

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

ARGUS EYES

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It is intended to be a means of friendly communication between them, and to provide a reliable source of information concerning the company's business.

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Sam Schneider of the Photographic Department will furnish pictures, unless they are to be made with a pen or pencil, in which case Marie Barbier and Ed Palmer are called upon.

Charles A. Barker, "Jimmy" to all, will be Art Director and Art Consultant. The profile will be done by Harry Rookes.

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The photograph on the cover of this month's ARGUS EYES was taken by Sam Schneider.

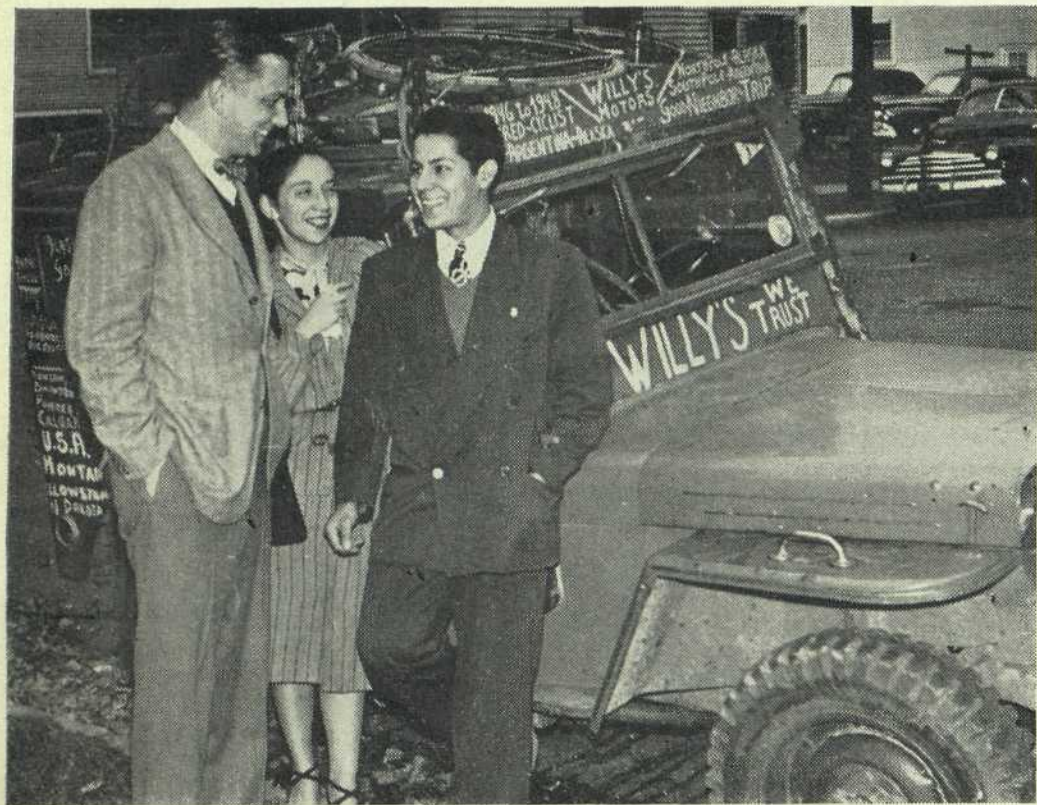
THE PLANNERS

The Lynn Dancer's won a gold trophy at the National Convention Show, which was held at Atlanta, Ga., for their rabbits. Nice going, kids.

We are sorry to hear that Dick Lynch's little 4 year old boy was operated on for appendicitis, and we hope that he has a speedy recovery.

It looks as though Ken Geiger has gone out of the Ford business—he just bought a wonderful new Frazer. Lucky Ken.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR DROPS IN



Dudley Scholten—Celita Dextre—Pedro Rocasalvo

Pedro Rocasalvo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, was a recent visitor at Argus. Since he left his home on June 5, 1946, he has traveled 27,000 miles by bicycle and thousands more by jeep. He has found himself in the center of two revolutions. He has toured fifteen countries, been in an earthquake, and had other equally exciting experiences.

The young South American who, with his brother Carlos, is on a goodwill tour of the Americas, has had great success with an Argus C-3. When he discovered that Ann Arbor was the home of Argus, he stopped here to see how Argus cameras are made.

The number of machine operations and the speed with which everything was done in the plant excited Mr. Rocasalvo, who said that he was thrilled at what he had seen in his tour of Argus.

Dudley Scholten, in charge of Argus export sales, discussed the foreign camera market with him. Mr. Rocasalvo told him that he likes Argus cameras because they are so easy to operate, and he has always achieved excellent results with them, including the first time he used an Argus.

The Argentinean, who is something of a newspaper man himself because he is a correspondent for 27 South Ameri-

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TO FEATURE PUPPET SHOW

The Argus party for children of Argus employees will be held Saturday, December 18, at Slauson auditorium at 2:30 P.M. Children from the ages of 2 through 10 are invited. Tickets of admission can be obtained from Mrs. Radford in the Personnel office.

A marionette show, entitled, "The Enchanted Island" will be presented, and Santa Claus is expected to arrive with his load of gifts.

The Enchanted Island

written and produced by
Ed. Johnson

"The Enchanted Island" has been one of the most popular plays that Ed. Johnson has produced.

There is a happy little gnome, a very funny dragon, a wicked old witch, a genie and a magic carpet covered with gold and jewels that flies through the air. There is also a very dignified fat old king, a beautiful princess and a handsome prince

"The Enchanted Island" is dramatic, colorful and exciting. The scenery is rich, and sometimes it changes right before your eyes. As for excitement and suspense, you will sit on the edge of your seat when the witch tries to push the prince over the cliff.

There is one very special thing about "The Enchanted Island." Applesauce is a baby dragon whom everybody loves. It is impossible to describe Applesauce, but he is very funny indeed. People who see him never forget him. He has become one of the most popular puppets in the United States.

Mr. Johnson works all the marionettes, speaks all the lines, changes the scenery, works the lights and the music, in fact does the complete show, alone.

He is the only puppeteer in the whole world who has been able to do this. In all other marionette plays there are at least two people working behind the scenes.

Puppetry

Puppetry is a very old art. Nobody knows just when it began, but the remains of puppets have been found amid the ruins of the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Greece. Until recent times puppets were used mainly for religious festivals. In France, during the middle ages, puppets with strings were widely used to depict characters from the Bible. They became known as Little Marys or Marionettes. While they no longer have any connection with the Church, marionette is still the popular name for puppets operated by means of strings.

A puppet is any sort of jointed figure that can be made to move by mechanical means so as to look like a living person. Puppets are quite different from dolls. A doll is a toy, and has no mechanical means of moving naturally.

There are several types of puppets. The kind seen in Punch and Judy shows fit over the operator's hand like a glove. They are worked from below and are called hand-puppets. Shadow-puppets are flat and are pressed against a screen. A light is placed behind the puppets so that the audience, on the other side, will see their shadows through the screen. This type has been most popular in the Far East, particularly China. The string-puppet, as we have already mentioned, is called the marionette. The strings, usually strong black fishline, are fastened at one end of the various parts of the marionette, and at the other end to a system of levers, called the controller. The operator works from above, and causes the puppet to move by tilting the controller in various ways. The marionette is the most complicated type of puppet, and a great deal of skill is required to work it well.

The marionettes you will see in "The Enchanted Island" were carefully carved out of wood by Ed. Johnson. It usually takes Mr. Johnson about a week to make one marionette. The construction of a complete play, including marionettes, scenery, etc., takes about four months.

Most marionettes are only 2 feet high, but on the stage they appear to be life-sized. This is because everything that the audience can see is just the right size for the puppets. As everything appears natural, and there is nothing of actual size to compare with, an optical illusion of much greater size is created.



'Twas the week before Christmas,
And all through Argus
Doris, Helene, Wilmot were working
And so was Douglas.
Georgia, Pat, Jerry, were filling
The orders with care.
Mary M. and Elizabeth were wondering
if the cameras would get there.
Irene is dreaming, so it is said,
With visions of California dancing
through her head.
Dick left early, he is no sap,
To settle down for a long winter's nap.
The sunshine outside on the new-fallen
snow
Made Mary B., Margaret and Jean
also want to go.
In the Sales Office there was such a
clatter—
Upon investigation I found Barbara
had broken a platter.
Jackie P. and Nancy laid down their
dictaphone tabs,
Flew upstairs for a fifteen minute
confab.
What to my wandering eyes should
appear
But Bonnie and Joan whispering in

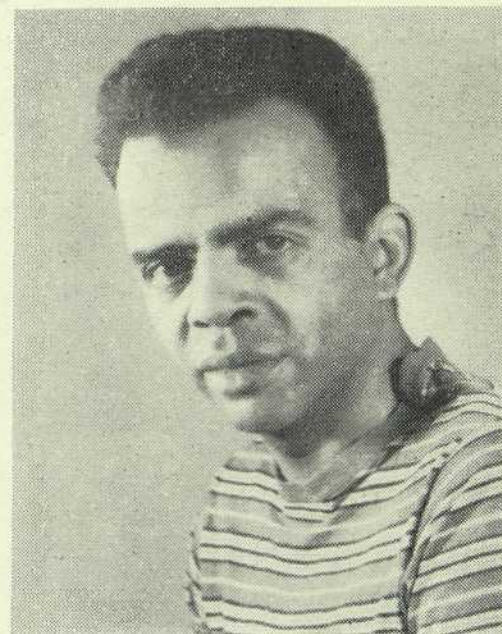
Thank You!

"I wish to express my deep appreciation for the flowers sent by the Argus Recreation Club for my father who passed on November 11.

Doc Benson"

ARGUS PROFILES

by H. J. R.



RUMSEY, John Viche

Operator in the lens blocking department, Plant II where he has been since 1942. Was born in Spencer, Indiana, on May 30, 1910. Went to high school in Ann Arbor and now lives at 625 Felch Street. Likes to bowl and play tennis—ventured into golf last year and belongs to the Outstate Golf Association, but will not make any rash statements as to his success so far. Has an interesting hobby compiling scrapbooks on sports, international events, etc., has the most complete collection of press cuttings on Joe Louis in the country.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

All employees must notify the Personnel Department of any change of address. This information is necessary to insure contact with employees in regard to work in their department as well as with relatives in case of emergency.

AD LIBBING

There were guys, gals, gifts, and good wishes when the advertising, art, and public relations departments said goodbye to Sally Fors at a cocktail party at the home of Jimmy Barker.

We'll all miss Sally, still Ed, Mac, Anita, Margaret, Jimmy, Dorothy and Sam managed somehow to tearfully bid her goodbye and good luck in her new home. Sally and Bill have moved to Jackson where Bill has a job in the advertising department at Sparks-With-



Our Gal Sal

ington. They are already set up in a new five room apartment. Lucky, lucky, people!

Imagine that Jimmy Barker! He still has that old "bas bleu" draped around on his desk. It has the strangest shape.

Good things come in small packages, and it's obvious that Helen Henderson, who will take Sally's place, is a walking example of this adage. She is only 4 feet, 11 inches and weighs 99 pounds. Helen's husband is studying engineering at the University. Welcome to our neighborhood, Helen!

The door to the public relations proclaims that there is a C. J. Shad as advertised in Life, residing there. One of our stool pigeons reports that this is probably the same person who goes by the alias of "honey." We would sure like to meet the creature.

May wee Cwiss msssssssss!

Holidays With Pay

Holidays come fast in November and December. There are always a few employees who are new or who have missed the notices on Holiday with Pay policy.

In order to qualify for holiday pay, it is necessary to work the last working day prior to the holiday and the first working day following the holiday. This does not mean half a day, leaving early, or reporting late. It means working the regular eight hour working day. No absence of any sort is acceptable, except for personal illness substantiated by our First Aid Department, or by a written statement from your doctor.

PROFIT SHARING SAVINGS RETIREMENT FUND

Excellent Turnout At Fourth Annual Dinner Meeting

Members of the Argus profit sharing fund held their fourth annual dinner November 1, at the Michigan Union.

The guests were seated by **Frances Watterworth** assisted by her attractive ushers; **Marie Barbier, Helen Smith, Stella Edds, Virginia Busch, Ethel Jones, Anna Kneiper, Ethel Sinelli, Freida Wackenhut, and Joy Hartman.**

The dinner was off to a fine start with **Bill Bone** as master of ceremonies. A quartette, the **WHRV Serenaders**, comprised of **James Meldrum**, of Department 71, singing first tenor; **LeRoy Graves**, second tenor; **Art Jahnke**, baritone; and bass, **Carl Anderson**. They were assisted by **Mrs. Arthur Jahnke** at the piano.

Mr. Robert D. Howse, Argus president, told the members that the company had contributed \$61,616 during the year, while the 365 members of the fund added \$60,002 to the fund. Assets of \$656,478 with a liability to retiring members of \$5,409 were reported by **Mr. Howse**, who pointed out that this was a large increase over \$43,018, the total in the fund at the end of 1942, the first year of the fund's operation.

Income earned by the fund during the twelve months amounted to a net return of 7.7 percent on the membership equity during the past year. The fund showed a substantial net increase during the fiscal year 1947-1948.

Questions on sales, advertising, new products and finance were discussed by a panel, with **Mr. Joe Clemens** as moderator. The panel consisted of **Mr. Howse; Homer Hilton**, general sales manager; **Jay Leason**, vice-president; and **Clinton Harris**, manager of manufacturing and engineering. New models for 1948 were shown; the model 75, a small, inexpensive twin lens camera, the model 23, a 35mm addition to the Argus line; and two new telescopes, the M 85 C and M 86 C, to be produced under government contract.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS BOWLING NEWS

The team standings for the Argus Ladies League has been changed some since the last issue of Argus Eyes. In full swing now, with the first round over, here are the standings:

Team	Games Won	Games Lost
Atom Busters	30	14
Hickey's Service	29	15
Tip Toppers	28	16
Blue Front	25	19
Schmidt's Beer	24	20
Victorettes	24	20
Harley Davidson	20	24
Card & Camera Shop	19	25
Sales Sirens	19	25
Alley Wrens	18	26
Ar-Gals	14	30
Happy Gang	14	30

Individual high scores:
 High team single game without hand-cap, Hickey's 759
 High team single game with hand-cap, Blue Front 766
 High team three games without handicap, Hickey's 2082
 High team three games with handicap, Victorette 2125
Doris Lyons, high single game .. 190
Ora Wetherbee, high three games 481
 Four struck in a row, Lillian Elliot, Eolah Bucholz, **Irene McCowan** and **Carolyn Dancer**. **Laura Egeler**, seven spares in a row.

Engineering Department NEWS

Well, the weary deer-hunters have all dragged themselves back to Argus—one with a triumphant smile on his face, and the others with their chins on the ground. **George Fisher** returned with an eleven-point buck. It seems that Mr. F. was prowling around a swamp where the old deer go to die when he spotted the unfortunate critter coming through the woods on crutches. George proceeded to kick the crutches under it, and it died of a heart attack before it hit the ground. **John Condon** wasn't quite so lucky, but is looking forward to next

Will Parker and **Harvey Lentz** are diligently working on their new houses, attempting to finish them before winter.

Any airplane pilot will feel at home in **Jan Van den Broek's** car, with all its

navigation instruments, including inclinometer, air-speed indicator, altimeter and manifold pressure gauge, to name but a few.

Three of the fellows are sporting new cars. **Eddie Palmer** with a new Studebaker, **Neil Podewils** and **Joe Lyons** with new Chevrolets, and "**Two Car**" **Barnes** with a Chrysler.

Smile-of-the-month: It seems that **Dave Lowber** was awakened one night by his little daughter calling from her room. Groping through the hall, he slipped and fell headlong down the stairs, spraining his finger in the plunge. A small voice was heard from upstairs, "Daddy, do that again—I didn't see it!"

Ken Pratt left us last month, and we wish him lots of success in his new venture.

Jim (Carmen Lombardo) Meldrum had his **Serenaders Quartet** tickling their tonsils at the Annual Profit Sharers Dinner.

That's all the scandal 'til next year!

A Note From A Friend

"I can't find words enough to express my gratitude to you people, and how grateful and thankful I am to all of you for extending your help to my family. My heartiest and sincere thanks. Some day I hope to return you a favor.—**Harry Axelson.**"

Polished Prose

Well what do you know? Returning from a fruitless but pleasant jaunt up in the north woods, yours truly is approached for a few lines from Department 28. What is there to say, after missing three bucks, but to come peacefully.

Looking around, the first thing I spy is the **Great Profile** studying the racing forms in the morning paper. He claims he has the system worked out, and there'll be action soon.

Hey— What's this? Another—oops, excuse please, it's **Ted** studying his picture in the last issue of Argus Eyes. What's cooking? Meat loaf. What a fine housekeeper for some gal. Take notice, gals.

EEE—Yow, what's that? A bird! A plane! Tarzan— No, just **Eddie Dow**, ol' Serutan Yob, giving out with his jet-propelled sneeze. What drive that boy has.

Johnny Billau and **Bob Hanselman** just got in from the north woods—. Ah ha! Well now I feel better. Three men up, three down and no bucks.

Earnie looks rather peaked these days. At present writing there's still no word as to whether it will be a boy or a girl. Cheer up, buddy, we know how tough it is.

Well, I gotta go now, I see **Howard** has dropped the morning Free Press and I must see what **Dick Tracy** has been up to. Eh, what's this the neighbors have been doing, **Connie**?

FALL FROLIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS



BEST WISHES on your ANNIVERSARY



HARRY CRAWFORD
Sales
10 Years



MILLIE JONES
General Accounting
5 Years



GERALDINE RILEY
Machine Shop
5 Years

Optical Illusions

Happy day—**Ma Green** is back with us again after two weeks of illness. Ma and Pa went north to hunt but—neither had any luck. The same story holds for **Pauline and Frank Johnson**. Looks like there won't be any venison dinners in this department.

The Fall Frolic certainly was successful. All of us had a wonderful time.

Madge and Betty gave us a surprise visit recently; both are looking as well and happy as ever.

We are sorry to have to lose some of our girls, but we hope to see them again soon.

Have you heard the news about **Alice Weir**? She has a new son-in-law, **Bill Jones** by name. The wedding took place October 30.

Ann Arbor will have to revive its city directory—**Gypsy Dorow** is on the move again. This time his home is temporarily on Chandler Road.

Our gal **Mildred Morrison** is now **Mrs. Potoky**. Congratulations and best of luck to you and the Mr., **Millie**.

Barbara and **Mary Helfrich** were co-hostesses at a "stork shower" honoring **Ginny Susnjer**, a former Optical assembly girl, on October 29.

Sitting Ducks



Now we know why **Ted Schlemmer** came home without a deer this year—he couldn't find one sitting down.

Over 250 Argus employees and their wives and husbands attended the annual Fall Frolic on November 19, at the American Legion. **Freddie Bentz** and his Music Makers furnished the tunes for dancing, and the club room was open for refreshments.

We're all looking forward to next year's party.

Personnel Personals

Mr. Reid is looking forward to moving day. He expects to go into his new office as soon as the paint dries. The latch string is out to anyone who would like to see him.

Mrs. Radford had a very pleasant Thanksgiving visiting her widely scattered grandchildren. Shuffling between Detroit and Pittsburgh would be quite a task for most of us, but Mrs. Radford took it all in her stride and came back to work the following Monday very happy. She had seen her grandson, **George** who, with his parents, recently moved east.

Our friend, **Roy** is busy as usual keeping the bowling scores up to date. It certainly is nice to have a hobby to keep you young.

The fine art of candle making is the

current interest of **Barb Titus**. She has been busily making her own molds and dyes to suit her artistic ways. For a finishing touch, she paints designs on the candles appropriate to the yuletide season.

Beverly is practically hidden from view with all those boxes containing heater fans, fountain pens, and what have you, but we expect to find her by Christmas. She is such a little thing, you know.

We were pleasantly surprised the other day when **Betty Steffy** stopped in to call. She looks fine and between getting ready for Christmas and "The Stork" she is kept rather busy.

The First Aid Room was a bee hive of activity on Tuesday, December 7. Under the able guidance and planning of **Frances W.**, Dr. Knoll inoculated a number of employees against "flu." This service was performed at a minimum fee. We appreciate the interest Frances has in the health of her patients.

"Look! I can walk again"

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