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25th
anniversary
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1931-1956

REVIEWING ARGUS PROGRESS

—by Robert E. Lewis

Of primary interest in this issue probably will be the pictorial report of our first twenty-five years of operation. Actually, our 25th anniversary date was this past August 8.

We are especially proud of the fact that two employees, Helen Breining and Merrill Rayment, have been with us for the entire twenty-five years.

To say that we have made great progress during this 25-year period is probably a gross understatement. Just recently I was reviewing a report made to the stockholders approximately nine months after the company was started in 1931. There are some interesting comparisons that can be made from that report. For instance, it appears that the average earnings for all employees came to something under forty cents per hour. In contrast, the average hourly earnings at Argus now are approaching \$2.40 per hour. This does not include the cost of fringe benefits. We sometimes forget that in 1931 there were no such things as fringe benefits, whereas today we have come to take for granted vacations, holidays, Profit Sharing, the various insurance programs, and the many other fringe benefits that we receive which make a considerable addition to our annual earnings.

An interesting excerpt from the 1931 report is as follows:

"One of the most disappointing things to the management was that the designs of radio sets which were originally put into production in September did not continue to sell throughout the season and our sales on the previous models dropped off very badly in January, at which time new ideas had to be injected into the product in order to continue production. During the month of January the factory produced very little, only building 1,476 sets, yet our payroll was \$6,000, all spent in preparing designs and equipment to take care of an entirely new line of radio sets."

It is interesting to note that even in those early days there were prob-

lems with employment at the beginning of each calendar year after the Christmas sales period had ended. During the past few years we have made a real effort to reduce the effects of lower sales in the beginning calendar months by building up our inventory of finished products during this period. Actually, we have achieved a considerable degree of success in this effort, as the number of employees now fluctuates less than 10% over the year. In spite of the risk of carrying big inventories of finished products, we have nevertheless manufactured for inventory to stabilize employment, using our best forecast of future sales. In the early days, no product was produced until an order had been received. If we did that today our employment would drop more than 50% during the slack months of late winter.

These comparisons may have given you a quick idea of some of the changes that have taken place at Argus. Probably of keener interest is the current status of our Company. The publication of our annual report later this month and the scheduling of our annual dinner on Monday, October 8 will give us an opportunity to review in more detail just where we stand today.

In anticipation of these events, however, it is significant to note that our sales of commercial products have increased over a million dollars this fiscal year to a total in excess of \$19,500,000. This is a continuation of a trend which has shown increased commercial sales each year since the late 40's. The Company's Profit Sharing contribution for the members this year will be at a ratio of \$400 for each \$200 contribution. The details of each account are being prepared now by the Trustee of the Fund, the Ann Arbor Trust Company.

Suggestion Awards



Jasper Womack, Maintenance, took top honors among July and August suggestion awards by earning a check for \$303.94. His suggestion concerns a method of saving trichloroethylene when the degreaser in Department 10 is cleaned. (See photo above.)

A check for \$183.30 went to Emil Johnson, Maintenance, for his suggestion that the Cornell Dublier capacitors be repaired instead of replaced.

Ernest Billau, Polishing, received a \$165.30 suggestion award for suggesting that the speed of one of the polishing machines be reduced.

An award of \$108.96 was received by Jim Romine, Projector Assembly, for his suggestion that the twisting of the tabs on the carrier plate be discontinued.

Orrin Dicker, Blocking, won \$58.43 for his suggestion concerning a method change in blocking certain lenses.

Shirley Dersham, Tabulating, received a check for \$51.75. Her suggestion was the elimination of checking invoices manually in the Accounts Receivable Department.

Matta Maynard, Camera Assembly, won \$37.47 for suggesting that the length of the C-3 back hinge screws be increased.

Edith Odegard, Salvage, suggested that ring gages be used to check chipped lenses in the Salvage Department and received a check for \$21.80.

Other suggestion awards were as follows:

Jim Sieloff, Production Control—\$18.13; Anna Torsch, Camera Assembly—\$17.55; Ginny Brumley, Sales—\$15.50; John Lawrence, Maintenance—\$13.50; Ken Hubbell, Machine Shop—\$13; George Jordan, Optical Assembly—\$11.30; John Kampas, Production Control—\$10 plus a \$25 bonus bond; and Russell Conley, Machine Shop—\$10.

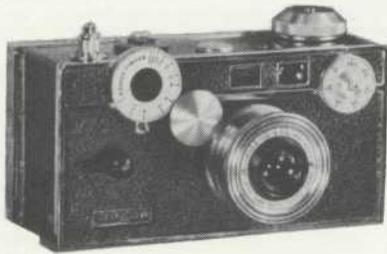
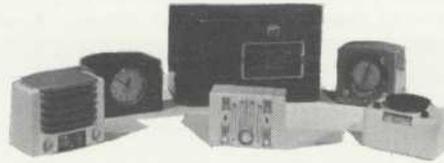
In July and August, \$1,039.93 was paid to Argus employees for their suggestions.

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25 years
of
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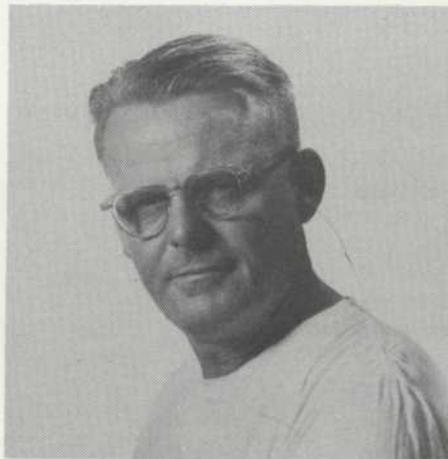


25 years
of
service



Helen Breining

These two employees represent 50 years of service and are the only two employees who have been in the continuous service of the Company since the first day of business, which was August 8, 1931.



Merrill Rayment

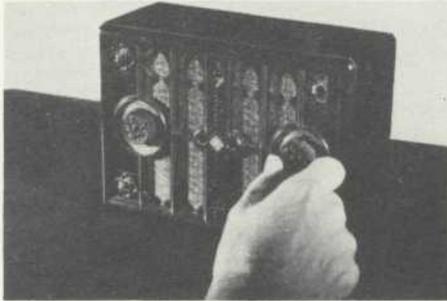
Helen started in the radio assembly department and moved to her present job in Salvage some 15 years ago. She tells of these early days when the assembly departments worked only after orders were received.



Merrill, who has been known by the nickname of "Shrimp," longer than he can remember, spent his first 19 years of service in the shipping department and for the last 6 years has been with Receiving. He recalls that Shipping was located where the Sales Department is presently situated and tells of how sheepskin-lined coats were necessary from fall to spring because of the inadequate central heating system.

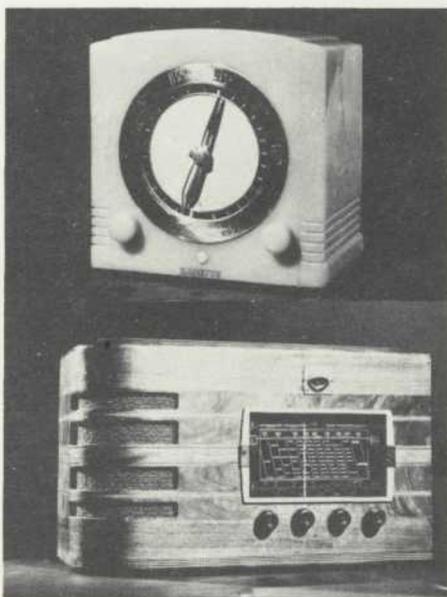


The early history of Argus was dominated by its founder, Charles A. Verschoor, a brilliant inventor who was able to obtain financial support during the difficult economic period of the early 1930's.



International Radio Corporation was the first in a series of names the company has operated under. The principal product was the "Kadette" radio, which scooped the competition because it used tubes instead of a bulky transformer and operated on both AC and DC current.

Even with this design advantage over the competition, a constant struggle for survival had to be waged. By continuing to introduce new and startling radio products the competitive position of the company was advanced rapidly and during 1936 had a total sales volume of one million dollars.



The year 1936 witnessed another occurrence that was destined to overshadow the radio business beyond the wildest dreams of those who were responsible for its inception.

While visiting Germany, Charles Verschoor had become interested in cameras. This interest led to his consideration of the possibility of manufacturing an inexpensive, American-made 35 mm candid camera.

Preparations for the camera's production were begun late in 1935 and, with an approximate investment of \$3,000, including advertising, the first Model A camera left the assembly line in May of 1936.



The Argus Model A

With a price tag of \$10, it created a sensation in the photographic market because it was the first entirely American-made camera of the 35 mm or candid type. The 35 mm camera market was previously dominated by foreign manufacturers whose units cost many times more than \$10.



A-2 cameras being packed for shipping.

Almost immediately, the Model A found a place in the buying habits of the public. The trade name for this camera was Argus, and a fitting name it was, since Argus was the Greek god of a hundred eyes.

A Metropolitan Group Insurance Plan was first offered to Argus employees and their families in 1937.

Benefits to policy holders have been constantly increased and improved over the years and in 1955 alone reached \$146,000.

The success of this camera product came none too soon, for in the following year of 1937 the entire radio industry experienced a sizeable set-back. Many firms closed. International Research Corporation (a new name taken on soon after the cameras went into production) found that the slack in the radio business could be taken up by introducing many new photographic products such as enlargers, printers, projectors and other accessories. An electric razor with a trade name of the Glide Shaver was also manufactured and sold at the very appealing price of \$7.50.

By this time it was clear to the management that the company's fortune lay in the photographic field and, in keeping with this belief, the entire radio business was sold.

"Why It's Called Argus"

Argus President Robert E. Lewis wrote the following article for American Druggist Magazine in 1954.

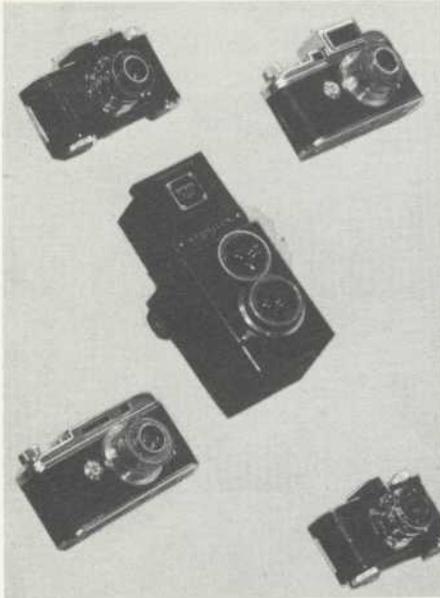
Companies blessed with an especially appropriate brand name often drive their own corporate names into obscurity. That's what happened to us—in fact, we were practically "forced" to change our name to Argus.

No one knows exactly how Argus was resurrected from ancient Greek mythology to identify a modern camera, but it was a happy thought born in 1936, when we were introducing the first low-priced 35 mm camera to the United States.

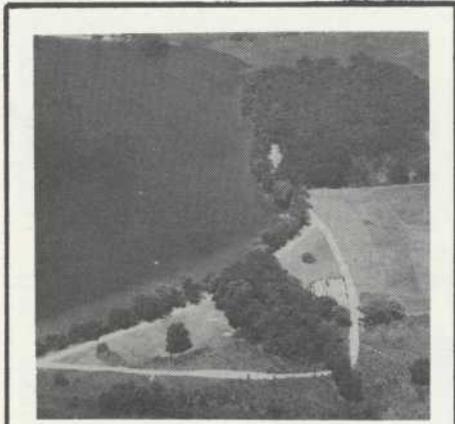
Partly because of the immediate success of that camera, and partly because of the aptness of the name, Argus became a household word in photography. It means sharp-eyed, watchful, and it's short and easy to pronounce.

So people forgot us as International Industries, Inc. and remembered us as Argus. They even wrote to us as "the Argus people" or "the Argus company." After a few years of this, our duty was clear—we changed our corporate name to Argus Cameras, Inc.

By chance, we also made a three-thousand-year-old legend come true. The original Argus was a vigilant guardian of goddesses—he never closed all of his 100 eyes at once. And so even today Argus has millions of "eyes"—the precision lenses of Argus cameras all over the world. Surely some of them are always open.



During the period between 1936 and 1941, many different cameras were designed and sold. One of these was known as the C-3. This model is still in production and has become the largest selling 35 mm camera in the world. Even today, it is still regarded as possibly the best camera buy.



Independence Lake Area from the air.

Argus employees formally organized the Employee Recreation Club in 1938 to provide social and recreational activities for employees and their families.

From that time to the present, the club's activities have been much the same, including the sponsoring of athletic teams and leagues, dances, parties, and picnics.

The recreation area at Independence Lake was leased in 1952 and since that time has provided many Argus families with recreational facilities and relief from the summer's heat.

Expanding business made it necessary to make our own lenses and in 1939 the entire manufacturing equipment of the Graf Optical Company was purchased.

Soon a wing was added to the plant (now Plant I) to house the optical division.

World War II found International Research Corporation in a position to engineer and manufacture the various precision optical instruments that were so critically needed and, by virtue of our extensive background in the manufacture of radios, we were able to produce various electronic devices that were also very critically needed in the war effort.

Ever increasing demand for more military equipment made expansion necessary. An entirely new plant, facing the original, was built in 1942. Employment stood at 1,000 persons.



Looking east over early construction stages of Plant II. Plant I in background.



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Plant II
Completed
1942

In the war years that followed the men and women of Argus distinguished themselves by earning five Army-Navy "E" awards.



Employees attended "E" Award ceremonies held in front of Plant II in 1943.



Argus was well represented on the city Serviceman Honor Roll.

At a dinner given by the Company for all its employees on December 23, 1941, the Profit Sharing Savings Retirement Plan was introduced. Its purpose was to provide the employees a means of becoming partners with the stockholders in sharing the firm's profits.

This in turn would stimulate an even keener interest in the Company's success and, at the same time, promote a spirit of economy and thrift against retirement years.

Since that first year, the membership has grown from 218 to 800 and the fund has grown from \$13,000 to over \$2,000,000. Individual accounts of charter members are as high as \$14,000.



Presentation of annual Company contribution to the Argus Profit Sharing Retirement Fund.

The war's end brought a slight lull in activities at Argus while civilian products were being put back into production and several new products were being busily developed by the Engineering Department. The vast amount of equipment the company now possessed made it possible to manufacture a greater portion of the product components than ever before was possible.

The goods-starved public consumed cameras and related items at a feverish rate. This large consumer demand was certainly not confined to cameras and the company made an effort to diversify by purchasing manufacturing facilities for the production of electrical appliances.

Almost immediately the market shortage period ended and, without a well-known trade name in that industry, sales fell and the investment lost money until it was disposed of in 1949. The camera business had held steady, however, and in 1950 the total sales volume was in excess of five million dollars.



The Suggestion Plan was put into operation during 1940. Its purpose was and still is to encourage employees to develop ideas that save time and material, improve the products, or make the Company a better working place.

This plan is recognized as one of the best in the country and many thousands of dollars have been paid to employees for their acceptable ideas since the plan's inception.

In the past three years alone, over \$22,000 has been paid out in suggestion awards.

argus eyes for Victory!

The first issue of an official employee publication, "Argus Eyes for Victory," appeared on October 5, 1942.

Originally under the sponsorship of the Recreation Club, "The Eyes," as described on the masthead of the first issue, was a "friendly publication intended to interest, help and stimulate all employees of the International Industries, Inc."

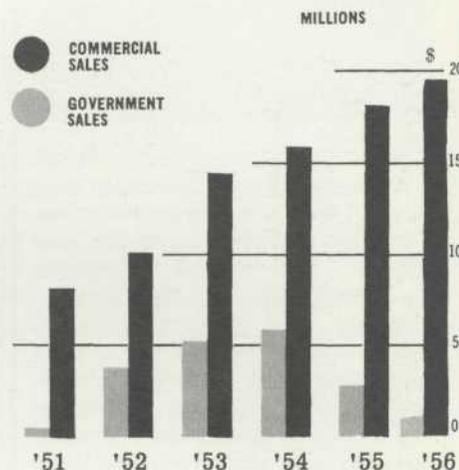
Now a Company-sponsored publication, "Argus Eyes" maintains the same purpose as was established in the first issue nearly 14 years ago.

Employee educational scholarships were instituted by the Company in cooperation with the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan College in 1953.

Four scholarships of \$250 are awarded yearly to Argus employees or children of employees. Selection is based on general scholarships qualifications and is administered by the University of Michigan committee on scholarships. Each award is renewable for three additional years.

At the outbreak of the Korean conflict the Company was again called upon to take an active part in the manufacture of optical fire control and electronic equipment for the Armed Forces. Unlike the World War II period, however, civilian products were not only continued in production but experienced sizeable sales increases. Two additions were made to the optical plant, which had already been revised once since it was built in 1942.

Commercial and Government Sales 1951 - 1956



Argus Cameras, Inc. today is a company that has reached maturity in the photographic industry. Sales of commercial products have progressed to an all-time high of over nineteen and a half million dollars. Investments in machinery and buildings are at a record of three and a half million dollars.

In its short history the Argus name has come to mean Quality at Value.

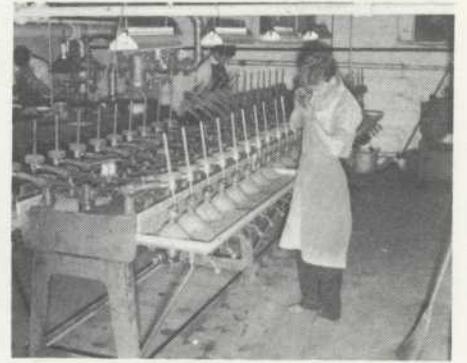
Snapshots from the Photo Album



Circled left to right, Ann Thayer, Walt Clauson, Red Graves, and Conley Graves.



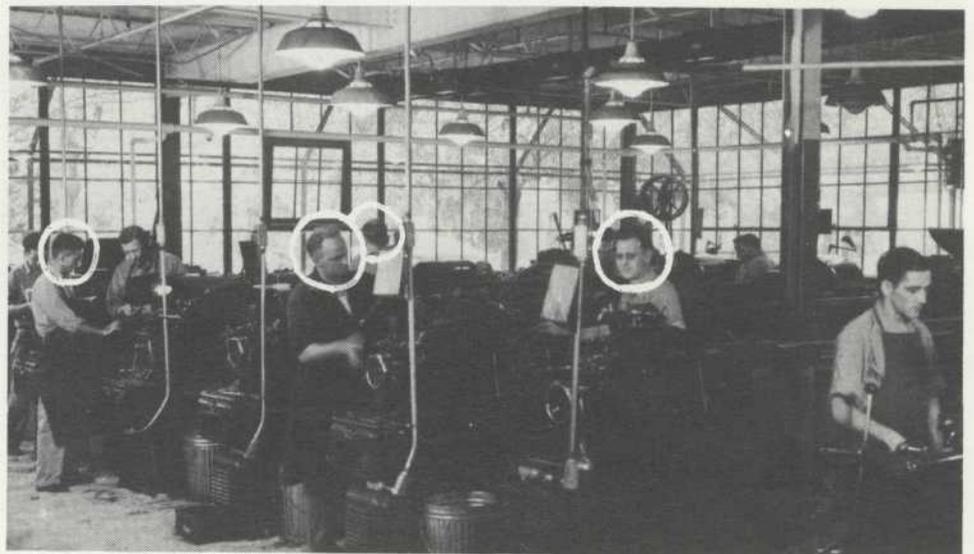
Dick Guarino in the first Optical Model Shop.



One of our first lens polishing machines, located where the Tabulating Department is now.



Here's a shot of "some of the girls." Circled are (right) Esther Schenk and (left) Helen Breining.



Screw Machine Department, circled, left to right: Al Steinke, John Roscus, Art Danner, Cliff Olson.



Phillip Morris' famous "Johnny" visits the plant during the 30's and receives an early model C-3.



Top Jess Cope, bottom Eric Solderholm enjoying beer picnic.



Flying Club had its own plane.



Right to left, Emil Johnson, Les Schwanbeck, Russ Warren, and Leona Breisch. Year, 1944.



1946. Carolyn Dancer, then in Inspection, now in Sales (center). At left and right are former employees Sylvia Klambach and Stephanie Burns.



This picture, taken in the late thirties, shows one of the radio assembly lines in Plant I.

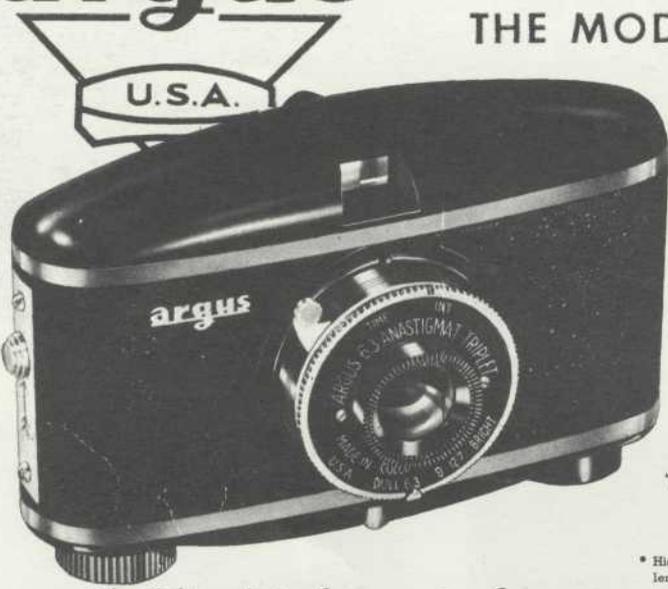


Niel Podewils (circled background) at work in the Engineering Department Electronic Laboratory.



Women employees were certainly in the majority in the Machine Shop during World War II.

argus PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE MODEL M



LIST PRICE
\$7.50

IN ATTRACTIVE
GIFT BOX

THESE UNIQUE
FEATURES

- High precision triplet Anastigmat f:6.3 lens, fully color corrected.
- Takes pictures in either black and white or full natural color.
- Lens openings marked for various light conditions.
- Two-speed shutter for instantaneous or bulb exposures.
- Built-in optical view finder, tripod socket and collapsible lens mount.
- Takes single or double frame pictures.

The Ultimate in Inexpensive Cameras

Now, for the first time, it is possible to purchase an Argus camera with Argus engineering precision and Argus features at less than \$10.00. The smartly styled, beautifully streamlined, chrome ribbon trimmed Model M is so tiny it fits easily into the purse or pocket. Its high-precision Argus construction assures perfect performance in the hands of novice or professional. Color photography is economical with the Model M since it takes either single or double frame pictures, permitting twice as many shots on a roll of film. Special accessories for close-up portrait and pictorial effects adds to its versatility. Uses standard "Kodak Bantam" and "Bantam Kodachrome" film or for best results—special "Arguspan" or Arguspan Dufaycolor-M film—balanced to the Model M camera to insure superior pictures.

The introduction of a new product gets much more attention today than did this Model M back in 1938.



Bill Patton at work in the Engineering Department. Bill is now in charge of our German Department.



Bill Frazer making one of the many lens tools we are likely still using.

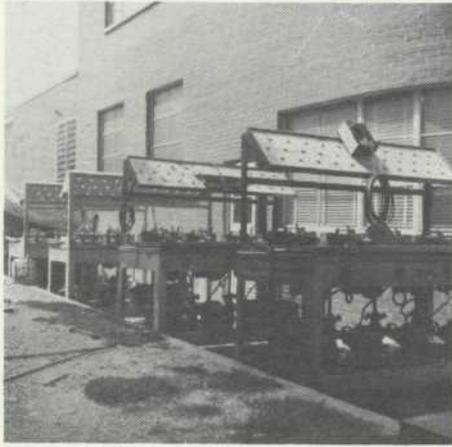


Jim Meldrum checks sample lens for index of refraction—middle 1940's.



One of the many ads that has helped to make Argus known all over the world.

Government Equipment Is Put Into Mothballs



A large percentage of the Government owned machinery and equipment has been removed from our plants and sent to a central storage and preservation depot at Battle Creek. The lens processing machines shown in the above pictures are about to be loaded on trucks for the trip to the Government warehouse. They were used principally in the manufacturing of lenses and prisms for the "T" series scopes and fire control instruments we built during the Korean War. In the event this country is faced with another emergency this equipment can be withdrawn from its state of preservation and returned to service.

Service With A Smile

A recent addition to the Independence Lake recreation facilities was the installation of toddler swings and teeter-totters.



Bill Dixon (left) and Ed Nimke laying the ground work.



Bill and Ed are joined by Tom Kentes (left) and Bob Lucas (right).

This project was carried out by members of the Product Service Department.

The credits go to Tom Kentes, Ed Nimke, Henry Christopherson, Bill Dixon, Bill McGinn, and Bob Lucas who are all, as you might have guessed, members of the Product Service Department.



*Annual
Company Dinner
Monday, October 8, 1956
in the
Michigan Union Ballroom
6:45 p.m.*

About The Cover

The Gala kids. Father Jan works in Department 62.

Your card of invitation will be in the mail soon. Make your reservations as soon as possible in the Personnel Services Office, Second Floor, Plant I.

Fifty-three Celebrate Service Anniversaries

Hoeft, Geiger Join Breining, Rayment

In Twenty-five Year Group



Ozzie Hoeft
Maintenance
25 years



Lester Michael
Service
20 years



Roberta Jones
Service
20 years



Wilhio Kelly
Receiving Insp.
20 years



Ken Geiger
Planning
25 years



Marie Haas
Camera Assembly
15 years



Earnest Billau
Polishing
15 years



Margaret Bultman
Cleaning
15 years



James Swaney
Centering
15 years



Ethel Sinelli
Paint Shop
15 years



Linus Knieper
Grinding
15 years



Louis Betke
Tool Room
15 years



Marie Gould
Projector Assembly
10 years



Harry Rechkemmer
Cleaning
10 years



Andy Kokinakes
Planning
10 years



Alex Krezel
Service
10 years



Harry Link
Grinding
10 years



Walter Hubbard
Paint Shop
10 years



Nettie Sponagle
Paint Shop
10 years



Roger Rice
Engineering
5 years



Fred Tower
Optical Assembly
5 years



Florence Carman
Receiving Insp.
5 years



DeWayne Wilson
Maintenance
5 years



Mary Jane Alexander, Sales
5 years



Don Hinz
Tool Room
5 years



Cleo Wood
Final Inspection
5 years



Lewis Jackowski
Polishing
5 years



Allen Terry
Tool Room
5 years



Thelma McLaughlin
Optical Assembly
5 years



Claude Debow
Blocking
5 years



Mary Morgan
Accounting
5 years



John Sartori
Tool Room
5 years



Irene Doughty
Cleaning
5 years



James Ullom
Engineering
5 years



Tom Trumbull
Tool Room
5 years



Katherine Pfabe
Cleaning
5 years



Darwin Cox
Planning
5 years



Emil Johnson
Maintenance
5 years



Marion Coats
C-4 Assembly
5 years



Chester Linden
Safety Patrolman
5 years



Marie Kittel
Machine Shop
5 years



Don Clark
Machine Shop
5 years



Barbara Sibert
Camera Assembly
5 years



Carl Pfeiffle
Maintenance
5 years



Irene Swaney
Cleaning
5 years



Bill Cheatham
Machine Shop
5 years



Glenville Rogers
Engineering
5 years



Mary Yates
Camera Assembly
5 years



Jesse Ross
Maintenance
5 years



Helen Walker
Camera Assembly
5 years



Don Waters
Planning
5 years

NOT PICTURED

Mary Ann Rocco,
Tabulating - 5 years

Bob Shankland,
Grinding - 5 years

Eleven Argus Employees Retire to



Bob Stoll

Bob Stoll worked in the Shipping Department at Argus for 14 years. Co-workers at the State Street Warehouse supplied him with ample fishing gear for his leisure days.



Grace Radford



Many Argus-ites will miss the friendly counsel of Grace Radford, who worked in the Personnel Department for 13 years. Travel is the keynote for Mrs. Radford's retirement and, in the short time since she retired, she has already made one trip to California and is now on her way to Europe.

Clara Dickinson



Clara Dickinson worked in the Paint Shop from 1943 until her retirement this summer. Friends and

co-workers honored her with a party and several lovely gifts.

George Braun



After 11 years of service to Argus in the Machine Shop, George Braun has realized that ideal retirement to Florida.

Friends who have seen George recently say it didn't take him long to become a real Floridian.

Roy Hiscock



Roy Hiscock came to work in the Personnel Department at Argus in 1937. The power lawn mower given to him by Argus friends should make it pretty easy for Roy to "take life easy."



Jimmy Barker



For many years now, Charles "Jimmy" Barker has been winning packaging and art awards and trophies for Argus and for himself. He has been Art Director at Argus since 1943.

Life of Leisure this Summer

*Walter
Smith*

*Fred
Horning*

*Herman
Wiederhoft*

*"Dutch"
Engelhardt*

Harold Sweet



Harold Sweet came to work at Argus in the Tool Room in 1942. Handiwork around his home has kept him pretty busy since his retirement.



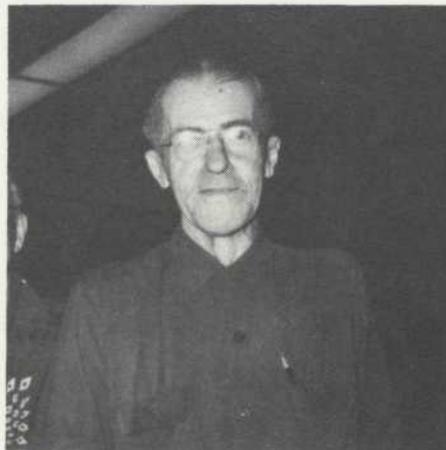
Herman Wiederhoft came to work at Argus in the Maintenance Department in 1951. The coat given to him by co-workers will keep him warm for sure this winter.

The Maintenance Department wished good luck to four retirees this summer. They are (left to right) Walter Smith, Fred Horning, Herman Wiederhoft, and "Dutch" Engelhardt. Members of the Department celebrated the event with a party held in the Cafeteria.



Recreation Club members, as well as co-workers in Maintenance, will miss Walter Smith, who retired after 13 years of service.

Walter's famous barbeques are well remembered by Recreation Club picnic-goers.



John "Dutch" Engelhardt started work in the Carpenter Shop at Argus in 1943.

He divides his time now between painting, mending roofs, and seeing that all is well at the American Legion and the V.F.W.



Fred Horning worked in the Maintenance Department at Argus for over three years before his retirement this summer.

Above he receives a lifetime Recreation Club card from president Chuck McClune.

Wedding Bells

Argus Eyes has been a little behind the times with a wedding or two, but better late than never.

Irma Varner, Sales, married Allen Thibodeau of Ypsilanti in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti last April 14. The couple honeymooned in Kentucky and Indiana.

Argus people who were among the attendants included Alice Riley, Sales, who was maid of honor; Donna Bakker, Sales, bridesmaid; Marianne Eschelbach and Nona Sutton, Sales; and Bernie Fry, formerly of Sales.

Helen Graf, Sales, married Robert Freeland of Ann Arbor on June 16 at the Methodist Church in Saline. The couple honeymooned in Pennsylvania and Kentucky and are now living in Ann Arbor.



Mrs. Richard Byrd

Shirley Ann Baker, daughter, of Lucille (Projector Assembly) was wed July 21 to Richard Byrd of Wayne. The couple spent two weeks at Detour, Michigan and are now living in Wayne.

Black and white prints of any photos published in Argus Eyes may be obtained by filling out the coupon below and taking it to the Personnel Services Office. One photo will be free of charge. There will be a charge of 7 cents for each additional copy.

Photo Coupon

Name _____

Dept. _____

No. of Prints _____



Bob Wilson, Argus Cameras of Canada, has a daughter, Christine Marie. She was born on April 28.

July 4 was certainly a day for celebration for the Russeau family (Louise works in the Paint Shop). Independence Day was the birth date of Louise's daughter Diane Rene. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz.

A daughter, Diane Lynn, was born July 10 to Martin Metzger, Accounts Payable. Diane weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. Her photo at the age of three weeks, is shown below.



Ima Jean Roberts, formerly of Camera Assembly, has a son, Elvin Lee Roy, Jr. He was born July 11 weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz. His photo is shown below.



Bud Trexler, Sales, has a daughter Carol Elizabeth, born July 17.

Bob Lewis' (Military Sales) daughter Barbara Elizabeth was born on July 20.

A daughter, Lindsay Ann, was born July 21 to Guy Wescott, Standards. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

A son, Scott Ralston, was born August 2 to Bruce Corley, Wholesale Sales. Scott weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz.

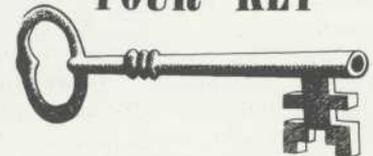
Robert Taylor, Mechanical Finishing, has a son, Robert, Jr. He was born August 5 and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Go West, Young Man



Ted Little, Sales, was presented with a caddy cart and golf bag by fellow workers in the Sales Department when he left Argus this summer. Ted is now living in Kalamazoo.

YOUR KEY



TO THE VOTING
BOOTH

IS
REGISTRATION

THE DEADLINE
FOR REGISTERING

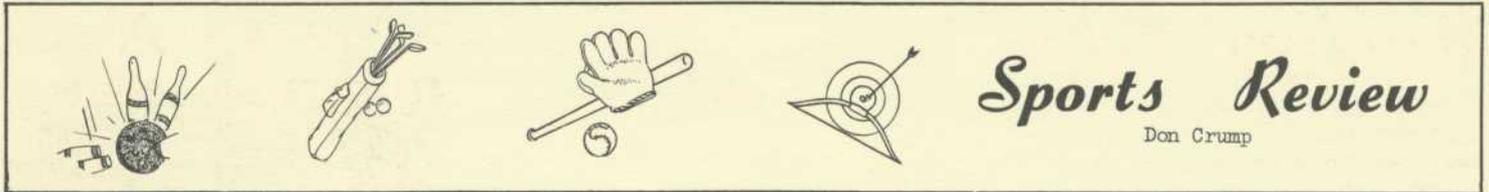
IS
OCTOBER 8th

Jim Yates' (Camera Assembly) daughter Cheryl Renee was born August 16. She weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz.

A son, David, was born August 17 to Paul Mason, Grinding. He weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz.

Bob Nickels, Purchasing, has a son, Robert James. He was born August 21 and weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

A daughter, Sherry Leigh, was born September 2 to Leon and Florence Blackmer. She weighed 9 lbs. Leon works in Centering and Florence formerly worked in Production Control.



Again this year, the Argus softball team proved itself, and climaxed a most successful season by capturing not only the Industrial League title but also annexing the post season City Recreational Tournament. Manager Joe O'Donnell accepted both of these trophies in behalf of the team and they are now in the already bulging display shelf in Plant I.

It is doubtful if any team ever dominated play in the league as did our representative this year. Backed by the strongest pitching staff ever assembled by an Argus entry, our team broke out in front and held on to first place through the entire season. In Gayle Nelson, Danny Eskins, and Bob Foor, Manager O'Donnell had a trio of hurlers who went through the entire season without giving a bad performance. In fact, not once was an Argus hurler lifted because of ineffectiveness.

St. Nick's, runner-up to the league champs, really felt the sting of Argus twirling by being held hitless in their two meetings. In the first game, Gayle Nelson tossed a perfect game, retiring the twenty-one men he faced. In the second clash between these two rivals, Danny Eskins got the call and responded with what must be considered a pitching masterpiece never equalled in the history of Ann Arbor softball. Danny had his wide variety of stuff working to perfection and had the St. Nick's batters fanning the breeze all night. Danny not only held the St. Nick's boys hitless, but of the twenty-one batters he faced, twenty went down on strikes. The other out was a pop fly to the catcher on an attempted bunt, so the game ended with catcher Max Robinson getting all twenty-one putpouts. Shutouts became commonplace and Nelson, Eskins, and Foor all turned in whitewash performances.

To back up his strong mound staff, Manager O'Donnell fielded an equally strong infield and outfield. Max Robinson, who is considered one of Ann Arbor's finest receivers, took care of the slants of all the moundsmen. At first base the veteran Bob Kalmbach showed that he has lost none of his polish and played steady while the fleet-footed Jimmy Yates was taking care of everything hit in the general direction of the shortstop position. At the keystone sack, Ray Gregory and George Bock shared duties with each turning in good performances. The outfield chores were well taken care of by the hard-hitting Doug Nordman in Left, Bill Allen in Center, and husky Bruce Fraser in Right. In addition to this regular personnel, Manager O'Donnell had strong reserves in the persons of Jack Scott, Jim Swansey, Don Haworth, and Don Zemke.

After dominating play in the Industrial League the Argus entry was shifted to Class B for the State Tournament. In this very fast company the Argus nine performed admirably. After winning two of the starts in this strong competition, our team was eliminated from further play when they suffered a hard fought 2-1 loss to Adrian. The caliber of play in the tournament can be noted when one realizes that this same Adrian team was a member last year of Michigan's Major Softball League. However, by their play in the tournament, the camera boys gained even more respect in the district.

Manager O'Donnell and the entire team have earned congratulations for their efforts this year. In concluding this year's season, there is only one regret; being represented by the best of all Argus teams, it seems to bad that they could not have been given better support by the

Argus fans. In most of the games, only a handful of supporters were on hand to cheer their team to victory. However, I am certain we all wish to offer congratulations to our team!

With one more week remaining in the Men's Golf League, the race in the Wednesday 3:30 League is very close. In the Wednesday 3:30 League, there are four teams who have a possibility of winning the league. In first place are Morrie Howe and George Conn; second place, Don Crump and Harold Peterson; third place, Eric Soderholm and Ray Clark; and fourth place, George Calado and Eugene Kline. There are ten points separating the first and fourth place teams with a possibility of winning ten points a night.

The Wednesday 5:00 League has concluded their schedule and Bob (Buck) Nickels and Tom Heermans are the champs in this league.

In the Tuesday 5:00 League, Dick Leggett and Neil Navarre are the winners. This was decided on the next to the last night of golf.

At the conclusion of league play, the winners of each League will play to determine the Argus Champions.



The snaps above were taken at the Argus mixed two-ball foursome. "Nature Boy" at top left is none other than Sales' own Carlos Chapman.

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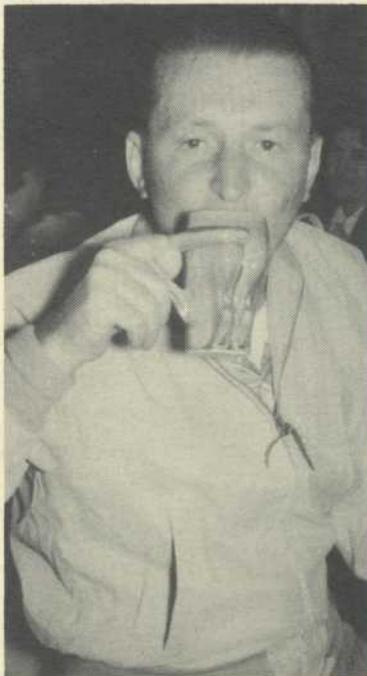
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