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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Twenty-five years ago, a babe in arms knew nothing of the world-wide conflict going on

Which was taking the lives of many of our finest young men,

In a valiant struggle imbued with the sentiment that this was

A WAR TO END WARS!

The mother as she snuggled the precious little babe to her breast,

No doubt was giving fervent thanks in her heart

That this tiny bit of humanity would be spared the bloodshed and pain that was the fate of young manhood just then.

It was to be the last war, and she was marvelously happy about it, as were countless other mothers throughout the land.

Then, when the joyous pandemonium broke loose as news of the ending of the war came,

The words, "Peace—Peace at last," were the four sweetest words that that generation ever heard.

Stranger embraced stranger;

Women wept openly in the streets and men gave vent to their feelings with joyful shouts;

Whistles, bells, cannons, and singing blended in an international rhapsody that bordered on delirium.

But alas! two whirlwind decades have shaken and disarrayed the sands of Time,

And war is ironically and tragically again a world reality.

An entire new generation has come to maturity—thousands of youths, the flower of American manhood are again being hurled into the giant cauldron.

Among these new crusaders was that babe in arms—now a man in every sense of the word.

He was one of the sons from millions of other home who went forth courageously and unafraid to don the uniform of his native land—

A nation which has never gone to war except in defense of the principles for which it stands.

That uniform he wore is the hope of Old Glory, 130 million other Americans and the whole civilized world.

He wore it with pride and with credit to himself, his parents and his country.

His branch of the service was his life's ambition, flying the airways long before the war clouds gathered,

For he loved it and had no thought in his soul that he would use his knowledge to destroy his

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Production Line Opens At Oak Plant

Local People Already Working At Plant.

The United States government has taken over the Oak Ordnance plant south of the city and are now in full charge, opening up their first production line yesterday, and making their first shell.

Quite a number of local residents have already been accepted as employees of Johnson & Johnson, who have charge of the production work and personnel, and many more have their applications filled out.

It was announced today that employment at the plant hereafter will be handled solely thru the U. S. Employment Service, under the direction of the War Manpower commission.

According to Claude V. Swank, general manager of Midland Ordnance Foundation, Inc., operator of the Oak Ordnance plant, the new plan is expected to minimize the problem of obtaining employees for the long range plan of operations scheduled for the Oak Ordnance.

Need Women

The immediate need is for women workers, according to plant officials. Approximately 50 women and girls a day are being employed, it was said.

Every application placed in the Oak plant is now in the files of the employment office serving the area in which the applicant resides. Cards will be mailed to each applicant to determine if that person still is available and interested in working at the plant.

Springfield, Decatur and Lincoln have employment offices.

LEIMBACH INFANT DIED AT BIRTH WEDNESDAY

Charles Henry Leimbach, infant son of Delward and Elsie Mueller Leimbach, formerly of Mount Pulaski, but now living near Maroa, born at 10:55 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1942, in St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln, died at birth.

Survived by parents; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. William Leimbach; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes, Mount Pulaski and Mrs. Henry Leimbach, Decatur.

The remains were removed to the Schahl funeral home, where services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday, conducted by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer. Burial in the Mount Pulaski cemetery.

THE WEATHER

Since last publication day the weather and temperatures have been quite changeable. On two mornings the thermometer registered around zero. Snow still covers the ground from the two big snows. The kids have been doing much coasting on streets roped off on orders of the city officials.

Mr. and Mrs. James Creager and baby daughter moved to Bloomington recently.

Lieut. Louis G. Bender Buried With Military Rites

"Cotton" Bender Killed In Texas Airplane Accident.

Aviation Cadet Louis G. Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bender living four miles northeast of Mount Pulaski, Ill., was instantly killed at 5:15 p. m. Friday, Dec. 11, 1942, in a plane accident at the Foster Field advanced aerial gunnery school near Victoria, Texas.

The young army man met his death in an unusual accident. He had been riding in the cockpit of a plane just landed, when a second plane, making a landing, crashed into the rear of the ship in which Bender was riding. No other person was injured.

The War Department immediately notified the parents of the death of their son, and the news of his untimely death while in the service of his country came as a great shock to everyone in the community, who deeply regret his passing.

Cadet Bender, known to all his friends as "Cotton" is believed to be the first Mount Pulaski casualty in World War II. He had completed his training at Foster Field and had qualified as a member of the Army Air Forces' Gulf Coast's largest graduating class on Sunday, Dec. 6, and on Thursday received the coveted silver wings as a pilot. He was anxiously awaiting the time on Sunday, Dec. 13, when he would receive his commission and order for assignment to flying duty as a lieutenant, in ceremonies at the Gulf Coast Training Center, Randolph Field, Texas. But death intervened, and the young Mount Pulaskian never reached the goal he had so eagerly worked for.

Born In Mount Pulaski

Louis G. Bender was born Dec. 18, 1916, in Mount Pulaski, a son of John and Ruth Lobberecht Bender. At the time of his death he was aged 25 years, 11 months and 23 days. He attended the Mount Pulaski schools and graduated from the Township High school in the class of 1934. After his parents moved to the farm along Salt creek, as a dutiful son he assisted them in every way he could, and later came into the city to work at the Standard Oil Co. station. During this time he took every day he was off duty to take lessons in flying at the Springfield airport, and before enlisting in the air corp frequently flew over his old home town. He became interested in aviation at an early age, and gave much study to this modern method of transportation. Louis was inducted into the service of his country on April 28, 1941, and was transferred to the air corps.

Always doing something constructive, being dependable at all times, accommodating and friendly to everyone, he rightly won the great respect and friendship of everybody. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bender; two brothers, Karl and John, Jr.; three

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John Penneman, Cornland, Dies

John Julius Penneman, well known Logan county resident for many years, died at 12:30 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1942, at his home in Cornland, aged eighty years, nine months and 27 days. Mr. Penneman had been in failing health for some time.

He was born Feb. 16, 1862, in Springfield, Ill., a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Penneman. In Decatur on Feb. 17, 1885, he married Miss Eliza Ott, and they resided on a farm west of Cornland about 40 years. Mr. Penneman was a member of the Cornland Christian church.

Surviving are one son, Edward Penneman of Clinton, and one daughter, Mrs. Nettie Nicholson of Springfield; also a grandson, a granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in the Cornland Christian church at 2 p. m. Thursday, conducted by Rev. I. H. Beckholt of Lincoln. Mrs. Bert Alexander and Miss Irene Johnson sang "Rock of Ages", and "In the Garden," while Miss Doris Penneman of Springfield sang "Beyond the Sunset" with piano accompaniments by Mrs. Harry Peterson.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pall bearers were George Penneman, Frank Nipper, Stanley Ott, Carl Criland, M. B. Drake and Keith Ott. In charge of the flowers were Miss Anna Bryson and Mrs. Gerald Phares of Cornland.

METHODIST CHURCH CHOIRS IN PROGRAM

A Christmas service by the two choirs will be held at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Methodist church. The program is: Organ Processional, Mrs. G. F. Wait.

Choir Processional, "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

Prayer, Rev. F. E. Neumeyer.

Response, "Into My Heart" Junior choir.

"Welcome", Christiansen,

"Today There is Ringing"—Christiansen,

"Sleep of the Child Jesus"—Gevaert. Soprano Solo, Mrs. H. J. Wible and Choir.

Christmas Story, Rev. F. E. Neumeyer.

Response, Combined choirs.

"Wind Thro' the Olive Trees"—Rodgers; "Low How a Rose"—Praetorius; "With Candle Bright"—Choir.

Offeratory, two paraphrases, "Silent Night," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"—Harker. Mrs. G. F. Wait.

"Birthday of a King"—Needlinger. Baritone solo, Mr. H. J. Wible and choir.

Benediction, Rev. F. E. Neumeyer.

Response, "Silent Night"—Gruber.

Postlude, "Sortie"—Gulmanti.

—Mrs. G. F. Wait.

Mrs. August C. Bartels is a

patient in St. Clara's hospital.

Homecoming At Pulaski High Dec. 23

Lanphier High, of Springfield to Play Hilltoppers.

Students, alumni and friends of Mount Pulaski Township High school will celebrate the eleventh annual Homecoming on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, with a full evening's program, with a military escort throughout the evening.

Promptly at 7:30 the high school band, under the direction of Bandmaster Harned, will swing into action and will go through some new and interesting formations. This will be followed with the presentation of service men from Mount Pulaski high, after which a new flag-raising ceremony will be held.

The girls physical education class will present a short demonstration.

In the Honor Roll presentation the following arrangement will be carried out:

- (a) Men in service
 - (b) Commissioned officers
 - (c) Names of parents with two or more sons in service.
- (Honor Roll On Page Three)

The basketball game will start immediately after the ceremonies are over, with Lanphier high of Springfield the Hilltoppers opponent. Layman of Lincoln and McQueen of Springfield will do the officiating.

Following the game Lee Homebrook's orchestra will furnish the music for the Homecoming dance with the grand march to open the affair.

Admission is 20c and 35c which entitles those attending to enjoy the privilege of dancing.

Feitshans Five Here Saturday

Basketball fans will have an opportunity to see a Springfield team in action here Saturday night when the Feitshans high school squad invades the local court. These two teams have been quite evenly matched in the past several years and always produce a good game for fans to watch. Feitshans defeated the Springfield high team last week and rate as strong competition.

There will be three games, with the freshmen playing the grade school at 6; at 7:15 the upperclassmen will fight it out; and the main game will get under way at 8:15.

MARRIED IN RENO, NEVADA, DEC. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Clear announce the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Virginia Clear Ey, of Mount Pulaski, to Lieut. E. H. Cox, also of this city, on Thursday, Dec. 10, 1942, in Reno, Nevada. Rev. Brewster Adams performing the ceremony. They are living in Monterey, Calif., for the present, Lieut. Cox being stationed with the C.O.A. First Medical Regiment, at Fort Ord, Calif.