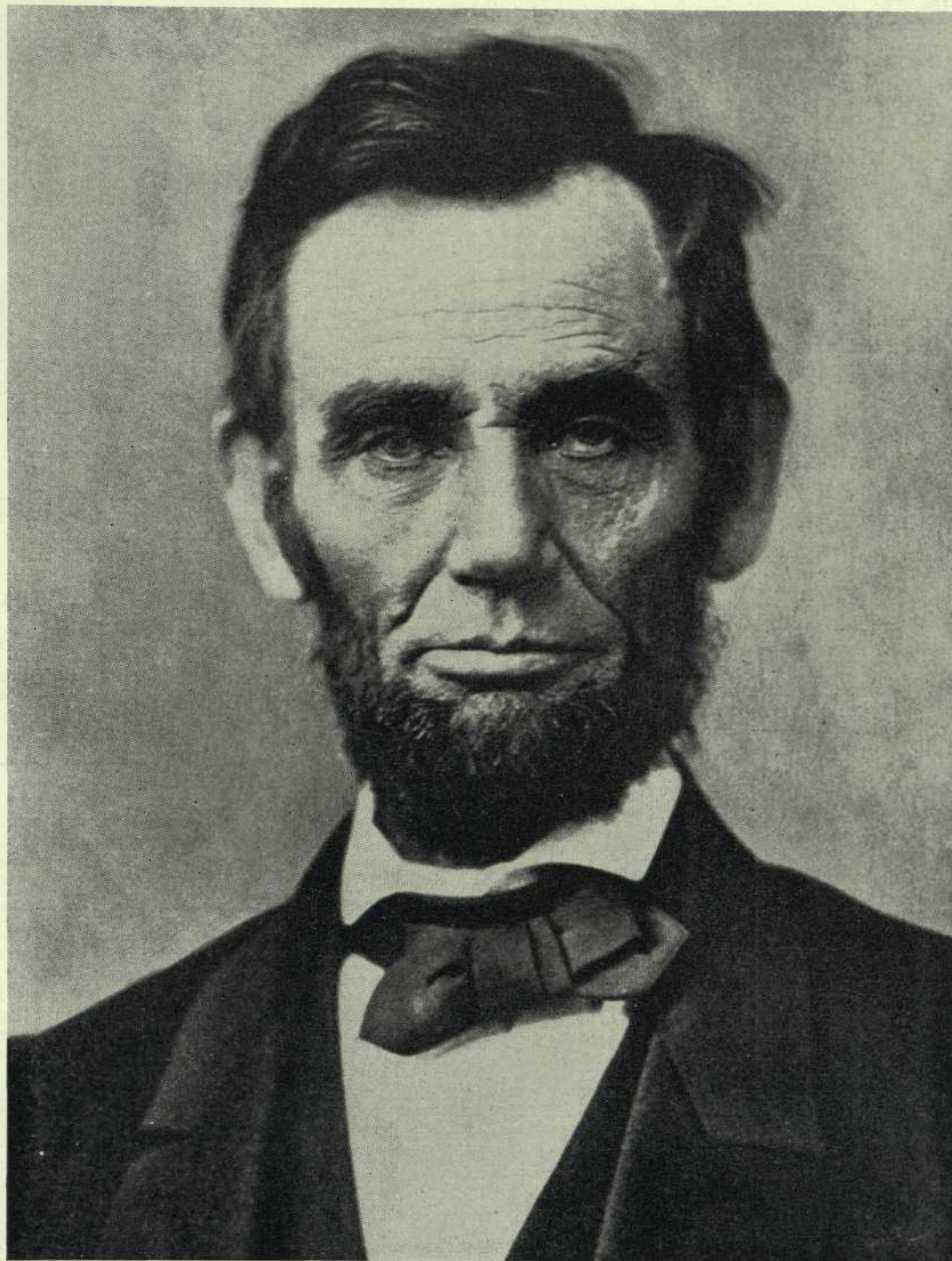


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The time is fitting, as it was in the days of Abraham Lincoln, to pay allegiance to our nation, united by the struggles of brave men, living and dead.

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln
Gettysburg Address



ARGUS EYES

Argus Eyes is published for the employees of Argus Incorporated and their families.

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

Beverly Bullis of the Personnel department makes sure that news is gathered and that pictures are obtained and arranged in readable fashion for publication about the 10th of each month.

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

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

Safety News

Your committee has been working all this time doing things that seem small and unimportant but it is the little things that really count.

In the past two months we have had a couple of rather close calls by employees who have had loose clothing caught in moving machinery. These employees have learned a lesson by personal experience and it is up to the rest of you to profit by it too. No doubt you have all seen safety posters illustrating the very same situation, but I doubt if many of you ever give it serious thought. That is true of all safety posters. Even though they seem humorous, they all have a serious thought behind them. They convey the idea or situations which are for you to observe and consider for your safety. Nothing serious happened in these two cases; however, only a few more seconds would have made both of them into serious accidents. So let us all be careful of what we do and how we do it. If any of you see any unsafe practices being carried on by your fellow employees, caution the employee. If he persists, report it to your foreman, or a member of the Safety Committee. Let's be safe in '48.

Inspection

This is a pretty cold place these days but we will try to thaw out long enough to let you know that being chilly does not stop inspection from rolling along.

Lloyd would like, more than anything else, a nice home in Ann Arbor as he drives from Wayne every day. Bill is more fortunate as he hails from Pittsfield Village along with several other Argusites. The speakers table, which includes Laura, Olive, Jerry, Bernice, Mary Beth, Alice, Art, Bessie, and Charlie, is keeping very busy these days and just don't ever do a thing—much—

Cecille and Mary Jane are taking sewing lessons. Any dressmaking you would like to have done just let them know. Ask Mel how he likes flying to work. Wilbur is all excited about his plans for spring, you know what kind—Ed is the silent partner but probably thinks a lot.

Elmer Milbrandt is one of the newer folks and thinks Argus is a pretty nice

Argus Responds To Friendship Food Caravan



Harry Axelson and Melvin Birchfield saw to it that our contributions were taken to the loading dock at the Fairground.

place. Becky is simply too cold to talk, there's one consolation Becky, it can't last forever. Harriett flits from first floor to third, we never know just where she will be. Del is one of those real nice boys you just can't help but like—and we all do.

Lucille and Marguerite work along constantly with a recipe thrown in now and then.

Helen and Irene are new to this department but not to Argus as they were transferred from fourth floor.

Tom wishes sometimes that he were two people, as he has quite a time covering so much territory in so little time.

There's Bob in the back row, one would never know he was here if he didn't walk up to the crib now and then. Betty can stay right at home for her entertainment as they have a new television set. Cathy seems unusually happy. I wonder if it could be a new boy friend. Olive had a birthday the 23rd which was cause for celebration.

Leola and Amanda, Aggie, Laura and Nina spent the evening at Katherine's with everything from chicken dinner in a box to a birthday cake with her name on it. Last but not least is the tool crib. Red has been very busy with inventory and has hardly had time to spend his weekly allowance. Ted has been married a few months now so he just phones his wife every other hour. Archie is the busy man with his duties as Cub Scout leader in Ypsilanti. Harold is our talented boy. He not only sketched the covers for Argus Eyes, but he also makes hammered lamps, however it was a different sort of lamp he gave a friend New Years Eve. Leola, Katherine and Olive went to Detroit shopping and had lots of fun, but decided next time they would take a leash, as one of them got lost.

Profit Sharing Notes

The number of employees enrolled in the Profit Sharing Fund is 372. 58 having been added August 1, 1947.

At a meeting of the Management Committee held in November, 1947, a number of questions of interest to members were asked and discussed. Of these the first was: Why is there a three year waiting period required for eligibility?

Ans. It was explained by the chairman that the reason for this requirement was and is that we must be sure that new employees have definitely decided that our company is the one they intend to make their company and is the place they intend to work for some time.

The second was: Is the Managing Committee advised on the matter of investments before investments are made by the trustee?

Ans. The portion of the Fund contributed by employees, and interest actually earned on same is always kept invested in United States Government Bonds, or other securities guaranteed by the United States Government. The portion of the Fund contributed by the company is invested by the Trustee, who consults with the Managing Committee.

The third question was: Why can't a general loan fund for houses, real estate, etc. be created under the Profit Sharing Plan?

Ans. It is not desirable to create a loan fund because:

1. The risk involved in determining whether a loan should be made to an individual or not would create considerable embarrassment to both the individual and the Managing Committee and possibilities of discrimination could be raised.
2. The cost of operation in connection with a loan fund would be too great. This would involve the necessary personnel and book work in connection with the checking of loans, the checking of titles and the approval of the loan by the committee.
3. Delays in the granting of loans by a committee of the Fund would be much greater and much longer than if the individual obtained his funds from banks.
4. Since most of the loans would be on real estate, such type of loans at today's market would be considered unwise.
5. Rate of interest necessary to cover cost would be higher than bank otherwise it would not be fair to rest of members who naturally want the highest safe interest rate on their money.

Income Tax Reports

Mr. Kenneth Leighton is here at Argus to help us with income tax returns. A check has been made in your department of all who wish help. Any who may have been missed, get in contact with the Personnel Department. Arrangements have been made with your department head for the time necessary to prepare returns.

In order to accommodate everyone, a schedule has been made to meet Mr. Leighton and time assigned by departments. However, it is not always possible to meet these schedules exactly, due to reasons such as absences and pressure of work, and it is necessary to make substitutions. Therefore, to all who will be consulting Mr. Leighton, this is important: Please bring with you each day:

1. Your W-2 form (company statement of 1947 earnings and withholding)
2. List of outside income other than wages, if any.
3. List of allowable income tax deductions. This includes taxes (real estate, sales, auto license, gas tax), contributions (church and organized charities), medical and dental expenses (if over 5% of gross income).

This service is a courtesy of the company to us, and is furnished free of charge.

Operation Cheboygan

Wanted to trade—1 1935 Ford Deluxe in fair(?) condition for a good dog sled team, with or without sled. It's a beautiful day here in Cheboygan (so says the Chamber of Commerce) only three below, so draw up a chair by our coal stove and we'll continue with our saga of the Northwoods.

Our inspector, Don Gauthier, has been going around with that look in his eyes these days and rumors have it that about springtime he is to set out to prove that two can live as cheap as one. Kenny moved into his new home over the holidays, and so far we haven't heard of any music coming out of the faucets or water out of the radio, so apparently he is all set.

As for our weaker sex (they'll dispute that) Marie managed to get up home over the holidays and had a swell time, doing nothing but eating and sleeping. Maybe we shouldn't have mentioned eating, because Helen Baier has a very strict diet which she adheres to very faithfully, except for those few days when she lets herself go on a spree of chocolate cake or candy. Eva is concentrating on bowling these days and in one of the Cheboygan leagues she carries a nice average of 156—not bad, eh girls?

Tony has his fish shanty out on Duncan Bay but to date hasn't had much luck. Your reporter could tell you about the big one that he missed with a spear, but why go into that.

Our commuters have been doing pretty well in getting to work on time, namely Bud Berden and his father Earl who live out in the country, also Ray Hansen who drives in every day from Topinabee.

Now that the hunting season is over (or is it?) George Hansen will be getting in a little ice fishing to try out his home made decoys and hand turned spears. He guarantees his decoys to catch fish—or else. In fact he claims they are so real that if he doesn't watch them closely they will go after the perch and pike.

Frank Stempky keeps himself busy in the off hours by helping his father



ARGUS PROFILES

By H. J. R.



TWEED, Norman Edward

Likeable, popular manager of the Accounts Payable department where he presides over—and is aided and abetted by—several attractive and whistle-blowing secretaries, stenographers, etc. Was born in Chicago in 1912 and is open to any interesting and intriguing suggestions for celebrating the event this January 30. Was sales engineer at the Dole Refrigerator Company at Chicago (before his appearance at Argus in 1941) and was one of the few employees of the company who could successfully explain the disappearance of the little light inside iceboxes when the door closed. May be seen any morning in front of his house on 220 Third street trying to re-park his car after unsuccessfully trying to find a vacant parking place a little nearer the factory. Is quite keen about fishing and hunting and disappears annually northward with fairly successful results. Likes to travel and has been in every state in the Union except Maine and recalls his first trip to Florida when eight years old which took three weeks. Is kept fairly busy at home repairing sleds, skates, doll houses etc. resulting from the wear and tear brought about naturally and instinctively by two boys and two girls.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

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

Around The In-Process Room

Bob Kosal, expeditor, has left Argus. We are going to miss him, but believe that Bill Hartwig will keep up his good work.

Dennis O'Hare was feeling pretty blue for a few days, but has perked up considerably. We are glad your wife's operation was so successful and also that you are able to enjoy her good cooking again.

Gordon Bunn is the new fellow trailing Fred Pearsall these days. Seems Fred is trying to acquaint him with parts, part numbers, routing sheets, stock status, etc. Gordon hails from South Lyon. We hope you will like it here at Argus, Gordon.

Harry DeBruyne has just about recovered from New Years Eve. We are sorry about your nice car and also those nasty scratches you received.

Shirley Miller is still telling us about the Rose Bowl game and her trip to California over the holidays.

Optical Illusions

Christmas has come and gone, and with the New Year in progress everyone is wishing for success and happiness in this year 1948.

Sorry to hear that Peggy Girvan fell while skating and broke her arm. We hope she is getting along nicely, and will be able to use her arm again soon.

We would like to welcome Jerry McDonald to Optical. Hope you'll like it here Jerry.

Virginia S. spent a few days in Pittsburgh, the dusty city. She visited with her husband's folks and had a grand time. Lucky Gal.

A note from Jackson contained a "hello" to everyone—signed Alyce. Drop in and see us Alyce.

Barb S. will be busy these next few months making plans for her wedding on March 12. Good luck Barb.

Not too much news on New Years Eve parties, guess most of the gals stayed at home. Betty H. did say she attended a swanky affair, and stayed out until the wee hours tho. Better watch that beauty sleep kiddo.

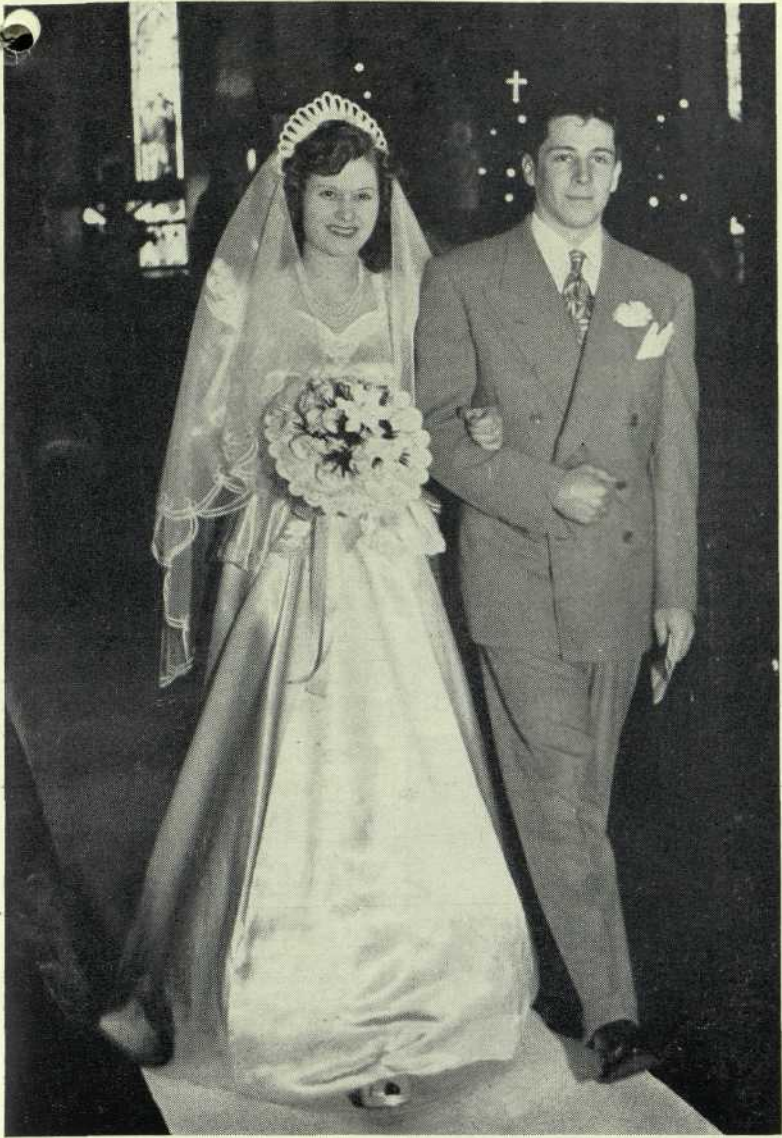
Esther has been transferred from Optical, but hasn't strayed so far that she can't come back for a visit. The same goes for Alice London, who is now working in the Paint Shop.

Helen Fraser Weds



The wedding of Helen Fraser and Robert Stricklen took place November 26, in the St. Thomas Church, Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. Stricklen are living in their new home at 306 Brierwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bates



At a ceremony performed in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Dexter, on January 3, Miss Dorothy Gainsley became the bride of Harry Bates. Following a honeymoon in New Orleans, Dorothy and Harry are now at home in their apartment at 7871 Ann Arbor St., Dexter.

Payroll

In case you're wondering, the new member in Payroll is **Mildred Young**. She is the wife of a student in our fair city but she can tell you about South Africa if you would be interested. **Mildred** spent about 19 years in that country, in fact she just came to this country a few years ago.

The face that will be missing from now on is **Janet Johnson**. **Janet** was given a grand send-off by the Payroll gang and was presented with a lovely tablecloth with matching napkins. We hated to see her leave, but she has accepted a position at Sentinel Aircraft, Inc, and has already assumed her duties there. Lots of luck **Janet**.

Camera Clicks

Now that Christmas is over and we all are back to work, We look back and wonder which of us was the biggest jerk. We would wander around the stores from morning till night, Trying to find a gift that would be just right. Now we are saying next year we are not going thru all this bother, And low and behold, we add to our lists someone else's father. Now next year when you make out your list Don't forget the true meaning of all this: Be thankful for your blessings and try to bring others bliss.

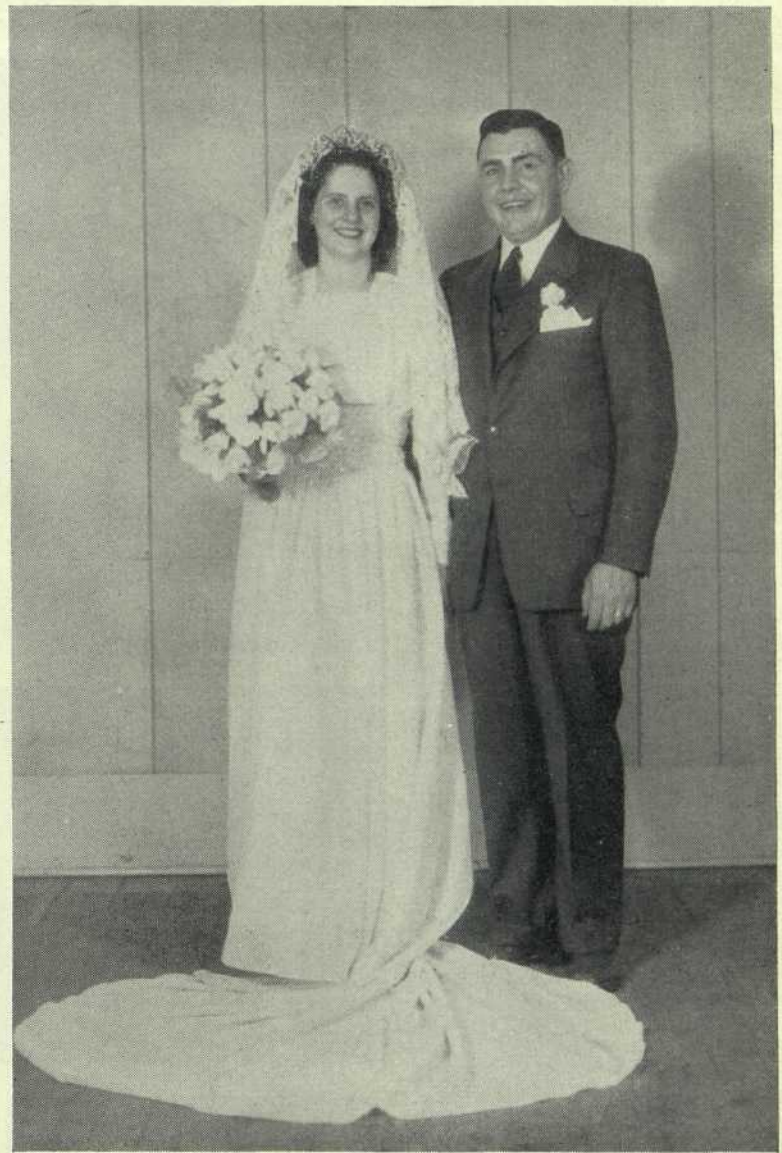
Frank Heger is a new member in our department and there hasn't been a dull moment since he arrived.

Hank Christopherson is now seen driving a new "Fleetline"—hot stuff, **Hank**.

We understand **Elsie Ostrander** has a new grandchild. Congratulations, Grandma.

We all are in a dither wondering who is going upstairs. We have gotten to be such a happy family that none of us like to be parted. That's what comes when working at Argus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farrell



The former **Mary H. Howard** and **Louis A. Farrell**, both of Dexter, were married November 15, in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Since their return from a wedding trip to Mount St. Joseph, Ohio, and Northern Michigan, the newlyweds have made their home in Dexter.

From Turkey, To Fish, To?

The old saying we heard so many times after Christmas about eating so much turkey that it stuck out of one's ears has now changed to fish.

Yes, some of the boys in department 43 are practically swimming to work. **Tom Westfall**, **Steve Jardno**, **Jim Danby**, **Al Kesler**, and **Lee Skinner** are going to great lengths, and I do mean lengths, on the sizes of the fish they caught.

It won't be long before the smallest perch will be at least 59" long, the smallest bluegill 40", and the smallest pike—wel-l-l, brother you'll need a truck to bring it home.

Lee seems to have all the boys agape on his latest catch. Some weeks or months ago, **Lee** had the urge to go fishing, but he had loaned out his tackle—what to do???? Idea!!! He took down the wife's clothes line, tied on a small ship's anchor, stole a ham out of the ice box for bait, and went down to the lake.

After getting a hole through the ice **Lee** dropped his lure, which was tied to a railroad tie so it would span the hole. While waiting **Lee** got the chills and on looking around found himself standing in a foot or two of water. Upon investigating **Lee** found he had such a big pike on his line that it was pulling the ice covering the lake under water.

Well folks, that fish could never be landed so—**Lee** just stalked him out on the spot. Now you wonder how **Lee** gets his fish steaks—its no problem at all. Ht puts on a diving suit once a week and goes down to hack off another pike steak. According to **Lee**, the tail has hardly been dented and it is always-fresh.

For proof of this fable **Lee** brings in a fish sandwich every Friday for lunch and boasts, "well fellers, here it is." (We only hope his wife does not run out of canned fish.)

A new face has been added to our Department, **Leslie Church**. Welcome **Les**, we hope you will like it here.

Anniversaries



FRANCES CARSTENS
Camera Assembly
5 YEARS



CLARA SMITH
Camera Assembly
5 YEARS



DELLA BLAESS
Paint Shop
5 YEARS



LENA ALLAN
Camera Assembly
5 YEARS



EDGAR FOWLER
Process Expediting
5 YEARS



ANNA MAE BELL
Camera Assembly
5 YEARS

"Shipping"

Dere Patrons of Thee "Argus Eyes":

Seein as how eye haven't much two dew, eye taught that maybe u mite bee intressdid inn what's goin' on inn yore shipping department.

This hear room is where thee "elite meet" 'n acktually all work hard, thoh everi oncet inn awhile wee dew stop two fine out about thee gang hear. Take **Gerry Meddaugh**—since know alarm klock kan drag her out of bed in the mourning, we have turned too a knew method. **Slim's** first duti of thee mornin' is to punch in, tear up the stairs and kall **Gerri**.

Then there's **Steffie**. (**Burns**, that iss) our faithful 6 term gurl, who never ceases to chatter about **Jimmy** who always pics hur up at five p.m. **Cal Foster** (the most consheenshush of our lot) gave her a dawg with a hint that they should raise a familli. Eager Beaver!

Now to something that makes sense—We wish to welcome **Barbara Cook** who is occupying the desk that **Sonny White** left. We're gonna miss **Sonny** and her "fabulous" stories. Time Marches On—and so do the cameras as the boys in back send them out, thanks to the efforts of **Shrimp** and **Herb**. According to **Fish**, no news is good news, but we're still hoping for something big.

Harold's looking for a pooch to pull his dog-sled in the morning, whereby **Ed** is looking for more riders to help him on the straight and narrow on his way into A2. . . . Any suggestions?

More troubles, with **Rolly** looking for someone to help move a sandpile and a hill in front of his house and **Al** figuring more ways to cut down his income tax. **Dave's** blocking every night, trying to finish his house.—**Van** is so busy filtering through the day that he doesn't have a chance to sign his name.

Everybody has their troubles, but have you heard the story where **Art** killed two steers with one shot? (A bullet, that is!) We haven't heard the details, ourselves.

Sales Slips

Looking down the "Old Wishing Well," we heard the following people wish:

- Bill**—that he could sell his car.
 - Nancy**—that the steno rolls would come out a little more clearly.
 - Dick**—would like more movies during the week.
 - Janet**—that she had a little gray home in the west.
 - Del**—just wants a little gray home.
 - Irene**—that she could go visiting South America for a one years rest.
 - Walt**—for a new Buick and to hit the road for dear old "Argus."
 - Lee**—that she had an automatic typewriter.
 - Elaine**—wants a maid to answer the telephone calls inquiring about apartments, when she is taking her weekly bath.
 - Herb**—that he had his house settled and paid for.
 - Dorothy M.**—that she had a new file.
 - Miss Lundahl**—for peace on earth.
 - Agnes**—wants an ideal apartment with a private bath.
 - Jean**—that she could take that trip to Arizona.
 - Dorothy B.**—her wishes have all come true now that she and Harry are happily married.
 - Jackie P.**—that summer would come around soon, so that she can brighten up her desk with flowers from her garden.
 - Caroline**—also has her wish, as she will soon be Oklahoma bound.
 - Judy**—that the blessed event would be twins.
 - Kelly**—that he could have just one day without a telephone call.
 - Marcie**—wouldn't make a wish, but we know what it would be.
 - Elizabeth**—wished for a toboggan before the snow melts this year.
 - Bob**—thinks it best not to wish for anything this year.
 - Margaret & Bonnie**—that people would please straighten their files out when they finish pawing through them.
 - Jackie N.**—wished that the Salesmen would be a little more considerate when requesting reports for her to do.
- When passing through the Sales Department you may notice some new faces. They are: **Mary Bandrochak**, who is from Ann Arbor, **Pat Schommer**, who hails from St. Paul, Minnesota and **Vaunnie Matson**, who is from Kansas City, Missouri. We hope your stay will be a long and pleasant one. Also we seem to be missing a few, they are: **Ann, Lois, Jeanne, Caroline and Judy**. To them, we wish the best of luck in their new ventures.

Personnel Personals

This is our 3-in-1 column, in other words, news of the personalities in Department 65 of the past, present, and future. **Bev** says that everyone is so enthusiastic about writing news for the Argus Eyes that she can't squeeze all the news in the paper.

The Thursday before Christmas, we decked out in our new look to go to a party. We ate yummy steaks at the "House of Good Foods"—then traveled to **Fran Watterworth's** home to spend the evening in a jolly manner. We exchanged presents—how pleased we all were.

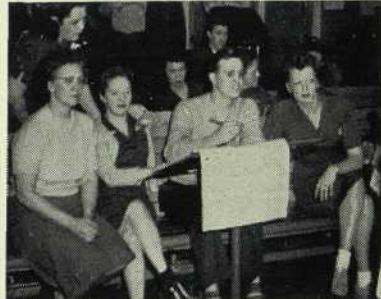
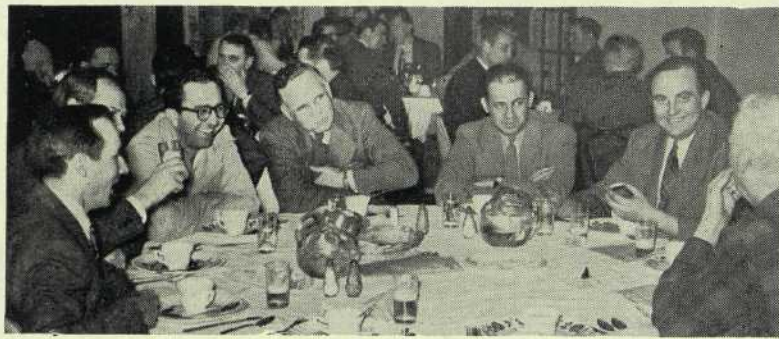
January was a month of great activity. After Christmas we thought that our bargain counter would have the customary holiday lull. However, the employees found the Minneapolis products extremely pleasing to the eye and easy on the paycheck, so they continued to flow into **Mrs. Radford's** office.

Barb has been kept busy answering telephone calls—"How about **Mammy, Barb,**" or "Golly, you've only played *I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover* five times today; play it again, please!"

Two of the gals, **Vi** and **Bev**, have birthdays in February. Both say they're going to be 21. What again! Anyway, the rest of us, **Mr. Reid, Roy, and Betty**, are anxiously awaiting the "goodies" that these parties will bring on February 11th and the 19th respectively.

And say—have you night people taken a look into the First Aid recently? The medics have a new colleague, **Charles Kramer**. He is replacing **Bill Newlander**. **Bill** did a grand job; we're sorry to lose him, but sure that **Chuck** and **Bob Evans** will keep the night shift healthy.

BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS



Basketball

King basketball has made his way to the front as we go to press, and the Argus basketball team is right in the thick of the struggle for the Industrial League Crown. To date they have won 2 and lost 1, dropping their first game to Chelsea by a 36 to 24 count, then bouncing back to beat University of Michigan Hospital 36 to 22 and East Quad 34 to 24. The team is slow in reaching top form, but is expected to reach its peak by the time they meet King Seeley, who is currently leading the league with Argus second. King Seeley will be favored but when these two teams meet anything can happen and usually does. Coach **Tom Neff** is hampered this year by the lack of height, but this is offset somewhat by the play of three veterans, **Sam Neustadt, Gus Christ** and **Jim Devlin**. With this to start from, a very formidable combination is in the making—with **Elmer Pfister** and **Jim Streiter** at forward, **Neustadt** at center, and **Christ** and **Devlin** at guard. The small but fast replacements are: **Glen Merryfield, Don Crump, Cliff Swanson, Art Selent, George Bock,** and **Bob Yakley**.

Let's go out and watch the boys perform and give them a hand.

We'll see you at the Argus-King Seeley game.

The Graphite Boys (Engineering Dept.)

Some of the boys in the Drafting and Designing Department had a farewell dinner last month for **Ernie Olsen** who left to take a position in California. Best of luck to you **Ernie** and also to **Charlie Mahler** who is leaving on January 31.

We wish to welcome to our department **Charles Tuthill**.

We hope that **Beverley Knight**, who has been ill for over a month, will be back with us soon.

We are glad to have **Cliff Coniway** back after being ill with the mumps.

Now that **Rodney Mast** has eyeglasses, he can see what he's drawing. *Touche!*

We hope that **Howard Kern** is recovering from his injuries, received when his car turned over in Indiana.

Grinders and Shiners

Paul McCoy is really sold on the bonus system. He says he can eat three meals a day now. (Confidentially, he needs them too).

Al Koerke has a 1939 Plymouth for sale—and he's not the least bit worried about the excess profit tax.

Julius Pepper seemed quite excited the other day when he handed in his minutes per hour. His usual calm composure relaxed, and so help me, he smiled.

Jim Swaney is sporting a new hair do, looks rather becoming, it is an angle part on a bias.

Bob Whitmore has a new hobby, farming for **Hutzel**—personally we think it's to reduce the second front.

Favorite song hits of Department 28

Ted Tirb—"Have I Come Too Early or Too Late?"

Geo Snyder—"Baby Boogie"

Conrad Ganzhorn—"My Cabin of Dreams"

Fred Bentz—"The Whiffenpoof Song"

Karl Kaschner—"Ack Du Lieber Augustine"

Earnie B.—"Pass that Peace Pipe"

Lauren Lutz—"Fat Man's Polka"

Elmer P.—"How Soon"

Harry Link—"Home Is Where the Heart Is"

Harold—"Made for Each Other"

Eddie Dow—"I'll Dance at Your Wedding"

Spitz—"Snatch It and Grab It"

Bill Gillespie—"Feuding and Fighting"

Harry Crist—"The Best Things in Life are Free"

John B.—"So Far"