

## REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Christmas!

How we used to thrill at even the thought of Christmas though it was months away.

We do not know of anything that has given so many thrills as this particular season.

The kiddies look forward to Santa and his reindeers; and

To the toys and the candy he will thoughtfully place in their stockings.

Wonder if the kiddies still hang up their largest stockings and are sure no hole will let anything slip thru.

We have heard that they used to do that.

Say, but it was hard to try to get to bed the night of the big event.

And when one did, it was hours before weary eyelids won their battle over an eager and excited little body.

Then the next morning!

All getting up records were broken and no matter how cold the floors, bare feet fairly flew over them to get to those stockings.

What a shout of heart-bursting joy went up when the very things we had written Santa for, were there.

A hurried trip to show dad and mother, and let them admire it, and then back again to dig deeper and deeper.

Everything that Old Santa left was a thrill, even to the orange that ordinarily was "just an orange."

No breakfast was eaten that morning, but clothes were hurriedly thrown on and out we went to display those gifts to our little pals and also see what Santa left them.

Old Santa, still in bed, after a night of filling stockings, was just as happy as the kiddies.

The happy, contented smile that covered his face was sometimes accompanied by an unbidden lump in his throat as he regretted not being able to supply everything that youthful enthusiasm desired.

Boys seemingly get more kick out of gifts at the "Santa Claus age" than girls.

Or perhaps, they make more noise about it.

Never having been a girl, we can't say.

But the girls "make up" for it when they get close to the young lady stage.

They don't make much noise about it, but they do make considerable fuss.

To the older folks Christmas is still a hallowed event and one devoted to passing out good cheer to the younger folks, and to their friends, tried and true.

Though your Christmas be small and not what you would like it to be, you can find a great amount of satisfaction in enjoying your loved ones even though your appreciation has no material value.

It is not the gift, but the giver, that really makes Christmas.

Enjoy your loved ones and friends by giving them a deeper devotion and loyalty, and your Christmas season and the days to come will be joyful ones.

## Leeds Gold Case

## Ends Rather Abruptly

The Leeds gold case at Buffalo had a rather abrupt finish last week when the interested parties saw all hopes of their retaining any of the gold dwindle day after day as court proceedings, new evidence, and attorney's fees dug deeper and deeper.

Gathered around a table in a Springfield bank the litigants, with eight (8) attorneys also deeply interested, began a systematic "you take one and I'll take one" division of the pot. The \$6,043 in gold was split in this way:

The two diggers who found it received \$700 each; Booth, owner of the property, received \$1,620.50; and the Leeds heirs, \$3,022.50.

## ILLIOPOLIS HOME BURNED DOWN FRIDAY MORNING

Early last Friday morning, when the thermometer registered below zero, fire destroyed the modern residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd in Illiopolis. The blaze is thought to have originated in an overheated furnace. The loss is estimated at \$9,000. They lost all their belongings. Two other homes adjoining the Boyd residence were damaged by the flames, and were saved only by the efforts of Illiopolis and Niantic firemen. The homes damaged were those of William Mussenden and Dr. M. M. Fletcher.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

## Prize Winners At Chestnut Farm Institute

## More Interest Than Usual Shown In Making Entries

Chestnut, Ill.—The annual one-day Logan County Farmers' Institute, Household Science program, Corn Show and Farm Products Exhibit, was held at the Chestnut Community High School on Tuesday, December 13, 1932, and in spite of the very cold weather, there was a good attendance, and a fine display in the various departments.

The programs of the afternoon and evening were very interesting and instructive. Addresses in the afternoon were given by Harrison Fahrnkopf, Grain Marketing Director, Illinois Agricultural Association, on "Grain Marketing," and H. M. Adams, Manager Logan County Livestock Marketing Association, on "Livestock Marketing." There was also a men's business meeting in the afternoon.

The evening session commenced with a joint meeting of the entire community, followed by musical numbers by local talent. Farm Adviser J. H. Checkley, of Lincoln, led the community singing, and an address was made on "The Farmer's Place in the Community" by Charles Adams, Lincoln State School and Colony.

Following is the list of premium winners in the different departments.

**Grains, Etc.**  
10 ears Yellow corn (professional)—Edwin Rentschler, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; John Suedmeier, third; Paul Wessbecher, fourth.  
10 ears Yellow corn (amateur)—Ben Schroth, first; C. F. Suedmeier, second; Henry Stoll, third; Wilbur Schroth, fourth.

Bushel Yellow corn—Edwin Rentschler, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; Everett Stoll, third; Wilbur Schroth, fourth.

Peck shelled seed corn—Edwin Rentschler, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; Wilbur Schroth, third; John Suedmeier, fourth.

Single ear of corn—Henry Stoll, first; Edwin Rentschler, second; Alvin Rentschler, third.

Longest ear of corn—Wm. Opperman, first; Edwin Rentschler, second; Raymond Stoll, third.

Best peck oats—Norbert Schroth, first; Paul Wessbecher, second; Edwin Rentschler, third.

Best peck of wheat—Paul Wessbecher, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; Edwin Rentschler, third.

Best peck soybeans—Paul Wessbecher, first; Edwin Rentschler, second; Paul Wessbecher, third.

Best peck of timothy seed—Alvin Rentschler, first.

Best peck red clover seed—Paul Wessbecher, first; C. J. Suedmeier, second; Alvin Rentschler, third.

Best peck potatoes—Paul Wessbecher, first; Carl Opperman, second; Norbert Schroth, third.

Best peck sweet potatoes—C. J. Suedmeier, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; Edwin Rentschler, third.

Best dozen onions (red)—Paul Wessbecher, first; Alvin Rentschler, second.

Best dozen onions (yellow)—Alvin Rentschler, first.

Best dozen onions (white)—Edwin Rentschler, first; Alvin Rentschler, second.

Best half dozen carrots—Ben Schroth, first; Edwin Rentschler, second; Alvin Rentschler, third.

Best half dozen turnips—Mrs. Ben Schroth, first; Bud Lamar, second; Dan Lamar, third.

Best pumpkin or squash—William Opperman, first; Alvin Rentschler, second; Edwin Rentschler, third.

Best farm display—Edwin Rentschler, first; Ben Schroth, second; Alvin Rentschler, third.

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## THE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ENJOY PARTY

The members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Mt. Pulaski held a delightful Christmas party in Odd Fellows hall Tuesday night, December 20th, and the event was attended by a large crowd.

One of the features of the party was a program, given as follows: Solo, "Star of the East," Miss Della Washburn.

Song, Martha and Joan Reznick. Reading, Harold Horn.

Play, "New Wives for Old," Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Rickords, Mr. and Mrs. William Voelker, Miss Gretchen Stennett, Helen and Bernice Brooker.

Piano duet, Cerese Glose and Doris Romer.

Reading, Carlton Drake, Jr. Tap Dancing, Morris Myers.

Song, Martha and Joan Reznick. Reading, Betty Jean Brooker.

Solo, Dorothy Wanda Glose. Reading, Fern Vandevender.

"Holy Night," by Everybody.

A Christmas Tree was in evidence to add to the effectiveness of the occasion, and there was an exchange of gifts, and treats for all were passed around.

The entertainment committee was composed of Mrs. Charles Brooker, Mrs. Eliza Dawson and Miss Sciota Horn.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS--HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THE TIMES-NEWS

--By the Whole Gang

MAY the candle of our service to you grow brighter and brighter as the months come and go.

And it is with a deep sense of gratitude to our loyal subscribers, patrons and friends that we extend the season's greetings in the same old-fashioned way

## Louis Moore Hurt In Saw Accident

Louis Moore, who lives on South Marion street, was seriously injured about 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Harry Downing timber on Salt creek, three miles north of the city. Mr. Moore and Paul A. Gruber were sawing wood, using a buzz saw, driven by a gasoline engine. The belt had become loose, and the two men started to fix the belt while the saw was revolving. Mr. Moore picked up a crowbar to push the engine platform a couple of inches, when his right foot slipped in the snow and the fleshy part of the leg between the thigh and knee was hit by the saw, cutting a deep gash about eight inches long.

Other men there at the time of the accident were Henry C. Gruber and son Frank, and Rodney Moore, father of the injured man. Paul Gruber gave first aid to stop the heavy flow of blood, taking off his corduroy vest and twisting it tightly around the leg above the cut. This method soon stopped the flow of blood, and Dr. Forest C. Van Hook was called and took Mr. Moore to St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln, where he gave him the necessary surgical attention. It took more than fifty stitches to close the cut. Word from the hospital Wednesday evening was that Mr. Moore was resting easier, and gradually improving.

## SNAKE FOUND IN THE SNOW MONDAY

Last Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hahn motored to their farm about eight miles northwest of the city. They were accompanied by Richard T. Harper as far as the Albert Horn farm on the Elk Hart road, where he learned that Mrs. Hahn had gone out to the mail box early in the morning and found a snake lying in the snow. Thinking the foot reptile was dead, Mrs. Hahn picked it up and the snake this 2:12 p.m. She returned to the Horn stepped and tried to find it, struck at her. It disappeared. This house, and others in this cold winter, but the snake had disappeared where it was rather unusual for the below zero weather, and one would think the snake was during the temperatures of last week.

## COMMUNITY TREE LIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT

The Community Christmas tree was lighted on the public square last Saturday night, and is offering a silent invitation to the public to gather 'round it on Saturday evening, December 24th, to make merry. The Community Christmas Tree program is being sponsored this year by the Mt. Pulaski's Woman's Club, and they are desirous of having a large attendance at their open air party Christmas eve. Carols will be sung, and Santa Claus will make a personal appearance to distribute sacks of candy to the children. The event starts at 7 o'clock prompt. Be there!

## INVITED TO ATTEND EASTERN STAR MEETING

Owen Scott Chapter No. 984, of Decatur, has invited the officers and members of the Mt. Pulaski Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star to attend their installation at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, January 3d, in the Masonic Temple auditorium.

Abraham Lincoln Chapter No. 959, Order of Eastern Star, will hold a public installation at 8 o'clock Monday evening, January 2d, at the Masonic Temple in Springfield.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

## Bailey-Greenslate Nuptials Last Saturday

Miss Fern Bailey and Herbert Greenslate were united in marriage at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night, December 17, 1932, at the parsonage of the First Christian church in Lincoln, Illinois, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Hooe. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz, of Lincoln.

The bride looked charming in a blue georgette gown, with accessories to match, and Mrs. Kurtz wore a rose crepe dress.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, who reside on North Washington street, Mt. Pulaski. She is a graduate of the Mt. Pulaski Township High School, and has lived at home since leaving school. The groom is the oldest son of O. G. Greenslate, of Lincoln, and is a graduate of the Kenney Community High School. He has been employed on the farm of Frank Southern northeast of La. This young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

## Resume Work On Route 121 Tuesday

Work was again started on Route 121 between Mt. Pulaski and Lincoln on Tuesday following a moderation in weather.

A new culvert has been built this side of the Illinois Central tracks, and on the other side between the tracks and the Deer creek bridge trucks are dumping tons of dirt to build up the approach to the bridge. At the Lincoln entrance where the new slab leaves the narrow strip, telephone poles have been reset and a new culvert is under construction.

The detour remains in force, but is in fair condition, altho a winter of travel over it will no doubt make it plenty tough by spring.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The customary children's Christmas Eve service will again be held at the Zion Lutheran church on Saturday evening, December 24th, beginning at 7 o'clock. The service will consist of Scripture reading and prayer, the presentation of the Christmas story, appropriate Christmas songs by the children, with organ and cornet accompaniment, solos and duets, and recitations. The one great purpose of this service is to glorify and exalt the Christ-Child, the God-sent Redeemer of the world.

## SHERIDAN FARMER DIED WEDNESDAY

William Gallagher, 73, Sheridan township farmer, passed away at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at his hospital in Lincoln. He had been at the hospital since February, and was only critically ill for a few days.

## CANTON RETURNS

Telephone wires at the Times-News office last Thursday evening were burned up for over two hours by anxious fans calling in about the score of the quarter game. This quarter by Carter score will be maintained in the Times-News on every out town game. Don't forget to call in or drop in and enjoy the games with us.

The next game to be given will be with University High on January 2d.

## Homecoming Game Is Open To Public

The Homecoming game at the Mt. Pulaski Township High School Friday night, December 30th, with Peoria Manual, is the big event in the life of the student body as well as the thousand and one basketball fans.

The homecoming game is open to the public the same as all basketball games during the season. And fans who want more than their money's worth better be hanging onto a seat early that evening or wear their standing-room-only shoes.

Following the game, the program committee has arranged for an entertaining social evening to which students, alumni, teachers and their guests are invited to attend.

There will be dancing, cards and other forms of entertainment. Be sure to get your Homecoming ticket at once.

Get your tickets for the complete program, the games, and party, from any of the following people: Gene C. Clear, Cecil Tendick, Roman Romer, Carl Ey, Raymond Hahn, Sammy Bertoni, or Robert S. Aitchison. The price is 35 cents.

There will be first and second team games.

## WILLIAM DITTUS HAS BIBLE PRINTED IN GERMANY IN 1798

William Dittus, who formerly resided for many years on his farm on Route 121, one mile north of Mt. Pulaski, but moved to Lincoln less than two years ago, has a Bible 134 years old, and during nearly all that long period of time has been in the family. The Bible, printed in German, was published in 1798 in Wittenberg, Germany. It was handed down to Mr. Dittus by his great grandfather.

William Dittus of Lincoln has already had to relinquish his oldest Bible claim to Mrs. Elmer Ruben of Emden, who has one that has been in the family since 1763.

## MT. PULASKIANS IN DECATUR PERFORMANCE

The opera, "Robin Hood," was presented in the Millikin Conservatory of Music in Decatur on Tuesday night, December 13th, by the voice pupils of Grant Hadley. One of the principal parts was taken by Wilbur Stoll, of Mt. Pulaski, who took the role of the Sheriff of Nottingham.

The Decatur Review in commenting upon Mr. Stoll, said: "Brown October Ale" was the most rollicking chorus of the opera, and the carousal of the sheriff, persuaded to quaff one mug of ale after another by the forest gang, excited the large crowd as he became more and more affected by drink. Wilbur Stoll first won his audience with a first act solo rich in bragadocci, in which he admits there 'never was such a sheriff as I.' His mimic love scene was another comic high point."

Miss Virginia Clear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Clear, of Mt. Pulaski, appeared in chorus numbers. Miss Clear is a student at Millikin University.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

Old Man Zero had his inning last week when he controlled the thermometer for six days. Varying from 2 below on Monday to 17 below last Friday, he kept everyone shoveling coal and backed up to the stove. The thermometer started up the first of this week, then back down with a little rain yesterday.

Merry Christmas is our wish to all.

## Local Cagers Win 20-16; Lose 22-20

## Defeated Canton 20-16, But Lost to University High 22-20.

Another victory was bagged at Canton Thursday night, December 15th, by a Dertinger coached team in by far the hardest and toughest competition the locals have met this year, winning by a 20 to 16 score, after trailing until the third quarter.

Previous dope that Canton had a small but speedy bunch of lads was no "bear" story, but "bare" facts. They were all of that with a world of fight that kept the locals in hot water all of the time.

Coach Chadd's boys had the scoring edge on the locals in the first two quarters of the game, leading by 8 to 7 and 12 to 8. But a change of attack on Mt. Pulaski's part soon put a different aspect on the outcome, with the result that the tables were reversed in the last half quarters, 13 to 12, and 20 to 16, final.

Mt. Pulaski took a nice lead at the start of a nice play-in basket by Waddell, and a Blout pivot basket, both within the first minute or two of play. But Canton countered by making three free throws good and slipping in a basket to gain the lead.

Cardosi and Pilcher were the main-springs in Canton's offense and kept the locals defense screen working overtime.

Going into the second half with a 12 to 9 score against them, the locals held their opponents scoreless while they picked up 4 points on two baskets to gain the lead, and were never headed.

Long shots, which were taboo in the first half, began to soar toward Mt. Pulaski's basket, and when they didn't swish thru, a nice follow up shot did the work. It was a clever strategy to break up an air tight defense, and it worked by pulling Canton out on the floor farther.

The play by quarters tells the story:

## First Quarter.

Zimmermann got the tip off and a pass play to Waddell registered a basket right off the bat. Canton immediately took time out. Canton got the tip off and Zimmermann did a nice job of blocking out their shot for a basket. Then that old dependable pivot shot of Blout's was pulled after the rest of the game had the stage set.

Zimmermann pushed his man on the tip off and Pilcher made it good. Blout fouled Cardosi on a basket shot and both free throws were good. Blout then made good a free one when White fouled him. Waddell went down the floor for another shot at the basket, but slipped and lost the ball. Cardosi then went in for a basket. Mt. Pulaski then called time out. Zimmermann got his only long basket of the evening from about the free throw line. Tink evened it up by another fast play on a short shot.

Anderson in for Beckers, Davis in for White. Van Hook fouled by White, missed. Pilcher on another fast short shot play heoped one. Score 8 to 7, Canton.

## Second Quarter.

Zimmermann missed for first shot of the quarter, and then fouled Pilcher, who made it. Blout missed on a nice dribble play by Zimmermann. Pilcher again slipped in for a fast basket. Mt. Pulaski time out. Van Hook missed a free throw on a technical "speaking" foul. Another pivot shot by Blout on a pass by Anderson missed. Van Hook shoved his man and Cardosi made his free throw. Blout was again fouled by Cardosi, and he made it. Zimmermann tried a long shot but missed. Blout was fouled by Tink on a basket.

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## 800 Visitors See 1933 Chevrolet

The new 1933 Chevrolet creation displayed at the Unland Chevrolet Sales rooms last Saturday was a revelation and a radical change from all previous Chevrolet products and was viewed by 800 visitors Saturday and Sunday.

A Coupe on the floor typified the new "Aer-stream" styling that is so popular in the higher priced class of cars.

Free wheeling, a starter that is used as an accelerator after engine is running, synchro-mesh transmission with silent second, no-draft ventilation, safety plate glass, 65 horsepower engine, combined with many other outstanding features, make this lower, longer and roomier car all that the motoring public could possibly ask for even in a higher priced car.

## ALLEN M. SHRIVER DIED IN CLYDE, KANSAS

Allen M. Shriver, who was born in Mt. Pulaski vicinity, but has been living in Clyde, Kansas, for many years, passed away at his home in that place on Friday, December 16, 1932, following a stroke of paralysis suffered over a week before. He was a cousin of Mrs. T. O. Snyder, of Mt. Pulaski. Further particulars will be given next week.