

# Argus eyes for Victory!

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## "Good Pictures"

This month's "Cover Girl" is Suzanne Kay Wheeler, two years, nine months old daughter of Dean F. Wheeler of the Engineering Department.

One of the many fine pictures taken by Dean as a member of the Argus Camera Club . . . the reproduction of this fine portrait by Dean runs concurrently with his election to the Chairmanship of the Camera Club, and is a noteworthy example of the fine work the Club is turning out for their bi-monthly exhibitions. Judging by the enthusiasm of the membership, the plans for the new year, and steadily increasing membership, Argus Camera Club should have a bumper crop of "Good Pictures" for 1945.



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 Argus, Incorporated.
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.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Editor.....Chas. A. Barker  
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                                   { Jerry Davenport  
 Cartoonist .....Marie Barbier

The Representatives of each Department are responsible that the news of these Departments reach the desk of the Editor in the Advertising Department, Plant 1.

### ARGUS PRAISED BY FORTUNE

The January edition of FORTUNE magazine carries an article on Argus, Incorporated under the heading of "Business at War," and describes Argus as the company that spans both the old and new spirit in United States enterprise.

Continuing, the article states that Argus is perhaps the only company that has shared in the accelerated wartime program of both optical and radio industries, and that the company will keep its wartime expanded Engineering Department intact and use it not only for the improvement of its own production and designs but for consultant service to other firms; that radios will also be manufactured under private label; and that the management feels adequately equipped to translate their facilities into good business and profits in the years ahead.

This article has had wide circulation in both national and local papers and appeared in the Ann Arbor News on December 29, 1944.

### TO ALL ARGUS EMPLOYEES

As you know, fair treatment and the same treatment of everyone here at Argus is our guiding principle.

From time to time in the past we have published a number of policies as they have been established, after careful study and thought.

For the past year we have been studying and analyzing the problems and conditions that exist in connection with leave of absence from work for Argusites.

We believe this leave of absence policy measures up to our high standard of fair and uniform treatment of all employees; and that it will serve to clarify many questions that arise.

#### POLICY ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence may be granted for any reason considered deserving by the employee's foreman, subject to approval by the Personnel Department. The period of any leave of absence is not to exceed two weeks' time. Only in the case of an employee's sickness, the leave may be renewed at the expiration date upon approval of the foreman and the Personnel Department, subject to the recommendation of a physician or other substantiation. Consecutive renewals may not exceed one year in duration for any one leave of absence.

Not more than two weeks' leave of absence for personal reasons may be granted in a calendar year.

Any absence from work for one week or longer in duration shall be established on the personnel records as a leave of absence, resignation, or lay-off.

The amount of time an employee spends on leave of absence shall increase the regularly stated time for automatic increases by the exact amount of time lost while on leave.

It shall be the policy of the company to hold an employee's job open for him for the duration of the leave of absence. However, this may not always be possible; and employees returning from leave shall be given preference before hiring any employees who have been taken off the payroll or in hiring outsiders. The foreman of the employee on leave shall be contacted upon the employee's return to work and shall be given the opportunity of reinstating that employee in his old job before any other foremen are contacted.

In case there is no job available at the time an employee returns from his leave of absence, we shall consider that the employee is laid off as of the date of his return.

*Robert D. Howe*

President.

### SOCIAL SECURITY REPORT

The number of people receiving monthly payments from old-age and survivors insurance in the area served by the Jackson office of the Social Security Board increased by 30 per cent during 1944, it was announced today by Basil V. Morrison, Manager, in a year-end statement.

Explaining that his figures are estimates, and subject to minor revision, Mr. Morrison said that 2,270 men, women and children in his area receive benefits totaling \$41,651.82 a month, or \$498,821.84 a year.

The service area of the Jackson office includes Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale and Lenawee counties.

"That old-age and survivors insurance is truly a family insurance plan is demonstrated by the fact that more than three of every five beneficiaries are women and children. This proportion holds true among the nation's 1,120,000 beneficiaries," Mr. Morrison said.

"This point is further emphasized," he continued, "by the fact that approximately one out of every three retired beneficiaries has a wife who also is receiving monthly benefits on his account."

Summing up the situation on the social security front, Mr. Morrison said there is one serious cause of concern to the Board's field officers: some people do not know their rights under the old-age and survivors insurance program, and so may lose some benefits through failure to act at the right time. To correct this he issued the following advice: "Whenever a person, who has worked at any time in a job covered by the law, reaches the age of 65, he should come in to see us and find out how to protect his benefit rights, even though he does not plan to retire. Whenever a worker dies, after working for some time in jobs covered by the law, some member of his family should communicate promptly with the nearest office of the Social Security Board. This is the only way to make sure that no benefits are lost."

The Board is concerned also, said Mr. Morrison, because some 20,000,000 Americans, including the self-employed, are excluded from the protection of the system. He called attention to the Board's recommendation to enable excluded groups to build insurance protection for themselves and their families.

### Suggestion Plan Bond Winners



George Pickering of the Machine Shop suggested a multiple tool holder to be used on the turret lathes. This fixture will allow the combining of two or more operations on certain parts, thus reducing machine time considerably.



Art Gerstler suggested a different method of handling the testing of rheostats that eliminated several operations, thus saving time and increasing production.



Ken Geiger came through with a helpful suggestion which combined several processes into one operation.

Sid Weiner is again a two-bond winner with suggested improvements for the Machine Shop which have increased production.

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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*well attended by youngsters and oldsters alike*



The 1944 Christmas Party for children was a great success. In fact, at times, particularly during the cartoon comedy movies, it was a howling success. The party was very capably directed by **Eddie Girvan** in the role of Master of Ceremonies. Chief motion picture machine operator was **Lewis Vern Heck**, whose deft hand kept the film going without a break.

The kids (ages one year and up, no limit) watched a pair of pickaninnies cavort while their dog got mixed up with a troupe of trained fleas. Then there was the cow which interrupted **Rip Van Winkle's** pals and partook in excess of their kickapoo joy juice. Six of our local bowling teams since have tried to sign up the tipsy cow, who made two strikes at a time while bowling on the green. **Puddy the Pup** and **Kicko the Kangaroo**

furnished their share of the entertainment too. After the movies, ice cream and cake were served to the children. the refreshments were very good (my daughter said) and much appreciated. Next came the magician, in the person of **Eugene K. Matthews**, who performed a series of baffling tricks with some small white balls. The balls appeared, disappeared, and re-appeared in a very mysteri-

ous manner. Then there was the red handkerchief which changed to green in the magicians hand, and finally disappeared entirely. An egg was broken into a young man's handkerchief, only to come out again as an imitation egg, with no stains on the cloth at all. With the aid of one **Mister Ostrander**, an obliging young fellow, Matthews described a sword and rope trick, with sword gestures which  
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## Salvage Department

The heavy and unusual silence in the Salvage Department is not caused by any strange malady or phenomenon as one might suspect by mere observation.

Neither are they angry at each other . . . or sulking.

Someone in the department conceived the idea of self-improvement in speech, actions and thought . . . with certain rules and regulations . . . and cash fines as penalties.

So far the kitty has only 75c, so you can readily see that (without mentioning any names) the members of the department are really being cautious. However, we can't expect this unnatural quietness to last too long, and undoubtedly one of these days will find the glass money jar filled to the top . . . which will be blown in on a party . . . and the department will be back to normal.

## Richard Eugene Merz



This chubby little youngster is the 8 months old son of Dorothy Merz, Department 18A. Dickie looks especially well fed and this undoubtedly is due in some measure to the fact that his papa, Ronald, is a good farmer and raises such good things for him to eat. It probably won't be long before Dickie will be helping on the farm or down here at Argus . . . no doubt building cameras or radios by that time.

## Christmas Party

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apparently worried young Ostrander. This lad, by the way, kept wanting to shake hands with the mystic; we suspect a trick, however, as Gene had his hand on the boy's arm at the time. Mr. Matthews concluded his act with a performance of ventriloquism. Clarence (the dummy) turned out to be quite a ladies' man, in a wooden sort of way.

With a loud rendition of Jingle Bells by all the boys and girls, Santa Claus was ushered in. It was worth going a long way just to hear the kids sing. Santa Claus promised that this was only the beginning — and what a beginning! There were presents for all, and very nice presents they were, too. Frances Watterworth and Vi Tyler helped wrap the gifts and aided Santa in presenting them to the children. Santa Claus was very realistically played by John Perini. He played the part so well that even his own son did not know that Santa Claus was his father — and brother, that's acting. Santa asked the children if they had been good, and, of course, they had been. A few admitted that they had been naughty, but Santa said that all kids are good. We think he's absolutely right.

Every child received candy and a tangerine as they left the hall. The party was held downstairs at the Masonic Temple, and was attended by about two hundred and fifty children, along with their parents.

Many thanks are extended to all those who worked to make the party a success. The work certainly was well worth the effort.



## ANOTHER WORD OF APPRECIATION

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
WASHINGTON



1 January 1945

Mr. R. D. Howse, President  
Argus, Inc.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mr. Howse:

With the close of 1944, I wish to extend the most sincere thanks of the Army as a whole and the Signal Corps to you and to your entire organization for the help afforded us during the year. New equipments and materials were developed and produced; new processes and techniques were designed and mastered; and hurried changes were effected when necessary to meet urgent demands of our armed forces and those of our allies. While we have met the requirements on most items, the need for others at this critical time is desperate.

Activities on our many fronts can and have brought about greater demands. Some supplies have been consumed much faster than anticipated -- others are in urgent need to permit coordinated execution of over-all plans. The volume of some material and equipment which can be made available in the European Theater within the next few weeks may be largely responsible for either early victory or a prolonged campaign. Receipt of sufficient material and supplies in the Pacific can permit quicker execution of plans and thus bring about an earlier victory there.

We enter 1945 confident of your and your organization's initiative, energy and effort to provide, within the time requested, communication equipment, material and supplies so essential to success. Together we can and will insure no lack of signal supplies on our world wide battle fronts.

Sincerely,

*H. C. Ingles*  
H. C. Ingles,  
Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

## Cost Accounting News

The members of this department wish to extend their sincere thanks to the company for the delectable Christmas Present. There were many fond thoughts of Argus, I am sure, as we all sat down to our Christmas dinner.

A fair crowd from this department and Payroll turned out for the Christmas sleighride party at the Pfeifle Farm on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. A pancake supper was served, gifts were exchanged, and we were happily entertained with solos and duets by Doris Hainen, Joyce Sager, and Ira Pfeifle accompanied by Mary Snell. Glenn Harrie gave a reading and was a first rate Santa Claus in his red hunting outfit. It, plus cotton whiskers, serve very well when the real Santa suit is forgotten, so keep him in mind for emergencies.

We said farewell to two of our members last month — Mary Upchurch and Ruth Donaldson who are doing their bit for posterity. Each was presented with a gift from this department, Payroll, and Material Control. We all wish them the best of luck.

Christmas was an especially happy day for Isabelle Schmidtke. Upon return to work, after the holiday, she and Marie Smiley, of Payroll, had a contest to see which of their brand new diamonds could outshine the other. Good luck to you both.

Grace Langstaff's husband, who is



That's Bill Thompson on the left holding his son Bobby. This picture was taken late last summer when Bill was helping fellow Junior Chamber of Commerce members at the local Model Airplane meet . . . just to prove that Bill does take an occasional moment out.

Fireman 1st Class in the Navy, was home for Christmas. He is now stationed in Shoemaker, California.

We still don't know where the mistletoe came from, but it was made good use

## Karen Lee Towner



Babies are the most uninhibited models in the world, and little Miss Towner, who seems to enjoy having her picture taken, is the daughter of Richard Towner, screw machine operator in the Machine Shop.

of. Oh, those blushes!!!

New Year's Eve was celebrated in various ways by our members. . . two of whom didn't get home until the next night, but they had plausible (?) explanations.

## ARGUS HOUSEKEEPERS

The housekeepers of Argus are, reading from left to right:

Mrs. Betty Wrathell and Mrs. Elizabeth Schlemmer . . . who keep us neat and tidy during the daytime schedules. Active in lodge work, both are past Noble Grands of the Lois Rebecca Lodge. Mrs. Wrathell has a Lieutenant son in the infantry.

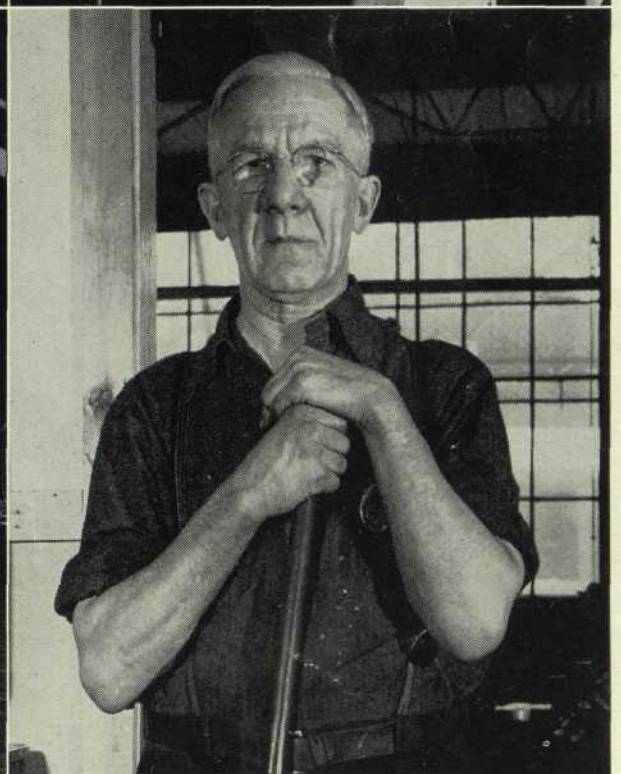
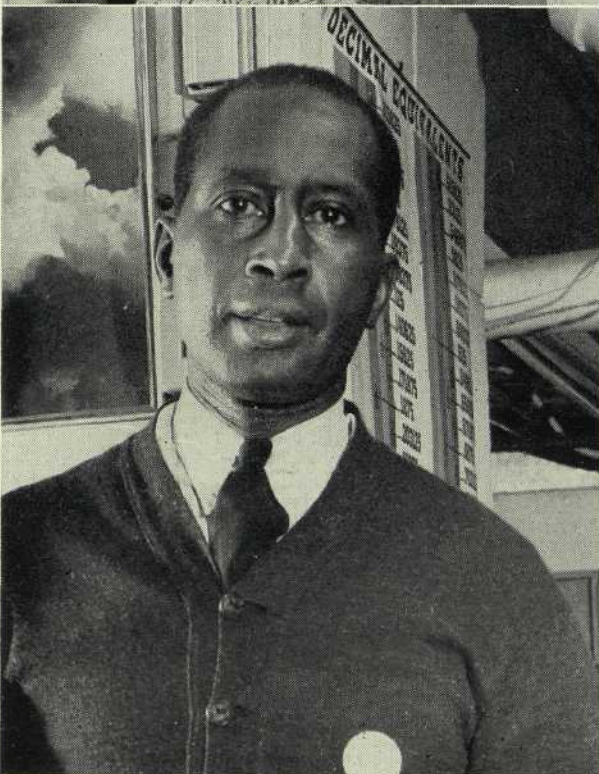
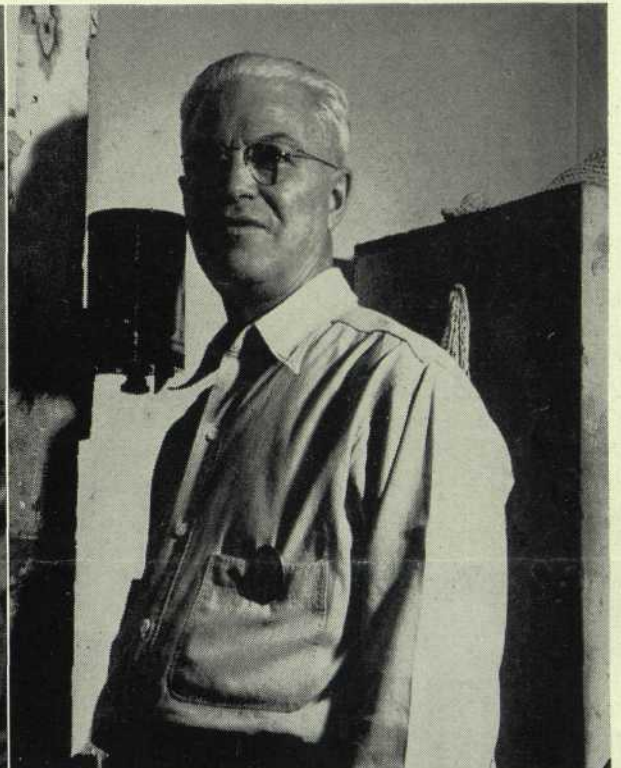
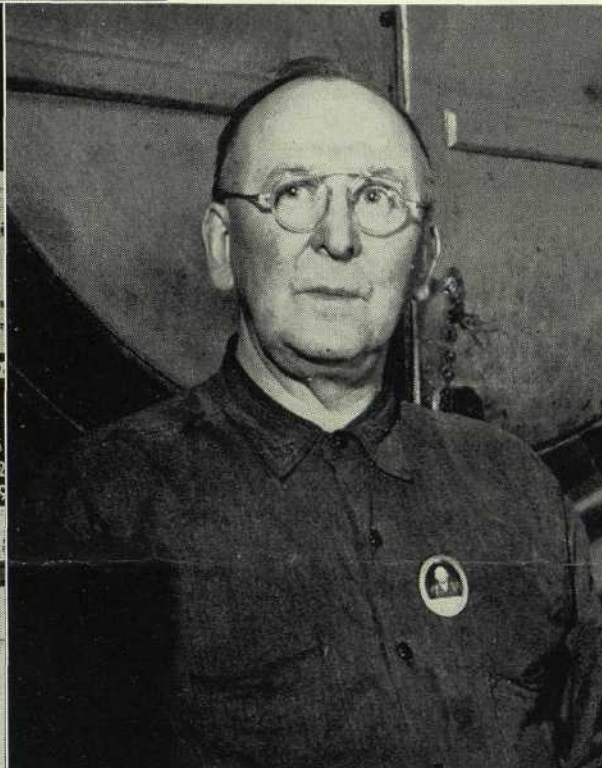
Mrs. Olga Hintz . . . has been a faithful member of the Argus organization since 1939.

Fred Splitt . . . to whom we are grateful for his successful operation of the heating equipment these cold days.

William Simonson . . . a veteran of World War I, whose responsibilities include maintaining good housekeeping on the second, third and fourth floors of Plant I.

George Byrd and Daniel Noeker . . . whose activities on the nighttime shift keep our offices and workshops in tip top shape.

Ray Imus . . . is responsible for that "well swept" look of the Machine Shop.



### Note of Thanks

Dear Friends:

I hardly know how to thank you for all you have done for my family and me since I was taken ill. Words cannot express how much your visits, plants, gifts and cards meant to me during that long period in the hospital.

I may have had to spend Christmas and New Years away from home and my fam-

ily, but because of friends like you it was not too lonely.

I would like to come down and thank each and every one of you but that is impossible as yet, so "thanks a million" for now.

I hope to be with you again soon.

Peggy Remnant.

Jim Devlin, before leaving for the Army recently, stopped by the Editor's desk to leave a note of thanks and appre-

ciation to all his good friends at Argus who presented him with a purse at the time of his departure.

Mrs. Watson and I want to thank Departments 44-30 for all the beautiful plants and flowers, also Optical and Pre-Assembly Departments for the lovely gift. We cannot say in words how much this thoughtfulness has been appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Watson

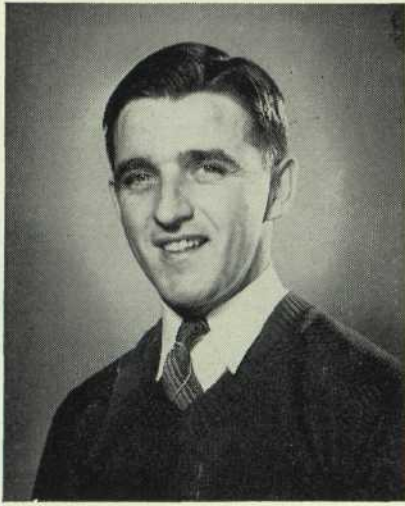
Joe Gross and Walter Smith were very pleased and appreciate the Christmas gifts Receiving Inspection gave them.

We, Ronnie, Dorle, and Jack Webber, wish to take this opportunity to thank our Argus friends for the beautiful Bunting and suit we received for Ronnie. We greatly appreciate this gift which already has proved very useful. Thanks again.

J.K.W.

# ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



HOWE, Maurice Francis

Unruly-haired humorist, set-up man and supervisor, Machine Shop, Plant One. May be found there any day, surrounded by wrenches, screw drivers, etc., and parts of the machine he is setting up. Generally scratches his head when puzzled. Often is. Was born in Chelsea, Michigan, on January 23, 1916 and belongs to a family of 9 . . . has 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Attended St. Mary's school and afterwards went to Chelsea High School. His experience with camera parts while with the Federal Screw Works, Chelsea, resulted in his transfer to Argus in May, 1939. Has never been quite the same since the arrival of Ruth Keller, of the Payroll Department. Finally married Ruth in July 1943 and they now live at 203 North State, Ann Arbor. Observed his second honeymoon last year by traditionally going to Niagara Falls. Attends as many football, hockey and baseball games as possible during the season. Claims 160 as a bowling average and mutters his way around golf courses in the 80's. States that most of his favorite quotations are unprintable. Surveys in the Machine Shop substantiate this.

## Birthday Greetings Extended to Jimmy Barker



The serious looking individual third from the left is Jimmy Barker . . . Editor of Argus Eyes . . . whose birthday was celebrated on December 19th.

Don't let that serious countenance fool you, however, for it was strictly a frivolous affair with Jimmy receiving a gorgeous vegetable corsage which he wore with great charm . . . (censored) packages of cigarettes, two pairs of spectacles (an everyday pair and one for Sundays), a pair of scissors, an Uncle Wiggley Book, a mouse trap to guard his cigarettes, and a scream of a tie from a member of the sales department who is primarily interested in color as it pertains to Kodachromes.

Jimmy inscribed his name on the traditional Argus birthday paddle . . . and likewise the paddle also left its mark on Jimmy . . . aided and abetted by Frances Watterworth and Vi Tyler of the First Aid Department, members of the Sales Department, and his assistants in the Advertising Department who took a few extra whacks.

Reading from left to right, the celebrants are: Louise Cosens, Betty Lund, Jimmy Barker, Jackie Schaffer, Doris Strite, Dorothy Meinicki, Mayzo Klager, Lucy Gridley, Jerry Davenport, Naomi Knight, Ted Humphreys, Stu Gildart, and Katy Rosborough.

Best wishes were extended to Jimmy for many many more happy birthdays.

## Here and There With Material Control

By Gold Braid Gertie

All is quiet and all is bright, now that the holidays are over. You may still see some people walking around with their eyes in the air as if trying to see or remember something. Of course, we couldn't be wrong if we mentioned *mistletoe*. How about it fellows?

It seems that the girls in a couple of departments were carried away by the Christmas Spirit, and had not only the situation in hand, but also the *mistletoe*. Some of the fellows went home that day with red faces and not from blushing either. The girls undoubtedly forgot about lipstick shortage in the presence of mistletoe and a man, and the result was that the fellows got their 20c worth.

What a paging Roy Hiscock got in the cafeteria when he attempted to answer the phone and was met with at least a dozen of smacks on the cheek. Oh, bring back them ole days and don't fence me in.

Mr. R. P. Miller was so sure and so safe—that's what he thought! In these days, anything is liable to happen, and it does in Material Control. Quotation from Mr. Miller (overheard) in the excitement, "Nothing like that ever happened upstairs."

Who would ever think that Willie I. would run from girls! Next time he will think twice and not run into the Stock Room where there wasn't even a fire exit in sight. If anyone had seen Russ Warren that day they would have thought that he was carrying a flaming torch on his head. (Why don't we do this more often?)

"Is that stuff indelible?" was heard from Mr. Clemens, under a frothing mass of soap suds. (We have never seen so many clean and shining faces at one time.)

The Material Control employees enjoyed a hearty steak dinner at the Allenel Hotel on December 21st, and later were entertained at the Schwanbeck's home, where Christmas gifts were exchanged and pretty recordings were heard. How about it Virgie?!!

Jack Covey spent his holidays in Tren-

ton, New Jersey and New York City where he visited Radio City and also saw "Song of Norway." If he is overheard saying, "Oo-la-la or Monsieur, etc." its nothing but the effect of a dinner at a French restaurant.

Everyone would like to send their thanks to Jane Kern, a former member of this office, for the candied fruit she sent at Christmas time. Letters are still received from Jane and at the present time she is residing at the Los Altos in Los Angeles, with her mother. She is now employed doing office work at Victorlite Industries in Los Angeles.

Elmer Miller, our not forgotten friend, also remembered us at Christmas by sending us a pretty greeting card. If and when you read this, here's the best to you Elmer from your old gang.

It is a profitable business when one goes around selling cigars for a dollar. We suppose it is all right, when the cause is for a six pound bouncing boy born to the Schwanbecks on December 31st. How did you ever know it was going to be a boy Les?

A couple of the girls in the office received gifts from overseas. Juanita Boyd received from her husband, four bottles of perfume from Paris and a camouflaged German parachute, besides some foreign money.

You may see Mary Nelson one of these days practicing eating with chopsticks, sent to her from China by her brother, Lt. Mike Dobransky. She is also seen sporting a beautiful bracelet which her husband sent her from France.

As stated before, the Material Control Office is a peaceful department where nothing ever happens—much!

## BULLETIN

(Continued from last month)

The zero hour was 9:38 a.m. of Saturday, December 30, 1944. Son, Ronald, arrived weighing nine pounds with a shock of black hair and a smile (caused by gas pains). The father and Argus, Incorporated, settled down to the regular routine after two months of concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webber

## PARACHUTED TO SAFETY



Pictured above are Eleanor Cramer and Don Gridley (husband of Lucy Gridley, Assistant Editor of Argus Eyes) who parachuted to safety after the Taylorcraft training plane which they were flying was struck by an American Airliner near the Ypsilanti Airport. The wreckage of their ship is shown in the background.

A fortunate break for Eleanor and Don was the fact that the lesson which they had completed some time prior to the collision was on spins . . . for which CAA Regulations require that parachutes be worn, but on all other flights they are not ordinarily used.

This was the first time that Eleanor had ever had a parachute on. And, incidentally, Don's first jump too, although he wore a parachute every day for a year while a civilian instructor for Army Air Force Cadets stationed at East Lansing last year.



Camera Club News

A Word of Thanks:

The Camera Club wishes to express its sincere thanks to **Norman Hartman** and **Maxine Wichman**, retiring chairman and secretary of the Club. The fine job that they and all the committee members turned in is especially appreciated, since we know the magnitude of the task and the difficulty of finding time to spend on such activities. Arranging programs and instruction lectures, issuing bulletins, keeping records and conducting the regular meetings all adds up to a complex job. Norm, Maxine, and their aides set a standard which their successors must strive hard to attain. We shall continue to seek their help and advice. Again, our thanks and good wishes.

New Officers:

For the benefit of those who may not have been present at the Camera Club meeting on January 11th, new officers elected were:

- Dean F. Wheeler—Chairman
- Verne (Red) Peterson—Vice-chairman
- Helen Balhoff—Secretary-Treasurer

A new set of By-laws were submitted and approved, and printed copies will be available to Club members in the near future.

Dean F. Wheeler  
New Chairman



Helen Balhoff  
New Secretary-Treasurer

NEW CHAIRMAN  
OUTLINES PROGRAM!

The Camera Club, in its projected programs, is to have lectures on composition, developing, and other subjects related to photography for the further education of its members. On the entertainment side, which may also be instructive, we shall get speakers who will display slides and movies. One such program will be the display of slides of Alaskan scenes, another of pictures of Bermuda. Such programs will utilize both imported persons and our own Camera Club talent. Some of our members have slides and movies of many parts of our country and other parts of the world. We may also rent movies on several subjects.

The print competitions are to continue as in the past, with the members being divided into two classes, beginners and advanced. (This is sometimes quite confusing, as the beginners often turn in prints which make the advanced members' prints look like sub-beginners' prints.) Two prizes are awarded in each class, first prize being two dollars, and second prize being one dollar.

Camera Club dues have been reduced this year to eight dollars per year. This is payable in quarterly installments (just like income tax) of two dollars.

New members and visitors are always welcome. For information, just ask any Camera Club member.

D. F. Wheeler

Department 36

Have you noticed how contented **Leo** is, since he got that pipe for Xmas?

Something has certainly improved **Ed's** morale recently. Could it be that blonde working beside him?

Those Xmas cookies that **Mabel** brought were very good. Now we'll want a party more often. Thanks to **Bob** and **Leonard** for the Xmas tree too.

A trip to Rochester, New York, made 1944 end just right for **Karl**.

A delay enroute gave **Bernie Fisher**, **Jim Swaney**, and **George Kennedy** an opportunity to stop at Argus for a visit with friends. **Fred Bentz** was a welcome visitor also.

It takes **Ernie** to make time. He leaves home in the morning at 6:45 and gets to work at 5:55.

**Fred** (newest nickname "Red") seems to be trying to make competition for some one. We don't know whether it's **Karl** or **Pepper**.

The mistletoe seemed to have a bad effect on **Pat** and he didn't come to work for a week. Next year we'll try and keep him from getting under it.

The story goes that **Celia** and **Ruth** came to blows and the result—well, look at **Celia's** nose.

That fragrant aroma in the polishing room since Xmas must certainly be those presents **Bob** and **Charlie** acquired.

COLD TURKEY



We really appreciated the marvelous turkeys which the Argus Management provided for all of us, and take this means of expressing our gratitude for such a nice gift.

Undoubtedly appreciation of such a gift would vary with individual tastes and circumstances . . . and we have in mind the case of **Stu Gildart**, whom we believe ran the gauntlet of pure unadulterated hatred of the turkey to thorough enjoyment and appreciation in the final disposition of the bird surrounded by dressing and all the other home-made goodies . . . the latter which he rather grudgingly admits.

You see, **Stu** had arranged to take his turkey up to his home town of **Caro** to share with his family, which was a very generous and commendable gesture. We understand he managed to get the bird from the Argus plant to his rooming house and from there to the train without mishap.

During the train ride from **Ann Arbor** to **Detroit** **Stu** held the turkey on his lap and met all envious glances with a smug self-satisfied smile (in spite of the fact that the turkey was COLD, very COLD). After all, 24 lbs. of beautiful turkey is really something!

Life can't always be all sunshine though, and the train was a little late getting into **Detroit**, with the result that **Stu** and the turkey found that the only train for **Caro** had already left.

By the time **Stu** had lugged his 24 lb. turkey around and around the **Michigan Central** depot and been pushed and shoved by the holiday crowd (he wouldn't trust the turkey to the checkers), its weight had doubled . . . and redoubled.

In due time **Stu** contacted some friends (it was a bit snug with both **Stu** and the turkey in the telephone booth) and arranged a resting (or roosting) place for himself and the turkey for the night.

"Mighty fine turkey you got there," said the **Red Cap** to **Stu** with a wide flash of white teeth.

"Uh, huh" — grunted **Stu** rather weakly while clutching the turkey fiercely and making a grab for his hat which was barely hanging on one ear.

Then there was the long walk to the street car.

After a considerable struggle and practically knocking several people down, **Stu** managed to get the turkey on the street car.

"Mighty nice turkey, **Bud**" — said the street car conductor with a cheerful smile.

"Well, if you thing so you can have the DAMNED thing . . . \*æ? . . .", thought **Stu** . . . but with characteristic caution he refrained himself and merely muttered:

"Ugh!"

From hereon, we spare you the gruesome details of how the Argus turkey spent the night in **Detroit** with **Stu** and was finally gotten off on the home stretch . . . and how with remarkable self control in spite of the fact that he was ready to murder the turkey (except that it had already been killed) and everyone who thought it was so wonderful . . . **Stu** finally triumphed in the end and ate his complete fill of the bird . . . the while smacking his lips loudly, and thinking: "Vengeance is sweet, and so is turkey."

Jacqueline and Robert Haas



**Jackie**, age 7 years, is the artist in the Haas family, and we expect that **Bobbie** (who will be 3 years old in March) will undoubtedly become a camera fan like his dad, **Hector Haas**. However, **Hector** disclaims any credit for this fine portrait of his youngsters . . . said he has put his paraphernalia away since materials are so scarce and had the picture taken by a professional. (We don't know at this point whether we should urge him to join the Camera Club or say—"all the more materials for us.")

Accounting Department

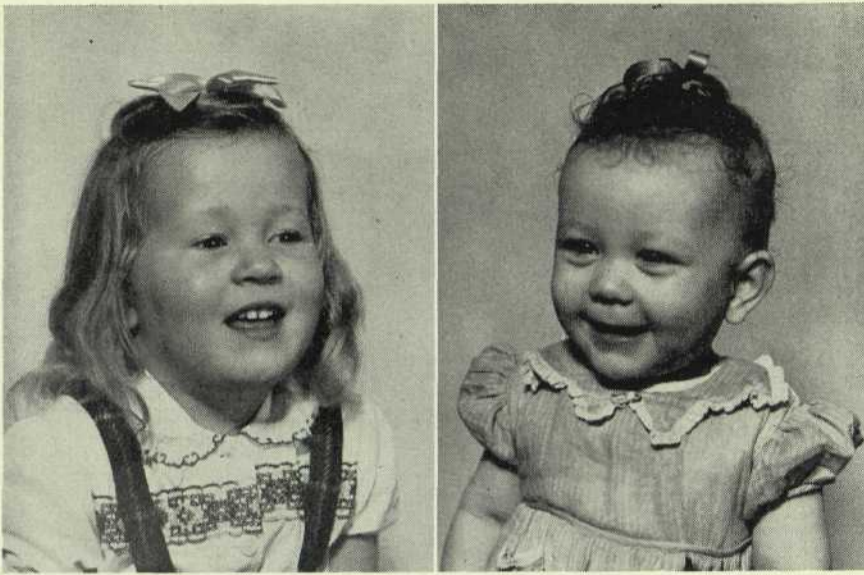
We wish to welcome **Isabelle Nash** to our department. "Izzy" used to work for **Mr. Schlenker** and we hope that she likes being in our office as well as we like having her.

Christmas season is over but we must tell you of the grand time we had at **Gerry Brown's** the Thursday before Christmas when we went to her place for a dinner party. Such cute little favors, beautiful decorations and such a WONDERFUL dinner!!

**Madeline Smith** went to **Calumet** to visit her folks and **Millie LaRue** took another trip to **New York** to see how the Navy was making out. **Mrs. Gillespie's** son was home from **Wright Field**, **Dayton**, for the holidays and so these three along with the rest of the department had a very enjoyable holiday season.

Become A Blood Donor  
TODAY!

## Karen and Barbara Smith



Karen, 3 years, and Barbara, 10 months old, daughters of M. S. Smith, Engineering Plant II, were photographed by their father. We can safely say that for their tender years they are among the most photographed children at Argus, for their father is a member of the Camera Club and a rabid camera fan. (Of course, there are plenty of other proud parents in our organization in the same category, and we think that the youngsters deserve a lot of credit for maintaining such a tolerant and understanding attitude toward their sometimes bewildering parents.)

## BOWLING

Less than a third of the season remains in the Argus League, but the winner is yet very much in doubt. At this time the Toolroom and the Bears are tied for first place, but their margin is so small that one night's results could scramble the standings. The leaders have a three game lead over the Production Lab and Assembly teams which are tied for third place. In fifth place is the Lens Maintenance team which last year finished in second place.

Following the maintenance crews are three teams that are tied and that are only seven games from the leaders. These three are the Lens Prisms, Argus Inspection, and the Office teams. With only seven games separating the leaders from the team in eighth place anything could happen, and any one of these teams could find itself leading the parade by the time we next go to press.

The Toolroom and the Bears finally ousted the Assembly five from the post position after that team had led the standings almost since the opening night. The toolmakers first took over the spot, but one week later the Bears wiggled into a one game lead. However on the following week the toolmakers tied it up again by taking all four games from the Tool Design team while the Bears were staggering to three wins over the Paint Shop. In the Toolroom sweep it was again Captain Joe Lyons who led his team with a fine 588 series and a middle game of 233. In the Bears' win over the Paint Shop it was Maurey Howe who was furnishing the fire works. After the daubers had taken the opening game by twelve pins, Maurey took complete charge of the second game and despite a miss in the last frame counted a 221 game. The Bears' margin was a scant eight pins so it was an individual triumph for Mo. In the final game despite Rube Egeler's fine bowling (he had a 570 series and picked up the 4, 7, 9, 10 split) the Bears walked off with the triumph. The Toolroom and Bears cross alleys on January 19th and the results of this match should indicate the comparative strength of the two teams.

The highlight in the past few weeks has been the splendid bowling of the Production Lab and Lens Maintenance teams. The Production Lab team which does not boast of a member who is carrying 150 average has been moving at a

clip that if maintained will undoubtedly carry it to a title. Captain Hector Haas has placed his team into this contending position with little notice from the rest of the league and it is now a definite threat in the title chase. "Powerhouse" Adams has gone back to his cross-alley ball and his scores have been steadily improving. The team's anchorman "Dimples" Hilge has also found the groove, and it has been the individual efforts of these two that have moved the lab into third place. Lens Maintenance, one of the Optical Division representatives, has come from a place in the second division to its challenging spot. Cliff Travoli has been the big gun in this team's attack, but he has been getting some valuable assistance from the other members of the team, notably Captain Erv Braatz. This team has always been a contender in the previous seasons, but never was quite able to annex the title. This could be their year.

Lens Prisms, Argus Inspection, and Office are other teams that cannot yet be counted out of a chance to win the crown. The prisms bowlers have the same team in the Moose League, and the two nights of bowling each week is now paying off in the win column. Captain Pepper and Bryce Bennett have been the mainstays of this outfit in their late spurt. Captain Eric Soderholm of the Inspection five has fired his team for that extra punch, and the past weeks the team has enjoyed one of its best winning streaks. The Office team which now boasts the highest average in the league has slipped slightly, and it is rather doubtful if they will be a serious threat from here to the finish. The fact that they have built up their averages to the highest in the league will prove more of a handicap than an asset in the final fight for the title. When a team has to "spot" its opponents up to 160 pins a game it often proves too much to overcome, and the handicap furnished the margin of victory. This year's race is so close that even at this stage of the season no team can be picked as the probable winner.

The Brownies celebrated a few weeks ago by finally moving out of the cellar after being sole occupant of that spot for the entire season. Tool Design and the Chubs are now tied for that position, but each vows that it will not be there when the final curtain is rung down on the 1944-45 bowling season.

## LADIES BOWLING

### Plant One

The Pinbusters are back in first place and hanging on by two games. The Busters went over their former high series of 2230 with a total of 2269 pins. The week they met the Jitterbugs, Marjorie Young held good her threat and bowled 420.

Mary Tucker on City Slickers has high series now having games of 176, 142 and 201 for a fine 519 series. She ties with Verald Adams for high single game of 201.

Mary Raymond on the Jitterbugs came close with games of 175, 192, and 114 for her 481 series. We have suggested that Virginia Howard on this team, trim off the end of her toes so she won't foul so much.

Laura Egeler is glad to be back bowling even if she won't tell her scores.

Here are some other good scores bowled since the last Argus Eyes:

Laura Snearly, on the Pinbusters, 134, 145 and 200 for 479.

Leona Eichel, Pinbusters, 185, 135, and 151 for 471.

Marie Smiley on Accounting, 171, 182 and 125 for 478.

Verna Frost on Accounting, 117, 157 and 195 for 469.

Sally Kneiper on Five Aces, 151, 154 and 152 for 455.

Dorothy Andress on Victory, 167, 160 and 125 for 452.

Eolah Bucholz on Victory, 129, 155 and 166 for 450.

Rhea McLaughlin on Victory, 131, 170 and 138 for 439.

Victory team has high game (with spot) of 809 and high series (with spot) of 2328.

Marian Poquette on Jolly Five, 121, 178 and 162 for 461.

Francis Soderholm on Schuon's Service, 141, 140 and 184 for 465.

Clara Schallhorn on Schuon's, 178, 144 and 138 for 460.

Elsie Ludwick on Machine Shop, 162, 162 and 125 for 449.

Wilma Baily on this team has raised her average from 70 to 107. Quite an improvement, Wilma.

Katherine Steinke on Planning, 171, 140 and 166 for 477.

More good scores next time, we hope.  
League Secretary,  
Laura Egeler.

## Bowling Teams Have Christmas Party

Rolfe's Pinbusters and the R. and S. Shoes bowling teams enjoyed a very nice Christmas party at Thelma Livesay's home. Some of the girls stopped at the hospital to visit Leola Stoner, who is a member of both teams, and gave her gifts to her.

The girls all exchanged gifts and played Bingo for prizes. Every one tried to help Laura Egeler win a prize, to no avail. She finally won the next to the last one.

The girls at the party were, Helen Hiuser, who has been pinch hitting for Leola, Jessie Hack, Opal Stevens, Thelma Livesay, Laura Egeler, Leona Eichel, Laura Snearly. We were sorry Katherine Steinke could not be there.

Every one enjoyed the nice lunch Thelma served.

## Sixth War Loan Drive

The complete figures showing the results of the company's contribution to the Sixth War Loan Drive not being available in time for this month's issue, the full account with pictures will appear in March. But, it is not too much to say that the employees of Argus, Incorporated have made an excellent showing, as usual, and the story is worthy of more space than we could afford to give in this issue.

## Timekeeping News

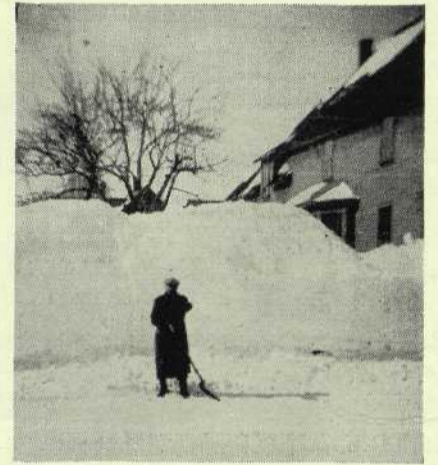
We are very glad to welcome a new member in our department Carolyn Marion, and hope you will like working with us Carolyn.

Wilmot Gray tells us she enjoyed her Christmas trip to Calumet to visit her daughter Beverly Sue. Son Charles B. accompanied his mother. Both returned just before the end of December and so missed a wonderful snow storm on New Year's eve, at which time 12 inches fell. To date the "old home town" has 80 inches and prospects of more to come. The usual winter quota is from 12 to 14 feet.

Our latest addition to the prospective brides is Miss Marie Smiley who received her diamond for Christmas. The lucky man is Earl Dean, employed at the American Broach in Ann Arbor. Now Marie has something that matches the sparkle in her eye.

Congratulations Marie to both you and Earl.

## Morning Exercise



Wilmot Gray, whose home town is Calumet, Michigan, gave us this picture showing the snow situation as it was when she was home at Christmas time . . . 80 inches! They either have to tunnel into their garages or just put the cars away for the winter duration . . . sidewalks are forgotten until the warm spring winds bring them into view again.

## Department 28

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas turkey, although we doubt Nina Walterhouse's word a little bit. We can just picture her carrying that bird (with a red ribbon around it's neck, I'll bet) all the way to the bus station. Wonder what she was saying. Nina and her turkey spent Christmas in Detroit.

We were pleased to get Christmas cards from former fellow workers and our old foreman, Johnnie Brandofchak.

Peg Remnant and Leola Stoner spent Christmas in the hospital. We are happy to know they are both back on the road to recovery.

Department 28 wishes to welcome the girls from Department 44 and our new foreman, Mr. Reese who have joined us. Hope you like us when we get better acquainted. The new members of 28 are Evelyn Kearns, Bernice Wilson, Agnes Thurston, Bessie Coon, Mary Shaw and Esther Allen who we hope will soon leave St. Joseph hospital to join us.

Did you hear the great sigh of relief the morning Jack Weber came in to tell us Mother and Baby were doing fine and Father survived? We are pretty happy for you and Dorly, Jack.

The girls won't say a word about New Years only that they are glad it's over.



## LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN

The Argus Christmas boxes really hit the spot and helped a lot to tide the boys and girls over during lonesome Christmases away from home . . . judging from the many notes that have found their way to the Editor of Argus Eyes.

This thought is echoed in a letter from Bob Isaacson, Camp Fannin, Texas, but letters mean the most of all to the boys.

"I would like to hear from the fellows in the Optical Plant. I know you are all pretty busy, but if you can spare a little time I would appreciate it. I hope to be able to see you all before I ship across."

'Nuf said . . . let's get busy on those letters to Bob!

Pfc. Orviel Harrison — somewhere in the Central Pacific, sent us

A V-mail letter with thanks for the Christmas box sent him by Argus . . . in fact, he sent a million thanks . . . and inquired after everyone in the Paint Shop, and "God's gift to the ladies, Cy Harding."

A Christmas card from WAC Sgt. Nell Stalker, expressed her appreciation for the box of "goodies" sent her at Christmas time. She is stationed at Westover Field, Mass.

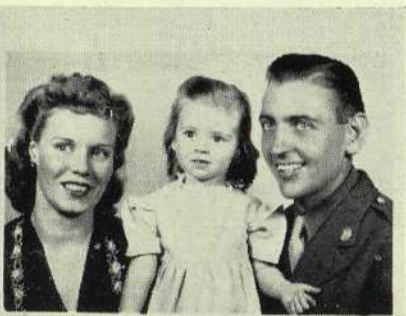
Cpl. Tony Rupas. A very beautiful Christmas card decorated with four leaf clovers was sent "To all at the factory, from Tony in Belgium."

Tony seemed particularly impressed with the Bowling news as reported in Argus Eyes, and says he has only played one game in over two years. He says Belgium is a very beautiful country but they don't go for bowling.

He also says that he has received a letter from Sgt. Robert Whitmore who has just arrived in France . . . "I might see him in Germany some day."

Our best wishes to you both, Tony and Bob, and we hope you do have a triumphant meeting in Germany some day soon.

## The Suddarth Family



Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Suddarth and daughter, Jackie, smile at us from their Christmas Greeting card. Jack left Argus in July to join Uncle Sam's fighting forces, and prior to that time was a consistent Suggestion Plan Winner for his helpful ideas. Our best wishes to you and your family, Jack.

An especially interesting letter from Bill Covert (Cpl. Wm. A. Covert), from Fort Myers, Florida, had a very fine picture of himself imprinted on it, and we would like to have reproduced it, but the screen was not suitable. Perhaps we can induce him to send us a glossy print of the same picture.

Bill seems to appreciate his contact with the Argus plant through Argus Eyes and he says, "If all the servicemen enjoy it as much as I do it sure has served its purpose among the fellows."

"I sure wish some of the old gang I used to work with could enjoy the Florida sunshine and swim like we here are doing."

"There isn't a day goes by when I fly that I don't see some of the equipment used that you build and that I used to help build."

Bill hopes to get home soon to see the old gang, and we will most certainly be glad to see him.

Sgt. Lucius Smith  
Last Man Out of Crippled B-17.

Sgt. Lucius Smith, son of Walter H. Smith, of Department 27, and Mrs. Smith, was one of a crew of airmen who bailed out of their crippled B-17 Fort at an altitude of less than 1000 feet over Belgium, recently, according to a recent press release.

Sgt. Smith who is a gunner was the last to leave the plane, badly battered after a bombing run over a Luftwaffe airfield at Wiesbaden, and had quite an exciting time of it. The sergeant helped the top turret gunner don an emergency parachute after his original one had been damaged by flak, then he pushed him through the escape door in which the gunner was caught on his way out.

When Smith hurtled himself through the door he pulled his ripcord completely off. He was only 150 feet from the ground when he succeeded in getting his parachute open.

Sgt. Smith is a member of an Eighth Air Force Bombardment group which has been cited twice by the President for outstanding work.

The Smith's home town is in Benzie County near Honor, Michigan, and Lucius joined the Air Corps immediately following graduation from High School. In order that they might contribute as much as possible toward the war effort, the senior Smiths moved to Ann Arbor for the war duration, and Walter has been in the lens grinding department until his recent transfer to Department 27.

Good hunting, Sgt. Smith, and many happy landings—and we hope they won't necessarily be of the parachute type.

Art Gerstler from the S.P.A.A.F. in Lubbock, Texas, sends thanks for "the swell box that you sent me for Christmas as everything in it tasted darned good. It was really wonderful to be remembered by my friends at home. As far as my Army life goes, I can't complain about anything except that we haven't been called to pre-flight as yet. We still have hopes of becoming pilots, but that is for the Army to decide."

Doris Beauch of the WAVES, sends a note of appreciation from Washington, D. C., for her Argus Christmas box . . . says it didn't take long for it to vanish when shared with her WAVE friends.

Holiday cards were received by Naomi Knight from Cpl. Harold (Noisy) McEntafer, who used to be an engraver in the riveting department, now stationed at Panama City, Florida.

From S/Sgt. Wray D. Smith, who is back in the Hawaiians after some time in the Marshalls.

A V-mail letter came from Pvt. F. V. (Joe) Wright, written somewhere on the Blue Pacific. Sounds quite ideal, Joe, the moonlite and all.

We wish you and all the boys that are far away from family and friends the best possible while you are away and a speedy return.

A little bird whispered that an old friend, Sgt. Henry (Al) Stitt, is back in this country, after being ill in France, transferred to England where he spent three months in a hospital. If there's anything that the doctors and nurses didn't fix up, am sure that just being in the U.S.A. will.

A handsome photo Christmas card of Westminster Abbey and Anne Hathaway's cottage was received from Sgt. Wes. Osborn, Shy and daughter Sheron. Mrs. Osborn will be remembered as Charlotte "Shy" Chifton of the Sales and Cost Accounting Department, and while we haven't met Sheron, we feel we know her as well as we do her mother and father. May they be together again soon.

## Pvt. Mary A. Letsis



Pvt. Letsis, as you may have guessed, is the daughter of Harry (Sergeant of the Guards) Letsis and Mrs. Letsis. Her sister Ann is a member of the Optical Assembly Department, and brother Gregg is in the Experimental Laboratory. With her basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, completed, Mary at present is waiting an assignment in the Air Division of the WAC's. Her family is justly proud of Mary, and we send her out heartiest wishes for good luck and happiness in her assignment.

## WANTED

Two old no tread tires to match two back tires. Anyone having such in back yard notify Russ Warren immediately. (Passengers afraid risking their lives with car going up hill with back end first.)

## For Sale Cheap

Will probably pay you to take them off of my hands — 4 bowlers — Joe Clemens and Norm Tweed — guaranteed to drop a pin a week. Rockman and Covey guaranteed to be dead weight. Contact Les Schwanbeck of the Cellar Rats.

## FAN MAIL

Cameras which are sent in to be re-conditioned and repaired these days have really "been around" and quite often are accompanied by letters from owners who have seen action on the various battle fronts . . . and for the most part they tell of the rugged usage which the cameras get and the fine pictures they take notwithstanding.

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T/Sgt. T. J. Dewberry, Ft. Meyers, Florida, recently sent us his Argus camera for shutter repair and general overall cleaning following its last mishap . . . a dunking in a Florida swamp.

Prior to that, the camera started its wartime journey early in 1943, and "was one of the first to arrive . . . unscathed, in a package that looked as tho' a camel had stepped on it."

"I took pictures of everything and everyone that would be of interest to those 'back home.' The camera was jammed into barrack bags, bounced around in jeeps and at times was completely clogged with desert sand. It was tucked into my sleeping bag nights when we awoke with snow covering us.

"Here is a camera that flew on bombing raids over Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily and Sardinia and Rome, and I carried it on passes to Carthage, Constantine, Tunis and Algiers.

"Since the day when we flew our fiftieth mission with the same camera along, I've taken hundreds upon hundreds of pictures of the most beautiful scenery in all the world . . . pictures of the U.S.A.

"Thank you for such fine workmanship and a really good lens. This is one G.I. who has seen just what fine cameras you produce. Congratulations!"

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Thank you, Sgt. Newberry, and you can rest assured that your camera is in good hands in our Service Department . . . for there are no better camera doctors than our own "Doc" Benson.

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The story of how an Argus camera saved the day for a war correspondent and produced pictures credited to a G.I. Graflex was sent us by Pvt. Armand S. Andereck and Sgt. Joseph C. Hill, whom we think are very good correspondents themselves.

"Mail call today brought a letter from a buddy of ours, a Combat Correspondent now serving with another outfit—God knows where! . . . expressing gratitude to us for a favor rendered some weeks ago, and promising payment of numerous beers . . . payment deferred. The gratitude, we feel, is misdirected, so we're taking the liberty of passing it on to the rightful claimants. The beers, if you don't mind, we'll drink. —God willing.

"Cpl. Dean Tucker was . . . and is . . . one helluva good man with either a carbine or camera; and on the occasion we're thinking of, he had plenty of use for both. We know, as it was our privilege and obligation to side-kick with the man from the beach at Peleliu to the foot of Bloody-Nose Ridge . . . at which time and place Dean and a piece of shrapnel had a little argument, and Dean ended up in a ship's evacuation hospital.

"In the interim, however, Dean was proving his worth with both 'weapons' . . . until D-plus-2, when a sniper's bullet put the G.I. Graflex out of action. For good. At the time, this was enough to break three hearts; for we had to put up with his gum-beating. We were the runners assigned from the Battalion C.P. to guide him to places with picture possibilities. . . . We don't mean scenery shots.

"It was lucky for Dean . . . we kept reminding him during the next five hellish days . . . that the 'old man' had seen fit to entrust the regiment's ace correspondent to the care of probably the only

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FAN MAIL

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two jokers in the lash-up who owned a camera. We had one . . . an Argus; we also had what we considered to be some damn good action shots. Nevertheless, . . . what else could we do? . . . we parted with our pride and joy, film and all, and buddy Dean Tucker was able to carry on. (*Greater love hath no man.*)

"We've since, in the relative peace of our present duty, been thrilled several times to find some of our shots gracing the pages of a number of publications . . . credited, of course, to one Dean Tucker . . . and a G.I. Graflex! . . . But what the hell? Aren't we getting a case of beer out of the deal? (When we get around to collecting.) . . . And, as your due, here's passing on the story of some of those "Action on Peleliu" shots you've probably been seeing.

"The Argus in question, sad to say, came to an ignominious end . . . it ended up in the drink when a well-meaning buddy playfully clapped Andy on the back while we were trying for some shots of flying fish. Nevertheless, we figure that Argus did a job. Nevertheless . . ."

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A swell story of a swell bunch of boys and we appreciate it tremendously . . . we'll be on the lookout for the pictures . . . and how about stopping in at Argus and cashing in on another case of beer!

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With a request from Lt. Thos. W. Sampson, stationed in England, for a copy of "Good Pictures" comes a mighty interesting letter of the photographic situation in England and France.

"In a recent issue of Popular Photography, October, your company offered a booklet on taking pictures. As I am now the proud possessor of a C-3 Argus, which I was fortunate enough to purchase in London, I would like very much to have the booklet of hints on better pictures.

"You might be interested in the photography situation here in the E.T.O. England is very short of almost everything except 35 mm film. Paper of all kinds, both contact and projection is very scarce. I thought that France would be even more short, but was happily surprised to find quite the opposite, plenty of everything except hypo. I even have been able to get 8x10 Agfa Brovira Royal paper in hundred sheet boxes, (*We can just see our Argus Camera Club members tearing their hair*) which when I left the states you had to know someone to be able to get. Of course, all the Agfa stuff has 'Made in Berlin' all over it, but it is still good.

"Your cameras are very much in demand over here, and I have had all kinds of offers for my Argus. I paid 18 pounds (\$72) for it, with flash equipment, two filters, and case. Since then the best offer I have had was a trade of an older model Argus and twenty pounds, so you see 35mm cameras are at a premium. I did see a Contax in a Paris shop which they wanted forty thousand francs (\$800.00) for. For very obvious reasons I didn't purchase it."

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An Argus A2 saw duty in the South Pacific with Pvt. R. A. Powers, where photographic activities were carried on under very difficult conditions.

Pvt. Powers writes, "I developed my film over there usually at night, or some times I loaded at night and developed early in the morning as that was the coolest time of the day. The water was down to 78° then.

"I thank you for a camera that could take it through hell, flood, human war, heat, and many other hardships . . . and yet continue to take pictures."

Pvt. Powers has also promised to send us some prints some time.

Art and Copy from the Personnel Department

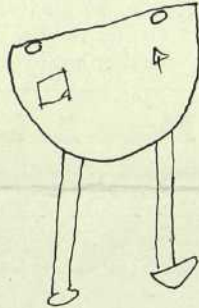
The Personnel Department is made up of serious, hard working people, so naturally I was not surprised, on observing them at a recent party, to find that they amuse themselves in dignified, intellectual ways.

One game might be called "Who Carries the Most Stuff Around?"; for each lady seized her purse, the gentlemen operated from their pockets, and at a given signal laid the contents of same end to end along a designated route across the floor, while the hostess held a stop watch. The excitement was intense, since the winner was the one who made the longest line in the shortest time. Two players tied, but that was decided by tossing cards into a hat at three paces.

Pencil Charades revealed that these people were talented artists, as a few specimen sketches will show. Mildred Bird drew this dashing lady to convey the title of a popular song of a year ago:



Roy Hiscock illustrated a well-known proverb with the following:

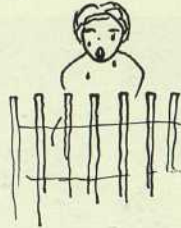


It really stumped the experts, although you may ask any question about it which can be answered with uh-huh or huh-uh. Do you give up?

This clever sketch was a puzzler, too. Shirlee Baumgartner drew it—it is the title of a song, popular with many people:



This one was easy. Barbara Titus meant it for the title of a currently popular song:



Answers:

1. Pistol Packin' Mama
2. A stitch in time saves nine.
3. Is you Is Or Is You Aain't My Baby?
4. Don't Fence Me In

This should be a good time to introduce a new member of Personnel. There is no photograph available, but you may have noticed a tall, slender brunette with a charming smile and good looking clothes about lately. This is Mary Haight, who replaces Anne Boland. Celia Corbett has left to go with her Army husband and Anne's plans have changed, so that she will remain with her husband in Walla Walla, Washington. Fate sent Mary to Argus at just the right time, and all concerned are duly grateful.

Mrs. Radford gave a farewell party for Celia the evening of January 10. Cootie was the game of the evening, with high scores, likewise prizes, won by Ruth Scharren and Mary Haight. A gift was presented to the guest of honor and many tears were shed, for she will be greatly missed.

Christmas for Hospitalized Children



The Argus Ladies' Bowling League (Plant One) again made the kids, in the

Needless to say, we're mighty glad and proud that through our cameras, boys who are risking their lives in the horrors of war are able to get some pleasure and relaxation in the few moments they have to themselves.

University Hospital, happy on Christmas day. It has been the custom of the league since it was organized in 1940. Each girl brings a gift all wrapped in Christmas trimmings, to the bowling alley. Rube Egeler furnishes the big red box in which to put the gifts and Red Conway's boys take the whole thing to the hospital. The children and the nurses too, really appreciate the gesture.

Keeping Up With the World



SALLY JEAN WARD — daughter of Bob Ward, of the Cost Accounting Dept., shows an early interest in affairs of the world. No doubt learned her A-B-C's from reading Argus Eyes.

The Argus Wandering Reporter

By R. Gus

I must say that the response to last month's column was overwhelming. So much so in fact, that I feared I wouldn't be able to write another. However, Ken Geiger introduced me to a handy little chemical known as carbon tetrachloride which very effectively removes tar and feathers, so once again I take pen in hand.

Gene "Mistletoe" Connor, Planning's Boy Genius, had a field day around Christmas time in Laura Egeler's department. I wonder whatever became of that mustache?

One of the latest brain storms around these parts is an Argus beauty contest. Being a great lover of controversial subjects, as well as feminine beauty, I'm going to try to start something. My suggestion for a good candidate is the lovely Helen Allen of Eddie Girvan's Optical Assmby. Next month another candidate. Who will it be?? Gentle reader, I'll bet you can hardly wait. It sure would be nice if Jimmie Barker and his photographic colleagues would publish some portraits of our glamorous gals.

There seems to be some difference of opinion concerning just who should be our poet laureate. But I'm going to stick with Jim Lattimer. Incidentally, some of his work will appear in "Stars and Stripes" in the near future.

Jim's most recent Argus portrait:

JOY AT CHRISTMAS

A remarkable Argus employee —  
Whose first name is simple Joy.  
She times all the jobs  
For the Marys and Bobs;  
The results of which sometimes annoy.

However she's a jolly good sport —  
And knows time of another sort —  
As she gives out sweet tone  
On her big saxophone;  
Then you know that "Time" is really her forte.

For her on the P.A. they're calling —  
Popularity like this is appalling —  
A real "catch" for some boy  
— This bundle of Joy.  
Can it be that some one is stalling?

GUARDS

Mr. LeRoy Geigor and Mr. Forest Peters have been added to the force. Welcome to Argus.

Guard Gus Schmidt was away from work for a week because of illness. We're glad to see you back, Gus.

Henry Conley has been transferred to days. The new Corporal at night is James Munday.

### ARGUS RECREATION CLUB, INC.

Statement December 31, 1944

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Cafeteria Receipts .....	\$	\$3,361.22
Cafeteria Expenses .....	17.00	
General Expenses .....	61.85	
Softball .....	598.06	
Flowers .....	183.28	
Membership Dues .....		84.00
Camera Club .....	150.00	
Entertainment .....	1,411.59	
Argus Eyes .....	1,200.00	
Nameplates .....	180.59	
Sale of Bonds .....		449.40
Service Men, Expenses .....	439.66	
Basketball .....	74.72	
Member's Loan Fund .....		500.00
Cash in Bank, May 1, 1944 .....		907.50
ditto. Dec. 31, 1944 .....	485.37	
ditto Loan Fund .....	500.00	
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### MACHINE SHOP

Plant One

The annual Christmas party of the machine shop and the toolroom was held on Friday, December 22nd, and because of the traveling conditions was held in the department. **Elmer Lawhead** purchased a beautiful blue spruce which was decorated by the gals of the department. **Russ Conley** had brought his records so some carols were first played. **Ted Doman**, who needed no padding, played the part of Santa Claus and passed out the gifts. The department presented Mr. Lawhead with matching robe and pajamas and also slippers. All of the supervisors and set-up men were then given glove and scarf sets. **Ray Imus** was also presented with a gift in appreciation for his untiring efforts in keeping the machine shop well tidied up. After all the gifts had been distributed, coffee and cake were served. Credit for the complete success of the party should go to **Doc Johnston** who made most of the arrangements.

Any of the former employees of the department who return will hardly recognize the surroundings. The machine shops of the two Argus plants have been combined, and Argus can now boast one of the best and most modern machine shops in Ann Arbor. All of the hand-screw, automatics, and grinders have been brought over from the Optical Plant and are under the supervision of foreman **Mr. Vorce**. For the additional room needed, the toolroom was moved to plant two and the small lathes and the mills have been moved into that room with **Maurey Howe** in charge. The crib, with the addition of many jigs and fixtures, has been moved into the larger room that was formerly the buffing department. **Mr. Barhitte** and **Vince Richardson** will have charge of the tool crib. The buffing and bench work under **Ted Doman** is now located in what was formerly the maintenance department. The drill press department has also been enlarged to take care of the machines brought in from plant two, and **Ben Bergman** is in charge of that branch of the work. **Mr. Schlemmer**, who is plant superintendent of all metal processing, is also the production manager of the department with **Mr. Lawhead** as foreman.

The department has added another of the top-notch bowlers of Ann Arbor in the person of **Bruce Goulter**. Bruce has been bowling in two leagues this year, and in all of these games he has fallen below the 500 mark only twice.

**Boyd Head** of the Navy was in to visit with his many friends in the department. Boyd has been in the service for almost a year now, and he says that he likes it very much.

**Sgt. and Mrs. Robert London** announce the arrival of a husky baby boy on December 15th. The son, mother, and

father are doing well. Their many friends here at Argus offer them heartiest congratulations.

**Elsie Gillespie** has been in the hospital for an appendectomy, but has now returned to work and is regaining her strength. Elsie wishes to thank the Argus Recreation Club and all those who showed her so much consideration.

**Jim Lattimer** should be awarded some kind of medal for his work during the change over of the departments. As plant two was under a different system of pay than plant one it has been necessary for all operations to have time-studys made. It has been Jim's responsibility to record all these and make out the cards. He has done a remarkable job, and deserves credit for his work and the patience he has shown during this time.

**Olive Knowlson** has been talking a lot lately about a trip to California. Olive has friends in San Diego, and she is thinking seriously of making that her home.

**Herman Koegler** is looking forward to the bowling party which will be held at Schwaben Hall. In the past few years "Lucky" has been showing the gamesters some of the finer points in the art of "rolling the bones."

**Earl Wilkie** is altar bound and has been in quite a bit of a daze. The date has not been set, but judging from Earl's condition the event cannot be too far off.

**Russel Conley** should have a good idea of the kind of car that he is going to want when they again become available. Russ has just made another trade, this time for a Studebaker sedan. How many cars does that make, Russ?

**Ted Doman's** son is now at Great Lakes receiving his boot training. Out of 150 applicants young Ted was one of twelve chosen for the Navy. Ted reports that even though he was given six hours additional duty for speaking back to the C.O. he likes it a lot.

**Cliff Olson**, one of the set-up men from plant two, has bought himself a new home in the Darlington sub-division. We are all awaiting for an invite to the housewarming.

When the **Bears** and **Machine 2** crossed alleys recently it was really for keeps. The losers were "stuck for the lines," and the machine shoppers had to dig in their pockets as the Bears took all four games. The following week the **Paint Shop** had to pay for the Bears bowling. Things are looking up for the Bear team this year.

### Thank You

Thanks to Raw Inspection and Electrical Inspection and all my many friends who helped brighten my days in the hospital.

Leola Stoner.

### Mrs. Ferris Bond



Our Katherine Hambleton was united in marriage to Ferris Bond on December 16th in the Michigan League Chapel, with Rev. Leonard Parr of the Congregational Church officiating.

"Kay," as she is better known to her Argus friends, wore a brown dressmaker suit with a green feather hat and light green accessories. Her corsage was white camellias. Her good friend, Marie Barbier was maid of honor and wore a lime-green dressmaker suit with brown accessories and a corsage of Johanna Hill roses.

A reception followed the wedding in the Mary B. Henderson room of the League.

Several parties were given in Kay's honor prior to the wedding and her fellow workers presented her with a \$50.00 War Bond as a wedding gift.

Kay and Ferris are making their home at 600 E. Kingsley Street, and we extend them our best wishes for a lifetime of happiness.

### Department 27

All of us in Stockroom No. 1 are settled in our new home and we like it. One good reason—because its closer to the cafeteria.

**Glen McCalla** and **Howard Delf** are two newcomers to our department, and we want to welcome them.

**Connie Skinner's** husband received his "GREETINGS" from the President on Christmas Day. Nice Christmas gift don't you think?

**Dora Eichel**, **Harry Axelson**, **John Shanahan** and **Joan Schmidt** all had birthdays a couple of weeks ago and celebrated them in good fashion.

### Department 39

By now everyone knows Department 39 had a "bang up" Christmas party. We had fun, too. To start the day off everyone just had to wish **Viola Curtiss** a happy birthday, especially **Marie Nagel**, who presented Viola with a home-made gingerbread man. I think that it all I need to say, because everyone saw or heard about it, if you didn't you really missed something.

Ask **Edna Keppler** if she likes peanut brittle, especially the kind **Irene Nell** fixes up.

Why do you suppose "Ginny" Buss bought those hip boots, she said something about needing them if she went out with **Edna** and **Gracie** again.

We hear **George De Wolfe** is awfully bored and lonesome these days trying to keep occupied while he's in the Philippines, so he went out one day and knocked off a couple of Japs. In our language, George, we'd say that's most exciting, and that we're proud of you. Keep up the good work.

A pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all in and around the department at Christmas time. We had lots of good things to eat, and did we eat?? Well, all but **Doris**, **Betty** and **Larry**. We were surprised that they couldn't eat any more than they did. Wonder if they're on a diet? Surely, Larry isn't.

Who says there's a man shortage. Anyone wishing a man of their own see **Marie Nagel**. She'll make you one, and then if you get mad at him, you can eat him.

We were glad to have **Ruth Blanchard** working with us for a while. We enjoyed having you Ruth, and anytime you run out of work, come on in, Department 39 always has lots of work.

Some of the older employees suddenly decide they'd like to take up Centering. We can't understand this, unless it's the new man **Ken** has. But beware, girls, he's happily married and has a family.

**Billie Hamlet** was supposed to go to a formal dance last month. Say Billie, did I hear you did or didn't get to the dance, and if you didn't I think you owe us an explanation, don't you???

Everyone enjoyed their Christmas turkey with exception of **Dick Darrow**. He told us he was going to sell his turkey and buy a couple of pounds of hot dogs for the family, but next year he'll probably keep it as "hot dogs" are back on the rationing list. That's o.k., Dick, we'd say that's using your head.

### Answer to Last Month's Puzzle

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### OPTICAL ASSEMBLY

The "baby talk" between Eddie and Norm gets worse and worse. In their efforts to out-brag each other, Eddie would have us believe that Johnnie made out the Girvan income tax returns . . . and the long form at that. Norm admitted that to be true but insists that Pat is the expert who checked the answers.

Jimmie Fraser in a letter to his mother tells of the long arm of coincidence. He reports that when his ship pulled in to an unnamed port in the vast Pacific, it dropped anchor alongside brother Bill's ship.

Everything seems to be calmed down after the busy holiday season. Everyone reported having had a nice Christmas. And the turkeys were delicious! Thanks to the management.

The Fraser limousine "Black Beauty" was stolen recently only to be recovered again in a somewhat dilapidated but curable condition. Worse luck!

Laura Purdon is settled in Petersburg, Virginia with her husband who is stationed at Camp Lee. Laura sends best regards to Optical Assembly.

Indeed it was a Merry Christmas for Lila Lange when her boy friend from Camp Hood, Texas, came home on a two weeks' furlough. What, no wedding bells, yet, Lila?

Cecile Eubanks enjoyed the Christmas holidays with her brother in Ohio. We understand that the train ride proved very enjoyable too. Eh, Cece?

Mary O'Dolan has been spending her evenings at the hospital lately. Keep it up, O'Dolan, who knows, before very long you may be drafted!

A baby shower was held on December 19th at the Michigan League in honor of Elsie Brice. Several tables of "Cootie" were set up and prizes were won by Peggy Girvan, Helyn Moore, and Esther Woelper. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served in the League cafeteria later in the evening.

Mary Wingrove's son, Raymond, of the U. S. Army, has left for duties overseas. Good luck, Ray, and we're all sticking by you.

K. Bauer, H. Fraser, D. Waggott and Ann Letsis motored to Saline last Friday night to accompany L. Lange to the Saline Theatre. What fun! It even has a bowling alley.

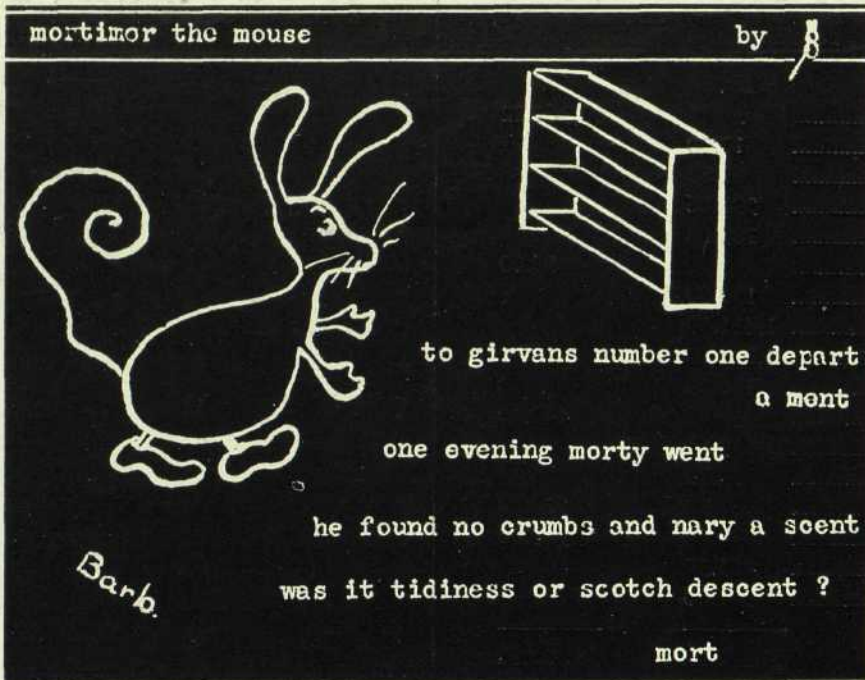
Certain phone calls can sure put some people floating on "pink clouds."

Our department enjoyed a nice visit with Lt. Charles Van Aken of the A.A.F. who was home on a thirty day furlough. He had just returned from an exciting trip to England.

These "bets" in Optical Assembly are pretty tough these days. How about it, Ma.

The entire department wishes Doris Smith and Clara Dickenson a speedy recovery from their ordeals of tonsillectomy.

Many of the girls have enjoyed the interesting letters and pictures from Pvt. Mary Letsis, of the Army WAC's. Mary is a sister to Ann Letsis and is taking her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Ann sends her a copy of Argus Eyes every month and she says she enjoys it



very much. We are proud of you, Pvt. Mary Letsis.

A new improvement in the No. 1 department is a small shelf built under each chair for the girls purses' and personal belongings.

AnnTHuLa-CarcarLetse wishes to thank Cecille Eubank publicly as well as personally for the song composed in her (honor?).

New Year's Resolutions — Bah! Humbug!

Helen Fraser would like to thank the Argus Recreation Club for the lovely flowers she received during her recent illness.

Th-th-tha-that's all, folks.

### The Gals in White

We set a rather poor example of being healthy. When we all came in to work after the holidays we had such colds and laryngitis that we could hardly talk out loud.

And that's bad! Especially when we have to talk and tell other people what to do to keep well.

At this writing we have recovered our voices and are still preaching those "take heed" words.

It has been a pleasure to be the representative for Maintenance, Guards, Mailing, Shipping and First Aid for this past year. Your cooperation has been splendid and greatly appreciated.

Frances Watterworth

### Maintenance

Ed Sleezer and his "gang" have moved to the second floor. We will miss Ed's smile on the first floor.

We suppose "Dutch" has a new hiding place for his apples and such. Maybe he has a snack bar now. (Ye Editors have checked on this matter already, and believe it or not, Dutch confides that he is now patronizing the cafeteria . . . it being so handy to his new quarters.)

The snow has kept "Ozzie" and "Schnitz" rather busy lately on the long end of the shovel.

### PAINT SHOP NO. 32

Vincent (Peck) Loy brought his infant son, Dale Vincent home from the hospital January the sixth where he has been ill for 21 days. We are glad that son is better, Peck.

Doris Rauser received word that her husband Don who has been in Germany was wounded for the second time. The last letter received by Doris stated that Don is in a hospital in England and is improving.

Our foreman, Ron Kaufman has been on the sick list for several weeks. We are glad you are back, Ron.

The funeral of Mrs. Kreidler, grandmother of Ron and Ken Kaufman, was held in Ypsilanti Tuesday, January the sixth. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Kaufman brothers and their families.

### Department 30

"The old order changeth"— By the time this is printed, Department 30 as we knew it will be no more, it will have been merged with the Machine Shop in plant one.

As a group we got along unusually well, enjoyed working together, and hate to be split up . . . but, as Howard Crumley would say — "Oh, well!"

Sandy Watson is leaving and going back to his old home town, Pontiac. Mrs. Watson is there now, feeling much better and making progress in a most encouraging manner; for which we are very glad. We wish them the best of everything and hope they will remember us, as we shall most certainly think of them.

One thing Sandy wants to know — what happened to the bear that Gordon Harvey butchered and how did he get the knot on his head when they went fishing this summer.

We drew names for Christmas, and crowded into the burring room, where the tree and gifts were, for our chicken-in-the-rough dinner. The dessert was Donna Jean Rice's big chocolate birthday cake. There were a number of birthday gifts

### Sales and Advertising

We are very proud of the fact that so many of our members are now serving in Armed Forces. Thelma Faber, for one, is with the SPARS located at Miami. She has just reached us from Pvt. Marian Nichols that she is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey; Larry Mills is now stationed in England but can't tell us much about his work; Red Hall is in Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia; Bob Kleinfeld is with the photographic unit at Long Island, New York; Lt. Cmdr. H. C. Guterman is doing some mighty fine work in Washington; and last but not least, there is Lt. J. L. McCoy, formerly Advertising Manager for Argus, who is now somewhere in the South Pacific. They're all doing a fine job.

Our Christmas party was held at Lucy Gridley's in Ypsilanti on December 19th, and included a surprise birthday party for Miss Lundahl. She really was surprised and so our party was a huge success. We saw some beautiful Kodachromes taken from a plane, opened our gifts, and then had lunch. Best of all, we met Lucy's handsome husband, who has promised each of us a ride in an airplane sometime this spring.

Incidentally, we think that the executives and staff of our departments are really tops in the organization . . . for not only did they remember all of us at Christmas time, but selected two items for gifts which are among the most difficult to procure . . . good candy and hosiery. It's pretty hard to properly convey our thanks to such grand folks, but we hope they will realize how much their kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated.

### Awakened



A fellow has no privacy . . . says RICHARD ROYCE FULLER . . . who was rudely awakened by the click of a camera in the hands of his father, Dick Fuller, Production Engineering Dept.

under the tree for Donna who is now old enough to vote. Incidentally, this was one Christmas when the obvious cigarette carton packages were missing.

