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PASSED AWAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

George Romer, a native of Logan county and for almost 60 years a resident of Mt. Pulaski and its vicinity died in his home on Sunday evening Jan. 31, 1932 on North Scott street following an illness of less than a week's duration. In his usual good health and spirits, he was listening to and enjoying his favorite radio numbers about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning Jan. 26 when he was stricken with paralysis that affected his entire left side. Dr. F. C. Van Hook was immediately called and his condition seemed much better in a few days, in fact he was so much improved by Saturday that the nurse in charge was permitted to leave. On Sunday however, pneumonia developed and death occurred at 11:45 o'clock that evening.

George Romer was born near Bell Station north of Lincoln, on May 26, 1871 and died at the age of 60 years, 8 months and 5 days. His parents Anton and Mary Bollin Romer were prominent in the community in their day. Born and reared on a farm, this was his occupation throughout his life. His first venture in farming on his own responsibility was when still a young man when he and his brother Jacob operated a Sims farm situated on the "lake" where they batched in a log cabin.

In January 1897 he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paulus Horn. They resided for many years east of the city on the Ring farm now operated by Alvin Geyer and later they moved to the Shoup farm north of Salt Creek. About 18 years ago they purchased their present home and moved to this city.

They were the parents of one son and four daughters, one of which died in childhood. Surviving are the widow, son Clarence Romer, daughters Mrs. Norma Kautz, Miss Lorine Romer, Mt. Pulaski and Mrs. Amelia Olson. Left also are one granddaughter and the following brothers and sisters: Jacob Romer, Mrs. A. F. Dillaver, Mrs. F. J. Roth, Mt. Pulaski; Herman Romer, Peoria and Mrs. T. E. Duff, Lincoln.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Feb. 3 in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church. Rev. J. W. McGinn of St. Patrick's church in Lincoln conducted the burial rites. Music was in charge of Mrs. Lora Z. Lipp and the regular church choir. Special numbers consisted of a soprano solo "Night Folds Its Starry Curtain" by Mrs. P. E. Beidler and a duet "At Rest" by Mrs. Beidler and Mrs. Lipp, and "Lead Kindly Light" by the choir.

Pallbearers were T. A. Scroggin, L. F. Sams, Frank Sellers, D. J. Fuhrer, Joe Fuhrer and John Fuhrer and burial was in Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

SEEK STATE AID SLAB

The Logan county state aid road committee in conference with a delegation of some 35 Mt. Pulaski citizens Monday, promised to order a survey and seek dedication deeds for the road leading south out of Mt. Pulaski to join a similar Sangamon county road. This road carries heavy traffic and connects with Route 10 at Welch's crossing.

The survey will be preliminary to graveling the road when motor fuel tax funds are available. The delegation also asked improvement of the four miles of road leading west from Mt. Pulaski to connect with the Lake Fork-Cornland-Lincoln section of the Prim road.

A booster meeting for a state highway from Mt. Pulaski to Mulberry Grove will be held in Taylorville on next Monday that is expected to draw delegations from most of the cities and communities thru which the proposed road would pass. Mulberry Grove is almost directly south of Mt. Pulaski and the road as proposed would touch Nokomis, Taylorville and Mt. Auburn.

Several meetings during the past year at which Mt. Pulaski had representatives, were held at various points along the route, and it might be well for this city to have a delegation present at Taylorville on next Monday.

FORMER WELL KNOWN RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

The body of William E. Van Hook who died in his home at Tecumseh, Mich., on Monday Feb. 1, 1932, arrived in Mt. Pulaski on Wednesday morning and was taken to the home of his brother Dr. F. C. Van Hook. He had been in failing health for a number of years and visited Mt. Pulaski something over a year ago for the benefit of his health. The family moved from here to Michigan about 12 years ago.

William Edward Van Hook was born May 7, 1870 at Newman in Douglas county, Ill., and died at the age of 61 years, 8 months and 24 days. He was the oldest son of Uriah and Louvina Copeland Van Hook. Surviving are his wife who was Miss Alice Moyer, and one son and three daughters: Donald Van Hook, Mrs. Irma Chase, Tecumseh; Mrs. Grace Stone, Decatur and Mrs. Daisy Miller, Mt. Pulaski. Left also are three grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Amose E. Van Hook, Dr. F. C. Van Hook, Mrs. Arthur Ridgeway, Mt. Pulaski; Wesley Van Hook, Decatur and Dr. H. M. Van Hook, surgeon in the U. S. Army hospital at Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon Feb. 4, in the Mt. Pulaski Christian church, conducted by Rev. J. Wayne Staley. A quartette composed of Mrs. Robert Copeland, Miss Lois Copeland, R. N. Jones and F. E. Turley rendered several appropriate hymns with organ accompaniment by Mrs. F. E. Turley. The following six cousins acted as pallbearers: Frank Copeland, R. N. Jones, S. W. Gasaway, Frank Bell, Lora Copeland and Willis Copeland. Burial was made in Steenbergen cemetery.

AWARDED TROPHY FOR BASKETBALL

The Silver trophy awarded to Cecil H. McVey of this city by Illinois College at Jacksonville in honor of his selection as the most valuable basketball player on the College team in 1931, was received by him on Friday and is on display in the show window of The Times office on the east side of the square.

The trophy which is 7 inches tall is a solid silver figure of a basketball player set to make a pass or shoot a basket. The figure stands on a 2 inch base to which is attached a plate with the following inscription: "CECIL H. McVEY, MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, ILLINOIS COLLEGE 1931, BASKETBALL."

Cecil who attends Lincoln College this year is living up to his reputation as a "flash" made during his Mt. Pulaski Township High School days and at Illinois College. He with "Hank" Blackford and "Chili" Anderson, all graduates of the Mt. Pulaski High School, are rated as the mainstays of the Lincoln College team this year.

WILSON-MEISTER

Floyd A. Meister, son of Mrs. Mertise Meister of Mt. Pulaski and Miss Evalena Louise Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Illiopolis, were married at 7:15 o'clock Saturday evening Jan. 30. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the First Christian church in Lincoln by the pastor Rev. L. H. Hooe.

Mr. Meister has been assisting his mother in the management of the farm about 4 miles south of Mt. Pulaski. They will live on a farm near Mt. Pulaski.

WEATHER CHANGES

Mt. Pulaski is experiencing a touch of real winter weather this Thursday morning, following one of the mildest January's on record. A rain which froze as soon as it touched the ground began falling shortly after noon on Wednesday, continuing until late in the evening, threatening to duplicate the sleet or glaze storm of several years ago. Sometime during the night however, the rain changed to snow with predictions for more snow and much colder.

Shade trees, hedges and bushes presented a beautiful picture this morning as they were covered with a coating of ice that glistens like diamonds.



I've sipped the nectar made by art,
From champagne down to tea,
And quaffed the beverages they brew
Across the rolling sea;
But rather far I'd stoop to drink
The water, pure and sweet,
That gurgled from the old town pump
And splashed my sun-browned feet.

It was a democratic thing,
The old pump, cracked and brown.
Its crystal stream was free to all,
The sinner, saint and clown.
There pausing, waiting paused to drink,
Likewise the village belle,
While neighbors passed the time of day
As evening shadows fell.

When tired hands pumped the old town pump,
Its rusty voice would croon;
But when the children pumped, it danced
And sang a merry tune.
When water systems banned the pump
A landmark passed away,
But in the land of memory
It never will decay.



TODAY

By Lydia Avery Conoley Ward

Why fear tomorrow, timid heart?
Why tread the future's way?
We only need to do our part
Today, dear child, to-day.

The past is written! Close the book
On pages sad and gay;
Within the future do not look,
But live today—today.

'Tis this one hour that God has given
His Now we must obey;
And it will make our earth His heaven
To live today—today.

BAPTISMAL RITES PERFORMED

Shirley Jean was the name given to the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace at the baptismal rites performed at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hughes by Rev. H. Wittrock, pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran church. The sponsors were the grandmother Mrs. Hughes and great aunt Mrs. M. J. Kautz.

Mrs. Wallace whose home is in Memphis, Tenn., has been at the home of her parents for the past several months.

ART UNIT MT. PULASKI WOMAN'S CLUB MEET FRI.

The Art Unit of the Mt. Pulaski Woman's club will meet at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon Feb. 5 in the home of Mrs. W. N. King, West Cook street. The program which will be on "Religion in Art" is as follows:—

Early History of Religious Painting, "Story of Jesus" by early painters, and "Birth of Christ in Painting"—Mrs. W. N. King.
"Italian Renaissance Painters"—Mrs. V. G. Connelley.
"Dutch Painters of Religious Subjects"—Mrs. Mino Allspach.
"Flemish Painters of Religious Subjects"—Mrs. Wilford Scroggin.
"Spanish Painters of Religious Subjects"—Mrs. P. E. Beidler.
"German Painters of Religious Subjects"—Miss Mary Volle.
"English Painters of Religious Subjects"—Mrs. W. N. King.

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CHURCH NOTES ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45.
Service 10:30 A. M.
The church societies meet as follows:

The Ladies' Aid meets on the last Thursday of the month.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Senior Walther League meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

The Junior Walther League meets on the third Thursday of the month.
H. WITTROCK, pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The Missionary Society will hold regular meeting next week, Thursday.

Next Wednesday evening at 7:30 let the whole congregation gather at the church for prayer service.

Public worship in the church is intended to give to each worshiper an experience in God. This experience is of morality. The music, personal memorabilia but the cause and motive the heart of religion. It is not mere havior, the dress and manner of the preacher may all help to create the atmosphere and make true worship possible. Less refined forms of worship have played too large a part and so helped to undermine the noble character of our services. Remember that in the eyes of some the mortal sin of protestantism is our carelessness of these things which amounts to irreverence in the sanctuary.

The League Topic is a good one:—"What is Patriotism?" Louise Volle is the leader. 6:45 is the hour. Perhaps you can bring with you some friend who should be a member of your league.

Of course the morning subject will be something suggested by Lincoln Birthday Anniversary. The evening subject not yet chosen.

Rev. H. M. Blout, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Miss Lola Hahn, Supt.
9:30 A. M. The Church School.
10:30 A. M. The Morning Worship
Sunday February 7th—Quinquagesima Sunday.

The regular Services will be held. The Epistle for the day, I Cor 13: 1-13 verses.

Subject, "Charity, the Greatest of All Virtues." "Oh come let us sing unto the Lord a new song, a song of praise and thanksgiving."

Lent begins this year February 10th. St. John's will observe it this year with special services each Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Subject for Ash-Wednesday evening will be "The voice of Lent."

May this Lenten Season find us:—By God's grace earnestly endeavoring to deepen our spiritual life.

Spending a portion of each day in meditation of the remarkable love and Passion of our Saviour.

Journeying with Jesus to Jerusalem by attending all the services held at St. John's.

Re-consecrating our lives to Him who died that we might live.

Rev. W. N. King, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The bible school attendance was a little lower last Sunday than it was a week ago. This must have been due in part at least to the snappy weather. This condition did not seem to be reflected however, in the morning service, for here the audience was large. A strong steady attendance is a rather good assurance that a church is succeeding at its task.

When this is coupled with a reasonable number of confessions and a wholesome interest in spiritual matters you may be sure that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is bearing fruit in the lives of a people.

The evening service was well attended. The whole service was given over to singing old songs. There were many former special numbers reproduced at the request for their appearance. The service was pronounced a success even though we could not find all the songs requested and some of the former specials could not be given. However, we intend to have another such service when we shall give the requests we missed this time and we are now searching for real old songs, for this

service of the near future. All the services of the church are constantly growing in interest, both morning and evening. Don't miss them.

MT. PULASKI LIBRARY CLUB

About 100 members and guests assembled in the American Legion rooms on Tuesday afternoon for the Washington meeting of the Mt. Pulaski Library club. Mrs. Cora B. Ryman, superintendent of education of Macon county and a former resident of this city, gave an interesting talk. Special features of the meeting were the "Washington Tea" served by Mrs. W. H. Stafford and Mrs. F. B. Snyder, greeting and welcoming of the guests at the door by "George and Martha Washington" impersonated by Mrs. Harry Downing and Mrs. E. A. Downing respectively; vocal solo by Mrs. G. A. Volle and piano selection by Mrs. G. S. Connelley of dance music popular in the days of George Washington.

The club plans to plant a tree in the city park on the public square a little later, to commemorate the bi-centennial birthday of Washington.

W. C. T. U. MEETING FEB. 9

The Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their next meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Veail. This will be the annual Frances Willard Memorial Tea, and the members are urged to come and invite a guest. A silver offering will be taken in the interest of the Frances Willard Memorial Fund. This fund is for the extension of the principals and work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

This meeting will begin promptly at 2:30, a nice program is being prepared, and special music will add much to the success of the meeting.

Song, "O Womanhood Arise."
Scripture: Proverbs 14: 1 Matt. 10: 21-28—Mrs. Hester Evans.

Prayer—Mrs. J. W. Staley.
Talk, "The Triumphant Life of Frances E. Willard—Mrs. H. M. Blout Duett—Mrs. Everett Beidler, Mrs. Fred Mayer.

Talk—The Humanness of Frances E. Willard—Mrs. Marie Van Hook. Recitation, Acrostic, Frances E. Willard—Mrs. Dan Blackford. Solo—Mrs. W. G. Kautz.

Discussion of Membership Campaign, and recognition of Hold Fast Members—Mrs. John Rupp and Mrs. John Hershey.

Benediction.
Committee on serving tea—Mrs. Ira Veail, Mrs. John Hershey, Mrs. Ada Suedmeier.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The 500-Club of the Colvin district gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reiterman Monday evening, January 25, to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Virgie Bishop, teacher of the Colvin school. The guests had cautiously assembled while Mrs. Bishop was being entertained by the Reiterman family. When the door flew open and the crowd rushed in the surprise was complete.

After many hearty laughs at Mrs. Bishop's embarrassment, the crowd was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beaver with their guitars, playing Hawaiian music. The spirit of the occasion and the lure of the music set everyone's feet a tingle. The furniture was hastily crowded in the corners of the room and dancing was in full swing. The merry makers paused long enough at the midnight hour to partake of refreshments.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. "Barney" Gasaway, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Reiterman, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reiterman, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howe, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reiterman, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Cowan, Mrs. Virgie Bishop, Eugene Reiterman, Fred Stoddard, Harold Dean and Pamela Reiterman. The crowd dispersed before the break of day thanking fate, that, even though the years are creeping slowly upon us, we can laugh at Father Time and be youthful still.

For the first time since March, 1931 in December there was an increase in number of employees and amount of payrolls, says the state department of labor. Number of employees increased 2.1 per cent, and payrolls 4.1 per cent.