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News Notes

Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

NEWS FROM ARGOS

We are receiving a good response on our Lock Box Notices and hopefully no second and third notices will need to be sent.

The Maury Hagan Family of Brighton, Michigan spent the holidays with her parents, the Earl Mattix's.

Gene VanDerWeele presented a talk on "BANKING" to a group of students at the Argos High School, Monday, Dec. 15.

Diana Holderead's brother and family from Michigan spent a few days recently with the Crayton Holderead family at Plymouth.

Thanks to you Marcia, I'm sure everyone enjoyed the front cover on the December issue of the NEWS NOTES. Very clever idea.

A PLEA to my co-workers!!!!!! Please supply me with some newsy items for our Argos column.

Jennie Zentz's stepfather, Dale Huff, died at the Bremen Hospital on Wednesday morning after suffering a severe heart attack over the week-end. We all extend our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

Jennie Zentz's son, Allen, had surgery at Fort Wayne Hospital on Tuesday and her father-in-law, Claude Zentz, had surgery last week at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend. We are thinking of you and yours, Jennie, and hope for better days ahead for you all.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR!

A henpecked husband told his lawyer that he wanted everything left to his wife, providing she remarried. That way, he could be sure someone would be sorry he died.

Reporter: Frances Mattix

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Capricorn
Dec. 21- Jan. 20

Aquarius
Jan. 21- Feb. 19

Jan. 10 Rose O'Dell
14 Martha Ives
17 Betty Nolin
17 Maxine Thomas
19 Doris Mueller
24 John Deery

Jan. 25 Ken Koerber
27 W. O. Osborn
27 Jon Bixel
27 Linda Reinholt
29 HamptonBoswell

FARMERS STATE BANK NEWS

Larry and Diana Weiss, Jeff and Kirk and Bill and Maxine Thomas spent the holidays in Florida.

Roy Reed is getting ready for our Bicentennial. Check a \$50 bill for the resemblance.

Gloria Kowatch tells us 15 IRA accounts have been opened with our bank as of first of the year.

Mary Wicks is recuperating at home for the next six to eight weeks due to an injury from a fall.

TO HAMPTON BOSWELL:

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to you on your forth coming retirement. We shall long remember you for your many years of service and loyalty to our organization. Good luck to you and Mrs. Boswell.

Reporter: Carolyn Kelly

PLYMOUTH NEWS

The employees of the Plymouth bank wish to thank those responsible for making our Christmas Holiday a little longer so that more time could be spent with our families.

Many compliments have been received on the cover of our last issue of NEWS NOTES.

Our vault is receiving a face lifting at the Plymouth office. We received our new lock boxes this past month, an additional total of 147 boxes which consists of all 4 sizes, but mostly the large boxes which are in high demand. This makes a total of 860 lock boxes.

We have added several shelves for additional storage. The remaining wall area and ceiling is receiving a new paint application at the present time by our friend, Modest Long.

Bob and Esther Milner have returned from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where they flew to spend the holidays with their son, Phillip, and his family. Phil is teaching in the English Department of the St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

The weather was about as variable as it is here ranging from around zero to a high of 52 degrees.

PLYMOUTH News continued:

Marge McCollough, Plymouth teller, will be admitted to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis for extensive diagnostic tests, on January 9. We all wish you the best of luck.

Dee Brown will be admitted to Parkview Hospital in Plymouth for surgery on Jan. 15.

Bill Crossgrove recently submitted to eye surgery at South Bend's Osteopathic Hospital. Bill had a quick recovery and is now back to work.

Ethel Sanders has returned from a vacation spent at her home.

Larry and Joan Miller spent the holidays with Joan's brother and family, the John Skahill's at Naperville, Il.

Dee and Bill Crossgrove had a vacation over the holidays. Time was spent at home and enjoying some shopping trips.

Cris Crocker flew back to Stanford University on Jan. 1. She arrived to find that her apartment had been vandalized. Part of the items were recovered.

Kenneth Crocker graduated from Purdue University in December with a B.S. Degree.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Crayton a Virginia Holderead on their 41st.

As of December 31, 1975, our banks have a total of 1,136 student loans totaling \$1,497,463.00

The Federally Insured Student Loan Program which our bank sponsors, is made available only to our well established customers as a part of being a full-service bank.

Under the Federal Program, the loans are insured by the government. The rate of interest is 7% which, according to family income guidelines, may be paid by the government while the student is attending school or in some cases must be paid by the student throughout the entire loan period. All students pay the 7% interest during the payout period of the loan.

We now have 11 claims outstanding, 10 of which are default and 1 death claim. Our percentage of claims, we feel, are very favorable according to the national average of claims.

Reporter: Jean Webster

WANTED:

Doberman Pinscher and a barn cat. If you have any leads, please call Barb Hittle, Ext. 50 or 52.

WORKSHOP OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ENTITLED, "IRA, KEOGH, and YOU"

We plan to sponsor a workshop on the subject of IRA and Keogh for our customers to be held at the American Legion Post in Plymouth on March 9, 1976 from 7:30 to 9 P.M.

These two retirement fund accounts are available for individuals who are not under a qualified corporate savings plan. The purpose of the meeting is to inform those who can set up a tax-deductible plan how a plan can be set up, and what happens to the funds during the period that the individual works and contributes to the account.

Speakers will discuss the subject. More publicity and information will be available in the near future on this matter and we encourage you to invite any of our customers, friends, or relatives who might be interested to attend the program. If there are any questions concerning the program, please let me know.

Ken Koerber

CULVER NEWS

(Teller Tidbits)

Santa Claus left Sandy Lewis a puppy named Brillo.

Bob and Sharon Brockus celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary, Dec. 29. Congratulations!

The tellers have received a letter from Gene McFeely. Gene let us know what a good time she is having in Florida by enclosing a picture of herself seated on her new 3 speed bicycle.

CJ Adams thought his car had come equipped with ice skates for winter driving when he "skated" right into a mailbox.

Millie and George Cullers enjoyed Christmas this year as their children were here to help celebrate the holidays.

Gary and Barb Hittle are moving to a farm between Argos and Tippicanoe sometime this month.

Kathy Dunree got a wonderful Christmas gift-- Brad Bennet gave Kathy a beautiful diamond ring. Congratulations!

Reporter: Karen Thomas

(Auditing)

Auditing is digging its way through an avalanche of paper work accompanying year-end reports, 1099s, W2s, interest requests.

All are looking forward to Donna Peter's wedding which is set for January 31. There is a party planned for her next week.

Reporter: Maragaet Swanson

CULVER News continued:

(Data Processing)

Lynne Geiger had the department to her home for a Christmas party. We had an exchange of gifts and a carry in supper. Santa made his appearance greeting all at the door when they arrived.

Reporter: Linda Reinholdt

(Legal)

Karen, Vivian and Esther wish to thank Charlotte for having their families to her home for a Christmas dinner and exchange.

From Mr. Osborn: The year-end statement for our banks and finance company is the largest statement that the institutions have ever published. The total resources of all our companies amount to more than \$150,000,000.00 for the first time in the history of our banks."

Reporter: Esther Reed

STATE EXCHANGE FINANCE CO. NEWS

The insurance department was entertained by Hampton and Esther Boswell at their home just before Christmas. Delicious canapes and cookies were served amid Esther's beautiful stitcheries which decorate the house. The Boswells were presented with directors chairs to use in their camper on their upcoming retirement.

The women of the insurance department dined out and then had their annual gift exchange at Sharon Brockus' home.

Marge Baker had a winter vacation visiting friends in the southern end of the state.

Chris, son of Bob Kline, was the star of the Culver Elementary Christmas play and definitely showed great talent in the theatrical line.

Hampton Boswell celebrated his fortieth anniversary at the bank on December 15. He is planning on retiring January 31 and going south for the remainder of the winter. He began work at the bank in 1935 as a teller, headed the Finance Company and the insurance agency, providing the leadership for the two offices to develop to their present size.

Hampton and Esther have five children, Bob who lives in Iowa, Tom in Michigan, Caroline (wife of Bob Kline) in Culver, Jim who is studying at Indiana University, and Susan, a student at Ball State University.

We wish Hampton much happiness in his retirement and thank him for his leadership in our company!

- F Space Heater--will heat 5 rooms or more.
- O S AND
- R A Shower Doors (glass) Contact Laverne
- L Geiger, Ext. 55.
- E Blue-green tweed and dark wood sofa, Contact Lynn Geiger, Ext. 66.

***** AN INVITATION *****

The bank staff and their spouses are cordially invited to a reception at the Culver Inn Monday, January 26, 1976 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Honoring Hampton Boswell, Senior V.P.

NOTICE:

This year, as last year, we will be sending out a Savings Statement to each customer. Printed on the statement along with the past year's debit and credit activity are two important figures:

- 1) The current balance as of Dec. 31, 1975.
- 2) The total amount of interest paid for the year 1975. This will be the 1099 interest figure each customer will use on his tax return. By including this figure on the statement, we save time and postage by not sending a second mailing. Please familiarize yourself with this information so you may answer customers questions which may arise.

The Savings Statements and the Bank and Finance Company Certificates of Deposit, and 1099's will be going in the mail approximately January 20.

Jack Keldenich, Cashier

NEWS RELEASE:

The South Bend Chapter of American Institute Banking will hold its 1976 Public Speaking Contest Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the auditorium of the South Bend Public Library at 7 P.M.

The contest is open to anyone in the banking industry. It will be held in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the National Contest and the Bi-Centennial of our country. The AIB is the educational division of the American Bankers Association.

The Chapter will award a \$100 first prize and a \$50 second prize and the winner will also receive an expense paid trip to the District Contest to be held April 3rd, 1976 at the Merrillville Holiday Inn.

The theme for the Chapter Contest is "Banking for Business" and the District Contest theme is "Banking for Government."

Interested persons should contact: Dennis Beville, Ch. Farmers Bank and Trust Co. Knox, Indiana 46534 or their AIB representative, Jack Keldenich.

The entry deadline is January 23, 1976. *****

A DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE

At the east edge of Logansport, on Route 25, there is a new complex called, "Chase Center." The Center consists of two buildings, Chase Manor and Chase Park, which lie on a 9 Acre tract of open farm land within the city limits of Logansport, Indiana. Chase Manor is a convalescent home which has been in operation since 1968. The Chase Park is an office retirement, rehabilitation, convalescent complex that has just been completed and will have its grand opening the end of January.

Chase Park was designed by Dr. Robert J. Roetker, a Lafayette, Indiana dentist. Dr. Roetker wanted to "design a convalescent home center with an entirely new concept." He has been in the care-center business for many years and has seen that there could be innovative ideas incorporated into the physical plant that houses the elderly.

The Center has apartment and boarding care facilities with skilled personnel in charge of the management. There are 38 boarding rooms, 52 residential rooms, 120 convalescent rooms, and 9 apartments. The 140 staff members include: one live-in physician, 3 therapists, a dietitian, nurses, nurses' aids, and office personnel.

"I wanted to use a building plan which would be open and light. 'No corners without windows,' was my slogan for this building," Dr. Roetker said.

Dr. Roetker also designed form-contoured chairs for the Center. His wife, Aileen, and 9 children have helped with the interior decorating and the finishing of the facility.

As the Chase Center brochure states, "Chase Center is a full range Nursing Care Village for residents who will be able to recreate a life-style of residing in a family oriented NEIGHBORHOOD, traveling by ROADS to visit or to go down-town for shopping and entertainment in the VILLAGE SQUARE."

The main entrance of Chase Park leads to a high ceiling central room called, "Village Square." The room is large enough to have 6 park benches flanked by boxes of 8 foot tall living trees. The green indoor-outdoor carpeting gives the illusion of one being outside and the high, vaulted ceiling has a 9 foot skylight which gives light and openness to the room.

One side of the Village Square contains the "Dowling Theatre" which is the therapy room. There, the physical, occupational, and recreational therapists work with the residents.

Another side is a glassed-in kitchen where the residents can watch the cooks prepare the food.

The third side of the Village Square is the dining room. Displayed on the red striped canopy at the entrance is "UHL'S Mill Cafe." The UHL Mill was the name of an early grist mill in Logansport. (Mr. Osborn remembers the paddle-wheel operated business.)

The remaining side is the office wall where bulletins and notices are posted.

The corners of the Village Square (reception room) are halls leading to the postoffice, Chapel, beauty shop, and the residential wings of the building. The names of the halls are; Broadway, Michigan Road, Market Street, and Towpath Road recreating a life-style of a neighborhood as the brochure stated.

Towpath Road leads to the living areas called, "Neighborhoods." The 3 Neighborhood wings are individually named; Burlington, Montecello, Fulton House. Each Neighborhood area has its own carpeted living room comfortably furnished with couches, upholstered chairs, reading lamps, and television. The hospital equipped bedrooms open on to the living room and a nursing station is located at the entrance of each Neighborhood.

Each bedroom has 2 beds in it, private bath and full length window which looks out on the open grounds.

In one hall there is a "Garden House" where residents can grow their own plants. Artificial lighting stimulates the growth of the plants when there is no sun shining in the large picture windows.

The lower level of the building houses 9 efficiency apartments. Each apartment has a twin bedroom, living room, kitchen, and patio. The apartment dwellers can use the nursing and the dining room facilities of the Center.

Chase Park is a structure that is designed for the future of all convalescent homes. Dr. Roetker plans to renovate the Chase Manor facility incorporating the same ideas used in Chase Park.

Our bank is proud to have been the lending bank for this new facility as well as for the Pilgrim Manor in Plymouth, Indiana which Dr. Roetker owns. He has been a customer of our bank for over 10 years.

We congratulate Dr. Roetker and all who made this modern facility a reality. We are proud to have such dedicated people as customers of our banks!
