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News Notes

Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

ARGOS NEWS

Jack Carpenter returned to work this week after vacationing at Wyoming for a couple weeks. "Deer hunting", he says!!! Anyway, they brought several deer and antelope home with them, all dressed and frozen for the freezer. They took off a couple days from hunting to do the butchering.

Doris Shoemaker is quite busy bustling around and getting ready for their daughter's wedding which is the 21st of this month.

Carol and Dick Rowe and daughters, along with their Sunday School Class, spent a weekend recently camping at Turkey Run State Park.

Ray (Bud) Powers is taking a weeks vacation and is spending part of the week attending an old car swap meet at Hershey, Pennsylvania. He says this covered 72 acres of ground and he covered every inch of it.

"GOOD LUCK" Argos Soccer Team. Up to date, they have won all their games which is an outstanding record. They play Bethany Christian this week starting their tournament. Keep up the good work BOYS, we're all backing you.

Marge and Dean Johnson are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, born to Jerry and Everly Gates. The baby, Marsha Lynn, was born September 22nd and Barbara and Tim Hackett are aunt and uncle of the little girl.

Virginia and Lynn VanDer Weele attended the I.U. versus St. Louis Soccer game, Sunday, October 8th at Indiana University. I.U. won 2-0 over St. Louis and their team is undefeated so far this season. Most home games are played in Memorial Stadium. Later in the day, they visited their daughter, Tami, who is a student at the University.

The Argos Branch formed a girls bowling team this year. The girls include Doris Shoemaker, Karen Stults, Rosie O'Dell, Betty Nolin, and Barb Hackett. Subs include Marge Johnson, Marsha Turnbull and Gladys Snyder. The girls report they are really having fun and so far are in the 5th place out of 16 teams.

Argos News continued....

Lori Stults and her horse, "Chips Glory", won the high point trophy and a check from the Silver Dollar Saddle Club for the 1978 horse show season. Lori ended the season with 65 points for her age group and is the daughter of Karen Stults. CONGRATULATIONS LORI!!!!

Reporter: Frances Mattix

PLYMOUTH NEWS

Deane Walker is a patient at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. We are all wishing him a very speedy recovery.

Diane Gjenre will become the bride of Don Johnson, Walkerton, on November 4th at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Donaldson.

Peg and Jim Clevenger recently spent a week-end in Indianapolis visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Steve Hacker. Sue has a teaching job with Perry Meridian Middle School teaching 8th grade language arts. She loves teaching and had many interesting stories to report. Since taking the job, she has learned that the Supt. of Schools is a former Bremen teacher-Mr. Mosier. Small world.

Ron and Nancy McKee spent a week of relaxation and fishing near Washington, Indiana. Ron reports that fishing was good.

Jean and Bob Webster spent a long week-end at the "Abe" Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park. They also visited Mr. & Mrs. Gail Cook in Seymour on the return trip home.

John and Marsha Banning had house guests from Florida this week. They all journeyed to Perry for John's mid-year fraternity convention.

The Bill Crocker family recently spent a week-end in Lombard, Illinois visiting Jim, Linda, and Adrienne Arnold. While in Lombard, they attended the "Motorola" 50th year open house.

Plymouth News continued.....

Ed and Diana Soike spent the week-end in LaGrange where they went trout fishing. The catch was enough for a couple of meals.

Joyce (Crocker) Warnacut is now employed as an accountant with Schreiber Cheese in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Dee Brown and Marsha Banning now have teenage daughters. Angie and Laura turned 13 this month.

Vaughnette Hogman recently flew to Florida for a week's vacation. She also spent 2 days sightseeing in Chicago.

Reporter: Jean Webster

FARMERS STATE BANK

Several of our employees have enjoyed their vacations this past month:

Roy Reed enjoyed part of his vacation spoiling his new grandson. Grandpa even had the privilege of rocking him to sleep late one night. Roy also did some painting on his vacation but I understand he had a mishap and printed himself. A bath in gasoline doesn't sound like much fun.

Jenny Ousnamer and husband, Jack, had a great trip to Myrtle Beach, S. C. Jenny's tan certainly shows what a great time they had on the beach. She has already been talking about going back next year.

Betty Shepherd spent most of her vacation cleaning, canning, and helping son, Will, get ready for his sophomore year at Butler University. One day of her vacation was spent taking her four granddaughters to Storyland Zoo, giving them money to spend at Scottsdale Mall, and attending a movie with them. What a great Grandma.

Betty also recently spent a weekend with her son, Don and family, at Bloomington and enjoyed dinner at Nashville, Indiana.

Marilyn and Bill Downs spent their vacation in Southern Indiana round Nashville.

Bonna Hindel spent a day on her vacation in Southern Indiana around Nashville.

Farmers State Bank News continued.....

Bonna Hindel spent a day of her vacation at her sister's in Fort Wayne and a day at an aunt's in Highland. The rest of her time was spent gadding about close to home.

April, Kim and Stephanie Cox have moved from LaPaz to Argos. They are enjoying their new home.

Ron Lichtenbarger, son of Donna and Dale Lichtenbarger was married to Lisa Dixon on September 9th. "Congratulations to the newlyweds."

Shirley and Ivan Magnuson's son, Terry, is doing his student teaching in math at an Indianapolis Middle School. He is enjoying his new endeavor and has some humorous stories to tell of his experiences.

Seems as though one of our employees has been working so hard that he shows up at the bowling alley with two different colors of socks. Then the next day he got his belt turned around and wore the brown side of the belt with his black suit. Think maybe he's due for a vacation??

Jim Johnson is driving a new green T-bird. He hasn't offered to let any of us break it in for him.

Cindy Kizer is now working as our receptionist. Cindy was with us for a short time earlier in the summer and we are glad to have her back with us. She is quite experienced at operating our new memory typewriter.

Kay Hagenbush's daughter, Kathy, has been ill for several days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Diana and Larry Weiss and sons along with Diana's aunt and uncle, Carl and Betty Coplen, spent Sunday at the Jasper-Pulaski County Game Reserve. It was truly a beautiful sight to see the pheasants, geese, and sand cranes. They are all such graceful and beautiful birds.

JoAnn and Robert Powers recently spent some time at the Smoky Mountains.

Reporter: Diana Weiss

CULVER NEWS

Teller Tidbits

October means Christmas Club check time, and Joyce Babcock is busily typing up all those many, many checks. Hope she doesn't forget to do her own!

Pat Krou and husband, Jim, celebrated her birthday on October 3rd with a night out -- dinner and a Crystal Gayle concert.. Quite a memorable birthday.

C. J. Adams has a fishing reel that's looking for a home. It seems that someone from the bank sent it to a firm in Missouri to be repaired. Now it has returned, all fixed, but nameless, and can't find it's owner!! The right person can have the reel by identifying it to C. J.

Barb Hittle and Barb Hackett went to a draft horse and colt sale on October 5th at the Elkhart County Fair grounds in Goshen. Over 200 head were sold, most between 6 months and 2 years old. The price range was from \$400.00 to \$3,000.00. They had a good day with lots of fun, and both Barbs found at least one or two that they would like to have if only they had the time and the money to spend on them.

Reporter: Jean Kindred

Auditing Department

FDIC examiners added to the busyness of Auditing Dept, when they came for their annual examination of the bank on September 23rd and stayed for ten days. Auditors from McQueen & Thieling were checking verification of loan and deposit accounts at the same time, adding to the confusion.

Reporter: Margaret Swanson

Data Processing Department

Doris Breyfogle joined the Data Processing Department September 18th. Doris was originally from Crown Point. Her husband, Robert, is utility manager for the Town of Culver and they have four children. Doris is working with Betty Castlemen on fine sort checks. It's great to have you with us, Doris.

Data Processing Dept. News continued....

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Keldenich are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Alan. Jeffrey was born Wednesday, October 11th and weighed 8 lbs. CONGRATULATIONS to the proud Mom and Dad.

Joyce Wilson has moved to a farm north of town and although still working in the proof department is now raising pigs. How is it going, Joyce????

Reporter: Patti Jo Walter

Trust and Legal Department

Janice Houin, who helps us out now and then, is a teacher's aide part time in the first grade at St. Michaels, Plymouth. She enjoys it very much, but it is work.

Vivian Bush was working frantically in her laboratory last week trying to concoct blue punch for her brother-in-law's wedding (Charles Bush) on the 7th to Mary Ann Shock. After trial and error and no success, the girls at the Argos branch came to her rescue with the secret formula and the punch and wedding was a success.

Charlotte Jung is back from her vacation in Backus, Minnesota, and the fishing was very good. They brought back two coolers of fish, and a car load of finished ceramics. She brought several items each day to work for "show and tell." They were beautiful, but she wouldn't sell any. They also visited the woolen mills at Bemidji, Minnesota.

Bob Milner, Jack Carpenter, and Shorty Riddle returned from a very successful hunting trip September 22 - Oct 6 around Douglas, Wheatland and Laramie Park, Wyoming. They each brought back 2 antelope, and 1 deer.

There will be a NABW meeting at Merrillville, October 25th with Jack W. Whittle, Financial Marketing Group, Chicago, talking on "The Business of Banking." It is hoped that several of our members can attend.

The annual bank Christmas Party will be December 9th at the Holiday Inn, Plymouth. Mark your calendars.

Trust and Legal Department News cont...

We were very sorry to hear about Deane Walker's heart attack, and wish him a very speedy recovery.

Roy and Esther Reed are taking a two week vacation starting the 14th but have no definite plans. Maybe go to Tennessee and see that new grandson again.

Reporter: Esther Reed

FARMERS STATE BANK NEWS - BREMEN BRANCH

The Bremen girls thought you might enjoy hearing a few statistics about their bank.

Since we have offered new and existing customers a calculator for a \$50.00 deposit, we have been busy greeting new customers. From August 30th to October 11th, we have opened 627 new savings accounts and 44 checking accounts. We have also given out 750 calculators.

The drive-up window has also increased in business. The first month we were in operation, the drive-up had a total of 825 customers. The second month 1,110 and in the month of September, 1,528 Customers.

We hope you are as excited about the growth of our new bank as we are.

Reporter: Kris Cannon

COMMENTS ON THOSE ATTENDING THE IBA WOMEN IN BANKING CONFERENCE OCTOBER 11TH AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Conference prompted all of us to do some self-analysis about ourselves and our careers. We forget that our mood, attitude and appearance reflect upon those we come in contact with daily. Our fellow workers and customers are affected by the impression we leave with them, good or bad. Many problems become problems because we do not take time to ask questions and communicate. We also learned that when we compare The State Exchange Bank with other banks, all of us should be proud and consider ourselves lucky to be affiliated with such a great institution. (Betty Davis)

I enjoyed both speakers and hope to apply what I learned about the meaning and importance of communications, and being a professional banker, to my work as a teller. I feel that through these sessions, I will be able to relate to my customers better. (Kris Cannon)

Since "good listening" holds the communication key to understanding, I believe my challenge will be to improve listening skills. (Jean Webster)

I particularly liked meeting other bankers and discussing common problems with them. I find

the different bank policies interesting and enjoy talking about them. (Karen Richards)

An observation made by Mr. Donald R. Jones, one of the speakers was "As I look around this room, I see many professional people". This was interesting to me. We are all members of the banking profession, but how many of us are indeed "professionals?" Perhaps the key is are we doing a job or building a career? If we look around us at those who are getting ahead, and all we can do is moan and groan because we're being left behind, perhaps we'd better take stock of ourselves. Think about it. Do you want to work towards becoming a professional? If so, set some goals, seek some help from your co-workers or superiors. We're all in this together and whatever improvements you make in yourself help to enhance your profession. As Mr. Jones put it, "Professionals are not born, they are made." (Marianne Ransdell)

The speakers and group session leaders were motivating; I'm sure everyone present has gone back to their own bank with the desire to be better communicators and therefore, better bankers. (Karen Thomas)

Thank you for allowing me to attend the Conference with approximately 525 other professional women. We learned from Veronica Greaney to "Communicate in Business" by gestures, expressions, language, written messages, symbols and signals. Don Jones, spoke about "Professional Banking Women". We were reminded to think about our potential and reaching our goals. We met many banking women, with interests in common. The small group discussion was most interesting and helpful, which enables us to share our ideas and discuss problems to carry out the theme of communication. (Vivian Bush)

As the title of the seminar infers, the main topic was the most valuable tool we use each day: Communication. 90% of our working day is spent in communicating. The average person listens at 25% efficiency, and this with frequent incorrect assumptions and other communication breakdowns, leaves a great deal of room for misunderstandings. Communication breakdowns were discussed in our afternoon session, and examples were given of how small misunderstandings resulting from poor communications develop into large problems. Many reasons were given, the main one being the background of the "sender". Poor verbal skills, limited knowledge and poor attitudes result in most of the communications problems in business. To improve our communications, we must hone our listening skills, as well as our background. Those of us who attended the seminar hope to pass on to others what we learned in communicating with our peers and business associates in a more professional manner. (Penny Lukenbill)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

- 1 - Sandra Lewis
- 3 - Patricia Krou
- 7 - Theresa Fitterling
- 9 - Ethel B. Sanders
- 11 - Karen Mendenhall
- 12 - Mikel Smith
- 15 - Diana Soike
- 16 - Gene Christiansen
- 17 - J. C. Beck
- 22 - Rebecca Hartman
- 26 - Jean Kindred
- 27 - Nila Greenlee

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THREE SHOT IN BOLD BANK HOLDUP

STATE EXCHANGE BANK LOOTED THIS MORNING

Culver today is seething with excitement over the robbing of the State Exchange bank and the shooting of two citizens—Russell Saine and Jerome Zechiel.

It was about 9:30 this morning when a big Marmon car containing five men drove up to the curb on the east side of the bank. Four of the men leaped out of the car, entered the bank and with a revolver in each hand called for "hands up!" The regular working force of four was present—Cashier W. O. Osborn, Assistant Cashier Irene Bogardus, Teller Carl Adams and Bookkeeper Osie Stahl—and one customer, William O'Connor. Facing the muzzles of eight revolvers and the ominous aspect of four men wearing handkerchiefs over the lower part of their faces, five pairs of hands promptly went into the air.

THE SCENE IN THE BANK

Business began immediately. While three held the employes in their tracks the fourth man went to the open safe and dragged out the bunches of bills and then stepped to the teller's cash drawer and raked out its contents.

The town of Culver has never ceased talking about the great bank robbery of Culver. There have been two bank robberies, both in the 20's but the most notorious of the two was the robbery that took place Wednesday, December 29, 1920.

This month, NEWSNOTES, begins the original news coverage of the event as it appeared in "The Culver Citizen." Next month, details of the trial will be printed.

If you know of or remember any highlights of the incident, please let your editor know before the NOVEMBER issue is printed.....

ZECHIEL AND SAINES DROPPED BY BULLETS

At this juncture Earl Adams and Jim Bird, telephone employes, opened the front door. One of the men whirled toward them and pointed his revolvers. They dodged back and dropped to the walk to avoid a possible shot. Then Adams raced to the telephone office and pressed the button that sounds the fire siren. Bird and Adams both shouted the alarm that the bank was being robbed. This brought Charley Pettis out of the barber shop with a shotgun and Fire Chief J. R. Saine out of his store with a rifle. Saine ran across to the restaurant corner, leveled his rifle at the man in the car and fired. At the same instant the driver fired at Saine, who dropped to the walk with a bullet in his jaw and another in the back of his head. Jerome Zechiel was standing near and was shot at by the driver in the car. The bullet struck him in the rear of the hip and passed around to the front where it will be located by an X-ray. Saine's injuries are the more serious, as he is paralyzed. Zechiel's wound is not a serious one.

While this was taking place Charley Pettis and Bert Rector were pumping their shot guns into the car, and as later developments proved they made a hit.

Citizens and Robbers Exchange Shots—Jerome Zechiel and J. Russel Saine Brought Down by Bullets—One Bandit Also Hit.

THE GET-AWAY OF THE ROBBERS

When the fire siren sounded three of the men in the bank ran down stairs and out of the basement door, dropping a large bundle of bills on the bank floor. Lawrence Houghton was unloading coal at the rear of the library, and three shots were either fired at him or fired with a view to intimidating him. The fourth man who entered the bank left and went across the street to the meat market where there was a group of citizens. He ordered them at the point of his revolver into the ice box. They were Woodson Nelson, Robert Ewald, Raymond Mikesell, Orr Byrd, Purchase Blanchard, Ernest Overmyer and Chauncey McFarland. When they were shut in he left and got into the car and the car then started north and left town by the school house road. The three men who were left behind ran west past the Methodist church, firing their revolvers as they ran, though apparently not aiming at the two or three persons who were on the street, one of whom was Mary Alice Buswell. Two blocks behind them trailed a procession of citizens armed with guns and revolvers. The retreating robbers saw that it was hopeless to go any farther. The snow was deep and they were exhausted. One of them—a big fellow who gave his name as Burns—turned and held up his hands. The other two plunged down a ditch and went a short distance into the woods and stopped. One of these was caught by Al Roberts and Ernest Overmyer who found a revolver and some money in his pockets. From the pockets of another Carl Adams got more money, and the bank people think that all the money has been recovered. When the big fellow was brought into the business district he was set upon by the crowd and manhandled. For a few minutes it looked like a lynching or a murder, for a number of men—some of them armed—were determined to kill him. The big

fellow said his name was Burns and that he didn't know the names of the others, but that all came from Lafayette and their car was a stolen car.

HOW THE HOLD-UP MEN LOOK

The three men captured here were taken to the calaboose, searched and put under an armed guard to await removal by Sheriff Franklin to Plymouth this afternoon. They appear to be about 25 years old and are rather hard looking customers, not overly well dressed. In the bank they gave their commands in loud, excited voices. One of them shot through a south window toward the sidewalk, apparently from nervousness. Miss Clara Stahl was passing at that instant and hearing the loud voices stopped and looked in at the window while the bullet whizzed by her head.

The two men in the car drove to Knox where they left the car, and one of them, Joe Byers, of shady reputation, went to his home there and was later taken by the sheriff. He was suffering from gunshot wounds. The marksmanship of Pettis or Rector was effective. The driver of the car escaped on an east-bound Nickel Plate freight. It is believed that he too was hit as Rector said that after he fired at the driver the latter shook his head several times and had difficulty in starting his car.

RUSSELL SAINÉ IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Saine and Zechiel are in the academy hospital where a thorough X-ray examination is being made. Both are seriously wounded, and it is reported that Saine may not survive his injuries.

Out of the excited narratives told by scores of people who in one way or another had personal experiences in the holdup, we give the outstanding facts as clearly as we can untangle them and in as much detail as we have time and room for.

Three of the bank windows riddled with bullet and shot holes are evidences of the lively exchange of shots between the citizens and the robbers.

The three men in the calaboose give their names as J. R. Burns, J. D. Fox and A. Shilber. They partially admit that they are from Chicago instead of Lafayette.

Charley McLane is entitled to the credit of discovering the gang. The four were standing in front of the library. They had their coat collars turned up and wore handkerchiefs about their necks. His hunch was so strong that he ran into Bixell's store and telephoned his suspicion to Central. Earl Adams and Jim Bird then ran to the bank as previously stated.