



# argus eyes *for Victory!*

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Argus Camera Club Picture



ARGUS MOTION PICTURE PART OF MORALE AND REHABILITATION FILM

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

Thank You Notes

Cards of gratitude acknowledging flowers and expressions of sympathy in their bereavements were received from:

- Mrs. Elmer Knight (Naomi) and Bob
Mrs. Thomas Howe & Family
The Family of Louie Meyer

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A letter of appreciation was received from Jack Webber, who recently left Argus... for the box of fruit sent him by the Recreation Club at the time he was ill...

"To just say "thank you" seems so little, but I can find no better words of expression, so these come to you with the sincere feeling that I can only feel and not express. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing from you all in the Argus Eyes and meeting you in town from time to time. Thanks again for everything."

Good luck, Jack, and God-speed.

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Thanks for the beautiful flowers
Thanks for the thought
That prompted them!
Thanks for the flowers too!
You've no idea how much
I enjoyed
That lovely bouquet from you.

Gertrude Blades

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I wish to thank the "Argus Recreation Club" for the lovely flowers sent me while I was in the hospital.

Also, to the many friends from Argus who remembered me with cards, gifts and flowers, "Many thanks".

Mrs. Ross Wilson

\* \* \*

Thank you for the flowers.
A little note to thank you
For I wanted you to know
How much your flowers
Meant to me—
I did enjoy them so!

Stephanie Gala

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"Doc" Johnson wishes to thank the Argus Club and Department 10 for all the flowers, cards and phone calls, during his illness.

We all enjoyed seeing our friends and fellow workers at Argus pictured on the screen at the Michigan Theater during the week of June 10th in the film "ARGUS EYES FOR VICTORY", and especially seeing the various operations required and performed in our plant in producing instruments of war.

The Signal Corps requested us to make the film and deliver it to them within a certain length of time, and with the complete cooperation and help of all department heads and personnel and the professional services of the Wilding Picture Corporation, we turned out a creditable film in time to meet the deadline...

Argus, Incorporated,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

June 12, 1945

"Several months ago, at the request of the Photographic Manufacturers and Distributor's Association, your company supplied the Signal Corps with some motion pictures of manufacturing operations in your plant. This film was incorporated by us into a morale and rehabilitation film.

Mr. Knighton, of the PMDA, tells me that the 3000 feet of film submitted by your company was specially filmed by Wilding Pictures Corporation, and I thought that perhaps you and Wilding might be interested in knowing that the footage received from your company was extremely well filmed and of sufficient interest to warrant our using a considerably greater portion of it than we had at first planned.

This cooperation by your firm has been very helpful to the Signal Corps, and I personally want to thank you for your efforts in this connection.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE A. CLESNES, Captain
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Signal Corps Photographic Center
Long Island City 1, New York

SUGGESTION PLAN BOND WINNERS



LULU BELLE PHILLIPS

The lapping operation on Adapter parts was a problem to the operators. The parts were held by hand while lapping the threads on a lapping machine and to hold these parts was tiresome and often would blister the hands. Lulu Belle suggested that an arm with a holding fixture be attached to the lapping machine. Where this fixture is used it is less tiresome on the hands.



JOSEPHINE COURT

Josephine suggested a fixture to be used in soldering connections on a switch, the new fixture proved to save time by eliminating turning and handling time, by revolving the switch on the fixture, instead of removing and re-positioning to solder each connection.



ETTA GRAHAM

Etta was running a stamping machine. When setting the figures on the machine using the present method she had to practically stand on her head. She suggested using an adjustable mirror by which the numbers could be set with much greater ease.

Thank You Notes

A special "Thank You" message
Intended to express
A thank you for the
Lovely flowers
And for your thoughtfulness.
I'm enjoying them very much.

Anne Daly

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May 30, 1945

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

My sincere thanks to you for the lovely bouquet of spring flowers. I'm sure they are helping me to get well faster, for it's impossible to look at the beauty of flowers and not absorb some of their gaily and joyousness into your own being.

Your good wishes and thoughtfulness in remembering me in such a nice way is deeply appreciated.

Most sincerely,
Elma S. Lundahl
Sales Department

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I wish to thank the Argus Club very much for the beautiful flowers which were sent to me.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Schosser



MILDRED MARKEY

Mildred was checking shutters for light leaks and she found that it was hard to detect small light leaks in the light in which she was working, so she suggested a curtain which would darken her working space... which enabled her to do a more thorough job of inspection. She also suggested that the shutters be handled on trays lined with white cardboard which would make for easier handling in the dark.

EVELYN MELDRUM

The distribution of cigarettes was quite a problem, several suggestions were received each presenting an idea which might correct this situation. Evelyn suggested the system which we are now using.



DON KRUMP

Don suggested a fixture to be used in testing electrical equipment. The idea eliminated a lot of time in loading and re-loading, also the electrical adjustment could be made more quickly and accurately.

NAOMI KNIGHT

Mailing tubes are used in handling parts. These mailing tubes were open at both ends. Naomi found that the parts were continually sliding out of the mailing tubes and she suggested taping one end of the mailing tubes, which would prevent the parts from sliding out.

## Argus Receives Certificate of Achievement Safety Award

The people of Argus, Incorporated can be very proud of the fact that we have in our possession a Certificate of Achievement Safety Award.

This award is given through the cooperation of the National Safety Council and the United States Department of Labor.

To be eligible for consideration, a company has to be able to prove that its accident frequency rate has been reduced by at least 40 percent over a six month period, as compared with the figures of the same six months the previous year.

We qualified under these conditions; in fact, we even bettered that figure, of which we are very proud. Credit for this award goes to each and every person who works at Argus.

It is through the combined effort of those who are specifically interested in safety to pass their knowledge on to the foreman or supervisor. They in turn instruct their workers in the manner of using tools and machinery, proper handling of stock, or the mode of dress most applicable for any particular job.

Argus, Incorporated happens to be one of about thirty-five plants in the state of Michigan who have received this award.

We can be proud that we have lowered our accidents, but also in so doing we have been able to contribute more man hours toward production of vital war material, which is so important to us all.

The certificate is to be framed and can be seen in the First Aid Room of Plant I by anyone interested.

EARL C. MICHENER  
20 DIST. MICHAN

COMMITTEES  
JUDICIARY  
FILES

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1945.

Mr. R. C. Scharren,  
Director of Personnel,  
Argus, Inc.,  
405 - 4th Street,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Scharren:

I am advised by Mr. V. A. Zimmer, Director of the Division of Labor Standards, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, that your company has attained its six months' quota in the Secretary of Labor's current nation-wide drive for a million fewer industrial accidents.

The fact that you have reduced your accident rate by 58.5 percent during this period is most commendable and is an example to the other companies.

As your representative in Congress, I am proud of your accomplishment.

Congratulating you on receiving this award and official recognition from the Secretary of Labor, and with personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Earl C. Michener*  
Earl C. Michener, M. C.

ECM:b

### Happy Birthday, Ruth



The above photograph marks the birthday of Ruth Scharren, which falls on Memorial Day. We celebrated the day after, with a birthday cake, ice cream and a gardenia for Ruth. Bill Bone happened to drop in for a piece of cake, and while he was eating it he told us a story involving two doctors, two invalids, apples, oranges, and a self-effacing preacher. Bill is a really talented raconteur.

### DEPARTMENT 10

Everyone enjoyed the complimentary movie, "Pillow to Post". The Argus pictures were excellent.

Several people are planning vacations. **Bruce Goulder** is taking a real vacation for a month in Colorado. He will enjoy life on a ranch; certainly a change from the machine shop!

**Lucky Sannes** will go to Dakota. He tells us the people there eat sunflower seeds for Russian peanuts. Maybe he will bring some pictures or something for proof.

We surely hope **Cliff Olson** and **Maurie Howe** won't have to spend their vacations pacing the floor. They'll have enough of that later.

**George Conn** is a very versatile man. He is buying old cars and heaven only knows how he is repairing them. He may be starting an antique collection or, expects to sell them.

We hope **Otto Santer**, who is painting his home, nor any other self-styled decorator, will take **Harold Forbes** formulas for cleaners. Harold has discovered a paint

remover; he mixed a solution to clean painted walls, but the paint came off.

**Helen Steinke's** husband, **Adolph**, is due home from a hospital in San Diego anytime.

**George Pickering's** wife is due home too.

The inspection department has discovered a new use for the verniers. They're perfect for combing bald heads with fringe. You may observe a demonstration by appointment only.

**Orel Mulreed** is new in our inspection department. She enjoys skating, singing and movie magazines. Her favorite color is "red".

Congratulations and best wishes to our newly weds, **Mr. & Mrs. Walter Root**. Hope we have some pictures of them soon for **Argus Eyes**.

**Sgt. Dick Gainey** is home from duty in the European theatre of operations. He is spending some time visiting old acquaintances at Argus.

**Foster Barhitte** has learned the secret of that game you play with doors. He opened the wrong door and took a tumble down the basement stairs. Seriously, we wish him a speedy recovery.

### PERSONNEL NEWS

There was a fine editorial in the *Ann Arbor News* of June 9 entitled "Common Sense Attitude Toward Jap Balloons". Soon, it informed us, the balloons will be ridden by Jap suicide pilots, possibly to gain some degree of precision in the dropping of the bombs. But, it added comfortingly, this need not frighten nor disturb us: we should, however, beware of anything that looks like a bomb or any strange object we might find.

On my way to work this morning I saw a carton of Camels in the road, cunningly placed to look as though it might have fallen from a delivery truck. Of course I drove rapidly on, and reported it to the Police as soon as I reached my office. They dashed out to investigate, but when they arrived at the spot the booby trap had disappeared. (This I can not explain.)

Nevertheless, my attitude was correct. I advise any of you who may see cartons of butter, bottles of scotch or rib roasts lying about, with or without balloons attached, to conduct yourselves as sensibly.

The vacation season is here again. **Roy B.** has to split his vacation, because he must be here to sign the checks. Of course he will spend both halves of it at his little house by the lake. **Mrs. Radford** will spend her vacation in New Mexico, **Mary Haight** at Portage Lake, **Ruth Scharren** in Northern Michigan, and

### Transitional Trainer



**Roy Hiscock** gives a little dual on the lawnmower to his grandson, **Bruce Hiscock**, who apparently is graduating from the primary trainer (small cart) seen in the left background.

**Virginia Fox** has not made plans. **Barbara Titus** will stay in Ann Arbor, because her son is home for a forty-five day furlough.

### Tool Design and Process Engineering

If you have been having trouble finding **Bo Price**, he is now located in Process Engineering. He says **Girvan's** "Women in White" got on his nerves. We wonder about these office gals!

Who is this guy **Jul Heller**? We hear he now owns all water rights along the **Huron River**.

**Joe Noggle** has solved his meat problems. He bought himself a few porkers. If you are hungry for some luscious pork chops or a juicy pork roast, contact him. We are sure he will oblige.

We have an addition to our family, namely **Art Parker**, formerly of **Packard Motor Company**. He is the new "Neck-sticker-outer".

**Bill Bone** has been putting in his spare time at North lake getting things all set for another season of sun, fun and no fish.

### SALVAGE

**Lester Budlong** was on the sick list for several days.

**Edith Garlick** was absent, attending the funeral of an Aunt.

**Tom Barton** really did the department proud when he had delivered to him a \$1000 War Bond. Tom allowed us to look at it.

We asked **Wort Palmerton** for a snap shot of his birthday cake, but being a little shy, he wouldn't oblige. **Herb Reese** let us borrow one of his shots of **Wort** and his cake, which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

**Len Thomas** said to leave him out of this column, so as we have nothing to say about him, we won't say anything.

Nothing ever happens in our department.

# SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT ARGUS

## ARGUS HAS TWO TEAMS IN THE FUN AND TUMBLE LEAGUE

Argus is being represented this year in local softball circles with two teams in the Fun and Fumble League. It was planned to have a team entered in the Industrial League, but when all those eligible for the Fun and Fumble team elected to play with one of those teams, Manager **Ernie Billeau** of the industrial entry found it impossible to sign enough players to guarantee his placing a team on the field for all the games. Rather than risk this situation it was decided to drop the entry. This is a disappointment to all of us at Argus because since the league was first organized, the Argus entry has either won the title or has been runner-up in the final standings. Most of the players who were responsible for the high calibre of Argus teams are now in the service and we can be certain that when they return (we sincerely hope that will be soon) Argus will again be winning championships in the Industrial League.

The two teams entered in the Fun and Fumble League are the **Argus Ramblers** and the **Argus Independents**. After the playing of the first two games each has stamped itself as a capable and efficient team.

The Ramblers without doubt have one of the best teams in the league, and will be a good bet to win the title in this twelve team league. This team opened up with an easy victory over **Burns Park**, and the following week coasted to an easy 10-3 win over the **J.C.C.'s**. Manager **Cliff Travoli** has **Fish Kuehn**, who has long been one of Ann Arbor's best twirlers, on the mound, and his work in the first games

has shown that he has lost none of his stuff. The catching duties are being taken care of by **Dick Towner** and **Peck Loy**. The infield has "**Big Vince**" **Swickerath** at first, **Shrimp Rayment** at second, **Joe O'Donnell** at short, **Bill Dobransky** at third, and **Rube Egeler** rover. This group is easily the class of the league, and in **Rayment** Argus has the best infielder in the league. The outfield chores are being capably handled by **Joe Lyons** in left, **Slugger Carl** in center, and the fast stepping **Fritz Lepins** in right field.

After the first game of the Independents with American Broach it was felt that this entry would be a good hitting team but a poor fielding one, but in their second game with KC, the Independents played heads-up ball and promised much for the future. With the attitude shown in the first two games this entry will cause a lot of trouble in the schedule. The team has **Ed Bethke** on the mound, and his work in the first games has been very good. **Bruce Goulder**, of bowling renown, is handling the catching duties in big-league style. The Independents have "**Swede**" **Olufson** playing first, Manager **Erv Braatz** at the keystone sack, **Bob Bultman** short, "**Champ**" **Weid** at the hot corner and **Hank Doll** at rover. This has proved an efficient infield. The outer gardens are being covered by **Jack Pelton** in left, **Bill Skinner** in center, and "**Jo-Jo**" **Pepper** in right. **Al Bafs** is helping out with the pitching as well as filling outfield and infield positions when needed.

### Argus Fun and Fumble Schedule

(Games start at 7:00 P.M.)

#### Friday, July 6

Kiwanis vs J.C.C. ....	E. Allmendinger
Wines Field vs Burns Park .....	Frisinger
Argus Ramblers vs Moran Winchester .....	W. Allmendinger
K of C vs W. Edison Club .....	Burns
Engineers Research vs Argus Independents .....	E. Riverside
American Broach vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside

#### Wednesday, July 11

Kiwanis vs K of C .....	Frisinger
Wines Field vs Engineers Research .....	Wines
Burns Park vs Argus Independents .....	Burns
Argus Ramblers vs American Broach .....	E. Riverside
Moran Winchester vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside
J.C.C. vs W. Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger

#### Wednesday, July 18

Kiwanis vs Engineers Research .....	Wines
Wines Field vs Argus Independents .....	Burns
Burns Park vs American Broach .....	E. Riverside
Argus Ramblers vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside
Moran Winchester vs Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger
J.C.C. vs K of C .....	Frisinger

#### Wednesday, July 25

Kiwanis vs Argus Independents .....	Burns
Wines Field vs American Broach .....	E. Riverside
Burns Park vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside
Argus Ramblers vs Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger
Moran Winchester vs K of C .....	Frisinger
J.C.C. vs Engineering Research .....	Wines

#### Wednesday, August 1

Kiwanis vs American Broach .....	E. Riverside
Wines Field vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside
Burns Park vs W. Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger
Argus Ramblers vs K of C .....	Frisinger
Moran Winchester vs Engineers Research .....	Wines
J.C.C. vs Argus Independents .....	Burns

#### Wednesday, August 8

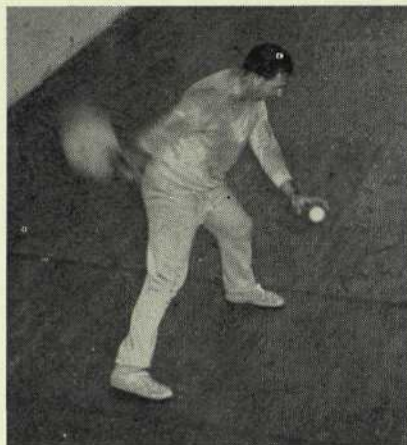
Kiwanis vs Moose Club .....	W. Riverside
Wines Field vs Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger
Burns Park vs K of C .....	Frisinger
Argus Ramblers vs Engineers Research .....	Wines
Moran Winchester vs Argus Independents .....	Burns
J.C.C. vs American Broach .....	E. Riverside

#### Friday, August 10

Kiwanis vs Edison Club .....	E. Allmendinger
Wines Field vs K of C .....	Frisinger
Burns Park vs Engineers Research .....	E. Riverside
Argus Ramblers vs Argus Independents .....	W. Riverside
American Broach vs Moran Winchester .....	Burns Park
J.C.C. vs Moose Club .....	W. Allmendinger

## STYLE and FORM

### In Clemens-Howse Paddleball Match



JOE CLEMENS



R. D. HOWSE

These pictures were taken at the Intermural Building and shows both contestants in good form.

## WEID AND TWEED FORM NUCLEUS OF ARGUS GOLF LEAGUE

Although the golfing enthusiasts at Argus have not yet organized a league, many of the employees have been playing a lot lately and it is hoped that the league will still materialize. A few weeks ago a match was arranged with **Hayes Wheel** of Jackson to be played over the beautiful **Cascades** course of that city. Not as many players as had been hoped took part, but the match was a definite success and plans are now being made for a return match to be played on the tough **Washtenaw** course.

In the match at Jackson, **Norm Tweed** served notice that he is fast rounding into shape and will be tough to beat this summer. **Norm** was pitted against **Russ Bige-**

**low**, former Jackson city champ, and **Norm** played his opponent even all the way. "**Red**" **Weid** had planned on playing, but due to work was unable to make it. The redhead has been "hitting 'em a Mile" and is up to his old habit of shooting sub-par golf. Recently **Weid** toured the championship university course in three strokes under par. "**Red**" shot the first nine in par figures posting a 36. On the back nine the champ fired up his putter and marking four birdies came in with a sensational 33 to give him a 69 which is three strokes under par. With **Weid** and **Tweed** as a nucleus, Argus could place a team on the field that would do credit to Argus.

### Dep'ts. 34-36-38

**Brice Bennett** passed his physical and is now waiting to be called. We will really miss you, **Brice**.

**Stella Harpster** has finally discarded her crutches and is improving nicely.

New to the grinding room is **Phyllis Smith**, the inspector, and **Bill DeBruyne** in prisms.

**Elmer Pfister** seems to get a lot of lengthy telephone calls from a certain person.

If given a chance, **Stu McLean** will tell you all about his chickens, guess he really has some nice ones.

**Mat Edson** seems to be quite a fisherman, he was telling me about some very nice trout, at least that is the way I understood him.

**Bob Clisham** will jump at just the sound of any little thing.

**Katherin N.** has left us to join her husband out east. Best of luck to both of you. By the way, we do think "**Wid**" is tops.

Wouldn't it be safer to use matches, **Jan?** Filling a cigarette lighter seemed to cause some excitement.

Most people are singing popular tunes, but "**Lennie**" has an old favorite, "**Trees**".

**Freddie Bentz** stopped in to see us the other day. Nice seeing him again.

**Pfc. Wm. Fischer** has been awarded the bronze star and is now in Australia. Keep up the fine work, **Bill**.

We at last found out what that bit attraction is about **Larry B.**, it's that taxi that he runs at noon. How about it gals?

**Jennie L.** has been singing "**Bell Bottom Trousers**" since that certain sailor landed in the States the other day. How about an introduction?

If the weather man doesn't give us a break soon, "**Doug E**" will be headed for

### PLANNING DEPT. NEWS

We all very much miss the presence of **Helen Evans** in our midst these past few weeks. **Helen** was in the University Hospital, but now she is at her home. Her asthmatic attacks were sure getting her down these past few months, but we are hoping that all will go well from now on and that she can be back at Argus very soon.

"**Steffie**" **Gala** broke her heel bone and will probably be hobbling around on crutches with her leg in a cast for quite some time yet.

My! How Planning is growing!! We have another newcomer by the name of **Katherine Kasper**, whom we all call "**Kathy**".

**Jack Webber** left Argus the first of June, and all his friends here presented him with a nice wallet and a good-looking gabardine jacket. We were all sorry to see him go, but wish him the best of luck always.

What certain young Army wife has been spending all her spare time shopping for pretty things? She thinks her husband will be coming back to the States on furlough within the next couple of months, and believe us, is she excited!! Can't say as we blame her, though.

Well, as we write this, **Arlene Britton** is still **Arlene Britton**; but, by the time "**Argus Eyes**" is distributed she will be **Mrs. Jack Frost**. **Arlene** and **Jack** will be living in Lansing after June 16th. We shall miss **Arlene's** wholehearted laugh and pleasing personality.

Florida for his summer vacation.

Rumor has it that **Marie** and **Catherine** are planning on raising chickens. They say that the meat situation is really "tuff".



## ARGUS FLYING CLUB NEWS

One of our very active members has taken the big step and purchased his own plane. Mr. R. P. Miller is the proud possessor of a beautiful PT-19 Trainer.

The Ann Arbor Airport reports that they had to set up a cot for R. P. M. as he flies from morn till night and spends the rest of the time polishing her (the plane) up.

Last Friday June 8th the club members saw two very interesting films, one about Flying Fortresses, the other PT-19 Army Training ships. The Army Air Corps is graciously loaning us training films which should be interesting as well as helpful in our flying.

The Argus Flying Club invites all employee's of Argus to see these pictures and notices will be posted on the Bulletin Boards when the next films will be shown.

Curt Adams has started flying again and if he can find time to keep at it, he should soon be one of the solo boys.

There are still a few memberships open, so step right up. Any one of our present members will be glad to give you the dope.

## PURCHASING NEWS

We hear that Francis C. can really "pick em up and lay 'em down". Yes, sir, he wheeled around those bases in nothing flat.

Peggy isn't saying much about her trip to Canada. She just showed us the results of her shopping spree and continues to smile mysteriously. Ah—these silent women.

John Perini is known as the "King size" Sinatra. You should hear him sing (??) on Saturday morning. "Keeps me awake", he says. (I say, ditto, John)

We often read how this war-time tension, over-work and the red point shortage irritates us at some time or other. Thought it would be interesting to see what particular peevs our personnel have. Note our "pet" ones below:

Francis C.:—A long-winded conversationist ("as the work stacks up")

John Perini—Early morning deadlines ("I get so tired")

Mattson—This (censored) rain. ("My cottage is beginning to resemble Noah's Arc")

Peggy N.—A heavy appointment, and no beauty operator to do a quick "over-hauling job".

Gerry F.—Rushing home like mad—to an empty mail-box.

Esther E.—Constantly waiting in line for groceries, movies, cigarettes, and 51 gauge hose, etc.

## What's What in the Accounting Office

Madeline Smith took a few days last week and wandered up into the North Country to see her little sister graduate from High School. She tells us she went swimming in Lake Superior—Is that why she is still shivering?

Gossip has it that Jeanne Clark is planning a trip to Denver, Colorado. Watch next month for the details.

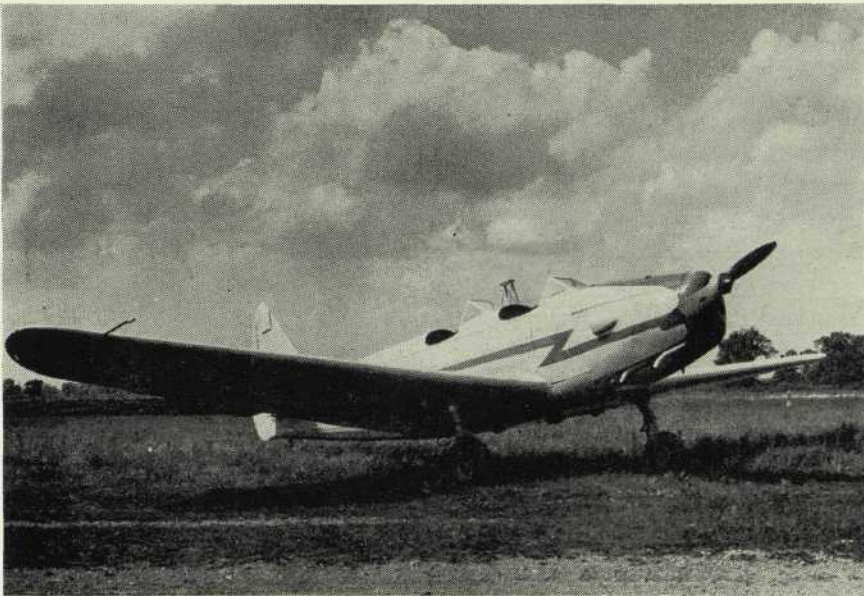
Clem Donner says to see her on "How to get a Perfect Sunburn". She tried it on Decoration Day and now has a good excuse for the red nose.

Isabelle Nash had a few days vacation left from last year so spent it shopping in Detroit. We should see some flashy clothes one of these days. The last few days she went to her home in Pickney.

## SOME OF THE ARGUS FLEET AND SPORTSMEN PILOTS



Standing by the Argus Flying Club plane are (left to right), Bob Miller, Joe Clemens, Vern Heck, Jan Vanden Broek, and Norm Tweed.



This handsome looking cream and blue Fairchild was once a PT-19 trainer, but is now the property of Mr. R. P. (Bob) Miller (shown in the picture above) . . . .



Jay Leason (inset), a vice-president of Argus, and his Fairchild, "Blue Jay". Instrument equipped, the "Blue Jay" really gets around under Jay's capable piloting.

## Sales and Advertising

If you heard the whistles blowing, horns tooting and bells clanging on the evening of June 3rd—don't get excited—the War isn't over—it was just Ted Humphreys and Bob Woolson celebrating their birthday.

Betty Lund is certainly kept busy these days answering phones. No matter whose phone it is, Betty wants to answer because she is expecting her brother home from Italy. Eddie has been serving with the 12th Air Force and has been overseas for three years. We are all waiting anxiously to meet him and hope he arrives soon.

Jimmie Barker was recently the guest of honor at a linen shower. Jimmie is moving to Pittsfield Village and we hope he enjoys his new home. Here's a friendly tip, Jimmie, better take a subscription to Good Housekeeping.

Dorothy Bray is a bride no longer! She celebrated her First Wedding Anniversary May 25th. Her husband, Dick, who is with the Armed Forces in India, has sent her a silver bracelet as an anniversary gift. She hasn't received it yet, but we're all hoping it will arrive soon.

We're glad to have Miss Lundahl back with us after her illness of two weeks.

We celebrated Doris Strite's birthday with a surprise party for her at the Michigan League. We don't know how surprised she was but we had a good time, and hope Don, who is seeing France and Belgium at Uncle Sam's expense, will be here to celebrate with her next year.

After the War, we're going to hold Lucy Gridley's husband, Don, to his promise to take us all for a plane ride. He recently bought an aircraft business at the Ann Arbor Airport—so keep those planes polished, Don, and we'll be out to see you.

## MAILING DEPARTMENT

If you have any carpenter work you want done after the duration, put your order in now with Esther Phillips. Her son, Robert (Bob) Schaffer, has just received his rating of Carpenter Mate 3/c. Bob has just returned to the states and has acquired two blue birds. Where are they? Ask Esther. Bob has made four trips across the Atlantic, to Oran, Palermo, Cicity and Italy. He is at present in Philadelphia awaiting further orders. Where will he go next? Nobody knows as yet, but we hope he has good luck and a safe return.

Edna Dennis (our mail girl) just received word from her husband that he has been promoted to Sergeant. Joe has been across since last December and has been in Belgium, Austria and Germany, and is now stationed in St. Andre, France. He is a radio operator mechanic on a C-47 troop carrier.

Pvt. Cal Foster, formerly of the Mailing Department, was a recent visitor at Argus. Cal left Argus in April 1942 and spent twenty-three months in the Aleutians. He returned to the States in June 1944 and since then has been in California and Texas. We hope he had a good time while he was home. Maybe next time food will be more plentiful and so if he is invited out to spaghetti dinner, he won't have to drive all over the country, looking for meat to put in it.

We are wondering just how much a certain little girl misses her daily letter and a special delivery on Sunday. We also wonder whether anything will come of it. Come on, fess up, you do miss them a little don't you.

# ELECTRONICS, RADIO, AND

## The "Boss Man"



"GINNY" LAU

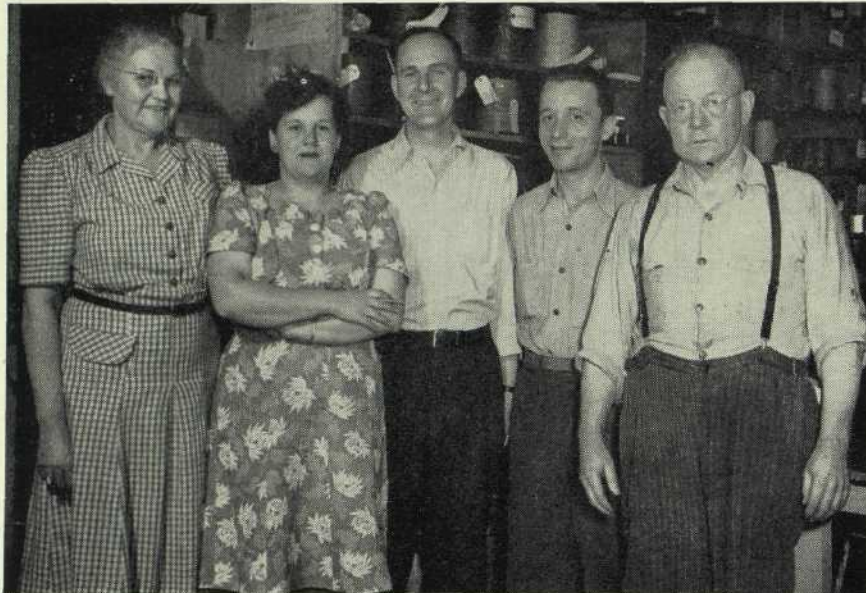
### AT THE RIGHT

- Freda Thompson
- Rosemary Melton
- Ken Holzhauser
- Alfred Deamhofer
- Bill Dixon

### AT THE RIGHT

- Florence Whiteaker
- Lena Allan
- Florence Russell
- Theresa McCarthy
- Christine O'Neil
- Hallie Smith

The place of honor, of course, goes to "Ginny", not only because he's head of the Department, but also because he's reading our favorite paper. Averse to having his picture taken, we had to assign the photographic job to one of our secret agents . . . which accounts for the fact that "Ginny" is completely unaware his picture is being taken for publication.



### BELOW PICTURE I

- Sylvia Le Clair
- Leola Bucholz
- Louise Kepprik
- Shirley Taylor
- Libbie Clevon

### PICTURE II

- Henry Christopherson
- Elsie Juntunen
- Helen Walker
- Laura Gaiser
- Joe Riley

### PICTURE III

- Anna Mae Bell
- Ila Sutfin
- Annabel Adams
- Frieda Wackenhut
- Mary Tucker



PICTURE I



PICTURE II



PICTURE III

## DEPARTMENT 61

Al Stohrer is taking his vacation in installments this year. His brother William came home on leave from Camp Hood, Texas, so Al took his first week at that time.

Wilfred Graf, who recently joined the Camera Club, (hic) was the only shutterbug with a camera on hand at a fashionable wedding lately. (hic) He took several pictures of the bride and groom (hic) and some of the guests. The pictures reflect the condition of the operator at the time of exposure (hic), being pretty near-

ly "double" exposures and slightly blurred. (hic).

Dean Wheeler has been trying to tell us that Alaska is part of the Upper Peninsula, since Prof. Dow Baxter screened his pictures for the Camera Club recently.

Frank Ferrier made a lengthy process of painting his house. However, he is nearly finished now, and there will be no more bits of paint on his forehead each morning, as he reports to the Radio Lab.

Curt Adams managed to break his glasses recently and went around practically blind for a few days. Never to happen again . . . Curt bought two pairs this time.

## DEPARTMENT 27

Thrill of thrills—Unexpectedly hearing the voice of an absent loved one over the telephone, Rosemary Melton experienced just this when her husband Clyde called

Bud Wheeler recently was transferred to the Chem. Lab. from the 4th floor Assembly in Plant 1. Good luck in your new job, Bud.

The Optical Design Department is happy to welcome Elaine Mueller, who is with us again, after completing her first year at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

her from New York City, telling her of his return to the States. He has been sent to an army hospital in Illinois for recuperation.

Melvin Birchfield's son was home on leave while awaiting assignment to a new ship. James was on duty on an LST when it was attacked and destroyed by Jap suicide bombs on Iwo Jima.

William Dixon sold his northern summer resort for a nice profit . . . how's about a treat, Bill?

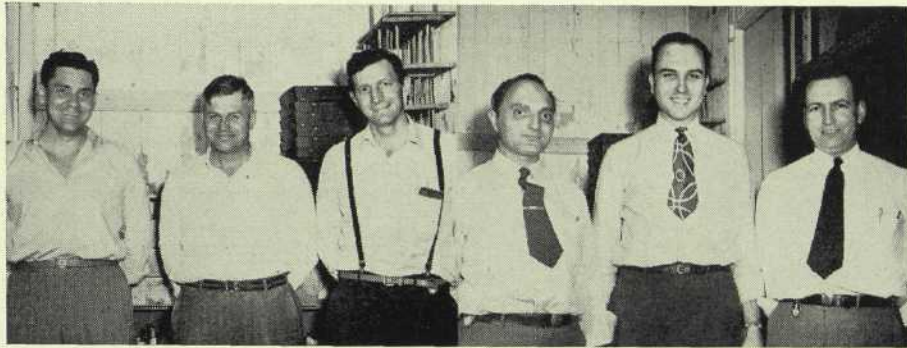
Dora Eichel received a pair of hand painted wooden shoes from a friend stationed in France.

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# CAMERA ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTS

**AT THE RIGHT  
Supervisors**

- Vince Swickerath
- John Kendrovics
- Ed Nimke
- Larry Jones
- James Meldrum
- Ken Geiger



Above—Virginia Howard  
Gretchen Weaver  
Ethel Jones

**AT THE RIGHT**

- Mary Flower
- Bertha Snay
- Peggy Watson
- Leona Hall
- Irene McCowan

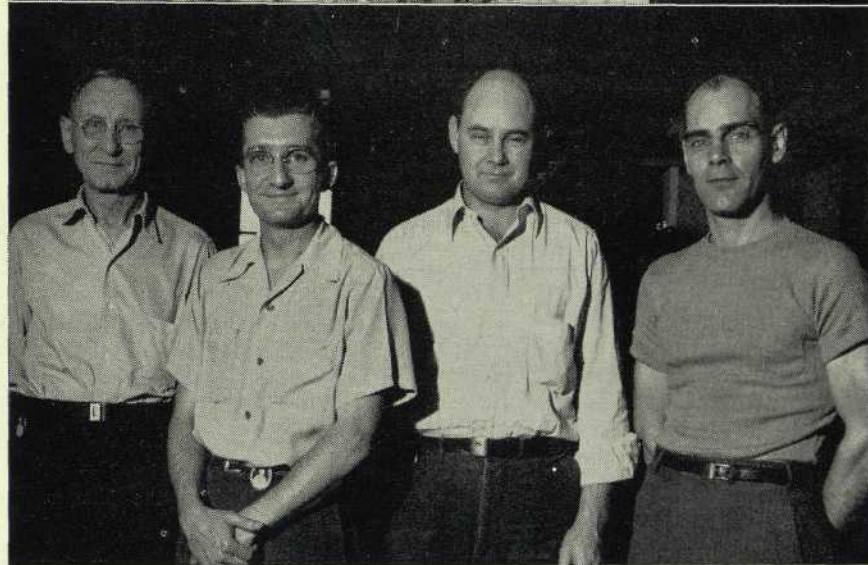


**BELOW  
PICTURE I**

- Evelyn Meldrum
- Madeline Mede
- Lorena Scherdt
- Enid Connor
- Leona Ward

**AT THE RIGHT**

- Lewis Nye
- Will Springer
- John Albertson
- Eugene Livesay



**PICTURE II**

- Louise Temple
- Barbara Sibert
- Grace Hinz
- Irene Crippen

**PICTURE III**

- Anna Thorsch
- Florence Bartell
- Blanche Crocker
- Dorothy Flick



PICTURE I



PICTURE II



PICTURE III

## OPTICAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone in Optical has been humming "Rose Mary", the latest song introduced by Chesterfield. Strange as it may be, Rose Mary hasn't heard it yet.

If you're wondering why Lila Mae has that gleam in those big blue eyes, these days, it's because Nelson is due home in July. Will it be wedding bells Lila?

Eva Gentry recently enjoyed a week-end visit with her in-laws in Kokomo, Indiana.

Several of the girls enjoyed a picnic given in honor of Billie Blades who left

for Washington D. C., where she will be engaged in Civil Service work.

Ann Daly recently underwent an operation in a hospital in Grand Rapids. We all extend sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

### Dep't. 27 News Con't.

Members of the department received a nice letter from Walter Smith, who left some time ago for his home at Honor, Michigan. Wouldn't Walter be surprised if the gang decided to take him up on the invitation to visit—all at one time?

Katie, Helen and Ann L. motored to Detroit Sunday to see Les Brown and his orchestra. The 'P-38' took us safely down and back. You do have a dependable car after all Ann.

We in Optical Assembly bid farewell to Danny, our time keeper and friend, on June 8th. The department presented him with a nice collar clasp set along with a swank bow-tie from Lila, Dorothy, and Katie. With these go the best of luck and good wishes.

Clara Dickinson was happy to have her son Pfc. Burton Dickinson, who is stationed in San Antonio, Texas, home on furlough. She also received word that her

son T/3 George has arrived in the U. S. after spending three years in the Hawaiian Islands.

We would like to thank Marjorie Black for contributing the poem "V-E" Day in Optical Assembly", which appeared in last month's Argus Eyes.

Virginia Burt is very proud and happy over her new diamond. The lucky fellow is Hierman Buch. They plan to be married in September.

Clara Steeb's nephew, Alton, has come home to spend his summer vacation. He has been attending the University of Arizona at Tucson.

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# ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



**ALBER, Amanda Kathrine**

Quiet, industrious member of the Raw Inspection Department, Plant I. Has been laboring effectively for the Company for over twelve years and recalls wistfully that she started in the Radio division when the department was limited to two girls and a handful of men. Efficiently inspected Argus camera lenses for four years. Was born on July 19, 1901 in Washtenaw County and now lives at 3655 Ellsworth Road. Has two fine sons 19 and 21 years old. The youngest son, Duane enlisted in the navy in 1942 and is now Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class, located on Guadalcanal. Celebrates her 25th wedding anniversary this Fall, claims that her hobby is raising a family but close questioning reveals that she maintains a fine kennel of pedigreed cocker spaniels of which she is rightfully proud. Recalls a very exciting trip to Quebec in 1930 and to Montreal where she was impressed with the wonders of the Mount Royal Shrine. Belongs, quite actively to the Navy Mothers Club and is also a member of the Parents-Teachers Association. Has been diligently saving War Bonds to the tune of \$1250.00 and would like to use some of this in the future for a trip to California which is one of her almost secret ambitions.

## Depts. 28-17 — Receiving and Receiving Office

Nothing ever happens in Receiving only that everything comes and goes here, so **Leon Vealy** says.

Our congratulations to **Nellie and Clarence Meyer**. Many years of married bliss is our wish. We are wondering if you will be buying a couple of saddle horses now seeing it is so hard to get gas. Oats are easier to get than gas anyway.

Regardless of the cold and rainy weather **Sally Kneiper** and hubby, **Ray**, enjoyed their week at Houghton Lake. They caught one really nice fish and the usual supply of dog-fish. **Jim Norris** doesn't believe bow-wow fish bark but Sally knows they do. She said Ray stepped on one and it said "Rufffffff!"

**Leona Baltezor** is the Pistol Packin' Mama of the department (Paint Shop) since she picked up that gun on the sidewalk one day. Don't you feel a little sorry about not returning it to it's rightful owner, Leona?

**Ethel Soli** enjoyed a nice visit with her mother who came down from L'Anse, Michigan to see her. She is a very gracious and lovely lady.

Our deepest sympathy to **Naomi Knight** who lost her husband while serving his country.

Welcome back, **Art Gerstler**. Art couldn't stay away so was transferred back to us from Dept. 10.

It was nice to have all those swell boys in the Service drop in for a visit. **Al. Stitt, Tommy Argo, Cal Foster** and **Dick Gainey** all look swell.

Farewell to **Mary Shaw** who is leaving to go to school. We'll miss her merry laugh.

The very small piece of meat we had for lunch one day, tasted especially good after we read the letter **Bessie Coon** got from her son. He was a German prisoner of war and of course lost a lot of weight. At the time Bessie got the letter he had gained twenty-one pounds in seventeen days, after he was liberated. He is being fed four times a day with steaks, chops, roasts and all the fixings, besides egg-nogs in between. It sure makes a person feel good to know our boys are getting such good care.

Welcome to **Lois Greer** who has joined us in Receiving Inspection. She said,

## Argus Congratulated on Blood Donor Record

May 23, 1945

Argus, Incorporated  
405 Fourth St., Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Waterworth,

Blood Donor Service has been terminated in Ann Arbor due to the fact that the Detroit Mobile Unit was one of the nineteen units discontinued as of May 18, 1945.

This decision was necessitated by the fact that the Army and Navy have notified us that, in view of the sudden ending to the war in Europe, their needs can be met by the Centers on the West Coast and by a few of the larger Centers in the North and East which are procuring whole blood as well as plasma. (A number of laboratory processing contacts are accordingly being cancelled by the Army.) The quota of Plasma was lowered from 90,000 to 45,000 pints of blood a week.

The Washtenaw County Chapter of American Red Cross wishes to extend their appreciation to you for your splendid service in obtaining Donors. Through such cooperation of many interested persons, Ann Arbor Blood Bank achieved its quota each month.

I would like to add my personal appreciation for your assistance in working with me in obtaining Donors and working out the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Jean R. Groves  
Chairman Washtenaw County Chapter  
Blood Donor Service

The people of Argus, Incorporated can feel proud they have contributed toward a very worthy cause, by being a blood donor.

During the time that we have had an active part in this program, we have given a total of 551 pints.

Several people who gave thru Argus, also contributed on their own to the Red Cross, making their total greater.

Honorable mention goes to the people listed below and the number of donations they gave.

**8 Donations**  
Dora Eichel Keith Tripp  
Harold Wirth

**7 Donations**  
Naomi Knight Harry Sparks  
Harry Mills

**6 Donations**  
William Brand Mable Schneider  
Augusta Butts Robert Ward  
Verne Nelson Walter Weid

**5 Donations**  
Byron Aldrich Herbert Oliver  
Frank Andrews John Perini  
Chas. Dreschel Ralph Ridenour  
Ruben Egeler Howard Schwichtenberg  
Lois Greer Jean Crandell Schoen

**4 Donations**  
Geraldine Brown Kathryn Pfeifle  
Annabell Farmer Leonard Sajda  
Doris Hainen Margaret Sindlinger  
Glenn Harrie Bertha Gray  
Stewart McLean Louise Thomas  
James Nutt

"Well, this is where I came in". **Lois** started working in Raw Inspection way back "when", to be exact the date was 7-7-37. Wonder if seven is her lucky number.

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**3 Donations**  
Curtis Adams Robert P. Miller  
Lucille Brazee Wm. Paradise  
Louise Cosens Laura Dick Purdon  
Thelma Faber Mary Raymond  
Wesley Fuller Virginia Buss  
Elsie Gillespie Harold Schauer  
Frances Glessner Carol Stevens  
Bessie Green Jack Suddarth  
Beverly Harpster Gertrude Sutton  
Ethel Hoffman Richard Towner  
N. T. Humphreys Norm Tweed  
Wilho Kelly Viola Tyler  
Audrey Kett Oscar Tyre  
Flora Mayer Athol Ward  
Paul McCoy Sidney Weiner  
Madeline Mede William Zoellner  
James Meldrum

**2 Donations**  
Kenneth Wilcox Joseph Lyons  
Robt. Allen Luella McIntosh  
Wilma Bailey Evelyn Meldrum  
Carrie Behnke Elmer Miller  
Marietta Bixby Lucille Miller  
Rose Briggs Robert G. Miller  
Lois Bush Ward Peterson  
Jesse Cope George Pickering  
Donald Crump Floyd Pratt  
Robert Davis Peg Remnant  
Donald Forbes Herbert Roberts, Jr.  
Helen Fraser Mary Jane Roberts  
Frances Gee Wm. C. Sherman  
Kelly Goss Doris Skelding  
Etta Graham Elizabeth Smith  
Ruby Gunderman Ruthella Smith  
Harold Yates Esther Sutton  
Paul Haines Wm. Thompson  
Sarah Hamlet Helen Van Asche  
Esther Heusel Oreitha Voelker  
Wilfred Isabell Julia Ward  
Pauline Johnson Noble Ward  
Edna Kappler Alexander Watson  
Dorothy Kiewasser Henry Werner  
Betty Klinger Maxine Wichman  
Harriel Lemble Francis Wright  
Alice London

## NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION CLUB



**MURIEL RAAF**

Reporter for Argus Eyes, replaces Jack Webber who has left Argus.



**KATHRYN PFEIFLE**

Argus Eyes reporter takes over Wilnot Gray's chores as Wilmot has extra duties added.



**GAIL UEBERHOHST**

Chosen as representative for the Service Department, replaces Phil Salley who has left Argus.





**KAMERA KLUB KNEWS**

(Strictly according to Webster)

The Camera Club viewed some unusual motion pictures at its regular meeting May 24. The pictures were taken in Alaska and on its surrounding waters by Professor Dow Baxter, of the University of Michigan. Professor Baxter's comments on the subject matter were as interesting and informative as the pictures themselves, so the Camera Club was very completely entertained.

The greater part of the film was Kodachrome, and pictured the landscape of Alaska, its mountains, wooded valleys, rugged coast, streams teeming with salmon and trout, and some of the wild life. There were interesting views of the Hatanuska Valley, and scenes showing the farm produce raised there. The turnips, cabbages and potatoes were so big—well, what's the use—you wouldn't believe it anyway. Dow Baxter said he tried to buy a bushel of potatoes, but the farmer refused to cut up a potato for such a small order.

We saw a man chase, and catch with his bare hands, a hump-back salmon in one of those streams mentioned above. The fish weighed at least ten pounds. We saw other salmon and trout caught with fly rods. One scene was made at a small waterfall on a stream. The salmon could be seen leaping (more correctly, swimming) over the falls, on their way upstream to the spawning grounds. Below the waterfall the fish were so numerous that their sides touched. It was a sight for sore eyes to see beautiful, firm, red fleshed salmon steak broiling over an open fire.

Aerial photographs displayed Alaska's mountains and glaciers—very rugged and forbidding, but at the same time possessing a spell binding beauty and grandeur beyond description. These pictures were taken from a small airplane, which at times seemed to be nearly touching the faces of the cliffs.

Then there was the Eskimo Barber, of whose acting Dow Baxter and his partner were so apprehensive—until they found out that he was a better actor than they; since he had been one of the principal characters in the motion picture "Eskimo."

Also included were several good shots of whale blowing and sounding in one of Alaska's bays. Such pictures are very rare and unusual.

Professor Baxter, due to the nature of his work, has traveled extensively and has made motion picture records of the things he has seen. One of the places he had been is the Caribbean Sea and its islands and surrounding countries. Later this year we hope to have Professor Baxter show us movies taken there. We extend our thanks to Dow Baxter for the entertainment and instruction he provided.

We know that film and paper are very scarce items now, but a little of each trickles through from time to time, so unlimber the old camera. Summer is upon us, and its open season for all kinds of good pictures—landscapes, boating, fishing, kids playing, or Aunt Min standing by that old berry bush in the back yard, with the elm tree growing out of the top of her head. Make a print now and then—the exercise will do you good.

That's all for now.

Dean F. Wheeler

**THE COMBINE**

There is never a dull day in our 'lower regions'. So many changes have been made lately thru transfers, comings, and goings that it was decided to combine the news from what was our three departments—Material Control, Payroll, and Cost Accounting.

We welcome a couple of new members to payroll. Irene Leabu is the new timekeeper in plant two and Nancy Shier has joined forces with the girls who work the cards. Irene's husband Charles worked here a few years ago and is now a cadet in the Air-Corp at Mission Texas. Nancy is a returnee and we are glad to have her back. Her husband is a member of the Merchant Marines and left recently to board his ship. Wilma Tieche, Vivian Reed, and Dan Kaqay have left us, so altho we will miss them, we wish them luck.

People are a never ending source of surprise. Who would ever suspect Harry Rookes of knowledge of the culinary arts? But just ask him how to make pecan breakfast rolls!

Dorothy Sims, the Baby of the Basement, celebrated her eighteenth birthday on June 6 and was the happy recipient of a dozen red roses from husband Pete who is a Seaman 1/c stationed at a land base in the Phillipines. Beulah proved to those who were on her bowling team that she could cook by having them to a yummy dinner. But can she dirty dishes! Were those all from one meal B.? That far away, and sometimes sleepy, look in Mary Jone's eyes is caused by that 'steady' we have been hearing about. There may be wedding bells in, shall we say, September. Alice Blanchard joined the ranks of War Widows when her husband joined the Merchant Marines last month. She, Juanita and War Widowette Merna, have fun keeping up each others spirits. Juanita has just started her new duties in Payroll as has Russ Warren who replaced

Mr. Kagnay in plant two timekeeping. No, the circus wasn't in town. That was Jim Norris, not a clown. Jim fell on his puss and as he said it was at the ministers house we have to believe him. Gene and Collette blow in down here occasionally but don't stay long enough for us to get anything on 'em. Neither was that other individual who slightly resembled a clown for a few days escaped from the circus. It was just Joyce plus impetigo, which is now fully cured. Norma is saved—she finally found her summer clothes all packed away as they should have been. Would someone like to tell Rocky his car would start better if he turned the radio off over night? Grace and Eunice, both reporting regular mail from out Pacific way, have investigated the Anchor Inn with a report of fair. Anyone interested in a paying proposition might start a taxi service from Dixboro to Ann Arbor. Fares might include such personalities as Joe and Les returning from bowling but we want to know what happened to Kelly.

Wasn't it pleasant to have a holiday on May 30? Some of us, Glenn, Roy, and Doris Ehnis, to mention a few, slightly resembled lobsters the next day they were so bright red and shinny. Mary Snell finished up the tag end of last years vacation Monday and Tuesday of that week so had an especially nice holiday. Doris Hainen was a happy gal the other day when her brother, Sgt. Carl Hainen, formerly of the 176 Sig. Rpr. Co., came home on a three weeks convalescent furlough. Carl, who was an employee at Argus in 1937, has spent two years in the jungles in the South Pacific Area. Clara Gerstler had a super birthday on April 26. The apple of her eye S/Sgt. Russell L. Hurst was here to celebrate with her. Russell, a radio operator on a B-24 Bomber has spent eleven months' duty in the European Theatre. Seven of these were interesting to him as he was an 'internee' in Sweden.

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**Departments 33-37-39-44**

Henry Werner was a very happy man when he received word his son Paul had arrived in the U. S., after 17 months service in Italy. Henry expects his son home on furlough in time to start the fishing season together.

Roy Vogan recently spent a week-end in Kansas City on business (we hope). Did your wife go with you Roy?

It was a nice surprise to have Bob Whitmore and Ralph Ridenour visit us again. They're both home on furlough's from the army; Ralph being from Seattle, Washington and Bob Whitmore from overseas. It seems expecially nice for Bob as we should all know by now he was one of the many prisoners who were liberated from Germany. Welcome home both of you. We're always glad to see you.

Irene Nell must be awfully scarce of gas, as she can drive the car to work but can't afford the gas to drive it back home; or is that the reason you left it parked in front of the shop one night Irene?

Blanche Ranson is unusually happy these days. Wonder if it's because, Willard, her son in the Navy is on his way home. But truthfully, Blanche, we can't blame you as its been so long since he was home.

I would like to thank all my friends in departments 37-39-44 who made it possible for me to have such a swell birthday. I am enjoying the gifts very much.

I would also like to thank you for the grand job you did last month. Keep up the good work.

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Ken Kaufman

We're glad you enjoyed your birthday Ken. We hope you have many more happy birthdays as well. As for the good job we did last month, I know the gang will join with me in saying "Having a boss like you makes our work much nicer and easier".

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The girls in the Cementing Room got extremely hungry one rainy day. If you don't think so ask Wilfred Graf; or maybe it's best that you don't even mention it . . . eh Wilfred?????

We were glad to see Bob Isaccson back home for a change. We're always glad to have our men and women in service visit us, when they're home. Hope they enjoy it likewise.

Mildred Henson is awfully nervous and excited these days. It couldn't be because she's getting married the 15th, could it Millie?

Say Viola! we hear you have been very busy on the week ends here of late. Just what is going on. You wouldn't keep anything from us, would you?

Ray Barnett gets frequent letters from his son who is in Germany at the present time.

June was quite a wedding anniversary month. Walter Smith celebrated his 30th and Henry Werner was married 31 years ago.

Say Bob! How does your garden grow? We're glad to hear Carl Wilmer's baby is better; she was very sick, but she is better now.

Say "gang", our own "Mr. Olufson", is having an awful, awful time getting cigars, or hadn't you noticed those awful things he's been carrying around recently. He calls them cigars, but sometimes I really wonder. We sure will be glad when the war is over, won't we Ole?

Say, I hear we have a "Romeo and Juliet" in our midst; wonder just who they are? Wonder if Nina could give us some information?

Any time you girls want to make a flying trip to Detroit and a faster one back, go with Gracie. She can really get you around fast and I don't mean maybe.

It's going to make quite a change in Ken's desk, since "Dorow" is getting his own private office. I hardly think it will require half the cleaning that it did before. But that's okey, Dick, we'll come in once in a while and clean it.

**Optical Assembly Con't.**

Both Winnie Fraser and Edna Bourdelias received pictures of their sons, and when comparing them they found the back-ground of both pictures to be identical. James Fraser is in the Navy while Louis Bourdelias is with the Marines.

We would like to welcome Marie Breithaupt, who comes from Traverse City, to our department.

Birthdays being celebrated in our department this month are Winnie Fraser, Maxine Wichman and Virginia Ross.


Norm wishes the phone company would hurry up and install the telephone-television sets, so that he could see Pat and Mary Jane when he calls Wisconsin. They are spending the summer there, and Norm is spending all of his time on the golf course.

Girvan's fame is spreading. We understand Popular Photography has purchased one of his masterpieces. The photograph "Pier and Lighthouse" appeared on the front cover of Argus Eyes.

**Birthday Party**



Wort Palmerton, of the Salvage Department, was surrounded by good things to eat on his recent birthday . . . and if our vision is not too blurred, there's a kibitzer in the background.

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ANN ARBOR, MICH. 650

# News of Argus Servicemen . . . .

## SGT. CARL COON LIBERATED FROM GERMAN PRISON CAMP

A prisoner of war since January, 1945, Carl was liberated by the British in May. His mother, Mrs. Bessie Coon, of the Inspection Department received the good news just after Mother's Day. She says that Carl has gained back 21 pounds in 17 days . . . and is eagerly awaiting his return . . . as are his wife and little son.

Following are some interesting excerpts from letters written to his mother and father; which they have kindly consented to let us reproduce.

"Dear Mom and Dad,

Just a hasty note to let you know that I am once again a free man (since May 2) and in very good hands. I do hope that you haven't worried too much about me, for I have actually not been in too bad a shape.

I hope to be in England very soon, and in the U. S. soon afterwards. In case there is a delay of any length, mother, I want you to know that I send all my love and best wishes to you on Mother's day, which is not far off. I think that I'll be able to send something better than that in time, though.

I do hope that you are all all-right since I last heard from you. How is sis getting along? I can hardly wait to get back to all of you again. It must be nearly summer vacation time for sis again, isn't it?

Well, as I said, this is just a hasty note, so I'll close now. I will write every chance I get. Remember that I love you all very much and am thinking of you always. God bless you."

Your loving son,  
Carl, Jr.

A second letter following his liberation was written the day after V-E Day.

"I have just flown out of Deutschland, and am enjoying a brief stay in Brussels. I am, of course, still in British hands, and am being treated much too well. It's lovely today in Brussels, and we can see the remainder of yesterday's big celebration . . . flags of all nations flying all over the city. I hope that you enjoyed your celebration yesterday, if you had one. I certainly wish that I could have been there with you. I want you to know I was thinking of all of you anyway. Well, after nearly seven months in Germany, I find that it is somewhat of a relief to leave. It



SGT. CARL COON  
This picture was taken just before he left the States.

wasn't too bad until walking became first-class transportation."

Sent to Namur, in Belgium, Carl and his buddy enjoy rest and recreation provided by the Red Cross, but have to watch their diet after being on a German starvation diet.

"This is certainly a marvelous place . . . what with the nice warm weather and the beautiful scenery here in Namur. I wish that you could see this Red Cross Club; I have never seen one to compare with it. My buddy, Neil Byer, and I are planning on a little canoe ride this evening, furnished by the Red Cross. They also furnish facilities for fishing, golfing, tennis, swimming, and lots of other things. If I wasn't in such a big hurry to get home, I think I'd hole up here for awhile. It certainly is rough on a man here, though, on food. You see, these people are really specialists in pastries, and we aren't supposed to even touch pastries . . . rough isn't it? We sneak into a pie shop and have a couple bites now and then—nothing drastic, you understand. We aren't supposed to eat ice cream yet, either, but they've got these damned ice cream wagons all over the place . . . whatcha gonna do? When I get home you'll see that I eat right, won't you, Mom? I'll be home for sixty days, you know, as soon as I get back in the U. S. I am in American hands now, so it won't be too long."

## Boyd Head Lonesome In the Philippines

Hello Gang:

Not much news. Haven't heard from any of you except for a few and they know who that is. I'm quite well. Wish I was back at good old Argus. They always say there's no place like home, and they're very right. Anybody that wants this part of the country can have it. Have been a lot of places and seen a few things, but can't write much about it. The mail's a little slow, but get it quite regular. How about a few lines from "You all", as they say in Southern Russia. I'm quite busy but I don't suppose as busy as you folks. Of course you have your nights off which I don't. I don't mind it too much, but I could use a little more sleep.

So drop a line or two if you find time. It gets lonesome out here, but always manage to find time to do something. Not always exciting, but have a few good stories to tell.

As ever,

All for now,  
Boyd A. Head

## Pfc. Wilbur Salow Now in Germany

Willy's letter was dated May 6, "somewhere in Germany," so we can be pretty certain he was right in the center of things when V-E Day finally came. Greetings Gang:

Received your March issue of the Argus Eyes, which I greatly appreciated. I wish to thank you for the Christmas package. Tell the gang in department 33, I said "hello." I wish to congratulate everyone on the wonderful work they have been doing. Was in action some where along the Rhine. It got awful hot at times, but I got used to it; living in trenches, rain and mud. It has been nasty here, rain and cold all the time. Going up here we passed through several countries, noting the ruins and destruction. About the girls over here, I will take my American girls anyday. Hope some of the fellows get a chance to drop in to see the gang. Also tell the gang in departments 39 and 36 I said "hello." As chow call is near, I must say so-long to everyone. Best of luck to you all.

Willy

## PFC. ELMER KNIGHT KILLED IN ACTION ON LUZON

Everyone at Argus was saddened to learn that Elmer Knight, husband of Naomi Knight, was killed in action on Luzon, May 12th.

Elmer had served in the Army more than three years, and was sent overseas on July 4, 1943. He had been stationed in Hawaii and was in action in New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, and Luzon.

In addition to her war work here at Argus, Naomi has been a generous contributor to the Blood Bank, having given 7 pints to the Argus Blood Bank and a like number to the Red Cross at Ypsilanti.

We echo the thoughts of all her fellow workers in extending our deepest sympathy to Naomi and son, Bob.



PFC. ELMER KNIGHT

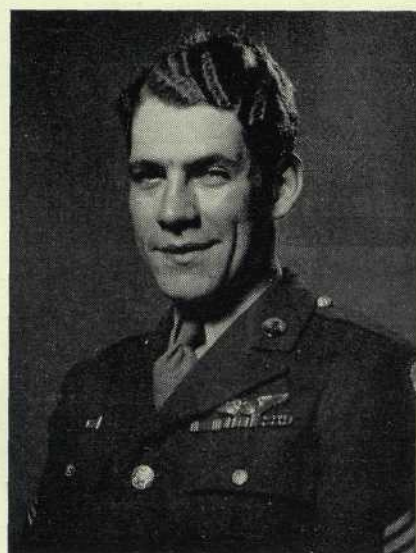
## Paul Haines Promoted to Rank of Sergeant



SGT. PAUL HAINES

Mrs. Gertrude Haines received word that her husband, Cpl. Paul Haines, was promoted to Sergeant on May 1st. Paul has been overseas nineteen months and is now stationed at Rennes. He worked in the stockroom in Plant I before going in service.

## Sgt. Richard Gainey Visits Argus



We were happily surprised the other day when Dick walked in, for it was not so long ago that we had a letter from him written in Europe. Congratulations on a job well done, Dick!

## Christmas Box for Bob Morton Has Long Journey



WORTH WAITING FOR

Pvt. Bob Morton was here for two weeks visiting his mother, Laura Egeler. He finally received his Argus Christmas box in May, all in good shape. It travelled to Camp Walters and Camp Maxey in Texas, then to Camp Roswell, New Mexico, and even went overseas to APO 407, before finally catching up with Bob at Camp Houston, Texas. He really enjoyed it and said it was worth waiting for.

## James Birchfield Was Recent Argus Visitor; Now at Norfolk



JAMES W. BIRCHFIELD, BM 1/C

James is the son of Melvin Birchfield, of Argus, who although but 22 years old, has been in the Navy for four years. His last trip to the South Pacific was of 18 months duration, and included several invasions in the Philippines on L.S.T. boats . . . as well as a narrow escape at Iwo Jima where he was one of 14 saved out of 167, when his boat was sunk. Following his furlough in Ann Arbor, James has reported at Norfolk for re-assignment.

**CORPORAL MacPHERSON AND SON**



"Mac" gazes proudly at his son, S/Sgt. Robert N. MacPherson, who visited Argus after returning from 41 months duty in the South Pacific area.

**T/Sgt. Martin V. Zidron Expresses Views on Peace Plans**



**T SGT. MARTIN V. ZIDRON**

Ernie and Eleanore Sinclair received this interesting letter which expresses the G. I. view of the peace conference. Martin is Mrs. Sinclair's brother. Hello Kids:

"Well another month has just about come to a close . . . a month that we shall long remember . . . many things have happened . . . some joyous and others sad. We shall long remember the deeds of our dead President and praise him for what he has done for us. My only hope is that we of the country of America will live up to the things he had planned for the future. Myself as an individual want to carry on the standards set down for the future. I do not want to see another war and I shall do every thing in my power to help prevent another holocaust in this world.

The only way I can see peace is through compromise with the other great powers. We cannot be isolationists as we were before this war . . . to prevent another war we must have a world army to quell any desires of any other Hitlers to rule this world. I sincerely hope that the peace security conference which is now in session in San Francisco is a great success.

The rules set down by the conference shall be in the blood of millions of men who have died to bring to an end *Fasism* and *Nazism*. I want to believe they did not die in vain.

Say El, thank you very much for the candy. I received it today. It was really fresh . . . thank you.

Ann tells me, Ernie, that you have the upstairs almost completed. What do you lack having it finished?

I am glad to know that your children are in the best of health. It won't be long before Donald will be able to write to me.

Say Ernie, have you seen any cameras like the one you have, for sale. I want to get one and over there they are as scarce as furlo's. What I would like is a 35 mm camera. Does Argus have any of them left?

I am willing to pay any reasonable price for one, so will you do me a favor and look around?

I believe I told you about that Detrola I had rusting up while I was on Canton. So I have been without one for some time. Thank you folks. I am going to write to mother now so good afternoon. Keep smiling . . . keep healthy . . . all my love to all of you."

Marty

*Marty, see note following Ralph Rosenberg's letter.*

**Roy Hiscock Has Letter From Ralph Rosenberg**

Ralph sends along his correct address, which you many procure from the Personnel Department, and also best wishes to his friends at Argus.

"Say hello to the boys in the machine shop of plant II. Also to Cliff Oetson and Harry Greggs and his son who worked in the blocking room.

Roy, I am in the Philippines and things are going along fine. The natives treat us swell, but you have heard of that song. "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like Home". How true, how true.

As you know I am in the Ordnance. At the present there is a lot of work to be done; therefore I am being kept very busy. I am working in the instrument section now and the work is very interesting. I was working in the machine shop for a while, but you know how it is. Whenever and wherever they need a man for a job, and you are qualified for it, that is where you work. Now that we have achieved our Victory in Europe, I hope it won't be long before this war is over.

Roy, I have a favor I wish to ask and I would appreciate it very much if you would give it your kind attention. *I would*

*like to acquire an Argus camera and would appreciate your help.* The reason I am asking this is because we had an accident coming over on the boat and my camera was lost. I would like to buy an Argus C-2 or C-3 (C-3 preferably). If neither is available, would it be possible that one of the Army cameras are? I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know which ones are available; if any, and the price. In return I will send a money order and a request for the camera, which will be necessary for you to send it by mail. I do hope you can help me Roy, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. I am anxiously awaiting your answer, so till I hear from you again, I'll say so long for now.

Sincerely yours,  
Ralph

We don't know just how successful Roy will be in carrying out Ralph's request, but we can tell Ralph that he and the other boys will be able to procure Argus C-3's through their own PX's in the not-too-distant-future, as we have started on a sizable government order for this camera for exclusive shipment overseas.

**Max Hammond Wants Letters from His Friends**

Hi Gang,

The April issue of *Argus Eyes* arrived today, and I was glad to get the news from home again. I didn't receive the paper for three months, due to moving, but am up to date now .

There are a lot of guys there at Argus who don't know me, but to those who do remember me, *how's about a letter or even a postal card?*

Our division (11th Airborne) has just moved into a base camp, after 93 consecutive days in combat. We have a nice area but it takes a lot of work to make the place comfortable.

I was especially interested in the letters you published from Wes Osborn and Bill Heck. My best regards to them.

When we were at Manila I was nicked in the head by a Nip machine gun. It has healed very well now and I suffer no ill effects.

We're all very much pleased with the end of the German war. I hope that those boys who have seen most of the fighting over there will soon be discharged, for they certainly deserve it.

I haven't much hopes of getting home on leave for some time yet, for I only

**Ken Wilcox on His Way Home from Prison Camp**

In a letter just received from Ken, dated June 3rd, at St. Valery, France, he says that "If any of the old gang is still there, I would like to hear from them. I have been in a German prison camp for a few months and would like some news from Ann Arbor and Argus. Address the letters to the address below—my home, *where I hope to be soon.*"

Sgt. Kenneth L. Wilcox  
Glen Cove Park  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Let's all give Ken a warm homecoming by writing a letter to him at the above address.

**WANTED**

A 35 mm camera immediately for overseas shipment to my husband in the Southwest Pacific area.

Dorothy D. Bray  
Sales Department

have 13 months overseas.

There's a movie tonight, so I'll say so long, and best of everything to all of you.

Always,  
Max

**PVT. J. C. COPELAND GETS NEWS OF HOME THROUGH ARGUS EYES**

Dear Friends:

"Now that I have stopped for a while I have the opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to you people, for sending me your really swell "Argus Eyes". It is one of the best morale builders yet! I have saved most of the copies and have re-read them since coming here four weeks ago. I like it all, but especially the pictures, as I know a lot of them, although there are always some new faces. One thing I've noticed about the "Argus family" and that is, they all look happy. And why shouldn't they? I'm sure they know they are fortunate to be employed by such a modern plant, and I personally know that both employees and management are "on the ball" to put out instruments that hold up as well as they have done in this war.

Many persons who didn't know Argus products before, have become acquainted with them now, and it is going to mean a lot when the trade mark "Argus" is seen again in peacetime.

I see that you have a swell camera club there now. I'd sure like to send a few shots, but at the present time we aren't allowed any cameras. I will try to bring some when I return to Ann Arbor, and that time can't be too soon for me. I am anxious to attend another Argus party, as I am sadly in need of refreshments! And I'm sure I could get them there.

Thanks again for the *Argus Eyes*, and please note the change of address. Best regards to all."

Sincerely,  
Pvt. J. C. Copeland

*(Pvt. Copeland's new address can be procured from the Personnel Department).*

**Bill Covert Sends Greetings to His "Gang" on the Fourth Floor**

Hi Gang:

I guess I have been rather lax when it comes to writing, but I'm not much of a hand to write, so you will have to excuse me.

First of all, I should like to thank the Argus Club for the Argus Eyes I receive every month. It sure is swell and keeps me in touch with all the gang on the 4th floor I used to work with.

I use every day that I fly, some of the equipment they build, and believe me it is good stuff.

For the past month and a half I have been in R.T.U. B-29 training and expect to go overseas in a couple of months. You can take it from me, these B-29's sure are a swell plane. My position is that of

C.F.C. gunner and gun commander.

From what I know of the B-29 it sure is far better than any other bomber we have and I'm sure the Japs agree by this time. We received both night and day training in bombing and gunnery, so all in all it is very interesting but they sure keep us busy from early to late.

We fly 15 hour missions and those who fly know that that is a long time to keep your feet off the ground, and especially at 25,000 or better feet.

Well I guess I don't have much more I can tell you, so my best regards to all the gang and let's hear from you. Many thanks for the Argus Eyes.

As ever,  
Bill Covert

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**Thelma Burke** is a new member on our office staff. Welcome, Thelma!

**Evelyn Belleau** is leaving the department to join her husband who is stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi. We sure hate to lose you Evelyn, but are glad you are able to join your husband. The best of luck to you both.

**Dorothy Jacobus** has been pretty happy lately—the reason—her brother Dick, who is stationed at Ontario, California is home on a 21 day furlough. He stopped into the department and we all enjoyed his visit.

**Lester Michael** received two German armbands and a German flag from his Son, Bob, who has served in five campaigns in the European Theater. Hope the next package you receive Mike, will be your son, Bob, in person.

**Betty Rossiter** has left the department as she and her husband have purchased a grocery store in Lakeland.

**Mrs. LaVeta Shaw** is going to spend her week's vacation this month with her son S 1/c Richard Shaw, who is stationed at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Bernice Highfield** is going to spend her vacation on her farm at Holly, Michigan. How's those vegetables and fruit coming, Bernie?

**Raymond Nemanich** spent a week with his folks at Joliet, Illinois. How did you like "mom's home cooking" you were telling us all about, Ray?

We wish to welcome **Russell Rochte** and **Harry Lansing** to our camera repairman staff.

**The Combine (Con't.)**

Wonder if that was where he developed cannibalistic instincts? He bit Clara's finger and she got blood-poison. It seems these two gals are bribing the auditors with cigars. However it turned out they were for Clara's Dad. Doris brought him a box from Chicago where she visited her brother at Hines Veteran Hospital. Roy made our mouths water the other day recounting the pleasure of week-ending with friends in Detroit. **Bobbie**, who by the way made the last blood bank on her third try, is having a weeks vacation. She'll probably come back with a luscious tan so we will all start counting the days 'til our turn.

**Bob Ward** had quite a tussel with the flu but got the best of it after several days at home. His wife and young daughter, who is getting to be quite a lady, visited us the other night. We missed **Alyce Taylor** the other morning and found she had gone home to nurse a sick tummy caused from too many helpings of whipped cream and cake and ice-cream at the graduation exercises in Milan. The new per-

**The Gals in White Celebrate a Birthday**

This just goes to show you, hat seein' isn't always believin'. Our "Boss" had another birthday (don't know where she hides those years . . . they don't show on her) . . . and am I tired!!

The week of the 4th started out on Monday . . . just like most weeks do . . . but with the "Boss's" day coming up, we had more secrets than the F.B.I. Whispers behind her back—queer goin's on, and, by the time Friday rolled around we tho't we had a job well done, even tho' Mildred was going in circles, Reata's hair in a knot and me with my "you know what" draggin'!

We were going to pretend nothing unusual was going on, when who should come in but **Kelly Goss**, and asked **Frances** a lot of questions about how old she was, etc., which goes to show he'd been peeking the day before . . . and then when I came to work, I sneaked in the back door with all my packages, looked up and down the halls—and no "Boss"—then what should happen but to have her dash around the corner smack into me. She pretended not to notice even tho' her eyes were popping and she was grinning from ear to ear. She left—about five minutes later—for the school house, and walks into Reata at the front door. Reata had a nice big package done up in pretty paper—once again **Francis** tries not to notice.

About 1:45 p.m. Mildred called **Frances** out of the F.A. (she had a heck of a time thinking up a reason) and Reata hustled over to Plant I and we got things ship-shape in nothing flat. **Harry Letsis** got the paddle, and had to think up a

manent she has must be in preparation for the trip to New York she and husband **Paul** are anticipating. We are real proud of **Dorothy Mieneke** whose picture won first prize at the Camera Club. She plans to enter another soon and we hope she wins again. **Norm** doesn't seem to have done anything more exciting than go to the dentist. How come, Norm, holding out on me? Since **Wilmot** has taken on new duties in payroll she hasn't time to keep up her reporting but she helped me a lot by turning in a few tips. Thanks **Wilmot**. **Marie** is a busy person these days. Her Mother has been in the hospital so she has been trying her hand at house-keeping. If **Kathryn** has been moving around like she needs crutches or a wheel chair, it is neither rheumatism nor old age. She went with our horsewomen on their weekly ride, and it is the general result of the first ride of the season. **Virginia**, by the way is the Argus Giddy-up girl. They do very well and have lots of fun. How about some pictures soon, gals? We femmes are planning a theater



**Frances Watterworth—"Oh Boy—Oh Boy—Oh Boy"!**

way to get **Frances** back to Plant I (which he very ably did). He couldn't have been more excited if it had been his own party.

**Frances** had an elegant affair . . . all the trimmings, eats too, including a birthday kiss from one of our most handsome employees. She only had 16 candles on her cake, and you know the old saying!

**Jimmy Barker** did honors with the paddle (**Frances** did him dirt on his birthday)—and "**Stu**" **Gildart** was really in a stew—talking about "Foons and Sports"—whazzat?

One of the funniest things that happened was when "**Stu**" took pictures and Reata was supposed to hold the flash and was so interested in **Jimmy** and **Frances** she held the bulb right in **Stu's** face and was he "lit up".

**W. Kelly** wrote a very appropriate verse, and truer words were never spoken.

**"THAT'S MY BOSS"**

You know my Boss—her birthday is today, No wonder she's smiling, happy and gay. With problems of First Aid under her able command

We are bound for success on every hand. She sure is a pal—that we all agree And as my "Boss" she's been wonderful to me.

To those who call for her help and advice She goes out of her way to be helpful and nice.

So if I live to be one hundred and four I'll never find a friend I like any more. May God bless you and keep you close to him

That you may have happiness and peace within.

Phew! Whata day and whata birthday —can anyone tell me where I can get some First Aid?

**Depts. 28-17 (Con't.)**

Gosh it has been peaceful and quiet in the department since **Clara Schallhorn** had the operation on her tongue. Thought you wouldn't get in the news this time, didn't you, Clara?

Wanted: An apartment (tent acceptable) very soon. In vicinity of Saline.

During that rainy spell in May, **Helen Montague** showed she had a soft heart for animals. The water around her cottage at the lake was up to her knees. She heard some soft little cries and discovered her family of kittens had been trapped under the cottage. She promptly cut a

party with the tickets the company so generously gave us so, among other things, we will tell you all about it next month.

hole in the side of it but couldn't reach the little things. So she cut another hole in the middle of the living room floor, and by laying on her tummy, she managed to reach them and pull them out, one by one. Bravo! **Helen**, but what did the landlord say about the holes?

**Sid Weiner** brought his young son in for us to admire. He is a nice boy, Sid, bring him in again.

**Benny Kearney** and **Helen Montague** will never grow up. They admit they still love to feel mud and sand ooze up between their toes. Even yet they go bare-foot on the last lap home.

The result of the baby shower **Alma Fox** and **Laura Egeler** gave for Ex-WAC **Lauretta Cunningham** is a fine eight pound, eleven ounce baby girl named **Virginia Iliene**.

**If we Built Tanks**

