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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

We don't know who started the "Flying Saucers" episodes that are now attracting more attention than a cow walking down main street fitted with a brassiere.

But we do know that there are hundreds of folks who are blest with imaginations, or something else.

It wasn't but a short time after the first "flying saucers" were reported that folks in 39 states presumably had seen them.

They undoubtedly did see something—but what?

It could be anything from a circular buzz saw found by a priest up in Wisconsin.

To one of the bride's first ventures in pancake making.

Personally, we don't take much stock in the tall tales we hear and read about.

It reminds us of when John Dillinger was on the loose - he was seen in seventeen different states on the same day.

That was according to reports that folks gave the authorities.

If reports about living human beings are so cockeyed it's a forgone conclusion that such "heavenly bodies" that folks are "seeing" are to a great extent the figment of ones imagination.

A report dating back to 1893 ran something like this:

"There were several lights, appearing to have a globular shape.

Sometimes they moved together as a mass, then they would string out in a line.

"Finally, after having been under observation for two hours, they bore northward until lost to sight."

That was the report of a ship's captain in the East China Sea.

The best story on the "Flying Saucers" we have heard is the one contributed by the Methodist minister at Dawson in his Sunday morning sermon. He explained it in this manner:

"According to Grecian mythology," he commented in mock seriousness, "Jupiter and Diana had a daughter named Venus. When Venus became of marriageable age, Jupiter selected an already renowned god named Vulcan, who could forge thunder. Venus and Vulcan were married.

"Now, after two or three milleniums, we see the result of such a marriage between the goddess of love and beauty and such a boisterous mate. About three weeks ago Vulcan came home thundering a bit more than usual and it so unnerved Venus that she emptied the pantry dishes in his general direction."

"Many of the dishes missed him," Rev. Mr. Schreiner concluded, "and it is these that are being scattered over the United States, plus a few circular cuttings from the goddess' can opener."

Former Resident Died in Des Moines

Frank W. Doud, 46, died in Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday, July 5, 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doud went to Des Moines to attend the funeral Monday of his brother. Burial was made there.

Mr. Doud is known to many Mount Pulaski people, as he was in the city many months in charge of Doud's 10s to \$1.00 store. While here his wife was with him. They returned to Des Moines a year ago.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Thompson of Des Moines.

Pulaski Invades Latham Sunday For Ball Game

Intense Rivalry Assures Fans of Redhot Game.

The game of the year—or rather the first of a series of three—will be played at Latham on next Sunday afternoon when Pulaski goes there for the first game between these teams this year.

Latham, champions of the league last year, is again at the top of the heap and is going to stay there if hustle and fight will do it. They lost their race moundsman when Potter left, but Gene Kiick, another Lathamite, who has been pitching down south, has been called back and is taking up where Potter left off.

Pulaski will have Ingram, Dittus and Huff, to rely upon for slab duty, so it looks like a battle from start to finish. Latham was supposed to have played a regular scheduled game, here, June 1, but weather conditions made it impossible. It will be played at a later date.

DITTUS PITCHES NO-HIT GAME AGAINST ATHENS

Loren Dittus entered the Central Illinois Amateur League's Hall of Fame, Sunday, when he pitched a no-hit game against Athens, to win 7 to 0. Athens had defeated Pulaski here in an earlier game.

Dittus, who has had two or three no-hitters to his credit when pitching for Pulaski high school, is attending Western College at Macomb, where he was a Freshman last year.

The game was a nip and tuck affair up until the 8th inning with Pulaski leading 1 to 0, as the result of two hits, a walk and an error in the 4th frame. The bases were loaded in this inning with no one out, but easy grounders enabled the infield to cut down the runner at the plate, and end the rally with a double play, catching the runner going home and the batter, as well.

In the 8th with two men down, Wood slammed out a 2-base hit, went to 3rd on a passed ball; Horn walked; Wood then scored on a passed ball; Kinert, who was at bat, drove Horn in with a single; he stole second and then Shanley connected to score Kinert. In the 9th, Dittus drove out a long three-base drive to open the inning and scored on Wilhams single. Blackwell drove in Wilhams on a nice hit and also scored before the inning was over.

In winning his non-hitter, only 30 men faced Dittus. He issued two walks, and one was safe on a ball he deflected, but Manes was able to recover it in time to get the runner. None of the three men who got on base got any further than first. He struck-out seven men. Only four balls were knocked out of the infield.

Other Games
Latham whipped Clinton, 7 to 0, with Kiick pitching.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED OF ESTHER VOLLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Volle, North Vine street, Mount Pulaski, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Esther, to Vern Spaulding, son of Mrs. Nina Spaulding, 810 West Elm street, Decatur, Ill.

The wedding will take place Sunday, August 3, 1947, in the Mount Pulaski Methodist church.

Miss Volle has been teaching in the Garfield school in Decatur. Mr. Spaulding is a salesman for the Purity Baking Co., Decatur.

Charles Kerns of Auburn visited here Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. George Snyder.

MAGGIE BALL, 80, CHESTNUT, DIES

Mrs. Maggie Ball, 80, a well known resident of Chestnut community the past 25 years, died at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, in Deaconess hospital, Lincoln.

Maggie Anderson was born on May 11, 1867 near Chestnut, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah McLean Anderson. She grew to young womanhood in her home vicinity and in Lincoln, Sept. 10, 1885, was united in marriage to James Warren Ball, a native of Lexington, Ohio, who preceded her in death Nov. 23, 1934. The Ball family lived in Mount Pulaski a number of years, then located in Lincoln, and a quarter of a century ago moved to the farm near Chestnut.

Decedent is survived by two sons and three daughters: Lawrence and Lee Ball, and Mrs. Hazel Ropers, of Lincoln; Mrs. Eugene Kretzinger, Chestnut; and Mrs. Betty Gardner, Spokane, Wash.; eight grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Della Kinert of Mount Pulaski. One daughter, Cora, and a son, Clarence, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at Wright Funeral Home in Lincoln at 4 p. m. Saturday, July 5, conducted by Rev. O. B. Enselman, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. G. E. Baldridge of Chestnut Methodist church. Two hymns "God's Tomorrow" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," were sung by Spencer Littleton of Lincoln, with accompaniments by Mrs. David S. Hanger of Lincoln.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pallbearers were Orville Heft, Edward Johansen, Hobart Rose, Glen Buckles, Berlin Bateman and Burlaine Buckles.

Barbara Beidler Weds Lyle Frazier, Dec. 23

Mrs. Ray Lee, formerly of this city, now of East Peoria, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Barbara A. Beidler, to Lyle R. Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Frazier, Sr., of Mount Pulaski.

The wedding took place in Palmyra, Mo. at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1946, the single ring ceremony being performed by Rev. Henry W. Eisenburg, pastor of the Methodist church. The couple were unattended.

The bride has lived for several years with her grandmother, Mrs. William E. Holmes, on North Lafayette street, and has been attending Mount Pulaski township high school, where she was a member of the school band.

The groom is a veteran of World War II, being on duty in the Aleutian Islands, and the Southwest Pacific area. Since receiving his discharge from the army he has been employed by the Chestnut Hatchery.

The young couple will live in the Frazier apartment on West Jefferson street after it is vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Connelly and little daughter.

GRACE SHELTON WED TO LINCOLN MAN

Miss Grace Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shelton, Mount Pulaski, and Eugene Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Miller, Lincoln, were united in marriage at 8 p. m. Thursday, July 3, in the Mount Pulaski Christian church, the double ring ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Carroll S. Langston. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gaffney of Lincoln.

In the absence of the bride's father, she was given in marriage by a friend, James Ramthun.

Mrs. Frank E. Turley played two organ numbers and the wedding march, and Spencer Littleton of Lincoln, sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bridegroom is employed in the Springfield office of the Illinois Commercial Telephone Co.

MRS. LULU HOLST DIED ON MONDAY

Mrs. Lulu Holst, a native of Mount Pulaski and widow of Ernest C. Holst, died at 7:30 p. m. Monday, July 7, 1947, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie J. Smith, 644 Thomas street, Forest Park, a suburb of Chicago, aged 67 years and 6 days. She had been in failing health for a number of months.

Lulu Binder was born June 1, 1880, in Mount Pulaski, a daughter of William S. and Eva Schick Binder. She attended the local schools. At the home of her parents on Oct. 29, 1903 she married Ernest C. Holst, a son of the late Rev. Christian Holst, who was pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran church. In 1927 the family moved to Decatur, where he was janitor at Johns Hill junior high school for eight years. He died Sept. 12, 1937, of injuries received in a fall at the Warren school. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Holst came back to Mount Pulaski for a short time, then left for Forest Park to live with her daughter. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran church.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Leslie J. Smith, she is survived by three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Celia Zah, here, and Miss Mary Binder, Decatur; and two brothers, Mayor William F. Binder, here, and Edward Binder of Seneca.

The body was removed from Forest Park to the Schahl funeral home in Mount Pulaski, and at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday was taken to the home of Mrs. Celia Zah on South Washington, remaining there until the hour of services.

Funeral services were held in Zion Lutheran church at 2 o'clock Thursday, July 10, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Hoffmann. Two hymns, "Abide With Me," and "Asleep in Jesus," were sung by Mrs. Fred Holmes and Miss Florence Lachenmyer, with organ accompaniments by Mrs. Emily Feuerbacher.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pallbearers were Carl H. Baumann, William B. Jenner, Reuben Horn, Henry Volle, Albert Dillsaver and Fred A. Schafer.

17-MONTHS OLD BOY DIED FRIDAY

William Ray Carter, 17-months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, 317 Central Ave., Decatur, Ill., died about 11 a.m. Friday, July 4th, in St. Mary's hospital in that city, where he was taken one hour before. The child was ill for several days and died from an acute heart condition, according to the attending physician.

He was born Feb. 20, 1946, in Decatur. His mother was the former Evelyn Dunn of Latham.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, John Francis, Jr., and Michael Leroy at home; three grandparents, Grover Cleveland Carter of Decatur and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunn formerly of Latham vicinity, but now living near Virden.

The body was taken to the Moran and Sons funeral home in Decatur, where funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, that city.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN DECATUR

Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Riedle, 1429 East Willard, Decatur, announce the engagement of their daughter, Verna Louise, and Raymond Stoll, son of Mrs. Henry Stoll of Chestnut. The wedding will take place Sunday, August 31, in St. Paul's Lutheran church in Decatur.

Miss Riedle is employed at the Wabash Credit Union, and Mr. Stoll farms near Chestnut.

The brick residence of Mrs. Angeline Snyder and daughter Mrs. R. D. Aitchison is being painted.

Rinaldo Bertoni, Jr., employed in Peoria, came home Saturday on a two week's vacation visit with his parents.

Ethel Hassebrock Married Friday To Frederick Hein

Pretty Church Ceremony At Chestnut Church.

The Zion Lutheran church in Chestnut, Ill., was the scene of a very pretty candlelight service at 7 p.m. Friday, July 4, 1947, when Miss Ethel Hassebrock, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hassebrock, Sr., of Mount Pulaski, became the bride of A. M. M. 3c Frederick Hein, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Hein of Chestnut. The double ring ceremony was performed by the groom's father. The altar was arranged with baskets of seasonal flowers, palms and ferns.

Mrs. Edward von Thun of Chestnut, played several organ selections, and was accompanist for Mrs. Raymond Middlesteadt, who sang "Always" and "Because." At the close of the ceremony, as the couple knelt at the altar, she sang, "The Lords Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white marquisette, styled with a sweetheart neckline, long tapering sleeves, and a full skirt entrained with a wide ruffle around the bottom of the skirt; there was a wide lace edging around the fingertip veil, the veil being held in place by a tiara of seeded pearls, and she carried a show er bouquet of white roses and white gladioli.

Mrs. Everett Stoll, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, her gown was of pink marquisette, and she carried an arm bouquet of pink gladioli and white carnations.

Miss Dorothy Dierker of Chestnut and Miss Elinor Troyer of Bloomington were bridesmaids. The former wore a gown of yellow marquisette and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow carnations, while Miss Troyer wore a gown of blue net, and carried a colonial bouquet of pink carnations and blue delphinium.

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FORMER RESIDENT OF LATHAM DIES

Mrs. Sarah Lavina Hyman of 1125 North Church street, Decatur, Ill., died in the Decatur-Macon County hospital at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday, July 1, 1947, following an illness of long duration. She was aged 28 years, six months and 27 days.

Sarah Lavine Kerschner was born October 24, 1918 in Latham Community, a daughter of William and Maude Kerschner. Mrs. Hyman had lived in Decatur for ten years, and was employed by the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. for eight years. She was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Decatur.

Decedent is survived by one son, Gerald, at home; her parents a brother, William Kerschner, Detroit, Mich., and five sisters, Mrs. Mary Hale, Decatur; Mrs. Pearl Brown and Mrs. Anna Batchelder of Warrensburg; Mrs. Forestine Bratton and Miss Wilma Kerschner of Latham.

The body was removed to the Pease funeral home in Latham. Funeral services were held in the Latham Baptist church at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, conducted by Rev. Harold Harsh, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Decatur. Burial was in the Two-Mile Grove cemetery two miles south of Latham.

BARBERSHOP CHANGES OWNERSHIP HERE

Virgil Lee of Shelbyville, has purchased the barber shop of the late Ralph Walsh, located on South Washington street, and took possession the first of this week. He will move his wife and three sons here as soon as a suitable home can be obtained.