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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

This may seem a strange time of the year to get excited about a Clean-up Campaign.

When the normal, or customary time is in the spring months;

And right now when Old Sol is at his job 100%, and we could also state 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

But, with the kind of a spring we've had this year it was an almost impossible task to find two days in a row that were adapted to cleaning up debris.

At this time, however, with the weeds at their worst, coupled with the sundry piles of this and that staring us in the face, or stabbing us in the back,

(And no one can deny that there are plenty of weeds big enough to do a good job of it)

It is time that a town set its house in order for the coming fall and winter months.

Weeds are especially obnoxious this time of the year and now is a good time to "cut their throats" and let them "bleed" to death,

Or use the more modern form of execution by spraying them and letting them die a slow death.

Spraying is the easy way and as hot as it is cutting weeds may be harder on the individual than it is on the weeds.

While most folks are doing a fine job of keeping their properties looking attractive,

There are always some spots that a little exertion would improve not only to one's own satisfaction, but to the delight of the neighbors as well.

Let's see if we can't make our town a model for other towns and send visitors away with nothing but praise for the appearance of it.

Mount Pulaski is to stage a Clean-Up Campaign next week and every resident can be a vital part of it by seeing that their property is given a spic and span appearance.

FRANCIS MOONEY, 83, OF LATHAM, DIES

Francis Mooney, 83, of Latham a retired farmer and member of the Latham school board for a number of years, who had gone to St. Joseph's Home south of Springfield earlier in the season, died at 12:30 a. m. Monday, July 28, 1947 in St. John's hospital in Springfield.

Mr. Mooney was born Nov. 11, 1863, near Glasgow, Scotland, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mooney. He came to the Latham community when he was 12 years old. In 1901 he married Margaret Mary Smith, who preceded him in death 7 years ago. He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic church, Niantic.

Decedent is survived by three sons, John T., of Warrensburg; Hugh of Decatur, and Charles I. of Seattle, Wash.; ten grandchildren; one brother, Hugh, of Latham; and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Fogarty of Champaign.

The body was removed to the Moran & Sons funeral home in Decatur.

Requiem high mass was held at 9:30 a. m. Thursday in the St. Anne's Catholic church, Niantic. Burial was in Calvary cemetery, south of Illiopolis.

HOWE FAMILY REUNION IN DECATUR SUNDAY

The 19th annual family reunion of the descendants of Thomas D. and Missouri E. Howe, of Latham vicinity, will be held at Fairview Park in Decatur, Sunday, August 3.

Clean-Up Drive Starts Monday In Mount Pulaski

Drive Against Weeds and Unsightly Spots to be Made.

A city-wide clean-up campaign for the eradication of weeds and unsightly piles of debris about town is to get under way next Monday morning, continuing for the entire week, under the sponsorship of the Civic Committee of the Rotary Club, with Keith Rothwell as chairman.

The drive is to be divided into wards with Rotarians in the three wards responsible for the polishing up of their territory. Whatever method of contact they desire to use will be up to them but with property owners co-operating this should not be a big job for anyone.

No emphasis is being made as to painting or repairing, but rather on the elimination of weeds whose pollen is so punishing to hay fever sufferers. Tin cans and containers that hold water forming mosquito breeding spots, are on the lists of "shoulds."

A check-up of the city after the drive ends Saturday, August 10, will be made to see what overlooked spots can be cleaned-up.

BASEBALL SCHOOL HERE NEXT WEEK AT PLAYGROUNDS

Carroll Wood, supervisor of the summer recreational playground, who has been on the sidelines the past ten days following an appendectomy, will be back on the job next Monday morning and has announced the opening of a three-day baseball school of instruction.

With the completion of the ball diamond and the erection of a substantial backstop, the youngsters are demanding some hard ball play and Coach Wood wants them to start learning the fundamentals of the game the right way, hence a baseball school. Buster Shanle, catcher deluxe, who has been carrying on for Wood during his absence, will assist in the school. Only two more weeks remain of what has been a very successful and helpful summer playground schedule. Considering that this has been the first season and the unfavorable weather, there has been a lot of work done that will form the groundwork for next year's program in a much bigger way.

Mrs. Florence Pinney, who has had charge of the girls' groups this summer, has been doing a fine job and besides carrying on regular activities has had and is planning novel group events for the final two weeks.

The playground opens each Monday thru Friday at 9:30 to 11:30 a. m., and 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Two Local Boys at Clinton's New Station

Two local boys are a part of Clinton's new broadcasting station which will go on the air early Saturday morning. They are Robert Hargis and William Brady.

Operating under the call letters of WHOW as a 1000 watt regional station, they will feature daily programs of music, news and features, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. Their station is to be found at 1520 on your dial.

Robert Hargis, U. of I. student, and William Brady, also attending the U. of I., are employed as engineer and announcer respectively, on a part-time basis, as they will continue their studies this fall, specializing along these lines.

Contestants For '47 Fair Queen Selected Coronation Aug. 8

Queens of 17 Logan county townships, who will vie for the honor of being Queen of the 1947 Logan County Fair, Aug. 3 to 8, were announced Monday and are as follows:

Joan LeMar, Aetna; Ann Ash, Atlanta; Vera Hutchison, Broadwell; Loretta Eimer, Chester; Patricia Ann Pierce, Corwin; Mary May, East Lincoln; Mary Jones, Elkhart; Norma Snyder Eminence; Audrey L. Ott, Hurlbut; Katherine Cowan, Laenna; Betty Reiterman, Lake Fork; Mary Lucas, Mount Pulaski; Verna Voyles, Oran; Georgianne Wagner, Orville; Ruth Gerlets, Prairie Creek, Ann Tomlin, Sheridan; Evalyn Hutchcraft, W. Lincoln.

The queens and their parents are guests this Thursday evening at a seven o'clock dinner at the Lincoln Elks country club.

A prevue will be held at 8 p. m. Monday, Aug. 4 in front of the grandstand, when the judging is to be done. The coronation will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, Aug. 8. Miss Norma Bree, 1946 Fair Queen, will crown her successor.

Forgetful Men

If Os Rickords' face is still red the next time you see him, don't ask him if his blood pressure is above normal or if he has "fallen off the water wagon." If you do, his face will get redder than ever—and it should.

It seems that Oscar, who is a hard-working farmer residing west of Pulaski, had put in a hard day last week hauling grain from a combine to a local elevator. It was pretty late this particular day when he got back to the farm where another load of grain was ready to bring in. Normally he would have waited until morning to bring in the load but decided he'd get the jump on the following day's work by running it in yet that night. Returning home he parked his truck for the night, quite well pleased with himself.

Early the next morning he hopped into his truck and drove blissfully back to the elevator, drove up on the scales, had his truck weighed, to the astonishment of the weigher, then drove up into the elevator to dump his load of grain. And to the amazement of the elevator attendant and to Rickord's disgust, the truck was empty. He'd forgotten he had brought the grain into town the night before.

'Tis said, for once Os was speechless and he had no comeback—and that is really news.

Second Prize

Under the heading of "Forgetful Men", instead of the Forgotten Man, can be listed Charles Holmes, veteran fisherman.

Charlie arose early one morning recently to catch a ride to Decatur to spend the day fishing. He took off laden with plenty of bait, poles, lines, etc., but when he unlimbered his poles and reached for a worm, discovered that he had left all his hooks at home. Result—no fishing but a complete self-appraisal that included the verdict that perhaps he was getting old enough to need a "nursemaid" to look after him.

(Ed. Note: —Ladies! Please send in some of your experiences with "Forgetful Men.")

NAVAL VETERANS IN CITY AND VICINITY

Naval veterans in Mount Pulaski and vicinity, both men and women, may now receive the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals, if eligible therefor, by presenting the original of their discharge certificate at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Substation, Room 22, in the Post-office building, Springfield, Ill.

Nearly all veterans' organizations are cooperating in distributing the awards.

It was also pointed out that Ex-Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel must apply thru their respective services for these medals.

Wandah Schroth Becomes Bride of New Berlin Man

In an impressive ceremony at 4:30 p. m. Friday, July 25, 1947, Miss Wandah Virginia Schroth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Schroth of Chestnut, and James Major Huffaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Huffaker, residing six miles southwest of New Berlin, were united in marriage at Kenmore Place, the home of the bridegroom's parents. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Albert G. Hoffman, pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran church, Mount Pulaski, in the Victorian parlor of the Huffaker ancestral home.

The music and singing, coming from the balcony, were very impressive, with Mrs. Emily Feuerbacher, Mount Pulaski, an aunt of the bride, presiding at the organ, and Mrs. Don Ramsey of Springfield, soloist, singing "God Gave Me You," and "I Love Thee."

The bride, entering the room from the stairway, and given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in a gown of filmy corded voile, entrain in period style, with leg-o-mutton sleeves and bustle. Her long flowing veil of bridal illusion was held in place by a bejeweled Juliet cap; she carried a shower bouquet of white gladioli, and a strand of pearls, gift of the bridegroom, completed her costume.

Miss Barbara Huffaker of Los Angeles, Calif., sister of the bridegroom, as maid of honor, was attired in a blue marquisette

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PULASKI DEFEATS LATHAM, 5-2, IN TWILIGHT GAME

The largest crowd of the season was on hand Thursday evening of last week when the local Fans defeated the league-leading Latham team, 5 to 2.

Jittery First Inning

Dittus, with two one-hitters and a no-hit game under his belt, was in control of the ball game all the way, altho getting off to a shaky start in the first inning when two solid hits and a walk loaded the bases. Gaffney saved the situation when he made a sensational stop of a hard-hit ball that would have scored at least two runs. He tossed to Dittus who covered the bag, for the final out. From then on Dittus was never in serious trouble and both runs scored on him were unearned.

Latham 1, Pulaski 2

Latham scored first in the second when Shanle pegged wild to second to catch the runner, who went on home. Pulaski came back in their half to score two runs on a single by Horn, a wild peg by Howe to catch Shanle, Horn scoring. Wilham beat out a bunt, Blackwell walked and stole second, Shanle scoring when Troyer tried to catch Blackwell and dropped the ball on the return throw. Blackwell was caught off third as he attempted to score on Gaffney's roller. Dittus was out bunting and Gaffney was doubled off second on a fine peg by Troyer.

Pulaski Scores Three More

Manes, who had had a heated argument with "Tomato" Moore over a close decision at second, came up with fire still in his eyes and slammed a long two-bagger to right field. Ingram scored Manes with a drive to left, going on to second. Wilham hit to third and was safe at first. Horn got a Texas leaguer over second, scoring Ingram. That was all for Gene Kiick, who was replaced by Johnny Holmes. Shanle whiffed and Wilham scored on Troyer's wild peg to catch Horn stealing. Blackwell struck out to end the inning.

Latham scored another unearned run in the eighth when Andes hit over second, Kiick walked and Andes scored on Howe's grounder to short when Gaffney lost Manes' double-play throw in the sun. Kiick was out at second. Southern struck out to end

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Michel Leimbach Chestnut Resident Died Last Friday

Funeral Services Were Held Sunday At Chestnut Church

Michael Leimbach of Chestnut, one of Logan county's extensive owners of farm land, who had been failing in health for many months, died at 1 a. m. Friday, July 25, 1947, in the Deaconess hospital, Lincoln, Ill., where he was a patient for two days. He was aged 89 years, 10 months and 25 days.

Mr. Leimbach was born Aug. 31, 1857, on the old Leimbach homestead in Laenna township, south of Chestnut, and was always identified with Logan county. His father, Henry Leimbach, was one of the early settlers of the Chestnut community, coming to Logan county in 1848 from Hesse-Castle, Germany, where he was born Feb. 11, 1825. His mother, who was Katherine Loetterle of Wurtemberg, Germany, was born in 1829, and died in 1864.

He received his early education in the district schools of his home locality, at the same time acquiring a practical knowledge in the art of farming by assisting his father in the conduct of his several farms. At the age of 21 years he began farming for himself. For a number of years he operated on rented land, accumulating not only valuable experience in the business in which he engaged, but also a substantial financial return for his labors.

On October 6, 1881, Mr. Leimbach married Miss Mary Schaffnacker, also of Chestnut vicinity, whose parents were early settlers of that community. Six children were born to this union.

Upon the death of his father, he received 440 acres of land as his portion of the estate. By diligent effort and careful attention to his affairs he accumulated several more farms.

Mr. Leimbach was one of the organizers of the Bank of Chestnut, being president of the bank from 1902 to 1944, when he retired from that position. He was a large stockholder in the bank. At one time he was a drainage commissioner of the Lake Fork Special Drainage District of Logan, Macon and DeWitt counties, a position he carried with his characteristic ability.

Mr. Leimbach retired from the farm in recent years, and moved into Chestnut. He was a member of the Chestnut Zion Ev. Lutheran church.

Decedent is survived by two sons and one daughter: Louis Leimbach of Chestnut; Mrs. Alvin Geyer of Mount Pulaski, and Elmer Leimbach of Lincoln; 7 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home in Mount Pulaski, remaining there until

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VERBAN SPECIAL LEAVES TOMORROW

More than 60 boys will accompany 20 men on the Emil Verban Night trip from Mount Pulaski tomorrow.

The group here will join with about 1000 other Rotarians and baseball fans accompanied by youngsters from Logan county, boarding a special train at Lincoln about 2:30 Friday afternoon. Ten air-conditioned coaches and a baggage car to carry treats for the kids, will make up the train, and two extra coaches are being added to the regular train to carry the overflow.

Those going from here are to assemble at the west side of the Mount Pulaski court house at 1 o'clock Friday, for final instructions and transportation arrangements.