



argus eyes for Victory!

ARGUS RECREATION CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

NEW officers and representatives for the year 1945 were named in January following a general plant election. The new President and officers are pictured on this page, and representatives for the Club and reporters for Argus Eyes on page 3.

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February 12, 1945

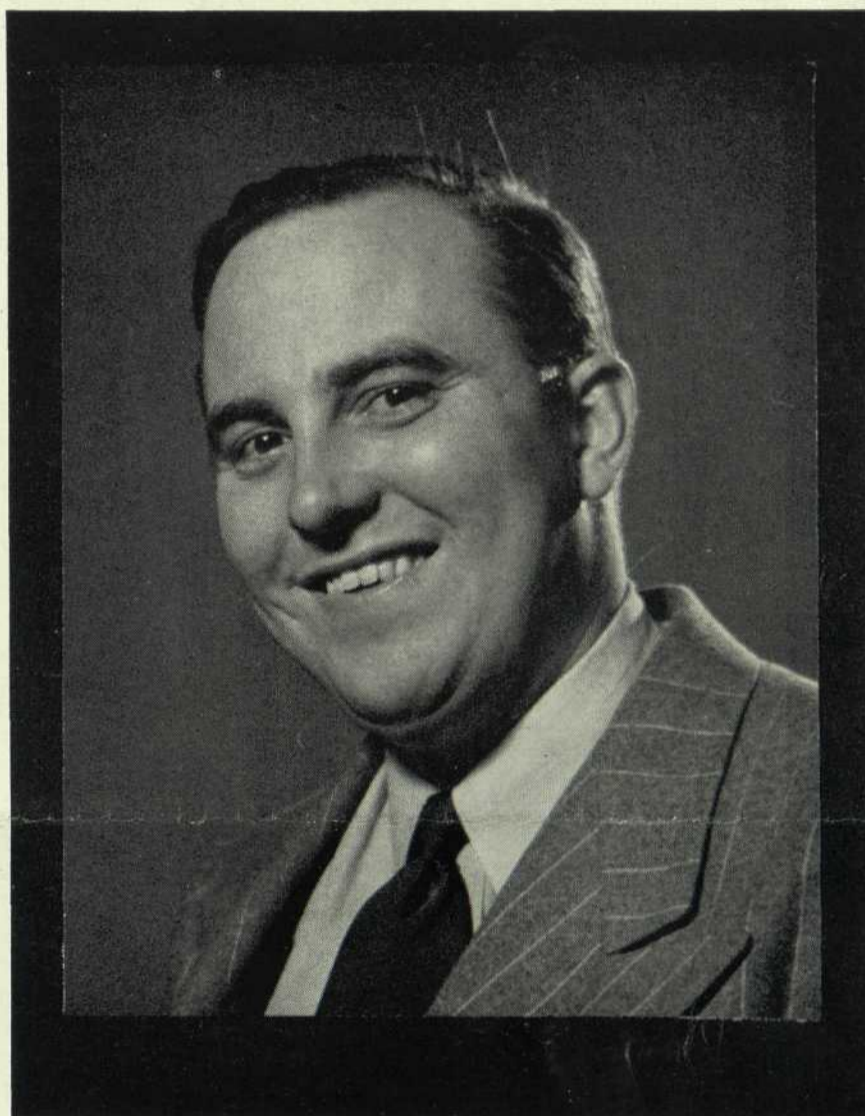
Members of the Argus Recreation Club:

I want to thank you for electing me president of the Argus Recreation Club, and hope that I will be able to meet your expectations. I also want to take this time to thank those who served as officers and representatives during the past year, and commend them on the wonderful job they did. They left us with a record that will be hard to beat. The only way the representatives you have elected this year and I will be able to come close to what they have done, is with your cooperation.

I hope that if at any time you have any suggestions, as to what we can do to make the Recreation Club better, please let me know, so that we may act upon these suggestions. If you feel that you have a better idea for a party than those that we put on for you, will you advise our entertainment committee, for they have one of the toughest jobs in the Recreation Club.

Remember that this is your Recreation Club and the officers and representatives are the correlators of your ideas.

L. F. Schwanbeck



"LES" SCHWANBECK
President



VERN HECK
Vice-President



LUCILLE GILLESPIE
Treasurer



JEANNE CLARK
Secretary



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
 Assistant Editor.....Lucy Gridley
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 { Jerry Davenport
 CartoonistMarie 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.

Sixth War Loan Drive

The final figures are now available for the Sixth War Loan Drive. It was a tremendous job for Payroll to compute the war bond deductions by groups, and involved miles and miles of adding machine tape. But they were triumphant and came up with the results.

Jimmy Barker's group, which was made up of Purchasing, Sales, Advertising and Switchboard, achieved the most spectacular results, buying 170% of its quota of E bonds. Elma Lundahl drew the lucky number for the prize bond.

Joy Hartman's group, Time Study and Maintenance, was second high, purchasing 135% of its quota. Joy and Barbara Titus, in the presence of Mr. Sleezer, drew numbers to assign to each group member: then Mr. Hiscock was called in asked to draw a number. It proved to be number 12, the one which had been assigned to Dutch Engelhardt. So Dutch won the bond.

Third high was Brice Bennett's group—Blocking, Grinding and Prism Departments. They bought 116% of their quota. We think this group deserves special mention, because their goal was achieved through consistent buying by every one. Brice did a fine job and had exceptional cooperation. Russell Wiedmeyer was the lucky boy who won the bond.

The fourth group to meet its quota was a large one, made up of Material Control, General Accounting, Administration and Photographic. Lucy Gillespie assisted by Alice Blanchard and Glen Harrie, led them over the top. Joe Clemens won the prize bond.

The plant as a whole did not quite meet its quota. If total deductions had been the whole story, we would have made it by a comfortable margin, but since only E bonds bought and cleared by December 31 were counted, the final figure brought us to 94%. Naturally, there will be another War Loan Drive in the near future. With the splendid example the above groups have set, next time we will really make it 100%.

Emergency Blood Donors

An emergency call over the P.A. system for blood donors brought an immediate response from the following: Bertha Snag, Edson Matson, Madeleine Meade, Margaret White, Bessie Green, Adeline Opheim, Carlos Rososco, and Harold Wirth. To date, contributions have only been needed from the first two named above for a railroad brakeman whose leg had been severed in an accident, however, the others are still "standing by".

ARGUS ISSUES FIRST RETIREMENT CHECK

John Schuler, formerly of the Tool-room, is first to qualify for full payment under the Argus Profit Sharing-Savings-Retirement Plan.

A highly skilled tool and die-maker, John came to work at Argus on April 28, 1941 . . . and his efforts and high degree of skill have contributed greatly to the excellent standard set in that department.

Coming to Argus as he did early in 1941 enabled John to "get in on the ground floor", as it were, when the profit-sharing retirement fund was set up early in 1942 to provide security for Argus workers who reach the retirement age . . . with the result that when he retired on January 5, 1945 he received a check for \$1203.61, which represented his full credit with the Retirement Fund.

Under the Plan, a person must be with Argus for three years before he can participate, so John qualified in January 1944, and paid in \$191.23 between that time and January 1945. The balance represents Wage Awards (as he was classified in Group 2 under the original plan), interest, and the Company's contribution. Plan Established in 1942.

It was early in 1941 that the management of Argus gave serious thought to a plan of profit sharing. It was held that by such a mutual undertaking the continued growth of the Company through the combined efforts of employees and management would be assured. Details were worked out and the plan put into operation in January 1942.

Purpose of the Plan

As the preamble of the Plan reads, it was established because Argus was desirous of distributing among its old and tried employees a certain portion of its net earnings, thereby stimulating in them a keener interest in its successful operation and at the same time encouraging a spirit of economy and thrift, which might protect against the vicissitudes of age.

By producing better and better materials at lower costs, our customers will praise our quality and service. By saving on materials and Company property, our business will grow. This will add up to profits and more profits . . . in turn adding more to the Fund and increasing its value to each employee-member.

Argus management feels that 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

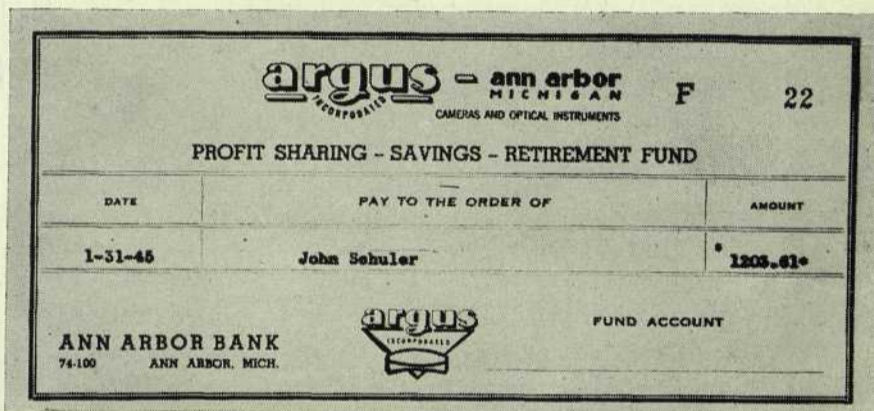


JOHN SCHULER

JOE CLEMENS

ABOVE: Mr. Schuler receives his Retirement Fund check for \$1203.61 and good wishes from Joe Clemens, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Argus, in the living room of his little country home shown below.

BELOW: A reproduction of the check.



is possible and at the same time keep capital functioning. This change of emphasis is a complete industrial revolution and can only be successful when labor assumes the obligations that go with this advance. Our Plan makes this possible and profitable.

Each and every employee is given the right to share in the welfare of the Company through the Managing Committee of the Fund. Every employee has a vital interest in efficiency, costs, production and profits.

We all miss John, but are glad to know that through the foresight of Argus management he has received this tidy sum to help make his retirement days happy ones.



The attractive little home of the John Schulers, on the Pontiac Trail, where Mrs. Schuler shares John's enthusiasm for raising chickens and lovely flowers.

SUGGESTION PLAN BOND WINNERS



DAVE MARTIN

A method and manner of striping boxes and packages designated for the Signal Corps was suggested by Dave which enables everyone handling freight shipments to quickly segregate material addressed to the Signal Corps. This suggestion greatly expedites the handling of war materials all along the route and won a War Bond for Dave.



LORRAINE DEVLIN

A plunger-type alcohol dispenser suggested by Lorraine Devlin won her a War Bond, and increased production in the Optical Assembly Department.

ARGUS RECREATION CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

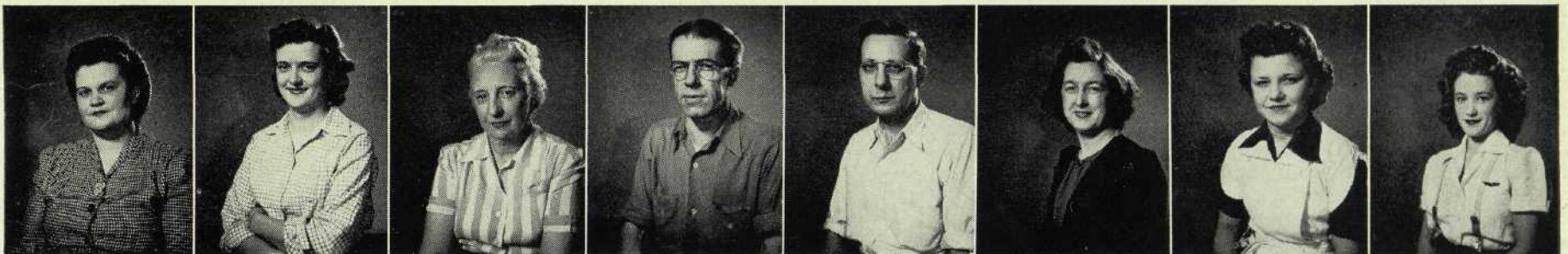


Top Row—Ethel Jones, R. G. Miller, Vi Tyler, Jack Pelton, Marie Nagel, Babe Peterson (also Sports Reporter for Argus Eyes), Lucy Gridley (Assistant Editor Argus Eyes).
Bottom Row—Maxine Campbell, Sally Kneiper, Jack Covey, Virginia Howard, Brice Bennett, Cecille Fitzgerald, Phil Hagopian Salley.

RECREATION CLUB REPORTERS FOR *Argus Eyes for Victory*



Arvid Andresen Frances Watterworth Glen Harrie Stephena Gala Gregg Letsis Lucille Domzal Jack Webber Aline Debo



Dorothy Jacobus Marie Trenary Madeleine Meade Dutch Engelhardt Bill Fike Wilmot Gray Wilma Litteral Helen Moore



Iva Covert Jackie Schaffer Virginia Morgan Lorraine Webb Laura Egeler Loma Graham Connie Skinner

New Officers and Representatives of Recreation Club Hold Meeting

The first meeting of the Argus Recreation Club following the election of officers and representatives for the year 1945 was held on January 26th.

The meeting was opened by Eddie Girvan with a word of appreciation for the cooperation and support given him by the officers, representatives and the management during his term of office . . . together with bits of advice and information to the incoming officers.

Les Schwanbeck, our new President, responded, and after the introduction of new officers and representatives, he appointed the following standing committees:

- Finance Committee**
Chairman—Mrs. Gillespie
Phyllis Hagopian Salley
Cecile Fitzgerald
Jack Pelton

- Sports Committee**
Chairman—Harold Peterson
Ethel Jones
Sally Kneiper
Marie Nagel
Brice Bennett

- Entertainment Committee**
Chairman—Jack Covey
Maxine Campbell
Viola Tyler
Lucy Gridley
Grant Miller
Virginia Howard

- Publicity Committee**
Chairman—Lucy Gridley
Advisory—Jimmy Barker
Cecile Fitzgerald
Vern Heck
Phyllis Hagopian Salley
Viola Tyler

The meeting was mainly for organizational purposes, but before adjourning, it was decided to publish a resume of the proceedings of the Club meetings in *Argus Eyes* each month in order that all members might be fully informed of its

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ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



SLEEZER, Edward Eggleston

Genial, obliging foreman of the Maintenance Dept., Plant 1. Was born at Sears, Michigan, in 1883, went to Minnesota when 18 and worked there from 1901 to 1907. Has been married 35 years and lives at 521 South 7th., Ann Arbor. Original association with Plant 1 building began in 1910 when he worked for the Michigan Furniture Co. Recalls that the site of the Optical Division was then used as a lumber yard. Any similarity now, he says,—etc., etc. Helped to build furniture for 18 years, came back in 1932 and found Argus in possession with a flourishing radio plant. Applied for a job as carpenter, started at 25c an hour and subsequently became boiler engineer, plumber and electrician for 12 hours a day with every 3rd Sunday off. Has been with Argus ever since. With over 30 years experience in Plant 1 cannot remember any great mishap or fire in the building. Claims that he has practically re-built and altered the place himself with a few nails and a hammer.

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the Argus Recreation Club

Any individual, group or organization, desiring a financial appropriation from the Argus Recreation Club shall, as a condition to the consideration of such appropriation by the Executive Board, cause to be published in "Argus Eyes for Victory" announcement of the activity to be sponsored; or in lieu thereof, shall post notice of such activity on all regular bulletin boards throughout the factory at least five days before application to the Executive Board.

This proposal will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Argus Recreation Club officers and representatives.

Recreation Club Meeting

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activities. For this reason they also moved that the regular monthly meeting be held on the first Thursday of the month. Tentative plans were also made for a party to be held February 24th, and each representative was asked to appoint Reporters in their various departments to gather news items for our paper.

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At the February 1st meeting, Jack Covey, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee gave a report, and arrangements were made to hold a party on February 24th at the Michigan Union . . . with Bill Layton's Band furnishing the music for dancing, and cards for those who do not care to dance.

It was also voted to extend an invitation to last year's Club officers and representatives to be our guests at the party.

An appropriation was voted for a mixed doubles bowling tournament to be held February 18th.

The matter of sending flowers to Argus members in the case of illness or death in the family was discussed and a procedure established which clears through Mrs. Radford's office.

Sponsorship of any activity by the Recreation Club was brought before the meeting and it was decided that an Amendment should be added to the By-Laws concerning the procedure to be followed by any group desiring an appropriation. This Amendment is published elsewhere in this edition and will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

Offices — Plant II

We want to welcome to Argus Miss Carolyn Merion. She's working for Mr. Kagay in Timekeeping . . . comes from Detroit . . . and from all reports, Danny and Carolyn are getting along fine.

Aline Debo, who is the record clerk for the Planning Department, is seriously ill and in the hospital. She has been with Argus about two and a half years and her faithful services are really missed. Just ask Phyllis Ganzhorn and Betty Gee who are her office mates. Our most sincere sympathies are extended to Aline and we hope she will soon be on the road to recovery.

The Army officer we all saw walking in the Ordnance Department these last three weeks is Lt. B. D. Ferrell, from Philadelphia, Pa. He's with the Detroit Ordnance District and has been studying the inspection procedures followed by Argus in producing acceptable telescopes. This study is being made to standardize the inspection procedures followed in the manufacture of fire control instruments. Yes girls, he's single, but unfortunately he left us February 10th. Lt. Ferrell wants us to know he enjoyed his stay with Argus very much.

Jim Norris got the worst of a snow ball battle one night when he thought he could compete with some boys about fifteen years younger than he. They really gave him a plastering. In Jim's haste to be away he became entangled with another car. In the meantime Colette Schwind and Marie Barbier nearly burst with laughter at the sight.

OPTICAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is in a flutter today primping for the camera. Yes, the lights, camera, and action, men are really here! Kleig lights, cameras and all! For a newsreel they tell me. Who knows we may have some hidden movie talent in our midst!

Clara Dickenson is anxiously waiting the arrival of her son Pvt. Burton Dickenson from Kelly Field, Texas, who is getting a 14 day furlough.

Seems good to have Ann Letsis back spreading sunshine around Optical Assembly after her recent illness.

What with all the special dieting and daily calisthenics so prevalent around here we should see some glamorous figures by spring!

Among those celebrating Happy Birthdays this month were Alice Mirresse, Eliza Flournoy, Mary Wingrove and Alice Weil.

We were happy to hear of the marriage of "Dottie Glick" to Keith Huntington of the Navy. They were married at Santa Monica, California, where they are making their home for the present. Best wishes to both of them!

Three of the most faithful feminine customers of the Lincoln restaurant stumped the proprietor the other night when one of them ordered cream for her coke! Imagine!

Laura Purdon of Ohio is visiting Dottie Waggott for a few days. Seems that Laura has decided to become a long-hair.

Flossie Stanley is back after spending some time with her family in Arkansas.

A group of prominent people in our department spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald recently. One of the main events

of the evening was the playing of Cribbage, only to be followed by a super lunch prepared by the hostess. The guests were namely: Mr. and Mrs. Weakley, Mr. and Mrs. Stotts and Mr. and Mrs. Baker. We are still wondering why Pauline's face got so red!

Alice Weir is recovering from injuries as a result from a bad fall on the ice. Hope you will soon be back Alice.

Cecile Eubank and Thressell Conley were sure made happy when Ann Letsis returned—why? Because she brought a couple of "Hill Billy" records especially for them. Seems that several others are enjoying them too.

Elsie Paradise had a grand visit with her son Dale of the Navy who was home for 37 days. He has served three years in Honolulu. He has returned to Jacksonville, Florida, for the present.

Well, Cheerio! folks till next month.

Crippled Children's Fund

The sum of \$32.75 was generously contributed to the President's Birthday Polio Fund by the Optical Assembly Department, and we had thought to run an illustration of this neat pile of money, but unfortunately our engraver was not willing to take the rap and to go to the penitentiary for reproducing such a picture (it's a federal offense). So, we can't run the picture, and inasmuch as we are short of space this month neither can we leave a blank space which might be dedicated to such a picture. (*James, my straight jacket!*)

THE SPIRIT OF ARGUS

We have all heard that working at Argus is like being one of a big happy family.

Like all families, we have our "ups and downs," and when anyone needs some help, they know that some "big sister or brother" will usually save the day.

This has been proven more than once, and the most recent occasion was when one of our employees needed some blood donors for a relative who was to have a serious surgical operation.

Four people, Wm. Beard, Oscar Tyre, Augusta Butts, and Harold Schauers, were the ones who gladly gave their blood.

Mere words cannot express the appreciation that one would like to express for

such kindly acts as these. The feeling comes from the heart, and is something much deeper and more sincere than a mere "Thank You."

I wish to thank each and everyone so very much for the lovely gifts I received before my leaving Argus, Incorporated.

I hope to be back someday soon to see you all again.

Sincerely, SCOTTY.

EARNEST DARNELL would like to thank Departments 37-39-44 and the Argus Recreation Club for the flowers they sent. They were greatly appreciated by the family.

Salvage Department

Salvage is happy to welcome three newcomers. Lester Budlong, Dean Turner, and Wartley Balmerton have recently moved from Salvage, Plant 2, to join our Salvage Dept. of Plant 1.

A farewell party was given for Lois Greer who has left our Salvage Dept. to work for Mr. Johnson. We all miss your pleasant smile around the department, Lois, but we are happy to know that you aren't too far away.

We are all sorry to hear that Edith Garkick and Freda Thompson are ill. Here's looking for a quick recovery, and we hope to see you both back with us very soon.

Have you heard about the Salvage Birthday Club? The dues are only twenty-five cents (25c) a birthday, everyone is given a birthday party, and a good time is always had by all. Come on gang, let's all belong to the club.

Did you know that we have a winter sports fan in our midst? At last we have found the reason for Mr. Bauer's tired Mondays. Tell us Herm — Where do you find the best places for coasting?



Guess Who?
Plant II

ARGUS SPORTING NEWS

A Photo Finish in the Men's Bowling League

Only seven weeks remain of the 1944-45 Argus League, and it appears likely that it will be a photo finish with the eventual winner having little to spare.

At this late date the **Bears** are leading the pack, but their position is anything but secure and any let-up will prove costly. The league leaders took over the post spot when they defeated the **Toolroom** four games. These two were tied for the top place at the time the games were rolled, so the pressure was great on both teams. **Joe O'Donnell, Ted Doman, and Maurey Howe** were all well over the 500 mark while the toolmakers were just a shade off their regular form which accounted for the clean sweep for the Bear team.

This four game lead has been maintained, but the schedule is definitely not in favor of the leaders who have to meet some of the better teams of the league in the last weeks of the season. And also the fact that **Maurey Howe**, who has been the mainstay of the team this year, will be out for the remainder of the season with an injured finger may prove quite a factor in the stretch drive for the title. **Joe O'Donnell** has been trying desperately to make up for the loss of the team's anchorman by rolling some of the best series of the year. When the **Bears** crossed alleys with a rough and tough **Tool Design** five, the likeable Irishman found the alleys much to his liking and posted a new high three game total. **Joe** started out with a modest 166 opening game, but really got "hot" in the last two. Going out the second line with six in a row **Joe** counted 221. He was still in the pocket to start the final line and started with another six in a row giving him a string of twelve consecutive strikes which is par in anybody's league. He ended with another 221 game and a three game total of 608 which was three pins better than the former mark of 605 set by **Rube Egeler** who is considered the best in the league.

Toolroom, Assembly, and Office seem to be the teams that will most likely give the leaders the loudest arguments in the final weeks of the season. There is little doubt but what the toolmakers boast some of the best bowlers in the league,

and if this team gets any breaks the final night may find them celebrating a hard earned victory. The **Office** team is one of the hardest in the league to try to dope out. One week they will appear as "champs" and the next night "chumps" would be the best word to use. At the last writing this team had hit the skids and seemed definitely out of the picture. Soon after, however, they seemed to get a new lease on life and worked themselves close to the top. But when the team was close enough to cause concern they again fell back to mediocre bowling and are now eight games off the pace. Consistency has not been a characteristic of the **Office** team. The **Assembly** team which has been on or near the top all year are still serious threats, and have hopes of winning the title for **Plant Two**. This team is to be commended for its position when one realizes that on many occasions the team captain has found it necessary at the last moment to get a substitute because some member of the team had to work on the bowling night. If this team could have had its members bowl on each night as most of the teams have, it is probable that at this time the **Assembly** five would be leading the league.

The **Lens Office** team has been cutting some fancy capers in the last month, and moved into a challenging position only to have **Lady Luck** turn a cold shoulder when they made their most serious threat. The team was only five games from the lead when they met the league leaders, but the breaks were all bad for the challengers and as a result lost four games and fell back to nine games in the red. **Greg Letsis** is carrying high average on this team, but all members have been winning his share of the games.

Although the **Cubs**, captained by **Bo Price**, are deep in the second division and have no title hopes, the team has proved itself more than capable of taking care of themselves when they roll against the leading teams. On successive Friday nights the **Cubs** took care of the two leading teams and won three out of four games from the **Toolroom** and the **Bears**. **Bo Price** and his teammates have proved themselves the best of competitors and their position in the standings belies their true abilities. Only **Price** and **Smith** had any experience in league bowling when the season started so this team deserves much credit for its showing this year.

LADIES' BOWLING

Plant One

As we start the third round of our schedule there is no change in the team standings. Every team is holding their own very nicely.

Eolah Bucholz has captured high single game of 203. Her other games were 172 and 138, making a fine total of 513. She and **Doris Lyons** tried hard to top **Mary Tucker's** 519 series. **Doris** had 175, 180 and 158 for her 513 series. One game she had seven spares in a row, a split in the eighth frame marked the rest of the way out. She ties **Sally Kneiper** for most spares in a row.

Marjorie Parke and **Laura Egeler** picked up the 6-7-10 split one night, which is no easy task.

We all know how much **Virginia Peterson** misses bowling. She had an unfortunate accident injuring her wrist. This is the first time she has missed bowling in four years.

There are many of the Argus girls journeying to Grand Rapids to bowl in the State tournament and are also taking part in the City tourney in March. Good Luck to all.

Laura Egeler,
Secretary Argus League.



Garrie Yates, son of Harold Yates, Tool Design, offers his dad the above solution for the cigarette shortage.

Notice to Employees

Any employee who is interested in the findings of his physical examination may call in the First Aid Room of Plant I.

Ladies Bowling League Plant II

The lady bowlers of **Plant II** have been very quiet about their bowling, so far this season. However, we are still in the league and are going strong. We are proud of our efforts and of the scores that have been made. Everyone is having a good time and right in there pitching, as the competition grows more keen.

Each Monday night a special prize of \$1.00 is given, which adds much interest to the games. The prize winner last week was **Cecelia Jeffries** of the "Polishers" for getting the most splits in the third game.

At a recent meeting **Maxine Wichman** resigned as president of the league and **Lois Bush** also resigned as secretary. **Norma Kauffman** is the new president and **Frances Hill** is the secretary. We extend our thanks to the resigning officers for their past efforts, and the best of luck to our new ones.

Some highlights in our scores are as follows:

Individual single high games:

1st high single game—**Winifred Fraser**—211

2nd high single game—**Annabelle Farmer**—193

1st high individual 3 game series—**Annabelle Farmer**—510

2nd high individual 3 game series—**Winifred Fraser**—500

Teams:

1st high single game—**Spit-Fires**—818

2nd high single game—**Big Five**—758

1st high 3 game series—**Spit-Fires**—2179

2nd high 3 game series—**Office**—2036



Guess Who?

Depts. 18B and 18C

We all grieve with **Augusta Butts** over the recent death of her father, **Wallace Butts** of Logansport, Indiana.

Several male workers of our floor recently joined the **Moose Lodge**. After the first meeting **Larry Jones** did not show up at work for two days. We are wondering if it was the entertainment or refreshments that "done him in."

Laugh of the week: **Christine Rinke** came in to tell us that she had been invited to the home of friends for dinner the evening before and sat in the **Butterscotch pie** which had been put on the kitchen stool to cool. Consequently . . . no dessert.

The girls of **Department 18B** gave a stork shower for **Mrs. Ruby Courtney** at her home February 2nd. She received many lovely gifts.

The many friends of **Mrs. Harold Voelker**, known to us as **Ora**, will be glad to hear that the stork brought a baby boy to their home on February 7th. Here's wishing them lots of blessings.

Bud Wheeler, our boss, has suffered through a painful sinus operation and returned to work on Monday. The Department gave him a gift of cash and lots of wishes for health in the future.

BASKETBALL

Again this year Argus has placed a very good basketball team in the **Industrial League**, and the Argus entry is now in a battle with the **Dents** for the league leadership. Our team this year compares favorably with some of the former star-studded teams of former years. (Many will remember those teams that boasted **Mike Sinelli, Jimmie Numaier, Gus Christ, Sam Neustadt, Loue Bertsons, Bo Price**, and the never-to-be-forgotten **Murphy brothers**.)

At the start of the season it was felt that the loss of the towering **Bob Hahn** would count Argus out as far as any championship was concerned, but the team has developed team play this season that was lacking in the team's attack last year. The team has no individual star, and Argus opponents have found it impossible to build up a defense to stop the high scoring Argus team. When one of the members is off form some other player is finding the range and it has been this all-round scoring punch that has carried the team through a successful season. What the team lacks in height this year is more than made up with by spirit and fight.

The league leading **Dent** team is made up of **University of Michigan** students, and in the only game between the two the students were the winners by the narrow margin of three points. Argus will meet this team twice more during the regular season and the players are confident that they can turn the tables and come out the winner. Best of luck to you, fellows.

Diogenes Can Hang Up His Lantern

We've found the men he was looking for . . . and in addition to the qualification of honesty he seems also to be quite a philosopher. His name . . . **George Byrd** . . . of the night cleaning staff . . . who turned in to the **Guards** a sum of money he found on the second floor while performing his duties. The sum was small, a single coin, but the gesture worth recognition . . . we couldn't let the opportunity pass.

Dept. 10 Machine Shop

By Virginia Morgan

The **Machine Shop** has surely had its face lifted. We have new machines, new operators and now, the finishing touches of paint.

We're inviting a talent scout from the "Metropolitan Opera" to hear **Martha Meyers** and **Jim Eubanks** sing their southern songs.

You should hear **Jim's** version of, "The Shooting of the **Dangerous Dan McGrew**."

Messers. Schlemmer, Borst and **Baritte** enjoyed a fishing trip at **Crystal Lake**. We haven't seen any fish but have heard some tall tales.

Elsie Ludwick has received several letters from her husband, who is interned in a **Shanghai** prison camp.

Russ Conway is stationed in **Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia**. Good luck to you, **Russ**.

Best wishes to **Ernie Davey** who is in the hospital. Hope you'll be back with us soon.

More people are on diets . . . **Ed Betke, Everett Collins** and **Ralph Flick** are following the rules we hope. We're glad they're back to work.

O-o-ohed to **March**. The "gentle" breezes tell of **Spring**. Oh, **March**, when income tax is the thing That turns our hair and makes us stare Into space and moan,—

The **Ides of March**. Beware!

—Dorothy Williams



T/Sgt. Warren Mayer

Sgt. Mayer, at present assigned to the Walker Army Airfield, Kansas, recently spent a leave here in Ann Arbor with his wife, "Winnie", of the switchboard department. An Engineer on a B-29, Sgt. Mayer also has had an all 'round training since being drafted in November of 1942 which enables him to take over any station on the ship . . . including that of pilot. After another phase of training, Warren will be in there hitting them hard, and our wishes for the best of luck are extended to him and Winnie.

Purple Heart Awarded Posthumously to Pvt. Clifford Fowler



Shown above is the widow and ten-months old son of Pvt. Clifford Fowler . . . who was awarded the Purple Heart medal posthumously. Pvt. Fowler, a member of the First Ranger Battalion, was killed in action in Italy. Before entering the service in January 1942, Clif worked in the Optical Division. His Grandfather, Edgar Fowler, now works in the Receiving Department. A brother, Herman Fowler, A. R.M. 2/c, who has been in action in the South Pacific was wounded in the battle of Truk, has also been awarded the Purple Heart. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Pvt. Fowler's family.

KEN WILCOX IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

From a prison camp in Germany comes a "Postkarte" from Ken Wilcox (S/Sgt. Kenneth L.) formerly a lens grinder and polisher in Department 36 . . . dated November 16, 1944.

"Greetings Gang: Had a little tough luck in August but am being treated fine. Hope everything is going fine for all of you. Maybe before many months are over I'll see all of you again . . . Here's hoping! How about a few letters? My best to everyone. Happy New Year."

We, too, hope it will not be too long before Ken can be with us, and in the meantime it must be pretty lonesome and rugged in that prison camp . . . and we shouldn't have to be reminded to write him. So, in his own words . . . "How's about a few letters." Ken's address can be procured from the Personnel Office, we can't give it here. 'Nuf said!

LETTERS FROM OUR SERVICEMEN

Notes of appreciation continue to come in from Argus employees in the service, for their Christmas remembrances . . . along with descriptions of the way their holiday period was spent.

Fritzie Waldron writes thanking Argus Recreation Club, and in addition says:

"I am now in the shadow of the Sphinx, and the rigors of Persia are forgotten (tho not my many friends there) in this lush spot near Cairo. As usual, we are just recovering from a hectic Rest and holiday season, but everyone enjoyed it and we had plenty to eat and drink and people were as merry as possible. The burning of the greens and a steak roast for patients on Twelfth Night definitely finished the season.

"A Happy New Year to you one and all. Maybe I'll see you in 1945."

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From "Somewhere In Germany," Pvt. Francis O'Donnell sends us a note written just before Christmas.

"Dear Friends. It's true this letter should have been written a long time ago and the only excuse I have to offer is that I'm doing my bit to help end the war!

"Before I continue, I want to thank all my friends at the Club who have in any way helped to make life just a little more pleasant for yours truly. This past week I received your lovely Christmas gift, and it goes without saying how much it was appreciated by me.

"Thanks are also due you for the copy of Argus Eyes which I've received each and every month without fail.

"Usually when a letter is received from a soldier overseas, the person or persons concerned are always pleased with a little 'inside dope' as to what's going on way over there. (*We're no exception, Micker.*) Time is scarce, censorship is strict and paper is rationed . . . so how would it be if I just say that there is plenty of 'hell' being raised and the noise is more than sufficient! We've got the Jerries on the run and that is all the news in a few words. (*And potent, too.*)"

"Duty calls, but before I close I'd like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years."

We echo Pvt. O'Donnell's wish that "the year 1945 will see Victory for us and Peace once again throughout the world."

Gratefully yours, Micker.

ARGUS VISITOR



Captain Arthur E. Ferguson, brother-in-law of Glen Hilgie, who was home from the South Pacific for a short furlough, paid a visit to Argus recently. The Hilgie's justifiable pride in Captain Ferguson's achievements is shared by Argus.

From Bernice A. Ford, Y 3c.

"Your Christmas package pleased me beyond expression. It sure helps to be remembered by folks like you, especially when it is quite impossible to be at home during the holidays.

"It might interest you to know that I enjoy keeping in touch with Argus thru Argus Eyes."



Pvt. Eric Sutton

Eric is the husband of our smiling receptionist, Gertrude Sutton, and is now somewhere in the Dutch East Indies . . . He formerly worked in the Prism Department. Gertrude has kindly consented to let us publish a lovely poem Eric sent her recently, which is printed below.

Pattern of Cost

We have left you behind and run to face the fire.

Yes, you are the home, the warm, safe desire;

But we felt the dull horror of security lost

And reasoned the indulgent security required the cost.

We shall become the wind—the wind, like us, is free,

And we will hit the flame as it engulfs the sea.

Our assault will enrage it, and fanned, it will increase.

It will burst forth in the fury of madness unleashed.

But there is a truth perhaps the flame doesn't know!

A fire will burn out; the wind will always blow.

When we come back we will be changed, heated and tired;

But not burned out, unable to use what we desired.

Nor should we forget the struggle, the trying task we've done

It can serve us better when we remember what we've won.

We will learn fast by expressing ourselves in force,

And to face the future, our struggle can be a teaching source.

And we can in the strength of leisure time build foundations

Of productive peace engendered in cooperate nations.

Then, must we believe the flame will be reborn,

And the future we make we will come to mourn?

It is a logical truth, mayhap a profound real

But we cannot accept it as the Fate which we feel.

There is something secret in our endeavor—

Like the wind, it will blow forever.



Pvt. Marian Nichols

Marian, formerly of the Sales Department, has completed her basic training and has been assigned to the Tilton General Hospital in New Jersey as a medical secretary. This work, however, is not new for Marian, for before coming with Argus she was a civilian medical secretary at an Army unit in North Carolina and prior to that did similar work with the University Hospital, so is well qualified for her present position with the Army. We are all very proud of Marian and hope that when the war is over she will return to us. The very best of wishes from all of us at Argus, Marian.

ANDY KENDROVICS LOST AT SEA



The family of Andy Kendrovics have been informed that he was lost in a typhoon in the Pacific some time ago. Andy was a Radio Technician 2/C and a brother of Johnny Kendrovics. Though belated, we extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

News from the Eastern Front

Thanks were also received from Cpl. Paul F. Haines in "sunny France where it never fails to rain at least once a day" for his Christmas package and copies of Argus Eyes.

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An eloquent pep talk from Sgt. Lester A. Bailey, a little in the Gabriel Heatter manner, is worth repeating here, we think.

"I am always proud to say to the fellows over here, 'my factory where I worked haven't lost a day's work because of a strike.' They all tell me that that is a lot more than the biggest share of the factories can say. I know this too, and how well I know it.

"This war isn't over until the last shot has been fired, and that time hasn't arrived as yet. So keep up the fine work and let me stay proud of my company there at home." (We know Les will be very happy to learn that we have won the fourth "E" award for production.)

SERVICEMEN'S LETTERS (Continued)

T. W. (Ted) Tirb gives an accounting of himself in his letter of January 25th which bears a Fleet P.O. address.

"Doggone it, I've meant to write sooner but lately I've been busy as the devil. So help me, it's the truth!

"I believe this is the first time I've written to the Club. I've written a few notes to the old home department (36), but don't think they got any farther than that.

"I can't say much about where I am or what I'm doing, so guess all I can tell you about is where I've been since I left Argus.

"Well, after boot camp at Great Lakes I was assigned to a Radar school at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

"The quarters there were swell, not at all Navy like. (*We're not just sure what he means by that*). We stayed in one of these 'ritz' tourist hotels right on the ocean. It was still equipped with big thick rugs, venetian blinds, private bathrooms, etc.

"After a long, weary month of school (classes ran from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) we were sent to Miami for further schooling and assignment to a ship.

"After four months of Florida we shoved off for Texas. Orange, Port Arthur, Houston and Galveston being some of the places I stayed in. Finally I got aboard the ship. It's an A.T.A. (auxiliary tug attack).

"It's a sea-going ship and its main job is towing and hauling landing craft and LST's off the beach. So far it's been good duty.

"We've got a darn good ship if I do say so myself. It's got to be as they say, 'a ship is no better than its crew' . . . and we've got a darn good crew.

"In the last copy of *Argus Eyes* I saw that Navy Thanksgiving menu Howard (Spitz) Schwichtenberg sent you, and let me assure you it's not propaganda. In fact I've had four meals like that since joining the Navy . . . Navy Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. They also handed us out cigarettes and cigars on each occasion. It's a 4.0 deal all the way around. (*When this news get out, the Navy, I am sure, will get a lot of recruits from Argus.*)

"There isn't any use of me telling you to keep up the good work you're doing at 'ole Argus, as from my past experience working with you all I know you will.

P.S. "I almost forgot the main reason for this letter. I received the swell pack-

age you sent and it sure went over big not only with me but with the rest of the boys. Thanks a million! I also want to thank you for remembering me every month with a copy of *Argus Eyes*. It brings back memories of 'way back when.' "My best regards to you all."

Ted.

Cpl. William Covert



Bill, who recently received his Aerial Gunner's wings, is at the present time spending his furlough with his wife, Iva, of the General Accounting Department. Before entering the service, Bill worked in Ginny Lau's Department . . . and following his leave expects to report for duty with a B-29 unit. Our best wishes to you, Bill and Iva.

A letter from Pvt. F. V. (Joe) Wright, who used to work for Herbie Oliver in the Bendix stockroom, to Naomi Knight, states that he's now stationed in New Guinea with a gas supply Company of the Quartermaster's Corps.

Joe says that the native girls of the Hollywood brand are considerably different from the real ones and are far from beautiful, but that there are a few Wacs that help the scenery. We hope by now that you've received your *Argus Club* present which you hadn't when you wrote, also those long-looked for letters.

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That little bird that told us Sgt. Henry (Al) Stitt was on his way back to the states was entirely right. He is now in Burns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he is convalescing from an illness contracted in France. Al spent

three months in a hospital in England before being returned to the States, and hopes to have a furlough before long and pay a visit to all his family and friends. Hurry, Al, we have the welcome mat out.

The Wandering Reporter

R. Gus

"Handsome Jack" Webber can be seen most any rest period seated in Leigh's Luxurious Lunchroom, surrounded by fourteen, count 'em, lovely ladies. Such appeal, such a profile, such a gentleman.

Speaking of looks, the March nomination for *Argus'* most beautiful girl goes to the sales department's gorgeous Betty Jane Lund. Ah, would that I were a football hero if such be the reward!

As the Ides of March approacheth, we all look forward with fear and trembling to our yearly reckoning with Uncle Sam. Of course, he's going to have a heck of a time getting any more out of me. Instead of a check on payday, the company has been sending me an A.D. invoice, (A.D., after deductions) requesting that I kindly remit \$3.73. But I finally got a raise—now they want \$5.87. As Money Bags Rockman explains it, I'm now in a higher bracket.

Speaking of our genial head of payroll, reminds me of that rollicking crew who are known far and wide as the Cellar Rats. This alcholarious group of gentlemen seem to be getting a good deal of publicity for their lack of ability as kegglers. But it seems to me that we should follow the suggestion of the popular ballad and "accentuate the positive" by saying that they may be lousy bowlers, but they do have *Argus'* most glorious thirst.

In keeping with my usual practice, I'm closing this literary gem with one of Jim Lattimer's *Argus* portraits:

Up on the floors *Argus* portraits:
There toils a miss, we can't forget—
Whose mein and manner are so fine,
You guessed aright; It is Colette.

Timekeeping seems to be her meat
With figures—she's a whiz—
(Speaking of figures—isn't she neat?)
Her strongest drink is soda fizz.

Short Snorts From Dept. 36

(Sent in on Book-Cadillac stationery, no less.)

Who runs all the errands for others on her noon hour? Mabel S.

Kennie Wilcox, listed as missing in action since August 22nd, is reported to be a German prisoner.

Annabelle Farmer: "What is an Air Wac like?"

Ruth B.: "Just like floor wax."

We hear Ann A is dusting off the cook books. How about a home cooked meal Ann?

Ernie B. was only kidding when he said Goodbye.

We hear Charlie C. arrived on Valentine's Day. Happy birthday, Charlie.

We welcome Georgia and Shirley to our department. Hope they like us.

Don H. is running close second to Sinatra in his crooning, only Sinatra casts a *thin* shadow.

Congratulations to the girl polishers in bowling. Keep it up, gals.

It is rumored that Dick F. carries his lunch in a peck sack.

Who is lucky at matching coins. Tip, Catherine M. I'm warning you. Plasma for plasma was the pay off.

Headly bought another wing of St. Joseph's Hospital. Glad to have him back.

If you wonder why we have the paint washed off our machines . . . movies, they tell us.

Lennie S. gets his jeep back. Gang way. "Pen Drip"



Pvt. Harvey W. Lawhead visited his friends at *Argus* in February while home on leave, and we were all glad to see him, especially his uncle, Elmer Lawhead. Harvey wears a Purple Heart decoration for wounds he received in action in Europe, and from which he is still recovering. Prior to joining the Army, Harvey worked in the Lens Blocking Department.

The Gals in White

Since the election of officers and representatives for the *Argus* Recreation Club has taken place, things have really been buzzing in the First Aid Room.

Vi Tyler is one of the representatives and is on the program committee.

The poor telephone has been working over time, with Vi calling here, there and everywhere, helping with the plans for the big party to be held February 24th.

I, for one, can assure you that from all I hear of a one-sided conversation it sounds mighty swell.

If you see Frances Watterworth standing in the middle of the floor scowling over a blue print of Plant I, she is only trying to locate the various departments that she is reporter for.

Mildred Bird and Reata Wilkinson keep business running "as usual."

Vi Tyler celebrated her birthday in February, along with such famous people as Lincoln and Washington.

Mildred, Reata and Frances helped her to make it an important event by giving her a lovely gift.



Guess Who?

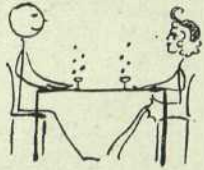
LIFE ON GUADALCANAL



William F. Heck (Bill) who is spending his time with the Army on Guadalcanal these days, sent brother Vern this very interesting picture of himself and a native youngster.

DREAMING

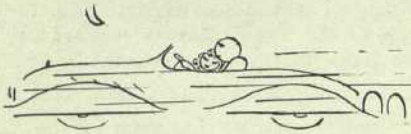
I had a date with you last nite.
We had a lovely time.
The wine and food was perfect.
The music was divine.



We danced 'til almost three o'clock—
Went home the longest way.
And when we finally said, "Goodnite"
'Twas almost break of day.



What's more, you wore no uniform.
The war was fought and won—
The fear, the hate, the misery
Was over with and done.



O yes, it's only dreaming,
A lot of which I do.
But then I always add a prayer,
And hope it will come true.



—Drawings by Barb.

WANTED

Argus A2F camera in good
condition. Will pay \$15.00.

N. T. Brotherton

BALHOFF-WINANS WEDDING



Pictured above are Seaman 1/c and Mrs. Robert B. Winans (nee Virginia Balhoff) cutting their wedding cake following their marriage on December 24th in the Michigan League.

Rev. Phillip Schenk, of St. James Episcopal Church at Dexter, officiated at the ceremony, and the couple was attended by Miss Helen Balhoff and Seaman 1/c C. W. Johnson.

Following his 30 day leave, Seaman Winans will report back for duty, while Mrs. Winans will continue with her work in the Designing Engineers' office in Plant II.

Timekeeping News

Army priority came first when Lt. Terry Michael claimed our "Scotty" for his bride. The wedding took place on Wednesday, February 7th, in Columbus, Ohio. Scotty has promised to send us a wedding picture which may reach us in time to be printed in the coming issue of Argus Eyes.

Our best wishes for their happiness are extended by the department to "Lt. and Mrs. Terry Michael."

Seems as though the "Cellar Rats" bowling team is really dissolving since the

"Captain" has put his four co-workers up for sale. The latest development is that Norm Tweed, Jack Covey and Joe Clemens are definitely sore at Rocky since they heard him say, (through the open window) "and please forgive Les Schwanbeck for the stab in the back."

Bulletin

John Kendrovic and Rube Egeler journeyed to Chicago to participate in the famous Peterson Classic Bowling tournament last month. Even tho they didn't get in the prize money they said the fun and experience was well worth the trip.

PERSONNEL

February's differ-ent,
It starts with Groundhog Day:
Then follow Mardis Gras and Lent,
A day when valentines are sent,
The birthdays of two president,
The birthday of a great invent -
(Won't rhyme no other way.)

This morning our Ruth Scharren and King-Seeley's Larry Quinn spoke on personnel work in Dr. Reigle's Industrial Relations class at the University. Mrs. Scharren's talk dealt with the history of this relatively new field, and what she considers its functions should be. Mr. Quinn gave specific examples from his experience, and the latter part of the period was spent in an open discussion. Although it was an 8 o'clock class, on this particular morning not one student slept.

In the interests of more and better beer, our neighbors, the Ann Arbor Brewing Company, have purchased some new equipment. It is a special inducement to applicants to come to the Employment Office, with such unusual goings-on right across the street. A great section of vine covered brick wall has been ruthlessly whacked out, and a score of men are working like beavers to move pots and kettles of fabulous size through the opening.

We are planning a pot-luck for next Tuesday at Mary Haight's. In honor of Washington's birthday there will be cherries in the cocktails (fruit!), and the evening will be devoted principally to eating.

TOOL DESIGN

We wish to welcome Walter Brzezinski and Leonard Thomas to the Tool Design and Process Engineering Department respectively. Walt hails from Aero-Automobile Engineering Co., Detroit, and we understand is 28 and single (so watch out girls), while Leonard was formerly with King-Seeley Corporation . . . is married and has a daughter Cheyrl Cynthia.

Bill Bone and the Tool Design Department are on the move again. We are now located on the first floor, Plant II.

The T.D. Bowling Team is really a strong team. It has to be to hold up under all the other teams on top.

PLANNING, PRIORITY, AND CONTRACT TERMINATION DEPARTMENTS

The new planning department is a collection of individuals from both plants who are trying their darndest to work out a successful system of production, scheduling, etc., to make Argus even a more important part of the U.S.A. The main head-scratchers are:

John E. Poeton whose number one hobby is getting pictures of "Punkin" (see Argus Eyes, January edition) John's three loves are Gen, his wife, Punkin, and Brownny.

Ed Wasem is the very busy trouble-straighten-outer whose great pride is his chicken ranch near Ypsi. Anyone interested in the raising of chickens or the laying of eggs will find a fountain of information here IF he can get a priority to stand in line to see Ed.

Jim Nutt is the smiling member whose hobby (?) is bowling. His team has suggested that he get a new hobby, so he now talks only of Davey, age 5 years, and Virginia, age 7 months. Virginia has just been christened. Ask Jim about them after your work is finished, *not before*.

John Perini, the Chelsea Flash, dashes in to work about 1:00 p.m. after expediting Federal Screw Works. Even with his bulk he is able to dash about and accomplish tasks throughout lower Michigan.

Bill Thompson leads our Time Study crew. Every Friday evening Bill will be found at Kroger's on So. Main Street. No, he doesn't work there. He just spends his time returning the articles that his son, Robert, has placed in the basket. Robert,

like most boys, has eyes larger than his stomach. Bill is well assisted by Rhea McLaughlin, Jesse Cope, and Joy Hartman whom we all know very well for their time studies which are often spoken of in an unprintable sort of a way.

Eric Solderholm is the very likeable, slow moving head of inspectors. His evenings are spent practicing or playing the violin with the Civic Orchestra, bowling, or checking and repairing his hunting, fishing, and golfing equipment. His spare evenings are spent with his very pleasant wife.

Glen Hilge is our mechanical engineer and jack-of-all-trades. Often his jobs wander far from his official title, but you can always find a smile and a willingness to help from Glen.

The Priority Department has requested silence, so don't read the following above a whisper. Fred Livermore is the head of the group and can usually be seen hiding behind a big cigar looking very grumpy even though he is always pleasant. Verna Frost is his sophisticated assistant, but don't let her poise fool you. She is a true sister of the Argus Family. Lee Heuer is the attractive assistant to both. Maybe next month they will let me speak more boldly.

Gene Mathews is our magician and routing sheet genius. His present task is to teach his wife to roll cigarettes without biting her tongue. Arey Wardwell, the quiet, likeable chap who rests his bones

just in front of Gene is Gene's able assistant, and Arlene Britten is the pretty typist who doesn't care for a Widow's peak on her forehead.

Kelly Goss, Argus's most eligible bachelor, is just counting time with his quiet secretary, Dorothy Meinike. They are to be moved again soon. In the meantime Kelly has gotten new filing gadgets and Dorothy is having her troubles knowing where to place them and still be able to get to her desk without climbing over something.

Emil Johnson is in charge of all the clerks and is like a mother hen trying to keep them happy and busy. Off and on Emil is found looking for a pint. He says it is for his cold, but he seems to get a lot of colds and always looks healthy.

Leona Breisch, our latest gain (Material Control's loss), has added life to the Planning Coffee Time which meets twice daily at Thomas's Joint, second floor, south. Everything was going fine until Anita Bedard mistook a picture Leona was looking at (picture of Connie Skinner's husband) and complimented Leona on having a fine looking son.

The new planning office has finally settled down enough so that we can stagger in sleepily each morning and plop into our own chair. Up until the first of February so many desks and places were moved, we all had to stand out in the cold an extra five minutes to wake up completely.

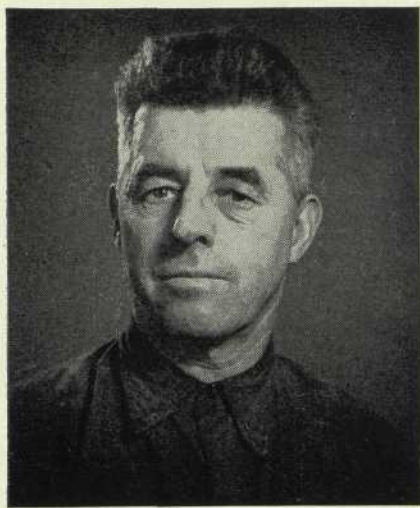
If Dick Fuller has to resort to a form that is an inch or more longer, he will have to requisition an extension on his desk. As it is his desk drawers are about one-third long enough. If and when Anita Bedard starts walking, Argus, Incorporated is going to have a minor work stoppage. It will be the first time most people will see her because now she never goes anywhere without going as if on a 100 yard dash or like greased lightning.

Patricia Will and Harriet Lemble came from Plant No. 2 to be with Mr. Johnson. As yet they have pulled no noticeable boners and neither will give the lowdown on the other. I think they got their heads together before I could get to them.

Muriel Raaf is still Planning's moody sweetheart. When her Jack writes from Belgium or Germany or when she hears a really good joke, she sails high and is the life of the party. But when Jack's mail is held up or slow she drags her heart on the floor. We all feel for you Muriel. Please don't mistake our attempts to help you over a low spell, for we all pray for Jack's letters too.

Helen Evans seems to be the planning secretary—at least—she does all the secretarial work for all the head-scratchers. Of late she has been considering joining Cary Grant's aunts of "Arsenic & Old Lace." Helen's hubby works that *?*X shift at the Bomber that ends at 2 a.m. and has awakened Helen every night (actually morning—3:00 a.m.) to visit.

**10th Anniversary
With Argus**



Oswald Hoeft (better known as "Ozzie") celebrated 10 years with Argus in February. A plumber's helper in the Maintenance Department, Ozzie started with Argus on February 1, 1935. It can be said of Ozzie that he has a very even disposition, and his favorite expression seems to be "How's about a game of cards."

Mailing Department

Could someone please donate a pair of number ten shoes to Laureen Clinton the new mail girl or else she won't be able to make five deliveries a day.

We wish little Millie lots of happiness. She has joined her husband in Kansas and writes that she is very happy but a little bit lonesome for the mail route.

Ask Esther how she liked carrying the mail the two days Laureen was ill. If she had her way there would only be one run a day.

Department 61

What tall optical Engineer hung his fraternity pin, Friday, February 2nd, Groundhog day?

Virginia Winans (nee Balhoff) has just returned from New York after spending two weeks with her husband. He is a Seaman First Class and will be going overseas again shortly.

Since Dean Wheelr was elected Chairman of the Camera Club, the camera bug has been busy in Department 61. Recent victims to fall, catch the itch, are Clif Conway and Wilfert Graf. They still think an extinction meter is something that you put fires out with.

Department 61 prides itself on having both a composer and a musician within its ranks. Warren Kay writes the music and Dean Wheeler plays it. The Argus folks in plant two hear the recording of Kay's Michigan Song every so often.

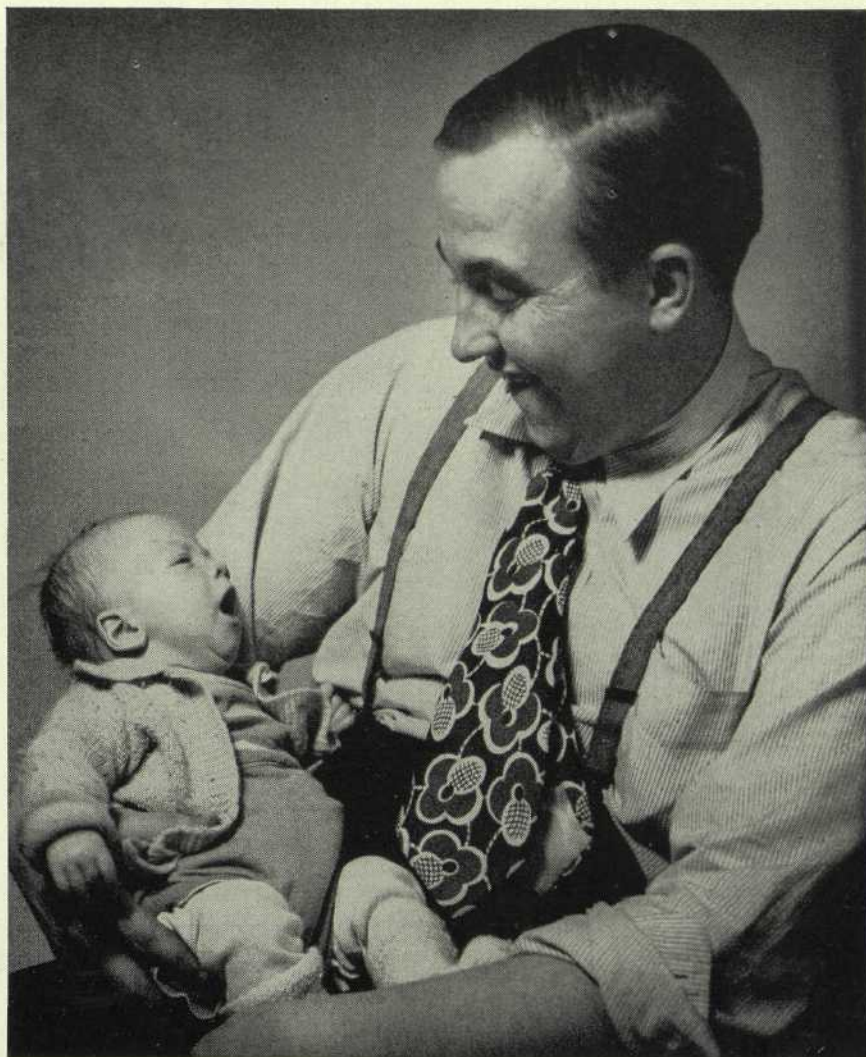
The folks in the Department wondered about the steady stream of visitors until they discovered it was caused by Van's new calendar. It has figures all over it, but you have to hunt like everything to find the day of the month.

A peace and quiet (disturbed from time to time by Dean Wheeler) has settled over Department 61 since the Tool Design "Gusses" have vacated the little drafting room to the north and moved to new quarters on the first floor. We wish them all success in their new location.

We hear that Rodney Mast has just undergone an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital as this paper goes to press. All his friends at Argus wish him a speedy recovery.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE
BLOOD BANK
First Aid Rooms**

A "TYPICAL" PROUD FATHER



Les Schwanbeck and son, Leslie Donald. Les (the one with the tie) is the new President of the Argus Recreation Club. The little tike who resembles his father even to the big tummy, seems to be giving the "Pres" a big argument and is probably putting Les in his place (and does Les love it), with a reminder that his timely arrival on December 31st provided a nice Income Tax deduction.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER



Mrs. Eleanor Anne Nemanick and boby daughter, Raellyn Mary, have their picture taken by the proud father, Raymond, who is a member of the Service Department. Raellyn was born on her mother's birthday . . . 1-23-45 (Note the sequence of numbers . . . we're sure they have some special significance . . . and hope it signifies a happy and prosperous life.)

DEPARTMENT 28

Such a din! Such a clatter!
Goodness sakes! What's the matter?
Building up, tearing down.
It's no wonder that we frown.
Moving chairs! Moving tables!
Out go air hoses! Out go cables!
Where's the blueprints? Where's the guages?
It's a wonder we're not in cages.
Where's my coat? Where's my hat?
My gosh! what are they doing with that?
Painters come and carpenters go.
Now the place is all aglow.
New faces shining all around.
More new friends too now are found.
Do you wonder what it's about?
Well, Department 28 wants to shout,
Hello everybody!!!

We, the girls of Department 44 from Plant Two wish to thank each and every one in our new department for their kindness in making us feel at home. We know we will be happy here.

We wish Alice Hand congratulations on her latest addition answering to the name of John Arthur.

We are all happy to have Leola Stoner back on the beam and feeling much better, thank you. After being away so long she sort of had to get acquainted all over again.

Although we haven't all met Esther Allen we know she is back too work too after being ill. She is one of the new girls who has joined us from Department 44. I am sure we will all know her by the time this is read. Glad you are feeling better, Esther.

Whenever we see Mr. Reese setting at his desk with a dreamy expression on his face, gazing around the department, we know a brainstorm is brewing and presto! it's not long until some handy gadget goes into effect.

Our hearts go with Bessie Coon each day when she goes home for lunch to see if she has any word from her son who is a German prisoner of war. We hope and

pray it won't be long, Bessie.

Laura Egeler has an awful time finding her way around the shop since it's been changed so. Her feet just will track around the corner by Personnel each morning. Maybe she is just in a daze thinking about that terrible score she bowled last night.

We are all pleased to know that Sally Kneiper is our new Argus Club representative for this year.

And who should walk into the department one fine afternoon but young Ronnie Webber with his Dad tagging along behind. With all the confusion of "Oh's and Ah's" and all the faces around him he never batted an eyelash, just looked bored to death and tried to get nourishment out of his fingers. He is a fine boy, Jack, bring him again to see us. Jack, none the less, acted like a veteran father.

Gene Connors finally gave in and produced his adorable daughter in the flesh, no less. She is a very friendly and happy little bundle, not a bit frightened at all the faces that were around her. Or maybe she laughed out loud at all the funny people. Bring her in again Gene, she sure is sweet.

If any one has any babies to give away, bring him or her to Receiving Inspection. We will take charge immediately.

We are quite proud of our new department and welcome you to come and visit us.

In the Sick Room

Everyone at Argus has missed the vivacious red-haired Katie Rosborough, secretary to Mr. Howse, and the reason is that she has taken herself off to the big hospital on the hill for an operation. Having survived the operation . . . although she wasn't too sure at times that she had . . . Katie is somewhat bored by her inactivity, and we are all hoping with her that she will soon be able to join us at coffee time.

STAFF MEMBERS OF ARGUS EYES



GERRY DAVENPORT—photographer—member of the Advertising Department as well as a contributor to *Argus Eyes*—and engineer of the photostat machine . . . which makes him a busy man. However, not too busy to come forth now and then with a practical joke. We think Gerry's pictures are a bit of okeh! Happily married to a very nice girl named "Libby".



MARIE BARBIER—our half-pint sized mascot has been with us nearly three years and has turned out enough blue prints to reach from here to there and back again. Very soft voice and brown eyes belie her "red" hair. Has a terrific sense of humor and does a monthly cartoon strip and illustrations for "mortimer the mouse".



ESTHER PHILLIPS—the nimble, good-natured director of the Mailing Department who has been with *Argus* 13 years, and whose myriad duties include the sending of *Argus Eyes* to all corners of the earth. Ever fearful of gaining a pound, but never does. Has three children . . . son Bob in the navy is at present at sea.



STUART GILDART—photographer—also of the Advertising Department, whose pictures grace the magazines of the country as well as the pages of *Argus Eyes*. Outstanding exponent of the Windsor way of tying neckties . . . and preaches what he practices. Is fond of quoting "Alice in Wonderland", "Accentuate the Positive", etc. Appears to enjoy his single blessedness.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS 33-37-39-44

By Wilma Litteral

Elizabeth Kanysas passed candy around to everyone the other day. We just wonder what the occasion was. Can you help us out any, Lizzie?

We have some new representatives in the Departments: **Blanche Ranson** is the new "A" representative for 37 and 39. And **Marie Nagel** for the Recreation Club. We welcome both of you and we know you'll both do a good job.

The B.I.M.'s bowling team will really go to top now as **Virginia Buss** started bowling with them last week. Of course, they'll have to bowl hard to out-bowl the **Lucky Strikes** as most of this team are in our department.

We hear **Viola Curtiss** is getting to be a regular "hep cat," but, of course, Viola never drinks anything stronger than milk, or does she????

Have you noticed the glow of sunshine in **Adeline Opehm's** eyes lately? The reason . . . she received a letter from her husband saying he was on his way home after twenty-five months overseas. We don't blame you, Adeline, and we're all happy for you.

We should all get busy and write to our boys in service as they need lots of encouragement from the people at home. We get letters from time to time saying you aren't writing like you should. So, let's all get busy and write them.

Dick Darrow is awfully careful what he says now. According to him, "everything I say goes in *Argus Eyes*," but don't let him kid you, we wouldn't dare put it all in the paper, so until he says something we can put in we'll have this little space reserved just for Dick.

Eugene Jones from Blocking has been absent from work. We all know he's had an operation and hope he will be back on the job soon.

Have you girls noticed how tired **Blanche Ranson** looks lately? She's been going home and slaving every night for a week, making preparations for special company. The occasion is to be a "chop suey dinner" for **Doris** and **Wilma**.

Wilma Kennedy sure gets a kick out of eating with **Dorothy Elliott** and **Celia Jeffreys**. Wilma can eat all she wants without getting fat, and poor Celia and Dorothy have to be so careful and watch their diet as they know what will happen

if they don't. Wilma says it's especially hard on Celia as her mother serves such nice dinners.

We wish to extend our sympathy to **Earnest Darnell** of Centering. His mother passed away recently, and we hope his father is improving as he had a stroke of paralysis shortly after the death of Mrs. Darnell.

Wilma Kennedy recently spent the week end in Cass City, Michigan. She went home to see her brother as he is leaving for the Army soon.

Celia Jeffreys is up to something but we don't know what. She came to work with her car washed and shined so spic and span that everyone is wondering what the occasion is. Can't you help us just a little, Celia?

Wilma Kennedy received two free tickets to the *Argus* dance. We overheard her say who she was going to invite, but she doesn't dare repeat it because we're sure she's afraid someone else will beat her to it.

You will probably see the "Guess Who" pictures in *Argus Eyes* this month, so take a good look at them and next month I'll

tell you who they are.

We wonder if "little Chester" of Centering is of Scotch descent. He has been inviting all the girls to go to Detroit for dinner and a show, but insists each pay their own way. Some of them wonder if it is really worth it. (*We had no idea the manpower shortage was that bad. Ed.*)

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As a representative for the *Argus* Club, I want to thank **Wilma Litteral** for being our news reporter last year. She did a swell job of it, so she was nominated again.

Marie Nagel

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Marie Nagel recently received a letter from **Pvt. Louella McIntosh** of the U. S. Army. She is stationed in New Mexico and she asked Marie to give the "gang" her best regards.

Ah! Shall we take a look into the Crystal Ball. Yes, we see **Ralph Krug** of Centering will be leaving us. He's to take a long trip with a dark headed lady. Say! **Ralph**, shall we congratulate you or feel sorry for you? Well, the least we can say is, we hope you have a nice trip.

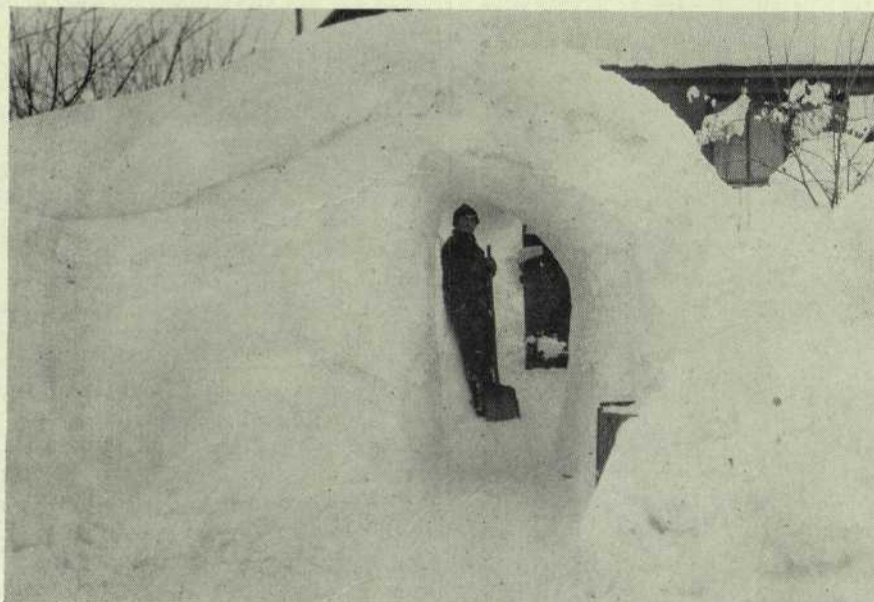
DEPARTMENT 17

We want to welcome some new members to our department and hope they will enjoy being with us. They are **Laura Snearly**, **Jessie Steeres**, **Edna Farner** and **Betty Dicks**.

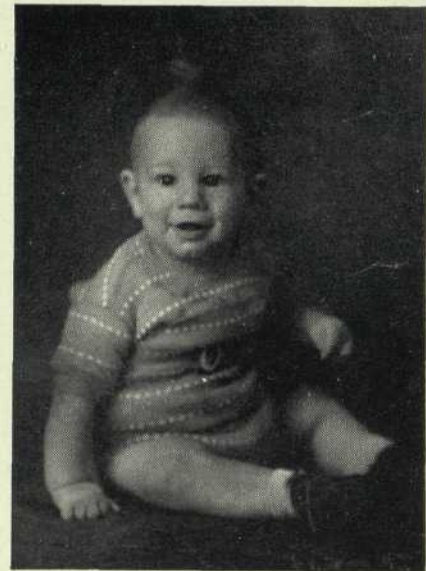
The girls wonder how **Edith** got that fish in her glove so fast when she saw the game warden coming while she was ice fishing one Sunday. More wonder is how she got it out. If she had been on the level she wouldn't have had so much trouble and had such a smelly glove. She thinks we don't believe she went fishing but we will take her word for it rather than to smell that glove.

With meat rationed the way it is, **Rube Egeler's** beagle hound, **Victory**, is in dire need of protection. Rube has worked so many week ends he doesn't get time to take Vic out for exercise.

Lauretta, Rube's sister, says he looks like a fat porker out there in the backyard and she is afraid she might get the butchering tools out, better take some time off, Rube.



Last month we ran a picture of a snow bank in Calumet . . . **Wilmot Gray's** hme town . . . and according to her story, people were tunneling into their homes, so she gave us this picture as proof. Up to the first of February 125 inches of snow had fallen . . . 42½ inches having fallen in December and 68½ in January. All we can say is . . . some snow!



Little **Freddie Hartwig** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frederick Hartwig** and looks mighty happy about everything. His dad is in Department 36 and his mother was formerly employed in Plant II also.

THE "HELLO" GIRLS OF ARGUS



MAYZO KLAGER—chief operator—with the company for nine years, has seen many changes. Her hubby, Sgt. Paul Klager, is with the Army Air Corps in England, and they have a handsome 11-year old son, Donald. Along with her household duties and her work at Argus, Mayzo is an active Nurse's Aide and a contributor to the Blood Bank.



PATRICIA ABBOTT—the youngest member of the Switchboard department, recently celebrated her nineteenth birthday and her first year with Argus. Is married—and very proud of her husband, Cpl. Wonnell Abbott, who is with the Air Corps in France. Is very sympathetic, so she seldom gives us a wrong number.



"WINNIE" MAYER—is tiny, quiet and mild mannered, but we have it from her own lips that she can be sharp upon provocation . . . this we have yet to see. Her husband, S/Sgt. Warren Mayer, recently paid us a visit, at which time we inveigled him into letting us take his picture . . . which is shown on the Servicemen's page.



VIRGINIA ILLES—"Tommy"—newest member of the department, was formerly with the Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, and later at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Alameda, California. Has a pretty little 1/2-year old daughter, Sharon Ann. Shares the ambition of the department for Walkie-Talkies for the hard-to-find people at Argus.

Cost Accounting Chatter

At long last I can breath again! I've been holding my breath for lo! the tenth of the month has been slowly, steadily creeping closer and closer and no news. What to write about????? However, a few blessed event anniversaries are being celebrated this month—to my rescue.

Dinner out and dancing later at the Villa Bee helped celebrate the birthdays of **Eunice, Grace, and Mary Jane**. The "paddle" has been much in prominence, worked to full capacity on the above mentioned, plus **Roy Craik**. There are still several to go this month so we are all practicing our swing.

Strange, weird noises have been coming from the direction of the stock room lately so an investigation was in order. It developed that the gals do not like friend rat who walzes about out there now and again so they have coaxed pussy meow down there with tid bits from the cafeteria. Pussy, a trusting soul assumes all customers to the stock room will be as solicitous of his welfare as his caretakers, parks his carcass anywhere and gets his tail tromped on—thus strange noises.

We have a champion in our midst. **Mary Jane Roberts** not only walked off with a couple bowling prizes in a lodge tournament but won first prize in the cooty game at a party given by **Yvonne Shaw** last week. . . . Note: Remember those candles from a while back? We finally saw them!! They were on the table but as she forgot to light them another party will have to be had. We're glad you brought those candles, **Yvonne**. . . . **Bobbie** won second prize and I gave **Mary Snell** a close run for low score.

A certain blond who does fine duplicating work for all of us can give first hand information on how to while away the hours if you miss the last train out of Detroit.

A certain department head, a little too tall to come in late and not be caught, added something new to our book of excuses. With red face and mumblings from his beard we heard what sounded like he ran out of gas.

I was sorry to lose my next door neighbor **Yvonne Shaw** of payroll who has gone bark to housekeeping, but it brought back on old friend and former employee **Thelma Quigley** so I'm not too lonesome. Welcome back Thelma!

TOOL ROOM AND MAINTENANCE NEWS

Since the first of the year, the toolrooms of Plant I and II have been combined and we are doing business in what formerly was the Machine Shop in Plant II.

"**Bill**" **Zoellner** is foreman of production toolroom, and **Carl Bates** is foreman of experimental tooling.

A few days ago **Jack Pelton** and **Joe Majeski** were talking about the Russian advance in Germany. Jack said, "tell you what I'll do. I'll bet you \$100.00 the Germans will be in Berlin by February 1st." Joe immediately came back with, "O.K.! O.K.! It's a bet." Everybody heard that, and then it began to dawn on Joe that things were not as they should be.

Mary Jane and **Kathryn** went to the blood bank last Friday. This department should be better represented. *Why not sign up at First-Aid now for next time? (Yes, why not!! Ed.)*

We have a lot of dog fanciers in these departments. **Irv Braatz** and **Charles Deschel** each have new Springers, and **Lee Skinner** a Bull dog. Oh, yes, **Gordon Harvey** has a St. Bernard he can ride without dragging his feet. How about it, Shorty? Maybe he can get you to work some morning when the car doesn't start.

One of our members was recently initiated into the Moose Lodge. He reserved a nice corner behind the juke box as his private seat

Joe Lyons and **Harold Sweet** were recently on the sick list. Where were the excuses, boys? (*You mean you have to have an excuse before you can get sick?*)

Mr. Oscar Clymer recently started working in our Department. Welcome, Oscar.

The snow finally got too deep for **Krasney** and he had to stop riding that motorcycle. But **Smitty's** little car still

makes the trip. Better get a motorcycle on four wheels, "Kras."

As this goes to press a lot of the boys are planning a northern fishing trip. Hope you have good luck, fellows. I could stand a mess of fish.

Last week the **Cubs** bowling team made up mostly of members of the toolroom took three from the **Toolroom Team** . . . which made them rather unhappy as it brought down their standing. But **Bill Zoellner** was back in the groove bowling up to his old form first time in several weeks.

The **Pleasant Valley Boys**, **Carl Seitz** and **Harlow Pullen** like to ride in Earl's Plymouth in second gear. Takes the snow banks easier.

Hank Millage had the misfortune to get his car in the ditch after the big snow the 8th of February. (*Now he knows how the rest of us feel.*)

GUARDS

Mrs. Esther Sutton has had to leave because of illness. We are all sorry to see her go. Esther's smile will be missed by all who used to pass her way.

Mrs. Gertrude Blades, a former employee of Argus, is our new receptionist. Welcome to the department.

Mac Hearn transferred to Mr. Conway's department. He is busy pushing trucks around and every once in a while you hear him say, "where does this go?" I'm sure he will soon know where all the nuts and screws go. Lots of luck, Mac.

Edward Northrup replaced Mac on the force. Glad to have you join Argus.

We have been told that **Clarence Bross** has joined the Moose. Now he is a Mooser. But we are all wondering if maybe there might be a Lady Moose in the picture! (*An ye Editor is beginning to wonder too why the sudden joining with the Moose . . . some from nearly every department, it seems!*)

Harry Letsis passed another milestone on February 10th. Although Harry has reached the "retiring age," we all hope he won't do anything drastic, because Harry is definitely a part of Argus and we couldn't do without him. Congratulations.



Mildred Mascotti (Scotty), of the Timekeeping Department, received a farewell and wedding gift of a lovely nightie and traveling bag from her co-workers. In spite of persistent coaxing from all present, Scotty would not don the gown. She is engaged to **Lt. Terry Michael** and they planned to be married in Columbus, Ohio, and has promised to send us a picture of their wedding.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Miss Phyllis Hagopian, of our office staff, and Joseph Salley were united in marriage on February 7 at St. Thomas Church. The department wishes to extend their congratulations and best wishes to Phyl and Joe.

Harlan Appleton formerly of Mr. Swickerath's Department is now with us. Harlan is learning the intricacies of Camera repairing. Welcome to the department Harlan!

We have a new member on our office staff, namely Gail Ueberhorst. Welcome, Gail!

A letter received recently from Corporal Louis Farrell, formerly of this department, indicates that he is now in the Philippines. We were all glad to hear from Louis and hope he will be home again soon.

Sgt. Gordon Fleming, our former supervisor, was home on furlough recently after serving twenty-three months in the Aleutian Islands. Gordon has been in service for two and a half years. Upon completion of his furlough, he reported to Camp Hood, Texas, and since then has been transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana. Gordon paid the department several visits and we sure were glad to see him. It was certainly good to see and talk to you Gordon, and we hope it won't be another twenty-three months before we'll see you again.

LaVeta Shaw has been on the sick list and we hope that by the time the paper goes to press that she will be well and back with us again.

CAFETERIA

Orry Weatherbee left for Chicago, February 4, to meet her husband who is home from nine months of over-seas duty. At last, Orry's long weeks of waiting are over. Lot of luck kids, and we're all wishing the best for you both.

Have you been wondering who the cute fellow is, now working in the Cafeteria? Well, we are happy to introduce Jay DeVeal to Argus. We are all happy to know you, Jay, and hope to be seeing a lot of you.

Anyone who is interested in Antiques, please visit the Siferd Antique Shop. We have learned that Bob Siferd, Plant 2, has gone into the Antique business, and will be opening his new shop February 15. The shop is located on Main Street, opposite the Post Office. Store hours will be as follows: Monday through Friday—12 p.m. till 8 p.m., Saturday—9 a. m. till 5 p. m., Sunday—1 p. m. till 5 p. m. Good luck in your new business, Bob, and we're all anxious to visit your new shop.

Thank You

I would like to thank every one personally who took part in the "Wings of Mercy" mixed doubles and helped make it such a success. Argus took a large part in this event and I know you all feel as I do that we just cannot do enough to help win the war.

Thank you all again.

Laura Egeler,
Treasurer of Benefit Fund.

FEBRUARY NEWLYWEDS



Phyllis Hagopian, of the Service Department office staff, and Joseph Salley were united in marriage at St. Thomas' Church in Ann Arbor on February 7th. The happy couple are shown above ready to cut their wedding cake at the reception at the bride's home following the wedding. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Phyl and Joe from all at Argus.

ARGUS EARNS FOURTH "E" AWARD

That each and every member of Argus is pulling together for the common good is shown by the fact that our Company has received the Army-Navy Production Award four times in a row . . . and that takes team work.

In advising Argus of the Award on February 3rd, Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, wrote:

"By maintaining the distinguished record which previously brought you distinction, you are once again proving your leadership on the production front.

"This third White Star added to your Army-Navy Production Award flag carries with it the thanks and congratulations of our Armed Forces.

DEPARTMENT 27

We are all sorry to hear that Harry Axelson has been ill. We all missed you, Harry, and are glad to see you back.

Claud Brewer is the newcomer in Department 27. We are all glad to know you, Claud, and hope you'll be with us a long time.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Deanhofer is now home from the hospital, and we are all wishing her better health in the future.

What's this we hear about the men's bowling team? Department 27 is proud to announce that the boys have really been climbing for top place. We also hear that Harold Waltz has been going strong with all those 500 series. Keep up the good work boys—we're all rooting for you.

What's this we hear about Bill Dixon becoming an Indian giver?

Who's the second Crump we have in Department 27? Better be careful, Don—we hear he's becoming a close runner-up.

Experimental Optical Shop

That ever so sweet aroma in Experimental Optical must be from the pipes of Dick, Tex and Frank, or could it be those long stem cigars that Tex picked up somewhere.

Howard McCombs received a letter from his son recently, who is stationed somewhere in India. He is a flight officer and first pilot in the A.T.C., flying the hump route to China. He says that outside of elephant stampedes, looking out for Cobras, and the howling of jackals at night, everything goes pretty well in camp, in spite of the 90 degrees in the shade they had on Christmas Day. We are all very proud of him and hope to hear more from him soon.

Wonder why Tex Williams makes so many trips to Detroit, could it be he is looking for an early thaw for his boat?

Famous Quotations

Frank Hotzel says: In regard to Elliott Roosevelt's dog, when a man leads a dog's life that isn't news, but when a dog leads a man's life, that, my friends, is news. "Gregg"

PURCHASING DEPT.

The girls in the Purchasing Department are a group of amateurs in the Culinary Art. The latest fad is baking cookies. We have had to sample each and everyone's specialties, and we have compared (and argued) favorite recipes and then each has walked off with the firm conviction that HERS were best.

Our own Daisy June has proved herself quite the cartoonist and has generously supplied us with birthday cards that are, shall we say, ORIGINAL? Watch this column for future sketches. We may be able to coax her to let us print one.

It seems as though poor Matt doesn't have Irish luck. As an innocent bystander we'd say that he has to buy coffee for Matthews and Wardwell every day. Maybe they are pros, Matt?

Peggy seems to be having a little hard luck during this snowy season. She is

getting to be quite an expert at getting out of the deep ditches. Anybody needing any help kindly contact the Purchasing Department.



Jimmie Swickerath . . . the Van Johnson of 1965.

