



GOVERNOR KERNER, ILLINOIS' FIRST LADY, MRS. KERNER, and their two children, Tony and Helena. The Governor and Mrs. Kerner will be guests at the American Legion Fried Chicken Supper Saturday evening, July 22.

## WEST END OF COOKE STREET HAS HAD MANY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

Old P.D.&E. Station  
Located There Back  
In Early Days.

(By Paul E. Beidler)

One block in Mount Pulaski has been put to a great many uses. This block is located at the west end of Cooke Street.

After the old Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad was built and put into operation in 1872, the railroad ran through this block in Mount Pulaski as it came from the northwest and started to curve around the city on the way to the east toward Decatur.

There were two switch tracks along the main line, and thru the years along the west side of the track were water tanks, stockyards and in the early part of the century William C. McGavock had his sales barn and dealt in Polled Angus cattle. This property now is owned by the William Construction Co., and is located along the west city limits.

Still within this block was built the track that went east to service the present Mount Pulaski Grain Co. elevator, which was built before the railroads came, and the lumber yards.

Getting back to the same block were the P.D. & E. Railroad Station; coal yards; cold storage plant operated by the Decatur Brewing Co., when all this part of central Illinois was dry, and Mt. Pulaski was the only wet spot; a circus would use this ground at times to give the performances; for many years J. M. Kautz & Son operated an elevator there, and sold out to the Mount Pulaski Farmers Grain & Elevator Co., the latter tearing down the old frame elevator and building in its place tall concrete grain storage bins.

It must also be said that the Illinois Central built a steel tow-

er on this block in which to place coal to serve the steam railroad locomotives before the diesel engines came along and put them out of service.

The P.D. & E. station remained there until the railroad was taken over by the Illinois Central, and the populace no longer could meet the 9:15 p.m. passenger train from Peoria. Those were busy times at the station, before the automobile had a chance to get in its licks. You either walked up to the public square, rode the bus from the J. B. Gordon Livery Barn, and driven by Clyde Gordon, or, had some one meet you with a horse and buggy, a spring wagon, etc. Those were the good old days!

That block is still a busy place, and you have to drive along the east side of it to get to the road leading west of the city. In the early days it was called the Springfield road.

There is much more that could be written, but you have to stop somewhere.

## BANK OF CHESTNUT HELD UP FOR \$3,000

(Sept. 26, 1957)

The armed man and two young accomplices who participated in the holdup of the Bank of Chestnut, Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock were still unapprehended this morning.

About \$3,000 was taken by the armed man who walked up to a teller's window and told Miss Thekla Stoll, assistant cashier, "not to get excited", and then handed her a paper sack and told her to place the money in it. Miss Stoll complied by placing the money, mostly paper currency, in the sack from the drawer in front of her. He had her open several other drawers but no money was found in them.

Mount Pulaski was the only place in Logan county enterprising enough to have a fire department. The matter was talked of long before action was taken. In 1875, the merchants of the place contributed funds and purchased some "Babcocks," but no one seemed familiar with them when they were needed, and they became entirely unused. When the

Priest & Gordon mill burned in July, 1884, people were aroused; and in response to the general sentiment the board purchased an engine, hose cart and hook-and-ladder truck. The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company was organized in March, 1885, with W. H. Stafford as Captain and O. G. Bekemeyer as secretary.



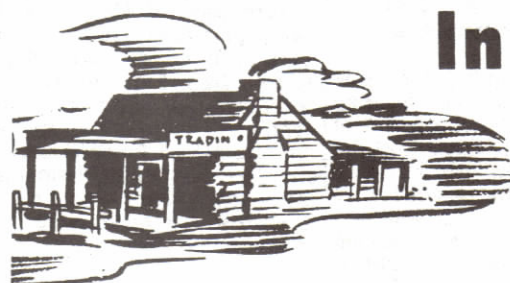
Far cry from the old-fashioned "general store" is the streamlined super market of today. A couple of generations ago these stores carried a limited line of food staples, weighing them out in bulk for each customer.

Today our modern super market offers Mount Pulaski residents a complete selection of meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, canned goods, frozen foods and similar items, allowing the housewife of today to plan an almost endless variety of meals.

With all these changes, the old-fashioned feeling of doing business with each other and pleasure of passing the time of day has not changed.

We're proud to be a part of Mount Pulaski, and WISH THE BEST TO OUR CITY on the celebration of its Sil-Tennial!

## KENNEDY'S SUPER MARKET

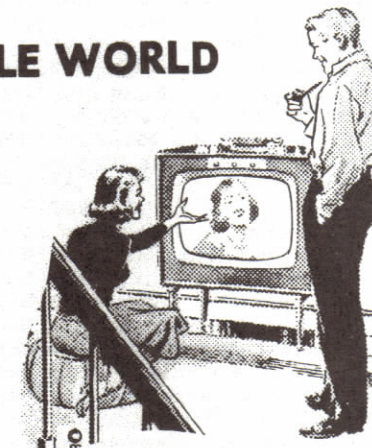


## In Pioneer Days...

When the early settlers lived in log cabins, entertainment was limited to that provided by members of the family circle, and a trip to the nearest small settlement was a real treat for every member of the family.

## TODAY TV BRINGS THE WHOLE WORLD INTO OUR LIVING ROOM!

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