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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

—An Editorial by Francis P. Church reprinted from the "New York Sun," September 21, 1897

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in "The Sun" it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON

115 W. 95th St. New York, City."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong.

They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.

They do not believe except they see.

They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him.

As measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus!

You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus,

But even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn?

Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the

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Emma Romer, 72, Died Tuesday At Morrison Home

Services Will Be Held Here Friday Afternoon At 2:00

Mrs. Emma Romer, widow of George Romer, passed away at 8:40 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1947, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Haldane, 409 North Genevieve street, Morrison, Ill., where she had been living the past couple of years. Her health began failing several months ago. She was aged 72 years and 8 days.

Emma Horn was born Dec. 15, 1875, about two miles east of Mount Pulaski, Illinois, a daughter of Paulus and Katharina Maus Horn, early day residents of this community. She grew to young womanhood in the home locality, and on Jan. 7 1897, in Mount Pulaski, married George Romer. They farmed for a number of years, and then moved into the city. Mr. Romer preceded her in death several years ago. She was a member of Zion Lutheran church.

Decedant is survived by three children, Mrs. Clyde Haldane, of Morrison, Mrs. Willard Kautz and Clarence Romer of Mount Pulaski; two grandchildren; and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Mary Schaffnacker, Miss Lizzie Horn, Mrs. Tillie England, Frank and Fred Horn, of Mount Pulaski, and Louis Horn of Cerro Gordo.

The body was brought to the Schahl funeral home Tuesday evening and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday, Dec. 26, in Zion Ev. Lutheran church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Hoffmann. The casket will not be opened at the church. Burial will be made in Mount Pulaski cemetery.

ELMER MEISTER WEDS ELKHART GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Dains, of Elkhart, announce the marriage of their daughter, Estella, to Elmer Stennett Meister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meister, Sr., of Mount Pulaski. They were married in Bowling Green, Mo. August 2, 1947.

The bride attended the Elkhart Community high school, and Mr. Meister is a graduate of Mount Pulaski township high school, and served in the Army during World War II.

Mrs. Meister is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes of Mount Pulaski.

FIRE TRUCK CALLED TO CHESTNUT HOME

A fire occurred shortly after 1 p. m. Sunday at the tenant house on the farm of Michael Drake over a mile southeast of Chestnut. The fire originated around the chimney, and was soon put out by neighbors. The country fire truck made the run from Mount Pulaski, but luckily the services of the firemen were not needed.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

Jan. 6—Everett Brooker, farm sale.

Jan. 13—C. R. Clark, Maroa, closing out Farm Sale.

Clarence L. Bowers, who lives 7 miles southwest of Mount Pulaski and 5 miles north of Illinois, will hold a public sale on Friday, Jan. 15, 1948. Watch paper for advertising, giving particulars of sale.

HELEN F. BROOKER BECOMES BRIDE OF CHICAGO MAN

In a traditional holiday setting Miss Helen Florence Brooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Brooker of Mount Pulaski, Illinois, became the bride of Gordon Edward Otto, of Chicago, son of Mrs. Edward Otto, and the late Edward Otto, of Vernon, Texas.

The ceremony was performed in the Levere Memorial Chapel in Evanston, Illinois, at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1947, by Rev. George H. J. Aigner, pastor of St. Paul's United Lutheran church, Evanston.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a cream white wool suit with a decorative design of gold, and a hat to match. She carried a gold bag upon which white orchids were attached with satin streamers.

Mrs. James T. Hickey, Pine Ridge Farm in Elkhart township, west of Mount Pulaski, was her sister's only attendant. She was attired in a forest green gabardine suit, styled with a ballerina skirt. Her accessories were black, and her hand bouquet was of red poinsettias.

The bride's mother wore a soft shade of purple silk crepe afternoon dress, with mauve colored accessories, and an orchid corsage.

Elmer Otto, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Gaylord Robinson and Gerald Peter served as ushers. All are from Chicago.

Greig's "Ich Liebe Dich," and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer," were sung by Everett Westman, baritone soloist, accompanied by Miss Heim at the organ.

Red poinsettias, flanked by large candelabras, decorated the altar of the chapel, and a large lighted Christmas tree completed the holiday motif.

The bride, a graduate of Mount Pulaski township high school, has been located in Chicago the past few years.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held for approximately sixty guests at the Georgian Hotel in Evanston. Later in the evening a dinner for the immediate family was served in the Marine dining room at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

The newlyweds departed on a short honeymoon trip, and planned to spend Christmas day with the bride's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Laughery, in Omaha, Neb. They will reside at 1719 West 197th street, Beverly Hills, Illinois.

Special Christmas Edition In Color For Subscribers

The Mount Pulaski Times-News brings to its readers this week a 32-page newspaper containing in most part, the holiday greetings and best wishes of the business firms with whom our readers have had friendly transactions the past year.

It is with considerable pride that the Times-News presents this particular issue to its readers inasmuch as 24 pages are printed in Christmas colors. This has been a very pretentious undertaking for no extra help was employed in doing a job which took three times as much time as it would have, had the issue been printed in the usual black.

It was our original plan to print our entire issue in color but as time ran out we were compelled to finish our last eight pages in the usual black.

MISS JOAN ROMER MARRIED FRIDAY AT CHARLESTON

Miss Joan E. Romer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman C. Romer, Mount Pulaski, and Forrest David Suycott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest David Suycott, Sr., of Villa Grove, Ill., were united in marriage at 11 a. m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1947, in the rectory of St. Charles' church in Charleston, Ill., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Daniel Moriarity in the presence of the immediate families.

The attendants were Mrs. Kenneth V. Connolley, of Mount Pulaski, and William Streiling, of Danville, a fraternity brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a wine colored gabardine suit, with brown accessories, and her corsage was an orchid. Mrs. Connolley wore a grey suit, with black accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. The bride's mother wore a black printed afternoon dress, with a corsage of white carnations, while the bridegroom's mother was attired in a lavender two-piece dress, and a corsage of white carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ireland in Charleston. Later in the afternoon the young couple departed on a wedding trip to Tulsa, Okla., and then to New Orleans, La., for the holidays.

The bride is a graduate of Mount Pulaski township high school, and last year attended the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College in Charleston. She is a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority. The bridegroom, a graduate of Villa Grove high school, is a student at the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, and is a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. During World War II he served in the Army Air Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Suycott will be at home after Jan. 5 in Charleston.

FORMER RESIDENT IS FOUND DEAD

Miss Matie Gingry, 68, a resident of Mount Pulaski for a number of years, and who had been living in Peoria for the past 26 years, was found dead in her home at 710 State street, Peoria, at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1947. Death is believed to have occurred about 7 a. m. that day, according to Coroner Chauncey Wood, who conducted an investigation.

She was born May 4, 1879, in Cullorn, Ill., a daughter of Peter and Katherine Metzger Gingry, and came to Mount Pulaski with her parents. Her father operated a confectionery here for several years, and will be remembered by many Mount Pulaski residents who were attending school at the time.

Decedent was a member of the Mount Pulaski Methodist church.

Miss Gingry is survived by two cousins, Matthew and John Gingry, both of Peoria; niece, Mrs. Leota Richey, Glendale, Calif., nephew, R. E. Gingry, Livingston Montana; and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lee Gingry of Miles City, Montana.

Funeral services were held in the Wilton mortuary in Peoria, Saturday morning, Dec. 20, conducted by Rev. Smith of the First Methodist church. The remains arrived at Mount Pulaski cemetery during the noon hour and were buried on the Gingry lot. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer, pastor of the Mount Pulaski Methodist church.

Pallbearers were Fred J. Roth, George Underhill, Fred H. Hahn and Kelsey M. Anderson.

Pulaski Wins Its Homecoming Tilt From Sullivan

16th Homecoming Enjoyable Event In Every Way

Bouncing back from their defeat by South Shore on Saturday night, the Hilltoppers made their 16th annual homecoming event a successful one by trouncing a new foe, Sullivan, for a 39 to 29 count.

Sullivan, a newcomer on the local floor, showed a big team but was lacking in scoring punch. Hatfield was hitting Tuesday night and gathered six and one free one, while Kinert scored four baskets and two free tosses. Every member of the team scored.

Boyd of Sullivan, a forward, was high for the visitors with 9 points.

Concert a Fine One

One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the Christmas concert presented by the public school band under the direction of Lester Wernitz. The band again proved a revelation to the public despite the fact that they have always thrilled to the programs presented year after year. However, each concert seems to be better than the last one, and the novel effects brought out made the program another "tops."

The alumni and friends joined with the student body in dancing to the strains of Johnny Moreland's band from Decatur as a closing feature of the evening.

Gay Christmas decorations made the setting a harmonious one and did much to put and keep the large crowd in the spirit of the season and enjoy it to the fullest.

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Emil Verban Speaks At Rotary Club

Emil Verban of Elkhart, Philadelphia Phillies second sacker, who spoke at the Mount Pulaski Rotary club luncheon last Thursday, in figures just released, tied the major league record of 11 assists in one game last season.

Not only that, Verban struck out the least of any National league player in 100 or more games.

He appeared in 155 games and went down only eight times. Bill Nicholson of the Chicago Cubs struck out the most times—83.

Verban batted 540 times, collected 184 bases, had a slugging percentage of .341, batted in 42 runs and took 23 bases on balls.

Attended Wedding

Miss Noramae Pause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Pause, and Leslie E. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nichols, all of Springfield, were married in St. John's Lutheran church in that city at 4 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Roth. A reception was held afterwards in the St. Nicholas hotel.

Relatives attending the wedding from Mount Pulaski were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Geyer and Mrs. Emily Feuerbacher; and from Chestnut Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schoth and son, Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stonehouse, of Chicago, guests of Mrs. Feuerbacher Saturday and Sunday, also attended the wedding.