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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

How well we remember that old Thanksgiving dinner! Father at one end and mother at the other end, the children between and wondering if father ever will get done carving the turkey.

The day before at school, we had learned that Greece was south of Turkey, but on the table we found that Turkey was bounded by grease. The brown surface waited for the fork to plunge astride the breast-bone, and with knife sharpened on the jambs of the fireplace, lay bare the folds of white meat.

Give to the disposed to be sentimental, the heart. Give to the one disposed to music, the drumstick. Give to the one disposed to theological discussion the "parson's nose."

Then the pies! For the most part a lost art. What mince pies! in which you had all confidence, fashioned from rich ingredients, instead of miscellaneous leavings which are only short of glorified hash! Not mince pies with profound mysteries of origin!

But as we grew older we began to realize more and more that a good chicken was superior to turkey any day.

However, it does not sound nearly so much like Thanksgiving, because chicken we have with us almost daily (in chicken supper season).

Then another thing we discovered as we became older and "—"—it was more or less of a luxury.

And we always borrowed the neighbor's roaster unless someone got there ahead of us.

But Thanksgiving without turkey is a good deal like the Fourth of July without firecrackers.

So, for the sake of the kids, we hope you had turkey.

BASKETBALL CLINIC HELD IN LINCOLN

In Lincoln Tuesday night a large number of coaches, officials and players assembled to participate in the annual basketball clinic of Division 12, Illinois High School Athletic Association. The meeting was held in the Lincoln Community High School gymnasium, and W. C. Handlin, principal of that school, acted as chairman. The rules discussion was presided over by Jean Harrison of the Bloomington High School.

Coach George Dertinger and Principal L. L. Hargis of the Mt. Pulaski Township High School, attended this important basketball meeting, Mr. Hargis giving a talk in which he discussed "A Principal's Responsibility Toward the Game."

AUTO PINS TWO OCCUPANTS DOWN

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. William Gockel, living several miles northwest of Mt. Pulaski, were rescued by a passing motorist after being pinned in the snow in a deep ditch beneath the wreckage of their automobile for a half hour. The car, which was being driven by Mrs. Gockel, skidded from the Primm gravel road south of Lincoln, rolled over twice, and came to rest, its four wheels in the air, in a deep ditch. They were unable to liberate themselves. But Mrs. Gockel was finally able to reach the horn and its sound attracted a passing motorist, who at first could not locate the car, and finally traced it by the sound of the horn. He could not rescue them himself, and called neighbors to assist him, and they were able to free them from their chilly and precarious position. Mrs. Gockel suffered from bruises and shock, and contracted a severe cold. Mr. Gockel escaped with only slight scratches.

LOGAN TEACHERS ELECTED LLOYD HARGIS PRESIDENT

The 109th semi-annual meeting of the Logan County Teachers' Association was held at the Community High School in Lincoln last Friday, November 18th. The main feature of the meeting was the interesting and instructive program. The annual election of officers was held, resulting with the following teachers being honored:

President—Lloyd L. Hargis, Principal Mt. Pulaski Township High School.

Vice President—M. Ellen Hickey, of Elkhart.

Secretary and Treasurer—Philip McCollough, of Atlanta.

On this day all Grade Schools and High Schools in Logan county were closed, part of the teachers attending the meeting in Lincoln, while others attended the State High School Conference held at the University of Illinois.

Miss Georgiabelle Rothwell left at noon Wednesday for Chicago to make a short Thanksgiving visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Marks, and also Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Pattison, and family.

12 Young Folks Attend Illinois

Logan County Has An Unusually Large Enrollment

Champaign-Urbana, Ill., Nov. 23.—Many of the Logan county students who are attending the University of Illinois this semester are home for the Thanksgiving recess. Logan county, according to the University Registrar, has 64 students enrolled in the State's highest educational institution.

This year every county in the state has students enrolled in the University. Cook county, as usual, leads all others in total enrollment in the Champaign-Urbana departments with 2,712 students. An additional 873 Cook county students attend the University's College of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy, in Chicago.

The next largest group enrolled is that of Champaign county. There are 1,252 sons and daughters from the home county. This is due to the University's location within the county, and because so many families move to the twin cities during the time their children are in the University.

The students from Logan county are as follows:

Atlanta—Sarah Applegate, Frank D. Hoblit, John A. Houghton, Eldon E. Houghton, Mary McKinnon, Carrel F. Miller, Carolyn Mountjoy, Mildred Shaw, Annabelle Thomson.

Beason—Otis B. Brown, Chestnut—Robert L. Zelle, Cornland—Carl Curphy.

Elkhart—Robert J. Cramer, Joseph B. Lanterman, Lewis J. Rubenking, Emden—Donald H. Barringer, Carl W. Carnahan, Wilbur J. Hallman.

Hartsburg—George C. Van Gerpen.

Lincoln—Homer Alvey (P), Charles Bennis, Harold E. Coogan, Jeanette Davidson, Robert J. Eggert, Frank Froeschauer, Paul W. Gibbs, Frances M. Hagans, Welker E. Henderson, Betty Johnston, Maud Jurjevich, Steve T. Jurjevich, Samuel M. Keys, Jr., Ruth A. Kiest, Edwin M. LaBaw, Ralph C. LaBaw, Emil M. Mortel, Jerry H. Owings, Harry Phelan (P), Charles John Sablotny, Robert E. Schettler (M), Charles Shannon, Harold F. Trapp, Jr., Robert E. Trapp, Maxine Traub, Frank T. Tumulty, Norman R. Urquhart.

Mt. Pulaski—Glen Baumann, Glenn C. Bowers, John E. Dillsaver, Vincent M. Ey, Noel J. Hershey (M), Eugene G. Laughery, Frederick A. Lipp, Pauline Rothwell, Grace A. Rothwell, Gustavus B. Stuart, Everette M. Volle, Mervin E. Volle.

New Holland—Harry O. Ryan.

San Jose—Lois H. Zimmermann.

MISSOURI RESIDENTS VISITED IN CHESTNUT

John Von Thun and nephew, Fred Von Thun, and Rev. R. Frerking, of Shelbyville, Missouri, on Tuesday of last week made an auto trip in the snow thru Illinois to Chestnut. In coming north out of Springfield they inquired of a truck driver at the school house curve which was the right road to Lincoln, but were given the wrong information and landed in Athens. They finally arrived in Lincoln on their way to Chestnut, where they visited until Friday with Fred Von Thun's brother, Edward Von Thun, and wife, John Von Thun and Rev. Frerking were in Watertown, Wisconsin, Thursday on a business trip, making the journey on the train. They had a much nicer trip back to Missouri.

MARK MCCOLLOUGH WILL TEACH PLAINVIEW SCHOOL

Mark McCollough, who was principal of the Kinsman High School the past four years, but in August moved back to his old home city, Atlanta, and since which time has been studying for his Master's Degree at the University of Illinois, has been employed to complete this year's term of teaching at the Plainview school, located six miles west and one mile north of Mt. Pulaski. This situation in changing teachers at this time of year is brought about by the resignation of Fred H. Hahn, of Mt. Pulaski, who has been appointed deputy circuit clerk by John R. Parker, of Lincoln, the newly elected circuit clerk of Logan county, who will take up his new duties at the court house on Monday, December 5th, at which time Mr. Hahn will start his new work. Mr. McCollough is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manes, of Mt. Pulaski.

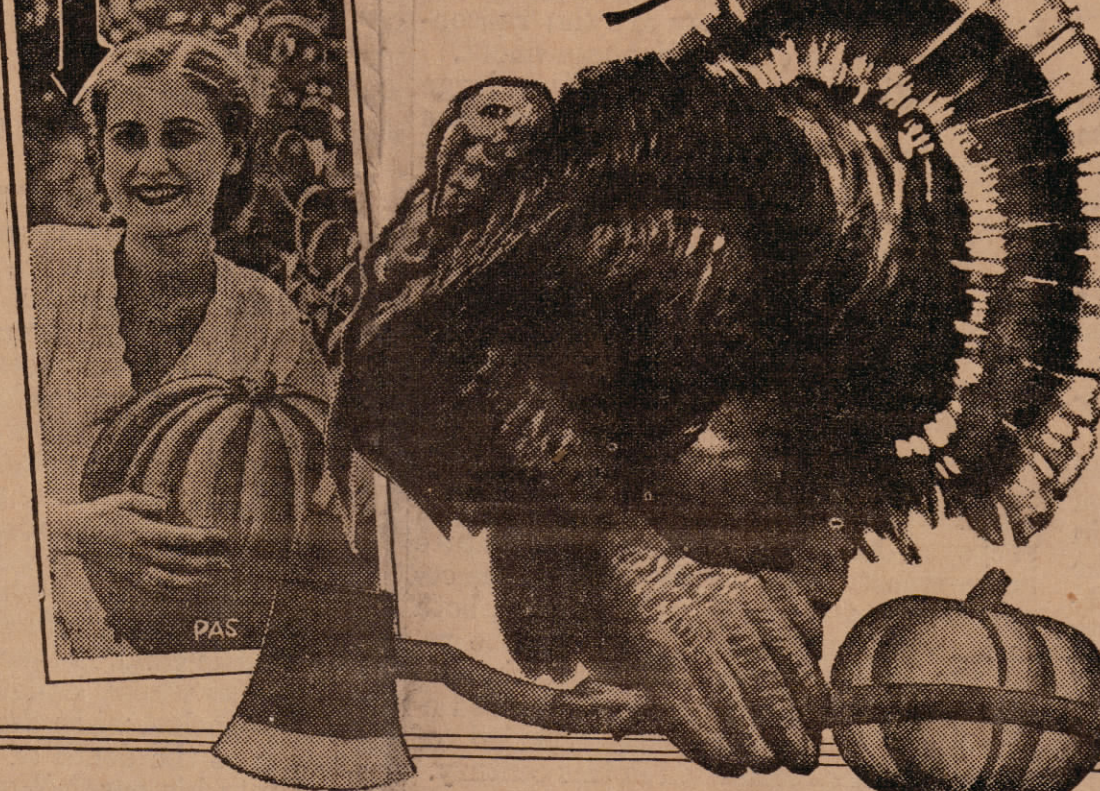
Local Resident Casts 16th Presidential Vote

Charles A. Nicholson, a well known resident of Lincoln, and for many years adjutant of Leo W. Myers Post, G. A. R., in the county seat, observed his 85th birthday anniversary Sunday, November 20th. At the general election on November 8th, Mr. Nicholson cast his sixteenth presidential vote, having cast his first vote in the year 1868 for General Ulysses S. Grant. The aged Lincoln resident is a nephew of Mrs. Caroline Snyder, of Mt. Pulaski, who will be 90 years old on December 26th.

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING RECESS

With the closing of school work Wednesday afternoon, practically every High School, grade school and rural school school in Logan county will remain closed until next Monday morning on account of Thanksgiving, thus enabling the teachers to go to their homes for a visit and short period of rest.

Thanksgiving



Winners Selected At Ninth Annual Utility Corn Show

Bond Company Refuses To Pay

Bonding Company Refuses To Pay Coffman Shortage in Decatur

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 23.—Refusal of B. F. Coffman's bonding company to pay \$20,000 of the loss of \$33,000 sustained by Macon county by peculations of Mr. Coffman as county treasurer is indicated in a letter received by State's Attorney John W. Evans and wife, and made public Monday.

The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, which supplied the surety bond of Mr. Coffman, instructed Mr. Evans to advise the county authorities not to pay a \$20,000 anticipation warrant which Mr. Coffman sold to the Millikin National Bank without recording the warrant as an obligation of the county.

Mr. Evans said that he will advise the board of supervisors to make a demand upon the bonding company for the full amount of the loss, as shown by the audit of the treasurer's accounts after the suicide of Treasurer Ben F. Coffman.

Mr. Evans declined to comment upon the question whether the bank or the county would lose the \$20,000 if the bonding company successfully resisted payment of that portion of the loss. He pointed out that his hesitancy to discuss this issue was prompted by knowledge that the question cannot be reached in a legal test until after he is succeeded in office by Arthur O. Frezler, who will become state's attorney on Monday, December 5th.

While the bonding company did not indicate the nature of the defense it will present against accepting liability upon the concealed anticipation warrant, Mr. Evans assumes that it will claim that Mr. Coffman acted outside of his duties as treasurer when he negotiated for the sale of the \$20,000 warrant for that it was a personal fraud upon the bank.

But, Mr. Evans pointed out, that if the sale of the anticipation warrant and the warrant, itself, were eliminated from consideration, then the shortage in Mr. Coffman's account as treasurer would be increased by an equal amount, since the amount of the warrant was credited to the treasurer's account. It was in the extraction of \$20,000 from his cash funds in the office that balanced the funds without disclosing that the warrant was in existence and held by the bank as an obligation of the county.

The disputed \$20,000 warrant was drawn and counter-signed by the proper officials, Mr. Evans said. Carelessness of authorities who held joint responsibility with Mr. Coffman in executing the warrant afforded opportunity for the fraud, instead of a failure of Mr. Coffman to execute the bond in the proper manner, Mr. Evans explained.

Class D.

Bushel Utility Corn, open to the Farmers and Breeders of Logan County.

1.—Alvin Rentschler, Chestnut.

2.—Edwin Rentschler, Chestnut.

3.—Oscar Mountjoy, Atlanta.

4.—John Danaher, Fancy Prairie.

5.—A. M. Armstrong, Lincoln.

6.—Herman Lauer, Broadwell.

7.—Wilbur Schroth, Chestnut.

8.—Raymond Lemme, New Holland.

9.—Burch Lee, Hartsburg.

Class E.

Shelled Peck, open to all Farmers and Corn Breeders in Logan County.

1.—John Danaher, Fancy Prairie.

2.—Edwin Rentschler, Chestnut.

3.—Alvin Rentschler, Chestnut.

4.—Paul Wessbecher, Mt. Pulaski.

5.—Wilbur Schroth, Chestnut.

6.—Herman Lauer, Broadwell.

7.—Arthur Blaum, New Holland.

8.—Burch Lee, Hartsburg.

9.—Raymond Lemme, New Holland.

Fred Hahn Will Be Chief Deputy

John R. Parker, of Lincoln, the newly elected circuit clerk of Logan county, has announced the appointment of Fred H. Hahn, of Mt. Pulaski, as chief deputy circuit clerk, to become effective on Monday, December 5th.

Mr. Hahn, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hahn, of Mt. Pulaski, had resided in Lincoln for several years, being in the insurance business. The Hahn family moved back to Mt. Pulaski in August and are occupying their residence property on North Washington street.

Mr. Hahn was hired as teacher of the Plainview school, six miles west and one mile north of Mt. Pulaski, assuming his new duties of September 1st. Since his two daughters, Billy and Jeanne, are attending the Mt. Pulaski Township High School, the family will continue to live here.

Mr. Hahn motoring back and forth to his duties at the court house in Lincoln. Another teacher will be appointed to fill the Plainview school vacancy when Mr. Hahn completes the month of November.

Fred H. Hahn was the Democratic nominee for circuit clerk in the election eight years ago, but was defeated by Vincent Jones, Republican, who will soon complete twelve years as circuit clerk, and turn the office over to John R. Parker. Mr. Hahn is well qualified for the new position as chief deputy circuit clerk, and his many friends are glad to hear of his appointment.

C. Everett Smith, Democrat, of Lincoln, the newly elected state's attorney of Logan county, takes up his new duties also on Monday, December 5th, has announced the appointment of Miss Lucille Dorgan, of Middletown, as stenographer in his office.

Basketball Season Opens Next Friday

The Mt. Pulaski Township High School basketball team this season has the strongest schedule ever presented to local basketball fans. Sixteen games are on the list, and the competition for honors will be very keen throughout the series. Coach George Dertinger is taking the boys through intensive practice, and it is confidently expected that Mt. Pulaski will make a very creditable showing.

The first game of the season will take place at home in the spacious Township High School gymnasium, with the strong Athens team as the opponent. The date is Friday night, December 2d, and a large crowd should be in attendance and boost for the home team.

Buffalo Gold Case Up Again Next Week

The Buffalo gold case, one of the most interesting law suits pending in the Sangamon county circuit court at Springfield, was set for trial Monday before Judge L. E. Stone for next Monday. The case involves more than \$6,000 in gold coins which were unearthed in Buffalo in July, 1931. The circuit court trial will be an appeal from the decision of a probate court jury which held that the gold belongs to the estate of the late Peter T. Leeds, eccentric physician of Buffalo.

Alex M. Booth, owner of the property on which the money was found, seeks possession of it. He contends that the money is his because it was on his property. Heirs of Dr. Leeds contend it is theirs because their ancestor buried it.

Mrs. Alma M. Reinders visited in Lincoln over Tuesday night with Mrs. C. R. Gilchrist.

The Mt. Pulaski Cardinals and Waltham League basketball quintets will play a game at the Township High School Friday night, Nov. 25.

Harry Martin, Jr. Is Seriously Shot

Hunting Accident May Cost Life of Popular Young High School Student

Harry Martin, Jr., who was seriously wounded in a hunting accident about 3:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, is showing some signs of improvement and hopes are now held for his recovery.

Harry Martin and sons Harry and John, living over two miles south of Mt. Pulaski, known to almost everyone as the greatest pals in the community, went hunting last Saturday afternoon on the Wesley Scroggin farm about five miles southwest of the city. The father was on one side of a hedge and the two boys on the other. Suddenly some quail flew up and Mr. Martin shot at them. In doing so, the shotgun charge seemed to have struck an old tree limb, and a number of the shot hit his son Harry on the back near the shoulder, the neck, and on the head. Just how the terrible accident happened they cannot explain. Mr. Martin carried his son almost a mile to their auto, and the badly injured boy was hurried to the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln, where he has been given ever possible care from doctors, a specialist, and nurses constantly at his bedside. His condition soon became very serious, and for three days it was thought that he could not survive, the doctors thinking that pneumonia might set in. But Tuesday night a change for the better was noticed, and since then he has been growing stronger by degrees.

Harry, Jr., is a student at the Township High School, and is one of the most popular boys in school. The news of the unfortunate accident spread rapidly, and the entire populace have taken a keen interest in the case, and everybody is hoping that Harry, who is 14 years old, will continue to improve.

His mother, who was formerly Miss Louise Scroggin, was quite ill from shock for a few days, and with her husband, has been staying almost constantly at the hospital.

Young Actress Stage Presence Averts Trouble

"Kate Smith" is the name of the handsome all-white cat that was in Eutana Wolcott's arms in the prologue to "Alice in Wonderland" given by the Children's Theatre in Decatur on Friday night, November 18th. The animal is the property of Miss Wolcott.

"Kate Smith" attracted the attention of the audience by its unmarked whiteness, set off by a large blue bow. As the prologue progressed the cat, calm at first, became increasingly nervous and fidgety, struggling until it almost got away. With great presence of mind, "Alice" walked calmly over to the wings, still speaking her lines, and handed the frightened animal to the nearest person back-stage. Then, without losing a word, went on with her part. "Kate" was taken off by herself and soothed. Sunday's Decatur Herald and Review.

Miss Eutana Wolcott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Wolcott, of Decatur, but formerly of Mt. Pulaski. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. F. W. Obermiller of this city.

FORMER MT. PULASKI TEACHER HONORED

In Champaign last Friday, when the Illinois High School Teachers' Conference was held at the University of Illinois, the Illinois Principals' Association held their annual election of officers. Vernon Lindsey, a former teacher in Mt. Pulaski Township High School, but who is now teaching in the Pekin High School, was elected president, and W. C. Handlin, principal of the Lincoln Community High School, was chosen vice-president. Mr. Lindsey and Mr. Handlin are well known to Mt. Pulaski people.

Route 121 Detour Into Lincoln Now

Motorists going on Route 121 to Lincoln can use the slab as far as the Doolittle school house, three miles southeast of Lincoln, where they must turn west to the Primm gravel road, and enter Lincoln on Wyatt avenue. The road was closed Saturday afternoon just north of the Doolittle school because of the work that has just commenced at Deer creek, where the S. G. Cool Company of Chicago will build the new bridge, and the R. P. Devine crew will build a culvert. How long this part of the road will be closed is not known, but when all is finished everybody will be glad.

The Mt. Pulaski and Latham

Grade School basketball teams played here Wednesday night, Mt. Pulaski winning by a score of 26 to 10.

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