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News Notes

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Work Brings People Together; News Brings Friends Together.

ARGOS NEWS

After a two month break, we reporters are back on duty, grasping for NEWS.

Karen Rensberger, daughter of Jean and Rowdy Rensberger, has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the freshman year at the University of Notre Dame. She has been awarded the Ruth T. Skewes Memorial Scholarship for the next school year in recognition of her academic record. She has been designated as a Top-Twenty Hoosier Scholar in the State of Indiana by the State Student Assistance Commission and has received a congratulatory letter from Gov. Otis R. Bowen. Karen is enrolled in the school of science.

Mrs. Terri Baer, daughter of Virginia & Lynn VanDerWeele, has accepted a teaching position at Washington School at Plymouth.

Seems vacation time for bank employees has been with us during the past two months:

Carol & Dick Rowe and daughters toured the Washington D.C. area, Monticello, (Home of Thomas Jefferson) and came back through Shenandoah National Park on the Skyline Drive.

Bud Powers and his mother spent some time at McCormick Creek State Park at Spencerville, Indiana. Then he and two sisters spent a day at Shipshewanna Flea Market and one day at the State Fair.

Jean & Rowdy Rensberger spent a few days of her vacation in Michigan going across Mackinaw Bridge and up to Sault Ste Marie where they took the boat tour through the U.S. Soo Locks, up to Lake Superior and back through the Canadian Locks, past the St. Mary's Rapids and back to the boat tour dock. A very interesting two hour tour.

Virginia and Lynn VanDerWeele spent two weeks in Washington, Oregon and visiting points of interest through the State of California.

Betty and Jim Nolin and family spent 3 days in Ohio visiting Sea World, Cedar Point and a drive through African Safari. The trip was enjoyed by all. After returning home, Betty and Jim left for Bowling Green, Ohio and enjoyed three days at a National Tractor Pull. Betty's last week was most enjoyably spent at home with their little boy, Chad, and leisurely doing some fall cleaning.

Argos News continued.....

Jon & Janice Bixel spent most of their vacation time working on their house. Should be shaping up very nicely.

Doris and Gerald Shoemaker along with Jennie and Dick Zentz spent some time at Cedar Point and from there traveled to Michigan where they visited the Ford Museum and Greenwich Village.

Marge and Dean Johnson spent a lot of time fishing but we gather they didn't have much success as she doesn't want to talk about it.

Gene and Joanne VanDerWeele took an extended tour up the East Coast in their self-contained motor home. They report a very enjoyable trip.

The Argos Soccer team won their first game Saturday, September 9th at Indianapolis against last year's State Champs Heritage Christian 2-0. The Junior Varsity also won their game 1-0. Mr. Eugene Snyder is Varsity Coach and Mr. Ed. Miller is Junior Varsity Coach. Employee's sons playing are Andy Castleman, Matt Stults, Jack and Jon VanDerWeele, Bill and Don O'Dell. Jim Carpenter is a member of the Freshman team. Good Luck to the teams and coaches for the rest of the season!!

CONGRATULATIONS on the opening of our new bank at Bremen. Their Open House was very well attended and we wish them a lot of success now and in the future for many years.

Reporter: Frances Mattix

PLYMOUTH NEWS

EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Carl & Mary Fox have a new daughter for a year. Through AFS (American Field Service) Carl and Mary have an exchange student residing with them for the school year of 78-79. Their new daughter, IZA ABREU, is from Vitoria E.S., Brazil. IZA is a senior at Plymouth High School this year. She has been with Carl and Mary for about six weeks now, with two weeks of that time in school already. Iza has a full schedule of subjects, but says she enjoys and is interested in school. She enjoys sports also, having participated in volleyball here and watching a couple football games too.

Plymouth News continued.....

IZA comes from a coastal city along the east coast of Brazil. Vitoria, her city, has a population of about 600,000. It is winter now in her city, with the low temperature of about 60 degrees, so Iza says cautiously, she is looking forward to our cold and snowy weather coming.

Iza's family live in an apartment complex in the busy city of Vitoria, and if you were wondering what her father's occupation is -- he is employed by Coca-Cola Company. We'll keep you informed on more about our daughter as the year passes on, Carl stated.

Our student loan office has been very busy helping students. Our entire outstanding portfolio is now \$1,739,000.00.

Students from our banking family attending area colleges this fall are Mark Christiansen, Vaughnette Hogman, Thad Wyman and Dean Zentz.

We welcome Diane Gjemre to our staff. Diane previously worked on our teller line so feels quite at home here.

A daughter, Erin Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Webster on August 30th. Jean and Bob Webster are the proud grandparents.

Paula Tribbey bid us farewell in August. She is now a full-time student at Ancilla College.

Marla Greenlee, daughter of Nila and Roger Greenlee received high honors in 4-H this year. She received Grand Champion in Embroidery at our County Fair and was also chosen as State Fair winner where she received a blue ribbon as well as a State Fair charm.

Amy Ryerson and Dean Zentz exchanged wedding vows on August 19th at the First Baptist Church of Argos. They will be living in Warsaw where Amy is employed. Dean will finish his education at Manchester college. Dean is the son of Jennie and Dick Zentz.

Marsha and John Banning enjoyed the Labor Day week-end. They served 150 guests to a Hog Roast in their back yard on Sunday. John's two brothers and their families from Oxford were week-end guests.

Reporter: Jean Webster

FARMERS STATE BANK

The Farmers State Bank welcomes to its family, the Bremen Branch. Congratulations to Burl Nifong, manager, and to all the employees. All of us that attended the Open House were very impressed with the layout and decor of the bank. We think Paula Davenport, part time teller at LaPaz, did an excellent job coordinating the day.

Our bank employees have vacationed this summer practically covering the states from coast to coast:

... Kay Hagenbush (loan department) and family spent an enjoyable week fishing in Richville, Minnesota.

... Shirley (teller) and Ivan Magnuson ventured on their first plane ride to the State of Washington to attend the wedding of Ivan's nephew. Shirley reports, "That's the way to travel."

... Muriel Garrett (bookkeeping) spent her vacation relaxing at home -- that is, if you call washing windows and cleaning house relaxing.

...Diana Weiss (teller) and family toured the Western states. They attended the graduation of Larry's nephew from the Air Force Academy. What a beautiful sight!! Time was spent visiting Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands and the Black Hills with relatives in South Dakota. Upon the return trip they were met in St. Louis by Diana's parents and spent time in Six Flags, the St. Louis Zoo, the Gateway Arch, and Busch Stadium to see the Cardinals. A real enjoyable trip.

...A trip to Canada was taken by Linda Green (bookkeeping), husband Jim and son, Chad.

...Vonda (teller) and Brian Jacobs traveled to the Sunshine state. Vonda reports there was lots of rain there during their stay. Too bad some of it doesn't come north.

There have been some department changes made recently. Gloria Kowatch has left the teller line to help out in the loan department.

Mary Wicks has left the teller line and is now working in bookkeeping.

Betty Shepherd is now our head teller and Diana Weiss has moved to the sit down teller desk. Paula Davenport helps part-time as a teller.

As of September 5th, Trudie Hovarter has joined us to be trained as a teller. Trudie and her husband, LaVern, live in LaPaz and have two sons and two daughters.

Farmers State Bank news continued....

Alanna Heet has also joined our staff as the receptionist. She and her husband, Larry, live at Route 7, Plymouth with Travis, 4; Bethany, 2; and Benjamin, 5 months.

We wish each of the above "Good Luck" in her new endeavor.

We've also had additions to our family in other ways:

...Mike Schell (Ass't. Vice Pres.) and wife, Susan, welcomed Lori Ann to their home on July 19th. She made her debut at 4:08 p.m., weighed in at 7 lb. 1 oz. and measured 21". Congratulations to the proud parents.

...Roy (Ass't. Vice Pres.) and Esther Reed also had additions to their family. Daughter, Gloria, gave birth to a 6 lb. 13 oz boy, Stephen Wood Nelson, on August 31st. Proud Grandpa Reed was sporting some pictures last week. Son, Don, married Debbie Nine on September 8th. Congratulations, Roy and Esther, on your new family members.

We were pleased to have with us this summer, Peggy Plummer, a student at Manchester College. Peggy worked with various aspects of the banking operation. She was especially appreciated in helping Joan Knepp (computer) convert our certificates to IIC. Joan has been very busy completing the necessary forms required for the conversion.

Tim Johnson, son of Jim (insurance) and Saranne had the misfortune of breaking his leg this summer.

Bonna Hindel (loan clerk) attended the wedding of her niece, Esther Lacy, on June 10th at Muncie.

On Saturday, September 9th, we were happy to have Kitty Garnand help us on the teller line while Paula Davenport was helping out at Bremen.

Sympathy is expressed to Robert and Jo-Ann Powers (cashier) in the death of Robert's mother, Edna Powers. Mrs. Powers was a former LaPaz school teacher and a long time customer of our bank.

We were sorry to have Carol Jones terminate her work with us in the book-keeping department. We wish her success in the future.

Reporter: Diana Weiss

CULVER NEWS -- Teller Tidbits

It's hard to believe fall is almost here when it's 90 outside, but the vacations are nearly over and the newspaper is with us again.

July and August were busy months with our tellers enjoying vacations in many different places:

...Joyce VonEhr became Joyce Babcock, and she and Howard spent two weeks in North Carolina.

...Debbie Overmyer and family (including new addition, Chad) went to Arizona for two weeks.

...Barb Hittle has just returned from a trip to romantic San Francisco.

...Janet Kibort spent an interesting vacation in beautiful downtown Culver, with side trips to other points of interest.

...Karen Thomas also arranged a relaxing at-home vacation, plus a day at the races and a few other places squeezed in.

...Pat Krou kept busy with Laurie and some of the more exciting "soaps".

...When Kay Davis wasn't filling in for the vacationers, she was at pool side and that really sounds like the place to be!

...C. J. Adams hasn't taken his vacation yet, but maybe Florida will look good a little later this year.

...Our head teller, Marianne Ransdell, also has that happy time still ahead and she will probably be getting away before long.

...As for myself and my husband, Chuck, we were surprised with a gift vacation to Hawaii from our daughter, Valerie. Val is manager of Madison Bank Travel in Chicago and she arranged this lovely trip for us. Needless to say, it was one we will never forget!!

Something else to remember
DON'T KISS OUR GIRLS
THEY'RE ALL TELLERS!

Reporter: Jean Kindred

Auditing Department

Donna Wynn resumed work on August 1st after a pregnancy leave.

Auditing Department enjoyed its annual outing on August 3rd with a trip to Wagon Wheel at Warsaw to see the musical, "Oklahoma", with buffet dinner before the show. The performance was super, making for a very enjoyable evening.

Auditing Department news continued....

Margaret Swanson and Rose Voreis journeyed to Dearborn, Michigan on August 5th for the wedding of their nephew, Charles Voreis, to Francine Nemeth, at the Mary Martha Chapel at Greenfield Village, with dinner and dancing following at Dearborn Inn. They spent part of Sunday and Monday touring Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum.

Michael Pacilio, son of Marilynn and Venture Pacilio, is enrolled in Purdue University for the fall term.

Bob Craft, son of Edna Mae and Lyman Craft, is scheduled to leave Germany on September 13th to return stateside after a tour of duty there with the Army. He will be given his discharge after four years service.

Edna Mae Craft and her mother, Louise Von Ehr, spent an enjoyable four days in August touring Grand Old Opry in Nashville.

Norma Johnson and Betsy Singleton spent several days at Clifty Falls State Park and Madison during their vacations in July.

Margaret Swanson and Rose Voreis enjoyed four days at Turkey Run State Park August 10th through the 13th.

Enid Maddock attended a national meeting of the Church of God in Rockford, Ill., as a delegate from her church for a few days in August.

Charlotte Jung, Laverne Geiger, Betsy Singleton, Fern Little and Norma Johnson enjoyed the weekend touring Metamora, Indiana and Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement at Richmond, Indiana. A good time was enjoyed by all, except Betsy's accident with her little toe.

Edna Mae and Lyman Craft celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 15, 1978. Their family surprised them with an open house party.

Reporter: Margaret Swanson

Legal Department

Births: Jessica Ann Bush, August 26, 1978, born to Dennis & Pat Bush. Vivian Bush is the proud grandmother. Jessica also has a 2½ year old sister, Nicole Marie.

Legal Department news continued.....

Heather Marie Lewis, September 9, 1978, born to Rick & Kathy Lewis, Elkhart. Heather has a 4 year old brother Christopher, Charlotte Jung is the great aunt of Heather.

Stephen Wood Nelson, August 31, born to Gloria & Kevin Nelson, Indianapolis. First grandchild of Roy and Esther Reed. Esther spent a week in Indianapolis helping take care of Stephen.

Vacations:

...Vivian and Dick Bush toured around Lake Michigan; stayed in Myers' cottage at Rapid River; attended two steam shows of 4 days each, at Winamac and Hesston, showing an antique John Deere "G" tractor.

...Karen and Ron Mendenhall visited in Ohio at Zenia, Kings Island and Greensburg; also visited at Eaglesville, Tennessee.

...Charlotte Jung visited with her uncle and his wife, Gene and Ann Howard, in Backus, Minnesota, fishing and making ceramics.

Vivian Bush attended Annual Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute at Notre Dame, September 15th and 16th. This Institute is sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School and the South Bend Estate Planning Council.

Penny Lukenbill has been appointed Publicity Chairman for the Northwestern Indiana Group of the National Association of Bank Women, and Karen Mendenhall has been appointed Roster Chairman; they will take office in October. Charlotte Jung and Penny attended an executive board meeting in Merrillville on September 6th.

LaVerne Geiger was honored at several parties for her retirement August 31st. Her card club entertained her at Charlotte Jung's house in Rochester on August 29th, and during the evening she was greatly surprised when her co-workers and friends from Culver dropped in. On August 30th, she was treated with a dinner at the Culver Inn by 13 of her friends, and gifts were presented. On the 31st, she was the honored guest at a reception held in the Culver dining room, where she was presented with a long coveted cookie jar that had been in the dining room since the dining room was started. She was also pleased with the "green stuff" that filled the jar.

Alice and Ralph Neff are enjoying a fishing vacation at Cass Lake, Minnesota and will tour points of interest in No. Dakota before returning home.

Legal Department news continued.....

The Trust Department is now being examined by Mr. Myron Burke for the State.

Reporter: Esther Reed

Data Processing Department

Susan Tanner will be leaving the Data Processing Department. She has become engaged to Paul Schultz of Mishawaka. The wedding is November 18th. CONGRATULATIONS Susan. We'll miss you.

Renee' Eby of Argos, Indiana joined the Data Processing Department. Renee' is working with Patti Jo Walter on balancing. Nice having you with us Renee'.

A camping vacation with two days at Opryland was enjoyed by Mike and Theresa Fitterling with daughter, Michelle, in July. On the trip back home, we stopped at Connors-Prairie, south of Noblesville, Indiana. This settlement takes you back to the year of 1836 and made us really appreciate our lives today with all our modern conveniences. We'd recommend a visit there by all.

Collections Department

Kathy Blair - A graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne joined The State Exchange Bank, Collections Department in August. Kathy will be the secretary for Mike Smith and Bob Manuwal. She has also accepted the staff reporter job for our house paper. Thanks Kathy!!

STATE EXCHANGE FINANCE COMPANY

Colleen Ditmire, daughter of Millie and Fred Ditmire, is engaged to Brad Watwood and an August 4, 1979 wedding is being planned.

We have a new employee in our department. She is Nona Hollenbaugh and is replacing Elizabeth Allen, who is enjoying retirement. Nona was married on July 22, 1978 to Jerry Hollenbaugh, who is employed with the JESSE program, (Joint Educations Program for several counties with main office in Plymouth).

The bowling season has started and Marge Baker started the year off in grand style. She bowled a 515 on her first night.

State Exchange Finance Company news continued

Students enrolled in college this year are Kathy Cultice, daughter of Robert and Freida Cultice and Steve Brockus, son of Sharon and Robert Brockus. We wish them the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

Reporter: Margaret Dehne

GRAND TOUR

As most of you know, effective May 1st of this year, we have not been printing checks at the bank. All check orders have been sent to Deluxe Check Printers in Indianapolis. To help further the knowledge of those who do the check ordering, Deirdre Crossgrove of the Plymouth branch, Frances Mattix of the Argos branch, Lynne Geiger of the Culver branch and Customer Service Representative, Karen Thomas, journeyed to Indianapolis. Along with our Deluxe Representative, Larry Sawnsen, we took a very impressive tour of the Deluxe Check Plant.

Larry showed us the many aspects of setting up an order. One order must be screened, then sent by conveyor to the plant where it is screened again, put into the computer from which a paper tape is made. This tape is placed in each re-order form that is received in each customer order. Next the order goes to the type setter, who makes the slugs and sets the way for the order to be printed. There are proof readers throughout the plant, whose eight hour a day job it is, to find mistakes in printing. Orders are read before and after printing.

The orders are printed on sheets of paper, twelve checks at a time in a matter of minutes. Then sent to be bound and cut into books of twenty-five checks each. On next to the mail center, where they are boxed, addressed, sorted into zip codes and on to the mail truck.

Much more goes on then is possible to tell in a short report. They provide quality work promptly, their plant is spotless, their people are friendly. We all learned a lot and feel that it has helped in understanding our jobs better by taking this tour.

A new Deluxe Check Plant is now in the process of being built. Should the opportunity arise, a tour of this new plant would be very worthwhile.

Lynne Geiger

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

happy...happy....happy....happy.....

- 9-1 Crayton Holderead
- 9-6 Sharon Brockus
- 9-9 Jerry Wyman
- 9-9 Carl M. Adams
- 9-10 Barbara Hittle
- 9-10 Dale Cramer
- 9-11 Karen Richards
- 9-12 Betty J. Davis
- 9-14 Patti Walter
- 9-16 Denise McKee
- 9-21 Robert Kline
- 9-27 Rose Voreis
- 9-27 Margaret Swanson
- 9-28 Gladys Snyder
- 9-30 Willis Burroughs

LOAN DEPARTMENT

Marcy Novak has joined the secretarial staff of the loan department. Marcy and her husband, Tom, have moved to Culver from Finley, Ohio. Her former employment was with the Marathon Oil Company of Finley. Tom is continuing his executive work with SAGA Corporation which has taken over the food operation for the Culver Military Academy, Culver Girls Academy and the Culver Inn.

FASTEX SERVICE

House for Rent in Culver. 4-bedroom \$200.00 per month. Call Larry Miller - Plymouth Branch - Ext. 201.

5 cute Shepard-type puppies are looking for homes. PLEASE call Theresa Fitterling, Ext. 135 if you are interested or know of ANYONE interested. The puppies were dumped and the Fitterlings have too many other pets to keep these cuties.

SOUTH AMERICAN VISITORS....



John and Luz Marina Adams are visiting his parents, Marcia and Fred, this month. John is teaching at the University of Caldes in Manizales, Colombia. Note the T shirt John is wearing in the picture!

HELP THE OCTOBER ISSUE!

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.

Next month, NEWSNOTES begins the original news coverage of the event as it appeared in THE CULVER CITIZEN. If you know of or remember any highlights of the incident, please let your editor know before the October issue is printed. We would appreciate knowing what happened to the convicts after their release from jail. Let us hear from you.....

Call...M. Adams or Rose Strang
