



# Argus eyes for Victory!

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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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**Happy  
New Year**

To Everyone At Home or Abroad . . . .  
We Send Our Heartfelt Wish . . . . .  
"Peace On Earth"

*Joy Hartman*



### Growing Older



Karen Lee Smith celebrating her second birthday. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Smith. Daddy works in Camera Engineering, Plant 2.

This paper is an employees' publication. Its aims are:

1. To present news of individuals throughout the two plants.
2. To keep former employees now in the service informed as to what is going on at International Industries.
3. To present up-to-date information on all problems vital to employees which the war has brought about.
4. To give all employees an opportunity to express themselves.

No items will be used which will tend to ridicule or embarrass anyone. Humor and good-natured fun, however, are always acceptable.

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### Killed in Action

Guard Edgar Fowler received notice from the War Dept., December 28th, that his son, Pvt. Clifford C. Fowler, a Ranger in the Infantry, was killed in action November 15th. He died at his Rangers post of duty somewhere in Italy.

Pvt. Fowler took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., where he won the medal for machine gunnery. Before he went overseas early last June, he sent the medal and other personal effects to his wife and his father here.

In addition to his wife and his father, he is survived by four brothers and a sister. One brother, Herman Fowler, is a Gunner and Aviation Radio man somewhere in the Pacific.

Clifford used to work for Greg Letsis, Dept. 33—Plant 2. Greg speaks for his old friends here when he says that "Cliff was all that anyone could ask as a friend and a workman. He'll be greatly missed." All of us here at Argus extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

### Vern Heck's Baby



Mr. and Mrs. Verne Heck's good looking youngster dates from June 4, 1943. Name: James (Jimmy) V. Heck. He certainly looks husky, healthy and happy. Congratulations.

### Timekeeping Dept. News



Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh of Felch Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Rose, to Pfc. Kenneth R. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hurst of South Forest Avenue, formerly of Vernon. The wedding date has not been set. The bride-elect is a graduate of Ann Arbor High School and Hamilton Business College. Pfc. Hurst, a graduate of Vernon High School, is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, in the Cannon Company attached to the Infantry. Virginia is employed in our stationery stock room.

Best of luck, Virginia.

#### Durable

"That's a good looking hat."

"I bought it five years ago, had it cleaned three times, changed it twice in restaurants, and it's still as good as new."

## \$\$ SUGGESTION PLAN IS REVISED \$\$

Employee suggestions have always been encouraged here at International Industries. We are now reviving and streamlining for action the suggestion plan which has been inactive for some time. So many of you have requested and expressed an interest in the suggestion plan that it surely will further encourage cooperation and a spirit of teamwork. And—last but not far from least—you will receive extra money for your ideas on production problems.

Many ideas and other systems were studied in an attempt to arrive at a plan which would prove stimulating and be fair to all participating. The following very simple plan has been worked out:

✓ **WHAT TO SUGGEST:** Acceptable suggestions will be limited to production suggestions which are adopted, and from which tangible savings results. They will be such items as scrap reduction, elimination of unnecessary parts or operations, reduction in material costs, elimination of duplicating or unnecessary work or provable increases in efficiency.

✓ **ELIGIBILITY:** Every employee is eligible to win suggestion awards except foremen, superintendents, assistant foremen, department heads, time study and methods men, engineers and executives. They are expected to help employees with their suggestions.

✓ **AWARDS:** Every suggestion accepted will be awarded a \$25 War Bond. Every six months a \$100 War Bond will be awarded to the employee in each plant who has had the most suggestions accepted in the previous six-month period.

As in the past, suggestions of outstanding merit which result in savings so extraordinary as to merit greater consideration and which are considered to be patentable by the Company's attorney will be rewarded suitably by the Management on the merits of the case.

✓ **HOW TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS:** Suggestion boxes will be conveniently located throughout both plants, and suggestion blanks will be in them. Help yourself to as many as you need. Write your idea clearly on the space indicated, tear off the numbered stub that identifies you as the sender, and return your suggestion to the box where it will soon be picked up. Do not sign your name. Your suggestion remains completely anonymous until action is taken on it. Save the numbered stub. It is proof that the suggestion is yours.

✓ **HOW DECISION IS MADE ON SUGGESTIONS:** The suggestions will be received, audited and judged for award once each week by the Suggestion Plan Manager, who will be appointed for each plant. Mr. William Thompson will act as Suggestion Plan Manager for Plant 1; Mr. Ernest Sinclair will act as Suggestion Plan Manager in Plant 2.

A Suggestion Plan Advisory Committee will be set up in each plant. This committee will consist of four employee members. In Plant 1 four representative groups of departments will have one member each. These representatives will be elected by all Plant 1 employees now and replacements, as they are necessary, will be appointed by other members of the Plant 1 Advisory Committee. In Plant 2 the "A" Selection Committee will appoint a sub-committee of four employees from representative groups of departments. The Plant Manager will act as chairman of the committee, and the Personnel Department will be represented by either the Personnel Director or Assistant Personnel Director.

The Suggestion Plan Advisory Committee will meet once a month to audit the work of the Suggestion Plan Manager. This means that all suggestions which have been rejected will be carefully reconsidered. It will be the function of the Advisory Committee to work out new ways to stimulate interest in the Suggestion Plan.

Once every three months, both Plant Advisory Committees will meet together to review progress; compare accepted suggestions and see whether any of those adopted in Plant 1 can be used in Plant 2, and vice-versa; and exchange ideas for stimulation of the plan.

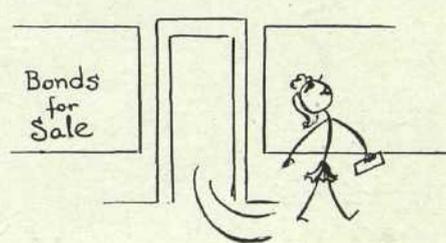
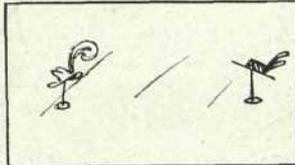
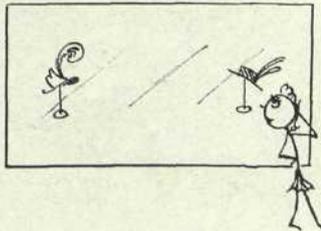
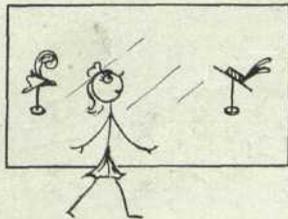
✓ **WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS:** Each week the numbers of the suggestions upon which action has been taken will be posted. If your suggestion number is posted, see the Suggestion Plan Manager in your Plant to get the results.

✓ Turn in your production suggestions the day this plan goes into effect, the next day, and every day. You will receive not only the best kind of monetary award for accepted suggestions—a United States War Bond—but you will have the more lasting satisfaction of having contributed to the quicker winning of the war and the building of a better company for all of us when peace comes.

Election of the four Plant 1 Suggestion Plan Advisory Committee employees will be held January 12. Be prepared to cast your ballot for those you believe best qualified to represent you.

This Suggestion Plan went into effect on January 1 and Suggestion boxes will be placed in both plants just as soon as they are completed. Get your first suggestion ready!

R. D. Howse, President.



Barb.

**K. P. Duty**



Pfc. Paul Duible, brother of Della Duible, Dept. 40, Plant 2, seems to be quite happy, even if it is K. P. Paul is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas.

**Dept. 28**

Dora Eugene is recovering very nicely from having her tonsils removed. I bet Paul was happy for a few days because she couldn't talk back to him.

Elverna Newman has been on the sick list the past few days. Her son, Lloyd, is home on furlough from his base in Texas. That should be a pretty good cure for you, Elverna.

Marjorie Young had better watch her step in dumping boxes over. Accidents can work both ways, Marj.

Marjorie Parke is moving from Dexter to Ann Arbor. No excuses now, Marjorie, for being late. You can use your little feet.

Earl Wilkie was transferred to the machine shop. We miss you, Earl, and that's no kidding.

A double birthday party was had December 6 for Elverna Newman and Lillian Stutzman. It's funny, girls, but you don't look a day older. Both received gifts. Hope you have many more happy birthdays, girls.

Amanda Alber was a week-end visitor in Chicago. Too bad you couldn't stay longer, Amanda, and do some shopping.

Molly Hooks is home for a few days, entertaining her son, who has a ten-day furlough. Here's to you both, Molly, from the Inspection girls.

We hear Marjorie Young is going to the fortune teller. From where we're sitting it looks like wedding bells after Christmas.

Peg Ramment is a new member of the Inspection Dept. It's new, Peg, but you are doing O. K.

We are all proud of this further distinction vested in the second award of the Army-Navy "E" for the maintenance of that standard of Excellence in Production which won for you the coveted "E" Flag on July 14th of last year. This award is a splendid start for the New Year and should be an added stimulus for greater effort in 1944.

**Good Work, Plant 2**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 December 1943

To the Men and Women  
of Plant #2  
International Industries, Incorporated  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

I am pleased to inform you that you have won for the second time the Army-Navy Production Award for meritorious services on the production front.

You have continued to maintain the high standard that you set for yourselves and which won you distinction more than six months ago. You may well be proud of your achievement.

The White Star, which the renewal adds to your Army-Navy Production Award flag, is the symbol of appreciation from our Armed Forces for your continued and determined effort and patriotism.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Patterson  
Under Secretary of War

We had our Christmas party December 9. It started with a dinner at the Allenel, and gifts were exchanged. Eric received some golf clubs. Do you suppose that will improve his golf game any? Everyone had a very nice time.

**Four Young Americans**



Smiling at you, from left to right, are: Neil, Jack, James and Robert Bement, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Bement. Their father works in the Toolroom, Plant 1.

**Announce Engagement**



Announcement was made recently of the engagement of Miss Viola Bemis (left) to Cpl. Robert Whitmore (right) of Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. Cpl. Whitmore was formerly employed in Plant 2. Miss Bemis works in Dept. 41. A host of friends here extend congratulations.

### Argus Flying Club



Members of the Argus Flying Club, left to right: James Teofil, Ruben Egeler, Frank Ferrier, Neil Podewils, Glenn-don Hilge, Instructor Roy Carlson, Curt Adams, Eric Soderholm, Jerry Morrow, Roger Place, Norman Tweed.

About 45 years ago, the "daring younger set" were banding together to buy a "gasoline buggy" and explore the countryside. Some of them succeeded in getting as much as five miles away from home in the "confounded" things. Today's motif is different, the tempo faster, the goal tougher, but today as yesterday a new field beckons to those with a will to explore.

All members of the Argus Flying Club were novices to start. They now average about seven hours each of actual flying time. Their Club is incorporated, and each owns a share in that new Piper Cub in the background of the picture. Happy Landings, boys!

### Dept. 44 News

Clyde Logan, who was our Chief Inspector in Mechanical Inspection, has left us to take a new position in Battle Creek. There he will be nearer his family. We have enjoyed working with him and we wish him every success in his new position. Herbert Reese, who was Mr Logan's assistant, has assumed his new duties as Chief Inspector.

Donna Hungerford has gone to live in Alma, Michigan, her former home. She has a job as an assistant Technician, and we wish her much success in her new position. We hope she will visit us if she is ever down this way.

Alexander Watson, better known as "Sandy," spent a week-end up at his cabin in Mio, Michigan. At hunting he was one of the unfortunate 75%, but had a grand time. He had a couple of shots, but says the deer ran too fast. Here's wishing you better luck next time, "Sandy."

Agnes Thurston's family seemed to increase quite rapidly over the week-end. Her cocker spaniel had six puppies —three boys and three girls. Congratulations, Agnes.

### Christmas Present

The stork presented Dr. and Mrs. Grant L. Boland with a young son, Patrick, Wednesday, December 22. Patrick's mother will be remembered as Ann Boland, formerly of our Personnel department. Argus Eyes hope to have a picture of the newcomer for an early issue. Meanwhile, congratulations.

## V-MAIL LETTERS TO ARGUS

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 EDITORIAL STAFF  
 INTERNATIONAL IND INC  
 ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
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SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

Dear Sirs,  
 May I thank you very much for my monthly copy of the Argus. I find it a continual enjoyment and particularly in being away from home. Through it I can keep track of my friends and the others growths of the world. I would like very much if you would change my address to the one listed above.  
 Thank you again. I remain  
 Tony Rupas

P.S.  
 Merry Christmas  
 and a Happy  
 New Year

INTERNATIONAL IND CO  
 RECREATION CLUB  
 407 William Street  
 ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
 20th General Hosp  
 New York, N.Y.  
 Nov 9/43

SOMEWHERE IN BRITAIN  
 December 25, 1943

Dear  
 Merry Christmas  
 and a  
 Happy  
 New Year!  
 From  
 TONY RUPAS

Argus Eyes  
 Argus Incorporated  
 407 William Street  
 Ann Arbor, Michigan  
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Season's Greetings  
 from Great Britain

Happy New Year  
 Paul E. Hayes

Argus Recreation Club  
 International Ind.  
 Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 U.S.A.

Season's Greetings  
 from Great Britain

Best of Fred  
 Nick

Argus Club  
 Ann Arbor,  
 Mich

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
 676 ARMO REGT

Mrs. Naomi Freil & Gang,  
 International Industries Inc.,  
 Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A  
 Merry  
 Christmas

Hello to  
 all  
 John

Up to date, we have received some of the greeting cards from Argus men overseas. Lack of space prevents us from publishing all of the kind thoughts and wishes of "our boys" in the armed services.

### Livesays Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Livesay entertained the Band Switch and A. T. D. lines, Plant 1, at a Christmas party in their home December 20th. Christmas presents were exchanged; cards and other games were played, and there was also dancing. A very nice lunch was served, and everyone present enjoyed a grand evening.

Here's a round dozen of hints on food conservation from the United States Department of Agriculture's War Food Administration:

1. Plan meals for the week with alternate choices to use foods available.
2. Try new foods when usual foods are scarce.
3. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables before spending ration points on canned foods.
4. Plan on a weekly basis to meet just your family needs in all perishable products.
5. Cover fresh meat loosely. Wipe with damp cloth just before cook-

ing. If ground, store in extra cool place and cook soon.

6. Store each food where it will keep in best condition until ready for use.
7. Serve some fruits and vegetables raw; cook others in their skins, jackets or natural covering.
8. Cook vegetables in small amounts of water and only until tender.
9. Serve vegetables in water in which they were cooked or use this water in soups, gravies and sauces. Use left-over juice from canned or cooked fruit for cold drinks.
10. Use every scrap—bread crumbs in stuffing; meat bones and remnants for soup stock; vegetables in pies and hash; cooking water for soups.
11. Don't take more food on your plate than you will eat.
12. Waste no fats. Store butter and other table fats in tightly covered dishes in a cold, dark place away from strong odors. To keep fats, strain fat drippings and store in clean, covered jars in a cool, dark place until used.

### BASKETBALL

The Industrial Basketball League is now being organized, and this year Plant Two will have to carry the Argus colors in the battle for the title. It was first planned that Argus would sponsor a team from each division, but the Radio plant had lost so many of its players that it was impossible for Plant One to place a team in the league. In the Optical division, however, there is much interest in the winter sport and a good team is in prospect. Many of the players in that plant were members of last year's team and with this experience Argus will again have a strong contender for the Industrial League championship. The regular schedule will begin soon after the first of the year, and again all of the games will be played at Slauson High on West Washington street.

Amos: "Don't you think Frank suffers from too high an opinion of himself?"  
Ruth: "I don't think he suffers. He seems to enjoy it."

### BOWLING

The 1943-44 bowling season has reached the half-way mark, and the Radio Wildcats have jumped into first place. The Office No. 1 team had led the league since the opening gun, but faded badly, and the Wildcats seized the opportunity and walked into the post position and now have a five-game advantage over the second place International Inspection five. The Wildcats have been bowling sensationally in the past few weeks, and only a complete reversal of form is going to oust them from the top spot. It has been the consistent bowling of the entire team rather than any individual efforts that has been responsible for this team's rise. Captain Lefty Kendrovics has his team going at a smooth pace, with each member showing improvement each week. Although a five-game margin at this stage of the race is not too convincing, the present leaders have a distinct advantage over the rest of the field. The players on this team have averages that will most likely be improved upon, while many of the other teams have averages that will be hard to maintain. This will prove an important factor through the remainder of the season. The Wildcats feel quite confident that they are going to remain in first place and be crowned champs for 1943-44. It is going to take some high powered bowling to shake this confidence.

The Inspection team is doggedly holding on second place, and this aggregation feels that they are in an excellent position to take over if the leaders should falter. With this team waiting for a chance to take advantage of any opening, the Radio Wildcats are going to have to maintain their present pace. With these two teams grabbing most of the spotlight in the past few weeks, the Lens Maintenance has quietly moved into third place just one game in back of the Inspectors. The maintenance crew captained by Erv Braatz has been the real surprise of the league. This team seems to have taken a new lease on life this year and Braatz has his team bearing down all the time. After a slow start this team has moved out of the second division and has kept climbing so that they are now within shouting distance of the lead. The Lens Maintenance is the only team from Plant Two that is now in a challenging position, so naturally this five has a lot of backers in the Optical Plant. There is a friendly rivalry between the two plants and so far the Radio Division has had all the better of the arguments. In last year's exciting race the Lens Toolroom led the league until the last two weeks, when the Office No. 1 team of Plant One overtook the toolmakers and copped the championship. The employees of the Optical Division are anxious to have one of their representatives capture the company championship this year. If this is to be done, Plant Two will have to place more teams in the first division. At the present time only three out of the first ten teams are from the new plant, and with this percentage it appears that the Optical workers are going to content themselves with second place money.

The collapse of the Office team seems to be as complete as it was sudden and finding themselves ten games off the pace, their visions of a third straight crown seem to be ended. A ten-game deficit at this time is a little more than even this veteran can overcome. A new champion will most likely be crowned this year, with the Radio Wildcats getting the nod at this time, but in as an evenly matcher league as Argus is this year, anything can happen and probably will. The standings of the league are:

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Radio Wildcats           | 43-17 |
| International Inspection | 38-22 |
| Lens Maintenance         | 37-23 |
| Material Control         | 35-25 |
| Argus Aces               | 34-26 |
| Office No. 1             | 33-27 |
| Machine No. 2            | 33-27 |
| Lens Prisms              | 32-28 |
| Paint Shop               | 31-29 |
| Machine No. 1            | 29-31 |
| Argus Wildcats           | 29-31 |
| Lens Engineers           | 28-32 |
| Lens Paint               | 28-32 |
| Production Lab           | 25-35 |
| Stockroom                | 25-35 |
| Cost Accounting          | 25-35 |
| Production Engineering   | 23-37 |
| Lens Office              | 20-40 |
| Argus Polishers          | 19-41 |

### Welcome to "Argus"



1. (Reading left to right, in each row)—Howard Kern, Luella Bafs, Leonard Cieslinski, Melvin Suger, Eugene Pullen, Rosemary Read, Henry C. Christopher-son. 2. Robert Hahn, Nina Walterhouse, Louise Baker, Forrest MacInnis, Richard Wilson, Mary E. Grun, Kenneth Bell. 3. Earl Erickson, Geraldine Flick, Roy Hamlin, Jean Hall, Lee Skinner, Darwood Prochnow, Bert Ordiway. 4. Donald Hanawalt, Pat Bennett, Ella Grimes, Pat Wright, Delores Whitley, Harold Sullivan, Miriam Eckler. 5. Alexa Brumbauch, Thais Gilbert, Glenn Gerchow, Phyllis Northrup, Mary Roy, Stillman Muller, Franklin Martin. 6. August Kirchner, Geraldine Spiess, John Billau, Esther McAuliffe, Emma Ehnis, Mervavieve James, Merton Olafson, Mack Hearn, Fred MacPherson.

### Enlist and Eat

Bucyrus, Ohio, Plain Dealer Special, March 8—Patrons of a coffee shop here found its doors locked today and the following sign conspicuously displayed.  
"No coffee, no sugar, no meat, no help, no oil, no heat and no profit. If you want a square meal, join the Army."

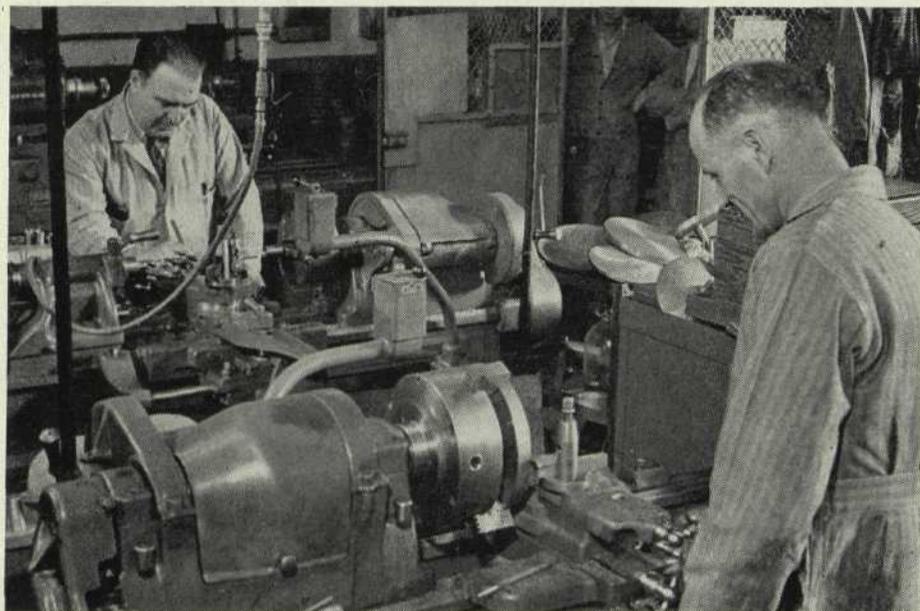
### Addict

Joe: "My wife says that if I don't give up golf she'll leave me."  
Moe: "Hard luck, I'd say."  
Joe: "Yes, I'll miss her."

# ..... MACHINE SHOP, PLANT 2 .....

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(All pictures—left to right)

No. 1—Elmer Lawhead, Foreman; Clic (Swede) Olson, William Fraser, Bruce Goulder. No. 2—Clifford Olson, Howard Crumley, Douglas Palmer, Frank Johnson, Frank Graham, Robert Crawford, Stella Pittman. No. 3—Donna Rice, Ruby Gunderman, Clarence Remnant, William Fraser, Jim Eubanks. No. 4—Leonard Carlstrom, William Fraser. No. 5—Material Control and Processing Departments—Clifford Tiavoli, Foreman Material Control; Harold Morehouse, "Sandy" Watson, Foreman Inspection of Machine Shop; Bernice Macy, Lucille Brazee. No. 6—Hubert Krasny, George Pickering, Robert Stoll, Doug Palmer, Leonard Carlstrom. No. 7—Burring Bench Girls: Maxine Pierce, Theresa Frederick, Helene Brazee, Gertrude North, Virginia Williams, Lillian Moore.

The following members of the department were absent when the pictures were taken: Eldon Marriott, Ann Thayer, Matilda Bonham, Otto Sautler, William Fike, Gordon Harvey.



**Snips and Snaps**

A smile is a language that even a baby understands.

Bert L.: "Have you ever wondered what you'd do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Ed Bloss: "No, but I wonder what he'd do if he had mine."

There's only one place you can find success without work—that's in the dictionary.

Clerk: "Do you want large or small oysters?"

Loretta C.: "Just medium, I think. My husband wears a 15 collar."

Sugar Daddy! A form of crystallized sap!

Handsome Marine: "If you keep looking at me like that, I'm going to kiss you!"

Peggy "O": "Well, I can't hold this expression much longer!"

Don't be afraid of trouble! If somebody hands you a lemon, make lemonade out of it!

Mary Ann: "Well, we got a bundle of joy at our house this morning."

Carolyn: "What? A baby?"

Mary Ann: "No, the laundry."

A pink elephant is a beast of bourbon.

Mathilda: "Will you loan me \$10.00 for a month, old boy?"

Charlie S.: "What would a month-old boy do with \$10.00?"

Englishman: "I say, what are those friends of yours doing?"

Argus-ite: "Jitterbuggin'."

Englishman: "They get married later, don't they?"

Let's endeavor to live so that when we die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Doctor: "You have acute appendicitis."

WAC: "Listen, sir. I came here to be examined—not admired."

Toby: "Lillian, who was that man I saw you kissing last night?"

Lillian: "What time was it?"

He: "Let's get married or something."

She: "We'll get married or nothing!"

The man wrapped up in himself makes a small bundle.

"To the maternity hospital and never mind rushing," said a sweet young thing as she grabbed a taxi. "I only work there."

GI: "Is that ice cream pure?"

Waitress: "As pure as the girl of your dreams, Soldier."

GI: "Give me a ham sandwich!"

Edna K.: "I told him he mustn't see me anymore."

"What did he do?"

Edna K.: "Turned out the light."

**Low and High**

"Have you noticed how a woman lowers her voice whenever she asks for anything?"

"Oh, yes, but have you noticed how she raises it if she doesn't get it?"

**News From Depts. 40 and 41**

Mr. Erwin Lutz was pleasantly surprised on his birthday, December 17th, by the girls of Dept. 41. A lovely birthday cake was enjoyed at rest period.

Mr. Clarence VanderSloot of the Ordnance division is leaving to go to Flint and his former occupation of X-ray technician.

A prospective bride of Optical Assembly is Irene Varady, who will be married in January to Kenneth Bell. Kenneth is employed in the Grinding room.

A happy grandmother of Dept. 40 is Mrs. Alice Weir. Charles Arthur was born December 3rd.

Optical Assembly gives its heartiest welcome to Mary Green, a new member of the family.

Mrs. Robert Haines has received word that her husband, Pfc. Robert Haines, was wounded in action. He is now in San Diego.

The roller skaters of Plant 2, including Katie Bauer, Millie Williams, Doris Smith, Helen Fraser, Dorothy Williams and Ruth Wackenhut, met with a slight disaster Friday night when returning from Ypsilanti. They had a flat tire. No one knew how to change it and couldn't have because they were short one "Jack." A kindly truck driver acknowledged their summons and brought them to Ann Arbor, where they found help. P. S. Six girls from Plant 2 would like a lesson in changing a tire.

The Assembly has taken on a different look lately. Sixteen of our girls are ill. We hope they get well so we can celebrate the holiday together.

Irene Walker has left to return to her home in Columbia, Kentucky. She has been with Optical Assembly for over a year and will be missed by her many friends. The Dept. presented her with a farewell gift.

Jimmy Weinman, the glamour boy of Optical Assembly, was deer hunting up near Manistee, but regretfully stated that he didn't even see one. Outside of that fact he and his friends had a wonderful time. We didn't ask him what that included, but we all know fun is Jimmy's middle name.

One member of our department who was greatly missed recently was Laura Dick. Laura went home on her vacation, and from the looks of things it certainly did agree with her.

Dagney Larson has resigned and gone to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother at Escanaba. Dagney leaves for San Antonio, Texas, the latter part of December to make her future home there.

The Dept. was lacking "something" for almost a whole week. It was that Hartman man. We're sure glad he's better and able to be back on the job again.

**Newly-weds**



Mary Loy, Dept. 17, and Sgt. Paul C. Watson were married last November 19 in Charleston, S. C. Sgt. Watson is an Aerial Gunner with the Army Air Force located at Mitchell Field, N. Y. Their many friends here wish them happiness together.

**"Time Out"**

A delicious fried chicken dinner was served at the home of Yvonne Shaw for the girls of the Timekeeping and Cost Departments. Among those present were Kathryn Pfeifle, Mary Jane Roberts, Mary Snell, Ruth Donaldson, June Goode, Marjorie John, Marie Smiley, Ruth Howe, Doris Hainen, Virginia Marsh, Grace Langstaff, Harriet Hibbard, Edna Rendel and Wilmot Gray. Our guests of honor were young Dick Shaw and "Duke," his dog.

We were very sorry that two of the girls, Mary Zimmerman and Louise Baker, were unable to join us.

After dinner, we all proceeded to the Thanksgiving Dance held at the Masonic Temple, where, as you know, sixty chickens were given as door prizes. Four of the group were lucky: Ruth Howe,

Kathryn Pfeifle, June Goode and Wilmot Gray.

**Menu of the Evening**

- Fried Chicken
- Vegetable Gelatin Salad
- Mashed Potatoes
- Hot Rolls
- Pickles and Olives
- Gravy
- Cake and Coffee
- Cokes and ??

The dinner was cooked by Mrs. Roberts, Mary Jane's mother, and as a token of appreciation for her kindness, she was presented with a gift.

We are all looking forward to a repetition of this evening in the near future.

**Definitions**

Alimony—A system by which, when two persons make a mistake, one continues to pay for it.

Grade crossing—A place where headlights and light heads meet.

**Girls' Bowling Presents**



The fine collection of presents pictured here were given by the girls of Plant 2 Bowling League to the Salvation Army. There are well over fifty presents in this pile. (Mention is made elsewhere in this issue of the gifts sent to University Hospital by the Girls' Bowling League of Plant 1.)

**Argus Club Xmas Party Gifts**



The admission price for the Argus Recreation Club's party at the Masonic Temple last December 21 was one gift for the underprivileged children at University Hospital. The party netted more than a hundred presents for the kiddies.

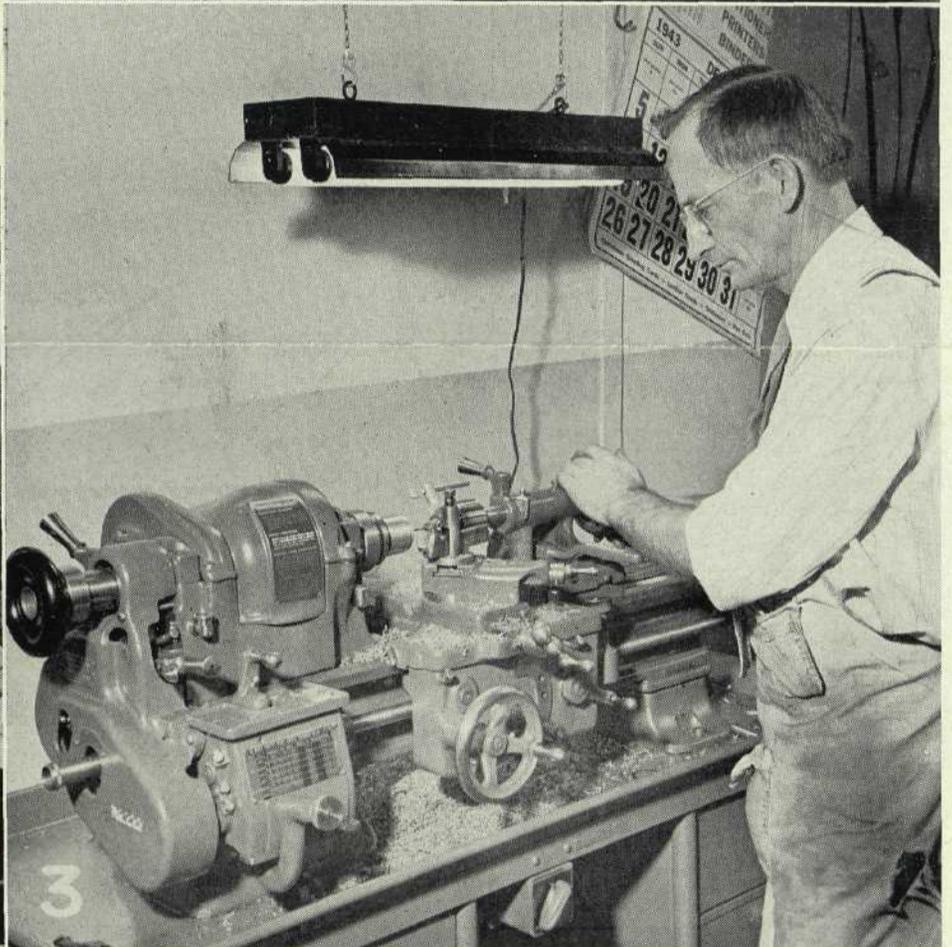
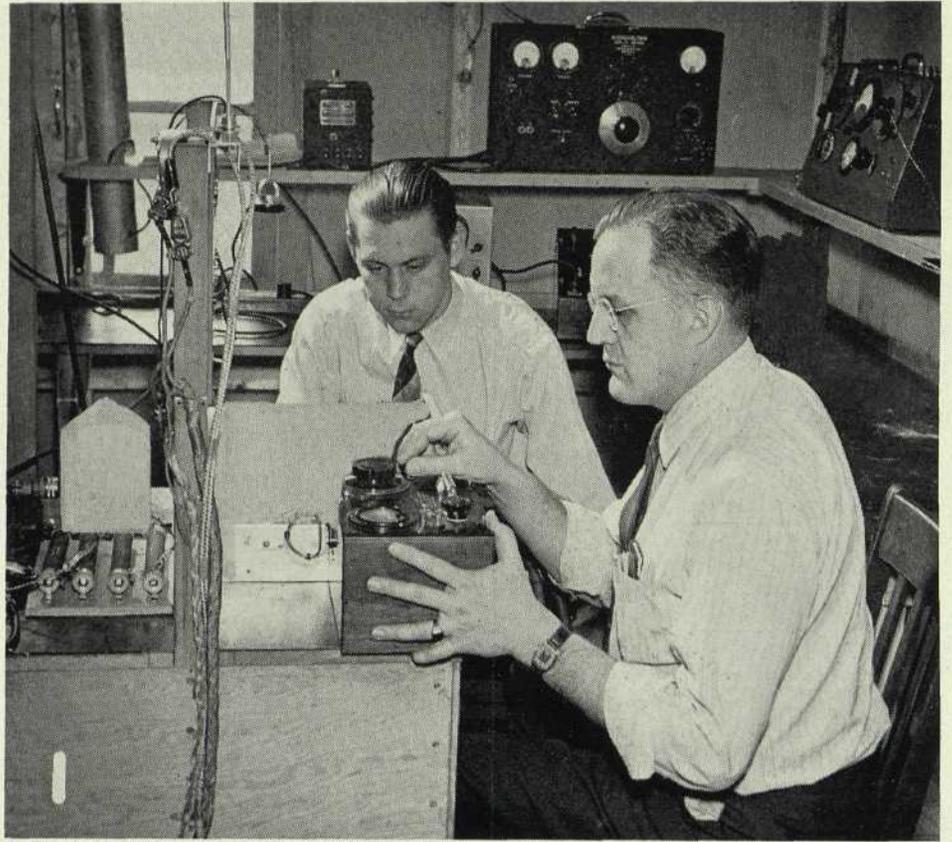
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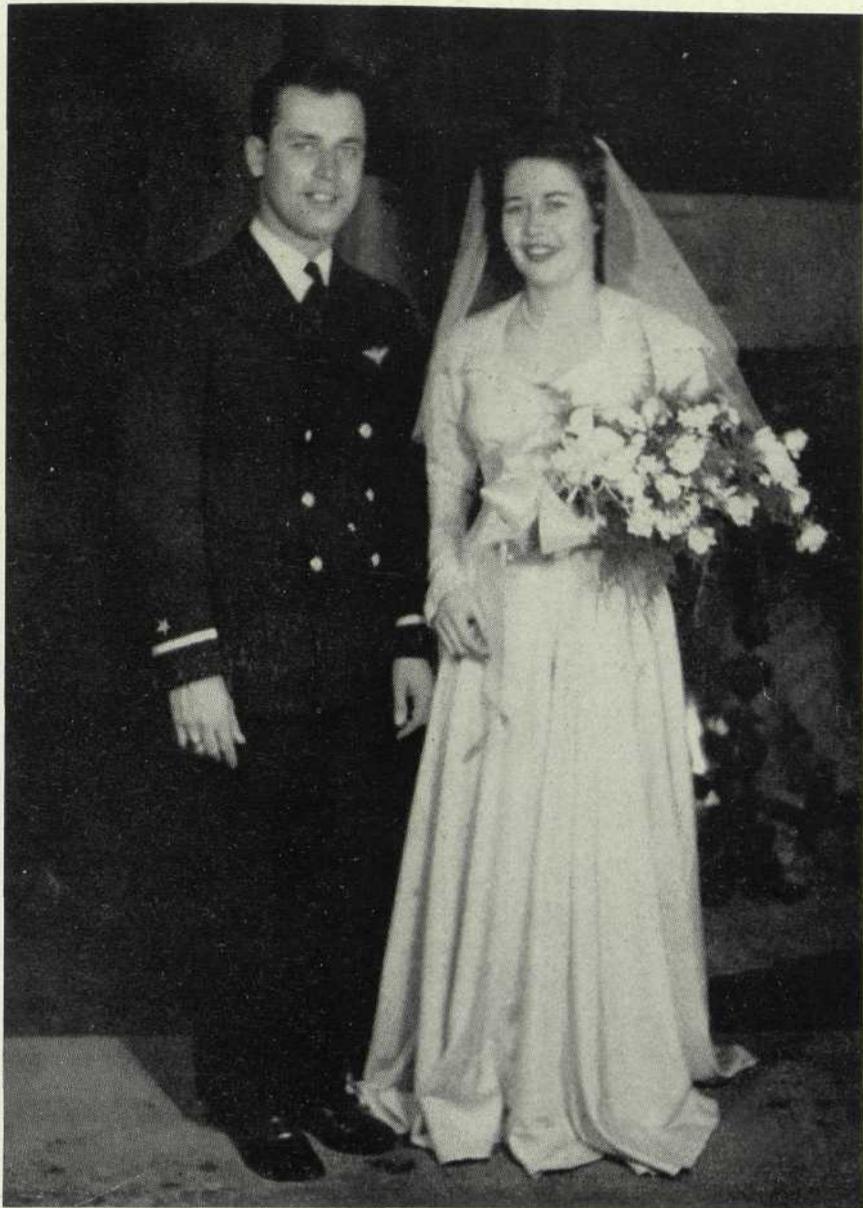
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1. Roger Place, Curt Adams, Department Head.
2. Jerry Morrow, James Teofil, Fred Fuerstnau.
3. Claude Saxton.
4. Glenndon Hilge, Richard Kroll, Neil Podewils, Dean Wheeler, Eugene Mathews.
5. Frank Ferrier, Glenndon Hilge.



### Bon Voyage



Pictured here are Jeanne Crandell and Ensign Harold Schoen, USNR, with the farewell gifts given to them by their friends here. Jeanne formerly worked as a bookkeeper in No. 2 stockroom, Plant 1.

Jeanne and Harold were married Friday night, December 17, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Henry Lewis.

The basque dress of ivory bengaline taffeta worn by the bride was made with a square neckline, long fitted sleeves edged by fluted ruffles, and a slight train. Her shoulder veil of illusion was held by a Juliet cap with clusters of narcissus at each side, and she carried an arm bouquet of white roses, centered with a white orchid.

Her attendants, wearing silk jersey frocks, were Gloria Rettick, the maid of honor, in aquamarine blue, and the bridesmaids, Mrs. Will Scott, of Yorktown, Va., and Minta Schoen of Lansing, a sister of the bridegroom, both wore coral.

John W. Lyman was the best man; the ushers were Herbert P. Oliver and Robert G. Braun.

A reception in the Ethel Fountain Hussey lounge of the Michigan League followed the service. Arrangements of white flowers were used, with white candles on the tables and mantel.



Mrs. Schoen attended the University College of Architecture before working here. Ensign Schoen attended the University, where he received his civilian pilot training. Since enlisting in the Naval Air Corps, he has completed his

pre-flight work at Iowa City and his primary training at Ottumwa, Iowa. He received his commission as a pilot this fall at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is now stationed.

The best wishes of Jeanne's former fellow workers and many friends here go with them.

### Dept. 16 News

It was a swell Christmas party that Edna Lelling had at her home for Bertha Snay, Helen Williamson, Barbara Sibert, Hazel McCollum, Augusta Butts, Edna Hammon, Esther Heusel, Leota Powers, Sylvia LeClair, Hazel Hill and Virginia Kulbicki. There was a grand dinner set on a table trimmed with holly and tall red candles. In the center a lovely cake aglow with Christmas decorations lent a festive air to the occasion. After dinner the group enjoyed games and dancing, and then Santa Claus arrived to pass out gifts. Then came a grab bag with funny little things in it to add more fun to the party.

Delia Flood is expected to come back to work after the first of the year. Everyone will be glad to have you back, Delia, and we trust that you will feel much better soon.

The C-4 line had a Christmas party at the home of Grace Hintz. Gifts were exchanged and chicken salad sandwiches were served. Everyone had a swell time.

Several people from our Department have been out with the flu. We hope it won't keep too many out.

The Dial line had their Christmas party in the Cafeteria. Names were drawn and everyone received a nice gift.

The Bucholz didn't have much luck in finding a deer on their hunting trip. But they had a swell time anyhow.

He: To girl who wrote, "Don't you dare kiss me again," forgot to punctuate it. She should have written, "Don't you dare! Kiss me again!"

Patron: "What kind of pie is that?"  
 Waiter: "What does it taste like?"  
 Patron: "Glue!"  
 Waiter: "Then it's apple. The pumpkin tastes like soap."



Sgt. Charles Poe sends Harold Forbes this interesting greeting.

### Optical Assembly Tree



The tree pictured here is typical of the many Christmas trees throughout both Plants. This one belongs to Optical Assembly. Each of the Assembly girls brought in an ornament. Others brought the lights and bulbs. Jimmy Weinman fixed the base. Ron Kaufman fixed up some old projector bulbs in fancy colors. Almost everybody had a share in the trimming. When everything was set, a spot was projected on the angel at the top of the tree. The Hill Landscaping Company (adv.) donated the tree, and the Assembly department is willing to fight a duel with anyone who even suggests that they have a nicer tree than this.

### A Happy Interlude



This happy get-together in the Cafeteria honored Cliff Traviolli, Stockroom Foreman, Plant 2, and Stanley Dunckel, Group Leader. They were each given a carton of cigarettes. Reading clockwise from left foreground: Stanley Dunckel, Betty Klingler, Pat Will, Myrtle Bird, Madge Shawn, Myrtle Warner, Betty Gee, Mildred Henson, Cliff Traviolli, LaVetta Shaw, Frances Gee. They enjoyed a special chicken dinner, with all the trimmings. Those cute little ornaments on the Christmas tree are tags from the shipping room.

I would like to thank everyone in the Assembly for making this a very happy Christmas. The chair is grand and makes a welcome addition to our home. Grace Margaret thanks you, too, for the swell table and chairs, and as soon as she gets off my easy chair she is going to try them.  
EDDIE GIRVAN.

Those who take the first warm weather too seriously aren't to be trusted too far as gardeners or war prophets.

#### ONE CURE

"Your wife used to be terribly nervous. Now she's as cool and composed as a cucumber. What cured her?"

"The doctor did. He told her that her kind of nervousness was the natural result of advancing age."

#### Irish

"When ye're licked in a foight ye ought to say ye've had enough."

"Sure if Oi can speak at all Oi'm not licked yet."

### Cost Accounting and Timekeeping News

A Christmas party was held at the Marilyn Inn on Jackson Avenue for all members of our departments and their guests on Tuesday evening, December 21.

Glenn, from the Cost department, gave a very good imitation of "Elmer," who proved himself a great success. Norm Tweed, assisted by Tom Argo, with Harriet Hibbard, assisted by June Goode, presented a typical "Hurry Up and Get Dressed" scene, which was won with equal honors, leaving us all in stitches. Dancing and (?) were also enjoyed by all, with hot beef sandwiches and coffee served by the management, to round off the evening.

"Was everybody happy, Bob?" Well, a motion is in the making to have these get-togethers more often.

Our appreciation is given to Norm Tweed, Mary Zimmerman, Bob Ward and Roy Craik for their part in getting the party together with such a fine turnout for both departments.

### Lucky Nimrods

Bob Isaacson, Plant 2—Engineering, and his father, Henry Isaacson, who works at the Bendix Plant in Wayne, hunted at their camp near Republic, Mich., recently. The hunting weather was ideal—four to seven inches of snow—and Bob shot his buck early the second morning of the season. His dad shot his the following day at noon. Bob's buck weighed 190 pounds and had nine points. Henry's weighed 165 and had six points. This was Bob's first buck in three years of hunting.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Proverbs, XXV:11.

### War Work



Several surveys by important psychological foundations acclaim women in war work. They are adaptable, courteous, mechanically apt, etc. Our own Harriett Hibbard proves that the surveys are correct. (Joe Clemens, who witnessed this episode, suggested that Harriett get a nice round bowl from the cafeteria to sort of steer by.) Les Schwanback is the brave boy.

### Dept. 45 News

Welcome! Mervel (Smitty) Smith and Jan VandenBrock to Dept. 45. Smitty came from Plant 1 and Van joined us after being in the Tool-room of Plant 2.

A swell time was had by the thirteen couples who attended the Ernie Sinclair's house-warming. You have a very nice house there, Ernie.

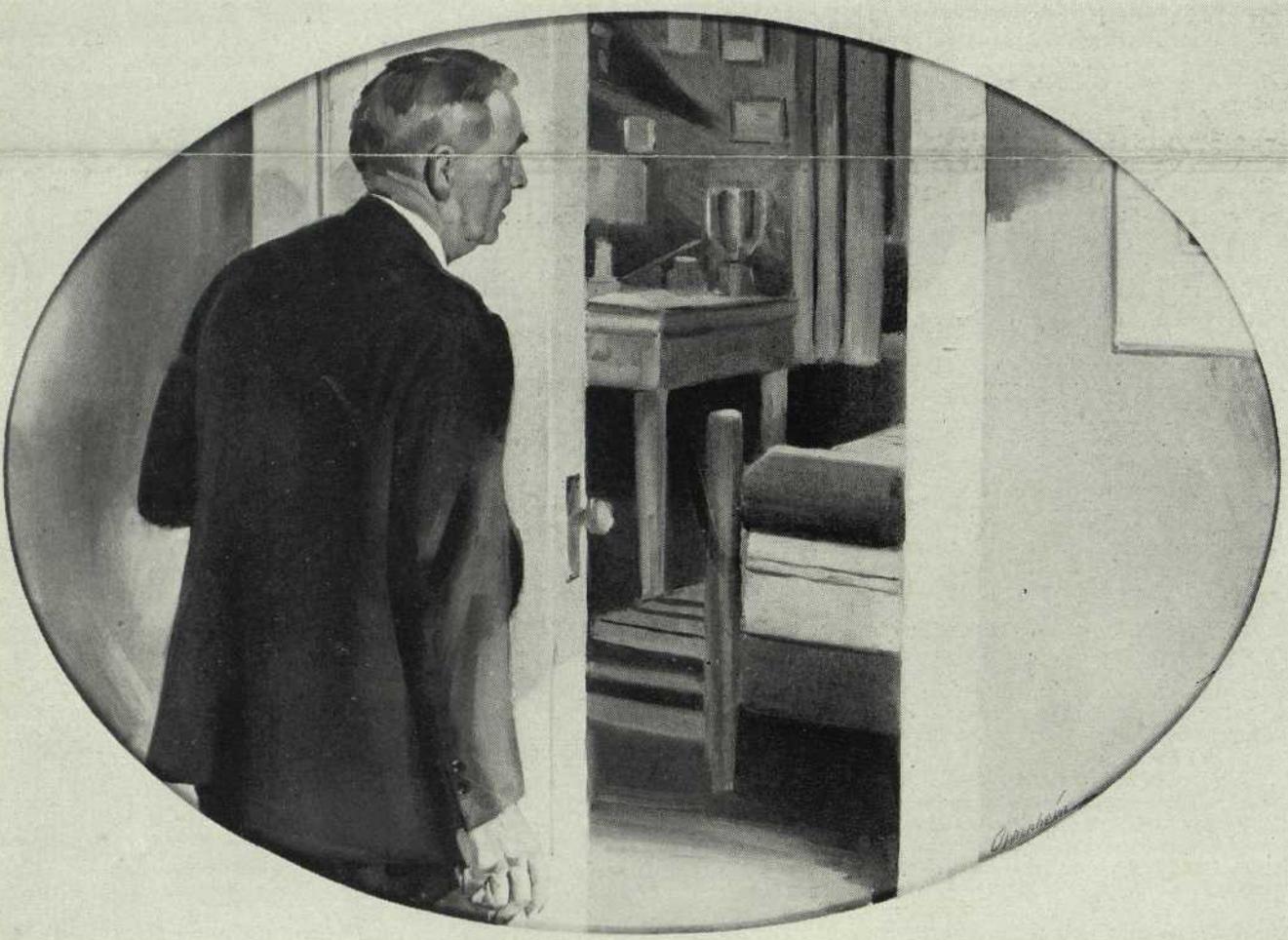
Helen Balhoff is back at her job after being out with the flu. Glad to see you, Helen.

#### SUCH FORSIGHTEDNESS

Boy Friend: "We're gonna have a swell time tonight, Hon. I've got three seats for the movies."

Sweetie: "Three seats? What do we want with three seats?"

Boy Friend: "One for your Pop, one for Mom, and one for your kid brother."



## the empty room . . .

This is my boy's room.

This is where he slept.

This is where he dreamed a child's dreams.

This is where he saw a man's visions.

Here, in this empty room, are faded pictures of teammates and heroes . . . books scribbled over with notes and exclamations . . . the gloves and spiked shoes we hung up for good before he went to war . . . the silver cup he won at Sea Bright . . . bright pennants . . . and all the careless memoranda, the echoes of his days.

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If fathers could only pour their hate through the hot barrels of smoking guns, and write the records of their grief with bayonet steel!

They said I was too old to fight, though I'm only fifty.

But, if I'm too old to sight and drop a stick of bombs, I'm not too old to lay my money on the line for war savings stamps and bonds!

Maybe I am too stiff and slow to fight, but I've got control enough to keep my car speed under 40 . . . so they can keep their fighting planes above 400!

And if I can't march thirty miles a day with a full pack, I can walk two miles to work and back to help save gas and rubber!

No, I'm not bitter any more because I won't win this war behind a gun or on a ship or in the sky.

I've come around to thinking that here at home we've got the job of passing the ammunition along, of sacrificing little things, of giving up and going without, of looking ahead to "less" instead of "more." Somebody's got to do the necessary, undramatic things . . . and I guess that's what older men are for.

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## BARGAIN BASEMENT

### This Is Your Column —Use It!

APARTMENTS WANTED. Anyone knowing of rooms or apartments, PLEASE notify Mrs. Radford.

WANTED: Table model radio. Must be in good condition. Notify Jackie Schaffer, Sales Dept.

WANTED: Argus C-2 or C-3, with range finder. Notify Frances Gilbert, Advertising Dept.

FOR SALE: Famous Silver Arrow Ice Skates, with white top shoes attached. McGregor flannel lining, fleece lined tongue. Shoe size 8. A hard-to-find bargain at \$9.00. Inquire Sales Dept.

WANTED: Alarm clocks. Any condition, if repairable. Notify the Editor.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE: Five bowlers. Call Jesse Cope.

This column is published for all International employees. If you have anything for sale or exchange, or for anything you wish to buy—use this column. There is no charge.

### Cards of Thanks

Dear Argus Club:  
I really appreciate your remembrance of me. The violet plant was very lovely and cheered me up no end.  
Sincerely,  
Marjorie John.

Dear Argus Club:  
Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent me while I was sick. It certainly cheered me up.  
I think sending flowers to people when they are sick is one of the nicest things the Argus Club does.  
Yours sincerely,  
Polly Titus.

Dear Argus Club:  
"Thank you" for the lovely violet plant. It made me feel more cheerful while I had the flu. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.  
Sincerely,  
Leona Breisch.

To the Argus Recreation Club:  
Harold's mother and I wish to thank you for the beautiful spray of chrysanthemums sent during our recent loss. It is a comfort to know your friends are thinking of you at this time, and we are deeply grateful.  
Sincerely,  
Katherine Casto.

To the Argus Club:  
The family of Albert Remnant acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

To the Argus Club:  
The family of David G. Sloss acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of Cora Thomas acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

A word of thanks just to let you know how much your gift and good wishes were appreciated.  
Avis Binder and Family.

The family of W. D. Fiero acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

In Appreciation: This special greeting is coming your way with many more thanks than words can convey.  
Mrs. Leonard Carlstrom.

The plant was lovely—I appreciated your thoughtfulness so much. Many thanks.  
Verna Frost.

Dear Argus Club:  
Thank you for the flowers. They're bright and cheery, and they certainly do add a note of happiness to these four walls. I hope to be back to work shortly. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.  
Sincerely,  
Ann Letsis.

Peggy Watson and Sally Stone wish to thank the Argus Club for the beautiful flowers sent to them recently.

Mrs. Sadie Fisher wishes to thank the Argus Club and her friends for the beautiful flowers.

Dear "Everyone":  
Hal and I wish to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for the wonderful surprise party, and the lovely blanket, comforter and ten dollars you gave us. You've all been swell and we certainly appreciate what you've done. Thank you again. And best regards to you all.  
Jeanne C. Schoen.

### Argus Ladies, Plant 1 Bowling

The Cafeteria has taken over first position in the League, with Accounting following. Dials have third place, and Inspection fourth. Inspection suffered when the Planning team turned on the heat and won three games. They rolled a high game of 807, to beat Inspection's 751 game. These are the highest single team games bowled this year. Planning had a 2111 team series with their spot, and Inspection had 2039 without a spot.  
The League played Santa Claus to the sick children in the hospital by sending two large boxes of gifts to them. Thanks to Rube Egeler for painting the pretty red boxes, and to Ginny Lau for trimming them, and thanks to Red Conway for letting Myrvin Stokka deliver them.  
Laura Egeler.

#### Useful

"What's the use of having a time-table if your trains don't run on it?"  
"Now you're all excited. How could you tell they were runnin' late if you didn't have a time-table?"

### Machine Shop, Plant 1, Holds Christmas Party at Gleaner's Hall



Top: Good-hearted Elsie Ludwick was serving the boys, who were too busy at the card table. There were plenty of eats, even Ben Bergman and Clyde Melton couldn't complain. The Dept. presented Ben with a lovely box which contained two shirts, hose, wallet, tie and a belt.  
Middle (left to right): Elizabeth Cramer, Shorty Richardson, Elsie Gillespie, Rudy Eschelbach, David Boomer. The legs belong to Gertrude Sutton. Ray Imus is the invisible one in the corner. We wonder if Dave forgot his beer mug.  
Bottom (left to right): Doc. Johnston, Wilma Bailey, Harold Forbes, Alice Arment, Elsie Gillespie, Rudy Eschelbach. Wilma borrowed the coffee pot, so she's keeping an eye on it while Doc slips in an extra spoon of sugar.

### Dept. 27 News

Petie Exelby is visiting her soldier hubby at Colorado Springs during the holiday season. Wonder if she took her red flannels—'cause they say it gets darn cold out there.  
Say, fellows, just in case you might be wondering where you can find an expert on the drill press, contact Red Conway. Several days ago the blame thing didn't work right while Red was drilling, but in no time he had everything under control. Yes, siree!  
Dora Eichel is back to work again after being out for a week with the flu. She still feels shaky in the knees and is

minus eight pounds of something or other. That is one way to reduce, eh, girls?  
You sure have to hand it to Myrvin Stokka for picking a doll for his better half and she isn't a paper one either.  
Had a swell time at the party held in the cafeteria for Red, our chief. He received several nice gifts, but didn't go at all for the mistletoe idea. A delicious cake baked by Ruth O'Hare combined with ice cream just hit the spot.  
**Characteristic**  
"Why do you call your girls 'Spear-mint'?" Because she is wriggly?"  
"No, because she is always after meals."

### Dept. 10 News

To meet the demand for increased production, a number of newcomers have been added to the Machine Shop. We are glad to have you with us, and we'd like to extend to all of you the Greetings of the Season.  
The Machine Shop had its annual Christmas party at Gleaner Hall recently. Everyone had a swell time. A lunch was served and then dancing to the music of Gene Shewman and his "Rhythm Rascals." Thanks to Harold Forbes, Doc Johnston and Louis Belleau for making the arrangements.  
Harold Sullivan has taken over his duties as foreman in the Machine Shop. "Sully" is happy to be with International and says it's a good place to work. "Sully" was presented with a robe by his fellow workers of the department.  
Flora Mayer is spending two weeks in Florida, where she is visiting her husband, who is in the Signal Corps. Because of gas rationing, Flora had to take the train, and even taking a train is quite a problem these days we hear.  
Al Richardson must carry a rabbit's foot with him. He has a high percentage in winning football pots, as well as the check pools.  
Elsie Ludwick's brother, Bob, of the Marine Corps was home for a short leave. Bob saw active service in the winning of Guadalcanal, but contracted malaria while stationed there. He is now recuperating.  
The department was very sorry to have Tex Markham leave us. The climate here is not just what Tex was used to, so he decided to move to Florida.  
The Machine No. 2 team was talking again when they should have been listening. Talking themselves into a bet with the Toolroom Five, the machine shoppers were sandbagged three games to one.  
Al Sannes is shopping around for cigars. Mr. and Mrs. Sannes are expecting a visit from the stork and Al is quite worried about current market conditions in stogies.  
Russ Conley is spending the Christmas holidays at his home down in old Kentucky. Russ says he will spend a warm if not a white Christmas.  
The flu bug has really been raising havoc with a lot of the employees of our department. But the trouble seems to be subsiding and production is now back to normal.  
What would happen to Ed Bethke if he were unable to have his cigars on bowling nights? A big black cigar is as much of his equipment as the bowling shoes.  
Bill Dobransky received a letter from his brother, 1st Lieut. Mike Dobransky, who is now stationed in China. Mike tells of visiting with All-American Tom Harmon, who is recuperating from his latest narrow escape.  
After a leave of absence of almost a year, Roy Hamlin has returned to his drill press. Roy was very ill, but has now fully recovered and is most happy to be back on the job.  
We are happy to report that Marian Thorpe's little girl, Joan who was seriously injured when struck by a car, is now well on her way to recovery and will soon be able to attend school.  
Hazel Rossiter wishes to be called Mrs. McLean in the future. Her husband is in the Army, stationed in Texas. Belated congratulations and best wishes.  
Doc Huston had quite an interesting experience. He bought an unpainted table and chair set for his little girl. Doc proceeded to paint the set a pretty red. After the Doctor had retired, the little gal decided to investigate Santa Claus' handiwork, and finding the set, tried sitting on the chair, table, etc. Doc says that it should have two coats, anyway.  
Department Ten received many cards from former employees who are now in the service. Harold Forbes received a V-Mail letter from Charley (Red) Poe, who is now in Sicily.  
**Eskimo Stuff**  
"What would you say, darling, if I told you I pushed my dog team for a thousand miles through ice and snow, just to tell you that I love you?"  
"I'd say that was a lot of mush."

## Letters From Soldiers



Rita Graybill, Cpl. Robert Krebs

Rita Graybill, Personnel, loans Argus Eyes a letter from her fiancé, Corporal Robert Krebs. We quote from this very interesting letter: "It seems that my Uncle Sam is really going to be certain that Bob sees the world. Here I am now in Italy, and as yet no end in sight."

"Now that we have finally received permission to speak of this land, I'll tell you as much as possible in these few short pages. The country is really beautiful, very mountainous and lush with green trees and cultivated areas. Studded here and there in the mountains and valleys are many houses verifying the fact that Italy is densely populated. Once again, as in Ireland, we find the houses built of stone and mortar, with people and livestock sharing a portion of them. Shocking in America, but just everyday life in Italy.

"We have seen ancient buildings situated on the crest of mountains, bringing to mind the old Roman history and the survival of the fittest idea—the war lord and his castle in a vantage spot and his serfs in settlements surrounding his domain. It is truly picturesque and one sometimes marvels and wonders at the age of certain structures such as bridges and houses. As yet I've seen none of the things I associate with Latin history, but I wonder sometimes whether Caesar, Cicero, or even Cleopatra, had not walked across the very bridges which we have crossed. Remember Vesuvius and the ruins of Pompeii? Well, it stirs up a queer emotion in one's mind and heart, and one thing certain is that I'm to see Rome, the Vatican City, Capitoline Hill, Pantheon, and the Baths of Rome.

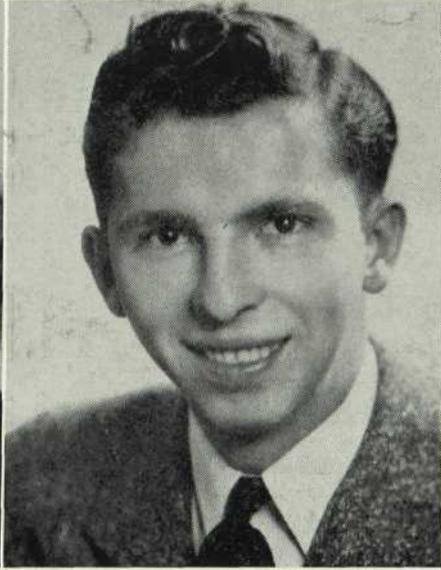
## Making Good



Jack Alden Vealey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Vealey (Mr. Vealey works in Plant 1, Receiving Dept.) is finding that the soldier's life apparently agrees with him. He recently completed a course in electrical engineering as student in the Army Specialized Training Program at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. He was listed as one of the youngest men stationed with his branch of the Army and one of a very few to be accepted for ASTP without the prerequisite of college training.

Jack gave indications of the way things would go for him on his first day on an Army rifle range, when he drilled a sufficient number of targets to gain a Marksmans rating.

Recently, Jack passed all examinations for the Air Corps and is awaiting transfer to a new school, where he will study aviation. Best of luck, Jack, and keep Argus Eyes posted.



"I might add, the towns I've seen are awe-inspiring, that is, what is left of them. For many are reduced to rubble. The people are very thankful that the Americans are here, and those up north are waiting and praying for the day we get there. The Germans have been ruthless in their treatment of these people. They have sacked their homes, taken their livestock, food and, in many instances, have taken women and young men away with them. One fellow told about how the Germans had sacked his home, broken his furniture, booby-trapped the place, and then took his wife and two daughters with them when they left. It is mighty tough medicine and we find many stories in close with this one. I can only thank God this isn't happening in the U. S. A.

"Many of the Italians speak English because they have been to America and made a little money, then returned to Italy, where their money is worth more. Here is one for the women and it reminds me of the methods of cooking I told you of when in Ireland. The women carry everything on their heads, with perfect balance, and do a good share of the men's work. It is not uncommon to see women walking up the road with a hundred pound sack of grain on their heads. Imagine American women doing something like that—thank God they don't.

"Today I read some newspapers from the U. S. and the headlines concerned the unconditional surrender of Italy. Well, the fuss the people in the U. S. made of that—one would think the war was over. Gee, it seemed funny to see this, because at the present time there is so much booming all around me I can scarcely hear myself think. Why, in the past two days we have had (censored) and believe me, when those planes go into the dive, one must keep swallowing for a very good reason, and everyone's hair looks like something that is the shortest distance between two points. All in all, this Italy business is fight all the way and fairly makes the Tunisian campaign seem like a maneuver. But don't worry, 'Reet,' these Americans can't be beat, and one can just bet that Jerry is plenty fed up with the whole affair. Retreating is really a morale breaker and Jerry has been doing plenty of this for quite some time. It won't last much longer, so keep smiling and keep that chin up."

## Yankee Meeting

Sgt. Roy Bird writes that Mrs. Bird, First Aid, Plant 2, that he ran into Friezie Waldron somewhere in Iran. She is doing recreational work with one of the Red Cross overseas units. Friezie used to work in our Accounting office. Roy swapped his A. A. News for her Argus Eyes, and they had a nostalgic time talking about the "home folks." Mayzo Klager, Switchboard, Plant 1, had a letter from Friezie not so long ago, which described life in a fox hole near Cairo. Miss Waldron certainly gets around. We'd like a contract to "ghost" her memoirs after the war.

Pvt. Allen Smith II writes Kathryn Pfeifle of a change of address, and asks her to notify Argus Eyes so that he can continue to receive the paper. Allen says, "Will you also express my thanks to the proper authorities for the Christmas box which arrived a few days ago. Inasmuch as it obviously contained edibles, it had to be opened, for the ants would have gotten it, if left around." (The ants in the Hawaiian Islands must be first class critters.) Glad to hear from you, Allen, and we've made note of your new address so that you'll get your Argus Eyes regularly. We would like to publish some pictures of you and the Islands out there. How about it, Allen?

Roy Compton, Jr., writes Charles Drechsel that life in Missouri is a little quiet and he's looking forward to January when they start flying. Roy adds that "if you can get hold of an extra factory paper, how about sending me one? I would like to see how all the old gang is doing." Your name has been added to our list, Roy, and you should receive Argus Eyes regularly from now on. Write us about your flying experiences.

## Promoted

Lieutenant, Junior Grade, J. L. McCoy, who left International Industries for the Navy, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant in the photographic department of the Navy. Congratulations, Mac.

Larry Dieterle sends Christmas greetings to Argus Eyes and his thanks for the "swell box." Larry adds, "Best wishes to the Argus Club. And thanks to you, Larry, and our best wishes for the New Year."

Lt. Max D. Hammond, formerly of Plant 1, Machine Shop, sends his new address. Max says he noticed the star opposite his name in the November Argus Eyes and thought he'd better do something about it. He returned to his camp recently after completing a course of study on mine fields.

A card from Pvt. Larry Mills, former Argus salesman, tells us to forward his Florida address to the mailing room so that he can receive Argus Eyes. Larry says he's kept busy with his work in the Photographic Dept. of the Air Corps.

## A Soldier's Thanks

Here's a letter that expresses the sentiments of a number of similar letters that have been received here. We quote the message in full:

Mr. N. T. Brotherton  
Dear Sir:

My mother has forwarded to me your retroactive check. At this time I wish to thank you very much for this pleasant surprise. I am sure I am speaking for many of your former employees who are now in the service when I say that your policy of making these payments is greatly appreciated by us. It will help not a little to make this a happy Christmas, though I will be many miles from home.

I enjoyed very much my stay at Argus, and though it was interrupted, perhaps if fate is kind—and you are kind—I will soon again be on your payroll. I would like nothing better.

I know how very much Argus is doing to bring Victory Day soon. Without the weapons from the home front a soldier would be worthless. Each of us will do his part if you will but furnish us the tools. Then together we can bring the Peace that we are all praying for. Each production soldier has as important a job as any fighting soldier. We hope that everyone at home realizes this fact. We are winning on all fronts now and with the continued support from the production line we will continue to win. Then soon Argus can again turn to manufacture those grand cameras, and we can all get back to our jobs.

Again thanks for remembering me.  
Sincerely,  
Pvt. Kenneth Wilcox.

A V-mail from Cpl. Ernest (Tiny) Eddy, somewhere in Australia, states that he has just received the Anniversary copy of Argus Eyes, and if each succeeding copy is as good, the paper certainly is a success.

Thanks for the kind words, Tiny. We'll try to keep each issue as good and better if possible.

Tiny says he sees a lot of units made by International in use daily, also C-2 and C-3 cameras. All of us here are also proud that our units are on so many fighting fronts today. And we're proud too to have had even a small part in Allied victories.

A letter from Cadet Jack Vealey gives a new address and his thanks for the Christmas box and also the paper every month. Jack's now stationed at V. M. I., Virginia, awaiting call to the Air Corps.

A letter from Lt. Eliot H. Smith gives a new address and states that, although he has moved several times since he last wrote, Argus Eyes has followed him from Alabama to Florida, to Randolph Field, and now to his present position. That is G. I. mail service. Glad you like the paper, Eliot. If you have any pictures or news that can be made public, send it along. You fellows in all parts of the world are very much a part of the company and we want you to feel free to comment on anything, any time. Don't be too tough on the Cadets, Eliot.

## Pvt. Geo. (Bud) DeWolfe



George stopped off to visit old friends here while on a six-day furlough enroute to advanced training at Pittsburg, California. He has completed his basic training at Aberdeen, Md., and is now attached to the Ordnance Division, specializing in small arms maintenance. George tells his former foreman, Ken Kaufman, Plant 2, that he "likes the Army better than the Optical business." So we can expect great things of George inasmuch as we usually succeed in doing what we really like.

While here, George visited his wife and ten-month-old son, Tommy. It is reliably reported that the new mustache Bud is wearing didn't scare the baby, but there were a few in Plant 2 who thought it may have been made out of paper-mache. Be that as it may, Argus Eyes wishes George the very best of luck on the new job.

But we'll wager that your bark is much worse than your bite. May we offer congratulations on the Lieutenancy? Good luck, and keep it up.

A V-mail from Sgt. Howard Geyer, somewhere in England, gives a new address and his thanks for Argus Eyes.

From the looks of the addresses, there must be a lot of you boys tagged for England. Congratulations to you on your promotion, Howard.

A letter from A/S W. A. (Bill) Covert extends his thanks for both his Christmas box and Argus Eyes. Bill is attending Clarion State Teachers College, studying physics, trigonometry, geometry and aerodynamics. It seems there's a lot a fellow has to know besides airplanes.

A letter from Sgt. W. M. (Wes) Osborn informs us that he's been in the hospital two and one-half months with a back injury. Sorry to hear about your mishap, and trust you are well on the road to recovery as you read this. Wes also sends a new address.

A letter from Joe Dobransky, EM 2/c, gives a new address and also his thanks for the Christmas box and Argus Eyes.

A Christmas card from "Dick" Gainey—a beautiful dry-point etching of an English country scene. Many thanks, Dick, and our best to you.

Christmas cards were received from Pfc. Glenn Boettger, Pfc. Charles Stotts, Pfc. Tony Rupas, Sgt. Nellie Stalker, S/Sgt. Donald Strite as we go to press. All of them extend their best wishes and many thanks for the Christmas gifts. Also received were a number of V-mail cards from overseas. (Pictured elsewhere in this issue.) We wish we had room to print all of them.

## Interesting Facts . . .

"Hitler's coffin is on the American production line today. It will be the most expensive coffin the world has ever known—but it will be worth the price if in that coffin we also bury forever the menace of regimentation and dictatorship in this world."—Walter D. Fuller, Chairman, National Association of Manufacturers, and President, Curtis Publishing Company.

"From where I sit in Washington, it grows clearer every day that the nation is growing constantly stronger, more determined and more unified to achieve its purpose and to smother the Axis with war production."—Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board.