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**THE WEATHER**  
Remember those warm summer afternoons, with cooling rains during the night? That's the kind of weather the Tri-City area has been experiencing during the past week. It's excellent weather for the crops and good sleeping too.

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50 Cents a Month

## Municipal Canning Center Will Begin Operations Monday

### NEKOOSA TO BUY \$5,000 IN BONDS

The Wisconsin Rapids municipal canning center in the Mead-Witter block will open Monday, July 9, under the supervision of Mrs. Jess Mosley, according to an announcement made by Third ward Alderman Chas. V. Stark at Tuesday night's city council meeting when he gave a financial report on last year's operations. The report showed expenditures totalling \$5,821.05 and receipts of \$2,279.57, leaving a deficit of \$3,541.48.

Mr. Stark explained that the actual deficit was not this large as from \$1,800 to \$2,000 is invested in inventory and that it should be possible to break even this year. He pointed out that no new equipment would have to be installed this summer, which cost about \$2,100, and that only two people instead of four would be employed. The alderman, who is chairman of the special canning center committee, also brought out that the center got a late start last summer.

About 400 families made use of the facilities last season and over 60,000 cans of food were put up besides a great many of items that were sent overseas. The alderman was agreed that even if the center should run behind it would be money well spent in view of its convenience to the public and importance in wartime food conservation.

Local families are given preference in schedules and the charge this year will be 6 cents for No. 2 cans and 8 cents for No. 3 cans, representing a slight increase.

Other members of the committee are Aldermen Fred Eberhardt and W. Meade Reeves, City Clerk Neils M. Justeson, Mrs. F. W. Hill and Mrs. Vilas Baker.



**TWO DIE IN TRAIN AUTO CRASH AT HEWITT**—Mr. and Mrs. William Kohlbeck, route 5, Marshfield, were killed outright when the car which he was driving crashed into the side of a moving Soo Line freight train at Hewitt at 1:05 this morning. Shown examining the wreckage are, from left, Traffic Officer Tony Hansen, Dr. H. G. Pomainville, Wood county coroner, and Sheriff Henry J. Becker. Mrs. Kohlbeck's body was still in the auto when this picture was taken. Two girls, Dahlia Beck and Annabelle Bruuggen, also of route 5, were in the rear seat and each suffered a broken leg.

## Two Killed as Car Hits Side Of Freight Train at Hewitt

Two Wood county residents were killed outright when their automobile crashed into the side of a fast moving Soo Line freight train at Hewitt early this morning. Two other occupants of the car escaped serious injury.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Kohlbeck, route 5, Marshfield, the parents of four children ranging in age from three months to three years. Returning with them from a dance at Rozelleville, Marathon county, were Miss Dahlia Beck, 19, and Miss Annabelle Bruuggen, 22, both of route 5, Marshfield, each of whom suffered a broken leg and body bruises.

Kohlbeck, 27, was driving the car and his wife, who was 24, was sitting alongside him in the front seat. Their two companions were seated in the rear and had difficulty in getting out of the car after the accident both because of their injuries and the twisted wreckage of the vehicle. The car remained upright.

"We all saw the train—but it was too late," Miss Beck said in St. Joseph's hospital in Marshfield where they were taken by ambulance as she described the tragic grade crossing accident. The front end of the 4-passenger coupe was demolished and Mrs. Kohlbeck's body was crumpled and pinned inside. The car was carried about 50 feet down the right-of-way and the train, No. 24, thundered on, the engineer apparently unaware of the accident. Saw Brake Light

The Kohlbeck party was coming from the north while the train was east bound. There are no automatic warning signals at the crossing but the deaths at 1 o'clock this morning were believed to be the first to occur there. Witnesses to the accident were Neil Windrow and Joe Bury, Jr., both 19 and both of Route 5, Marshfield, who were in another car some distance behind

## SIX VETERANS ON WAY HOME FROM PACIFIC

Six veterans from the Wisconsin Rapids area are returning home on the army's newly inaugurated point demobilization plan after 38 months of overseas duty in the Southwest Pacific.

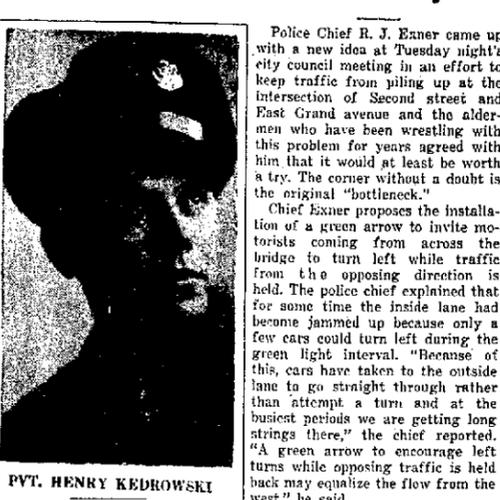
They are: S/Sgt. Lester Campbell of Nekoosa; Corp. Tech. Leonard Van Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Ruth, 104 C street, Nekoosa; Corp. Tech. Henry J. Winkler, son of John Winkler, Route 2, Nekoosa; Pfc. Clarence L. Coon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Coon of Port Edwards; Corp. Tech. Carl G. Layton, son of Mrs. Erma Harroun, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids; and S/Sgt. Norman E. Goodness, son of Mrs. William Huchtausen, 1511 Wylie street, Wisconsin Rapids.

These men were former members of the Wisconsin Rapids National Guard and they entered service in October, 1940. They trained at Camp Livingston, La., and embarked for duty in the Pacific with the Red Arrow (82nd) infantry division April 22, 1942.

They are all entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon for service prior to Pearl Harbor, the Good Conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars and the Philippine liberation ribbon with one battle star authorized by the Commonwealth government of the Philippines.

Corporal Winkler and Corporal Layton are also entitled to wear the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese.

## City to Make Another Stab at Auto Tieup



**PVT. HENRY KEDROWSKI**

## Local Soldier Meets Death In Philippines

Pvt. Henry K. Kedrowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kedrowski, 1140 Apricot street, was killed in action June 15 on Luzon, according to a war department telegram received this morning by the soldier's wife, Elizabeth, who resides in Nekoosa.

Private Kedrowski was born at Stockton, Wis., December 18, 1925, but resided in Wisconsin Rapids most of his life.

He entered military service October 23, 1944, received training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Ord, Calif., before going overseas in April of this year. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Bowes of Nekoosa December 9, 1942 at Camp Blanding.

In addition to his parents and wife, Private Kedrowski is survived by four brothers, Ray, a private in France, and Edwin, a private first class in Germany, Bernard and Gerald at home; and three sisters, Virginia, Margaret and Mrs. Frank Klezen, Jr., of Wisconsin Rapids.

## FLIER KILLED IN MINDORO ACTION

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**S/SGT. HENRY BAIN**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bain, 569 Hill street, received a telegram from the war department yesterday stating that their son, S/Sgt. Henry F. Bain, Jr., was killed in action June 18 on Mindoro island in the Philippines.

Sergeant Bain was tail-gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, serving with the 380th bomber group in the Fifth air force.

## Drunken Driver Hits Mother and Son; Fined \$50

After having struck two pedestrians yesterday afternoon, Hilmer Holberg, 60, 230 First avenue south, pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of drunken driving and was fined \$50 and costs of \$7.13 when arraigned in justice court of Marjorie Jacobson. Holberg's driver's license was revoked for one year.

Mrs. Amelia Kreitlow and a 6-year-old son, Geo. 1231 Bonow avenue, received numerous bruises and abrasions when Holberg's car knocked them down after failing to make a curve while traveling east on Cleveland street near the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad crossing. According to police, the injuries are not considered serious.

## Wellner Finishes Job Despite Those %“?!”; Japs

A former Prentiss Wabers Products company employe, Pfc. John E. Wellner is finally convinced that the Japanese objected to his installing a culvert on a main supply road near the southern Okinawa front.

Wellner is a rigger in the 321st engineer battalion, with the 96th infantry division on Okinawa.

His work was interrupted four times in a single day recently. First the Japs sent in a barrage of sniper fire which forced him to leave his work temporarily. When this failed to halt the work permanently, the Nipponese opened up with a mortar barrage. Finally the used artillery.

A bit unnerved by the unwelcome attention from the Japs, Wellner nevertheless finished the job.

Before entering the army, he was employed as a clerk at Prentiss Wabers. He is the son of Mrs. Mabel Wellner, Wisconsin Rapids. His wife and two children are living at Hermosa Beach, Calif., at the present time.

## Lt. Philip Nugent Is Organist for Wedding In Italian Cathedral

First Lt. Philip J. Nugent, whose wife, Reba, lives at 1311 Norlan street, recently served as organist for a wedding in St. Peter's cathedral at Peltro, Italy.

The bride was Miss Rose Maria De Cotis of Watervliet, N. Y., and the groom, First Lt. Samuel S. Smith of Pineda, Ala. The entire wedding was composed of military and Red Cross personnel.

Lieutenant Nugent is a member of the 339th "Polar Bear" regiment headquarters.

## Small Group From Region Is Inducted

A small group of men from this area were inducted into the armed forces June 28 at Milwaukee, according to an announcement by the local selective service board today.

The list includes: Harold W. Whitlock, Route 2; William F. McCarthy, 921 Second avenue south; James B. Dulake, 150 Eleventh street north; Clarence I. Pavloski, 1111 Rosencranz street; Gordon P. McCarthy, 1700 First street north; James W. Dolan, Sr., 711 Third avenue north; Carl A. Peckham, Route 3; Edward E. Ewell, 330 Thirteenth street north; Donald J. Pascavis, Route 4; and Vernon W. Dhein, 130 Seventeenth avenue south, all of Wisconsin Rapids; Ellis Carl Friday, Two Rivers; Rollo V. Plenge, Babcock; Robert M. Bury, Milwaukee; Fern L. Severance, Racine; John B. Krause, Pittsville; and Lawrence K. Hoffman and Clarence E. Marth, both of Nekoosa.

Transferred in for induction were Edward C. Hueley, 241 1/2 Seventeenth avenue north; Joseph N. Stelzer, 511 Dewey street; and Louis Henry Papineau, 521 Eighth street south, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

Transferred out for induction were Robert E. Behling, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bernard F. Zeaman, Milwaukee; Lorne G. Durward, Racine; and Charles A. VanKeuren, Lake Forest, Ill.

## LIGHTNING KILLS COW

Alfred Schiller, Pittsville, said today that during an electrical storm yesterday afternoon a young Holstein cow was struck and killed by lightning in a barn on his farm. No other damage was reported.

## MUSIC CLASSES GIVEN SUPPORT

Enrollment for band and orchestra instrument lessons is much higher and the interest and enthusiasm shown is greater than last year, Joseph Liska, Jr., band and orchestra director, said in speaking of the summer music classes now underway at the Witter building.

Seventy-five pupils are taking band instruction lessons under the direction of R. T. Ziegler. Twenty-nine of this number are beginners and there are also several "twisters" enrolled. Mr. Liska reports 70 pupils in his string instrument group.

The junior band with 30 members and the junior orchestra with 40 are holding regular practices and the attendance record has been very good, the director stated.

## Firemen Called Twice To Creamery Property

Wisconsin Rapids firemen were called twice in two days to put out small fires on property owned by the Wisconsin Valley Creamery company, 160 First street south.

The department was called at 5:45 Thursday afternoon to put out a fire that started in a discarded milkwagon in a barn on Johnson street. The fire was believed to have been started by children. No damage was caused.

Again at 1:15 this afternoon the department answered a call to put out a fire which started in a basement wall at the creamery. Fire Chief August C. Miller said there was no damage from the fire, which apparently started from sparks from an electric torch that was being used to remove an ice machine.

## Mrs. Gjertsen Has Letter From Norway

Mrs. John R. Gjertsen, 950 Baker street, has received an air-mail letter from her brother in Bergen, Norway, telling her that everyone there is well and that they got through the war in fine shape.

This is the first letter that Mrs. Gjertsen has had since Germany invaded Norway.

## Pfc. Robert Smith Wounded in Action

Pfc. Robert A. Smith, Wisconsin Rapids, was listed today by the war department as having been wounded in action recently in the Pacific theater of operations.

Private Smith's wife, Joanne, resides at 2350 Sixth street south.

## When No News Is Good News

That "no news is good news" is apropos to Wisconsin Rapids and Wood county today with no accidents or injuries reported to city or county police over July 4.

Sheriff Henry J. Becker and Police Chief R. J. Exner said it was the quietest celebration of the holiday they could recall.

## Board Advances Plans for Proposed Howe School

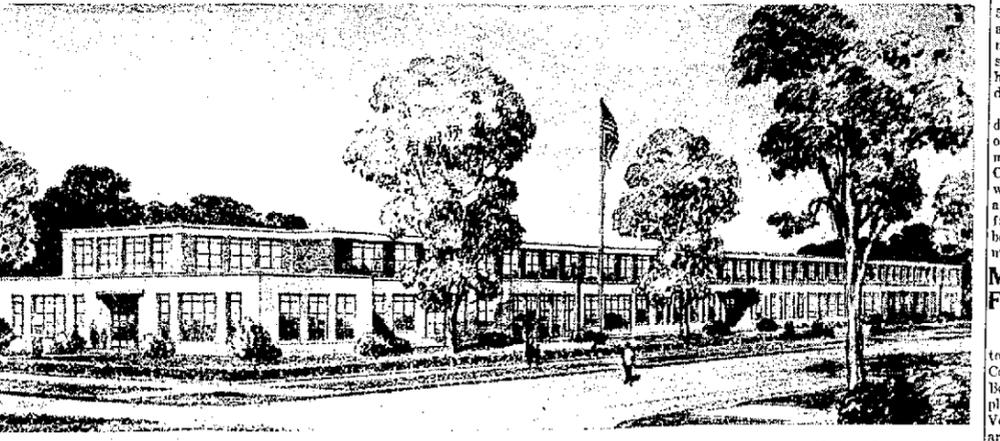
Accepting the general design for the proposed new Howe school as sketched by Childs and Smith, Chicago architects, the Wisconsin Rapids board of education at a re-organization meeting in Lincoln school last night discussed the possibility of taking steps soon so that it could be constructed next summer and relieve crowded grade school conditions on the East side.

Earl Sherman was re-elected to his tenth term as president of the school board while Alfred Rember was again chosen as vice president and Floyd Smith, superintendent of schools, was re-named secretary. Mr. Sherman has served on the board since 1927 with the exception of a short period when wards in the city were re-districted.

Accept Resignation

The resignation of Carl Klandrud as basketball coach and geography teacher was accepted and Mr. Smith was instructed to secure a replacement if possible. If a suitable candidate is not found, Phil Manders, recently engaged as head football coach, may handle basketball also and would be given special assistance. Mr. Smith reported that there still are a few vacancies on the teaching staff but that "supply teachers or substitutes may fill the needs temporarily.

Considering the question of whether to proceed immediately to make arrangements for materials and financing of the new Howe school or to wait until more labor is available, costs lower and federal



**SKETCH OF PROPOSED NEW HOWE GRADE SCHOOL**—The Wisconsin Rapids board of education has approved the above sketch for the general design of the proposed new Howe school and is proceeding with plans in the hope that it can be constructed next summer. With a simple brick exterior and full-length windows, the 2-story structure would house elementary grades and special classes.

relieving overcrowded conditions on the East side. It also would be designed for evening adult use. The building would be 486 feet long and about 70 feet wide with service entrances on Saratoga and Oak streets and the main entrance on Eighth street. Necessary land already has been acquired.

68 pupils with 15 of these on the East side and 53 on the West side. The school population by wards and changes from last year is as follows:

East side—First, 319, minus 10; Second, 363, minus 10; Third, 224, plus 13; Fourth, 240, minus nine; Ninth, 381, plus 17; Tenth, 330, plus 14.

West side—Fifth, 485, plus 11; Sixth, 348, plus 24; Seventh, 287, minus 3; Eighth, 316, plus 21.

Bills totalling \$3,150 were allowed and a financial report showed balance of \$107,555 as of June 30.

aid might be in prospect, it was the consensus of the commissioners to go ahead because the need for space is so urgent.

Superintendent Smith said that "we may get by next year if we can obtain another room in the Normal school. Otherwise we might have to close down kindergartens or build barracks."

A school census just completed by Miss Ruth Horton shows that there are 3,242 school-age children in Wisconsin Rapids with 1,456 on the West side and 1,806 on the East side, a total gain over last year of

## Hold Everything



"Well, son, how do London and Paris compare with Lonesome Center?"