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## REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

The only drawback to spring is one piece of mail we always receive.

No matter how many times we have taken this communication from the mails.

We never fail to have the same sinking sensation.

We know we are sunk—but just how much, we never know until we get up enough courage to open it.

And in all the long years, we have never been disappointed.

In that they have always been a little bit more each year.

Despite the property tax we don't have to pay.

Taxes go 'round and 'round and 'round—

And come out bigger and bigger.

The question the receiver of one of these epistles asks is all the same:

"Well, wonder how much more they are this year?"

We know of nothing anyone hates to pay more than they do a tax bill.

Be it large or small, the party assessed always feels that it is too much.

Few stop to consider the many things they receive in return for their tax money.

Perhaps more would count their benefits if it were not for the fact that they know that so much of it is carelessly and extravagantly spent.

But despite the waste and the graft, the average taxpayer gets more benefit than he pays for.

His children are given the opportunity of an education;

Roads are built and maintained so he can get to and from town, and from place to place;

Protection is afforded life and property;

And many other benefits come to the payer of taxes.

But we have always been surrounded with this murmuring about taxes, and more taxes

So it is little wonder we forget to count our benefits.

If that tax statement was the end of our burden, our complaint might be poorly made;

But the penalty we all pay in paying invisible taxes is becoming the unbearable part of our laxity in handling all our treasures over to greedy and unscrupulous politicians to wax fat on and care for their leech-minded friends.

Taxpayers, regardless of party must do something more than grumble about taxes—

They are going to have to get "tough."

## Pekin Coming Next Sunday To Open Season

League Baseball Gets Underway at 2:30 p.m. At Dittus Field Here.

Mount Pulaski's first league baseball game is scheduled to get under way Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Dittus field provided old man sunshine smiles on this area.

Pekin, a recent new member of the Central Illinois Amateur League, will be the Pulaski Fans opponent, and while the weather conditions have been anything but favorable for practice sessions, both teams expect to have a strong lineup and give fans some good baseball.

Lincoln will play Latham, last year's champs, at Latham; Staleys of Decatur will play at Clinton; Mason City at Athens.

Coach Carroll Wood has been appointed manager of the local entry, and a strong array of talent should give Pulaski a creditable team.

Dittus Field is in fine shape and new backstops and bleacher arrangements make it one of the finest ball parks in this area.

## Senior Class Play Wednesday, May 7

The senior class of Mount Pulaski Township High school will present the Smith and Hazzard comedy "Turn to the Right," on Wed., May 7. Cast members are: Mrs. Bascom, a woman orchard owner, played by Dorcas Buehler; Betty Bascom, her daughter, Carol Goodpaster; Jessie Strong, friend of Betty, Cozette Rothwell; Elsie Tillinger, the Deacon's daughter, Betty Aderman; Katie, the maid, June Ann Ryan; Joe Bascom, Mrs. Bascom's son, Harry Manes; Muggs, his paroled friend, Forrest Litterly; Gilly, another friend, Delbert Shanley; Deacon Tillinger, who wants to own Mrs. Bascom's place, Caleb Lucas; Sam Martin, the country boy, Roy Dean; Lester Morgan, the Deacon's choice for son-in-law, Jerry Hargis; Tom Callahan the detective, Wendell Pollis; Isadore, of the pawnshop, Raymond Wolf; Moses, a tailor, John Allspach.

The prompters, Joyce Baker and Lois Deibert, also serve as understudies.

The property committee under the direction of Marilyn Williams, is busily engaged in assembling properties. Mr. Stivers of the manual training department, is cooperating in this.

Music between acts will be furnished by Shirley Hildreth, Alice Gaffney, Louetta Schahl, Harriet Schroth and Rita McGee.

The curtain will rise at 8:15 p.m. Prices are 35c for students and 50c for adults.

## Pulaskian Was In Rescue Party

The Associated Press recently carried a report of two American Army officers, victims of a plane crash, lost in the jungle of one of the Philippine Islands. Sgt. Frank Volle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Volle of Mount Pulaski, was one of the rescue party that located the men.

A Sergeant and a Lieutenant had gone out in a small plane on a trip over a mountainous area. The plane crashed in a remote, unpopulated jungle, and the Lieutenant suffered a fractured pelvis. The Sergeant built a lean-to near a stream and started out for help.

Meanwhile, when the plane failed to return, headquarters sent out a searching party. On the third day, the rescue party encountered a 16-ft. Python and fired eight shots into the big snake before killing it. The Sergeant heard the shots and succeeded in making contact with the rescuers.

A Helicopter was then obtained, and used to rescue the injured soldier.

## Three Badly Injured In Crash Near Intersection of Routes 54 and 121

Mrs. Lee Dunn and Daughter Hurt In Morning Accident.

A headon collision on Route 54 just south of the overhead on the southeast edge of Mount Pulaski this morning about 10 o'clock, resulted in an extremely serious injury to one person and injuries to two others.

Mrs. Lee Dunn and daughter of Virden, former residents of the Latham vicinity, and Mrs. Robert Humphrey of Texas, were taken in the Schahl ambulance to St. Clara's hospital at Lincoln, where medical attention was given by Dr. A. F. Williams of Latham and Dr. E. H. Cox of Mount Pulaski.

Mrs. Dunn suffered a fractured skull and is in an extremely serious condition. The daughter has a fractured left kneecap, while Mrs. Humphreys suffered multiple lacerations and a fractured collar bone.

The accident occurred when the Texas car driven by Robert Humphrey, tried to pass two pickup trucks, one of which was being towed, on the curve south of the overhead. When Humphrey realized that he would not have time to pass the trucks ahead of the approaching Dunn pickup truck, he turned his car to leave the slab but failed to make the turn soon enough to avoid being struck by the Dunn truck.

Dunn and Humphrey escaped with minor injuries. A pet dog in the Texas car had a broken leg.

## Mrs. Alice Mileham Died on Tuesday

Mrs. Alice Mileham, a resident of Lake Fork, more than 50 years, and widow of Commodore Mileham, died at her home there at 10:15 p. m. Tuesday, April 29, aged 87 years, 3 months and 2 days. She had been failing in health for many months.

Alice Miller was born Jan. 27, 1860, in Christian county, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Miller. Her marriage to Mr. Mileham took place about 60 years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harriett Colvin, Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services were held in the Lake Fork Christian church at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, conducted by Rev. Vern Barr. Two numbers were sung by Paul R. Moore, "Going Down the Valley" and "Nearer My God to Thee." Mrs. Frank E. Turley played the accompaniments.

Burial was in Carlyle cemetery one mile north of Lake Fork. The pallbearers were Jesse Litterly, Claude and Elmer Mileham, Lawrence Pugh, Willis Gaffney and Charles Coates.

## AUTOS IN COLLISION SUNDAY NIGHT

A 1938 Chevrolet driven by Harold Gaffney of Lake Fork, and a 1941 Pontiac, driven by Kenneth Unland of Lake Fork vicinity, were in a collision about 10 p.m. Sunday at the Zion Lutheran church corner in Mount Pulaski.

None of the occupants of either car were injured seriously, but the front part of each car was badly damaged.

## DANCE REVUE

The Berna Deane Lane "Dansations of 1947" will be presented to the public at 8:15 p. m. Friday, May 9 in the Mount Pulaski town ship high school gym.

The dance revue will be given in four parts, and a large group of girls and boys will take part. The pianists are Mrs. Ray Zumstein and Miss Shirley Hildreth. Tickets may be obtained from the children or at the door.

## ALVIN DAY, 83, DIED TUESDAY

Edwin Alvin Day, one of best known residents of the Cornland community, a patient for one month in St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln, died there at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, aged 83 years, 2 months and 29 days.

Mr. Day was born Jan. 30, 1864, near Cornland, a son of Joshua and Hannah Day. He grew to young manhood in his home locality, and on the Baldwin farm south of Cornland on Jan. 28, 1892, married Miss Clara Adell Baldwin, this being the present family home. After farming a few years there, they located in Missouri. But 13 years later returned to Cornland again to live where they started married life.

Mr. Day retired from active farm duties several years ago, but continued to be about and do chores and converse with his unusually large number of close friends.

Mr. Day saw more than one generation come and go in his old home surroundings, and lived through the long period of years when so many changes were being made in the world, always being interested in the new inventions and especially the changes of transportation. To talk to him was to gain much information about the early days of Logan and Sangamon counties. He often related how his father, Joshua Day, laid out the village of Cornland in 1870. The Day farm was located just north of the present site of the town.

The decedent had been a member of the Masonic order more than a half century, originally holding membership in Mount Pulaski lodge. Many years ago he transferred his membership to Cornland. He served several times as master of the Cornland Blue Lodge, and was a past worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Day was a Knight Templar and a member

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## Frances Mann Buys Building on Square

Mrs. Frances J. Mann, who has been operating a tavern in the old Jenner building on South Washington street, now owned by Harry J. Wible, has purchased the two-story brick building in the center of the south side of square from W. C. Prather.

Prather bought the building of Ab Huston last year and installed a bowling alley, also using a part of the room for a line of tools he sells.

Possession of the business room will be given soon, while the upstairs apartment occupied by the Prathers will be given at a later date when they will move to the old Capps brick residence on North Washington which he bought from Mrs. Geo. Litterly.

The Mount Pulaski Times-News will take over the room to be vacated by Mrs. Mann, moving their office there while the present office room will be used as a stock room and bindery.

## Post Office Seeks Mail Route Bids

Bids will be accepted until May 22 for operation of the Star Mail Route between Decatur and Lincoln, and return, James M. Allen, Decatur postmaster announced Monday.

The route serves Warrensburg, Latham, Mount Pulaski and Lincoln, and there are two round trips daily except Sunday and holidays.

Further information may be obtained at the office of the postmaster in Decatur, Mr. Allen said.

## Daylight Saving Time Effective Here On Sunday

City Ordinance Goes Into Force Saturday Night at Midnight.

Pulaskians should not forget to turn their clocks up an hour before they go to bed Saturday night or they will be late for church or that fishing jaunt, for this city will go on daylight savings time along with practically every other municipality in Central Illinois.

Strange as it may seem, Mount Pulaski has been technically on daylight savings time ever since midnight last Saturday, but no one has observed the fact. While folks were waiting to see what was going to be done regarding daylight savings, the fact came to light that an ordinance on the statute books of the city calls for daylight savings time to be put into effect starting the last week in April. Until this ordinance is revoked, daylight savings time is automatically in force each year.

A petition signed by practically every business and professional man in the city was circulated the first of the week, asking that daylight savings be put into practice, and until the city council revokes the ordinance now on the books daylight savings time will be in effect here.

Decatur, which is the only large city in this area which has not gone on the new time, expects to go to the daylight plan soon, according to reports.

## LAND MERGERS ARE APPROVED

Mount Pulaski township high school district was enlarged on Saturday by some 20 sections of land as the result of voting in non-high territory in the surrounding area.

In the Cornland area where 15 sections of land were involved, the vote was 29 to 0 in favor of joining the Pulaski district, while in Chester where a half-mile strip along the south side of the township sought annexation, the vote was 9 to 1 for. The voters in Pulaski district voted 38 to 1 to approve the annexation.

In Laenna township a small block of non-high territory which lies close to Mount Pulaski, voted 15 to 9 against joining the Latham high school district. Latham voters approved it.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. ALICE V. ISRAEL

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Vanish Israel, 77, of Chestnut, who died Tuesday, April 22, in the Deaconess hospital, Lincoln, Ill., were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, in the Chestnut Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. E. Baldrige.

Two hymns, "When I Get To The End of the Road" and "Abide With Me," were sung by Alvin Trowbridge, accompanied by Mrs. Merritt M. Williams.

Burial was in the Laenna cemetery west of Chestnut. The pallbearers were William S. Randolph, Merle V. Watson, Eugene Kretzinger, Herman Heft, Ray Simcoe and Clifford Leimbach.

## GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY BUY BLACK HAWK ROUTE

The Blackhawk bus lines have been purchased by Greyhound Bus Co., which took possession Thursday (today) May 1.

Mount Pulaski is served on the Springfield to Champaign run. For the present the Black Hawk schedule will continue. If further information is desired contact the bus office at the Carter Pharmacy.