

## REFLECTIONS

We have the same alibi as last week, but we are not going to use it.

We are afraid it would be the case of the pitcher going to the well once too often.

A subscriber came in last week and paid us a very nice compliment.

At least, we thought so.

Her remark was to the effect that she was very much interested in the changes that were being made in the paper, and that she looked forward to The Times coming just to see what was new.

That was a mighty encouraging bit of news altho we have been told confidentially that we have made some improvement.

But we are human and enjoy a little notice and favorable comment.

Changes are not coming as fast as we would like them but we are still hoping and trying.

News, the merchandise the subscribers pay for is the one thing everyone can afford to give away and we would like to be on the receiving end.

No event or item of news is too insignificant to break into print if we can but get hold of it.

It isn't necessary that you report a murder, a marriage or a scandal, but just some homely interesting thing that your friends would enjoy knowing.

Perhaps it is an exceptionally nice flower garden or an early crop of this or that.

We don't know of a better way or an easier way to have BETTER TIMES than to grab a phone and call 144 whenever you see or hear something that we could use in our columns.

If we can't use it, we will try to inform you in a nice polite way and explain why.

But we are willing to wager that 99 times out of a 100 it will be usable.

Something happened the other day in Mt. Pulaski that was quite humorous to us but we were afraid to use it as we didn't know the parties well enough to take a chance.

Of course if you see your neighbor mowing his lawn we wouldn't consider that news.

But if you should mow your own lawn—well, that might be news.

One new feature we are adding this week is a directory of Mt. Pulaski Lodges and organizations.

The names of the president and secretary and the meeting nights are given.

This feature will be carried every week and we trust that it will be of much value.

In the event any changes are made we would appreciate a telephone call or a personal visit to inform us so that we can make the needed change.

## W. C. T. U. Meets At Hartsburg Next Tuesday

The Spring institute of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Logan County will be presided over by Mrs. Wm. N. King, county president at its meeting at Hartsburg next Tuesday.

A roll call of societies and five minute talks by the directors of the various departments will comprise the major portion of the morning program. In the afternoon a special musical service and dramatization will precede the address of Mrs. Fred Nelson of Galesburg on "The Supreme Need of the Bible in the Public School."

Mrs. John T. Hershey of Mt. Pulaski is county treasurer and will give a five minute talk on Union Signal. Mrs. Ida Lucas and Mrs. John W. Rupp of this city, will also give short talks on "Americanization" and "Soldier and Sailors."

A pot luck lunch will be served at the noon hour.

## A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. John Vetter received word on Tuesday of the birth of a daughter on Monday, May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miles. The child, which is their first, was born in a Chicago hospital. Mrs. Miles is the former Miss Velma Vetter of this

## Honor Student At University

Mt. Pulaski Young Man Is Placed on Honor Roll at U. of I.

Ralph Weckel Downing of this city was among the honor students who have excelled in scholarship during their educational endeavors and for whom the wheels of the University of Illinois came to a standstill for an hour Friday morning for the eighth Annual Honors Day Program. President Harry Woodburn Chase paid tribute to these outstanding students.

Because of their superior scholarship in both their junior and senior years in the University, or because their scholastic average for the first seven semesters of their college career was equal to or higher than that of any student chosen on the basis of superior scholarship during his junior and senior year, 35 seniors saw their names inscribed on the Bronze Tablet, unveiled at the convocation.

In all 852 students have won scholastic honors by meeting the requirements set forth by the University Senate, the educational governing body of the institution, and were given recognition for "Superior Scholarship" or "High Scholarship."

The honored students are classified in three ways: first, those whose grades are in the upper 10 per cent of each class are distinguished by "High Scholarship" and are entitled to have their names printed in the Honors Day program. Second, students in the upper three percent of the sophomore, junior and senior classes receive special mention as having manifested "Superior Scholarship." Third, those seniors who receive recognition for "Superior Scholarship" in both their junior and senior years earn the right to have their names inscribed on the bronze tablet which is unveiled during the Honors Day convocation.

The honored Illinois student from Mt. Pulaski is Ralph Weckel Downing, College of Commerce, graduate of the Mt. Pulaski Township High School.

A Logan county girl, Miss Elsie Zelle of Chestnut is a member of this select group, she having won the honor last year.

## Important Trains Lost By City

The Illinois commerce commission on Wednesday of this week approved the application of the Illinois Central railroad to discontinue three passenger trains which are said by the company to have earned \$43,000 less than the cost of operation.

Included in the discontinued trains are No. 525 which arrives at Mt. Pulaski at 7:10 a. m., and No. 518 which leaves St. Louis at 9:04 p. m., arriving here at 1:33 a. m.

Train No. 525 is an important mail train which now handles the heaviest mail of the day including all of the Chicago, Bloomington, Decatur and Springfield daily papers. Among the cities that will be compelled to make other mail arrangements are: Gilman, Robert, Melvin, Gibson city, Farmer City, Clinton, Kenney, Chestnut, Mt. Pulaski, Lake Fork, Cornland, Buffalo Hart and Springfield.

## Rev. J. W. Staley To Be Memorial Speaker

Rev. J. Wayne Staley, pastor of the Christian church of Mt. Pulaski will deliver the address and the Logan County American Legion band will furnish the music at the Memorial Day exercises to be held here on Monday afternoon May 30.

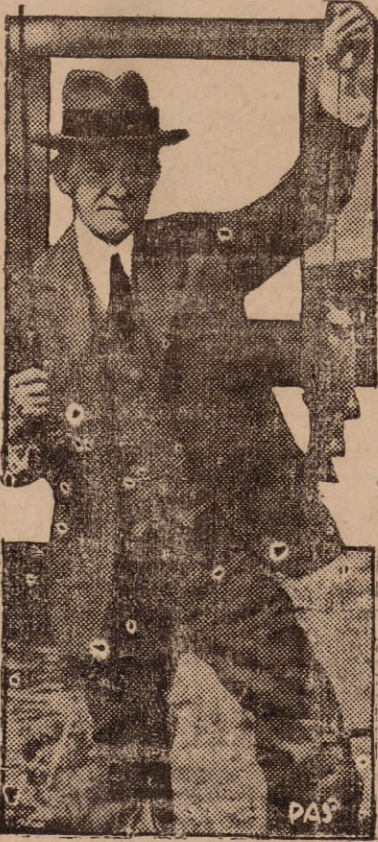
The observance will be held under the auspices of Mt. Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department; Ryman-Fuitem Post American Legion and Mt. Pulaski Lodge No. 454 I. O. O. F., and will be in charge of the following committees: Fireman, Charles E. Schultz, G. C. Zah, Fred Mayer, Jr.; American Legion, Errol Ryan, Floyd E. Downing and Harry Long; Odd Fellows, Al O'Connor, H. C. Gruber and Arthur Woodrum.

## "Alice" Is Now "Doctor of Letters"



Mrs. Reginald Lidell Hargreaves, original "Alice" of Alice in Wonderland, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University. Mrs. Hargreaves is 80.

## CAL GOES FISHING



Former President Coolidge motored down to Connecticut the other day and caught a dozen brook trout like the one he's holding.

## CLASS DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 27

The only remaining activity next week in connection with the high school commencement season takes place Friday evening at the high school gym.

This event is the annual Class Day program which will be given at 7:30 and the program is as follows: Class Poem—Margaret Tierney. Piano Duet—Mildred Aderman and Florence Wittrock. Class History—Everette Volle. Class Stunt—Seniors. Presentation of Totem Pole—Frederick Lipp. Acceptance of Totem Pole—Byron Blout.

Class Will—Bonnie Stophor. Class Prophecy—Grace Rothwell. Class Stunt—Seniors.

Installation of Student Council President. School Song.

Other commencement week events to take place next week are the Baccalaureate service, Sunday, May 29; Open House on Monday evening, May 30 and the Commencement exercises on Tuesday evening. Programs of these events will be published next week.

## R. L. Conn Elected District Rotary Governor

"Bob" Conn as he is familiarly and affectionately known among his district governor of the annual meeting, was unanimously elected many Rotarian friends in the 44th year at Alton the first of the week. Bob, a former publisher of The Times, is now first deputy clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois. We learned to know him as a Rotarian of Lincoln, Ill., and where he has the hearty respect of the club. When can we expect an official visit, Bob?

## RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION

N. L. Hubbard of this city was re-elected president of the Illinois Grain Dealers' Association at the annual business meeting held in Danville last week.

## BEAUMONT BAND TO GIVE CONCERT FIRST OF MONTH

The Beaumont Band of this city will appear in their first concert of the summer on Wednesday evening, June first in an open air concert in the city band stand.

The band has been practicing faithfully the past few weeks and is getting in splendid shape for whatever playing they may be called upon to do this summer.

Special numbers will include the famous German band with a change or two in the personnel and some improved comedy make-ups.

## INTERVIEWS COUNTESS HERE

Jack Gordon, sales manager of the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co., at Lincoln, was over Monday getting acquainted with the Countess as well as looking after other matters of company business.

## A NEW ARRIVAL

A daughter, their second child, was born on Friday May 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tedrick.

## Junior-Senior Reception Opens Commencement Days

Other Commencement Activities Will Take Place on Closing May Days

The opening activity of the many to be held until commencement day at the Mt. Pulaski Township High school, was the junior and senior reception held on Saturday evening in the high school.

A three course 7 o'clock dinner was served by candle light by the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church in the Home Economics room to 76 students and faculty members. The tables were made pretty with flowers and tapers, the class colors of yellow and white predominating in the decorations.

D. L. Barr, science teacher, acted as toastmaster and short talks were given by Byron Blout, junior class president and by Frederick Lipp, senior class president. The address of the evening was delivered by principal L. L. Hargis.

At the close of the exercises, adjournment was taken to the gymnasium where dancing and cards were indulged in. The lighting of the large room, which was both novel and attractive was accomplished with shaded floor lamps, and hidden lights that gave a mellow moonlight effect to the room.

## College Glee Club Here Tomorrow

A treat is in store for music lovers on Friday evening of this week when the combined glee clubs of Lincoln College make their appearance at the Christian church at 8 o'clock.

The men's and girls' glee clubs are under the direction of Mrs. Helmi Lahti Alde, supervisor of music at the college. The following program will be given:

Mixed Chorus—A Capella—Alla Trinita, Fifteenth Century.

Girls' Glee Club—"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Saint-Saens.

Cornet and Saxophone Duet—"Caribbean," Smith-Holmes—Foy Johnson and Donald Barringer.

Mixed Quartet—"Sweet Miss Mary," Neidlinger.

Girls' Sextette, "Berceuse," Godard, violin obligato by Martha Checkley and Melvin Samonds.

Mixed Chorus—"Poor Man's Garden," Russell.

Cornet Solo—"Floctonian Polka," J. V. Casey.

Piano Solo—"Faust Waltz," Gounod-Jaell, Francis Coulter.

Solo, "This Life and You," Montague, Andrew Preston.

Solo, "Sylvia," Oley Sparks—Andrew Preston.

Reading—Foy Johnson.

Mixed Chorus, "Cargoes," Peter C. Lutkin.

Girls' Sextette, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" Jessel.

## PAT BARNES IN LINCOLN TUESDAY

Pat Barnes, famous radio announcer will appear at the Lincoln theatre in Lincoln on Tuesday May 24 as part of a Legion benefit being planned by the Lincoln post. He will be accompanied by Larry Larson, well known organist.

Additional features of this big benefit show will be Johnny Russell, the wonder boy singer, who is well known here and has just completed a tour with Ben Bernie's orchestra; Owen Goodpaster of this city, who is a Logan County War veteran and has earned quite a reputation as a vocalist; and last but not least, the Logan County's 50-piece Legion band of which the county is justly proud.

There will be two shows, 7:15 and 9:15. Admission charges will be 25c and 50c.

## Science Club To Observe Guest Day

Guest Day will be observed at the Mt. Pulaski Household Science Club meeting on Friday afternoon May 20 to be held in the gymnasium of the Mt. Pulaski Township High School. While all programs at the meetings of this club are interesting and instructive, the coming meeting will be of especial interest because of the fact that Miss Nora Altie of Lincoln, expert with the Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co., will give a demonstration of the newest and most modern way of preparing and caring for food and foodstuffs.

Because of the length of the program, the meeting will be called promptly at 2 o'clock. Every woman and person interested in home economics is cordially invited to attend this demonstration.

## ENJOYED PICNIC AT SCROGGIN-VOLLE CABIN

An enjoyable picnic was held on Monday evening at the Scroggin-Volle cabin on Salt Creek by members of the University Club of Lincoln and Mt. Pulaski. The committee in charge of the picnic and supper consisted of Mrs. G. A. Volle, Mrs. E. H. Beaver and Miss Helen Luther of Mt. Pulaski and Miss Theresa Henneberry of Lincoln.

During the evening two novel numbers were given under the direction of Mrs. Dean Doolen who before her marriage was Miss Harriette Keys, a member of the Mt. Pulaski Township High school faculty. A melo-drama pantomime and a burlesque opera were much enjoyed.

Mrs. F. M. Hagans of Lincoln, the outgoing president, presided at the meeting which will be the last until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Haines and daughter of Decatur were visitors in the city yesterday. Mr. Haines was back renewing old acquaintances.

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## Twilight League Gets In Action

Four Teams Have Entered Playground Baseball League Here

The formation of a Twilight baseball league took definite shape last Tuesday evening when the North Side Ramblers met the South Side Merchants in a hard hitting game at the high school.

The South Siders were victorious according to the scoring records, the game ending 20 to 21.

The East Side Mechanics piloted by Austin Schaffnacker met the West Side Butchers in charge of George Underhill in their first game tonight at 6 o'clock.

Next week's schedule will be played as follows: Tuesday—North Side vs. East Side; Thursday—South Side vs. West Side.

If any one else is interested in the formation of two more teams the managers of the present teams will be glad to work out a schedule that will include them.

The North Siders are managed by Roman Romer and the South Siders by Frank Talmage.

A good sized crowd seemed to enjoy the antics of the fats and the leans, and other proportions. The only possible home run of the game was poled out by Brooks Aitchison, who was only able to reach third base where he sat down to rest while teams took time out for five minu.

## MT. PULASKI WINS TRACK HONORS

A large number from here attended the county track meet at Atlanta last Saturday where they witnessed six new records in speed events.

Byron Blout of this city showed a clean pair of heels to the entire field in the mile race, running it in the fast time of 4:52, breaking the old record of 5:15.

Other point winners from here were: Anderson, third in the pole vault; Connelly won first in the high jump by clearing the bar at 5 feet 4 inches; Van Hook, took second in the shot put; and third in the discus.

## PURCHASED COX PROPERTY

Walter Drobisch has purchased the Cox property in the north part of town and will move their in the near future.

## Legion Auxiliary Convention Here

Mt. Pulaski was selected as the convention city for the fall meeting of the seventeenth district American Legion Auxiliary at the spring convention held in Normal on Tuesday. Mt. Pulaski unit also was awarded the prize for the largest delegation present.

The invitation to meet in this city was extended by the following delegation from Ryman-Fuitem Post Auxiliary: Mrs. H. C. Gruber, Mrs. Dean Foster, Mrs. Ruth Long, Mrs. Frank Talmage, Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Mrs. F. S. Downing, Mrs. R. Berton, Mrs. Herman Hahn and Mrs. P. A. Gruber. The seventeenth district comprises about 15 auxiliaries.

The convention at Normal was attended by 250 delegates and 8 state officers. Mrs. Francis Gooding of Kempton was elected a district director and Miss Rita Pierce, El Paso was named alternate. Mrs. Betty McKinzie of Eureka, district director will be the delegate to both the state convention at Danville and the national convention to be held at Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Gooding will be the alternate.

## REV. STALEY TO REMAIN

It was the unanimous vote of the congregation at the Christian church last Sunday morning to retain their present pastor, Rev. Wayne Staley for the coming year. Rev. Staley will enter upon his fifth year of service here at the beginning of the new church year.

Mrs. Everette Rothwell and daughter Miss Georgiabelle attended the honor day exercises at the University of Illinois on Friday of last week when Mrs. Rothwell's half-sister Miss Dale Samuel was enrolled on the Bronze Tablet group for 1932. Miss Samuel has the distinction of being the youngest student ever to receive this high honor.

Mrs. Rothwell's stepmother, half-sister, Miss Iris, came with her for a week end. Miss Georgiabelle remained in Niantic until Sunday.

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