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Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

NEWS FROM ARGOS

Diana Holderead is back from vacation. Her first week was spent with her brother and family at Grand Rapids, Michigan and the second week she relaxed at their cottage at Pretty lake.

Tami, daughter of Lynn & Virginia VanDerWeele has enrolled at Indiana University and has started her June term.

Frances & Earl Mattix, daughter Beverly Thompson, husband Terry, and two grandchildren spent their vacation in Florida visiting Disneyworld and several other very interesting points. On their trip home they stopped at Gatlinburg, Tenn. and spent several days. They report the weather in Florida as very, very hot and humid.

Marge Johnson and Frances Mattix have grandsons playing on Little League ball teams this summer. These games have been quite interesting.

Bud Powers and his mother spent part of the long weekend Holiday in Laporte visiting friends.

Lisa Rowe, daughter of Richard & Carol Rowe spent the past week at Camp Mack near Milford, Indiana. The Rowe Family camped at Pla-Mor Campgrounds near Bremen over the 4th of July weekend.

Our Friendship Room at The Argos Bank was put to good use over the 4th. An Art and Craft show was on display here and filled the room with very beautiful exhibits of local talent now and years past.

Rose Ann O'Dell and Bud Powers drove their antique cars in the 4th of July Parade. Festivities over the weekend drew a tremendous crowd and we are very proud of our small town of Argos.

Richard & Jennie Zentz moved to their new home over the weekend. She starts her vacation this weekend and at a very opportune time. I'm sure she will be quite busy just enjoying the peace and quiet at their new home on the lake.

Argos News continued....

Karen, daughter of Jean & Rowdy Rensberger was at Purdue for a 4-H 3 day round-up. She was delegate from Green Township. She also received a plaque for 100% Honor Roll during the school year.

Laura Jung, her mother, brothers & sisters enjoyed two weeks camping at Yogi-Bear Camp Grounds.

Barbara Hackett & Gene VanDerWeele are both on vacation for two weeks.

Frances (Assistant Cashier-Argos) and Earl Mattix celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on June 27th.

Reporter: Francis Mattix

FARMERS STATE BANK NEWS

Paula Davenport has joined our bank staff as part time receptionist. She and her husband, George (Junior) reside with their family at R. R. #2, Plymouth. Mr. Davenport operates the LaPaz Grain Company.

Flossie Roose reports that her entire family will be together this weekend for the first time in several years. Members of her family will be coming here from Louisiana, British West Indies, and Illinois.

Roy and Esther Reed and son, Bob, recently returned from a two weeks vacation. They attended the passion play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas; went on to Pike's Peak in Colorado and also spent some time in Tennessee.

Carol Jones (bookkeeping department) and Lynda Haag from Annis Store spent their vacation in Florida. Carol reports it rained the whole time they were there.

Carolyn Kelly, Reporter

PLYMOUTH NEWS

We of the Plymouth office, are proudly wearing the Bicentennial ties presented to us for the 75th Anniversary of the State Exchange Bank and the 200th birthday of our wonderful country. We all appreciate this wonderful keepsake.

We welcome back Marge McCollough after her recent heart surgery. Marge is working part time now and is feeling fine.

We were recently surprised to find as a ceiling ornament in our lobby, a foot belonging to Crayton. Fortunately, Crayton was not hurt and the ceiling has now been repaired.

Marilyn, Larry, and Monte Kuskye have returned from a trip to Florida. They toured North Carolina and South Carolina enroute. Highlights of their trip were Disneyworld, Sea World, and also the Cappock Tree Inn in Clearwater.

Larry, Pat, and Jeromy Kuskye spent a few days at King's Island, Ohio during their vacation.

The Larry Miller family is vacationing at Cable, Wisconsin, guests of Joan's parents, the Skahill's.

Ethel Sanders has returned after a week's vacation, touring through the Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Mountains. A brief stop was made at Charlottesville, Virginia and Berea, Kentucky.

Ron McKee spent a good portion of his vacation working at the L.P.G.A. held at the Plymouth Country Club. Ron really enjoyed his week there. A short trip was taken to King's Island, Ohio with the family.

Crayton and Virginia Holdread spent a week at Pretty Lake. Crayton had a prize catch; a Blue Gill that weighed 2 lbs, 13½" long and 8" across. Needless to say, reservations have already been made for next year.

Linda Miller recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, with the Rural Youth of the Plymouth Area. The first stop was on the island

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of Hawaii, where they toured the entire island seeing volcanoes, state parks and the beautiful flowers that grow in the volcanic rock. They then went to the island of Oahu, on Wakiki Beach where the remainder of their time was spent. Tours were taken of the city, the National Memorial Cemetery, black sand beaches, Dole Pineapple Factory, and many more beautiful places. The week spent there passed much too rapidly.

The City of Plymouth celebrated with their own birthday party for the nation's 200th Birthday with a gala 4th of July picnic at Centennial Park. Some highlights of the occasion were: (1) Cutting of a large birthday cake that served 1,000 donated by The State Exchange Bank and Marshall County Bank & Trust. Also, free pop for 900 servings. (2) Old-time political softball game between the Democrats and the Republicans. Republicans won 16-5. Trophies were presented to winning and losing teams by Mayor Glaub. Players included Glen Overmyer, Jim Clevenger, and Tom Leavell. The umpire was Ken Koerber. (3) Lots of games for the children with ribbons awarded. (4) A variety Show featuring Mayor Glaub, a style show of past fashions by the D.A.R., the Plymouth Players, and the Plymouth Community Choir. Co-chairmen of the picnic were Ken Koerber and Mary Lou Leavell of our Plymouth Trust Department.

The State Exchange Bank and Farmers State Bank will have a booth at the Marshall Co. 4-H Fair the week of July 26th. The booth will be located in the Commercial Building. The purpose of the booth is to "Meet and Greet" our friends. We will have hand-out literature for the adults and probably candy or gum for the children. We have staffed the booth with bank personnel, however anyone wishing to volunteer time may call Ken Koerber.

Reporter: Jean Webster

CULVER NEWSTeller Tidbits

CONGRATULATIONS to the CCHS Marching Band for a job well done over the July 4th weekend. Culver band placed first at Bremen, North Judson, Argos, and also marched at the Culver festivities. The students have had to practice many long hard hours to achieve this recognition this summer.

Teller Tidbit News Continued

The tellers would like to take this opportunity to thank the bank for our scarves and ties we received in honor of our bank's 75th birthday.

Jack Kibort (Janet's son) participated in the basketball clinic offered at the school each summer. Jack placed third in the 7th grade division. Congratulations, Jack!

Sandy Lewis has returned to work after vacationing in Traverse City, Michigan with her sister, Mary Ann Millea. Sandy reports they had a good time and she also came back with a great tan. Welcome back!

The tellers and their families enjoyed the long weekend in the Culver area taking in the 4th of July celebrations and the beautiful sunshine. It was a great weekend for our Country's 200th Birthday!

Reporter: Karen Thomas

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Sandra Warren became the bride of Douglas Capper, Saturday, June 26th at the First Christian Church, Winamac. They are now residing on a farm east of Kewanna. Besides farming, Doug is also an accountant with Fulton County Farm Bureau.

Karen Mendenhall and her family enjoyed their vacation June 19 - July 6. They visited an army buddy at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, Disney World in Florida, and also Silver Springs, Florida. On the way down, they visited Ruby and Carl Haring in their new home in Lexington, Kentucky, and they went to the races where they watched about 8 races. Ruby and Carl did not have any horses racing that night, but they are racing. Carl has been doing his own training now. They are thoroughly enjoying their new home.

Vivian and Dick Bush went to an antique tractor display at Dowagic, Michigan on Saturday, July 3rd.

Jan and Allen Houin and family participated in a hog roast over the 4th at their neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Bing Morris. Jan reports it was delicious.

Legal news Continued....

Charlotte Jung reports that her nephew, Tom Jung, has been selected to play on the All Stars team in the 2nd Annual Northern Indiana All Stars tourney to be held in Clay Park, South Bend, July 16 and 17. Also, her niece, Theresa, enrolled at the International Union College, Fort Wayne, Tuesday, July 5th.

Charlotte Jung entertained with a cook-out Tuesday, June 29th, before Kate and Kenny Williams left for 2½ months in Canada. Also present were Lura & Deane Walker, Lucille & Glenn Overmyer, Margaret Swanson and Rose Voreis, and, as usual, whenever the Overmyer's and Walker's come, it rained cats & dogs. Kate & Kenny left with their trailer, July 8th, and expect to return to Culver the latter part of September.

Charlotte J. Jung, Senior Vice President and Trust Officer, was honored at a surprise reception on June 15, 1976, for her thirty years of service to our banks. Approximately 125 guests including employees and officers from Plymouth, LaPaz, and Culver and our Directors and their wives were served refreshments by the Legal Department and Kitchen Staff of the Culver Bank. Believe it or not, Charlotte was actually surprised, and we congratulate her on this milestone in her professional life.

I've been here one score plus ten
I'm the gal with the fancy pen
I've always had one secret goal
Simply learning how to bowl!!!

I like my daily coffee break
I like my home right on the lake
Most things I like and that's a fact,
I even like my Pontiac!!

I really like this local environment
I like this "isn't" my retirement!!!

SEB POET LAUREAT
Bob Lindvall

Reporter: Esther Reed

We are happy to report that this is the 75th Anniversary of the organizing of The State State Exchange Bank.

We organized the bank with a capital of \$60,000 and our capital investment at this time, including our bank at LaPaz and our Finance Company, amounts to \$9,000,000. At the time of our organization, we had 7 stockholders and of who were directors and whose names were: S. C. Shilling, W. O. Osborn, Franklin Overmyer, L. C. Dillon, Irene Bo-gardue, Samuel Medbourn, and John P. Walter.

W. O. Osborn

Nancy Overmyer, R.N., and daughter of our director Glen Overmyer, was a great help to Bob Osborn, Jr. in his recent accident. Thanks to Nancy, Bob received first-aid on the spot for his burn injuries. Bob is progressing in the Burn Unit at the St. Joseph Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob for his recovery.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Norma Johnson is enjoying a vacation in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and other points of interest in the Ozarks. Betsy Singleton, cafeteria, accompanied her.

Don and Shirley Slyh have a celebrity in their family now. Tamara Trittschuh, of Plainfield, Shirley's cousin, was selected as Miss Indiana in the recent contest at Michigan City. She won talent competition and also swimsuit competition along with a \$1,000.00 scholarship. A classical pianist, she will represent Indiana in the Miss America pageant in September.

The State Exchange Bank Women's softball team continues in the winning column, 4-3, and has won the last three games and tied for third place. Denise McKee and Donna Wynn are team members and Denise is currently tied for most stolen bases, 7-7.

Margaret Swanson has returned from a memorable trip to Sweden. It was an overwhelming experience to be met by five cousins at the Stockholm airport. Margaret and her sister spent a week in the Stockholm area, seeing the sights and getting acquainted with the cousins, two days were spent in a scenic bus tour from Stockholm to Oslo, Norway. Then after touring Oslo for two days, they continued to southern Sweden where they visited friends before returning to Stockholm for the air flight home.

Reporter: Margaret Swanson

DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

Fern Little went to her son's this past weekend at Hoffman Estates. She did a little betting at the horse races and then enjoyed the fireworks afterwards.

On June 29th, we had a surprise Bridal Shower for Patti Walter at the home of Jean Kindred. Games were played and refreshments served. Patti received many nice gifts and everyone had a fun time.

Jennifer, daughter of Skip & Linda Shedrow, celebrated her 4th birthday, July 13th.

Liz Davis reports on the progress of her nephew, Estle Kominowski, who is doing fair. He

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has been transferred to the Motts Childrens Hospital at the Burns University. He is now in a wheel chair and his mental attitude is also improving. At first, it was hard for him to accept the loss of both legs. Being with other children with the same problem helped him a great deal and makes things a little easier for him.

Last Thursday, he went in for another skin grafting which they hope will be his last.

In four to six weeks, he will be transferred to the Shrine Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio where he will be fitted for his new limbs.

Liz talked with Estle last Wednesday. He told her to tell everyone "THANKS" for the donation and for the many cards sent to him. They were greatly appreciated.

Reporter: Linda Shedrow

STATE EXCHANGE FINANCE COMPANY NEWS

Margaret Dehne, our reporter is vacationing, so the entire department pitched in to report the insurance news this month.

Our former employee, Rose Anna VanHorn, is very happy with her new role as mother. Rosie's baby, Brandon Jon, Arrived on June 21, 1976 and weighed 9 lbs 8 ozs.

The Insurance Department is all decked out in new attire. We have new partitions which divide several of the desks into private offices. If you have not seen the new look, you are invited to come give us an inspection.

Several birthdays have been celebrated in our department this past month. Marge Baker celebrated with Angel Food Cake, ice cream and strawberries. Bob Cultice had a birthday cake and his wife, Frieda, entertained with open house on Sunday in honor of Bob's birthday. Also, Art Helm and Helen Phillips had birthdays this month. To celebrate Kathy Patrick's birthday, the department shared a strawberry dessert.

Art Helm and Norman Houghton travelled to La-Porte one day for a training session. Our report was that it was a worthwhile day, but not exactly a vacation since they were kept busy all day.

Elizabeth Allen flew to Florida for a short vacation over a long weekend together with her husband and son, David. They enjoyed a visit with their son and brother who lives in St. Petersburg.

Norma Houghton's daughter, Lori, is spending a month in California. Lori flew with her grandmother to visit an aunt and other relatives.

SERVICE AT THE BALLOON WURKS



Remember Jack's Grill on the corner of LaPorte and Center in Plymouth, Indiana? The grill, owned by Mary Wallace of Plymouth, was bought by Bob Listenberger in 1952. Bob, his wife Rosemary, and a staff of three ran the restaurant from 1952 to 1964. Bob recalls the business being slow the first two years, "So slow in fact, I was tempted to give up and sell."

Bob describes the next ten years in the grill as good years due to increased business which he attributes to the railroad workmen. The crews coming through Plymouth on Sundays at 2 A. M. had no place to eat. Bob offered to stay open for the railroaders and these men became not only 2 A. M. customers, but the customers of all the meals served at the restaurant. The men worked shifts and there was always a rail-roader at the daily meals.

"After twelve years at that location," Bob said, "I decided I would like to try a larger restaurant. The Holiday Inn was being built north of Plymouth on old route 31 and, with The State Exchange Bank's help, I leased the restaurant space. We opened in 1965 and had a dining room which would accomodate 92 people. The private dining room had space for 240 people. Quite an increase from our grill which would seat 50!"

Bob's restaurant at the Holiday Inn was remodeled and enlarged in the fall of 1976. In November, the Balloon Wurks Restaurant was officially opened. The remodeling enabled Bob to increase the seating capacity of the dining room to 125 and the private dining area to 270 seating capacity. The new enlarged lounge will seat 106 people.

Bob's staff also increased in the move from the grill to the Inn. From the five people at the grill, which included Rosemary as the cook and Bob as manager and handyman, the staff at the newly remodeled restaurant has grown to 62 people. There are seven cooks and a manager, Bill Mueller, to help Bob and Rosemary. (Rosemary is now in the office).

Mr. Listenberger wanted to make sure that the people employed by him were given credit for the Balloon Wurks Restaurant's success, "Without people like Ed, our long employed chef, and waitresses like Ada and Bobby, we just couldn't open our doors."

Interest in ballooning inspired the name "Balloon Wurks." There is a balloon replica hovering over the buffet table. Sunshine colors brighten the breakfast area which overlooks the Inn pool and a balloon motif enriches the comfortably furnished dining room.

The main attraction in the lounge is an 18 ft. mural depicting ballons in flight. It is of stained glass illuminated from behind so the balloons have a three dimensional effect. The decor of the lounge echos colors in the mural and the record counter

for the discotheque is displayed under a huge balloon canopy.

Bob was modest in his description of the food changes he has made from the grill to the Inn. Our Plymouth State Exchange Bank employees can testify to the delicious meals prepared for the luncheon trade. The evening menu includes cuisine of which any fine restaurant would be proud. Prime rib is a special treat as are the crab legs, lobster, crepes, cream sauces, and delicately rich desserts. (Be sure to try the baked potato with "ALL".)

One of the Holiday Inn Restaurant's first big events was the opening of our Plymouth Bank in 1966. Mr. Listenberger catered the food and service for the affair. There were buses to shuttle people from our bank to the Inn for the buffet supper on two consecutive evenings.

"The bank has always been good to me in not only financial matters" Bob said, "On an occasion or two on Saturdays, I've called Ron McKee and asked if a large convention group could have their meeting in the bank lounge after banking hours. We hated to impose on friendship but were desperate as the restaurant was just too full to give the convention meeting space. We hope we can take care of this type of problem in our new 270 seat banquet room.

Bob Listenberger is an entrepreneur in the food business. Not only does he have the Holiday Inn Balloon Wurks in Plymouth, he has Colonel Sanders Fried Chicken restaurants in six Indiana locations: Angola, Rochester, Lebanon, Mooresville, Fortville, and Elwood. Bob's family corporation is involved in the fried chicken franchises as well as a new acquisition, Union Station Tavern west on LaPorte Street in Plymouth.

"I enjoy the food business and do thank The State Exchange Bank for their part in our business success!" Bob exclaimed.

We thank the Listenbergers for giving Plymouth one of the finest restaurants around and for giving our bank the opportunity to serve them!

NOTE: Bob, his wife Rosemary, and their family; Steve, Sarah, Mary, and Robert reside on Nutmeg Road northwest of Plymouth, Indiana.

By: M. Adams

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Cancer		Leo	
June 22 - July 22		July 23 - August 22	
Alice Neff	2	Fern Little	18
Diana Holderead	9	Liz Davis	16
Susan Houin	10	Jennie Zentz	25
V. VanDerWeele	13	Maridee Brown	26
Gail Dorr	15	Joyce VonEhr	31
Larry Davis	18	Rbt. Lindvall	31