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ED LYNCH HURT
Ed Lynch, well known Delphi barber, was rushed to St. Elizabeth hospital, Lafayette, at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Lynch was standing on a back stairway at his home on West Front Street when the stairs gave way and he fell to a cement porch, some ten feet below. He was carrying a knife at the time of the accident and it is believed that he may have suffered some cuts from the knife in addition to fractured ribs. The extent of his injuries was not learned at press time. He was taken to the hospital in the Jackson ambulance.

316 YEARS IS COMBINED AGE OF THIS GROUP OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS

When Mr. and Mrs. Parker Simmons entertained at their home north of Delphi recently for her mother, two aunts and an uncle, the occasion marked the first time in 35 years that the brother and sister had been together.

The sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Denny, 74, of Spencer, Tennessee, Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, 81, of Monticello and Mrs. Mary Hawthorne, 83, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and the brother, George Shockley, 77, of Spencer, Tennessee, have a combined age of 316 years.

At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was served the group and the following children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Mrs. Argie Guthrie and Dixie of Logansport, Mrs. Ed Burke of Spencer, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Measles of Morricello, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Simmons, Mrs. Bob Simmons and Dixie of Delphi, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Garrett of Washington, D. C.

The only thing that marred the day was the fact that the brother George Shockley, became ill on the evening after the dinner and had to be taken to the hospital.

NAME THREE TO DRAFT BOARD IN CARROLL COUNTY

TWO FLORA MEN AND WALTER POPEJOY TO COMPRISE MEMBERSHIP

General Robinson Hitchcock, State Selective Service Director, today announced the appointment of three new members to Indiana Local Board No. 7, which is the official title of the Carroll county board. The three new members to the board are Walter Popejoy, Delphi postmaster; Lawrence A. Mummert, farmer residing in the Flora community and Mills McKinley, who is associated with the Shinar Poultry Firm of Flora.

The new board will meet for the first time Friday night to name officers and establish policies.

Appointment of the new board came after General Hitchcock accepted the resignation of R. E. Davidson of Delphi, Walter Mac Johnson of Camden and Ed Helvie of Flora, who resigned early in June in a policy dispute with the State Selective Service committee. They had been serving since the

PYRMONT BRIDGE MEETS IGNOMINIOUS END



The once proud Pyrmont covered bridge, built 91 years ago and which has withstood wind and rain, floods and heat, gave way to the mechanical age and lack of repairs on last Monday. With its passing, the county has lost two of its four remaining covered bridges in the last few months. The other, at Cutler, is still standing but closed to traffic.

The people of the Pyrmont community kept a constant vigil on the beloved old structure in its last hours. On Sunday, July 8, the bridge was closed after Morris Wagoner reported that he had felt the bridge settle as he was driving

over it. Upon examination, it was found that the west end of the bridge had started to split.

Monday noon, Mr. and Mrs. William Dietrich and Russell Livingston witnessed the actual demise of the structure when the 152 foot covered span fell into Wild Cat, a splintered and twisted ruins shown above in the photo.

Built in 1860, the year Abe Lincoln was elected president—the Pyrmont bridge had served continuously for 91 years. A few years ago the county commissioners started procedure to have the structure replaced and got as far as having the money appropriated.

There the matter was dropped and nothing more has been done about starting a new bridge. Now the people of the community face a long period of waiting while the necessary bond issue is floated, and the new bridge constructed.

The structure at Pyrmont was weakened, according to residents of the community, because the roof had not been repaired since 1912 and leaked water which in turn rotted the bridge timbers.

The county still has two of the historic covered bridges in use, although both are in need of repairs. One north and east of Cutler and the Lancaster bridge near Owasco.

MANY CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES ASSURE SUCCESSFUL COUNTY 4-H CLUB FAIR

County 4-H Leaders and Extension workers are busy completing plans for the annual 4-H Exhibit which will be held at Flora July 30 to August 2. The County program has increased rapidly with the 1951 membership of 814, an 80% increase in membership 5 years ago. Club members are working to complete their projects and exhibits and the

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Joe Cook, who lives west of town, narrowly escaped serious injury early last Sunday morning when his auto went out of control on the Bicycle Bridge road and careened over an embankment. Other than scratches and bruises, Cook escaped injury but his car was demolished. Cook, who lives only a short distance from the scene of the accident, had walked

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