

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago June 7, 1923

The Arcola boy scouts are camping in Logan's Woods at the river this week and having a high time. The camp is in charge of C. E. Parks, scout master, Harold Barricklow, assistant and Rev. Stoddard. The boys are: Russell Harris, Geo Lins, Sam Blackwell, Roy Schneider, Russell Andres, Tom Monahan, Harry Pickard, Paul Blackwell, Earl Keal, Charles Spelman, John Ghere,, Joe Sloan, David Pollack, Elmer Allen and Ivan Walnscott.

A large crowd visited the high school last Thursday evening to see the manual training and domestic science exhibits. About one thousand people being in the building during the evening. Prof. Angell's work as instructor in this department (exhibits) is of high order and the coming year we shall also have an opportunity to see something of his ability to see something of his ability as a coach. He was an assistant in athletics last year and much of his success of the football team is accredited to his instruction. He knows football all the way through and also has the ability to demonstrate just what he is talking about as he starred on this gridiron for several seasons during his college years. He has done considerable work in Coach Zupkee's coaching school at Illinois and will take further instruction there this summer.

Ninety-three were present at the High School Alumni banquet last night, a number of the former graduates being accompanied by husband or wives. After a big feed John R. Clisby as toastmaster took charge. John Ewing of Kenmare, N.D. Noble Cofer of Charleston and Mrs. John Haley of Arcola, gave the principal talks. Paul Ludoph responded for the class of 1923 and Harley West for 1922. Several others spoke briefly. Music was furnished by the "Toot Sweet" orchestra.

50 years ago June 7, 1973

A person dining in Arcola Sunday will be able to purchase an alcoholic beverage

along with his meal if the restaurant possesses a Class B liquor license beginning July 1. The change was granted by the Arcola City Council in a new liquor ordinance passed at the regular meeting Monday evening at the city hall. A 4 to 1 vote was cast in favor of the new ordinance. Alderman Don Miller cast the descending vote. Alderman Harold Chaney was ill and unable to attend. The ordinance was passed following a request for the modification by Marvin Watson on behalf of Arcola Enterprises, Inc. which operates the Embassy restaurant here.

One of the big weekends of the summer is coming up in Arcola this Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. That's when the Arcola Chamber of Commerce is staging its 5th Annual Family Fun Days, an outdoor bazaar that promises to jam Main Street. The sidewalks of the business district will be crowded not only with customers, but also with business stalls. Local merchants will conduct sidewalk sales and a number of dealers in antiques and speciality items will set up booths along Main Street.

The swimming pool committee of the Arcola Community Development Corporation this week announced plans for a pool to be built in Moore Memorial Park and said that the project could be completed and in operation by August 1 of this year if enough funds were pledged immediately to meet the cost of the project. The committee, at their meeting last Wednesday evening, announced that they have been negotiating with a firm which has agreed to construct a pool suitable for municipal use at cost of \$70,000 (\$428,275 today).

Miss Marsha Ramsey has been awarded a scholarship by the Business and Professional women's Club of Tuscola. Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ramsey of 206 W. Washington, Arcola. This is a rotation scholarship, one year, Tuscola, another year, Villa Grove and then Arcola. Miss Ramsey will be a guest at the June 27th dinner meeting of the

Business and Professional Women's Club where she will receive the award by Mrs. Francis Tulls, who is the club president.

The First National Bank of Arcola this week announced that Jim Burns has joined their staff as farm lending officer. Burns was born and raised in St. Francisville, Ill and attended high school in Vincennes, Ind. and graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1970, majoring in agriculture. Jim and his wife Donna, live on their own farm at Route 1, Hindsboro.

25 years ago June 11, 1998

The Arcola Lions Club hosted a reception on Sunday for the four charter members who are still with the club. The Arcola Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1997. Charter members are Harry W. Keal, George Dilliner, W. A. (Bill) Herrington and Robert C. Coombe. Also at the ceremony, the Humanitarian Award was presented posthumously to Donnie Miller for his work with the sight and hearing impaired. His wife, Joyce Miller, accepted the award.

Well, maybe the walls can't talk, but some of the items being found behind the old lockers at Arcola High School are providing school officials with some clues about life at the school from many different eras. The memorabilia are being recovered because old lockers are being removed to be replaced later this month or in early July by new lockers. At May's meeting the Arcola

School Board voted to replace or refurbish a total of 270 lockers on the first and second floors of the building. It is believed that the lockers on the main floor of the high school building are the original lockers from when the school was built in 1916.

Beginning with the 1998-99 school year, students at Arcola schools will be required to wear a school sanctioned t-shirt for physical education classes. The students and their parents/guardians at their own expense will be required to provide the white t-shirts, which will have "Arcola Physical Education" printed on the shirts. Students can continue to provide their own purple colored shorts.

In an effort to attract and/or maintain a quality corps of scorekeepers and timers for Arcola Junior High and high school athletic events, the school board unanimously agreed to start paying these individuals beginning with the next school year at \$20 (\$37.22 today) per night for scorekeepers and timers and they would be responsible for working both the junior varsity and varsity games as well as seventh and eighth grade.

The Arcola District Library elected their office for the 1998-99 fiscal year which begins July 1. Jon Kibler accepted the nomination to continue his presidency of the board at the regular meeting Monday, June 8. Greg Saunders will be the vice president; Jaye Roberts will be the secretary; Karen Coombe will continue her role as treasurer

and Ray Cook will be the historian. Roberts replaces George Seaman as secretary. The terms are for two years.

On Sunday, June 14, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Byard will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of three children, Phyllis of California, Marliss of Washington and Kenneth of Arcola. Mr. Byard retired after 33 years from the Urbana Pure Milk Co. He then owned Earl's 45 in Arcola for 11 years.

10 years ago June 6, 2013

The Arcola Center will have a "Raggedy" look to it this Friday and Saturday for the fifth annual Raggedy Friendship Gathering. The event, a meeting for Raggedy Ann & Andy enthusiasts and dealers from around the country, will feature two full-days of activities all with a Raggedy theme.

Kim Fortney, a 2009 Arcola High School graduate, qualified for the NCAA Championships in both the shot put and hammer throw at the NCAA West Regional at the University of Texas. The Southern Illinois University student qualified in the shot put by placing fifth with a

throw of 55-1 1/2 the best throw in Saluki history. She made the NCAA championships in the hammer throw by throwing it 212-5, good for sixth place.

May 6-10 was National Nurses Week, with this year's theme of "delivering quality and innovation in patient care." Arcola Health Care Center recognized all of its hard working and dedicated nurses with a social on May 10 to end the week. Honored were Michelle Mattlin, Doris Orbeta, Amy Butler, Fleshete Kline, Candra Brannin, Teresa Chambers, Theresa Crowslow, Darrel Ball, Linda Ealy, Debbie Farris, Rosie Sliva and Rayette Woolard.

Four Arcola High School graduates who played on some of the top basketball teams in school history played in a golf foursome together at an outing sponsored by Lake Land college on Friday, May 24. The four were Doug Dunagan (class of 1965), Jim Monahan (class of 1963), Don Portugal (class of 1969) and Pat Monahan (class of 1958).

The Arcola Alumni Association is announcing a project to recognize military veterans who attended or graduated from Arcola High School.

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Back row:

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& CEO, Dale Boyer,
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Karina Warfel, and Vanessa Condarco.

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