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## REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

What the world needs is more and better handshakes.

Not the kind exchanged by boxers just before they start an exchange of blows.

But the kind that firmly grips one another and have behind them an assurance of goodwill.

We shake hands in a more or less formal manner, when we are introduced to someone.

Feeling that common courtesy demands that we perform this bit of gallantry.

But our degree of cordiality varies according to what we have heard, or know about the person.

It is said that the first handshake ever exchanged was between two men who were uncertain as to the others intention.

Each grasped the right hand of the other to make sure it would not reach for a sword.

But the handshake of today has come a long way from that period, and developed into one of kindness and friendliness.

It isn't too much to expect the handclasp of the employer with his employee to be a sincere and friendly one of mutual understanding rather than just to avoid a strike;

Nor is it unreasonable to expect the laborer to return the grip wholeheartedly, not only in gratitude for employment, but with a firm desire to contribute to the good of industry.

Handshakes will have to come to mean that, if they are going to accomplish good will for everyone concerned.

We may not think of it this way, but we do actually shake hands with our government.

We do it when we pay taxes for public purposes altho it must be admitted that our clasp is just about as cold as

The one the government extends to us when accepting the portion of our hardearned money which it deems we owe it.

We generally fail to recognize that government has its failings as well as we and our friends. In a person whom we consider as a friend we constantly strive to overlook those shortcomings.

And we see the good that far overshadows his weaknesses and imperfections.

In spite of all the graft we read about and the evidence of it

There is still a lot of good government which provides justice, security and the education of our children.

We talk a lot about our government in tones of disrespect but at heart we are deeply proud of it and for what it stands.

In this present day of unrest among nations who can force their subjects into war,

We have every visible evidence of pride and power with a hand-

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## Sarah Downing Died Friday Night At Country Home

### Services Held Monday Afternoon at Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sarah Whitney Downing, well known and esteemed resident of Chester township, Logan county, Ill., and widow of William L. Downing, died at her home on State Route 121, six miles north of Mount Pulaski, Friday night, June 20, aged 78 years and 21 days. Failing in health many months, she was bedfast about three weeks.

Mrs. Downing was born May 29 1869 on what is known as Whitney Hill, west of Chestnut, a daughter of Willard and Georgia Anna Norton Whitney, pioneer residents of that community.

At the old family home October 22, 1891, she was united in marriage to William L. Downing, and they went to house-keeping on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Downing, in Chester township, where he was born, and always lived. Her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1941. They had intended celebrating their golden wedding anniversary just three weeks later. Mrs. Downing lived her entire married life on that farm, or over 55 years. She was a member of Harmony Methodist church, three miles north of her home, and of the Mount Pulaski Rebekah lodge.

Decedent is survived by one sister, Mrs. Florence Rose, who has been living at her home; two brothers, John H. Whitney, of Decatur, and Charles Whitney of Bellingham, Wash.; two nephews and five nieces.

The body was removed to the Sheets funeral home in Lincoln and returned to the family residence Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were held in the Mount Pulaski Methodist church at 2 p. m. Monday, June 23, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Neumeier. Omer Potter, a neighbor of Mrs. Downing, sang two hymns, "Gathering Home" and "Only One," with Mrs. G. F. Wait as organ accompanist. The members of the Mount Pulaski Rebekah lodge attended services in a body.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery, pallbearers being John F. Maurer, Herbert Finke, Frank Seller, John Irvin, Reuben Miller and Orville E. Martin.

## FORMER TEACHER MARRIED SUNDAY

Miss Emma Lou Colaw, home economics teacher in Mount Pulaski Township High school the past year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Colaw of Atlanta, and John T. Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Brandt, Atlanta, were united in marriage at 4 p. m. Sunday, June 22, in the Atlanta Christian church, the double ring ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. John Clark, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Those attending the wedding from here were Mr. and Mrs. Rinaldo Berton, Miss Elsie Goss-meyer, and Wesley Carter.

## Cornland Man Hurt As Tractor Overturns

Paul Baker, 29, farmer living in Cornland vicinity, was injured seriously Tuesday afternoon when he was trapped under a tractor which overturned while he was mowing weeds along the Elkhart-Cornland gravel highway three miles northwest of Cornland.

Baker, who was taken in the Schahl ambulance to Deaconess hospital in Lincoln, having a dislocated hip and back injury, said he managed to pull himself free from the tractor, but laid along the roadside for two hours, unable to make anyone hear his call for help. Finally, he said, a Springfield truck driver, noticing the overturned tractor, stopped and summoned an ambulance.

## Fern Vandevender Married Saturday

Miss Fern Vandevender, daughter of Mrs. Eunice Vandevender of Mount Pulaski vicinity, was united in marriage to Richard Sotzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sotzen, 419 Keokuk st., Lincoln, at 3 p. m. Saturday, June 21, in the First Methodist church, Lincoln, the double ring ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Enselman.

Mrs. Lyman Dawson, church organist, played the wedding marches, and was accompanist for Spencer Littleton of Lincoln, who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride wore a powder blue crepe street-length dress, with white accessories, and a locket and bracelet, gift of the bridegroom, and also had a corsage of red roses.

Her bridesmaid, Mrs. John Sparhakel, of Lincoln, wore a pink and tan dress, with white accessories, and a corsage of pink and blue sweetpeas. John Sparhakel served as best man.

The bride's mother wore a powder blue dress, with black accessories, and a corsage of white carnations. The bridegroom's mother was attired in a navy blue dress, with white accessories, and a corsage of white carnations.

The newlyweds departed for Chicago on a wedding trip. For traveling she wore a grey pin-striped rayon gaberdine suit, with white accessories. After July first they will live at 429 Keokuk street, Lincoln.

The bride is a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township High school, and the University Beauty school in Bloomington. Mr. Sotzen graduated from the Lincoln Community High school, and is a veteran of World War II. He is employed by Dutz Brothers of Mason City.

## EDWARD SPIEGEL DIED IN HOSPITAL

Edward Spiegel, who operated a jewelry store in Belvidere, Ill., died at 6 p. m. Friday, June 20, in St. Joseph's hospital, that city. He had been failing many weeks.

Mr. Spiegel was born in Two Rivers, Wis., a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spiegel. He came to Mount Pulaski in 1937 and opened a jewelry store, and while here married Miss Mahala Law, of LaHarpe, Ill., operator of a beauty parlor here. They made many friends in Mount Pulaski. In 1940 they moved to Belvidere.

Decedent is survived by his wife, two sons, Johnny and Robert, of Belvidere; his parents, and one sister, Edna, of Two Rivers. Funeral services were held in Belvidere Monday and burial made there.

Attending the funeral from Mount Pulaski were Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Brooker, Mrs. Norman Schahl and Mrs. Rinaldo Berton.

Johnny Spiegel, who was at the Brooker home when his father died, returned home with them for a longer stay.

## OLIVER E. MILLER DIED TUESDAY

Oliver E. Miller, 51, route 7, Decatur, died in the Wabash hospital in that city at midnight, Tuesday, June 17. He retired from the Wabash railroad shops about six months ago on account of failing health.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 17, 1896, in Latham vicinity, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Miller.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Betty Jean Yelton and Mrs. Phyllis Boland, of Decatur; mother, Mrs. Eldo Miller, Latham; two granddaughters; two brothers, Merle E. Miller, Warrensburg, and Orville Miller, Los Angeles, Calif.; and four sisters, Miss Mabel Miller, Mrs. J. J. Wachter, Mrs. Bill Williams and Mrs. Otis Howe, Latham.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. (CST) Friday, June 20, in the Dawson & Wikoff funeral home in Decatur. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Decatur.

## Danny Buehler Wed To Tennessee Girl

Miss Maxine Tunnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tunnell, of Memphis, Tenn., became the bride of Danny Buehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Buehler of Chestnut, at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, June 15, the double ring ceremony being performed by Rev. Willis C. Furr in the Whitehaven Baptist church in Memphis.

Preceding the ceremony a musical program was given by the bridegroom's sister, Miss Dorcas Jean Buehler of Chestnut. Miss Norma Ison of Memphis, friend of the couple, sang "O Promise Me" and "Because."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of white satin, made with a sweetheart neckline embroidered with seed pearls. The dress was long-waisted, with a full skirt and full train. Her fingertip veil was held by a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of stephanotis and gardenias, with streamers of white satin.

Miss Pauline Tunnell, twin sister of the bride, was the bride's only attendant, and wore yellow net over taffeta, with net headband, net mitts, and carried a bouquet of blue gladioli.

Frederick Hein of Chestnut, friend of the bridegroom, was best man and Hilton and Edward Tunnell, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

The bride's mother wore navy blue crepe, with black and white accessories, and a corsage of gardenias. The bridegroom's mother wore navy print, with white accessories, and a corsage of gardenias.

A wedding reception was held in the home of the bride's par-

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## PLAYGROUND IS FIGHTING RAINS

Summer playground activities at the Tomlinson Center are going ahead between showers, despite the frequency of them.

Handcraft work is being done under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Pinney and Paul Huston. Various games and activities of other kinds are planned, but the weather keeps tripping up the daily program so that it is seldom uniform from day to day.

Efforts have been made by supervisor Carroll Wood to scrape a hard ball diamond for the youngsters, but just as soon as the ground is ready for the scraper it rains. Volley ball and badminton courts are now available as well as croquet. A sand-box will be ready by next week. Softball is a regular diet at the grade school, across the street.

Mothers need not dress their youngsters up in their best clothes to send them to the playground — just their ordinary play clothes.

## B. H. KECK RESIGNS FAIR POSITION

B. H. Keck, well known Mount Pulaski resident, veteran auctioneer and horseman, since the founding of the Logan county fair in Lincoln in 1937, had been the capable superintendent of draft horse show and society horse show. Mr. Keck submitted his resignation to the board of directors last week. Wilbur G. Colburn of Beason has been appointed to take his place.

Under the supervision of Mr. Keck the horse show at the Logan county fair became recognized as one of the finest shows in the midwest, many of the well known stables of the country having entries annually in the competition there.

Mr. Colburn, always interested and a keen observer of fairs and horse shows, is a capable successor to Mr. Keck. He was named as assistant superintendent last fall, after Robert S. Keck had moved away. Bob was assistant to his father for 11 years. Merle V. Watson of the Hilltop Farms in Chester township, was named assistant to Colburn.

## Large Audience Enjoys Concert by Peoria Shriners

### Former Local Men Members of Fine Singing Group.

The people of Mount Pulaski, along with many from Chestnut, Latham, Lake Fork, Cornland, and Lincoln, were treated to a wonderful concert Friday night, June 20, at the Christian church when the Chanters of Mohammed Shrine, Peoria, composed of forty men's voices, appeared before an audience that completely filled the church, with a number left standing outside. The Christian church was chosen as both the piano and pipe organ were used for several numbers.

The Chanters are men from Peoria, Canton, Eureka, Washington, and other places, and they sing because they love to.

They appear frequently in and around Peoria, but the visit here was a compliment to three of the group who were former Mount Pulaskians, Arthur Copeland, the director; Cary Robards, the well-known pianist; and Verner Donnan, one of the singers.

The Chanters came upon the invitation of the Masonic Orders of Mount Pulaski. They were dressed in their Shrine outfits, and presented a striking picture.

The program opened with introductory remarks by Ennis A. Downing, who introduced Col. Jerry McQuade as master of ceremonies. Mr. McQuade, in between numbers told several Scotch stories. His remarks were laugh-provoking and enjoyed by all.

The prelude was played on the pipe organ by Edward N. Miller, followed by the Chanters, who sang "Peoria and Illinois," unaccompanied.

The first group of songs included "Stout Hearted Men," "Onward Ye Peoples" and "Tea for Two," with both piano and organ accompaniment.

Director Copeland introduced the Male Quartet and their selections were extra good.

The third group of songs included "Sanctus" from St. Cecilia Mass, with Sidney Williams accompanied by Chanters; other numbers were "Stormy Weather" and "You Are a Wonderful Mother." This song Mr. Copeland dedicated to his mother, who was in the audience.

Cary Robards then played several piano selections. Many

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## Announce Engagement Of Wanda Schroth

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroth, residing south of Chestnut, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wandah Virginia of 419 East Lawrence avenue, Springfield, to James Major Huffaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Huffaker of Kenmore Place, New Berlin.

Miss Schroth, a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township High school, is employed by the State Service Recognition Board. Mr. Huffaker was graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, and served in the armed forces two and one-half years. He is now farming.

## Conservation Club Elects New Officers

A called meeting of the members of the Mount Pulaski Conservation Club, was held at the city clerk's office last night and officers for the year were elected.

Morrell Deibert was elected president; Frederick Lipp, vice-president; Charles Schmitz, secretary-treasurer. Fred Hahn and H. J. Wible were elected trustees for a one year term.

A number of new members were added to the list during the year. Plans are being made to "de-mosquitoize" the area around the lake.