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FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LATHAM HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Four Latham young people were injured, three of them critically, at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, when an auto driven by Glenn Letterly, 20, crashed into the concrete railing of State Route 121 bridge over the dredge ditch about two miles west of Latham.

The injured, all removed in ambulances to the Decatur and Macon County hospital, are: Glenn Letterly, 20, driver of the car; his sister, Imogene, 15; his brother, Herman; and Dora Howe 15.

The young folks were in Mount Pulaski Friday night and were on their way home when the accident happened. The driver of the car told State Police Officer Duane Row, of Lincoln, he did not know how the accident happened.

According to the doctor, Glenn Letterly was less seriously injured, and had a broken leg and foot. Dora Howe was suffering from a skull fracture, brain concussion, and a broken arm and leg. Imogene Letterly had a broken arm and brain concussion. Herman Letterly had a skull fracture, broken arm, leg and collar bone.

Officer Rowe, investigating the accident, said the car apparently crashed headon in to the bridge railing. The engine was driven back into the front seat.

ASA J. FRENCH, 71, DIED THURSDAY

Asa John French, 71, who lived in the French's Chapel community, several miles northwest of Mount Pulaski, most of his life, and had been living at 305 North Kickapoo street, Lincoln, Illinois, since retiring from the farm, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1947, in St. Clara's hospital in that city, where he had been taken the day before, following a heart attack.

Mr. French was born May 14, 1876, in the French's Chapel community, a son of Ezekiel and Caroline French. He married Mary Carson, who preceded him in death.

He was survived by the following daughters: Mrs. Mary French, of Lincoln;

GRADES TO PRESENT PROGRAM SUNDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

The pupils of the Mount Pulaski Consolidated grade school will present a Christmas program in the township high school gym at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program will include a number of Christmas songs, and is as follows:-

First grade: Silent Night, Franz Gruber; Light, Light Our Candle, French Folk Song.

Second grade: Up On The House Top.

Third grade: Carol.

Fourth grade: March of the Toys (toy soldiers and dolls), drum majors, David Myrick, Dickie Anderson; trumpeters, Johnny Moore, Kenny Cyruklik.

Fifth grade: Christmas Carol.

Sixth Grade: Christmas Everywhere.

The Girls' Glee Club present "Hansel and Gretel," from the opera by the same name, by Humperdinck. The cast includes: Hansel, Colleen Manes; Gretel, Elizabeth Schroth; Mother, Hazel Reinders; Father, Jacqueline Gaffney; Witch, Carol Harvey; Sandmen, Jean Ann Schroth, Doris Copeland.

Songs: Susy, Little Susy, Dance in the Cottage, Wee Man In The Wood: Elizabeth Schroth, Colleen Manes, assisted by Carol Harvey and the Glee Club.

Evening Prayer, Girl's Glee Club; Jacqueline Gaffney, pianist.

Act I—In the Cottage.

Act II—In the Wood.

Act III—In the Wood.

Girl's Glee Club, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, by Gesu Bambino.

Miss Anna Lee White, Director. Jacqueline Gaffney, pianist.

Stage Manager—Arlene Kinert.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE FOR HS STUDENTS

The students of the Mt. Pulaski High school are being asked by the Ryman Fuiten Post No. 447 American Legion to attend a New Year's Eve dance. The music will be furnished by Don Zurkhammer, Lincoln at the Legion home.

Hours of the dance will be from 10 until 1 o'clock. Several Legion members will be on hand to act as chaperons and help everyone have a good time. The purpose of the dance is to give the youth of our community a chance to celebrate New Year's.

The Committee

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South Shore Of Chicago Area Comes Here This Saturday Night

Beautifully Lighted Tree At Horn Residence

One of the beautiful Christmas time scenes in the Pulaski area is the large evergreen tree in the yard at the country home of Miss Sciota B. Horn and her brother Grover, near the U. S. Route 54 overhead at the southeast corner of the city. The tree was trimmed Monday with varied colored electric globes and turned on for the first time for this Christmas season.

They have made a practise of lighting this tree ever since they were able to obtain electricity. This magnificent scene not only attracts many citizens, but hundreds of strangers traveling in their autos and trucks on U. S. Route 54 and State Route 121. Many of them pause for a brief time to get a better view, especially the truck drivers.

Miss Horn and brother are to be commended for providing such a wonderful addition to the Christmas spirit. They will continue to light the tree each night until the close of the Christmas season.

FRANK COPELANDS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Copeland, living on East Cooke street, observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 14, when more than 200 relatives and friends called at open house from 2 to 5 p. m.

Miss Laura Helen Curtis and Frank Copeland were married Dec. 15, 1897, at the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas Curtis, four miles south of Mount Pulaski. They farmed over six miles south of the city until 1930, when they retired from farm activities and moved into Mount Pulaski.

Relatives and friends from a distance who came Sunday to attend the observance were the following:

San Diego, Calif.—Mrs. Louis Curtis.

Peoria — Mrs. Nellia Hoffman, Miss Irene Copeland, Roy Barr. Springfield—Mrs. Lillie Flesch, Tom Curtis and son Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Edwards, Mrs. Maude Penneman, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Smith, daughters Marilyn and Linda.

Decatur — Mrs. George C. Pinney and daughter Karen, Mrs. John Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Millikin, Mrs. Myrtle Birks.

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Lincoln — Mr. and Mrs. Vern Barr and son.

Buffalo — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Curtis.

Rochester — Mr. and Mrs. Milton Green, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Copeland.

Schahl May Make Race For Coroner

Wilbert H. Schahl, owner of the Schahl Funeral Home of Mount Pulaski, in a statement this morning said "That he might be a candidate for Coroner."

Schahl said many of his friends in Logan county had asked him to become a candidate for that office, but that he would wait until after the holidays before making his announcement. He said he would seek the nomination if he felt it was his duty.

High-powered Five Offers Fans Fine Basketball Treat.

The stage is all set for the game of the year on the Mount Pulaski High school gym floor when South Shore of Chicago, on a weekend jaunt downstate take on the Hilltoppers Saturday night at 8 o'clock following the visitor's Friday night game at Decatur.

South Shore, one of the outstanding teams at the state last year, representing the Chicago area, made a wonderful show-and lost to Paris in the quarter-finals. While losing some of their players they still have a strong cage squad that has been making the going tough for their opponents again this season. Two more than six-foot members will make the game a rough one for the locals.

The locals have made a fine showing to date, despite the loss of most of their regulars from last year. The team has lost only one game so far and that to Athens in a hard fought battle against too much height. Hatfield, Kinert, Myrick, Haynes, Meister, have been doing a fine job as the starting five, and with Buckles and Bohn in reserve should make things plenty interesting for the Chicago outfit.

Admission prices for the game will be 50c and 70c, due to the heavy expense of bringing this outstanding team to the local gym.

BOY SCOUTS MEET IN NEW HOME

Mount Pulaski Boy Scouts, Troop No. 122, met with the troop committee Monday evening at the American Legion home. The Scouts were made acquainted with their committee, and the chairman explained to the boys that while it means fun and individual advancement for each member, the main purpose of Scouting entails a great responsibility of service to the community and nation.

The proceeds of the paper drive last Saturday had not been received up to Wednesday. There was a fine response by the community, nearly a semi-trailer truckload of paper being collected. The Boy Scouts are extremely grateful to Chester G. Hughes and Mike Davis for their help with the township truck, and to John Glasco and Dave Vandeventer for their help with the city truck.

FIREMEN CALLED TO VAN FROELICH HOME

Shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday, firemen were called to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Van Froelich on North Washington street, where an oil heater attached to the hot water system was causing trouble, filling the house with smoke. Chemicals were used, and a threatened fire averted.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YANKS

The Mount Pulaski American Legion is again sponsoring the drive for Christmas gifts for the "Yanks Who Gave," and boxes have been placed in some of the business houses to receive the gifts. Join in this Christmas time spirit and make your purchases by Saturday night, if possible, as the gifts must be delivered to veteran's hospitals before Christmas Day.

The veterans are deserving of the gifts.

FORMER PULASKIAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN FLORIDA HOTEL

George L. Michael, 44, of 701 South Sixth street, Springfield, Ill., former proprietor of Michael Motors and a prominent figure in Springfield automobile circles since 1923, was found dead at 2 p. m. Monday, Dec. 15, 1947, in St. Petersburg, Florida, apparently the victim of a heart attack. He had left Springfield for Florida on Dec. 6 on a business trip.

Michael's physician, who had been attending him for several days, discovered the body while making a routine check. Mr. Michael had a reservation on a plane to leave St. Petersburg, at 7 a. m. Monday, but the plane was grounded due to bad weather.

President of the Springfield Auto Dealers' Association, and a member of the Sangamon county board of supervisors, Mr. Michael was also past president of the Exchange Club, a member of An-sar temple of the Shrine, and a 32d degree Mason. He was a member of the First Christian church, Springfield.

He served for more than three years during the war as a civilian technician for the Army Ordnance Corps, and received a commendation from Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of supply, for meritorious service.

Mr. Michael had been under a doctor's care since last Feb. 26, when he was injured in a fall at the Leland Hotel. In November he sold Michael Motors, which handles the Packard agency in Springfield, to Capitol City Motors, Inc.

George L. Michael was born in Mount Pulaski, and attended the local schools. The family lived on South Spring street for several years near the Illinois Central subway.

Decedent is survived by his wife, Mary Esther, a son, George Charles, a daughter, Mary Esther, all of Springfield; another daughter, Vera Lou, and a son, John Samuel both of Oceanside, Calif.; mother, Mrs. Mary Michael, Springfield; three sisters, Mrs. Leone Dowling, Mrs. Fannie Shepard and Mrs. Daisy Thompson, all of Springfield; three brothers, Harry Michael of Iuka, Bernard Michael of Moline, and Albert Michael, of Stockton, California.

The body is being returned to Springfield for funeral services and burial.

Several relatives of Mr. Michael live in Mount Pulaski and vicinity.

ANNUAL PULASKI H. S. HOMECOMING

The 16th Annual Homecoming of the Mount Pulaski township high school will be held Tuesday, December 23, 1947. The program will be as follows:-

1. Announcements (7:00 p.m.) Principal L. L. Hargis.

2. Concert (7:10 p.m.) by the Public School Band. Lester Wernitz, director.

3. Basketball game (8:00 p.m.) Mount Pulaski vs. Sullivan. Coaches: Mount Pulaski, Carroll Wood; Sullivan, David H. Miller.

Referees: Harlow Sutherland, Bloomington; Kenny Richards of Springfield.

4. Homecoming Dance (including grand march). (9:15 p.m.) Music will be furnished by Johnny Moreland and his orchestra of Decatur.