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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

There are a lot of things about this war that we don't like a bit.

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The principal irksome characters are Hitler and his weasel friend the Jap.

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We won't go into the many other things that irk us as well as most of our fellow men

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But if they are necessary to the winning of the war we are sure we'll all eventually forget our peevishness.

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The latest bit of unpleasant news that we've had from the powers that be

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Is that no more basketball will be played between teams in different towns

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If they are depending on the school bus to transport players.

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Of course, if the players want to walk out their schedule this season it is perfectly all right.

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Or, if they can find enough fellows with enough rubber on their tires who are willing to sacrifice it for that purpose

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That too, we presume would be all right.

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But what about the "little" matter of combustion.

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In other words, Gasoline.

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If a fellow has only a matter of 60 miles of transportation a week at his disposal

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No matter what condition his tires are in he can't afford to go very far and dissipate his weekly allowance at one crack.

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In short, it has put the matter of whether or not High schools play basketball this winter

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In a position where it is mighty doubtful if original schedules can be fulfilled.

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While the cry has been from time to time that basketball is over-emphasized in the schools

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It is our personal opinion that the continuation of basketball on a competitive basis, town against town,

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Is pretty important right now to the morale as well as the physical development

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Of the youngsters who train their bodies and sharpen their eyes for basket shots

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That help make them the choice of Uncle Sam's doughboys in deeds of daring and strategy.

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If boys who enlist or are drafted into the army or navy,

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Play football or baseball for the morale and the entertainment of the other men in the service,

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It would seem that the same rule of reasoning might well apply to the home front

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Get Payroll Of \$20,000 At Illiopolis

Slugged Bank Teller As He Brought Money From Post Office.

Illiopolis had its touch of the days of the pioneer west when a daylight robbery staged in their main street netted the bandits \$20,000 in cash from a bank messenger, Friday morning.

Robert Knox, assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank, was returning from the post office as is his weekly custom, with the extra money needed by the bank for the ordnance plants payrolls which were paid that day, when three roughly dressed strangers succeeded in their robbery attempt.

As he approached a car with motor idling, a third man lounging against the car talking to the occupants, suddenly whirled around and knocked Knox down, seized the satchel with the currency, and together with his two companions, made a quick getaway.

Knox, who is 60 years old, was able to get back on the job in the afternoon with several stitches in his scalp.

No trace of the robbers has yet been found although several leads were reported but proved futile.

Announcement Made Of June Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Mueller, South Lafayette street, Mount Pulaski, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsie E. Mueller, to Delward Leimbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Leimbach, who reside four miles east of Mount Pulaski. The wedding took place in Missouri during June.

The bride is employed by the Department of Public Welfare, and Mr. Leimbach has been assisting his father on the farm. Within a short time they will go to housekeeping on a farm near Maroa, owned by the bridegroom's father.

THIS CITY NAMED FOR POLISH COUNT

Sunday, Oct. 11 has been proclaimed Pulaski Memorial Day by Governor Dwight H. Green. "The memory of Count Casimir Pulaski is one of the most cherished bonds of the long and unbroken friendship between the people of the United States and the people of Poland," the proclamation said.

Count Pulaski left his native Poland to fight with the Americans in our Revolutionary War. He was mortally wounded while leading a cavalry charge at Savannah, Georgia, and died Oct. 11, 1779. His body was buried in the Savannah River. Numerous American towns and counties have been named for him, including Mount Pulaski.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gulso, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guntern, were Lincoln visitors Wednesday.

Louis Schwoerer Killed In Auto Crash Early Saturday

Collided With Transport Truck on Route 54.

Louis Schwoerer, 19, was instantly killed in a car crash on route 54 two miles northeast of here about 3 o'clock Saturday morning when the Oldsmobile he was driving and a huge transport truck collided.

Ray Schultz, 29, driver of the Warren-Shayler Trucking Co., of Oklahoma City, transport, received only a slight hand wound.

According to Schultz, the only living witness of the accident, who was headed north, the Schwoerer car was over the black line and he attempted to pull off the slab to avoid the collision. The Oldsmobile, however, struck the left front wheel of the transport, and before it stopped its caroming off the pavement, had lost its front wheel, fender and running board, as well as breaking a rear spring and twisting the frame badly.

The Schwoerer car was flung crosswise of the pavement, headed south, and the front was so badly crushed in that it was a total loss. Louis, pinned under the steering wheel and struck on the head by the top of the car, was dead when the transport driver reached him.

A second truck driver drove into Springfield where he reported the accident to state police headquarters, State Police Frank Metzger and Les Rape, Sheriff C. L. Keif, and Deputy Coroner Ed Goff, Jr., investigated the wreck.

Louis Joseph Schwoerer was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Mount Pulaski, a son of William A. and Margaret Lang Schwoerer. His grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lang, early residents of the city. Decedent

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Mrs. Virgie Beidler Dies

Mrs. Virgie Smedley Beidler, 64, wife of George C. Beidler, of Chicago, died in her home early Thursday morning, Oct. 8, 1942. She was a resident of Mount Pulaski many years, and was one of the city's well known musicians.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Harold S. Beidler, Chicago, and Mrs. Doris Valentine, Miami, Florida; four grandsons and two sisters.

John T. Hershey left for Chicago to bring the remains to the Hershey funeral home this Thursday evening. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Burial will be in Mount Pulaski cemetery.

The obituary will be printed next week.

The A. V. class of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday evening, Oct. 13, at the home of Mrs. Paul A. Gruber, the assisting hostesses to be Mrs. Lloyd Hargis, Mrs. Oscar Shull and Mrs. Kenneth Weller.

W. J. Arnold, 69, Died At Hospital

"Buck" a Familiar Character With Many Friends.

William J. Arnold, known to almost every man, woman and child in Mount Pulaski and vicinity, died at 2:55 a. m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1942, in St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln, Ill., where he had been a patient about three weeks. His health began failing about two years ago, and during this time he spent many months in the hospital receiving medical care. He seemed to be improving in condition and was back in Mount Pulaski for a summer's stay, when he suddenly became seriously ill, again requiring hospital attention. He was aged 69 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Mr. Arnold was a lifelong resident of Mount Pulaski, born on July 25, 1873, a son of John and Louisa Krause Arnold, early day well known residents of the city. Of a family of seven brothers and five sisters, only one survives, Minnie, wife of Walter Tomlinson.

"Buck," as he was familiarly known to everyone, attended the local schools and upon reaching manhood began the trade of a painter, decorator and paper hanger, and was very proficient in his line, keeping up this work until prevented by ill health. Of a friendly and jovial disposition, he easily made friends. During celebrations and other events in Mount Pulaski during the years he appeared on many programs and his clever sketches always brought forth great laughter. His quaint and keen humor was a joy to everyone, and caused innumerable smiles. "Buck" will be missed by everyone.

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ORGANIZING HOME NURSING COURSE

The Logan county chairman of Home Nursing has asked Mrs. Wilbert H. Schahl to organize a class in home nursing for Mount Pulaski and vicinity. Mrs. Schahl, who was superintendent of nurses in the Deaconess hospital, Lincoln, until her marriage during the summer, has kindly consented to take charge of this worthy work, and she sincerely hopes that many women of the community will take this opportunity to learn and assist in the undertaking.

The course is not a first aid, or a class for volunteer nurses, but a home nursing project to teach members of the family to care for minor and chronic illness in the home, on account of the shortage of nurses and doctors during the war; also for women to work together in cases of emergencies, such as epidemics and disasters. With the proper cooperation much good will result.

The organization meeting will be held at 3:15 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the study hall of the Township High school. This is something the women should take much interest in.

Two Electrocuted at Ordnance Plant

Two men, both married and one the father of a 6-year old boy, were instantly killed at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday when struck by 13,000 volts of electricity while working at the James Stewart Corp. ordnance site at Illiopolis.

The accident was the first fatality to mar the record of the construction companies at the defense plant site.

The victims are: Benjamin Oral Brookman, 20, 2912 South 14th street, Springfield, and Chester L. Blankenship, 29, of near Edinburg.

Standing on a truck partially filled with metal pipe, the two men were grabbing the ends of pipe lengths, being lifted by a crane from the ground to the truck bed and guiding the pipes into position in the loading of the truck. During the operation, the boom of the crane scraped against a high tension wire, sending the electricity through the bodies of the two men as they held one end of the dangling pipe.

Dr. C. L. Garris, medical director of the plant hospital, and a squad of men from the plant's first aid station treated the men and applied artificial respiration. An inhalator squad from Springfield responded to a call from the plant officials but their efforts were fruitless.

Draft Contingent Left on Friday

The first contingent in which 20-year-old men from Logan county were called for military service, departed from Lincoln last Friday morning for the Peoria induction center. Thirty-two of the original county men ordered for induction in the first October call, besides Lewis Alexander, Jr., of DeWitt county, made up the contingent. Twenty-eight of the number had enlisted in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Those inducted were: Donald William Horn, Wesley Louis Carter, Charles William Hanslow, Paul Edgar Tibbs, Frank Wilmont Gibson, Ramon Hawes Mason, Dale Glenn Murphy, William H. Tabb, Duane Julian Rowe, Bernell Louis Koester, Harold Ernest Krusemark, Virgil Claus Leesman, Elmer Louis Yagow, Howard Earl Riggs, Edwin Carl Snyder, Verne Marvin Pingston, Carl Martin, Jr., William Andrew Ahrens, Hudson Lee Thompson, Howard Clarence Howen, Wilbur Earl Voyles, Adolph Lewis Brouch, Oscar Arthur Krueger, Raymond Douglas Simpson, Geo. John Baker, Jr., Glenn Elden Veff, Rollie Burnell Cassady, William Glenn Deavers, William Edward Hardin, Merle Edward Marten, Raymond Edward Gresham, Charles Warren Allen, Lewis Alexander, Jr.