

News Notes

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Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together

NEWS FROM ARGOS

Richard and Jennie Zentz are the proud Grandparents of a baby boy, Byron James, born March 30th to Ted and Becky Zentz.

Richard and Carol Rowe and daughters entertained at a Family Dinner on Sunday March 28th. I think she is an expert putting puzzles together. Ask her sometime.

We extend our sympathy to the Rowdy and Jean Rensberger and family due to the sudden death of their Brother-in-law, Henry Langenbahn of Monterey.

Mr. & Mrs. Maury Hagan & daughters of Brighton, Michigan spent the weekend with her parents, The Earl Mattix's. The Hagan family will be flying to Texas for the month of April. In May, Maury will fly to France & Germany to tour and observe the two Dana Plants they have overseas. He is now Plant Manager of the Dana Plant in Detroit.

Bud Powers is sporting around in a new car. Watch out, Bud.

The Triton High was host to Honor Bank '76 Friday, April 9th. Outstanding high school instrumentalists were selected from eight surrounding schools to participate. Two girls representing Argos were Karen Rensberger, daughter of Rowdy & Jean Rensberger, playing Piccolo and Tami VanDer Weele, daughter of Lynn and Virginia VanDerWeele, playing Alto Saxophone. Guest Conductor of the concert was Donald Litherland, Elkhart Memorial High School band director.

Welcome back to Indiana, Polly and Fran. We know you both enjoyed your vacation in the Sunny South.

Jack & Pat Carpenter were in Lansing, Michigan on business one day this week.

No item is ever completely lost; it's just waiting until you forget what you wanted it for.

Reporter: Frances Mattix

FASTEX SERVICE:

FOR SALE:

Beef halves - Holstein steers, 1/2 for 75¢ lb. Contact Joan Knepp, Farmers State Bank, 784-3111.

PLYMOUTH NEWS

Sunday, April 4, 1976, officially ended 10 years of service at the Plymouth Branch. We have enjoyed the rapid growth in these past 10 years and hope that the start of our eleventh year will add continued growth and service.

Ron McKee

The Plymouth bank will host a training session for use of the Agricultural Credit Analysis Handbook on April 20, 1976 at 6:30 p.m. Agricultural loan officers in the eastern portion of District 2 are invited.

Discussion leaders for the session will be Lowell Gardner, North Judson; Wilbur Lippert, Valparaiso; and Gene Christiansen.

Ken Koerber and Mary Lou Leavell of the Plymouth Trust Department are serving as Co-Chairmen for the Plymouth Bicentennial Picnic to be held July 4th at Centennial Park. Activities are being planned for children of all ages as well as concluding the afternoon with a Bicentennial Show. We hope all of the Plymouth residents will be able to attend the picnic, it should be a really fun way of celebrating our nation's birthday as well as Plymouth's 140th Birthday.

On Monday, April 5th, our staff welcomed back Dee Brown returning to her duties after an extended leave of absence due to illness. Dee wishes to thank all for the cards and words of encouragement during her illness.

We also welcome back Marge McCollough on a part-time basis until her surgery takes place on May 6th, at St. Vincent Hospital at Indianapolis.

Gene Christiansen and Ed Schultz attended the Agricultural Clinic held at Purdue University on March 17 and 18. The Clinic is an annual affair sponsored by Purdue University and the Indiana Bankers Association. They took as their guest, Curt Middleton, the County Agent.

Both Gene and Ed thought the 2 days at Purdue were very beneficial for gaining insight as to what might be expected in the field of agriculture for the coming year.

Graduation exercises were held for those completing the Indiana Agricultural Banking School. Gene Christiansen was the recipient of a diploma from this school.

PLYMOUTH NEWS CONTINUED

Thad Wyman, son of Jerry, made a hole-in-one while leading the Culver Gold Team to victory over Laville, on April 8th.

Thad used a four iron on the 188 yd. third hole at the Plymouth Country Club.

Jerry Wyman and his family flew to Ft. Myers Florida during spring vacation. Jerry says that the weather was perfect and his tan proves it. They fished, golfed, and sunbathed at the beach. They were guests of Bev's parents who incidentally live just across the street from Hampton Boswell's new home. They had a chance to visit with Hampton as well as enjoy playing golf with him. It was a most enjoyable vacation for the Wymans.

We are all envious of the beautiful tan that Peg Clevenger received in Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. Kelso Holm just returned from a month in Florida. Kelly enjoyed both fishing and golfing while there.

The Koerber family, after hectic preparations, finally made it to Florida for their spring vacation. They experienced many trying events -- lost supports for a tent they were to live in, a trip to the hospital for the young one with an ear ache, and a snake in the car while stopping over in southern Kentucky. But they all returned home happy and safe, with their usual display of Florida tans and golf stories from Pop and the older boys. Ho humm, back to work!!!!

Dee Brown, Angie and Ted, recently spent a week in Bloomington, IN with Dee's sister, Pat Kralovansky and family.

Angie Brown won 2nd place in the "SUPER KIDS". Benefits went to the American Lung Association. Angie scored 750 points.

Linda Miller has started the count-down. She leaves June 10th for a trip to Hawaii. Three days will be spent on Waikiki Beach.

Reporter: Jean Webster

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Aries	Taurus
Mar 21 - Apr 19	Apr 20 - May 20
Apr. 4 Vern McKee	Apr.19 Carl Fox
4 Edward Schultz	20 Burl Nifong
7 Ron McKee	21 Karen Thomas
8 Edna M. Craft	24 Charlotte Jung
12 Pamela Miller	27 Marsha Banning
	30 Penny Lukenbill

CULVER NEWS

TELLER TIDBITS FROM CULVER

Bob Brockus has shaved his beard off and would you believe those who complained about the beard the most didn't notice it was gone???

Bob and Sharon Brockus have purchased a 1974 Honda Civic. I guess spring fever includes the new car bug. It's a great looking economy car.

Glad to have Barb Hittle back on the line with us after her episode with the flu that has been going around.

Eight of the people that took advantage of the AIB courses offered this year attended the Annual AIB Student Banquet held at the ACC at Notre Dame, March 31st. The dinner was good and the speaker, Gayle Gup-ton, from Tennessee, gave an informative yet exceptionally amusing speech on sales-manship.

Millie and George Cullers celebrated their first wedding anniversary March 22nd. Millie received a dozen beautiful red roses. Isn't love grand! Congratulations Millie and George!!!

Millie and George have left for a week at Fort Lauderdale to visit Millie's mother. They are planning to stop in to see Jean and Verl McFeely at Fort Myers Beach also.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the musical, "Godspell," presented April 9th and 10th at CCHS. I'm sure that anyone who saw and heard the play was impressed by the talent displayed by the students. Seeing "Godspell" was an evening well spent!!!

Reporter: Karen Thomas

LOAN DEPARTMENT NEWS

Betty Davis has returned from a caribbean Cruise aboard the S. S. Skyward. Boarding ship at the Port of Miami, Betty visited several ports of call, including Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios and Montego Bay in Jamaica, and Cozumel Mexico. Aboard ship, there were nine opportunities per day to eat, so Betty is now on a strict diet--eating only three times a day!

Bob Lindall has also returned from a "Spring Vacation" vacation. He and his family visited Bob's sister in the Florida Panhandle, and later paid a visit to Disneyworld. As usual, Bob said the money ran out before the week was up!

Reporter: Penny Lukenbill

Culver News continued

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Auditing Department hosted a combination farewell party and bridal shower of Kitchen gadgets in honor of Lois Stotler on Friday afternoon, since she is leaving April 10th to be married to Melvin Lemermon. The wedding will take place Saturday evening, April 17, at the Monterey Methodist Church. They are busy getting their trailer ready for occupancy near Pulaski. Best wishes, Lois, and we'll miss you.

Camilla Tinsley, of Monterey, who will graduate from CCHS in May, has joined the department, working afternoons until school is over, and then full time.

Ruby Mattox is taking a week's vacation to entertain her grandson, Stevie, from Indianapolis, during his spring vacation.

Reporter: Margaret Swanson

THANK YOU;

I would like to thank my friends in the banks for remembering me with their prayers, cards, visits, and gifts while I was confined to the hospital and at home for the last 2 months.

A special THANK YOU to Jack and the girls in Data Processing for their thoughtfulness and understanding.

Marlene Shoddy

DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

We welcome Marlene Shoddy back to work being absent for eight weeks.

John Castleman, son of Rex & Betty Castleman, is home for ten days before leaving for Mississippi.

Patti Jo Walter has moved. She now has a view of the country.

Reporter: Linda Shedrow

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Vivian Bush and Charlotte Jung will be attending the Indiana Bankers Association Trust Conference April 25, 26, & 27 to be held at the Executive Inn, Vincennes, Ind. Charlotte is on the committee which planned the conference last November.

Legal Department Conti.

On Monday evening, April 9, 1956, Mr. & Mrs. Osborn were surprised when the employees of the banks of which he is president, The State Exchange Bank of Culver and Argos and The Farmers State Bank of LaPaz, held a party in the Bank Lounge to celebrate their golden anniversary. Miss Charlotte Jung and Miss Margaret Swanson were in charge of arrangements, including a mock wedding in which the honored couple renewed their wedding vows.

Miss Swanson, pianist, played the traditional nuptial music and accompanied Mrs. Joseph Furnas who sang "A Perfect Day", Robert Lindvall, as the minister, performed the single ring service. The bride attired in a navy blue dress wearing a finger-tip veil of white net and carrying a Colonial bouquet of gold roses entered on the arm of her son-in-law, Arden N. Butler. Mrs. Carl Logan, as matron of honor, wore a pink evening gown with a pink picture hat and carried a Colonial bouquet of violets.

Hampton Boswell capably served as best man. Miss Gloria Kurtz as flower girl, wore a short red skirt and white ruffled blouse. She wore a garland of gold roses in her hair and scattered rose petals in the path of the bride as she entered. Ring bearer was Ron McKee who wore knee length trousers, a white shirt and navy bow tie. He carried the ring on a gold damask pillow.

After the best man had nervously dropped the ring and the other attendants had scrambled around the floor looking for it, the ceremony was finally completed and the happy couple started down the road of their second fifty years of marriage.

The remainder of the evening was spent at games after which delicious refreshments were served including a four-tier wedding cake decorated with gold roses which was served by the Osborn's daughter, Mrs. Arden N. Butler.

Congratulations are now in order for Mr. & Mrs. Osborn's 70th Anniversary. We all wish you both the best!!!!

Reporter: Esther Reed

Roy Burbrink, formerly of Columbus, Ind., has joined the firm of Stevens, Wampler, Travis & Fortin as an associate. He graduated from Indiana University and University of Michigan Law School and has recently taken the Indiana Bar exam, the results of which he will know by May 1st. In the meantime, he is researching various legal matters as well as gaining practical experience by accompanying other members of the firm in their daily routines. Roy is married to the former Linda Buffington of Plymouth and they are expecting their first child. We welcome Roy to our official family and look forward to a long relationship with him.

STATE EXCHANGE FINANCE COMPANY

Steve Brockus, son of Sharon Brockus was voted Mr. Personality by the FFA and FHA. There was a dance held on Friday, March 12th and the students elected Steve.

Debbie Brockus and Bill Dehne traveled to Wabash on March 1st to participate in the Middle Band Contest and the Bank took a first.

Martha Kalanoski has joined our staff as a replacement for Rose Anna Van Horn. Martha worked in the Bookkeeping Department in the 50's. WELCOME!

Reporter: Margaret Dehne

HISTORIC LANDMARK

The Bicentennial celebration of our country has sparked interest in the history and heritage of our communities. Last October, there was an article in the Plymouth PILOT-NEWS concerning the oldest businesses in Marshall County and in the state. The Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana designated the Grossman Funeral Home as the "oldest continuously operating business relocated to a new site or building...In the state, Grossman Funeral Home is the states third oldest funeral home."

Otto L. Grossman, great uncle of Robert Grossman, started the Grossman business heritage in 1897. He was then an apprentice to his uncle, Mr. A. Wickizer. In 1898, Otto bought the business from his relative and, having one of the first of 200 embalmer licenses issued by the state, started the Grossman home.

The early mortuary was located in a frame building on Walnut Street. Argos. After eight years, Otto built a three story brick building at 108 North Michigan Street for the funeral home and for his furniture business.(Until recently, this location was the Crabb Furniture Store.)

"Here he entered boldly into the furniture business with a heavy stock which filled the huge first-floor display room. But the undertaking business was not put in second place. It was only the natural union of the two lines of business. Furniture and undertaking were not strangers to each other in Indiana.

"The funeral home idea had not yet caught on, services being held in homes or churches. But it was in the air and in addition the undertaker was soon to be replaced by the modern funeral director."* And the furniture store appendage was to become a separate business.

In 1931, Otto's nephew, Hollis, came into the business and in 1937, the two men bought the Lewis Bose mansion on North Michigan Street. "Huge white Tuscan columns rose twenty feet high

in sheer beauty to the roof of the double-deck porch."* Beautiful hand-carved fireplace mantles, high lofty ceilings, ornate balustered stairways, statuary and stained glass windows add a traditional dignity to the symetrically designed building. The Grossmans have preserved the beauty of the building while they have added the newest equipment necessary for their business.

With the expansion of the business, Mrs. Hollis Grossman, Ruth Myers Grossman, decided to study for her license and in 1949, she too became an accredited funeral director. Mrs. Grossman and Miss Ruth Spencer, an associate in the business for many years, ably supported the business during Hillis' army career. Otto's failing health made it impossible for him to share the responsibility of the business and his great nephew, Bob, helped in his place.

Otto Grossman died in 1958 and Mr. Hollis Grossman continued in the profession until his death in 1974. The family tradition is being maintained by Robert E. Grossman who officially entered the business in 1960.

Following a tour of duty in Korea, Bob was associated with General Motors for three years before coming full-time to the business. Bob and his wife, Bonnie, have two young sons, Chris and Greg.

With two young Grossmans coming on, the Grossman name may continue to add historic dignity to Argos and to the family tradition.

* from "His Fifty Years" by Neil D. Thompson. *****

NOTE: Bob Grossman became a director of our banks in 1975

Jack Carpenter, vice president, The State Exchange Bank, Argos, announced this week that Select Industries (Indiana), Inc., has purchased the plant recently operated by the Wickes Corporation and will begin the manufacture of mobile and modular homes within a month.

The plant will employ 25 to 26 people with indications of a total of 58 people employed by the first of the year.

The State Exchange Bank of Argos was active in arranging the negotiations for the new industry. Jack went to Lansing, Michigan to arrange the financing for the new industry.

.....Bob Rust.

SPECIAL NOTE

Do you have a cousin living in Jerusalem named "Clarke"? If so, please contact Margaret (Mrs. Bill) Washburn at 842-3755 for further information.