

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago Sept. 20, 1923

The football season in Arcola opened Saturday and it was the first game played in this section this season. There was a large crowd out for an early season game and the local high school triumphed over Arthur by the score of 13 to 0.

Incidentally coach Angell used about every man he has on his squad in an endeavor to get a line on what the youngsters will do under fire, as the team must be built in large measure out of green material this season.

Arcola played straight football and made most of their gains on off tackle plays. The game was marked by frequent fumbles and Arcola lost the ball several times on fumbles when it looked as though they would get another touchdown. They scored one touchdown in each half. If the boys win all of their games coach Angell will furnish all the team seats at the opening of the Illinois stadium. Four regulars of last year's team are left for his season's team, captain Dale Moore; Pollock, Ed Wright and Benton Jones.

R. S. Hendrix, who has been located in one of the ward rooms in the Metropolitan block, has rented Ed W. Hall's building west of the Illinois Central depot and moved there this week. He will continue his battery service station, acetylene welding and do general garage work and operate a filling station. He will also store cars. He needed some more room than he had in his old quarters and figures that there will also be an advantage in being located on the Trail.

This section of the state was visited by a frost last Thursday night and Friday morning and nearly everything was white. It was the earliest date a heavy frost has visited this part of Illinois in a number of years. Lake Indian corn is hurt by the frost, just how much it will take time to tell. The percent of corn that was not ready for frost and will suffer some damage is estimated all the way from ten to thirty percent of the fields. These fields will likely produce light, chaffy corn, and if the rains continue we are bound to have some rotten corn.

"Billy" Lett, of Arcola, once the strongest man in this section of Illinois, is now totally blind and a county pensioner, and though still as strong as the average man, is unable to follow the occupation that made him a great name in the broom corn fraternity for many years, for he claims the distinction of being the champion broom corn loader of the universe. "Billy" has been in the business ever since broom

corn first came to be marketed in this city and that is about twenty-seven years ago. He first began work for P. H. Monahan when the gentleman was a broker for this city. He was two years in his employment when he went to work for Thos. Lyons and remained with him for 24 years. The last year he worked for L.B. Chambers & Co. In those 27 years he has loaded 7,400 cars of broom corn. For even years he claims to have averaged 200 cars per year and for twenty years 300 cars per year

50 years ago Sept. 20, 1973

Thousands of persons jammed the streets in Arcola last weekend to attend the Third Annual Festival of the Broom Corn Festival. The event was held on Main Street and sponsored by the Arcola Chamber of Commerce. The three-day event enjoyed good coverage on area television and radio stations as well as newspapers and good weather contributed to record-breaking crowds each day. One of the most popular spots in the festival area was the huge tent which housed the broom and boron corn exhibit, a new festival feature this year, containing various exhibits including broom sales and actual broom making.

Saturday morning saw the judging for the world's biggest broom, where entries competed for cash prizes offered by the Thomas Monahan Company. First place went to I.W. Hamel and son, Nick Sadowsky, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and they won \$150 (\$1,037.25 today). Crowds reached peak attendance for the old fashioned parade Saturday afternoon which contained almost 100 entries.

Gordon's Cleaners and Clothing Store is beginning their 39th year of business in Arcola. The store, located on Main Street, is owned and operated by Bert Gordon, Jr. assisted by his wife, Eulah. Ruby Kruger is the tailoring and alteration specialist as well as clerk; does hand pressing and is all around handy lady in the store. She has been with the firm since 1936.

The Arcola Purple Rider football squad evened its record to 1-1 with an 18-6 victory over Little Okaw opponent Homer. The Riders had a well-balanced attack as they gained 176 yards on the ground and 87 yards passing. The Purple Rider defense played well despite giving up 128 rushing since 80 of those yards were given up on one play. Jay Curry had 8 solo tackles and 4 assists. Larry Stenger rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown to lead Arcola. Quarterback Bill Shafer fired a



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15-yard pass to Jeff Wood and completed a 40-yard pass to the most popular spots in the festival area was the huge tent which housed the broom and boron corn exhibit, a new festival feature this year, containing various exhibits including broom sales and actual broom making.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beachy are announcing the birth of a son, Mark Andrew, born the third of September at Burnham City Hospital in Champaign. The baby boy has a sister, Gladys, 6, and a brother, Duane, 4 years old. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Selma Lee of Dover, Del. and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Beachy of Tuscola.

25 years ago Sept. 24, 1998

Members of the Arcola Cooperative Grain Company's board of directors are Jon Kibler (a new member on the board), Mike Hilgenberg (vice president), Steve Holaday (president), Jeff Myers (general manager), DuWayne Miller (secretary), Gary Swisher (treasurer), Brian Blagg and Dan Miller. The Arcola Co-Op held its annual stockholders meeting September 2 at Rockome Gardens Restaurant.

At the monthly Arcola Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting chamber president Lisa Edwards announced that three applications for the vacant executive director's position had been received to that point that the interview process was to have begun at the end of last week. The position opened when Byron Bradford announced last month that he was resigning.

The 1998 Arcola High School Flag corps received new uniforms through the Arcola Band Boosters recently. Members are Carol Hamamura, April Tristan, Sarah Reece, Heather Pullen, Sondra

Medina, Heather Smith, Amber Weatherford (co-captain), Heather Rogers and Holly Haycraft (co-captain).

The Arcola football team dominated every facet of the game in a 62-6 drubbing of East Central Friday at Arcola. The defense forced five turnovers and scored 21 points off the Panther miscues. Arcola allowed East Central just 116 total yards, none in the third period. Kolin Peterson scored five touchdowns, four rushing as he became just the 27th person in IHSA history to pass the 4,000 yard rushing mark for a career. Matt Williams, David Bales and Matt Thomas had rushing touchdowns. Travis Drake had a 42-yard interception return for a touchdown. Craig Wesch kicked four extra points, Drake caught a two-point conversion pass from Williams and Jeremiah Snyder made a two-point conversion.

The Arcola volleyball team swept Chrisman on September 21 15-0 and 17-15 at Chrisman. The victory improved Arcola's record to 7-3. Nichole Foran served 14 of the 15 points in the first game and Lacey Bales served the game-winner. Foran finished with six aces and five assists

to lead Arcola, while Megan McQueen had a team-high five kills.

10 years ago Sept. 19, 2013

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the R Place Off Rte.45 Buffett Restaurant and Bar was held Friday, September 13. The owners (Shelly Sheppard and Mike Sheppard) of the new business, located at the corner of Oak and Jefferson Streets, as well as Arcola Chamber of Commerce members and local business and city leaders participated in the ribbon-cutting.

The Arcola High School football team broke out their quick like offensive attack in a 21-13 win over Oakwood-Armstrong-Potomac at Fithian. The win was not only the first of the season but it also gave first-year coach Zach Zehr his first career victory. Clayton Strader was 7-13-0-222, 3 TDs with Wyatt Fishel catching four for 119 and two touchdowns. Nick Hudson caught a 79-yard touchdown pass, while Juan Franco bootied the three extra points.

Doug and Vicki (Cleeton) Hock of Arcola will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple were married September 22, 1988 in Toledo, Ill. by Pastor L. J. French. They were attended by Mary Cline and Henry Burton. They are the parents of Felicia Kirkley and Jeremy of Mattoon, Jennifer Oyervides and Reynold of Arcola and Damon Hock of Arcola. The couple also have seven grandchildren. Mr. Hock works for Dart Transit and Mrs. Hock is a bus aide for Gould Bus Service. The couple's parents are George Hock of Casey, Marge Edwards of Arcola and Marguerite and Richard Van Scyoc of Neoga.

Pastor Marion Baker and his wife, Alice, were recently appointed to the Arcola Free Methodist Church by the Wabash Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America. They moved to Arcola the first of August.

The Arcola High School junior varsity volleyball team is Nikita Mellor, Ixcell Vega, Faith Spelman, Valerie Kuhn, Sophie Fishel, Bailey Connor, Kaytlene Gutierrez, Taylor Rippey, Megan Lindenmeyer, Maggie Fulton, Jordyn Edwards and Kauryn Karmazinas.

School Board

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the school on the schedule for Byrne and Jones Sports Construction. The district joined the TIPS cooperative purchasing group to utilize the company rather than seeking bids.

Mulligan said previously that he normally would prefer a public bidding but that track resurfacing is a specialized service with few companies doing it.

The Board also approved \$37,036 for iPads for staff. Mulligan said they will be purchased this year and that about \$445,000 remains in the technology fund.

The Board approved creating another bilingual position. Mulligan said the district has seen an influx of students who do not speak English. He said it's great to have that diversity but that it also creates a challenge. He said he hopes he will be

able to find a bilingual teacher to fill the new position.

The Board also approved its budget and its improvement plan.

Mulligan gave an overview of the district's long-term planning. The Board also discussed before and after school daycare and participation in a county program to certify students in mental health first aide. Mulligan said the grant-funded program helps ensure there are more people that students can rely on for mental health support.

The Board also discussed liability for groups using the school facility and moving to purchased robes for graduation rather than rented robes.

No votes were taken on those discussion items.

The Board voted to hire Jill Koehl as a paraprofessional, Chelsea Beals as a volunteer jr. high volleyball assistant, Greg Vraspieri as a permanent substitute teacher, and Ashlyn

Donnals as a paraprofessional. There were no resignations.

The Board was also introduced new teachers in the district.



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