

## QUESTIONS

The Editor  
you spend the Fourth?  
question has been asked and  
time without number this  
It's a great deal like the fellow  
who has been in an accident.

Everybody wants to know how it  
happened.

And the story is repeated so often  
that the victim begins to feel that  
the accident was the easier to bear.

We knew a fellow who avoided all  
this.

He had a number of small cards  
printed telling all about his misfor-  
tune.

Whenever some solicitous friend  
asked him how it happened, he would  
hand him a card.

But getting back to the Fourth.

We do not know just how many  
different ways there are of spending  
this day.

But we might analyze a few of  
them.

The folks who stayed at home and  
shot firecrackers in their own back-  
yard;

The folks who packed their lunches  
and hiked to the creek;

The folks who sat on a grassy bank  
or in a boat all day long with a pole  
and line;

The folks who went back to the old  
home town to enjoy the celebration;

The multitude of farmers who gar-  
thered throughout the nation in mam-  
moth demonstrations to unitedly  
espouse the cause of agriculture that  
it might thrive more abundantly;

The folks who journeyed to the  
city for a good show or a big league  
ball game;

The folks who spent the day on a  
sandy beach and in the water;

Or in numerous other ways was the  
Fourth of July celebrated, observed  
or taken advantage of.

Just which interpretation one  
would make of this day is a more or  
less uncertain one.

Primarily, it was set aside as a  
day of patriotic observance.

And there was a certain thrill that  
went with the observance of the day.

But as time went on the old pa-  
triotic celebrations began to diminish  
in number.

And until this year you had to go  
miles to attend such an event.

What at one time was primarily  
a commemoration of the signing of  
the Declaration of Independence, is  
today—

A day of firecrackers for the kid-  
dies and a time of recreation for the  
grownups.

But folks are no less patriotic as  
was proven by the response in the  
World war.

But with the strain and stress of  
business becoming more and more  
burdensome, a holiday or brief bit of  
recreation is a boon to everyone.

But to further prove the assertion  
that newer methods of observing the  
Fourth have supplanted the old;

Deaths and accidents from fire-  
crackers are comparatively few com-  
pared to the tremendous toll extract-  
ed by autos and by drownings.

But the kiddies look forward to  
the Fourth with the same thrill that  
we did, for it means firecrackers and  
fireworks to them.

So I guess we can't kick.

## DR. GUY T. SCROGGIN

ELEVATED BY LEGION  
Dr. Guy T. Scroggin, junior vice-  
commander of Alama Post No. 2,  
American Legion, was elevated to  
the post of senior vice-commander at  
a meeting of the executive commit-  
tee of the post Tuesday noon in the  
Plaza Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Dr.  
Scroggin is the son of Mrs. Ida  
Scroggin, and a former Mt. Pulaski  
kiddie, having graduated from the  
Township High School.

A BIRTH  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hub-  
bard yesterday, a son. This is their  
second child.

## Farm Bureau In Big Event

### Large Crowds Witness Big Parade and Demonstra- tion In Lincoln Monday

The streets of the business section  
of Lincoln were lined with approxi-  
mately 5,000 people Monday morning  
to view the parade of the Farm Bu-  
reau which was staging a huge demon-  
stration and dedication program.

The parade passed through the  
business district shortly after 11 a.  
m. and was marshalled by Clem Gar-  
ton, chairman of the bureau's parade  
committee.

A color guard from ex-service  
men's organizations led the parade  
followed by a car bearing President  
Charles Schmitt of the Logan Coun-  
ty Farm Bureau and Mayor Peter  
Murphy of Lincoln.

The Dinner Bell float of West Lin-  
coln township escorted by four horse-  
men was the first float in the line of  
march. The State School and Colony  
band, directed by C. W. Pritchett,  
was on a decorated float and then in  
order were the following: "Lower  
Taxes and Higher Prices" entered by  
Atlanta township; 4-H Club float;  
"Honest Dollar" float, bearing ban-  
ners "We Want an Honest Dollar"

and "Property Now bears 90 per cent  
of the tax burden, Equalize," float of  
the Sunshine Club, floats of the  
Logan Livestock Marketing Associ-  
ation and Baker & Gehlbach, Cham-  
ber of Commerce float, manufactur-  
ing and merchandising, Country Life  
Insurance float, decorated car of the  
Producers' Market, a float entered by  
the Union Community club of Emin-  
ence township, junior members of  
the American Federation of Labor,  
National Brotherhood of Operative  
Putters No. 116 bearing banners urg-  
ing purchase of American-made prod-  
ucts, trucks of the Logan-Mason  
Service Co., a cow bearing the ban-  
ner: "This Ain't No Bull: The farm-  
er has got to have his before we get  
ours" entered by Feldman and Co., a  
clown band organized by Ernest Mor-  
row and depression sport coupe con-  
sisting of an ancient storm buggy  
drawn by a mis-mated team.

Prizes were awarded to individuals  
securing the most new Farm Bureau  
members, and included a McCormick-  
Deering all-purpose wagon to Gus  
Wilmert, Lincoln; 34-piece set of  
Community silver to Ezra Myrick,  
Chestnut, and a bicycle to Harry  
Gehlbach's son.

Services were held in the brick  
church until shortly after the Gil-  
man-Springfield Railroad was built  
and the village of Chestnut laid out  
in 1872. A lot was then purchased in  
the new town for the erection of a  
frame church on the site of the pres-  
ent building. The structure was be-  
gun in 1872 and was completed and  
dedicated the following year. The  
trustees at that time were Daniel  
Clark, W. H. Daniels, Marquis Caudy  
and A. B. Dement.

At the dedication services the ser-  
mon was delivered by Elder Buck of  
Bloomington. The music was render-  
ed by Stillwell Harcourt on the reed  
organ. Mr. Harcourt was then a small  
boy of ten years. The pastor was T. D.  
Weems. The church was on the Mt.  
Pulaski Circuit. The first funeral ser-  
vice conducted in the church was that  
of Mrs. Linda Clark. In 1891 the  
church was transferred to the Kenney  
Circuit.

This church stood for nearly forty  
years and was constantly used for  
public worship. It witnessed the con-  
version of many precious souls. A  
noble list of men, who have since  
made notable records in the ministry,  
has graced her pulpit. Among them  
were Rev. W. T. Evans, Rev. Pres-  
ton Wood, Rev. J. W. Waltz, Rev. A.  
H. Flagg, Rev. Frank McAnally, and  
Rev. G. E. Tremaine.

## Garden Unit To Meet On Friday

The Garden Unit of the Mt. Pu-  
laski Woman's club will meet on Fri-  
day July 8 in the home of Mrs. B. A.  
Tyler, North Scott street. The pro-  
gram arranged for this meeting fol-  
lows:

Roll Call—Red, White or Blue  
Flowers.

Topic, "Popular Perennials"—Mrs.  
Wilford Scroggin.

"Who's Who in the Garden"—Mrs.  
T. A. Scroggin.

Quiz, "Botanical Names of Peren-  
nials beginning with G, H, or I."

Question Book—Mrs. B. R. Aitchi-  
son.

## Robot To Appear On Mt. Pulaski Streets

C. H. Unland of the Unland Chev-  
rolet Sales, has secured the services  
of Prince Electro, Chevrolet's Wax  
Mechanical Robot to show here on  
Saturday July 23.

A wax man who can actually drive  
the New 1932 Chevrolet Car and do  
almost anything a human can do but  
talk. During the visit here the wax  
man will make a shopping tour of a  
number of business firms and at this  
writing those he will be sure to visit  
are the West Side Cafe, First Na-  
tional Bank and K. & S. Grocery.

Watch next week's paper for fur-  
ther announcements. Press Critics  
say, the performance of Prince  
Electro furnishes a new form of en-  
tertainment for both young and old.

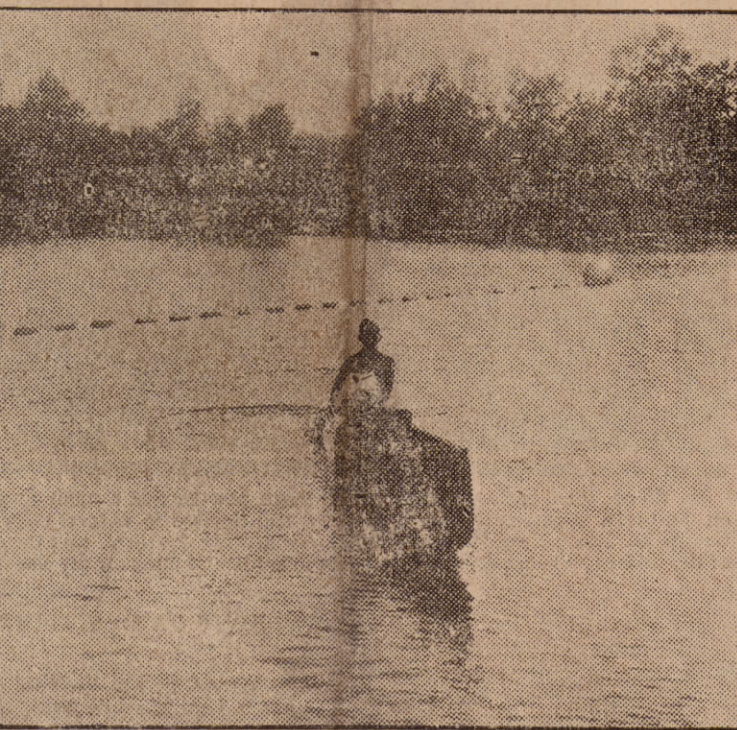
## OWNERS URGED TO TRIM THEIR TREES

We are asking everyone who  
can, to trim the trees along their  
lawn and sidewalk so that there  
will be plenty of light from the street  
lights showing up and down the sidewalks.  
Trimmed trees also make a  
much neater looking street.

If property owners will trim  
their trees, the city will take care  
of the brush.

For any further information  
get in touch with the street and  
alley committee or the mayor.  
Signed: The Mayor.

## Canoeing Scene at Lincoln Lakes



## Historical Review Of The Chestnut Methodist Church

### Recent Church Celebration Recalls Many Inter- esting Facts

The history of the Chestnut Metho-  
dist Episcopal Church would not be  
complete without mention of its  
growth from the earliest Methodist  
Society organized in Logan County,  
in the year 1836. This organization  
met in the homes of Henry Dement  
in what was known as the Yankee-  
town Settlement, two miles west of  
the present site of Chestnut. This  
society was first a part of the New  
London Circuit and later of the De-  
catur Circuit. Services were conduct-  
ed in private homes until about 1849  
when a brick church was built in the  
Settlement. Among the members best  
known were, Aunt Sade Norton,  
Aunt Jane Andrews, Mr. and Mrs.  
Grandison Dawson, Mr. and Mrs.  
Jesse Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Mark  
Caudy, and William Daniels. The  
marriage of two couples, Mr. and  
Mrs. James Walker, and Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Clark, was performed in this  
church, March 6, 1871. Mrs. Clark,  
better known to us as Aunt Rachel,  
is still living, and regularly attends  
services here.

During the construction of the new  
building all church services were held  
in the G. A. R. Hall. Part of the brick  
used in this building was made by Ba-  
ker Brothers at their factory a mile  
northwest of the church. This new  
Chestnut Methodist Episcopal Church  
was dedicated Sunday, June 30th,  
1912, just a year from the time the  
Official Board had made their initial  
plans for the building project. Rever-  
end Theodore Kemp delivered the  
dedicatory sermon, and Reverend O.  
H. Meyers, the evening sermon. Vis-  
iting ministers were Rev. Mac Fad-  
den of Tuscola, Rev. Eggleston of  
Kenney, and Rev. J. P. Cummins of  
Beason. A collection of \$2,850.75 was  
taken at this service, making the  
\$14,000.00 building free from debt.

During the following week services  
were conducted by Rev. J. W. Waltz,  
Rev. A. A. Heinlein, and Rev. Cum-  
mins. The Bishop at that time was  
William F. McDowell, the District  
Superintendent was Rev. A. L. T.  
Ewert, and the pastor was Rev. W. A.  
Allen, who had succeeded Rev. Booth  
in May of that year.

The first marriage performed in  
the new church was that of Ora  
Andrews and Floyd Horney, June 29,  
1912. The first funeral service was  
that of Roy Walker, December 12,  
1912. The first Revival was held by  
Rev. Jonathan Glick in 1912.

Among the members at that time  
deserving commendable mention were  
William Bapst and Dr. W. H. Kirby.  
Mr. Bapst was a member of the com-  
mittees that built the parsonage and  
church. His name is carved on the  
corner-stone as a memorial to his  
love for the Father and His House of  
Worship. He was a member of the  
Official Board until his death Novem-  
ber 13, 1915. Dr. Kirby was Superin-  
tendent of the Sunday School here  
for many years. He took great pleas-  
ure in church work. The fact that his  
grandfather helped to establish the  
first Methodist Sunday School in this  
part of the country was a matter of  
pride with Dr. Kirby. Shortly after  
his death, December 2, 1924, his  
children, Dr. Darwin Kirby of  
Champaign and Mrs. Harold Keys of  
Beason, presented a library of books  
to the church, which is still main-  
tained as the "Dr. Kirby Library."

The church is also proud of four  
brothers, who were life-long mem-  
bers of the church and very loyal  
workers. They were familiarly known  
in this community as Uncle Hez,  
Uncle Lee, and Uncle George, and  
Uncle Dan Lakin.

The most memorable day in the his-  
tory of Chestnut occurred April 19,  
1927, when the most terrible tornado  
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## July Meeting Of Science Club

### Meeting Will Be Held On Friday Afternoon July 15

The July meeting of the Mt. Pulaski  
Household Science club will be held  
in the American Legion rooms on  
Friday afternoon July 15. The hos-  
tesses will be Mrs. Thema Kautz,  
Mrs. Olyve Leaf, Mrs. Catherine  
Curtis, Mrs. Lida Rupp, Mrs. Irene  
Matthews, Mrs. Fern Stuart. The  
following program has been arrang-  
ed by them:

Roll Call, "Tell some Humorous  
Incident happening on the Fourth of  
July."

Business Session.  
Round Table, "A Written Exchange  
of your Favorite Recipe."

Song, "America."

Pledge to the Flag to be followed  
with the American Creed.

Dance—Morris Myers.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Irene Matthews.  
Two Minute reading on the Life of  
Washington.

Vocal Solo—Miss Virginia Stuart.  
Piano Solo—Mrs. W. G. Kautz.  
Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

## Third Concert By Civic Orchestra

The Civic Orchestra will give an-  
other concert on Saturday evening,  
July 9th 1932 at 8:15.

March, "Bachelor Girls," Zamecnic.  
March, "Cheer Leader," Creighton.  
Romance, "Tender Thoughts," Rey-  
nard.

Cornet Solo, "Crown of Love",  
Zamecnic—Miss Florence Van Hook.  
Overture, "Jolly Bandits", Zamec-  
nic.

Vocal Solo, "Good Bye", F. Paolo  
Tosti—Wilbur Stoll.

"Evening Serenade", Van Norman.  
March, "Alumni", Wellesley.  
Idyl, "Springtime", Hawthorne.

March, "West High", Zamecnic.  
Minuet, "Ye Olden Dance," Van  
Norman.

Schottische, "Nodding Poppies,"  
Creighton.

Finale, "America, The Beautiful."

## DEATH TOLL BIG ON THE FOURTH

### Fireworks Play Minor Part In Large Number Of Deaths

It cost this nation 245 lives to cele-  
brate its 156th anniversary.  
But the toll was only about half  
of that of 1931 when nearly 500 per-  
sons paid with their lives for their  
celebration of the Fourth of July.

As in recent years, only a com-  
paratively few of those who died this  
year were the victims of fire-works,  
which caused but 10 deaths in all.  
Automobile accidents were the chief  
cause, 111 being killed in motor mis-  
haps.

Total drownings—81—for the na-  
tion fell off considerably from the  
previous year, when about 181 per-  
ished in the water, due in all proba-  
bility to the fact that cool weather  
depopulated the beaches to a large  
extent.

The middlewest led all other sec-  
tions of the country in the number  
of deaths with more than 90, of  
which 55 were due to automobile ac-  
cidents and 31 to drownings. About  
50 persons, mostly children, were in-  
jured by fireworks in Chicago.

Of the ten fatalities from fire-  
works, six occurred in Butte, Mont.,  
where a pile of dynamite caps ex-  
ploded.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our grateful  
appreciation for the many kindnesses  
shown us during our recent bereave-  
ment.

Mrs. Maria Klotz and son David,  
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bailey,  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lane,  
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lucas,  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cox.

## MAKES TRIP FROM EAST IN AIRPLANE

Miss Mary Gordon, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Gordon, re-  
turned from the East for a month's  
vacation Saturday morning. Miss  
Gordon, staff avasthetist at the hos-  
pital of the University of Pennsyl-  
vania, left Courden, New Jersey via  
airplane on Friday morning arriving  
in Chicago eight hours later, being  
delayed two hours by storms and  
high winds.

During her wait in Chicago she  
witnessed the military revue. Miss  
Gordon expects to spend most of the  
time with her parents. She will visit  
her sister, Mrs. John Rogers of  
Hume, Illinois and friends in Decatur.

## Wm. J. Klotz Died Suddenly

### Heart Attack was Fatal To Pioneer Resident of Mt. Pulaski

William J. Klotz, a life long resi-  
dent of Mt. Pulaski, passed away in  
his home on Sunday evening July 2,  
his death being sudden, instantan-  
eous and without warning.

As was his habit, he spent the ev-  
ening at home with his family and  
seemed in his usual good health and  
spirits. About 11:30 or shortly there-  
after, he decided to go to bed and it  
was while he was preparing to retire  
that he was stricken with the fatal  
heart attack.

William J. Klotz was born on  
March 5, 1877 and passed away at  
the age of 55 years, 3 months and 23  
days. He was the youngest son of Da-  
vid and Mary Lutz Klotz and his en-  
tire life was lived within sight of or  
in the home where he was born and  
died. He was baptized and confirmed  
in St. John's Ev. Lutheran church  
and his education was received in  
the schools of this city. He was an  
Odd Fellow of many years standing  
and was the possessor of the pre-  
eminent of 25 years continuous  
membership in Mt. Pulaski Lodge No.  
454 I. O. O. F.

On June 9, 1908 he was married to  
Pekin, Ill., to Mrs. Maria Warren  
Cox and they were blessed with two  
children, one daughter, Amelia, wife  
of Dwight Bailey and one son, David.  
They with their mother are left to  
mourn the loss of a loving hus-  
band and father. Left also are two step-  
daughters, Mrs. Bessie Lucas, Lanes-  
ville and Mrs. Mary Lane and one  
step-son, Steven Cox. Also five sis-  
ters, Mrs. Katherine Connelley, Mrs.  
Anna Glose, Mrs. L. W. Gasaway,  
Miss Tillie Klotz, and Mrs. O. D.  
Medford and numerous relatives and  
hosts of friends. Two brothers, Henry  
and John and one sister, Amelia,  
preceded him in death.

"He" as he was known to his life-  
long friends, was one of those de-  
pendable men who could be relied  
upon at all times. It made no differ-  
ence whether in a baseball game or  
his younger days or at his daily oc-  
cupations of later years, his honesty  
and loyalty to his friends and em-  
ployers was an outstanding trait. His  
integrity was never questioned. It  
was these characteristics and genial  
disposition which endeared him to all  
who came in contact with him and  
are some of the reasons why he was  
held in the highest esteem by mem-  
bers of the board of education, prin-  
cipal, teachers and children of the  
grade school where he served as jan-  
itor for the past 15 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'-  
clock Wednesday afternoon July 6, in  
St. John's Lutheran church. Rev. W.  
N. King officiated and the music was  
in charge of Mrs. J. H. Stuart. Three  
vocal duets were rendered by Miss  
Anna Roth and Miss Florence Wag-  
ner viz: "In the Garden," "Some Jesus  
We'll Understand" and "Does Jesus  
Care."

The burial ritual of the I. O. O. F.  
lodge was given at the grave in Mt.  
Pulaski cemetery by Mt. Pulaski  
Lodge No. 454 and the following six  
members acted as pallbearers: O. W.  
Mayer, Oscar Horn, Earl Kinert, Ar-  
thur Woodrum, H. C. Gruber and  
Frank Rentsler.

A touching tribute was paid de-  
cent by pupils representing all the  
rooms of the grade school who as-  
sembled at the cemetery in a body  
and laid bouquets on the grave.

The following relatives and friends  
attended the funeral services:

William Connelley, nephew, Spring-  
field; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Montgom-  
er, niece, Lincoln; Mrs. John Melvin  
and daughter, Cornland; Mr. and  
Mrs. Peter Lucas, Mrs. Martha Lucas  
and Mrs. Emma Lucas all of Lincoln;  
granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Len-  
ard McIntyre and daughter, Miss  
Kathryn McIntyre, all of Carlinville,  
step-daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andy  
Lucas and children Wilma, Wilbur  
Marie and Eugene; grandson, Mr. and  
Mrs. Ralph Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Hen-  
ry Redding, all of Lanesville and Mr.  
and Mrs. Lynn, Bloomington.

## CALIFORNIA SPINACH KING

### RETURNS TO HIS HOME

R. B. Leslie, a former resident of  
this community, left for his home at  
Los Gatos, Cal., this week after a  
ten-day visit with friends. "Dick" as  
he is familiarly known, went to Cali-  
fornia several years ago and embark-  
ed in the business of producing spin-  
ach. His success in this endeavor has  
been so marked that he is now known  
in that state as the "Spinach King."  
One season he produced 542 tons of  
this health-giving vegetable. A large  
canning concern handles his entire  
output.

Mrs. Lottie Helper of Henry, is vis-  
iting her daughter, Mrs. V. G. Con-  
nelley.