# argus eyes

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## Infant Spring

Soft and pure fell the snow,
Pure, soft the new lamb lay.
February in the field,
Sun's heat far away,
Wave's cry sad and strange,
Lamb's cry weak and wild,
No buds in the bleak thorn hedge.
Spring is but a tiny child.

Fredegond Shove

#### ARGUS EYES

Argus Eyes is published for the employees of Argus Incorporated and their families.

It is intended to be a means of friendly communication between them, and to provide a reliable source of information concerning the company's business.

Beverly Bullis of the Personnel department makes sure that news is gathered and that pictures are obtained and arranged in readable fashion for publication about the 10th of each month.

Sam Schneider and Gerry Davenport will furnish the pictures, unless they are to be made with a pen or and prevention of measles has already pencil, in which case Marie Barbier and Ed Palmer are called upon.

Charles A. Barker, "Jimmy" to all, will be Art Director and Art Consultant. The profile will be done by Harry Rookes.

The beautiful photograph on our cover this month was taken by Don Schwemmin, 16 year old son of Florence Schwemmin. It was awarded the combined Class D Picture-of-the-Week prize by the Detroit Free Press last summer

#### Appeal For **Blood Donors**

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood donor drive. Their goal is to build up a large enough blood bank during the next five years so that any-one in the United States may receive free blood and blood derivatives whenever necessity demands. This should be of value to all of us. We never know when we, or someone in our family, may have to ask for this life saving service.

The Blood Donor Unit will spend three days in Ann Arbor for the benefit of those people who wish to donate. One day will be devoted to the townspeople, one day to the students and the third day will be open to industrial groups. They have asked for twenty-five volunteers from Argus, Incorporated.

The day is Thursday, April 22, 1948. We have been asked to have our people come between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. to the Armory on E. Ann St. You will find schedules in the First Aid Departments of Plant I and II where you may sign your name, address and telephone num-

Below is some general information that should answer any questions you might have regarding this program. However, if you have others, feel free to come into the First Aid rooms and we will be happy to help you.

#### SELECTION OF DONORS

Age: Only persons between 18 and 50 are acceptable as first-time donors; age limit 60 if donor has been accepted before.

Minors: A minor between 18 and 21 is acceptable only with written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Race: No discrimination is made be-

Weight: Person must weigh at least 115

pounds. Health: Only well persons are acceptable

as donors. Blood Pressure: Only persons who have systolic blood pressure within range of 100 to 200 mm. of mercury are ac-

No person with an acute illness or history of recent illness or operation is acceptable.

Women who are pregnant or who have babies under nine months of age cannot be accepted as donors.

No person in whose home there has been a case of jaundice within the past 6 months will be accepted as a donor. No person will be accepted as a donor who gives history of ever having had malaria, diabetes, Hodgkins disease, pulmonary tuberculosis, undulent fever or epilepsy.

Persons who have allergies of one kind or another are acceptable as donors provided they are free from symptoms and are otherwise in good health. Nourishment Before Donating Blood Persons are not acceptable as donors

who have eaten any fats, such as butter, cream, eggs, fat meats and soups, within four hours of the time of their donation.

Work: Unless a person engaged in a hazardous occupation can arrange to remain away from work for three hours after his donation, he should

not be registered as a donor. Time Required: Allow about 45 minutes of one day once a year to give, so someone may live.

FREE BLOOD PLASMA is made possiole to all hospitals and practicing physicians in the State of Michigan by the individual donors through the Michigan State Department of Health and the

American Red Cross.
PLASMA is the fluid part of the blood used particularly in treatment of burns, accidents, severe hemorrhage, after prolonged operations, in the treatment of shock following prolonged or difficult childbirth and in many other ways.

THE DERIVATIVES secured from plas-

ma and the red cells are of benefit both in preventing and treating disease. Imand prevention of measles has already given invaluable service to humanity. PLASMA can be kept as long as 5

WHOLE BLOOD can be kept only 21

YOUR PINT OF BLOOD is needed in this program.

### **Group Insurance During Lay-Off**

There have been many questions concerning group insurance during lay off. The general policy is that an employee must be at work and on the payroll when an illness or necessity for surgery occurs, and the insurance policy of that employee who is not at work is can-

However, it has been decided that in the case of lay off for lack of work, the insurance of employees laid off for lack of work will be carried in its entirety for 31 days following the lay off—that means life insurance, sick and accident benefits, surgical and hospital insurance, and dependent benefits.

The full cost of this coverage during the extension of 31 days will be carried by the company and, at no time will be charged back to the employee.

At the end of the 31 days the policies

will be cancelled, but at the time the employee is re-called to work, his policy will be immediately re-instated with no waiting period.

#### **Argus Recreation** Club Notes

For a number of years the Argus Recreation Club has sent flowers to club members in case of illness. The officers and representatives of the club have established the following policy

Flowers will be sent to club member who is absent one week or more

due to personal illness.

death as follows: If single employee—to his or her father or mother.

If married employee (man)—to his wife, mother, father, or children.

If married employee (women)to her husband, mother, father or children.

#### RED CROSS 1948

This is a personal tribute to Argus

The response to the 1948 Red Cross Drive was unprecedented. It was marked by whole hearted unselfish giving and ran up a total of \$1268. That was our gift to the Red Cross. I wish I could express to all of you, the deep appreciation I have of the spirit of giving and teamwork evidenced by the result of this drive.

As you know, the company policy is to match the Red Cross contributions dollar for dollar. That means that our team "Argus" has contributed \$2,536 to the American Red Cross. Quite an achievement!!!

-Grace H. Radford

We appreciate very much the splendid results obtained by our able captains, who were: Wilhio Kelly, Margaret Sindlinger, Wilma McGarry, Elsie Gillespie, James Kane, Clifford Olson, Adeline Opheim, Walter Root, Bud Wheeler, Norm Symons, Frances Watterworth, Jim Meldrum, Ralph Ridenour, Harry Kaufman, Gloria Bourdelais, Walter Rickhoff, Walter Weid, Robert MacDonald, Elizabeth Wrathell, and Barbara Titus, who designed our contribution card.

The drawing for products given in the drive was made in the Personnel Office on April 1. The following people were drawn in the \$1 thru' \$4 contributions: Leota Feldhiser, Dennis O'Hare, Nina Walterhouse, Helen Stricklen, Gloria Bourdelais, Cecille Fitzgerald, and Elizabeth Kampas. The following people were drawn in the \$5 or more contribu-William Wetzel, Joe Thompson, Joe Rapley and Harold Cramer. The first group drew a cigarette lighter or children's garden tools and the second group a combination fan heater, or Minca camera.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We deeply regret the death of Charles Graham. Although he was with us a short time, he made a very real place in our hearts. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

### Cost Capers

It's news dead-line again!!! So, I turn myself around and fix the remaining five of this department with an eagle eye and sternly demand that they give out. Result-five blank stares and a strange, strange indeed, silence. How-Flowers will be sent in case of ever, thinking back we recall a few items such as: the boss-man Roy and his man Will attended a N.A.C.A. meeting in Detroit, and from all reports the refreshments were excellent.

> Madeline is cruising around in a brand new Buick which she says is as big as her house. Have you noticed that other day were because she was going to has already won the radio.

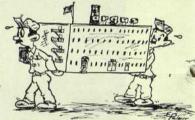
### ARGUS PROFILES



WALZ, Harold Frederick

Stock and Receiving Departments supervisor, Plant 1. Has been with Argus over 6 years and in charge of excess material disposal after the war. Was born in Ann Arbor on April 19, 1899, is married and owns his own home at 2615 Valley Drive. Was formerly in charge of pasteurization and ice cream making at Superior Dhu Varren Farms before coming to Argus. Is keen about all sporting activitiesparticularly base ball and likes to skate. Can repair anything with a hammer and a screwdriver in the vicinity of his Department and has many calls for fixing unworkble desk drawers, typewriters, electric heaters, and is now working on an elaborate carpentry shelf in his basement.

If Argus, Incorporated moved to a new location, we would notify you. It is just as important for you to notify us if you change your residence.



her nose is a little bit flat lately? It's because the new neighbors kept their blinds down so long.

Kathryn, our rural resident, didn't winter but is having trouble with the muddy roads. She can't get home-does anyone have an extra room??????

Virginia has had a terrific time with Spring is just around the corner, we all hope she will be feeling much better, shade. The extra smiles she was displaying the

see her brother who just came home from the Navy

Our quite little Mary is too quiet-no news!!! However, from the giggles that have too bad a time with the snow this filter up from the back corner at times, me thinks it could be the source of good copy. For instance, she and Ginny conclude from the Irish hue of their friend across the aisle, that she celebrated St. the flu-or whatever it is, but since Patrick's Day in gay fashion, and wondered if her stomach was of the same

Don't buy those chances, Van Dyke

#### THE GREATEST THRIFT CLUB IN THE WORLD



portion of both old and new members of OUR Thrift Club are: top row, left to right, Julius Pepper, Bud Wheeler, Robert Allan, Harry Crist, Tom Marshall, and Helene Brazee. Second row:

Eva Baker, Del Filter, Betty Shattuck, Marian Quackenbush, and Madeline Swift. Front row: Willis Van Dyke, Berniece Wilson, Harvey Bennett, Ann Thayer, and Marvin Wilson.

Payroll Savings knocks the "IF" out of Thrift-Why? Because it is automatic, regular and convenient-you can't FORGET to save under the Payroll Savings Plan because your saving is done for you BEFORE you get your pay-it goes right into Savings Bonds AUTOMATICALLY.

The United States Treasury is currently featuring Series E Savings Bonds at \$2 per week on the Payroll Savings Plan. That's only a suggestion. If you can budget \$4 per week or any other amount, it will be acceptable to Argus, Incorporated. The important thing is to save something every payday. At \$2 per week, you will save systematically \$1040, but with interest at 2.9% compounded semi-annually, \$347 in prof will be added, or a total after ten years of \$1387. AN EASIER WAY TO SAVE CANNOT BE FOUND.

All photographs which are published in Argus Eyes can be secured by the owners or subjects after publication, by calling for them in the Personnel Office.



Machine Shop 5 YEARS



EDWARD HUTZEL Department 51 5 YEARS

#### Sales Slips

Spring is here, and has brought many events to the Sales Department.

Esther Schaffer had a very nice rthday last week. She was presented h a beautiful orchid corsage by the sales, Advertising, and Switchboard Departments.

Congratulations to Irene, who has a new grandson, born on February 31.

Walt Rickhoff has hit the road for "dear old Argus" sporting a new Cad-illac. Best of luck, Walt. Now is the time to welcome Marilyn

Miller, who transferred from the riveting department; Margaret Collins, who is from Jackson; Earlyne Figg, a former employee; Dorothy Kortman, from Roger City; and Dan Schurz, who is from Grosse Ile, Michigan and will go on the road as a salesman, April 1.

We noticed two girls hurrying home the other night. It must have been Del and Janet with their new cameras. We also notice Marcy and Margaret G. sporting new cameras.

Jackie N. is working out in her yard these nice spring days. She tells us she is going to have a grape arbor.

Miss Lundahl is back after a weeks vacation. She spent some of her time with her brother in East Lansing.

We have missed our receptionist,

### A Proud Papa



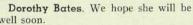
The little bundle of sweetness Tom Katopol is holding is his daughter Diana Lynn. Tom is a member of the paint shop group.

### Anniversaries





MARIAN HIRSCH Camera Assembly 5 YEARS



Barbara is quite happy these days, as she has finished crocheting a baby sweater. . . . Hoping she won't use it

Jack P. is looking for a larger place, so his two little daughters won't have to use the gas station as their playgrounds.

The two wanderers, Evelyn and Lee just went on another trip, this time to Grand Haven to visit Lee's brother.

Doug MacPherson really enjoys basketball games, even if he has to go by boat. Agnes is in the progress of making

plans to rent a cottage in the Northern part of Michigan for her vacation.

We hear Jackie P. won't be taking any more trips to Detroit until they have a new car.

Bonnie is really busy these days planning her complete Easter outfit.

We must end our column now, and we hope no one has too bad a case of "Spring Fever".

### **Optical Illusions**

It certainly must be wonderful to be ladies of leisure. From all reports Leona, Barbara H. and Betty H. are sure enjoying their few weeks off. Be seein' you

Congratulations to Barbara Smith and Jim Helfrich on their marriage of March 12. They honeymooned in Washington, D.C.

Ted Schneider left us recently to take another job. Good luck Ted!!

Helen Snyder journeyed to Angola. Indiana to help her daughter and sonin-law get settled down to housekeeping. Her son-in-law is going to attend Tri-State College.

Record of the month for Optical seems to be "I'll Hold You In My Heart," by Eddy Arnold.

Sorry to report that Joyce Peterson had to have a number of stitches in her hand, the result of breaking a light bulb. The accident sure put "Red" in a spot -doing the housekeeping. Everyday he tells us he washed clothes. In fact he washed so often that the machine broke down. Better take it easy "Red" they're hard to get these days.

We understand that Dick Dorow is in the process of a great deal of digging at his new house. Wonder if it could be for

The gals around here are planning to give Bill a few lessons in spelling. It seems he is having lots of trouble on rejects with his spelling.

Millie M's son Harold was recently discharged from the Coast Guard after serving 18 months of service. Now you know why Millie has been bursting with joy. Harold is now working for Atlantic and Pacific Airlines in Alexandria, Va.

#### Maintenance

Claude Rust has joined the maintenance staff. Welcome to the department,

The maintenance gang is doing a good job at our Chelsea plant. Argus wheels should be turning in the new plant before too many moons.



ERWIN BRAATZ Maintenance 10 YEARS



#### Autobiography of a Man Who Worked His Way Up From Nothing to an Estate of Extreme Poverty

Here he is folks, ten year man at Argus, Incorporated. Just think, it only took ten years on April 4 to accomplish

Who is this Apollo, this Atlas, this ah this mountain of walking muscle, with a little shortening around the middle? Why it's none other than, excuse me folks until I inquire at the information desk at the Personnel Office.

Sorry it took so long folks, but the information had to be dug out of the information had to be dug out of the dead files. Just think, it only took ten ful "going away" wishes and trinkets. years too, but still . . . well, he does look a little alive, m-m-m still one hears that a mortuary can do wonders, or is it a mortician??????

Well, here it is, everybody. Introducing none other than, darn it, where in the heck is that piece of paper. Ah! found it, introducing, Erwin H. Braatz and don't forget it's spelled with two a's. To all who know him it's just plain Erv. Yes sir, he's always willing to give a helping hand to those who need it, for a consideration.

Did you ask, "was he born, or, when was he born?" Well, he was born sometime in the past and you'll have to excuse him on the date. You see he was born at night and they didn't have electric lights in those days, so he couldn't see the calendar.

He says he is only half as old as he looks but twice as old as he feels.

Where was he born? That is something he doesn't know. You see he was a bouncing baby boy and he never did find out where he was when he quit bouncing.

Has he any hobbies??? Oh yes, many of them, a wife, two daughters and trying to make a fortune.

Here is a confidential report that just came in folks. Erve will be twenty-eight years old next August, believe it or not.

### Paint Shop

Edna Arnold, who was in an accident which necessitated a leave of absence, is back with us again.

Mary Ann Phelan left Argus recently to await the arrival of a new little

We wish to welcome Catherine Pfabe II. and Bill G. to our department.

### **Double or Nothing**



Amanda Alber of Receiving Inspec tion, is twice as happy as most grandmothers, and why not-when her grandsons Ronald and Donald came



Machine Shop 5 YEARS

### Ad Libbing

Spring has made its subtle impression upon the Advertising Department. We have flung open our windows to Ann Arbor's bright blue weather and visions of daphodils are dancing in our heads

In Jimmy Barker's office an orderly Spring Housecleaning has taken place In the true spirit of the Season, the desks are now where the chairs were and the chairs are now where the dictionary was, and the cameras have changed corners-the whole effect is wonderful, if a little confusing.

Mac McCoy wishes to say thank you His ship doesn't sail for a month or more now, but the Navy has already assured him of a bon voyage. We are standing by with our champagne bottles ready to swing, and Mac murmers something about passing a physical exam.

Across the hall in the tactful and always obliging Public Relations Headquarters, Edith Keig knows it's Spring. She is wearing Gordon Craig's frater nity pin and we are humming an old song for her—something to the effect that the Sigma Chi's have a Sweetheart!

Also newsworthy is the fact that Ed Drury is building a new wing on the Hall. Besides being very civicminded he has the advantage of always being able to see his green Ford from his office window.

It's the little men in blue who don't quite get the picture. They keep putting little pieces of official literature under the wind-shield wiper of Ed's car and looking very disgruntled.

The Sam Schneiders have a new weetheart named Dodo. Dodo is a French poodle, and very stylish. Dior with his "new look" is very proud of Dodo and "the powder puff look" . . . It's something new for Spring.

### Inspection

Bob Roberts, formerly of this department, returned for a visit on Thursday, March 11. He is now attending Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. We were all very happy to see Bob again.

Betty Morehouse has been transferred to the Blue Print Department in Plant

returned home by way of the Capitol

Harold is the proud father of a new baby boy. Congratulations to both Har-

Cecille attended the midwinter Legion Conference in Detroit with hubby on March 12 and 13.

Lucille, our prized bowler, came through with second spot in the womens singles in the city tournament. Orchids to you, Lucille.

Kay has been transferred to the Paint Shop, while Charley changed to the Machine Shop.

A baby shower was held at Cecille's house March 11, in honor of her daughter-in-law. Those attending were Agnes, Berniece, Amanda, Becky, Marguerite, and Bessie. The gifts were very as she is beautiful.



ELSIE GILLESPIE Machine Shop 5 YEARS



WILLIAM FRASER Tool Room 5 YEARS

nice and a tasty lunch was served.

We welcome Lloyd back after his stay at home taking care of his wife who

Willie spent the weekend with his

girl and met the family.

Agnes, Olive, Kay, Nina, Leola, and Laura are going out to dinner on March 25 to celebrate Nina and Leola's

### Shipping

As your weary reporter lifts her bloodshot eyes from a littered and very untidy desk, she finds a deadline staring her in the face-so- here we go.

Ruth Novotny is back again after leaving us for a couple of weeks. She is taking Marilyn's job, who left on the 26th to take another job. We're going to miss Marilyn. We also have Polly Titus in our little clan now. Polly works until noon, then scoots up to business school for afternoon classes.

Steffy is struggling with her export papers. She mumbles something about "aren't they ever going to let up?" Then buries her nose in her work again. Gerry peers over the top of a stack of shippers with her ready grin and says . . . you next month"

### Baby Sandra



Five month old Sandra is the daughter of Phil and Betty Street. Sandra is just as happy and healthy

#### Mother and Son



Known to all are Irene Schneider and her son Ted. Irene, who works in the Sales Department, will celebrate her second year at Argus in May. Ted, who left us recently, is a former member of Optical Assembly.

### Welcome Spring

After a long period of doubt and I must add a trying time to us all, Spring, that season of budding beauty, has finally made its bid. How do I know? That's easy, man, and I don't have to figure on a calendar. No sir, just looking around this good old Service Department tells me I can start forgetting my winter fuel bills.

Ralph Merrell's smile, when he looks at Merriam, has that, well you know what expression; and Beryl McGee's feet don't get so cold now and she only wants that window in our office down

Ah yes, that early spring air has the

kick of a mule. According to some, it reacts like a tonic which brings forth super ambitions. For example: Doc got whiff of that spring air last Thursday (he sits right next to the window) and he resolved to plant trees, mow the lawn, dig up a great big garden and quit smoking.

#### Father Doing Well.

"We never lost a father yet," boasted the doctor when he delivered the 8 lb. Trees are budding on Fourth Street; 10 oz. bouncing baby boy, on Saturday of March 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Krezel. Father Al Krezel, awfully tired, but smiling bravely, came to work Monday morning with the fine news. To commemorate this occasion, the men in the Service Department received big black cigars.

#### Barbara Smith Weds



Vows uniting in marriage Barbara Smith and James Helfrich were exchanged in candlelight ceremony at 7 'oclock, March 12, in Wesley Lounge of the First

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan E. Smith. Mr. Helfrich's ing" at a very early age. There was,

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Helfrich.

After a week's honeymoon, Barb, of Optical Assembly, and Jim will live at became embarrassed and little Mary 848 E. University Ave.

### Bowling

#### Ladies League

Nothing serious has happened in the Argus Ladies Bowling League-those four first-position teams are still in there. Hickey's Service dropped two games to City Slickers, and Atom Bust-ers follow in third and fourth by one game only. The other positions are as follows: the Happy Gang jumping two places for fifth; the Anti Q's went ahead of Harley Davidson's, who were tied last issue; the Alley Wrens follow Harley Davidson's; Sales, Ar-Gals, Screwballs, and the Paint Shop remain the same. There has been no change in high or low scores.

The banquet committee is already busy anticipating and planning the yearly finish of the league; and the nominat-ing committee have their heads together too, asking for volunteers to run for

#### Argus Girls in City Tournament

Of the eight teams in our twelve team league who entered the city tournament, three teams were very proud to have made the prize list. Hickey's Service placed fourth with 2577 score, the Screwballs thirteenth with 2482, and Mast's Shoes thirty-eighth with 2462.

In the doubles, Laura Egeler and Dorothy Hepner had 1091 for fifth place, Alma Fox and Betty Abraham had 1042 for 26th place. Lucille Gala and Claudine Shelly had 1036 for 27th place. Thressel Conley and Doris Lyons had 1016 for 49th place.

In the singles we are proud of Lucille Gala, who held first place with 609 for a week, and then was unluckily nosed out by two pins to put her in second place. Nice going, Lucy. Dorothy Andres had 476 for 10th place. Alice esperson had 573 for 15th place. Laura Egeler had 550 for 26th place. Thressel Conley, 537 for 52nd place. Laura Snearly, 534, and Annabelle Farmer also, 534, both for 56th place. Lucille Gala was the only one who placed in all events, with 1444 for 5th place.

I sincerely hope I haven't missed any other Argus girls who placed on the list. There were many who bowled on teams not in the Argus League.

Congratulatoins to you all.

—L. Egeler

#### The Planners

Barbara Trew has been transferred to the Tabulating Department. Her duties in the Planning Office have been taken over by Shirley Miller.

Helen Chapman, recently of the Planning Department, invited the girls from this office out to her house for dinner. The ham, sweet potatoes and pie were delicious, the girls report.

Has everyone noticed the beautiful diamond that Shirley Miller is wearing these days? Gerald Fisher is the fellow, but so far no date has been set for the big event.

Gordon Bunn has taken to raising rabbits. He recently won two of them. He says that he just can't afford to feed them 2 whole heads of lettuce every day. Maybe there is something else that rabbits can eat ???

Leona Breisch is still busy working on her new house out at Whitmore Lake. They hope to move in come May. We are already looking forward to a picnic out there.

Jack Covey reports about the trials he encountered on a recent shopping trip with his small daughter Mary Carol. Seems the 2 year old little Miss has picked up the art of "pick-pockethowever, no harm done except that papa Carol quite bewildered.

#### Place Third In Industrial League



The final basketball game of the season placed Argus third in the Industrial League

Pictured above are: Jim Streiter, George Bock, Elmer Pfister, Jim Devlin, Carlos Chapman, and Donald Crump.

#### **Bowling Form**





This front and back view belongs to Marjorie McCain of Optical Assembly. The pictures were taken by Eddie Girvan, who wants everyone to profit by the excellent bowling technique.

#### Two Future Stars



The spot light is beaming on eight year old Nancy Gillespie and seven year old Judy Neff, who were in the ice show a few weeks ago. Nancy is the daughter of Elsie Gillespie, Machine Shop and Judy is the daughter of Tom Neff, Standards.