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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Public opinion polls reveal the majority of Americans today are gravely concerned with security.

In a world that never seemed so insecure.

Insecurity is nothing new in this world, but we are better informed of the fix we're in than our forefathers ever were.

But we have one problem they never had: the atom bomb. That highest achievement of American inventive genius has us scared stiff.

World problems, national problems, economic problems fill the air, the printed page.

And the soul of the bewildered citizen with unanswered questions and unease.

He turns the pages and takes his choice of the predictions;

He turns the knob and samples the gloomcasters.

He does this when he should be digesting his supper but instead he hears voices chanting—

Inflation . . . deflation . . . higher prices . . . lower prices . . . labor . . . management . . . the Russians . . . the peace.

And always that bomb hangs over his head, though he tries to forget it.

A sense of basic insecurity is sending many backsliders back to church.

The materialist finds himself humming, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee" as he gropes blindly for faith.

The philosopher, historians and tough-minded fellows are quoted in the press; only by a return to religion can the world save itself from annihilation.

It seems that economic man is coming to the realization that man does not live by bread alone.

The Treasury, in an effort to give folks some sort of assurance of security for the future, at least in a material sense,

Has inaugurated a money-savings plan known as the Bond-of-the-Month Campaign, in cooperation with the banks.

The depositor signs a card authorizing the bank to charge against his account a regular amount each month to purchase a bond.

So all you folks who feel that you need some added sense of security for the days which may not be so bright ahead,

Would do well to stop at your bank today and sign a card that will do much toward insuring your future security.

GARDEN UNIT TO MAKE TRIP FRIDAY, JUNE 13

The members of the Garden Unit of the Woman's club will make a trip Friday, June 13, to Rockome, near Arthur. They will meet at the Tomlinson Recreation Center, and leave at noon. In case of rain the trip will be made June 18. All Woman's club members may go.

AUCTION SALE POSTPONED

The Mount Pulaski Girl Scouts who had advertised a Community Auction Sale at the Tomlinson Recreation Center on Saturday, June 14, have postponed the sale one week, or to Saturday, June 21, on account of another sale being booked for the 14th.

Miss Florence Wynd, librarian at the public library here, announces that the Illinois State Library at Springfield is sending 100 children's books and 50 adult books to the library for circulation for a number of weeks.

Illioopolis Man Is Killed In Accident At Riedle Corner

Failure to Stop at U. S. Route 54 Said To Be Cause.

John Christian Knecht, 67, who lived on the east side of Illioopolis was killed instantly, and his wife Mary Jane, 68, was injured about 4:40 p. m. Friday, June 6, when the car he was driving was struck and overturned by a car driven by Bernard B. Bailey of 10524 South Maryland avenue, Chicago, at Riedle's corner, one mile south of Mount Pulaski, at the U. S. Route 54 and state aid gravel road junction.

At this point there is a clear view in all directions, and it is reported that Mr. Knecht, who was returning from Lincoln to Illioopolis, did not stop when coming to the paved highway. He was aged 67 years, 10 months.

Mr. Knecht's body was found in the wreckage of his car in a water-filled ditch along the south side of the pavement. The car rested upside down in the ditch. His head was above the water, and he did not drown, although it was thought his neck was broken by the impact of the two cars.

The Schahl ambulance was at the scene shortly after the accident, and Mrs. Knecht was removed to St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln, where Dr. E. H. Cox had an X-ray examination made and found that an arm, hip and ankle had been injured, but not seriously.

Sheriff C. L. Kief and Deputy Coroner Donald G. Holland investigated. The remains of Mr. Knecht were taken to the Schahl funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, accompanied by his mother, were enroute from Chicago to Cornland for a short visit at the William Collier home. The car driven by Bailey was spun around by the impact and badly damaged. He is reported to have said that the Knecht car failed to stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Knecht had driven to Lincoln to get a step-daughter, Miss Doloris Barry, and take her back to Illioopolis. Miss Barry, employed at the Stetson Pottery, had departed from Lincoln in another auto.

John Christian Knecht was born August 6, 1879, in Brueman, Germany, a son of Ferdinand and Aje Johnson Knecht, and when quite young came to the United States with his parents, who located near Hartsburg, Logan county, Ill. In St. Louis, over 40 years ago he married Jane Meyer. They lived in the north part of Logan county, and when the Sangamon Ordnance plant was built near Illioopolis, they moved into Illioopolis.

Besides his wife, he is sur-

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SHRINE SINGERS HERE ON JUNE 20

The Chanters of Mohammed Shrine, Peoria, composed of 40 men's voices, will present a concert in the Christian church in Mount Pulaski at 8:15 p. m. (CST) Friday, June 20, under the sponsorship of Mount Pulaski Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Pulaski chapter No. 121, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Pulaski Commandery, No. 39, Knights Templar; and Mount Pulaski chapter No. 466, Order of Eastern Star.

The Peoria organization, one of the best known in Illinois, is directed by Arthur Copeland, formerly of Mount Pulaski. It will be interesting to know that Cary Robards, also a native of Mount Pulaski, will be the accompanist. Miss Charlotte Cisna, daughter of Judge Cisna, will appear as a soloist.

There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken. You are cordially invited.

Judith Roos and Robert Volle Wed

Marriage vows of Miss Judith Roos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Roos of Havana, formerly of Mount Pulaski vicinity, and Robert F. Volle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Volle, of 1029 North Second st., Springfield, were spoken at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, June 7, 1947. The double ring ceremony was performed by candlelight in Trinity Lutheran church, Springfield, Rev. Lloyd Behnkem and Rev. M. H. Guemmer officiating.

Preceding the ceremony, C. H. Heineman, organist, played a recital and accompanied Robert Olson of Springfield, who sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a period gown of white marquisette, fashioned with basque waistline and sheer yoke, set with bands of lace and ruffles. The sleeves were long, ending in points at the wrists and the skirt, entirely edged with ruffles, fell entrain. She wore a veil of silk illusion, held in place by a lace crown. Her jewelry was a pearl choker necklace, gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a white prayer book with two white orchids.

Mrs. Edward Fetzter, Jr., Pleasant Plains, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor, and Miss Mary Ellen Schmidt, Havana, as bridesmaid. Pauline Kribbs, niece of the bridegroom was flower girl. Thomas Maybury, Springfield, best man; Melvin Roos, Havana, brother of the bride, groomsmen, and ushers were Edward Fetzter, Jr., Harry Hawker and Kenneth Klein.

Following the ceremony a reception for 200 guests was held in the sunroom of the Leland hotel. The couple then left on a wedding trip to New York. Upon their return they will make their home in Springfield.

The bride, who formerly attended Mount Pulaski High, is a graduate of Havana Community High school, attended Monmouth college, and prior to her marriage was employed in the office of the Mason County Democrat, Havana. Mr. Volle is a graduate of Springfield High school and a World War II veteran, having served 40 months in the navy. He is employed at the Electric Service Co., in Springfield.

Mother of Former Pastor Here Dies

Mrs. Ida Staley, 80, formerly of Mount Pulaski, died Saturday, June 7, in the home of her son, Rev. J. Wayne Staley, of Washington, Ill.

Mrs. Staley was born on a farm northwest of Athens, Ill., a daughter of Jarel and Martha Scantlin. She was united in marriage, in 1890, in Tallula, to Abraham Staley, and resided in Menard county all of her life until coming to Mount Pulaski to live with her son, Rev. Staley, pastor of the Christian church here for 17 years before going to Washington last year.

Decedent is survived by three son, Rev. Staley; Powell and George Staley, Chicago; and six grandchildren, including three sons of Rev. Staley, Darrell, of Washington State; J. Wayne and Wendell, at home; and three daughters of Powell Staley.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Washington Christian church. Burial in White cemetery, near Tallula.

PLAYGROUNDS TO OPEN ON MONDAY

The summer playground will open at the Tomlinson Community Center grounds next Monday morning at 9:30. All youngsters who want to take advantage of playground activities are urged to be present at the morning session so that the supervisors of play can map out a program that will take care of various ages.

Arthur Ridgeway Died In Home

Arthur F. Ridgeway, a lifelong resident of Mount Pulaski area, who lived about four miles to the northwest of here, died in his home at 5 a. m. Sunday, June 8, 1947, following an illness of many weeks. He was aged 79 years and 8 months.

Mr. Ridgeway was born Oct. 8, 1867, in Elkhart township, about eight miles west of here, a son of Doil and Phoebe Buckles Ridgeway. He grew to young manhood in his home community. In Springfield on June 19, 1894, he married Anna Geneva VanHook of the Copeland Christian church locality, and they began farming nine miles southwest of the city, remaining there until 24 years ago, when they moved to the present home. His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 1940.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, Azell and Marshall Ridgeway, Viola and Mary Ellen Ridgeway, at home; and Alma Ridgeway, Manteno, Ill.; also one sister, Mrs. Isora Foster, Mount Pulaski.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home, where funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, June 10, conducted by Rev. Carroll S. Langston, pastor of the Christian church. Paul R. Moore sang two hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset," with Mrs. Frank E. Turley piano accompanist.

Burial was in Steenberg cemetery, four miles southwest of Mount Pulaski. The pallbearers were Forrest Maske, William Kennedy, Guy Snyder, Ellis C. Downing, Neal Gulso and Richard Drabing.

Sarah Frances Cass Died In Hospital

Mrs. Sarah Frances Cass, widow of Lincoln G. Cass, and a resident of Mount Pulaski since 1915, died at 7:15 p. m. Thursday, June 5, 1947, in St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln, Ill., where she had been a patient for one year and one week. Mrs. Cass, an invalid, was removed to the hospital from the residence on No. Vine street here, a few weeks after the death of her husband on April 4, 1946. She was aged 58 years, 6 months and 23 days.

Sarah Frances Miller was born Nov. 12, 1888, near Buffalo, Sangamon county, Ill., a daughter of John and Mary Drabing Miller. She married Lincoln G. Cass on August 24, 1915, and shortly afterwards they located in Mount Pulaski, making this city their home continuously until called by death.

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Lydia Ann Sparks Died In Springfield

Mrs. Lydia Ann Sparks, 67, a former resident of Mount Pulaski, and wife of Manley Sparks 315½ So. Fifth street, Springfield, Ill., died about 1:40 p. m. Monday, June 9, 1947, at her home, after being in failing health for one year.

The husband, who is now blind, had talked to his wife about things she wanted to take with her before going to a hospital, and finally she did not answer him. A nephew, Marvin Hutchcraft of Lincoln, Logan county coroner, was notified of her serious condition, and hurried to Springfield, but she was dead before his arrival. She had been a patient at a Lincoln hospital several times during the past year. The body was removed to the Sheets funeral home in Lincoln.

Coroner W. L. Dragoo of Sangamon county, held an investigation and announced that her death was "apparently from natural causes."

Lydia Ann Von Der Heide was born April 13, 1880, in Chicago, a daughter of Henry and Minnie

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Bond Issue To Be Voted On Here for New Grade School

Petitions Now In Circulation For \$300,000 Project.

The Board of Education of the Mount Pulaski Consolidated Grade school at their meeting Monday night, decided to get plans for their \$300,000.00 bond issue under way at once.

The project includes the selection of a site (a mere formality as the present site will be used), and the erection of an addition to the present school building, which will include a gymnasium, stage, kitchen facilities, a farm shop and manual training, bus garage, and classrooms.

School Facilities Inadequate

An enlarged school enrollment due to the consolidation of country schools, makes it necessary to enlarge the facilities for taking care of the extra pupils which will come in from these outlying schools. Three country schools remained open last year to take care of the larger districts as it was felt there was not sufficient room to properly care for them in the present school plant.

The plans for the new addition call for four classrooms and a kindergarten as well as a large gym, all of which would be built onto the front of the present building, facing west. The addition would extend 256 feet north and south, taking in almost the full width of the block, while it would be 60 feet deep.

Gym To Seat Over 1,000

The gym, which would be constructed on the north end of the addition, would seat 1,000 and have a playing floor 50x90. Lockers and showers for boys and girls would be provided under bleachers located on the north side of gym which face the south would be a manual training room, lunch room and Home Ec department. A large stage will be on the opposite side of the cage court and would offer additional seating room.

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MISS WILMA HORN MARRIED SUNDAY

Miss Wilma Horn, daughter of Fred Horn of Mount Pulaski, and George Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Watkins of Warrensburg, were united in marriage at 3 p. m. Sunday, June 1, 1947, in the First Methodist church in Decatur, the double ring ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Laren Spear, before an altar decorated with baskets of chrysanthemums.

Kenneth Melzard of Decatur sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Paul Smallwood, organist.

The bride was attired in a gray suit, and her accessories were of white; she wore a corsage of gardenias, and her only jewelry was a locket, gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Maxine Horn of Mount Pulaski, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and wore a blue suit with white accessories; her corsage was of pink roses.

Robert Cushman of Decatur was best man, and ushers were Howard Horn of Mount Pulaski, brother of the bride, and Jack McGorry of Decatur, cousin of the bridegroom.

A reception for members of the bridal party and immediate relatives, numbering about 50 persons, was held at the home of the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Cushman. A three-tiered wedding cake centered the table. Assisting in serving were Marilyn Watkins, Elizabeth Watkins, Jean Lehn and Marge Cushman.

The newlyweds left on a wed-

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