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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

A very trite saying that is all too true many times is the "inconveniences."

That fact was borne out just this week when a heavy snow-storm crippled utilities, especially the electric supply.

Folks with stokers had to do their firing by hand and those with oil burners had to move in with their neighbors or come to town with papa and mama.

We are not griping against conveniences for we have both of these gadgets and they are generally convenient—

In fact, they are so convenient one has a tendency to get lazier and lazier until it becomes an inconvenience to write out a check for the oil.

But when conveniences become inconveniences one realizes just what a strain they put on ones "convenient state of mind living."

A water pipe which flooded the store room below was a matter of convenience to the doctor upstairs;

But when it bursted, it was a matter of inconvenience to the storekeeper below.

This tragedy would never have occurred in the old days.

The bucket of water which the doctor would have had, might have frozen up and even bursted, but only one bucket of water would have inconvenienced the storekeeper below.

But neither the doctor nor the store owner would go back to the old water bucket days.

A car is convenient until one has a flat tire, runs out of gas or one of a dozen things that might happen.

But the same rule could well apply to ones walking.

And that you know, if you have not forgotten, is an old fashioned custom, as well as an almot forgotten one.

A sprained ankle was considered an inconvenience in the good old days.

But no one would think of giving up a pair of ankles just because they were unusable at times

Nor would one want to dispose of a stomach that had had too many green apples dropped into it.

True, it was quite inconvenient at times, but what about the innumerable times it handled all of those sweets and gobs of ice cream.

We will still vote to retain that stomach and those ankles.

And so it is with the conveniences we are "inconvenienced" with today.

They are aggravating at times

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M. F. Tarbox Died Sunday In Hospital

Son Had Died Just A Few Days Before Services Tuesday

Milton F. Tarbox, well known retired merchant of Lake Fork, died in the Deaconess hospital at Lincoln, Ill., at 4:45 a.m. Sunday, March 23, 1947, aged 89 years, 8 months and 6 days. Mr. Tarbox, suffering from flu, was removed in the Schahl ambulance to the hospital Friday morning, just after the body of his son, Norris R. Tarbox, had been returned to Lake Fork from the Schahl funeral home.

Mr. Tarbox was born July 18, 1857, in Onercons Grove, Indiana, where he spent his boyhood. He came to Illinois when a young man, and after locating in Lake Fork he operated a general store many years, retiring when his advanced age made it necessary to give up active pursuits. His wife died Feb. 28, 1924, since which time he and his son Norris had resided together. The son preceded him in death just five days. Mr. Tarbox's parents were Almond and Rachel Weaver Tarbox. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are one son, Homer L., of Springfield; and two sisters, Miss Gertrude Tarbox and Mrs. Laura Reicherts, Farina, Ill.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home, and Tuesday morning was taken to the Christian church in Lake Fork, where funeral services were held at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. Vern Barr, of Lincoln, pastor of the Lake Fork Christian church. 3 hymns, "In the Garden," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung by Paul R. Moore of Mount Pulaski, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. J. H. Stuart, also Mount Pulaski.

Burial was in Carlyle cemetery one mile north of Lake Fork, the pallbearers being Gene Peterson, Harold Koehler, Robert Schahl, Dale and Robert Fuiten, Elza Oglesby.

NORRIS TARBOX SERVICES FRIDAY

Funeral services for Norris Rigg Tarbox, 50, a resident of Lake Fork all his life, who died in his home there Wednesday, March 19, following a stroke, were held in the Lake Fork Christian church at 2 p. m. Friday, conducted by a cousin, Rev. Ralph Glose, who is pastor of the Methodist church in Grand Ridge, Ill. Three hymns, "In the Garden," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung by Paul R. Moore, with accompaniments by Mrs. Frank E. Turley, both from Mount Pulaski.

Burial was in Carlyle cemetery one mile north of Lake Fork, the pallbearers, all of Lake Fork and vicinity being Dale and Robert Fuiten, Gene Peterson, Robert Schahl, Harold Koehler and Elza Oglesby.

DEAN CULLEN NEW LOGAN SERV. AGENT

Dean Cullen, formerly of this vicinity, who has been with the Logan Service company in Lincoln since Feb. 1, has accepted a position as local agent for the company in Mount Pulaski. He succeeds Raymond H. Hahn, who resigned to operate an agency of his own, and has been in his new work a few weeks.

Mr. Cullen and family have been living in Delavan since leaving here about two years ago, while he was employed in the personnel department at the Le-Tournau plant in Peoria. They hope to get a home here soon.

Township Elections To Be Next Tuesday, April 1st

Aetna and Lake Fork Townships To Vote On Local Option.

Township elections are scheduled to get under way on next Tuesday, April 1 when some townships elect supervisors and in others the main battle will be for road commissioner.

Mount Pulaski township will have a two-way race this year, with Artie Borughton, Republican, opposing George Suedmeier, veteran Democrat highway commissioner. The four regular polling places are: No. 1—Zimmermann's Carpenter Shop; No. 2—Dillsaver Barber Shop; No. 3, Day Building, Lake Fork; No. 4—Froehlich Implement Co.

Laenna Township

Laenna township will have two contests, with the position of supervisor left vacant when Geo. J. Stoll, Democrat, moved to Chestnut, and highway commissioner being sought by candidates on both tickets, Louis Leimbach, Democrat, and John Scheetz, Republican, will fight it out for supervisor, while Robert Howe, Democrat, will fight it out with Ted Phillips, Republican, for highway commissioner. Ellis Volle is a candidate for school trustee, and Albert Martin, for cemetery trustee, both unopposed.

Lake Fork Township

Albert Reiterman, Democrat, present supervisor, will be opposed by Louis J. Pease. For road commissioner, George Grathwohl, Democrat, will be opposed by H. W. Westen, Jr. Grover Gasaway, is a cemetery trustee candidate, and unopposed. The township will also vote on local option.

Aetna Township

There is only one contest in Aetna township, and that is Orville J. Heft, highway commissioner, Republican, who is being opposed by Lester N. Palmer. Other offices to be voted on are constable, justice of the peace, and school trustee, for which offices no candidates appear on the ballot. Aetna township will also vote on local option Tuesday.

Austin Township

Austin township has two contests, with Coy Galloway, Democrat, and W. N. Montgomery, Republican, candidates for highway commissioner; Sam Crossman, a Democrat, and Russell Hanes, Republican, are school trustee candidates.

PARK BOARD PLAN WAS DEFEATED

The voters of Mount Pulaski township in no uncertain terms registered their disapproval of the \$150,000 bond issue proposition of the Mount Pulaski Township Park Board at Thursday's election, when they turned thumbs down to the extent of a 4 to 1 verdict.

Not only did the country precincts smother the proposition, with Scroggin school precinct going 142 to 14, and Laughery 72 to 10, but the city itself turned in a vote of 320 against and 113 for.

The proposition as submitted to the voters was in accordance with the building specifications submitted to the voters when the park district was formed in 1945, and it was with this in mind that the Park Board went ahead with plans despite the fact that building costs had far exceeded the original estimates.

The board set the bond payment plan at five years in order to save some \$27,000 interest, as well as pay off the indebtedness in flourishing times. This ran the rate to 80 cents per \$100 valuation, or \$8 per \$1000, instead of a much lower rate for 15 years which would have cost the taxpayer considerable more money in the long run.

Jacob Romer Died Sunday At His Home

Had Been In Ill Health Some Time. Services Tuesday.

Jacob F. Romer, a well known resident of Mount Pulaski, who had been an invalid for many years, died in his home on South Lafayette street at 11:35 a. m. Sunday, March 23, 1947, aged 74 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Mr. Romer was born Feb. 22, 1873, on a farm in Laenna township, four miles east of Mount Pulaski, a son of Anton and Mary Bollin Romer. He attended the district school in his home community, and after reaching young manhood, engaged in farming. He gave up this occupation and moved into the city about 45 years ago. He married Miss Anna Jenner, who preceded him in death in August, 1929.

Always civic minded, Mr. Romer took an active interest in the city's affairs, and served on the city council for several years, and was also a member of the fire department about 20 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church.

Suffering a spinal injury in a run-away about 40 years ago, he recovered sufficiently to allow him to carry on building operations, including the erection of two homes, and the Romer building on the south side of the square. He was in business for a few years, and then retired. Mr. Romer was in an auto accident, and several years later submitted to the amputation of one of his legs, which necessitated the use of a wheel chair to get about. But thru all these trials he showed great courage, seldom complaining of his infirmities.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Albert Dillsaver and Mrs. Fred J. Roth, Mount Pulaski, and Mrs. Ted Duff, Lincoln vicinity; and one brother, Herman Romer, of Forsyth.

The remains were removed to the Schahl funeral home, and Monday afternoon were returned to the residence, where the Rosary was said at 8 p. m.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church, the Requiem High Mass being in charge of the pastor, Rev. Michael J. Haddigan, assisted by the choir.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery, pallbearers being Mike Schlachter, Everett Sams, Dan J. Fuhrer, William B. Jenner, Raymond Hahn and Henry Volle.

HEIDELBERG

BALLROOM BURNS

A flaming torch of destruction early Sunday morning, March 16, swept thru the 12th floor of the Hotel Heidelberg in Jackson, Miss., completely destroying the famed ballroom and routing 375 guests from their rooms. Damage to the building was estimated at \$30,000. No one was injured in the fire, which occurred about 2 a. m.

A former Mount Pulaskian, Elmer Turley, father of Frank E. Turley of this city, lives at the Hotel Heidelberg.

SOUTH SHORE SCHEDULED

The South Shore basketball team who were champions of the Chi-strong contenders in the state finals at Champaign, will play on cago league this year and were the Mount Pulaski court Saturday, December 20.

BOB KECK JR. NAMED ALL-ARKANSAS CAGE MEMBER

A recent news release from Little Rock, Ark., said: 'Although the Little Rock Tigers made a runaway of the championship race five teams are represented on the 1947 All-Arkansas high school conference basketball team selected by the circuit's 16 coaches.'

It will be of interest to know that a former Mount Pulaskian, Bob Keck, Jr., as a center, made the first team as center, with 101 points. Bob is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Keck, who moved from Chestnut last year to Hot Springs, and are operating a hotel there. Bob entered the Hot Springs High school and became a leading basketball player.

IMPLEMENT CO. ROBBED FRIDAY

BURGLARS SCARED AWAY, IS BELIEF.

Sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning the McCann and Watson Implement Co., store in Chestnut was robbed and merchandise valued at between \$250 and \$300 was stolen. The burglary was discovered about 7 a. m. when the store opened. In the list of stolen articles were electric drills, tools, and a radio. A back window was broken out, and the thieves reached through to turn the door latch.

The Logan county sheriff, C. L. Kief, was notified and hurried from Lincoln to make an investigation. He said he was able to get some good fingerprints. He believes the burglars were scared away before loading all the merchandise they intended to take.

KATHRYN M. KOLP, JUDGE ELLIS, WED

Announcement was made in Lincoln last week of the marriage of Miss Kathryn M. Kolp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kolp, Sr., of Mount Pulaski, and County Judge William S. Ellis, Lincoln. They were married in Chicago August 16, 1946.

The bride, a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township High school, was employed the past few years in the county clerk's office, Lincoln. They will reside in Lincoln.

The announcement came as a great surprise to their friends.

REV. RALPH LANE SEVERELY BURNED

Rev. Ralph Lane, pastor of the Elkhart and Mount Pulaski Catholic churches a number of years ago, and now in Seneca, Ill., suffered severe burns March 14 in a fire which destroyed St. Joseph's church in Marseilles, six miles from Seneca. The fire occurred 35 minutes after Lenten services had been completed, or at 8:45 p. m. The regular pastor, Rev. J. T. Loughlin, left immediately after services for Ottawa.

Rev. Lane hurried to Marseilles and after repeated attempts and at personal risk, was able to carry the Blessed Sacrament to safety. Firemen prevailed upon him to don a gas mask before entering the church, but he did not wait for it, and suffered hand burns and a cut, which did not prove serious.