

I think I remember.....Postal Service

At one time the Argos Post Office was located on the west side of the 100 block of south Michigan street. The location was about the second door north of the alleyway that currently exists. After the Post Office vacated that location and moved to its current location on west Walnut street, I think that Trump's Locker Service was located in that building for a period of time. It was possibly an extension of their facility located south of Argos on 18th road just west of Old Route 31. Later, Grolich's Grocery Store expanded north into the old postal building location. All the movement was sort of a "musical chairs". Originally, at the current location of the post office was a white building that previously was used as a school house many years ago south of Argos on the west side of Route 31. That school building was moved to the NE corner of west Walnut and north First streets. It became the home of the American Legion. At some point, the Legion building was destroyed by fire. The Legion required a larger structure than their previous building thus they built a larger facility at its current location. The current Postal facility was then built to replace to former Legion Hall.

Much of the mail was transported via rail at that time. At the location where the two railroads crossed at the SE edge of Argos, mail bags were hung on a pole, and when the train passed that location, the bag was picked up by an arm on the side of a train car to be transported to the next location. It was something to watch as you saw a bag hanging on the pole, a train moving fast, and the bag disappeared. One of the mailmen who delivered mail daily to many homes was a postal worker named Bob Voreis. He lived at the NW corner of Church and Michigan streets.