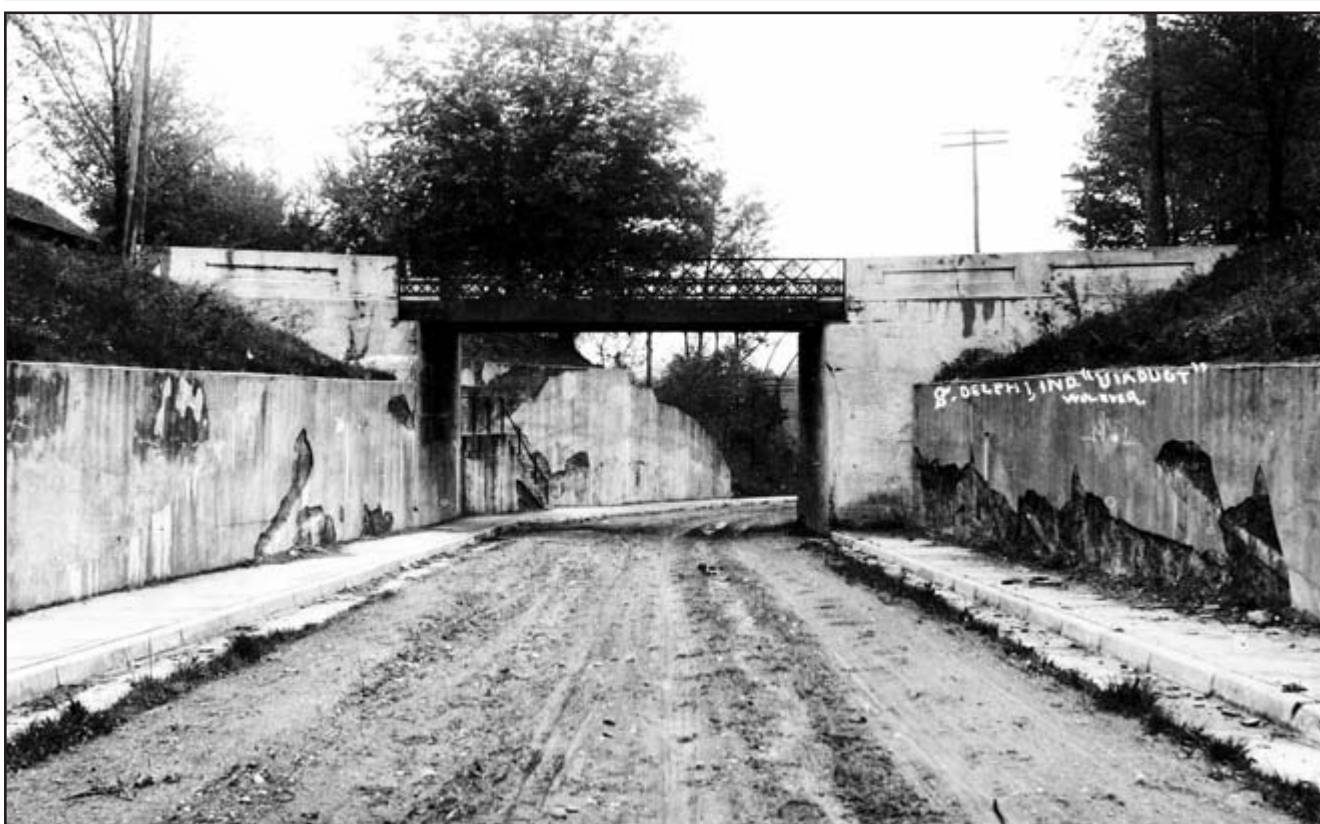


Looking Back



Viaduct on Washington St., Delphi, 1914

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

10 YEARS AGO

Delphi Police Department received a call from Bradshaw Insurance. Upon arrival at Bradshaw's office, police found that a male

caller had left a message on their business phone recorder advising them that there was a bomb in the office. The 12:52 a.m. caller stated that the bomb was set to go off in 72 hours.

A K-9 officer was contacted from Howard County to assist with checking the building. The Howard County K-9 unit is highly

trained in locating explosives. By 10:48 a.m., it was determined that the building was clear and no explosives were found.

25 YEARS AGO

Open house of the new Carroll County Jail has been set for this weekend. Cost of the new structure, which has attracted law enforcement agencies

throughout the state because of its construction, was just under \$1.75 million. Many of them are expected to tour the facility next week. Groundbreaking for the jail was on July 19, 1982. Inmate capacity is 36 with cells provided for groups of 8, 6, 4 and 2.

50 YEARS AGO

Business is booming at

Globe Valve. A steady increase in orders has made this about the busiest in the firm's history here. Departments are being put on a 12-hour day in order to keep up with the demand for their products.

Dick the Bruiser Afflis, 250-lb. former Delphi native, will be in the ring at the Indianapolis Coliseum against Yukon Eric, a 280-lb. giant this weekend.

The Willis Harter farm, located in the northwest part of Burlington township, has been sold to Charles E. Sibbitt. The 135-acre farm brought \$500 an acre.

Several hundred starry eyed youngsters greeted Santa Claus Friday. The Chamber of Commerce helped distribute apples and candy to the happy boys and girls.

75 YEARS AGO

A levee will be constructed along Deer Creek from the Riley park to the mouth of the creek, according to a project approved in the Civil Works project this week.

Men have already started to clean the banks by cutting the shrubs and other brush away. As soon as this is done work will be commenced shoveling gravel

out of the stream into wheelbarrows and this will be used in building the levee along the creek.

This will mean that the bottoms and other places which are usually overflowed by the creek will be protected against the waters except in a bad flood.

The original project called for a levee along the park only.

100 YEARS AGO

Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write and tell you I am well and hope you are the same. I am a boy 7 years old. I would like to have a wagon large enough to hitch a Billy-goat to; a story book; and some candy and nuts. From your friend, Verne Wise

Dear Santa Claus, I am going to write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a pair of roller skates, a Buster brown book, and some candy and nuts. Don't forget the poor children in town. Your Friend, Paul Wise P.S. I forgot to tell you that I am a 9 year old boy.

Comet writers earn HSPA awards

Comet staff report

Comet staff writer Debbie Lowe and columnist Alan Shultz were recognized Saturday by the Hoosier State Press Association as winners in its annual HSPA Foundation Better Newspaper Contest.

Lowe won second place in editorial writing for weekly newspapers with a circulation of over 4,000.

Contest judges from the Oklahoma Press Association commented about Lowe's entries: "These two editorials are fine examples of local commentary and came close to winning the top spot in this division. 'Taxpayers expect more, demand more' describes an alarming situation at the county level that in Oklahoma and probably many other states would be either referred to the district attorney or made the subject of a grand jury investigation. Evidently in Indiana the solution is for the people to react at the polls, and if that's the way things work there, the Carroll County Comet performed a public service by pointing out the shortcomings of these officeholders. The second editorial is a commentary on a pending merger of two rural electric coops and asks some pointed questions

members ought to appreciate. Both are strong and informative."

Shultz, who writes Midwest Memo, won third place for best general columnist. Judges commented: "Thanks for bringing common sense to the table! If only every one of those celebrities who point their fingers at us about saving the planet could read your Midwest Memo and realize you're talking about them! I think many agree with what you expressed as 'silly talk' and 'just for show' and were happy to see someone express it publicly. You made your point, caught the reader's attention, and made a reasonable suggestion ... Respect the earth, clean-up and conserve! Well-written. You brought the frustration so many of us feel regarding the general public's fascination with in-the-ear technology to the readers in a pleasant, humorous way, while making a strong point. While such gadgetry is remarkable, it's also remarkable that we're not staying 'in tune' with those around us and are missing out on the simple pleasures or skipping rocks along the river bank. I think your readers must look forward to seeing your column as you write about what they can relate to. Good job!"

Delphi-area farmland sells at auction for \$6,687 per acre average

Comet staff report

Approximately 272 acres of high quality tillable land sold in Carroll County recently for \$1.82 million or \$6,687 per acre.

Thirty bidders spent more than an hour competing for the land, according to Rex Schrader, president of Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Columbia City, the firm conducting the auction.

"This was high-quality land, with a soil index of 129 for corn," said Schrader.

"Even with that taken into consideration, it's still clear that this was another example of the remarkable strength we're seeing in land values. Despite a troubled economy and lower prices for corn and soybeans, investors are continuing to recognize the long-term value and stability of agricultural land."

The property, located along CR 100N. and CR 625 between Delphi and Flora, sold in four tracts to three different bidders. Prices ranged from \$5,680 per acre to \$7,639 per acre.

Justices are IFB Young Farmer runners-up

Comet staff report

Winners of the Indiana Farm Bureau Young Farmer Achievement Award was announced at IFB's annual convention held in Evansville on Dec 4-6. They are Dan and Melissa Culp of Jasper County, who will represent Indiana at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention in San Antonio in January.

Mark and Kathy Justice of Carroll County were finalists for the award. The Justices grow waxy corn, high extractable starch corn and soybeans on their farm and run a test plot. They live near Delphi with their two daughters, Morgan, age 4, and Emily, age 1.

The Justices received \$1,000 from Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance for being finalists.

The Young Farmer Achievement Award recognizes young farmers whose farm management techniques and commitment to their communities set a positive example for those involved in production agriculture.

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— THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1823.



Hauling journalists to jail or personally bankrupting them to reveal their confidential sources is not the American way. Our country spends millions of dollars promoting a free and vibrant press abroad, but here at home the press is under fire from prosecutors and civil litigants chilling the free flow of information to the American public.

There are times when the compelled disclosure of a confidential source's identity may be necessary for national security, personal safety and law enforcement reasons. S. 2035, the "Free Flow of Information Act," carves out exceptions to appropriately balance these legitimate concerns. S. 2035 is NOT an absolute privilege, but carefully balances the public interest in compelling disclosure and the public interest in gathering news and maintaining the free flow of information.

The House of Representatives passed a bipartisan federal shield bill by 398 to 21 in October. It is now time for the Senate to act. We urge senators to pass S. 2035 and protect the public's right to know.

The following groups praise the lead sponsors of S. 2035 — Senators Specter, Schumer, Leahy, Lugar, Dodd and Graham and urge the Senate to act now on this important legislation:

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