

# argus eyes

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## SALES AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENTS

## Sales Dept. News



The Sales Department is trying hard to get over its holiday mood and settle down to work again. Our Christmas party was a great success, due in part to the entertainment furnished by **Melba Bowden**, who sang "At Dawn-ing" and "One Along" for us, and very beautifully indeed. She was accompanied on the accordinian by **Harry Crawford**. Later **Carolyn Wilson** played a number of classical selections on the accordinian. Nice going, Carolyn! The party ended with **Jackie Schaffer** playing "Santa Claus" and passing out gifts, the whole department having exchanged names.

Our staff is still growing by leaps and bounds . . . the latest additions to our clan being **Madelyn Truesdell** and **Johanna (Jo) Lease**. We also welcomed back one of our old timers, who has returned after spending twenty months in the SPARS. You probably remember her as **Thelma Faber**; she is now **Mrs. Lloyd Fuller**. "**Bud Davis**", formerly a planning engineer here at Argus, has joined the Sales staff and thinks it's "Grand".

**Marian Nichols**, formerly of Argus, was married December 29 to Pfc. Henry A. Anderson at Fort Hamilton Chapel, Brooklyn, New York. She is a corporal in the WAC, serving as a medical secretary at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Her husband is stationed at Fort Dix, also.

**Melba Bowden's** brother, S2/c Clifton Riek came from New York to spend Christmas with Melba and Adrian, and together they made the best of not being in Texas for the holidays.

**Doris** and **Don Strite**, **Ruth** and **Rudy Janci**, **Helen O'Sullivan** and **Don Bowerman** welcomed the New Year in at **Claire** and **Bob Royal's**. Ask Helen about the glass stunt . . . Doris used her usual greeting when she arrived saying "I'm hungry" . . . The Royals made everyone at home by serving one of their "Peter Vischers" . . . a special concoction dreamed up by Bob and Rudy.

**Lucy Gridley** has taken over her new duties like a veteran. She says this Christmas Season was her quietest in years.

se, Helen O'Sullivan, Madelyn Truesdell, Lucy Gridley, Bob Woolson, Alma Lundahl, Doris Strite, Homer Hilton, Jackie Schaffer, Harry rd, Melba Bowden, Claire Royal, Earlyne Krapf, Mary Luszka, Ruth Janci, Ann Kachula, Jimmy Barker, Arlon Clarke, J. L. (Mac) McCoy, bert Howse.

### Gals In White

**Mildred Bird**, nurse in Plant II, is leaving us to go back to work with Dr. Thieme. Dr. Thieme was with the University Hospital Unit, and is back now and plans to re-open his office soon. We will all miss Mildred's kidding, but we know she will be happy back in her former position.

**Vi Tyler** is coming back with us full time, and we will all be happy to see her friendly smile again. Vi has been "on call" when needed.

**Frances Watterworth** isn't hiding these days—she has merely moved to "temporary quarters" behind the boxes out near Personnel. The guards are very good at giving directions where to find the First Aid Room.

### Argus Flying Club

Starting with the month of December, flying time will be \$6.00 for the first hour each month and \$3.00 for each hour thereafter. Minimum billing per month is \$6.00. A maximum of three hours paid for flying time may be accumulated.

**Elected Dec. 11, 1945:**  
 Pres., Director . . . **J. A. Van den Broek**  
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 Director . . . . . **Verne Nelson**  
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 Donald Feder  
 Robert Kesel

**Memberships applied for:**  
 Curtis Adams  
 J. W. Beamesderfer  
 Richard Foster

## Happy New Year

## PERSONNEL AND FIRST AID DEPARTMENTS



Frances Watterworth, Viola Tyler, Mary Haight, Roy Hiscock, Barbara Titus, Grace Radford, Donald Reid, Virginia Fox, Mildred Bird.



# ARGUS EYES

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

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Norman Booth
- 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 I.

## Ladies' Bowling

### PLANT ONE

It is going to be a royal battle for first place position in the league. Cupid Bar and Victory are now tied for that honor and Schwaben Inn is following close behind. Hollis and Towner are in second place and City Slickers are in fourth with Happy Gang close behind in fifth place. The other teams are coming right along too. Slick Chicks are bravely holding the cellar spot.

Irene McCowan almost had an all spare game. She had one open frame, so she has the most spares in a row, having nine.

Schwaben Inn went over their former high game without handicap, when they rolled an 838 total. They also have high team three game total without handicap, having a 2290 total.

Machine Shop has high single team game with handicap, having 764, and high team three game with handicap, having a 2210 total.

Laura Egeler is sharing high single game with Clem Donner. They both have a 201 game.

There has been some very good single games bowled. Here are some of them. Joy Hartman 197, Julie Apple 175, Verald Adams 192, Marie Hilge 173, Frances Soderholm 160, Clara Schallhorn 185, Clem Donner 201, Gertrude Sutton 164, Laureene Clinton 175, Irene McCowan 169, Mary Briggs 186, Jessie Hack 192, Helen Walker (sub) 175, Katie Bauer (sub.) 170, Margaret Oles (sub) 188, Doris Lyons 187, Sally Stone 187, Peggy Crump 184, Muriel Raaf 173, Leona Smith 176, Florence Doman 188, Laura Egeler 201, Leona Eichel 181, Laura Snearly 186, Marian Coats 181, Thelma Livesay 184, Eolah Bucholz 179.

The girls played Santa Claus again this year by sending a very large box of brightly wrapped gifts to the children in the hospital. Thanks to Red Conway's boys who delivered them for us.

Lucille Brazee, subbing on the Jitterbugs team had three identical games of 125 each.

## Planning Dept.

Boxes, boxes, boxes!!! Harriet Lemble has been getting such interesting souvenirs and lovely silks from her husband Rod who is now in Japan with the 97th Division. Rod says that if he can, he'll pack up the whole darn island and send it home in a box. Chichibu is where he is located.

Flossie Speicher is no longer an employee of Argus. "Spike" finally got home, and is Flossie happy! Consequently, the Planning Department has dwindled down to Harriet Lemble, Jack Covey, Leona Breisch, Steffie Gala, Muriel Raaf, Ed Wasem, Emil Johnson and John Poeton. Elfrida Overman is now in another department. After the first of the year Harriet will go back to Plant II.

Let us say at this time, if you have not already heard, that Steffie Gala is sporting a beautiful diamond ring on her third finger. She is all in a daze and a dither. Her "Eddie" is an E.T.O. veteran, from Chicago, and now is employed by Western Electric in Chicago. No date has been set for the wedding.

Even though Lee Heuer is no longer in our department, we'd like to report that Lee is also up in the clouds, in love, etc. She is engaged to be married but no date has been set, as yet. Her ring is a ruby.

Emil Johnson was absent for a few days before Xmas because of illness. We do hope he was fully recovered by the time Xmas Day rolled around.

The Jack Covey's received a lovely Xmas present this year . . . a baby daughter, Mary Carol. Congratulations, Kay and Jack! So far as we can make out, she is a wonder baby and very seldom cries.

All of us in the Planning Department wish to take this opportunity to thank Argus for such wonderful turkeys. Hmnn! Yum, yum!! Gobble, gobble! While all the rest of us were busy stuffing ourselves with turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie and fruit cake, Jack Covey was busy going up to the hospital to see Kay and Mary Carol. Gosh, are we proud!!

Ed Wasem spent a rather quiet Xmas as his wife was very ill. We sincerely hope she is feeling better now and is on the way to recovery.

Holidays and more holidays, how we do love 'em. Xmas came and we hated to see it go. It meant coming back to work, but we didn't mind that one bit!! Then we had the New Year celebration to look forward to. Let us see how some of us made out . . . Muriel Raaf and husband Jack, celebrated New Year's eve at the home of friends. Daisy Wren, formerly of the Purchasing Department, and her husband came to Ann Arbor from Fort Lewis, Washington, to spend the holidays, and were entertained by the Raafs.

Leona Breisch spent her holidays at home as her husband just came back from the hospital after an operation. He is up and around, and we hope to see him go on recovering as rapidly as he is now doing.

Lee Heuer and her fiance were invited to spend New Year's eve with Harriet Lemble at her home.

Of course, we can guess what Jack Covey did. Have you heard him rave about Mary Carol? She kept him occupied—Goo, Goo. Don't mind Jack if he starts answering "Itsy, bitsy baby". Both mother and baby are doing nicely, and it won't be long before they will be home.

Celebration or no celebration was immaterial to Steffie Gala as she spent the holidays with her fiance and her

folks. She still has everyone guessing about the date.

In general, it seems that most of us were at home seeing the eventful old year slip out and welcoming in the New Year with fresh hopes of lasting peace—the same hope and dream of every freedom-loving person the world over. May we all have a happy and prosperous year!

## Service Dept.

We are now in our spacious quarters on fourth floor and it was a grand feeling to get back to the factory to see our many friends. Everyone has made us so welcome. Thanks to the Management for the grand quarters.

Gordon Fleming, our supervisor, who was just discharged after spending 39 months in service, is back with us once again. Welcome back Gordon.

Christmas will be gay this year for Charles Miller as he will spend the Holidays in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with his two sons who have just been released from Service. Ainsworth served in the European Theatre. He is the proud holder of five battle stars, one silver star and the good conduct medal. Ray who served with the Marines in the Pacific Theatre for 19 months is the proud holder of the Presidential Citation, with the bronze star and two battle stars for participating in the Marianas battle and on Iwo Jima. We all join Charles in his joyful reunion with these two sons.

Many of the employees in our department will enjoy the Christmas Holidays with friends and relatives. Doc Benson is going to Chicago, Vic Vokovich to Lisbon, Ohio, Roberta Jones to Jackson, Michigan, and Lida Hackbarth to Hillsdale, Michigan.

Eight of the girls had their Christmas party at Gingham Inn and then spent the remainder of the evening as guests of Lida Hackbarth. Sure had a grand time, Lida.

The members of this department extend their "Cordial Holiday Greetings" to the Management, our friends and fellow workers, and to the staff of "Argus Eyes".

## Cost Accounting

Now we are ten, and a good thing there are no more of us or we wouldn't fit in our new location on the second floor. It was quite a scramble, but we are all untangled now and very happy to be where we have daylight. We miss our cronies who were left in the basement, but we meet now and then to pass the time of day and it will be fun to read the news about them.

We have had a busy time getting settled and getting ready for Christmas. Our holiday round-up shows the following—Roy, The Boss-Man, is journeying to Dayton. Glenn will attempt to burrow thru the snow to his home in the upper, and Gertie is going to Flat Rock, Michigan. Norm is having company from out of town, and Bob is expecting his brother home from overseas—of course Grace and Eunice are having an exceptionally happy season as both their husbands are home. Marilyn is having about three Christmases (not fair is it?) Mary Jane will be home but is worrying about what to do with her turkey as friend hubby doesn't like 'em. I will be 'down on the farm'—with our family complete for the first time in four years.

Ask Norm how he explained black pop-corn popping out white?? If you remember, this column was to have been made up this month of a news item turned in by each member

# ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



SWICKRATH, Vincent Joseph

Broad-shouldered, likeable supervisor in the Machine Shop, Plant I, where he may be discovered any day passing judgment on the quality of the holes made in the drill press department. Was born on January 4, 1914 at Fall River, Massachusetts, where he owns two unpretentious strips of land which he would be willing to lend-lease or sell to prospective badminton court operators. Has been with Argus since 1939, is married and owns his own home at 404 West Davis, the basement of which is filled with several thousand unprintable negatives of his two-year-old son, Jimmy. Labored industriously at the Federal Screw Works, Chelsea, before his debut at Argus, but found time to make frequent semi-business trips to California transporting automobiles for Detroit concerns. Became proficient at touring the U. S. this way and took every possible chance to see as many states as possible, winding up, on one occasion in Mexico. Recalls his most harrowing experience at a hobo jungle near a large railroad center in Utah where he spent an uneasy night of it sleeping with one eye open. Belongs, very actively to the Argus Aero Club and the Moose Lodge, but hasn't soloed yet in either. Spends an interesting nocturnal existence as a bartender and throw-out man at a famous local inn and reveals interesting statistics connected with familiar characters. Upon closer questioning, however, he refuses to be more definite.

of this department. The fact is, only one person turned in anything . . . it can't be the rest are poor sports, so shall we say you were all too busy?

### THE CONTRIBUTION

T'was the day before Christmas,  
And all through the basement  
The screams could be heard  
From the floors to the casement.

The ceilings were decked  
From one end to the other,  
With mistletoe berries,  
So the girls we could smother  
With affectionate tokens  
Of the seasons best greetings

But to our surprise  
The men took the beating  
And in spite of the fact  
That the tables were turned,  
We liked the rewards  
We so easily earned.

If you shy at the thought  
Of a maidens sweet lips  
You will do well to heed  
This timely of tips,  
Stay out of the basement  
Just before Christmas day,  
For Merry Christmas they'll wish you  
In their inimitable way.

—Anonymous

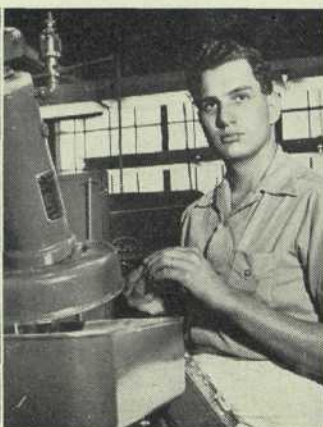


Clara Gerstler, of Stationery Stock, is another gal who has been seen flashing a diamond around. The lucky guy is Sgt. Jake Kooperman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kooperman of Broadway. Jake expects to be discharged within the next three weeks, and we are wondering how much longer Clara will be with us. Lots of luck to both of you.

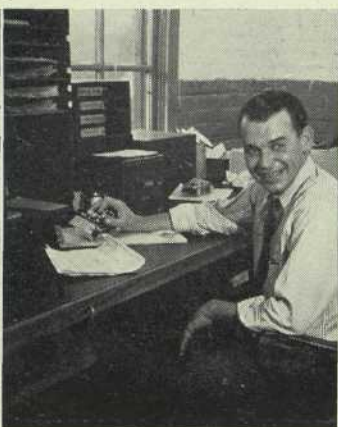
## Returned Veterans



ARTHUR GERSTLER  
Blocking Dept.



ROBERT WHITMORE  
Grinding Dept.



GORDON FLEMING  
Service Dept.



MELVIN ECARIUS  
Blocking Dept.



CALVIN FOSTER  
Shipping Dept.



CHARLES VAN AKIN  
Optical Assembly



# Optical Assembly

We were very happy to hear that **Elsie Paradise's** son-in-law is home with his family again. Elsie also received word that her son, Dale, will soon be discharged from the Navy. He served three and one half years and is now stationed in Florida. No wonder Elsie is wearing that big grin these days!

More good news—**Alice Weir** received word that her son, Charles, has been made a Staff Sergeant. Congratulations, Charles!

Who was the girl from Optical Assembly that got lost when she went after her turkey??? Too much Christmas party, I guess!!

We are sorry to hear that **Mildred Morrison** is ill at this writing. We hope she will soon be back with us again.

Another birthday rolled around and "**Little Eva**" was gifted with a lovely slip—she even modeled it for the department. Eva, we think you'd make a nice Powers Model!

We are sorry **Mildred Bird** had to leave us but we wish her loads of luck in her new venture.

Romances in Assembly are certainly thriving and "It Isn't Even Spring."

**Pauline** goes for dolls and they aren't paper either!

**Bertha** and **Esther** are rapidly recuperating from the holidays. Eminent medical authorities say that only the passage of time will bring about a complete recovery.

Optical Assembly felt honored to have **Elsie Paradise** take part in our Chicken In The Rough dinner, as it was the first time. We really believe she enjoyed it, too, and it goes without saying, Elsie, that we enjoyed you also.

Yes, the Thursday before Christmas we decided we were especially hungry, so we had Chicken in the Rough sent down to the plant. **Esther** and **Bertha** baked some cakes and **Mary** brought some cookies. They all vanished in a hurry and everyone is still smacking their lips. Wonder if we could get their recipes??

We all hope **Alta Mahurin** had a good time while vacationing with her husband's people over the holidays. The Friday before Christmas proved to be a very exciting one in Optical Assembly, as this was the day we had our party and gifts were piled high beneath the tree. We even had a special visitor, as **Hazen Figg**, recently discharged from the Army, visited Assembly that day. All had a fine time and sincerely wish there were more Christmases a year.

It was lots of fun, too, watching the little lady chase **Eddie** all around the department for that famous "holiday kiss."

Glamour boy **Dorow** has his troubles too, as does everyone else. He isn't allowed in Optical Assembly WITHOUT a necktie, and he isn't allowed in Grinding WITH one. So if you see some guy doing a strip tease in the hall some day—that'll be Dickie!

Argus had a wonderful Christmas. Everyone was well pleased with his large turkey. It certainly was nice on the table, but even nicer in the tummy. Mr. Howse made the presentation of the turkeys even more interesting, and Roy Hiscock worked manfully, to see that everyone got the right size turkey to fit.

Optical Assembly had a very quiet Christmas this year. It seems a lot of the noise was transferred to the burring room in Plant I. We hear the gals over there celebrated in their own way—Wow!!

**Eddie** certainly liked the nice Christmas cards which his friends enjoyed sending him. (Unfortunately, they are unprintable!)

**Bud Davis** has missed his calling! He should spend his spare time working behind the bar at the Club.

Welcome back, **Charlie**! Seems nice to see you again, but I'm afraid you're not happy. We hope you'll find what you want in the near future!

## Thank You Note

You'll never know how much they meant, So thanks from my heart for the flowers you sent.

—Lula Phillips

# OPTICAL ASSEMBLY



Mary Wingrove, Virginia Busch, Pauline Johnson, Alice Weir, Gert Haines, Charles Van Akin, Elsie Paradise, Donna Rice, Eddie Girvan, Millie Morrison, Cecil Eubank, Eva Baker, Edith Flournoy, Thressel Conley, Esther Woelper. Visiting the Department are Dagny Smock and Hazen Figg.

## Grinding Dept.

We bid **Brice Bennett** a fond farewell, and hope he will like "Army Life". We'll miss you Brice and hope you'll be back to visit us soon.

Who is that "Purty Gurl" who captivates the opposite sex with those "Flirty Eyes"?

**Bob Whitmore**, who was recently discharged from service, is back with the old gang in the Grinding Room. Nice having you with us again, Bob.

**Harold** spent a week-end way up North deer hunting. Better luck next year, Wirth.

What would we do without the cheerfulness of **Ma Green** and **Don Hindal**. Their very presence improves the atmosphere of Dept. 27.

Has anyone noticed the strange light in **Lenny's** eyes these days. Could it be that blonde, Lenny?

About the hardest person to find these days is **Vic Tasker**. Wonder where his hideout is!!!

**Ernie B.** and **Freddie H.** paid us a visit recently. Both looked fine in uniform and we enjoyed talking to them again.

**Leo W.** is now in the "Taxi Business". We wouldn't mind chauffeuring those gals Leo. Nice job we'd say!

## Engineering Dept.

The Argus Designing and Drafting Department has become a beehive of activity, since **Hobart "Hoby" French** and his designing engineers began to match wits with camera problems.

"Hoby" French was Engineering Supervisor at The Rochester Optical Institute, where he had the able assistance of **John Barnes**, **Jim Harvey** and **Bob Kesel**, who are also with us. **Leonard Wilkinson**, another new engineer was formerly with the Burroughs Business Machines Co.

The new men in the Optical Design-

ing Departments are **Don Feder** and **Dick Foster** both of the University of Rochester.

We are happy to have all of you with us and hope our association will be a long and pleasant one.

**Warren Kays**, one of our able draftsmen, is out sick with the flu. Get well quick Warren, we need you.

**Georgia Watson**, Receiving, has been very busy assuring everyone that the article appearing in the Ann Arbor News last week was about two other people, and that she and hubby Eddie are still happily married.

# GENERAL ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT



Mrs. Gillespie, Isabelle Nash, Robert Miller, Millie Larue, Madeline Smith, Kirk Fisher, Jane McMahon, Clem Donner, Lee Heuer, Emily Pettit, Gerry Brown, Doris Kershul.



## Machine Shop



George Brown, of the Machine Shop, and son George Jr. who was recently home on a forty day leave. George Jr., a graduate of the University of Michigan, was employed by King Seeley, prior to his enlistment in the Navy in June, 1944. Received his commission at Northwestern University, and served over-seas one year.

In the past few weeks the department has been happy to welcome back many returning veterans. It is with pride that the Machine Shop lists the following: **Clyde Melton**, who is a wearer of the Purple Heart from wounds received in Germany; **Les Bailey**, who was with the 15th Air Corp in Italy; **Micker O'Donnell**, who was in the European Theatre for two years; **George James**, with 24 months service in the Pacific with the Air Corp; **Leonard Markham**, with four and one half years of service, of which 18 months was spent overseas; **Bill Cook**, who was with the Army Engineers; **Art Selent**, with 18 months overseas duty; **Donald Strite**, with three and one-half years service with the Field Artillery; **Fred Maxwell**, with nine months Pacific area duty servicing the B-29's; **Adolph Steinke**, with the Navy in the Pacific Theatre for two years; **Athol Ward**, with over three years service with two years in Europe; **Conley Graves**, with the Air Corp for more than three years.

The Machine Shop had its annual Christmas party on Friday, December 21st. The employees of the Burring Department purchased a tree, and had it trimmed very nicely so the party was held in that room. **Jay Hadley** played the part of Santa Claus and distributed the gifts. The employees presented their foreman **Mac Vorce** with a deer hunting jacket, and the assistant foreman **Herb Smith** with a shirt, tie and scarf. After the gifts had been distributed the party really got under way and it turned out to be quite a gala affair. The party tapered off when cake and coffee were served. The credit for the success of the party should go to **Doc Johnston**, whose tireless efforts made the party possible.

Dan Cupid has been on a rampage in the department the past few months, and has counted many victims. The first to take the final step was **David Boomer**. Dave and the Mrs. are now living in Chicago where Dave is going to Electronic School. **Don Crump** was the next to be hit by Cupid's darts, and was married to **Peg Watson** in November. **Ruby Gunderman** and **Lee Skinner** were also married. **Albert Husted** held out for a long time, but finally weakened and was married on December 1st. Our congratulations and best wishes go to all of you.

It appears at this time that others in the department will also be taking the step soon. **Carol Stevens** and **Virginia Buss** are wearing sparklers and although no definite date has been set for either of the occasions, it seems quite probable that it will be before Spring. Another likely couple is attractive **Marie Trenary** and her handsome Army Captain.

**George Kline** proved again this year that he is the best of the deer hunters in the Machine Shop. Last year George came home with the prize buck, and this year his 18 pointer was one of the finest shot in the north woods.

All employees of the Machine Shop wish to take this opportunity to thank the management for the lovely turkeys they received. It is needless to say that these turkeys helped in making this Christmas season the happiest we have known in the last four years.

## Bowling

At the half-way mark in the Argus League the Office team is in first place, but their lead is a scant game in the closest race that we have had since the league was organized. Leading the parade at this time of the year is a habit of the office entry, but in the past few years the pace has been too much and in the second half of the season the team has faded and finished out of the money. The popular and peppery **Roy Hiscock** who is furnishing the punch is certain that his team will not fail in the clutch this year. The entry has been strengthened with the acquisition of **Tommy Neff** to its roster. These two with **Leigh Thomas**, **Francis Carl**, **Bill Thompson**, and **Captain Jess Cope** make up a team that lends support to Roy's prediction.

In the runner-up position and only one game away from the leaders is the surprise team of the league, the Skunks. When the league was organizing this fall th's team was the last to enter, and it was not until the day before opening that **Captain Emil Johnson** had signed up his five men. The entry was taken very lightly and was given no consideration in the pre-season dope. The team started rather slowly, but in the past few weeks has gained momentum and has moved into a very contenting position. The entry boasts no individual star, but each is doing a capable job and all members are improving by the week. The team is well balanced with all carrying about even averages with only a five pin spread between the high and the low man. The other members of the Skunks are **Verne Nelson**, **Larry "Wanna-Bet" Williams**, **Ernie Sinclair**, and **Russ "Pie-Eating" Warren**. The Skunks are the people's choice and a title-winning year by them would be a successful ending to this year's hectic title chase.

In third place and still having its eyes on the number one spot is the pre-season favorite the strong Methods five. This entry carries the lowest handicap in the league and has already posted the high single and three game totals. The Methods outfit was leading the league until just a few weeks ago when they tangled with the Office five. This had promised to be a battle royal, but the Methods gave only meek resistance and were handed a four to nothing shellacking. The team had not yet recuperated the week following and lost four more games to the Toolroom

No. 2 team. Since those defeats, however, **Captain Glenn Hilge** has his team back on an even keel and from here to the conclusion of the schedule it should be a tough team to beat.

Even though the three teams mentioned are the favorites at this time there is every possibility that any one of a number of teams can gain the leadership. There is only a ten game margin between first and eleventh place, and in a league where an entry can gain four points a night it would not take long for any one of these to maneuver itself into first place. It is the first time at the half-way mark that the teams have been so closely bunched, and this accounts for the great interest taken in the league this year.

On January 4th, **Captain Greg Letsis** of the Experiment Office team took charge of the individual high in the single and the three game total. Greg sandwiched a middle game of 257 in a 614 series which topped the previous high of **Les Schwanback's** 255 single and **John Kendrovics** even 600 series. On his pin spilling spree Greg had only one miss and seemed able to throw nothing but strikes. High series bowling seems to be at a premium this year and it is quite probable that these marks will stand up. On this same night **Glenn Hilge** found the groove and posted 602 which now places him in the runner-up spot for high series.

The standings of the teams at the half-way mark are: Office, 43-25; Skunks, 42-26; Methods, 40-28; Inspection, 39-29; Assembly, 38-30; Bears, 38-30; Timber Wolves, 37-31; Experiment Office, 37-31; Power Supply, 36-32; Lens Maintenance, 34-34; Engineers, 33-35; Machine 2, 32-36; Lens Prisms, 31-37; Lens Polishers, 29-39; Toolroom, 27-41; Toolroom 2, 27-41; Cellar Rats, 25-43; Machine 3, 24-44.

## Wanted

Used car. Only condition, must have new thermostat that works. See **Robert Haines**, Department 29.



## Receiving Inspect'n

The department gave **Jim Meldrum** a stork shower the day after Dickie Jim was born. Congratulations, Evelyn and Jim.

Everyone had a grand Christmas this year and we are all trying to settle down now that it is over. We have enjoyed showing off our gifts and talking about family "gatherin's". Now we are planning on starting the New Year with a bang!

We have had cards from **Esther (Allen) Melzer** who is in Florida with her husband. Bet it is warmer there than it is here.

**Marjorie Young** is flashing a lovely diamond on that there finger. Lots of luck, Marjorie.

**Louise Koebnick's** son could not get home for Christmas so he did the next best thing and sent his picture. He is a nice looking lad, Lou'se.

**Laura Egeler's** son, **Bob**, was lucky enough to get home for the holidays. Bob has re-enlisted in the army.

Welcome to the department, **Cecille Fitzgerald**, **Mary Jane Fike**, **Marquerite Haylow** and one of our former girls, **Helen Montagu**.

A few of the girls have been ill. Hope they are up and doing by now.

The department held their annual Christmas party at Smith's Catering one Friday night. Gifts were exchanged after dinner and there was dancing. **Eric**, **Laura** and **Jim** were given gifts from

all the gang. (Thanks, kids, it was swell).

Everyone had a swell time and all came in to work the next day.

**Bennie Kearney** is now a retired member of Argus. We miss her very much.

Our Christmas turkeys were swell, thanks to Argus.

**Amanda Alber's** sailor son is on his way home from Guam.

**Red Hopper** isn't in our department, but he is near and it is nice to have him back at Argus after his discharge from the Navy.

**Nina** managed to get her turkey to Detroit in better fashion this year, after **Art** packed it so nice for her. She had a little trouble last year.

## Paint Shop

We held our Christmas party at Lakeland Inn. After dinner gifts were exchanged; **Si** and **Rube** were presented with gifts from the department.

**Norm Egeler** was there after five years in the Army.

There are a couple of "Hop-A-Long-Cassidies" in the department. **Ethel Soli** sprained her big toe . . . she she doesn't know how . . . and **K. Egeler** pulled too hard for a strike bowling, and pulled the ligaments in his heel. Those two have been hopping around for a week.

The department wishes to thank the management for their turkeys.

## CENTERING AND CLEANING DEPARTMENTS



Ken Kaufman, Dick Darow, Ernie Darnell, Wilma Litteral, Ilene Howell, Marie Nagel, Edith Odegard, Viola Curtis, Dorothy Elliott, Grace Bultman, Bessie Longhon.