

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## 100 years ago July 12, 1923

• Arrangements are being made for a baseball game between the business men of Arcola. Those north of Main Street against those on the south side. The final line-up and date have not yet been determined but it will probably take place some Thursday afternoon in the near future. The proceeds will go to the American Legion and whatever the admission charge may be the game will no doubt be worth the money.

• By the last of this week wheat harvest will be over in the Arcola neighborhood. A few early birds may start threshing by Friday or Saturday but threshing in general will not begin until next week. The farmers are expecting a yield of about twenty bushels to the acre.

• The countryside right now is full of millions of little black gnats. Millions is putting it too mildly. They are more numerous than the dollars in the World War debt. Right at present and for the last week or more, they have been hatching in the oats and wheat fields and now that these crops are being harvested they are leaving these fields. They are swarming on the roads and even in houses, for no screen window is small enough to keep them out.

• Frank Collins, editor of this paper, with his wife and daughter Eunice, left last Thursday for a motor trip through the east. Last Saturday and Sunday they spent time with relatives at Coshocton, Ohio. They will spend some time at

Larchmont, N. Y., the guests of Nat Higinbotham and family. They expect to be away for three to four weeks.

• That portion of the slab being laid on route 25, between Mattoon and Arcola, known as section 19, was finished today, making a strip of completed slab not quite seven miles in length. The slab has been laid to a point about two and a quarter miles north of Dorans. The other section of the job, known as No 20 extends the remainder of the distance to Arcola.

## 50 years ago July 12, 1973

• The Arrol Drug Store on Main Street here in Arcola is probably the most famous coffee bar in the world. The world-renowned coffee was started there in 1948 by owners Bob and Betty Arrol and this week they are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the day when they took over the business.

The Arrols are holding a special celebration this Saturday, July 14, to commemorate that first day, July 11, 1948, when they took over the operation of the firm from L.G. Engle. Free souvenirs are being offered all day and the first 200 ladies will receive free orchids. Free refreshments will be served from 1 to 5 p.m. that day and visitors can register for a number of door prizes to be given away.

The Arrol's coffee has a reputation for being good and shortly after taking over the store set up their soon to become famous "Original Coffee Club." Each individual member was given his own

cup lettered with his name or nickname. The club started with eight cups on the rack and soon blossomed to 162 and a waiting list.

• Fine weather last Sunday drew large crowds to the Arcola school grounds for the annual Fourth of July celebration. The event, originally scheduled for Wednesday of last week, was postponed till Sunday because of heavy rains that morning. The boys' and girls' baseball and softball tournaments began on Saturday evening and continued all day long Sunday. Food and concession stands served the crowds and the fireworks display was set off by the Arcola Firemen shortly after dark that evening.

• The Board of Education of Arcola Community Unit School District No. 306 accepted the resignation of John Gossett, as junior high science teacher and Mrs. Oral Vance as cook at Bagdad. The hiring of five new teachers was approved, Deborah Summerville was employed as elementary school P.E. teacher; Mrs. Tamera Swinford as fifth grade teacher; Mrs. Dorothy McClerren, teacher at Bagdad; Robin Smith, fifth grade and Desna Hansen, junior high English.

• Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Bushu are the parents of a daughter, Allison Ann, born at 2:20 a.m. Saturday, July 7, in Burnham city Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Etwiler, Tuscola, are the maternal grandparents and Mrs. Benjamin Bushu of Arcola is the paternal grandmother. Maternal great-grandmother

is Mrs. Rhoda Montgomery of Lawrenceville. Allison has one brother, Kevin Ward, 2 ½ years old, at home.

• Mrs. JoAnne Bailey and Mrs. Barb Hein hosted a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Connie Shrader at the Hein residence Saturday, July 7. Games were played and refreshments served to the following guests: Mrs. Jean Dunagan, Miss Cindy Dunagan, Mrs. Helen Shrader, Mrs. Suzanne Wierman; Mrs. Cindi Rothrock, Mrs. LaVonne Smith, Mrs. Pauline Gooch, and Mrs. Cathy Shackel all of Arcola. Mrs. Cheryl Hilgenberg of Granite City, Mrs. Maxine Fitzjarrald of Arthur, Mrs. Vicky Matthews of Champaign, and Mrs. Elaine Rund of Villa Grove were out of town guests. Sending gifts were Mrs. Mary Kay Lindsey and Mrs. Ann Monahan of Arcola, Mrs. Colette Eisman of Grandview, Mo. and Mrs. Bev Boyer of Lovington.

## 25 years ago July 16, 1998

• The Arcola Athletic Boosters will have one less expense to worry about this coming year following action by the Arcola School Board at their monthly meeting Monday night. The school board unanimously agreed to begin paying the stipend for the fourth football coach on the Arcola High School staff. Since 1985, when the school board implemented cuts in extracurricular activities to save the district money, the Athletic Boosters had been raising the necessary funds to pay the salary of the fourth football coach. With the school board's decision to pick up the fourth coaches salary, "the boosters can use that \$1,800 (\$3,358.46 today) to do some of the extra things for the kids that they're supposed to be doing," said Arcola football head coach Joe Marks.

• Tourists who travel Route 133 will be able to find their way to the Arcola Public Library soon as the Arcola Library Board is going ahead with plans to have an informational sign posted at the intersection of Ridge Street and Route 133. The board, which met Monday, July 13, agreed

to have the sign read "Historical Andrew Carnegie Library" with an arrow pointing north on Ridge Street.

• Heather Clements, daughter of Don and Jorjia Clements of ARcola, is part of the dance team, "Grease Lightning" that will be headed to Gatlinburg, TN July 21 for the national competition. This group of young girls 4 to 7, performed April 18 in Champaign and received first place, which qualified them for the national competition. They attend the Mattoon Academy of Gymnastics and Dance.

• Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bauguss of Greenup announce the engagement of their daughter, Tasha Lynn, to Shay Steven Shaffer. The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Peggy Bauguss, is a 1993 graduate of Cumberland High School. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shaffer of Hindsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gordon of Trilla. He is a 1994 graduate of Arcola high school. A November 1998 wedding is planned.

• Arcola assistant football coach, head girls track coach, junior high physical education and health teacher, Braidy Miller, has accepted a job in Nashville, Tennessee. The resignations of Miller and his wife, a second grade teacher at Arcola, were accepted by the Arcola School Board at ist meeting Monday night. Braidy Miller is a 1987 graduate of Sullivan High School.

## 10 years ago July 11, 2013

• Don Burton, a Taylorville native who retired in 2009 after 16 years as a superintendent, was hired by a unanimous vote of the Arcola School Board during a special meeting on Wednesday, July 3. He has been hired as the interim superintendent of the Arcola School District. As a retired superintendent Burton will be permitted to work a total of up to 100 days for the Arcola district in an interim capacity. He will be paid \$600 per day, plus mileage that is incurred in connection with school business.

• The Vernon Yoder Farm, located in rural Arcola, was the site for the 20th annual

Horse Progress Days even last Friday and Saturday. The show featured a variety of activities from field and produce demonstrations to round pen and produce seminars. One of the highlights was the breed presentation on both days. A six-hitch team of Clydesdales driven by representatives from Big Shoe Stables in Oklahoma was pictured on the front page of the Record-Herald.

• Arcola High School student Amaya Abernathy was crowned Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair at Monday's pageant. She is the daughter of Jodie Duggins.

• James Duane "J. D." Strader will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, July 14. A card shower is planned. Strader was born July 14, 1933 to Clifford and Thelma Strader. He married the love of his life, Sabina Mary Hayes on February 1, 1953, in Kemp. They shared more than 60 years of marriage before she passed away last month. Their children are Sara Sabina East of Oakland and Edwin Duane Strader and Cliff Hayes Strader, both of Hindsboro. They have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with another expected in September. Strader, a farmer for more than 55 years, also worked for 35 years at USI/Quantum in Tuscola.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE CITY OF ARCOLA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** will hold a Public Hearing at **City Hall: 114 N Locust Street** On: **Monday, July 31, 2023** at **5:15 pm.**

The meeting is to consider an application from **JEFF EDWARDS AND CARA ROBERTS.**

The request is for a variance to construct a garage addition with a non-conforming front yard setback.

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County of Douglas, City of Arcola

Fredy Moreno, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals



ROTARIAN JESUS GARZA was recently recognized for his service to the Arcola Rotary Club. President Julie Mills and immediate past president Winnie Stortzum presented Garza with the "Service Above Self" award for his work on the Arcola community building's new kitchen stove and update project. "Mayor Garza always gives of himself in so many ways to provide excellent service to the residents of Arcola also", said Stortzum. In addition, Garza was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions, one of the most prominent recognitions offered by Rotary International. Pictured from left: Winnie Stortzum, Jesus Garza, and Julie Mills. *Submitted photo.*

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