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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

YOUTH !

What a magic word that is!

Men for ages have been trying to recapture it.

Ponce de Leon, the Spanish explorer, sought in vain for the fountain of perpetual youth in Florida.

The charm of this gradual development of youth—

From the days of babyhood;

Thence into the happy period of childhood;

Or, into the carefree adolescence of youth;

Leading into an adventurous young manhood with ONLY the world to conquer—

A minor detail when attempted with the enthusiasm of youth.

But thru all these exciting and everchanging periods of youthful growth, too often at times, comes a discordant note.

Parents many times reprimand youth not for their major faults, but for trivial ones.

Finding fault with this or that, is often a case of irritable nerves on the part of the parent.

But in most cases this is the mistake most of us make—

Visualizing them as men and as women in all their acts;

Expecting them to think in the terms of grownups;

Expecting them to worry about those holes in the stocking-knee;

Expecting them to worry about shoes that met an untimely end because they were used to kick rocks out of the way instead of stepping over them;

Expecting them to understand the whys and the wherefores of this, and of that.

The greatest mistake we make is measuring youth by the yardstick of our own years.

When Ponce de Leon failed to discover perpetual youth in a far away clime.

He did not realize that that quest was to be found in one's own "backyard."

No matter how fast the years may come and go,

Bringing with them age and graying locks,

The spirit of youth bubbles on incessantly and exhilaratingly all about one.

The entrance of a tiny visitor into the world is the signal for rejoicing, for here again is evidence of perpetual youth.

The moulding of this small bit of humanity into childhood, and on into young manhood or womanhood, is an increasingly joyous adventure to parent and to child.

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No, No, No, No, Yes!; No Daylight Savings For Mount Pulaski

Ignoring the petition signed by practically every business man in Mount Pulaski, requesting daylight savings time, the city council literally threw the petition out the window at a special meeting Friday night of last week when they voted 4 to 1 against the "fast time" for the summer months.

The voting was: West, no; Baumann, no; Copeland, no; Bertoni, no; Waddell, yes; Hargrave passed.

Which decision reminds one of the story of a fond mother whose son was marching down the avenue along with several hundred others in uniform.

"Why," she cried, "everyone is out of step but John!"

Other towns in the county now on daylight saving time are Lincoln, Atlanta, Emden, Hartsburg, Beason and Elkhart. Cities on fast time in this area are Peoria, Springfield, Bloomington, Pekin, and Normal.

Mrs. Della Ely Wed To California Man

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Zack in La Crescenta, Cal., at 4 p. m. Sunday, May 4, 1947, Mrs. Della Ely, former Mount Pulaskian and daughter of Mrs. T. W. Moore, became the bride of Mr. Charles Nott. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Koopmans of the Presbyterian church in the presence of friends and relatives.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Setzer, of Los Angeles, the latter being a cousin of the bride.

The bride was attired in a pink suit, with brown accessories. Her corsage was a brown orchid.

A reception was held in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zack. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Nott left on a wedding trip to northern California. They will be at home after May 11 at 2851 Montrose ave., La Crescenta.

A surprise guest at the wedding was Mrs. Lester Stahl, a close friend of Mrs. Nott, and formerly of Mount Pulaski.

SCHOOL BAND IN CONCERT SUNDAY

The Mount Pulaski School band will present its sixth annual concert on Sunday, May 11, 1947, in the High school gym, under the direction of Lester Wernitz. The program will include:

On the Alert, Goldman.
Crusaders Overture, Buchtel.
Neptune, Graham.
Bass Clarinet Solo, Marcia Moore.

Father, O' Hear Me, Handel.
Beauties of Erin, Lake.
Comin' Round the Mountain, (novelty), Fillmore.

Intermission.
On the Mall, Goldman.
Aurora Overture, Yoder.
Meteorite, Buggert.
Snare Drum Solo, Loren Meister.

Lost Chord, Sullivan.
Hayride, Frangkiser.
There will be no admission but a free will offering will be taken.

Library Site Chosen

The trustees of the Muldoon Library have accepted the lots of the late Lorah Z. Lipp home on North Washington street as the site of the library to be built with funds willed by Mrs. Lipp.

The trustees are interested in the removal of all buildings from the lots and will accept bids up and until June 2, 1947, on the six room house with oil furnace, together with a summer kitchen adjoining, a barn and a garage.

Anyone interested can leave their sealed bid at either bank and if any of the bids are accepted, a contract will be entered into with the successful bidder for removal of buildings so that preparations can be made for the new library building.

Summer Playground Schedule Will Start Operating Middle of June

Coach Wood Will Have Supervision Full-time Program.

A full-time summer playground program is being planned by the park district commissioners in conjunction with the trustees of the Tomlinson estate, and will get underway about the middle of June.

Carroll Wood, High school coach, has been engaged to take charge of the supervision of the playground activities which will carry on up to about a week before school opens in the fall.

Paul Huston, principal of the Grade school, will also assist in the program. More assistance will be needed to carry out the full-time program and volunteers for part-time supervision are asked to get in touch with Francis Myrick or Austin Schaffnacker.

The playground will be set up on the Tomlinson Community Center block just north of the grade school. Activities for all age groups will be planned, including the older folks who want to play croquet or shuffleboard. A complete program will be announced later.

Decatur Supervisor Here

Rus Foval of Decatur, supervisor of the most outstanding playground program in the state appeared at the Rotary club last Thursday and showed a film on playground activities as well as imparting information that was helpful to the local groups in getting organized.

Members of the park board, John Tendick and Clyde Febus, and George Rupp and T. A. Scroggin, Tomlinson trustees, were present as guests. Francis Myrick, Austin Schaffnacker and Harry Wible, the other members, are Rotarians.

Illiopolis Girl Will Marry Next Month

Mr. and Mrs. George Hemp, of Illiopolis announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mildred, to Phillip Pemberton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pemberton, of Galatia, Ill. The wedding will take place June 1 at the Hemp home.

Miss Hemp, a graduate of the University of Illinois, has been teaching home making, and at present is a member of the faculty of Armstrong Township high school. Mr. Pemberton is a graduate of the Southern Illinois State Normal University, Carbondale. During the war he served in the Army Air forces for 25 months. He is teaching social science and is assistant coach in the Armstrong high school. Both have been re-employed there for next term.

New Rotary Officers

At a recent meeting of the Mount Pulaski Rotary club, held above the Coffee Shop, officers to serve for the next year were elected. Six members to the board were named, as follows: Dr. H. H. Maddox, Charles H. Anderson, Walter A. Schafer, Harry Lucas, John Biesemeier, Morrell Deibert. Austin W. Schaffnacker was the retiring president.

The board then elected the following officers: Dr. H. H. Maddox president; Charles H. Anderson, vice-president; Walter A. Schafer secretary and treasurer.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT ON MAY 22

The Community Chorus will present its concert in the High school on Thursday, May 22. Rehearsals starting Monday will be held at the High school.

Pekin Moose Lose To Mount Pulaski In League Opener

Mount Pulaski Fans opened their season in the Central Illinois Amateur League Sunday afternoon at Dittus Field with a one-sided win over the Pekin Moose, 10 to 2.

"Smokey" Ingram, on the slab for the locals, was extremely stingy with base hits, giving up only two as he went the route. Both runs scored were unearned. Pulaski batsmen were socking the ball for 9 hits, with Bud Manes slamming a three-bagger and a freak two-base blow. William Blackwell and Ingram also got two singles each.

In the opening inning Manes slammed a hard-hit ball high into left field but a freak wind carried it higher and higher and almost straight up, then let loose of it. As it dropped another cross current picked it up and wafted it back toward the infield, with outfielders and infielders running around in circles trying to be at the right spot to catch it. Believe it or not, the ball fell between shortstop and the pitchers mound untouched and Manes was safe at second with a two-base infield hit to his credit.

Other Scores

Latham 3, Lincoln 1.
Staleys 7, Clinton 2.
Mason City 10, Athens 6.

Games This Sunday

MOUNT PULASKI at LINCOLN
Clinton at Mason City
Latham at Staleys, (Decatur)
Athens at Pekin.

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CHESTNUT PASTOR'S DAUGHTER MARRIES

Miss Virgene Baldridge, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Baldridge of Chestnut, and Arthur Martin, son of Otis Martin, Clayton, Ill., were united in marriage at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 4, 1947, in the Chestnut Methodist church, the double ring ceremony being performed by the bride's father, pastor of that church.

The altar decorations included pastel colored spring flowers, lilies and lighted tapers, backed by ferns and palms. Pew ties were gladioli arrangements.

Dr. Victor C. Soukup of Chestnut played a prelude of wedding music, and accompanied the vocalist, Lansing Lynn of Springfield, whose selections were "Calm As the Night," "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her cousin, Claire Underwood, of Bloomington, the bride was attired in white slipper satin gown, fashioned entrain, and with a fitted bodice; the sweetheart neckline was complimented with a beaded yoke, and the sleeves ended in points at the wrist; tiny satin bows trimmed the fingertip veil, which was attached to a beaded tiara. Her shower bouquet was formed of roses and gardenias.

The maid of honor, Miss Newana O'Connor of Clayton, wore a gown of yellow net over yellow taffeta. The bridesmaids were Miss Garnet Chrisman of Jacksonville and Miss Susan Postle of Urbana. The former's gown was of blue taffeta, and the latter's was of pink. The attendants carried arm bouquets of roses and wore shoulder length veils that matched their gowns. The bride's mother wore a navy crepe dress, with white accessories, and her corsage was of gardenias.

Donald Martin of Clayton, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, while ushers were Homer Underwood of Beason and Russell Elwood of Peoria. Rodney Sturm, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Following the marriage ceremony a reception was held in the church. Table decorations were pink and white flowers,

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Commencement Dates Announced For H. S.

The 34th annual Commencement activities in Mount Pulaski Township High school will be held from May 16 to 30, 1947.

The Class Night program in the gym will be the first, at 8 p. m. Friday, May 16, and will include the following:

A Vaudeville Show!
Master of Ceremonies—Forrest Litterly.

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior acts.

Senior Program

Magician—Delbert Shanle.
Character Imitations—Wallace Eberhardt, Harry Manes.

Piano Duo—Dorcas Buehler and Shirley Hildreth.

Class Prophecy and Class Will—Raymond Wolf.

Special Features

Presentation of Totem Pole—Raymond Wolf, president of the senior class.

Acceptance of Totem Pole—Leonard Hatfield, president of the junior class.

Installation of Student Council President—Wallace Eberhardt, 1946-1947 president; David Lee, 1947-1948 president-elect.

Spirit of the Light—Leonard Hatfield, junior class president.

Candle Light Procession—senior class.

Vocal Solo—Rey Ray O. Zumstein.

Note:—Programs to follow will be printed next week.

BASKET DINNER AT SCROGGIN SCHOOL

Announcement has been made that the Scroggin school, located three miles southwest of Mount Pulaski, will hold its annual basket dinner on Sunday, June 1.

This year marks the 25th and last year of Harry Long's teaching of the school.

The Scroggin school district is now a part of the Mount Pulaski Consolidated Grade school, and twenty pupils have been attending the Scroggin school the past term. The pupils will attend school in Mount Pulaski next term if room is available, otherwise the old school will be used another year.

ROBERT E. GAYLE, 58, DIED IN LINCOLN

Robert E. Gayle, 58, proprietor of the Lincoln Monument Co., Lincoln, Illinois, and well known in Logan county, died at 2 a. m. Monday, April 28, in St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln. He was a Veteran of World War I.

29 Enter State Finals

Twenty-one students from the Mount Pulaski Township High school will journey to Charleston Friday where they are entered in 12 classes of competition in the state music finals. Nine soloists and three ensembles—clarinet quartet, brass quartet and brass sextette qualified at the district meet at Virden a few weeks ago by getting first division ratings. There are 200 entries at the finals. Les Wernitz, director, will accompany the students.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL TOURNEY

Mount Pulaski baseball fans will see plenty of their favorite sport here on May 19, 20 and 22, when the District tournament of the Illinois State High School association is held at Dittus Field.

Four teams, St. Teresa, Niantic, Warrensburg and Mount Pulaski, are entered. Warrensburg and Niantic play Monday, May 19; St. Teresa meets Pulaski on Tuesday and the finals will be played on Wednesday. Games are called at 3:15. In case of rain the dates will be moved up a day.