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Lost Camera Found in Shark

HONOLULU — T/Sgt. J. H. Fisher dropped his Argus C-3 camera into the sea while fishing off Oahu. A week later he went back, caught a shark and—guess what—found his camera inside the fish. And Fisher said, "This is no "fish story."

—Detroit Free Press

The clipping above was sent to Argus from a former employee, Headley Downey, with the following letter: "My dear Mrs. Radford:

No doubt you too noticed this nice little news item in this dates morning Free Press; it is too good to let slip entirely unnoticed. It shows the wide scope of use and travel that the C-3, along with many other Argus products, get and just what they can take. I know, and we all know, that they are indeed good; but of some of the stories we have heard of the many unbelievable hardships the various items have gone through and came out still in good use, I firmly believe they need a hearty congratulation.

Let me here say, CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done.

Will you pass along my sincere wishes to all the friends in the shop, and the best to all. I appreciate the opportunity of passing the time of day with any of the old timers, and wish only the best for all. Stop and say, "Howdy Do" whenever possible.

Thank you for your time, your past kindness, your friendship, and may the best be yours. I beg only to be remembered as a friend.

In all Sincerity,
Headley Downey"

Planning and Expediting

Grace Schwind and Shirley Fisher are no longer with us. We sure will miss you girls. Leona Breisch has been transferred to the Purchasing Department.

Has everyone noticed that new Buick that Harry DeBryne is cruising around in these days? It certainly is nice looking, so how about a ride, Harry.

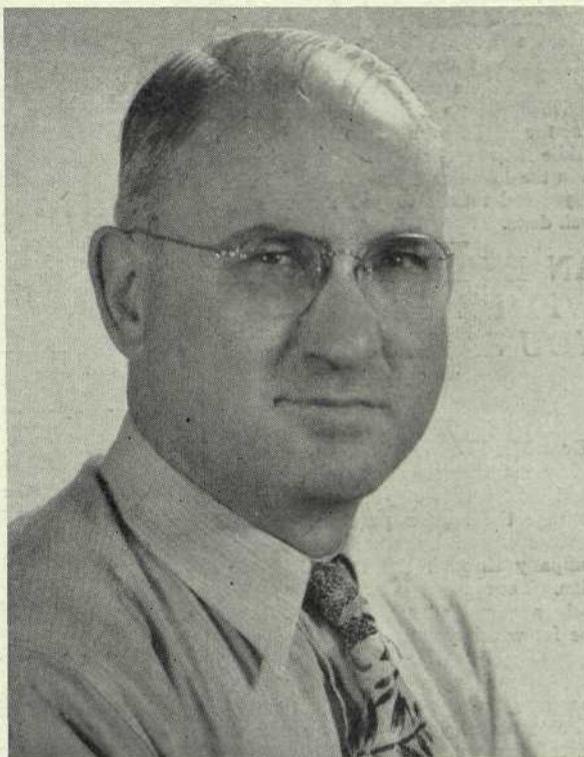
Jack Covey is spending the latter part of his vacation entertaining relatives from Pennsylvania. Hope they enjoyed the High Spots of A A, Jack.

The wedding uniting Ida Starks and

Winners of \$100 Suggestions Bond Awards



Bob Price and Rube Koch were awarded special \$100 bonds for having the most accepted suggestions in a six month period. Bob, a trouble shooter, was winner over the January, 1947, to July, 1947 six months, while Rube, who is a working supervisor in



our Chelsea plant was winner in the July, 1947, to January, 1948, period. There was no winner for the period January, 1948 to July, 1948.

Turn in your suggestions, you may be the next big winner.

Walter Hubbard was of double importance to the paint shop, as both are members of this department. The wedding took place at the west side Methodist Church on October 23. Sally and Basil Wentworth were the attendants. Sally gave a lovely party for Ida the previous week at which time she received many beautiful gifts. They also were presented with a cocktail table from the whole department. We know the newlyweds will be very happy.

Della has had quite a siege in and out of the hospital for several weeks. It was finally decided that her appendix was causing all the excitement so they removed it. She is recovering at her mother's home.

Martha was called to Texas because her mother-in-law is ill.

We all decided it was about time for a party, and Halloween being close was a good excuse, so . . . we're all going out to the Rustic Tavern for dinner and fun.

The Slide-Rulers

The Engineering Department wishes to extend best wishes to Don Feder and June Pollard, who were married on October 2nd.

John and Peg Barnes are now hearing "the patter of little feet" for the third time. Little Cathy was born September 2nd.

Some of the boys still haven't recovered from their flight to the Photographic Show held in Cleveland on October 14th. As the pilot was warming up the motors before take-off, John Barnes was heard saying, "There's a Kodak man letting the air out of the tires!"

We're still trying to find out what Eddie Palmer was doing up in the pilot's compartment, with the stewardess!—They say he took her home after he returned to Willow Run.

Note: Anyone wishing the addresses or pictures of the two stewardesses—please contact Ralph Ridenour.

But seriously, we all wish to extend to the management, and especially to Mr. Harris, our sincere appreciation for a wonderful trip. We hope that we may be spurred on to new and greater things, having seen the newest products of our competitors.

SALES SLIPS

Last Saturday the Sales Department started out on a hunting trip. Barb loaned us the horses from her dairy farm. After we saddled our horses, Jack and his bugle corps blew the note and we were off. Joan and Mary M. who

always like to see where they have been, wouldn't turn around and face the front of the horses so they could be sociable with the rest of us. Pat, Margaret, Georgie, Bonnie and Lee kept straying away. It seems they got their hunting seasons mixed and were "dear" hunting instead.

When we reached our destination, Doris volunteered to be official water girl for the horses, since she gets along with animals so well. The rest of us started to hunt. Carlos was the first to spot a pheasant but he didn't shoot it because his golf club kept jamming. A duck lit on the end of Herb's gun, but thinking it was just a fly, he shooed it away. Dick and Bill didn't get a thing. Bill forgot his caps for his cap gun and Dick couldn't find any water for his water pistol.

Progressing along we noticed Elizabeth petting a skunk. She mistook it for a cat. Poor Jackie N. had a hard time keeping up with us because she had so much food with her. Wilmot was more interested in her newspaper (comic strip, that is) than in hunting. We had to bail Jackie P., Dorothy, Jean, Mary B. and Helene out of jail that night because they were arrested for trespassing on a farm.

Doug was the only one who could brag about catching anything. He caught a cold—(We still don't know for sure if it was caused from hunting or other obvious reasons.)

We thought Elaine tried to commit suicide, but we found out later that she became so excited when seeing a pheasant that she turned the gun the wrong way.

FALL FROLIC

The Argus Recreation Club will sponsor the annual Fall Frolic on Friday, November 4, at The American Legion Memorial Home.

Come and dance from 9 to 1 to the tunes of Freddie Bentz and his Music Makers.

Admittance only if you have your Recreation Club membership card.

Cards will not be sold at the door so GET YOUR TICKETS NOW from your representative. This card entitles you to bring one guest.

Come and have an enjoyable evening.

AD LIBING

Boxes! Boxes! Boxes! Big and small with crayoned labels are flying around the Advertising and Art Departments and Mac McCoy and Jimmy B. bring order around here after the wham and whiz prior to the CONVENTION. Check lists are now crumbled and worn, and doomed to the bottom of a waste basket. Jimmy isn't playing hide and seek any more, and the Grand Central atmosphere is diminishing. Now that the lonesome week (for those who stayed behind) is over, we are really back to normal.

While the Cleveland Crew was away, we had a surprise visit from Edythe Keig who now wears a sparkling diamond and will be married in June.

The Bulletin Board in the Public Relations Department is usually crammed with interesting pictures and articles of Argus achievement and mention throughout the Nation. We are dubious about the latest addition to this collection—a candid print of a fellow we know, who doesn't seem, in this picture, to be in the best of health or frame of mind. Anita can imagine the life and letters of a check room girl even though she hasn't really tried it. When half a hundred optical society gentlemen arrived for a tour of the Company, Anita graciously accepted hats and coats and draped them about PA headquarters. It's still a secret as to how she unscrambled them for the rightful owners—but she obviously has an eye for color for when the group left—hats and coats seemed to match.

Business in the Projection Room seems to be improving—especially since we have seen the work of an Argus owner who has traveled abroad and brought back a marvelous collection of slides.

A letter from Becky Matson last week proves conclusively that this live-wire Argus alumna has settled down to Southern comfort and domesticity: "Tis Sunday morning. Last night's buffet supper and bridge is now a fond recollection of a seven spade bid (and made) southern fried hamburgers, and a Yankee tossed salad."

Well, that's how we're doing—past and present, here in the Advertising Department along with the hope that next year the Alaskan Icebergs win the Series pennant and the MPDFA convention is held in Dallas.

Two Cup Winner



Lynn Dancer, of the Receiving Department, was a two time winner at the Michigan State Fair this fall. One cup was for the best display of buck and doe Chinchilla rabbits, which numbered fifteen, and the other for the best display of does.

DICK and DAVE



. . . or is it Dave and Dick??? If it weren't for the fact that Dave has one more freckle than Dick, we don't think even their pop, Don Nordman, could tell them apart.

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 of the Photographic Department will furnish pictures, unless they are to be made with a pen or 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.

Community Chest

At the time of going to press, we, at Argus have raised \$2280.25 for the Community Chest. This fine showing has been due to the splendid co-operation and teamwork of everyone. As in the past, the company will match our contribution dollar for dollar.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the Argus Chest captains, Harry Rookes, John Barnes, Vern Peterson, Bob Barsantee, Lewis Belleau, Bill Armstrong, Thelma Burke, Grace Hinz, and Wilhio Kelly, for the help they gave us in making this drive a success. Our boys and girls at Chelsea were well represented.

The drawing for the cameras given by the Company was made in the Personnel office Friday, October 29. Roy Hiscock did the drawing in the presence of the Chest captains. The Argoflex was up first and, with much shaking of the dish, Roy delved down and brought up Eddie Girvan's name. For the 21, he brought up Omer Parks. Eddie is in Optical Assembly, and Omer is in the Machine Shop. Congratulations boys, and thanks to you all for a job well done.

AN EXTRA DOLLAR WITH EVERY THREE YOU SAVE IN BONDS

Treasury Department
Washington
October 28, 1948

"Dear Mr. Howse:

My attention has been called to the significant results of your efforts to encourage the regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds by employees of your company through the Payroll Savings Plan. Your Payroll Savings record is truly a commendable achievement and one for which you and the other members of your organization who took part in making it possible are to be congratulated.

For those of your people now on the Payroll Savings Plan and for those who will join them in the future, Payroll Savings means building security on a safe, systematic basis. It means increasing the value of that part of their pay which is invested in U. S. Savings Bonds. It means a way of getting ahead—a way for both to provide for emergencies and for future needs and security.

For your company this is a demonstration of effective, practical, patriotic service in behalf of your employees and in the interest of the nation.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Treasury Department for your wonderful cooperation and for your support of this important program.

This commendation is indeed merited by you, the other officials of your com-

pany and your employees, who have worked together to achieve this splendid accomplishment.

Sincerely,
Vernon L. Clark
Assistant to the secretary"

An excerpt from Mr. Howse's reply to Mr. Clark:

"It is, of course, our privilege to help make possible the easy purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds by our employees, and we are glad of the opportunity to support the Payroll Savings Bond Program as well as to serve them."

The Personnel Department is available to help you to take advantage of the Payroll Deduction Plan.

Holidays With Pay

Holidays come fast in November and December. There are always a few employees who are new or who have missed the notices on Holiday with Pay policy.

In order to qualify for holiday pay, it is necessary to work the last working day prior to the holiday and the first working day following the holiday. This does not mean half a day, leaving early, or reporting late. It means working the regular eight hour working day. No absence of any sort is acceptable, except for personal illness substantiated by our First Aid Department, or by a written statement from your doctor.

Recreation Club Fishing Contest

The first Annual Fishing Contest sponsored by the Recreation Club proved to be very successful. We were well pleased with the number of entries received; there were 50 all told.

Next year the classes or groups will be extended to cover a larger variety of fish, since some of the employees had catches that were not classified in this contest.

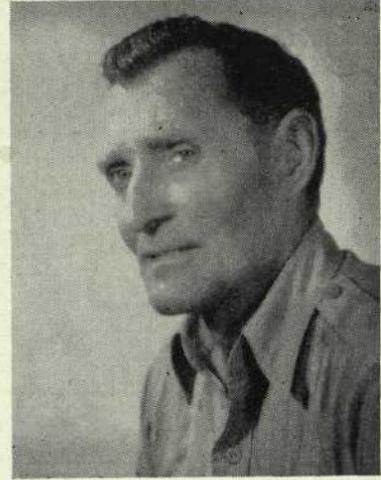
George Kline Sr., who is employed in our Chelsea Plant, was the champ fisherman, taking two \$10.00 awards.

Listed below are the winners of the various classes:

- PIKE**
- \$10.00 (1) Dorothy Minges, Dept. No. 15—Weight 5 lbs., 14 ozs., length 31 inches, girth 11 inches.
- \$5.00 (2) Marie Nagel, Dept. No. 31—Weight 3 lbs., 2 ozs., length 29 inches, girth 9 inches.
- BASS**
- \$10.00 (1) George Kline Sr., Dept. No. 11—Weight 6 lbs., 4 ozs., length 23 inches, girth 16 inches.
- \$5.00 (2) Norman Egeler, Dept. No. 43—Weight 4 lbs., 7 ozs., length 19 7/8 inches, girth 14 1/2 inches.
- BLUEGILLS AND SUNFISH**
- \$10.00 (1) George Kline Sr., Dept. No. 11—Weight 14 ozs., length 11 inches, girth 11 inches.

ARGUS PROFILES

by H. J. R.



DRECHSEL, Charles August

Member of the maintenance department, Plant I, has been with Argus since 1936, and served as a sergeant in the plant guard force during the war years. Was born in Gibson City, Illinois on September 6, 1895, is married and lives at 3284 Dexter Road. Has one daughter, Beverley Jane, 14 years. Served as corporal in 1st World War and worked in the pasteurizing department of Superior Dairy before coming to Argus. Is a member of the Moose and Gleaner Lodges, travels north on hunting and fishing expeditions yearly, and hopes to retire to California some day on the strength of his Profit Sharing Fund.

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.

\$5.00 (2) Alfred Kesler, Dept. No. 43—Weight 11 1/2 ozs., length 10 1/2 inches.

It is a pleasure to present you with this cash award for your winning catch. Contest Committee.

Inspection and Salvage

Lester Budlong has been walking with his head in the clouds these last few weeks . . . we wondered why. Then he told us. He and his wife wanted to adopt a boy they had taken care of since he was three weeks old. After three years of wondering and waiting, the adoption papers finally came through stating that he is their son. So . . . can we blame him for flying around in a fog???? It was a wonder-

ful thing to do, and we know little Billy is just as proud of his mother and dad as they are of him.

Olive bought herself a Chev'y—watch the corners, Olive.

Laura, Rube, and Johnny went fishing on Saginaw Bay. They brought home a nice catch of pike.

Shop Early!

The following products may be obtained by employees this Christmas: Combination fan heaters, Hamilton fountain pens, and children's garden tools.

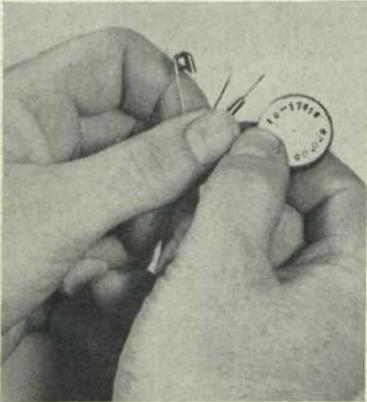
The American Woman's Cook Book will also be available if requested by a number of employees.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS EARLY.

Small Tools Insure Precision

One of the big reasons why Americans turn out more and better goods for more people is that they are constantly alert to the importance of designing and manufacturing time-saving tools. Someone's always saying, "must be a quicker way to do this!"

In the picture below is shown one of the tools which Argus uses to get precision-built cameras off the production line in volume.



The little drill, held next to a safety pin for comparison, is made of one of the hardest man-made substances, carbide steel. It is used to drill such holes as that in the center of the ring gauge shown in the picture. All of the tiny parts which go into cameras are tested for size by inserting them into such gauges as this one, which tests parts 27 thousandths of an inch in diameter.

Argus Display at Master Photo Dept





SERVICE SCOOPS

The feature attraction in our department this last month was the celebrated good-bye given to a great guy, **Tom Marshall**, by the entire service department.

Tom worked with us approximately two years. A crackerjack at repairing precision cameras, we naturally hated to see him go. However, we wish him all the luck in his new venture as a student at Valparaiso Tech.

To remember good old Argus by, we surprised the boy with a handsome Ronson lighter, a screaming necktie and a beautiful box of bold monogrammed handkerchiefs. Then, to round out the occasion in a grand manner, an appetizing "pot luck" was given during the noon hour. The menu included Boston baked beans, sandwiches of all kinds, olives, crisp potato chips and potato salad. **Bernice Kearney** receives our excellent rating for that wonderful potatoe salad.

Emily Davis surprised us recently when she related the wonderful news of her coming marriage to **William Olbrich**, of Brighton. Miss Davis is originally from Davenport, Florida. They will speak their vows at the Lutheran Church in Brighton on November 6th.

Did you observe that big sparkling rock on **Pauline Merritt's** finger?? Congratulations, Pauline, that was a splendid article in the Ann Arbor News announcing your engagement to **Don**

*Are You
A Member?
Argus Recreation Club
Enroll Today*

he was always so fond of you. I hope you will give him a decent burial.

All kidding aside, it has been swell working with all of you and I'm going to miss you.—**Polly**.

Lizz has a beautiful new ring and she's going to be married soon. When?? That all depends on the housing situation. **Betty** and **Jerry** are not quite so definite about their matrimonial plans but they are thinking about it and that's the first step.

We expect **Cal Foster** is having a wonderful time in New York. The latest report is that he ate in an Italian restaurant and is crazy about some kind of pie with tomatoes and cheese in it. How hungry can you get???

Jerry will be glad when the hunting season is over—Wes hunts day and night, she says.

SUB-ASSEMBLY

Everyone here seems to have buckled down to work again after recuperating from their "rest."

Ethel Roos has joined our clan in this "back to work regime."

Clara Smith is calling a halt to this working game. She's leaving us as of October 29th, to become a "mama." We all hope she'll be very happy.

Helen Kennedy and **Dorothy Flick** saw Argus in different surroundings for a few days. They built the Argus 21 at the camera show in Cleveland. From the pictures we've seen they did a swell job of representing us.

Gladys Ratti gained a new son-in-law on October 9th. Her daughter **Kathy** became **Mrs. Harvey Rotarius** on that date. She had the beautiful wedding that would be the delight of any girl as lovely as she.

Mary Mickelson is busy dreaming about her new home. Anyone with a genius for interior decorating—your suggestions will be appreciated.

Murphy.
We were sorry to see **Mrs. Ellen McGregor** leave our receiving department. We hope it's a boy, Ellen.
Announcing new members:
It is with great pleasure that we welcome **Roger Howard** and **Ellsworth Bekker** to our department. Mr. Howard was formerly with Stinson Aircraft and Mr. Bekker from the Railway Express Agency in Holland, Michigan.

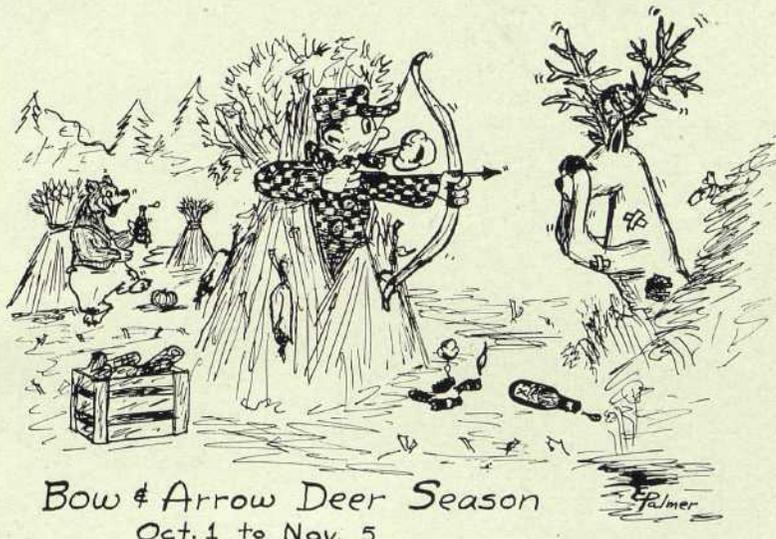
SHIPPING

This is my last will and testament:
To **Lizz** goes my desk (complete with six used paper clips), two 1946 issues of Good Housekeeping, and one bottle of Anacin.

To **Jerry** I am leaving my old turquoise coat because it looks so nice with her color of hair.

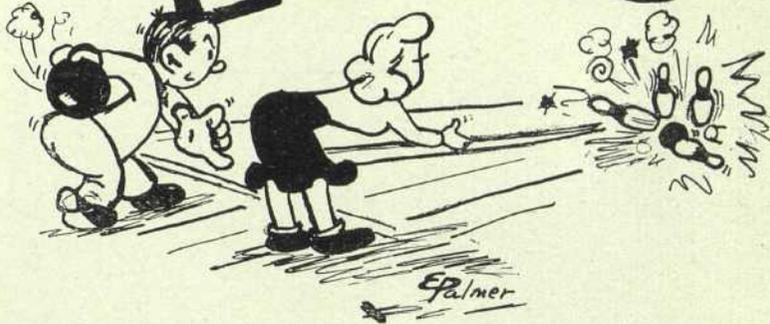
To **Betty**, and I do regret this, goes my unfinished work.

Slim, you may have "George" since



*Bow & Arrow Deer Season
Oct. 1 to Nov. 5*

Bowling



Mens' Bowling Scores

Team	Won	Lost
Methods	23	9
Polishers	22	10
Bakelite	20	12
Tool Inspection	17	15
Paint	17	15
Tool Room II	17	15
Hoiman Koeglers	17	15
Maintenance	16	16
Model Shop	16	16
Argus Inspection	15	17
Cellar Aces	15	17
Lens Grinders	15	17
Ten Pins	15	17
Office I	14	18
Camera Assembly	14	18
Hawks	13	19
Gutter Guys	12	20
Skunks	10	22

Argus Ladies' Bowling

The Plant I Argus Ladie's League has been in session seven weeks. The league is beginning its eighth year as an organization. Many of the girls bowling this year were the originators of the league. Each year competition becomes keener and more interesting. It is a well organized league.

At this time the team standing and honor positions are as follows:

- 1st place—Atom Busters
- 2nd " —Hickey's Service
- 3rd " —Blue Front
- 4th " —Victorettes
- 5th " —Tip Toppers
- 6th " —Card and Camera
- 7th " —Schmidts Beer
- 8th " —Sales Sirens
- 9th " —Harley Davidson and Happy Gang
- 10th " —Alley Wrens
- 11th " —Ar-Gals

High team single game with handicap—Blue Front, 766.

High team single game without handicap—Hickeys' Service, 759.

High team series with handicap—Blue Front, 2043.

High team series without handicap—Hickey's Service, 2082

High individual game—Boris Lyons, 190.

High individual series—Lucille Gala, 473.

Consecutive strikes—L. Elliot and Myrtle Coleman, 4.

Consecutive spares—S. Stoll and Jerry Hepner, 6.

Frances Watterworth has been at home for two days with a severe cold, but is back at work.

Roy and **Mr. Reid** are fine, but insist that they have done nothing newsworthy. This is hard to believe, but we are forced to accept their word for it.

Personnel

Personals

Mrs. Radford and **Bev Bullis** attended the Industrial Editors Institute in Cleveland October 7 and 8, and sat in on many interesting and helpful lectures. Mrs. R. stayed on for the Photographic Show. We certainly missed her and were glad to see her when she returned. She reported that she was very proud of the Argus exhibit and of every one connected with it.

Betty Steffy has left us, since she and **George** are preparing to welcome the stork in February.

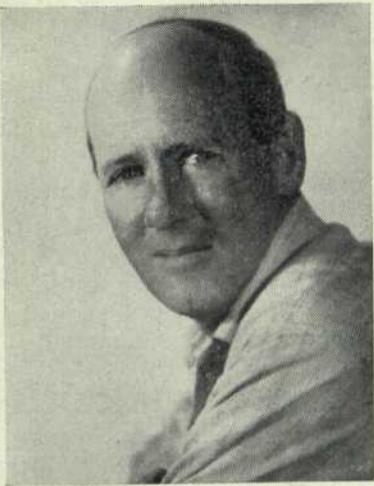
Ruth Adams arrived on August 26 to replace **Betty**. Ruth is five feet three, has brown eyes and weighs all of ninety-eight pounds. She keeps house in Ypsilanti for her handsome husband **Wallie**, who is a dental student, and for two yellow kittens. It is a very lively household.

Barbara Titus would like it known that she is not growing feeble; it is a sprained ankle that makes her walk that way.

ers' and Finishers' Association Show



ANNIVERSARIES



WALTER BACK
Machine Shop
5 Years



AGNES THURSTON
Receiving Inspection
5 Years



ROBERT ISAACSON
Standards
10 years



DICK WILSON
Optical Manufacturing
5 Years



ARTHUR ALDERMAN
Shipping
5 Years



JOE MAJEWSKI
Tool Room
5 years



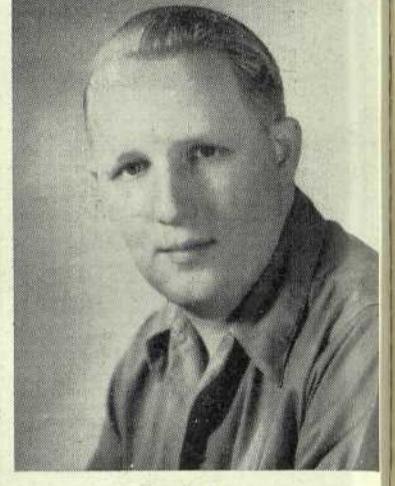
SHIRLEY TAYLOR
Machine Shop
5 Years



WILLIAM PRICE
Production & Engineering
5 Years



AUGUST KIRCHNER
Tool Room
5 Years



WALTER ROOT
Machine Shop
5 Years

Vacation is Just A Memory Now



Senioritas Sid Spannuth, Florence Whiteaker, Lois Reynolds, and Esther Schaffer enjoying life the Mexican way.

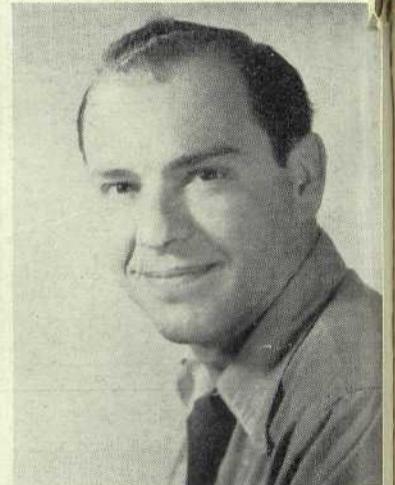
The Land of Make Believe



Raggedy Ann and Andy have come to life in the persons of Bill Murphy and his wife. Bill is a member of the Service Department.



HOWARD KERN
Product Design
5 Years



HARVEY BENNETT
Camera Assembly
5 Years

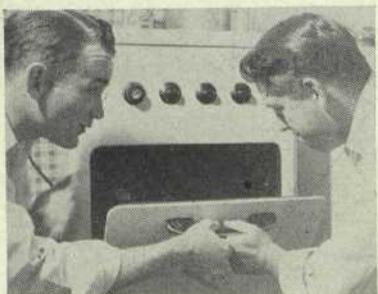
FATHER AND SON



Steve and Lou Ann L'Esperance getting in their last outdoor romp for the summer.



Four is not allowed? Not when it's Marg Gainsley, Betty Hetchler, Bonnie Bergren, and Evelyn Loy.



If you want to know what's cooking, guess you'll have to ask Humpy Allmendinger and Ted Tirb.



The Mayor and Mrs. of Dead Eye Gulch (in the vicinity of Central City, Colorado) in real life are Bill Bone and his lovely wife.



Our Cheboygan plant sports a father and son team, too. David Berden, Sr. is a wood working machine operator, and David Jr., a United States Army veteran, is a spray painter.