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News Notes

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Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

NEWS FROM ARGOS

Everyone enjoyed reading the Article on Mr. Osborn "The Gift Of Age". Marcia, we commend you on a wonderful Tribute and for sharing a small part of his life with us.

Karen Rensberger, daughter of Jean & Rowdy Rensberger received a Superior Gold Medal (First Rating) in Flute Quartet at State Music contest held at Butler University, February 21st. Congratulations, Karen.

We do miss you as one of our staff reporters, Mimi Kalt but wish you the best of luck on your teaching duties and glad you are happy with your work.

We extend our Sympathy to The Eldon Cowen family over the death of their daughter, Charla.

Mr. & Mrs. A. N. Butler are enjoying a well deserved vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Enjoy yourselves, Polly and Fran.

There was a Workshop Seminar held at The American Legion Hall, Plymouth for anyone interested in "IRA, KEOGH & YOU. The meeting was very informative and was well attended. I'm sure more people will be interested in setting up a retirement program.

Tami VanDerWeele, daughter of Virginia & Lynn VanDerWeele placed First in Vocal Solo and First in Saxophone Quartet at the District Music contest held at South Bend. From there she went to Butler Univeristy to the State contest and placed First in Vocal and Second in Saxophone Quartet. Congratulations, Tami.

Ron Rensberger, son of Jean & Rowdy Rensberger, graduated from Lincoln Tech Institute, Indianapolis and is now employed at Oser Leasing, Elkhart.

Virginia Holderead celebrated her Leap Year Birthday with a Dinner Party held at the Holiday Inn at Laporte. A party of fourteen included her husband, Crayton, daughter, Diana and other Sons and Daughters and their families.

Doris Shoemaker is back to work after undergoing surgery at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Jim Nolin, Husband of Betty Nolin is in Parkview Hospital, Plymouth recuperating after having had surgery for stomach ulcers. He is quite uncomfortable and in considerable pain yet at this time.

The Road To Success Is Constantly Under Construction!!!!!!!!!!

Frances Mattix, Reporter

PLYMOUTH NEWS

Kenneth Crocker, son of Bill and Mary Crocker has accepted a position with MOTOROLA at Franklin Park, Illinois.

Joyce Crocker is spending her spring break in Florida.

Peggy, Jim and Susie Clevenger are vacationing in Florida.

Vicki Binion is spending two weeks filling in for Peg Clevenger in our Insurance Department. We have enjoyed having you with us, Vicki.

Kelso Holm and his wife are enjoying the warmer weather in Florida.

Paul Tribbey recently hosted a baby shower honoring her new niece. Mother Patricia was delighted with the beautiful gifts.

We, at the Plymouth drive-in, have bad news and good news. The bad news is, that we have "NO NEWS"; The good news is, that "NO NEWS" is "GOOD NEWS".

GET WELL THOUGHTS:

Dee Brown wishes to express her thanks to all for the flowers, cards, and thoughts during her illness. She is progressing well.

Marge McCollough is a patient in Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. She was scheduled for open-heart surgery on March 2nd. This has been postponed until April 6th.

Bob Webster, Jean's husband, is doing fine these days. He underwent a coronary artery by-pass last fall and has recuperated this winter awaiting springtime and walks in the fresh out-of-doors!!

Kitty Garnand, a former employee of Farmers State Bank, LaPaz, has been helping fill the empty spaces due to various illnesses in our Plymouth office. We are enjoying having Kitty with us.

We welcome a new member of our family, Dixie J. Albrecht. Dixie is from Bellefontaine, Ohio. She and her husband, Tom, who is employed by Murphy Mart, live at Skylane Apartments in Plymouth.

We were recently surprised by most welcome visitors, Mr. Osborn and Mr. Adams. They took time out from their busy schedules to examine our new lock boxes.

Reporter: Jean Webster

FARMERS STATE BANK NEWS

We welcome Ralph Lamborn to our "bank family" as custodian. Ralph and his wife, Doris, reside here in North Township at R. R. 1, Plymouth and are the parents of two children, Mrs. Bill (Debra) Hesler of Plymouth and Dennis Lamborn of South Bend, and they have two grandchildren.

State bank examiners have called upon us this week.

We hope you will notice when going through LaPaz that our bank sign has been moved to comply with federal regulations.

Esther Reed's campaign manager is also an employee of Farmers State Bank. (Esther is running for Union-North School Board.) Good Luck, Esther!!

Chuck and Flossie Roose are vacationing in Arizona.

Carolyn Kelly, Reporter

CULVER NEWS

TELLER TIDBITS

CJ Adams celebrated his birthday Feb 26th. Virginia Adams, his wife, baked a delicious cake in honor of the occasion. Thank you Virginia; we all appreciated your taking the time to bake and share the cake with all of us! CJ, we hope you had a good day!

Jack Kibort, Janet's son, had to make a lamp from a glass bottle in shop class. Not only did Jack get an A on the project, but Janet is proudly displaying the lamp in her living area at home.

Millie Culler's granddaughter and Karen Thomas' niece celebrated their first birthdays recently. It doesn't seem possible that we celebrated their births an entire year ago. Millie's daughters birthday was also celebrated. Lots of celebrating this past month.

Have you noticed the "new look" behind the teller line recently? Bob Brockus is sporting a beard. The general consensus is that the beard should go, however, this reporter thinks Bob should ignore the multitudes and keep the beard.

A big thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Drews for the lovely bi-centennial liberty bells the bank received in consideration of our friendly and courteous service.

Last thought: A sure sign that spring is not far away - Barb Hittle brought a big spray of pussy willows for us to enjoy.

Karen Thomas, Reporter

Culver News Continued:

AUDITING NEWS

Robert Craft, son of Edna Mae and Lyman Craft, has graduated from non-commissioned officers school at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Because of his high standing in his class, he has been promoted to sergeant and will assume his new rank upon his return to his assignment at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Congratulations, Bob.

Kay and Larry Davis have returned after a week's vacation in Lakeland, Florida. Old Man Sunshine was not too cooperative, and Kay was forced to get all her tan in one day.

Margaret Swanson, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Glenn Voreis, of South Bend, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Tillie Carlson, at Hinsdale, Illinois on Wednesday, February 18th.

Margaret Swanson, Reporter

DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

I want to thank the girls in my department for the lovely surprise bridal shower they gave me. Very nice and thank you very much.

Marlene Shoddy has returned home from a stay in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and we all miss her at work.

Jane and Don David will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary March 24th. Many more.

Fern Little has been on a vacation to Florida with her son and family, then, vacationed with her brother, Jack and his wife.

Reporter: Linda Reinholt

LEGAL

Karen Mendenhall is serving on one of the textbook selection committees for the Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation. Her particular committee will be selecting health and science books for grades two through five. She says it is a great experience for any parent but does admit it is quite a challenge.

Karen is also to serve as a Grand Page to the Cathedral Bell Session of the Indiana Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star to be held at the Murat Temple in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 26, 27, and 28.

Charlotte Jung has been out a few days with the flu. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Reporter: Esther Reed

Culver News Continued:

LOAN DEPARTMENT NEWS

Business has picked up in the Loan Department at Culver since Fred returned from his Florida vacation. Everyone is pale in contrast to Fred with his terrific tan, and we're all having trouble keeping pace with his renewed vitality!

Betty Davis and Penny Lukenbill have recently taken advantage of opportunities to see the nation's #1 college basketball team, Indiana University's Hurryin' Hoosiers, in action. We both agree it is quite a thrill to see such a tremendous team in person.

Karen Richards is taking a training session offered by the Women's Committee on Sex Offenses of St. Joseph County. The Sex Offense Staff (SOS) is a ten week course involving how to deal with victims of rape and related sex offenses. The program offers tours of hospitals and police departments of St. Joseph County, as well as, interviews with the prosecuting attorney.

The main purpose of the SOS is to lend emotional support to rape victims and their families and accompanying them through their long legal ordeals following the actual offense.

Our department would like to recommend the novel, The Moneychangers by Arthur Hailey. The book deals with the banking industry, as seen from a huge banking corporation in the United States. We enjoyed the book, even though most of it doesn't describe our banking business!!! It gave us a good insight as to how far-reaching the aspects of big banking become.

Penny Lukenbill, Reporter

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pisces	Aries
Feb. 20 - March 19	Mar. 20 - April 19
2 Flossie Roose	27 J. Roy Reed
5 Peggy Clevenger	28 Kitty Garnand
7 Joyce Mencl	28 Lois Stotler
18 Jack Carpenter	29 Diana Shively
21 Larry Miller	29 Doris Shoemaker
21 Allen Cummins	29 Marcia Adams
27 Vivian Bush	30 Douglas Myers

FASTEX SERVICE:

For Sale

Sunbeam hood hairdryer. Excellent condition Call Terry Babcock, Culver, Ext. 13.

STATE EXCHANGE FINANCE COMPANY

Elisabeth Allen accompanied her husband Mr. A.F. Allen to Atlantic City from March 20 to 21 to attend the American Association of School Administrators. One of the highlights of the session was a speech by Ralph Nadar and a speech by Bill Mayer.

Vicki Binion has been working in the Insurance Department at Plymouth for the past two weeks while Peg Clevenger is basking in the Florida sunshine. We know Vicki will be more versed in the insurance field when she returns to our office.

Art Helm, an insurance agent with experience in both life and property insurance, has been added to our staff. Art is not a stranger to our area as he grew up in Rochester, Indiana. He and his wife, Sandy, have lived in Fort Wayne for the past six years and plan to move to Culver in the near future.

Welcome, Art, we are glad to have you in our offices!

A note from Hampton and Esther Boswell tells us they are enjoying the beautiful sunshine in Florida and are now the owners of a home on the Six Lakes Golf Club. They tell us they have enjoyed visiting with many friends from Culver, and have been busy keeping up with all of their social engagements.

Reporter: Margaret Dehne

Today marks the first ANNIVERSARY of NEWS NOTES. March 15, 1975 was the date of our first edition of the paper.

The NEWS NOTES reporters write the paper for you ---keep the news coming!!!

NOTICE:

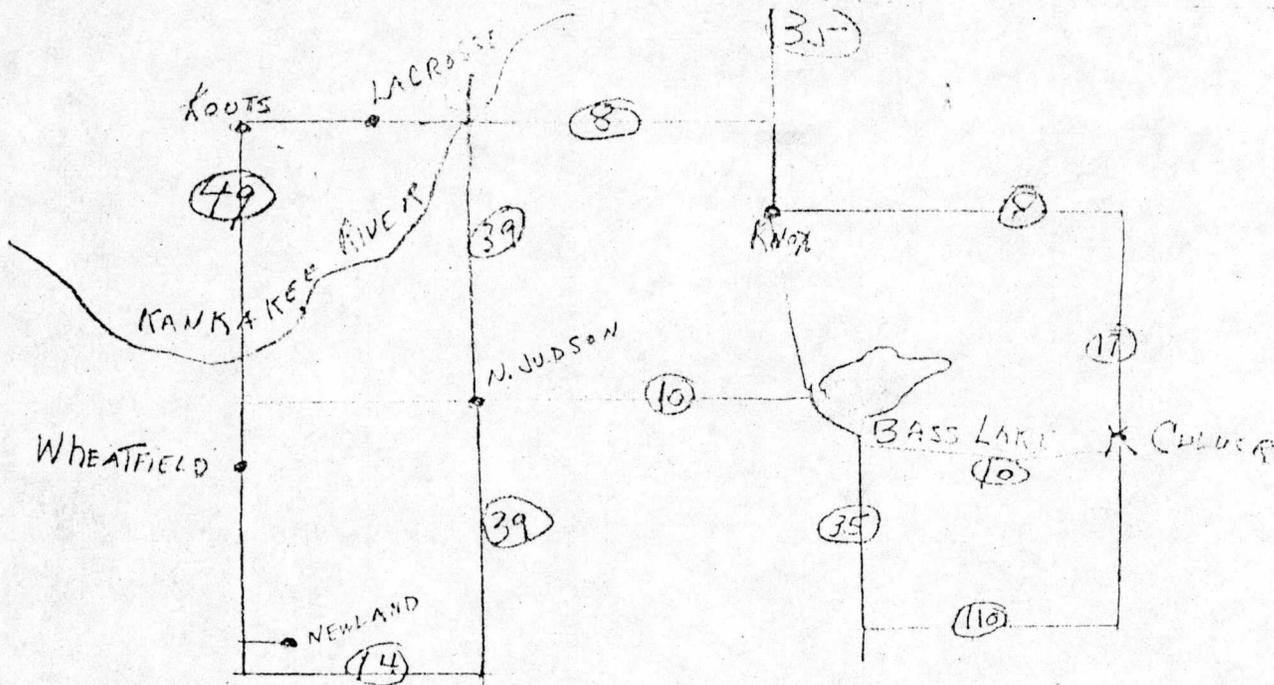
The two dollar bill is being circulated in this the bicentennial year! The \$2 green may become a permanent component of the nation's currency if it is well received by the public.

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Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Anonymous quote

March 15, 1976



A nice Sunday afternoon drive is routed for you on the map above. You can make the trip in about four hours and in that length of time, view some of the finest farm land in the Midwest---customers of our bank too!

We left Culver on Route 17 north to Route 8 and drove west through Knox and on west to LaCrosse and Kouts. The flood waters were disheartening to see. Crop planting may be delayed in the coming month, but in talking to some of the farmers with flooded land, they are optimistic and say they will have their planting done somewhat later than last year.

On Route 8 out of Knox, we observed the Watland Farms; some 900 acres of land owned by the Watson family of I.B.M. fame. This is proof that midwest farm land is a good investment for Easterners too! On past Center Township, into Jackson Township, we saw where the swollen waters of the Kankakee River have flooded the farm lands---hundreds of acres under water. Glenn Overmyer and William Solmos have beautiful farm lands on this route. Some of it is covered with the Kankakee water.

Driving to LaCrosse, and on to the town of Kouts, and down Route 49 to Wheatfield, we drove around the Wheatfield Grain Elevator owned and operated by Richard Scoon and his son, Charles. The elevator owners have been customers of our bank for several years. Storage for 850,000 bushels of corn and drying facilities for grain were impressive in size.

We left Wheatfield and turned south on Route 49 to Newland to see the William Gehring farms. Mr. Gehring, associated for 27 odd years with our banks, has several thousand acres of land in this vicinity. The black fertile land is plowed ready for spring planting of potatoes, mint and grain. The winter wheat crop is spreading a sea of green over the flat farm country. Miles and miles of tillable land was an awesome sight to see!

Mr. Gehring, known for his automated and programmed farming operation, has his office-storage complex located south of Newland. The farm equipment is serviced at this location and here, the labor force is housed in up-to-date mobile home units.

The Gehring farms have not had the water problem of the farms closer to the river. A big reason for there being no seep water is the huge drainage system of 8 foot ditches and drain tile below the ground which drains the water from the tillable land. Not much space is wasted in the Gehring farm area.

Gehring started this operation in 1939, started banking at The State Exchange Bank in the '40's, and, today, has approximately 6,000 acres of land. Potatoes are the main crop, with corn soybeans, wheat and mint also being grown.

After the Gehring farm, we journeyed east and then north on # 39 to the Arthur Gumz farms. Mr. Gumz farms 3,000 acres of land and has gone from a total potato-mint operation to a more versatile program including grain crops: corn, wheat and soybeans.

Just south of North Judson on # 39 and north of Arthur Gumz farms, is the Richard Gumz farm. This is one of the largest and most successful farming operations in the Midwest. Richard Gumz and his son, Jerome, have been the subject of several national magazine articles, as has Mr. Gehring. R. Gumz and W. Gehring have been loyal customers of our bank for many years.

Coming back on Route 10 past the Pacilio's, we detoured # 10 to 35 and drove by the Lucas and Torok farms. Back to Route 10, we drove by Osborns' and Cihak's farms. We realized that four hours was not enough time to see all the lands and homes of our customers on this tour. nor is one article able to name all the loyal customers of the bank that live on these roads. We did realize once again that there is much invested in the farmlands of Indiana and that the crops grown right next door to us are important to many, many people.

I was so full of the beauty, openness, and spring weatheriness of our trip that I wanted to share the trip with all of our people in our bank. Did you know there is a new state park being planned up north of us? Take Route 4 west of Route 31 and you'll see---but that is another trip for another day!

Marcia A.