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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Last week we referred to the new Community Unit School District as the most vicious piece of school legislation ever fostered on a long-suffering public.

After hearing and reading of many reports of the abuses being made of this new law—

Several of which are almost on our own doorstep, we realize that our expression of "vicious" was far too mild a term—

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN "DAMNABLE."

Not only from the standpoint of the group which slipped this "joker" through the legislature,

But it is just as "damnable" on the part of any school board which disregards all sense of right and wrong, and,

In plain words, it is nothing more or less than a legalized steal.

We thought the days of the old West were gone forever when the fellow who drew first generally lived the longest.

But that is what is taking place under this new Unit System which gives school districts a right to reach out in any direction, regardless of any other district's boundaries, and swoop them in the bag, combining grade and high school boards.

In the old days "claim jumpers" were either shot or hanged—today, they are given the go-ahead sign by lawmakers—in fact, they are encouraged.

Just to cite a few nearby instances, letting the chips fall where they may.

Athens has reached out and taken 12 sections of Elkhart's high school district, two of which are in Logan county, and come to within five miles of Elkhart, but are 12 miles from Athens.

Does that make sense?

Greenview has come over into Middletown's school district and ripped it wide open—taking half of their some 40 sections.

This will wreck Middletown's high school for which they already have \$100,000 in school bond money in their bank with which to build a new school. Is that fair?

Warrensburg has reached up from the south and seek to take away 12 or 13 sections from Latham, a district that is not overblessed with territory. Why?

The Birks school district outsmarted the Iliopolis group, who sought to annex their consolidated grade school district—

They started school Wednesday of last week as the law states that the "land grabbing" cannot become effective for a year if school is already in session when the election is held.

These are but a few instances of the many that are taking place all over the state. Injunctions are being gotten out in many places, against holding the elections and the whole affair will wind up in the Supreme Court.

The one thing that is almost impossible to understand is the greed or utter disregard of school boards for the rights of neighboring communities.

This nation of ours must be in a worse condition morally than even the most pessimistic visualize it.

It would be a fine and heartening tribute to such communities if the voters of these districts would rise up at the election polls and repudiate such unscrupulous actions.

Schools Open In Mount Pulaski Next Tuesday

High School and Grade Faculties Are Complete

Mount Pulaski township high school and the Consolidated grade schools will open Tuesday of next week for the coming term of school.

The high school will open on Tuesday morning at 8:30 for registration and then there will be further school that day. Classes will start on Wednesday.

Three new teachers will augment the faculty this year. Miss Josephine Giganti of Springfield, will teach home economics; Miss Muriel Broadway, English, Latin and have charge of the year-book; and Donald E. McKinney of Bridgeport, Speech, History, Civics and Dramatics.

Returning teachers under Principal Lloyd L. Hargis, are Herbert Stivers, Harry Lucas, Herschel Vandevender, Carroll Wood, Loretta VanCuren, Clara Martin, Elsie Gossmeier and Lester Werntz.

The high school and grade school territory will be served by four buses this year, two from each school, and they will cooperate in hauling the pupils. The first day the old routes will be followed and then an arrangement made to remap the four to coordinate.

Grade Faculty

The Mount Pulaski Consolidated grade school will open the new term Tuesday, Sept. 2, with the following corps of teachers in the various grades:

Principal: Paul Huston.
8th Grade: Miss Mildred Kurtz
7th: Miss Lola Hahn.
6th and Coach: Russell Bain.
5th: Mrs. Harry Long.
4th: Miss Turley.
3rd: Miss Margaret Tierney.
2nd: Mrs. McGee.
1st: Mrs. Florence Pinney.
Music, Miss Anna Lee White.
Band, Lester Werntz.
Hamilton, Mrs. Alberta Liff.
Scroggin, Mrs. Virgie Bishop.

JOHN L. GORDON IS NAMED MANAGER

John L. Gordon of Lincoln, has been advanced to general manager in charge of operations for the Lincoln and Albion divisions of the Central Illinois Electric & Gas Company, which has an office in Mount Pulaski, according to an announcement made by Vice President C. E. Steinfart at the annual employees' picnic held at Lincoln, August 19th.

Mr. Gordon, known as "Jack" to his many friends, has been one of the company's staff since 1926, for several years as assistant to the vice-president. His promotion is regarded by the company as exceptionally well earned. Aside from his duties, he has been quite active in community affairs, especially the Elk's Crippled Children Foundation and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce industrial development program.

LLOYD ARNOLD IS NOW CITY ATTORNEY

After serving the City of Mount Pulaski faithfully for 35 years in the office of City Attorney, Geo. J. Smith asked the City Council to be relieved of the duties.

At the regular meeting of the council Tuesday night, Mayor William Binder appointed Lloyd F. Arnold as the new City Attorney, the council members giving their unanimous approval. Mr. Arnold's duties began Wednesday, August 27th.

Parades, Fireworks, Soap Box Derby to Feature Fall Festival

Week of Carnival And Entertainment Starts Monday

A complete program for the American Legion Fall Festival celebration has been arranged by the Commander, Julian Sams, and everything is in readiness for the kickoff which comes next Monday night at 7 o'clock when a boxing show will open the evening's program. This will be followed by a barbershop quartet.

Carnival Coming

The Midway Mirth Shows also open up on Monday night, and will be here all week, featuring rides and shows, as well as, numerous concessions. They will be open only at nights except the last two days when afternoon and evening programs will be held.

On Thursday night at 7 o'clock there will be dance revue and another concert by the barbershop quartet.

Doll-Pet Parade

Friday afternoon at 1:30 the kids will have a chance to do their stuff in a big way when they run off the always exciting Soap Box Derby. The event will be run off on the northeast corner of the square on North Lafayette.

Smokey Smith from Decatur, is going to bring his Rewert's Special, a V-8 60 Midget Racer, to Mount Pulaski for the races, not to run but just for the public's inspection. He will be glad to talk to all and explain the driving of Midgets. Smokey is to be Official Starter.

Here is the list of prizes:

1st—\$25.00 Bond.
2nd—\$10.00 Cash.
3rd and 4th—\$2.50 each.

Every boy who brings his racer and races, will be taken to Macon, Ill. for a Saturday night of Midget Racing.

Entries should get in touch with Harry Milner who has full charge of the event.

This will be followed at 3:30 by a doll and pet parade, which has always been one of the features of local celebrations. Miss Lola Hahn is in charge of this parade.

The Decatur Accordion Band will be present Friday night for a concert at 8 o'clock, and this will be followed with a big display of fireworks.

Parade Saturday

Saturday will be the day of the big parade which will take place at 2:30 and all entries are urged to get in touch with George Meister, parade chairman, as soon as possible, so that he can arrange his line of march. Contests of various kinds will be staged after the parade.

In the evening the Mount Pulaski school band will present a concert and the baby contest winner will be announced as well as the awarding of over \$1,000 in prizes.

There will be dancing every night of the week at the American Legion Home on South Washington street, starting at 9 P. M.

DEATH OF LOCAL RESIDENT'S FATHER

Andrew J. Krusz, 68, of Lincoln father of Mrs. Leigh Broughton of Mount Pulaski, died at 3:30 p. m. Monday, August 18, in Orlando, Florida, after being stricken with a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Krusz left Lincoln on Aug. 14th, accompanying their son, Edward on an auto trip back to his Florida home.

Decedent is survived by his wife, five children, two sisters, a half brother and two half sisters.

The body arrived in Lincoln on Thursday at 9 a. m. Funeral services were held Friday, August 22, in St. Mary's Catholic church. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Several from Mount Pulaski attended the funeral.

Non-High School Territory Divided

When nobody appeared Wednesday, Aug. 20, offering objections to the division of the remaining non-high school territory in the Chestnut area, among Beason, Latham and Mount Pulaski high school districts, as suggested by the county school survey committee, E. H. Lukenbill, superintendent of the Logan county schools, approved the annexations to the various districts.

Approximately 12 sections to Mount Pulaski, and one and a half sections to Latham. Mr. Lukenbill will file maps with the county clerk showing the revisions, and make-up new maps showing the boundary changes of Logan county high school districts.

Mrs. Frank Froschauer Dies In Lincoln

Mrs. Frank Froschauer, 67, wife of Frank Froschauer, Sr., of Lincoln, and mother of Edward Froschauer of Mount Pulaski vicinity, died at the family home in Lincoln, at 11:30 a. m. Sunday, August 24, 1947, after an illness of long duration.

She was born April 25, 1880, in Austria, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hulob. She married Mr. Froschauer in their native Austria and came to the United States soon after and located in Lincoln.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held in the Sheets funeral home in Lincoln at 2 p. m. Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Earl C. Hargrove, pastor of the First Christian church. Burial was in the Union cemetery, Lincoln.

Library Reopens Saturday, Sept. 13

Following the annual August cleanup and re-arranging of the books, the Mount Pulaski public library will open Saturday, Sept. 13, instead of Sept. 6, due to the American Legion Fall Festival. All books will be due for return on Sept. 13, and will not be subject to a fine if brought back on that date.

The workers are doing a fine job in repairing and marking all books so names of books and authors are plainly visible without moving books from the shelves. The women hope to have all this completed before the library reopens, but more help is needed in order to do so.

VERNA RIEDLE TO WED RAYMOND H. STOLL

Miss Verna Riedle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Riedle, 1429 East Willard, Decatur, and Raymond H. Stoll, son of Mrs. Henry Stoll of Chestnut, will be married at 4 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 31, in St. Paul's Lutheran church in Decatur by Rev. Alvin Mueller. Friends are invited.

The bride's sister, Margaret, will be maid-of-honor, and her sister, Norma, will be bridesmaid. The bridegroom's nephew, Robert Stowell of Dexter, Iowa, will be best man, and Kenneth Dierker and Hubert Stowell, both of Chestnut, will be ushers.

Mr. Stoll farms near Chestnut, and they will live there.

Pulaski Whips Staleys; Play At Latham Sunday

"Rubber Game" Will Be Hotly Contested. Clinton Here Monday

LATHAM SUNDAY

Pulaski goes to Latham this Sunday to play the 'rubber game' of their series, and will end the season here Monday against Clinton at 2 o'clock, at Dittus Field.

Mount Pulaski Fans won a nice ball game from Staleys of Decatur, Sunday afternoon at Dittus Field, by a 5 to 3 score. The game was originally scheduled for Decatur, but their diamond was so dusty they agreed to play the game here.

Wilham was on the mound for the locals the first time this season, and did a fine job of twirling, retiring in the 8th with a blister on his pitching hand, after holding Decatur to only one run. Smokey Ingram took over after the first man doubled in the 8th and before the fire was put out, two more runs scored.

Pulaski scored in the first inning on Kinert's hit over second, and after Manes had forced Kinert, Ingram had fled out, Wilham hit over first, Manes going to third, scoring on a bad throw to first trying to catch Wilham. Horn singled over second to score Wilham, but was caught off 1st. Pulaski scored again in the 4th when Horn hit over short, Shanle walked.

Pulaski scored again in the 5th after two were out. Ingram hit to right and stole 2nd, going to 3rd on an overthrow. Wilham's three-bagger scored Ingram and Horn smashed out a triple over first to score Wilham. They scored their last run in the seventh inning when Kinert hit to the short stop, Manes bunted safely, Ingram sacrificed runners to 2nd and 3rd. Kinert was out at the plate on Wilham's ground ball. Manes went home on a bad peg to catch the runner.

Decatur scored in the third on a walk, an error, and a hit. That was all for them until the eighth when they scored twice on a two-base blow, two singles and an error.

Eddie Bloye, who had won 13 straight games this season was the losing pitcher.

ABOUT TRUMAN'S PICTURE IN LAST WEEK'S PAPER

In the rush last week to print the Times-News Pictorial Weekly, the reading matter under the picture of President Truman was omitted by mistake.

The picture, taken in the White House oval room, shows the president addressing the nation on veto of Taft-Hartley Labor Control Bill. Shown in the picture is Loren Harper, directing for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Mr. Harper has since been transferred to Cleveland, Ohio. A former Mount Pulaskian, Mr. Harper is the son of Mrs. R. T. Harper of North Washington st.

STOLZ FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

Funeral services for Mrs. Eliza beth Stolz, 76, of Lincoln, widow of Herman Stolz, and a native of Mount Pulaski, who died Tuesday, August 19, were held at the St. John's Evangelical church in Lincoln at 2 p. m. Thursday, Aug. 21, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Barth.

Burial was in the Mount Pulaski cemetery. Pallbearers were all nephews, Edward, Oliver and Neal Gulso, Mount Pulaski; Earl, Thomas and Henry Stolz, Lincoln