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## Grade School Bond Issue Defeated Tuesday 319-281 As Voters Say 'No.'

### REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Of all the definitions of a boy that we have heard, the one following is the best yet.

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After a male baby has grown out of long clothes and triangles and has acquired pants, freckles,

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And so much dirt that relatives do not dare kiss it between meals, it becomes a BOY.

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A boy is Nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion.

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A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule,

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Bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

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He is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite.

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A noise covered with smudges.

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He is called a tornado because he comes at the most unexpected times.

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Hits the most unexpected places, and leaves everything a wreck behind him.

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He is a growing animal of superlative promise.

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To be fed, watered, and kept warm, a joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our times, and the hope of a nation.

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Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged of man.

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Boys faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners.

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A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident,

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Will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights and nine helpings of pie.

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Can you supply a better definition—then send it to us.

## Decatur Man Was Killed At Latham

Roger Green, 27, ex-service man of Decatur, was killed instantly at 7:30 o'clock this Thursday morning at the west edge of Latham as he was traveling east on Route 121, his auto skidding from the slippery pavement and hitting a tree. His body was taken to the Dawson & Wycoff funeral home in Decatur.

Miss Imogene Smith of Decatur, who was riding with him, was seriously injured and was removed to the St. Mary's hospital in Decatur.

**Frank C. Pease Suffers Stroke**  
Frank C. Pease of Latham, who answered the ambulance call, suffered a stroke at the scene of the accident and was taken to his home.

## Heavy Vote Out To Vote On Needed School Improvement.

Voters of the Mount Pulaski Consolidated Grade School district voted down the proposition submitted by the board of education to build an addition to the present school building, 319 to 281, in Tuesday's special election.

The proposition carried with it several questions to be voted on but the main one which called for a bond issue of \$285,000 was the one which a small majority of the voters balked on.

To date, we have not yet heard one logical reason for the negative vote. There is no question but that the school facilities are badly cramped due to the consolidation of eight rurals some of which will have to be kept open until the needed room can be supplied to care for them in town. This means that the schools that are open will have but a small enrollment for most of the parents want their children to get the added benefits of the town school. If they want to send their children to town, they can demand bus service, and a number of them have.

Strange as it may seem, not many months ago the country districts and the city in separate voting, voted in favor of doing away with the country schools—Tuesday, they voted against that very thing when they refused to grant the board of education the right to add needed and state required room for the pupils whose schools had been voted away from them.

Meanwhile the consolidated school situation here will continue to hobble along until the need becomes so desperate that the state will step in and make its demands definite enough that the situation will be cleared up.

## "BUNDLE DAY" DRIVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

A "Bundle Day" drive for the collection of serviceable used clothing will be held Friday, Dec. 12, at the Mount Pulaski Community Consolidated Grade school, and the Hamilton and Scroggin schools in the country. The drive is part of the Sixth National Children's Clothing Crusade conducted under the auspices of a national committee of school superintendents. Clothing obtained will be distributed by the Children Federation in its program of assistance to children in disadvantaged rural areas of the United States, and in five European countries.

Clothing collected by the Federation is distributed abroad for the relief of child war victims in France, Holland, Belgium, Finland, and in Greek schools.

Outgrown children's clothing and shoes are especially needed. You are asked to have the clothing wrapped in paper, and outgrown shoes tied in pairs so they cannot become separated.

Patronize our advertisers when doing your Christmas shopping this season.

## PULASKI HIGH FIVE DROPS CATHEDRAL OF SPRINGFIELD, 32-26

**ATLANTA COMING FRIDAY**  
Atlanta high school cagers are coming here Friday night for two games, the first to get underway at 7:00. These two teams always put on a slam bang battle that should furnish fans a lot of action.

Cathedral high of Springfield fell by the wayside here Tuesday night as the Hilltoppers in a fine exhibition of ball handling, won a 32-26 verdict against superior height.

Meister, midget forward, was on a scoring spree in the early part of the game and before the evening was over had collected five baskets and one charity toss. Cathedral scored first on two free tosses. Meister then went into action and made the next three baskets on a loose ball under the basket, a long one and a dribble in shot. Hatfield scored long from center and Myrick potted one from the side to run the count to 10. Meanwhile the visitors picked up two more free tosses and one long basket to end the period 10-6, Pulaski.

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## CORA B. BOBELL DIED ON MONDAY AT COUNTRY HOME

Mrs. Cora B. Bobell, lifelong resident of Mount Pulaski vicinity, and widow of Frederick Bobell, died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 1947, at her home five miles southeast of the city, aged 79 years, 11 months and 20 days. Although in failing health for many months, she was up and about her home the day of her death.

Cora B. Girtman was born Dec. 11, 1867, in Mount Pulaski township the daughter of Hugh and Harriett Shephard Girtman, and she lived almost her entire life in the community where she was born. In Metamora, Ill., July 17, 1894, she was united in marriage to Frederick Bobell, a member of an early day Mount Pulaski family. They resided in the city for a time, and then moved to Girtman farm locality, where her grandfather settled as a pioneer. Her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1927, and since that time she has lived with her daughter and sons.

Decedent is survived by the following four sons and two daughters: Hubert, Delbert, Russell and Floyd Bobell, and the Misses Ruby and Alice Bobell, all of Mount Pulaski and vicinity; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; also one brother, Roy Girtman, of Mount Pulaski.

The remains were removed to the Schahl funeral home, where funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, conducted by Rev. J. Wayne Staley of Washington, Ill. Appropriate music was rendered by Mrs. Frank E. Turley.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pallbearers were John Bertsche, Fred Stogdell, Wilhelm Baumann, Noble Usherwood, Edwin Grathwohl and Elbertie Ayers.

## POSTOFFICE INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS MAILING

The Mount Pulaski Postoffice will be open all day Saturday, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th, to accommodate patrons in handling their Christmas mailing.

—Charles H. Anderson, Postmaster.

## Fire Destroyed Hayes & Payne Garage Early Sunday Morning

### MRS. JOHN E. BOWLES 68, DIED SUNDAY; SERVICES TUESDAY

Mrs. Melinda Jane Bowles, widow of John E. Bowles, an invalid for several years, died at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 1947, at the home of her son, Marvin Bowles, three miles west of Mount Pulaski, Illinois, aged 68 years, 8 months and 21 days. During her last illness she had been bedfast more than six months.

Melinda Jane Matthews was born March 9, 1878, in Elkhart township, Logan county, in the Cornland community, a daughter of William and Sarah Golbert Matthews. In her girlhood days the family located on a farm near Shelbyville, and in Shelbyville on Feb. 27, 1903, she was united in marriage to John E. Bowles of Mount Pulaski. Most of their wedded life was spent on farms in the Mount Pulaski area, and in 1940 they retired from farm activities and moved into the city.

Mrs. Bowles suffered accidents in her home several times, and was a hospital patient for many weeks at different periods. While living on East Jefferson street Mr. Bowles died suddenly from a heart attack last January 3, and being an invalid Mrs. Bowles was unable to get to the telephone and summon help. Neighbors, becoming alarmed, found her the next morning lying beside the body of her husband, who had been dead 18 hours. The temperature was 2 below zero when she was found, and it

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## PAPER DRIVE DATE SET FOR DECEMBER 13

The Boy Scouts will conduct a Paper Drive on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13. All are familiar with these drives, and everyone wishing to assist the Scouts in raising funds, will get the bundles of paper and old magazines ready for them so that they can make a quick pickup.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP REORGANIZED HERE

Ryman-Fuiten Post No. 447, American Legion, has become the new sponsor of Mount Pulaski Troop No. 122, Boy Scouts of America. At a re-organization meeting held in the Legion home Friday night, Nov. 29, the following men were named to guide the troop:

Scoutmaster, Wade Schott.  
Assistant Scoutmaster, Edward Smith.

Committeemen:  
Chairman, Charles H. Anderson.

Finance, Julian Sams.  
Outdoors, Harry Milner.  
Advancement, Morrell Deibert.  
Secretary, Herschel Vandevender.

The troop committee serves to aid the scoutmaster and his assistant.

Russell Daugherty, the Field Scout executive from Bloomington, assisted the local group in

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## Loss Estimated At \$15,000. Firm Will Build On Square.

An early Sunday morning fire completely destroyed the garage of Hayes & Payne on East Cooke street at an estimated loss of \$15,000.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Albert Dillsaver who resides just back of the garage. She was awakened by the crackling of the flames about 2:45 and called her husband who turned in the alarm. The local fire department seeing that the nearby property was greatly endangered, called on help from the Lincoln and Latham fire departments, both of whom responded promptly. The local fighters played four steams of water on the fire while the two other outfits guarded the Donnan and Dillsaver residences and the Dick Shull garage. Minor damages were suffered by the adjacent building, mostly on the roofs.

The fire had made such headway by the time the local firemen reached the scene, it was impossible to save any portion of the building. The constant explosion of alcohol and other chemicals, of which they had just received a heavy shipment, added fury to the flames as they leapt 75 feet into the air.

### Former Church Building

The garage which was formerly an old church building was converted into a garage by Hayes & Payne about two years ago, and was a frame structure but due to a heavy increase in business, a concrete block addition had been built on at the rear. Without this protection, the ad-

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## ART PROGRAM TO FEATURE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING DEC. 12

The next meeting of the Mount Pulaski Woman's Club will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the American Legion Home, under the department of Art, of which Mrs. George Volle is program chairman.

The program will include songs by the Woman's club chorus under the direction of Mrs. Ray O. Zumstein.

The speaker will be Miss Ella Redmond, of Springfield, specialist in Ceramic Art. She will talk on decorating ceramics, also by hand. Miss Redmond studied at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada, and has had work entered in various exhibits, being

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## Mount Pulaski High Annual Homecoming

The annual Homecoming at Mount Pulaski high school will be on Tuesday night, December 23 according to an announcement made by Prin. L. L. Hargis.

The Public School band under the direction of Les Werntz, will open with a 50 minute concert, to be followed by a basketball game between Sullivan and the Hilltoppers at 8 o'clock.

The dance following the game will be played by Johnny Moreland and his band from Decatur.