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John E. Bowles Found Dead At His Residence

REFLECTIONS

(By the Editor)

Our government has again gotten the cart before the horse, it seems to us.

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When the President's proclamation ending World War II was made it had the effect of repealing certain luxury taxes.

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In other words, the only result of the so-called tax reduction was to make luxuries cheaper.

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Instead of doing anything to make the necessities of life any cheaper.

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For they have to be purchased out of the diminished portion of the taxpayer's wages

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Which are left after UNREDUCED INCOME TAX is deducted.

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The so-called luxury tax is a levy any taxpayer can voluntarily reduce or eliminate.

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Luxury items are within the power of the individual to refrain from purchasing.

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But the necessities of life are something that the individual cannot do without.

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The American public is not going to be satisfied with a mere gesture in tax reduction such as the luxury tax abolishment carries.

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Either a sharp reduction in income taxes or withholding taxes is going to have to be made.

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In order that the necessities of life which should have priority over luxuries, be more plentifully obtained by the average wage earner.

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Such a reduction would automatically mean a better standard of living for the many.

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Instead of the few, who are affected by the luxury commodity tax.

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Surely the necessities of American life should have PRIORITY over luxuries in the tax reduction program of Congress and the administration.

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Let's hope the new Congress doesn't "fumble the ball" in matters where the average wage earner is concerned.

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The expression of the American voter at the polls last November should serve as a warning to both parties that they are elected by the folks they serve.

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And the better they serve, the longer they can expect to be given a vote of confidence by the folks at home.

SORRY, NO PICTORIAL!

Due to a breakdown in the offset printing department we are unable to furnish our usual Pictorial Section. However, a Pictorial will be printed in next week's edition, so keep those pictures coming!

Invalid Wife Unable To Reach Phone. Neighbors Find Them.

Mount Pulaski was the scene of a zero weather tragedy that came as a shock to everyone in the community. John E. Bowles and wife Melinda, lived on East Jefferson street in the property known for years as the Lynn place. On Saturday morning about 10:30, Mrs. Glenn Oglesby, a neighbor, and Mrs. Paul A. Gruber became alarmed when they did not see smoke coming from the chimneys and also noting that no lights were burning during the night. Upon entering the house, they found Mr. Bowles lying dead on the floor, with Mrs. Bowles by his side.

According to Mrs. Bowles, an invalid for many months, her husband had carried her to a davenport in the living room of their home about 4 p.m. Friday, and then went for some bedclothes to put over her, but collapsed and fell to the floor. She managed to drag herself to his side, and became exhausted and was unable to summon help.

By 6 o'clock Saturday morning the temperature had fallen to 2 degrees below zero. Clothed only in her house dress to protect her from the intense cold, she was in a serious condition after lying on the floor for almost 18 hours. The fire had gone out in the furnace. Dr. George S. Connelly was called and she was given every care possible to revive her.

On the day of Mr. Bowles' death from a sudden heart attack, about 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 1947, he had been driving his car, and during the noon hour his son, Claude, of Buffalo vicinity, helped him get the car out of the snow along the side of the street. Claude then left for home after a visit with his folks. Mr. Bowles who was apparently in fair health until the time of his death, was aged 71 years, eight months and 18 days.

John E. Bowles, so well-known in the city and community, was born April 16, 1875, in Laenna

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GREEN DIAMOND HAS ITS TROUBLES

When the Illinois Central's Green Diamond from Chicago was approaching Mount Pulaski at 7:49 p.m. Saturday, something happened out at the water tank. One of the air hose broke, causing the brakes to set, and stop the train. After about 15 minutes the train moved slowly to the station, and an examination made. It was found that some of the mechanism on the trucks at the rear of the second unit of the big Diesel engine had broken loose. Fred Holmes was called out and he burned the broken part off with an acetylene torch. The train proceeded about 9 o'clock. Section men were sent out, and they found other broken pieces of metal along the track. It was one of those fortunate things in railroad that a wreck did not occur. The same train arriving Monday evening had a hot box under one of the passenger coaches and it was blazing so fiercely that the railroad crew had the coach set out here to avoid any trouble. The train lost more than half an hour's time.

POST OFFICE GAINS

The local postoffice gross receipts for 1945 were \$17,100, and for 1946, \$19,300, an increase of \$2,200. Christmas mailing was the main cause of the increase. 5,800 parcels came into the office here between Dec. 9 to Dec. 25.

MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN OPENS JANUARY 15-30

The 1947 March of Dimes annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which sparkplugs the never-ceasing battle against polio, will be held in Logan county Jan. 15 to 30, it was announced in Lincoln Tuesday by Bernard C. Mayberry, chairman of the campaign committee.

The need for funds, Mr. Mayberry said, has never been greater, since the nation has just emerged from the worst epidemic of polio in the history of the Foundation, founded in 1938.

With 17 polio cases in Logan county during 1946, the county fund is hard hit and replenishment can come only thru the drive scheduled for Jan. 15-30.

The people of Mount Pulaski township have always made liberal contributions, and will no doubt do even better this time.

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSAL JAN. 20

The Mount Pulaski Community Chorus will hold its first rehearsal of the new year Monday, January 20 at the high school at 7:30.

The chorus, under the direction of Les Wertz, who is planning on preparing a spring program to consist of secular numbers, featuring popular, light opera and semi-classical.

Anyone in the community is extended an invitation to join the chorus and are urged to be present Monday so that plans may be further completed for regular rehearsals.

The splendid showing of the chorus in the Christmas program, under Director Wertz, has been an added incentive to go ahead with preparations for another concert.

FATHER OF LOCAL MAN DIED SUNDAY

George Augustus Havener, 64, father of Thomas Havener of Mount Pulaski, died at 12:03 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 1947 in the Decatur and Macon County hospital after an illness of one week.

Mr. Havener was born in Illinois, Oct. 14, 1882, a son of Asa and Ida Havener. He first married Bertha Cameron, who died in 1942. On April 14, 1944, he married Pearl Denton of Owaneco.

He leaves his wife, 10 children, 18 grandchildren and 3 sisters.

Funeral services were held in the Monson funeral home, Decatur, at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Burial in the Owaneco cemetery.

VERA GASAWAY MARRIED DEC. 14

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gasaway, southeast of Mount Pulaski, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Vera Gasaway, to John Watson, of Manito, Ill. The wedding took place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1946, in the Christian church parsonage, Havana, Rev. LaVerne Poole performing the ceremony.

The bride wore a grey suit with cherry cokes accessories, and a corsage of pink rosebuds and white carnations.

The attendants were Miss Nelle Swisher and Elmer Vogel, friends of the couple.

They will live in Manito.

BETTY BROOKER TO WED JAS. HICKEY

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Brooker of Mount Pulaski vicinity, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Betty, to James T. Hickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hickey of Elkhart township.

Miss Brooker attended Mac Murray College, Jacksonville. Mr. Hickey, who served three years in the army air forces, is attending Lincoln college.

Lincoln Cage Team Comes Friday For Annual Battle

PULASKI GAVE FEITSHANS WORST DEFEAT OF YEAR

Mount Pulaski's Hilltoppers tuned up Tuesday night for their annual battle with Lincoln's Rail-splitters, who come here Friday night, by giving Feitshans high school cagers from Springfield the worst licking they have received this year. The locals were on the long, long end of a 62 to 26 score. The reserves finished the game and they did some scoring.

Pulaski used a pressing defense from the start and had Feitshans so badly harassed in the first quarter that they failed to recover at any time during the game. In fact, they had no chance to recover for if ever the "dew covered" Dixie, the Hilltoppers had their opponents so well covered that they seldom got a look at any basket other than the one the locals put the ball through.

Several times they were unable to get the ball in from out of bounds without a Hilltopper taking it away from them, and in trying to get the ball down the floor they were so well covered and badgered that they either had the ball stolen from them, threw it away on a wild pass or elapsed time gave it to Pulaski. While it wasn't a very exciting game from the standpoint of competition, it was a thrill to see the drive and aggressiveness of the locals and their basket shooting ability.

Waddell and Manes

Waddell was hot on the irons and his basket eye netted him 9 baskets and a free toss for 19 points. Manes settled for 18 points on 6 baskets and 6 free tosses, making 6 out of 8. Practically everyone scored as Coach Wood used his entire string of 10 men. Kinert, in the last four

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FORMER RESIDENT WED IN CALIFORNIA

Friends in Decatur of Mrs. Christine Ryman Pensinger have received word of her recent marriage in California to Col. Earle J. Harris, transportation manager for the Southern Pacific railroad, on loan to the government. He is in charge of rail and water transportation for Berlin, Germany, and Western Europe, and they expect to sail Jan. 12 for Europe, and to make Paris and Berlin their travel headquarters.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Cora B. Ryman, formerly of Mount Pulaski and then Decatur. Her father, the late Herbert D. Ryman, was a practicing physician in Mount Pulaski during the first World War, enlisted in the Army and was killed in France.

The bride attended Mount Pulaski high school. Following Dr. Ryman's death they located in Decatur. She has been in California in recent months and has been employed by a motion picture company.

Her mother now lives in Van Nuys, Calif., with her son Herbert, an artist, who was once with the Walt Disney enterprises and more recently did all the art work for "Anna and the King of Siam" and "Forever Amber."

The other member of the Ryman family, Lucille, is now head of the talent department of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

551 FOXES KILLED

A total of 551 foxes were killed in Logan county in 1946, on which bounties amounting to \$1,653 were paid, according to a report by Claude C. Tull, county clerk. The county pays \$3 a head for each fox killed and presented at the courthouse in Lincoln.

Capacity Crowd Will Be On Hand For THE Game.

First Game—7:00 p. m.
Main Game—8:00 p. m.

Basketball fans and those who are not basketball fans are beginning to get that nervous feeling that comes every time the date of a Lincoln-Mount Pulaski cage game gets nearer and nearer. That nearness is almost here—Friday night of this week, and on the Pulaski court.

Folks, whether they be cage fans or not, always rise to the occasion when these two rivals meet and many who don't even care about the score of other games, always ask the question "Well, how did Lincoln and Pulaski come out?"

The setting this year finds Lincoln not faring so well in their contests to date, which is indicative of their not being as strong as last year. Pulaski looks, and is, stronger than last year, from the way they have been winning all but one of their scheduled games, dropping two to Routt, which has won 19 straight. These losses were by two and one point, the latter an overtime.

BUT FOLKS! Pre-Lincoln-Pulaski dope means nothing to these rivals. In fact, the greatest amount of upsetting is generally done on this annual event. So fans are going to see a real ball game or we are sadly off the beam.

Coach Wood has his team in great shape right now as was proven by the way they tore Feitshans apart Tuesday night. Is it too much, Coach, to hope for a repetition of that game, on Friday night?

In the event of an overflow crowd, a public address system will carry the game up to the study hall where the public is invited to listen to the game at no cost whatsoever.

SNOW, RAIN, SLEET—MAKE GOING TOUGH

Mount Pulaski certainly had a White New Year's day. Snow fell all day and up to noon Thursday, accompanied by some rain, which made the pavements very slick. The temperature began to drop and by 6 a.m. Saturday was about 4 below zero. Sunday it was 6 above and on Monday 11 above. The bright sunshine Monday sent the temperature up, as it did Tuesday, when it was about 35 degrees above. Of course the auto and truck drivers had their troubles and had to slow their speed. From New Year's to Monday night the girls and boys had a fine time coasting, mainly on South Lafayette street, starting at the southeast corner of the square.

MARJORIE WADDELL OF LATHAM MARRIED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Marjorie Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldell, of Latham, and Maurice Garver, son of Mrs. Clara Williams, Decatur.

The wedding took place Dec. 21, 1946 in Decatur, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Carrel Flewelling. The bridegroom is employed by the Hayes Hatchery. They are living at 1704 North Gulick, Decatur.

SALE DATE LISTING

Jan. 14, 1947—John Armintrout Closing Out Sale, 3/4 mile west of Latham, 7 miles southeast of Mount Pulaski. B. H. Keck, au