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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

"I BELIEVE IN YOUTH . . .

"I believe in my community—if I didn't I'd move out without an invitation."

That remark made by a fellow-citizen is a very high ideal that works wonders for any community if most folks feel that way.

We believe that most folks are fundamentally the same;

That most of us have the same inherent feeling about youth and our community.

We believe in youth, we enjoy them and want to see them have advantages we never had.

That doesn't mean throwing all restraint out the window,

But it does mean that we who are older can help the youth of today to become better-fitted mentally and physically, as well as morally, to fight the battles of tomorrow more successfully.

Some show it by being too impetuous perhaps, and sometimes get their ears pinned back;

Others are too conservative and too afraid to venture out for fear of making the wrong move.

Both temperments have their virtues—if they are honest in their thinking.

No community can grow and become a more enjoyable place to live unless one makes some investment in his community.

Some have passed on who have left a heritage to their community and have proven themselves truly benefactors in the highest sense.

They have endeavored to give the community something that will be of everlasting benefit.

They have left ample evidence that they loved their community, and were proud of it,

And wanted to see it stand head and shoulders above any other community.

Their gifts, an expression of community pride, are a challenge to the living;

Not only a challenge that these trusts are carried out to their fullest sense,

But a challenge that the community do its share in doing everything within reason to build a community that will be a heritage to the living as well as to the dead.

It is surprising how big an undertaking comes within the realm of accomplishment without hardship to anyone when the cost is distributed to a whole community.

Any community that can look upon its wealth in terms of YOUTH AND THEIR TOMORROWS instead of in terms of dollars and cents in its savings deposit account,

Will be deeply interested in providing a heritage for their most precious crop—YOUTH.

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Mrs. F. Meister Died Sunday In California

Services In Lincoln Saturday Morning At 11 O'clock.

Mrs. Frederick W. Meister, well known resident of Mount Pulaski for many years, died suddenly last Sunday night in the hospital at Palm Springs, Calif., having suffered a heart attack. She entered the hospital thirty minutes before her death. Mrs. Meister had been failing in health for many months.

The former Frances Guttery of Lincoln, she came to Mount Pulaski as a teacher in the old combined high and grade school in the east part of the city. She later married Frederick W. Meister and continued to live here. He preceded her in death ten years ago this month. Since then Mrs. Meister had spent most of the winter months in California and Arizona. Early last fall she left for Long Beach, Calif., to remain with her daughter, Mary Frances Higgins. They went to Palm Springs earlier in the season for an extended stay.

Decedent was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church, Lincoln, Ill.

Accompanied by the daughter, the body arrived in Lincoln at 5:45 p. m. this Thursday. The remains will be brought to the family home Friday morning and will be there until the funeral.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday in Trinity Episcopal church, Lincoln, conducted by the pastor, Rev. England. Burial in Mount Pulaski cemetery.

FIRST PARTY AT LEGION HOME

The new American Legion home will open at 8 p. m. Tuesday, March 18, for the first party. All Legionnaires and eligible persons are cordially invited to attend this first function. Tickets for this affair may be purchased at Connolly's drug store, Talmadge clothing store, or from any officer of the post.

The Legion band will play from 8 to 8:45. The barbershop quartet will sing, and a speaker from state headquarters will make a short talk. Food will be served at 9:30 p. m.

ELECTION ACTIVITY NOW WARMING UP

Township elections to be run off this year are beginning to bring out candidates for the April 1 election.

Aetna will elect a road commissioner, constable and school trustee. Orville Heft, R., will be opposed by Lester O. Palmer, D., for road commissioner. There is no contest on the other offices. However, a local option ballot will be voted on the same day.

Laenna Township

Laenna will elect a supervisor to fill the expired term of George J. Stoll, veteran supervisor, who has retired from his farm and moved to Chestnut.

Louis Leimbach, D., will be opposed by John Scheetz, R., for supervisor. Robert Howe is the Democrat candidate for road commissioner and Ted Phillips, R., will oppose him. Ellis Volle is the only candidate for school trustee and Albert Martin, for cemetery trustee.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Community chorus will meet in the High School gym on Monday evening at 7:30.

Community House-Indoor Swimming Pool Election

Special Election Thursday, March 20 In This Township.

The voters of Mount Pulaski township will have the privilege of going to the polls next Thursday, March 20th and voting on the proposition of placing their approval or disapproval on the erection of a Community Building and Indoor Swimming Pool and Playgrounds.

The special election has been called by the Mount Pulaski Park Board commissioners after having had complete architectural plans and specifications drawn up and approved by the State Planning Commission which paid one-half of the cost.

Drawings of the two buildings and grounds are shown on following pages and a description is given below:

Community Building

The Memorial Community building is to be of white poured concrete, 75x135. The auditorium is 75x100 and will seat over 1,000. The flooring will be such that roller skating can be one of the activities, as well as dancing, banquets, community ventures of various kinds, indoor carnivals, agricultural shows, merchants' exhibitions and for the benefit of various organizations and enterprises in the community.

A large kitchen adjoins the building on the east for preparation of food for banquets.

A large stage 21x40, with two 10x16 dressing rooms which can be fitted up to be used by Girl Scouts as their regular meeting place with the large stage as their playground indoors.

The Memorial hall entrance will be dedicated to Soldiers of All Wars, with a comfortable lounge and projection room over the entrance.

A Shelter area, 48x32, with concrete floor, pillars and roof, with tables and seats for picnic lunches and shelter.

Ice Skating on concreted area was just back of shelter, 40x65; also can be used for roller skating and dancing.

Dutch Ovens on either side of this for skaters to keep warm, or do cooking.

Indoor Swimming Pool, 45x107, with a pool of standard size, 25x60, with basket room, 2 dressing rooms and two toilets, and pool entry spray, and diving boards.

Contrary to many beliefs, while water is changed every 8 hours, the only new water used in pool is that taking the place of evaporated water or carried out by the swimmers. The changing of water every 8 hours refers to it being mechanically changed and purified with special machinery, but it is still the same water.

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GIRL SCOUTS NEED FOLLOWING ITEMS

The following articles are needed by the Girl Scouts of Logan County for the summer camp session at Camp Griesheim. Any organization or individual wishing to donate any of these articles to the camp may leave them at the home of Mrs. Jasper Veech.

40 plates, 30 cereal dishes, 10 dessert dishes, 12 1-qt. pitchers, 12 large platters, 50 water glasses, 36 knives, 36 forks, 36 teaspoons, 24 large tablespoons, 12 rubber dish scrapers, 3 kettles (1½ and 2-gal. size), 3 kettles of larger sizes, 3 large dish pans, 1 large colander, 12 large muffin pans, 4 bake pans (large oblong), 2 large skillets, 3 mixing spoons, 4 medium size stew pans, 2 large meat forks, 1 coffee pot, 8 tables - 8-ft. long, 16 benches for the tables.

ALMEDA JANSSEN WEDS FRANK SCHICK

Miss Almeda Janssen of Mount Pulaski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marten C. Janssen, St. Louis, Mo., and Frank Schick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schick of Latham vicinity, were united in marriage at 3 p. m. Saturday, March 1, 1947, in the rectory of the Church of the Visitation in Illiopolis, Ill., the double ring ceremony being performed by Rev. John McGrath.

The attendants were Miss Margaret Schick of Decatur, sister of the bridegroom, and Harold Biggs of Cisco.

The bride wore an aqua blue suit, with black accessories, and a corsage of pink camellias and white rosebuds.

The bride, a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township High school, continued to live here after her parents located in St. Louis, and was employed in the State Bank of Latham.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Latham Community High school, served in the army about 5 years, and is now engaged in farming. The newlyweds will reside on a farm two and a half miles south of Latham.

RAISING FUNDS FOR COUNTRY TRUCK

The country fire truck, housed in the Mount Pulaski fire department room in the city hall, after a number of years of service, was destroyed by fire Feb. 25. The truck was purchased by popular subscription. A new truck will have to be purchased to replace the ruined one. Papers are now being circulated to raise funds for the new truck, and although the firemen doing the work are meeting with signal success, more funds will be needed and all contributions will be greatly appreciated.

CHAS. MATTINGLY IN ITALY IN ARMY

Caserta, Italy, Feb. 25—Charles H. Mattingly, son of Mrs. Josie E. Mattingly of Mount Pulaski, Ill., was recently promoted from the rank of Private First Class to Corporal. Mattingly, presently is serving as a clerk in the Investigation Division of the Provost Marshal Section, Headquarters of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Overseas two months, he is entitled to wear the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Ribbon. Prior to entering service he attended Mount Pulaski High school, graduating in 1946. Later he worked in a local garage.

LEGION STAGE CAGE TOURNEY

Eight teams are entered in the American Legion basketball tournament to be played in Mount Pulaski Township High School gym on the nights of March 26, 27 and 28. Drawings will be made Saturday night. All teams are Legion teams and include Lincoln, Chestnut, Hartsburg, Illiopolis, Clinton, Mount Pulaski, with two yet to be named.

LOCAL REBEKAHS ARE INVITED TO DECATUR

Initiation of candidates from Central Rebekah lodge of Mount Pulaski will be held at Progress Rebekah lodge in Decatur, Thursday evening, March 20. All members wishing to go to Decatur please meet at Odd Fellows hall at 6:30 p. m. There will be plenty of transportation.

Pulaski Loses By One Point At Decatur

Out-Played and Out-fought Big Reds. But Handicaps Too Big.

Coach Gay Kitner's strategy in getting Referee Trimpe of Havana switched to his tourney, replacing Referee Tuescher, Springfield, who was scheduled to work the game with Ririe, paid handsome dividends in the closing minutes of the first game of the Decatur Sectional Wednesday night, when Trimpe called a VERY questionable foul on Manes Pulaski's ace, to banish him from the game with Pulaski leading 45-42 and less than a minute to go.

That was all the assistance Decatur's Reds need to have a chance to win the ball game. And they got it!

Galka, who had been firing in baskets from almost anywhere on the court, sank another one, and with one point margin still to the good and about 15 seconds to go, Shanle's out-of-bounds throw-in was deflected and scooped up by Williams, who went in to score the basket that gave a 46 - 45 count. Hatfield committed his fifth personal and Decatur took it out, controlling the ball until the gun sounded.

Waddell and Horn were also banished in the final period.

If there is any curiosity in the minds of Decatur fans of the cage public as to why Decatur has been able to win all its home games, but are woefully weak on their road trips, the answer was supplied last night—refereeing!

Normally, we scoff at the fan who cries that the referee was to blame, but this is one time we are going to "blow our top", even if we get our ears pinned back. So we are going to get our griping in while we are in the mood.

Why???

In the first place, why should any school be allowed to compete on its own floor in tourney play. They admittedly receive a handicap of several points by being able to play in familiar surroundings. Smaller schools are at enough of a disadvantage without having that added to their handicaps. It's time the fans started making their voices heard in the matter if they are going to give their players a break, protesting to the principals of their school who in turn will have some backing for their demands upon the Illinois High School Athletic association which has developed from an innocent babe into a full-fledged political and money-making institution that is fast falling into discredit.

Why???

Getting back to the referee set-up at Decatur, we would like to know why, a Springfield man who was transferred because of a Springfield entry at Decatur, was then sent to Pekin, which made two Springfield referees there, with Lanphier, another Springfield team, playing at Pekin.

Sectional Game

A full account of Mount Pulaski's dubious loss will be given in next week's issue from condensed reports from unbiased news reports. Suffice to say is that Pulaski made the highly-touted Reds look pretty feeble at times.

Will Consolidate Three Rural Routes

Effective April 1, 1947, the rural route system from Mount Pulaski postoffice will undergo a consolidation, with route three being eliminated.

Chauncey E. Glose will have route one, with a distance of 57.75 miles. Dean Foster, route two, with 60.50 miles.