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(By the Editor)

83 Years is a long, long time—

Whether it be in the life of a nation, or in the activities of a business firm.

So it is with more than a passing bit of regret that we record in this issue

The passing of the old and respected firm of C. F. Schafer Hardware company into new hands.

Looking back many many years to when this city was just one of the many small hamlets starting its struggle for recognition and existence,

We find listed among its early pioneers, the late C. F. Schafer, who came from Germany at the age of six.

Nine years later, after learning the tinner's trade, he opened a humble tinshop which was destined to grow into the finest and most complete hardware store in this area.

Thirteen years later thru his business sagacity, he found it necessary to enlarge his place of business, erecting the present modern two story brick building.

Assisting him down thru the years were his three sons who entered the business after completing their schooling.

They were: Henry, John Frederick and Walter. Freddie, as he was better known, died in '38.

With Mr. C. F. Schafer's passing in 1918, the three sons carried on the business under the C. F. Schafer firm name.

C. F. Schafer's success may well be an inspiration for all youth who have the ambition to want to get ahead.

Mr. Schafer started learning his trade of tinsmith at a wage of \$40 per year; then \$60; then \$100; finally \$14 a week.

His success is another evidence that diligence and hard work are two mighty fine companions to have at your side.

The Schafer hardware firm not only enjoyed the confidence and trust of the community,

But their rating with the largest wholesale firms in the country was of the highest type.

No finer tribute could be paid a business institution and its personnel than that they enjoyed the respect and confidence of both the seller and the buyer.

So it is with sincere regret that the community notes the passing of this pioneer firm from its active roles in its business life.

CAR OVERTURNS ON LOOSE GRAVEL

When Mrs. Earl Bastin of this community was driving her car on the south gravel road, opposite the Leigh Lucas home, last Friday afternoon, the auto skidded on the loose gravel and turned over in the ditch, badly damaging the machine. Mrs. Bastin was able to free herself from the car and walked to the Lucas home, and was then brought into the city to a doctor to receive treatment for bruises.

Voters Approve \$20,000 Issuance Of Bonds Tuesday

Vote Was Almost 3 to 1 In Favor of New Fire House.

Residents of Mount Pulaski gave ample proof of their deep interest in the welfare of their city, when they went to the poll Tuesday and voted 189 to 75 to issue bonds in the amount of \$20,000 with which to erect a new fire house.

The need for a new fire house to care for the two new fire engines was the issue which most voters were interested in and they voted for fire protection.

The fire house will be erected just north of the present building, while the present building will be remodeled to care for the City Clerk's office and the jail.

The vote by wards was: Zimmermann's—52 year, 24 no; Smith's—85 yes, 31 no; Dillsaver's 52 yes, 20 no.

LOUISE AYLESWORTH WEDS DUNN TWIN

Miss Louise Aylesworth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aylesworth, West Cooke street, Mount Pulaski, and Loy Ray Dunn, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunn of Virden vicinity, and formerly of Latham, were united in marriage at 1:15 p.m. Friday, September 12, 1947, in the Methodist church parsonage in Rockville, Indiana, the double ring ceremony being performed by Rev. Richard Blake.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gooding of Bloomington, Ind., and Mrs. Vida Miller of Decatur.

The bride is a graduate of the Mount Pulaski township high school, and was employed the past couple of years in the Sieb Hatchery on the north side of the square, resigning her position the first of September.

The bridegroom served in the Army during World War II, entering the service April 9, 1944. The twin brothers were in the army together, and their line of duty carried them around the world. Being discharged April 12, 1946, the bridegroom was later employed at the Decatur Signal Depot for ten months, and was then engaged in farming for a short time.

At the present time they are living at the home of the bride's parents, and is employed by her father.

Downing Reunion Was Held Sunday

The annual reunion of the Downing families, many of them from the Mount Pulaski area, was held on Sunday, Sept. 14, in Nelson Park, Decatur. About 95 relatives and several friends attended to enjoy the basket dinner at noon. This was the first reunion held since 1941, the annual event being discontinued when war was declared.

At the business meeting all old officers were re-elected, as follows: Harry Downing, president; Mrs. Andrew Wiggers, secretary; Lorenzo Downing, treasurer. All officers are from Mount Pulaski.

It was voted to hold the 1948 reunion at the same place, Nelson Park, Decatur.

PULASKI DERBY RACERS ENJOYED MACON MIDGETS

A happy group of boys gathered in front of the Bertoni restaurant at 5 p.m. Saturday, all who had participated in the Soap Box Derby on Friday afternoon of Fall Festival Week. Through the generosity of Harry Milner, Julian Sams and Russell Curtis, they were taken in autos to Macon where they witnessed the Midget Auto Races. Those furnishing cars for the trip included Harry Milner, Robert Dittus, Julian Sams, Charles Anderson and Earl Phillips. Other adults accompanied the group.

Boys making the trip were, the winner of the Soap Box Derby, Harry Wayne Milner, Haldon Bowlers, Robert Garvey, Leonard Lucas, Richard Stivers, Ivan Ryan, Jerry Rentmeister, Richard Edwards, Billy Kuhns, Donald Waddell, Leon Langston, Jimmy and Bobby Romer.

In the judges stand at the race track each Mount Pulaski boy was interviewed and introduced to the crowd. When the name of Harry Wayne Milner, the winner, was called, he was asked who his favorite driver was, he said, Rex Easton, and was then told that Rex would be right there to take him a ride in his midget car. Harry Wayne sat in Easton's lap and took charge of the wheel while the car speeded around the track. Easton took over the wheel and gave Harry Wayne a real thrill when he stepped down on the little car and went whizzing around the track at a terrific rate of speed. These midget cars have been clocked at 140 miles per hour.

All the kids got a real kick out of the races and of being permitted to talk over the speaker system. Easton was the favorite of all the boys but one, who could not decide whether Rex Easton or Ray Knepper was his favorite.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Shields, part-owners of the Macon Speedway, stopped in Mount Pulaski Sunday morning and took Harry Wayne to Peoria, where they attended the National Motorcycle Races.

GEO. McGEE MARRIES W. FRANKFORT GIRL

Information has been received in Mount Pulaski of the wedding of Miss Gloria Faye Lewis of West Frankfort, Ill., to George William McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. McGee of Mount Pulaski vicinity.

The ceremony took place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 1947, in the First Christian church in West Frankfort, being performed by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Burris. A 30-minute recital was presented by Dan L. Rains, organist, and Don Parkhill, soloist.

The wedding party included Miss Jean Hanback of Chicago, maid-of-honor; Miss Kay McGee sister of the groom, bridesmaid; Wallace McGee, a brother, best man; John Morrissey of Peoria, groomsmen; Harold Schaffacker and Dick Jones, Mount Pulaski, ushers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white slipper satin gown, the bodice of which featured a Victorian neckline and yoke of French net, and long pointed sleeves trimmed

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BETTY YONTZ WED JULIAN SAMS SUNDAY AT CHRISMAN HOME

Miss Betty Jean Yontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roger Yontz of Chrisman, Illinois and Julian T. Sams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sams of Mount Pulaski vicinity, were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1947, in the home of the bride's parents. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Nestler, pastor of the Chrisman Methodist church, in the presence of about fifty relatives and close friends.

Decorations of white gladioli, candelabra and greenery formed the setting in the bay window of the living room for this impressive home wedding.

Mrs. John Phipps sang "Because" and "At Dawning." Mrs. Max Newlin, pianist, played the wedding march from Lohengrin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a powder blue crepe afternoon dress, trimmed in bead work, with full skirt, and the accessories were frost white and black. The flowers were two orchids with silver ribbon shower arrangement.

The maid-of-honor was Miss Elaine L. Yontz, a Junior at the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. She wore a Palamino crepe afternoon dress and brown accessories. Her corsage was of Talisman roses and yellow baby mums.

The bride's mother was attired in Sapphire blue crepe afternoon dress, and flowers of pink gladioli. The bridegroom's mother wore a cinnamon brown dress and hat, with dark brown trim and dark brown accessories, and bronze baby mums.

The best man was Rinaldo

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Grass Fire Endangered Rothwell Lumber Yard

A grass fire was discovered about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, west of the new lumber sheds of the J. M. Rothwell Lumber Co., and both the city and country fire trucks made the run. No damage resulted, but the firemen were on hand to protect the property if necessary.

When the fire siren blew, people came from all directions in their cars, and almost blocked the east side of the square before the fire trucks could be driven out of the station, greatly hampering a quick getaway. One motorist started to pull right in front of the second truck to leave the building and almost ran into it before applying his brakes.

People will learn someday to keep out of the way, it is hoped, when the firemen are called out. There is a state law against this practice and many communities are enforcing same.

Special Train To St. Louis Game

Baseball fans in Pekin will sponsor a special passenger train over the Illinois Central Sunday, Sept. 21, coming through Mount Pulaski to St. Louis, Mo., for all wishing to attend the Chicago Cubs and Cardinals baseball game.

Mount Pulaskians wishing to go must be at the Illinois Central station at 8 a.m. The train fare for round trip, ball park ticket, bus fare, will amount to \$9.18.

Call your local agent for further information.

Schafer Hdw. Co. Store Passes Into New Ownership

Concern Founded During Civil War Sold Last Week.

The C. F. Schafer Hardware Co. store on the east side of the square, the oldest business enterprise in Mount Pulaski, founded 83 years ago, and remaining in the family this long period of time, has been sold.

The purchasers are Fred and Edward Stahl, of Dunlap, near Peoria. The brothers are both veterans of World War II, serving in the army. They came into possession of one of the best known, longest established, and largest hardware stores in Central Illinois. The store close Monday for inventory, and it will take several days to complete the big job, and will be reopened under the new management on Monday, September 22.

It is of interest to know that the senior member of the Schafer Hardware Co., Henry W. Schafer, has been identified with the store since he was a boy. The fact is he was born in the first brick building that stood on the site of the present large structure. Walter A. Schafer, also of the original family, has devoted his life's work in this store. The brothers will now retire and take a well deserved rest from business cares, and there are plenty of them in the hardware business.

C. F. Schafer Founder

The founder of the C. F. Schafer Hardware Co., Charles Frederick Schafer, was born Feb. 22, 1847, in Germany, and came with his parents to Mount Pulaski in 1851, while the city was still the

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MRS. OMER POTTER NEW COUNTY NURSE

Mrs. Omer Potter, living on State Route 121, midway between Mount Pulaski and Lincoln, and a former resident of this city, has been employed as county nurse by the Logan County Tuberculosis Sanatorium Board, and began her new duties Monday, Sept. 15th.

Mrs. Potter was staff nurse on the maternity floor of the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln the past five years. A life long resident of Logan county, she has had 20 years' nursing experience in the county. Mrs. Potter graduated from Lincoln high school in 1924, and from St. John's hospital school of nursing in 1927.

The county had been without a county nurse since last spring, when Miss Rea Snyder resigned after serving for 18 years.

FALL CONVENTION OF AUXILIARY, SEPT 23

The 17th District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held in the Woman's Club building in Lincoln, Tuesday, Sept. 23, beginning at 9 a. m. Department officers will be guests of the convention. A fine program has been arranged.

Articles from the Veteran's Craft Exchange, will be on sale. Luncheon will be served at the First Christian church. Reservations must be made by Saturday, Sept. 20, to Mrs. Martha Brown, 115 Keokuk street, Lincoln.