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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

Folks, we are going to have to pass the buck this week.

We have been so busy moving and . . . and . . .

That we haven't had a second to reflect.

And perhaps it's a good thing we haven't.

Of course, if you can't get along without this column this week we will be glad to make a personal appointment.

But our only available hours this week are between midnight and three o'clock in the morning.
See you next week—sure!

Catholic Churches In Picnic Sunday

Last Sunday, August 7th, members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhart, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Mt. Pulaski, joined in a picnic in Keay's grove east of Elkhart, there being about 500 people in attendance. Following regular services in both churches that morning, the crowd assembled in the grove with many baskets of good things to eat, and at 1 o'clock dinner was announced. Lines were formed and the serving was done cafeteria style, the picnickers being seated at long tables. The day was ideal, the location was fine, and the delicious dinner left nothing to be desired, with fried chicken an important part of the menu. Most of the crowd remained until evening, and partook of the picnic supper. There were cakes galore and ice cream in abundance, and everybody's appetite was more than satisfied.

Rev. R. C. Lane of Elkhart, pastor of both churches, was in charge of this delightful affair, and was ably assisted by members of both congregations.

Following the dinner, Rev. Lane announced that a suggestion had been made to make the joint picnic an annual affair, to be held on the first Sunday in August. Everybody was heartily in favor of this move, and accordingly standing committees of six ladies and gentlemen from each church were appointed to carry out plans for the 1933 picnic.

A program of songs, music and recitations followed, the big feature being the presentation of the "Old Maid's Convention" by a capable cast of ladies from both congregations. This caused a great deal of merriment and caused generous applause.

Many enjoyed playing Five Hundred and Euchre in the shade of the big trees, while others watched Elkhart and Mt. Pulaski play a baseball game, Elkhart winning by a score of 5 to 1. After this game Mt. Pulaski defeated Elkhart in the soft ball contest.

Before time for supper a number of races and contests were given, and the athletic features added greatly to the success of the occasion.

Much could be written in detail of this picnic, but it would take too much space to tell of the merits of it all. The affair was a success from every standpoint, and the participants will eagerly await another joint picnic and a day of fellowship. The 1933 picnic will be sponsored by the Mt. Pulaski congregation.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bailey are the parents of a son born in their home in this city early Tuesday morning Aug. 9. This is their first child and he has been named William James. The father is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey and the mother is a daughter of Mrs. Maria Klotz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blanford are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday morning Aug. 9. Mrs. Blanford is the former Miss Nelda Wirth.

EASTERN STAR CARD PARTY NEXT THURSDAY

The members of the Eastern Star will hold a Card Party on the Wagner lawn next Thursday evening. Five hundred, bridge and pinocle will be in play at the various tables and tickets will sell for 25 cents. An invitation is extended the public to attend. In the event of rain the party will be held the next evening.

POPULAR TUNE IS FEATURED

Have you seen it? Of course you have. The new tune written by Wilbur Schahl was featured last night by Caroline Snyder and Owen Foster, accompanied by Mrs. V. Donnelly, and was well received by the large audience. This tune will be featured over station WJBL at De- next Tuesday evening so listen and write your approval.

Amos VanHook Killed By Batted Ball Sunday Afternoon

Well Know Farmer, South of the City Meets Sudden Death

The accidental death of Amos Van Hook, 51, prominent farmer and stock raiser, residing between this city and Illinois, which took place Sunday afternoon at Fairview park in Decatur came as a great shock not only to his family but to his many friends as well.

Mr. Van Hook was watching a ball game at Fairview park and was standing along the first base line when a hard line drive from the bat of John Scott came toward him. He attempted to dodge the ball and turned to do so, but the ball struck him behind and below the right ear.

Felled by the impact, Mr. Van Hook dropped without a cry. Members of the Mt. Pulaski team ran to him and took him to the Decatur and Macon County hospital in his own car. When they arrived at the hospital he was dead.

His brother, Dr. F. C. Van Hook, also of Mt. Pulaski, was driving thru the park just after the accident happened and knowing that a game was in progress between Scott's team and a Decatur team, decided he would stop and see how they were getting along.

As he brought his car to a halt, his nephew from Decatur came running up with the news of his uncle's death.

John F. Scott was a member of the Mt. Pulaski team. Several Mt. Pulaski players had ridden to Fairview park for the game in Mr. Van Hook's automobile.

Mr. Van Hook was born in Douglas county April 19, 1881. For many years he had lived in the vicinity of Mt. Pulaski, much of the time farming between Illinois and Mt. Pulaski. He was married to Miss Laura Goodan at Springfield in 1903.

He leaves his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Henrichsmeyer of Lincoln and Miss Louise Van Hook of Mt. Pulaski, a sister, Mrs. Arthur Ridgeway of Mt. Pulaski, and three brothers, Wesley Van Hook of Decatur, Dr. F. C. Van Hook of Mt. Pulaski, and Dr. H. M. Van Hook, major in the U. S. Medical corps on duty at the Colon, Panama Canal Zone army base and formerly associated with the Decatur and Macon County hospital.

The Van Hook home, seven miles south of the city where decedent had spent practically his entire life as boy and man, was thronged with several hundred relatives, neighbors and friends on Tuesday afternoon Aug. 9, who came to pay their last sad respects to the memory of a good citizen. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Wayne Staley, pastor of the Mt. Pulaski Christian church and the music was in charge of Mrs. F. E. Turley.

A male quartette composed of Clarence and George Bowers, R. N. Jones and F. E. Turley, sang, "The Old Rugged Cross", "In the Garden", "Abide With Me." Pallbearers were Frank Copeland, W. C. Musser, Charles Herring, Frank Bell, Lora Copeland and Samuel W. Gasaway. Burial was in Steenberg cemetery.

Visitor Here Lives Near Reynolds Mansion

Mrs. Charles O. De Laney and sons Charles and Robert, and Mrs. Frank Fiegenschuh of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, made an 867 mile auto trip to Mt. Pulaski, arriving Sunday, to visit for two weeks with the latter's mother, Mrs. Barbara Kreig and sister, Mrs. Emma Jenner. Mrs. De Laney lives about a mile from the Reynolds mansion, where Smith Reynolds was alleged to be murdered a few weeks ago, and about which the daily papers are now printing so much about.

MT. PULASKI HOTEL HAS CHANGED HANDS RECENTLY

The Mt. Pulaski Hotel which recently changed hands is receiving a thorough renovating thru the use of paint and wall paper.

Maude Van Arsdale, who now has charge of the hotel, is serving regular meals and is very desirous of giving Mt. Pulaski a hotel that it may well be proud of.

We wish her the best of success and we know that the city will appreciate her efforts.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

AT WATER WORKS
James Kautz, superintendent of the city water works since April, resigned his position, and starting last Monday, Charles Crull took charge of that important work. Mr. Crull had been with the Mt. Pulaski Wind Mill Company for years.

109 Attend Annual Birks Homecoming

The annual Birks school community homecoming held at the school house seven miles south-east of Mt. Pulaski, on Wednesday Aug. 10, was a most successful affair and brought together residents and former residents that had not met since the re-union of a year ago.

Nearly all of the 109 who registered, coming from all sections of Logan, Macon and Sangamon counties, arrived in time for the basket dinner at noon and most of them remained for supper.

Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp was re-elected president of the association at the annual business meeting held immediately after dinner. Other officers elected were vice-president, Herbert Birks and Fred Bellatti, secretary and Frank Copeland, treasurer, were also re-elected.

A brief memorial service was held for those of the district who have passed away.

The program which followed the business meeting, opened with everyone joining in singing "School Days." Rev. J. Wayne Staley, acted as platform manager and kept things moving in true Chautauqua style and the excellent program as outlined in a previous issue was carried out in detail. A most pleasing feature were the school reminiscences given by Mrs. Clarence Bowers and Calvin Payne and the talks by Logan county superintendent of education, E. H. Lukenbill and former superintendent Frank Nichols. Miss Sarah Rotramel of Harmony community in Macon county also gave an interesting talk.

The oldest person present was Mrs. Mary E. Lucas and the youngest was the 10 months old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Payne. Miss Etta Roberts came the longest distance and the Payne family are the nearest resident to the scene of the re-union.

A day that will not conflict with any other attraction will be selected by the officers for the 1933 re-union.

Judge Horner To Speak In Lincoln

Logan county voters will be given an opportunity to meet Judge Henry Horner, candidate for governor and other Democratic nominees Wednesday August 17 at Democratic Day at Lincoln Chautauqua.

This prominent jurist who is seeking the governorship will deliver an address at 2:30 p. m. at the Chautauqua and he will be followed by William H. Dietrich, congressman at large and democratic candidate for U. S. Senator.

Logan county democrats have planned to entertain Judge Horner and his party before his Chautauqua appearance. A reception to which the public is invited will be held at 11 a. m., Wednesday at the Commercial hotel. At noon members of the democratic central committee and Judge Horner's party will meet for dinner to organize for the fall campaign.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN FIRST OF SEPTEMBER

It won't be long until the vacation days will be over for the grade and high school students. Many grade schools are planning on opening the 31st of August. Mt. Pulaski H. School will open on September 1. This is earlier than usual but a longer school term has made it advisable.

Teachers' Institute To Be Held Aug. 29-30

County superintendent E. H. Lukenbill is busy preparing a complete program for the fall. Teachers Institute to be held at the Lincoln Community high school auditorium on August 29 and 30.

Among the speakers he has already secured are: Edward Howard Griggs of New York, who is a well known author and lecturer;

Elda L. Merton, assistant superintendent of schools at Waukesha, Wis. Sarah M. Imboden of Decatur, supervisor of intermediate grades; Bess C. Johnson, of Chicago, an art supervisor;

Frances Mantle, supervisor of music at Lincoln, who will conduct a class in public music.

Mr. Lukenbill will hold a class of instruction for beginner teachers to better acquaint them with their new work.

A complete program will be printed at a later date.

The names of 20 of the 48 states end with "a".

Wilbur Schahl Again Honored

Member of Local Walther League Re-elected President

With the re-election of Wilbert H. Schahl as president, the Senior Walther League of the Mt. Pulaski Zion Ev. Lutheran church, was honored by the selection of one of its members to again head the Walther Leaguers of the Springfield Rally Zone of Central Illinois, at the annual election held at Camp Seymour near Decatur, on Sunday Aug. 7. Other officers elected were Ernest Wenger, Decatur, Vice-president and Miss Alice Gieve, Edinburg, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

About 500 Leaguers, 30 of which were from Mt. Pulaski, representing 24 societies in the Springfield Rally Zone attended the meeting, which is pronounced as having been successful and satisfactory to those in charge.

Camp Seymour which is the property of the state Y. M. C. A., has been leased by the district organization for a week's outing that will be enjoyed by nearly 100 Leaguers. The opening service for the camp was held at 3 P. M., Sunday when Rev. Walter Obermyer of Decatur gave the sermon. Musical numbers during the service were provided by the Jacksonville band under the direction of O. A. Schuette and an Octette from Bloomington under the direction of Arthur Hohenstein.

During the week of camp, short conferences will be held each morning at which Rev. Paul Schulz of Springfield will lecture. Vesper service each evening will be conducted by Prof. O. P. Kretzmann, Springfield. The daily recreational program will include athletics, golf, tennis, boating, swimming and other features. Evening amusements will be hiking, camp fire gatherings, wiener roasts, stunts and minstrel show.

The district camp committee consists of Rev. E. Sommer, Beardstown; Prof. Kretzman and H. O. Klein, Springfield; Mrs. C. D. Heidbrink, Quincy; Miss Florence Harnish, Decatur and Miss Lulu Graff of Peoria.

Lucas-Turner Reunion Sunday

One hundred and seven relatives and friends attended the eighth annual Lucas and Turner re-union at Fairview park in Decatur last Sunday.

Minutes of the last re-union were read during the business session. It was found that I. N. Webb, 76 was the oldest relative present, and little Jane Maryland Hartwig, 3 months, was the youngest.

Since their last reunion two deaths had taken place: Mrs. Sanders Rice of Illinois, and Frederick William Rentshler, of Mt. Pulaski. Four births, however, were rejoiced in: Frederick William Rentshler, Donald Lee Kinert, Mt. Pulaski; Jane Maryland Hartwig, Niantic, and David Kermit Waggoner, Decatur.

Ella Pritchett of Decatur, was chosen as president, Ceora Wree, vice-president, and Wilford Ryan, Mt. Pulaski, secretary.

Those attending from Mt. Pulaski were: George Lucas, Alfred Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Ryan, daughter June Ann, and son, Wallace Edison, Bige Green, Jr., and Sam Green.

Deaf Held Outing In Decatur Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham and daughter Julia Katherine of Peoria, motored to Mt. Pulaski early last Sunday morning, August 7th, and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yoder, who live with Mrs. Yoder's mother, Mrs. F. W. Obermiller, on a trip to Nelson Park on Lake Decatur, where they attended the 10th annual picnic of the deaf residents of Illinois. This happy occasion was attended by more than 250 people from various parts of Illinois, some also being present from Michigan, Indiana and Missouri.

The scene was described thusly: "Fluttering hands gave an impression of butterflies in a clover field. Babble of voices usually attendant to such a gathering was absent; instead of flying tongues there were many flying fingers, and the picnickers who wished to make an off-hand remark to someone at the other end of the table had no din to overcome in making himself understood."

BUCKLES-SCROGGINS REUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

The annual Buckles-Scroggin family reunion will be held at the Lincoln chautauqua grounds on Sunday, August 28 at the dining hall. W. C. Handlin is president of the organization, Elizabeth Mayer, secretary and Mrs. H. B. Keck, treasurer.

Brother Locates Sister After Searching For Twenty Years

Schroth Family Reunion Sunday

The annual family re-union of the descendants of Christian and Minnie Schroth was held on Sunday Aug. 7, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. James Shellhammer living 7 miles southeast of Mt. Pulaski. Members of the committee in charge of the meeting were Mrs. James and Mrs. Herbert Shellhammer and Mrs. Ernest Hild.

As usual, the basket dinner at noon was one of the features of the day. The afternoon was passed by the older members in family reminiscences while the youngsters enjoyed games and contests.

The 1933 re-union will be held on the first Sunday in August at a place to be selected by the following arrangement committee: Mrs. Albert Schroth and Mrs. Raymond Sams.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Shellhammer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shellhammer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Schroth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schroth, Norbert Schroth, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schroth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shellhammer, Emmitt Shellhammer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schroth and son, Mr. and Mrs. Rell Schroth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schroth and family and Mrs. Elizabeth Schroth.

Regrets were received from several family members who live at a distance.

WILL EXHIBIT GOATS AT FAIR THIS YEAR

Mrs. W. B. Mitchell, who won seven prizes at the Illinois State Fair last year with her fine herd of Saanen milk goats will again enter eight goats this year. Mrs. Mitchell has an exceptionally fine herd of goats and thoroughly enjoys looking after them. One three year old gives about 6 quarts of milk a day.

Ed Birks is also planning on entering part of his herd at the fair.

Mrs. Geo. Seyfer Services Friday

Mrs. George Seyfer, Sr., sister of Fred G. Schaffacker of this city, who had been in failing health for some time and critically ill for the past several weeks, died in her home No. 328 Willard Ave., Lincoln at 2:15 a. m. Wednesday Aug. 10.

Mrs. Seyfer was well known in Mt. Pulaski, this city being her home for several years shortly after she and Mr. Seyfer were married in Chestnut on April 2, 1878, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1928. Several of their children were born in Mt. Pulaski.

Mary Agnes Schaffacker was born on a farm near Chestnut on Sept. 15, 1858, and died at the age of 73 years, 10 months and 25 days. She was a daughter of George and Katherine Stoll Schaffacker who were among the pioneer settlers of this county.

Surviving are her husband, one son George, Jr., Chicago and two daughters, Misses Evelyn and Caroline Seyfer at home. Miss Caroline is Logan county court stenographer.

And the following brothers and sisters: Left also are three grandchildren, ters: F. G. Schaffacker, Mt. Pulaski; Edward Schaffacker, Chestnut; William Schaffacker, Mrs. Albert Ahrens, Sr. and Mrs. Olga Herring, Lincoln.

Funeral services will be held in Lincoln Zion Lutheran church on Friday afternoon Aug. 12. There will be brief services at the home at 1:15 o'clock and at 2 o'clock at the church, conducted by Rev. A. J. Schliesser. Burial will be in Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

CHANGE IN SHOW NIGHTS

Monday night shows at the Mt. Pulaski theatre have been discontinued but a Thursday night show will be held.

W. L. DOWNING HAD NOSE BROKEN WEDNESDAY

W. L. Downing was wearing a white bandage across his nose last week as the result of a broken nose. Mr. Downing was helping load some iron rods at his home last Wednesday when one of the rods slipped unexpectedly and struck him on the nose. Altho bleeding profusely, he did not go to a doctor until the pain began to bother him and it was then he discovered that his nose had been broken.

Wood Children Were Rear- ed At Home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rupp

"Isn't it thrilling, just like a novel come true!"

With eyes that shone Mrs. Lillian Irwin, 806 East Fourth Street, Saturday morning clasped the hand of her long lost brother with whom she was reunited Tuesday after a search that lasted twenty years. Seated on the arm of her brother's chair, Mrs. Irwin told a story that sounded like a page of fiction. Her brother, Eugene Wood, whose search for his baby sister has taken him across the continent and to Europe, supplied details of the separation and reunion.

The story had its beginning many years ago in New Athens, a little mining town near St. Louis, Mo., where the tragic cave-in of a coal mine left a widow penniless with a family of five little ones. Two of the children, Dorothy, an infant, and Olive, the oldest girl, were given homes. The other three were placed in the Odd Fellows Home at Lincoln. They were Eugene, 6; Eunice, 4, and Lillian, 18 months. The father of the family was Will Wood.

Adoption Unknown
Lillian, now Mrs. Irwin of Long Beach, cannot remember the sad separation of the little family, but her brother recalls as a tot of 6 years the loneliness he felt when the little brood was divided never to see their mother again.

When she was about 2 years old, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fordham of the Fourth street address, took Lillian for their own and it was not until about two years ago that Mrs. Fordham informed her daughter of the adoption. "I love her exactly like an own mother," Mrs. Irwin said of her foster mother, "she has been marvelous to me."

When Eugene was 13 and Eunice, 11, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rupp of Mt. Pulaski, took the two from the orphanage to their home where they gave them a home and schooling. The two returned to St. Louis five years later where Eunice was married and still resides. The oldest sister, Olive, has since married and lives in East St. Louis but the baby sister, Dorothy, has never been located.

Orphanage Supplies Clew

When Mrs. Irwin learned from Mrs. Fordham of the adoption she wrote to the orphanage asking for information about her brothers and sisters. It was through this source that Eugene Wood learned that his little sister was married and living in Long Beach. Before the letter arrived, he had spent years in searching and wondering where little Lillian had gone. Once he shipped aboard a tramp steamer, working his way across to Spain, Algiers and Italy, hoping always that fate would reunite him with his sister.

Mrs. Irwin before her marriage was Lillian Fordham. She has lived in Long Beach 15 years coming to this city from San Diego with her foster parents. She attended Poly High School and won a scholarship in the Chouinard Art School of Los Angeles. She is a talented artist and costume designer. Her husband, P. A. Irwin, to whom she was married five years ago, is proprietor of a grocery, at 808 East Fourth street.—Long Beach Press-Telegram, Long Beach, California, August 6th.

There is a local touch about the above story that many Mt. Pulaski people will be interested in reading, but none so much as Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rupp, of West Jefferson St.

When they first took the two children from the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home, Lincoln, they lived on the old Rupp farm over near Latham, later moving to a farm 1 1/2 miles north of Mt. Pulaski, during which time the children were with them.

Eugene Wood attended Mt. Pulaski Township High School two years, and then remained with Mr. and Mrs. Rupp for a number of months on the farm before leaving Mt. Pulaski. He was in this city within the past two months and visited at the Rupp home for about two weeks, and now comes the above story about finding his sister.

TURLEY FAMILY REUNION

On the last Sunday in August the T. J. Turley family will hold their 18th reunion at Bunn Park in Springfield.

James Turley was a pioneer settler in Logan County and founded the first settlement in Lake Fork township.

E. E. Hanger of Lincoln, was a business visitor in the city Friday. He is still tuning pianos as part of his duties with the Hanger Bros., Music Store.