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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

One oftentimes hears the trite expression—

“Busy as a bee.”

That expression might well include

“As intelligent as a bee.”

After reading a very interesting article on bees we reached the conclusion

That bees are the most competent organization in the universe.

While political organizations, C. I. O.'s etc., are highly organized and intensive efforts made to make them more thorough,

The insignificant bee (unless it alights on your nose with malice aforethought),

Works away at its task in the same manner as its ancestors,

Without trying any newfangled “get sweet quick” methods to further disrupt its habitation and inhabitants.

If the ingredients for a honey crop are short, they have less honey to show for their efforts,

But they make up for it in the good seasons by working overtime.

But like the human race, they have their loafers—

The drones who live much longer than the industrious bee that works.

The life of the worker bee is about 21 days while the drone lives until fall,

When the magistrate of the hive delivers him over to the executor.

Perhaps that is why some folks prefer to be drones—

Living off the work of others who in like manner shorten their lives in many cases by overwork.

We don't know the significance of the fact that the working bees are all females.

But it looks bad for the male population.

That is one place where the bee family and the human race diverge.

Man is generally head man of his universe—

While the queen rules the destiny of the bee family,

(Except at home, of course, where the queen runs the show).

So be a little more kindly toward the bees that visit your flowers and blossoms this season

For in addition to many things that you may learn from them,

They are the only insects that work for you—

All others work either against the human race, or on them.

Public Schools Band Again Scores Big Triumph at Concert

The Mount Pulaski Public School Band again covered themselves with glory, Sunday afternoon, when they appeared in their sixth annual concert before a large audience in the high school gym, under the direction of Lester Wertz.

The audience was an enthusiastic one as evidenced by the applause which brought forth several encores and at the close of the program the audience kept insisting on encore after encore, which they graciously received.

The band, which number 48 players, was at its best and the manner in which these youngsters handled each number was very professional-like. They did not stutter around when they were to attack various movements—they hit them right on the nose. They made their audience feel at ease no matter how tricky the movement.

Special solo numbers were given by Marcia Moore, who handles a bass clarinet in a very smooth manner, and Loren Meister, who pounds out music from a snare drum that makes one feel that he must have been born with drum sticks in his hands.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT MAY 22

The Mount Pulaski Community Chorus will present its spring concert at the Mount Pulaski high school on Thursday evening, May 22, at 8:15, under the direction of Lester L. Wertz. There is no admission charge.

The program follows:
The Desert Song Romberg
Who Kern
Smoke Gets In Your Eyes Kern
The Lost Chord Sullivan
Chorus

Vocal Solo Wilbur Stoll
Come To The Fair Martin
Why Do I Love You Kern
Summertime Gershwin
The Bells of St. Mary's Adams
Piano Solo—

Rhoda Schaffnacker
I Got Shoes Spiritual
Cornfield Melodies Folk Song
Short'nin' Bread Wolfe
Little David Play

Yo' Harp Spiritual
Vocal Solo Wilbur Stoll
Dear Land of Home Sibelius
Till We Meet Again Whiting
Three Blind Mice—

Old English Round
Stouthearted Men Romberg
Old Man River Kern

District Baseball Tourney Next Week

Mount Pulaski high will sponsor its first district baseball tourney at Dittus Field starting Monday of next week.

It will be a four-day session with Warrensburg meeting Niantic, Monday; Mount Pulaski going into action Tuesday against St. Teresa, a team they have broken even with this year; and on Wednesday, the championship game.

Then on Friday, the winner of the sub-district tourney at Cerro Gordo will play the winner of the tourney here for the right to enter the state competition.

Games start at 3:30, standard time.

FIREMEN CALLED TO LAKE FORK TAVERN

About 7:30 p. m. Sunday Mount Pulaski firemen made a run to the Pioneer tavern on U. S. Route 54, a mile west of Lake Fork, where a fire had been reported. Fire Chief Oscar W. Mayer, and his helpers made a thorough checkup of the building but could find no fire. Finally Chief Mayer saw a metal box on the wall, and placing his hand against it, found that it was getting very hot. He asked Saul Coates, the tavern owner, what it was for, and was told it was a burglar alarm. The wires were cut to avoid further trouble.

Library Club Celebrates Fifty Years Of Growth; Get New Building Soon

Interesting History Of Struggle In Early Days Recorded.

This year of 1947 marks a half century since the Mount Pulaski Public Library began as a growing institution, and the occasion was observed Tuesday afternoon, May 6, when the Library club met in regular session in the library rooms.

At this time a history was given, the first 35 years by Mrs. Paul E. Beidler, and the last 15 years by Mrs. Charles Schmitz. Following is what Mrs. Beidler had prepared from old records:

History of Mount Pulaski Public Library

The expression, “the first hundred years is the hardest,” is often heard, but for the Mount Pulaski Library the “first 50 years were the hardest.”

The earliest records are the minutes of the Literary club of January 26, 1897. Mrs. X. F. Beidler was the president; Mrs. Van R. St. John, vice-president; Mrs. Katherine Lushbaugh, secretary; and Mrs. George Vonderlieth, treasurer.

From those minutes we gather that some preliminary ground work was laid for the establishment of a library, for it recorded that several benefits were given, the main one a cantata, “Jephthah,” which netted them \$48.55; together with socials, etc., the sum was brought to \$71.95.

Sixty-four volumes were ordered from John L. Beidler, and these, together with books donated, the functioning of a library was set in motion.

The first librarian was Miss Hilma Jones, assisted by Miss Blanche Rankin. The library was open to the public Thursday afternoons.

Finding a permanent place for the books presented a problem to the women. On March 23, 1897, the members were granted the privilege of using a corner in the old Universalist church for their books. This church was situated on Marion street on the lot later purchased by Morris J. Myers, erected a modern home there, and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tendick. The club was also invited to hold their meetings in the church, which they did for the summer months.

The Literary club was a cultural organization. The programs recorded show a serious study of classical subjects. Perhaps the need of reference books for this study prompted them to do something about establishing a library. Of the original group as recorded in roll call, we find that those still living are Mrs. X. F. Beidler, Mrs. T. O. Snyder, Mrs. Irvin Eminger, Mrs. Clara Mitchell, Mrs. Hester Evans, the latter of whom lives in Champagne; and Mrs. Jesse Barlow (Marie Werlich), Route 1, Waterford, Wisconsin.

There were 126 books to start with, and Dr. P. H. Oyler donated a bookcase for their care.

In July, 1897, Miss Jones resigned as librarian, as did the assistant, Miss Rankin, and the president appointed Miss Grace Fryer librarian, and Miss Marie Werlich as assistant.

In October, 1897, the books were removed to the business house of A. K. Shride on the south side of the public square, and remained there some time. Later they were removed to the Lushbaugh building at the northeast corner of the square, which was later Dr. George S. Connelly's office. There is now an oil station being built there.

In November, 1897, a play, “A Day in the Union Depot,” was given and \$69.20 was realized from this source to buy more books, which added to the already substantial foundation for a library building.

In December Grace Fryer Webster resigned as librarian. This left them without a librarian, as

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H. S. MUSICIANS IN FINE SHOWING AT STATE CONTEST

Mount Pulaski High school music contestants fared nicely in the state contests at Charleston on last Friday, winning one first, nine seconds, and two thirds. This was a splendid showing in view of the fact that only two had any previous contest experience. Les Wertz, music instructor, was well pleased.

The brass sextet which placed first is composed of Bill Myrick, Tommy Romer, cornets; Jo Ann Wood, French horn; Wendell Brown, baritone; John Mehrholz, trombone; and Sheldon Copeland, bass. Young Brown, who was pinch-hitting for Shirley Hildreth who had to return early from the contests, learned his part with only two days notice, which was very creditable.

Contestants who won second division ratings were: Marcia Moore, bass clarinet and B-flat clarinet; Shirley Hildreth, piano; Bill Myrick, cornet; Tommy Romer, cornet; Dee Buckles, saxophone; Carla Christensen, French horn; clarinet quartette, Barbara Beidler, Maxine Krueger, Marilyn Manes and Margaret Ann Shively; brass quartet, Dorothy Hasle, Myron Haynes, Colleen Moore, Lowell Bohn.

Third place winners were John Mehrholz, trombone; Darrell Richner, tenor saxophone.

Dorcas Buehler, Shirley Hildreth and Carla Christensen accompanied the contestants. The trip was made in the school bus.

Edward Carl Niekrenz Died In Galesburg,

Edward Carl Niekrenz, former resident of Mount Pulaski, in failing health for months, died at 10:20 p. m. Friday, May 9, 1947, in his home at 413 Lombard, Galesburg, Ill., aged 67 years, 8 months and 5 days.

Mr. Niekrenz was born Sept. 4, 1879 in Farina, Ill., a son of Carl and Magelene Sedderson Niekrenz. In Hoyleton on May 10, 1914, he married Miss Emily Neuhaus. In 1927 the family moved to Mount Pulaski from St. Peter, Ill. He attended the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church. In 1941 they located in Galesburg, where Mr. Niekrenz was employed as assistant baggage clerk by the C. B. & Q. railroad. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran church in Galesburg.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children, Mrs. John Leggett, Mount Pulaski; Mrs. Mildred Long and Wilfred Niekrenz, of Galesburg; and one sister, Mrs. Lena Krug, of Salem, Ill.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home in Mount Pulaski, remaining there until the hour of the services.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Zion Ev. Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. Louis Brighton of Galesburg, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Hoffman. One hymn, “What a Friend We Have In Jesus,” was sung by Miss Margaret Ann Regan of Galesburg, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Emily Feuerbacher. The latter rendered an organ selection, “Jesus Savior Pilot Me.”

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pallbearers were Clarence Riedle, Theodore Wolf, Wilbur Hoffmeister, Henry Remmert, Harold Braun and William S. Hahn.

ADOPT BABY GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Stoll, accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Wesley Laughery, made an auto trip Saturday to Addison, near Chicago, where they adopted a baby girl from the Lutheran Child's Welfare Association. The baby, named Sandra Kay, is 4 months old.

Dancing Pupils Give Fine Performance In “Dansations of '47”

Miss Berna Deane Lane, well-known Mount Pulaski dance instructor, presented her large group of girls and boys in “Dansations of 1947,” in the township high school gymnasium at 8:15 p. m. Friday, May 9, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The well trained children, amid the colorful scenes, presented an entertainment that everyone enjoyed to the utmost, and the audience was generous with applause throughout the evening.

It always affords lovers of children much joy to watch them perform, for their hearts are in what they are doing and interested in, and they strive to please. Miss Lane, always patient and painstaking with her dance pupils, developed them into a group that knew how to present their various numbers.

The revue was divided into five parts, as follows: The Old Woman In the Shoe, Juke Box Parade, Baton, Ballet in Blue, and Fiesta, providing a varied and pleasing program.

Dance accompaniments were played by Mrs. Ray O. Zumstain and Miss Shirley Hildreth. Miss Cozette Rothwell rendered accordeon music, and solos were sung by Misses Shirley Hildreth and Carol Goodpaster, Charles Aylesworth and Merwyn Dean Leckbee.

Space prevents giving the program in detail, but following is

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Franklin Connolley Married Monday

Mrs. Patricia Jane Allender, daughter of Attorney L. G. Pefferle, 1921 South Glenwood Ave., Springfield, Ill., and Eugene Franklin Connolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. Connolley, of Mount Pulaski, were united in marriage at 9 a. m. Monday, May 12, 1947, in Blessed Sacrament church in Springfield. Monsignor M. A. Tarrent received the vows and celebrated the low nuptial mass.

The attendants were Mrs. Chas. Fisher of Cantrall, and Richard Connolley of Mount Pulaski, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the wedding a breakfast was served the bridal party at the Leland hotel. The newlyweds left for St. Louis on their wedding trip. They will live at 1921 South Glenwood avenue, in Springfield.

The bridegroom a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township High school, served in the Army Air forces about four years. He is now employed in Springfield at radio station WCVS.

Mount Pulaskians attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. Connolley, sons Richard and Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Sams, Miss Laura Connolley, Mrs. Alma M. Reinders, Miss Clara Seyfer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Dillsaver, Mrs. Paul E. Beidler, Mrs. Willard Kautz, and Mrs. Joseph Schroth.

Library Gift Day Will Be On May 24

Now that the Mount Pulaski public library is observing its 50th year of service to the community, and a new library building is to be constructed, members of the Mount Pulaski library club, having the library in charge are anxious to have a successful benefit for 1947. The annual food sale and dinner was not held this spring, and in its place a Gift Day will be held in the library rooms Saturday, May 24, the hours from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Everybody interested in the further success of the library, and what it means to the girls and boys of this area, are asked to call and make cash contributions. Many new books can be added if the people will give liberally to this cause.