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"Maggie," another maid, (Faith Bierman), "Julia," the British maid (Landyn Cole), "the Queen" (Jadeyn Bubak), "Jamie Drew" (Stella Lewis), "Nancy Drew" (Kylee Lehmkuhler), "Fortune Teller" (RayLee Downing), "Fumbling Royal Detective" (Logan Peterson), and "Agent 98" (Devin Peterson), and in the background "Butler" (Eli Taylor), who is in cahoots with the maids, stealing the missing ring, observes the detectives from this hidden position, perform in the elementary play, "The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring," Thursday night at the school. (Courtesy photo)

"The Butler Did It!"

The 8th Annual Thespians Dinner Theater held last Thursday evening in the school auditorium was once again a huge success.

"The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring" by Janie Downey Maxwell in cooperation with Pioneer Drama Services, had a surprise twist to it at the end when the large audience realized that the "missing ring" was actually the Queen's cell phone ring. It had been confiscated by the butler in collaboration with the maids. A team of several detectives were unable to solve this mystery, although

several were on the right track. Inspector change, in his infinite wisdom, finally concluded that "THE BUTLER DID IT!" Twenty-four students from 4th through 6th grades impressed the audience with their talent in presenting the play, directed by Berni Crow and Ashley Meyer.

"We have so many people to thank for helping put on a production such as this," said Mrs. Crow. "Esther Ryan was our cook once again, and a meal of lasagna, salad, vegetables and desert was served to over 200 guests. This helps defray our

cost of production which is generally close to \$1,400.00. Mrs. Meyer and I are already talking about next year's play."

This was the first year that the play had a student director, and Mrs. Crow said Jayden Hanna Miles did an excellent job. Various cast members helped with lighting, but Johnathon Lamphear was the sound director. Next year he wants to be in the cast, and Mrs. Crow said he will be hard to replace.

The hungry actors and actresses were able to eat delicious pizza afterwards.

"Keane's Suzy's Pizza gives us

a great deal, and it's a fun way for the cast to congratulate each other and unwind," said Mrs. Crow, who along with Mrs. Meyer is looking forward to another successful play next year.

The directors were honored and pleasantly surprised by the presentation of flowers from the sixth grade class, who Mrs. Crow said sadly, will not perform next year, and more flowers from the entire cast.

A large crew from behind-the-scenes helped with jobs ranging from make-up and hairstyling, creating costumes and making sets and props.

Jr./Sr. Prom is Saturday

Arnold will host the combined Arnold and Callaway Junior/Senior Prom this Saturday, April 18, at the school.

The public is welcome to view the decorations for this year's theme "A Whole New World - Aladdin" starting at 5:00 p.m. up until the promenade begins at 7:15 p.m. Weather permitting, the Grand March will take place outside of the school. After 7:15, parents are no longer allowed in the gym.

The meal begins at 7:30 p.m., and a dance will follow.

Seniors, juniors and sophomore servers and their dates will find treasures and a great time at "Aladdin's Cave" at the After-Prom party at the community center. "Bubble Boyz Soccer" will sponsor several rounds of bubble soccer, and other games will be played during the night. The students can also take a magic carpet ride to unwind during the movie at the Rialto Theatre. The night will end with treasures found at Aladdin's Cave.

Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs
Cooperative Weather Observer
WEATHER STATION LOCATED AT MILLS'
SHOP, ACROSS FROM
ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
7	53	40	0
8	51	40	0
9	45	34	.35
10	47	31	0
11	67	30	0
12	74	41	0
13	77	40	0

Round-Up Time Correction

Kindergarten Round-Up will start at 1:00 p.m., on Monday, April 20. For any questions, call the school at 848-2226 ext. 3.

Pool Will Open This Season

2015 Marks 50th Anniversary of the Swimming Pool

Editor's note: The summer of 2015 will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Arnold Pool. For five decades, countless numbers of people - young and old - from Arnold and surrounding towns, and those visiting from out-of-town, have enjoyed swimming in the pool. Ironically, on the year of its anniversary, the opening of the pool for the 2015 season was in question due to a lack of applicants for lifeguards. Last week, just days before the application deadline, people rallied again, and enough applicants stepped up to the plate to open the pool.

Up until now, having the use of a public swimming pool has been taken for granted. Its importance for the vitality of the town and the safety of its residents, cannot be overstated. Knowing the history of the pool - when and why it was built, and how the money was raised when times were a lot tougher - can be a valuable lesson for all. In 2015, when the pool opens for a new season, it will be a day to celebrate.

To commemorate the pool's anniversary, Sentinel staff combed through our archives to give readers a glimpse into this important piece of the town's history. The result of our research follows:

The Accident

In July of 1961, A.D. (Smokey) Kellner dove from a diving board at the Arnold swimming hole east of town into shallow water and broke his neck. His life was saved by the quick thinking of five young Arnold boys - Tim Olin, Craig Dillon, Mark Cole, Denny Conner and Terry Walker - who were swimming with him and who through Boy Scout training, knew how to give artificial respiration and do it correctly.

Kellner, who was custodian at the grade school, had taken the boys swimming after they had helped him at the school. After he dove from the board, he came up to the surface and it was then that the boys realized he was having difficulty breath-



Not pictured: Haley Reed, Bobbi Barnes and Olivia Furne.

Filling out applications for lifeguard positions are (from left) Grace Magill, Claire Beshaler, Ashton Weinman and Sadie Christensen. These girls, in addition to Haley Reed, Bobbi Barnes and Olivia Furne, stepped up to the plate, ensuring that the pool will open this season. Just days before the deadline to apply, only two - Grace and Olivia - had applied. Principal Dawn Lewis said that when the announcement came over the school's intercom that there would be a lifeguard picture on Monday morning, the fifth grade class cheered. (Kendra Veirs photo)

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Tim Olin and Craig Dillon, the two older boys, took charge of the artificial respiration. One of the boys ran to a nearby field where Earl Leach was working, who in turn went to the Pete Hagler home and called the Quig Ambulance Service. The Arnold Fire Department resuscitator was immediately brought out and put to use.

Mr. Kellner had stopped breathing several times before help arrived, and it was very evident that the Scout training the boys had was what kept him breathing.

Mr. Kellner lived out the rest of his life in a wheel chair as the result of the accident.

The Campaign Begins

Building a swimming pool in Arnold had been talked about for several years. Up to that time, kids and adults used the swimming hole, and swimming lessons were taken at either the

swimming hole or North Platte or Broken Bow, requiring sign-up for carpooling. The accident started an immediate public swimming pool campaign that resulted in passing of a \$35,000.00 bond issue just over a year later, in the fall of 1962. The bond passed by a 76.67 margin, with only a 60 percent margin needed to pass. Described as "probably the biggest election held," 401 ballots were cast that day. The day before help arrived, and it was very evident that the Scout training the boys had was what kept him breathing.

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consideration. In September 1963, it was announced by the village that there was no appropriation authorized for government assistance on the project. The Women's Club volunteered to raise the additional \$15,000.00, and by October the project was announced as a local project using Arnold's own skill, equipment, personnel and money.

Sealed bids were accepted in March of 1964, and final plans with the engineer were made after meeting with the State Board of Health.

Construction Begins

In April 1964, W.B. Hagler and Son's bid for \$45,600.00 for the building of the swimming pool, wading pool, bath house, for equipment, etc., and the cost of the complete project was accepted by the board. Land was purchased from the McGuire estate for \$1,500.00. Headed by Mrs. Bob Wiley, the funds in

the amount of \$11,070.00 were in planning to be raised. Among fundraisers were: foodarama and bake sale, win a horse or colt for \$1.00 chance, White Elephant sale, junior class play, community play, scotch double bowling tournament, shetland pony auction, and an all-star little league game.

By June 1964, it was announced that over \$6,000.00 had been raised, with the pony bringing in \$87.00.

The swimming pool contract was signed in July of 1964 with work to start on August 1. That August, excavation work began on the 82.3 foot long pool with a width of 68 feet at the shallow end and 30 feet at the deep end. The next month, workers tied steel rods together in preparation for side forms to be put in. The final cement was poured in October. The wading pool was complete and the bath house was near completion.

In November, Arnold's swimming pool was given an "okay" when it received the final check-out upon completion.

With over \$7,000.00 raised for the swimming pool, plans were announced in April of 1965 for more fundraising for a high diving platform and board.

Opening Day News

On April 29, 1965, Bill Miller was hired to manage the swimming pool for the summer. Mrs. Ken Wehrman and Mrs. Darrel Peters, both qualified swimming instructors, would be in charge of the Red Cross swimming classes.

With everything in place, the swimming pool was painted on the inside in May and work was going on in the bathhouse. The next week, the pool was filled with water.

The pool opened for the first time on June 1, 1965. Pictured in *The Arnold Sentinel* on that historic occasion were T.C. Filippi from the State Department of Health; Marvin Garber, engi-

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