

It Was News Then

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One Year Ago

The 20th annual National Association of Letter Carriers “Stamp Out Hunger” Food Drive Saturday was a huge success. More than 2,700 pounds of food was collected. All customers, both within the city of Delphos and the surrounding rural routes, were asked to place their non-perishable food donations by their mailbox or at the place designated for their mail delivery. This year, all donations will be divided equally between the food pantries of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Interfaith Thrift Shop, as well as First Assembly of God, all in Delphos.

25 Years Ago – 1988

Ground-breaking for a 2,100-square-foot building to house Aero Printing Company at 710 Elida Ave. is expected the week of May 23, according to owner Carl Core Jr. “The new building will be 50 percent bigger than what we have now,” Core said. The business is currently at 203 W. Fifth St.

Principal Robert Zeigler has announced graduation speakers and honor students for Ottoville’s commencement ceremonies May 27 in the high school gym. The four graduation speakers and honor students are Barb Bruns, Diane Herman, Brian Miller and Darren Schimmoeller. Other honor students are Amy Miller, Rebecca Swint, and Lisa Wehri.

Five members of the Spencerville Grange were honored for 50 years of membership during the Grange's recent meeting. Honored were Chet McPheron, Clarence Whetstone, Madonna Monfort, Donald Louth and Marcile Whetstone. All are Seventh Degree grange members, with 50 years of membership in the Spencerville Grange, except for McPheron who transferred to Spencerville from Kossuth Grange in 1918.

50 Years Ago – 1963

Eighty-seven St. John's seniors will receive diplomas Thursday evening during the 1963 Commencement Exercises in the school's auditorium. The Rev. Edward C. Dunn, principal of Calvert High School in Tiffin, will be the commencement speaker and class speakers will include Susan Smith, valedictorian, and John Wiechart, salutatorian.

Thirty-five mothers were present for the Sunday School services at the Pilgrim Holiness Church on Mothers Day. Plant gifts were given to Almeda Ditto as the oldest mother present and to Dianne Parsons as the youngest mother. Mothers with the most children present resulted in a four-way tie with Mrs. Charles Bilimek, Mrs. Richard Kohorst, Mrs. Walter Lear and Mrs. Everett Rigdon all receiving plant gifts.

Two hundred and thirty-five members of St. John's Rosary Alter Society were present at the meeting held Monday evening in the Little Theater of St. John's School. As a prelude to the meeting several of the members of the first communion class took part in the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Susan Shenk crowned the statue and her attendants were Mary Ann Morman, Beverly Pohlman, Patty Kundert, Gary Wolke and Gregg Wannemacher.

75 Years Ago – 1938

The Jefferson High School baseball team advanced to the second round in the district baseball tournament being held at Defiance Friday and Saturday. The Red and White eked out a 9 to 8 victory over Delta in a game played Friday morning. The margin of victory was gained by Jefferson in the seventh when four runs crossed the plate for the Red and White. Thompson tripled to score Bohnlein and Erickson tripled to score Newton, Brinkman and Rahrig.

In keeping with the local observance of National Air Mail Week, John Estill, manager of the local Coombs Shoe Store, has designed a window display. He has a facsimile of the special cachet which will be stamped on all airmail letters sent out next week. The cachet, designed by local post office employees, is a map of Ohio and carries a reproduction of the 1848 Mail Packet which carried mail through Delphos on the Miami Erie Canal.

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Joseph J. Hummer, Nickel Plate operator here, was a star baseball player a number of years ago, according to an item which appeared in the May 6, 1902, issue of the Delphos Weekly Herald. The item was taken from one which appeared in the Decatur, Indiana Journal and gave the account of a game between the operators and printers in that city.