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# Twenty Argus June Graduates



RONALD GIBSON  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of Paul Gibson,  
Maintenance



MYRA LEA MacPHERSON  
Michigan State U.  
daughter of Doug  
(Sales)



MICHAEL TERRY  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of Al  
(Tool Room)



CONSTANCE WOOD  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
daughter of Cleo  
(Final Inspection)



HENRY (MICKEY) SMITH  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of Henry (Engr.)  
& Rosie (Proj. Assem.)



BARBARA YOUNGERMAN  
Roosevelt H.S.  
daughter of Bill  
Brookmyer (Acctg.)



WILLIAM HARDEN  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of George  
(Engineering)



BERNADETTE WOJCIK  
Milan Senior H.S.  
daughter of Walter  
(Tool Room)



TIMOTHY EISELE  
St. Thomas H.S.  
son of Margaret  
(Purchasing)



BONNIE LEA ROBERTS  
Summerfield H.S.  
daughter of Marge  
(Cam. Assmb.) and  
Richard (Planning)



DONALD NIMKE  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of Ed  
(Service)



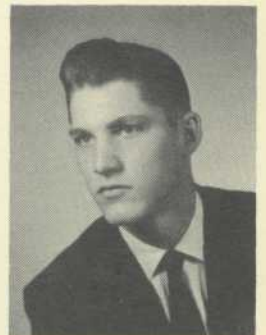
SHARON FIKE  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
daughter of Bill  
(Tool Room)



ROBERT E. LEWIS, Jr.  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
son of Robert E.  
Lewis, President



PATRICIA ROLLER  
St. Thomas H.S.  
daughter of Marie  
Kittel (Machine Shop)



RICHARD CAMPBELL  
Pinckey H.S.  
son of Merwin  
(Tool Room)



MARGARET SINDLINGER  
Ann Arbor H.S.  
daughter of Margaret  
(Camera Assembly)



JAMES GILLIGAN  
Slauson Jr. H.S.  
son of Charles  
(Tool Room)



KATHLEEN FIKE  
Slauson Jr. H.S.  
daughter of Bill  
(Tool Room)



DONALD BARSANTEE  
Slauson Jr. H.S.  
son of Robert, Sr.  
(Engineering)



SUSAN SMITH  
Slauson Jr. H.S.  
daughter of Henry  
(Engr.) and Rosie  
(Projector Assembly)



# You Asked Andy

By Andy Argus

Glad to see a few letters in the box this month. Business has been kind of slow lately.

### Fresh-Air Vent in Mailroom

"Is there any reason why there can't be a fresh-air vent installed in the mailroom (plant II)? The air in there is terrible and there is an awful lot of dust. There is a place in the ceiling where it could be installed."

I talked with a couple of people about this one. Erv Braatz told me that past experience had indicated that an outside air vent does not eliminate the conditions mentioned in this letter. With a vent in the ceiling the room would be exposed to the prevailing outside temperatures of the roof, whether hot or cold. Jim Thompson added that as soon as possible the possibility of extending one of the present fresh-air systems into the mailroom will be considered.

### Smoking in Department 24

"Why can the night shift smoke in Department 24 when the day shift can't?"

This question was answered on the rumor board a while ago. The decision was to discontinue smoking in Department 24 altogether.

### Argus Sales

One of the letters I received this month stated that Argus sales were down and asked the reason for this. I took this letter to Mr. Lewis, who answered it personally. His reply is printed below:

"There is nothing the matter with Argus sales. Argus commercial sales are up 9% for the first nine months of this fiscal year. This has been largely offset, however, by an equivalent decrease in government contract sales.

The person who asked this question accompanied it with excerpts from financial figures of other companies in the photographic business, most of whom indicated that their sales are ahead of last year. With the exception of companies whose major sales are in film rather than in cameras, our increase is comparable. It should also be pointed out, however, that one of the companies listed is primarily in the movie camera business and that the sales of movie equipment have been increasing at a faster rate for the past two years than have the sales of still camera equipment. One of the companies listed for comparison, has this year begun to import and sell Japanese cameras which, as you know, are very competitive price-wise with American products. In this particular instance, while their sales showed more than a 400% increase in the first two months of 1956, this is a small company and the total volume during those two months was less than 20% of the Argus volume.

Actually, our commercial sales this year, and prospects for future sales, are good. Our advertising is considered the best in the photographic industry. We are now in the midst of a very active and costly new product program, which is the primary reason our profit margins are lower. This is the reason we have asked your cooperation in "pulling in your belts."

Robert E. Lewis

## Two Lifeguards on Duty At Independence June 15

Two trained lifeguards will be on hand starting June 15 to protect Argus families at Independence Lake this summer. One of the lifeguards, Dick McClurg, is shown in the photo below. Watch next month's Argus Eyes for a photo of the other lifeguard.



Dick McClurg

In addition, several Argus employees have earned life-saving certificates and will help out at the lake on week-ends and holidays. They are Bob Wisely, Tony Bell, Al Steinke, Frank Skoman, and John Kokinakes.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Reuben Egeler, who died June 1.

Rube worked in the Paint Shop and was an Argus employee for 24 years.

## Anniversaries



John Shattuck  
Planning  
10 years



Donald Koch  
Accounting  
10 years



Sue Rau  
Personnel  
5 years



Harold Nabb  
Polishing  
5 years



Irv Halman  
Accounting  
5 years



Jeanette Hilton  
Punch Press  
5 years



Lewis Butzer  
Punch Press  
5 years

NOT PICTURED:  
Pat Ranger,  
Cleaning -  
5 years;  
Bill Under-  
wood, Jr.,  
Military  
Leave - 5  
years.  
Rudy Janci  
Centering  
10 years

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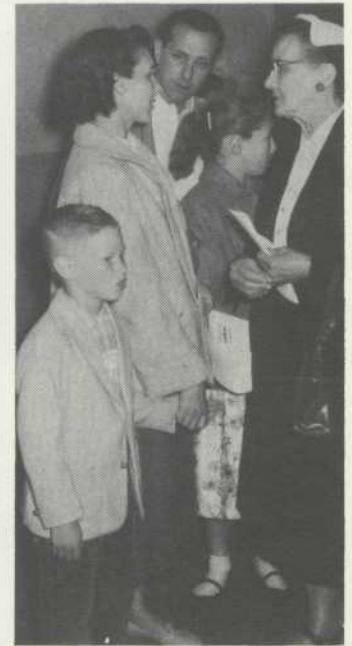
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# 2500 Enjoy Family, Community Nights

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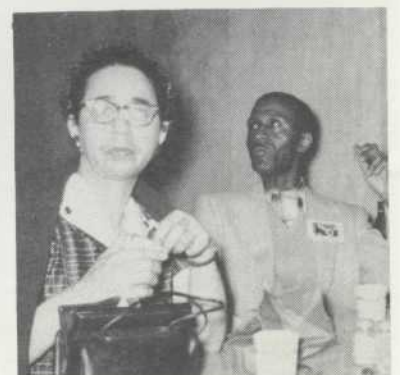
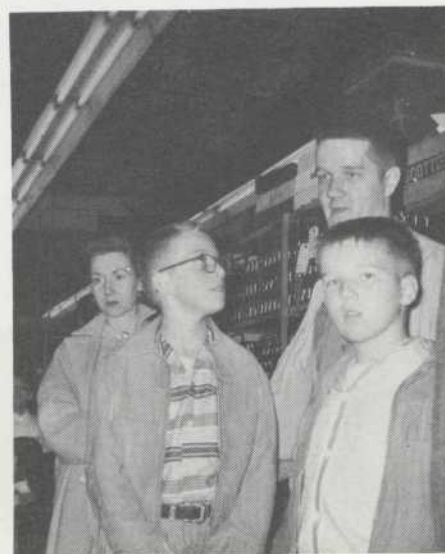
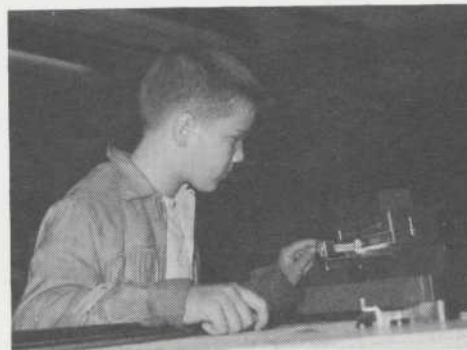
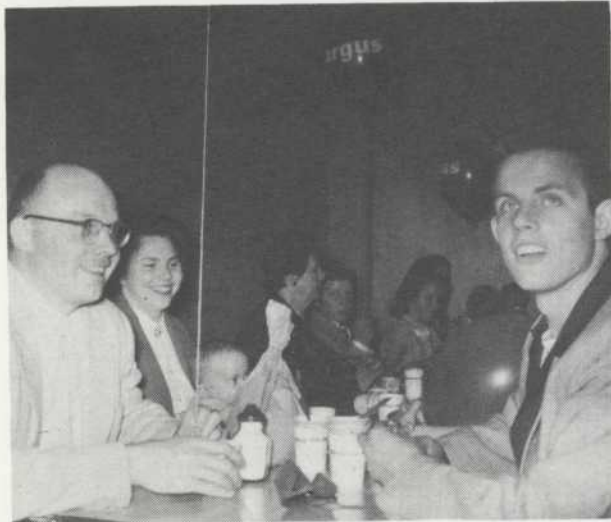
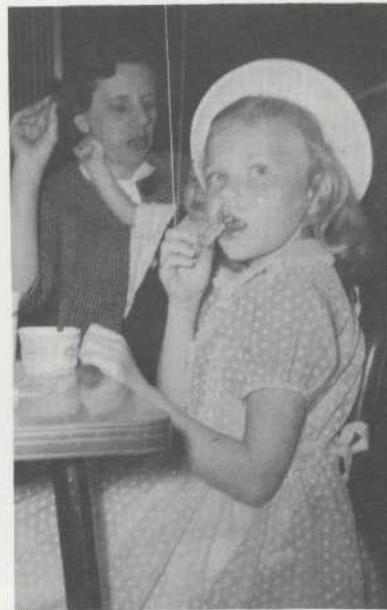


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# Community Night

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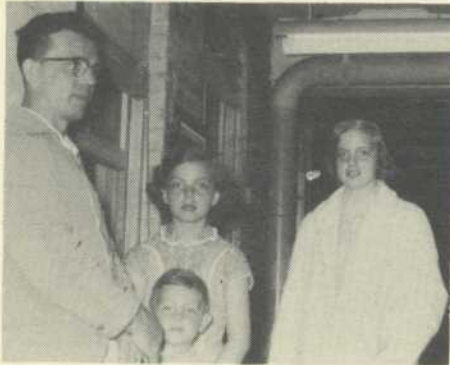
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## Sports Review

Don Crump

### Men's Golf League

After several weeks of postponement, the Golf League finally got underway. The weather conditions which were experienced the first couple of weeks didn't seem to affect Bob Nickels and Neil Navarre, who both shot two over par 38.

The standings so far:

#### Tuesday—5:00 League

	Points		Points
1. R. Leggett		9. R. Barsantee, Sr.	
N. Navarre.....	34	H. Smith.....	20
2. J. Detweiler		10. A. Parker, Jr.	
J. Brinkerhoff.....	31	J. Cummings.....	18
3. G. Wescott		11. W. Courtright	
F. Hardin.....	31	B. Corley.....	18
4. J. Rossbach		12. W. Lamb	
T. Spitler.....	28	J. Thompson.....	15
5. R. Rau		13. J. Borgerson	
B. Pester.....	26	R. Dorow.....	11
6. L. Thomas		14. W. Armstrong	
N. Symons.....	25	C. Chapman.....	8
7. W. Donaldson		15. J. Fraser	
R. McMillin.....	22	R. Moore.....	6
8. K. Geiger		16. D. Kane	
M. Geiger.....	21	G. Deyo.....	6

#### Wednesday—3:30 League

	Points		Points
1. A. Otts		6. R. Clark	
J. Shattuck.....	28	E. Soderholm.....	16
2. M. Howe		7. H. Hale	
J. Dobransky.....	18	M. Kremer.....	14
3. R. Bullis		8. M. Putman	
E. Selent.....	18	R. Flick.....	9
4. D. Crump		9. J. Miatch	
H. Peterson.....	18	T. Tirb.....	8
5. G. Calado		10. R. Conley	
E. Kline.....	17	C. Stotts.....	4

#### Wednesday—5:00 League

	Points
1. M. Wellman	
E. Zill.....	26
2. R. Nickels	
T. Heermans.....	22
3. R. Kaufman	
K. Kaufman.....	21
4. F. Tower	
C. Swanson.....	20
5. D. Dempsey	
R. Ross.....	17
6. H. Haas	
W. Ambrazevich.....	14
7. O. Aagenas	
J. Lyons.....	12
8. H. Pfabe	
R. Westphal.....	
9. R. Cuny	
H. Bradley.....	

### Golf Outing, Dinner Lure 64 Argus Golfers To Lakeland Golf Course

The men's golf outing was held at Lakeland Golf Course on Saturday, June 2. There were 64 golfers participating for prizes in this special event.

For the time and amount of hard work it must have taken to plan such an outing, a special thanks must be given to the members of the committee, Dick Leggett, Paul Myers, and Jim Fraser.

The only comments that were made about the dinner were "IT WAS A WONDERFUL DINNER!"

Watch for the list of events and prize winners and a picture story of the event in the July issue of ARGUS EYES.