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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Paul Revere was certainly antedated Friday night

When the cry was spread over the state that

"The gas rationers were coming at midnight."

Paul, with only one trusty steed at his service, did a fine job of spreading his alarm

So we read in our history book many, many years ago.

But his face would have been red indeed had he been around Friday night—

He would have been a mere "piker."

All Paul lacked was a grapevine and a telephone connection—

Dame Rumor, who has always made a sucker out of all of us at some time or other,

Was at her best Friday afternoon and evening

When she let the idle bit of gossip drop from her frivolous lips

That all gas sales were to be frozen that night at midnight.

Folks who had been contending that there would be an extension or discarding of the plans

Went overboard in their haste to get to the nearest service station and get her filled up.

Not satisfied with that, they got their old grapevine out and polished it up,

And as one friend tipped off another it made the chain letter racket look like the dark of the moon with the sun shining with noonday intensity.

Friends they didn't have a chance to use the grapevine on

They called over the phone to convey the "fateful" tidings.

Motor cars that had been garaged for the night began sputtering their protest

Of being driven from their "warm shed" and out into the cold;

And had they known that Dame Rumor was the cause of their inconvenience they would probably have refused

To even "turn over" in the shed despite the frantic coaxing of a jittery owner.

Net results were that filling stations for the first time in their existence weren't

Bothered with one and two gallon sales—everyone had but a single monotonous phrase they greeted the filling station attendant with:

"FILL HER UP."

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81-Year Old Pioneer Died Here Friday

Elizabeth Zimmermann Services Held Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmermann, widow of August F. Zimmermann another of Mount Pulaski's well known and esteemed residents, passed away at her home on South Lafayette street at 6:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 1942, following a brief illness, although she had been in failing health for many months. She was aged 81 years, 11 months and six days.

Elizabeth Pfund was born Dec. 21, 1860, in Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of George and Amelia Bulack Pfund. There were nine children in this family, and only one now survives. The family moved from Dayton to Ashland, Illinois, when decedent was quite young. She came to Mount Pulaski in her latter girlhood days and lived at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schafer. Here she met August F. Zimmermann, a member of one of the early day families of the city. They were married in Ashland on Sept. 13, 1881, and began housekeeping in Mount Pulaski, her husband being a well-known carpenter contractor. He preceded her in death a number of years ago. Since that time she had lived with and received the loving care of her youngest daughter, Miss Zenobia, principal of the Mount Pulaski grade school the past several years.

Mrs. Zimmermann is survived by one son, Theodore, Mount Pulaski; two daughters, Lulu, wife of Merle Lippot, Elkhart, and Miss Zenobia at home; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs.

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Latham Parties Honoring Soldier

On Sunday, Nov. 29, a birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wachter, Jr., in honor of Everett Ray Howe, who was home on a ten-day furlough from an army camp. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Israel and daughter Sandra Kay, of Roxanna; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller and daughters Harriett and Esther of Warrensburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Jr. and daughter Frances, Mrs. Lizzie Miller and daughter Mabel, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Howe and son Gene of St. Elmo; Mrs. Hattie Reiterman, route one, Mount Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Howe, sons Otis, Grover, Donnie, Bill and Everett and Eugene Wachter of Latham.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 1, Everett Ray Howe was honored at an oyster supper before leaving Thursday for an army camp. Those enjoying the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wachter and son Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Howe and sons, Mrs. Lizzie Miller and daughter Mabel and Mrs. Bill Williams, Jr. and daughter.

Judge Lawrence B. Stringer Will Retire From Bench

Has Served 24 Years As County Judge.

(See Pictorial Section)

When the newly elected officers of Logan county are sworn into office Monday, Dec. 7, 1942, there passes the long-time and enviable duties of one man, Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, so well known and beloved by all citizens of Logan county.

He has a unique record, hardly surpassed by any member of the bar in Illinois, and no public official in this county ever possessed so many good friends as Judge Stringer. His friendliness and kindness to everyone has paid him dividends in his long career, and he has always appreciated the friendship of so large a number of people in all walks of life.

December 7, 1942, will mark the voluntary retirement of the Judge, following a continuous service in that office of twenty-four years.

He is now in his 76th year of his age and, following several years activity in state and national politics, was first elected County Judge in 1918, without opposition at primary or election. He has been nominated for that office by his own party each four years since without opposition, and only once has any member of the opposite party regularly filed against him in the nomination primaries.

He came to Lincoln in the fall of 1884, matriculating that year at Lincoln University, now Lincoln college, and graduating there with the degree of A. B., in 1887. He earned his way through college by setting type at odd times in the old method in local printing offices, was editor-in-chief of the college paper and several times represented the college at state collegiate oratorical contests.

Two years after graduation, being then 23 years of age, he was elected a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, and was re-elected two years later. He was a pioneer in the advocacy of the Australian ballot system for Illinois, drafted a major portion of the present law providing therefor, secured the passage of a number of state laws in the interests of the coal miners of this state, secured the establishment of the state farm at the Lincoln State School and Colony, and was the author of the present Compulsory Educational law of the state.

He was married to Miss Helen Pegram, daughter of W. A. Pegram of Lincoln, Dec. 18th, 1890, and Judge and Mrs. Stringer celebrated their golden wedding three years ago.

In 1894 he was appointed Chief of Division of the U. S. Pension Agency in Chicago, matriculated the same year at the Chicago College of Law of the Lake Forest University, was graduated therefrom two years later, took a post-graduate course, received the degree of LL. B from said University, and was admitted to the bar June 26th, 1896.

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2 Good Cage Games in Store for Local Fans

Petersburg Here Saturday; Tri-City Here Tuesday.

Basketball fans have two games coming up on the schedule Saturday and Tuesday nights that should prove interesting battles if past performances are any indication.

Petersburg, coached by Lynn Short, formerly of Niantic high, has defeated Mount Pulaski in two previous encounters and the locals are going to try and make amends for these defeats by polishing off the Petersburg cagers Saturday night on the local court.

Tri-City Here Tuesday

Tri-City high school will come here Tuesday night despite the fact that it was previously announced that they had cancelled their game due to gas shortage.

The Tri-City crew, who gave last year's Hilltoppers a tough run for their money on their own court, are coming over to even up the score Tuesday night. They defeated a strong Lanphier team on the Springfield court Monday night 39 to 37 in an overtime.

Elliott, a forward, was the spark plug of the winners, sinking a total of 17 points. Abbott, another forward, is also a dangerous man. He racked up nine points.

So the next two home games look like the fans are going to get their money's worth as well as see just how good the local squad is.

Defeated Latham Tuesday

The Hilltoppers won a top-heavy game from Latham Tuesday night to make amends for the two decisive lickings the lo-

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Director Harned Wed Thanksgiving

Miss Genevieve Buita of Washington, D. C., and Charles Harned of Mount Pulaski were united in marriage at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1942, in the parsonage of the Immanuel Lutheran church, Lincoln, Illinois, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Paul Brockhaus. The attendants were Miss Betty Benvenuti of Belvidere and Robert Smith of Lincoln.

The bride was attired in a blue wool ensemble, with black accessories and her attendant was dressed in gold wool. Each wore corsages of miniature white chrysanthemums. Following the ceremony the wedding party went to Champaign for a dinner at Tilden Hall.

The bride, whose home is in Belvidere, was employed in an O. P. A. office in Washington before her marriage.

The bridegroom is also from Belvidere, and is a graduate of the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. He is director of the Mount Pulaski High and Grade school bands.

The newlyweds are occupying rooms in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wible, corner Jefferson and Garden streets.

ZERO Weather Hit Yesterday

Tuesday morning which ushered in December and with it came a fall in temperature to zero, and the national rationing of gasoline which gives motorists and everybody else more trouble. It was about 5 degrees above zero both Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Some of the highways have been blocked by drifting snow, and some of the teachers could not reach their schools for a couple of days.

High school attendance was hit heavily Tuesday and Wednesday as the buses were able to make only a portion of their trips due to blocked roads.

Garages were working early and late to care for all kinds of car ailments. The temperature was moderating today and promises to continue.

Thanksgiving day was cold, with the temperature ranging from 24 to 30 degrees. Friday it was 18 at 6 a. m., and that evening saw great activity when motorists were led to believe that gasoline would be "frozen" at midnight, but it was a false alarm. Starting at 33 degrees Saturday the first big snow of the season began falling in the afternoon, lasting until Sunday morning, making it quite chilly; there was much fog that evening. Monday was just normal winter weather.

Lee Waddell Died Yesterday

Lee Waddell, formerly of this community, and who farmed for many years near Chestnut, died at 5:30 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 2 at his home in Wellington, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Anderson, Mount Pulaski, and Miss Elizabeth at home; and one brother, Kenneth Waddell, Champaign.

Funeral services will be held in Wellington at 11 a. m., Friday, and the remains brought to the Mount Pulaski cemetery for burial at 3:30 p. m. with Masonic service at the grave.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL MEET FRIDAY, DEC. 11

The next regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 11, at St. John's Lutheran church, under the department of American Citizenship, of which Mrs. Florence Obcamp is program chairman. There will be music by the Woman's club chorus, and a lecture will be given by Major Baird Helfrick of the State Selective Service Board, Springfield.

Hostesses are Madames Dan J. Fuhrer, George Rupp, Walter A. Schafer, George Underhill, Jasper Veech, Pearl Waddell, J. Wayne Staley, Wendell Rothwell, Leigh W. Lucas, F. E. Neumeier, George Rentmeister, Ray O. Zumstein, Misses Katie Volle, Norma Schahl, Zenobia Zimmermann and Della Washburn.