

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## 100 years ago Feb. 22, 1923

• There have been two fires in Arcola during the past week, one at the West Side Grocery of Breunle and Schanz and the other at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Logan. In both instances the fire department did good work and the property damage was nominal.

The fire at the West Side was last Friday afternoon and it was a mean one to fight. The building is a two-story one and the fire was mostly between the upper ceiling and roof. The fire boys worked for nearly an hour before the blaze was all put out. One of the customers remarked "Mr. Breunle, I believe this building is on fire, you ought to look around some and see if it isn't." "Oh they've been at work for an hour," replied Mr. Breunle of the firemen. "I think they will handle it all right. Wouldn't you like some of these nice oranges?" All of which goes to show that the citizens in general have absolute faith in the work of Chief Goggin and the department.

Messrs Breunle and Schnaz mailed the fire boys a check for \$25 (\$437.38 today) Monday morning in appreciation of their work. Tuesday night, Pete Conners, who rooms in the Ewald block in which the West Side Grocery is located, saw the moon coming up and, thinking the building was again on fire, the alarm was turned in. The fire boys responded but there was not sufficient pressure to squirt water on the moon.

• Mrs. Catherine Sieh died at home in Arcola Wednesday morning, Feb. 21, after an illness of several months. Catherine Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hansen was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Oct. 15, 1849, and came to America in 1866, at the age of 17 years. Two years later Sept. 18, 1868, she was married to John Sieh at Bourbon. To this union 11 children were born, five boys and six girls. In 1901, the family moved from Bourbon to Arcola where they have since made their home. Mr. Sieh died April 19, 1911.

• Mrs. William Thompson died at home southeast of Arcola Thursday, Feb. 15, on the anniversary of her fifty-third birthday. She had been in ill health for about two years suffering from Bright's disease and dropsy. She was also affected with a tumor. During the past two weeks her illness developed into the flu, which was the immediate cause of death.

Anna McKenzie was born at Morefield, Switzerland Co., Indiana, Feb. 15, 1870. She was married to William Thompson, March 31, 1889, at Morefield, Indiana, where they resided until 1889, when they came to Illinois, locating on a farm near Arcola. They were the parents of nine children, six boys and three girls.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Methodist Church, having united with Central M. E. church in 1909, but at the time of her death she was a member of the Arcola M. E. Church.

• Poor passing and failure to follow up shots, lost Arcola its Tuscola game here Friday night. Tuscola winning by a whirlwind finish of 25-18.

## 50 years ago Feb. 22, 1973

• The Arcola Lions Club presented the Arcola Development Corp. with a check for \$1,000 (\$6,738.06 today) at their meeting Feb. 13. The check is part of the Lions \$4,000 (\$26,952.25 today) pledge for the swimming pool. Lion President Allan Gray presented the



AN UNDATED PHOTO from the Arcola Broom Corn Festival.

check to ACDC President Larry Bushu.

• Vyverberg's, the store that just keeps growing, has been the hub of the Arcola business district for 20 years. That's how long Bill and Virginia Vyverberg have had their store here and this week they are celebrating the 20th anniversary of a firm whose growth has reflected that of the community.

The store is holding a special sale this Friday and Saturday, featuring free gifts to everyone plus free coffee and cake to commemorate that first day, Feb. 1, 1953, when the couple took over a small, crowded variety store operated by James Porter. But the Vyverberg's of back then bore little resemblance to the Vyverberg's of today.

The first store was confined to the west quarter of the present building. In 1960, it expanded into the middle half of the present store and in 1968, the Village Shop, the men's store, was opened on the east quarter of the department store.

Five persons are presently employed in the operation of the store. Mary Conners has been with the store since it opened. Joyce Mor has been employed for five years and Phyllis Vogel for three years. Margaret Biggs and Barbara Gibson help out when needed.

• Burglars broke into the Arrol Pharmacy on East Main Street early Monday morning and made off with a large amount of drugs. Arcola police said that the burglar broke the glass in both the storm and regular door on the west side of the store to work the lock and gain entrance to the store. The break-in was discovered by Patrolman John Calhoun at 12:48 Monday morning.

• Beverly Kay Ramsey became the bride of Harold Glenn Hunt in the Hindsboro Christian Church at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ramsey of Hindsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt of Oakland.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church hall. The new Mrs. Hunt is employed as a secretary in the law offices of Brainard, Bower and Kramer of Charleston. Her husband is employed at McQueen's Lumber at Oakland and is engaged in farming. They will live on R.R. 1, Oakland.

• Cecilia Cloyd and Steve Holaday were crowned Queen and King at the annual Valentine Dance Saturday at Arcola High School last Saturday night. Included in the court were Dan Wesch, Kathy Warter, Linda Wright, Dean Bartholomew, Terri Klopffleisch, Les Helmuth, Eddie Groff, Holaday, Cloyd and Nancy Jo Strange.

• Samuel R. Todd, who was born in Arcola, April 6, 1892, has returned here to live. In a ceremony at the "We Care" Nursing and Sheltered Care Facility held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Mr. Todd presented George Dilliner with the deed to the family homestead located at 446 E. Washington in Arcola as a gift to the United Methodist Church of Arcola. The home was presented in memory of his mother.

## 25 years ago Feb. 26, 1998

• The Arcola City Council decided to hire a familiar face to the police chief's position. Mike Phillips, who had been a sergeant with the Arcola department was promoted to police chief. Phillips, 26, had been serving as acting police chief for the past two months. Phillips has worked for the Arcola Police Department since November 1994. Prior to joining the Arcola department, Phillips was a part-time officer with the Newman Police Department for eight months.

• The 1998 Arcola High School Scholastic Bowl team opened their season Saturday, Feb. 21, at Tuscola. Members are Jaimee Yardley, Valerie Funk, Shannon Dyer, Amy Swartz, Jessica Barrientos,

Aaron Madson, Amber Weatherford, Christi Wells, Michaela Nave, Andy Petty, Gene Otto, Jeremy Blackwell, Jim Ingram, Devon Coombe, Derek Otto, Caleb Funk and Mary Beth Sental. The team is coached by Tonya Morton and Mike Nave.

• Members of the Arcola Chamber of Commerce who attended the monthly meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 18, received some encouraging economic news. An Oakland couple, Sam and Carolyn Martin, has announced they will be opening an antique mall at the former Lake Land Marine Building along Interstate 57 in Arcola. Carolyn Martin anticipates the mall will be ready for business by the start of May.

• Workers filtered concrete through a contraption down to the ground last week as construction of the public rest

room facility north of Willie's Place on East Main Street continues. The building will have an entry foyer by the men's and women's rest rooms. There will be five accommodations in both the men's and women's rest rooms.

• Arcola sophomore Caleb Funk won a \$500 (\$917.70 today) scholarship from the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette. Funk, a News-Gazette carrier, submitted an application, letters of reference, a list of activities and school transcripts. Each competitor had to write an essay on whether the backlash against paparazzi that followed the death last year of Princess Diana should lead to restriction of legitimate journalist's abilities to cover and photograph public figures.

• The Arcola boys basketball team ended their regular season by downing Tuscola

75-58 on Senior Night at Arcola. Arcola led just 55-54 with 4:14 left when the Purple Riders took control with an 18-0 run over the next 3:20. Jeremy Blackwell and Kolin Peterson had 17 points, while Brad Pullen had 11 and Adam Whitson was also in double digits with 10 points.

## 10 years ago Feb. 21, 2013

• Local and area police officers, including Arcola Police Chief Mike Phillips and Arcola officer Nick Suding participated in training drills at the Arcola school Monday afternoon. A total of 17 police officers participated in the training exercise.

• An estimated \$332,945 (\$427,577.43 today) was sliced from next year's school budget by the board of education and among the cuts were the elimination of social studies and speech pathology teaching positions. The highest dollar item on the cut list was the elimination of 9.5 paraprofessionals, which is estimated to save the district \$142,000 (182,360.44 today) next year.

• The Arcola High School FFA Chapter members are Emi Mathias, Mia Davila, Dania Mendoza, Gustavo Amriz, Kyle Kepley, Leland Bunting (advisor), Rachel Hull, Darian Whipple, Sage Spencer, Dalton Kresin, Patrick Henry, Sam Reese, Colleen Spear, Ellie Hyndman, Kati Watson, Eunice Perez, Jacob Baker, Jonathan Mendoza, Martaya Watson, Keysha Dewey, Kayli Barnes, Austin Shafer, Bailey Fulton, Alex Johns, Zachary Munson, and Andres Rojas.

• Senior members of the Arcola High School winter guard, pep band and cheerleading squad were recognized on Senior Night prior to the boys' basketball team's final regular season home game last Friday against Arthur Okaw Christian. They are Sage Spencer (cheerleading), Ivan Silguero (pep band), Kennedy Byard (pep band), Daneli Rabanalez-Hernandez (winter guard and pep band), Ashton Nadiane Grider (winter guard and pep band), Kali Watson (winter guard), Bridgett McWhorter (winter guard) and Elissa Hyndman (winter guard).



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<b>TUE.</b> 28th	<b>BREAKFAST</b> - Mini Country Boy <b>\$6.55</b> <b>LUNCH</b> - Chicken Pot Pie <b>\$7.95</b>
<b>WED.</b> 1st	<b>BREAKFAST</b> - Silver Dollar Pancakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Bacon <b>\$6.55</b> <b>LUNCH</b> - Sloppy Joe <b>\$7.95</b>

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