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"Argus Spring Frolic"



"Good Pictures"

A pictorial story of the Argus Spring Frolic is given above by Camera Club members Gerry Davenport and Lucy Gridley . . . who covered each phase of the evening's entertainment with their cameras.

Held at the Washtenaw Country Club on April 20th, it was one of the most enjoyable parties given by the Argus Recreation Club.



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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FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Homer Hilton, Argus General Sales Manager, who celebrates his fifth anniversary with Argus, Incorporated on June 3rd. Through his efforts, Argus has attained an enviable position in dealer good will and in the photographic industry.

Congratulations--

BUT NO LET UP UNTIL THE END!

EXTRA

Government Wire to Argus, Incorporated

Chicago, Illinois
May 8, 1945, 9:57 A.M.

Every American war worker had a part in our great victory over Germany. My heartiest congratulations to all of you. Let us not forget, however, even on this joyous occasion, that we still have an enormous job to do. The nation is counting on American labor and industry to provide the weapons and equipment needed to crush Japan. I am confident that this great production team will do whatever is necessary to see to it that military schedules are met fully and on time.

Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT TO AAF CONTRACTORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

By Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers
Director, Air Technical Service Command

On this great day of victory, I want to pay a personal tribute to every man and woman who had a hand in creating the might of American air power.

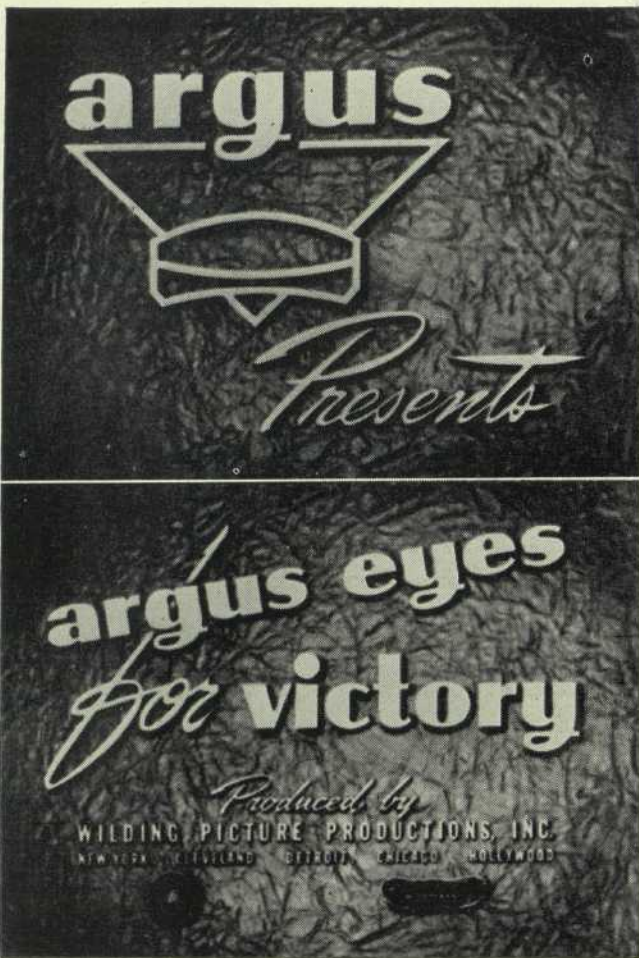
In the gigantic task of conquering Germany, the workers and management of the nation's industrial plants played a part that was fully as vital as that played by our gallant air crews. For—without the planes and equipment that you have supplied, our pilots, bombardiers and gunners could not have struck their death blows straight to the heart of Nazidom. Our triumph over Germany had to be won on the industrial front before it could be won on the fighting front.

On behalf of the Army Air Forces and the Air Technical Service Command, I want to express my thanks for the loyal support our airmen have had from all of you men and women on the production line. By building for America the greatest air force in the world's history you have earned the gratitude of the entire nation.

But—our job is only half-done. The war is far from over. Another enemy remains to be defeated, and we cannot relax our efforts until Japan, too, is brought finally and fully to her knees.

In the weeks and months ahead, you can best serve your nation by continuing the same steadfast efforts that resulted in the defeat of Germany. We can't afford to quit now. We must carry on to a triumphant victory over Japan. Finish the job that you have so magnificently started!

ARGUS HOLDS PREMIER SHOWING



AT THE
MICHIGAN
THEATER
ANN ARBOR

JUNE
10 - 13

Also
"GOD IS MY
CO-PILOT"
with
Dennis Morgan
Raymond Massey
and
Alan Hale

This film is dedicated to the skilled craftsmen of Argus and the people of Ann Arbor, whose unfailing efforts have contributed so much to the defeat of Germany . . . you will see the deadly "eyes of fire power" in actual combat on every front on land and sea and in the air. Your steadfast efforts, your skills and your war bonds helped provide the weapons that drove a path straight to Berlin.

THIS IS THE 7TH INNING STRETCH

Calling for higher skills, unflagging efforts, greater endurance and all out participation in the Mighty 7th War Loan. Only by this steadfast teamwork can we attain a complete and final triumph over Japan.

THROUGH THE EYES OF AN ARGUS C-2



This picture of a sinking Jap freighter was taken through the periscope of an American Submarine . . . with an Argus C-2 . . . some time last summer.

How we came to receive this picture is a rather complicated story, but an interesting one . . . involving the tie-up of Ensign J. C. Bates' C-2 camera through servicing . . . the loaning by Robert D. Howse of his own camera to Ensign Bates, so that he would not have to pass up some splendid "once in a life-time shots" from an American Submarine Patrol deep in Japanese waters . . . and grateful acknowledgment in the form of pictures taken on this patrol . . . of which the above is a splendid example. This picture was held up quite some time for security reasons, and we understand that several pictures which Ensign Bates has taken with his C-2 have been published in the newspapers.

Although Argus cameras are no strangers to the Ensign, this was his first contact with Argus personnel, and he has promised to stop in after the war to get acquainted.

PERSONNEL

Pome in Honor of a New Grandmother
Grandchildren are more fun than children:
Own children are often bewildered.
(They can even be an aggravation.)
Much as you love them, they scare you,
But they are designed to prepare you
To bring up the next generation.

For a long time **Roy B.** has been the only grandparent in Personnel. He acquired this honor early in life because, being a handsome and lovable lad, he got picked off rather young. Now that same nice thing has happened to **Mrs. Radford**, who has a new grandson, born a few days ago. May he inherit his grandmother's indomitable spirit and merry blue eyes, and may we all be grandparents in due course of time.

Apparently **Mrs. Radford**, is the only member of the department who has done anything newsworthy of late, for she must be mentioned again in this column as our instructor in contract bridge. We meet once a week for a good, rousing lesson

from an expert. The first part of the evening we deal, lay down our hands, and study: the second part of the evening is devoted to playing.

Virginia Fox's brother, **S I/C Edward Raab**, is home from the South Pacific for a three weeks' furlough. Before going to sea, he attended Fire Control School at Treasure Island. Assigned to the Battleship (censored) he has been on decidedly active duty for almost a year. In Ulithi, P.I., one morning, whom should he see but Virginia's own husband **Duane**, who is a Machinist's Mate on the U. S. S. (censored). Duane, by the way, saw our **Virgil Wilt** recently, also. Duane and Virgil enlisted together back in 1942, and this was their second meeting since that time. You probably know that Virgil is on the (censored) a heavy cruiser, and is an Aviation Radioman. I declare, the whole world is getting to be just like Main Street. You're apt to meet almost any one you know at any time. (For security reasons we have been asked to omit names of ships. Ed.)

DEPARTMENTS 28 and 17

We were all grateful and a little humbled when we heard on May eighth, the words we have been waiting for so long. Our hearts are with those who have boys who will never return home and those who still have another victory to win. We pledge ourselves in this department to keep on working as hard as ever to help bring the day of complete victory nearer.

V-E day was a great one for **Clara Schallhorn** too, in another way. **Miss Rita Kay** made her first appearance into the world the evening before. The first thing Rita said was "Hi! Gram". Congratulations to Mother and Dad and Gram and you too, Clara.

We are glad and sorry all at the same time. Glad to have **Evelyn Kearns** back with us and sorry that **Opal Wilson** is ill in the hospital. Hurry up **Scuffie** and come back. We miss you.

Welcome to our newcomers, **Helen Montagu**, **Lillian** (please call me Jean) **Gale**, **Winfred Vanderpool**, **Bob Warner**, **Harvey Pitts**, **Betty Baugher** and **Mabel St. John**.

Betty is on leave right now for a very happy reason. She and that boy are being married. Good luck, kids.

We received a card from **Harold More-**

head in South Dakota, written by his mother. Harold is recovering from a very serious eye operation. We are glad to know it was successful.

We all miss **Frank Andrews** who has left us to take the position of Chief Inspector at Electronics in Dexter. We all wish him loads of luck on his new job and enjoyed the nice letter he sent us.

Rube Egeler's brother **Norm**, writes home from the European theatre he may be seeing us soon. Norm has served almost three years over there and hopes to get a much deserved return to home.

Welcome to **Dorothy Thoresen** a newcomer in the paint shop and also to **Sally Stone** who has returned to us.

We expected **Marjorie Parke** to have that other ring on her finger after V-E day but she didn't. She is waiting for Total Victory which we hope, and bet she does too, will be soon.

Welcome to **Katherine Olds** in Receiving Office. Hope you will like it here.

Ah! Wait till the July issue of Argus Eyes. We will really have some delightful news. How about it, **Nellie?**

Watch out for the Wolves in Receiving. Yeeeee! Yeeeee!

ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



KAUFMAN, Kendell Eugene

Quiet-spoken, competent foreman of the Lens Centering and Cleaning Department, Plant 2. Was born in Reed City, Michigan, on June 4, 1908 — celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary last fall and has been in Ann Arbor since 1933. Owns his own home at 1709 Abbott Street. Made his start with Argus over ten years ago as an inspector when the Company manufactured radios. Switched to optics four years later, then finally moved to the newly-constructed Optical Division in 1942 as a foreman. Had varied job experiences during the lowest curve of the depression. Recalls working in the Milford Ford Garage and at the Burrough's Adding Machine Co's golf course at Brighton, Michigan. Also recalls how he bought and sold chickens but cannot remember which part of the transaction was the most profitable. Disappears annually in the direction of Torch Lake, Michigan, and after two weeks—returns, leaving behind a trail of coke bottles, un-replaced divots, ravaged fairways, etc. Has been doing this, with increasing destructiveness, for the past eight years. May be consulted on the topographical features of all counties adjoining Washtenaw since he spends most of his time in them looking for pheasant in the fall.

PURCHASING NEWS

Did you know that **John Perini's** "G.I." haircut cast a shadow on his "happy home"? "But definitely cooler", he says.

It seems that little **Johnny Mattson** is camera shy or maybe his "Pop" doesn't like publicity.??? O.K. Matt, we won't say a word about it.

Have you noticed that slight forward lean that **Francis Carl** has acquired recently? He blames it on his Victory Garden (as Bugs Bunny would say, "How's about some carrots, Doc?")

Introducing our new gal, **Esther Exelby**. She's efficient, good natured, and a doting mama of 7 yr. old Carolyn. (She's also a sister to **Harold "Babe" Peterson**)

Peggy's theme song is "Stormy Weather". Seems as though she just can't get her boat and cottage painted as it rains almost every week-end.

ARGUS IN REVERSE

Every time I hear our telephone operators page various persons in the plant, my mind wanders and I form a picture to associate with the names I hear. I know that **Ruth Haight** is liked by everyone, that **Anne Boland** didn't lose her head to an English king, and that "Shorty" **Rick Fischer** isn't just as "Lanky" **Laura Egeler** and "Curley" **Herman** aren't. Also **Isabelle** is the name of a man. Therefore, I expect **Jim Nutt** to be quite sensible, **Red Weid** to be quite slim. **Ted Bragg** is probably a quiet individual. Does **Gene Schumann** go barefooted? **Bill Bone** should be fat and **Mrs. Flo Speicher** is probably married to a man who can't drive a tack.

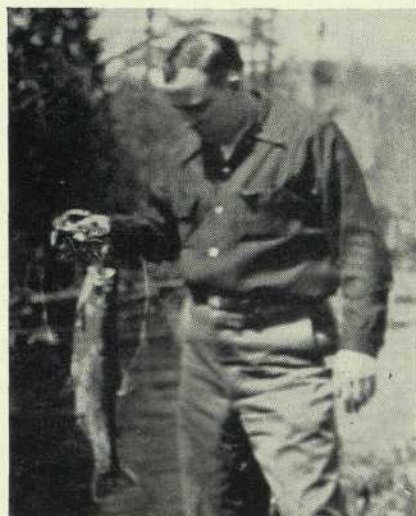
Fishing in the North Country

On April 28th, trout fishing season officially opened in the State of Michigan. A great number of Argus people took advantage of gasoline rationing and headed towards the North.

From all reports, it seems that **Ted Schlemmer** in the Machine Shop actually went trout fishing, but there was a party consisting of **Norm Tweed**, **Glenn Hilge**, **Jimmie Barker**, **Major Hinkle**, and **Les Schwanbeck** went up sight seeing. From what can be gathered, this party was either in a restaurant eating, or in the hotel drinking their daily quota of liquids, as all books on physiology state one should do, when the fish were biting.

As a matter of fact, we understand that **Norm Tweed** and **Les Schwanbeck** didn't even get any sleep the first night of the season, but instead, went to bed, looked at the bright moonlight and decided it was time to get up and stumble around the banks of Deer Creek, outside of East Jordan. Of course, after they caught one legal size fish, they were right back in their hotel beds sleeping.

Jimmie Barker is still walking around as if he were climbing over those logs he found in the East Jordan River. We are wondering if **Glenn Hilge** is still spreading those peace rumors, he was shouting all over the North country and getting everyone all excited. He even got



JORDAN RIVER BEAUTY

This picture of **Les Schwanbeck** is the only evidence that **Jimmy Barker** brought back from his fishing trip to East Jordan (other than the speeding ticket, we mean), and we're not even sure that they didn't borrow this from some other fishermen. (The title refers to the fish, by the way).

Eddie Hinkle to break out the snakebite medicine, after spreading it on so thick.

All in all, everyone had a good time trying to fish the wily rainbow, even to the extent of having the sheriff patrol around Midland say we were doing 50 miles per hour . . . which everyone knows is the biggest fish story yet.



PFC. EUGENE FLICK

Is the husband of **Gerry Flick** of the Purchasing Department. Gene has been with the Famous Fourth Infantry Division of the Third Army, and as you can well imagine, he has traveled "considerably".

Typical of all "G.I.'s", Gene has collected a number of souvenirs from each country he has passed through. Among them is a Nazi officer's dress uniform, a fountain pen (which was a booby-trap), fine chinaware, glassware, lace, pure silk, costume jewelry and numerous other items which will always have a special meaning for him. Gene was also one of the boys fortunate enough to get **Ernie Pyle's** autograph when the latter visited the European Theatre of Operations.

Gene has done a good job without a "beef", and we of Argus join **Gerry** in wishing him a speedy return to the good ol' U. S. A.

Hilge Earns His Water Wings



The list of private pilots in our organization is growing steadily, and this month congratulations are in order for Glen Hilge, who earned his private pilot's license on May 11th.

Shown above with their Cub seaplane, which they base at Whitmore Lake, are Glen (right) and Roy Carlson. Roy, incidentally was Glen's instructor.

DEPARTMENT 54

We will miss Henry Conley in our department. We wish him the best of luck in his business venture down in Kentucky.

James Munday replaces Mr. Conley as day corporal and Fred MacPherson has been promoted to night corporal.

Welcome is extended to our new guards William Baker, Walter Hassig and Wayman Looman.

Gertrude Blades has taken a month's leave of absence to have an appendectomy. Best of wishes for a speedy recovery. In her absence we are greeted by our old friend Esther Sutton, who is pinch hitting for Gertrude. Glad to see you back again, Esther.

Toolroom and Maintenance

Sam Ross and Harlow Pullen were among the first-day-of-the-season trout fisherman. It was reported that they caught enough to eat, but I wonder about these fish stories.

Oscar Clymer's son has left to become a navy trainee.

Mr. Zoellner spent the weekend in Chicago a couple of weeks ago, visiting relatives and friends.

A number of fellows from this department celebrated V-E Day in a big way. For particulars ask Jack Pelton, Hubert Krasny or Fritz Lepins.

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Carl Fischer to this department, and to extend to him our deepest sympathy. Carl's father passed away V-E Day.

I think we will be in for two weeks of rain as Gordon Harvey just left for two weeks' vacation.

Maintenance has two new faces added to their department, the same being Harold Horning and Frank Warren.

Rumor has it that Gus Kirchner is married or just about to be. Who is the lucky girl Gus?

Joe Majewski has been under the weather off and on for the last two weeks; the Tool Room thinks it's too many bicycles.

We are sorry to see LeRoy Geiger leave, but our best is extended to him in his new business.

Harry Letsis is wearing a smile from ear to ear these days. His daughter, Mary, is home on furlough before going to Spokane, Washington. Mary is in the Wac's and is studying to be a radio tower operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Letsis spent Sunday, May 6th, in Kalamazoo with their daughter. The occasion was their 34th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both, and we all hope you have many more together.

Clarence Bross is minus his hat lately. Could it be that Clarence wants to show the girls his pretty wavy hair?

Experimental Optical Laboratory

Howard McCombs has received word that his son Lewis has just received the Air Medal for Distinguished Service, having completed his 50th mission over the "hump." We're proud of him, Mac.

Wonder why Frank Hotzel has been beaming around the place. Could it be that beautiful paint job on your house Hotz?

If you should run into Tex Williams in the hallway, call him "Skipper" and notice that wide Texas grin. Smooth sailing, Tex.

Greg Letsis seems mighty happy now that his sister Mary has returned home on a furlough. She really has a tan too.

Dick Guarino seems all enthused over next year's bowling team . . . set 'em up in the other alley, Dick.

Tool Design and Process Engineering

Leonard Cavanaugh has recently joined the department. He is a veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was in the service for four years and served overseas in the Pacific area before receiving his discharge.

Chuck Millard seems to be stuck with the "You Buy" trophy.

OPTICAL ASSEMBLY

Cecile Fitz Gerald started celebrating her birthday bright and early on May 4th. A group of girls greeted her when she came in to work by singing Happy Birthday, after which she opened their many cards and gifts which she found at her work bench. That evening she enjoyed "Chicken in the Rough" with Helen Bybee, Audra Stotts, Mary Weakley and Pauline Baker. Cecile said it was indeed a happy birthday.

Doris Smith's brother John left Monday for the Navy. We're wishing him the best of luck and fair sailing.

Sylvia Moss, Marjorie Desbrough, Lucille Rolkosky, and RoseMary Schosser have been on the sick list during the past few weeks.

A new friendly face greeted us at the

"V-E Day in Optical Assembly"

We were all tense and excited,
As we waited so long to hear,
A voice that would tell us for sure,
Words that would bring forth a cheer.
At nine o'clock all was still,
Mr. Girvan turned off the air.
Somewhat relaxed now, but eager,
We each settled in our chair.
Then came the words that confirmed the news,

We heard only yesterday.
A smile appeared on every face,
And not knowing what to say;
On the faces of some, tears began to fall,
In that manner they expressed,
Others deep in reverence,
Made known their thankfulness.
Then all arose and silently stood,
Which in all respect was due,
As we heard our National Anthem played,
And grasped its meaning too.

Again Mr. Girvan came into the room,
And said "What are you waiting for?
We've decided to let you go home today,
We've ended one half of this war."
We knew, and we knew
We really had no right,
Because all the boys on the other side
Couldn't stop the fight.
But it wasn't with thoughts to celebrate,
We left our work this way,
Because we all knew we'd make it up,
By working some Saturday.
We really weren't laying down on the job,
We know this war isn't won.
We just wanted to feel we had a small part,
In three years job well done.

side entrance a few mornings ago. He is Pauline Baker's husband and is a new guard here. Hope you will enjoy working at Argus, Heilman.

Dagney Smock spent a weekend in Ensign, Michigan, visiting her brother Staff Sgt. Carl Larson who was home on furlough after spending nine months in the European theater bombing Germany.

We extend a cordial welcome to the several new girls in the department: Eileen Howell, Arminda Patricio, Georgia Smith, Eleanor Schroen, Marjorie Black, Ruth Williams, Betty Glass, Thelma Anderson, Gertrude Mulder, and Frances Walker.

Mary Wingrove has received word that her son Pfc. Raymond is in a hospital in France. The last report was that he is feeling much better.

Anne Daley spent a recent week-end visiting in Grand Rapids.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen Bybee whose brother was killed recently in the Philippines.

The Fitz Gerald family spent the week-end visiting their son Tommy in Hartford, Michigan. Tommy is in the newspaper business.

Muriel Kett is leaving this month with her little daughter Jo Ann for Texas to live with her husband who is stationed there. We'll miss you Muriel but are glad that you can be with Lyle.

Several of the girls in department 40 took advantage of an extra day off and went shopping in Detroit. Among them were Audra Stotts, Eva Gentry, Helen Bybee, Mary Weakley, Pauline Baker and Virginia Ross.

Winnie Fraser has a special reason for the beaming smile she wears these days. Her son S I/c James Fraser has arrived in the States and is expected home on furlough May 19th.

Jeanette Farhner of Pre-Assembly is wearing a very pretty diamond and announces her engagement to Jimmie Weinman also of pre-assembly. No date has been set for the wedding but we're wishing the happy couple the best of luck and happiness.

Gert Mulder spent an enjoyable week-end in Grand Rapids visiting friends and relatives.

Birthdays celebrated during the months of April and May are: Sylvia Moss, Clara Dickinson, Mary Green, Lucille Rolkosky, Arlene Feldkamp, Lila Lange, Cecil Eubank, Edith Flournoy, Vern Peterson, Ellen Kahn, Cecile FitzGerald, Billie Blades, Gertrude Haines, and Betty Glass. A happy birthday to each of you.

As we sign off this month we leave Edna Bourdelais busy caring for her school of guppies. Red knitting for, shall we say, Briton??

GUESS WHO? . . . Yes, they work at Argus



Radio Assembly and Testing---3rd Floor, Plant I

Intricate Precision Aviation Radio Equipment for Our Armed Forces Is Produced by the Personnel in this Department

The fourth floor members of this department will be pictured next month.

DEPARTMENT 18

The snow is falling softly,
 Nearly all have a bad cold,
 The C-4 line is running short on stock,
 At least so we are told.
 We wonder whether to turn on the heat,
 Or shall we turn on the fan?
 All are glad V-E Day is over,
 And we're going to lick Japan.
 We talk about the weather, parties, noise,
 And after everything is said,
 There is one question in our minds . . .
 Is Hitler dead?

By Susie Jones
(Good, eh?)

On Friday evening May 4th, Marion Poquette entertained the girls of the Jolly Five and Victory Bowling teams at a Tacky Party in her home.

The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A wonderful time was had by all.

Prizes were won by Grace Hinz, Mary Tucker, Mary Mickelson, Rose Temple, Carrie Benke, Blanche Crocker, Dorothy Wagner, and Eolah Bucholz.

Marion served "Dagwood" sandwiches and coffee, which tempted everyone's appetite so that the subject of dieting was forgotten for almost an hour.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Washtenaw Country Club Dance and we are looking forward to the Family Picnic.

Rumors are that the stork will be visiting the home of one of our group. As yet no names can be mentioned.

We all extend a hearty welcome to Ed Nimke's department from third floor. Although we are all crowded in a small space we enjoy working with them. *Whew*, they certainly did bring lots of noise along.

Ila Sutfin took ill on the job and spent a few days at home, but she is back on the job now and looking very chipper.

Glad to have Leona Hall return from Raw Inspection. Hope you are back with us to stay, Leona.

Just in case every one has not heard the news . . . Willie Springer and wife Blanche are the proud parents of a baby girl, Judy. Am not sure of the exact date but Judy is about a month old now.

Pearl Gunderson has left to return to her home in Marquette, Michigan. Hope she misses the gang as much as they miss her.

Chris O'Neil spent a few days in New York with her husband, who had returned from the European theatre of war, with wounded veterans.



Front row: Mary Davis, Gladys Coble, Susan Thorsch.
Back row: Reba Gibson, Pearle Graebe, Ed Dieterle



Front row: Vina Daniels, William Gustafson, Sadie Fisher
Back row: Merle Bardowski, Avis Binder



Front row: Marie Haas, Julia Martin, Ena Hines
Back row: Vance Murray, Elenore Mourer



Left to right: Beatrice Glissen, Alta Linebaugh, Beatrice Hignite, Mary Roy



Left to right: Judy Davis, Edna Frederickson, June Crosby



Front row: Don Crump, Carlo Rosasco, Monroe Philipps
Back row: Bob Sutton, Joe O'Donnell

Planning, Priorities, and Timekeeping Depts.

Since the May issue of Argus Eyes came out, another Betty has joined our midst, and Mr. Johnson's "harem". Betty Bradley is her name. She has a husband in the Army, but right now he is in a hospital somewhere in Pennsylvania. Betty is quiet as a mouse, but we'd all love to become better acquainted with her.

Now a brand new "Penny" has showed up in the Planning Department. Her real name is Lois Deede, but her nickname is

Penny—and a right purty penny at that!! Originally from North Dakota, Penny now lives in Saline.

Verna Frost, of the Priorities Department, visited her husband in Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek. "Frosty" is coming along fine, for which we are all very glad; he is in his fifth year of service for Uncle Sam.

"Al" Overmann is fun to talk to; she has many interesting anecdotes to tell about her life in Australia and New Zealand and her return trip to the good old U.S.A.

Leona Breisch already has a pretty good tan. She and Carl, her husband, and son Freddy have been busy at the lake planting sweet Bermuda onions and other luscious items.

Arlene Britton is in the clouds, drifting steadily higher and higher as the time draws nearer to the zero hour, June 16th, when she and her Jack are to get "hitched".

One thing has us worried—when is Arlene going to learn how to cook and iron? But, this we know, if she doesn't learn how to cook pretty soon, she and her new hubby will surely have to live on love!!

Immediately upon announcement of the "point system" whereby troops overseas will be discharged from service, pencils, papers, adding machines, comptometers, etc., were busy computing the varied chances of husbands, boy friends, and brothers to Planning Department personnel. "At this rate," commented Harriet Lemble, "Rod ought to be coming home in a couple of years! Ye Gods! This is one time I wish Davey were twins!!" Davey's latest escapade is to take a screwdriver and loosen the screws underneath the corners and the legs of the dining-room table. His Grandpa has now gone around and carefully tightened up each screw though, and it remains to be seen what the outcome of that will be.



Donald and Robert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hinz of Platt. Their mother, Grace, works on the C-4 line (Department 18) and we know these boys are their mother's pride and joy, for she has us convinced that they will be future Detroit Tiger Stars.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT ARGUS

Champions In the Argus Women's Bowling Leagues



ROLFE'S PINBUSTERS PLANT I

Seated: Thelma Livesay, Captain: Leona Eichel, Laura Egeler.
Standing: Laura Snearly, and Mae Snyder who took Leola Stoner's place.

The Pinbusters had high team game without handicap, as well as high team series without handicap for the season. Leona Eichel was elected Treasurer of the Plant I League for the next season at the annual banquet held on April 25th.



OFFICE TEAM PLANT II

Left to right: Rosemary Schosser, Captain: Aline Debo, Nellie Hecox, Helen Balhoff, Virginia Winans.

For the second year in a row the Office Team has won the championship of the Plant II League. High score for the league went to Helen Balhoff for her 220 game. Also contributing to the success of the team were Jean Klingel and Hazel Smiley who substituted on the team during the season.

Summer Sports Program Is Varied

The Argus sports program for the summer has been hampered by the rather "damp" weather this spring, but the various activities are now being organized and it is felt that an interesting program will be developed so that all employees will participate. At the last meeting of the club the representatives voted unanimously to sponsor and encourage an interesting and diversified sports program throughout the summer months. It will be up to the members themselves to take advantage of these activities.

Argus will place only one team in the Industrial League this year instead of having teams from each plant. It was felt that because the material this year is much thinner than it has been in past seasons that it would be much better to field one good team which would be in keeping with the calibre of Argus teams in past years. Ernie Billau will be the manager of this entry, and has reported that he expects his team to be a strong contender in the title chase this season.

In addition to the team entered in the Industrial League, the club is also entering a team in the Fun and Fumble League. This group has had only one practice, but Manager **Erv Braatz** reports a good turnout and with the experience that the players gained in last year's play the team figures on being a contender in its league.

There is a strong possibility that girl's softball will again be resumed this year. **Jeanne Clark** is organizing this group, and Jeanne states that if it is not possible to have department teams that teams will be formed to represent each plant.

Argus golfing enthusiasts have found it rather difficult to find weather suitable, but a great deal of interest has been shown and under the organizing of **Jack Pelton** there is promise of an eventful year. Jack says that if the interest is what it seems to be at this time that there will be a league organized that would compare with the bowling league, of which we at Argus are justly proud. Jack is considering the possibilities of matches between Argus and teams in other plants which could certainly be something different as well as interesting. Boasting Ann Arbor's city champion for the last three years in the

person of "Red" Weid, Argus could place a strong team in any kind of competition.

There are quite a few of the fairer sex who have expressed themselves as being interested in the organizing of golf for them. The Argus Recreation Club is not only willing, but sincerely hopes that this is done. If the girls are organized there is a possibility of staging some mixed doubles tournaments as were held in bowling. Get busy, "youse gals".

Tennis is being organized this year under the supervision of **Joe Clemens**. Joe has already reported a goodly number who have signed up, and this group has now made definite plans as to their programs for this summer. The tennis is being organized for the fellows and the girls, with plans for tournaments to be held in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Those who have not registered as yet are urged to do so now.

The Argus Recreation Club feels that the program for this summer has enough diversification so that each employee will find some sport in which he can take an active part. The sole purpose of the club is for the betterment of all the employees here at Argus, and affording activities for all is the aim of the club's officers and its representatives.

Miscellaneous, Plants I and II

Ruth O'Hare, the proud owner of a cat by the name of "Tommie" was very much surprised when he had five kittens. With a red face she admits she has decided to call the cat "Mrs. Tommie."

Secretary, Leona Eichel, Treasurer and Laureene Clinton, Sergeant at Arms.

The President, Rhea McLaughlin, was presented with a lovely gift and the Vice-President, Sally Knieper was given a corsage. The centerpieces were given to the retiring officers.

Door prizes were won by Helen Hiuser, Leola Stoner and Marjorie Young.

Then the great moment of the evening came, the giving out of the prize money. Grace Hinz, captain of the Victory team was introduced as the Mayor of Platt and gave a nice speech as did Marian Poquette, captain of the Jolly Five.

A grand time was had and we are all looking forward to as good a time next season.

Good luck to the new officers for next year.

Prize winners were as follows:

- 1st place team—Rolfe's Pinbusters
- 2nd " " —Victory
- 3rd " " —Five Aces
- 4th " " —City Slickers
- 5th " " —Schoun's Service
- 6th " " —Machine Shop
- 7th " " —Accounting
- 8th and 9th (tie)—Planning and Jitterbugs
- 10th place team—Challengers
- 11th " " —Hell's Angels
- 12th " " —Jolly Five
- High team game without handicap—Rolfe's Pinbusters
- High team game with handicap—Victory
- High team series without handicap—Rolfe's Pinbusters
- High team series with handicap—Victory
- High individual series—Mary Tucker
- High individual game—Eolah Bucholz
- Most spares in a row—Ethel Soli
- Most strikes in a row—Clem Donner
- Low Game—Betty Crim
- Girl raising her average most—Wilma Bailey

BOWLING NEWS

Plant II

On Thursday evening May 3rd, at 7 o'clock sixty-five Argus Women Bowlers—regulars, substitutes, and guests from Plant II League gathered at Smiths' Catering for a banquet, which brought to a close their second successful year of league bowling. Twelve teams were represented in the League.

After all had their fill of a tasty ham or chicken dinner, the president, **Norma Kaufman**, called a short business meeting. **Arlene Satterthwaite**, treasurer, reported a balance of \$17.42 on hand. It was voted to turn this money over to the Cancer Drive. The team captains were called on for "short speeches." From all reports, the girls enjoyed their season of bowling regardless of the place in which they ended. Then came the interesting part of the evening . . . the giving out of prize money. For the second time Office walked off with first place.

Other team standings:
Polishers—second
Spit Fires—Third
Lucky Strikes—Fourth
Inspection—Fifth
Daubers and Big Five—Tied for Sixth
Bims—Eighth
Avengers and Hep Cats—Tied for Ninth

Bobby Sox—Eleventh
Hot Shots—Twelfth
Several individual prizes were given for regulars and substitutes. **Helen Balhoff** had the highest game of the season with 220. **Winnie Fraser** was a close second with 216.

Personal gifts were given to the Officers from the teams.

Next fall will no doubt find most of these girls dashing to the Twentieth Century to start another season of bowling fun.

BOWLING BANQUET PLANT ONE

The Argus Ladies League held their annual banquet at the American Legion Home, April 25. Sixty-eight girls attended.

The banquet committee, Verna Frost, Chairman, Marjorie Parke, Mary Jane Roberts and Leona Breisch did themselves proud in making it so lovely. The tables were beautiful with early spring colors of green candles, green and lemon nut cups, (made by the committee) and lemon and white snapdragons in the five centerpieces. We know how hard these girls worked and we really appreciated it.

After dinner the business meeting was held and new officers were elected. They are Rhea McLaughlin, President, Doris Lyons, Vice President, Thelma Livesay,

Annual Banquet Marks End of Ladies Bowling Season

Prize Winners Announced and New Officers Elected Following the Dinner



News from Argus Servicemen

Lt. Dobransky Trains Chinese Troops In South Central China

A Public Relations release from the Chinese Combat Command gives us the following fascinating story of Mike Dobransky, former Argus employee and brother of Bill Dobransky of the Machine Shop.

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, U. S. ARMY — First Lieutenant Michael Dobransky, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dobransky of 119 Adams Ave., ANN ARBOR, MICH., is now stationed in South-Central China with a field headquarters of the Chinese Combat Command.

Dobransky, an Infantry officer, is an investigating officer with the Central Purchasing and Procurement Authority for the Chinese army. His duties involve visiting Chinese magistrates and conferring with them as to quantity and variety of food which could be furnished should Chinese troops be quartered in their vicinity.

The lieutenant recently returned from a ten-months' assignment near the French Indo-China border, where he was a mortar instructor for Chinese troops in an area seldom penetrated by white men.

"We made one of the longest pack trips in China," he relates, "walking 600 miles in 52 days. We had a pack train of about 300 coolies, 300 small Chinese horses, and some pack oxen."

"The country was tropical — I had malaria five times — and extremely rugged. The passes through which the rocky trails ran were so narrow that frequently we had to unload the baggage in order to get the animals through."

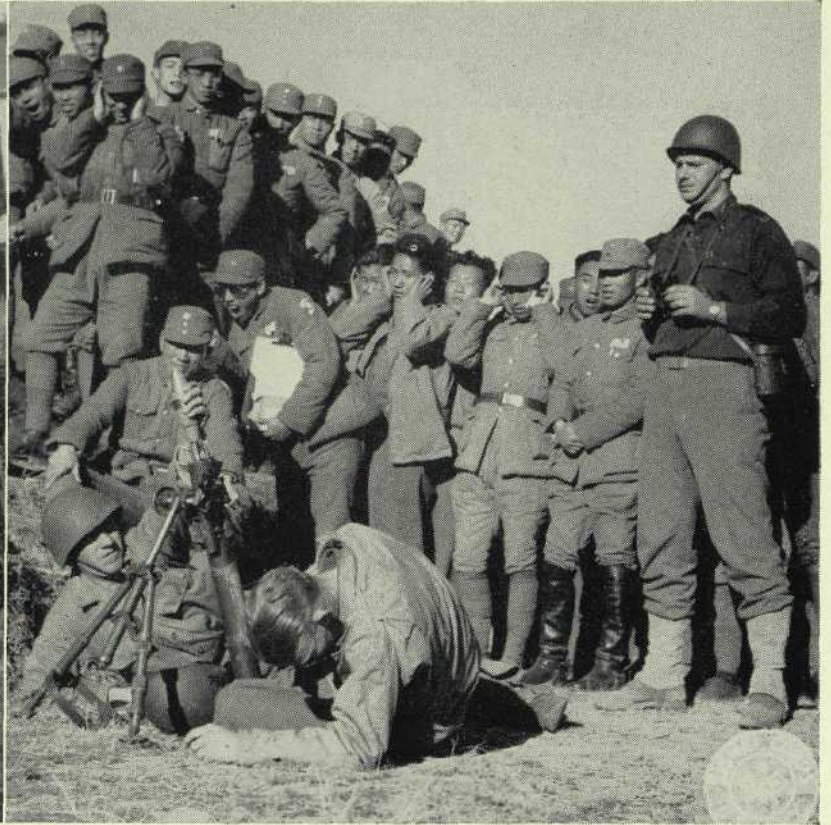
"Undergrowth was thick — jungle ferns and bamboo. There were tigers — one killed one of my animals about 30 yards away from me while I was on a 200 mile trip for supplies — bears, leopards, jungle chickens, deer, and wild boar."

"Lots of fruit, too — pineapples, bananas, and oranges. The people were very colorful; there were a number of tribes, and very few Chinese except for the soldiers."

"The Shans and Akaws wore clothes which could almost be called rainbow



1st Lt. Michael Dobransky and his brother, Joseph Dobransky, F/C Petty Officer in the Navy. Mike formerly worked in our Machine Shop and Joe in the Painting Department. Another brother, Bill, has been a member of the Machine Shop for several years. A sister, Mary Nelson, was employed in the Cost Department until recently.



HQ Chinese Combat Command, China Theater . . . Waiting with binoculars in hand to observe results, 1st Lt. Michael Dobransky, watches as Capt. George E. Noel, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Sgt. John J. Hijek, Holyoke, Massachusetts, load a U. S. Army 60 mm. mortar at an infantry training center of the Chinese Combat Command in Southwestern China.

costumes, with beads of bone and earrings and headdresses of silver coins."

"Stripes of beautiful colors ran around the hips and hems of skirts, with solid color, usually blue or green, between the stripes. Blue was the predominant color."

"Around their villages the women usually wore no tops. No one wore shoes. The men wore blue coolie suits and the Akaw men wore silver rings loosely around their necks."

"Both the men and women wore their long hair rolled on the top of their heads. The Pai Yi tribe was light-skinned, the

Akaws darker, and neither looked like Chinese. Their language was entirely different from the Chinese, too."

"We had two headhunters of the Wa tribe working in our kitchen. They had been Christianized by a Protestant missionary, Vincent Young, who was born in Burma and has only been back to the States once. His father had done considerable missionary work in this area, and had been known as the Great White Father."

"Not all of the Wa's were Christians; three days' march away from us some of them had cut off the heads of a father, mother and child. They preferred white heads, then Chinese, and last those of tribesmen."

"They used the heads as offerings for a better crop. Afterwards the skulls were used as paving for their paths."

"Those people were very primitive. They lived in bamboo huts on stilts. Few of them had seen a white man before, and they wouldn't talk to us very often."

Dobransky returned from this area in December, 1944, to take up his present assignment.

The lieutenant, whose wife, Mrs. Edna Cecilia Dobransky, lives at 107 Medical Arts Building, ATLANTA, GA., was graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1938.

He won athletic letters in football, track and golf while attending high school

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Lt. John Carver's Story Heard Over Local Radio Station WPAG

How he walked away from a crash landing behind the enemy lines, was related in Lt. Carver's story which was recorded at the headquarters of the 9th Air Force and rebroadcast by Ann Arbor's new radio station, WPAG.

We are indebted to Jackie Schaffer, of the Sales Department, who caught the radio story on the dictaphone and transcribed it for Argus Eyes in order that we might have it complete.

How do you do, ladies and gentlemen. This is your 9th Air Force Radio Reporter in Western Europe. We're bringing a message today, back to the family and friends of 1st Lt. John Carver, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a pilot over here with the 9th Air Force, somewhere in the European Theatre of Operations. And so we're going to bring him back to you for a few minutes, at least, by radio.

Q: First of all, John Carver, where do you live in Ann Arbor?

A: I live on Route 2, Ann Arbor, Michigan. It's just about six miles east of Ann Arbor.

Q: What did you do back there before coming in the service?

A: I was a tool maker for Argus, Incorporated, who make optical instruments and the Argus camera.



1ST LT. JOHN CARVER, JR.

Q: And how long have you been in the service?

A: I've been in the service almost three years now.

Q: How much of that time has been

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Carver and Ball "On the Ball" In Bombing Tactics



"Super Accurate!" is the term that describes the bombing of an important enemy railroad yard at Northern Germany. Five-hundred pound bombs split the tracks and blocked both exits of the yards. The two circular white clouds at the upper right of the yard are exploding tank cars of gasoline.

Both Lt. John Carver and S/Sgt. Martin J. Ball, Ann Arbor boys and former employees of Argus, were members of the 410th Light Bombardment group which bombed this target with such superior results that it earned for the Unit a commendation as one of the best bombing groups in the world.

VISITORS AT ARGUS THIS MONTH . . .



Lt. J. P. Strouss recently made good his promise to visit his old friends at Argus, when he returned on a furlough after many months in the South Pacific. It will be recalled that Lt. Strouss sent us a beautiful picture of the Marine Memorial at Tarawa taken with an Argus A2F camera, which appeared in the December issue of Argus Eyes.

Lt. Dobransky (Cont'd)

and in 1937 was tackle on the ALL Five-A league team. He had been working in the Argus Camera Co. machine shop in ANN ARBOR for a year when he entered the Army in October, 1940.

As an enlisted man, he served with Co. K of the 125th Infantry of the Michigan National Guard at Camps Beauregard and Livingston, La., for 16 months, participating in the 1941 Louisiana maneuvers.

His unit was then sent to the West Coast to guard an aircraft factory and for patrol duty. Dobransky was a sergeant when he was ordered to the Officer Candidate School of The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in January, 1943.

After six months as an instructor in a rifle company at Camp Wheeler, Ga., the lieutenant was ordered overseas, arriving in India in October, 1943, and flying across the Himalayan "Hump" to China the following month.

He was assigned to Y-Force, the American military mission which trained, equipped, supplied and advised the Chinese armies for the recent successful Salween Campaign to drive the Japs out of Western Yunnan in order to reopen the "Stilwell Road."

During the first three months in China, Lieutenant Dobransky supervised a Signal Corps photographic laboratory at a Y-Force headquarters, after which he was sent into the field.

A brother, Joseph, 23, is a petty officer first class in the Navy.

Mike has a wonderful collection of color pictures as well as black and whites, of the strange people he has seen and worked with, and their jungle homes . . . and we hope that some day we may all have an opportunity to see these pictures.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the wife and family of Corporal John P. Bezirum, who was killed at Mountain, Idaho while in training. A memorial service was held recently in John's honor at the Saint Nichols Hellenic Orthodox Church. John's mother formerly worked in Department 27, Plant I; his sister Connie in the Personnel Office, and another sister Christine worked in Optical Assembly.



Lt. Roland A. White, of Camp Plauche, Louisiana, who formerly worked for John Poeton in Material Planning, was greeted by his many friends at Argus, when he visited us while on furlough the latter part of April and early in May.

Lt. Carver (Cont'd.)

spent overseas, John?

A: Just about eight months now.

Q: Well, now will you tell us something about your present duty assignment over here?

A: I am a pilot of an A-20 Havoc outfit here of the 410th bomber group, it's a medium bomber.

Q: Do you have a nickname?

A: Yes, it's known as Beebee's Raiders. That's from our former commanding officer, who was known to us as Fearless Fosdick.

Q: Fearless Fosdick?

A: Yes, that's quite right.

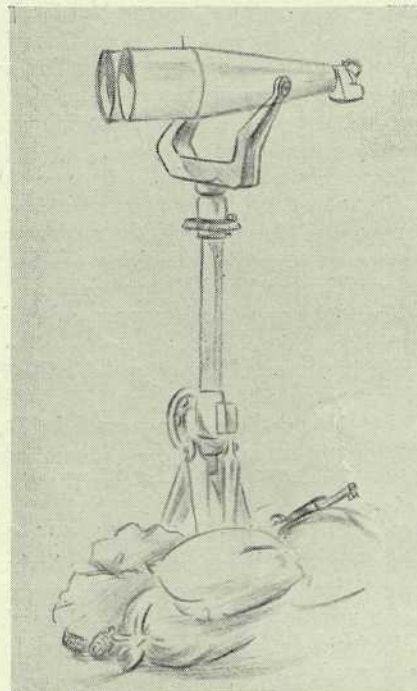
Q: Well I notice that you have been awarded the air medal with numerous clusters. John, how many missions have you flown?

A: Well I've only flown 17 now. That was the last mission that I flew.

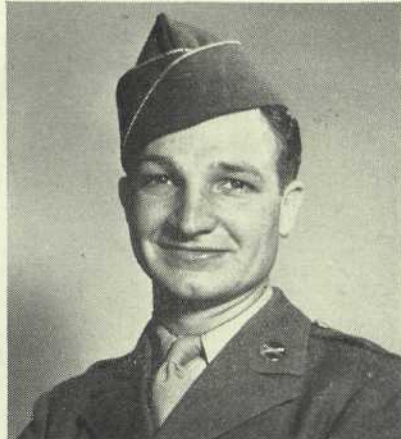
Q: And of these missions do you have one particular mission that's outstanding in your mind.

A: Well, yes, there is, it's the last one that I was on and it's the one I got home from. That's quite important to me.

Jap-Scope



"Here's a non-detail sketch of a gadget the Nips were using to play peek-a-boo with the marines on Iwo Jima" . . . writes Corp. Leo R. Mitchener. Leo says there is only one part missing and that the lenses and prisms are all accounted for . . . and, would anyone be interested. (Don't believe there is any OPA price ceiling established on such items.)



Sgt. Tom Argo stopped by and said "hello" to everyone at Argus last month, and we do mean everyone, for Tom worked in several departments prior to joining the Army, and has a host of friends here. Now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas . . . he is especially proud of "that baby of mine". His wife and three children live in Ypsilanti.



Everybody at Argus was mighty glad to see Sgt. Al Stitt around Argus again . . . and judging by the big smile he wore we'd say he was glad to be back, too. Al was in on the invasion of Europe on "D" Day and has spent many months in the hospital since then . . . some in England, and the last few in New Mexico, where we presume he picked up that swell sun tan.

Q: All right will you tell us a little bit something about that mission?

A: Well this mission was quite an early mission and we were supposed to be over Germany before dawn. We took off and were flying enroute and we were practically ten minutes over the German lines. At that time the bombing was scheduled five minutes—at this time the flak was quite heavy—in fact it looked like a bunch of mushrooms coming up all around and things were getting kind of bad. About five minutes prior to the target I received a hit in my bomb bay that started me on fire and blew part of my bomb bay away. I still stayed with the formation and was trying to proceed on to the target when at this time I received another hit and part of my wing was taken off. Part of my tail and one side of the fuselage and one gunner was hit. At this time I was still keeping in formation, and then I got another hit that knocked my left engine out and started my right engine cutting out. At this time I could not keep up with the formation, so I turned to head back into Allied territory and at this time I salvaged my bombs. And that day I got a superior on my own bombing because it wiped out a bridgehead over in German territory which is quite unusual for just dropping them aimlessly. I proceeded on back and they were shooting at us, and at this time one gunner was very badly hit and the other gunner had received a small hit and was unable to get the wounded gunner out of the turret. We headed west and started down; they were still shooting at us. When we were just short of the line, my

Quite a booster for Argus, Leo writes further . . . "Since the first day I set foot in your factory as a lens grinder, my eyes are forever in search for knowledge of its wonders. While with the Marine Paratroopers, I pulled the trip on a Speed Graflex for seven months, thus getting around and meeting men who really knew their Cameras, and who were always on the hunt for an Argus to exchange for their G.I. issue. As to the value of their acclaims, here's one fellow that's going to be first in line when the Argus goes back on the market."

It's a job well done when our peacetime products meet up with our wartime goods on the battle fields and each proves its worth . . . for it means future opportunities for all of us . . . those who are still in uniform . . . and those who have worked on the production front . . . So, we're glad to know first hand from Argus servicemen what other G.I.'s think about an article which each of us may in some way have had a hand in producing.



William Slade, Merchant Seaman, also visited us in May after spending seven months in the South Pacific area. Before entering the service in August 1944, Bill worked in Herb Oliver's Department.

radio was blown out, we were still on fire and losing altitude quite fast and I had the one gunner baled out. He had quite a remarkable incident in that he landed in an allied personnel mine field and was able to walk back and tell about it. We finally crashed just inside the lines, and at this time I was supposed to have baled out but I had a wounded gunner and not knowing how he was hurt I stayed with the ship and proceeded to try to get him out, and before I could get the turret out it was too late for the gunner. Having crash landed and unable to get my gunner out I was then taken over to the line and into Holland, where I was treated and then later on returned to my outfit.

Q: John, that's a whale of a story and one that the folks back there I know will be mighty, mighty eager to hear. Incidentally, is that the significance of this little silver embroidered boot that you wear on the right side of the blouse?

A: Why, yes, that originated as an RAF club, it's an RAF custom over here, it's called the Walking Home Club.

Q: By RAF you mean the Royal Air Force?

A: That's right. Then while I was in England just previously at a rest home, where being sent after the crash, I was inducted into this organization and it's quite a memento to me because it was on Valentine's Day that I was knocked down and that's some Valentine to receive.

Q: Not much of a Valentine gift, or is it?

A: No it wasn't a very nice gift, I don't
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Sales and Advertising

V-E Day was just another working day as far as we were concerned, Mr. Hilton made his appearance from Washington and of course we were twice as busy as any other working day.

If anyone is wondering who the new brunette is who occupies a seat with the Sales girls in the cafeteria, it is **Dorothy Bray**, an Ann Arbor girl whose husband is on his way overseas. Dorothy hasn't heard from him yet, but we are all hoping that you get that letter real soon, Dorothy.

Betty Lund has persuaded **Dorothy** and **Helen O'Sullivan** to join the Camera Club. With **Lucy Gridley** already a member of good standing, (Yes, her dues are paid) our department will be pretty well represented by the fairer sex. And, speaking of Lucy she has taken her exam for flying and it won't be long now before she will receive her pilot's license.

It pays to observe Traffic Laws — eh, **Jimmy Barker**?

Jackie Schaffer had that twinkle in her eye for quite a few days, and recently we found the reason for it. Her pal **Thelma Faber** was expected to be in town very soon. And, sure enough this afternoon in walked S 2/c **Thelma Faber** of the SPAR. **Stu Gildart** took a picture of **Thelma** greeting her friends, so you'll be able to see how wonderful **Thelma** looks and how happy the girls were to see her.

If you heard a loud scream the day that **Argus Eyes** came out last month, it was **Doris Strite**. Although everyone knew that **Joyce Ann** was to be last month's Cover Girl, we kept the secret from **Doris** and we have never seen a more surprised person than she was when we handed her the paper and she saw her little girl smiling at her.

Frankie Sinatra has nothing on our **Bob Woolson**. **Bob** has curly hair, and wears bow ties, too. (And also sings!)



Jackie Schaffer and **Louise Cosens** were guests of honor at a surprise party at the Michigan League recently, given them by the girls of the Sales and Advertising Departments . . . the occasion being **Jackie's** 21st birthday and **Louise's** departure from **Argus**. The unseen guest is **Gerry Davenport**, who came over to do the honors with his camera.

Seated are: **Dorothy Mienke**, **Louise Cosens**, **Jackie Schaffer**, **Esther Phillips**, and **Helen O'Sullivan**.

Standing: **Betty Lund**, **Doris Strite**, and **Lucy Gridley**.

Peace and quiet (?) has once again come to the north-west corner on the second floor. The salesmen are on the road, need we say more?

Miss Lundahl, who has never smoked a cigarette in her life (well, hardly ever) has been picking up packages here and

there, and **Bob Woolson** and **Homer Hilton** are certainly grateful, and the rest of us are just envious.

Some of the **Argus Casanovas** had better look to their laurels. Have you ever seen **Gerry Davenport** with the car-load of gals he takes home every night?

DEPARTMENT 36

Now we can relax, the marine husband we heard so much about has at last arrived. He is the husband of **Katherine Notestine**, has been overseas over two years and didn't meet his son until he arrived home. I hope we get the chance of meeting him.

Lennie, better known today as "Chubby," about a year ago had the physique of **Sinatra** and was needing blood transfusions, but look at him now. Credit goes to the home cooking of **Mrs. Roberts**.

We understand **A. Farmer** and **C. Miresse** planted their victory garden. Guess where? Municipal golf grounds; hope they didn't forget the seeds.

Maxine seems lonely these days, and reason why, **Herman** is being hospitalized at "St. Josephs." Speedy recovery **Herman**.

Red Billau and **Karl** look like veterans returning from the battle fronts, with their bandages. Take it easy boys, you won't be able to polish that way.

What we would like to see sometime: **Clawson** with a white shirt and a necktie.

Fred Belser in that red sweater.

Bob Billau with hair all mussed with a mustache.

Alta's car rode like a tractor into Detroit one Saturday, and coming back she said it purred like a Studebaker; must be that Detroit gas **Alta**.

Ann Andrew's heart, pride and joy is none other than her four year old daughter, **Patricia**, who attends the **Perry Nursery**. She is full of bright remarks, just like her mother, I'd say.

Jan and **Jerry** look happy eating breakfast in the hall every morning; do you really know what you're eating **Jan**?

Now that the Germans have surrendered and our prisoners will be released, we hope **Keni Wilcox** will be one of the fortunate to come home. **Keni** was em-

Service Department

Phyllis Salley has left the department as her husband has been transferred to Lansing. We hope you'll like Lansing, **Phyl**, and perhaps we'll drop over some week-end to see you.

Evelyn Belleau's husband came home recently on furlough from Kingman Field, Arizona. Many of the members knew **Louie** when he worked in the Machine Shop in Plant No. 1. He stopped in to see us and we enjoyed his visit very much.

Harry Smith has received word that his son, **William Lyle**, who has been serving with the Navy in the South Pacific, is now in San Francisco. We all share in your joy **Harry**, and hope he will be home soon.

We have two new members in the department — **Martha Crago**, and **Cyrus Weber**. Welcome to the department **Martha** and **Cy**!

V-E Day was a joyous occasion for us all, although we all realize there's a big job to be done in the Pacific. **Lester Michael** and **Charles Miller** both have sons in the European theatre.

Betty Rossiter and her husband recently enjoyed a week's vacation in Chicago, visiting relatives.

Phonograph Schedule

We have run into some difficulty in setting up the transcribing equipment in order to connect the two plants on the same phonograph system.

Therefore, for the time being, it will not be possible to put into effect the results of the ballots taken last month, regarding the music program.

R. C. Scharren.

ployed at **Argus** as a grinder before induction and has been a prisoner of war since last August.

National Clothing Drive

Three big boxes of clothing and shoes, totalling approximately 500 pounds, were sent to the National Clothing Drive by **Argus** employees, in response to the desperate need of the people in war-torn Europe.

R. C. Scharren

Ordnance Highlights

Again the Ordnance Dept. is saying farewell to a member of our staff. **Miss Betty Dinon** has joined the W.A.C.S. as a surgical Technician. She will be leaving us in June for Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia. We're going to miss you **Betty** for we have enjoyed having you with us. The very best of luck to you from all your friends in the Ordnance Dept., The Optical Assembly, and all of **Argus**.

We understand **Lloyd Harvey** is going to cancel all future Golf dates. Reason? From now on he'll be raising Chickens and working on 'that' Victory Garden.

We advise you to place your orders in now—

We hope you, **Skipper** and **Charlotte** enjoy your new home.

That intended shopping spree in Detroit didn't materialize for **Arlene** and **Alyce**. But—What Fun—Sorry there's a curfew girls.

Our Mr. D. has gained himself the reputation of being the best "mixer Upper" we have yet seen. His concoctions resemble lemonade—but—there the similarity ends. (And don't say we didn't warn you.)

Our subtle hint in the last issue of **Argus Eyes** was well received, and it looks as though there'll be a picnic at **Elieen L....'s**, for our group and our friends from Detroit Ordnance District, some warm (?) day in June . . . Now we'd better send a good strong hint to the Weather Man . . . and hope he crashes through with lots of sunshine and soft breezes, for that special day.

COST ACCOUNTING

The Costites were all here, up and coming, last month except "ye reporter" whose mind (?) was on an anticipated trip instead of a news column thus no column. Having been duly chastised, this reporter's whole-hearted advice is to keep your mind on your duties and all things (including a certain account number) will come out better.

Mrs. Roy Hiscock sent a note of thanks to all members of this department, Payroll and Material Control for the gift given her while she was in the hospital recently. We're all glad to know she is home and improving rapidly.

This is a bit late but we wish to announce the arrival of **Charles David**, infant son of **Ruth Donaldson**, formerly of this department. A more recent increase in the census is very young **Tommie Murray**. We all remember **Marian** who is the proud mama. Congratulations **Marian**! Make **Vance** sew on his own shirt buttons—he didn't need to puff out his chest so far.

Now for the round-up: We welcome a new member to our department. **Doris Ehnis**, who will take **Doris Muller's** place when she leaves us in June, is busy learning all her P's and Q's. **Bobbie** has migrated to the front of the office to take up new duties. She will replace **Isabelle** in whose ear the chimes of wedding bells grows clearer day by day. June isn't far off, **Isabelle** and Best Wishes from us all. Many were the appreciative whistles the day **Mary Jane** burst forth with a new hair do styled by **Kathryn**. Speaking of hair, don't bother to go to a barber if you wish yours thinned, **Kathryn** has a fine economical method for it. Merely get it wound up in a bookkeeping machine and pull it out. Be sure to have several chivalrous males around, however, to unwind what is left as well as a few gals to wipe out the grease.

Well, our trout dinner wasn't — the same as the venison steaks. We are all going with you next time **Norm** to look after our own interests. We're duly proud of our photographer and model **Bob** and **Bobbie**. But where are those birthday party pictures **Bob**? On performing duties at the filing cabinets one may hear, if favored by the gods, an interesting and intellectual conversation going on between **Norma** and **Harry** our two quiet, seemingly most industrious people. **Norma**, by the way, was very jubilant the morning of May 10 in spite of the snow. Her Mother had come home from vacationing so among other things the family will have biscuits with the strawberry shortcake again. First-aid may not be very proud of us this month.

Eunice let that little flu germ get the
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Betty Dinon who bid farewell to Ordnance and **Argus** to join the W.A.C.S.

DEPARTMENT 61

Harry Mills has been transferred from Inspection to the Drafting room. He checks the drawings, to pick up the few mistakes of the other members of the department. Harry has had an interesting career with the U. S. Forest Service in the C.C.C. program. He traveled extensively in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, during this period. While serving in this capacity, Harry met Arvid Andresen, who was also with the Forestry Department, recreational division.

Current news is now important to Harry, however, now past history, as his family is together for the first time in nearly four years. Ensign Mary Lou Mills is home on leave from Seattle, Washington; Lt. Robert Mills, Army Air Corp, together with his bride, is home on leave from Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Emerson Smith, Harry's oldest daughter, is here from Beverly, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Melvin Seeger, who lives in Ann Arbor, is also enjoying this period of family reunion.

A certain employee of the Drafting Room enjoys his breakfasts these days we hear. New schedule . . . an hour for breakfast, and an hour for tea.

Cliff Coniway really must be ill . . . he is home from work . . . and that's unusual for Cliff, conscientious as he is.

Wilfred Graf enjoyed a bit of a surprise the other night. His colleagues placed a bomb in his "Buick (1929)" and caused a bit of a commotion. Was in celebration of V-E Day, we understand. Why weren't the camera fiends on hand?

Dick Wilson got his car simonized V-E Day as a result of the plant closing . . . I also hear Joe Dianetti got a good workout.

Everyone passing by the Chemical Laboratory of late, always comments on the odors of gas that is escaping. These odors, however, are not gas, but styrene from the optical cement, which is being filtered and bottled. This cement is going to the army, and will eventually be shipped all over the world for use in the field.

SALVAGE

Tom Barton has transferred from the Assembly line to Salvage. Welcome, Tom, it's good to have you with us again.

The month of May was celebrated with two birthdays . . . Helen Breining's and Wortley Palmerton's. May you two have many more happy birthdays.

ANSWERS TO GUESS WHO

Left to right:

- Lena Allen—Dept 18
- Mary Fowler—Dept. 18



A very happy wedded couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Lutz, who were married in November. Mrs. Lutz is the former Lucy Stierlie of Optical Assembly and Pvt. Lauren Lutz worked in the polishing room before going in service. He is now serving in France.

Departments 33-37-39-44

We're surprised at Adeline Opheim for flirting with that handsome man in Centering, it seems so strange as she never did that before. Well! we don't blame you for flirting with him, but we think "Hank" likes it, eh Hank?

Sorry, Blanche is sick, we all miss her and want her to hurry and get well, and get back to Argus. How about that Blanche?

—To Lovers of Good Music—

In the near future, makers of Canadian Club will sponsor Ernest Darnell of Centering with a program of music over our new station, WPAG. He will sing hill-billy and popular songs through the week, but one night each week he will devote an evening to opera singing alone. Send your requests in now to Ernest Darnell, in care of station WPAG.

We give Henry Opheim of Department 37 a very special welcome to work with us. He has received his honorable discharge after 34 months of service in the army, 26 of which were spent overseas. We feel that he has done a big job and we're proud of him. Welcome "Hank" and hope you like your work and us.

P.S. Say, Adeline, you better watch out, the girls have been making a lot of unnecessary trips into Centering recently.

We hear Ernest Darnell went grocery shopping recently. Say, "Ernie," we didn't know you were the domestic type husband, but we're glad to hear about it.

What did Dick Dorow mean when he was boasting about letting his wife walk home the other evening? Was it because she needed the exercise or that she preferred walking to riding with Dick?

Doris Sherman, formerly of Department 44, writes that she is enjoying herself very much at her home in Iowa, but that she misses all the gang and would like to hear from them, promising to answer each and every letter. How about that girls?

DEPARTMENT 10

We were certainly thankful for V-E Day. However, there were many mixups. Some celebrated Monday and Tuesday.

Herman Koegler took himself to the ball game in Detroit V-E Day. Of course there wasn't a game that day so Herman came right home. With all those blondes in Detroit? That we would have to see!!

Harold Peterson was roaming around with a black eye recently. He blamed it on a rake. There are several meanings of the work "rake," wonder which he meant?

Can you hear wedding bells?? Walter Root will soon take the drastic step of marriage. We wish them happiness.

DEPARTMENT 27

Connie Skinner left the latter part of April to live with her husband, who is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. We wish them both the best of luck.

Harold Walz' wife has had a serious operation . . . now that she is home again we hope those worry lines will change to smiles.

Rose Mary Melton received word from the War Department that her husband had been wounded in action in Germany. She has had a letter from him from a hospital somewhere in England.

Friends and former co-workers of Al Stitt's were pleasantly surprised when he visited the department while on furlough.

Freda Thompson has returned to work after an extended illness. She has transferred from Salvage to replace Connie Skinner.

Wanted: An A-2 Camera. Will not pay Black Market price! See Ken Holz-hauer.



HENRY OPHEIM

Argus is glad to welcome Henry, an overseas veteran, now working in Department 37. He's the husband of Adeline Opheim of Department 39.



PVT. RALPH G. RIDENOUR

Pvt. Ralph G. Ridenour of the A.A.C. stationed in Seattle, Washington was foreman of Department 44 before going into the service.

We missed Bessie Longbons while she was home sick. Glad to have you back, Bessie, and try not to get sick again.

Doris Beauch, SPQ 2/c of the Wave's was visiting friends in Plant II recently. We enjoyed having her and always like for her to stop by and see us when she's in Ann Arbor. Doris is stationed at Washington, D. C.

Some of the girls were initiating Irene Nell to night-life recently, and I guess before the night was over she had initiated them, as Edna Kappler concluded the evening by riding a bicycle down Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti. Say, Edna, that's okeh, you can always take Irene out again, as she seemed to enjoy the way you girls entertained. Was it that Irene couldn't ride a bike or what?

We all enjoyed our V-E Day vacation very much, thanks to those at Argus who made it possible.

Mr. Olufson really had us guessing at rest period one morning when he bought

By the time this paper is published Betty Stearns will probably be a bride. She is to be married in California to Lane Lowe.

Now if we could just make up Earl Wilke's mind for him. Of course there are Herman Koegler, Swede Carlstrom and Harold Forbes. If some of these old bachelors don't get married we're going to start a matrimonial agency.

I've promised to find Swede Carlstrom a wife. In fact, I've made a bet with him that he will be married within a year. Will some of the girls volunteer?

We're glad to have Thelma McGrew and Art Gerstler as our new inspectors. Thelma comes from the Bomber Plant. When asked if the girls were required to wear slacks at the Bomber, Thelma completely misunderstood the question and answered, "Yes, we changed every four weeks."

We express our sympathy to Dorothy Williams, for the loss of her father. She has returned from Orlando, Florida, after a two weeks' visit.

George Conn had a little mushroom hunt in Brighton one bright morning. Then he inveigled some friends to furnish some steaks. Steaks and mushrooms, remember those things?

Toby Smith is in the chicken business. If she starts selling those chickens she'll have a host of new friends.

Lucky Sannes had a grand surprise. His brother Pvt. Harlin Sannes came home on furlough. Pvt. Sannes is a paratrooper. He has completed his training in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Al Tessmer's son George Tessmer, M 1/c, was home on a five day leave. He has surely had some dangerous experiences.

There have been several fishing trips. Messrs. Barhitte, Vorce and Pickering were up north fishing. The weather was

each of us a cup of coffee. We fooled him though, we finally discovered it was his birthday. I won't say which one, because I'm afraid to, but he shouldn't feel too bad as they say "Life begins at Forty."

A letter was received from George DeWolfe saying, "I have been in a hospital with jungle fever for about six weeks, but am better now and back to work." We hope he is much better by now, and we will be glad to get more letters from him. All the gang was wondering why he hadn't been writing us, so this explains why. No doubt we'll be hearing from George soon. We hope so anyway.

Mary Jane, let's not take the "Crystal ball" too seriously as the first of July isn't far away. Are you keeping something from us, or are you still going to be Mary Jane Fike for awhile.

Dorothy Elliott has changed places with Ken and now she's very disappointed. I wonder why? Could it be that she can't see that familiar face, that she used to see so much, in and around the soaking room? That really isn't true, is it "Dot"???

Anyone interested in raising a victory garden this year, see Bob Tripp. His friends report the rows in his garden are almost as crooked as he is. (We don't get it . . . hope it's okeh) Could that really happen Bob? Ha ha.

so cold they had to wear gloves to handle the fish. George Kline is also up north. Hope he has luck.

We wish the best for Clyde Melton, who was wounded in Germany. His wife has received a letter from him, assuring her of his recovery.

Flora Mayer received news that her husband, T/4 Elmer Mayer, is in Bahu, Hawaii.

Ted Doman visited his son, S 2/c Theodore Doman, in New London, Connecticut. Ted knows all about submarines now; they thrive better in water, etc.

Then there was the 2000 mile week-end trip made by George Pickering. He went to Connecticut to see his wife. Such devotion!!



Robert Michael London, at 3 1/2 months weighs 13 pounds and if there were a yardstick along side of him, you'd see at a glance that he measures 25 inches in height . . . or length. The son of Robert and Alice London . . . Alice is employed in Department 10.

ARGUS FAMILY PICNIC

The Recreation Club is planning a family picnic to be held at Island Park on Saturday, June 16th. All employees and their families are cordially invited. A questionnaire will be issued, and we hope everyone who plans to attend will take a minute to fill theirs out, so we can plan accordingly.

A full afternoon's entertainment for the children will be offered, under the capable direction of Ye Editor, Jimmy Barker, with lots of prizes for the contests. The Club will provide all the soft drinks and ice cream your kiddies can eat. (You, too.) Soft ball, horse shoe pitching, and the kiddies should be plenty of entertainment for the adults.

Let's all turn out and make this picnic a big success.

THANK YOU NOTES

Aletha Wight, who left us recently, sent a pretty card, "To thank you for the lovely lamp you gave me when I left Argus."

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Argus Recreation Club.
I appreciated your kindness in sending the lovely spring flowers while I was ill. Thank you so very much.

As ever,
Rose F. Hiscock

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A Thank You Note For You

A special note
That's being sent
With many thanks
All warmly meant!
Lucille Rolkosky

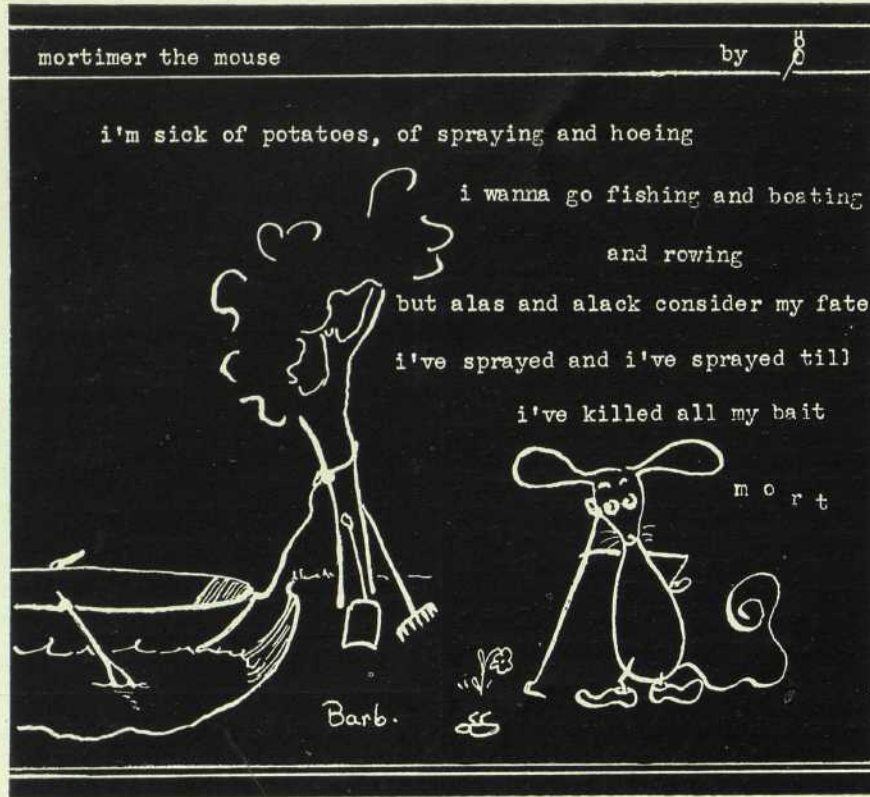
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"I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Argus Recreation Club for the lovely flowers sent to my family when we lost our mother.

Merna Patrick

Cost Accounting (Cont'd)

better of her for a few days. However, she returned fresh as a daisy and is again busy as a bee with her yards and yards of papers. Don't worry if **Grace** seems to be turning blue these days. It is only ditto carbon. So many asked **Bob** how he got his sunburn he became suspicious, found he had a temperature and took the rest of the day off. Our friend and bossman needs a special treatment, it is believed, before he will shake the tag ends of a cold. **Glennie** has been indulging in a few X-rays but assures us he will be around for a while. He is most interested in finding an apartment at the present moment. Have a question? Ask Glen, he always has an answer — \$7.00 short or otherwise. If there is no place to park when going to the show use the bus stop, it's after hours and convenient. You may, of course, meet **Roy** coming out from a short visit with the cops the next day or so as you go in but what's a \$1.00 it was a good show wasn't it?



Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Dan Patrick and Family
* * *

In grateful acknowledgment of the beautiful flowers and the kind sympathy which they expressed.

Helen Bybee
* * *

This comes to tell you "Thank You,"
Not only once or twice,
But at the least, a Million Times,
For being extra nice.

Margie Desbrough
* * *

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

Mary F. Beem,
Mother of Dorothy Williams
* * *

The family and I appreciate the sincere thoughtfulness in your gift of flowers sent to us at the death of my father.

Dorothy L. Williams
* * *

My sincere thanks to the people of Argus who gave me such a lovely gift. Your kindness and appreciation will long be remembered and it was with deep regrets that I left you to go back to my home in Kentucky.

Henry Conley



Among the souvenirs which Jack Vealey has sent home to his parents, the Leon Vealeys, are a german officer's knif and arm band shown here.

Lt. Carver (Con't.)

appreciate it. I have a lot of respect for them, but not much appreciation for the gift.

Q: Well, now tell me this . . . can you give me a sort of a quick overall picture of the type of work that your outfit is doing, John?

A: Well this A-20 outfit that I'm in is the only one left over here of the A-20's. We're a tactical group and we're flying quite a number of missions and during this good weather we're out continuously, keeping us quite busy. We're smashing most anything that the heinies have left over there, which makes us feel rather good. We bomb railroads, marshalling yards, ammunition dumps, oil dumps. We hit quite a few troop concentrations. We've been going down and doing some low level strafing missions here lately, which gives us an overall picture of the grounds. Of course they throw most everything except the dishpan and the washrag up at us but we've been quite lucky, and in this time we've been getting a lot of the troops as they're doing their about-face on the way back to Berlin and we usually get them just before they do that about-face.

Q: Good enough! In other words your outfit is really holding up those three objectives of tactical airpower and maintaining air supremacy; prevent the enemy from moving troops and supplies and provide our ground troops with plenty of air coordination.

A: Yes it is, in fact up until now it's been working out quite well and we feel pretty proud of the job we're doing.

Q: Good enough, and rightly so. John, who do you have back there in Ann Arbor waiting for you?

A: Well I have my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Carver, Sr., and I also have a young kid brother who is sweating his pants off to get in the Air Corps. I

Argus Recreation Club Meeting

The fifth meeting of the Argus Recreation Club was held on May 3rd.

At this meeting an appropriation of \$125.00 was made to cover the cost of a baseball league which has been divided into two sections: Industrial League and Fun & Fumble League. Anyone interested may contact **Harold Peterson** of the Machine Shop, Plant I.

There was a discussion on the advisability of having a tennis and golfing league also. Anyone interested in playing tennis is to contact **Joseph Clemens** and those interested in golfing are to get in touch with any of the following: **Jack Pelton, Grant Miller, Vern Heck, Harold Peterson, Kirk Fisher, Norm Tweed, Norm Hartman, Walter Weid.**

Any girls who would like to play softball can give their name to any of the following so that teams can be organized: **Jeanne Clark, Maxine Campbell, Ann Heckman, Catherine Bauer, Mary Raymond.**

Plans were started for a family picnic to be held in the latter part of June. The Island can be reserved for private parties if requested in plenty of time so it was decided that the island would be the best place for such a large party. An appropriation of \$300.00 was made to cover the cost of prizes, ice cream and soft drinks. Each family is to bring their own food due to rationing, etc. **Jimmy Barker** was appointed chairman of the Entertainment Committee for this picnic. If you do not have children of your own it is permissible to bring a brother, sister, niece, nephew, etc.

Stork Shower

A Stork shower was given in honor of Ex-WAC **Lauretta (Egeler) Cunningham** by **Alma Fox** and **Laura Egeler.**

Most of the guests were girls **Lauretta** worked with at Argus some years ago. It seemed good to have the group together again.

The usual gifts, games and lunch was enjoyed by all.

Lauretta's husband, **George**, is serving with the U. S. Air Force in India. They met at Mitchell Field, New York where both were in the Service and were married there. **George** has been in India since last December and **Lauretta** came home at that time.

don't know yet whether he has or not. He flies in civilian life. And then I have my wife and my young son at Pinkney, Michigan, **Mrs. Virginia Carver**, and this young fellow was only 15 days old when I left the States and he's eight months old now.

Q: I bet you're mighty anxious to see him, too.

A: Well I'd kind of like to see him, I'd like to get introduced to my son again.

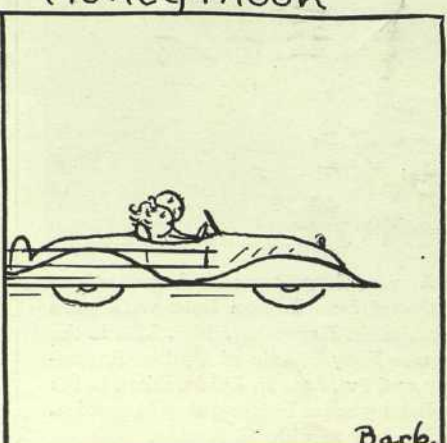
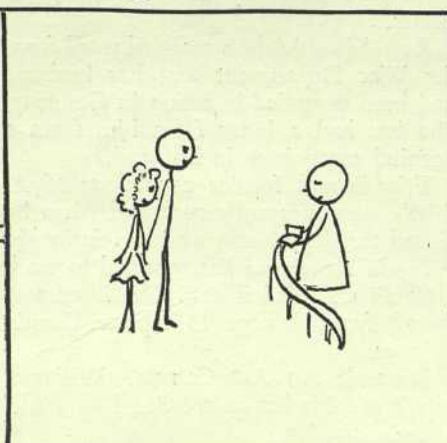
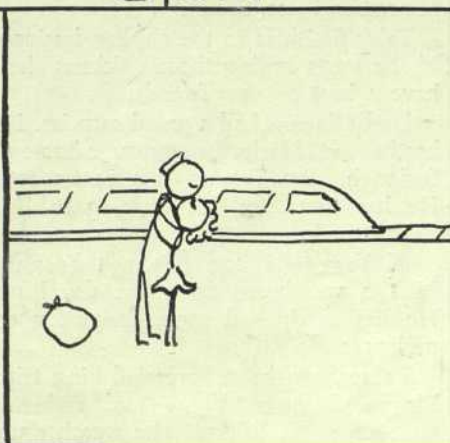
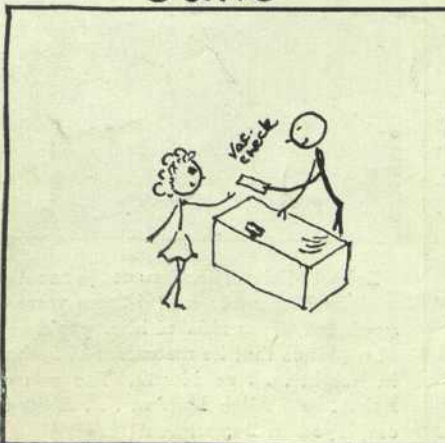
Q: Good enough! Well, John, let's hope the day is not too far away, and in the meantime thanks a lot for your swell story of combat life over here.

June

Spoon

Soon

Honeymoon



Barb.