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DOGS & HOT DOGS



Argus Recreation Club Picnic

Annually, Argus Recreation Club holds a picnic at German Park, consume hundreds of hot dogs and drink gallons of beer. The party is usually held early enough in the evening so children can come with their parents; after the early birds leave, the gang enjoy an evening of dancing under the trees. The pictures show a cross section of the party and we can recognize many people there. In spite of heavy rain earlier in the day the party was a great success.

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.

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Receiv'g Inspection

Most of the department have had their vacation and return to a new home, and it is really nice.

We welcome **Lucille Brazee** (now **Mrs. Gala**) back to the department, and we wish her the best of luck.

We also welcome **Betty Morehouse** and **Elaine Hawell** from Plant II. Hope you like it here.

Betty spent her vacation at home, while Elaine says she visited in Missouri with friends. **Esther H.** spent a week in Wisconsin with her parents. Had fun after getting there, but oh! was she tired from standing up on the train.

Doris looks rested after spending a week up North. She is displaying a beautiful diamond and we are waiting for the one that goes with it.

Cecille went on a two weeks trip to Niagara Falls and up in Canada and back to Boston. Was it a belated honeymoon, Cecille?

Mary Jane and **Mary Beth** spent a week at Cedar Point, and then visited **Mary Jane's** home in Ohio.

Laura and **Leola** spent a week at Saginaw Bay (with their men along, of course), after which **Laura** and hubby spent a weekend at Cleveland, while **Leola** saw the Tigers play and then went on a boat trip to Bob-lo. Of course that good-looking man she knows was along.

Louise spent her week welcoming her son home from the Navy. **Forrest** spent his time away at East Tawas. **Arthur** took a trip to Alpena and did some fishing. **Lillian** went to Illinois to visit and played nurse-maid to her sister who was ill. **Nina** says she visited her sister in West Branch. **Ida** doesn't say much, but seems she just worked and slept.

Tony tried his art in painting on his house . . . how does it look Tony?

Beatrice went visiting in Chattanooga, Tenn. and Lafayette, Ga. and she let Ross go along, too.

We welcome **Harold Lesperance** as our new supervisor. (Handsome guy, ah—girls?)

Amanda says she didn't do anything while away, but we know she worked hard. She acquired a new daughter, her son Duane having been married.

Had to put **Helen** in a cage to keep the wolves away. Sign reads "Keep out."

Stuart looks rested. Guess inventory didn't wear him down too much.

Marguerit enjoyed a rest in Louisville, Ky. and visited her brother.

Bessie went fishing at Loan Lake and says its the first time she ever had all the fish she wanted. Of course Pappy was along, too.

Louie says he went to Flint and can't decide if it was work or play—anyhow, he bought a cozy country home for future use.

We are sorry to lose **Clara Schallhorn** who left on July 6th. She was presented with a pin. Best of luck, Clara.

JOIN THE
FLYING CLUB

SOCIAL SECURITY

HOW LONG MUST YOU WORK TO GET RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

"Hey, Buddy, how long must you work to be eligible for social security retirement benefits?"

That's a question asked a lot of times around the plant, inside and out. Well, here's the answer.

You must work long enough in covered jobs—jobs in private industry or business, that is—to become "fully insured" under old age and survivors insurance.

That's a general answer. Here is exactly what "fully insured" means.

To become "fully insured" a wage earner must have worked in covered jobs approximately half the time between the beginning of the old-age and survivors insurance program on January 1, 1937 (or his twenty-first birthday, if that was later) and the date on which he reaches 65 or dies, whichever is earlier. More precisely stated, this period is divided into calendar quarters of 3 months each. The wage earner must have been paid \$50 in wages in covered jobs in at least half the calendar quarters between January 1, 1937 (or the time he became 21, if that occurred at a later date) and his sixty-fifth birthday, or the date of his death, whichever comes first.

There is a minimum. In no case can a worker become "fully insured" unless he has at least 6 quarters of coverage.

There is also a maximum. Once a wage earner has acquired 40 quarters of coverage—that is 10 full years in covered jobs—he is "fully insured" for life.

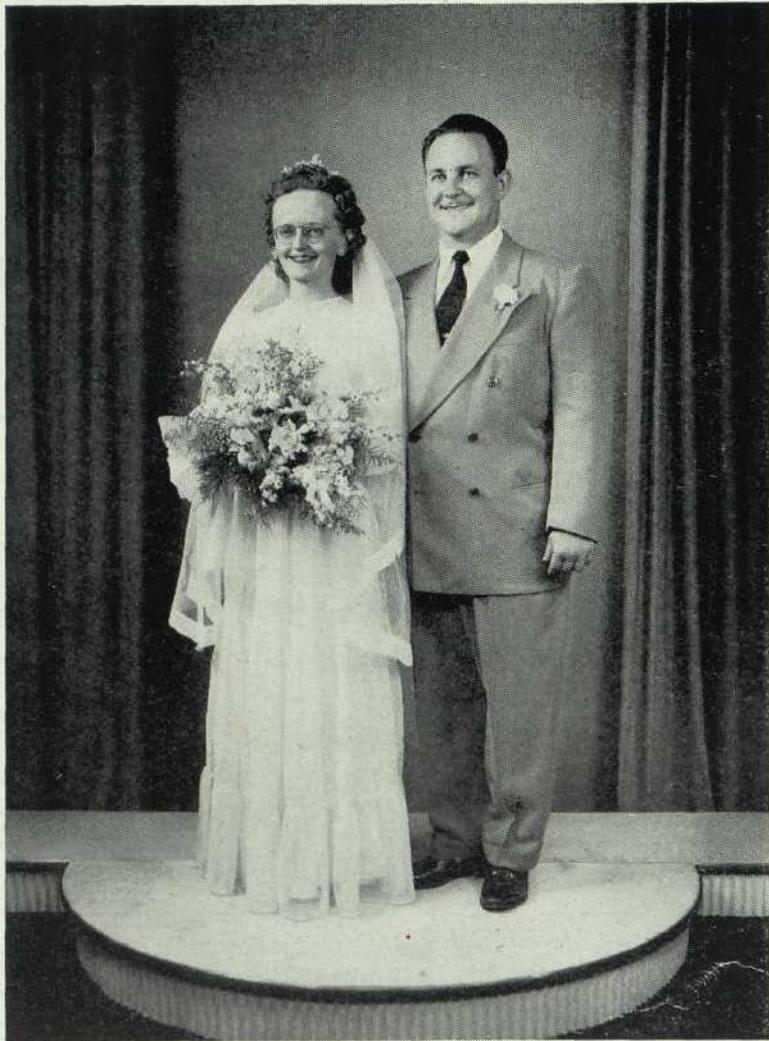
This, however, does not mean that his benefit amount stands still. If he continues to work in covered employment after he acquires 40 quarters of coverage, his benefit, generally speaking, increases; if he leaves covered employment, it decreases.

The Social Security Board office which serves Washtenaw County is located at 709 Reynolds Building, Jackson, Michigan. The telephone number is 25588.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

All employees must notify the Personnel Department of any change of address. This information is necessary to insure contact with employees in regard to work in their department as well as with relatives in case of emergency.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holliday



The wedding of Marjorie Young to Gordon Holliday took place on June 29th at Grace Reform Church. The wedding was attended by many of her Argus friends including **Laura, Amanda, Leona, Johnny, Lillian, Nina, Esther, Mary Jane, Louise, and Bessie.**

A reception at the home of the groom's parents followed the wedding and a good time was had by all.

The very best wishes from all of us here at Argus go with you, Marj and Gordon.

ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



JONES, Roberta Christine

Pleasant-spoken, industrious shipping clerk in the Service Department, where she has spent the last seven years deciphering customer's return addresses, zone numbers, etc. . . Her first appearance at Argus, however, dates back to August 12, 1935 when she started in the radio division working her way through all the camera, enlarger and radio phases. Stays in Ann Arbor during the week but visits Jackson on weekends where she has her home. Was born in Paducah, Kentucky but spent most of her school days in Illinois. Is 31 years old and at the moment—single. Is engaged, however, to Ed "Fish" Keuhn of the shipping department and there is a question as to whether it is five or four years. Has a large collection of over 200 Russian, German and English glass and china shoes which she has accumulated as an interesting hobby which may well turn into a lucrative one since she claims possession of several old and valuable specimens. Is open to any valuable suggestions that may lead to the discovery of more glass and china shoes of any nationality. Would also like suggestions about where she is going to keep them all,—and how she is going to explain them all to Ed some day.

DO YOU FEEL GENEROUS?

Some time ago, someone in the Engineering Department did. He wanted to contribute some money to a worthy cause, and would just as soon send it somewhere where it was really needed and wouldn't be wasted. He said he'd like to do something for the relief of needy people in the Netherlands, and asked me how to go about it. So, I wrote my mother, who still lives there, and asked her about it. The answer came back partially in the form of a newspaper clipping. It read as follows: "Sometime in September 1944, during the occupation, unidentified individuals attempted the assassination of a number of German officers. Their attempt failed, but this was no reason for the Germans to withhold punishment. On the first of October 1944, the village of Putten, near which the crime was committed, was the scene of a terrible reprisal. The village was virtually laid in ashes.

Of the male population 675 were departed in Germany, where the majority were murdered. Only forty of these men lived to return to their burned homes, broken in body and spirit.

Today, in the remains of the village of Putten, there live three hundred widows and a thousand fatherless children; the families of the farmers and laborers who gave their lives to German tyranny.

Putten will remain a monument, an eternal protest against German terrorism, but its widows and orphans are alive today and they need your help."

The story then goes on to tell how Dutch citizens organized a committee for their relief. This committee collects and distributes funds for that purpose. If you feel generous, too, if you would like to donate to this worthy cause, come and see me and I will be happy to give you the details.

J. A. Vanden Broek

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce two new appointments to the staff of the Argus Recreation Club. **Mrs. Gerry Brown** will take over the duties of Treasurer as **Eddie Girvin** is unable, due to increased production schedules, to continue in this capacity.

Miss **Clem Donner** has taken over the secretarial duties, as **Mrs. Nelie Meyers** is no longer with the Company.

These appointments were made by the Board of Directors and we feel certain that both **Mrs. Brown** and **Miss Donner** will capably handle their jobs.

The date of the Fall Dance will be announced in the next Argus Eyes.

ARGUS RECREATION CLUB
Norm Tweed, President

GUARDS

Argus now has a dyed-in-the-wool "Beau Brunel"! Here's proof—every time he goes to the Moose the M. C. dedicates love songs to him, and the entertainers (especially those cute little ones) fuss over him, too. Speaking of sailors having a "Gal" in every port, our "Argus Beau" has one in every block. Just inquire in Hamtramick and Clarence, and what about that certain

Wac in Germany? Why not give a few pointers to some of the "wall-flowers" around here.

Have you noticed how **Harry Let** is "walking on clouds" these days. Even since his daughters picture was in the Ann Arbor News . . . **Cpl. Mary Letsis.** If you see something whizzing past you—'tis only the buttons off Harry's vest. We're all very proud along with you, Harry, for after all, we're just one "Big Happy Family."

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY AT ARGUS



LESTER MICHAEL
Service Department



NAOMI KNIGHT
Receiving Inspection



HERMAN BAUER
Salvage Department

The Gals in White

It seems good to have the First Aid back to normal again—with its "Favorite Boss", **Francis Watterworth**, back after a wonderful vacation in Northern Michigan, and in Gobles—don't get me wrong, this "Gobles" doesn't come in bottles, but is a suburb of Kalamazoo, so she says. Seems Gobles put on a little show for her. There was quite a fire and not being able to resist the temptation, "Fritz" arrived there the same time as the firemen. She hasn't informed us, as yet, if any first aid was needed.

In addition to being one of the best R. N.'s in these parts, she has also received considerable recognition as an industrious nurse, and has built up the First Aid at Argus from a 2 x 4 under the stairs, to an ideal First Aid for a Plant this size. A group of nurses taking a summer course at the U. of M. were at Argus recently, and studied our medical "set-up" (under the able guidance of Mrs. Watterworth) to use as an ideal First Aid for Industries the size of ours. We're pretty proud of F. W. and of her accomplishments.

In addition to "Dishing out Pills", the First Aid Department is receiving many requests for reducing diets, plus a few to put on weight. It might be that Argus will one day be *completely* "Streamlined."

Dear Flying Enthusiast:

Here I am sitting on the ground—or sometimes in the hangar; with all the nice days and evenings, why don't you come out and give me a work out. I have lots of time. Of course, there have been several Sunday morning trips cross-country. I just know my riders have enjoyed them, for that is just all they talk about during the week. Maybe you have noticed that my oil temperature gage was on the fritz. Thanks to my good maintenance crew, they repaired it. So, be very careful now if you see that temperature go up above the normal mark. I hear that **John Poeton** wishes that he was 'Old King Solomon'. It seems that his and several others' instructors have moved out of town to another field. Problem is how to get me over to the instructor without breaking any of the C.A.A. Rules.

I might be wrong, but it seems to me that there are several of the boys who are easing up on their flying. I sure wish they would come out more often and fly. I just know that they will have a wonderful time after they solo. Sure hope it's just due to their vacations. **Jack Beamsderfer**, **Ted Bragg**, and **Kurt Adams** have been flying with **Van** for the orientation period and from the way they handle the controls they are ready to start official dual and it should not take them too long to solo.

Peggy Allen wins a cupid doll—she is the first girl in our Club to solo. She sure did a nice job of handling the controls and breezing thru her training. Now comes that thirty hours of hard solo practice for that highly coveted Private license.

Anyone interested in joining the flying club, can get the necessary information from any member.

Faithfully yours,
Piper Cub Coupe J 4 B

Baby Lund



Mrs. Betty Lund and baby daughter Susan Lee. Betty formerly worked in the Sales Department.

Thank You Note

Mrs. Lucille (Brazee) Gala wishes to thank the Argus Recreation Club for the flowers sent during her recent illness.

Rec'g, Expediting And Prod. Control

Larry Williams, **Jack Stults** and **Harold Hopper** have left Argus. Larry and Harold for other jobs and Jack to attend the University of Illinois. Good luck boys. In their places we welcome **Charles Cotton**, **Kenneth Pratt** and **Hazen Sylvester** to the Expediting Department.

We also welcome **Florence Esslinger** who is replacing **Alfrieda Overmann** in the Production Central Office. **Alfrieda** has left for a teaching position at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Harry Rookes spent his vacation on the sands of Lake Michigan. He reports a wonderful time.

Lucille Beauchamp spent a week visiting her sister in Boston, Massachusetts. Says those "Boston Baked Beans" are really good.

Edgar Fowler and son spent their vacation in Arkansas visiting old friends.

Joe Brahm spent his two weeks vacation visiting Niagara Falls, going by way of Canada and coming back via Ohio. Reports he had a very nice time.

Service Dept.

Cupid's still riding high in the Service Department. Now it's wedding bells for **Cameron Figg**, formerly with the U. S. Marines. The "lucky" girl is **Earlyne Krapf**, in the Argus Sales Department.

Smith Home



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vealey spent part of their vacation visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Honor, Michigan. Walter is a former employee of Argus and his name is well known around the plant. Leon says they had a wonderful time sightseeing, which included the beautiful Glenn Lake.

"A DOLLAR A MONTH"

No . . . this isn't a membership drive for some book club. This "dollar a month" is the equivalent of the salary an American teacher in Hungary is paid . . . Why most of us spend more than that a week just at coffee time! Naturally enough, this father can't feed a family of three (the daughter is four) on a dollar a month, but they're managing to starve on it. Your help and mine can ward off the death that stalks them daily.

Did you know that women in Yugoslavia are forced to till fields at night because they have no clothes to wear in the daytime?

The writer has direct contacts in Yugoslavia, Hungary and Finland, where the need for used clothing is so much greater than she can hope to supply from her own wardrobe and that of her friends. Hence, this appeal to YOU and YOU and YOU to go over your own wardrobe for any articles of clothing—still wearable—which you are no longer using. This includes all sizes, all ages, for men, women and children. Articles should be clean, of course, for soap is a luxury in Europe, and they should be ready to put right on; thread is a luxury, also.

Won't you look over your wardrobes and bring to the writer's office in the Sales Department any clothing you are through wearing. If you could read the heartfelt letters of gratitude the writer has received, you would need no second bidding.

These people are not 'foreigners'—but our brothers! They need your help and mine! WILL you help?

Elma S. Lundahl

Planning Dept.

You can take a boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of a boy—admits the one and only **Jack Covey** as he breaks out with the news of his return to the open fields. During his vacation Jack says nix on vacationing until the family is settled in their new home on Geddes Road, and then maybe if he isn't too exhausted there will be a house warming; that is, if we are good.

We are all hoping that **Leona Breisch** has caught her daily limit of fish and might add that we are expecting our share of the catch.

Poor **Norrine** doesn't get a vacation this year and doesn't want one because she feels that she has had a vacation during her years in the service . . . it says here.

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Gala (newly weds) thank their many Argus friends for the lovely wedding gifts.

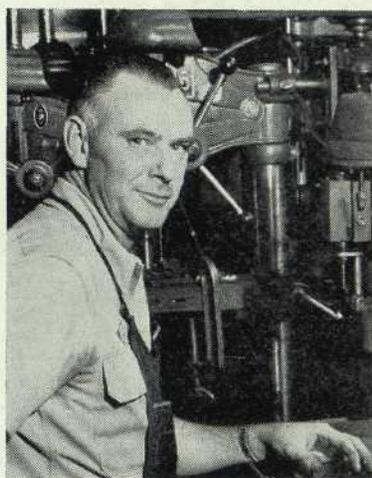
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AT ARGUS



MARGARET BULTMAN
Lens Cementing & Cleaning



NEIL PODEWILS
Electrical Engineering



CONLEY GRAVES
Machine Shop



CHARLES HENRY MILLAGE
Standards Department



ETHEL SOLI
Paint Shop



MARIE HAAS
Camera Assembly



LEONARD SAJDA
Process Inspection

Payroll Dept.

Last week we were visited by two former employees of our office, **Joyce Sager** and **Mary Jane Truax**. Joyce is in town temporarily, while her husband is enroute to Alaska. He has re-inlisted in the regular Army and Joyce plans to join him in Alaska later. Mary Jane now resides in Pontiac where her husband is a doctor in one of the hospitals there.

We miss **Beulah Newman** from our midst beginning this week. She is on a vacation tour of California and other places west, which include Tiajuana, Mexico and Catalina Islands. Yes, Beulah, you are being envied by many.

Along with all of our figures—we had the situation all "figgered" out that our desks would have all been transferred to the second floor by this date; well, those calculations were incorrect, but perhaps by next issue of "Argus Eyes" we will be found in our new location. But never let it be said that we won't miss certain features of the good ol' basement with its inconspicuous little 'caverns' which have come in so handy to we girls for various operations, such as to straighten a blouse, skirt or hose. Also, we will miss the frigid air of the cooling system that **Mr. Schwanbeck** tells us will be fixed "to-morrow."

Martha Price Young and husband, **Danny**, have moved into their brand new house in Dexter.

The Argus picnic at German Park was well attended and a good time reported by all; however, our department was poorly represented. Only **Juanita Boyd** and her husband showed up to enjoy the good refreshments and music.

Sandy Repola was the lucky one to have her vacation this past month, which she and her husband spent at Ishpeming and Elo in Northern Michigan.

Virginia Hurst spends her evenings, week-ends and holidays assisting her husband with the building of their new home on Marlboro.

Wilmot Gray's daughter, **Beverly**, is spending her summer with her grandmother in the northern part of the State. Wilmot starts her vacation next week when she, too, will go north.

Elmer Miller, formerly of the Argus offices, stopped by to say "hello" to old friends, and to attend the picnic.

Lois Palmer's husband, **Donnally**, will be leaving Argus and the paint shop soon, to take up his studies on the Campus. Here's more about Lois—she experienced her first tooth extraction last week—yes, with stitches and all that goes with it.

Maintenance

If anyone ever needs information about running an outboard motor, just ask **Tom Westall**. Next time Tom takes his wife "Ginny" on a vacation, she threatens to have a fire-boat in tow. Seems Tom had a little trouble and he and "Ginny" had to jump overboard 'till the fire burned itself out. How do you like the "Dog-house" Tom? Maybe you'd better stick to your Bar-b-que'd Spareribs, and leave boating to your better-half.

COST CAPERS

There is an old adage, "If you build a better mouse trap than your neighbor—" Glenney is waiting for the world to beat a path to his door. He has worked out a plan for the electrocution of mice. We know that it works and if you are troubled with the little vermin, see **G. B. Harrie**.

Norm has been spending part of the month taking his family to Chicago and then trying to get them home again. He figures that by the time school starts his family roll call will be complete.

Have you seen anyone walking around on a rosy cloud lately? If so, it was only **Marilyn** awaiting the arrival of her Big Moment from overseas. Her dreams have finally come true and she is now on vacation in order to do a thorough job of celebrating.

The **Langstaffs** are shining examples these days. They have been wielding a paint brush on 300 West Summit until you wouldn't know the place, and their car has been transformed from a dull grey to a gleaming black. **Grace** took a week's vacation in which she did some more polishing on the inside of the house. That is the penalty of being a home owner. You spend your vacations working. Ask **Eunice**, she did pretty nearly the same thing on her vacation—only she did more sleeping.

Speaking of fixing up the house, **Bob** is busy building rooms down in his basement. The last I heard he hadn't figured out where he was going to put the door. So if he doesn't show up for work, you will know that he has walled himself in.

A word should be said of the attentive husbands of some of the girls. **Gert** came to work wearing a corsage of Four Roses (flowers, of course) which she said were for no special occasion, but just because.

Mary Jane celebrated her first wedding anniversary displaying a brand new watch from Art. So much for the first year, Mary Jane, and may every coming year be as happy.

Kathryn visited a number of states in Western United States during her vacation and is now visiting the local spots of interest such as Greenfield Village.

Our Boss, **Roy**, has proved himself to be good at other things besides juggling gures, by coming thru with second place in the Duplicate Bridge Tournament at the League.

Engineering Dept.

The **Jim Harveys** became the proud parents of a 7 lb. 6 oz. daughter, **Noreen Ann**, on July 24th.

Five of the boys, **Smitty, Vanden Broek, Jim Steel, Dick Foster** and **Ed Palmer** took in the air show at Selfridge Field. It is reported that "Smitty" snapped his neck out of joint watching the P-80 jet plane.

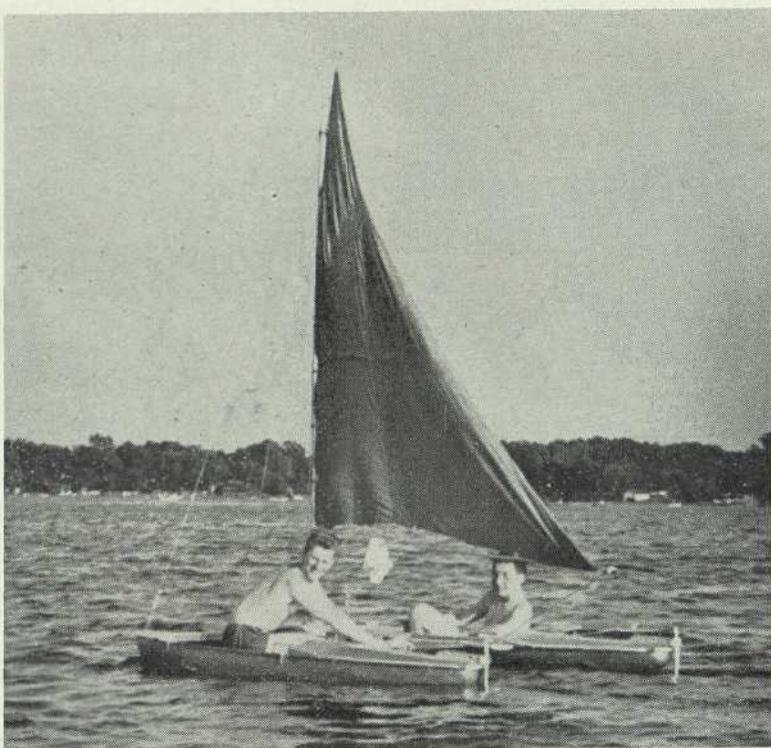
Dick Foster is leaving us for a while to take his army physical . . . and to be married September 7th.

A new face in this department is **Vern Nelson**.

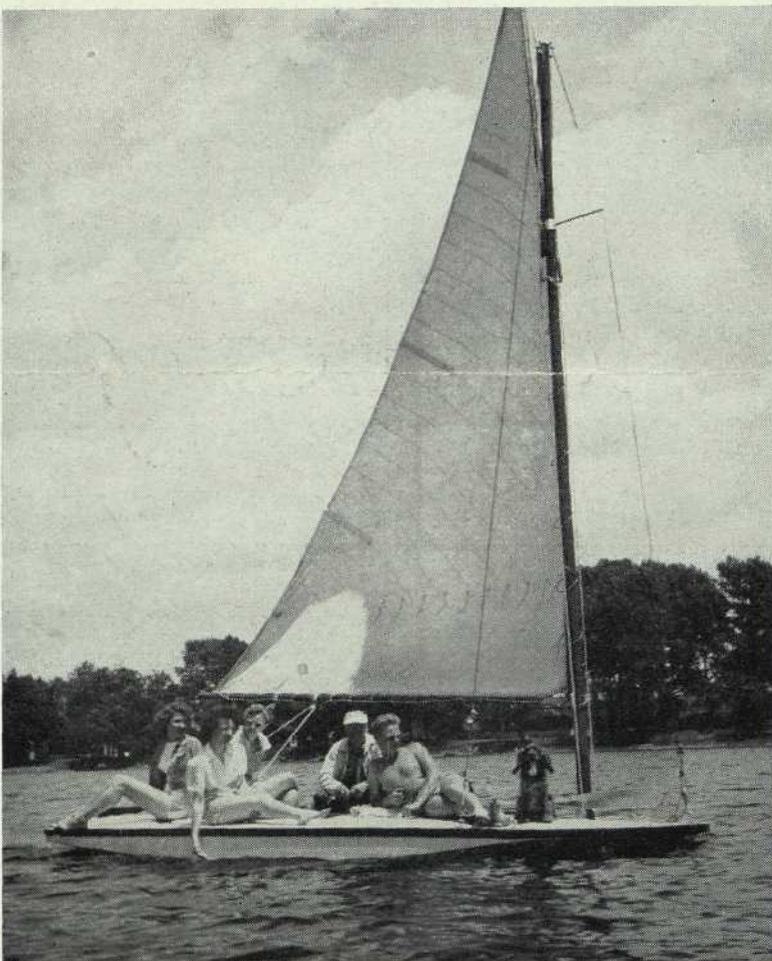
Warren Kays is enjoying a vacation trip through New England and New Jersey.

Rodney Frost is taking his vacation at his home on Silver Lake.

The Latest Thing In Sailboats!



Built by Robt. White and Ed Palmer of Engineering Department from aircraft jettison gas tanks, piping, and canvas.



This is evidence of **Becky Matson's** claim of being the Sailor from Sales (extreme aft). The "bounding main" in this case happened to be Cold-water Lake where Becky spent her vacation.

Sales & Advertising Departments

The Sales Department and Grand Central Station! People come and people go. This month **Hazel Rebbe** and **Wright** bade us farewell, and **Yvonne West** joined our staff. Yvonne, like most of the rest of us, is working her husband's way through college. She and **Wally** are spending most of their spare time watching the progress of their new home—they're one of the lucky couples who will soon be living in the new University Apartments.

Earlyne Krapf will be leaving us—with no regrets—on the 23rd, giving her a week to get ready for the Big Day on August 31st. She and **Cameron** are planning a trip to California for the honeymoon. Lucky people.

Woody Ploettner is back helping us out for a few weeks, and we're very glad to have her. Another old friend dropped in to see us last week. **Thelma Fuller**, who has been with her Navy husband in San Francisco, persuaded him to spend part of a 30-day leave here in Ann Arbor, so we could have a look at the Man. They are spending the rest of his leave in Florida with his family.

Audrey Harding and **Evelyn Navarre** spent last Saturday "playing house." Their unusual burst of domesticity netted them some 40 pints of beautifully canned peaches.

Jerry Davenport has been telling us all that he has a new car. He has painted his maroon convertible blue, and we've seen so few new cars, he almost had us believing his was really new.

Bill Armstrong has been fighting a losing battle with Mr. Greyhound and his Detroit busses. Seems as though every time Bill gets a bus that will bring him to work on time (or get him home early, which is more important) the bus breaks down or has a flat tire. We hope he soon finds a place to live in Ann Arbor.

Isabelle Bruckner had a two-day vacation last week when her little man arrived home after a year in China.

Doris and **Don Strite** and **Jackie Schaffer** and **Don Naylor** spent the week end of August 9th in the N Country. The high point of the was an out-of-this world chicken dinner at Frankenmuth.

Helen O'Sullivan finished up her vacation last week, spending the week with her parents at Houghton Lake. She had lots of fun and acquired a wonderful tan. By the way, did everyone notice that dreamy look in Helen's eyes while she was dancing at the Argus Picnic?

Although I wasn't able to attend the picnic, from all reports, I understand a wonderful time was had by all.

Jimmy Barker and **Mac (Mephistopheles) McCoy** found they couldn't get along without **Helen** while she was vacationing, so they took off for New York City, ostensibly on business with **Henry A. Loudon**, Advertising Agency.

Norm Booth also had his vacation this month. He went up North for a few days, but spent most of his time working on the **Davis-Booth Photostat Business**. Guess Bud and Norm's extra-curricular activities are keeping them both jumping.

Miss Lundahl has been so busy collecting clothes to send to Europe, she hasn't had time for social activities. If anyone has used clothing they are through with and would like to donate it, or would like further information about the project, please see her.

Jim Steel provided a little diversion for the girls who transcribe dictaphone rolls by dictating a roll in German. We hope they saved the roll, as it is really a collector's item.

The Argus Public Relations program is off to a good start, with **Ed Drury** here to see all, hear all and tell all for the Loudon Advertising Agency.

Marge, Becky, Audrey, Evelyn, and **Clare** are happy as can be that their husbands are thru summer school and won't be hitting the books again for about six weeks.

Returned Veterans



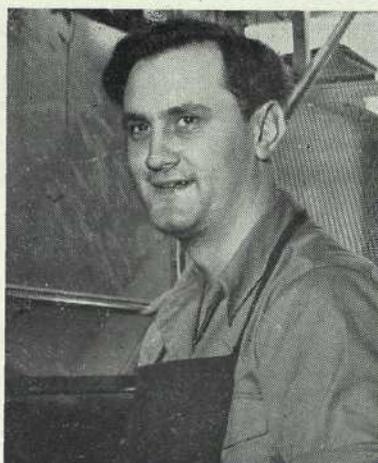
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GUS CHRIST
Paint Shop



ROLAND WHITE
Payroll and Timekeeping



MIKE SINELLI
Paint Shop

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