

Pythian Sisters Organization 40 Years Ago

(Aug. 10, 1933)

In looking thru some personal effects of her mother, recently, Mrs. Earl Potter, living west of Mount Pulaski, and daughter of David Wilson of this city, discovered the following clipping concerning the organization of the Pythian Sisters Lodge in Mount Pulaski during the month of August, 1893, 40 years ago, which should prove of much interest to some of our older citizens:

"Golden Temple Lodge No. 21."

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 12, 1893, was instituted the "Golden Temple Lodge No. 21," of Pythian Sisters. The organization at present composes 22 sisters -- charter members and 18 Pythian brothers, honorary functionaries.

The authority which brooded over the aspiring body and gave it life proceeded from the "Clover Leaf" Lodge of the Pythian Sisters of Maroa, Ill., under the supervision of Mrs. Jennie Haws, of Decatur, Grand Chief of Illinois.

In perfecting the organization, the various offices were filled as follows:

Most Excellent Chief, Mard Lula Starz; Most Excellent Senior, Mrs. Katie Lushbaugh; Most Excellent Junior, Mrs. Katie Vonderlieth; Manager of Temple, Mrs. Maude Huck; Manager of Finance, Mrs. Elva Lucas; Protector of Temple, Miss Lizzie Zah; Outer Guard of Temple, Mrs. Anna Vonderlieth; Past Chief, Mrs. Anna Eminger; M of R & C, Miss Menta Field.

Besides the officers above named, the lodge numbers on the roll: Mrs. Anna Vonderlieth, Mrs. Anna Drobisch, Miss Huck, Mrs. John Hopkins, Mrs. Lyde Hunter, Miss Anna Schafer, Miss Anna Vetter, Mrs. Mary Vetter, Miss Anna Schafer, Miss Anna Mayer, Miss Ora Addleman, Mrs. Belle Capps, Mrs. Charlotte Fowler, Mrs. Mary V. Fryer.

The honorary members are: A. O. Vonderlieth, George W. Vonderlieth, Fred Starz, George A. Huck, J. F. Lucas, George Field, John L. Beidler, Fred W. Meister, Gottlieb C. Zah, Irvin Eminger, William Hunter, John Vetter, Herman J. Mayer, Oscar W. Mayer, J. P. Fowler, S. B. Fryer, John Hopkins, Louis F. Myers.

First Phonograph Here Entertained All Community

Now that Sil-Tennial time is here, it brings to mind many happenings to write about.

One of these interesting events of the community was the fact that the people of this community, through the years, took great interest in all the latest inventions. It was not surprising that when Edison invented the talking machine, they were eager to hear the machine in operation as soon as possible.

Conrad Schick had the first talking machine, and from his home on South Washington St., he would give a "concert" each evening for the benefit of every one. People in those horse and buggy days would drive up on the side street and listen to the music as long as Mr. Schick would keep up the program.

There are still people living in Mount Pulaski, who will remember Mr. Schick and his talking machine.

While Edison invented the talking machine, he was having trouble with the batteries to run the thing.

It was Frank Capps, who attended school in the old Logan County Court House in the Mount Pulaski public square, who interested Edison in his invention of a coil-spring to run the talking machine. It proved to be a big success, and Mr. Capps, the former Mount Pulaskian, was given the "wonderful sum of \$500", by Edison, for his idea. Of course Mr. Edison perfected the battery as soon as possible. Anyway, it makes an interesting story, one in which Mt. Pulaski again played its part.



PYTHIAN SISTERS OF YESTERYEAR. Fourth Row, left to right: Bertha Hook Lipp, Clara Schafer Jenner, Nellie Wilson Laughery, Nora Addleman Clark, Celia Mayer. Third Row: Anna Schafer Boyd, Ada Suedmeier, Elizabeth Zah, Mary B. Fryer, Minnie Meister, Katie Miller Vonderlieth. Second Row: Anna Schafer, Mrs.

Henry Schafer, Elva Lucas, Mrs. Otis, Mrs. Goodwin, Maude Stafford Hook, Mrs. George Mayer. First Row: Emma Shinneman Summerville, Emma Hook Myers, Mrs. Katie Lushbaugh, Mrs. E. E. Eminger, Viola Addleman Brown.

SPRING FURNISHED NEEDED WATER FOR EARLY SETTLERS OF TOWN

Indians, Pioneers, And Later Residents, Depended On Spring

(March 11, 1937)

It will be of interest to every Mount Pulaskian, all former residents born here, or who ever lived in the city, to know that the "Old Spring" is a thing of the past.

This source of supply of good water was located on South Spring Street, two blocks west of the southwest corner of the square, and four blocks south. The use of the water was discontinued several months ago, and during the past few weeks the pump was taken out of the well and the platform and equipment around it taken away. The well was located just west of the middle of the street, and since the street is to be made a part of the state aid route through the city, it was necessary to say finis to this old landmark.

Water from this spring has been used from the very beginning of Mount Pulaski, 100 years ago, or in 1836, when Jabez Capps came to this hill from Springfield and founded the new town. Mr. Capps and family were the first settlers to get their water from this bubbling spring, and had to carry it to their log home on the west side of the public square. As others began to locate here, they also obtained water at the spring, and before wells were dug and cisterns made, these pioneers would take their washings down the hill to the spring and carry on their work in the water that formed the little stream that flowed to the west. Old timers often told the story of how women were frightened by wolves in the neighborhood and would have protection while taking care of their washings.

As the years rolled by a pump was placed there, and people would stop to drink this exceptionally good water. For a great many years, people would drive their stock to the spring, and for a long time horse troughs were placed on the platform and the driver would stop and pump water for the animals. With the coming of the new fangled contraptions, the automobile, there was

less use for the old spring well, and many people almost completely forgot about it; and with the march of time it now is added to things that long served a useful purpose, but was no longer needed.

This spring undoubtedly furnished a good supply of water to the Indians and to wild game years before Mount Pulaski came into existence.

WPA workers are now busy grading South Spring street to the city limits in preparation for the placing of gravel. The gravel road on the south enters on this street, then it will be improved to Jefferson, then east 3 blocks to Vine Street, then will connect with the pavement.

Ernest Beck Won World's Rodeo Championship

(Oct. 28, 1937)

Ernest Beck, of Mount Pulaski, Ill., won the bareback broncho riding in the second annual world championship rodeo at the Chicago Stadium Thursday night, but in winning he suffered two broken arms. Ordell Bestill of Ft. Worth, Texas, was thrown from his mount in the same event and suffered a crushed face.

Young Beck was one of the 107 entries in the world championship rodeo contests held in Chicago, and was one of the 21 entries in the class which was bareback bronco riding, mane and tail hold, world's championship contest. Beck is a son of Chris

Beck, living two miles northeast of Mount Pulaski, and has been residing in Chicago the past several years. He is a former student of Mount Pulaski high school.

He sent the Times-News this brief account of his feat and he was happy to know that he had put Mount Pulaski on the winner list.

Times-News
Mount Pulaski, Ill.

Dear Sir:

If you want a bit of news for your paper here is a clipping from the Chicago Tribune. I broke both arms above the wrist and a week ago dislocated a shoulder, but aside from that Mount Pulaski went on the rodeo winning list.

Sincerely yours,
Ernest Beck.

Plan to visit Mount Pulaski Sil-Tennial Week.



SHOES have changed

There have, indeed, been a lot of changes in footwear since the city of Mount Pulaski was founded 125 years ago. Back then, high button shoes were the rage, but today you may choose from a variety of attractive styles for men or women.

Our 26th Year --

As we mark our 26th year in the shoe business, we feel thankful to our many friends, whose patronage has made our many friends, whose patronage has made our success possible.

And to our friends in the Mount Pulaski area, we also add congratulations on the 125 years of progress your community is celebrating.

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