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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

For 20 years we have been whittling away the foundations of our economic structure.

We have been cutting away the incentives to "get ahead in the world," to increase production, and to improve efficiency.

Unless this process is reversed soon, we risk the sort of industrial stagnation that currently afflicts Great Britain so disastrously.

Everyone's stake in working harder and getting ahead has been reduced sharply since '29.

In that year anyone who was even moderately successful could look forward to reaping the rewards of his success.

If he earned \$5.00 annually over a period of 25 years he could retire with a comfortable income of \$3,000 per year.

Or he could pile up enough capital to go in business for himself.

He could fulfill the American dream as phrased by Abraham Lincoln in 1861:

"The prudent, penniless beginner in the world labors for wages which to buy tools or land for himself,

Then labors on his own account another while, and at length hires another new beginner to help him.

This is the just and generous and prosperous system, which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequent energy and progress, and improvement of condition to all."

Look at the situation today. To retire on an annual income from investment that will buy as much as \$3,000 did in 1929, a young man would need to earn over \$13,000 a year for 25 years.

The same thing is true of acquiring a business.

Altho the dollar income needed for retirement rose 75 percent between 1914 and 1929, the average person's chances of getting ahead improved. This is because the average man's income was rising; it was double the 1914 level by 1929. So more people were within striking distance of success and security.

It was a different story after 1929. The income needed for retirement today is 2 1/2 times the 1929 amount.

Meanwhile average incomes are up only 80 percent. So the average person's chances of achieving success are actually slimmer now than in a generation.

Today, only 1 percent of folks now have incomes large enough to build up a retirement fund or acquire a stake in business.

In 1929, almost 6 percent of all families attained a comparable degree of success.

When half to four-fifths of any additional income of successful people goes to Uncle Sam a very heavy drag is obviously put on doing the work to get it.

By so doing we stifle industrial progress and the loss in productive efficiency far outweighs the amount of tax revenue the Treasury gains.

The process leads straight to industrial stagnation and a stifling of economic progress.

The same process also multiplies the risks of embarking on new business.

High taxes rule out all but the most profitable new projects and restrict expansion.

So capital investments follow a boom-and-bust pattern and in so doing contribute much to the ups and downs in production and employment.—(Excerpts from an editorial in Aviation News.

Playground Has Many Activities During Week

Track Meet and Circus Featured Week's Program.

An anti-climax at the playground last week was a track meet under the direction of Carroll Wood, supervisor, with ribbon awards for first, second and third place winners. The results were as follows:

High Jump (ages 12-15): J. Turley, 1st; J. Romer, Ray Wines, tied for second. Height 3' 10".

High Jump (ages 8-11): D. Turley, 1st; J. Hayes, 2nd. 3 ft.

Broad Jump (ages 12-15): J. Romer, 1st; T. Romer, 2nd; Ray Wines, 3rd. Distance 11 ft. 9 in.

Broad Jump (ages 8-11): J. Brown 1st; D. Turley 2nd; J. Hayes 3rd. Distance 12 ft 9 in.

Pole Vault (ages 12-15): J. Turley 1st; H. Turley 2nd; T. Romer 3rd. Height, 6 ft. 3 in.

Pole Vault (ages 8-11): J. Brown 1st; D. Turley 2nd; R. Garvey and J. Hayes, tied for 3rd. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

Results of Meet Held July 11

100-yd. dash (ages 12-15): Jim Brown 1st; H. Turley 2nd; D. Moore 3rd.

50-yd. Dash (ages 12-15): W. Brown 1st; T. Romer 2nd; J. Romer 3rd.

50-yd. Dash (ages 8-11): J. Brown 1st; Delmar Payne 2nd; D. Turley 3rd.

Shot Put (ages 12-15): J. Mehrholz 1st; H. Turley 2nd; Ray Wines 3rd. Dist. 25 ft. 7 in.

Shot Put (ages 8-11): J. Brown 1st; J. Hayes 2nd; D. Moore 3rd. Distance 18 ft. 4 in.

Croquet-Horseshoe Winners

Croquet and horseshoe tournament winners last week under the supervision of Paul Huston, were as follows:

Croquet
Juniors — 1st, Richard Stivers; 2nd, Kenneth Howe.

Midgits — 1st, David Myrick, 2nd, Norma Schroth.

Horseshoes
Juniors—1st, Franklin Burris; 2nd, Richard Stivers.

Midgits—1st, Donald Schris-huhn; 2nd, David Myrick.

KIDS ENJOY CIRCUS AT RECREATION CENTER

The girls and boys of the community had a grand time on last Thursday afternoon when they put on a circus on the grounds of the Tomlinson Recreation Center. The complete program will be printed next week.

ELIZABETH ZAH DIED MONDAY

Miss Elizabeth R. Zah, well-known resident of Mount Pulaski all her life, died at her home on South Marion street at 8:30 a. m. Monday, July 14, aged 83 years, 5 months and 12 days. Although failing in health some time on account of advanced years, her last illness was one of only a week's duration.

Miss Zah was born Feb. 2, 1864, in Mount Pulaski, a daughter of John and Katherine Schweigckhardt Zah, who had come from Germany to this city in the early days. She was born and spent her entire life in the same brick house where she lived a span of over 83 years.

She was next to the last of the original Zah family, and for a number of years her niece, Miss Anna Leisch, made her home with her.

She is survived by one brother, John Zah, Decatur; and five nieces, Miss Anna Leisch, Mount Pulaski; Mrs. Lottie Gasaway and Mrs. Charles Clark, Decatur; Mrs. Carolyn Myers, Urbana; and Mrs. Burton Allison, Latham.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home, where funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday, conducted by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer, pastor of

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David Darrell Lee Died in Hospital

David Darrell Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lee of Mount Pulaski, suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning, July 16, 1947, and was removed to St. Clara's hospital in Lincoln, where he died four hours later, at 12:30 p.m. His sudden passing is deeply mourned by everyone, and the family has the sincere sympathy of all. David was aged 17 years, 4 months and 11 days.

He was born March 5, 1930, in Mount Pulaski, Ill., a son of Sidney and Ruth Herring Lee. About ten years ago he was stricken with polio, and was a patient for a great many months in St. John's Sanitarium, east of Springfield. After a long struggle with this affliction, he began to gain strength, and returned to the family home. With unusual determination David finished his grade school course, and entered the township high school, where he was greatly loved by all the students and teachers.

Always cheerful, his broad smile and kindly disposition won friends on every side. In May he completed his Junior year in the high school and was honored by the student body by being elected president of the student council for the coming school year. David was a member of the high school class of the Christian church Bible School.

Decedent is survived by his parents, two brothers, Robert and Don; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Lee, and Charles Herring.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home, and this Thursday afternoon was taken to the family home on North Park street.

Funeral services will be held in the Christian church at 4 p. m. Friday, conducted by the pastor of Mount Pulaski Christian church, Rev. Carroll Langston.

Burial will be made in Mount Pulaski cemetery.

PAUL A. SHELLEY, 40, DIED SATURDAY

Paul Albert Shelley, 40, 6533 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, Calif., a veteran of World War II, died at 7:40 p. m. Saturday, July 12, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Linsen, 3 miles north of Mount Pulaski. He had been in failing health for many months and came to the home of his mother two and one-half months ago.

He was born August 14, 1906, in Lincoln, Ill. His father was the late John Shelley. His marriage to Ruth Woodward took place July 6, 1932, in North Dakota, who, with one daughter, Barbara, and his mother, survive.

The body was removed to the Wright funeral home in Lincoln, where services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with Mrs. Charles Armstrong, reader of the Christian Science church, in charge.

Burial in Lucas Chapel cemetery.

BILLY JO WADDELL, LATHAM, MARRIED

Vases of white carnations and lighted tapers against a background of palms adorned the chancel of the St. Paul Lutheran church of Kankakee for a double ring wedding ceremony, when Miss Billy Jo Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Waddell of Latham became the bride of Donald R. Cooper, son of Fred E. Cooper of St. Anne, at three o'clock the afternoon of June 29. The Rev. Carl F. Haller officiated.

A fifteen minute organ prelude of nuptial music was played by R. E. Appelt. Miss Carolyn Dell Wright, music instructor at Buckley High school, sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Charles S. Stringer of Peoria. Frederick Cooper of Peoria attended his brother as best man, while Charles Stringer of Peoria and Darwin Cooper of Bloomington were ushers.

Escorted to the altar on a white carpeted aisle by her father, the bride wore a quaintly styled gown of white nylon. The bodice was made with a nylon net yoke edged with a tiny ruffle and the long pointed sleeves were buttoned at the wrists. To the slim fitting waistline was gathered the nylon skirt, ending in a train. Her fingertip veil of net was caught with a tiara of orange blossoms and she carried a colonial bouquet of red roses and gardenias. The bride's only jewelry was a strand of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Stringer was gowned similarly to the bride, in aqua nylon with short sleeves. Her headpiece was a frill of aqua net with white carnations. She wore white lace mitts and carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations.

Mrs. Waddell, mother of the bride, wore a powder blue silk chiffon dress with white accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias.

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LATHAM WHIPS PULASKI TEAM, 8-2, ON FOREIGN SOIL

The largest crowd of the ball season watched Latham's league leading club take Mount Pulaski Fans to an 8 to 2 licking on the Latham diamond Sunday afternoon.

The ball game was a nip and tuck affair up until the grand slam eighth inning when 5 runs were pushed over in a batting rampage.

Wilham, first man up, had opened the game in a big way for Pulaski, by driving out a home run, but Latham evened it with one in the second. Pulaski again went ahead to squeeze in a run in the third. Latham again evened the count in the fifth and went ahead one run in the sixth on three straight hits.

Ingram, who had been pitching good ball till then, retired in favor of Lefty Huff, who got by until the seventh, and then the heavens fell in on him when Andes smashed out a three-bagger, Kiick followed with a home run, a single, walk, error and fielder's choice accounted for three more runs. Wilham pitched to the last two men.

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PULASKI PHOTO AWARDED FIRST

The Sunday Decatur Herald & Review, July 13, in the Snapshot Contest, printed a large picture of Stephen, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, Jr., and his dog. Concerning the picture, the Herald and Review said:

"Mrs. Jean Martin of Mount Pulaski won the \$5 prize for the best picture entered in the second week of the Herald and Review amateur snapshot contest. Her picture was chosen as best from the 153 snapshots entered in the second week of the contest, which closed July 10."

John E. Stoll Died Tuesday At Hospital

Funeral Services Will Be Held On Friday Afternoon.

John E. Stoll, well-known resident of Mount Pulaski and vicinity all his life, died at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, July 15, 1947, in the St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln, where he had been a patient for 24 days. He was aged 71 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Many months ago Mr. Stoll was in the hospital following a crash between his auto and an Illinois Central freight train near his home in the southeast part of the city, but he seemingly recovered from the serious injuries at that time.

Mr. Stoll was born March 27, 1876, on a farm two miles east of Mount Pulaski, the son of George and Minnie Maus Stoll. After attending the Zion Lutheran church parochial school, he devoted his young manhood days to farming. In Mount Pulaski on October 19, 1905, he married Miss Elizabeth Epting, and for a great many years occupied the present family home on East McDonald street.

Mr. Stoll can be identified with the business interests of the city, having operated a harness shop on the east side of the square for several years, and was then one of the early auto dealers here. Although being interested in other business pursuits, he devoted part of his time to his farm land, located near his home. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church, and the Lutheran Laymen's League.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Wilbur E., of Mount Pulaski; two brothers, William F. Stoll of Mount Pulaski, and George Stoll, of Lincoln; one sister, Mrs. Wesley Laughery of Mount Pulaski.

The body was removed to the Schahl Funeral Home, and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

Funeral services will be held in the Zion Ev. Lutheran church at 2 p.m. Friday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Hoffmann. Burial will be made in the Mount Pulaski cemetery.

CLINTON HERE FOR SUNDAY GAME

Clinton's CIA league team will play at Dittus field Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a regularly scheduled game.

Pulaski defeated Clinton earlier in the season, there, but the Clinton team has been playing an improved brand of ball since then and will give Pulaski a tough battle.

Manager Carroll Wood, who played third base, will be out of the lineup for the season due to an appendicitis operation which he underwent today in the St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln.

Defeat Bloomington
A makeshift lineup of the local Fans ball club defeated a strong American Legion team from Bloomington here Tuesday night by a 6 to 0 score.

Bustel Shanle was the heavy hitter in the twilight game, hitting a home run over the left field fence with no one on. Mutt Gaffney came to life in a big way, getting a single and double. Dittus came within one hit of pitching his second no-hitter in two starts for the Fans. A single to right field after a man had walked ruined his second bid.

FAMILY REUNIONS
Sunday, August 3 — Annual family reunion of descendants of William and Mary Holmes, at Hackberry Lodge on Salt creek.
Sunday, Aug. 3 — Annual reunion of the Broughton, Graham and Greenslate families at the American Legion home in Mount Pulaski.