

Over the years the column became so well known that readers came to regard Putterville as a real community and often letters written to one of its charming—nighest of the season. But by 10 a. m. Monday it was down to 51 as a plains' states cold front pushed out the warm gulf air, and a high of only about 60 was forecast for the day.

Monday night it will get even cooler, with a 44 low in prospect, but a mild 68—a happy medium between the extremes—is forecast for Tuesday.

Fair skies will accompany the cooler temperatures, and high winds—reaching to gusts of more than 50 miles an hour early Monday are expected to diminish during the night.

A year ago the temperature was in the mid-80s, but under weather conditions which circumvented the rash of severe thunderstorms and tornado warnings which have plagued Lansing and the rest of Michigan for the past weekend.

Rainfall to date this month, including a little less than a quarter of an inch early Sunday, totals 4.78 inches — more than three and a quarter inches above normal.

ters were directed by postal authorities to The State Journal.

The old Reo Motor Car company sponsored a band and once a year the musical aggregation held a "Putterville Night" concert at which tunes of yesteryear were played, to the delight of listeners.

Many top news stories of developing Lansing were written by Mr. Pitt but probably the most colorful was his eye-witness version of a holdup at Stabler's clothing store on E. Grand River ave. in North Lansing. He wrote a first-person story for he had been in the store at the time.

His "Wayside Pickups" were humorous anecdotes and incidents involving Lansing citizens from all segments of the community. Others followed with keen interest his "Letters to Et", recounting satirically legislative happenings as viewed by a "special sitting janitor" to his wife.

LAUDED AT LUNCHEON

For his many contributions to Lansing as a reporter and his part in North Lansing history, Mr. Pitt was given a testimonial luncheon Jan. 26, 1953, at which he was praised by his "boss," Paul A. Martin, publisher of The State

Journal; the late J. Gottlieb Reuter, former mayor, and Judge Charles H. Hayden and the late Claude E. Cady, former postmaster and congressman, the last two schoolmates of Earle's at the old Cedar st. school.

Although Mr. Pitt spent most of his life in Lansing, he was born in McBrides (Montcalm county) and came here as a child with his parents and grandparents. Some of his fondest reminiscences were of his school days in North Lansing. The school since has been razed.

Friends recall that Mr. Pitt always wore the first dandelion of the spring in his coat lapel. Others remembered that he helped Mr. VerLinden and Harry L. Conrad draw the rough plans for the old Durant (now Fisher Body) plant on VerLinden ave.

Always thoughtful of others, Mr. Pitt joined with several leading citizens to provide relief for needy families after the market crash of 1929. This group was identified as the Home Folks Relief club and those financially able contributed 50 cents weekly

to provide food, bedding and clothing for the destitute.

Being a former newspaperboy, he also was active for years in the Old Newsboys' association and the Palmer shoe fund which it eventually absorbed. He also was a charter member of Lansing Newspaper Guild and continued to hold its No. 1 card at the time of his death. Another of his proud possessions was a life membership in the North Side Commercial club.

For some years before retiring from the daily newspaper routine in 1947, Mr. Pitt spent the winter months at Safety Harbor, Florida and summers here. During the winters, he continued his column writing and did general news writing, too, upon his return each spring. The Pitts for years lived on N. Cedar st., and later on N. Capitol ave.

On retiring, Mr. Pitt moved to Ionia, where his wife, Mildred, became ill prior to his being stricken. She remains a patient in the Cook convalescent home in Ionia. The former Mildred Beal, they were married Nov. 5, 1907.

AN ACTIVE MASON

While here, Mr. Pitt took a keen interest in Masonic activities and became affiliated with that fraternal order. He was a

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