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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

The building of a Tower of Babel of words would be quite plausible in this day and age.

Never has there been such word material on hand for the building of a tower of this kind.

The variety of color, form, quality and substance of words are pulsated with a warmth and texture that the Tower of Babel of Biblical days did not have.

Added to this variety is the confusion of tongues regarding the rights and wrongs of humanity.

Never in the history of the world has there been such an array of skilled workmen engaged in this modern Babel building.

We are living today in a world of words, which form a boundless ocean of language.

Streams of words are poured on us every day from everyone of the approved methods of conveyance—

Telephone, telegraph, radio, movie-tone, the pulpit, the daily press, magazines, books, and last but not least,

The platform speaker who is no longer limited to the audience in the auditorium—today, his audience is the world.

We are bombarded with words and it is a tremendous task for me to sort the wheat from the chaff.

One who reads and listens extensively must exercise a wise, and somewhat speedy judgment, to determine the truth of a situation.

Unless one uses a certain degree of cool and unbiased deliberation he will be swayed by the opinion of others.

Which often leads to his being misled by the enthusiasm and magnetism of a speaker or writer.

Those wise enough and patient enough to examine both sides of a question will generally reach sound conclusions.

Snap judgment more often than not leads to misleading opinions and misunderstandings.

The kind of a world we live in is determined by the combined will of its citizens.

The individual weighs the multitudinous words thrown out upon the public, and formulates his opinions.

His opinion determines his actions, hence it is doubly important that his conclusions be wise and unprejudiced.

The need of the hour is for truth to be spoken in the promotion of the common good, for truth spoken uncovers falsity and leads to correction of evils.

When only truth is spoken the Tower of Babel will fall of its own weight.

The tendency to berate the peoples of other nations for the purpose of promoting a selfish national interest is bound to end

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R. W. Schlachter To Attempt Plane Altitude Record

Will Fly Plane Powered By His Homemade Engine.

Raymond W. Schlachter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike E. Schlachter, living four miles east of Mount Pulaski, a graduate of Mount Pulaski Township high school, and veteran of World War II, has announced his intention of attempting to establish a new world's altitude record for light planes some time within the next two months.

His plane, christened "Dad's Dilemma," is powered by a homemade 125-horsepower engine of his own design which was built during his spare time the past few months. At present the plane is located at Bluegrass Field, Lexington, Kentucky where Raymond is pursuing an advanced course in journalism at the University of Kentucky. The engine is supercharged and is equipped with an unique method of injecting pure oxygen directly into the engine.

The present world's record for planes of this type is 26,404.144 feet, established by Dr. Fritz Platz of Germany in 1939. The American record is 24,310.975 feet, established by Grace Huntington, Burbank, Calif., in 1940. Raymond hopes to reach an altitude of 28,000 feet.

At the present time he is negotiating with several firms who are interested in sponsoring the proposed flight.

Pulaski Freshmen Rate High At University

The Mount Pulaski township high school recently received a report from the registrar of the University of Illinois, indicating the scholastic records made last year at the university by the freshmen from Mount Pulaski high school.

Seven freshmen entered Illinois from the local school, and all but one had a percentage standing above the university average, and that one was almost average. Three of the Mount Pulaski boys were in the upper 25 per cent. The average for all U. of I. freshmen was 83.62, but the seven Mount Pulaski boys had an average of 86.56, almost three percent higher than the university average.

A report from the U. of I. last spring showed that three or four upper classmen from Mount Pulaski made honors at Illinois by being in the upper ten per cent.

GILLET ESTATE IS VALUED AT \$400,000

Petition to probate the will of the late Mrs. Jessie Dean Gillett of Elkhart vicinity, who died on September 6, was filed in the Logan County court in Lincoln, Saturday, September 27, listing real estate valued at \$400,000, and personal property exceeding and personal property not to exceed \$69,000.

Two nephews, John Dean Gillett Hill of Lincoln, and William Barnes, Jr. of Decatur, are the executors.

ROBERT J. CONN, FORMER RESIDENT, GIVES UP EDITORSHIP

The Illinois Bar Journal, published in Springfield, contains an article in the September issue about Robert L. Conn, of Springfield, a former Mount Pulaski newspaper publisher, who moved to Springfield from this city.

The article will be of interest to many Times-News readers, and is as follows:

"With the June, 1947, issue closing Volume 35, Robert L. Conn, Springfield, retired from active service as managing editor of the Illinois Bar Journal, a position which he has successfully held since February, 1933. During his tenure as managing editor, Mr. Conn devoted particular attention to the development of the personal news item sections of the publication, and contributed a series of more than twenty articles on the history of Illinois counties, with particular emphasis on the courts and lawyers of the counties concerned.

"Through his contacts for many years as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court, as field representative of the Illinois State Bar Association, as a member of numerous district meeting caravans, and as a former District Governor of Rotary International, Mr. Conn has come to have a wide acquaintance among members of the Illinois bench and bar. Since 1938, he has held the office of Clerk of the Third District Appellate Court, with offices in the Supreme Court building in the

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GATHERING HONORS 31ST ANNIVERSARY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stoll in Chestnut vicinity, was the scene on Sunday evening, Sept. 28, 1947, of a wiener roast and pinocle party, in honor of Mrs. Stoll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hassebrook Sr., of Mount Pulaski, the occasion celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary. They have 11 children and seven grandchildren. Others present were:

Chestnut—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hassebrook and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Stoll.

Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. John Hassebrook Jr., sons, Eugene, Alfred, Edward and Edwin.

Beason—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ruwe and son Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roos and daughter, Janet.

Mount Pulaski—Glen, Melvin and Ray Hassebrook.

School Band Will Play At Institute

The Mount Pulaski Public School Band, composed of grade and high school students will play at the annual Logan County Teachers Institute, Monday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m. At the request of County Superintendent of Schools E. H. Lukenbill, the band will play a 30-minute concert preceding one of the lectures. Transportation will be furnished by buses from both schools.

Schools will be closed Monday and Tuesday, October 13 and 14, because of the institute which will be held at the Lincoln Community high school.

ARTHUR HORN HAS RETIRED AFTER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE

Arthur Horn of Washington, D. C., is home on an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horn on South Spring street, having retired from his governmental work.

When the family lived on a farm west of Mount Pulaski a number of years ago, Mr. Horn received his first schooling in the old Buckles school, and later attended Valparaiso University in Indiana. He first began teaching rural schools in this area, and then received an appointment as a clerk in the U. S. Government Agency in Chicago on July 15, 1905. As of August 31, 1947, he has retired from government duties after 42 years of efficient service.

On November 21, 1910, Mr. Horn was transferred to the U. S. Indian Service in Washington, D. C., where he was engaged in preparing statistical data for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. During the ten years with the Indian Service over 180 days overtime was put in in addition to the regular working days.

October 19, 1920, he was transferred to the office of the Comptroller of the U. S. Treasury, and was there until July 1, 1921, when the General Accounting Office was organized, as voted by Congress, and in which office he had been serving as principal clerk, unit head and accountant in the Accounting and Bookkeeping division until his recent retirement.

On the day he retired some 200 of his friends gathered in the office and presented him with a leather-bound book containing names and comments of

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Aetna Community Chest Workers Named

M. M. Spanton of Lincoln, chairman of the Logan County Community Chest campaign, which opens Tuesday, Oct. 7th, announces the Aetna township organization which will do the solicitation for funds. They are:

Co-chairman: Mrs. Edwin Rent schler, William Randolph.

Solicitors: Miss Norma Stoll, Miss Harriett von Thun, Kenneth Lakin, Mrs. Raymond Koenig, Mrs. Louise West, Mrs. Eric Hein, Mrs. Wilbur Lowery, Mrs. Floyd Schaffnacker, Mrs. James Schilling, Mrs. Wilford Dittus and Mrs. Ed Meyers.

Rhoda Schaffnacker To Marry In December

Mr. and Mrs. Austin W. Schaffnacker of this city, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rhoda, to Mr. Robert J. Walker, son of Mrs. Mildred Walker of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Schaffnacker, graduate of the Evanston Hospital Association School of Nursing, is employed in a doctor's office in Portland. Mr. Walker, a former Flight Officer in the Army Air Corps, is attending the University of Portland.

The wedding date has not been definitely set, but will occur sometime in the latter part of December.

Woman's Club To Open Fall Season At Legion Home

Club Program To Be Given Next Friday Afternoon.

The Mount Pulaski Woman's Club will start its 18th year at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10th, in the American Legion Home. The program will be presented by the American Home Department, under the leadership of Mrs. Oswald Brooker.

Music will be furnished by the University Girl's Trio from the Illinois State Normal University, while the speaker for the afternoon is Mrs. A. L. Stuttle, of Williamsville. Mrs. Stuttle is a button hobbyist, and has a valuable and most interesting collection of 10,000 buttons. For those to whom this field of collecting is new, it should prove a most enlightening program. Incidentally, the ninth annual convention of button hobbyists is being held in Indianapolis, October 2-5. They claim to be the third largest group of collectors. Hence this program is most timely, and may start some of the members rummaging through old trunks and boxes, hoping to find some priceless treasure long discarded.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance for this first meeting, and members not having paid their dues will be given the opportunity to do so. There will be a short social hour following the program. The October hostesses are, Mesdames H. H. Maddox, Lloyd L. Hargis, Wilbur E. Stoll, Roy Carter, Oswald Brooker, Pearl Waddell, William F. Binder, H. V. Wynd, Russell Buckles, Lillian Woefel, Paul Rogers Moore, Theodore Aderman, T. A. Scroggin, John E. Stoll, Gayland Green, Edward Mayer, Clarence Rothwell, Robert E. Buckles, Etta Deibert, William H. Bryson, Jr., Russell Shull, Harry Downing, Eugene Kretzinger, Wilbur G. Smith, Merrit, M. Williams, Merle Watson, Lina Watson, Louis E. Schaffer, Herbert Shellhammer, Harry J. Wible, Dean Foster, Charles Schroth, Misses Laura Connolley and Anna Schafer.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Baldwin of Chestnut, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Corlynn, Chicago, to Dallas Knoy, son of Mrs. Dora Knoy of Chestnut.

Miss Baldwin is employed as an accountant at the University of Chicago. Mr. Knoy is working as a carpenter in Mount Pulaski.

STREET DEPARTMENT BUSY TARRING PAVEMENT

After workmen of the city street department finished the painting of white stripes on the pavement in the business section so that more autos could be accommodated for parking, they began the task of placing tar in the seams and cracks of the 80 blocks of concrete paving.

John M. Rothwell was removed early Saturday morning in the Schahl ambulance to the Deaconess hospital in Lincoln for medical care.