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## REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Have you that treasured and enviable Christmas spirit?

What is it and when does one really have it?

That is, perhaps, a matter of varying opinions.

Some folks think they have the spirit of Christmas when they have more than they are accustomed to having so that they can spend more for gifts.

Some folks think that because they are going to get the wife a nice sable;

Daughter an ermine; or that son—a bright, speedy auto;

That they are really filled to overflowing with the Christmas spirit.

Perhaps they are, in their own way of thinking.

However, their flow of the Christmas spirit is first of all measured in dollars and cents;

Secondly, it is selfish.

A true Christmas spirit contains neither of these traits—

A true spirit is one that gives with a sense of sacrifice, multiplied a thousand times over by love;

A true Christmas spirit gives not solely to its own.

But to others humbler and less fortunate, materially.

A true spirit of Christmas searches out ways in which, not necessarily to give some one something.

But to find some one whose life may be gladdened and thrilled at this most benevolent season of seasons.

By some thoughtful and helpful act that will live not just for the brief life of a flimsy gift.

But carry down through the days and months to come.

That to our way of reasoning is the spirit of Christmas in one of its best attires.

Discarded toys which are still quite useable should find their way into the hands of other little folks that they too can thrill to their magic.

It's so little to do for these under-privileged kiddies that one wonders just how selfish this old world has grown.

Those folks who do make a practice of doing this thoughtful Christmas-giving will tell you what a wonderful feeling it has brought them when they see the eager faces of these youngsters light up over some toy your boy or girl may have outgrown.

So the giving of these toys can be the incentive of doing still finer and more glorious things this Christmas-time.

The spirit of Christmas lives within you—release it, if you would find it.

Elmer Turley of Jackson, Miss., a former Mount Pulaskian, was in the city during the week and visited his son, Frank E. Turley, and wife. He had been visiting for several days at Deland with his daughter, Mrs. Wayne Wisegarver.

## South Shore Cage Team To Appear Here December 20

### Chicago Team Will Furnish Fans Real Cage Treat Here.

Basketball fans will have a fine treat in store for them Saturday night, December 20th when the highly-rated South Shore high school quintet from Chicago displays its prowess on the Mount Pulaski high school floor.

South Shore, city champions of Chicago last year and who went to the quarter-finals at Champaign in the state tourney only to lose a heartbreaker to Paris, the eventual champion, still carries a lot of prestige and power despite the loss of some good players.

The Tars as they are called, have been contenders for top honors in Chicago ever since the school opened eight years ago. Three members of the group which went to the state last year are still members of the squad and form the nucleus of this year's squad.

Norm Berglund who could have been an all-city grid star, chose however to stay in basketball. He was one of the best defensive guards at the state last spring. The other two returning members are forward Bobby Joor and 6-1 guard Stu Wesman. The most promising newcomer is a 6-5 fresh center, Lou Sandefur, who replaces Fendley.

The admission price for the game will be 70 cents for adults and 50 cents for students.

Pulaski is going ahead nicely with its present schedule and should be in fine form when they meet this outstanding team.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Sell Gifts For Vet Benefit

The women of the Mount Pulaski American Legion Auxiliary are again sponsoring the Christmas time sale of articles received from the Gift Craft Exchange, Chicago, which includes leather goods, jewelry, etc., now on display at the local electric light office on south side of square. The articles are made by veterans, and the money derived from the sale will go to the veterans. Go today and see the list of Christmas gift articles and help in this great cause. The sale will last until Christmas, after which everything left unsold will have to be returned to Chicago.

## PAPER DRIVE ON THIS SATURDAY

The Mount Pulaski Boy Scouts will conduct a Paper Drive on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13, for the purpose of raising funds for their organization work. Have your bundles of paper and old magazines ready for them, and be sure the bundles are tied securely. People living in the country who want to assist the Boy Scouts, can leave their bundles at southeast corner of the square.

## District I.O.O.F. to Meet

The Odd Fellows lodges of District No. 60, comprising Logan and DeWitt counties, will meet at the Odd Fellows hall in Lincoln Monday night, Dec. 15. Members of the Rebekah lodges are invited to attend. A special program will be given, and a large attendance is looked for.

## CHESTNUT GRADES WILL BROADCAST XMAS PROGRAM

Chestnut, December 9: — The Chestnut Consolidated school will broadcast part of their pre-Christmas program, consisting mostly of Christmas carols by the four upper grades, over radio station WHOW Clinton, Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 10 a. m. The program will last thirty minutes.

The Upper Grade Chorus will sing or present the carols: Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light, The Yule Log Procession, Bringing in the Boar's Head, Christmas day in the Morning, etc. A saxophone solo by Gordon Suedmeier, sixth grade, and a clarinet solo by Marvin Richner, eighth grade will also be presented.

The musical program is under the direction of Harold Turner, vocal and instrumental instructor of the Chestnut Consolidated school who teaches music two days a week at the school.

Friends and patrons of the school are asked to tune in on Station WHOW, Clinton at 10 a. m. Wednesday morning. The station is dialed at 1520.

The annual Christmas program of the Chestnut Consolidated school will be given at the school gymnasium, Friday night, Dec. 19 at 8 o'clock.

A very attractive program will be presented consisting of Upper and Lower Grade Chorus work, Rhythm Band, Christmas plays by both the lower rooms, and upper grades, as well as an attractive play by the Primary room.

The school program will highlight the entertainment of the Christmas season for this vicinity.

Friends and patrons of the school are respectively invited to attend the school's Christmas program Friday night Dec. 19.

## TO DEMONSTRATE FIRE EQUIPMENT ON SQUARE SATURDAY

The Mount Pulaski fire department will sponsor a demonstration of the Davy Automatic Fire Escape at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 13, on the west side of the Odd Fellows building, and the general public is asked to be present and watch the proceedings.

The Davy Automatic Fire Escape is suitable for any building, whether an apartment building, private house or public institution, and can be fitted inside any window. It takes up very little space and is not disfiguring, and can be used regardless of structural projections, such as balconies, porches and copings. It provides safe exit by the only possible way when the stairs are impassible on account of fire and smoke—through the window.

All citizens should be interested in watching this demonstration. Be present at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

## Food Sale

In Stahl Bros. hardware store on the east side of square Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, A Food and Bakery sale will be given by the Good Will Society and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church. You can secure many food articles for the Christmas season.

## FRANK COPELANDS' TO CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Copeland, who live on East Cooke street, Mount Pulaski, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, Dec. 14, 1947, and will have open house from 2 to 5 p. m.

At 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1897, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas Curtis, over three miles southwest of Mount Pulaski, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Laura Helen Curtis, to Frank Copeland, also of the community, south of the city. The ceremony was performed by Elder L. M. Robinson in the presence of about forty guests, for the most part relatives of the contracting parties.

Prof. D. H. Staublebern, cornetist, and Miss Virgie Smedley, pianist, rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin for the entrance of the bridal party. During the ceremony they softly played "O Promise Me," and at the conclusion rendered Mendelssohn's grand march.

The attendants were Miss Elizabeth Stapleton, of Illiopolis, and Thomas Gasaway of Niantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland went to housekeeping immediately in the old Copeland farm home six miles south of Mount Pulaski, just over the Logan county line into Sangamon county. They resided there until 1930, when they moved to the city to retire from active farm life. Mr. Copeland is now serving as one of the aldermen of the first ward.

There are four children, Donald C. and Robert T. Copeland, Mrs. Leroy K. Buckles and Mrs. Laurence Holmes, all of Mount Pulaski and vicinity. Also 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

A family dinner will be held Monday evening, Dec. 15.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. Mary Metzger, of 205 West Adams street, Springfield, Ill., died at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1947, in St. John's hospital, aged 85 years. She was the widow of George Metzger of Springfield, and had lived in Springfield more than 50 years.

Mary Zimmermann was born in Mount Pulaski, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmermann, and was the last of a family of several children. Her father was an early day furniture dealer and undertaker. Following her marriage to George Metzger she went to Springfield to live, and had been a resident there continuously since then. She was a member of Grace Lutheran church, Springfield.

Mrs. Metzger is survived by one son, Albert G. Metzger, of Springfield. She was an aunt of Miss Zenobia Zimmermann and Theodore Zimmermann, of Mount Pulaski, and Mrs. Merle Lippott of Elkhart.

Funeral services were held in the Bisch Memorial home at 1 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 11, conducted by Rev. A. Burd Arganbright. Burial was in Calvary cemetery, Springfield.

## PUBLIC SALE DATES

Jan. 6—Everett Brooker, farm sale.  
Jan. 13—C. R. Clark, Maroa, closing out Farm Sale.

## Frank C. Pease, 64, Of Latham, Died Saturday

### Death Followed Stroke Thursday On Ambulance Call.

Frank C. Pease, well known resident of Latham, Ill., died in his home at 11:20 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 1947, as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered Thursday morning. His health had not been the best for several months. He was aged 64 years, 1 month and 16 days.

Four years ago Mr. Pease sold out his hardware and implement business in Latham, and also his branch business in Mount Pulaski, but had continued in the undertaking business in Latham until the time of his death. His extensive land holdings required much of his attention in his later years, and he had planned to retire next year.

A long-time church worker, Mr. Pease had been an active supporter of the Christian church in his home town, and was much interested in the welfare of his community, taking an active part in its affairs.

On Thursday morning of last week Mr. Pease had been called to the scene of an auto accident at the west edge of Latham, in which one Decatur man was killed and a Decatur young woman seriously injured. He collapsed while at the scene of this accident, and was removed to his home in a critical condition. His left side was paralyzed.

Mr. Pease was born Oct. 20, 1883, in Lake Fork township, Logan county, about four miles south of Latham, a son of A. G. and Frederica Pease. He spent his entire life in Latham and community. A former wife, Pearl Smith Pease, and a son, Frank C. Jr., preceded him in death. On June 5, 1935, he married Edith V. Litwiller of Normal.

Surviving are his wife, and two children, Mary Edith and Frank Judson Pease, at home; also one brother, Louis J. Pease, Niantic; and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Muffley, of Decatur, and Mrs. Jane Pieper, of Kent, Ill.

Mr. Pease was a member and elder of the Latham Christian church, had been a teacher and past superintendent of the Sunday School. He was serving as an Illinois layman for the Crusade of the Christian World, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Illinois Christian Home in Jacksonville.

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## Miss Hazel Goodman Married Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodman of Mount Pulaski announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hazel Lucille Goodman, to Darwin Gene Pope, of Decatur, Ill., son of Jesse E. Pope, of Herrick, Ill. The ceremony was performed in the Mount Pulaski Methodist church at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 1947, by Rev. Frank Waters of Decatur.

The bride attended Mount Pulaski township high school. She was employed in the Bertoni Restaurant. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Herrick community high school. He served in the Navy for two and one-half years during World War II. Mr. Pope is employed by the Averill Bottling Co., Decatur. The couple will reside at 1740 East John's street, Decatur.