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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

One of the most vicious pieces of legislation affecting the educational field of this state

Was passed at the recent session of the legislature and is already causing widespread dissatisfaction and ill-feeling among school districts.

In brief, this new legislation would abolish our present grade and high school boards.

Transforming our entire school system in such a manner that it would be a very much meddled up affair for years to come.

Someone with malice aforethought, slipped thru the legislature a bill creating Community Unit School Districts.

Under this law a petition signed by 100 voters residing in any population of 2,000 persons and valuation of at least \$6,000,000.

Could reach out and take in unlimited new territory, disregarding all present grade and high school districts lines, irrespective to what other school district now has them.

In other words, if any of the surrounding school districts so desired, they could extend their district up to the very edge of Mount Pulaski.

That is, provided the majority of the voters in that area voted in favor of it.

Mount Pulaski could do the same to other surrounding districts if it so desired.

The vicious part of the new law is that some school districts are already taking advantage of it to "grab" new territory.

And this has resulted in adjoining districts, in self defense, getting out petitions seeking to enlarge their districts at the other fellow's expense.

The result has been the building of fueds among various school districts and a general tearing down of morale.

The Community Unit System would put the grade and high school districts under one board, abolishing the present board.

All the careful planning and thought and ironing out of the problems which arose from the consolidation of grade schools would be wiped out.

The township and the community high schools would be a thing of the past and new boundaries.

Many of them making unreasonable hardships for a lot of students in outlying districts.

A school district in an adjoining county has already reached out to take some of Logan county's high school territory which it is not entitled to.

This can be the start of a general "grab", and it would be a sensible thing for the schools of Logan county to get together and make a gentlemen's agreement that they will do no land grabbing amongst them.

The whole matter smacks of more of the type of legislation that the tax experts of the large corporations in Chicago are forcing down the unwilling throats of the country districts.

ANNUAL BUCKLES FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 31st

Descendants of the Buckles families, who first settled in the Mount Pulaski area before the city was founded, in 1836, will hold their annual family reunion on Sunday, August 31, at the Tomlinson Recreation Center.

Bring a basket dinner and own table service.

MRS. THOMAS RICE, 90, OF LATHAM, DIED THERE SATURDAY

Services Were Held At Latham Baptist Church Monday Afternoon.

Mrs. Luvisa H. Rice, widow of Thomas S. Rice, and a well-known and esteemed resident of Latham, Illinois, for about a half century, died in her home at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 1947, from the infirmities of advanced years. She was aged 90 years, 6 months and 7 days.

Luvisa Hays Bottom, was born February 9, 1857, in Washington county, Kentucky, a daughter of John and Adeline Graves Bottom. On September 23, 1875, she was united in marriage to Thomas S. Rice, her childhood sweetheart, who lived at Mackville in the same county. Following the wedding ceremony, which took place at the home of her parents, the newlyweds, on horseback, led a procession of over 100 wedding guests, also on horseback, one mile distant to the home of his parents, where the wedding reception was held. A short time after their marriage they moved to a farm near Mt. Zion, Illinois. Giving up farm activities, Mr. Rice worked for the Illinois Central railroad at Bethany, Lincoln and Mount Pulaski, before locating permanently in Latham more than 45 years ago.

Her husband preceded her in death on July 21, 1946. Had he lived until September 23, they would have celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary, a record that is seldom equalled. In 1929 on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Rice were honored by receiving a letter from President Calvin Coolidge, congratulating them. In his letter the president observed that there might be a distant relationship existing between himself and Mr. Rice, inasmuch as one of the Coolidge ancestors was named Rice.

Mrs. Rice was a member of the Latham Baptist church.

She is survived by two daughters.

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SCOUTS TO SPONSOR BIG BABY CONTEST

The Mount Pulaski Girl Scouts will sponsor a Baby Contest, to be held in connection with the Fall Festival, Sept. 1 to 6.

Votes for entrants will cost one cent each, and will be cast by dropping pennies for favorite baby in milk bottles to be placed on counters in business houses. Milk bottles will be decorated with pictures of baby, and the name and age.

Voting will be closed on Friday, September 5, and winners will be announced in time for the parade on Saturday. Prizes awarded after the parade will be as follows:

1st Prize—\$25 Savings Bond, given by Girl Scouts.

2nd Prize—\$6.00 merchandise certificate, given by Grace Curtis.

3rd Prize—\$5.00 merchandise certificate, given by Herschel Hayden, Kroger manager.

4th Prize—1847 Rogers Baby Fork and Spoon, given by Downing Jewelry.

5th Prize—\$2.50 merchandise certificate, given by Doud's 5c to \$1.00 Store.

The age of entrants will be up to and not over 3 years of age. See Mrs. Henry Christensen to enter your baby, and bring snap shot picture to place on bottle.

A vote for your favorite baby will also be helping the Girl Scouts, who need funds to carry on their work, since they DID NOT receive their budget from the Community Chest. The drive in Logan county fell so far short of its goal that there was only enough money to carry on the county Girl Scout program, and the individual towns have had to make their own money for this year.

Voting will start on Monday, August 25, so get your entries in early.

Plans Shaping Up Nicely For Legion Fall Festival Celebration Sept. 1-6

First Week Of September Will Be Gala Event.

Plans for the annual Legion Fall Festival are becoming more of a reality each day as the program for the week takes shape for the opening on Labor Day, September 1.

The Midway Mirth carnival, consisting of five rides and side shows, as well as concessions, will open the week on Monday night. A band concert will open the evening's program at 7:00 o'clock, and will be followed with a Men's Modeling contest at 8 o'clock.

A dance revue and a barber shop quartet will feature Thursday night. On Friday afternoon, a soap box derby will be staged under the direction of Harry Milner. The derby is open to all grade school boys. All wheels must be of coaster wagon type, and no additional weights are allowed. This is an event that every boy can participate in, the prizes to be awarded will repay them for their work. Prizes will be listed next week. Get your name to Harry Milner before September 1.

Fireworks will be a big feature on Friday night, along with other features to be announced.

PARADE SATURDAY
Saturday will be the big day with a parade and doll parade in the afternoon. Contests such as watermelon eating contest, women's nail driving contests, 3-legged and 1-legged races will be among those engaged in.

A complete program will be printed next week.

PET SHOW ATTRACTS MANY FINE ENTRIES AT PLAYGROUNDS

Closing Day OF Summer Session of Playgrounds Was Exciting Event.

A gigantic Pet Show climaxed the end of Mount Pulaski's first playground season, Thursday afternoon, for the girls who have been under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Pinney the past two months.

When we say gigantic, we mean terrific, colossal and what ever else you can think of in making it sound like the greatest show on earth. It was a show that glorified the cats and dogs of Mount Pulaski for they were at their best—well groomed and well behaved. Needless to say, two shows were necessary—one for the Cats in the morning, and then the Dogs in the afternoon.

Prize award ribbons were given the youngsters for first, second and third winners. Shirley Christensen was judge of the shows.

The list of winners follows:

CAT SHOW

21 Cat Exhibitors - 60 Spectators
Largest Cat—1st, Marion Sisk, on Jake; 2nd, Donna Ayers, on Blacky; 3rd, Marilyn Zach, on Spotty.

Smallest Cat—1st, Marion Sisk on Jake Jr.; 2nd, Libby Meister, on Tuck; 3rd, Dean Schroth on "Kitty."

Best Groomed Cat—1st, Shirley Woods on Snookens; 2nd, Mary Beth Christensen on Bluey; 3rd, Nadine Sylvester on Blacky.

Oldest Cat—1st, Marion Sisk. Longest Cat—1st, Libby Meister on Nip; 2nd, Barbara Wood on Bug Juice; 3rd, Shirley Wood on Snookens.

Most Unusual Cat—1st, Esther Goodman on Camouflage (a calico cat); 2nd, Mary Beth Christensen (a Manx cat); 3rd, Laura Beth Brown on Hitler.

Cutest Cat—1st, Glenna McCarthy on Bing Crosby.

DOG SHOW

25 Dog Exhibitors—80 Spectators

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JULIETTE LOWE GIRL SCOUT POW-WOW ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

150 Present At Special Meeting of Girl Scouts At Tomlinson Center.

The Tomlinson Recreation Center was the scene of the annual Juliette Lowe Pow Wow participated in by the Girl Scouts, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

A circle of chairs surrounded the camp fire, and about 150 guests enjoyed the program presented by the several troops. Awards for various activities were also made, and samples of the work of some of the Scouts were exhibited in the house.

Each troop contributed money to the Juliette Lowe Memorial Fund, which is used to further Girl Scout work in foreign lands.

The leaders of the various troops deserve much credit for the work accomplished, and the fine leadership which has done so much for the Mount Pulaski youngsters.

The late Mr. Clarence Tomlinson, whose generosity provided a meeting place for young people would surely have felt well repaid at the sight of the fine demonstration on the grounds Wednesday night.

The following program was given:

1—Fire lighting ceremony by ten Intermediate Scouts from Troops 1 and 5. Lighted fire with torches, gave promise, and gave ten Girl Scouts laws.

2—Brownie Troop No. 4, Mrs. Willard Kautz, leader. Brief questions and answers on Juliette Lowe; Brownie song.

3—Brownie Troop No. 2—Mrs. G. Ernest Smith, leader, assisted by Mrs. Morrell Deibert, committee members.

4—Troop No. 5, Intermediate, Mrs. Kathryn Kinert, leader, assisted by Mrs. Edward Pruett. Sang Mexican song, "White Coral Bells," and "Happy Birthday to Hazel Jean Reinders."

5—Troop No. 1, Mrs. Henry C. Christensen, leader. Song, "Deaf Women," Scouts in costume.

All presented the money they had saved for the Juliette Lowe Memorial Fund, to Mrs. A. J. Lyons, association secretary, who acted for Miss Sciota B. Horn, chairman, who was absent.

6—A five year pin was awarded to Vivian Rentmeister by Mrs. Kathryn Kinert, association chairman.

7—Awards to Intermediate Scouts by leaders, Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Kinert.

8—Friendship circle.

9—Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. J. A. Veech, public relations chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. C. H. Leckbee, Mrs. George A. Volle and the Senior Scouts.

Mrs. Herman Wood and Miss Shirley Christensen were responsible for the camp fire.

RHODA VEECH WEDS CHARLES R. MUELLER

Miss Rhoda Mae Veech, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Veech, and Charles Richard Mueller, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mueller, all of Mount Pulaski, were united in marriage at 1 p.m. Friday, August 15, 1947, in the Mount Pulaski Methodist Church parsonage, the single ring ceremony being performed by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer.

The attendants were Miss Donna Bowles of Mount Pulaski and Merlin Crawford of Lincoln. Others present were Miss Patricia Downing and the bridegroom's mother.

The bride wore a white linen street length dress, with white accessories, white eyelet hat, and a corsage of salmon gladioli and baby breath. Miss Bowles wore a grey dress with black accessories.

The bride attended the Mount Pulaski township high school. The groom is a graduate of the Mount Pulaski township high school, and was in service for 32 months in the AAA branch, and was overseas one year in the Philippines and Japan.

SPEEDING MUST STOP IN CITY

Just because Mount Pulaski has 80 blocks of excellent concrete paving is no reason why auto drivers should make a "race track" of the city and endanger lives of pedestrians as well as those that are riding in cars and trying to be careful for the sake of safety, says the Mayor, William F. Binder.

Now that the schools will soon open the new term, it is more than ever necessary that all precautions be taken. So many complaints are being made by the citizens that Mayor Binder has ordered the members of the police force to arrest violators, and if auto drivers do not heed the warning, state police will be called on the job to make them come to their senses.

Drivers of cars know better than to speed on city streets, and should discontinue this unnecessary fast driving at once. Use some common sense and everyone will be the better off for it.

Arrests will be made when this order is not complied with.

Julia Bock Harwood Marries Decatur Man

Mrs. Julia Bock Harwood, Decatur's travel-lecturer and photographer, and former Circuit Judge C. Y. Miller, Decatur, were married at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 1947, in the home of mutual friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Dinsmore, in Clinton. Rev. Kenneth Hooe of Rock Island officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore were attendants, and the bride was given in marriage by her brother, George Bock, of Mattoon. Music was by her niece, Miss Carleen Bock, pianist.

The couple left Decatur to drive to Niagara Falls, and then will go to Canada. They expect to return to Decatur about the 15th of September.

The bride, a former resident of Elkhart for many years, and a graduate of Lincoln College, has traveled extensively with her motion picture camera, especially in Central America, taking colored pictures to be used in her travel lectures. She has appeared in Mount Pulaski several times and has many friends in this community.

Mr. Miller, a law graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, has been in private practice since retiring from the bench.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION IN LATHAM WEDNESDAY

There will be a pre-school registration for all students of the Latham Community high school on Wednesday, Aug. 27. The hours of registration will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; 2 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.

The faculty is complete for this school year, with two new members. They are Harold Eubank of Peoria, Industrial Arts teacher, and Raymond Hamilton of Alton, who will teach music.

C. O. Taylor is principal of the school.

Don Wible Family To Live In Florida

Mr. and Mrs. William Donald Wible, sons, Wayne and Terry, and daughter, Diane, left Saturday for Orlando, Florida, and will locate in some city in that state.

They sold their property on East Morgan street to Mrs. James Shellhammer.

Mr. Wible came to Mount Pulaski in 1932 with his brother, and had been employed on the Times-News force since that time. Don is an expert printer.

The Wible's disposed of their household effects at a public sale last Friday.