

## GROUND OBSERVER CORPS WAS OUTSTANDING ONE IN STATE

### Maintained 24-Hour Vigil For Many Weeks.

(March 1, 1956)

Mount Pulaski community has every reason to be proud of its Ground Observers Corps which has been one of the outstanding organizations in the state. However, the local post needs more men and women to bring it up to the 100 percent efficiency point.

#### On 24-Hour Alert

The local corps which is under the supervision of Fred Holmes, has been active the past few years and has always responded to all Alert Calls issued from headquarters. Particularly outstanding has been the response of the local GOC which has maintained a 24-hour alert in the "crow's nest" atop the City Hall since late last fall. 116 men and women have helped man to observation post "around the clock" with comparatively few hours each week not having someone on duty.

Planes are reported immediately by phone, to the Filter Center at Springfield. The number of motors, whether high, very high, low or very low, distance from the post and the direction it is flying. In the event of delay in getting in touch with the Filter Center, that fact too, is reported.

#### Seven Captains

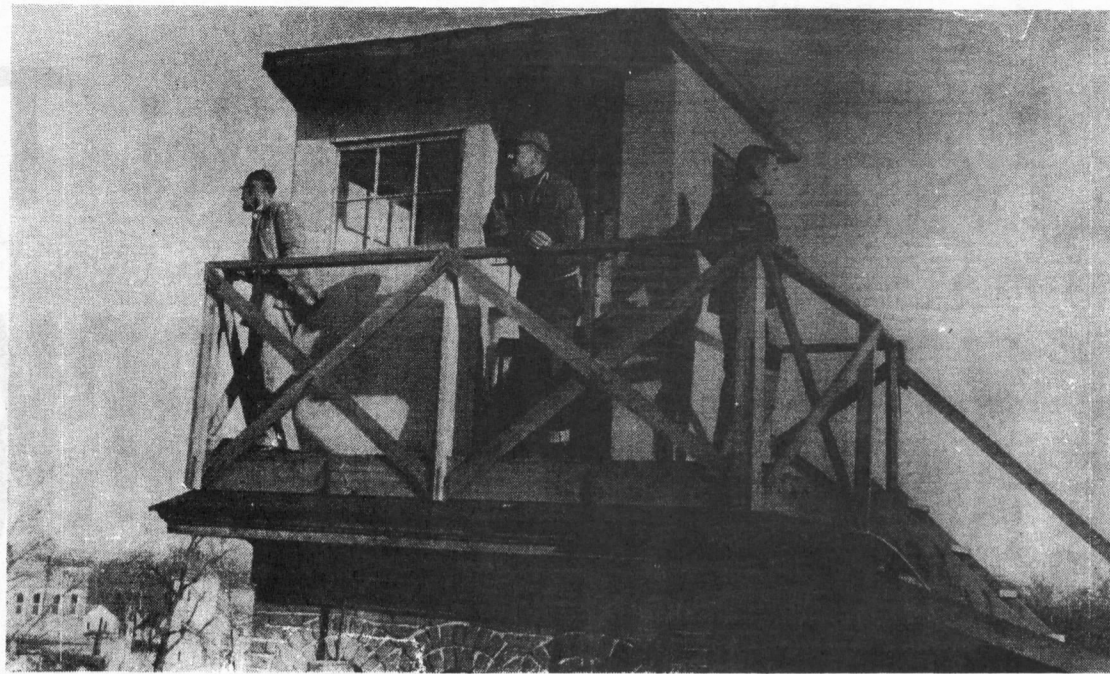
Seven captains, one for each day of the week, are responsible for the manning of the observation post on their particular day. These captains are: Tommy Gupton, Monday; Richard Mueller, Tuesday; Emerson Horn, Wednesday; Carleton Drake, Thursday; Harry Milner, Friday; Al Lyons, Saturday and Fritz Lipp, Sunday. Volunteers for a number of open hours on the

weekly schedule can help make the post more efficient by contacting one of these captains and finding out what hours are open.

#### Active Members

Theodore Aderman, Edward Allspach, Herb Ayers, Roy Aylesworth, Robert Aylesworth, Richard Aylesworth, Sam Bertoni, R. P. Blackburn, Alva Brown, Floyd Buckles, Gladys Buckles, G. C. Clear, George Chapman, Violet Cooper, John Curtis, Russell Curtis, Mary Curtis, Walter Dannenberger, Lois Davis, Ruth Davis, E. E. Downing, Edd Dittus, Karl Dittus, Carleton Drake, Loy Dunn, Henry Feese, Gene Fuiten, Eugene Froschauer, Raymond Gee, Oliver Gulso, Thomas Gupton, Jr., Dorothy Gupton, Charles Hanslow, Harold Hargrave, Harold Haynes, Richard Hayes, Jr., Jim Hayes, Dean Hild, Ernest Hild, J. Lee Hild, Irene Hild, Emerson Horn, Charles E. Holmes, Robert Holmes, Fred Holmes, Virgil Holmes, Hazel Holmes, G. B. Howe, Ethel Hutchison, James Kautz, Jim Kelly, Floyd Kelly, Bessie Kinert, H. M. Lucas, Al Lyons,

F. A. Lipp, Ray Marquardt, Robert May, Robert Mayer, Harry E. Milner, Walter Moll, Rhoda Mueller, Richard Mueller, Rev. R. C. Muhlemann, Roy Montgomery, Francis Myrick, Frank Passmore, Jr., Carl Patterson, Meredith Patterson, Darwin Pope, Irvin Rowland, Edward Ruwe, George Ruwe, Marshall Ridgeway, R. C. Romer, S. P. Romer, Dick Romer, Anna Ryan, Lucille Sams, Duane Shanle, Franklin Shanle, J. D. Shellhammer, May Shellhammer, Donald "Tee" Schrihsuhn, Chas. Schroth, Dean Schroth, Eda Stoll, W. E. Stoll, Clea Stoll, Lester Starr, Tom Stratton, H. Stivers, F. E. Turley, Lloyd Turner, Herschel Vandevender, Nellie Vandevender, Clifford Vandevender, Eucille Weller, Ellis Wood, Wilbert Yagow, Howard Riggs, J. A.



THESE MEN (you'll have to identify them since we can't find this picture) are three of the over 100 men and women who manned this obser-

vation post on top of the City Hall.

—Times-News Photo.

### BILLY HOLMES AT 70, SETS RECORD AT GUN CLUB

(May 1, 1941)

Billy Holmes of Mount Pulaski, competing in the annual spring shoot of the Decatur Gun Club, at Faries Park, Decatur, Sunday, broke 100 targets without a miss, to establish a record there that has never been made before.

A crowd estimated at over 2,500 assembled to witness the shoot. 90 prizes of hams and groceries were awarded to marksmen and 10 special prizes were won.

However, it took a Mount Pulaskian to give the younger shooters "a mark to shoot at". William E. Holmes, Mount Pulaski's well-known marksman, a member of the Decatur Gun Club

for several years, hit 100 targets out of a possible 100, making a clean score, and achieving a record for the Decatur range, the first time it had ever been accomplished there. For a man over 70 years of age, this record is all the more remarkable, and Mr. Holmes is exceedingly proud of his excellent marksmanship. He has enjoyed this sport for a great many years, but when asked about his hobby, he had to smile and said he "liked to fish a little bit."

Mr. Holmes is past 70 years old, and is also an "old timer" in the shooting game, having won the Illinois State Championship at regulation targets 25 or more years ago.

Welcome to Mt. Pulaski next week, as you come to help us celebrate our 125th birthday.

### CHESTNUT SCHOOL TO CONSOLIDATE

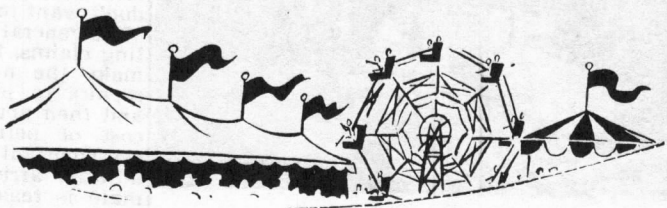
(June 6, 1946)

At a special election held in Chestnut, Saturday, June 1, consolidation of six school districts of the Chestnut area was approved by a vote of 128 to 12. The rural districts voted 66 to 8, and the village 62 to 4, in favor of the consolidation. The districts involved include Chestnut grade school district and the following rural school districts: Fair Haven, Popcorn, Regan, Union and Mt. Airy.

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BILL TATHAM

