

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago Aug. 30, 1923

The Arcola Township High School will open Monday morning and an attendance of about two hundred is expected. Many new teachers appear in the list, the following being a list of all teachers with the exception of history. P.T. Walters, principal; Mildred Jones, general science, mathematics; Mrs. Arthur Fleming, forensic science; Miss Hazel Gordan, domestic science; Francis T. Dolle, general science, physical training; Lois F. Bennett, English; Fredrica Grylich, English; Leigha Shroll, mathematics; J. W. Turnbow, science; V. L. Brandon, commercial; Helen Louise Jones, Latin; W. G. Baysinger, agriculture; C. F. Angell, manual training, athletics; Miss LaRue Black, history.

The Arcola Grade schools will open Monday with six of last year's instructors and six new ones. Pupils are expected to report at 9 a.m. for assignments of text books and lessons. It is advisable that they bring a notebook and pencil. The dividing line between the East and West side schools have changed. The only change from last year is the transfer of all fourth grader pupils to the West side. This change has been found to be necessary to provide comfortable and uncrowded rooms.

When the hard road is completed which is to join Tuscola, Arcola and Mattoon are ready for formal opening the Chamber of Commerce of the three cities plan to have some sort of fitting celebration for this event. A meeting has been called for Friday night at eight o'clock at the American Legion Hall in this city where the Chambers of Commerce of the three cities will meet to talk over plans.

While driving to town last Friday on one of L.A. Miller's horses broke through the bagdad bridge on the Springfield road west of town. The horse went clear through with one leg but got out without injury. The floor of the bridge had been in bad shape for a long time and has been patched up until it is rough and jolty. A new floor ought to be put in it without delay.

Don Owen, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Bratton of Arcola died Monday afternoon after an illness of one week with cholera infantum, contributing to spinal meningitis. Had the child lived until Sept. 16 he would have been two years of age. Besides the father and mother he leaves two brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Thomas F. Monahan and daughter Mary drove to St. Mary's College, near Terre Haute, Saturday and made arrangements for Mary to enter school there for the year.

Mrs. Charles Finfgeld arranged a very pleasant surprise for her son Ford, Friday by giving a party in honor of his birthday. Twenty boys and girls were present to enjoy the occasion. Various games were played and refreshments of ice cream cake were served. Those present were: Ruby and Pearl Gunn, Marjorie Ewald, Phyllis Cofield, Orpha Rollings, Miss Rollings of Metcalf, Clara Lloyd, Mable Edgar, Elizabeth Warren, Pauline Keal, Allan Gunn, James Davidson, Toland and Morris Pfeifer, Claude Jones, Lloyd Dimond, Joe Goggin, Tom Lins, Joe McCann and Ford Finfgeld.

50 years ago Aug. 30, 1973

The pages of history will be turned back to the turn of the century on Sept. 14-15 and 16 when the Arcola community stages the third renewal of its famed Broom Corn Festival and Free Street Fair, which originated in 1898 and is per-

haps the only even of its kind today. The festival is sponsored by the Arcola Chamber of Commerce and recalls those days of history when Arcola was known as the "Broom Corn Capital of the World."

A huge tent has been erected in the street this year, very similar to one set up at the original fair in 1898 to house a broom and broom corn exhibit which promises to be one of the most unique of its type in over 40 years. The tent will house broom making demonstrations, exhibits showing the history of broom corn and brooms and their usage all over the world.

The Thomas Monahan Company, one of the largest broom corn brokers, is conducting a contest to find the largest broom in the world and cash prizes are offered for the best entries. Also on display in the tent will be a replica of the famous broom corn palace. The palace is a scaled down version of the famed four-story edifice erected at a prominent intersection in downtown Arcola in 1898. Other attractions scheduled for the weekend include an old fashioned parade Saturday at 2 p.m.

The board of education of Arcola Community No. 306 tentatively canceled any plans for a referendum by voter for its proposed building remodeling and expansion plan at their meeting last Thursday evening.

The Arcola High Purple Riders have been busy practicing daily for the coming football season and these returning lettermen and players who were injured but should have lettered are forming the mainstay of the Riders this year. They are Kenny Stark, Bennie Miller, Randy Martin, George Seaman, Mick Snyder, Chad Huddleston, Jay Curry, Jim Miller, Larry Stenger, Jeff Wood, Bill Shaffer, Allan Dill and Garry Stenger.

The Arcola Little League All-Stars defeated Bement 5 to 3 Saturday night in a game for the championship of the Bement All-Star Tournament. Jay Honn was the winning pitcher, holding the host team scoreless through 5 innings until a late inning rally by the losers yielded three runs. Arcola's scoring came on a three-run homer by Marty Thomas in the third and consecutive hits by Brian Hanley and Mundo Garza in the sixth inning produced two more runs when the Bement infield mishandled a ground ball hit by Mike Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howard of Richmond, Va. are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Roger Dee Shonkwiler. He is the son of Geneva Shonkwiler and the late Paul Shonkwiler of Arcola. Miss Howard is a 1973 graduate of Hillsborough High School in Tampa, Fla. and Mr Shonkwiler is a 1972 graduate of Arcola High School. Both are sophomores at Florida College, Temple Terrace, Fla. An August 3, 1974 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Madlem announced the arrival of the first child, a girl, born Aug. 18. She has been named Heather Marie. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chambley of Arcola and Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Madlem of Charleston are the paternal grandparents. The great-grandparents are Mrs. Ida Chumbley of Arcola, Mrs. Alberta Bogardus, Mattoon and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hall of Charleston.

The Cub Scouts of Pack No. 96 and their families held a potluck picnic and swimming party Monday evening at their concluding summer activity. The event was held at the U.S. I. Pool and Recreation area. Awards were earned by several boys for participating



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in the three summer activities. Those receiving awards were Mark Jones, Kirk Davis, David Butler, John Eric Danford, Billy Barnes and Troye Kauffman.

25 years ago Sept. 3, 1998

Two Arcola businesses were hit over the weekend by burglaries. The two, Coaches and the Arcola IGA, are still under investigation by the Arcola Police Department and the Illinois State Police crime scene technicians. Sometime between 1:11 a.m. and 3:43 a.m., the Arcola IGA was broken into. An undetermined amount of merchandise was taken. Coaches was broken into sometime between midnight Friday night and 10 a.m. Saturday. Approximately \$436 (\$802 today) was taken, according to Arcola Police Chief Mike Phillips.

Enrollment at the Arcola Community Unit School District for the 1998-99 school year declined by 14 students from 1997-98 figures. Arcola Superintendent Malcom Fox reported that total enrollment at the start of this school year is 716, compared to 730 last year.

The Arcola Broom Corn Festival, one of the most popular events in central Illinois, is scheduled for September 11-13. This is the 28th consecutive year for Arcola's famous festival, a celebration of the town's heritage as the broom corn capital of the world. The event sponsored by the Arcola Chamber of Commerce, draws more than 60,000 visitors to town each year. High quality, free entertainment is just one of the many attractions drawing visitors to the festival, with this year being no different. The Klinleys will be this year's headline entertainment and will perform at 1 and 30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

The Arcola football season opened with a 29-7 victory over Blue Ridge Friday, Aug. 28 at Farmer City. The Purple Riders scored on three of their first five possessions and the defense held the Knights to 133 total yards. Kolin Peterson carried the ball 27 times for 208 yards and one touchdown, an 83 yard jaunt. He also scored on a 43-yard pass play. The offense gained 344 total yards.

The 1998 Arcola volleyball team began the season with a 15-11, 8-15 and 15-6 triumph Monday, Aug. 31 at Bethany. All nice players who played served at least one point, with Lacey Bales leading the way with 15 points and an ace. It was the first match

against Bethany-Findlay. In previous years it was the Bethany Fillies. The powerful Megan McQueen finished with 13 kills, including seven in the final set. The home opener is Thursday, Sept. 10 against Lovington. Members of the team are Amy Swartz, Sidney Overman (manager), Lacey Bales, Nichole Foran, Jenny Chancellor, Amber VanDeveer, Michaela Nave, Jimmy Kay Reece, Amber Rothrock, Beth Curry, Laura Chancellor, Megan Patridge, Kristen Conlin, Megan McQueen, Leslie Dunagan, Courtney Hackler and Sarah Shonkwiler. The team is coached by Shelley Overman and Jenny Uphoff.

10 years ago Aug. 29, 2013

The Arcola Foundation held its annual meeting August 21 at the Kaskaskia Country Club and total unaudited assets as of June 30 were reported at \$6,700,274.98 (\$8,792,239.59 today). Assets of the foundation increased

by about 1 percent, or nearly \$100,000 (\$131,222.07 today) from the previous year. First-year Arcola High School football coach Zach Zehr was the guest speaker. He was about 15 minutes late for the meeting, but he had a good excuse. One of his players wanted to put in extra time in after practice and Zehr said cutting that extra session short was not an option.

The Arcola High School Class of 1963 celebrated their 50th class reunion on Saturday Aug. 24, at the home of Jim and Anne Monahan. Seventeen members attended from the graduation class. Twenty-one of the 35 1963 graduates still live in Illinois. Three are deceased in Joe Pullen, Larry Rollings and Charlotte (Thomas) Perrill. Class members attending are Gary Gardner, Phil Blaase, Judy (Albin) Blaase, Billiejean (Arthur) Clark, Cheryl (Williams) Switzer, Carolyn (Sandiford) Gose, Mary (Johns) Baird, Pat (Profitt) Armstrong, Jeff Saunders,

Lloyd Cummings, Jim Monahan, Mike Hogan, Orson Baker, Jim Strange, John Bank, Jim Nacke and Greg Saunders.

Joe Hopkins of Arcola will be celebrating his 90th birthday at home with a dinner hosted by his family. Mr. Hopkins was born September 2, 1923, in Charleston. He married Sarah Johnson on January 6, 1945. She died on May 19, 1999. He is a retired farmer. He has four children, Larry Hopkins of Arcola; Andy Hopkins of Farmer City; Daryl Hopkins of Sullivan and Carol (Hopkins) Hackler of Arcola. He also has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Arcola High School Class of 1955 held their annual class gathering at the Kaskaskia Country Club Saturday, Aug. 17. There were 18 graduated attending and 14 special guests. The special guests included spouses and Myrna Moore, wife of classmate Bob Moore; Jim Reimer and wife Judy; and Mary Alcorn Pieper and husband Kenneth Livesay, Phyllis Cunningham Kementz, Ted Shields, Jim Pullen, Bryson Little, Alice Rippey, Gale Hopkins, Larry Bushu, John Guyot, Bob Smith, Michael Strader, Gayle Gilbert Strader, Natalie Keal Smith, Sharon Cuppy Spomer, Betty Vickroy Maier and Janet Kroger Stuemier.

Dallas Sisk, son of Paul and Theresa Sisk of Arcola was a member of the Mattoon 10-and-under All-Stars that competed July 14-17 in the Southeastern Cal Ripken State Tournament. The team placed first and then went to Somerset, KY, to play in the Ohio Valley Regional.

Returning lettermen on the 2013 Purple Rider football team include Drew Fultz, Eman Villareal, Clayton Strader, Steven Franco, Justin Kuhns, Wyatt Fishel, Patrick Henry, Brad Nall, Raul Ortiz, Zach Moutria, Kollin Seaman and Nick Hudson. The Zach Zehr era begins Friday when the Arcola High School football team travels to Jamaica High School in Sidell to face non-conference opponent Salt Fork.

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