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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Once more the March of Dimes Parade is on—the greatest march of all times.

It is a march which has been successfully made year after year in a campaign to bring relief, not only to suffering youngsters, but to grownups as well,

For infantile paralysis is no respecter of persons, or of ages.

The response that this nation of ours has made to this great cause has been phenomenal—

The results that have been attained in bringing relief and enabling youngsters to again play—has been tremendous.

So it is with little fear of drives for this Polio Fund not being oversubscribed as in past years,

That committee heads embark on their yearly drive for more funds to continue carrying on this work.

Various communities employ different means for securing the funds asked of them.

This is one drive that folks are really in deep sympathy with and need little urging to make their contributions.

There is only one hazard connected with a drive of this kind—and that is neglect or forgetfulness on the part of wouldbe contributors.

Hence, it is up to the various committee heads to see that every one is given a chance to contribute in some manner or other.

Two factors should enter very emphatically into the campaign this year to make it successful:

One is the fact that polio has made deep inroads into the funds of the treasury of the county and national funds.

The other is the fact that there is still plenty of money in the hands of most people today to enable them to give generously to this magnificent humanitarian contribution.

This community has seen some of the fine results that have been obtained through this organization,

And folks are just as interested in the welfare of the youngsters today as they have been in the past,

So there is no reasonable excuse for folks not making their contribution

A VOLUNTARY ONE instead of waiting for a solicitor who is just as busy as you are,

Coming around and asking you to do what you want to do, but don't make the effort to leave your contribution with the banks, or mail to your township committee chairman.

DO IT TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget about it and some youngster will be deprived of a precious bit of sunshine you can help bring into his or her life.

Polio Fund Program At High School

Amateur Night on Friday, Jan. 24th to Boost Fund.

The annual March of Dimes drive which was opened in Logan county last week, has gotten under way in Mount Pulaski and community with the placing of donation boxes in many of the business houses this week.

Big Amateur Show

Friday night of next week the major program in the endeavor to raise the quota of \$800 which has been assigned to this township, an amateur hour program, with other forms of entertainment, will be given at the high school gym, Friday, Jan. 24, at 8 p. m. In view of the worthiness of the cause, \$1.00 admission will be charged so that folks may make their donation in this way and receive an evening of entertainment as well. Mrs. Ellis C. Downing, chairman of the drive, says that others who wish to contribute larger sums in addition to this may leave the money at either bank.

The 1946 epidemic of Infantile Paralysis, with about 2,500 reported cases, was the largest Illinois has ever experienced, according to the State Department of Public Health. This disease occurs in cycles, and last year apparently marked a major cycle. The epidemic began earlier than usual and its season was prolonged, subsiding only shortly before Christmas.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which provides free medical care for victims, and is carrying on research for the cause and possible cure of the disease, began the annual March of Dimes campaign Jan. 15, to run thru Jan. 30.

Make your contribution as large as possible and as soon as possible, to this worthy cause.

WILL TRY TO FORM BALL TEAM HERE

A "Kickoff Baseball Dinner" is to be held above the Coffee Shop on Thursday evening, Jan. 23, at 6:30, in an endeavor to formulate plans for the forming of a league baseball team the coming season. The dinner and meeting are open to the public and tickets may be secured from Kenneth Ingram, Charles Anderson, or the Times-News.

Emil Verban of the Philadelphia Nationals; Howard Millard, Decatur, president of the new Class B league, and Frank Weir, Register sports editor, will be present at the meeting to assist in the plans for a league team.

Plans call for the formation of a league with such cities as Mattoon, Taylorville, Pana, and Springfield entering. Night ball will be played if lights can be secured. Sunday and holiday games are to be arranged.

Plans for the baseball season include the continuation of the junior baseball team that played last year.

T-5 JOHN A. SCROGGIN IS NOW IN JAPAN

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Scroggin of this vicinity have received word that their son, T-5 John A. Scroggin, has arrived safely in Japan, and is stationed with the Counter Intelligence Service in Tokyo. He was home recently after completing a course in Counter Intelligence Administrative work in C. I. C. school in Baltimore, Md. The young man sailed from Seattle, Dec. 10, and arrived in Yokohama Dec. 27, going on to Tokyo by train.

L. HAROLD BRAUN MARRIED HERE LAST THURSDAY

Miss Martha Louise Marques, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Marques, of Decatur, and Leslie Harold Braun, of Mount Pulaski vicinity, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Braun of Milwaukee, Wis., were united in marriage at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 1947, in Zion Ev. Lutheran church in Mount Pulaski, the double ring ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Hoffmann, in the presence of relatives and a large group of friends. The candlelight service was said before an altar banked with flowers, palms and two standards.

Wilbur E. Stoll, soloist, sang two songs, "A Wedding Prayer", and "O Perfect Love," with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Emily Feuerbacher, who also rendered appropriate music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of net over white satin, made entrain, fingertip veil, and carried a white Lutheran Book of Prayer, topped with gardenias and white streamers.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Rosemary Gronkowski, of Decatur, matron of honor, wore blue. The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Dresher of Decatur, wore a costume of pink. The little flower girl was Janice Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grathwohl. All wore shoulder corsages. The bride's mother was attired in black and wore a gardenia corsage.

The bridegroom was attended by Harold Bertsche and Robert Horn, and John Leggett acted as usher.

The bride was employed at the Leader Iron Works in Decatur. The bridegroom is engaged in farming.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Braun home two miles east of Mount Pulaski, where Mr. Braun and his sister, Miss Ethel, have lived for several years. He is a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army for three years.

The newlyweds departed on a short wedding trip to Milwaukee, and are now at home east of the city.

CHORUS REHEARSAL NEXT MONDAY

All singers are requested to be present for the first rehearsal of the year of the Mount Pulaski Community chorus, on Monday night of next week at 7:30, in the High school gym.

Preparation of another concert will be made, this one to be of a secular nature. All new music has been received by Director Les Wernitz, who is anxious to have a fine turnout so that he may know just what to expect in the matter of selecting numbers to be used.

Any singers of the community who were unable to participate in the first concert of the group, are extended an invitation to join the chorus for this concert.

CARY ROBARDS BADLY BURNED

Mount Pulaski relatives and friends learned Saturday that Cary L. Robards, of Peoria, widely known in central Illinois as a musician, and a boyhood resident of this city, was badly burned in an accident in Peoria Friday.

Mr. Robards is in a serious condition in St. Francis hospital in Peoria. It was said that he was assisting in starting an auto in a friend's garage when the car caught fire. He picked up a nearby bucket in which he thought was water, but which proved to be gasoline. Although severely burned, Mr. Robards assisted in helping his friend from the garage.

Mr. Robards was located in Decatur a few years, and conducted an orchestra at the Lakeside restaurant.

NATIVE PULASKIAN DIED SUNDAY AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

Mrs. Louise E. Niedergesaess, wife of Louis Niedergesaess, a well known and esteemed resident of Mount Pulaski and vicinity all her life, died at 10:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 1947, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gene C. Clear on North Vine street, aged 85 years, 1 month and 2 days. Although failing in health, her last illness was of four weeks duration, and she passed peacefully to sleep, ending a long and useful life.

Louise Elizabeth Rommel was born Dec. 10, 1861 on a farm in the Mount Pulaski community, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Rommel. She grew to young womanhood in this vicinity and on Oct. 29, 1885, was united in marriage to Louis Niedergesaess, a native of Mount Pulaski, who is now over 85 years old. They lived in their present home at the corner of Cooke and Vine streets for 61 years.

On Oct. 29, 1946, they observed their 61st wedding anniversary marking one of the happiest days of their lives. The decedent was ever a home loving woman, and devoted her life to the well being of her family. She was always kind and considerate. A devoted member of St. John's Lutheran church over 70 years, she was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid society for 30 years, being a regular attendant as long as health would permit.

Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gene C. Clear, Mount Pulaski; Mrs. Elmer R. Hamilton, Latham, and Mrs. Leslie McCormick, Emden; 3 grandchildren, Robert Hamilton, William McCormick and Mrs. E. Hunter Cox; 2 great grandchildren, Richard Ey and James Cox; 2 brothers, Henry Rommel, Alden, Iowa, and George Rommel, Oakland, Calif.; and 2 half-sisters, Mrs. Clara Kautz of Mount Pulaski, and Mrs. Harry

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JOE MITTELSTADT DIED THURSDAY

Joseph Mittelsteadt, who moved to Mount Pulaski one month ago, to the home he had purchased from Glenn Berry, on South Garden street, died in his residence at 11:15 a. m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 1947, aged 78 years, 9 months and 27 days. He had been failing in health many months and had been quite feeble.

Decedent was born March 19, 1868 at Altamont, Ill. He married Matilda Yagow, and they located in the French's Chapel vicinity, northwest of Mount Pulaski, many years ago. After retiring from the farm Mr. and Mrs. Mittelsteadt had been living with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Schmid, between Mount Pulaski and Chestnut. He was a member of Zion Lutheran church.

Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Fred Volle, Springfield; Arthur of Lincoln; Elmer, Rockford; Otto, New York City; Joe, Palos Heights, Ill.; Mrs. Norman Schahl, Mount Pulaski; Mrs. Paul Schmid Chestnut; and one sister, Mrs. Esther Proffrock, Altamont.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home and will remain there until the hour of the services. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

LAKE FORK SCHOOL WAS RANSACKED

The Grade school in Lake Fork was entered last Saturday night, and the intruders damaged the interior, and ransacked the desks, according to a report made to Sheriff C. L. Kief, Lincoln. The sheriff was in Lake Fork Sunday and made an investigation, and Monday, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Joseph Blickem, took fingerprint records.

Lincoln Is Smothered By Hilltop Five

Locals Grind Out 51 To 29 Victory Over Ancient Rivals.

GAMES TO COME

Atlanta High, now leading the Logan-DeWitt county league, will be here Saturday night of this week for 2 games. Atlanta has always been tough opposition for the locals and this year should prove no exception.

Unleashing all the desires of the past several years to even the score with Lincoln High's cagers who have been whipping the heretofore victorious Pulaskians consistently, the Mount Pulaski Hilltoppers literally ran their opponents out of the gym here Friday night, being on the long end of a 51 to 29 score.

Manes Unstoppable

In showing the more than capacity crowd which saw scores turned back at the door due to lack of room, the power of the locals was emphasized by the wonderful performance of Bud Manes, who directed play and seemed to do nothing wrong offensively as well as defensively, in racking up a total of 25 points. To make his work all the more remarkable was the fact that in securing 10 baskets he shot only 11 times. His shots were varied—drives, long, and medium. On his free tosses he made 5 for 5.

Start Fast

Litterly opened the scoring in the first few seconds when he hit close in, from behind, and then came back on the scoring end of a fast break after Lincoln had missed a free toss. Horn picked up two free tosses and Manes came in to score on a long pass from Waddell. Hatfield slipped in from behind to score, and stole the ball to pass to Manes, who scored. Manes scored another from the side and Waddell drove in to sink one and got a free toss which he made good, to end a demoralizing first period for Lincoln, 20 to 5, who got but one basket, a rebound by Enselman.

Pulaski Slows Down

Pulaski either slowed down or Lincoln came to life for they outscored the locals 10 to 7 in the second period. Aery sank a short one, Enselman sank one close in, then got a sleeper and was fouled, making it good, too. Aery got one from the side and Hurt sank a free one. Manes took a

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Pifer-Hanselman

Wedding January 9

Miss Pauline Pifer, daughter of Mrs. M. Littleton, 1445 North Taylor ave, Decatur, and Horace D. Hanselman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Hanselman, 843 West Sawyer street, Decatur, Ill., were united in marriage Thursday, Jan. 9, 1947 in the Christian church near Casner, Rev. Howard J. Jenner performing the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate families.

The attendants were Mrs. Myrtle Gilman, as bridesmaid, and Charles Sites, best man. Both are Decatur residents.

The bride wore a grey suit with brown accessories, and the bridesmaid wore a brown suit.

After a breakfast served in the Colonial, Decatur, the newlyweds left on a short wedding trip. They will be at home after Feb. 1 at 1600 West Cushing avenue, Decatur. Mr. Hanselman served in the Army in World War II, 30 months in Africa and Europe. He now works at Staley's.

His sister, Mrs. Norton Gilbert, of Mount Prospect, near Chicago, attended the wedding.