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REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

What is your percentage on this questionnaire below;

Are you a booster or a brick thrower?

Are you on the community bandwagon, tooting the community horn, or are you on the sidelines throwing the rocks of criticism and scorn?

Boosting the Community Band Wagon!

Are you a community doer or a community dreamer?

Are you a community grafter or a community giver?

Are you a community lifter or a community leaner?

Are you a community helper, or a community ham-stringer?

Are you a community commander or a community cooperator?

These are straight questions, aren't they?

Well, it is profitable business for us to take time out and honestly classify ourselves.

There is a lot of truth in David Harum's assertion that "there is a lot of human nature lying around loose."

Death, taxes, the poor, and the queer, have always been with us, and always will be, but perhaps that is nothing to worry about, unless it is our own death, our own taxes, our own queerness.

The richest man in town may object to a modern high school building.

Because it will jump his taxes, and also his heart beat but the most of the town's people will pay the extra tax gladly, for the sake of the children, and the better and brighter future of the community.

The stingy church deacon may wail at the prospect of redecorating the church, until the Lord drops a chunk of plaster on his hard head.

But the rest of the church people will gladly and thankfully do their most and best in honoring Deity by honoring the house of His worship.

The self-centered man will grouch and groan because some of the men who are looking ahead around town want a community organization thru which the town and all its affairs may more successfully function.

But being wise they will also be persistent, courageous and unselfish, and after a little while the community speaks, and thinks, and acts as a unit, thru its community organization.

SALE DATE LISTING
Feb. 5—Tracy Bros., Williams-ville will hold a Dispersal Sale of their herd of purebred Duroc bred sows.

Feb. 11—Mrs. O. T. Booker, south of Illiopolis, will hold a closing out farm sale.

Would Form Semi-Pro Ball Club Here

Baseball Enthusiasts Approve Club

Formation At Banquet.

Some fifty baseball enthusiasts gathered around the banquet tables above the Coffee Shop Thursday evening of last week to decide the baseball status of Mount Pulaski and community the coming season.

The meeting was addressed by Howard Millard, sports editor of the Decatur Herald & Review, and president of the new class D league being formed in Illinois. Mr. Millard gave a very interesting and helpful resume of the baseball situation as he understood it pertained to this community.

The upshot of the meeting was a decision to organize the Mount Pulaski Fans' Association and form a semipro team either for league or individual play; to investigate the possibilities of night baseball, and if at all possible to secure sufficient electric current to light the field adequately. An effort would be made to raise the finances necessary to install a lighting system.

Mr. Millard, in commenting on this phase of the baseball outlook declared that a setup of this nature if it could be handled would be an ideal program for it would insure a much larger gate attendance and the opportunity to secure better ball clubs, and also a better personnel for a team since it would be possible for players with daytime jobs to play without losing any time. He also cited a town of 750 in Minnesota which drew several thousand fans at some of their games, and with the right sort of management and buildup, the same could be accomplished here.

It was the consensus of opinion that the junior team be given support this season as well as getting behind the semi-pro team. Coach Carroll Wood has done a wonderful job the past few seasons with his high school teams which have played during the summer months.

An organization was formed with Ed Dittus, president; George Underhill, vice president; Harry J. Wible, secretary, and Karl Dittus, treasurer.

Thanks to the generosity of Karl Dittus, Mount Pulaski has one of the finest ball parks and surroundings in the state. Karl has donated the use of the ground for several years, and thru the efforts of Coach Wood, who has worked unstintingly on the grounds, the park is an added incentive for more and better baseball.

The officers selected a board of directors composed of Orville Martin, Kenneth Ingram, Floyd Kelly, Dr. Hamm and Charles Anderson.

H. SCROGGIN WEDS LILLIAN BERTRANG

Miss Lillian Bertrang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bertrang of Fairchild, Wis., formerly of Mount Pulaski, and Howard Scroggin, son of Mrs. Elva Scroggin, Mount Pulaski, were married at 8 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 1947, in the Methodist church parsonage by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer, in the presence of a few relatives.

The bride has been living here for some time with her sister, Mrs. Harold Scroggin. The bridegroom, who served in the Army four years, is now employed by the Mount Pulaski Telephone and electric company.

For the present they will live at the Harold Scroggin home. They have purchased the Walter Bertrang property in the south part of the city, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schroth and family, and will get possession as soon as possible.

ANNA B. COMBS DIED SATURDAY AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Anna B. Combs, who lived on East Chestnut street in Mount Pulaski, died in St. Clara's hospital, Lincoln, at 10:35 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 1947, aged 79 years, 11 months and 28 days. She was a hospital patient 6 days. Mrs. Combs had been failing in health for two years and frequently went to the hospital for short periods of time to receive medical treatment and care.

Anna B. Cutright was born on Jan. 27, 1867, in Charleston, Ill., a daughter of John and Mildred Warwick Cutright, natives of Ohio. In her young womanhood she lived a mile west of Mount Pulaski with the Joseph Field family. On Sept. 16, 1900, she became the second wife of August C. Combs, who farmed west of the city. They left the farm in 1901 and moved into the city. Mr. Combs following the carpenter's trade. He later became one of the rural route mail carriers out of the Mount Pulaski postoffice, resigning in 1920, after 13 years of service. He preceded his wife in death on Nov. 7, 1940.

Decedent is survived by one step-daughter, Mrs. W. D. Allsopp, Mount Pulaski; four step-grandchildren, and three step-great grandchildren; also a niece, Mrs. Myrtle Fitzgerald of Springfield.

The body was removed to the Schahl funeral home where funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, conducted by Rev. F. E. Neumeyer, pastor of the Methodist church. Two hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross," and "In the Garden," were sung by Mrs. Geo. A. Volle and Mrs. W. G. Matthews, accompanied by Mrs. G. F. Wait, on the piano.

Burial was in Mount Pulaski cemetery, pallbearers being Geo. A. Tomlinson, Albert Shellhammer, Morrell Deibert, Ennis A. Downing, Dr. George S. Connelly and August C. Bartels.

Relatives and friends from other places attending were:

Dayton, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schmitt.

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EY'S BAKERY TO OPEN IN LINCOLN

Vincent and Carl Ey, who recently purchased the Hauffe Bakery in Lincoln, will open their new place of business to the public on next Tuesday.

"Cap" and "Bill" have been assisting their father, Charles Ey, with his bakery here since their return from service, and are embarking in business for themselves and will move to Lincoln.

Mrs. Carl Ey, who was a former Home Ec. teacher in the Mount Pulaski High school, has been in Chicago taking special training in cake decoration.

We join with the rest of the community in wishing them a successful future in Lincoln.

FIRE SUNDAY AT GEO. KICK HOME

When Mrs. Fayette Ross and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Ross, of Lincoln, went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kick about 2 p. m. Sunday to call on the former's daughter, Mrs. Gene Geyer, who occupies the upstairs apartment, they found the house filled with smoke and had the fire department called.

Mr. and Mrs. Kick and their son, Lester, the latter of Springfield, had gone uptown to eat dinner, and Mrs. Geyer was also away. A short circuit in a light wire back of a davenport caused the furniture to catch on fire. The davenport was ruined, as well as a rug in the sitting room of the Kick apartment. The firemen used chemicals on the blaze, so no water damage resulted.

It was one of Mr. Kick's first trips away from the house since injuries received several weeks ago in an auto collision.

POLIO PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL WAS SUCCESSFUL

The sum of \$125 was added to the Polio Fund drive as the result of the amateur program presented at the high school last Friday evening.

The program, arranged by Mrs. Ellis C. Downing, chairman of the drive, was an unusually enjoyable one and quite diversified. Wallace Eberhardt, high school student, performed very capably as master of ceremonies:

The Program:

Piano Selections — Miss Shirley Hildreth.

Vocal Solo—Charles Aylesworth

Reading—Mrs. Robert Hamm

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Pearl Waddell

Barbershop Quartet — Paul Moore, Harm Westen, Shelby Robinson and Joe Faletti.

Accordion Solo — Miss Cozette Rothwell

Vocal Solo—Rev. Ray Zumstein

Spanish Dance—Miss Berna Deane Lane.

The barbershop quartet was quite generous with their offerings and all who participated were given hearty encores.

Need More Donations!

The needed quota is still considerable short of the amount desired and folks or organizations who have not contributed are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Downing, or leave their contributions at either bank by this weekend.

MARY E. MULDOON DIED IN TEXAS; FORMER RESIDENT

Mrs. Mary Etta Muldoon, a native of Mount Pulaski vicinity and widow of Judge Albert Muldoon, died at 6 a. m., Thursday, Jan. 23, 1947, at her home in Decatur, Texas, aged 81 years, 8 months and 29 days. She had been failing in health many months, suffering from heart trouble, and recently her condition became serious.

Mary Etta Lucas was born on April 24, 1865, on a farm two miles southeast of Mount Pulaski, a daughter of Richard B. and Martha Nicholson Lucas, early day residents of the community. She attended the Hamilton school close to her home. In Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28, 1886, she was united in marriage to Albert Muldoon, son of James and Mary Costello Muldoon, who lived near the Muldoon bridge, south of Mount Pulaski. It was a double wedding ceremony, the other couple being Robert N. Jones and Della Muldoon (sister of Albert Muldoon) also of Mount Pulaski.

The decedent's husband, a graduate of Illinois State Normal U., began the teaching profession, his first position being at the Birks school a mile east of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Muldoon located in Decatur, where he continued to teach, and began reading law.

About 10 years ago they moved from Cornland to Ogalalla, Nebr., where he was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law. He served as Keith county judge and then located in North Platte, Nebr., serving as circuit judge. Retiring 23 years ago they moved to Decatur, Tex., to reside permanently. He died there Jan. 1, 1937, and he was buried here. Mrs. Muldoon continued to live in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had observed their golden wedding an-

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RECREATION MEETING PLANNED

A meeting has been called for Friday evening, Feb. 7, at the Tomlinson Community Center building in the interests of the recreational program to be set up for the coming summer months, and everyone interested in the youth of the community is invited to attend. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

The meeting is at 7:30.

Bond Issue of Park District Up For Vote

Would Raise Funds For Swimming Pool, Community Building.

The park board of the Mount Pulaski Township Park District at a special meeting on Saturday evening, passed a resolution for a special election to be held on March 20 to vote on the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for the construction of a community building, swimming pool and other park facilities for the township.

This decision of the Board came after several months of investigation and the completion and acceptance by the State Planning Commission at Springfield of plans and specifications as drawn by Architect John Deal and on figures submitted by a reliable contractor.

Building Plans

The plans and specifications for the proposed buildings are substantially the same as were those published at the time of the formation of the Park District.

The buildings include an indoor swimming pool of standard size, and a community building with large auditorium, one which will have a floor suitable for roller skating in addition to its other uses for community purposes, agricultural exhibits, banquets, merchants exhibits, community plays and gatherings of all kinds. Tennis courts which can be flooded in winter months for ice skating are also a part of the Community Center picture, along with outdoor Dutch ovens and tables for

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ROTARY PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER

Mount Pulaski Rotarians at the noonday luncheon today paid tribute to the founder of their organization, Paul P. Harris, who died Monday in Chicago. Rev. F. E. Neumeyer spoke of his worldwide benefit to mankind thru the formation of several thousands of clubs throughout the world.

Rev. J. Burns of the Presbyterian church in Lincoln, gave a very interesting talk on the Holy Land. He served during the war for 15 months as a Navy chaplain.

ANNEXATION AT LATHAM APPROVED

Petitions for the annexation of almost two sections of land in the Brick rural school district in Macou county to the Latham Community Consolidated District in Logan county, were filed Jan. 21 with, and approved by E. H. Lukenbill, superintendent of the Logan county schools.

A previous petition for annexation had been filed and a hearing held in Latham on Jan. 11, by Mr. Lukenbill, at which Harold Totten, a resident of the Brick school, objected. In presenting the second set of petitions the Totten farm of 80 acres was left out of the proposed plan.

Signers of the petition are closer to Latham than the Brick school, and it makes it more convenient for their children to attend school by being in the Latham district.

Will Hold Box Social At High School Jan. 31

You are reminded that the high school annual staff of Mount Pulaski High school, will sponsor a Box Social in the school at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Jan. 31, to raise funds for the year book, Hilltop. Everyone is invited. Tine Keck will act as auctioneer. There will be a program, various contests, and a cake walk, followed by dancing. Coffee served free. No admission will be charged.