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Merry Christmas

*and best wishes
for a Happy and Prosperous
New Year to all.*

ARGUS EYES

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 Argus, Incorporated.
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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Tenth Anniversary At Argus

ELMA LUNDAHL

Department: Sales
Seniority date: December 8, 1935

December marks five interesting years at Argus for these folks. We extend Best Wishes and Congratulations.

AUGUSTA BUTTS

Department: Camera Line
Seniority date: December 15, 1940

GRACE HINZ

Department: Camera Line
Seniority date: December 2, 1940

Probably the first Christmas greeting of the year comes from **Cpl. Tony Rupas** of the 178th Ordnance Battalion, who is stationed abroad and is a forerunner of good wishes from the service men to their friends in the company.

Accounting Dept.

If anyone thinks a month is a long time, try being an Argus reporter and see—whizz and the tenth is here again. However, I'm looking forward to a rest next month so don't forget those news items and pictures, my merry lads and lassies.

We have had a few changes in our personnel. **Faye Kaufman** terminated her association with us to resume her education—that is "book larnin'". **Nancy Shier's** husband is home from the Merchant Marines so she has returned to the role of a happily married young matron. **Tom Argo**, again a civilian, has returned to the fold and is slaving away in payroll.

Our office party at the Marilyn Inn was very successful and we had lots of fun. We renewed acquaintance with all the **Misters' Missuses** and the **Missuses' Misters**. **Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kershul**, **Jack Pfeifle** and **Mr. and Mrs. Ornsby** were guests. We are sorry more from the payroll department and general accounting didn't come.

Roy and **Glenn** took advantage of the pleasant October weather and went vacationing. **Roy** drove to Buffalo to spend a week while **Glenn** made another trek up north. (Glenn reports the deer situation well in hand)

Chatting here and there reveals that quite a few of us are active in sports. **Dorothy Meineke** plays badminton every week, having taken advantage of the very good recreational classes offered by the Ann Arbor Public Evening School. Then, of course we have our horse-women, **Juanita**, **Alice Blanchard** and **Ginny**, the **Giddey-ep Gal**. **Mary Jane**, **Beulah**, **Gertrude Sutton** and **Irene Leabu** represent us on the regular team in the Argus Bowling League while **Marie**, **Merna**, **Joyce** and **Colette** are subs. **Norm**, **Joe**, **Les**, **Rocky**, **Kelly**, and **Russ** do the honors in the mens league. Then we found that **Rocky** and **Tom** suddenly developed a fondness for roller skating so, being curious, finally discovered it was for a definite purpose—**Rocky** is trying to reduce!

It is a tragedy that some things can't be recorded for posterity. Without a doubt **Les** and **Joe's** off-spring would, in a few years, enjoy seeing a reproduction of their fathers doing the infants wear department at Hudsons on a search for Dr. Denton's sleepers.

Be cautious of your language when in the stock, duplicating and I B M room. The custodians of those regions, **Doris**, **Clara**, and **Christine**, have a cuss-box not only for themselves but for anyone who offends while in that territory. What is to be done with the proceeds has not been decided on as yet.

Colette has been enthusing about her new office on the third floor. I think she should hold open house. She also passed her try-out for Choral Union. It looked like **Dorothy** and **Kelly** had a monopoly on all the adding machines the other day and did they look busy! **Eunice** passed her drivers test and gets along fine except in her own driveway. That corrugated look on her front lawn is just a new type of terracing. **Tom** burst forth with a parodic quip—'An apple a day keeps the Wolf away'—and had a very quick reply—'Who wants to' from **Wilmot**. That creature **Clara** had was a horned toad her brother sent from Texas. **Clara** is very active in the Luther League—could it be the new Vicar? The air-plane ride **Beulah** had as first prize for an entry in the Camera Club turned out to be rather upsetting. However, she and **Dorothy** tried it again with much better results and didn't do bad in their first attempt at photography from the air. Yes, **Bob Ward** washes his face. That is a moustache! **Alyce Taylor** celebrated her birthday by getting a good paddling with 'The Paddle!'

The Editorial Staff
extend their heartiest wishes for
a Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year
to all departments, with many
thanks for their help and cooperation during the past year.



Fall Festival

The Argus Recreation Club held its Fall Festival at the Washenaw Country Club. The party was very well patronized and 176 members danced to Eugen Schumann's orchestra. A very good time was had by all.

**BUY
LIBERTY
BONDS**

Thank You Note

To thank you for the flowers:
The flowers were lovely
And so was the thought,
Words just can't express
The pleasure they brought.
Edith Odgaard



Annual Dinner

The Annual Profit Sharing Dinner was held this year in the Company Cafeteria and was a great success.

Suggestion Plan Bond Winners



Florence Whiteaker discovered that by using a shield when gluing leather to the front plate on the C-3 camera she could prevent glue from getting on the gears which later had to be cleaned off. This idea is a time saver and a bond winner.

Three bonds at one time is the record set by Tom Doll. His suggestions were:

1. That an indicator be installed on the No. 2 cutter grinder to enable the operator to grind form tools, etc.
2. That a fixture be made to hold a Dumor grinder on No. 2 cutter grinder, so that the operator may use a small diameter wheel for small work. This work was previously done on a lathe.
3. That a series of holes be bored in the rotating head of No. 2 cutter grinder, making an index head and thus eliminating the use of a "finger" in set up.

Two different tools which permit the adjustment of speed mechanisms on assembled cameras without the necessity of removing the front plate were suggested by Jack Mosier and won two bonds for him.

By using a small belt sander with angle block to sand down the radius hinge on the cover of the Model E camera, the work can be done more uniformly and eliminate a lot of hand filing. This suggestion won Howard Crumley another bond and also increased his production rate.

Guess Who

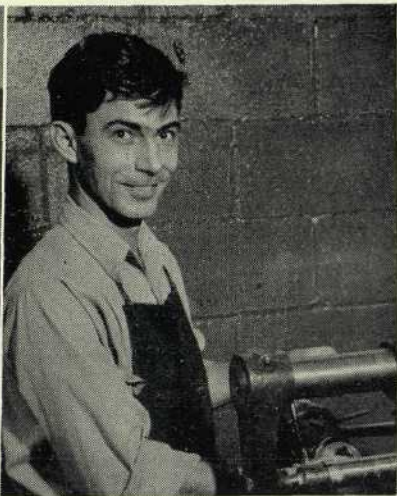


Argus Veterans Return From The Wars

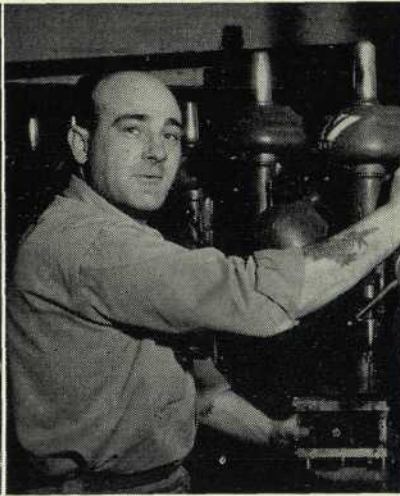
This Christmas should be a particularly happy one for the families of many of our employees who have served on various fronts in all branches of the armed forces. We are able to picture this month eight of these veterans and we are happy to have them back in time for the Christmas season, and congratulate them on their safe return.



J. L. McCoy—Advertising



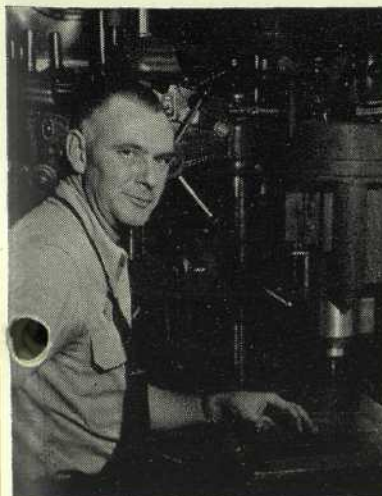
ADOLPH STEINKE—Machine Shop



ATHOL WARD—Machine Shop



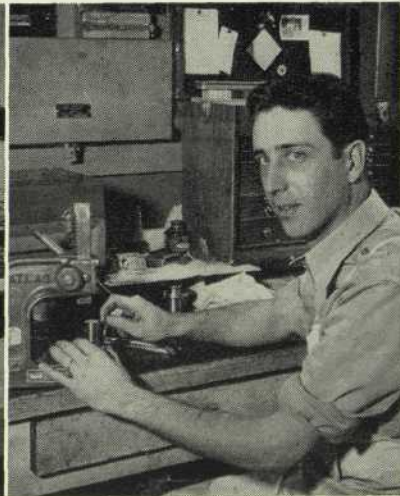
GEORGE GILLEN—Camera Line



CONLEY GRAVES—Machine Shop



TOM ARGO—Accounting



JOHN CARVER—Toolroom



NORMAN EGELER—Paint Shop

Ladies' Bowling

PLANT ONE

The team with a future, Victory, has nosed up into first place. Every pin counts, doesn't it, Gracie Hinz? Grace is very serious about her bowling.

Cupid Bar and Schwaben Inn are tied for second place, one game behind the leaders.

Hollis and Towner and City Slickers are tied for third, also trailing by one game.

The rest of the teams are following very close behind. The competition is very keen and losing or winning even one game will make quite a change in team standings.

Schwaben Inn has high three games without handicap, having a 2219 total. Machine Shop has high three games with handicap, 2210. Schwaben Inn has high single game of 788 without handicap and Machine Shop has high game with handicap, 764.

Thelma Livesay still has high series of 509 and Clem Donner holds high single game of 201. Clem has the honor of having 5 strikes in a row. Eolah Bucholz and Verald Adams share the most spares in a row which is seven.

Mailing Dept.

On the night of November 2 we, of the Mailing Department took off on the 6:11 train for Detroit. Everybody was dressed up like Mrs. Astor's plush horse because we were going to see Jimmie Dorsey's band and meet the two girls Gerry and Jayne McGay, who sing with the band. We met the girls at the stage door of the Michigan Theatre and then had dinner at Hund's. After dinner we went to the show, heard the girls sing and got their autographs. Then we visited the Grenadier Room (cocktail lounge) in the Hotel Detroit Leland with the girls. Just as everyone was enjoying himself it was time for the train back to Ann Arbor. It sure was fun while it lasted but oh! the next day . . .

ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



KEARNEY, Alice Bernice

Popular, humorous member of the Receiving Inspection Department, Plant I, where she is known as "Bernie". Came to Argus in 1933 and has served industriously in a dozen capacities since then. Can talk excitedly in a quiet jargon about radio coils, cabinets and kindred subjects. Was born in Ann Arbor on May 21, 1912 and lives at 1880 Maple Rd. with her husband and three daughters: Shirley, 14, Patricia, 12, and Donna, 10. Has been married fifteen years and expects to return to her former halycon atmosphere of housewife upon her "retirement" from Argus at the end of the year. Has enjoyed her work with the Company however, and relates interesting copyrighted anecdotes about characters who have come and gone over the years. Close questioning reveals that she belonged to the "Coon Country 10". Our agents have not uncovered any of the more interesting activities of this Club up to the time of going to print. The worst is suspected, however. Spends her vacations at home with her daughters . . . practices hairdressing on her friends heads and keeps up with the outpourings of various book clubs. Is one of the most consistent users of an untranslatable word currently used in The Inspection Department. It is suspected that it is a more modified form of wolf-call.

Personnel

Virginia and Duane Fox are a home-loving Mr. and Mrs. again after their long separation. Of course the hunting season has reared its ugly head and Fox Tent is working nights to supply equipment to the deer hunters. This keeps Duane away from the fireside, but life is full of things which keep husbands from their firesides.

Mrs. Radford is attending the weekly personnel conferences sponsored by the University of Michigan at the Rackham Institute in Detroit.

Barbara Titus is going shopping for gay shirts and loud neckties and socks, a reaction from the past three kahki Christmases. Her son will be discharged from the Army about December 15.

Mary Haight, Don Reid and Roy B. send greetings and advise that they have done nothing newsworthy in the past few weeks, but will try to have some adventures in time for the next issue.

Wedding Announcement



Sgt. and Mrs. David Melzer were married September 14 at Jacksonville, Florida after his return to the States. David spent twenty-seven months in England with the Eighth Air Force.

Argus Ladies' Bowling Party



The bowling alley was full of devils, grandmas, Arabian Sheiks, Turkish gentlemen, gypsies, Dutch girls and all sorts of strange looking creatures on Halloween night.

The scores bowled were nothing to write home about but every one had fun trying to identify the masqueraders.

Refreshments were served and games were played after bowling. **Verald Adams**, a walking advertisement for a vegetable market, was an excellent Master of Ceremonies, even though she had dropped her bowling ball on her toe earlier in the evening and had to hobble about. She and her committee consisting of **Marie "Sis" Hilge**, (Clown), **Rhea McLaughlin**, (Gypsie), **Eolah Bucholz**, (Prisoner), **Leona Eichel**, (Skeleton), **Doris Lyons** and **Thelma Livesay** (Bed Time Lady) did a bang up job on entertaining the forty girls who attended the party.

Sally Kneiper, the very attractive Jewish gentleman, sang "Mine Vild Irish Rose" with gestures, and what gestures!

Frances Soderholm, (Romper girl), **Ethel Soli**, (Chinese Maiden), **Thressel**

Conley and **Leona Eichel**, (Skeleton) made a fine quartet, singing "Show Me the Way to go Home." Very good singing for the short time they had to practise.

Laura Snearly, (base-ball player) and **Mary Raymond**, (Turkish gentleman) were very good sports in the stunt they were chosen to perform.

Clara Schalhorn, (Grandma) won first prize for her costume and **Elsie Gillespie** as Topsy won second.

Thelma Livesay in nightshirt, long underwear and yarn hair in curlers had to pay and pay because she forgot to bring the cornet that **Joy Hartman** (Pirate) was supposed to play.

Ginny Meyer succeeded in transferring the cotton balls from one bowl to another with a spoon while blindfolded. **Marian Coats** (Bowery girl) and **Laura Egeler** (Boy Scout) sang a classical duet and did the jitterbug at the same time. Marian's flowers on her hat really bobbed up and down.

Muriel Raaf (Very Fancy Lady) told some entertaining stories.

A grand time was had by all and the girls want to thank **Verald Adams** and her swell committee for making it possible.

Sales and Advertising Depts.

Sales and Advertising Departments this month welcomed back **J. L. (Mac) McCoy**, who is resuming his former position as Advertising Manager. Mac, who enlisted in the Navy as Lieutenant j.g., shortly after Pearl Harbor, returned sans considerable weight around the midriff, but with considerably more gold braids on the arm; he was Lieutenant Commander when he returned.

All that noise and confusion you have been hearing around the Sales Department the past two weeks has been due to an epidemic of moving. All the Salesmen have moved back into the old Planning Department, to provide space for the additional personnel the Sales Department is now acquiring. **Ann Kachula**, **Mary Luska**, **Claire Royal** and **Ruth Janci** are the newest members, having Jannie leave us last month.

Roy G. Walker, Optical Sales Manager, has moved back to Ann Arbor from Washington D. C. where he sweated out the War contacting the various government departments on the behalf of Argus. The Walkers, including Roy, Mrs. W., their daughter Lois, and a beautiful collie called Stranger, are now comfortably settled in their new home on Olivia Street.

Those Salesmen, to whom **Homer Hilton** fondly refers as "the burglars" have finally straightened out the matter of their post-war territories.

Under the new plan of operation, each man will function as a Regional Sales Manager in his own territory. **Larry Mills**, who has just recently returned from the Army, will cover the Southwestern territory. **Jack Hursch**, a veteran Argus salesman (he has been with Argus eleven years) will continue in his Rocky Mountain District. **Ted Humphreys** retains his Chicago and Midwestern territory. **Bob Woolson** will operate in Michigan, Indiana and the Southeastern territory. **Harry Crawford** will have Ohio and Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. **Arlon Clarke** will take over the New England Territory.

Lucy Gridley, who has been in the Advertising Department for the past year, has taken over new duties in the Sales Office taking over **Miss Lundahl's** work, while **Miss Lundahl** relinquished her former duties of office detail and moved into Mr. Hilton's office where she will handle correspondence, etc.

Pat Abbott, on the switchboard, has been in a perpetual dither the past few weeks, because her husband has cabled her twice that he is coming home. We sure hope this second cable means business, otherwise we can't be responsible for what happens.

Optical Assembly

Sgt. Charles Weir is home on furlough from Orlando Army Air Base, Orlando, Florida, for twenty-one days. He is the son of **Mrs. Alice Weir**.

Sgt. T/4 Paul F. Haines was promoted to S/Sgt. on October 15th. He is now on furlough in Denmark and has hopes of being home sometime this year.

Mrs. Woelper is happy to have her son-in-law home. He was discharged November 10th at Great Lakes.

General Account'g Department



The three musketeers of the Accounting Office . . . **Clem Donner**, **Maddy Smith**, and **Millie LaRue**. When you see one of them, look again, the other two are close behind.

The girls in Accounting gathered at **Gerry Brown's** house the other night, honoring the arrival of **Mary Lou Covert**. **Mary Lou's** mother, **Iva Covert** used to work in the Accounting Office as billing clerk.

All the girls in the offices were eating candy the other day, and all the men smoking cigars—why?—to celebrate the birth of **Richard Paul Miller**. **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller** are the proud parents.

Receiv'g Inspection

Inspection is back on the beam now that our swell boss, **Eric**, is back with us. We sure missed him and we are glad he is back and feeling better.

Jim Meldrum has moved back to the city. I wonder if pushing a perambulator in from the country doesn't sound so good to him. How's about that, Jim?

Front plates, back plates, lock plates, any kind of plates, **Leola Stoner** has them. She says "Where am I, where was I, what am I, oh me"

By this time **Esther Melzer's** David will be discharged from the Army Air Force and will come home.

Bessie Coon's son Carl has been discharged from the Air Force too. He plans to return to school.

Doris Layer, **Leola Stoner**, **Nina Walterhouse** and **Laura Egeler** have been out of this world since they went to see **Cornel Wilde** in "A Song to Remember". It was a beautiful picture.

Lillian Stutzman is very proud of her new son-in-law, **Bob**. Good luck from us to **Norma** and him. **Bob** is in the Navy.

It was nice to see our old friend, **Walter Smith**. He dropped in to see us while in Ann Arbor visiting friends.

Small department, small news. Guess that's all this time.

Depts. 27 and 28

Marty and **Elaine** managed to keep quite warm at the Mich.-Minn. football game. Who said it was cold?

Wonder who "**Ma Green**", buys those cigars for these days?

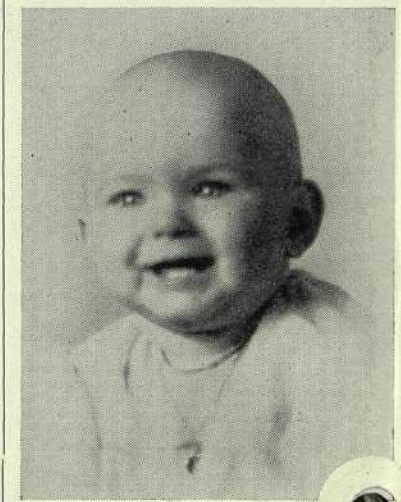
If you see something flying in the Grinding Room, it's not a B-29, just a P.A. 156.—That's our new grinder **Don H.**

Brice seems to have an influence over **Murphy** some way or other. Wonder what it could be!

Sorry to hear that **Stella** is in the hospital. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery **Stella**.

There seems to be a gleam in **Mel's** eyes these days, it's a blonde we hear, how about that **Mel**?

Alta's hubby arrived home from overseas. A happy re-union to you both. A good time was had by all at the Argus dance, **Lennie** was no exception.



Stormy Lee Roberts is the daughter of **Bud and Dorothy Roberts** of the Polishing Department.



Paula Louise Nelson is the daughter of **Verne Nelson**, Drafting Room, Plant II.

Fifth Anniversaries At Argus



GLENNEY HARRIE
Department: Factory Cost
Seniority date: December 23, 1940



MARJORIE YOUNG
Department: Receiving Inspection
Seniority date: December 18, 1940



STEWART McLEAN
Department: Lens Grinding
Seniority date: December 3, 1940



ALICE WEIR
Department: Optical Assembly
Seniority date: December 9, 1940



WILLIAM DIXON
Department: Production Service
Seniority date: December 5, 1940