaps taken from the time he has been in service here in the States to the latest pictures from overseas. Mary says anyone interested can look it over.

Libbie Cleven reports that her brother, Pfc. Charles (Bud) Cleven, is on a rest island after one of the Jap battles. Bud says he won't know how to act if he sees a white woman after a year away, and that if they are homely, they will look good to him. Libby has a good picture of Charles and his buddy which she will have in Argus Eyes later.

HELP!

Fellow employees, have you any relatives or friends who would like to work with us? The radio department needs 20 girls to learn light assembly. The only requirements are good eyesight, two capable hands and a sincere willingness to contribute their efforts to the winning of the war. We also need trainees for lens grinding and polishing. No experience necessary, good starting salary and a permanent peace-time job. Please pass the word along, telling them what a good place this is to work. For any further information stop in at the Employment Office.

Argus Incorporated
FOURTH AND WILLIAM STREETS
Ann Arbor, Michigan
WMC Rules Apply

Dials Take Plant 1 Women's Bowling Title



Front row, left to right: Mary Tucker (Captain), Peggy Watson, Sally Stone. Rear, left to right: Suzie Jones, Loretta Rise.

These gals came through to win the championship of the Ladies' League, even though this is the first year of bowling for three of them. Everyone of them had loads of fun, and they are glad they won the honor of being the "Champs." (For more about the bowling finals see the Sports column.)

Sweaters, Too

"I do not like these jackets,"
Said a Wave who was rather thin.
"But," said her friend, "you get out of them
Just exactly what you put in."

One-Way Climbers

"Say, Aunt Melissah, what am a para-trooper?"
"Well, Honey, a para-trooper am a soljer what climbs down trees he never clumb up."

Souvenir of Winter



Left to right: Effie Whisenhut, Lucille Gasidlo, Peggy Watson, Christine Hageman, Loretta Rise, Laureene Clinton. Mrs. Christine Hageman, formerly employed in Dept. 18B, has been informed by the War Dept. that her husband, Lt. Jack Hageman, is missing in action over Italy. We extend our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hageman. Christine has left Argus to study at the U. of M. Above, the picture of her and a few of her many friends commemorates some of the good fun they had together in happier days.

The Bauer Children



Helen Louise Bauer is four and her brother, Charles H., is one. They are the youngsters of Herman Bauer of Dept. 27. Gee! Hoyman, you sure got two cute kids.

Argus Ladies' Bowling Plant 1

With first place honors well taken care of by the Dials team, the Ladies' League will draw to a close soon. There will be much excitement the next two weeks, with five teams trying for second place. Accounting, Paint Shop, Inspection, Cafeteria and Engineering all have a chance for this spot.

This has been a very good league this year. There have been some fine scores bowled. When the season started only about half of the girls had averages over a hundred. Now there are only a few who have not reached it.

By the time you read this, we will have finished the season and attended our banquet so in the next edition of "Argus Eyes" I will give a full account of the final standings, the banquet and the prizes.

Dept. 27 News

A farewell party for Petie Exelby was held in the cafeteria on April 27. Ruth O'Hare's super chocolate cake and ice cream served as refreshments. Petie received a lovely gold pin from her co-workers and we all wish her lots of good luck in the future.

On April 20th the gang celebrated Harold Walz' and Bob Snay's birthdays in the cafeteria with ice cream and cake for refreshments. Each received a nice billfold and a paper doll from their co-workers.

Well, the gals beat the boys in the bowling match April 23rd. Yep, the winners are all set for a steak dinner. It was all in fun; everyone had a swell time and we are going to have another match game.

Ask John Shanahan where he gets that "Highland Fling" from when he bowls. It's really cute.

We are very glad to have George Kielwasser in our department. His duty is driving the panel truck. Note: We should really get some swell points on bowling now. Ain't we lucky?

Petie Exelby's husband, Pfc. Joe Exelby, has a fifteen-day furlough beginning April 29th. This is the first furlough since last October from his station at Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Merble Wilson are the proud new grandparents of a sweet little baby girl. They visited the new family over the week-end in Indiana and found everyone getting along just fine.

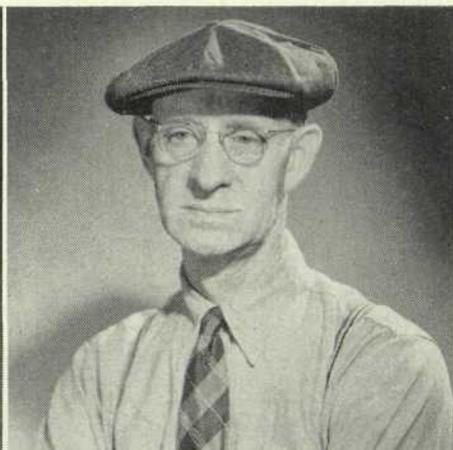
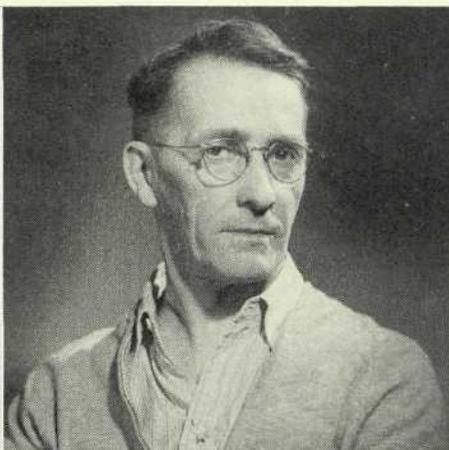
According to a telegram received by Mrs. Ellen Ross, 216 W. Ann St., her son, Sgt. Warren L. Ross, is now a German prisoner of war. He had been reported missing in action while on a Liberator bomber flight over France. Sgt. Ross is a technical radio man. The many folks who knew Warren here are mighty glad to know he is alive.

The Stockroom men's team ended the bowling season in seventh place.

A young vacationist was feeling rather bored after a week at a remote New England farm. He was homesick for the sight of a paved street and a telephone pole, a juke box, a movie, anything that had some life and NOISE. So he took the nearest road to the nearest village. Down the road to this hamlet he ran into a farmer mowing his grass by the roadside. "How long will it take me to get to town?" asked the stranger.

The scythe stopped, the level glance bore down upon him: "How fast are you going to walk?"

Suggestion Box BOND WINNERS



SUGGEST

SOMETHING THAT WILL

- Reduce labor cost
- Reduce material cost
- Increase efficiency

Dora Eugene

Luella Bafs

Howard McCombs

Edward Dieterle

Robert Sutton

Floyd Pratt

Elvis Sutphin

Howard McCombs, of Dept. 31, Optical Toolroom, Plant 2.

Howard suggested a rack upon which to file the brass templates used for gauging curvatures of lenses. The templates were hung from hooks along one wall of the gauge room, necessitating the use of a ladder in reaching some of them. The quantity of gauges made it necessary to file them three deep on the hook, thus adding to the unavailability of them. The new rack is a series of swinging boards upon which the gauges are hung one set to a hook, and within reaching distance of the floor.

George Snyder, of the Polishing Room, Dept. 36, Plant 2.

George suggested installing a sediment tank under the grinder sinks to catch the emery which was being washed down the drain every day. The emery caught in the tank can be reclaimed and used again.

Elvis Sutfin, of the Blocking Dept., Plant 2.

A blocking fixture for prisms was the idea that won an award for Elvis. The prisms are blocked in strips of four, being held together with wax. The old method of pressing them together was not adequate, as they kept breaking apart due to insufficient pressure on the ends. The new tool keeps the prisms pressed together by means of a thumbscrew, which applies the proper pressure to the ends and allows the wax to harden evenly.

Ruth Cin, of the Cleaning Dept., Plant 2.

Ruth brought to attention the fact that we were using unsuitable cartons for holding many of the newer lenses we are now making. The lenses which are moved from one department to another in individual sectional open-top cartons were not getting proper protection and were becoming scratched and chipped. Her suggestion for cartons fitted to our new size lenses will reduce scrap and eliminate much rework.

Dora Eugene, Raw Inspection Dept., Plant 1.

Her winning suggestion was a machine run by a motor to inspect various tapped holes on parts. She originally turned a handle by hand, which was very fatiguing. She is now able to do a better job with much less effort and consequently increased her production.

Floyd Pratt, Machine Dept., Plant 1.

Through the use of his suggestion in re-arranging our operation sequence on pinion shafts, we were able to eliminate one whole operation, which was the wiping off of dirt film left in shafts. This resulted in a saving of 40.0 minutes per hundred pieces. Our production is high on these parts, consequently this was a very worthwhile suggestion.

Edward Dieterle, Assembly Dept., Plant 1.

Ed's winning suggestion will enable us to keep our production lines operating more efficiently and adds to our high quality of workmanship.

Robert Sutton, Assembly Dept., Plant 1.

Bob suggested using a small, quick-acting clamp to hold one of our models on the inspection machine, which resulted in the elimination of the set becoming loose and making a poor electrical contact. We are now assured that contact once made will remain until the inspection operation is completed.

Luella Bafs, Assembly Dept., Plant 1.

Luella recognized the fact that one of her fixtures which had a threaded shaft used for clamping part prior to drilling was slow and she suggested a quick acting locking shaft, which resulted in a saving of 5.0 minutes per hundred pieces.

Doris Layer also had a winning suggestion which increased the efficiency of the employees of the Raw Inspection Dept., by using a large type drop chute delivery boxes, thus eliminating cumbersome, odd-sized cardboard boxes on the benches and also kept the pieces from falling on the floor.

Dept. 39-41 News

We're glad to have Ruth Wackenhut working with us now. She formerly worked in Dept. 41 and is now working for Production Control. We hope you like it, Ruth.

We were sorry to lose Marjie Criswell from the soaking room. She has gone back to her home in Tennessee.

Betty Billeau and Marguerite Fischer are both ill. We miss them and sincerely hope they will be able to return to work real soon.

We know the girls in Dept. 39 are glad the bowling season is over, even though the Cementing team finished the season tied for third place. They also won first prize for high single game and high series.

Doris Sherman is back from Iowa. She reports she really had a nice trip and says Iowa looks better than ever. We hope she doesn't decide to go back there to live.

The girls in the Cementing room had a birthday surprise for Grace Bultman. We had ice cream and cake, and was it delicious? We invited Doris Sherman, Ken and Leonard Sadge to enjoy it with us. Grace didn't tell us her age, but we imagine she's a wee bit over 21, eh, Grace?

Have you heard about Wilma Litteral and Edna Kappler disgracing the Easter bunny? If you wonder why you should see the sorry bunch of eggs they colored. Maybe Charles was the one that distracted them. What say, girls? ?

The Cementing room bowling team and subs (Edna Kappler and Rita Graybill) presented their Captain (Opal Conley) with a yellow rosebud corsage the night of the bowling banquet at the Al-lenel Hotel.

Virginia Buss and Wilma Litteral went out to Edna Kappler's for a sauerkraut dinner Friday night. We enjoyed it, but it seemed to make Wilma sick. Do you suppose it was the dinner or the liquid refreshments she had later.

Billie Hamlet has been coming to work an hour later on Saturday morning. She's been riding with Rodney Mast. Do you suppose that could be the reason? Your guess is as good as ours.

We all miss Art Gerssler running in and out of Dept. 39. He is now with Uncle Sam's mighty Air Corps. We wish him lots of luck and hope he will hurry back to Argus.

Opal Conley enjoyed a week in Salyersville, Ky., just recently. She accompanied her mother there where her mother had a tonsilectomy.

We're glad to see Blanche Ranson back with us now after her illness. She has taken over Marjie Criswell's work in the soaking room.

We hear we're going to have a new "Hula, Hula" girl in Dept. 39. There is a rumor that Dorothy Elliott is to receive a grass skirt from her boy friend in the South Sea Islands. By the way, has anyone got any Hawaiian records they'd like to donate to this worthy cause?

Or Was It the Easter Bunny?

Rube Egeler has a beagle hound, Vic by name, who not only is an excellent hunter but furnishes Rube with his eggs for breakfast. Imagine Laura's surprise when she went out one night to feed him (the dog) and there in the dog house were two nice fresh eggs. Either Vic is a super-duper dog or the neighbor's chickens don't like their coop. My guess is that Vic is the super for letting the chick into his nice warm house and then not breaking the eggs.

Great economists have probably come no closer to the "root of all evil" than the humble sheep herder who, upon being asked how much he had received for the sheep he had just sold, replied: "Not as much as I figured I might, but I never thought I would."

Dept. 28 News

Imagine Marjorie Parke's surprise one bowling night. She had one of the girls rent a pair of bowling shoes for her at the bowling alley. When she asked the girls if they got them for her, she was handed a pair of shoes that must have been at least a size twelve. She just about passed out when they told her it was the only pair available. She could see her foot behind the foul line and the shoe over it. The girls let her have until time to bowl and then gave her a pair that was much, much smaller. Then she was happy.

Mary Temple has joined the Raw Inspection gang again after having been away for a while. Glad to have you back, Mary.

March 27th was another birthday party day. The party was for Leola Stoner. The department had ice cream and a lovely birthday cake. Leola was presented with a nice birthday gift.

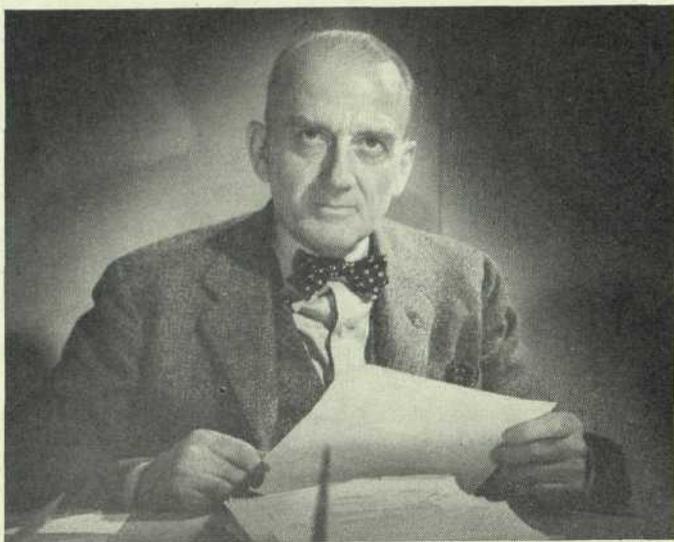
We are glad to have Nina Walterhouse staying on with us. Hope you like us, too, Nina.

Scout: "Hey, cook, there's no turtle in this soup."

Camp Cook: "No, and if you look close, you'll find there's no horse in that horse-radish."

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

This is the department a new employee meets first and one with which he has frequent dealings during his period of employment. Its function is to recruit and place employees and to serve them in every possible way from then on. If the sad, sad day comes when an employee must leave Argus, the Personnel Department is the last to bid him farewell.



Mr. N. T. Brotherton is Director of Personnel. He is Argus contact with the War Labor Board, the War Manpower Commission and all government bureaus regulating personnel practices. Personnel work becomes more complicated with each new General Order Number (the number begins to look like the national debt!) In spite of all the red tape, his first concern is to make this a good place to work. He is also Director of Public Relations, but that is another story.



Mrs. Ruth Scharren is Assistant Director of Personnel. She shares Mr. Brotherton's responsibilities, and in addition supervises the personnel of the department. She is always available for consultation with department heads and employees and is versed in company policy. Figuratively speaking, her shoulders are very broad.



Mrs. Grace Radford, Employee Counselor, is the lady to see when you are puzzled, worried or confused about anything at all. She has a big smile, a talent for solving problems and an apparently unlimited store of patience, common sense and good humor.



Mrs. Barbara Titus, Interviewer, is the friendly person who greets all applicants for jobs. She knows all the jobs that are open and aims to find people to fill them. (Do you know of a tool and diemaker or a typist who isn't busy at the moment?) She does her best to see that people are placed in jobs where they will "fit" and sees that the new employee has all the necessary information to start off on the right foot. She also has charge of bond drives, and of highway gasoline, tire and shoe rationing. A good person to know!



Mr. Roy B. Hiscock is Paymaster. He assigns clock numbers, time cards and badges and has charge of group insurance. He has, however, a thousand and one self-assigned duties which come under the heading of Good Deeds. Probably the most popular man in the organization and not merely because he signs and passes out the checks.



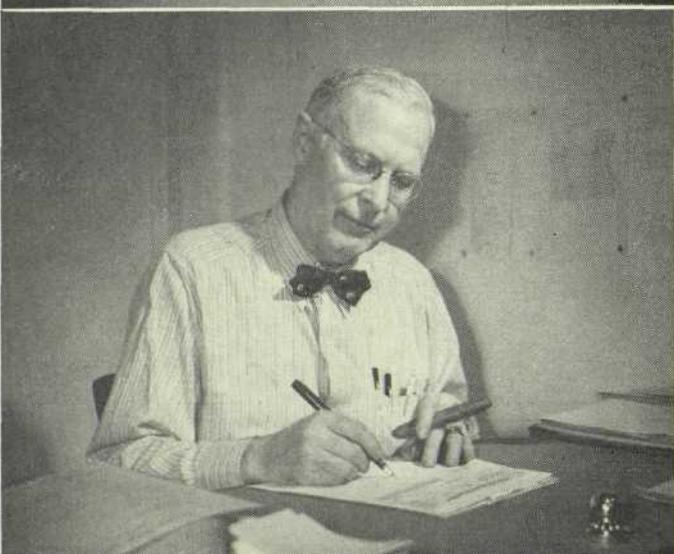
Mrs. Anne Boland is secretary to Mr. Brotherton and Mrs. Scharren. She's a very busy lady. The frequent rush jobs she takes in her stride, and remains calm and efficient. Be sure to keep her informed of changes in your draft status.



Miss Rita Graybill has charge of Personnel records. She keeps the files up to the minute and informs the Payroll Department of all changes in jobs and rates. As capable as she is ornamental.



Miss Shirlee Baumgartner is Insurance and Bond clerk, and works with Roy B. on group insurance. You see her about bonds and she passes on your instructions to the Payroll Department. She also sees that your bonds are delivered to you. She is the newest and youngest member of Personnel and is doing a man-sized job.

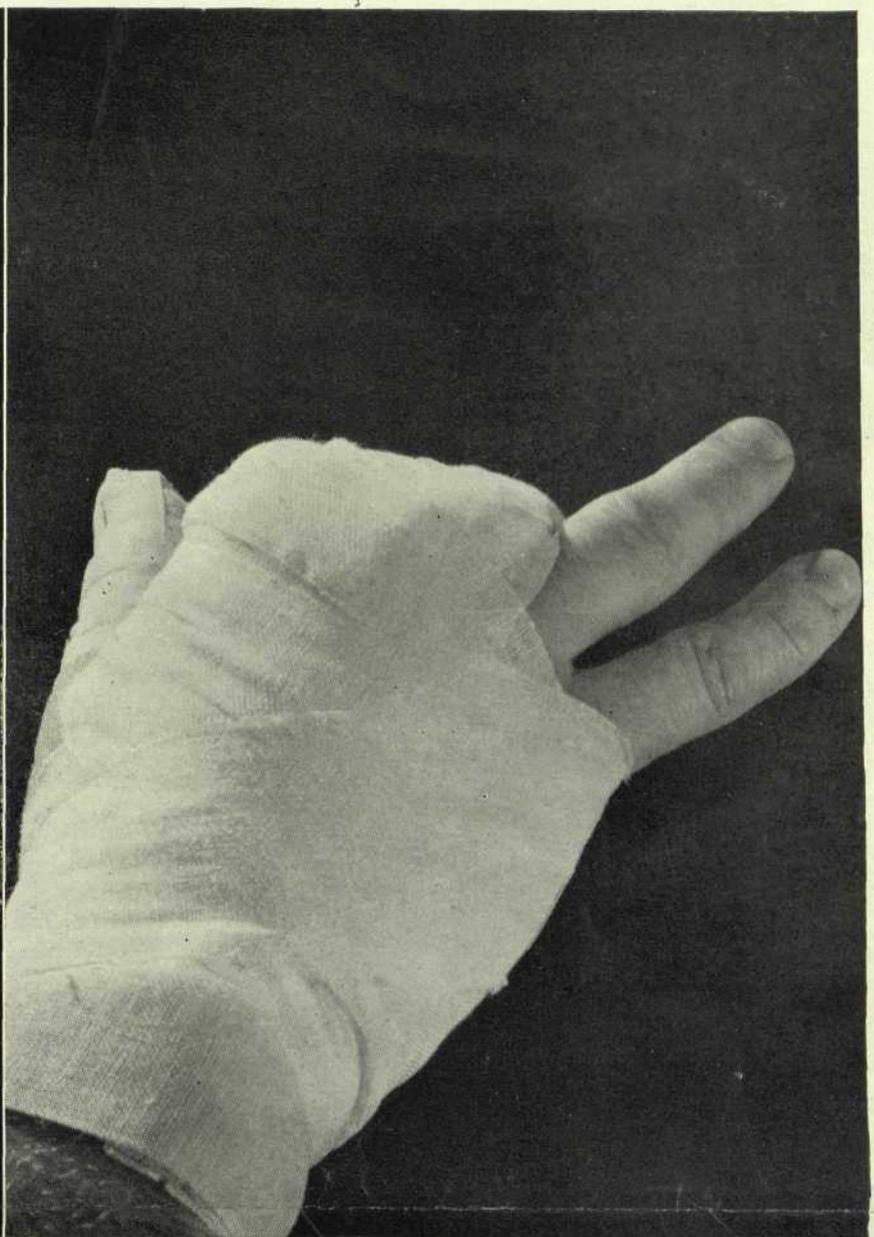
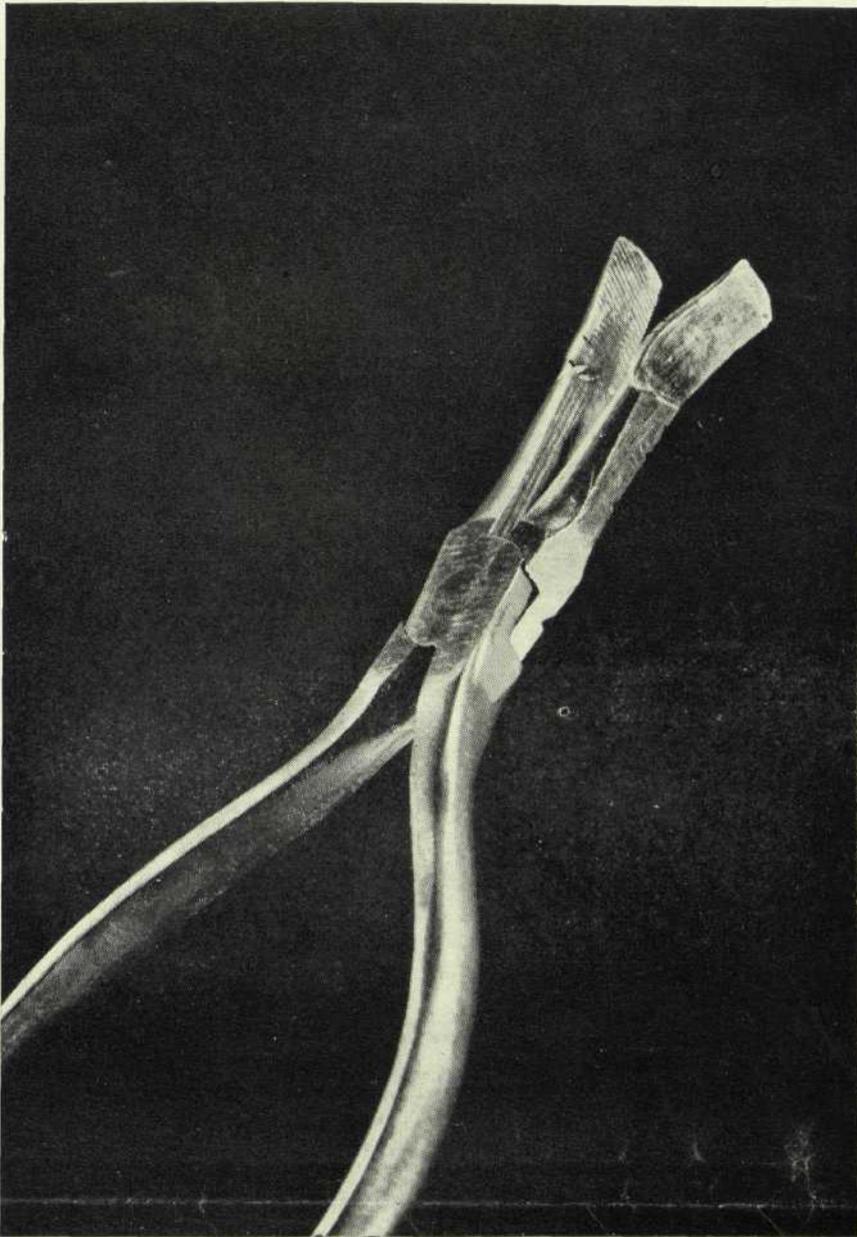
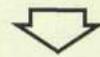


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prevented

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The bent pliers can be replaced, but our priorities do not include new fingers. SAFETY DEVICES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR YOUR PROTECTION. You have been shown how to use them.

HELP US TO HELP YOU.

Dept. 40 News

The Department has introduced another home touch with the acquisition of some photographic gems from Dick Bill's collection. We enjoy them and hope that visitors do so, too.

We are now in a FULLY air-conditioned room since the construction gang cut holes in the roof for the beams. April showers are O. K. when seen through a window but not when the rain on the floor reaches your ankles.

Maybe Sylvia M. should have her glasses fixed at the Johnson Optical instead of the Argus Optical. Eddie has to order glyptol glue by the gallon just to keep them stuck together.

Guess Who?



Good Car

"Say, this car won't climb a hill! You said it was a fine machine!"

Dealer: "I said, 'On the level it's a good car'."

Naughty, Naughty

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never hath turned his head and said:

"Hummmmm, not bad!"

Nurses Attend Conference

Frances Watterworth and Mildred Bird attended the Medical and Surgical Industrial Conference in Detroit April 6. The meeting was held in the Rackham Educational Memorial building and was attended by nurses representing many of the larger industrial plants in this district. New developments in the treatment of Industrial First Aid problems were discussed and considerable time was given to practical techniques in First Aid work.

Guess Who?



SAFETY SAM ASKS -

WOULD YOU SWAP PLACES WITH THIS MAN?

WEAR YOUR GOGGLES

The Three Graces



If you have never heard "The Three Graces" sing, you have missed a treat. That is, if you do not know anything about harmony. They claim they are a great trio, but if that is so, why are they never asked to give a return performance. Also, why do they get put out of so many places? If you ever give a party, don't let them sing, or you will have the cops at your door, especially if Homer Hilton joins them as bass. They get away with murder in night clubs and places like that, but the disturbance they can make, and do, at private parties is too much to talk about.

Sales and Advertising News

Nothing seems quite the same around the Sales Dept. since Thelma Faber left. We all miss her smiling face. But we will bear with our loss because we know Thelma is going to be very happy in her new assignment with the Spars. She left Ann Arbor on the 27th for the Spars' Training School in Palm Beach, Florida, for a special six week' course. After that—no one knows where she will go, but we hope to hear from her long before that. As a matter of fact, she has promised to send us a picture just as soon as her official photograph is released "for press purposes." We bet she will look schnazzy in it.

Many complaints have reached Ginnie Meyers' ears during the past few days because she refused to let some of us have a party at her cottage on the lake. Her excuse was that she had not had time to do her spring housecleaning. Shame on you, Ginnie, for being such a slovenly housekeeper. And anyway, why don't you get smart and have a housecleaning party and have everyone present do their part, so we won't be disappointed again. You are a nice girl, and you have a nice cottage, so let's get together.

We are fortunate to again have Jackie Wanamaker back with us. She was here all last summer, and now that school isn't too arduous, she has returned part-time to help us get things done. Glad you are back, and hope you stay forever.

One of the reasons the Sales Dept. is so busy right now is because of the receipt of an avalanche of letters from dealers telling us how much they like "Argus Eyes." A sample letter reads thusly: "Argus Eyes and your new Dealer Talk sure hit the spot. The earnest and enthusiastic character of the Argus personnel as shown in your publication is really inspiring. They take me right into your plant. If other Argus dealers get as big a bang out of this closer acquaintance with your Company, I'm certain that the Argus line after the war will zoom steadily upwards in popularity. Best wishes for a speedy return to making photographic things." That was from Tom Wilson of Oregon.

A. C. Assembly

Florence Schwemmin was surprised with a birthday party, April 12th, in the cafeteria by Swickerath's department and the inspectors on the third floor. Florence received a nice gift. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. We don't know what the candle power was, but it looked pretty bright when lighted. Many more happy birthdays, Florence.

If anyone in Swickerath's department wants a vacation, Enid Connors will be glad to take over.

Lena Allan and Florence Schwemmin' are on the sick list. Hurry back, girls, we miss you.

Both Champs

This note was pinned to an umbrella in a Dayton cafe:

"This belongs to a champion fighter—he is coming back."

Some time later it was noted that the umbrella was missing. In its place was another note: "This umbrella was picked up by a champion runner—he is not coming back."

Here and There Around Optical Assembly

By "Fearless"

Frances Hill so graciously entertained sixty women bowlers at a lovely party at her home after the final game of the season. We spent a most enjoyable evening, Frances, we warmly regard you as a charming hostess.

Hear that Nellie Hecox, Girvanette, was Eddie's campaign manager. With a platform such as "Nothing But Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer Served at Argus Picnics," how could he lose?

Our baby, Gracie Girvan, turned two years old last week and gets sweeter every birthday. What will she be like at eighteen? Time Marches ON!

When asked what book they would take with them if cast away on a desert island, allowed to take one book and only one, Dick Wilson replied, "The Bible"; Betty Gee, "Sears and Roebuck's catalogue"; Doris Skelding, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"; Maxine Wichman, "Bugs Bunny"; G. K. Chesterton, "Thomas' Guide to Practical Ship-building."

Everyone seems to be in a dither as to whether or not hats are going to be worn at the Women's Bowling Banquet and today seems to be a relay of bobby pins preparatory to the big event.

Why the sudden popularity of Ilka Chase's book "In Bed We Cry." Really, Conkey, you can do better than that.

Well, Maxie, it looks like you're in. Congratulations to the new secretary-treasurer of the Argus Recreation Club. When is the launching to take place?

And so iddle wed got ma'wied. The groom is a mighty lucky fellow. Many happy years to you both, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Ya pays yer money and yer takes yer choice. That's all, folks. See you next month.

"Defeatists, who assert the pinnacle of American opportunity is past and gone forever, think of frontiers in terms of trackless forests, or virgin soil, of Indians on the warpath; whereas, in truth, clearing ground and placing land under cultivation is but the initial step in a never-ending procession of progress for any people that remains fired with the divine spark of individual initiative."—H. W. Prentis, Jr., President, Armstrong Cork Company.

"Kiss me once more like that and I'm yours for life."
"Thanks for the warning."

No Loafing

An efficient business man entered his plant's shipping room one day and saw an idle young man lounging against a desk.

"Here, you loafer!" shouted the boss, "what's your salary?"

"Fifteen a week."

"Well, here's a week's salary. Take it and get out!" shouted the enraged employer, and then, turning to his shipping manager, "Why on earth did you ever hire that loafer?"

"I didn't. He just delivered a package from Brown & Company."



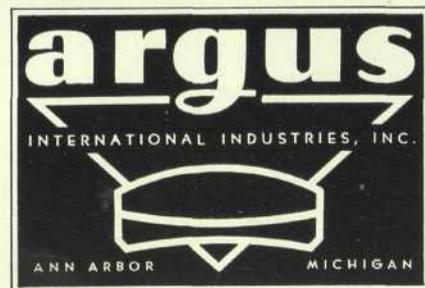
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ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.

GIRVAN, EDWARD

Outspoken . . . foreman of Optical Assembly, and newly-elected President of the Argus Employees' Club. Born 1911 in Kilbirnie, Scotland, where parents and three sisters now live. Has been 14 years in the United States. Finally persuaded the U. S. Government to grant him citizenship in 1940. Was formerly with Chance Vought Aircraft in Hartford, Connecticut. Started in the mechanical inspection department of Argus, Incorporated, five years ago when it was known as International Research. Worked under Curt Adams, Ron Kaufman, Erv Braatz, etc., in various capacities. Reactions of these foremen have not been ascertained up to the time of going to press. Swears he reads "Time" magazine from cover to cover. Also reads Life, The Saturday Evening Post, Esquire, Readers' Digest, The New Yorker, and Parents' Magazine. Thumbs hurriedly through "Factory Management" Spends seven-eighths of spare time posing his two-year-old daughter for negatives leading to 16 by 20 enlargements. His house at 711 Pauline Blvd., contains 5 rooms, 5 still cameras, 3 enlargers. Mrs. Girvan, 4 movie projectors, 2 film-splicing machines, his 2-year-old daughter, three 16 mm. cameras, etc. When questioned closely, admits that his hobby is photography. Also swims a little, swears his way around golf courses, bowls and has an occasional game of draughts with Mrs. G. Has traveled in 32 states, swam in all of the Great Lakes and the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Maintains that the Atlantic Ocean is not one of the Great Lakes. Favorite quotations:

(a) "Optical Assembly is definitely the No. 1 Department."
 (b) "Now that I'm president of the Argus Club. . ."
 (c) "Optical Assembly is definitely the No. 1 Department."

Profit-Sharing Plan Created For Benefit of the Individual

Employees: This Fund was created for and operates to your individual benefit. It is your opportunity to share more fully in the success of the Company.

A corporation has three distinct interests: ownership, management, and labor. Each of these interests is essentially selfish. There is just one way to weld them into a common cause for the greater good of all—by participating in the Profit Sharing Savings-Retirement Plan which secures better results to all these interests at the same time.

One of the most serious responsibilities of administration is the equitable distribution of earnings between capital and labor, and between various classes of labor. The old idea that capital should get all it could squeeze out and still keep labor functioning has practically disappeared. In its place is the new idea to give labor all that is possible and at the same time keep capital functioning. This change of emphasis amounts to a new industrial revolution and as such can only be successful when labor assumes the obligations that go with this advance.

The Profit sharing Plan is designed to give you a really worthwhile goal to work for. It will not be used to equalize wages; in fact, it cannot be construed as having any relationship to wages or bonuses. On the other hand, the Plan gives you an opportunity to share in a very democratic and substantial way in the Company's prosperity which, in your workdays, you help to build.

About 1,750,000 troops a month travel on American trains in official troop movements, exclusive of furlough travel.

Gifts For New Bride



Friends of Sue Scott gathered 'round to wish her happiness on a new assignment. She is to wed Wesley Fuller, formerly of our Sales Dept., May 6th. Plant 1 Offices all chipped in to give her that swell blanket. Pictured here are some of Sue's co-workers in the basement Accounting offices. Left to right: Jane Kern, Aletha Wight, Doris Heinen, Stephanie Gala, Grace Langstaff, Sue Scott, Alice Blanchard, Wilmot Gray, Eunice Buss, Myrna Patrick. As we go to press, the group from Material Control is planning to take Sue out to dinner at the Corner House. It's rumored that another gift is in the offing, something elegant in the line of lace-trimmed slips.

Changed

"By the way, who is that long and lank girl standing over there?"
 "Hush. She used to be long and lank, but she's just inherited \$100,000. She's tall and stately now."

Or Anywhere

"What's worse than eating hash at a restaurant where you don't know what's in it?"
 "Eating it at home where you do know."

Guess Who?



My Birthday

By Leota Power

Do I like birthdays? Sure, you bet.
 But I thought they were for the younger set,
 'Til my birthday came, then I changed my mind,
 When the MN line asked me to dine.

I want to thank you girls so much
 For all of the hankies, cards and such.
 The dinner was swell in every way.
 Just how I can thank you, I really can't say.

Two lovely salads, potatoes and macaroni,
 Both were delicious and that's no bologna.
 Celery, too, and deviled eggs
 Gave you added strength to stand on your legs.

Buns and jello made it complete,
 Except the cake, which was really a treat.
 It was a masterpiece of its very own kind,
 A nicer cake I never could find.

An angel food, all pink and white,
 It really was a gorgeous sight.
 I know it was six inches tall,
 Now, I'm not fooling you at all.

It looked just like that candy fluff,
 You know what I mean—that carnival stuff.

It peeled right off like flakes of snow
 And makes you want just mo' and mo'.

Well, let's call this to a cheerful end,
 And let me say as friend to friend,
 Thank you each and every one
 For the beautiful thoughts and all the fun.

A Mother's Prayer

A little boy in a jersey blouse
 Was playing on the floor.
 The sun was caught in his sandy hair—
 Made it sparkle all the more.

In his chubby hands he held some blocks,
 There were castles in his dreams,
 With towers and spires and spans and locks,
 With boats and bridges and streams.

At times if the structure wasn't right,
 His blocks would fall to the ground.
 But up they went the same as before,
 His mind and his purpose was sound.

And when the task was especially hard,
 I would ache to help that boy,
 For he was such a little one—
 My lad—my pride and my joy!

But if mothers are firm, then boys grow strong,
 With characters wise and true.
 And thus would I quiet my anxious heart
 With a prayer when the day was through.

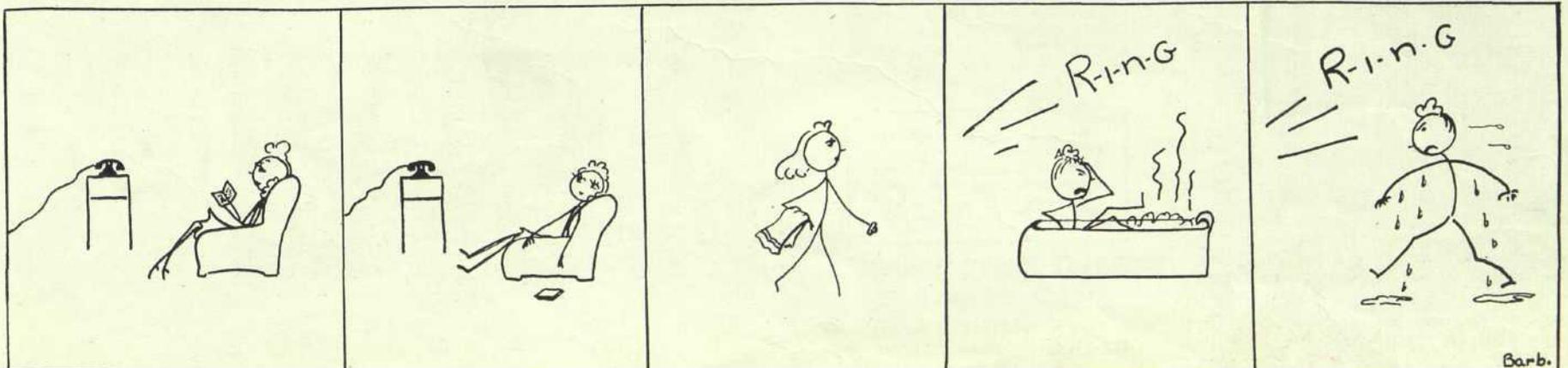
Now that little boy to a man has grown,
 He fights on a battlefield.
 And my heart must ache as it did before
 For that child I cannot shield.

Dear God, I pray, he has courage and strength—
 That he's fearless, and brave and fine.
 I pray that when there's a job to be done,
 He'll do it with never a whine.

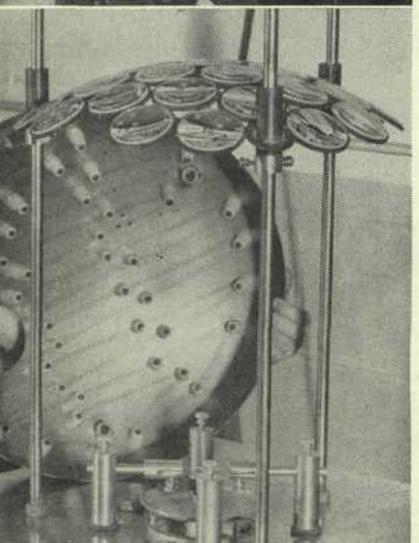
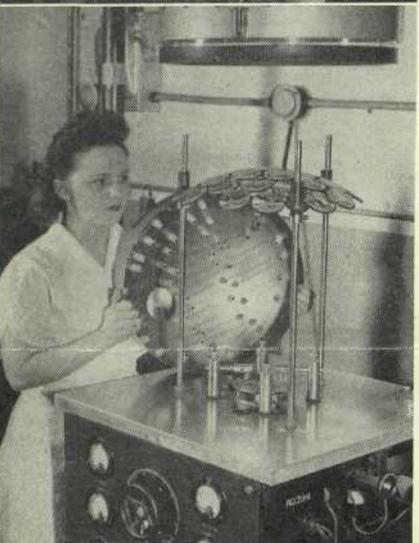
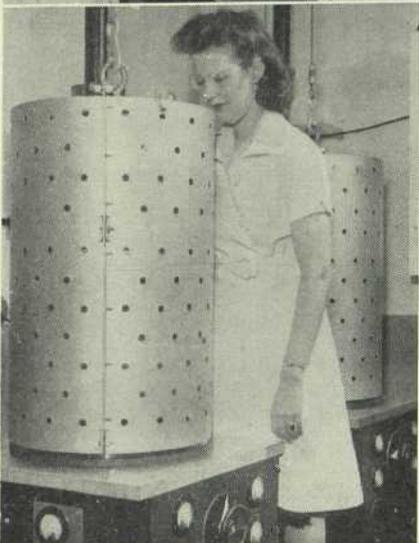
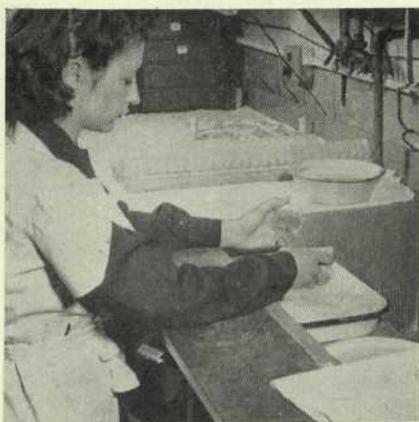
And God, watch over that boy of mine,
 And bring him back once more—
 For even though he's a man full grown,
 To me he is only four.

—By Esther Sutton,
 Dept. 34.

The young man who works and saves
 will some day have enough to divide
 with those who don't.



TOMORROW'S GUNSIGHTS



Reading from top to bottom: Opal Conley is shown washing lenses. Each lens is washed three times before it is placed in the evaporator for coating. In the first washing a detergent is used; the second uses distilled water; then each lens is washed again in a special cleanser and distilled water. Finally, each piece is carefully wiped dry.

Sarah Hamlet watches a machine in operation. After the machine reaches the operating vacuum the evaporation of fluoride begins. The film is constantly watched for thickness, which is determined by the color of the reflected light. The coating's thickness is controlled to less than one-millionth of an inch.

Wilma Litteral is holding an electrically controlled heater which, when placed on top of the fixture, supplies heat for the coating operation.

Another view of the spherical-shaped rings which hold the lenses.

To do something, however small, to make others happier and better is the highest ambition, the most elevating hope which can inspire a human being.

Just whistle a bit if your heart be sore; 'Tis a wonderful balm for pain. Just pipe some old melody o'er and o'er, 'Til it soothes like summer rain.

American sportsmen can look forward to good hunting after the war is won. War developed skills and precision manufacturing will make many important contributions to civilian gunsights and spotting-scopes. One of the most important of these developments has come into widespread military use and has been put into production by the Argus Optical Division.

The increase in shutter speed and in film as well as the many improvements in design and manufacture of lenses have been great steps forward in improving the speed and ability of the lens to take better pictures. Now a way has been found to increase the efficiency of the lens itself. From 10 to 25% greater efficiency can be obtained from any given lens or optical glass through the application of a new coating.

The new method makes it possible for more light to pass through any optical system. The loss in light caused by reflection from each glass surface in a system of optical elements has long been a major optical problem. For instance, in a typical tank telescope sight about sixty per cent of the light entering the instrument never reached the user's eye. The application of a low-reflectance film to each air glass surface in such an instrument now makes it possible to reduce light loss to twenty per cent, thereby doubling the illumination of the observer's objective.

In military instruments, this new development gives our service men great advantages. They are now able to use fire-control optical instruments under light conditions that previously made the target too dark to see. The new coating extends the useable time by at least one-half hour at dawn and another half hour at dusk. In fact, it is now possible to point a telescope at the sun, or rather within one degree of it, and yet see the object at which it is aimed.

The knowledge of these low-reflectance films is not new. A British lens designer, H. Dennis Taylor, first noticed an increase in transmission on tarnished lenses in 1892. In 1939 Dr. Katherine Blodgett was able to increase the light transmission of glass by applying thin organic films. Necessary durability and mass production methods have been developed within the last few years. Today all optical instruments built by Argus for the Armed Forces contain elements with low reflection films.

M. I. T.'s Dr. Cartright has found that a coated five-element camera objective will take pictures at F:3.5, which are the equal of the same lens not coated at F:2. Peacetime applications of this new process will bring new efficiency to Argus cameras as well as to telescopes, binoculars and other optical instruments.

Another improvement which camera users will readily notice will be the absence of ghost images. They will be able to take pictures of bright lights without catching reflection images on their negatives.

As soon as the needs of war permit, the same process will be an addition to the lenses used on Argus cameras and other optical equipment, so that Argus users will be assured of a more highly efficient lens and greater ability to take good pictures.

The Laments of Raw Inspection

Tho' the lines were not running, Inspection was humming, To please the boys from Planning, Who said, "Believe it or not, these parts are hot," As they came in the department a-scanning. Each box on the floor, some before they're in the door, Ye Gods! They're so hot we were fanning Our weary brow as we said, "What now?" "Will this hot spell never be over?" So we worked with a will, 'til their wishes were filled, But it seemed we were never in clover. For posted each day, there was a sheet that would say, "Your bonus days are over."

But we lived in hopes for the day to come, When all the lines would begin to hum. Those figures of red would turn to blue We won't care how much there is to do. We'll do it and we'll do it well To send the Nazis and Japs to He—l. The whole department will pull together With heart and soul as light as a feather. We'll do our part to finish the war That's what we are all working for. So bring on your hot stuff, Gene and Bill, And we'll inspect it for you with a will. —Laura Egeler.

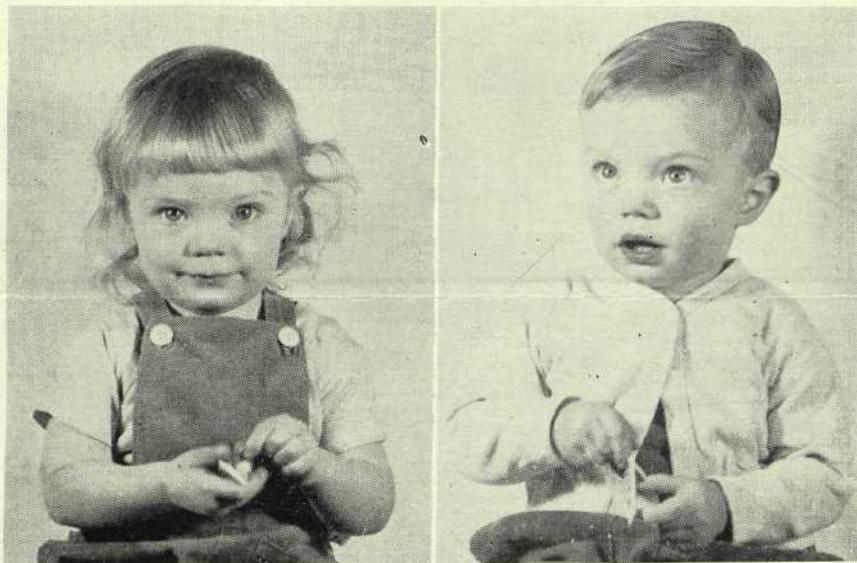
Honor is a harder master than the law.—Mark Twain.

Cute Little Trick



Here is Dianna Lane Devlin, 11-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Devlin. Dianna's father, James Devlin, is a supervisor in Dept. 18.

Before and After



Michael Charles, 20-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenne, before and after his first hair-cut.

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Our troops overseas rely on paper for ammunition cases, helmet linings, blood plasma containers... and several hundred thousand other vital war uses.

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Letters From Soldiers

Argus Eyes Around the World

A card from 2nd Lt. Max Hammond sends a new address—an A. P. O., San Francisco, Calif. Max thanks us for Argus Eyes.

A letter from Pvt. Harold Mangus tells us he's getting along fine in England, thinks the country is beautiful and the people grand, but he'd like to sign his address Milan, Michigan, again soon.

A V-mail from Pfc. Charles Stotts says just about what we think a lot more of the boys would say if they had time to write, so we're running Charles' letter in full. Here 'tis.

March 30, 1944.

Dear Friends:

I received the January issue of Argus Eyes for Victory today and you'll never know how much I appreciated it. Sure makes me homesick for there. All the fellows I know really enjoy the paper.

I am on an island in the Southwest Pacific. There are no women, or beer, or any of the other good things here, but plenty of excitement, though.

I see you have won the Army-Navy Production award again. You are really doing good work there and I'm proud to be one of you. If all the places do as good, the war will be over a lot sooner. Wishing all of you lots of luck.

As ever,
Charles.

A card from Charles Winans, WT3/c, gives us a new address so that he'll be sure and not miss an issue of Argus Eyes. We'll do everything possible to see that you and all the other Argus boys and girls get each and every issue.

A letter from Pfc. Harold West tells us he's now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. Harold says the country is beautiful throughout the South.

A V-mail from S/Sgt. Richard Gainey, stationed in England, tells us that he receives Argus Eyes every month. Richard is half way 'round the world, and it is good to hear that Argus Eyes catches up with him wherever he is. Dick says he enjoys the paper hugely and that "it makes a fellow feel good to know that he's not forgotten, though he may have been away a long time.

Well, Dick, it makes our production lines mighty proud to hear all those nice words about the radio units in action and, believe us, you and all the others are by no means forgotten.

A card from Sgt. Mitchell Hopper informs us his new address—a south-of-the-border one. Mitchell has seen a lot of this grand country of ours since leaving Argus.

A letter from Pvt. Francis (Joe) Wright reveals that he is still stationed in Oklahoma and back on duty after his sick furlough. Glad to hear you're as good as new again. Someone told us you can't keep an Irishman down, anyway.

Sgt. Henry (Al) Stitt V-mails from England that he would like to hear from his friends here. We'll be glad to furnish Al's address, even though he is being kept quite busy these days.

New addresses were received from Sgt. Jack Hentz, Pvt. Fred Bentz, Pvt. Dwight Gerstler, A/S Edward Lingel and Pvt. Robert Morton.

Argus Eyes also received a letter from Pvt. Louis Birch, who used to work in our Shipping Dept. We're passing it on to you just as it came in, because we know you will appreciate it as we did. Dear Argus Eyes:

I have been in action for some time now. During my stay on the front line

Hail to the Champs!



Top, left to right: Gorton Stevens, Kirk Fisher. Front: Tom Langlois, John Kendrovics (Captain), Gene Livesay.

Here are the Radio Wildcats, who captured the Plant 1 Men's Bowling championship. They were seven games ahead at the finish and also had the high game of the year. But there was plenty of opposition along the route by which the boys really proved their metal. But the Wildcats really had what it takes and so, congratulations!

I received Argus Eyes twice. It was a boost to my morale to read how the fellows were and how everything was going back home.

Congratulations on having won the Army-Navy "E" award for the second time.

Articles have been written about fighting the Japs, but you have to meet him face to face to learn that this is not a white man's war but a war against an adversary who has the cunning and treachery of a panther. But despite their animal-like ferocity they cannot even hope to win any of these battles in the Southwest Pacific Area as long as the fighting Fifth is in it.

With the tempo of this jungle war gradually speeding up, I hope I will be home before too many moons have come and gone.

Say hello to all my friends in the plant and wish them top production until Victory.

Sincerely yours,
Louis V. Birch.

Treasury & Accounting News

Welcome to our department, Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. Gillespie, who formerly worked in Priorities, has been transferred to the Accounting Dept. We are glad to have you here and enjoy working with you.

Another newcomer, but not new at Argus, is Jessie Hack. Jessie has just recently been transferred from the Service Dept. Welcome to Accounting, Jessie, we hope you like us.

Opal Sloane visited her husband, who is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., over the Easter holidays. Opal plans to join her husband in May. Best of luck to you both.

"My boss is an old Navy man."
"That so? What was his capacity?"
"Oh, about four or five quarts."

Soldier's View of Mount Vesuvius

The following is an extract of a letter from Cpl. Robert C. Krebs, stationed in Italy, to Rita Graybill of our Personnel Dept.

... I believe I'll tell you about the eruption of age old Mt. Vesuvius as I saw it.

My first impression of this towering mountain was that of wonder. Seemingly, as clouds of white smoke billowed forth from its mouth, it mocked those humans below with this self-same smoke—proof of power it held in reserve. And people did remember when eons ago the monster had destroyed Pompeii which disgustingly had tread on its foot. So King Vesuvius remained the "Monarch" who could summon from the very core of Mother Earth hot, molten lava to destroy those mortals below.

More smoke billowed forth, eruptions were more frequent, the summit was enshrouded—what? is this a warning? Then, as the silky mantle of darkness fell, small, glowing, red streams of molten lava could be seen trickling from the lips of the monster. Suddenly the sky was crimson, now bright red, a rumble became thunder, the streams—golden rivers—the King was truly angry. I envisioned an hysterical populace gathering up treasured possessions in a vain attempt to flee the clutches of mighty Mr. Vesuvius, Escape, Escape, ESCAPE! In the morning immense columns of black smoke were belched forth which could be likened to huge heads of cauliflower as they ascended to the height of two miles in the sky. Slowly, but surely, the mountain became passive again, but white smoke still rolls into the blue, as the great Vesuvius looks ironically at the destruction below—still a threat! Still a Monarch! Vive La Mt. Vesuvius! Long live the king!

Cards of Thanks

Dear Argus Club Members:
"Thanks" for the lovely flowers that were sent to me while I was ill.

Sincerely,
Leona Breisch.

Argus Club:
Mrs. L. L. Clarke and family acknowledge with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

No words could ever tell you how I enjoyed the flowers you sent, but here's a hearty thank you that is most sincerely meant.
Steu McLean.

Boyd Head, Lens Maintenance, Plant 2, wishes to thank the folks for giving him such a swell send-off. Boyd says that no matter where he goes on his new assignment with the Navy, he will always remember Argus.

To the Argus Club and Bowling Club:
May I offer a sincere "thank you" to those who so kindly remembered me during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness was sincerely appreciated.

Gratefully yours,
Ethel Soli.

Future Basketball Champion



Young Barton Olufson is only two, but he looks husky enough to be as good at basketball someday as his dad, Merton Olufson, Dept. 42, Plant 2. Barton will probably be called Ole, too, for he has the red hair that qualifies him as a real Scandihoovian.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

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CAMERA CLUB NOTES

Let's Take Good Pictures—

Inexpensive Equipment Needs Correct System

Read These Hints—Enjoy Your Camera By Pvt. Lawrence Mills

Still Dept., Camera Section, U. S. Army Air Corps and well known member of the Argus Sales force

The historical and sentimental value of pictures taken while in the service will become important portions of your album in the years ahead. Use your camera whenever you can, whether it is to record the local color of this vicinity or during your three-day passes and furloughs.

The secret in taking good pictures is not in the kind of camera you use, but in how you use what you have. The fallacy in the minds of most of us that expensive cameras and gadgets are necessary in order to record the best that is in the scene should be dispelled. The understanding and use of whatever camera you have is the important matter. A skilled surgeon can remove tonsils as effectively with a simple snare as with an imported snare made by a firm with a high sounding name. It is a man's skill that counts most, not the kind of tool he uses. So in your photography, your knowledge and skill in the art of taking good pictures is of prime importance.

Let us always bear in mind that your camera is simply a tool for recording graphic objects permanently. Your pictures will fall into two categories: documentary, which are snapshots of subjects of local interest, your friends or buddies, a boat trip, or a picnic—and pictorial, consisting of scenic views. All of us have an urge within us to do creative work. The camera is a versatile tool for self-expression, and with practice we can make the camera record scenes from our own viewpoint. You have often heard people say, "I have passed that spot many times, but I did not realize that it is as beautiful as in your pictures." Argus makes such pictures. Before we go into the matter of consumption and light, the two fundamental rules in photography, let us go over the essentials of use of your camera.

It is important that your camera is always at the top of its efficiency. Check it periodically yourself, and at least twice a year have your nearest camera shop check it for defects caused by normal wear and tear. The camera is a delicate instrument and is affected by hard use, weather conditions, and in this climate by lack of use. The dampness causes corrosion and rust between the shutter leaves, rots the bellows, and forms a cloudiness between the lens elements. Repairs of this nature should be handled only by an expert repair man. But you can take normal precautions against the effect of climatic conditions and idleness of your camera. Before going out on a picture-taking spree check the following important features of your camera.

With lens tissue or a soft linen handkerchief wipe off the dust particles and finger prints from the front surface and rear surface of your lens. Do not use water or cleaning fluid. Your breath is the best way of applying moisture to lens surfaces. Do not remove lens elements unless you know what you are doing. Generally, the exposed surfaces, only, need cleaning. Corrosion or bacterial matter on the inside of the lens will cause a definite loss of light and in many cases produces hazy or underexposed pictures, depending upon how dirty the lens may be. Have an expert remove foreign matter from inside lens surfaces.

Your bellows is next in importance. Check it for light leaks. Small cracks in the folds cause such leaks. The periodic use of leather dressing will prevent the forming of cracks in the bellows. Dents or cracks in the camera box may cause light leaks, and it too should be checked.

The shutter should operate freely and without sticking. Do not try to repair a sticky shutter by oiling. A gentle dusting with graphite will free stuck shutters, but this is another job for the repair man. Even simple shutters are difficult mechanisms to take apart and put together.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Good stuff, Larry. We understand this is to be continued, so keep sending it and consider yourself a member of the Argus Camera Club—one whose contributions we can certainly use. Best wishes from everybody here.

Billy, aged 4, came home from a neighbor's home with a handful of cookies. "Have you been begging cookies from Mrs. Jones again?" "I didn't beg for any, I just said: 'This house smells as if it was full of cookies, but what's that to me?'"

OPTICAL GIRLS' BOWLING TEAMS

Whee! What a bowling season this has been! From the very first and throughout the entire season, it has been "nip and tuck" to determine which team would be at the top of the list when the season ended.

The Polishing team started off at the beginning of the season in first place, which they held for quite some time, but were nosed out from time to time by the Office, Assembly No. 1, and Assembly No. 2 teams. After a long, hard struggle—along with some good bowling—the Office team ended up at the top with two points to the good over the Assembly No. 1 team, which had been giving them close competition for the past several weeks. However, the team to place first wasn't the only concern for many in our League as each and every team was doing their best to outdo any within close range of them which would put them on a lower round of the prize-list ladder. The Polishing and Cementing teams were tied for third place on the last night and were scheduled to bowl against each other. Naturally, they were extremely noisy as Cementing took the first game, and the second game was a tie which was won by Polishing on the roll-off, with Polishing coming thru and beating them the third game, leaving each team with two points each as Cementing took total pins. Assembly No. 4 and Assembly No. 6 teams ended up with each winning 56 games, leaving them tied for 7th and 8th places.

High team series was won by Cementing with 2147 pins and Office with the next high series of 2088 pins. High single game was won by Assembly No. 1 having a total of 765 pins and Assembly No. 2, second high game with 746 pins. The season's high individual game of 228 was bowled by Nellie Hecox and Annabel Farmer with second high game of 206.

Since this was the first year of bowling for this league, in fact, the first bowling done by a large percentage of our team members, we are proud of the record made. Congratulations to the Assembly No. 6 team, for they were the only team to complete the season with the original members!

Ruby Painter, Nellie Hecox, Capt. Virginia Balhoff, Rosemary Read, Helen Balhoff.

Helen Fraser, Winnie Fraser (Capt.), Ruth Wackenhut, Doris Skelding, Katie Bauer.

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Edna Sherman, Wilma Litteral, Capt. Alice Landon, Irene Bell, Opal Conley.

Kathryn Notestine, Catherine Miresse, Wilma Kennedy, Ruth Blanchard, Annabel Farmer (Capt.).

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Thressel Conley, Frances Hill, Capt. Doris Lyons, Lucille Miresse, Beulah Conway.

Connie Skinner, Isabel Watson, Arlene Satterthwaite, Ethel Wagner, (Alyce Miresse, Capt., not present for picture.)

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Lois Conkey (Capt.), Ardith Scheetz, Maxine Wichman, Virginia Williams, Jean Kelly—Sub. for Frances Gee.

Bertha Jedele, Dorothy Schallhorn, Eva Baker (Capt.), Cecile Eubank, Esther Woelper.

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Norma Estep (Capt.), Eleanor Sinclair, Phyllis Northrup, Elsie Ludwick, Doris Rouser.

Virginia Buss, Lucille Brazee (Capt.), Ruby Gunderman, Maxine Pierce, Helene Brazee.

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Dorothy Bergren, Ann Letsis (Sub. for Virginia Ross), Helen Snyder (Capt.), Elsie Brice, Aline Debo.

Helen Bybee, Mary Shaw, Pauline Johnson (Capt.), Louise Nelson (Sub. for Gertrude Sutton), Polly Titus (Sub. for Lillian Moore).

