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# Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

A CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER

ALL OUT FOR THE MONTHLY SEVENTH Buy Bonds

**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.

Other council matters included appointment of a board of review for July 9 composed of Nick Michels, F. R. Goddard, Bernhard Naegle and George Goodness; appointment of R. M. Friedrichs as justice of peace to fill a vacancy left by Louis Buehler. In addition, an ordinance was voted governing occupancy of house-trailers within the city limits and an announcement made that the state highway authorities have agreed to place warning signs adjacent to the city swimming pool.

Oiling of First street has been completed by the city crews and because only one car was obtained and has been used, no more street work will be done unless additional oil is obtained.

An electro-rust proofing treatment is to be purchased for the water tower to prevent corrosion. Delivery of the pump ordered has been delayed for several weeks because of material shortage.

Other matters of Monday's council proceedings included issuance of building licenses to Chester Korhol and Antone Hoffman for fire-proof structures on Market street, and operator's licenses for George Gjersten and Arlen Gjersten, Ellwood Kreuger, John P. Dierberg and Dale R. Hamel. The health officer reported no deaths, no births and one case of measles. The police report listed 13 arrests, 21 complaints, and the issuance of 15 car licenses and 23 bicycle licenses.



**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

### 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.

## FLIER KILLED IN MINDORO ACTION



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.

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## 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.

## 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. McGarthy, 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; Elvin 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. Martz, both of Nekeosa.

Transferred in for induction were Edward C. Hueley, 241 1/2 Seventh street 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.

## Five Taken To Hospital After Crash

Five persons were taken to River-view hospital yesterday afternoon as a result of an accident in which a car driven by Mrs. Lawrence Hobart, 23, Nekeosa, and a truck driven by Ardian Koch, 39, Route 5, collided on Highway 73, two miles southwest of Nekeosa.

Mrs. Hobart received a broken right arm and numerous bruises. Four children were passengers in the car, including Mrs. Hobart's two children, Darlene, 5, and Leroy, 4, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Weber, Mary Jane, 4, and 1-year-old son, James. The children were released from the hospital after examination showed no serious injuries.

According to county police, Mrs. Hobart was emerging from a driveway turning north toward Nekeosa as Koch, driving a truck loaded with sludge, approached from the south. He apparently tried to avoid a collision by turning to the left side of the road. The truck struck the Hobart vehicle and turned over. Koch was bruised but his injuries were not serious. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$700.

## 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 Nekeosa; Corp. Tech. Leonard Van Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Ruth, 104 C street, Nekeosa; Corp. Tech. Henry J. Winkler, son of John Winkler, Route 2, Nekeosa; 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

Police Chief R. J. Exner came up with a new idea at Tuesday night's city council meeting in an effort to keep traffic from piling up at the intersection of Second street and East Grand avenue and the aldermen who have been wrestling with this problem for years agreed with him that it would at least be worth a try. The corner without a doubt is the original "bottleneck."

Chief Exner proposes the installation of a green arrow to allow motorists coming from across the bridge to turn left while traffic from the opposing direction is held. The police chief explained that for some time the inside lane had become jammed up because only a few cars could turn left during the green light interval. "Because of this, cars have taken to the outside lane to go straight through rather than attempt a turn and at the busiest periods we are getting long strings there," the chief reported. "A green arrow to encourage left turns while opposing traffic is held back may equalize the flow from the west," he said.

Nineteenth Avenue Again

Interlocked with hearings on two petitions for installation of water and sewer and a proposed amendment to the ordinance regulating such work was the monthly airing of the \$19,000 Nineteenth avenue south proposition for which Seventh ward Alderman Lawrence Behrend and Matt Kehrberg have been putting up such a noble "last ditch" battle. The two have seized every opportunity to plead their case before the council, further details of which can be found in accounts of previous meetings, and Tuesday night picked up strength as a couple of "no" votes were added to theirs when the council ordered the amendment published and approved mains for Eleventh street south from Chestnut street north to a point 102 feet beyond Grape street and on East G street from Eighth street for a block.

The amendment would require a written guarantee to be filed with the register of deeds instead of an individual promise that users of the service would absorb a yearly charge of \$5 for each 66 feet of pipe in the event owners of vacant lots defaulted on their payments. A final vote on what City Attorney William J. Conway described as a device to provide a specific lien on each applicant will be taken at the next meeting. And it is safe to predict that more will be heard about Nineteenth avenue south at that time.

Return Petition

The council also referred back to the petitioners an application for sewer and water on Thirteenth street between Appleton and Chestnut because only 11.5 per cent of the frontage was represented.

It was decided to limit parking on First street north between Mill and Spring street to two hours, recommend to the Chicago and North Western railway the installation of an automatic warning signal at the Lincoln street crossing and improvement of the pavement at Birch and Garfield streets was voted.

The bids of Thiry Coal and Engineering company for stoker coal at \$9.70 a ton and the People's Coal company for lump coal at \$10.50 were accepted and, because of the 80 per cent reduction in next year's supply, the second floor ceiling of the city hall will be insulated.

A request by George Jackson to build a structure at 141 Twelfth street south which would be used as a milkhouse and contain bottling facilities was referred to the public property committee.

## Local Soldier Meets Death In Philippines

Pvt. Henry J. 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 Nekeosa.

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 Nekeosa 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.

## 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 "winders" 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.

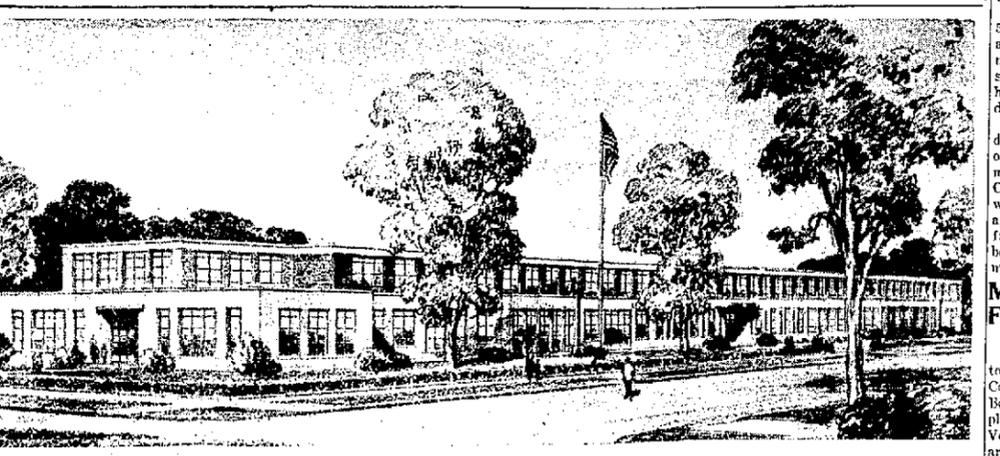
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**SKETCH OF PROPOSED NEW HOWE GRADE SCHOOL**—The Wisconsin Rapids board of education has approved the above sketch for the general design of the proposed new Howe school and is proceeding with plans in the hope that it can be constructed next summer.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

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

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, 249, 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.

## Hold Everything



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

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