



# argus eyes *for Victory!*

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## COVER PICTURE

Now that Spring is here again, Argus Camera Club members are planning to take advantage of the beauties of our countryside. We may expect that birds, and buds, April showers and May flowers will be the theme of the future, you may be certain that members' pictures will reflect the new stimulus resulting from having at their disposal a new "lab" and the other advantages of being situated in the heart of the Argus camera industry. The current cover picture was taken by Dick Bills because other Camera Club members are "up to their ears" in the job of getting their new club rooms and laboratory whipped into shape.



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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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The Representatives of each Department are responsible that the news of these Departments reach the desk of the Editor in the Advertising Department, Plant 1.

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## Camera Club Meets in New Studio

The first meeting of the Camera Club to be held in its new studio in Nickel's Arcade was a big success. Harry Crawford, of the Sales Department, gave members the benefit of twenty years of experience in the photographic business. Mr. Crawford's very informative lecture was accompanied by slides.

Once a technique is established, it is a tool with which to proceed toward our ultimate goal, the making of pictures by working on composition, lighting, and the finding of suitable subject matter. There is a definite distinction between pictures and photographs in that pictures are works of art, while photographs are the results most of us attain. About interesting subject matter—the one who is brave enough to get in there at the opportune moment and get the shot is the one who records interest.

Bob Woolson and Dick Bills assisted Mr. Crawford at the projector.

All of us were pleasingly impressed with Mr. Crawford's wealth of information and we think the Camera Club is extremely fortunate in having such men as Harry Crawford, who is considered an authority on camera and has owned and tested almost every camera on the market. Ted Humphreys, former professional child photographer in New York, and an authority on lighting; Bob Woolson on composition and lighting; Jimmy Barker on artistic qualifications and emotional depth; and Dick Bills, who is an expert laboratory man.

Some of us go into photography as a hobby, others as a business, still others are commercially interested. After the war, Mr. Crawford hopes to see the camera carried in the coat pocket much in the same manner as pen and pencil are carried now as a means of expression.

The Camera Club is the nursery of our post-war jobs and with the dark room made to order at the disposal of members, expert consultation on each and every phase of the subject available, membership is expected to reach one hundred before the end of the season.

We wish to welcome our new members: Gerry Buhrman, Joe Dianetti, Frances Gilbert, Lucille Miresse and John Poeton.

Here is the list of Camera Club members:

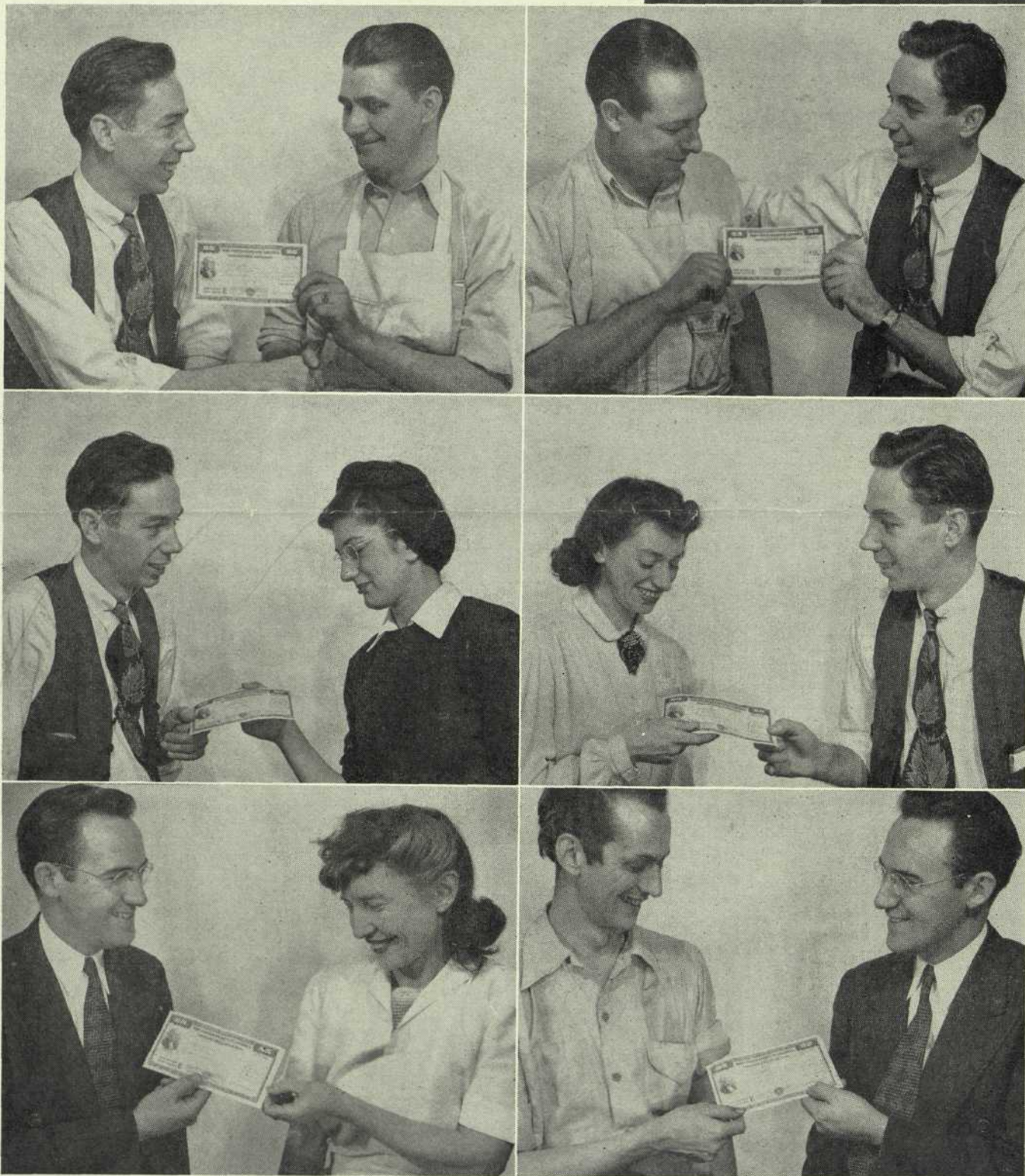
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| Lois Conkney      | Jan Vanden Broek  |
| Harry Crawford    | Maxine Wichman    |
| Viola Curtis      | Virginia Williams |
| Ervin Domzal      | Byrd Williams     |
| Gerry Davenport   | Dick Bills        |
| Conrad Ganzhorn   | Lillian Moore     |
| Eddie Girvan      | Bob Woolson       |
| Dick Guarino      | Homer Hilton      |
| Norm Hartman      | John Judson       |
| Dick Kröll        | Bill Patton       |
| John Long         | Cliff Travioli    |
| John McCombs      | Ray Taylor        |
| Marie Nagel       | Dick Wilson       |
| Verne Nelson      | Gerry Buhrman     |
| Verne Peterson    | Joe Dianetti      |
| Carlo Rosasco     | Frances Gilbert   |
| Stanley Ruffins   | Lucille Miresse   |
| Ernie Sinclair    | John Poeton       |
| Ted Humphreys     |                   |

## Suggestion Box Award Winners

Upper right: Robert Morton. Bob was inspecting one of our castings and was using ten different types of gauges. He found that it was a little difficult to always grasp the correct gauge and follow the correct sequence of inspecting. He also found that some of the gauges, being round, would roll and fall on the floor. This, of course, would spoil the gauge. Bob then suggested a wooden board to hold all the gauges in their proper order so that when a gauge was ready to be put back on the board, he would pick up the nearest gauge and follow his inspecting in the proper sequence. The use of the board increased production about 15%.

Second row, left to right: William Thompson, Plant 1 Suggestion Plan Manager, and Fred Leppens. Fred suggested a new design on a wrench that was being used to assemble the Pilot Light Socket. The old style wrench would bind on the socket and quite a bit of trouble would occur in trying to release the socket. The new style wrench which Fred suggested and built himself eliminates the binding and the operation now works very satisfactorily. The new wrench increases the assembly of the Pilot Light Sockets 20%.

Right, second row: Loren Bement suggested that Argus have one man to oil and grease all of our machinery in the factory to eliminate machine repairs due to lack of proper lubrication. Due to lack of lubrication we have had machine breakdowns which, of course, causes production stoppages.



Third row, left: Ann Letsis was very observing when she saw the time that was being lost in loaning gauges to our Salvage Dept. Ann suggested that the Salvage Dept. be supplied with the most common gauges that they require. Every time an employee of the Salvage Dept. came down to borrow a gauge, there would be ten to fifteen minutes lost which, when used productively, would increase production approximately 10%.

Laura Egeler (right, third row) is shown receiving the \$25 War Bond which her son, Robert Morton, had won for his suggestion. Robert was not available due to the fact that he was enlisting in the Air Corps.

Fourth row, left: Ruth Sheetz of Dept. 40 is shown receiving a War Bond from Ernest Sinclair, Plant 2 Suggestion Plan Manager. Ruth's idea didn't take much decision as to its value and practicability. Her suggestion for a rack to hold surplus reticles before polishing brought to light the fact that we do have a scrap in reticles each month with scratches, chips and breakage partly caused by an inadequate means of handling on the bench. In the capable hands of Irv. Braatz, Maintenance Dept., a suitable rack was installed at the work place. There must be many more good suggestions in this department, so let's go, girls!

Fourth row, right: "Tex" Williams, Dept. 31—Optical Toolroom, submitted the suggestion of wrapping with masking tape the edges of all test plates before leaving his department. By doing this, chipped edges are prevented and chance of breakage is reduced by test plates slipping from worker's hands. In using the test plates, light reflection from the edges is also eliminated by this improvement.

There were a number of employees in both Plants whose suggestions merited honorable mention. Reports on honorable mentions for Plant 1 are not complete as we go to press. Honorable mentions for Plant 2 were awarded to Flossie Stanley, Dept. 40, and C. Merton Olufson of the Production Control Department.

### Suggestion Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Held

The meeting was called to order by Bill Thompson, and he explained the purpose of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Schlenker, Advisory Committee Chairman, then read and discussed the rules of the Suggestion Plan that were previously printed in Argus Eyes. The Suggestions which had been approved for February and the \$25 War Bond awarded were read to the committee and approved. The suggestions which had been rejected by the Suggestion Plan Manager for the month of February were read and discussed. Two of these which had been rejected were approved and the Suggestion Plan Manager authorized the award of \$25 War Bonds. The balance were approved as rejections. The people who attended the first meeting of the Suggestion Plan Advisory Committee of Plant 1 were: E. C. Schlenker, Chairman; Wm. C. Thompson, Plant 1 Manager; Roy Hiscock, Office Representative; Bud Wheeler, Assembly Dept. Representative; Herman Baler, Depts. 11-17-22-23-27-29 and 60, and Harold Forbes, Depts. 10, 24 and 28 Representative.

### Let's Look at Insurance Protection Under Your Group Plan

In 1933, your company made arrangements to offer straight Life Insurance to all employees. In 1937, Health and Accident provisions were added, and in January, 1940, Dependent Hospitalization was added to the list without increasing employee contribution rates. Your company did this by applying insurance dividend payments directly toward assuring employees participating in the plan all the benefits of Dependent Hospitalization at no increase in rates. Every employee now has the opportunity of having complete insurance coverage by simply arranging for a small deduction from his pay check. The amount deducted is considerably less than it would cost individuals in the open market.

Every employee subscribing to the insurance plan is assured of the following benefits:

**Life Insurance:** In the event of your death from either natural or accidental cause while insured under the plan, the Life Insurance will be payable to the beneficiary named by you. You may change your beneficiary at any time upon written request on forms provided by the insurance company.

**Weekly Sickness and Accident Benefits:** The indicated Weekly Benefits will be payable to you if, while insured under the plan, you become totally disabled, are unable to work, and are under the care of a physician legally licensed to practice medicine, because of (a) any accident occurring while you are not working for wage or profit, or (b) any sickness for which you are not entitled to benefits under any Workmen's Compensation Law or Act. (More detailed descriptions of these benefits are available in a folder which the Personnel Dept. will be glad to furnish you on request.)

**Hospital Expense Benefits:** Benefits under this provision are designed to take care of (a) any accident occurring while you are not working for wage or profit, or (b) any sickness for which you are not entitled to benefits under any Workmen's Compensation or Occupational Disease Law.

**Dependent Hospital Expense Benefits:** This provision is made to take care of (1) an employee's wife, (2) a child over three months and under 18 years of age of a male employee or a widowed female employee, excluding, however, (a) a dependent now employed by the company, (b) and any person residing outside of the United States and Canada.

**Surgical Benefits:** (A complete schedule of the operations covered and the maximum reimbursement is shown in detail in a folder furnished to anyone interested in the plan.)

**Nursing Service:** The Insurance company maintains a Visiting Nurse Service. Employees insured under the plan and who live where the service is available may obtain it for themselves without cost to them.

**Health Booklets and Leaflets:** The Insurance company publishes from time to time booklets which give helpful information about specific diseases. These are distributed without cost to employees insured under the plan.

Adequate insurance protection is a vital need today. Your company has made every provision to assure you an opportunity to obtain liberal insurance protection at minimum cost. The hope is that every eligible employee will take immediate advantage of this opportunity.

### NOTICE

Any employee in Plant 1 who has not had their physical examination, or does not have an appointment, please come to the First Aid and we will be glad to take care of it for you.

### In Medical Corps



Pfc. Linus Knieper of the Medical Corps is stationed at Beaumont, Calif. He was formerly employed in Dept. 34.

### Dept. 37 News

Doris Beach, S. 1/c, was a welcome visitor in our department while on leave from Washington, D. C.

Norma Robinson and Beverley Harpster spent a week-end in Detroit and attended the "Skating Vanities."

Dick Darow was absent for several days when the flu bug caught up with

him. He wishes to express his appreciation for the beautiful flowers.

Mary Jane Fike and Margie Criswell spent a week-end in Ohio recently.

Mrs. Bessie Longbons was called to Illinois because of the illness of her father.

Ralph Crug is a new member of our department.

### Dept. 24 News

There's a rumor to the effect that Florence Schwemmin has "a baby" (a full grown one)—wonder where she's been keeping him hid all these years that Florence has been at Argus.

What is this we hear about Carlo Rosasco taking dancing lessons from a young lady in the Cost Accounting Dept.

### Special Notice

March 23, 1944.

The purpose behind our company policies is to insure fair treatment and uniform handling of all employees. From time to time situations arise and it becomes necessary to establish a new policy. These will, of course, be included in the next edition of our employee manual.

Until we publish another manual, however, you want to keep posted on policies that are formed. We are printing here two recent policies we feel you will be interested in.

If you have any questions, ask your foreman or see the Personnel Department.

ROBERT D. HOWSE, President.

### POLICY ON CLASSIFICATION OF ALL HOURLY RATE EMPLOYEES

Whenever an employee is performing several operations, he shall remain at his present classification and receive the rate for that classification until he spends 50% or more of his time performing another operation.

We have standard job titles and rate schedules for these jobs. It is particularly important that all employees be classified in the correct job so that he receives the right rate.

It should be noted here in case of a foreman temporarily needing to use a worker on a different job, that this does not constitute an actual transfer of the worker. If the transfer (either within a department or between departments) is of a permanent nature (30 days or more), or between departments, the foreman will immediately send a Personnel Change Notice to the Personnel Department so that all employees are correctly classified at all times.

### POLICY ON ADMINISTRATION OF PLANT 1

#### Starting and Regular Rate

This policy applies to only those jobs set up on an automatic thirty-day increase basis.

#### Starting Rate:

This applies to new employees and present employees who are being transferred who have not had a minimum of thirty days' experience similar to that required on the job. All employees receiving this rate must wait thirty days before receiving the regular rate.

#### Regular Rate:

This applies to new employees and present employees being transferred who have had a minimum of thirty days experience (employee must give proof of his experience) similar to that required on the job. Mention must be made of this experience on either the transfer or hiring notice.

The regular rate automatically applies to all employees who have received the starting rate for thirty days, except upon the recommendation of the foreman. The probationary period may be extended and the employee may continue to receive the starting rate for an additional thirty days. An employee in this exception must wait the full additional thirty days before receiving the regular rate. Exceptions must be reasonable, and foreman must have a clear understanding with employee as to the reason for extension of probationary period. The reason shall be noted on the Personnel record.

### Recreation Survey for Argus Employees

This survey has been constructed for the purpose of guiding us in the initiation of your recreation program. It is our desire to offer a program which will be interesting to you, one and all, and one in which you will want to participate.

There are two factors which demand your attention in helping us to solve your recreation problem. First, there are those activities in which you would excel as a leader. Our plan will comprise two fields of activity. First, Inter-plant contests and activities; second, competitive games with other industrial organizations. Please carefully read the chart below and designate the activity in which you are most interested and the first and second alternates.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

AGE..... SEX.....

DEPT NO.....CLOCK NO.....

SHIFT..... NAME YOUR HOBBY.....

WHAT ACTIVITY DO YOU ENJOY MOST.....

CHECK THE ACTIVITY LISTED BELOW WHICH YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING AND MAIL OR GIVE IT TO CHARLES A. BARKER, EDITOR ARGUS EYES

ACTIVITY	Desire to Participate		Leadership Ability	State Professional, College Experience
	Inter-Plant	Competitive		
Archery				
Baseball				
Badminton				
Bowling				
Golf				
Gym Class				
Hiking				
Horseshoes				
Skating (Roller)				
Softball				
Swimming				
Rifles, Pistols				
Tennis				
Horseback Riding				
Bicycle Riding				
others				

## Scenes Along the Trans-Iran Road to Victory



Friends of Sgt. Roy Bird will recognize his good-natured smile in these pictures. The Sergeant, at the far left in the boar hunting picture, writes Mrs. Bird, First Aid Dept., says that hunting the overgrown pigs is a favorite sport of the Persians, and it is rapidly becoming a favorite with the Americans in Iran, too.

The scenes shown here are typical of the way our soldiers in Iran live and work. The route of traffic extends over 800 miles of blistering desert road and tortuous mountain highways. It is considered one of the most amazing and one of the biggest production jobs of American industry. Before we Americans took the transportation problem in Iran, about a year ago, only a trickle of supplies was reaching the hard-pressed Russians by this route. Within five months American ingenuity had created a truck service, renovated a railroad and successfully moved eleven times as much traffic as the more famous Burma road carried during the peak month of its operation.

Now, with hundreds of capable, experienced men like Sgt. Bird to help lead the truck convoys, the traffic volume has been stepped up to a point far

exceeding the Burma Road or any other road in history. The 800 miles plow over a heavy-duty pavement built by American engineers upon a waste of sand and brackish water known as the Persian desert; and over and around and under mountainous peaks that have been fabulous since the days of Genghis Khan. A regular shuttle service of drivers has been established so that the trucks are kept rolling day and night. The "block" system divides the long haul into runs of 150 to 175 miles. At the end of each block are a rest camp and a maintenance crew. It was at one of the northern camps along this route that these pictures were taken.

Strange to the Yanks are the ways of the Iranians—the sheltered lives of the women; the Moslem taboos against port, fermented liquor and dogs; the rituals of prayer and fasting. To a boy from Ann Arbor an Iranian dinner with its accent on rice, chopped nuts and sweet, heavy pastries, seems odd indeed. But our soldiers do enjoy the contests between fighting partridges, wild boar hunting, gazelle chasing, in a jeep, and other exotic sports.

Tomorrow new peacetime commerce linking the Orient and the Occident will roll over these roads of war.

### Thunderbolt

Wife: "Every time you see a pretty girl, you forget you're married."  
Husband: "You're wrong, my dear. Nothing brings home the fact with so much force."

### Just Unruly

"Do you know your wife is telling that you can't keep her in clothes?"  
"That's nothing. I bought her a home and I can't keep her in that either."

## Here and There Around Optical Assembly

By "Fearless"

The little lady with the big blue eyes has put away her funny books as Romeo doesn't come around any more—read 'em all.

She said: I know it's so, 'cause the girls in the rest room said so. Foreman (pounding fist on table): That settles it. If the girls in the rest room said so, that makes it official.

Mutt: Flip ya for breakfast."

Jeff: O. K.

Mutt: Too bad, you lost.

Jeff (feeling around in pockets): Coke bottles 'tis.

Mother Hill in SAI class gave an interpretation of sparring which sounded much like the popular song, "She Said No and I Said Yes." Mrs. Hill (stalling for time): You say no?

Victim: He says no.

Mrs. Hill: I say why?

And etc., etc. (Really, Frances!)

Essence of musical comedy—Lois Bush.

That which "Red" Peterson is going to miss when he gets in Service is that good ole home cookin'.

We have a Monty Wooley in our midst who is as genuine as they come.

Don't mention alarm clocks to Miss Wichman if you don't want to see a miniature version of the San Francisco fire.

Two individuals standing next to Camera Club poster in hall:

One (pointing to sign): You belong to that?

Two: Yeah.

One: How much do they charge?

Two: \$10 per year.

One: Whadaya get out of it?

Two: Use of dark room, camera, benefit of lectures, criticism of prints, etc.

One: Oh. Think I'll join the Rifle Club. Get more for your money. (Everyone is entitled to his own opinion.)

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH: If all I paid 55 cents to see "Madame Curie" for was to hear Walt Pidgeon say, "The really GREAT men live simply and are good," it was worth it because it made a definite impression on my mind as I was thinking of a person who is great. He is an amazing combination. clever as all get out, can exchange jokes with the best, is tougher than all of them, and yet can mellow to the needs of others—a devoted husband and father—a man who has learned to be good—one who prefers to live simply—one who is beloved by all his associates because he treats them as associates. I nominate this man who arrived "too little and too late" at Camera Club meeting for a seat in Washington, because I think he could do it.

## New Arrival

John Poeton is now the proud papa of a 5-lb. 13 oz. baby girl. She was born March 4th in St. Joseph Hospital. When asked for a statement, Johnnie said, "I'll never go through THAT again." He is back to normal now, that is, normal for a new papa, and will be glad to explain Genevieve Ann's cute tricks to anyone who cares to listen.

He wishes to thank the Argus Recreation Club for their thoughtful gift of flowers and his many friends for their very lovely gifts and good wishes.

## Sergeant and Friends



Sgt. Gordon Fleming, somewhere in the Aleutians. One of his two friends in this picture is a real fox, and that white "cloud" in the background is part of the icy tundra of the north country. Sgt. Fleming formerly worked in our Service Dept.

## Letters From Soldiers

A card from T/Sgt. Frank Patter's son gives a new address. Glad to hear you receive and like Argus Eyes.

A V-mail from Sgt. Henry Stitt (AD), stationed in England, tells some interesting facts about the people and country. Mighty nice things you say about Argus Eyes. Glad we're able in some small way to keep the happy memories that you have of Argus fresh in your mind.

Letters from Pvt. Francis Wright (Joe) tell us that he's been in the hospital for an operation. He is stationed at a Prisoner of War camp and meets many of the enemy prisoners. As we go to press, Joe is home on sick leave and has been in to see us.

A letter from Sgt. Lester Bailey loaned by "Doc" Johnson states that he's now in Italy and finds the old tale about "sunny Italy" is the bunk. According to Lester, it is actually rain and mud, with snow and mud for a change. Les sends an article so that we may better understand the circumstances under which it was written. This revealing report was written by a lieutenant who was in the African campaign. In a tank battle he had to extricate himself somehow from his rapidly burning tank. The only way out was for him to amputate his own foot. After doing so he believed himself dying, but ran to get hold of some writing material and spent what he believed to be his last few minutes on earth composing a poem of rebuke to the home front. This officer was later found in time to be saved, we're glad to report. Here is his poem:

### WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

What did you do today, my friend,  
From morning 'til the night?  
How many times did you complain  
That rationing is tight?  
When are you going to start to do  
All of the things you say?  
A soldier would like to know, my friend,  
What did you do today?

We met the enemy today;  
We took the town by storm;  
Happy reading it will make  
For you tomorrow morn.  
You'll read with satisfaction  
The brief communique;  
We fought, but are you fighting?  
What did you do today?

My gunner died in my arms today,  
I feel his warm blood yet;  
Your neighbor's dying boy gave out  
A scream I can't forget.  
On my right a tank was hit,  
A flash and then a fire,  
A stench of ugly burning flesh  
Still rises from the pyre.

What did you do today, my friend,  
To help us with the task?  
Did you work harder and longer for less,  
Or is that too much to ask?  
What right have I to ask you this?  
You probably will say,  
Maybe now you'll understand,  
You see, I died today.

Friends of Jeanne and Hal Schoen will be glad to know that they are now living in Corpus Christi, Texas, where Ensign Schoen is stationed as an instructor in the Navy Air Corps.

The only fellow we know who makes anything out of running other people down is an elevator operator.

## Stork Visits M. S. Smith's



The M. S. Smith family have added another ration book. They now have four with three-day-old Barbara Jean, shown here with her mother, and two-year-old Karen. Barbara Jean's father, better known as "Smitty," is in Camera Engineering, Plant 2.

The Smiths wish to extend their thanks to the Argus Club for the lovely flowers shown in the background of this picture.

The war is nearly over. Recently a butcher smiled at a customer.

Dept. 28 News

Nina Walterhouse spent a few days in the Inspection Department. Hope she enjoyed working with us. How is the Chicken in the Rough, Nina?

March 24th was a beautiful spring day. A perfect day for playing hooky. It didn't work out that way, though, because Laura didn't need new hose and John Kenne wouldn't cooperate anyway. The girls used to get through early on Fridays when it wasn't so busy. Once they were supposed to get Laura some hose. They looked kind of sheepish Monday morning when they came in. They had purchased hose for all of them but Laura. It wasn't their fault if they didn't have her size. They thought John's girls would go home early, too, this time, but no luck. If other departments work, our department has to be on the job to serve them. So everyone worked this beautiful day in March.

Ann Letsis received a bond for her suggestion. Nice going, Ann. Better get the old bean in another good mood.

Sally Kneiper and Marjorie Parks wish to thank the Argus Club for the flowers they received when they were ill.

A birthday party was held the 21st of March for Peg Ramnant. She received a compact, and ice cream and cake was served in the cafeteria.

Tom Argo is back in the department after a week's absence. Sure missed you, Tom. Wish you could stay a while.

Marjorie Young took a nice long ride to Jackson Saturday night. When you grow up, Marjorie, maybe you can get in some of the night clubs.

Mollie Hook's husband was transferred from the Bomber Plant to a plant in California. Though she didn't want to leave us, it had to be farewell, for where Bill goes, so goes Mollie. They left for the Far West on March 18. Before she left the shop in February, the department gave a farewell pot-luck dinner for her. One noon she was expecting some of the girls to take her up town

Extra Ration Book Expected



Tom Argo was surprised by the girls in Dept. 28 recently. The occasion: presentation of a fancy dress for the baby that's scheduled to join the Argo household. The girls say that Tom's face was a study in exclamation points. But it was a most joyful event for everybody involved.

Civilian Service Emblem Presented to Ordnance



Left to right: Arlene Satterthwaite, Lucille Miresse, F. Eileen Lay, Ethel Wagner, Alyce Miresse, Ervin A. Domzal. The emblem for Civilian Service was given to the six Detroit Ordnance District employees pictured here for completing at least six consecutive months of satisfactory service with the War Department, and for maintaining a consistent efficiency rating of good or better. The recommendations for the awards were made by Major H. A. Anderson, and were presented by Mr. Leo F. Fowler, Chief of Inspection Section. All in this group have been in Ordnance here two and one-half years or more. Mr. Domzal, Director, has had over three years of service. He came to Argus after completion of training in Ordnance work at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia. The group is to be congratulated for their cooperative spirit and win-the-war efficiency which deserves the honor bestowed upon them in the War Department's Civilian Service Emblem.

for lunch. When they started out Mollie was gently led into the other inspection room, where the tables were all laid out with baked beans, potato salad, cold meats and everything that goes with them. We had to tell a fib to keep her in the department, so she wouldn't see it all before she should, but we were forgiven.

She was presented with a double string of lovely pearls and a separate small gift from each girl.

Joe Gross and Chester Gooding enjoyed the party, too, and our foreman, Eric Soderholm, said the girls are very good cooks. We have received cards from Mollie on her way to California and she is having a grand trip. We sure miss her and hope she will return some day.

Sales and Advertising News

The Sales and Advertising Staff extend best wishes to Mr. Hilton on his ??th birthday. We hope you have many more with Argus.

Complaints are being received from the salesmen's wives because the new itinerary keeps the boys away from home too long, but now that they are gone, more work is being accomplished by the departments than ever before.

The Sales Staff is glad to extend a welcome to Millie Smith, who came back

to do some special work for us. Millie was the second person added to the Argus Sales Staff back in '36, so she is well known to the old-timers. We hope she'll like being back in the fold so well she'll want to stay on.

Jimmie Barker paid off a bet by taking Ginny Meyer, Jackie Schaffer and Thelma Faber out to dinner. They went to the Allenel Hotel, where Jimmie "obtained" some very delicious steaks. The girls won't tell what the bet was because they're not sure they won it "legally."

Thelma Faber and Ginny Meyer spent the week-end of the 18th in Chirago. They stayed at the Palmer House and from all reports, they had a swell time.

Fran Gilbert has talked so much golf lately and lined up so many players, it looks like she is planning to spend the summer down at the "Rock Pile."

Our Sales Manager, Homer Hilton, has been appointed a committee member of the PMDA "Committee on Government Surplus War Equipment" to devise means of disposing of surplus photographic equipment released by the Army and Navy.

No Use

"We are having a raffle for a poor widow. Will you buy a ticket?"  
"Nope. My wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

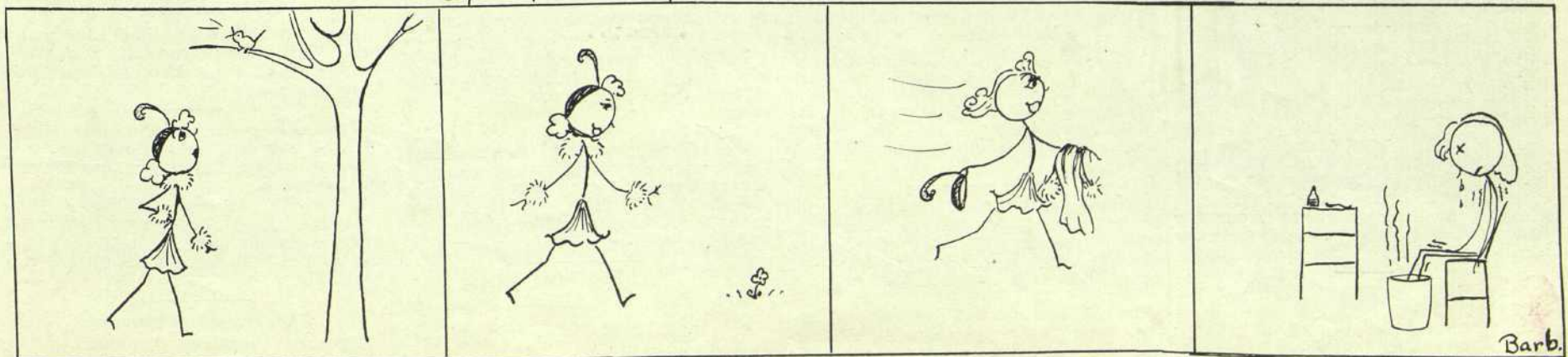
Goebbels has stomach trouble—probably from having to eat his own words.

Pvt. Eunice J. Truax



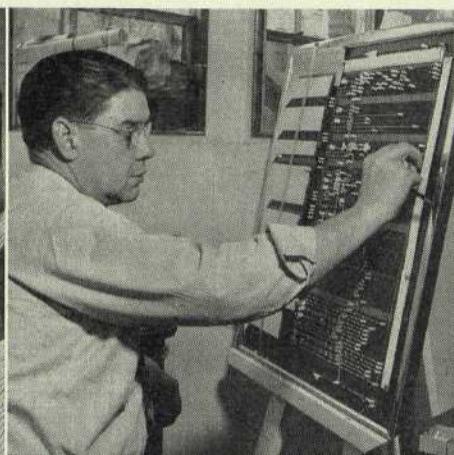
After basic training at Fort Devens, Mass., Pvt. Truax specialized in dental work at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. She is now a Dental Assistant, Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio. Before joining the WACS, she worked in Raw Inspection, Plant 1. Mary Jane Truax, Payroll Dept., is a sister-in-law.

"Sprig - Sprig - Jeddle Sprig"



## OPTICAL DIVISION

Upper left: Clinton H. Harris, Manager Optical Division. First row, left to right: Stella Edds., Secretary to Manager; William C. Patton, Optical Engineer; James Nutt, Planning Engineer; Eleanor Rosema, Secretary to Production Manager. Second row, left to right: Richard Wilson, Optical Engineer; Clifford Coniway, Senior Draftsman; Helen Balhoff; Ray Tracer; Robert Isaacson, Optical Production Engineer; John Perini, Manager of Sub-contracting; J. A. VandenBroek, Mechanical Engineer. Third row, left to right: William Bone, Chief Production Engineer; C. H. Meyer, Chief Mechanical Engineer; Richard C. Fuller, Planning Engineer; Stuart Davis, Assistant to Superintendent Lens and Prism Production.



## Machine Shop

### Plant 1

Carl Swickerath, former Argus employee, has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army. Captain Swickerath is now recovering from wounds received in the bitter battle at the Anzio beachhead. This is the second time that the Captain has been wounded in action.

Andy Anderson is again with us after an absence of over a year. During this time Andy was a civilian worker in Alaska and also at Pearl Harbor. Andy was at the Naval Base soon after Japan's sneak attack.

Sailor Steve Jardno was home on a short leave recently and came in to see his many friends. Steve is now located at Shoemaker, California, awaiting orders for active duty.

Plant 1 will not have the chance of using Frank Manner in their bid for another softball championship. Frank was given a medical discharge from the Army, but after fully recovering, Frank has again enlisted in the armed forces.

Amos Kline will most likely have his fill of soup before he has his new set of "ivories." Amos had been having trouble and it was traced to his teeth. After

having all extracted, it was found that two infected teeth had caused all the trouble.

When it comes to lunching, Harold Forbes has a combination all his own. (It is doubtful if anyone else would want it.) At rest period instead of the regular lunch, Harold has himself some popcorn and milk.

Gertrude Sutton has returned to work after a leave of absence of six weeks. Gert traveled out to Oregon to be with her husband at Camp Adair.

Barbara Lewis is one of the new employees on the punch press. Barbara knows the real meaning of this war, having a boy friend who has been in combat in the Southwest Pacific for two years. Her brother is in the U. S. Navy.

Ralph Flick will most likely be a steady customer at the Bowery in Detroit. Jerry Lester is now MC at that night spot, and Ralph tells us that he is tops.

Every year about this time a big change comes over Maurey Howe. Instead of spending his leisure time at the PB and like places, "Mo" decides to see every show that comes to Ann Arbor.

Ted Doman and Bill Zoellner feel that they should enter the city doubles tournament. Churchill Doman came through

with a lusty 84, while Bill was warming up with a sizzling 99.

Rhea Paulson and Margaret Ivanso have been added to the Inspection Dept. to help out with the increased production and give Perry Gainey some much needed aid.

Jerry Spiess has donned a shield and is now learning the art of spot welding. After a shaky start, Jerry is progressing very well.

Fritz Lepins has decided to take it easy on rounding the corner when leaving the toolroom at rest period. Fritz started ala Tom Harmon but did not have the sure footing of the former All-American and was tossed for a loss.

Betty Crim has returned to work after a six weeks' visit with her brother, who is with the Coast Guard on the West coast.

We are all happy to hear that Myrt Jones, who recently had an operation on a trick knee, is getting along very well and should be with us soon. Myrt wishes to thank all those who have remembered and have been up to see her.

### Too True

"Oh, Mary, how did you break that vase?"  
"I'm very sorry, mum; I was accidentally dusting."

## Dept. 18 News

A stork shower was given Margaret Crumly Friday, March 24th, at Vina Daniels' place. She received many nice gifts from the girls. Those attending were: Faye Leppens, Mae Bucholz, Eolah Bucholz, Betty Reddiman, Dorothy Kielwasser, Mrs. Reddiman, Gretchen Meaker, Marion Clement and Sadie Fisher. Lunch was served and a wonderful time was had by all.

It seems Dept. 18 has some good bowlers. You see both Mary Tucker's Dials and "Farmer" Kendrovics' Radio Wildcats are in first place. Nice going, kids.

Have you heard the Dial Line quartet? Well, if you haven't, just come around most any afternoon and hear them croon.

The kids surprised Christine Hegeman by dropping in one evening for a pot-luck supper. Had fun, but oh, we ate too much.

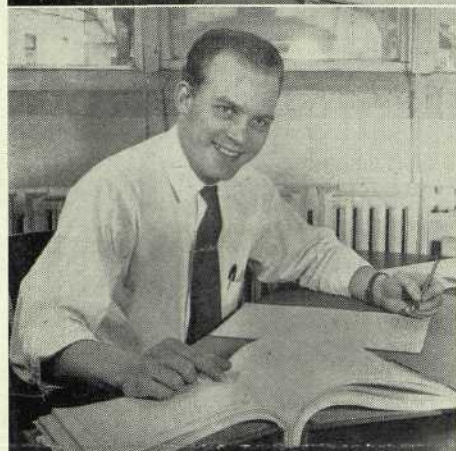
Malina (Merz) Uphaus is back now after spending quite a spell with her husband in New Jersey. Glad to see you back, kid.

### The Important Question

"You can't get cuffs on pants."  
"Can I get pants on the cuff?"

# MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING

Upper right: John Poeton, Production Manager. First row, left to right: E. L. Johnson, Chief of Clerical Production Control; Rodney Mast, Tool Designer; Ernest Sinclair, Assistant to Chief Production Engineer; Walter Weid, Tool Designer and Methods; L. V. Heck, Electronic Engineer; Georgia Watson, Production Record Clerk; Jack Danner, Supt. Lens and Prism Production; Mildred Mascotti, Timekeeper; Harry Rookes, Timekeeper and Cost Clerk; G. L. Buhrman, Jr., Chemical Engineer; Nellie Hecox, Follow-up Clerk. Third row, left to right: Phyllis Northrup, Production Graph Clerk; Joseph Dianetti, Optical Engineer; Mrs. Joy Busch, Ray Tracer, M. S. Smith, Mechanical Engineer; Katherine Hambleton, Blueprint Operator.



## Dept. 40 News

Sylvia Moss enjoyed a brief visit from her son, Merle, in March. He finished his boot training at Great Lakes and is now on a sea duty assignment.

Eddie (the Girvan) had a birthday last month and thought he was going to get away with that "added" year. But the department got "wise" and surprised him with a lounging robe as a reminder.

Spring is "spring." The grass is "riz." I wonder where the flow'rs is?

Helyn Ebright was honored at a shower given by Doris Lyons, March 24th. Those attending were Connie Skinner, Lucille Miresse, Petey Letsis, Dottie Waggatt, Laura Dick, Elsie Brice, Helen Fraser, Chris Bezirum and Ruth Wackenhut. The girls presented Helyn with a lovely blanket. Cooty was played and prizes won by Helyn Ebright, Helen Fraser, Laura Dick, and "booby" prize by Lucille Miresse. The cakes made by Hulda Burns were delicious.

Ruth Finkheimer was missing from the Assembly for a week. She spent the time with her husband at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before he was sent on a new assignment.

Our Isabel Watson was a very happy mother last week when her son, Bob, arrived home for a fifteen-day furlough. Bob is stationed at Boca Raton, Florida.

Having Bob and Sandy both down at the bowling alleys probably accounted for those "high games." How about it, Isabel?

The sparkle is back in the eyes of Alice Weir with the arrival of Scotch Tape she's back at rollin' cones.

The girls wish Girvan would stop worrying about *babooshka's* and especially cutting out paper dolls for models. By the time one is found that's satisfactory, Eddie, the war will be over. We hope!

Alyce Miresse and her bright smile was welcomed back after a tonsilectomy this month. We really missed you, Alyce, and are glad to see you around again.

The Assembly No. 1 bowling team is still in first place for the eighth consecutive week. Although once tied with Optical 2, they took four games February 14th and are now tied with Office as we go to press.

Some folks in the Assembly are getting worried over the wear and tear a certain green club coupe is giving the pavement between the Plants. Maybe Katie could tell us why. How about it, kid?

In addition to doing a war job, many in the department are much closer to the war. Other than those already mentioned having sons in the service are: Alice Weir, Elsie Paradise, Mary Wingrove, Sylvia Moss, Clara Dickinson and Winnie Fraser. Those who have hus-

bands or brothers include: Helyn Ebright, Audra Stotts, Virginia Ross, Elsie Brice, Viola Bemis, Doris Skelding, Maxine Wichman, Dottie Haines, Lila Lange, Paula Kapeleris, Gertrude Haines, Helen Snyder, Edith Flournoy, Beatrice Letsis, Helen Fraser, Thressal Conley, Helen Bybee, Frances Hill, Lois Bush, Virginia Burt, Dottie Waggatt, Flossie Stanley, Red Peterson and Norm Hartmann. This may be one of the reasons why Optical Assembly now has a placque for outstanding contribution in the 1944 Fourth War Loan drive. It adorns our wall along with the stars and stripes and the Bull's Eye flag for 100% of the employees taking out 10% or more in War Bonds.

Helen Fraser and Ruth Wackenhut spent last week-end in Detroit visiting Helen's aunt and also shopping. Although once caught in a rain storm, they survived to have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Pfc. Paul Duibb, brother of Della Duibb, was home on a ten-day furlough recently. He is stationed at Camp Bernice, Texas.

"Where is Mr. Lutz?" was the theme of Plant 2 for almost a week. Now the secret is out. Mr. Lutz and Miss Wanda Mouser of Flint were married Saturday, March 25th. We hope to tell you more about it next month, but meanwhile we extend our best wishes to the newly-weds.

## Argus WAVE



We are very glad to welcome back S. 1/c Doris May Beach, pictured here, when she stopped in for a short visit February 17. Doris is stationed at Washington, D. C., where she is doing office work. While at Argus, she worked on Centering, Dept. 37.

Newly-weds



On Saturday, March 11th, at seven P. M., Miss Betty Williams became the bride of Earnest M. Billau. Mrs. Billau is the daughter of Mrs. Audrey B. Williams and Mr. Billau is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Billau, Sr. The wedding was performed by Rev. F. Schwede at the Britton Lutheran Church. The attendants at the ceremony were the bride's sister, Ruth, and John E. Billau, Jr., brother of the groom. Mrs. Billau wore an afternoon dress of powder blue crepe with accessories of the same shade. She wore a shoulder corsage of red roses. Only members of the immediate family and close friends attended.

After the ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the Britton Hall. Friends from Milan, Saline, Cone, Tecumseh, Adrian, Ann Arbor, Britton, Detroit and Ohio were present.

No Stretch

"Can't you stretch the music a little—just a dance or two more?"  
"Sorry, this isn't a rubber band!"

Dept. 27 News

On March 8, a birthday party was held for Freda Thompson in the cafeteria. Ice cream and cake was served and the honor guest received two gifts from her co-workers.

Some time in the near future this gang is planning a bowling match, fellows versus gals. Watch the fun—the losers sure have to pay the consequences—and how. Boys, you better start saving your pennies—or by chance, will it be the other way around.

The girls in this department enjoyed a very delicious pot-luck supper and delightful evening at the home of Ruth O'Hare on March 25. Too, too much to eat, but oh! so very good.

Several weeks ago Helen Breining received the following poem from her son, Cpl. Oscar M. Breining, who is stationed somewhere in England. It's cute and we hope you like it—sorta makes me wish harder than ever that this terrible war was over with.

Sitting on my G I bed,  
My G I hat upon my head,  
My G I spats upon my shoes,  
I wish they would issue G I booze.

G I razors, G I comb,  
G I wish that I was home.  
They issue everything you need,  
Paper to write on, books to read.

Your belt, your shoes, your G I tie,  
It's all free, nothing to buy.  
They issue food that makes you grow  
G I want a long furlough.  
Everything here is Gov't issue,  
G I wish that I could kiss you.

You've heard of Harold Walz  
He smokes his pipe and talks.  
We all have our faults,  
But he just puffs and talks.  
He is not too young,  
He is not too old,  
If he don't get to work,  
He is sure to get told.

He don't make much money,  
And he looks pretty thin,  
But he's a darn good guy  
For the shape he's in.

—By I.M.A.P. Nut.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Your morning thoughts may determine your conduct for the day. Optimistic thoughts will make your day bright and productive, while pessimistic thinking will make it dull and wasteful."  
—William Pack.

Steno: "May I have my next week's salary in advance?"  
Boss: "No, I promised my wife not to make any advances to you."

"Is this a healthy place?" asked the stranger of a native of a certain region in the West.

"It shore is," replied the native. "Why, when I came here I couldn't utter a word. I had scarcely a hair on my head. I hadn't the strength to walk across the room and I had to be lifted from my bed."

"That's wonderful," exclaimed the stranger. "How long have you been here?"  
"I was born here!"

Few people realize that health actually varies according to the amount of laughter. If you could X-ray yourself, you would see astonishing results—your diaphragm goes down, your lungs expand. You are taking in more oxygen and that passes into the blood exposed in your lungs. As you laugh, the rate of exposure to oxygen is tripled and a surge of power runs from head to toes.

Sgt. Warren Ross Missing in Action

Warren L. Ross, a former Argus employee, was reported missing, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Ellen Ross. He had been stationed in England since last November and held the rank of technical radio sergeant. Warren worked in the Material Control Dept. before entering the service.

Married



On February 11th, at 7:30 P. M., in the West Side Methodist Church, Miss Marguerite Guild became the bride of Mr. Bernard Fischer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Stringer, and the attendants were Miss Ruby Gunderman and Robert Isaacson.

The bride wore a powder blue suit with brown accessories and her corsage was of white gardenias.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of Charles Fischer, brother of the groom, after which the newly-weds left for Seymour, Ind., where they spent their honeymoon.

They are now living at 810 Brown St., Ann Arbor. The best wishes of many friends here are extended to them.

Dept. 36 News

Wedding bells rang for Betty Williams and Earnest Billau on Saturday evening, March 11. Best wishes to a swell couple.

Carol Stevens spent several days at her home at Traverse City. Did you notice the excited tone in her voice on her return? Guess why?

Fred Leeman enjoyed a few days' visit with his parents in Florida.

Cpl. Robert Whitmore, Pfc. Harold West, Pfc. Linus Knieper and Pfc. Kenneth Mitchell were welcome visitors in our department recently.

George Nelson returned to the lens polishing job after being away from it several months.

When you see Ted Tirb with a gleam in his eyes, you can make up your mind that a certain blonde is not very far away.

Your cooperation in the recent Red Cross drive was very much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

The Argus Polishers Men's Bowling Team are certainly making a good attempt to allow some other team the privilege of finishing at the bottom. Come on, fellows, don't let us down!

In case anyone desires a nice easy chair, you might speak to Merton Olufson. We hear he doesn't mind sitting on the floor in Jack Danner's office. Reason—no chance of falling.

Lillian Davis and John Schwartzwalder were absent on account of illness. We're glad to see them back at work again.

Have you observed that Ross Wilson doesn't miss a thing since he found a pair of glasses?

Now that Spring has arrived, people in the Polishing Room seem to have forgotten that house cleaning craze. It looks much better, too.

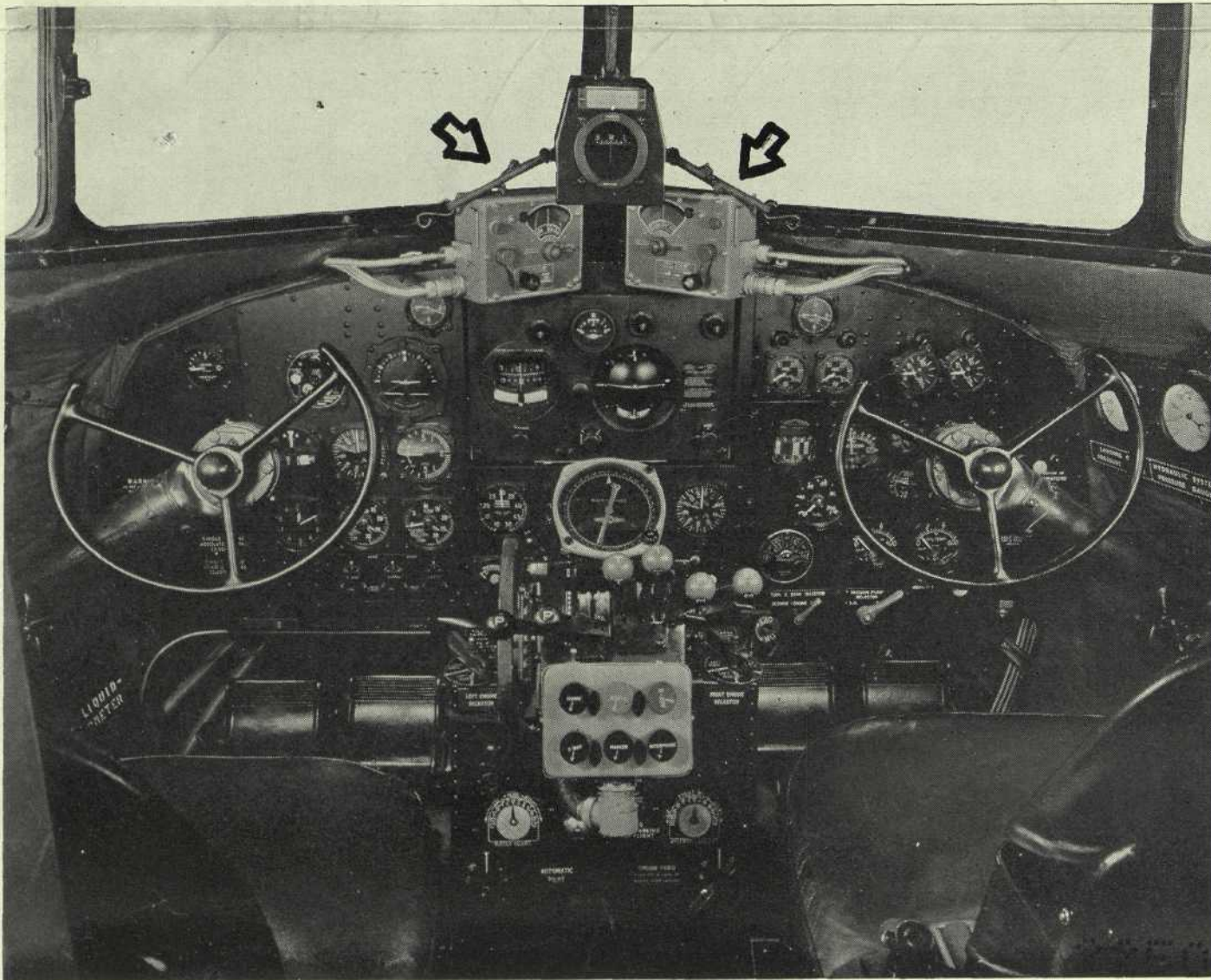
Viche (Esquire) Rumsey has been furnishing us with some very amusing poetry.

Don't be surprised if you see Connie G. standing in the doorway of the precision optics room with that "far away" look in his eyes. He won't look any farther than J. D.'s office.

So What?

Toity poiple boids a-sittin' on a coib,  
A-chopin' and a-boibin' and a-eatin'  
doity woims,  
Along came Boit and squoit called Goit,  
Who woiked in a shoit factory in Joisey.  
When Boit and the squoit Goit  
Saw the toity poiple boids a-sittin' on  
the coib  
A-chopin' and a-boibin' and a-eatin'  
doity woims,  
Boy, were they poitoibed!

U. S. Coastal Command Lauds Automatic Compass



In a special release the United States Coastal Command praised the efficiency of the radio sets installed in the Liberator and Catalina aircraft.

"A first-rate job," is how Flight Lieutenant McKechnie, No. 12358, of a Coastal Command Squadron, describes it. "Its quickness and efficiency are unbelievable," he says.

"For example, some time ago, I flew to this country from Newfoundland. About two hours out I picked up a British beam and we were able to home across the Atlantic on this beam for the whole or the remaining distance—approximately 1,400 miles.

"Silent service is its great quality. It not only enables you to preserve wireless silence; you can transfer it to the navigator by simply pressing a switch. This is a God-send.

"Many times when we've been flying in a cloud, without astral and unable to get driwts, I've been able to get a perfect fix. The quadrangle error corrector is unique. It allows you o eliminate completely that bugbear of quadrangle error."



WELCOME TO ARGUS



Left to right, top row: Edith Fahrner, Mary Shaw, Irvine Ariss, Ruth Turner, Merble Wilson, Jane Guenther, Charles Sanders, Margaret Ivanso.

Second row: Ralph Krug, Warren Cady, Carl Terry, Lyle Bisard, Joy Busch, Frank E. Mannor, Rhea Paulson, Frances Tracy.

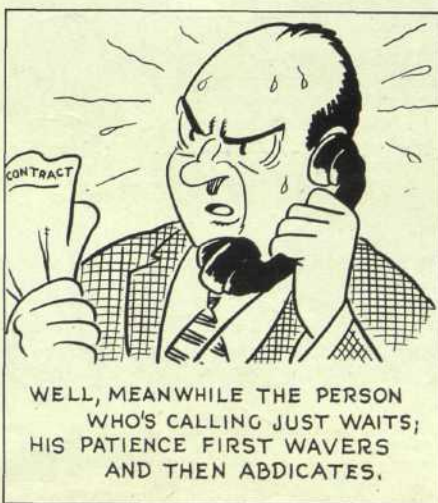
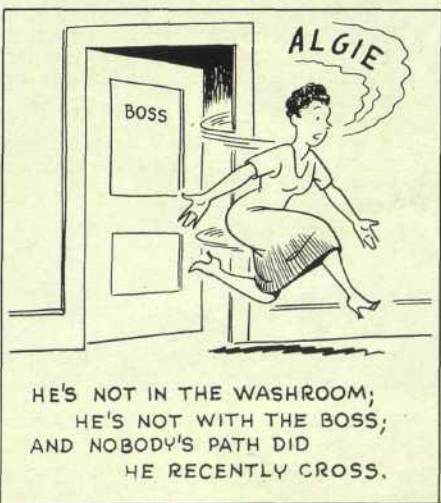
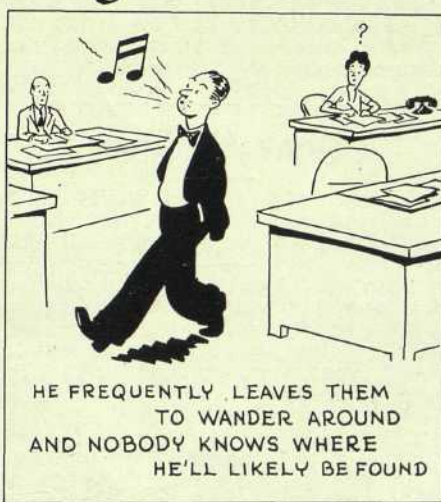
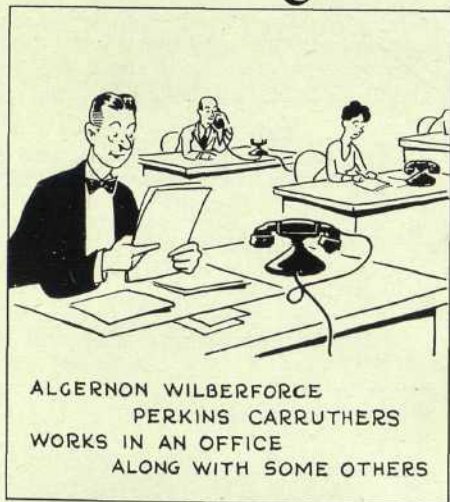
Third row: Ralph Sefird, Patricia Abbott, Agnes Hendry, Herbert S. Roberts,

Herman Renau, Joyce Fritts, Hugh J. McNally, Virginia Howard.

Fourth row: John Gerhringer, Shirlee Baumgartner, Marie Drysdale, William Jeffrey, Lester Smith, Walfred Anderson, Philip Falvey, Beulah Newman.

Fifth row: Kathleen Bair, Harold Haible, Henry R. Carboneau, Katherine Morgan, Mildred DeMerrill, Pearl Kelly, Harry Arnett, Joseph Dianetti.

# Waiting for Algie.....



### Depts. 39-44-37 News

We're glad to have Billie Hamlet back. She was called home by the illness of her little son. She was away a week but returned to report Billie Gene is doing nicely.

We're sorry to lose Lydia Coleman. She and her husband have returned to Tennessee to make their home.

Any time its raining and your girls would like to ride home, "Chuck" would be glad to take you, but you'd better watch him just a little before five because he has a habit of breaking promises. Isn't that right, "Chuck"?

Doris Sherman and Grace Bultman sure have looked nice lately. We wonder if their hair makes such a difference?

Did anyone happen to notice Wilma standing while gauging lens recently. She went roller skating and from all reports, she did as much skating sitting down as standing up. Don't give up, Wilma, "practice makes perfect."

Bet Edna Kappler's daughter hasn't seen much of that candy she's been buying for her lately. The reason: Edna is home with a bad toothache. It's bad for the waistline, Edna. "Maybe we should look into this, Betty?"

Adeline Opheim has been sick again. We have missed her and hope she will be back to work soon.

Blanche Ranson is a "lucky ole gal" getting time off to visit her relatives in Iowa. We know she'll have lots of fun. Be careful, Blanche, and don't forget to come back to Raleigh and Argus.

Looks like Betty Billeau will be a widow soon. Ernie passed his physical. One consolation, Betty, your husband is in A-1 condition, maybe I should say I-A.

The girls in the Cementing Room have added another occupation to their regular jobs. Last Saturday they washed all the tables and cabinets and ending up scrubbing and waxing the floor. Of course, the girls are new at it, and with a little practice should make good on the job. So they've decided to take bids on outside jobs. Anyone wanting to help out these "poor little girls" can contact Ken Kaufman, their business agent.

Billie Hamlet would like to express her appreciation to all the kids that sent Billie Gene the beautiful roses. He was very pleased and wishes to thank you also.

We had a handsome "gent" by the name of "Charles" working in the Cementing Room, but looks like we're losing him to the Tool and Gauge Dept. Sure is too bad, it was fun while it lasted.

Any time you mothers would like to go out for the evening, Ralph Ridenour would be glad to take care of the baby. We hear he is getting lots of experience these days.

We're all wishing Bob Kelly lots of luck. We know he'll be tops as an air cadet. Work real hard, Bob, and the war will be over soon.

Pvt. George DeWolfe is now stationed in the land of our dreams. He says

### Very Happy



Presenting Ann Marie Taylor, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor. Mr. Taylor is foreman of Depts. 33, 34, 36, Plant 2.

### First Aid Department



Top row, left to right: Mrs. Frances Watterworth, R. N., Director of First Aid Department; Mrs. Mildred Bird, Assistant Director. Second row, left to right: Viola Tyler, Mrs. Reata Wilkinson, First Aid Nurses.

It would be an education in human relations if every employee could spend an hour sometime in one of the First Aid rooms watching humanity—you and I—come in with our troubles piled high on our backs. First of all, our First Aid nurses greet us with a smile. And that's important. We begin to feel better right away. Then they listen sympathetically to our complaints—everything from headaches to minor surgery, including such extra-curricular activities as helping bowlers' fingers and thumbs to stay in shape. First Aid's chief aim and interest is to keep every employee on the job—for his sake as well as the company's.

No one knows better than they how a "little scratch" may mean the loss of a finger, hand, or even life. And it may mean days away from work, smaller pay checks, as well as the usual unpleasantness of being ill. That's the big reason why ALL cases, no matter how seemingly trivial, are EQUALLY important to First Aid. The department is here for one purpose only, and that is to help people. And most of us have experienced their kind, considerate attention at one time or another and extend to them our most sincere thanks.

### Dept. 45 News

As much as Bill Patton would like to dispose of his Chevy—the best way is not to forget where you parked it, Bill!

With the advent of Spring, all those feminine eyes will have to stop following Gerry Buhman's shiny green convertible. We regret to report that he won't even wave or sound a horn at the gals he knows!

Clarence Meyer recently spent an enjoyable day at the Detroit Induction Center as a guest of the United States Government.

As much as his hosts pressed him to make it a longer visit, Mr. Meyer returned safely to Ann Arbor and his deferment card.

We welcome Joe Dianetti to our department. Joe is an Optical Engineer and will work in our department as a lens designer. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.

For precision lathe work see Verne Nelson in the Gage Department.

Has anyone seen the "Flying Dutchman" of Department 45?

"I have lived a long time, but I have yet to see a man lost on a straight road."

Help is really scarce. Postoffice sign: "Man Wanted for Robbery."

everything is fine, and the quarters, food and climate are of the best. However, he made no reference to any young lovelies in grass skirts.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Lucille Swick, whose father passed away recently.

We're glad to have Virginia Boettiger back with us in Dept. 39 again. She has been visiting her husband for the past month.

Kenny Wilcox is in Florida. He's a ball turret gunner now. We're all very much interested in Kenny's career and would enjoy hearing from him any time.

#### Definition

"Pop, what is a philosopher?"  
"A philosopher, son, is a man who is trying to kid himself into believing that he is happy though poor."

### Cards of Thanks

I wish to thank the Argus Club for the beautiful plant which they sent while I was in the hospital.

Maurice F. Doll.

Eddie Girvan would like to thank his co-workers for remembering his birthday with the beautiful lounging robe.

Alice London wishes to thank the Argus Club and her friends for their flowers and thoughtfulness in thinking of her duties during her recent illness.

### Fair Warning

A tall, tough-looking sailor entered a Loop rifle range in Chicago with a pretty girl on his arm. They took turns knocking down pipes. The sailor scored five out of 20. Then the young miss amazed onlookers (and her escort) by knocking off a perfect score.

"There you are, baby," she said serenely, taking his arm. "Now behave yourself."

### Guess Who?



## MEN'S BOWLING

Congratulations to the Radio Wildcats. The Wildcats have clinched the crown for the 1943-44 Argus Bowling League, and in such a decisive manner that there is no disputing their superiority over the rest of the league. Their margin over their closest rivals has now been widened to twelve games, with a very good chance that this will be even greater when the season ends in three weeks. The Wildcats moved into first place near the half-way mark in the season and have held onto the leader's position ever since. The Inspection and Lens Maintenance teams proved to be the biggest headaches to the new champs, but in the last few weeks these two teams have found the pace too fast and have steadily lost ground to the winners. The members of the winning team are Tommy Langlois, Kirk Fisher, Gene Livesay, Gordon Stevens and Captain Lefty Kendrovics.

With the Wildcats winning the crown the league is focusing its interest on the fight for the second and third place money. At the present time Inspection and Maintenance are tied for the runner-up spot. These two teams have waged a bitter battle all year for the challenging position, but neither has been able to gain any distinct advantage. If either of these teams hits a rough spot, there is a strong possibility that the Argus Wildcats will move in to grab the second place prize. The Wildcats of the Optical Plant are now only two games back and are going to be tough to keep out of the second slot. It is doubtful if any team in the league has been as hot as they in the last two months. If the Argus Wildcats had been off to a decent start the first half of the season, the title race would most likely have been between the two Wildcat teams.

With the Wildcats having the championship securely tucked away for the Radio Division, the Cost Accounting team is trying to make it a sweep by nailing down the cellar position. After an early season spurt the accounters hit the skids and have finally landed at the bottom. Despite their position, the Cost Accounting team has perhaps had more fun than any team in the league and the members have proved themselves the best of sports.

## Ladies' City Tournament News

The Argus Paint Shop placed well up in the prize money in the team event with a 2374 series. Annabelle Farmer, substituting for Ethel Soli, set the pace for the team with a fine 476 series.

Leola Stoner's R and S Shoes team also came in the money with 2305. Leola Stoner, Clarice Lytle, Opal Stevens, Ethel O'Leary and Laura Egeler make up this team. They took the championship two years ago. Leola and Laura are regulars on the Inspection team in the Argus League and the other three girls are Argus substitutes. The R and S girls were very pleased with the beautiful corsages given to them by Jack Neilson of Neilson Flowers and want to thank him very much.

Other team scores in the tournament were: Engineering 2230 and Cafeteria 2175.

In the doubles event Leola Stoner and Ethel O'Leary took top honors in the tournament with 1185. Leola had 540 and Ethel 468 in actual pins. Their handicap was 177. Other doubles in the money were Thelma Livesay and Lillian Hagopian with 1118, Annabelle Farmer and Alma Fox 1101, Opal Stevens and Laura Egeler 1093. Doubles not in the money were Ori Wetherbee and Mary Briggs 1027, Dorothy Andres and Marie Huhn 1022, Irene Crippen and Vivian Schultz 905.

Singles scores were Annabelle Farmer 590, Laura Egeler 574, Leola Stoner 558, Opal Stevens 545, Alma Fox 545, Ori Wetherbee 527, Dorothy Andres 537, Stephanie Gala 516, Ethel O'Leary 502 and Mary Briggs 499. Annabelle and Laura will receive prize money in the singles event.

There were other Argus girls who took part in the tournament, but time did not permit your reporter to see these girls to get their scores.

—Laura Egeler.

**Definition of an Optimist:** Anybody who tries to borrow a match or cigarette from Frankie Stirton.

**Note:** Does anybody know of any insurance laws that prohibit a man from carrying a few matches? Signed: The Nite Gang and a few Day Men.

## Now in Florida



Pfc. Kenneth Wilcox, a former employee of Dept. 34, Plant 2, is a member of the Army Air Corps, stationed in Florida.

## Argus Ladies' Bowling News

### Plant 1

Paint Shop now has high single game of 802 and high three games of 2128, without a handicap. Annabelle Farmer, subbing for Ethel Soli, who has been ill, put together games of 155, 202 and 159 for a 516 series. This helped the Paint Shop win two games from the mighty Dials team and to tie Inspection for fourth place.

Inspection helped the Engineers along by losing three games to them. Must have been too much pressure for them with Opal Stevens subbing on the Engineering team, or else Thelma Livesay's 477 series was too strong to overcome. We had a lot of fun anyway.

Accounting is still in second place and Cafeteria is third. (Dials in first place.) Paint Shop and Inspection are in fourth with Engineering following close behind. The other teams follow in this order: Planning, Victory, Sales, Machine Shop, Personnel and Riveting.

We have two very consistent subs. One night Annabelle Farmer had three games of 151 each and Doris Lyons had 136 for each of her three games.

We have a number of new subs and are happy to have them with us.

### Assets

"Goodness, George, this is not our baby. This is the wrong carriage."  
"Shut up. This carriage has rubber tires on it."

Ration points are a lot more comfortable than bayonet points.

## Mixed Doubles Tournament

The Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Plant 2 Girls' Bowling League held on March 5th was a "huge success." We had 52 couples taking part and of these 23 couples received prizes in addition to two individual and three door prizes. The prizes awarded were gifts from local merchants.

Jim Nutt and Ethel Wagner—the first place winners—had to be "coaxed" into entering the tournament because they felt that they couldn't bowl well enough. What will their excuse be next time? "Red" Weid was rejoicing over the fact that he and his wife were prize winners—even though it happened to be "booby prize." To say the least, they did have a good deal of competition!

The tournament was sponsored to raise funds toward "Wings of Mercy" ambulance planes, and through the good "team work" of all members of our League we were able to accomplish our goal. One of our "high-spirited" members—Mrs. Isabel (Scotty) Watson, contributed a pair of Nylon Mesh hose on which we sold chances at 25 cents each and netted \$19.50. This was added to our tournament receipts, which enabled us to contribute \$50.00 toward the "Wings of Mercy" and \$25.00 to the local Chapter of the Red Cross on the War Fund Campaign.

The following were prize winners:

### MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

March 5, 1944

1st—\$10.00 Cash.....	Jim Nutt	
	Ethel Wagner	1366
2nd—Two Dinner Tickets—Allenel Hotel.....	Russ Conley	
\$5.00 Flowers—Nielson's.....	Thressel Conley	1361
3rd—Sport Shirt—Saffel & Bush.....	Merton Olufson	
Permanent—Ritz Beauty Shop.....	Mrs. Olufson	1347
4th—Two Dinner Tickets—Mayflower.....	Norm Hartman	
Satin Slip—Campus Shop.....	Helen Fraser	1326
5th—Book Ends—Seyfried Jewelry.....	Bud Davis	
Picture—Michigan Chandelier.....	Phyllis Northrup	1325
6th—Bill Fold—Fiegel's.....	Ron Kaufman	
\$2.00 Cash.....	Norma Estep	1310
7th—\$2.00 Gift Certificate—Wild & Co.....	Bill Bone	
\$2.00 Gift Certificate—Elizabeth Dillon.....	Lois Conkey	1302
8th—\$2.00 Gift Certificate—Goldman's.....	Roy Hiscock	
\$2.00 Gift Certificate—Cunningham's.....	Peggy Allen	1292
9th—Two Decks Cards—Mayer-Schairer.....	A. Schwichtenberg	
Toilet Set—Eberbach & Son.....	Annabel Farmer	1291
10th—Bill Fold—Mayer-Schairer.....	Merv. Smith	
Compact Schlanderer Jewelry.....	Ori Weatherbee	1262
11th—Carton Cigarettes—Leigh Thomas.....	Harold Peterson	
Box of Candy—Leigh Thomas.....	Virginia Meyers	1261
12th—\$1.50 Cash.....	B. Huggman	
Cologne—Eugene Beauty Shop.....	V. Huffman	1259
13th—\$1.25 Cash.....	Wm. Price	
Large Box Stationery—Mayer-Schairer.....	Winnie Fraser	1258
14th—\$1.00 Cash.....	Jack Danner	
Large Jar Hand Cream—Fisher's Pharmacy.....	Maxine Wickman	1256
15th—Necktie—Fiegel's.....	Dick Guarino	
Cosmetic Kit—Budget Shop.....	Mrs. Guarino	1255
16th—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	A. Push	
\$1.00 Cash—Mrs. Simms.....	Mary Tucker	1254
17th—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	R. Weir	
Black Cameo Pin—Budget Shop.....	Katie Bauer	1248
18th—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	L. Skinner	
Pearl Pin and String Beads—Kay-Jay.....	Connie Skinner	1247
19th—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	"Red" Conway	
Small Box Stationery—Mayer-Schairer.....	Beulah Conway	1246
20th—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	Joe Lyons	
Pair of Skuffs—Cousin's Shop.....	Doris Lyons	1244
21st—Two Theater Tickets—State Theater.....	Henry Millage	
String of Beads—Kay-Jay.....	Irene Bell	1244
22nd—Two Theater Tickets—Orpheum Theater.....	C. Baker	
Two Theater Tickets—Wuerth Theater.....	Eva Baker	1241

### BOOBY PRIZE

Two Thermometers—O. D. Merrill's.....	"Red" Weid and Mrs. Reid	1055
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### HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME—LADY

Bath Salts—Campus Drug.....	Joy Hartman	188
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### HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME—MAN

\$2.50 Cleaning—Greene's.....	Ceilon Hill	229
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### DOOR PRIZES

9" Two-Layer Cake—Quality Bakery.....	Ruth Wackenhut	No. 37
9" Two-Layer Cake—Quality Bakery.....	"Red" Conway	No. 1
9" Two-Layer Cake—Quality Bakery.....	A. Schwichtenberg	No. 55

## Camera Club Meeting



Here are a few of the crowd that turned out for the last Camera Club meeting. Discussion of members' pictures and display of prints for criticism are a regular feature of the meetings. The smiles of the members displaying their wares here indicate that the prints shown fared very well. The Camera Club's current drive for membership is going strong, but how about YOU? Anyone sincerely interested in photography is welcome.

### Champions of the Industrial League



Left to right: Jim Devlin, Bud Roberts, Vic Tasker, Merton Olufson, Bob Hahn, Don Crump, Dick Huffman, "Red" Weid. In front: Dick Guarino, Coach. The Argus basketball team has again distinguished itself by winning the industrial league title. The Argus cagers captured the championship when they defeated a good Fiegel five in the final game of the year. Argus and Fiegels had been deadlocked for the entire year and with the final game coming up, each team had lost only one game. The Argus quintet reached its peak for this game and defeated the highly touted clothiers by the score of 46-34.

In an earlier game, the Fiegel five had defeated our boys and, with Doyle and Bikoff, former Michigan players, in the line-up felt confident of repeating and winning the crown. However, the Argus team played its best game of the year and won with comparative ease. Bob Hahn proved to be the big gun in the attack—scoring 27 points. This was more than the combined efforts of the two Michigan stars. Despite Hahn's brilliant performance, the victory was achieved by the outstanding efforts of all the players. Bill Huffman and Jim Devlin were especially effective. In winning the Industrial League title Argus earned the right to meet the UMCA team for the city championship, the winner of this game to represent Ann Arbor in the state tournament. The Y five had gone through the entire Fraternal League schedule without a defeat and had one of its best teams in recent years. The Industrial League champs put up a stubborn fight, but were finally defeated by the well balanced Y team. The score: 47-37. Even in defeat Argus gave a good account of itself and need feel no regrets in losing to a team that has not yet been defeated. Congratulations to the coach and all the players.

### An Unknown Soldier's Poem

Somewhere beyond the Southern Cross above the seven seas,  
 Along the bitter far-off roads, their pinions fetch the breeze.  
 White wings are black against the sky by desert, sun and dune.  
 The ancient lullaby is lost against a rougher tune.

Some flew East—some flew West—and some will fly no more;  
 Far, far out from the eagle's nest  
 Their mighty motors roar.  
 And wing by wing their rule will grow  
 Above all sea and sod,  
 Until they strike the final blow  
 For country and God.

Faintly I hear the old old song when golden dreams were young.  
 But louder still I hear the wings where sudden death is flung.  
 Bravely the eagle rides the air, but in my fading dreams,  
 The dim lost lullaby returns  
 How far away it seems.

Some fly East—and some fly West—  
 They take an endless tract.  
 Through flame and steel they face the test  
 Around the world and back.  
 Their golden youth blots out the sky,  
 They let the comets plod,  
 As each one flies to live or die  
 For country and God.

—Submitted by Walfred Anderson,  
 Machine Shop, Plant 1.

### Dept. 17R News

Hulda Burns, formerly of John Kenne's Dept., is now to be a permanent member of Riveting. Welcome, Hulda.

Our little Mary Watson has a stiff neck. We bet she has been watching too many airplanes, especially B-24s.

You've heard of Arthur Murray teaching dancing in a hurry? Try attending an Argus party with a certain one in our department, if you want to learn.

What's this we hear about a wolfess entering our fold?

Carrie Behnke is back with us again, looking very much rested.

Paul Eugene says his blood type is 4-0. We guessed wrong. Thought it was 4-F.

If the betting persists in this department, our slogan will be, "Here today, gone to borrow."

Dumbbells always go in pairs.

### HOOKED

Her smile is so nice,  
 Her walk so divine  
 But the stripes on her arm  
 Are twice what's on mine.

She's dark and she's tall  
 She's poised and she's swank  
 But, gosh darn it all  
 She pulls her rank.

It's a hell of a note  
 I'm sorry to say  
 But you can't date a corp  
 On a Buck private's pay.

So here I sit  
 Now who do I do?  
 She'll just have to wait  
 Till I get two too.

Go get it, big boy.

### COURTING TROUBLE

"Yes, it took me six weeks of hard work to learn how to play tennis."

"And what do you have for your pains?"  
 "Liniment."

Walter Winchell: A woman's idea of a bore is a man in love with another woman.

### Merritt-Lane



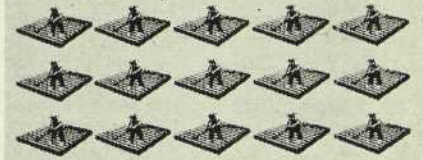
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Lane, Sr., of Maric, Ill., have announced the marriage of their youngest daughter, Novella Lane, to Clarence E. Merritt, S. 1/c of the Seabees. The marriage vows were spoken before Rev. Schwiman of the Evangelical Church. The single ring ceremony was performed at 6:00 P. M., Mon March 13, 1944, in the church parsonage. Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Deal attendants. After the ceremony the newlyweds drove to Britton, Michigan, where a delicious supper was served in their honor. Guests at the wedding party included: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Root, Mrs. Jean Hall and the groom's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vealey.

Mr. Merritt left March 15th for Camp Parks, California, where he is Camp Recreation Manager. Before joining the Seabees he worked in our Receiving Dept. Mrs. Merritt is staying at present with Mr. and Mrs. Vealey. After the war, the young couple plan to settle in this locality. Many friends extend to them sincere good wishes.

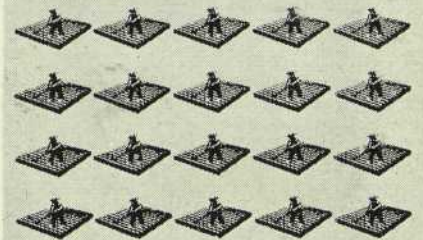
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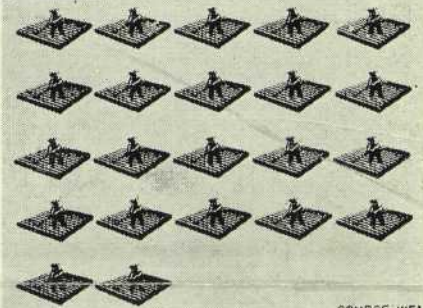
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**1943 20 MILLION**  
 (GOAL WAS 18 MILLION)



**1944 22 MILLION GOAL**



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