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TWO MEET DEATH IN LINCOLN FIRE

One of the most disastrous fires to visit Lincoln and in fact the entire county in more than fifty years, occurred in Lincoln early Tuesday morning when the three-story brick Oglesby building, corner Kickapoo and Broadway was completely destroyed by fire. While the property loss was huge, it is as nothing compared to the loss of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Vandevender who were trapped in their apartment on the third floor of the burning building.

Mrs. Vandevender threw herself headlong at a scaling ladder raised by firemen and fell three stories to the pavement. She died within a half hour in St. Clara's hospital. Jacob Vandevender was seen for a moment at a window as flames surrounded him but his rescue could not be effected as he soon disappeared in the fiery furnace. His body was recovered under a pile of debris on the second floor about 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Three other persons living in the building escaped the flames, two of them Mrs. Laura Lamoreaux and Miss Frances Small being rescued by firemen with ladders while the third Dr. C. B. Roberts escaped by way of the fire escape at the rear of the building.

The origin of the blaze is undetermined. When first discovered about 1:30 a. m., by the night police flames were seething up the elevator shaft in the heart of the structure and the flames swept up through it to enkindle the entire building. The loss is estimated at nearly $200,000.

The tragic death of Jacob W. Vandevender and his wife in the Lincoln fire on Tuesday morning Feb. 23, 1932, was a shock not only to his many relatives in this city but to the entire community where he had passed practically his entire life. He was born at Mt. Pulaski Jan. 8, 1864 and died at the age of 68 years, 1 month and 15 days. Farming was his occupation until about 10 years ago he moved to Mt. Pulaski. He was twice married, his first wife who died about 5 years ago was Miss Emma Griffin. They were the parents of four children, one daughter Mrs. Minnie Gulso, Mt. Pulaski and three sons John and David, Mt. Pulaski and Albert a member of the U. S. Coast guard stationed in New York. All of the above with several grandchildren survive.

Since the death of his first wife, he with his daughter Mrs. Gulso lived in their home on North Washington street, but last August he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sophia Bowman of Lincoln, they going to housekeeping in the apartment on the third floor of the Oglesby building. Altho living in Lincoln the couple were very frequent visitors in this city where most of his interests were located. He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Lodge No. 454 I. O. O. F.; member of the Christian church and violinist in the Mt. Pulaski orchestra.

Mrs. Sophia Vandevender was born in Lincoln and was 67 years old last October. Her maiden name was Sophia Shirk and she was first married to J. Summan and later to R. L. Bowman. He died in October 1930. In August 1931 she was married to Mr. Vandevender. Surviving are two daughters Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Lincoln and Mrs. Merle Anton, Chicago, and three grandchildren. For several years she was engaged as practical nurse and was a member of the First Presbyterian and Royal Neighbors lodge of Lincoln.

The remains of both Mr. and Mrs. Vandeveder were removed to the Goff Funeral home where an inquest into their deaths was conducted by Coroner Goff. Verdicts of accidental deaths from burns received while trying to escape from their apartment in the Oglesby building early Tuesday morning were returned by the following jury: George Hoblit, James Goldsmith, William Justen, Charles Ingram, Clifford Brennan and Edward Ruenzi.

Short funeral services were held for both Mr. and Mrs. Vandevender in the Goff Funeral home at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, then her remains were taken to the First Presbyterian church in Lincoln where services were conducted at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. A. C. Preston. Burial was made in Union cemetery in Lincoln.

The remains of Jacob W. Vandevender were brought to Mt. Pulaski for services at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Christian church. Rev. S. R. Reynolds a former pastor assisted by Rev. J. Wayne Staley the present pastor, officiated at the services.

A male quartette composed of R. N. Jones, O. W. Mayer, B. A. Tyler and Frank Turley rendered several hymns to organ accompaniment by Mrs. Turley. Pallbearers were T. A. Scroggin, Charles Kemmer, H. F. Gordon, Harry Downing, Shelby Curtis and James H. Shrader. Burial was made in Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

CHILD DROWNS IN TUB OF WATER

Mrs. Della Kinert was called to Springfield on Wednesday evening because of the death by drowning in a tub of water, of her grandson Harry Benton Russell, the 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, 2209 South 15th street.

The baby was found by Emil Rondelli, a neighbor who carried the boy into the house and called an ambulance. He and the mother worked over the child in an effort to revive him. At St. John's hospital a lungmotor and artificial respiration were used but physicians pronounced the child dead.

Wednesday being a warm day, Mrs. Russell left the doors of the house open and although she kept a close watch on the little fellow who had recently learned to walk, he slipped out of a rear door. He had only been gone a few moments when his body was found by Rondelli in the tub of water in the yard of a neighbor, it is said. No one saw the child fall into the water and just how the tragedy occurred, remains a mystery.

Coroner E. A. Dye was notified and will probably conduct an inquest on Saturday morning.

Surviving are the parents, three brothers, Bernard, John and Raymond Russell and two sisters Mrs. Thelma Marconi and Delores Russell, all of Springfield. The remains were removed to the Bisch & Son Funeral home to await funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Russell before her marriage was Miss Ruby Kinert, daughter of Mrs. Della Kinert and sister of Earl and Herman Kinert and Mrs. Emma Stratton of this city.

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GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM DESERVES PRAISE

The George Washington Bi-centennial program given on Monday evening in the Mt. Pulaski Township High School pupils, attracted a large audience and was just about the cutest program given by school children here in a long time. The program consisted of drills, playlets and a pageant. The grade school orchestra furnished the music throughout the evening.

If any number deserved special mention it would be the Toy Symphony Orchestra composed of tots from the first grade and directed by 6 year old Merle Veach in real Sousa style. They made a pretty picture in their white uniforms with red capes and tams, and because of their sizes and ages, were the hit of the evening.

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FORMER MT. PULASKI PASTOR WILL PREACH IN LATHAM

Rev. S. R. Reynolds has accepted a call to the Latham Christian church. His pastorate will open with a pre-Easter meeting on March 20, with services daily for a week. The Latham church, which is of brick has accommodations for individual class work and religious education. The congregation numbers about 150 persons.

Rev. Reynolds has been living in Decatur since he retired from the pastorate of the Mt. Pulaski Christian church several years ago.

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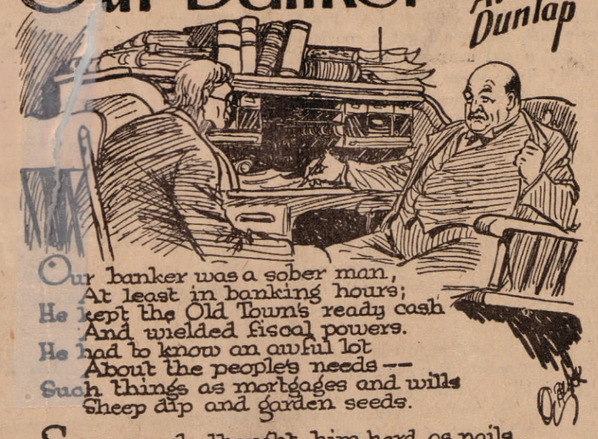
Logan county annual tax bills were placed in the mails on Wednesday morning by George Eberle, county treasurer and collector. The county expects to collect about a million and a half dollars in taxes this year. Taxes may be paid on receipt of bill especially personal taxes, but the real estate taxes will not draw interest until May 1, when a similar penalty will be attached to the personal taxes.

Our Banker

by J. A. Dunlap



Our banker was a sober man,
At least in banking hours;
He kept the Old Town's ready cash
And wielded fiscal powers.
He had to know an awful lot
About the people's needs—
Such things as mortgages and wills
Sheep dip and garden seeds.

Some people thought him hard as nails
And they would loudly moan,
When on some cheap collateral
He would not make a loan;
But some folks praised him to the skies
When, on his sane advice,
They sold a thing they did not want,
And got a handsome price.

I've delt with many banks that boast
Of millions at their back
But, though their marble counters shine,
There's something that they lack.
They lack the homely sympathy
The Home town bank possessed;
For ordinary folks like me,
The Old Home bank is best.

BOOSTERS AT ROAD MEETING

About 100 road boosters from Mt. Pulaski, Lake Fork, Cornland, Chestnut and Kenney gathered in the American Legion Rooms in this city on Wednesday morning and met with Rep. Chynoweth of Decatur who explained to the meeting the organization of the special commission of 15 who have in charge the laying out of the new ten year system of hard roads which will come before the Legislature this coming year.

Mr. Chynoweth stressed the fact that in order to get the roads we want we must be on our toes and show the commission that we really are interested. He invited and urged as many as possibly can to be present at the public hearing which the commission will hold on Thursday March 3 at 2 o'clock in the annex of the Centennial building, Springfield. This hearing is for Logan, Dewitt and Macon county boosters so it behoves Logan County road enthusiasts to be present in large numbers.

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WILL OPEN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Frank Lindley will open the January term of the Logan county circuit court on Monday Feb. 29 with the following announced calendar:

Monday Feb. 29, 1:30 P. M.; Ernest C. Goodpaster, Admr, etc. vs Alpha McCain; C. E. Smith et al, vs. Annetta C. Lutz.

Tuesday March 1, 9A. M.; James W. Baughman vs. Everette Gupton; Fred F. Mans, Admr. vs. Henry Miller; A. Lorenze vs. George S. Scheid.

Wednesday March 2, 9 A. M.; Aam T. Metcalf vs. Wesley Scroggin; John M. Rothwell vs. Charles W. Davis; People for the use of Hannah E. Stroee vs. Judson D. Fusch et al.

Thursday March 3, 3 a. m.; Irma Aitchison vs. James C. Cameron; People of the State of Illinois vs. Edwin Gleason.

The petit jury panel which will report on Monday Feb. 29 is as follows: Laenna, Fred W. Stoll, Carl Hild; Aetna, Burdell Myrick; Oran, John Connor; Atlanta, Merlin Huber; Mt. Pulaski, Claude Buckles, C. W. Downing, Wilhelm Kautz, Keith Rothwell, George Meister; Chester, Eli Broughton, Ollie Greenslate; East Lincoln, John Bushell, J. Fiquart, C. L. Newby, Clifford Sullivan, Edgar Campbell, Frank Buckstegge; West Lincoln, Carl Riedel, George Werschey, Fred Eimer, Marvin Sparks, August Ramlow, Sr., Robert Groth, Louis Welk, Sherman Heinzel, Elkhart, Peter Strump, Robert Follis; Broadwell, Roy Tompkins, Herman Lauer; Orvil, George Barry, Harry Matlock, Henry Gillard; Cowin, Paul Beaver.

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GEORGE KINDER

George Kinder 78, an old resident of Chestnut died in St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. He had been a patient there for several months and death was due to cancer.

Decedent was born Nov. 27, 1858 at Edwardsville. He was married Feb. 22, 1896 to Miss Lavina Howard who with one son Earl Kinder, Chestnut and one daughter Mrs. Earl Hoiner, Jerseyville, survive. Left also is one brother J. J. Kinder, Twin Falls, Idaho and one sister Mrs. A. P. Wolf, Edwardsville.

The body was taken to his home in Chestnut where funeral services will probably be held on Friday.

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The Winners' Bible class of the Methodist church will meet on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 23 in the home of David Cheek, South Garden street.

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HUFFMAN-BRADEMEYER

Miss Alma Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman and William R. Brademeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brademeyer, were united in marriage at 5 o'clock Saturday evening Feb. 20, in the parsonage of the Methodist church in Lincoln. Rev. H. M. Bloomer, officiated and the couple were accompanied by Miss Anna Huffman in Lincoln.

They will reside on a farm near Broadwell.

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The Loyal Sunday School class of the Methodist church will meet Thursday afternoon Feb. 25 in the home of Mrs. Minta Smith, North Vine street.

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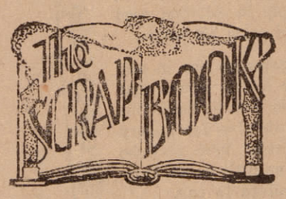

UNTENANTED
By Helen Welshimer

Your chair still held the imprint
Deep-cushioned where you sat,
And in the wardrobe I could see
Your overcoat and hat.

Your pipe spilled careless ashes
Across the fire-bright floor,
The lilac bushes you had watched
Were blowing at the door.

I cried the while I packed them
To store in memory—
Oh, well, I guess you never knew
That you lived there with me.

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.

Special Lenten Services every Wednesday evening at 7:30 until Palm Sunday.

H. WITTROCK, pastor.

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday February 28, 1932.

9:30 A. M. The Church School.
Miss Lola Hahn, Supt.

10:30 A. M. The Morning Worship
The Third Sunday in Lent.
Epistle for the Day, Eph. 5: 1-9.
Subject of Sermon: "Followers of God".

Plan to attend all the services of the Day, also the service Wednesday Evening which will be held at 7:30.

The Council will meet in regular meeting Monday evening Feb. 29th, at the Parsonage.

MY CHURCH

Founded on the Master's sacrifice,
Brought to life by the Spirit's power,
Builded by the Apostles' zeal
And the reformers' courage—
My Church, I love thee!

Church of my fathers that first taught me
The love of God and the Saviors grace
And led my footsteps
In the way of life—
My Church, I love thee!

Church of the font of consecration,
And of my promise in confirmation,
Where I heard the word of God,
And ate the bread of life;
For all I owe thee I give of my best
My Church, I love thee!

Rev. W. N. King, pastor.

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METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Fellowship supper next Monday evening with the Mens Class in charge. Supper at 6:30 and after supper wait for the program. Invite your fellow members who have not been attending to join in.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00 and choir practice at 8:00. The choir needs faithful attendance of all members in preparing for Easter.

Confronted by difficulty one man resorts to alcohol and another pleads a bad headache and puts off the difficulty until tomorrow. This lack of the spirit to conquer is the result of luxury and ease or perhaps it comes with the increase of anti-war centiment in a nation's life. It seems to the writer no practical theme should be more earnestly and persistently taught than The Will To Conquer. Some men achieve singly great success and others form only one link in a chain of workers, each contributing his bit to the one great success that the world may advance; this seems to be real life.

Rev. H. M. Blout, Pastor.

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John Tomlinson left on Wednesday evening for his home in Cleveland, O., following a visit of two weeks with his father Alfred Tomlinson, brothers Walter and George and sister Mrs. Minta Smith.

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HILLTOPPERS SCORE WIN OVER ATLANTA

Mt. Pulaski continued its victorious cage march with a 32 to 16 victory over Atlanta on the local court Friday evening.

Blout and Zimmerman with 13 and 11 points respectively led the Hilltoppers and scoring was well-divided for the losers.

Atlanta used a zone defense against the winners and the Mt. Pulaski defense held Coach Price's five without a field goal until the final quarter.

Mt. Pulaski reserves defeated the Atlanta Reserves 16 to 10 in the preliminary game.

MT. PULASKI WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Mino Allspach will be in charge of the program for the meeting of the Literary Unit of the Mt. Pulaski Women's club which will meet on Friday evening Feb. 26 in the home of Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp, North Washington street.

Mrs. Allspach who will be assisted by Mrs. G. F. Wait has prepared an interesting program on "California History and its effect on Literature".

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HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE CLUB

The program for the March meeting of the Mt. Pulaski Household Science club will include a demonstration by Mrs. Eva Correll an expert from the state headquarters of the Farmer's Institute. Mrs. Correll who has appeared before the local club on several occasions can be depended upon to give an instructive demonstratioin in a most delightful way.

The meeting will be held on Friday March 18 and will be an all day affair with a pot luck dinner at noon. The hostesses will be Mrs. Grace McDonald, Mrs. Blanche Wait, Mrs. Ida Shull, Mrs. Mary Upp, Mrs. Sophia Myers and Mrs. Amelia Keck.

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RECEIVED NOMINATION

George Suedmeier received the democratic nomination for highway commissioner of Mt. Pulaski township at the caucus held Saturday afternoon and Charles E. Schultz was nominated for constable to fill a vacancy. There was no opposition for either office. Suedmeier is completing his first term as highway commissioner.

The Republican caucus will be held on Saturday afternoon Feb. 27 from 1 to 3 p. m., to nominate candidates for highway commissioner and constable. The voting place for the three precincts will be the police magistrate's office in the post office building in Mt. Pulaski.

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ENTERTAINS DORCAS GUILD

Miss Viola Drobisch was hostess on Tuesday evening to members of the Dorcas Guild of St. John's Lutheran church. Three new members were addd to the Guild during the business session.

The social part of the meeting was passed with Rook at five tables at which honors were awarded to Mrs. C. E. Hildreth and Mrs. Theo. Zimmermann. Mrs. J. H. Stuart will be the next hostess, the meeting to be held in the home of her mother Mrs. Gus Drobisch.

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CHURCH SOCIETIES

Church societies scheduled to hold their monthly meetings next week are

The Lutheran Workers of St. John's Lutheran church will meet in the home of Mrs. O. D. Medford, West Cook street on Wednesday March 2.

The Sewing Circle of Zion Lutheran church will meet in the church basement on Wednesday afternoon March 2. Mrs. John E. Stoll will be the hostess.

Mrs. John Zah will entertain members of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. John's Lutheran church on Thursday afternoon March 3. The meeting will be held in the home of her daughter Mrs. L. F. Myers.

Mrs. John M. Rothwell will entertain members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church home on Thursday afternoon

Mrs. George E. Suedmeier Lafayette street will entertain members of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church on afternoon March 3.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY

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