



Mary McCord
Roosevelt High
daughter of
Irene McCord



Gerald McCord
Roosevelt High
son of
Irene McCord



Marjorie Burke
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Thelma Burke



Joseph Eisele
St. Thomas
son of
Margaret Eisele



Carol Kaufman
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Ron Kaufman



Ocie Kaufman
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Ron Kaufman



Thomas Sibert
Ann Arbor High
son of
Barbara Sibert



Betty Whitchurch
Ann Arbor High
sister of
Mary Ann Whitchurch



Connie Newman
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Beulah Newman



Barbara Henry
Brighton High
daughter of
Harry Henry



Mary Lantis
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Leona Lantis



Bruce Rockman
Ann Arbor High
son of
Myron Rockman



Jean Crysler
Brighton High
daughter of
Friendly Crysler



Beverly Braatz
Ann Arbor High
daughter of
Erwin Braatz



Joan Wilbur
Ypsilanti High
daughter of
Ed Blattenberger



Norma Cooper
Ypsilanti High
daughter of
Elida & Delbert Cooper



Roy and Florence Hiscock
U. of M., School of Medicine
son and daughter-in-law of
Roy Hiscock, Sr.



Jean Watterworth
U of M
daughter of
Frances Watterworth



Donald Schwemmin
U of M
son of
Florence Schwemmin



Donald Burns
U of M Sch. of Dentistry
husband of
Delia Burns



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employed in
Grinding Dept.



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U of M
employed in
Inspection Dept.

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Argus Eyes is published for the employees of Argus Cameras, Inc. 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.

Doris Walle of the Personnel Department makes sure that news is gathered and that pictures are obtained and arranged in readable fashion for publication the first week of each month. Sam Schneider, Eddie Girvan and Bill Sturgis furnish photos.

Reporters for this month's Argus Eyes were: Jim Rohrbaugh, Tess Canja, Art Parker, Jr., Jim Brinkerhoff, Beulah Newman, Babe Peterson, Eddie Girvan, Fran Watterworth, Andy Argus.

In Memoriam



Anna W. Volz

Argus friends of Anna Volz were sorry to learn of her death May 15, 1953.

A long time employee, Anna had been with the company since October of 1944. She was employed as Matron.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughter, Joan, at home.

Hello There!



The little cutie pictured above is the six-month old daughter of Helen and Bud Farrell. Theresa Maureen's mom and dad are both employed at Argus. Helen is in the Accounting Department, while Bud is with the Service Department.

REVIEWING ARGUS PROGRESS

— by Robert E. Lewis

It was with a great deal of regret that we announced the temporary shutdown of the "75" line, to begin the 12th of June.

Some of the reasons for the shutdown are already known to you. The most important one is the low volume of sales for this camera, although sales for our other products are normal for the season. As a result, a substantial inventory has been built up. Normally, Argus has never produced for inventory, but this year in an effort to stabilize employment, we laid off no people in January, figuring to build for inventory for the spring sales. It is unfortunate that a heavy spring sale of the "75" did not materialize.

Our competitors have also experienced a decline in the sales of their lower-priced cameras. I believe a predominant factor has been the unusually poor weather we have had all spring for picture taking.

NEW DRUG STORE PROGRAM TO AID SALES

We are doing all we can to stimulate sales for the "75" on a long-range basis. By a special arrangement with drug wholesalers, the "75" has been put on sale in more than 43,000 drug stores across the country. At the present time, a large percentage of our sales promotion budget is being used directly to promote the "75" and to show our new dealers how to sell this camera.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX FACTOR IN SHUTDOWN

If we could afford to carry a higher inventory, it might not have been necessary to close the line. But, as I mentioned at our last employees meeting, our present tax law makes that impossible. Our taxes under the Excess Profits Tax formula, amount to 70% of our net income for the entire fiscal year. This means that over \$2,000,000 must be paid to the Government within the next eight months, not including excise taxes. The Government must be paid in cash, and not in cameras. This has left us such a small margin of working capital that it would be unsound to invest our money in a higher inventory, even though we could sell the stocked goods at a later date.

If the Excess Profits Tax is allowed to expire June 30, we will eventually be in a sounder position to "tide over" slack seasons by stocking higher inventories. Joe Detweiler was in Washington this month to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on how the present tax law works a hardship on companies like Argus.

EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS SET UP

We have just completed arrangements with the University of Michigan and Michigan State Normal College to set up four yearly scholarships for Argus employees and their children. Each scholarship will be for \$250 and can be renewed for three more years. The University's Committee on Scholarships has agreed to make the selection from the applicants and every decision will be up to them. I am looking forward with great interest to their announcement, which will be made around August 1st.

These young people will have been chosen for their qualities of leadership and integrity and for their scholastic record. They deserve all the support we can give them. The future of our country is in their hands.

Pvt. Edward Kline Stationed at Fort Sill

On military leave from the Machine Shop since February of 1953, Ed Kline is now stationed with the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is receiving eight weeks of basic training to be followed by eight weeks of specialized Field Artillery training.

Ed's dad, Amos, also of the Machine Shop, received the photo on the right in a letter from A. N. Slocum, Colonel, Artillery Commanding.

Home on furlough during May, Ed stopped in at Argus to say hello to his many friends.



Edward A. Kline

Argus Scholarships Announced

Four one-year scholarships of \$250, each renewable for three additional years, are available for employees of Argus and their children.

With the exception of company officers, all active Argus employees and their sons and daughters who plan to begin college study as freshmen are eligible for the awards.

Recipients may enter either the University of Michigan or Michigan State Normal College for study in any field. Under terms of the plan, each recipient is eligible for a maximum of \$1000 over a four-year period.

Mr. Lewis explained, each year up to four new awards will be made, in addition to the renewals.

Selection for the awards will be made by the University of Michigan Committee on University Scholarships, and will be based exclusively upon the student's leadership qualifications, personality, integrity, and general aptitude for college work.

Scholarship winners will be announced by the Committee on or before August 1.

Each scholarship may be renewed, at the discretion of the Committee, for three additional years, or until \$1000 has been granted.

Application forms are available in the Personnel Department for all interested employees.

Hungry, Harry?



Being a good sport in spite of his diet, Harry Clarke takes a bit of kidding from Bill Salow as he looks over his newly acquired miniature lunch box presented him from the maintenance boys.

May 20th marked the 37th wedding anniversary of the Salow's and Harry forgot his diet long enough to join in Bill's treat of candy and cigars.

New Officers and Representatives Elected to Argus Recreation Club

At a recent plant wide election, sixteen employees were elected to offices in the Argus Recreation Club.

Any Argus employee is eligible to join the club. Membership cards may be purchased for \$2 from the representative in your department. This card will entitle you to attend all functions sponsored by the Recreation Club such as dances, picnics, contests, and a variety of sport activities including golf, bowling, softball and basketball leagues. Your membership card will also admit you to the Argus Family Site at Independence Lake.

The new officers and representatives, pictured below, began their new duties May 1 and are anxious to be of service.



Art Parker, Jr.
President
(Standards
Department)



Don Crump
Vice-President
(Quality Control)



Walter Smith
Treasurer
(Camera Assembly)



Tess Canja
Secretary
(Personnel)



Representatives and the departments they cover are left to right:

Bill Fike, 20-21-43-52-54
Russ Warren, 11-62-53
Bill Betke, 9-10
John Borgerson, 41-63-64
and 81-89

Mary Hamlin, 22
Wilma Simmons, 15-47-48
Jean FitzGerald, 44-70

Representatives and their departments, left to right, are:

Gene Rhode, Night Shift
Plant I
Paul Mason, 26-27-28-29-31
Leo Widerhott, Night Shift
Plant II
Lee Monson, 50-65-68-74-75
Ruth O'Hare, 19
Ted Breitag, 46-49-71
(not pictured)



Spring Clean Up Held at Independence Lake

Employees Active as Recreation Site Opens

Saturday afternoon, May 23, the recreation site at Independence lake was a busy place as employees gathered to get the family site in shape for a big year.

Young and old alike joined in the work and fun of the Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Party.

Sponsored by the Argus Recreation Club, employees and their families enjoyed beer and soft drinks as they prepared the family site for the summer season.

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Making sure the swings will be in good condition for the Argus youngsters, employees fix-up and clean-up in the area.



Art Parker, Jr., Recreation Club President, and Liz Clapham busy themselves clearing debris.



Relaxing a moment are Wil Bonnewell, Helen Bauer, Aaron & Jerry Otts, Herman Bauer & Lee Monson.



Making preparations for the painting of the boats and other equipment occupied Ted Adams.



Picks and shovels keep Dick Bradmon and Rog Westphal busy. Young Jimmy Brinkerhoff assists.



Don Crump joins in the digging of the foundation for the new generator shed.



Digging the foundation proves to be quite a job as Rog Westphal and Paul Mason find out.



Al Sannes, Art Parker, Jr., and Herman Bauer work on a picnic table for the family site.



Grace and Bill Betke brought an interested little bystander along with them. She's adorable Denise Betke.



Enjoying the warm sunshine along the lake shore are Grace Betke, Jerry Otts, and Peggy Crump.

— ANNIVERSARIES —



LEWIS BELLEAU
Machine Shop
15 years



ERWIN BRAATZ
Maintenance
15 years



ENID CONNOR
Camera Assembly
10 years



BLANCHE RANSON
Paint Shop
10 years



ELIZABETH THEODORE
Machine Shop
10 years



VIRGIL BOYD
Machine Shop
5 years



PATRICIA STRICKLAND
Sales
5 years



ERIC ROSE
Tool Room
5 years



You Asked Andy

By Andy Argus

The minute I got back from the photo convention, I found a stack of letters about a guy on nights.

Myers, Olson, and Parsons dug to the bottom of the situation for me. From what they found out, I'd say there wouldn't have been so much complaint if you people had known at the time that the "floorwalker" was the new supervisor being broken in. Some of the points brought out needed a thorough investigation--so Myers, Parsons, and Andy did the checking.

Every one of the letters mentioned that the night shift was being left out of things. Here are a couple of answers.

Recreation Club

The night shift has two representatives on the Club's executive board -- one for each plant. Gene Rohde and Leo Wiederhoft are your men. Club president Art Parker, Jr. pointed out that the night shift is considered for every club affair. There's a bowling league and a golf league for the shift. The club will sponsor anything else if enough people call for it.

Cafeteria

Brinkerhoff's the guy in charge of the cafeteria. Strict orders have since been given that the quality of food on the night shift be as high as on days. As for cafeteria prices, they're the same for both shifts, and our prices compare favorably with other plant cafeterias in the area.

Night Shift News

Doris Walle's tried her darnedest to get news from the night shift for the Argus Eyes. All the news turned in that's printable is printed. What she needs are night shift reporters. Any volunteers? See Doris!

Vacation Bonus

Two timely questions came in about vacation pay. Bill McCrie in Tabulating had the first answer: The vacation pay for hourly-rated people is computed from total earnings, including suggestion awards. The only pay not included in "total earnings" is overtime premium and the preceding year's vacation pay.

Persons not eligible for any vacation pay may apply for unemployment compensation during the inventory period, Mrs. Radford explained. Under certain circumstances, a person who receives 2% vacation bonus may also apply.

Extended Overtime

Since the last question mentioned overtime for exempt employees in the engineering department, I turned it over to Dick Wilson. "No one has taken time off that has not been approved by the department head," Dick said. He added that many absences are due to company business and that one of the persons mentioned receives no overtime payment.

That's the bottom of the pot for this month, folks. If I've missed any points, let me know. And keep your questions coming! The boxes have been repainted and decked out with new signs. You can't miss 'em!

See you next month,
ANDY

Stockholders and Families Enjoy Argus Open House





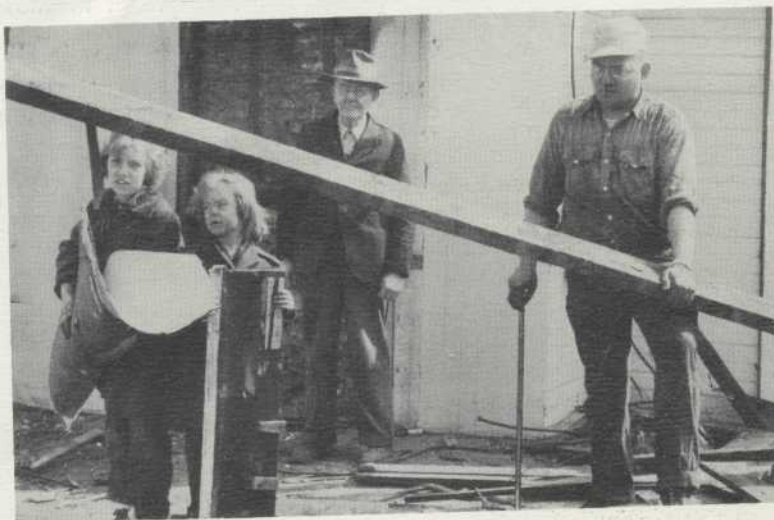
Carol Ann, left, and Thelma Jean help their dad, Clarence McLaughlin, as he removes the house from its site, while an interested neighbor looks on.

The \$100 posted by the McLaughlin's to the company was returned to them when the removal of the house was completed within the allotted time.

Thelma McLaughlin Wins House

← The house on Third Street was available recently to any employee for wrecking and removal of wreckage. The space is to be used for future expansion of the plant.

Joyce Schlicht, Personnel Department, is shown drawing the winner's name - Thelma McLaughlin - from the container held by Jim Brinkerhoff.



Argus Community Night Great Success



Mel Bahnmitter Receives \$2500 Suggestion Award

A suggestion, to eliminate the inspection operations which preceded the centering of lenses, has been evaluated and a total of \$2500 has been paid to the suggestor.

Mel Bahnmitter of Department 52 (Glass Salvage) is shown in the photo to the right as he received this maximum award payment from Art Parker, Jr., Suggestion Committee Manager.

Mel is the second Argus employee to receive the top award in the last six months. His idea has resulted in not only a lower number of rejects but also faster processing and less rework.

The Suggestion Committee evaluates all suggestions submitted and welcomes your ideas. Mel and Ken Geiger, our first maximum award winner, have shown how a suggestion pays off.



Paris Bound



Following their recent marriage, Cpl. and Mrs. Davis Pass left by plane for Paris, France.

Mrs. Pass is the former Katherine Lawrence, daughter of John Lawrence, Paint Shop.

The young couple will make their home in France while Cpl. Pass is stationed with the Army.

Tino "Lost His Shirt"

Tino came to work with a long, loose sleeve shirt one morning and gambled with luck that he wouldn't get hurt. But Tino lost as you can see.



Tino DiMonte

As Fran Watterworth, First Aid, said, "Let's not gamble with moving parts but play it safe and not lose our shirts - or even more!" Tino agreed.

Women Hold Euchre Tournament

Twelve women euchre enthusiasts, each bent on winning, entered the tournament held in the Canteen of Plant II.

The games were close and competition keen. However, at the end of play Beulah Newman was victorious.

Pictured below, back row left to right: Mary Ann Thompson, Marian Hirsch, Harriette Clement, Beulah Newman, Catherine Deanhofer, Irene Knight. Front row, left to right: Shirley Dersham, Pat Meddaugh, and Marie Gould.



Best Wishes, Gladys



After three years of service with Argus, Gladys Wagner of Lens Inspection, left to stay at home.

Gladys was presented a parting gift from her friends at a departmental party held in her honor.

Pictured with Gladys as she opened her gift are: left to right - Marguerite Canine, Lucille Harvey, Edna Kappler, and Betty Robinson.

Women's Banquet Gala Affair

The annual Argus Women's Bowling Banquet, held May 8 at the Elks Temple, featured delicious ham and chicken dinners served in the main dining room.

The girls presented a very colorful picture with their lovely spring corsages as they joined in singing to the music of Paul Tompkins at the Hammond Organ.

Following the dinner, a meeting was held in the ball room where plans for next year's bowling season were made.

A social evening of dancing and visiting concluded the successful banquet.

Eddie Girvan, newly appointed mascot of the league, was again on hand with his camera to make the evening complete.

Argus Bowling Leagues



Marjie Yokoyama, Ruth Howe, Bea Frisinger, Sylvia Kalmbach, Janet Schulze



Mary Briggs,

Rhea McLaughlin,

Ev Clara Loy, Robison,

Laura Snearly

Cleo Wood

Betty Shattuck



Thelma James

Kay Pfeiffle

Dottie Robbins

Juanita Boyd

Myrtie Coleman

Carolyn Dancer

Janice Brown

Genevieve Wright

Stephanie Burns

Virginia Brumley



Helen Strickland

Sally Fraser

Esther Woelper

Eva Baker

Katie Keeton

Norma Bennet

Lea Monson

Beulah Newman

Ann Liebisch

Lou Grapp

Eddie Girvan



Jean Dee Lori Delia Beulah Liz Doris Hilda Catherine Jenny Thressel Joyce Irene
Brumley, Spicer, Johnson, Burns, Newman, Clapham, Walle, White, Stotts, Lasky, Conley, Todd, McCowan



Doris Lyons

Jean Velma Pat
Flint, Hague, Strickland,

Louise Savery,

Wilma Hague,

Alice Hartman,

Mildred Baker,

Marie King,

Leona Smith,

Florence Doman

Hold Spring Banquets

Moose Lodge Attracts Men's League

A very successful bowling season was brought to a conclusion at the annual banquet held April 29.

After a very delicious chicken dinner, the members of the league elected their officers for next year's bowling season. Bill Fike will serve as President, with Joe Jaroszyk - Vice President, and Jess Cope as Secretary-Treasurer. This season's President, Joe Lyons, thanked the membership for its fine cooperation, and then presented Bob Lewis, Master of Ceremonies, who presented Captain Bill Fraser, of the Paint Shop Team with the championship trophy. Following a few words from Jim Brinkerhoff the meeting was concluded to allow the membership the usual exchange of the winnings for the past year.



R. E. Lewis Carl Rothfuss



Joe Price Bob Gramprrie



Jack Cummings



Les Schwanbeck, Lefty Schlenger



Walt Back Bob McFarland



Jim Fraser, Bill Fike

"Good chicken!!"
says
Erv BraatzKen Kaufman,
Elmer PfisterGlen Ault
Joe JaroszykMaynard Wellman, John Borgerson
(Back to camera), and Jim Mills
play cards as Russ Howe, Jerry Smith
and Don Hindal look on.

Myron Rockman deals 'em out to Emil Johnson, Dick Leggett, Will Van Dyke, Jim Brinkerhoff, Don Crump, & Dick Towner.



Mel Bahnmler, Don Hindal, Bill Betke, Bill Koernke, Chuck Ceronsky, and Art Preston



Don Crump



John Kendrovics, Rube Egeler, Will VanDyke, Bill Fraser,



Emil Johnson,

John Sartori

Mixed Doubles Champs



Pictured with the trophies they received for their high over-all averages are Rosetta and Henry Smith. Champs of the Argus Mixed Doubles Tournament, the Smith's were presented the trophies by the Washtenaw Lanes Bowling Alley.

Sports Review

by Babe Peterson

GOLF

Despite the fact that the weather has been anything but inductive, the Argus Men's Golf Leagues have completed the fourth round, with all matches played. The interest being at an all time high compelled Chairman Bill Doyle to form three leagues. Through the splendid cooperation of the Argus Gal Golfers, all leagues are scheduled at the Huron Municipal Course.

Already many of the pre-season "team to beat" combines have been subjected to some rather rough treatment from their lightly taken opponents. With the 100% handicap in practice for the first year, it is certain that the teams showing steady improvement throughout the schedule will be crowned champs of the leagues. "Six Shooter" Dick Foster has given the members a real target to take shots at for the rest of the year. In his second round, Dick came in with a net of six for the nine holes. Other low nets have been recorded, but the averages should even themselves out making the matches closer and more interesting.

SOFTBALL

The Argus Recreation Club again this year has entered a team in the Recreational League. "Irish" Joe O'Donnell, former Argus star of past championship Argus teams, has been signed up as manager. The team has been faithfully preparing for the campaign, and it appears certain that this year's entry should give a good account of itself. A little moral support will help immensely. SUPPORT THE TEAM!! ATTEND GAMES!!



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BABY PICTURES

The same film, camera and lights can be used to take pictures of the baby as are used for any other subject, but the baby usually has definite ideas on the subject. The number one complaint is that he or she won't sit still.

With flash this isn't too much of a problem, particularly if you use SM bulbs which last only 1/200 of a second. Use the flash guide formula as explained in a previous article. Be sure to use a protective shield over the bulb.

With photoflood and relatively slow shutter speeds baby has to sit still, and perhaps this holder will help. Nail a strip of 1/2"x2" wood on to a 10"x10" board and attach a belt to the strip. Place the "holder" on top of a table and cover the board and table with a blanket. Place the baby on the board and put the belt around his "middle." A girl's dress will cover the strip and belt and with a boy his own belt can be used as the strap.

Another trick can be used with the baby who is too young to sit up and you want to get something different from the usual "on the tummy" pose. Have Mummy pin a blanket around her neck, in the same manner as the barber attaches the sheet. Drape the free end of the blanket on the table and place the baby on the blanket. Mummy can then hold the baby up with her blanket covered hands and still be "out" of the picture.

Results are always better if there is only one "director." If baby has about ten people all giving him orders at the same time, he just doesn't know what to do.

Baby usually puts his fingers up to his mouth and that can be avoided by having him hold a small toy. If he still insists on getting his hands up to his face then paint a small amount of rubber adhesive on one of his fingers. His attempts to peel it off will keep his hands occupied.

Get as close as possible and include in the viewfinder only what you want in the finished picture. It is possible to take snapshots with the Model 75 but you need two #2 photofloods so close that the heat may cause discomfort. One light has to be about 3 1/2 feet and the other about 5 feet from the subject and placed in such a way that they do not show in the picture with the camera about 8 feet away. With a close up lens attachment, you can get the camera about 3 feet from the subject. Moving the camera does not affect the exposure time but moving the lights does.

All other Argus cameras permit you to have the lights farther back. A good set up is with the lights about 6 feet away from the subject and 1/50 sec. at f5.6 with Super XX. As described in the article on Photoflood Photography one light should point directly at the subject while the other should be to the right and higher than camera level.

A little patience goes a long way, so let the baby have his own way and attract his attention by pleasant means such as making a noise or playing "patty cake," instead of commands.

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