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DR. S. E. MUNSON STARTED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE HERE IN '93

Dr. Samuel E. Munson, 81, of 712 South Second street, Springfield, Ill., dean of the medical profession in that city, died at 6:30 a. m. Thursday, October 2, 1947, in the Memorial hospital following an extended illness. He had practiced medicine in the capitol city of Illinois for half a century, retiring when his health began to fail several months ago.

Dr. Munson was born August 25, 1866, on a farm in Mechanicsburg township, Sangamon county, the son of Joel M. and Elizabeth Van Hook Munson, who came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1857. Following his attendance at Valpariso university in Indiana, he taught school for three years, and while teaching began the study of medicine.

After his graduation from the medical school of Northwestern university in Evanston in 1893, he began the practice of medicine in Mount Pulaski. During this period he married Miss Daisy North of Rochester, and they resided in the west part of the city. After five years Dr. and Mrs. Munson left for Europe, where he took post graduate work in Vienna, Austria, and the University of Gottingen, Germany. In 1899 Dr. Munson located in Springfield and continued his profession until forced to retire in recent months on account of his health.

Dr. Munson had received numerous recognitions for his work in the medical profession, had contributed many articles to

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Meeting At Grade School To Discuss Proposed Building

All residents of Mount Pulaski Consolidated Grade school district are urged to attend a district-wide meeting at the grade school gym Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of discussing plans for a needed addition to the present school building.

With the consolidation of eight rural schools, some of which are still being maintained until the necessary room is provided in the local school, the school problem in this district is of vital interest to all. Residents of the district are asked by the board of education to attend this meeting in order that they may get a better understanding as to just what the district wishes in the way of an enlarged school building.

GOAL OF COUNTY CHEST IS \$22,500.00

A goal of \$22,500 has been set for this year's Logan County Community Chest drive, M. M. Spanton, campaign chairman, announced in Lincoln Tuesday, following an executive board meeting Monday night at the courthouse. The drive will open October 7.

An organizational dinner for township chairmen, the board of directors and local committees was held at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday at Hotel Lincoln.

Agencies included in the chest drive and individual budgets are: Camp Greisheim, \$2,347.50; Boy Scouts, \$3,000; Salvation Army, \$4,548; Community Recreation association, \$5,766; Girl Scouts, \$4,584; Chestnut Recreational association, \$250; Emden Community Recreation association, \$231.40; Hartsburg Library, \$200; Elkhart Recreational association, \$400; V. F. W. welfare fund, \$200; campaign expenses, \$973.10.

FORMER LATHAM RESIDENT DIED IN DECATUR OCTOBER 8

George A. Rau, 78, who formerly lived at 1344 North Edward street, Decatur, but lately resided in Latham, died at 10:20 p. m. Monday, October 6, 1947, in the Decatur and Macon county hospital. He had been in failing health for about two years.

Mr. Rau was a retired farmer and had lived in Decatur for 28 years until the death of his wife last April 23. Since then he had made his home in Latham. Mr. Rau was an active member of the First Ev. United Brethren church in Decatur.

He was born July 30, 1869, on a farm in Austin township, about two miles east of Latham, a son of Christian and Christena F. Rau early day residents of Mount Pulaski, who later moved to the old Rau farm, where decedent spent a half century of his life. On December 23, 1897, he married Bertha A. Hoskins of Fairfield, Nebraska.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Winter, Moweaqua; one son, L. O. Rau, Latham; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and the following brothers and sisters: Chris Rau, Warrensburg; Mrs. Sophie Hawkyard, Kenney; Mrs. Lillie Rogers, Maroa; and Mrs. Mollie Radabaugh, Alden, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the Dawson & Wikoff funeral home in Decatur. Burial was in the Illini cemetery near Warrensburg.

FLYERS DROPPED IN ON THE CARTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter of the Carter Pharmacy, were in Excelsior Springs, Mo., all last week enjoying a vacation. About 10 a. m. Saturday Mr. Carter got a phone call in his hotel room. A man's voice inquired if it was Mr. Carter. When he answered in the affirmative, the man said, "It couldn't possibly be Colonel Carter?" Whereupon Roy said, "Yes, Louis Schafer."

Louis Schafer and Morrell Deibert left Mount Pulaski early Saturday morning in the former's plane, and made the trip to Excelsior Springs in rapid time. They visited with the Carters' until Sunday morning, flying then to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they visited an aunt, Mrs. Kate Kusterer, and other relatives. The flyers arrived home Monday.

School Band Elects

The Mount Pulaski Public school band recently elected the following officers to serve for the year:

Tommy Romer, president; Loren Meister, vice president; Jo Ann Wood, secretary; Myron Haynes, treasurer; Bill Myrick, drum major; Marcia Moore, librarian; Jimmy Horn, custodian. Lester Werntz is the band instructor.

THIEVES ENTER MOUNT PULASKI GARAGES

Thieves entered three Mount Pulaski garages in the east part of the city sometime during last Thursday night or early Friday morning, it was reported to Sheriff Kief, who investigated.

An auto tire was stolen from Amos Tyler, a pair of fog lights from Robert Dittus and a battery from Miss Florence Lachenmyer.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO PARTY OCT. 17

A Bingo Party will be held in the American Legion home Friday night, October 17. The public is invited.

Mount Pulaski High's Baseball Nine Wins Fourth County Championship

Won "Little World Series" Game At Elkhart Tuesday.

Mount Pulaski high broke another county record Tuesday afternoon when their baseball team won the county championship for the fourth consecutive year, defeating Elkhart in what was the championship game, 7 to 6, on the Elkhart diamond.

Pulaski's string of wins was broken this season, the first loss in four years of play. New Holland turned the trick and with Elkhart being the only other team in the county to have lost only one game, the final game was set for the county honor.

Pulaski Scores Three

Pulaski opened with a bang, also their first two men were out on easy plays. Haynes started the ball rolling with two out by hitting safely through short. Hatfield spanked one over third and Buckles slammed a potential home run to the outfield but when it fell into the freshly seeded field, it stopped dead and he was held to two bases but two runs scored. Hubbard grounded out.

Pulaski scored again in the second. Sidenstick struck out. Williams was safe on a poor throw from short to first, and immediately stole second. Kinert hit over second to score Williams, but a double play on Haynes bunt ended the inning. They scored again in the fourth after Hanner went in to pitch. Elkhart threatened in the third when Pulaski suffered some relapses. Myrick errored on a ground ball and Kinert dropped a perfect peg from Willims when

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ELKHART STUDENT GOES TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Wayne Hanner, who graduated from Elkhart Community High school in the class of 1947, is now attending the University of Illinois, and taking a course in agriculture. He received a scholarship which entitles him to four years of agriculture. Hanner was also the recipient of the State Farmer's degree from the University for his outstanding work in 4-H in the Elkhart Community High school.

COMMUNITY CHEST WORKERS IN LAENNA TOWNSHIP

The annual Logan county Community Chest campaign began Tuesday, October 7. M. M. Spanton of Lincoln, county chairman, announces the following workers for Laenna township: Loy Games, chairman, who is being assisted by Mrs. George Shimer, Mrs. Hap Garver, Mrs. Estridge Coates, town of Latham; Albert Lillick, Ellis Volle, Walnut Grove; Mrs. Harold Stoll, Walter Bartels, Deavers; Mrs. Schroth, Mrs. Carl Stoll, Rose Dell; Carl Opperman, Ring; Walter Richner, Ferris Cowan, Fair Haven.

HALLOWE'EN PRANKSTERS WILL BE ARRESTED

Mayor William F. Binder announces that any Halloween prankster caught damaging property about the city will be arrested and prosecuted. Although Halloween is three weeks away, some senseless persons have already started their mischief. Tuesday night some damage was done at the Tomlinson Recreation Center. Mayor Binder says destruction of property will not be tolerated, and that this item is a warning to be very careful.

RAYMOND E. HORN IS ROTARY SPEAKER

Raymond E. Horn of Chicago, president of the nationally known firm of Abbott Laboratories, was the guest speaker at Rotary's noonday luncheon last Thursday.

Mr. Horn gave a very concise and intriguing analysis of the outlook for business, stating in part:

"In this great land of ours where golden opportunity abounds in almost every field of business in greater degree than in any previous era in our history, there dwells in the minds of too many so-called economists who should know better, entirely too much pessimism over the outlook of business through the rest of the year and into 1948. If these gentlemen would only keep their pessimism to themselves we might forgive them. But they seem to feel that they should spread their scare philosophy far and wide for the accomplishment of no particular good and a definite amount of harm wherever their warnings may lower the morale of men who must strive with greater effort than ever before to overcome the temporary obstacles which they know exist but which they also know can be surmounted by all who are determined to succeed."

Mr. Horn was accompanied by his wife, the former Winifred Clear of this city, and they visited with her brother, E. C. Clear and family Wednesday and Thursday.

ELKHART COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS

In Elkhart Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stahl observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home. They have two sons, Edwin Stahl, of Elkhart, and Garland Stahl, of Illiopolis, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They were married October 6, 1897, in Winchester, Ill. Mrs. Stahl was the former Matye Belle Johnson of that city.

Merle Wilham Now Lincoln College Coach

Merle Wilham, former Mount Pulaskian, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilham of this city, now lives in Lincoln. A student at Lincoln College and a member of last year's Lynx basketball team, has been appointed baseball and basketball coach at the college.

DISTRICT ODD FELLOWS MEET HERE OCTOBER 14

The Mount Pulaski Odd Fellows lodge will be host to the lodges of District No. 60 on Tuesday night, October 14th. Initiatory degree work will be conferred on a class of candidates.

Lunch will be served by the committee.

COMMUNITY CLUB SUPPER IN LATHAM OCT. 16th

The Latham Community Club will sponsor a supper, cafeteria style, in the Latham grade school on Thursday, Oct. 16, beginning at 6 p. m.

Servings are 10c each. There will be musical entertainment during the evening.

You are cordially invited to attend.

MRS. J. VANDEVENTER DIED SUNDAY AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Gladys Vandeventer, wife of John Vandeventer, residing three miles north of Mount Pulaski, who was removed to Deaconess hospital in Lincoln last Thursday in the Schahl ambulance following a stroke, died in the hospital at 4 p. m. Sunday, October 5, 1947, aged 48 years, 7 months and 2 days. She had not been in good health for several months.

Gladys Swinney was born March 3, 1899, in Equality, Ill., a daughter of John F. and Eva Rice Swinney. The family moved from southern Illinois to Decatur, and after living there for awhile, located in Mount Pulaski in 1916, her father engaging in the grocery business. Gladys Swinney and John Vandeventer, both of Mount Pulaski, were married April 2, 1924, in Blue Mound, Ill. Decedent lived in Mount Pulaski and vicinity the remainder of her life. She was a member of the Church of God, holding membership in Lincoln.

The Swinney family is unusual in the fact that there were eight daughters and one son. The parents died in Mount Pulaski in recent years, and the death of Mrs. Vandeventer makes the first one among the children.

Mrs. Vandeventer was a brilliant writer of poetry. She had made contributions to Good Housekeeping magazine, and a number of religious magazines and papers, devoting her time the past few years to religious subjects. She also made frequent contributions to the Illinois State Register, Springfield, which were widely read and enjoyed. She received many complimentary letters from a wide area, and she cherished all these letters and the kindly words written to her. And her poems on nature subjects were considered as gems.

Decedent is survived by her Lawrence and Philip Vandeventer, at home; one brother, Lloyd Swinney, of St. Louis, Mo.; and the following seven sisters: Mrs. Opal Swartz, Champaign; Mrs. Leanna Daniels, Blue Mound; Mrs. Carl Zelle, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Rammel, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Reva Pattison and Mrs. Kenova Biedler, Chicago; and Mrs. Reba Seymour, Springfield.

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Former Student Now In Montana Coming To H. S. Homecoming

Lloyd L. Hargis, principal of the Mount Pulaski township high school, has received a letter from Virgil R. Fenton of Missoula, Montana, who graduated from the local high school in 1908.

Mr. Fenton is a son of Mrs. George Fenton of Decatur, and a nephew of Claude Holler and Mrs. Letitia Wilson of this city.

In his letter Mr. Fenton asks for the date of this year's high school homecoming, and plans to come all the way from Montana to Mount Pulaski, for this annual festivity, which brings together old friends and classmates in happy reunion. He is trying to get together his former classmates of 1908 for such a reunion.

If all members of the class will write or call on Mr. Hargis at the high school office, the school will aid the class in their effort to get together, and will give them a place of recognition on the Homecoming program. Members of the Class of 1908 are urged to contact the school and leave their names, and to make any suggestions for plans of interest to their class