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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Why So Sad?

Remember when we were just kids how we wondered why the folks cried at weddings.

Then when we got old enough to see the coming to a close of our school days—

We also wondered why folks felt so badly because we were thru with high school days.

That always seemed funny to us, for graduation day meant we were "out of jail" after serving a twelve year stretch.

Being given an honorable discharge for good behavior seemed to us to be something to shout about.

For with the irksome duties of school studies out of the way, life for the moment took on a glamorous hue.

How long that glamour lasts depends on the graduate and circumstances.

To the boy or girl who has a definite work to do, it isn't quite so much of a gamble.

But to the boy or girl who sets forth with nothing more than a false belief that he or she simply has to go out and the world will fall at their feet,

Will suffer not only a lot of headaches but heartaches as well.

The best and happiest days of a human being's life has almost without exception, been his period in school.

All too late one realizes this and regrets that he did not appreciate those carefree days more fully.

That, in part, is the reason the older folks feel a little sad when this occasion arrives each year.

The tie that binds the graduate to the life of a community is about to be broken.

Folks of the community have learned to sorta love these young folks and their carefree attitudes.

That's another reason they feel badly at this particular time.

The grad of yesterday has begun to realize this tie—the grad of today can't appreciate it—but that is the way it should be.

Life from now on will take on a new phase and they will have their share of ups and downs to fight alone.

So for today—laugh and be merry graduates:

And may you have the courage and faith that leads only to a worthwhile life

Which is measured not by material accumulation, but by the friends you number and the service you render those about you.

Godspeed you, Class of 1947.

PLAYGROUND WILL OPEN

The summer playground program will open Monday, June 16 at the Tomlinson Community Center ground, and will be supervised by Carroll Wood and assistants. Schedule next week.

FANS' BALL CLUB WILL PLAY THREE WEEKEND GAMES

Mount Pulaski Fans ball team faces a heavy weekend starting Friday, when they journey to Decatur to engage Staley's in a CIA league game. Saturday, they travel to Joliet where they will play behind prison walls against the penitentiary team.

On Sunday they will meet the strong league-leading Latham team from just across the township line at Dittus Field in what promises to be one of the best games of the season—at least as far as interest is concerned. Arden Potter, who is doing the slab work for Latham is again enjoying a fine season and has been mowing down the opposition. Pulaski will have to go all out to win this one.

Athens Shuts Pulaski Out

Athens' unheralded ball team came to Dittus Field Sunday and broke Pulaski's three-victory record by winning a 5 to 0 game behind the airtight pitching of C. Wood, who allowed only two hits.

Huff of Clinton, started for Pulaski but gave over to Ingram in the fourth, who held the visitors in check. Wood slammed out a triple to open an inning but died on third due to lack of hitting power.

Latham Licked Clinton

Arden Potter held Clinton to two hits and struck out 15 to give Latham their fourth win which puts them at the top of the CIA league.

Lincoln lost to Mason City 12-7.

PLAN SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

The first of a series of summer band concerts will be given on the city square next Wednesday evening when the Mount Pulaski Public school band opens the season under the direction of Les Wertz.

It is planned to hold concerts each Wednesday night after that with the Community Band taking over the assignment. Rehearsals will be held every Monday night at the high school at 8 o'clock, and all players in the community are encouraged to be present and help out with the concert program.

Leigh Berry Wed Miss Rena McAfee

Miss Rena McAfee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McAfee, living on U. S. Route 54 between Mount Pulaski and Lake Fork, and Leigh Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Berry, Mount Pulaski, were united in marriage at 4 p. m. Sunday, May 25, 1947, at the First Christian church in Lincoln, the ceremony being performed by Dr. I. H. Beckholt. The attendants were Miss Ruth McAfee, twin sister of the bride, and Clyde Munyon of Lake Fork.

The bride was attired in a pink street-length dress, with white accessories, and a white orchid corsage.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bridegroom's parents in Mount Pulaski.

The bridegroom, who served in World War II, is now associated with his father in the carpenter business.

The newlyweds have gone to housekeeping west of Mount Pulaski. They were given a charivari Monday evening.

BOWERS-TEMPLEMAN MEMORIAL . . .

As is the annual custom at the Bowers-Templeman cemetery on State Route 121, four miles north of Mount Pulaski, the decoration of graves of all veterans will be held at 2:30 (CST) Sunday, June 1.

Service organizations and individuals interested in this cemetery are urged to attend the memorial.

29 Seniors To Receive Diplomas At Graduation Exercises Friday

Carol Goodpaster to Reign At Open House Tonight.

29 seniors of Mount Pulaski Township high school will be handed their diplomas on Friday evening of this week at the high school gym, marking the successful completion of their high school course, and they will sever school day ties that were first fashioned some twelve years ago.

Commencement exercises mark the closing event of the graduation season, following the ever popular Open House which will be held tonight with Carol Goodpaster reigning as the new May Queen. She will receive her crown of royalty from the hands of Miss Irma Baker, last year's Queen of May.

The commencement program is as follows and begins at 8:15:

Piano solo, "Reflections In the Water" (Debussy), Mrs. Clonda Bohn Ellis.

Invocation, Rev. Carroll S. Langston.

Vocal solo, "Hymn of the Sun," (Georges), Marilyn Voseberg.

Address, "You Have the Choice", John K. Cox, director of rural school relations, Illinois Agricultural Association.

Violin solo, "Gypsy Aires" (Sarasate), Shirley Balk.

Presentation of Honor Students and the Class of 1947, Lloyd L. Hargis, principal.

Presentation of Diplomas, William Myrick, president of the board of education.

Flute solo "Concertino" (Chaminab), Mary Lee Cross.

Benediction, Rev. Langston.

Class Roll

The senior class is composed of 29 girls and boys, as follows:

Girls—Betty Aderman, Dorothy Aylesworth, Joyce Baker, Dorcas Buehler, Lois Deibert, Mildred Fullriede, Carol Goodpaster, Shirley Hildreth, Farol Renner, Meredith Robinson, Cozette Rothwell, June A. Ryan, Elizabeth Sisk, Marilyn Williams. Boys — John Allspach, Roy Dean, Wallace Eberhardt, Wendell Follis, Gerard Hargis, Roy Holmes, Dean Horn, Forrest Litterly, Caleb Lucas, Don McCann, Harry Manes, Linn Roos, Delbert Shanle, Gene Waddell, Raymond Wolf.

Marian Hild Wed At Eureka May 18

Miss Marian Hild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Hild, who are former residents of the community, but now residing at 802 West Lincoln, Pontiac, Ill., and William E. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Taylor, 7024 Paxton avenue, Chicago, were united in marriage at 2 p. m. on Thursday, May 8, in the Christian church, Eureka, the double ring ceremony being performed by Rev. Donald M. Salmon, pastor of the church.

The altar decorations consisted of two bouquets of white sweet-peas and yellow gladioli, and two candelabras of white candles.

Mrs. Donald M. Salmon played a 20 minute prelude of wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Miss Audrey Hagan, a sorority sister of the bride, who sang, "Always," "I Love You Truly," and "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Hagan's dress was of powder blue net and her corsage was yellow daisies.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of white sharkskin with a fitted bodice and gathered skirt ending in a slight train. Her three quarter length French veil was fastened with a pill box hat made of the same material as the dress. The crown of the hat was adorned with white flowers. She carried a Delta Zeta sorority

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WILBUR C. HAYES DIED SATURDAY IN LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Wilbur C. Hayes, who lived on West Jefferson street, and had been in failing health for many months, died in St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln, at 3:50 Saturday morning, May 24, aged 69 years, 7 months and 12 days. He was taken to the hospital on Friday.

Mr. Hayes was born Oct. 12, 1877, in Ogle county Illinois, the son of Clifford and Martha James Hayes. He spent his early life in his home community and then located in St. Louis, Mo., where he was a city mail carrier for a good many years. There on the 15th of August, 1904, he married Gerusia McClay. After he was retired on a pension, Mr. Hayes and wife came to Mount Pulaski to live. They later moved to Missouri and last year bought their present home in Mount Pulaski, coming back here to live.

Decedent was a member of the Methodist church, Odd Fellows lodge and Masonic order.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Richard of Mount Pulaski; mother, Mrs. Martha Hoy, this vicinity; two brothers, Harry of Greenville; and Elmer, who lives with his mother; and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Witman, Long Beach, California.

The remains were removed to the Schahl funeral home here, and funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, May 26, conducted by Rev. Carroll Langston. Two hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Abide With Me," were sung by Paul R. Moore, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Stuart.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. Ritualistic services were conducted at the grave by the Masonic order. The pallbearers were Austin W. Schaffacker, Orville Koehler, Keith Rothwell, Max Hollerback, Francis and William Myrick.

New Flagpole Erected At Legion Home Here

A few months ago Herbert Finke, who lives five miles north of Mount Pulaski, and is still a loyal booster for his hometown community, presented the American Legion with \$300, the fund to be used to purchase a flagpole to be placed on the Legion grounds.

The flagpole, 60 feet long, and made by Fred Holmes, was erected Saturday along the west side of the walk a short distance from the front of the building.

The generosity of "Herb" is greatly appreciated by the Legion members, and the pole is a nice asset to the spacious surroundings now being beautified.

Engagement of Wilma Horn Told

Fred Horn of Mount Pulaski, announces the engagement of his daughter, Wilma Cathleen, to George D. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Watkins of Warrensburg.

Miss Horn is an operator in Payne's Beauty Shop in Decatur, and her fiancé is with the Service Recognition Board in Springfield, after service in the Army.

The wedding will take place on Sunday, June 1 at the First Methodist church in Decatur.

Waste Paper Drive Saturday, June 7th

This item is to remind you that the last waste paper drive of the spring season, conducted by Boy Scout Troop No. 122, Mount Pulaski, will be held Saturday, June 7. The funds derived from the drive will send the boys to summer camp at Camp Hefferman on Lake Bloomington. The pickup will start at 12:30 p. m. and be completed by 3 p. m. Have your bundles securely tied and placed on front porches. All people living in the vicinity can leave their paper at the southwest corner of the square.

Community Chorus Pleases Audience

The second appearance of the Mount Pulaski Community Chorus of 50 voices at the high school Thursday evening, was again crowned with a very pleasing response from a goodsized audience.

The numbers rendered were of a light opera and popular melody variety, interspersed with solo numbers by members of the chorus. The program was arranged in groups of four, each being of a particular type. The numbers were quite varied, ranging from "Three Blind Mice," to such stirring offerings as "Stout-hearted Men," and the always delightful, "Ol' Man River."

Solo numbers were given by Wilbur Stoll, who sang "I Love Life," and "Friend O' Mine." He was at his best and gave a fine rendition of these numbers. Miss Rhoda Schaffacker, pianist, who played the chorus accompaniments, delighted her audience with her playing of "Gardens in Spring," by Niemann.

Lester Wertz, who directed the chorus, again came in for much praise from not only the audience, but from the members of the chorus who fully appreciated the fine efforts he has put forth.

The chorus will disband until fall when rehearsals will again be started for the Christmas program.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM PLANNED

A summer music program is being planned for the coming two months with Lester Wertz, band instructor in the high and grade schools, assuming charge of the work.

Individual and group rehearsing will be carried out during the summer on a daily program basis. Beginners on instruments in both high and grade school are urged to contact Mr. Wertz before June 7, when classes close, in order to plan out the summer program.

Group lessons will be free of charge but additional individual lessons are to be paid by student.

Baseball Tourney Dates Here July 12-13

Kenneth Ingram, better known as "Smokey," and a member of the Mount Pulaski Fans Baseball Club, who has been appointed as commissioner for the counties of Macon, Christian, Logan and Menard, by the Illinois Amateur Baseball Association, will conduct a district tournament here on July 12 and 13.

The winner of this tournament is eligible to play in the state finals during July. The winner of the state tournament will participate in the national finals in Wichita, Kansas.

Any team in the four counties listed above that would like to participate should contact Ingram and join the Illinois Baseball Association.

GIRL SCOUTS TO SPONSOR AUCTION SALE JUNE 14

The Mount Pulaski Girl Scouts will hold a Community Auction Sale on Saturday, June 14, on the grounds of the Tomlinson Recreation Center, beginning at 1 p. m. Anyone having articles to donate or larger articles which they wish to sell on a commission basis, with the Girl Scouts, phone Mrs. A. J. Lyons, 329; Mrs. J. A. Veech, 357; or Mrs. Katherine Kinert.

The Girl Scouts will also make a house-to-house canvass soliciting articles for the sale. Suggested items are dishes, pictures, furniture, rugs, and other household articles, toys, livestock, farm implements, or anything you wish to dispose of.