

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago June 28, 1923

The faculty of the Arcola High School for the coming year is now complete with the exception of the department of music. Several new teachers are included in the list and an additional teacher is added in the household science department now being under the Smith-Hughe arrangement whereby one half of the salary is paid through federal funds. The cafeteria work will be under the direction of Miss Nichols and the work done by members of the class.

Dave Grant was working under a car at Franklin & Sons garage Friday and getting reasonably warm, called Horace Franklin to place the electric fan down where it would give him a little breeze. Horace placed it nearby and Dave reached his hands up toward it to cool them off a little bit, but his reach was a little long and bing off went the tip end of one finger, just like that. Andy Franklin was not quite sure just how it was done so he reached out his hand when likewise, bing! It bit him twice before he could withdraw his hand.

During the storm Sunday evening a barn on David Speelman farm, northwest of Arcola, was struck by lightning and burned. The barn was worth about \$1,000 (\$17,785.20 today) with \$500 (\$8,892.60 today) insurance. Joe Speelman, who lives on the farm, lost four tons of hay, 75 bushels of oats, 125 bushels of corn, a corn sheller, some harness and implements and a wagon just outside of the barn also burned.

50 years ago June 28, 1973

Paul Cunningham recently retired from the Arcola Fire Department after serving with the group for the past 50 years. Fire Chief Bob Ghere presented Cunningham with a special desk pen.

Twelve boys of Cub Scout Pack No. 96 participated in flag ceremonies on Sunday, June 24 at Rockome Gardens. The boys taking part were Mark Jones, Karl Thornton, Billy Barnes, David Butler, John Eric Danford, Bob Clark, Mcke Martin, Ritchie Whittington, Keith McKibben, Jim Case, Troye Kauffman and Kirk Davis. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downs, Merle Moses, Mrs. Connie Klingenberg, Mrs. Alice Butler and Dick Smith.

Arcola Mayor Harry R. Smith congratulates John W. McNutt on the occasion of the opening here of the International Headquarter of the First Armored Division Association. The office, located at the corner of Route 133 and Oak st. will serve as headquarters for over 3,500 civilian members and some 3,000 more presently serving with the Division of all ranks. McNutt

serves as secretary-treasurer of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mathias announce the arrival of their second child, a boy born June 21, 1973, named William Richard. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Herrington of Arcola are the maternal grandparents and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mathias of Sullivan are the paternal grandparents. The new baby was welcomed home by a sister, Nikki, 14 months old.

The Rev. Curtis Wheatly received the wedding vows of Miss Patricia Mae King and Dennis Keith Drake in a double ring ceremony in the First Christian Church of Arcola at 7 p.m. June 9. Candelabra and two baskets of carnations in four colors graced the altar. The pews were marked with bows of pink, yellow, green and lavender. Mr. and Mrs. Dale King of Arcola are the parents of the bride and the mother of the groom is Mrs. Mabel Drake, also of Arcola. About 125 guests witnessed the ceremony. The bride is a 1973 Arcola High School graduate. The groom graduated from Arcola High School in 1972 and is employed at Kraft in Champaign. A special guest at the ceremony was Mrs. Ernest Henderson of Effingham, grandmother of the bride. They are now at home rt. 3, Arcola.

Darrel Thompson has been announced as the winner of the 1972 DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award, given to outstanding seniors in vocational agricultural departments. He was chosen to receive this award on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and his supervised farming program. Darrel is the son of Mr and Mrs. Don Thompson of Arcola and graduated this spring. Darrel is the 24th Dekalb Accomplishment Award winner from Arcola. His brother, Dennis, won this honor in 1968.

25 years ago July 2, 1998

The Jack Shaffer Memorial Pool lifeguards at Moore Park are Theresa Sisk (pool manager), Amy Swartz, Sarah Finney, Heather McCullough, Jamie Miller, Gene Otto, Brad Pullen and Jeremy Blackwell.

Five Arcola High School juniors recently attended the 58th session of Girls State at Eastern Illinois University. The five were Haley Hall, Nichole Foran, Amy Winch, Jaimee Yardley and Amy Swartz. Girls state is a mythical state, patterned after the State of Illinois and following Illinois government procedures as closely as possible. The purpose of Girls State is to provide citizenship training. Gov. Jim Edgar and State Rep. Corinne Wood spoke to the participants.

Two members of the Arcola Girl Scouts, Leah Clark advanced to the junior scouts while her sister, Hannah bridged to a cadet.

Luis Mendoza, a recent



STEVE HARVEY WRITES in Remembering Arcola on Facebook: This is one of my favorite pictures from the collection of Harold Good photos found in the book titled Arcola: This is Our Story. Pictured left to right are: Charlie Anderson, Gale Hopkins, Max Carel, Larry Shafer, Tom Romine, Jim Clark and Dick Prout.

I'm not sure of the actual date this photo was taken, but all seven guys graduated between 1955 & 1958. ... All of the guys have their pant legs rolled up, so that must have been in fashion at the time. I like the fact that one of the guys is wearing what appears to be an Army helmet. Two of them are wearing what I believe to be the old "biker" motorcycle caps (could be military caps, but I don't think so). Whoever took this picture, captured something special. Something that we can still enjoy today. If you haven't picked up a copy of this Pictorial Archive of Arcola, you may still purchase one at the Arcola Depot.

TIM ROMINE WRITES: Steve, here's the story behind the picture! My wife and I were at Harolds' shop one day looking at his pictures. I told him about the "picture I had of the 'gang' and he wanted a copy. So here's the history of the picture. I think it was a Sunday afternoon, year I can't remember, 58 or 59? We gathered at the home of Roger Foss who lived at the corner of Arcola Avenue and 133. The picture was taken at the Southeast corner of the high school grounds. We gathered that day as Roger and his family were moving to Florida. Roger wasn't in the picture as he was taking the picture. Another member of the gang, Jerry Thompson, wasn't able to attend our "meeting." The comment about the Levi jeans roll up I guess was a fad back then or maybe for wading purposes, I don't know. The comment about the Harley Davidson hats, you'll have to ask Hoppy. The "helmet" Charlie was wearing was actually a metal pan Charlie got from his mother's kitchen. (You had to know Charlie, great guy!) The hat Dick Prout is wearing, I have no idea. You'll have to ask Dick! We had lots of fun lots of laughs and I have lots of great memories of the times we had. However, I've been sworn in secrecy to never tell all I know!!! Our gang has lost Roger, Larry, Max, Charlie, and Jerry and I miss them.

graduate of Arcola, played nearly the entire game at offensive right guard in and helped the East in a 36-0 romp over the West in the Eighth Annual Eastern Star High School All-Star football game, which was played at Frank M. Lindsey Field on the campus of Millikin University in Decatur in front of 400 fans who braved the sweltering heat. Mendoza, a 6-2, 275 pounder, blocked Andrew Kutemeire, a 6-1, 200 pound player from Heyworth. The East head coach was Cully Welter, head coach at (Colfax) Ridgeview, who will be the head coach at Class 2A Aledo in the fall. (Today Walter is head coach at Monticello).

Mike Conlin, a graduate of Arcola High School, recently accepted a job as defensive coordinator for (Moweaqua) Central A&M High School. Conlin will also coach the linebackers for the Class 2A state champions. He will also coach freshman basketball and be the middle school athletics director.

Eighteen fifth through eighth grade girls attended the Arcola basketball camp last week. The camp was conducted by Brian Bradshaw, the assistant girls coach at Tuscola.

Attending the camp were Ali Thornton, Tiffany Shoemake, Carly Dill, Kellie Hackler, Jessie Reece, Whitney Andersdon, Leslie Hall, Emily Lathrop, Laura Slack, Morgan McQueen, Margo McLane, Melissa Slack, Melissa Dague, Lindsey Headrick, Charlene Baumann, Hannah Clark, Emily Yoder and Jayna Romine.

10 years ago June 27, 2013

Bonnie Yoder was honored as the 2013 Arcola Citizen of the Year at a ceremony last Saturday evening. She is the sixth recipient of the Arcola

Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award. Bonnie (Walker) Yoder graduated from Arcola High School in 1972 and has continued to make Arcola her home in her adult years. She was joined by her husband Dale, children Nicholas and his wife, Allie, Angie Miller and her husband, Glenn, and Emily Becerra; and her four grandchildren, Jackson Miller, Megan Miller, Anna Becerra and Maeve Yoder. Emily's husband, Jose, was unable to attend the ceremony.

The monthly Arcola Chamber of Commerce board/membership meeting was held in the elegant dining

room at the soon-to-open Carriage Crossing Senior Living facility on Tuesday, morning, June 18. If the facility receives its temporary state license on July 2 Branda Haearen indicated to those Chamber members present that the facility will be ready for its grand unveiling. Hearn serves as corporate director of sales and marketing at Carriage Crossing. It was also noted at the meeting that Arcola's new Best Western Plus hotel has been ranked number one among the 2,400 Best Westerns in the country, according to Chamber Executive Director Mark Spainhour.

Mike and Pat Kerner of Arcola will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 30. They were wed in Decatur on Jun 30,1973. Mr. and Mrs. Kerner have two children, Juie Carpenter and her husband, Grant, of Indianapolis and Robert Kerner and his wife Shannon, of Philo. They have one grandchild, Oliver Carpenter. Mr. Kerner currently works for S&K Air Power of Mattoon, formerly of Arcola. Kerner taught for 36 years in the Arcola School system.

Arcola High School Athletics Director and girls's basketball coach Nancy Stiff was presented the Friends and Advocates award for Education on April 25 during a ceremony in Urbana. Teachers from Arcola voted on the award. They chose Stiff for "going above and beyond her regular duties to serve the school district." Teachers and staff members who attended were Debbie Hall, Lisa Sigrist, Emily Coombe, Allison Phillips, Teddi Jo Young, Mark Smith and Jami Budd.

Thousands of people (15,000) are expected and horses will be a prominent feature as well as the Arcola-Arthur area will welcome National Horse Progress Days July 5 and July 6. Serving as the host for the third time in the last 11 years is local farmer Vernon Yoder of Tri-County Auctions. Over 150 vendors will be on hand for the 20th annual event with equipment, feed, animal health services, tack and harness, horse breeding, and many other exhibits related to agriculture in general.

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	LUNCH - Chef's Choice	\$?.??
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	LUNCH - Sloppy Joes	\$7.95

Have a Save and Wonderful Fourth of July!