

## REFLECTIONS

by the Editor

"Mt. Pulaski, we are Here."

Or at least, the first contingent has arrived.

The reserves will follow as soon as school duties permit.

But as far as the kids are concerned they would just as soon call school off until next year.

So far thru their school days they have had nothing but bad breaks; the schoolhouse has never burned down.

We still call them kids altho when a girl gets in first year high she seemingly becomes a little more... a little more... we'll let you define it, we can't.

Now it's different with a seventh grade girl who is fond of basketball and expects to make the eighth grade team next year.

Which reminds us, we are going to have to tear down the backboard on the barn and bring it along with our other necessities of life.

That brings up another complication; we are going to have to rent a barn first and then a house, unless the neighbors have one for that backboard.

When we first told our Lincoln friends we were going to move to Mt. Pulaski we thought perhaps we would shock them.

On the contrary, we found that a good many of them rather envied us.

And the more people we told about our going, the more nice things we heard about the town of our choice.

They gave us such endorsements as this:

You'll like it over there, it's a good town;

There's a lot of dandy folks there you will enjoy;

It's the best town we know of for its size.

Even the folks who were born and raised there had a kind word to say about the place they have since divorced.

After hearing all these nice compliments about Mt. Pulaski we began to wonder whether or not we would measure up to the expectations that might attend our becoming an editor and publisher there.

But taking inventory of quite a few good friends that we had made thru the Legion band and the city band we decided that inasmuch as they had been charitable enough to put up with us for several years, there was hopes of our getting together.

Anyway, we publish our first issue today and we hope you will enjoy it and each succeeding one.

For the past two or three weeks we have been trying to dress the paper up thru rearrangement of makeup and at our own expense.

If you haven't noticed the difference we are going to have to do something still more radical.

We are adding a number of new features this week which will be regular contributions.

And as quickly as funds warrant it, new features will be given our readers.

We want to make The TIMES so "blooming" interesting that it will cause a family fight each Thursday to see who gets it.

We expect to become a part of the community life of Mt. Pulaski in every way that we can be of service to the community.

## Select Water Works Head

**James M. Kautz Chosen As Supervisor of Local Water System**

James Kautz was appointed superintendent of the water supply system by Mayor C. T. Turner at a special meeting of the city council held on Friday evening. There were several applications for the position, but Kautz was chosen because of several years experience had under the late W. H. Stafford.

Another item of business was abolishing the day police, at least for the time being. This move was made in the interest of economy and not because of any fault of the outgoing police, T. E. Doran, who served one year as day officer and previous to that had the night assignment for several years. Mayor named the following standing committees:

Finance—George Millard, C. J. Kautz, Harry Wells.

Public Buildings, Grounds and Water Work—Walter Drobisch, W. F. Binder, Sam Zimmerli.

Street and Alleys—Wells, Milard, and Kautz.

Police and Attorney—Zimmerli, Drobisch and Binder.

Ordinance and Printing—Kautz, Drobisch and Wells.

Street Lights—Binder, Zimmerli and Millard.

Fire Department—Drobisch, Kautz and Binder.

Board of Health—Kautz, Wells, Drobisch, Dr. G. S. Connelly and Dr. C. E. Hildreth.

## Washington Bi-Centennial Contest as Memorial

An interesting contest open to children of the vicinity of Mt. Pulaski of grade school age, is announced by the Garden Unit of the Mt. Pulaski Woman's club. The contest will be known as a Washington Bi-centennial Flower Bed Contest and is offered as a George Washington memorial with the hope of interesting children in flower culture.

Rules of the contest are:

1. The plot or bed (any size or shape) shall be known as a Washington Flower Bed.

2. Flowers must be Annuals grown from seed. They may be any variety or color.

3. The child must care for its own flower bed but may have help in the preparation of the soil for seed planting.

4. The child must ask for the judge when he or she considers the flower bed at its best. The flower plot will be judged (once only) from a score card—so many points for flowers, care, color arrangement, etc. Score card will be published later.

5. The prizes are: First prize \$1; second prize 75c; third prize 50c.

6. Entries must be made before June 1, with Mrs. Gene C. Clear, Garden Unit secretary.

## Track and Field Meet

Everette Volle and Byron Blout were among those present at the second annual field and track contests held on Saturday which attracted hundreds of athletes from about 42 schools in Illinois.

## Art Lecture Here

**Tomorrow Afternoon**

An invitation is extended to every Woman's club member in Logan county and also to the public in general, to attend the lecture on "Sculpture in the United States" to be given under the auspices of the Art Unit of the Mt. Pulaski Woman's Club at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon May 6 in the American Legion room.

The lecture will be delivered by Logan County Federation of Woman's club, and will be illustrated with

## Mother's Day

By Albert T. Reid



## Highly Respected Citizen Called

**Mrs. Mary Clifton Passed Away At Her Home Here Friday Morning**

Another esteemed aged citizen of Mt. Pulaski was taken from our midst during the past week when Mrs. Mary Bayner Clifton passed away in her home on North Washington street at 9:15 o'clock on Friday morning April 29, 1932. Mrs. Clifton had been in failing health for several years and for several days prior to her death, her passing was hourly expected. Heart trouble and infirmities of age were the contributing causes of her death.

Mrs. Clifton was an estimable woman, a loving mother, kind and pleasant neighbor who had the merited respect of all who knew her.

Decedent was born in Lexington, Ky., Oct. 25, 1845 and died at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 4 days. On Sept. 25, 1867 she was married to James H. Clifton, who passed away some sixteen years ago. They were the parents of two daughters who survive, Misses Sue and Grace Clifton at home; one son Robert, who died some twelve years ago. Left also is one sister Miss Kate Shropshire of Springfield.

The Clifton family came to Mt. Pulaski some twenty-seven years ago from Buffalo Hart vicinity. During his active years, Mr. Clifton engaged in teaming.

The Christian church where funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon May 1, was filled with sorrowing relatives, neighbors and friends, many of them from a distance. Rev. J. Wayne Staley, pastor of the church officiated and also rendered a vocal solo "Lead Kindly Light". Other song numbers were "Lead Me Gently Home, Father," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" by a male quartette composed of B. A. Tyler, F. E. Turey, O. W. Mayer and R. N. Jones. Mrs. Turley presided at the organ.

Pallbearers were E. O. Mayer, H. F. Gordon, George A. Mayer, R. T. Harper, George Underhill and Fred Kemmer. Burial was made in Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

## County Track Meet May 11

**County Meet To Be Held In Atlanta On Wednesday May 11th**

The Mt. Pulaski high school lads are preparing for the Annual Logan County track meet to be held May 11. The stalwarts of the M. P. T. H. S. are handicapped by not having a track, but, some promising material will be on deck at the county meet.

Byron Blout, who placed consistently last season, will run the mile this year. His running mate will be Patterson. Stahl, Blout, and Patterson will run the half-mile. The 100 yard dash men are Connelly, Van Hook, and Anderson. Anderson, Connelly and Snyder will tramp along the 220 course. VanHook, a very versatile athlete, will throw the shot with Blout. Van Hook and Blout are also slated for the discus throw. Waddell and Van Hook will also show their wares in the javelin. Entrants in the running broad jump are Anderson. The altitude men of the pole the high jump are Connelly and Anderson and Snyder; the contenders in vault are Anderson and Waddell. The 220 yard hurdle will be run by Snyder, Connelly and Stahl.

The meet will be held at the Atlanta Athletic Field. The date was first set for May 7th but owing to the conflict with the Big Twelve meet in Lincoln, the date has been advanced to Wednesday May 11th.

While we do not hope to win first in the meet our chances for a share of the points can be anticipated. Be there and root for the thin-clad athletes of M. P. T. H. S.

## Pot Luck Supper

**At Walnut Grove**

A pot luck supper at 6:30 o'clock featured the closing meeting of the season of the Walnut Grove Community club held at the school house on Friday evening April 29.

The program which was given by the school children, reading playlets and some special numbers

## Albert Horn Head Plainview Club

**Albert Horn Was Elected President of Plainview Community Club.**

Albert Horn was elected president of the Plainview Community club at their last regular meeting. Albert Awe is the retiring president. Other officers elected were vice-president, Ivan Todd; secretary, Mrs. Dietrich Diersing; treasurer, Mrs. John D. Kerschner.

At the close of the business meeting a program replete with outstanding numbers both musical and dramatic, was given under the direction of the program committee composed of Mrs. Kerschner, Mrs. Diersing and Herman Diersing.

The program consisted of instrumental music in solo, duet and trio numbers by Alvin and Edwin Diersing, Mr. Smith, Henry Lee and Merrill Litterly, John Sargeant; vocal numbers by Mr. Smith, Alvin and Edwin Diersing and John Kerschner; reading by Emma Awe; and the following laugh producing dialogues and playlets: "Two Little Big Ones" with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Diersing; "Sudden Discovery" with John Kerschner, Woodrow Kibby and Mrs. Kerschner; "Making of a Soldier" with Leonard Logan and Clarence Kerschner; "Disturbance in the Family" with Buster Kerschner and the Kerschner, Mr. and Mrs. John Diersing, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Diersing and Alvin and Edwin Diersing; "Over the River and Through the Wood" by Mrs. Kerschner and Jack Fence" by Mrs. Kerschner.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Frank Awe, Mrs. Hugo Baumhardt and Mrs. McGeath. Adjournment was taken until next fall.

## New President Library Club

**Mrs. John Hershey Was Elected President At Tuesday's Meeting**

Mrs. John T. Hershey was elected president of the Mt. Pulaski Library club at the meeting held on Tuesday afternoon in the American rooms. Other officers chosen were vice-president, Mrs. R. A. secretary, (Mrs. Charles Schmitz, treasurer, Mrs. E. A. library board, Mrs. Al. T. J. Duff, Mrs. R. Charles Schmitz, Mi. ery, Mrs. E. O. Ma Dai Blackford.

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The the old city, is se a worth while Mt. Pulaski the efforts members th to enjoy ou through the circ partment of the club, most popular reading principal and in fact the only the club has, is derived from membership dues.

The annual picnic date was set for June 7 at White Oak Bluffs on Salt Creek. The arrangement for the picnic will be in charge of Mrs. Chris Weller, Mrs. A. F. Lipp and Mrs. George J. Smith. The meeting adjourned until October.

The social part of the meeting was in charge of the hostess, Mrs. O. E. Wagner, Miss Anna Schafer and ranged by them consisted of read-Mrs. W. B. Jenner. The program arings by Betty Van Hook (Miss Mary June Barnes and Miss Jane Underhill; vocal solos, Miss Viola Drobisch and Miss Virginia Clear; Pian solo, Miss Helen Brookner; cornet solo, Miss Florence Van Hook.

Delicious refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program t fifty members and guests present

## Funeral Services For Lillie A. Stoll Being Held Today

Mrs. Lillie A. Stoll, 39, wife of Otto Stoll, farmer, well-known in the Logan county, died in the Logan county hospital at 1:40 o'clock today. She had been ill for several days. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock today at the Logan county hospital. The Rev. J. Wayne Staley, pastor of the Christian church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

## Burglars Fail To Open Safe

An unsuccessful attempt was made to open a safe at the school house on Friday evening April 29.