

Big Celebration Took Place Here On Nov. 11, 1918

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Most people enjoy reading of events that took place in the old home town of years gone by. We came across a clipping recently, that tells about Armistice Day in Mount Pulaski on Nov. 11, 1918, or, a little over 40 years ago. The article was written by a local correspondent to an outside daily and tells the following story:

"The Armistice Victory Celebration in Mount Pulaski that started at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning, Nov. 11, 1918, was continued throughout the day. The old court house bell was kept ringing all day by the willing hands of men, women, and children, who as the strokes began to lag would grasp the rope to keep the old bell swinging without intermission.

"As the day grew older level heads began to make arrangements, and by 1 p.m. a monster celebration was in full swing. The stores, taverns and all manufacturers closed their doors. The band took its place in the bandstand. The State Militia Reserves, the G.A.R., the Red Cross Chapter, etc., formed and paraded. The Rev. Alfonse A. Marohn, a German-born Lutheran minister, who has been in this country only eight years and is pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church, was introduced by L. F. Fulwiler, principal of the township high school, took the stand and told the vast audience why he left Germany and why he was glad to be in America today under the Stars and Stripes that was now waving over Berlin. His talk was interesting and enlightening and received a hearty applause.

"Then the Reserves, led by Capt. B. H. Keck and Lt. Leigh W. Lucas, gave an exhibition drill that was a pleasure to behold, and aroused the cheers of all the people. The day passed off without any disturbances. The celebration was continued on into the night.

"The quarantine for the Spanish Influenza was lifted here on Monday and the schools were to have opened after every pupil had passed an examination by the physicians on the board of health, but owing to the celebration was postponed until Tuesday.

EARLY 4th OF JULY DAYS ARE RECALLED

Now that the year 1961 brings to Mount Pulaski the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city, it is a good thing to think of years gone by and how the people observed various events of the times. Mount Pulaski was always known for the noteworthy events arranged by the citizens and carried-out in successful ways, attracting thousands of people to the old hill, who gathered in the public square and around the business section to listen to good programs and prominent speakers, many of them state officials of note.

Of course the Semi-Centennial celebration of Mount Pulaski's founding in 1836, held on two days in the summer of 1886, was one of the great events of the city. The railroads and every means of transportation in those horse and buggy days, brought thousands of people to the old town. The meetings of the Logan County Old Settlers' Ass'n. from the early 1870's, through many years, were also a great attraction in Mount Pulaski. The great Horse Shows were also notable attractions.

For a long period of time before World War I, many cities and towns thruout the country would hold big 4th of July celebrations in honoring the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Mount Pulaski was one of these towns, and the events were big successes.

In the earlier days the big noise started on the east side of

the public square when the anvils were brought from the blacksmith shops to the east side of the old court yard. Black powder was placed between them about 4 a.m., and the terrific noise would awaken everyone and give each an early start for the day. The usual programs of music and speeches were enjoyed, and the fireworks display at night. But during the day the constant firing of firecrackers would put to shame the present TV Westerns. Celebrating the 4th of July has long been abandoned.

For a number of years in Mt. Pulaski, the Fall Fiesta or Festival with its programs of several

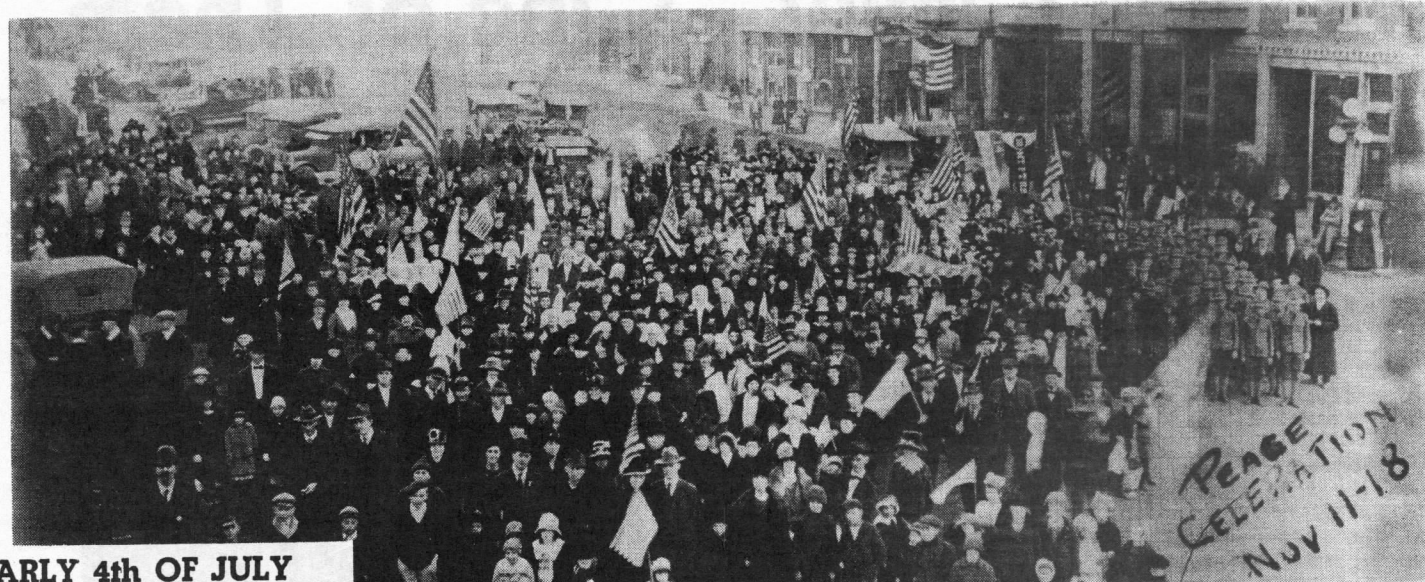
days and monster parades have taken the place of the usual events of years ago.

WILLIS W. SNYDER ENTERED INTO PIANO BUSINESS IN 1913

Willis W. Snyder, well known to all Mt. Pulaskians, and proprietor of Snyder's Moving Picture Theatre, recently embarked in the piano business and occupies his room on south side of the square which he formerly used as a tailor shop. The room has been artistically decorated with new wall paper and paint, giving it a very

pleasing appearance.

His fine stock of pianos is attracting a great deal of attention and much favorable comment. The line is the Fuehr & Stemmer, and their instruments, perhaps new to this community, have a well merited reputation. The factory representative, who came here to be present at the grand opening of this new stock, was Albert Baumann, born and raised near Mt. Pulaski, and this fact will be of interest to our citizens. Mr. Snyder has at his store a big piano dealers' guide, which contains the many favorable comment of the Fuehr & Stemmer pianos.



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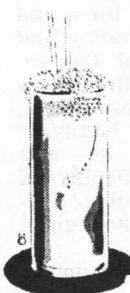
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ALL VISITORS are invited to stop in at our open house during the Sil-Tennial to view the fine facilities at our Legion Home and to relax for a few moments. We are proud of our Home, and will appreciate this opportunity to entertain the many who will come to Mount Pulaski during the Celebration.

OPEN HOUSE HOURS:

THE LEGION AUXILIARY will hold Open House during the Sil-Ten-following days and hours.

TUESDAY thru FRIDAY — 3 to 7

SATURDAY, July 29 — 1:00 to 2:00 — 4:00 to 7:00

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