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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

We are standing on the threshold of 1943—

A new year . . . a new leaf in the book of life . . . a new start!

What will the New Year bring?

Is it to be our VICTORY YEAR?

These are perhaps the two most asked questions in our minds as 1942 fades into the background.

First in importance to all of us is a VICTORY YEAR, of course.

Whate'er hardships it brings in doing without that extra cup of coffee;

That extra bit of pastry we do not find on the table, due to sugar rationing;

Or that inability to drive as far and as often as we would like due to gas and rubber curtailment;

And yes, even the rationing of hard-earned dollars—

For that is just what it is only it will be wearing a more drab dress—

The Victory Tax taken out of every wage-earner's pay check and the juicy income tax load for the rest of us.

These are minor hardships on the road to VICTORY—

Temporary embarrassments or inconvenient inconveniences.

Most of us do a certain amount of griping about them or have to "blow off a bit of excess steam," which after all, acts as a safety valve,

And keeps us from "blowing up" entirely when we get overheated about some of the things that do look just a bit screwball.

But back of it all there is not only the urge and the willingness to sacrifice for VICTORY,

But there is also deep within us the humbling knowledge that millions of our young men—

Friends, neighbors and loved ones—

Are fighting against grimmer and more deadly weapons than ration cards.

These boys are ready to give their lives for VICTORY.

They are depending on us at home to supply what they need in the way of guns, ammunition, tanks, airplanes, and food.

Surely it is only too little for any of us to at least make temporary sacrifices,

If these boys of ours are prepared to make the supreme sacrifice.

So farewell, Old Year, you did

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J. C. Swinney Passed Away On Tuesday

Was Veteran Grocer. Had Been In Poor Health.

John Cordell Swinney, well-known Mount Pulaski merchant for 25 years, died suddenly from a heart attack while seated at the breakfast table about 8:45 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1942, at his home corner Cooke and Vine sts. Because of ill health the past year he had retired from the grocery business, and spent his time at home giving all the assistance he could to his invalid wife. He was aged 76 years and 3 months.

Mr. Swinney was born Sept. 29, 1866 near Equality, Ill., a son of Wiley B. and Mary Ellen Guard Swinney. He grew to manhood in that southern Illinois community and in Harrisburg on June 3, 1891 he married Miss Eva Rice at the home of her parents. For a few years he was employed in station work for the Wabash railroad. The family lived in Decatur for awhile before coming to Mount Pulaski in Sept. 1916. And in this city he devoted his activities to the grocery business, meeting a large number of people and making many good friends. He was a member of the Methodist church.

The only son, John Lloyd Swinney, remained at home and patiently and lovingly gave his time to the care of his aged parents, the devotion seldom being equalled by any son. The eight daughters all reside away from here but one, and some of them were at home part time all thru the illness of their mother, and the failing health of the father.

Besides the wife and son, decedent is survived by eight daughters; Mrs. F. E. Swartz, Champaign; Mrs. Elmer Daniels, Blue Mound; Mrs. Carl Zelle, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. John Vandeventer, Mount Pulaski; Mrs. Edwin Rammel, Decatur; Mrs. George Pattison and Miss Reba Swinney, Springfield; Mrs. Harold Beidler of Chicago; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; one brother and two sisters, Charles Swinney and Mrs. Lulu Pillow of

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Married Here Christmas Eve

Miss Clara Allsopp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allsopp, residing north of Mount Pulaski, and Fred Hobbs of Springfield, were united in marriage in the Mount Pulaski Methodist church at 8 o'clock Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1942, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer.

Miss Rae Mennett of Beason was maid-of-honor, and Mrs. Wheeler Hobbs, of Springfield was bridesmaid. The bridegroom's attendants were John Allsopp, Jr., and Wheeler Hobbs.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs will live at 1103 Linn street, Springfield.

Hilltop Cagers Capture Paris Consolation Honors

Lost First Game Then Won Two to Get Trophy.

Mount Pulaski high school cagers were eliminated in their first game of the Paris tourney Monday afternoon but returned home Tuesday night with the consolation championship as their reward after a poor start.

Clay City, which went to the finals against Paris, only to lose by a topheavy score, whipped the locals in the Monday game by a lopsided score of 59 to 39, with Hildebrand, rated high in the state scoring column, scoring 30 of his team's points.

Duff, forward, was also a thorn in the side of the locals with his work in and around the basket, scoring 10 points. Buckles picked up 12 points and Ayers, who played only a portion of the game made a nice showing with four baskets.

Hildebrand Started NOW

Hilderbrand wasted no time in going to work, scoring two baskets in quick order and made a free throw good as he was fouled when making his second basket. Bertoni sank a free one. Taylor scored and so did Martin for the locals, and Bertoni got another free toss and made it. Duff scored from close in as the quarter ended 9-4, Clay City.

Taylor scored and was followed by Hilderbrand with a long one. Veech missed a couple of free tosses on two fouls. Duff scored and then Buckles hit for the first time. He fouled Hilderbrand, who missed both tries. Hilderbrand scored and Veech slipped in to sink one for the locals. West scored on a long one. Then Taylor and Hilderbrand hit with Buckles coming thru for his second—21-12, Clay City.

Third Quarter Hot One

Hilderbrand scored two and Duff one to open the third quarter. Martin picked up a free one and Buckles sank another drive in basket. Hilderbrand and Martin each scored free ones. Warren scored for C. C., his first one. Then Hilderbrand and Buckles exchanged baskets. Bertoni

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Beryl Wachter Married Dec. 24

Miss Beryl Wachter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wachter, living eight miles southeast of Mount Pulaski, and Pvt. Robert L. Mudget, of White Cloud, Mich., were united in marriage Thursday evening, Dec. 24, 1942, in the rectory of St. Patrick's church in Elkhart, by Rev. J. W. McGinn. The bride graduated from Mount Pulaski high school, and the Illinois State Normal University at Normal. She is employed as a teacher in the New Holland grade school.

Pvt. Mudget is in the air corps and is stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul.

Mrs. Lottie Helper of Henry is spending the holidays in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Virgil G. Connolly and family.

L. B. Scroggin Services Here

Leonard B. Scroggin, former resident of Mount Pulaski, died at 7:30 a. m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1942, at his home in Harrisburg, Arkansas, aged 82 years, 9 months and 27 days. He was ill about one week, pneumonia being the cause of death. His brother, T. A. Scroggin, of Mount Pulaski, was with him when he died.

Mr. Scroggin was born Feb. 28, 1860 on the old Scroggin farm two miles south of Mount Pulaski, Ill., a son of Leonard K. and Levina Buckles Scroggin, who were among the earliest pioneer residents of Mount Pulaski township. He attended school in the old Logan county court house building in the public square, now a Lincoln shrine, and on his recent visit here in November visited the historic structure as it is now restored. In early manhood he learned the banking business in the Scroggin bank, owned by his father.

On January 6, 1889, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Grace Foster. Though there were no children born to this union, Mr. and Mrs. Scroggin raised 5 children.

In 1891 they moved to Sullivan, Ill., where Mr. Scroggin established a bank. After about 20 years there, they located in Missouri and remained ten years, going then to Harrisburg, Ark.

He became a member of the Christian church and Odd Fellows lodge in Auxvasse, Mo. Less than two years ago he made a special trip to his old home city to receive a 50-year Masonic medal, which he prized highly. By his large number of friends he was known to be a man who was deeply interested in those less fortunate than himself, and he will be greatly missed.

Decedent is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Foster Scroggin, two sisters, Mrs. Susan Suttle of Placentia, Calif. and Mrs. Edna Anderson of Lincoln, Ill.; one brother, T. A. Scroggin, and one step-sister, Mrs. Erma Maurie, Mount Pulaski.

The remains arrived in Mount Pulaski Sunday evening and were taken to the Schahl funeral

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NO PICTORIAL SECTION

Old Man Priorities has us at last. Film has been rationed on the basis of 25 per cent less than we used a year ago, and since film plays the major part in the production of our four pages of pictures, we find ourselves behind the "eight ball." Hence we find it necessary to leave our pictorial section out of the Times-News this week. We hope to be back with it again next week. Sorry.

Kenney Bank to Discontinue Its Operation

Will Pay Off Depositors In Full On Demand.

The Farmers State bank of Kenney, which has served the community of Kenney for more than 50 years, will discontinue receiving deposits and doing a general banking business Dec. 31, according to notice received on Thursday by patrons, from officials of the bank.

The announcement stated: "The bank is now ready to pay off in full all deposit accounts at any time and to terminate all its business transactions. All collections, items of safe keeping, and the contents of safe deposit boxes must be delivered to the proper owners either before the end of the year or soon after Jan. 1.

This bank and its predecessors have served the community of Kenney for more than 50 years. It has been the steadfast purpose of the management, through the years, to give to the community every service consistent with sound banking principles. Needless to say, the officers, directors and stockholders of the bank regret extremely that this step now seems to be necessary. Yours very truly, A. N. ROWE, president; Johnson Aughenbaugh, Cashier."

Marilyn Buckles Wed E. Durcholz

Miss Marilyn Buckles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy K. Buckles and Corp. Elmer Durcholz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Durcholz of Mount Pulaski vicinity, were married at 10 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1942, by a justice of the peace in Bowling Green, Mo. The newlyweds returned to Mount Pulaski that evening.

Both are graduates of the Mount Pulaski high school, the bride in 1940, and the bridegroom in 1939.

The bride, who has been employed for a year by the Farm Security Administration, Pontiac, will return to her duties Monday. Corp. Durcholz, stationed at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., will return east on Sunday after a holiday visit at home. He is serving in the Army Air Corps.

BLANCHE BOHN WEDS F. WURTH

Miss Ruth Blanche Bohn of Elkhart, and Fred Wurth of Lincoln, were married in Mount Pulaski at 3 p. m. on Christmas Day in the parsonage of the Methodist church, the ring ceremony being performed by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer. Their attendants were Miss Dorothy Wurth and Franklin Bohn.

Present for the ceremony were Annis and Donald McCurry of the French's Chapel neighborhood. The newlyweds will live in Lincoln.