

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## 100 Years ago Jan. 4, 1923

• Michael T. Quirk, one of the oldest residents of Arcola, died at the family home on South Pine Street last Saturday evening about nine o'clock. He had been in failing health for the past year and a half, suffering from a complication of a number of diseases.

Mr. Quirk was born in Lee, Mass., in 1852. When a boy of six years he came with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Quirk, to Arcola, the family being one of the early settlers of the city. He married Elizabeth Sullivan and to them were born eight children.

He was named postmaster of Arcola and served for eight years. When the Arcola State Bank was founded by the late Thomas Lyons, Mr. Quirk became its cashier. In this position he remained until the death of Mr. Lyons in 1915, when he was chosen president, where he remained until May of 1921. He served for many years as treasurer of the Arcola Homestead and Loan Association.

• Arcola burglars evidently are doing a profitable business and in preparation of making out their income tax blanks felt in the need of an adding machine. So, Sunday night, they broke into the elevator of R. O. Harris & Son and stole their machine along with a few minor office and desk sundries.

• The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Arcola State was held Tuesday morning, and the old board of directors was re-elected consisting of T. E. Lyons, G. S. Tarbox, Mrs. Marie Lins, Raymond Beasley, B. Reinheimer, James Edgar, H. M. Martin and Fred M. Groves. The officers of the bank were reelected. They are T.E. Lyons, president; G. S. Tarbox, vice president; F. M. Groves, cashier; A. M. Post, assistant cashier. A dividend of six per cent was declared.

## 50 Years ago Jan. 4, 1973

• Edwin J. Cunningham, 60, prominent Arcola businessman, collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack while working on a project in Arcola at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 28. Mr. Cunningham was born Oct. 16, 1912 in Arcola, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cunningham. He was married to Ruth Schwabe on April 14, 1937 in Ottawa.

Cunningham came to Arcola in 1947 where he managed the Cunningham Dry Good Store before founding Cunningham Engineering Co. He was a 1934 graduate of Notre Dame Electrical Engineering School and was an engineer for the state until 1947. He built, among other structures, the first National Bank of Arcola, the Embassy, the Catholic Convent, Bi-Rite

and Arcola IGA grocery stores and the Arco-Acres Subdivision. He was past president of the Arcola Chamber of Commerce.

• George W. Warren, 73, of Arcola, died approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Carle Hospital in Urbana. Mr. Warren was a partner of the Warren Bros. Broom Company of Arcola which he had operated for the past 25 years. He was united in marriage to Nana Lewellen at Arcola on June 2, 1951. He was a member of the Arcola Masonic Lodge No. 386.

• Scholarship awards totaling more than \$12,000 have been presented to 72 Western Illinois University students for academic excellence by the WIU Foundation. Among them is Brenda Seaman of Arcola, a junior in accounting and information science, Corporate and Professional Giving. Known as the WIU foundation Scholars Program, this special recognition was administered through each academic department and program. Criteria for selection included must be a full-time student at WIU for three or more quarters and must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average.

• The familiar window at the Chesterville Post Office will serve patrons for the last time Friday, Jan. 5 when the facility closes. Patrons will be served the Arthur Post Office from that time on with an address of Rural Route 2, Arthur. Nancy Pullen of Arcola has been the officer in charge until the served was absorbed by the Arthur Post Office.

• Mr. and Mrs. E. Dale King of Arcola announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patty M. to Dennis K. Drake, of Mrs. Mabel Drake. Miss King is a senior at Arcola High and is employed part time by the Arcola Chamber of Commerce and CaBett's Boutique. Mr. Drake is a 1972 graduate from Arcola High and is now employed at Edwards's Shell. A June 9 wedding is planned.

## 25 years ago Jan. 8, 1998

• Kyle Edgar and Seth Christianson, were pictured on the front page enjoying the warm weather and Christmas break by playing football with Alex and Genni Christianson (not pictured) with temperatures in the 50s. Students returned to school Tuesday, Jan. 6.

• The Arcola Police Department has joined the technological age of the 1990s. Alderman Karen Faler made the statement after the Arcola City Council Monday night unanimously approved a computer system upgrade at the police department. The council agreed to purchase the



**DAVID NISBET writes on the Remembering Arcola Facebook page: Me at 5 sporting matching muscle shirts with older brothers Doug and John — this photo was taken at 511 E Washington, next to Mark Vogel house. (July 1962)**

\$4,000 (7,313.13 today) software from Bee Consulting Computer Systems, Inc. of Springfield. The Police Information and Planning System will allow Arcola police officers to use their time more efficiently when filling out various reports.

• Courtney Hackler, a sophomore, was voted to the 10 member Filly Gold All-Tournament team Dec. 30. Hackler averaged 14.7 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists per game in the tournament.

• Chris and Jim Fishel, Arcola, announce the birth of their twins, Kylee De Lane and Jameson Wyatt. They were born Monday, Dec. 8, 1997 at Carle Hospital in Urbana. Kylee was born at 12:19 p.m. and Jameson at 12:20. Maternal grandparents are Jan Dunagan, Mattoon and Doug Dunagan of Sullivan. Paternal grandparents are Lynda and Jack Fishel of Arcola. Kylee and Jameson (goes by Wyatt) join their sister, Rachel Taylor, 2 1/2 years old, at home.

• Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thompson of Arcola celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, Jan. 1. Irvin Thompson and Freda Frantz were married Jan. 1, 1948 in Oakland. The couple is engaged in farming. A family celebration was held Dec. 26 at the Ramada Inn in Mattoon.

• The Purple Riders boys basketball team beat Lovington 67-48 Tuesday Dec. 30 in the 15th annual Clinton Holiday Tournament. Arcola improved to 7-5 and finished fifth for the second straight year in the 10-team tournament. Arcola lost to the eventual champion, Riverton 64-39. Jeremy Blackwell led

Arcola against Lovington with 19 points, while Keith Sargent had 16. Sargent and Brad Pullen had 12 points to lead the Purple Riders, coached by Karl Parrish, against Riverton.

• The Lady Riders began the 1998 portion of their schedule with a 53-40 win over Bement Monday at Arcola. The pivotal win was aided by a 16-4 third quarter run to break open a one-point game. Arcola improved to 9-3 overall and 3-1 in the Little Okaw Valley Conference. Nicole Foran and Katy Bickel had 10 points each to lead Arcola.

## 10 years ago Jan. 3, 2013

• The Arcola McDonald's officially opened for business on Monday morning, Dec. 31. Angie Matlock is owner-operator of the Arcola McDonalds, while Christine Danielson is manager. Hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday's.

• Frederick E. Bumpus, 79, of Arcola, died at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 at

his residence after a courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Mr. Bumpus was born on June 11, 1933 in rural Arcola, one mile south of the Walnut Grove Christian Church. He was a son of George Earl and Dora Belle (Wangler) Bumpus. He married Sue Frances Shrader on June 14, 1953 in Humboldt at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Bumpus graduated from Mattoon High School in 1951. In August of 1950, at the age of 17, Mr. Bumpus was diagnosed with polio. He spent the next year and a half undergoing extensive treatment at Warm Springs, Ga. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1956 with a bachelor of science degree in Ag Economics.

He and his family moved to Arcola in 1975, where Mr. Bumpus worked at the First National Bank of Arcola for 27 years, retiring in 2002. He was a trustee of the Arcola Foundation for 20 years and had been in the Arcola Lions Club.

• Longtime Arcola Record-Herald advertising salesperson/feature writer Phyllis Bergfield, 80, was honored at a retirement reception last

Frida at the newspaper office. Approximately 40 of Bergfield's clients, friends and family attended the reception to recognize her for her nearly 40 years in the newspaper business.

• For the second straight year the Arcola girls basketball team finished third in the Dieterich Holiday Tournament. Arcola went 3-1 falling to eventual champion, Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City, who was led by Micah Jones with 36 points. Taylor Edwards scored 24 points in a 51-45 win over Dieterich and 22 in a 60-15 triumph over South Central before scoring 25 in a 60-23 victory over North Clay. In that game Taylor Honn was also in double digits with 10 points.

• The Arcola High School basketball team sent a group of freshmen and sophomores to a round-robin tournament at Paris last week and the Purple Riders went undefeated, going 3-0 beating Hutonville 76-26, Paris 44-36 and Tuscola 50-38. Members of the team are Devin Warren, Justin Hobgood, Seth Still, Clayton Strader, Javi Leal, Chase Strader, Austin Shafer and Cole Hutton. The team is coached by Stan Boyer.

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