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Golden Notes Of Archbold's Memorable Past

Remembering A Day That Changed Us Forever

Six years ago Tuesday, the world as we knew it changed.

On Sept. 11, 2001—known simply as 9-11—more than 2,900 persons lost their lives after terrorists flew airliners into the World Trade Center buildings in New York City, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania.

Today, when a national tragedy occurs, the first thing people ask is, was it a terrorist act? Before Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism was the furthest thing from our minds.

A bridge collapses in Minneapolis, Minn. A steam pipe explodes under the streets of New York City. A railroad car filled with deadly chlorine gas gets away from railroad crews in Las Vegas, threatening catastrophe. None were acts of terrorism, but it was the first question asked.

Travel, especially by airplane, has become more complicated. Arriving at the airport two hours before departure, restrictions on items in carry-on bags, tighter security, fewer planes, more delays...have made airline travel less convenient and more stressful. Not to mention new passport regulations, even just to drive back and forth to Canada and Mexico.

America is a melting pot of citizens from all over the world, but increasingly the flavors of various cultures are clashing instead of blending. We've become more suspicious of other countries, other ethnicities, other religions.

Just because five men speak Arabic in an airport doesn't mean they are about to blow up the plane. All Muslims are not terrorists, but some Americans think so. Not all Iraqis hate the United States, but some Americans believe it.



Immediately after 9-11, all Americans united to show national support for the victims and their families, and for the heroes whose courage and bravery stood as a beacon of hope.

Flags were everywhere. What happened to them?

Let's make America a sea of red, white and blue once again on Tuesday, Sept. 11 by flying the flag. Every business, every home should display at least one flag.

Let's show those who want to destroy our freedom and our way of life that no matter what challenges we face, we will face them, survive, and prosper.

Ten Years Ago
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997
Pettisville school district received \$500,000 in state school repair funds Thursday. The money is a share of the \$200 million that rural districts may receive for emergency building repairs.

Headline—Russian Methodists Visit Ohio; Spend Evening With Ministers

Allen Beck, son of Leonard and Wilma Beck, Pettisville, was honored with the award of distinguished service from the American Institute of Floral Designers.

Deaths—Charles F. Engler, 79, Ridgeville Corners; Archie D. Graber, 96, Archbold; Loren E. Oberlin, 86, West Unity; Lester S. Hallett, 83, Wauseon; Wilma M. Rupp, 94, Archbold; Margaret Schlatter, 79, Delta

Leland and Ilva Wyse, Archbold, were crowned king and queen of the golden wedding party at the Fulton County Fair. They celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary last month.

Andy Grime, Archbold, won the class A horseshoe pitching competition at the county fair with a perfect 5-0 record. John Winzeler, Fayette, 2nd, 4-1; Roger Moden, Delta, 3rd, 3-2; Paul Short, Archbold, 4th, 2-3; Roger Brill, Wauseon, 5th, 1-4; and Walt Detter, Pettisville, 6th, 0-5.

Cornelia Short, Archbold native and missionary to Rockcastle (Ky.) County Schools for 55 years, received the annual Children's Service Award.

Ray and Lillian Sauder were named Fairlawn Haven residents of the month for August.

Gregg W. Anderson, former news director at what was WHFD, left Monday for Latvia and Estonia. He is an evangelist and missionary.

Andrea Genter, PHS student, was crowned queen of the junior fair. Josh Boger, PHS grad, Wauseon, was named king.

Today's laugh—The war to save the environment still is being waged. On the other hand if nature didn't lose now and then we'd still have dinosaurs roaming the earth.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1982
Bob Crossgrove entertained his son Josh, 2, at the county fair, according to a photograph.

Winona Whipple, 83, was killed Sunday when the vehicle she was driving was struck, in the side, at the west junction of St. Rts. 6 and 66, north of Defiance.

Four County Vocational School has enrolled 1,100 for the next school year.

Pettisville Local Schools enrollment is 436.

Deaths—Roy R. Graber, 67; Winona Whipple, 83, Archbold; Tena Short, 71, Wauseon; Ruth Anna Sanders, Milton J. Werder, 72, Stryker

A photograph shows Mary and Bill Short adding trash to an already overflowing trash can at the popular Fulton County Fair.

Jeff Wanner, patrolman with the Wauseon Police Dept., told Rotary about the drug problem in Fulton County.

Ralph Stuckey is the county horseshoe champion for the ninth time. His friend Clarence Clingaman has won the championship three times.

David Walker will be the punter for the University of Toledo Rockets. Walker is a sophomore and will back up Tony Lee as the place-kicker.

Mutterings, by Orrin R. Taylor—The late king Farouk of

Egypt once said some day there will be just five kings, four in a deck of cards and one to rule England... In olden days when Ohio had no compulsory education law, it often took young men six years to complete eighth grade, especially if the teacher was unusually pretty.... "One difference between the government and God is that the latter asks only 10 percent of our earnings," according to Joseph Sobran, columnist.

Fifty Years Ago
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1957
Kenneth J. Fankhauser has returned from military service in Germany after being stationed in Idar Oberstein for 18 months. He plans to enter Bowling Green State University this month.

Mrs. George King is shown in a photograph depositing a letter in the new curb mailbox placed at the Archbold Post Office for convenience of motorists. It is located in the driveway between the office and the Town Hall.

The boosters will have a baseball game at Ruhlfen Park Sunday afternoon.—Lu-2-U.

Vern E. Perkins, RFD, Wauseon, won grand champion carload Angus award at the Ohio State Fair Wednesday. The load of cattle sold for \$34 per hundred, about seven cents over the market price.

Installation services for the new pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert Kramp, will be held Sunday morning, Sept. 15, at 10:30.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lisak, Vine St., planted early pink Ohio potatoes and harvested 10 bushels from five short rows. One weighed 1-1/2 pounds and two weighed two pounds each.

Arthur G. Lanker, McComb, is associated with Owen Rice in practice of law since Sept. 1. He and his wife and daughter will move to Archbold.

Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, left Monday for Ft. Knox, Ky., for two years of service in the Army. His brother Rollin left Tuesday for Cleveland for two years.

Robert Rufenacht raised the reserve grand champion short-horn exhibited at the Ohio State Fair last week. He won first in the under-1,000 pound class. Robert was also third in showmanship.

The Pettisville Packing Co. was sold at auction Saturday to A. D. Frey, H. B. Rupp, Maurice Rupp, and Orville Rupp, who have taken possession and will reopen for business Sept. 18. Included in the sale are the packing plant, the wholesale and retail store, and 22 acres of land in the east part of Pettisville. The business was started in 1949 by a group of stockholders.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1932
Seventy-five years ago a number of hopeful pioneers opened the first Fulton County Fair. The grounds were located about a mile east of the Ottokee corner on the south side of the road. The ornamental gate to the old fairgrounds was of hewed timbers, with broadax scars partly concealed by a smear of red paint.

The fair was mainly open-air in that day, as very few buildings had been erected. A log floral hall and a few log and brush sheds sheltered what was considered too perishable for the open.

The grandfathers and great-grandfathers of that day thought it was a wonderful fair. They made a great holiday of the occasion. Farmers took teams of horses, wagons, hay, and grain for the animals, and put splint-seat chairs in the boxes of the old large-wheeled lynchpin wagons.

They gathered the family and neighbors with their lunch and picnic baskets, bumped over the corduroy and brush-bound roads, and sometimes waded swamps to the hubs.

Lurching here and there in the bogs and rough places where no roads had been laid out, they trudged to the greatest event of the year.

How easily people were amused in that day. A new kind of cow or horse, a large pumpkin or turnip, or a large hog or a fat sheep were wonders to behold which furnished topics of conversation sufficient to last all winter.

People were interested in the newest kerosene lights. They were the first steady lights man had known since civilization began.

It is safe to prophesy that the country will come back to a normal business standard; that business will be better and greater than ever in the future; that hard times and depression will be studied and eliminated; that the small town will become more prosperous than ever, but that the cities have had their day and their day is done.

Ty Cobb led his league in batting nine consecutive years, 1907-1915.

100 Years Ago
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1907
Through the mistake of the engineer, the pilasters of the new Farmers & Merchants State Bank project are thirteen inches over the street line. Some sour-mouthed citizens want the foundation torn down and all kinds of things done to the new building. This is a case where the enforcement of the letter of the law could work injustice.

There are many family reunions this time of year. Why not gather the Shorts, Rupps, and Nofzingers in Archbold? That will bring a crowd to this town.

Get up early Thursday morning and see the comet Daniel. It will not be seen again for 1,042 years, and you may be able to get up to see it then. The comet is a tramp star. It has no home and doesn't appear to want one.

The strongest protestant church in Ohio is the Methodist Episcopal. There are 60,000 members and 200 ministers.

100 Years Ago
Friday, Sept. 13, 1907
"They work while you sleep," was the sign on the side of an auto-truck that struck town Wednesday evening.

A troupe of small boys followed the outfit, from which were thrown samples of a candy cathartic. The boys got as many as they could, thinking it candy.

Next morning fond mothers had many things to say about the people who gave away physic. The stuff had lived up to the advertisement.

Alice Vernier, teacher of the first primary room, hopes to be out of the hospital in time to begin teaching Monday. Her room will have a large number of recruits. Many of them are old enough but still are babies and getting an education properly started is no small job.

William Harsch found his pointer dog. A stranger passing through town with his own dogs was the finder. He inquired about the dog and soon found the owner.

They are having quite a trying time to make Depot St. straight so it will match up with the buildings. Surveyors disagree.

There will be a missionary farewell meeting at the Springfield Church Sunday evening, Sept. 15. David C. Rupp expects to sail for Africa and will give a parting message.

Council has awarded the \$5,000 Depot St. bonds to the highest bidder, the Security Savings & Trust Co., Toledo. The bids were flattering to the credit of Archbold.

The man who says he has no debts is a dead one. Only death can pay all debts.



Old Photo Corner - Honored blood donors in 1974, from left: Cal Short, 2 gallons; Don Hornish, 1 gallon; Terry Miller, 1 gallon; Bob DeVries, 2 gallons—Archbold Buckeye file photo

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