

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 100 years ago June 14, 1923

• "I was a stranger and they took me in!" That just about tells the whole story for Willard McClure of Kinmundy who arrived in Arcola on the 2:10 train Tuesday morning for a visit with his brother-in-law Hugh Eyestone and family for just as he was passing the post office a bunch of four fellows who were arranging to hold a clinic on the post office safe stepped out in front of him, held him up, robbed him of \$57, bound and gagged him and made him stand by while they gave the safe two doses of nitroglycerine, neither one of which proved effective, only to wreck about the entire safe except for the entire strong box in which was a quantity of stamps and something like \$200 in money. They secured about \$20 in petty change and stamps.

• The first of a series of summer band concerts was given last night on Main Street by Tripp's band of Charleston. The concert was a good one and a large crowd was here. Many visitors were here from neighboring towns. This band has been engaged for the first five concerts of the season and they will appear each Wednesday night during that period including the evening of July 4th. There will be no celebration in Arcola but the concert will be given for the entertainment of the folks who desire to drive in during the evening and listen to the music.

• W. C. Menely and Mr. Wills owners of the Menely Company now building the hard road from Mattoon to Arcola, were in Arcola Tuesday morning and stated the road was coming along satisfactorily and though they had been badly handicapped by bad weather they expected to finish the road about the first of September. They have built from Mattoon to Dorans. They will bid out 2 1/4 miles north of Dorans and then will move their loading plans in the north village of Humboldt and will finish the road from this location.

• The newly elected officers of the Arcola Lodge of Royal Arch Masons are: Ralph Gray, H. P.; L. G. Engle, King; Floyd Harris, scribe; J. E. Allison, Treasurer; O. H. Woodworth, secretary.

### 50 years ago June 14, 1973

• The swimming pool committee of the Arcola Community Development Corporation announced Monday that the halfway mark had been reached in their 7-day drive to raise funds for the construction of a pool in Moore Memorial Park. The committee said that \$35,700 of the required \$70,000 had been pledged as of Monday with four days to go in the drive. Last week it was announced that if pledges could be received for the required amount by June 15, the contractor could proceed with the pool's construction and it would be ready for use by about August 1.

• The Rev. John Eugene Faires, formerly of Allardt Tenn., will begin his ministry to the United Presbyterian Church of Arcola June 15, preaching his first sermon to the congregation Sunday, June 17. The Rev. Faires was born, March 1, 1942, in Down City, Iowa, and spent his childhood in Kankakee. He graduated from Kankakee High School in 1960 and attended Northwestern University majoring in chemical engineering. He transferred to Eastern Illinois University 1963-67, graduating with both a B.S. degree in education and an M. A. degree in mathematics. Mrs. Faires was the former Janice Fay Brooks, born July 18, 1942, in Tuscola. She attend Eastern Illinois University 1960-64 majoring in instrumental music, graduating with a B. S. degree in



PICTURED ARE two more scenes from Libman Company's broom corn production circa 1958 recently discovered in our Tuscola archives.

education. Her father was an Arcola High School grad. The Rev. and Mrs. Faires have three children, Catherine Anne, born in 1967, April Christine, born in 1970 and Joel Brooks, born in 1973.

• The Board of Education of the Arcola Community Unit District gave the green light to cover \$20,000 in repairs to the school facilities. Receiving approval was the expenditure of \$14,280 for the replacement of windows on the north and south sides of the high school building and \$5,828 for resurfacing the blacktop on the southwest side of the elementary school.

• Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan are announcing the birth of a son, William Donald, born at 3:23 a.m. Tuesday, June 12 at Carle Hospital in Urbana. The baby boy has a sister, Amy, who is nine years old and a brother, Gary, who is five years old. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan of Humboldt. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ralph of Hardin. The maternal grandmothers are Mrs. Clara Hardy and Mrs. John Bouck of Mattoon.

• Mrs. Thomas Monahan, 239 S. Pine, Arcola, has recently been elected as one of three women to serve on the previously all male executive board of the Arrowhead Council Boy Scouts of America. They are the first women in this area to rise above the rank of Cub Scout committee-woman. This is the first year the National Boy Scouts Council has allowed women to be included on the executive board. Mrs. Monahan will be installed at the next meeting of the executive board on July 18. Mrs. Monahan said she was very surprised when she was asked if she would serve on the board, but it isn't the first time she has been the first female in a previously all male group. She was the first female member of the Arcola School Board.

### 25 years ago June 18, 1998

• An ordinance amendment prohibiting the burning of household trash was unanimously approved by the Arcola City Council at its regular meet-

ing Monday night. The ordinance details what specific items cannot be burned and what is still allowable under the new guidelines. A section of the ordinance, written by city attorney Emerson Moore, states: "No person shall cause or allow open burning of domicile waste, garbage, trade waste or refuse within the boundaries of the city of Arcola."

• Weather, of the inclement variety, has been a main topic of conversation the past few days as water logged Arcola residents look forward to hopefully dryer days ahead. City residents are attempting to keep their heads above water level after nearly five inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period on Sunday and Monday. This deluge came after significant rains last week. In the past week, rain totals are at about 7.5 inches. Sections of many streets including Washington, Main and Jefferson were underwater Tuesday morning. Timmy DeNeef (remained dry), brothers Kyle and Calen Edgard and cousins Danielle and Whitney Edwards were pictured on the front page of the Record-Herald enjoying a water-logged area at the corner of 2nd South and Locust Streets.

• Gwen Boyd of Arcola has proven she is a survivor. She has also already undergone a double lung transplant and is now in need of a kidney transplant. But her health problems did not stymie her desire to earn a college degree. Her efforts paid off last month when she received her bachelor of science degree in Human Resources and Family Studies from the University of Illinois. Unlike most other graduates, Gwen was given her degree personally last week by two representatives of the University of Illinois's College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Science.

• Tiffany Clark, Sarah Wells, Jessica Byard, Stephaine Clark, Victoria Otto and Kelsey Lucas took part in the annual Girl Scouts Banquet in the Arcola Community Building. They are all Junior Scouts.

• Luis Mendoza, a 1998 graduate of Arcola, will be participating in the 8th Annual



Order of the Eastern Star football game June 27 at Frank M. Lindsey Field on the campus of Millikin University in Decatur. Mendoza will be on the East team, coached by Cully Welter of (Colfax) Ridgeview. Mendoza, a first team all-Little Okaw Valley Conference selection as an offensive tackle and defensive lineman, will be playing at McKendree College in the fall. Mendoza, a 6-3, 265 pound tackle, was named to the Chicago Sun Times All-State team and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association All-State team. Mendoza joins a long list of former AHS gridiron players to play in this game. Others include Ryan McNamer (1997); John Foran and Junior Gauna (1996); Jason Burton and Justin Saunders (1995); Ryan Hopkins and Juan Herrera (1994); Bruce McNary and Terry Bennett (1993) and Ryan Petty (1992).

### 10 years ago June 13, 2013

• The "Coolest Car Show of the Summer" is coming to Arcola this Saturday. The second installment of the Pop the Top Car Show will begin with registration in the morning and will conclude with the presentations in a variety of categories at about 3 p.m. The staging area for the car show will be in close proximity to the One and Only Hippie Memorial along Oak Street. The first Pop the Top Car Show was held in 2011 and the success from two years ago prompted a second event in 2013, according to Mark

Smith of Arcola, one of the organizers of the car show. The 2011 show attracted about 110 classic cars and he said the interest in this year's show has been high.

• Kim Fortney, a 2009 graduate of Arcola High School, ended her excellent Southern Illinois University Carbondale Saluki track and field career on Saturday at the NCAA Championships at the University of Oregon with a 14th place finish (53-3) in the women's shot put securing yet another second team All-American distinction. She was 10th in the hammer throw at 204-7. Fortney is the daughter

of Joe and Marsha Fortney.

• The Arcola school board is back in search of a new superintendent. At a special meeting Tuesday, June 4, the board decided to begin looking for an interim superintendent while, during the same time, beginning the search for a consulting firm that would assist it in the hiring process of a permanent superintendent. The board's actions came following the recent announcement that current superintendent Jean Chrostoski will be retiring. Chrostoski's retirement was officially accepted by the board at a special meeting.

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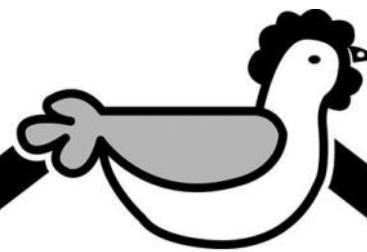


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