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Hundreds Attended And Enjoyed Pulaski's Legion Fall Festival Days

REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

There is no more dreaded cry than that of "FIRE,"

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Or a more terrifying sound than that of the fire siren, especially in the dead of night.

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It stills the hearts of all who hear, and fills one with grave misgivings until this monster is again under control.

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So, it is with this sobering thought in mind that Mount Pulaski voters,

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Will go to the polls next Tuesday to decide whether or not they wish to further shackle this dreaded hazard.

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Pulaski suffered not only a serious financial loss some months ago when their fire fighting equipment was destroyed by fire as it "rested" in its own firehouse,

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But incurred considerable unfavorable publicity mixed with wisecracks o'er the air and in newspapers,

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For the volunteer fire-fighters of Mount Pulaski were unable to reach their own equipment with which to put out the fire.

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The sad part of the whole affair was the fact that plans for a new firehouse had been considered some months before, but various obstacles prevented the completion of plans.

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Next Tuesday, the residents of Mount Pulaski will have the opportunity to decide whether this effort of the city council to further protect their property a step in the right direction.

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The outlay of money is comparatively small when one considers the many thousands of dollars which have been spent for fire-fighting equipment

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It is little short of ridiculous that the citizens of Mount Pulaski would not approve wholeheartedly an investment that common sense dictates is not only desirable, but essential.

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When you vote next Tuesday—Vote for your own protection against the most destructive and dreaded monster that breaks loose any place and at any hour.

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VOTE "YES!"

Supervisors Make Annual Tax Levy

The Logan County Supervisors beginning their three-day September session in Lincoln Tuesday approved included \$4,400 tax levy presented by the finance committee. The general levy calls for \$99,880 and is in the same amount as last year.

In addition to the regular county levy, a highway levy of \$10,500 was approved, supplemented by a \$5,000 fund for maintenance of bridges. Other special tax levies approved included \$4,400 for maintenance and payment of expense of hospitalization of Logan county tuberculosis patients, and a new levy of \$100,000 for a county airport.

\$1000.00 In Prizes Awarded. Parades Were Colorful Ones.

Another Fall Festival season passed into history Saturday night when the curtain was rung down on the American Legion's second annual event, staged around the city square.

The Midway Mirth carnival opened on Monday and continued through the week. The week was successful from a financial standpoint as far as all local organizations were concerned. The Legion's Bingo went over big as usual, the Auxiliary fed many hungry folks, the Junior Woman's club filled folks up with watermelon and the Girl Scouts made a neat sum on their baby contest.

Pet and Doll Parade

As a woman was heard to remark, "There doesn't seem to be any race suicide here." Well, the fact is, the kids in large numbers were in evidence each day of the Fall Festival, and they all had a lot of fun.

Their inning came Friday afternoon when the Doll and Pet parade was staged. Headed by the township school band, the girls and boys put on a good show, and caused no end of merriment for the big crowd present to witness the event.

The parade was under direction of Miss Lola Hahn, and she had them placed in double file at the start of the parade. However, by the time they reached the south side of the square they had grouped up into a bunch, all seemingly wanting to be right behind the band. You remember when you were a kid how you did the same thing, and this scene brought back many childhood memories.

Bunching up as they did made it impossible to see all the marchers and what they represented. All the boys and girls were dressed up for the occasion, and it did ones heart good to see them go

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FIVE RURAL SCHOOLS SOLD FOR \$4,220

Five rural schools in the Mount Pulaski area were sold at auction Wednesday, Sept. 10, because the districts were consolidated with the Mount Pulaski consolidated grade school district, and the use of the buildings discontinued. B. H. Keck acted as auctioneer. The sales took place on the separate premises and a good crowd followed from one to the other.

The buildings brought a total of \$4,220 and the equipment sold for \$959.80, for a total of \$5,179.80.

Ring school—\$800.05 for the building and equipment. The building was purchased by Mrs. Carrie Baker.

Rose Dell, building and equipment, \$1783.10. Building purchased by W. D. Allsopp.

Buckles school, building and equipment, \$749.05, purchased by Dean Harris.

Buchanan school building and equipment, \$893.05. Building purchased by Ira Taylor.

C. AUGHENBAUGH IS SERIOUSLY HURT BY FALLING BARN BOARD

Clifford Aughenbaugh is in the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln as the result of a board falling from a barn being torn down, striking him on top of his head with the sharp edge. He will be confined there several days.

Forty-five farmers, who believe in making hay when the sun shines, also believe in tearing down barns under the same conditions, especially if it is to give a helping hand to a neighbor-farmer, were in action today.

John Heiden, residing northwest of Chestnut had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire a week ago Sunday, when struck by lightning. He was able to purchase a large barn on the Loetler farm northeast of Mount Pulaski, where fire some years ago had destroyed the farm residence.

Then the neighbors came to the fore and volunteered to tear the barn down and transport it to the Heiden farm. That is what they were doing today and will have the job done before night.

Their ladies prepared an appetizing dinner for them at the Methodist church.

JESSIE DEAN GILLET OF ELKHART, DIES

Miss Jessie Dean Gillet, 88, who lived near Elkhart, at the north end of the Elkhart hill, passed away in her home at 2:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, 1947, after an extended illness.

She was born near Elkhart, February 15, 1859, the daughter of John Dean Gillet and Elmira Parke Gillet. Her mother, as a girl, lived between Mount Pulaski and Lincoln, on what is now the Sparks home, and was a sister of the late Mrs. Amanda Pumpelly of this city.

Her father was a pioneer Logan county farmer and he raised Shorthorn cattle, being known as "the cattle king" of Central Illinois. Miss Gillet, who inherited large landholdings from her father, who died in 1887. With the farm went an extensive colonial-styled mansion and innumerable traditions. Located less than a mile from Elkhart, the house once served as an inn during the 1850's on the original stage coach route between Chicago and St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Gillet served as a director of the First National Bank of Lincoln; presented to the town of Elkhart a library to perpetuate the memory of her mother; she also established in honor of her father, the Gillet memorial award at the Logan County Fair, providing an annual prize fund for breeders of the best Logan County Shorthorn cattle.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Charlotte Gillet Barnes of Decatur, and several nieces and nephews. A deceased sister, Miss Emma Gillet, married Governor Richard J. Oglesby, Civil War general and three times governor of Illinois.

Decedent was a member of the Episcopal church.

Private funeral services were held at the residence Monday and burial was in Elkhart cemetery.

FIREMEN CALLED TO BOYD HAHN HOME

About 11 o'clock last Thursday night firemen were called to the Boyd Hahn home on West Jefferson street, where an electric light cord was causing trouble. No damage was done.

Both the City and Country fire trucks made the run. With many people here attending the fall celebration, the firemen were followed by a great many autos, and got very much in the way. That no accidents occurred in the stampede of cars is a miracle.

Mount Pulaski To Vote Tuesday On Bond Issue For New Fire House

MUSIC IMPORTANT PART OF FESTIVAL

The music during the celebration last week, was varied. The first 3 nights the music on the Merry-Go-Round consisted of the same piece, but the crowds were good humored and got used to it.

On Thursday evening, Lester Werntz and a number of musicians from the local schools appeared among the multitude and enlivened the carnival spirit in everyone, as they played a number of popular pieces at different places among the crowds.

The Decatur Accordion Band, one of Central Illinois best known musical organizations, gave a concert Friday evening, and delighted the big crowd with its wonderful program. Later on Albert F. Dillsaver suddenly appeared with his comic band and twisting and turning through the crowd, the fifteen or more musicians dressed in costumes, hard to describe, played several selections and caused a great amount of laughter. "Dilly" was superb as a leader.

The township school band, under the direction of Lester Werntz gave a concert Saturday night on the platform at the southwest corner of the square. The excellent selections pleased everyone.

MOVIE AT CHURCH FRIDAY - SUNDAY

A 4-reel sound picture, "And Now I See," will be presented at St. John's Lutheran church in this city on Friday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

This movie produced in Hollywood by Cathedral Films, features Ralph Morgan, Addison Richards and fifty other stage and screen actors, personally selected by actor Jean Hersholt, Lutheran layman. Music for the picture is provided by the St. Olaf Choir of Northfield, Minn.

The story centers around the Pastor and Council of Trinity Lutheran church, Elmwood - a congregation and town typical of any in the U.S.A.

This film is being shown in every United Lutheran church congregation as a part of its 30th anniversary celebration.

The members and public are cordially invited to this free presentation.

Girl Scouts Stage Paying Baby Contest Here

One of the pleasing events of the fall celebration was the Baby Contest sponsored by the Girl Scouts to raise funds for their great work. And they cleared more than \$100 for their efforts.

Twenty-one babies were entered in the contest. Decorated milk bottles were placed in business houses, and the idea was that every penny counted as a vote for the baby whose picture was on the bottle. To be sure higher denominations were placed in some of the bottles, all to the good of the Girl Scouts.

Friday night the bottles were placed on tables in front of the theater, and much money was added to the general fund. The voting closed Friday night, and the prize winning babies and their mothers were on a beautiful float in the parade on Saturday afternoon.

The scouts were assisted by their leaders, and all are very grateful to everyone who contributed or helped in any way.

The prize winners were as follows:-

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New Fire House Essential To City's Safety and Welfare.

An election of more than passing importance is to be held in Mount Pulaski next Tuesday, voting on a \$20,000 bond issue which is primarily for the building of a new fire house.

The serious fire loss sustained by the fire department last winter when the fire house caught on fire and the department was unable to get its equipment out, destroyed their fire engines and equipment. These have been replaced with two fine modern firefighting machines and new hose, which necessitates adequate housing so that they may be given proper protection.

Plans have been drawn to erect a new fireproof fire house just north of the present building and will be wide enough so that the two engines will be placed side by side in order that either of them, or both, can be run out at the same time.

The present building will be remodeled to care for the city clerk's office and also be used as the city jail. Adequate heating systems are also to be installed.

There are three polling places: Zimmermann's Carpenter Shop, Smith Hardware, and Dillsaver's Relief Office. Polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

SECOND MAXHEIMER REUNION SUNDAY

The second annual John P. Maxheimer family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maxheimer of near Lanesville. At noon a basket dinner was served.

At the business meeting the same officers were re-elected, as Everett Maxheimer, Mount Pulaski, president; Harold Hassebrook, Mount Pulaski, vice president; Mrs. Paul Schroeder, Lincoln, treasurer; Miss Pauline Hutter of Peoria, secretary.

John P. Maxheimer was the oldest person present, while the youngest was Patricia O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien of Decatur.

The following members of the group and a few friends were present:

Mount Pulaski—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Maxheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maxheimer, sons Alfred, Earl Lester, Clarence and Franklin, Miss Katherine Michel, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutter, daughters Margaret and Marilyn, Miss Maxine Horn, Mrs. John Hassebrook Sr., sons Glen, Melvin, Ray and Loren.

Decatur—Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien and Max Patricia. Elkhart—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stengel.

Peoria—Misses Pauline and Doris Hutter, Miss Doris King.

Chestnut—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hassebrook and son Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stoll.

Beason—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roos and daughter, Janet.

Lanesville—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maxheimer, sons, Eugene, Kenneth, Raymond, David and Jun-

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