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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Everyone who has at some time told a little "white lie" please stand up.

Thanks. The entire audience may now be seated.

You have often heard the question:

"Is a person justified in telling a 'white lie?'"

We would rather not put an O. K. on the affirmative side.

Neither, would we say, "No."

Circumstances, to us, are the deciding factors.

Where no one is injured but a situation is avoided that might cause unpleasant developments, the affirmative has a point in its favor.

However, there are so many forms of "white lies," and just how one is going to determine the difference at times, makes it a rather delicate task.

In other words, there are so many "shadings" one can make.

We are trying to recall the "only one" (?) we ever told.

Telling the first one isn't so bad. But it is like taking a drink of the forbidden spirits.

It is so much easier the next time that it can soon become a habit.

That makes a point in favor of the negative.

Sometimes the attitude of the person to whom you tell your "white fib" is the cause of your taking this way out.

If you knew they would be reasonable and sensible about it you would "come clean."

Wouldn't we, fellows?

Here is a recent illustration:

If you had been born in a foreign country but had taken out naturalization papers;

And you went on a trip that took you across the border;

Old Man Red Tape in his hidebound eye decrees that you shall not cross even though you have complied with the law.

You haven't the evidence with you, and the little red book says, "No."

Had you said you were born in this country nothing would have been said.

But in this case the price of honesty was being turned back from a pleasant trip.

No law would have been violated had the answer been a "white lie" in this case.

But we like the spirit of the lady's answer:

"I do not lie."

Our advice to the youngsters is:

Don't start telling them. To the older folks—you are old enough to make your own decision.

W. D. GAYLE MEETING VOTERS HERE THURSDAY

W. D. Gayle of Lincoln was in the bustling day of the week for us. But "Bill," as he is familiarly known, is out after the Democratic nomination for State Representative and is making a very consistent campaign endeavor. He is spending most of his time in the other two counties where he is not so well known, feeling that the people of Logan county are more or less acquainted with him and that he should spend his time where the "digging" is the hardest. We believe his plan of attack is the wise thing to do, for this county will support him solidly since it is our only chance for representation in the State Legislature.

Legion Band Plays Concert At Clinton

The Logan County Legion Band played a complimentary concert in Clinton last Sunday afternoon in the city park. A number of Clinton musicians are members of the county band, and have been rehearsing and playing jobs throughout the county and state the past year, and this concert was played as a bit of appreciation on the part of the band.

Ben Ely, Floyd E. Downing, Arthur Kolp, Theron Zimmermann and Harry J. Wible, local members, made the trip to Clinton. A number of Legion Band boosters from here also enjoyed the concert.

Dr. Forest C. Van Hook is suffering from a carbuncle on the back of his neck, but is able to be about.

To Celebrate Pulaski Day

Exercises Will Be Held At
The High School Tues.
Oct. 11

Plans have been practically completed by Thomas A. Gupton, Commander of Ryman-Fuitem Post No. 447, American Legion, of Mt. Pulaski, for a commemorative meeting honoring General Pulaski, Polish hero in the Revolutionary War. The celebration will be held in the Township High School auditorium on Tuesday evening, October 11th, in connection with a county meeting of the American Legion to which the general public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

The program as outlined at the present will include a concert by the Logan County Legion Band, male quartet numbers, and a short address by Rev. J. Wayne Staley.

Mt. Pulaskians should set aside this night in their activities and make a special effort to be present at this meeting and pay their respects to the memory of a man who came to the aid of our forefathers when they so direly needed help, and for whom this city was named.

This meeting is in keeping with a recent proclamation issued by Governor Louis L. Emmerson designating Tuesday, October 11th, as "General Pulaski Day" in the state. A complete program will be published next week.

EMDEN TO HOLD ROAD OPENING

Another milestone in the life of the community of Emden will be marked next Wednesday afternoon and evening, when a celebration will be held in connection with the completion of the spur into that town.

The final slab on the two-mile spur of Route 121 leading into Emden was completed about two weeks ago and the citizens there are planning on quite a celebration. Road officials will be present, and a concert will be given by the Logan County Legion Band in the evening.

When the work of constructing that portion of Route 121 from Lincoln to Peoria is finally finished, the route will then be completed from the Indiana state line west to Decatur, and northwest thru Mt. Pulaski. The Mt. Pulaski gap was recently built and is being used, motorists no longer having to detour thru the city.

Twenty-three miles of Route 121 have been laid this summer, by which the four towns, Hartsburg, Emden, Delavan and Hopedale, have been connected.

The slab south of Hartsburg from the McMath crossing on south for a distance of two miles, will be constructed this fall, as a result of an extension being granted by the State Highway Department to the J. C. O'Connor Company, of Port Wayne, Indiana, on its original contract. The new work started Monday, and will bring Lincoln two miles closer to the slab. Grading, culvert and paving crews are now busy.

2,100 Feet of Illinois Central Track Damaged

About 6 o'clock Thursday evening of last week an Illinois Central freight train on the Peoria district, going from Mattoon to Peoria, met with an unusual accident about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Latham, when the front trucks of a coal car jumped the track. The peculiar part of the accident was that the train was not wrecked. The coupling held firm, the wheels going over 2,100 feet of ties, damaging them to the extent that nearly all had to be replaced. Before the train could be stopped, the forty-five cars following the car in trouble, had passed safely over. It was necessary to put the trucks back on the track, and replace the ties, before any trains could be routed the regular way, and it was 2:30 o'clock Friday morning before the work was completed. In the meantime the evening passenger due in Mt. Pulaski from Peoria at 7:16 o'clock, was detained by way of Clinton to Decatur, as were a couple of freight trains.

FERDINAND REETZ DIED IN PEORIA WEDNESDAY

Ferdinand Reetz, who was born in Lincoln, Illinois, September 16, 1864, but who had been located in Peoria for a number of years, died in that city at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 28, 1932, at the age of 68 years and 11 days. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers. He was married in 1894 to Miss Cosetta Fryer, of Mt. Pulaski, but they were divorced after a few years. Mr. Reetz was well known in Lincoln and Mt. Pulaski.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel at the Sheets Funeral Home in Lincoln at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, September 30th, conducted by Rev. L. H. Hooe, Interment will be made in Union cemetery, Lincoln.

George Rentschler Took Life Tuesday Morning With Rifle

R. Bellatti Makes Newspaper Success

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellatti and son Jimmy departed Monday on the return auto trip to their home in Blackwell, Oklahoma, after a week's visit in the city with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bellatti, and southeast of town with his brother, Fred Bellatti, and family. After Mr. Bellatti graduated from Lincoln College, he located in Norman, Oklahoma, studied law, and was admitted to the bar. He opened a law office in that city, but in 1920 moved to Blackwell, where he continued his profession until two years ago, having become interested in the newspaper business, and wishing to give all his time to that field of endeavor. Mrs. Bellatti was formerly Miss Edith Hoblit, of Lincoln, and they visited friends in the county seat last Friday.

Mr. Bellatti has made quite an enviable record in newspaper promotion since embarking in that enterprise 12 years ago. Entering the field with a four-page daily in competition with another daily and two weekly papers, he succeeded in getting the four papers combined, and publishes the Blackwell Morning Tribune.

Not satisfied with this feat, he began enlarging his field and building up a newspaper that people would want. His policy in this city of 10,000 was to give his readers 8 pages of news regardless of the amount of advertising he carried. That this policy proved the right method is borne out by the fact that today his paper enters 9,000 homes and has a carrier delivery in 50 towns in that section of the state.

Lucille Tomlinson Was Married Sept. 24

Miss Lucille Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Tomlinson, living three miles east of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, and Henry Hornbeck, of Chicago, were united in marriage in Waukegan, Illinois, Saturday afternoon, September 24, 1932. The attendants were Mrs. C. M. Nelson, of New York City, and Marlin Algers, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck will reside at 15 North Mayfield Avenue, Chicago.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, and is well known in Logan county. After graduating from the Mt. Pulaski Township High School, she taught in the Grade School, and then at the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home in Lincoln. For the past six years she has been living in Chicago, being employed by the Riggs Optical Company the greater portion of the time.

The bridegroom is a son of C. J. Hornbeck, of Tama, Iowa, and is employed in Chicago. He has often visited in Mt. Pulaski.

Mayer Family Is Safe In Hurricane

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mayer received word of the terrible hurricane in Porto Rico Monday night, several hours before the afternoon papers arrived telling of the awful storm, and the extent of damage done, the number of lives lost and of the hundreds injured. Wednesday's papers give the number of dead at 200, and 1,000 injured, with a loss of property estimated at \$80,000,000.

Tuesday evening the storm was all over, and much of the island was devastated just as it was by the storm of San Felipe in 1921. At San Juan Tuesday Governor Beverly lost no time in starting relief machinery and forming an emergency committee, giving instructions to find shelter and food for the many thousands of destitute and homeless.

COUNTY CONVENTION OF W. C. T. U. IN LINCOLN

A number of Mt. Pulaski members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union motored to Lincoln last Tuesday, September 27th, and attended the fall institute of the Logan County W. C. T. U., held at the First Baptist church. The principal business of the meeting was the election of county officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. B. C. Roberts, of Lincoln.

Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Goode, of Hartsburg.

Secretary, Miss Sarah Luebbers, of Emden.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Davidson, of Lincoln.

Treasurer, Mrs. John T. Hershey, of Mt. Pulaski.

Mrs. W. H. Stafford went to Decatur Thursday morning to visit for two days with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Redmon.

Mrs. Frank Buckles was taken to St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln Wednesday for an X-ray examination, and medical treatment and care.

Despondent Over Financial Worries Given As Reason for Act

George Rentschler, residing on Route 121, over four miles north of Mt. Pulaski, and one of the well known farmers of Logan county, passed away at the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln at 7:15 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 27, 1932, shortly after he had been taken to the hospital from his farm home, where he had shot himself through the head with a .32 calibre rifle in an attempt to end his life.

Mr. Rentschler, who was 79 years old, and lived alone, was a very active man, and it was his custom to arise early each morning and help his tenant, William Crosier, with the chores. Not appearing as usual, Mr. Crosier went to the Rentschler home only a few yards away, to investigate, thinking he might be sick. He was shocked to find Mr. Rentschler slumped in a rocking chair, having shot himself, the bullet penetrating the mouth and going on thru the head. He at once notified neighbors, Samuel Sparks and son Sam, who assisted in rushing the wounded man to the hospital in an ambulance. Dr. E. C. Gaffney of Lincoln was called, but death came in just a brief time.

In looking about, a note was discovered on Mr. Rentschler's desk, which stated "that worry over financial conditions had convinced him that suicide was the best way out of his difficulties and keep him from becoming a burden to others," and the note requested Mr. Crosier be kept on the farm as long as possible.

It seems that the first attempt to end his life failed as a snapped cartridge was found in the chair, having failed to explode. The rifle had been owned by Mr. Rentschler for a number of years. Neighbors saw a light burning in his residence as early as 4:45 a. m., but it is thought that he had not fired the fatal shot only a brief time before Mr. Crosier went to see why Mr. Rentschler wasn't about the farm as was his habit.

Coroner Edwin C. Goff conducted an inquest Tuesday evening at the court house in Lincoln, a verdict of suicide being returned by the jury.

George Rentschler was born in Germany on July 19, 1853, and at the age of three years came with his parents to the United States, locating in Logan county, Illinois. He never married, and for many years lived alone at his home in Chester township. He was prominent in the vicinity, and served his district for a number of terms as school treasurer. Active to his very last day, and his health apparently good, his relatives and many friends were greatly shocked to learn of the tragedy, and deeply regret his untimely passing.

Decedent is survived by one brother, John M. Rentschler, of Lakefield, Minnesota, and a number of nephews and nieces and other kinsfolk. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Matthew Rentschler, and three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Hanselman, Mrs. George Maurer and Miss Katherine Rentschler, who were residents of Logan county. Funeral services were held in the chapel at the Sheets Funeral Home, Lincoln, at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 29th. Interment was made in Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

Art Unit To Meet On Friday, October 7

The next regular meeting of the Art Unit of the Mt. Pulaski Woman's Club will be held on the evening of Friday, October 7th, at the home of Mrs. Paul E. Beidler on Marion street. The program, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, will be as follows:

Dry Point and Etching, Mrs. Paul E. Beidler.

Photography and Lithography, Mrs. Virgil G. Connolly.

Wood Blocks, Mrs. B. A. Tyler.

Aquatint and Mezzotint, Mrs. Edward O. Mayer.

Line and Stipple, Mrs. Leigh W. Lucas.

Engraving, Mrs. Frank Talmadge.

Illustrators and Caricature, Mrs. Wilford Seegerin.

At this meeting, Mrs. George A. Volle will give the preliminary directions for the making of original Christmas Cards, which will be the work of the November session. E. H. Beaver, a member of the Township High School faculty, has kindly consented to be present and supervise the work at that meeting.

MEN OF METHODIST CHURCH PAINT BUILDING THIS WEEK

A busy crew of men of the Methodist Episcopal church were to be seen scampering up and down ladders at the church this week. They carried a bucket in one hand and a paint brush in the other. As a result, the appearance of the building has been improved wonderfully. The painting was done under the direction of Paul A. Gruber. At the noon hour the ladies of the church served dinner for the weary laborers.

Classified Ads, Get Results.

Logan Woman Knew Lincoln

Death of Chicago Woman
Gives This City Some
Lincoln Lore

In Chicago Heights, a suburb of Chicago, late Friday night, September 16, 1932, occurred the death of Mrs. Nettie E. McCoy, aged 80 years, widow of the late Ira C. McCoy, who resided in Lincoln before the Civil War period. Mrs. McCoy had been in failing health about four years. She had lived in that community since the year 1876. In telling of the demise of Mrs. McCoy, the Chicago Heights Star, gives some interesting Logan county history in an article of some length, saying in part:

Mrs. Nettie E. Elliott McCoy was born August 30, 1852, in the downtown section of Chicago, her parents being James F. D. Elliott and Harriet Chiville Elliott, the former being born in Bombay, New York, while her mother came from Roscastle, England, to Chicago in 1831. Her father was an intimate friend of General John A. Logan and Stephen A. Douglas.

During four years of her girlhood days Mrs. McCoy lived in Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois, and it was there in the early days that she knew Abraham Lincoln, who held her on his knee when he made business visits to her father, the latter being engaged in banking and milling.

The town of Lincoln, located in Logan county, was the only municipality in the world named for Abraham Lincoln before he was president, when his only reputation was that of a good lawyer and an honest man. Logan county is the only one with two county seats where Lincoln practiced law, one being in Postville (now a part of Lincoln) and the other being located in Mt. Pulaski. Logan county had twice the number of roads of any other county in Illinois over which Abraham Lincoln road when he practiced law and rode the circuit in the old Eighth Judicial District.

After the four years spent at Lincoln, the elder Elliott's returned to Chicago, and the daughter (Mrs. McCoy) attended the Mosely grammar school and the Dearborn Seminary. She witnessed the development of Chicago just before and after the great fire of 1871. Her uncle, Colonel Roselle Hough, who served as chief marshal at Lincoln's funeral when the Emancipator's body was brought to Chicago on way to Springfield, was one of the founders of the Chicago Union Stock Yards.

On September 27, 1876, she was united in marriage to Ira C. McCoy, and eight children were born to this union, four of whom survive; also two brothers and two sisters. Her husband died in September, 1922.

JURY INDICTS CHICKEN THIEF

Burglary of the brooder house of John Earhart, residing a few miles west of Mt. Pulaski, is charged against Leroy Duncan of Decatur, Illinois, in an indictment returned by the Logan County Grand Jury Wednesday noon in the Circuit Court at Lincoln.

Duncan is the man alleged to have been captured by John Earhart in his brooder house in the early morning of September 16th. Three additional indictments were returned by the Grand Jury, two against Howard R. Young on bad checks, and one against Grant Witherbee and Herbert Counterman for burglary and larceny of harness in the New Holland neighborhood.

It is reported that State's Attorney R. R. Humphrey has obtained from the defendants in all of the above cases statements admitting their participation in the crimes charged, so that most of the cases may be reasonably expected to result in pleas of guilty, thereby saving the county the heavy expense of criminal trials.

Mr. Humphrey's record during the past four years as State's Attorney shows a long list of such convictions where the law has been fully enforced at the least possible expense to the county. It is evident that prompt action and hard work on the part of the State's Attorney have been a great economy during Mr. Humphrey's term.

A. V. CLASS SPONSORS FIRST POT LUCK SUPPER

The first of the monthly pot luck and fellowship suppers, to be held at the Methodist Episcopal church during the fall and winter months, was held in the church basement Monday evening, under the direction of the A. V. Class. The capacity of the basement was taxed to the utmost, and a very palatable supper was served cafeteria. A program was given following the supper hour.

A CORRECTION

We wish to correct a statement made in last week's issue in regard to Nicholas Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard is president of the National Grain Dealers' Association instead of the Illinois association. We must have misunderstood Ben.

Old Settler's

THIRTY YEARS AGO

OLD SETTLERS, AUG. 27, 1902.

Last week we took you in our reminiscence of one of the still talked of Old Settlers' meetings up to the baseball game in the afternoon. Here is the account as we find it in the records:

"One of the cleverest games of baseball ever played on a Mt. Pulaski diamond occurred in the afternoon between Kenney and the local team. Almost 800 people assembled at Obermiller's park and witnessed the game.

In the second inning Kenney scored one run. Up to the last inning it looked as though Mt. Pulaski was doomed to a shut out, so hard fought was the game. But our locals saved their scalp.

Fred W. Reinders went to bat. The Kenney twirler braced himself as if to root himself to mother earth, and brought his arm into play. With a glance like a surveyor and with a gleam in his eye, he let drive for the plate like the kick of a Kentucky mule. How swift and strong it sped; but see!

Reinders had picked the fatal straw. It fell to his lot to deal the blow that would save his followers from defeat at the hands of the bunch of Kenneyites. With a judgment for accuracy that put to blush a stake driver in a circus gang, he let drive at the swiftly oncoming sphere and sent it sailing through space like a rocket, and better—like a quit claim deed in a Kansas cyclone, and made the second base with comfort and ease.

This was followed with a like play by Ashmore, who stopped to inspect the texture of the second bag, for just a few moments, while little Freddie Reinders ran home with the large figure (1) one that tied the score and saved the honor of Mt. Pulaski. Klotz must have sent word ahead for he made a hit that sent him to first and Ashmore was able to do a merry glide to third. George Snyder was next to bat and landed a two-base hit, and the game was over, for Ashmore scored.

The crowd went wild, giving vent to yells for at least five minutes. The score was 2 to 1.

The Mt. Pulaski line-up was as follows: Will Renner, shortstop; Fred W. Reinders, second base; Ashmore, catcher; Guy Renner, pitcher; Will Klotz, third base; George Snyder, center field; Wilson, left field; Claude Holler, right field; Reinders, first base.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place at 4:30 o'clock and was as follows:

President—David Hummel, of Lincoln.

Secretary—John E. Richards. Township Vice Presidents—David Hummel, Joseph Wilbanks, John Kline, J. T. Foster, G. Howe, Thomas Sullivan, William Henn, Abel Larson, T. J. Chesnut, James Shirley, H. A. Ludman, Thomas Patterson, H. A. Baldwin, Charles Taylor, Clark Gallagher, R. H. Templeman. (Continued next week).

Former Resident Dies Suddenly

Frank R. Jamison, so well known to the older residents of Mt. Pulaski, passed away at his home, 927 South Eighth street, Springfield, Illinois, Wednesday, September 28, 1932, at the age of 77 years. He suffered a heart attack Monday night. Mr. Jamison was well known in Illinois Central railroad circles, and throughout central Illinois as a hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Jamison was in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad from 1872 until 1918, when he retired on a pension. He was born in Peru, Indiana, and served as ticket agent for the Illinois Central at Ridgely and Mt. Pulaski, being transferred to Springfield 46 years ago, where he was traveling freight, and claim agent until he retired. During his leisure hours he enjoyed the sport of fishing and hunting, and one of his favorite places was at Hackberry Lodge on Salt creek, four miles northwest of Mt. Pulaski.

Mr. Jamison was a member of the Odd Fellows, and First Congregational church, Springfield.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Isabelle Jamison, and one nephew, Harvey Jamison, the latter of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, September 30th, at the residence in Springfield, conducted by Rev. Hudson H. Pittman. Interment will be made in Oak Ridge cemetery, Springfield.

Latham Chicken Fry On Next Thursday

Latham, Ill., Sept. 29.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church of Latham will hold their annual Chicken Fry on the evening of Thursday, October 6th, and extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend. The serving will commence at 5 o'clock. The adults will be charged 40c for the supper, which includes ice cream and cake, and all the chicken you can eat. For children under 12 years the price will be 25c.