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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Only three weeks till Christmas.

Believe it or not, Christmas will make its usual yearly call whether you are in the proper mood, or not.

This particular season knows nothing of the so-called "cold shoulder," or of anyone's lack of enthusiasm for its coming.

Christmas makes its regular visit, but material results will be far below normal.

However, the outstanding characteristic of this season of the year cannot be measured in dollars and cents—

But in terms of Christmas spirit.

Naturally, we all like to receive a valuable gift for Christmas.

And, we like to give the same kind to our friends.

Not so much for the "show" of it, but because it typifies our high esteem for that friend and we seek to express it in that way as fully as we can.

A good many of us the past several years have curtailed not only the price we paid for these remembrances, but our list of recipients as well.

Only those at the head of the list were retained.

But what about the friends who were on your list in better times?

Have you forgotten them entirely?

If you have, you have also forgotten to a great extent the true meaning of Christmas.

A friend does not measure you by the cost of your gift—

But by the spirit and friendship you mix with it.

If you can give presents of value, by all means do so now.

For if there was ever a time business needed a friend with an overflowing spirit of Christmas, its now.

Don't curtail your Christmas buying unless it is absolutely necessary.

But if you don't forget those friends.

A letter of sincere appreciation, telling them what their loyalty and friendship means to you, will give them a gift they cannot measure in dollars and cents.

If you can do both—give and write—by all means do it.

Mrs. Anne Johnston Died At Decatur

Mrs. Agnes Johnston, aged 82, widow of John Johnston, died at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, December 1, 1932, at her home 165 Crest avenue, Decatur, Illinois. She had been in failing health for many months, and death was due to complications incident to advanced years.

Mrs. Johnston's maiden name was Agnes Irving. She was born October 6, 1850, in Dumfries, Scotland, and came to the United States with her parents when she was only two years old. The family came direct from Scotland, Illinois, and lived in a Scotch settlement in the north northeast of Springfield.

On March 24, 1875, Agnes Irving was united in marriage to John Johnston at Barclay, and shortly afterward they moved to a farm in Austin township, Macon county, about ten miles east of Mt. Pulaski. Most of their married life was spent there. Mr. Johnston passed away in the year 1905, and Mrs. Johnston retired from the farm 21 years ago and moved to Decatur. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Decatur.

Decedent is survived by the following children: Mrs. Bertha Mills, of Piedmont, California; Mrs. Mary Wimberly, of Argenta, Illinois; Miss Jeannette Johnston and Eldon Johnston, of Decatur; and John T. Johnston, living on the old home farm in Austin township. She also leaves to mourn her departure, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild; five sisters and one brother—Mrs. Anna Irving, of Springfield; Mrs. Margaret Kennedy and Mrs. Jesse Kennedy, of Bartlett, North Dakota; Mrs. Mary Riddick, of Lakota, North Dakota; Mrs. Jane Black, of Bemidji, Minnesota; and Samuel Irving, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Johnston was well known and highly esteemed in Austin township, and also had many friends in Buffalo Hart and Barclay communities, as well as in Decatur, Latham and Mt. Pulaski.

Funeral services were held at the Dawson & Wilcox funeral chapel in Decatur at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 3d. The interment was made in Mt. Pulaski cemetery, where short services were also held at the grave.

Only Chris—do your

Grim Tragedy Claimed Elkhart Students Monday

Leland Todd, 17, Emma Awe, 17, Are Killed by Alton Train.

Three students of the Elkhart Community High School were injured, two of them fatally, when a fast Alton freight train crashed into their automobile at the main street crossing in Elkhart shortly after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, December 5, 1932.

Leland H. Todd, 17, died as he was being taken to the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln, a few minutes after the accident. Miss Emma Awe, 17, died in the hospital at 7:30 p. m. And Helen Todd, Leland's 16-year-old sister, was also taken to the Deaconess hospital in a critical condition, but at present is showing considerable improvement.

While all the accident victims lived in the Plainview school district, six miles west and one mile north of Mt. Pulaski, they were in the Elkhart Community High School district, and attended that school. The terrible accident occurred at the railroad's intersection with the principal street in Elkhart, about two hundred yards east of the school building. Young Todd, his sister, and Miss Awe, had left school only a couple of minutes before to drive to their homes several miles east of Elkhart. Todd was driving his light coupe. Apparently neither the boy nor his companions saw the approaching train, although the crossing is guarded by an electric flasher. The auto was almost in the center of the track when it was struck.

The coupe was dragged along the track for more than thirty feet, and was demolished. Edward Lee, an eye witness to the tragedy, said that the driver was apparently unaware of the train's approach. G. Ernest Smith, principal of the school, his brother, John Smith, and another Elkhart man, Wayne Harris, picked up the three unconscious students from the railroad right of way and rushed with them to the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln.

Leland Todd died while on the way to the hospital. He had a crushing fracture at the base of the brain, but his body was not badly mutilated. Several physicians were called to the hospital in an attempt to save the lives of his sister and Miss Awe. An operation was performed upon Miss Awe in an attempt to relieve the hemorrhage of the brain and passed away without regaining consciousness. Five Lincoln doctors assisted in the operation.

Helen Todd received a skull fracture on the top of her head, which was not so severe as were those of her companions. She evidently had been struck on the head, and was dragged some distance, as cinders from the roadbed were ground into

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF CITY FIREMEN

At the regular monthly meeting held in their rooms in the city hall on Friday evening, December 1st, the members of the Phoenix Fire Department of Mt. Pulaski held their annual election of officers, all officers being re-elected, as follows:

Chief—Oscar W. Mayer.
Assistant Chief—Frank B. Snyder.
Secretary—Claude Holler.
Treasurer—M. J. Myers.
Steward—George Snyder.
Standing Committee: Walter M. Drobisch, Charles E. Schultz, Frank B. Snyder, William F. Binder and Chris J. Kautz.

The Phoenix Fire Department is limited to a membership of twenty, the present members being as follows: Oscar W. Mayer, M. J. Myers, Chris J. Kautz, Frank B. Snyder, William F. Binder, G. C. Zah, Claude Holler, Gus Drobisch, William Renner, Henry J. Kautz, Jr., George Snyder, Walter M. Drobisch, Kelsey M. Anderson, Chester G. Hughes, E. Kinet, Ambrose Witt, Herman Duboce, Fred Holmes, Charles E. Schultz and Fred Mayer, Jr.

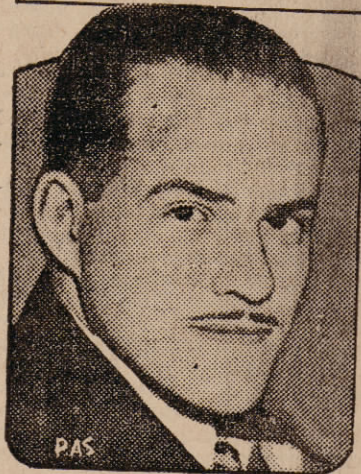
CONCLUDE INQUEST IN CHARLES DANNER DEATH

The inquest to determine the cause of death of Charles A. Danner in Decatur was concluded by Coroner Roy Dawson Saturday morning. The report of Dr. Barton, Chicago, assistant to Dr. C. R. Le Count, on time to have the inquest at an earlier date. The verdict, based on the report of Dr. Barton, was that the death of Mr. Danner was due to cardiac heart failure.

Mr. Danner, who had not complained of any illness, dropped dead early on the morning of Friday, November 16th, while at work at the plant of the Shellbarger Grain Products Co.—Decatur Review, Dec. 5th.

Charles A. Danner, mentioned in the above article, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Danner, who reside on South Lafayette street, Mt. Pulaski. Charles A. Danner spent his boyhood days in Mt. Pulaski, and was married. He leaves a wife and seven children. The Times-News was unable to give any further particulars at the time of his death.

Wins with Pen



Scott E. Leslie, 25, Cleveland, self-taught in fine pen lettering, won the nation-wide civil service competition as embosser in the federal printing department at Washington.

WILBUR STOLL IN ROBIN HOOD OPERA

One of the biggest musical events to be given in Decatur this winter will be the presentation of the opera, "Robin Hood," at Millikin University on Tuesday evening, December 13th, by the pupils of Grant Harley of the Conservatory of Music. Costumes for the leads arrived in Decatur last week from Chicago. The cast includes all the familiar principals of the Robin Hood story, and in addition there is a large chorus.

One of the principal characters in the opera is the Sheriff of Nottingham, which part will be taken by Wilbur Stoll, the well known Mt. Pulaski singer. In the large chorus numbers, one representing "Townsmen," a Mt. Pulaski young lady will take part, Miss Virginia Clear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Clear, who is a student at Millikin University.

LEEDS GOLD CASE WILL BE WON BY?

We are going to make a prediction in the Leeds gold case now being fought out in the Sangamon courts to determine the lawful owner of a pot of gold found on the premises of a Buffalo man by workmen.

The heirs of Dr. Leeds, the present owner of the plot of ground, and the workmen who dug it up, all claim it. Here is our prediction as to who will get the cash: The attorneys.

On Route 121 over near Lincoln Monday night, a collision with a cow caused considerable damage to the Auburn sedan of William Barnett of the county seat. The front part of the car was smashed, and the radiator caved in, the damage being estimated at about \$200.

Farmers' Institute Program At Chestnut Tuesday

Many Prizes To Be Given. WOODRUM RESIDENCE IS BURGLARIZED

Chestnut, Ill., Dec. 7.—The annual Logan County Farmers' Institute, Household Science Program, Corn Show and Exhibits, will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 1932, at the Community High School in Chestnut.

Morning Program.

9 to 12—Farm Products Show and Household Science Exhibit.

Afternoon Program.

1:30 to 3—Men's Session. Address, "Grain Marketing," Harrison Fahrnkopf, Grain Marketing Director, Illinois Agricultural Association.

Address, "Livestock Marketing," H. M. Adams, Manager Logan County Livestock Marketing Association.

Evening Program.

7:15 to 9—Joint Session of entire community.

Local music.

Community Singing, led by J. H. Checkley, of Lincoln, Logan County Farm Adviser.

Talk, "The Farmer's Place in the Community," Charles McDonald, Farmer, Lincoln State School and Colony.

General Rules.

Exhibition limited to those residing in Chestnut trade vicinity.

The Farm display must, and other farm products should be in place by 3 p. m., Monday, December 12th.

Articles in Farm Display may be entered in the individual classes.

All articles must be in place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Exhibitors in the Household Science Department do not retain any entry that they receive premium on, but must deliver it to the person making premium donation.

Exhibitors in Farm Products retain all entries except first on red clover seed.

All cakes must be two-layer, full size, with the exception of angel food and fruit cakes. All cakes must be on board foundation. Angel food cakes should not be iced.

All candy entries must be not less than one pound and on paper plates. All premium money donated by the business men of Chestnut.

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Supervisors Cut Their Own Pay

Dormant T. B. Fund To Be Used for Emergency Relief

The members of the Logan county board of supervisors in session this week at the court house in Lincoln, voted to cut their own salary 20 per cent.

The board, on motion of James W. Cowan, of Laenna township, voted 12 to 9 to reduce the per diem of the supervisors to \$4 per day, a reduction of 20 per cent from the present \$5 per diem for board and committee meetings.

The vote was taken by ballot and was recorded as carried by a majority of three votes without having a roll call of names.

James H. Heinzel, of Lincoln, whose bid was \$283.51, was awarded the contract for county home grocery supplies for the ensuing quarter.

The supervisors at their closing session adopted a resolution to transfer the \$55,000 tuberculosis sanitarium fund, which has been dormant for a number of years, into an emergency relief fund. A committee was named by Chairman T. O. Niewold to carry through the action necessary in the circuit court, and a friendly suit will be filed in the January term of court. Members of the committee are S. L. Nutty, Harry Downing and Charles Colburn. It is expected a decision will be reached sometime in January, and a special meeting of the board will be called to distribute the fund in the event the court favors the transfer.

Several of the supervisors declared they would favor a county levy to raise funds with which to carry on the tuberculosis work in the county. Under the present plan interest money from the \$55,000 fund is used to assist the Logan County Tuberculosis Association in carrying on this work.

The supervisors also adopted a resolution naming all banks in the county, and included the Williamsville State Bank, as depositories for county funds.

Vincent Jones, retiring circuit clerk, was appointed justice of the peace in East Lincoln township, to succeed Matthew Reinhardt, resigned. The appointment is for the term expiring in April, 1933. Mr. Jones, the first of the year, plans to open an active office as justice of the peace.

The supervisors adopted a motion requiring all persons receiving blind pensions that have not been examined in the last year to be re-examined at their own expense. Checks to pensioners will be held up until new examination papers have been filed.

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Roosevelt Assistant



Prof. Raymond Moley, of Columbia University, is the man called upon by President-Elect Roosevelt to assist him in conference with President Hoover on War Debts at Washington.

SCRAMBLED EGGS ON HIGHWAY

On Route 4 at a point two miles southwest of Lincoln, between 3 and 4 o'clock last Friday morning, one of the most destructive auto accidents occurred in Logan county in which nobody was injured.

B. F. Farmer, of Joplin, Mo., driving a large truck for the Modern Poultry and having tire trouble drove his machine partly off the slab, and left his companion in the cab while he went to a nearby house to secure an auto jack. Another northbound machine, owned by the Chicago and St. Louis Transit Co., failed to see the truck partly on the slab, sideswiped the poultry truck, ripping off one side and overturning the latter truck.

The poultry truck was loaded with 1,200 live chickens and 100 cases of eggs, each case containing 36 dozen eggs, or a total of 43,200 eggs. Almost half the load of chickens either was released or killed in the collision and overturning of the truck, and most of the eggs were shattered and spilled over the highway, causing a very messy or scrambled accident.

Many of the chickens that escaped were caught and these, along with the salvaged eggs, were sold to Armour & Co. in Lincoln. The chickens that had been killed, but were still in good condition, were picked up and taken to the Salvation Army.

BEN POTTER SUFFERED STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Ben Potter, the well known harness dealer, and president of the Mt. Pulaski Township High School board of education, suffered a stroke of paralysis about 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon while at his place of business on south side of square. He was immediately taken to his home on North Garden street. During the few days he has shown much improvement.

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Logan County Boy Scout Council will be held in Lincoln on Thursday evening, December 15th. The annual election of officers will be held, and annual reports given.

LIST OF CHRISTMAS SEAL PURCHASERS IN TOWNSHIP

Following is a list of Christmas Seal purchasers in Mt. Pulaski township reported up to this time: Brooks R. Aitchison, D. L. Barr, R. M. Beggs, Bertoni's Restaurant, W. E. Birks, Rev. Harry M. Blout, John E. Bowles, P. W. Buckles, John A. Christmann, August S. Combs, Dr. G. S. Connelly, Mrs. M. A. Crane, Henry Dammernann, Christian Drobisch, Lorenzo Downing, Ben Elv, Edward Gulso, Henry Horn, Robert N. Jones, John Kerschner, Lang Sisters, Albert F. Lipp, Carl Lipp, Winifred Lottlerle, Leigh W. Lucas, Roy Moore, Fred W. Meister, E. G. Phinney, Anna D. Roth, John M. Sisk, Frank B. Snyder, William Tutwiler, Edward Unland, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Veal, George A. Volle, J. A. Volle, A. O. Vonderlieth, Clarence E. West, David Wilson.

Bandits Rob Former Mt. Pulaskian of \$92

Two armed bandits, shortly after 7 o'clock Monday night, held up and robbed Paul Weidenbacher, 2548 South Sixth street, Springfield, while he was in his car in the driveway at his home, taking \$92 and a .38 calibre pistol from him.

Weidenbacher reported to the police that the two men came to the side of his car and covered him with pistols. One of the men had three pistols, one in his hand and two in his pockets. The other man was also armed. After taking the money and the pistol, the two bandits fled on foot.

The bandits started to take a watch from him, Weidenbacher reported, but when he asked them to allow him to keep it, since it had been given to him by his mother, the robbers returned it to him.

Paul Weidenbacher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Weidenbacher of Mt. Pulaski. He has been living in Springfield for a number of years. Mr. Weidenbacher and wife motored to Mt. Pulaski last Sunday and visited his parents.

Hilltoppers In 37-19 Victory Over Athens

Athens Falls Victim Of Veteran Basketball Squad

After getting off to a slow start the Hilltoppers broke loose in the second half and buried the visiting Athens quintet by a 37-19 score in the Township High School gymnasium Friday night, December 2d.

Waddell went under for a basket on the opening play, and from then on the locals were never headed, although Athens pulled up to within one point during the second quarter. The visitors had Blout bottled up at the pivot position, using two and three men for the job, but he broke loose for five double-deckers in spite of the handicap.

Zimmermann turned in the high score of the evening with a total of fifteen points, with Blout a close second with twelve, while the rest of the team, though not taking a prominent part in the scoring, turned in a good job at defense in holding the visitors to five field goals.

The Hilltopper offense was somewhat ragged during the first half, but at times during the second period it was clicking in mid-season form. Coach Dertinger and the squad are busy this week polishing up the offense and correcting mistakes made in the opening encounter.

For the visitors Mason and Hackman turned in the best performances. Most of their team are underclassmen and will probably be heard from in coming years.

First Quarter.

Zimmermann tipped the ball to Waddell, who dribbled under for a basket to put the Hilltoppers out in front by a 2-0 score. Waddell made it 3-0 when he was fouled by Mason. Van Hook pushed Mason, who hit for Athens' first point. Zimmermann sank a neat bucket from the side to bring the count to 5-1. Mt. Pulaski Blout made a follow-up shot good to make it 7-1, and Athens called time. Hall replaced Baugher during the time out period, and a few seconds later the quarter ended. Score, 7-1, Mt. Pulaski.

Second Quarter.

Zimmermann took the tip and Van Hook hit from the side to make it 9-1. Mason dropped one thru the hoop for Athens' first field goal of the game. Mt. Pulaski called time. Score 9-3. After the time out period Blout fouled Mason, who connected and a few seconds later counted another when fouled by Waddell, to bring the count to 9-5. Connelly replaced Van Hook in the Hilltoppers lineup. Hall hit a two-pointer to

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December Meeting Of Household Science Club

The next regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Pulaski Household Science Club will be held in the American Legion rooms on the afternoon of Friday, December 15th, with Mrs. George C. Boidler as hostess, the assisting hostesses being Mrs. Louis F. Myers, Mrs. Frank Copeland, Mrs. Anna Kick, Miss Winifred Lottlerle, Mrs. Clarence Bowers and Miss Dorothy Bender.

"This Club a friendly spirit has, O, come let's get together, So all appear for Christmas cheer No matter what the weather."

Following is the program planned: Roll Call—"My best loved Christmas Gift."

Business Session. Song, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." Contest. Exchange of Christmas Gifts.

FARM BUREAU BOARD WILL ORGANIZE DEC. 12TH

The board of directors of the Logan County Farm Bureau will convene in Lincoln at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, December 12th, for purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as will come before them to dispose of.

The board of directors includes one representative from each township in the county. The township directors were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Dean Foster and Miss Lorena McKenny visited in Springfield last Thursday.

SPRINGFIELD-MT. PULASKI PLAY TOMORROW NIGHT

And lest you forget, the Hilltoppers travel to Springfield Friday night for a game with Mark Peterman's ball hawks. The Springfield eagles are taking on two teams, Athens being the second half of the double-header. The local team plays at 8 o'clock. The games will be played at the State Arsenal.