

**THE WEATHER**  
For Wisconsin: Light snow, much colder tonight. Thursday snow flurries and cold. Fresh to strong winds.  
Local weather facts for 24 hours preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum 30; minimum 21.

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**BROTHERS DIE MONTH APART**—George E. Brown, left, 18, seaman 2/c, and Pvt. Harold J. Brown, 23, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Brown, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, met death in action just one month apart. George died November 29 of wounds received in the Pacific theater of operations while Harold was killed one month earlier, October 29, in Germany. Still another brother, Sgt. Robert Brown, is serving aboard a troop transport somewhere in the Pacific.

## George Brown Dies Of Wounds; Brother Killed Month Before

Tragedy struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Brown, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, second time in the last six weeks when the family received a navy department telegram Tuesday stating that one of their sons, George Ernest Brown, had died of wounds received November 29.

A seaman second class, George Brown, 18, died exactly one month after an elder brother, Pvt. Harold J. Brown, was killed in action in Germany. The parents had received this week the Purple Heart awarded posthumously to Harold, who died October 29.

Tuesday's navy telegram stated that George Brown was buried in an allied cemetery on an island in the Pacific pending cessation of hostilities.

**Worked at Brillion**  
Seaman Brown was born February 20, 1926, in Wisconsin Rapids. He attended the S.S. Peter and Paul Catholic school and the Franklin school at Kellner. Before entering the armed forces, he was employed by the Brillion Iron company at Brillion, Wis.

He entered the navy December 12, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Six weeks later, he was sent to Norfolk, Va., where he spent two months before going to Navy Pier, Chicago.

**Last Letter November 12**  
Early this fall he left San Francisco for overseas, sailing to the Hawaiian Islands. His last letter to his parents was dated November 12 and stated that he had been in action.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Sgt. Robert Brown, who is serving on a troop transport in the Pacific; and John and Edward, at home; and two sisters, Loretta, at home, and Mrs. Wilbur Brandt, Wisconsin Rapids.

## Chairman Reminds Sixth War Loan Runs to Dec. 31

Contrary to some reports, C. F. Kruger, chairman of the South Wood county Sixth War loan, pointed out today that the drive is not over and will extend through the end of the month. Latest state tabulations show that Wisconsin has filled about 80 per cent of its quota.

**QUOTA IS TRIPLED**  
Principal J. C. Gillmann of Rudolph high school reports that his school more than tripled its quota in the recent Sixth War Loan Bond drive. The students purchased \$1,525 worth of bonds; the school's quota was \$500.

for individuals with E bond purchases slightly below this figure. "We are in about the same bracket," Mr. Kruger said, "and it will take a last-minute bulge to put South Wood county over the goal of \$775,000 for individuals." Mr. Kruger expects that the purchase of E bonds as Christmas presents the balance of this week will go far towards filling the quota.



Shopping Bags till Christmas

## Capt. Davis, Canadian WREN Tell Experiences At Elks Supper Meeting

A bond of friendliness existing between Canada and the United States was strengthened still further at the Elks supper meeting Tuesday night with the appearance of Elks guests Miss Currie Clark of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and Capt. Archie Davis of the AAF, who recently escaped internment in a neutral European country.

Miss Clark, interrogated by Master of Ceremonies Dwight Teas, told the members that her work would correspond to a "cross between the American nurse's aid and the cadet nurse corps." She has been on active duty at her base in Nova Scotia since May 28 of this year. Previous to that time, she took courses equivalent to a basic or probationary training since her enlistment in October, 1943. Her term of service is for the duration "and for as long a period as we are needed."

Explaining the term "Wren," the Canadian girl stated that this nickname first originated in the English organization of the Women's Royal Naval Service. When the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service was organized, the nickname remained the same.

Questioned on rationing in Canada, the Elks were informed that Cigarettes of Canadian brand were plentiful, but Wren Clark admitted that she preferred American cigarettes. In closing, she commented on the friendliness and hospitality of the American people and added that the bright lights and American sociability were strange but pleasant to her.

Wren Clark is the sister of Mrs. Robert Riley of Wisconsin Rapids. Davis Tells Experiences

Captain Davis, who has had the experience of escaping from a neutral internment camp, a feat which few accomplish successfully, told the Elks some of the highlights of his trip overseas and some of his experiences while in the theater of operations.

The captain told of the take-off from a base in the United States and the first stop which the big bomber made at Trinidad. From this point, the route lay over dense, unexplored jungles of Brazil to the base from which the bomber would begin its ocean hop.

The night set for the take-off brought extremely bad weather and, after getting the big plane into the air, the cowling on one of the engines blew off, necessitating an instrument landing back at the base. Although the fellows thought they might have a day's respite due to the plane trouble and continued bad weather, the damaged part was replaced and they again took off by use of instruments.

During the trip over, Davis said, the plane encountered more bad weather, which, although it had been predicted to last only 45 minutes, kept up for a full six hours. During this time, severe tropical storms raged, making it impossible for the big bomber to get either above or below the clouds. The entire trip was made on instruments, finally landing at Dakar, French West Africa, with no deviation from their planned course. In addition, no water had been visible during the entire ocean trip.

From Dakar, the crew flew to Marrakesh, Morocco and from there to Tunis. It was from here they operated for the next two months out of North Africa.

**Plane Mortally Hit**  
Captain Davis told of combat flying, and many of his experiences as pilot. The trip in which his plane received its death blow, was the thirty-ninth mission and the targets were airplane factories in Munich. Caught in heavy flak, the plane became so crippled that it was evident it could not reach its home base, so the crew, with Davis as pilot, headed for neutral Switzerland.

Flying over the German industrial city of Friedrichshafen, the bomber caught more direct hits from flak. Finally, believing them to be near or over the Swiss border, See—ELKS—Page 7

**Donald A. Ellis Is Prisoner of War of Germany**

First Lt. Donald A. Ellis, son of Charles S. Ellis, 1740 First street north, is a prisoner of war of the German government, according to a war department telegram received by the father here Monday night.

Lieutenant Ellis had previously been reported by the war department as missing in action over Italy since October 4. He was flying a P-47 Thunderbolt when reported missing.

He entered the armed forces in August, 1942 and went overseas in January, 1943. Before entering the service, he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

Another son of Mr. Ellis, First Lt. Charles Ellis, Jr., was killed in action in Germany November 30.

**Fish Story to End Fish Stories**

Milwaukee—(P)—Gather around, friends, and listen to the story of the goldfish—and so help us, it is true.

A young Milwaukee East side housewife has the fish. She wanted to freshen the water in their bowl. Not wanting the fish to suffer from sudden change, she started both the cold and hot water taps running to secure a lukewarm mixture.

While running the water into the bowl, the telephone rang.

A neighbor in an adjoining apartment turned on the cold water, draining all of that which was running into the goldfish bowl.

The young housewife came back to find the fish darting frantically about in a steaming hot bath. She was certain the fish were half-cooked, so she decided to asphyxiate them.

She opened the gas jet on the stove and held a fish by the tail over it. A few minutes later a friend arrived. She found the housewife still clutching the fish but staggering a bit over the stove. The fish was doing fine but the housewife was in pretty bad shape.

The girls thereupon spread an unguent liberally over the fish and put them back in the bowl. At last report the fish were doing fine.

## Yanks Halt One Nazi Drive; Front Still Is Unstabilized



**HOLE BLASTED BY TNT IN FORT**—Two American soldiers examine a hole in the wall of a once-held German fort near Metz, France, after army engineers had loaded a German half-track with TNT and rolled it into the side of the fort. Eighty-two Germans surrendered to an American infantry company after the blast. (AP wirephoto from signal corps.)

## Churchill and Eden Stand on Greece Policy; Athens Civilians Are Warned

Athens—(P)—Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, announced his determination tonight to carry the fight to ELAS forces and warned civilians in Athens that leftist guns firing upon the city after 9 o'clock tomorrow morning would be attacked "with all arms at my disposal."

A broadcast quoted Scobie as saying the ELAS would be attacked with aircraft, naval guns and rocket weapons as well as other forces. Scobie's proclamation followed the fall of British RAF headquarters after a gun-dynamite assault by ELAS forces.

The pro-Nazi ex-premier Jean Ballis, who fled Averoff prison two days after 12 hours of a heavy ELAS siege remained at large in spite of a widespread search for him.

The communist paper Rizospastis said two others of the escaped prisoners, Gen. George Bacos, former minister of national defense, and George Piroukakis, minister of supplies during the German occupation, had been captured and executed.

Impending political developments largely dominated the scene, however, with the probability of an early acceptance of Archbishop Damaskinos as regent.

A telegram from Premier George Papandreu's cabinet to King George II in London recommended that the rule be turned over to Damaskinos as regent. Themistokles Sophoulis, elderly Greek statesman, sent a similar message, and the assent of the king was awaited.

## Capt. John Roberts Receives Purple Heart

Capt. John Roberts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, 1021 Third street south, has received the Purple Heart as the result of being wounded recently in Belgium. Word of the award was received Monday by the parents in a letter from their son, who has been in charge of a port in Belgium.

Captain Roberts entered service in August, 1941 and went overseas a year later. Two brothers are also in the armed forces, Cpl. Richard Roberts, an instructor in Puerto Rico, and Cpl. Keith Roberts, in the air forces teaching gunnery at Yuma, Ariz.

## More Bad News in Making for Japs

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor—(P)—Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, GCB, KBE, commander-in-chief of the new British Pacific fleet, conferred today with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, five-star commander of the United States Pacific fleet, on plans to extend the sea and air blockade of Japan.

It recently was reported from Melbourne that Fraser's fleet alone was capable of challenging the entire Japanese fleet.

## Nazis Take Revenge On Belgian Civilians

New York—Substantiated reports of the murder of civilians by German overrunning Belgium villages in the current counteroffensive have been received, CBS correspondent Richard C. Hottelet said today in a broadcast from the first army front.

"There is no pretense here of conquest," he said. "It is a last desperate blow to inflict pain and get revenge."

## Stores Open Late

Shoppers in Wisconsin Rapids are again reminded that downtown stores will be open this evening, as well as Thursday and Friday evenings until 9 o'clock to accommodate last-minute buyers. Stores will observe their individual closing hours on Saturday.

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## CLEAR ITALIAN AREA OF NAZIS

Rome—(P)—Polish and Indian troops of the Eighth army have virtually cleared all enemy forces from the area south of the Senio river and west of the main Bologna-Rimini highway, where the Nazis have been putting up a stubborn fight for two weeks, allied headquarters announced today.

Strong German resistance held over Eighth army units to limited gains north and northeast of Faenza. Headquarters disclosed last night that a savage enemy counter-attack in that area had forced allied troops to fall back to the northern edge of the highway city.

The Germans still hold a nine-mile-wide salient between Faenza and Bagnacavallo to the north.

On the Fifth army front in the mountains below Bologna there were no appreciable changes in position, the communique said.

## Crowns Will Open Remodeled Garage

The formal opening of Crowns Auto Sales in the former Ford Garage building, 840 West Grand avenue, was announced today by Clayton Crowns, owner and manager.

The building has been remodeled and now contains a modern repair shop supervised by Merrill Fanning, a mechanic with 23 years experience. A new stock room features a complete line of De Soto and Plymouth parts. There also is a used car department.

## NEW ROBOT ATTACKS

London—(P)—The British press warned today that it is possible the Germans may step up their flying bomb attacks on Britain. New damage and casualties were caused yesterday and last night.

## Point Airman Helps to Wipe Out Japanese Truck Convoy

At a Leyte Airbase, Philippines—(Delayed)—(P)—Fast hard-hitting American Warhawk fighter planes caught a Japanese truck convoy struggling over the mountains east of Palompon today and turned the road into a river of fire.

Palompon, on the western coast of Leyte, is the sole port remaining to the Japanese for the supply of their troops trapped in the Ormoc corridor.

The trucks, camouflaged with branches, were snaking their way over the mountainous road with supplies for main Japanese forces inland. But the Warhawks spotted them 15 miles inland and none escaped.

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London—(P)—Under bitter attack, Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden stood pat in common today on Britain's armed intervention in Greece, but Eden urged the quick reestablishment of face-to-face contact among the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia and the United States to deal with such problems.

Churchill, opening the debate, admitted that "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether" after declaring that there was complete harmony of "general aims" among Britain, Russia and the United States.

Replying to vitriolic criticisms in which one laborite shouted "there may be civil war in Britain," Eden said Britain's only error in Greece was in not taking the troops of her allies into that country along with her own.

**Welcome Discussions**  
He said there was no question of Britain's armed intervention in Greece "without consulting our allies."

The government would "welcome quarterly meetings between the foreign secretaries of the great powers as they used to have before to deal with some of these matters," Eden said. "The prime minister and I have said over and over again that they would go anywhere."

Grimly referring to "this dangerous and momentous phase of the war," Churchill ran into a storm of criticism of British policy in Greece, despite Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's declaration that Britain had no selfish aims in that country and "will be glad to hand over her responsibilities as soon as we can do so, consistently with our obligation."

**Full-Dress Debate**  
Opening the full-dress debate, Arthur Greenwood, the labor party floor leader, declared "the prime minister has not handled this situation in the way in which it should have been handled."

Calling the situation in Greece a test case, he criticized the "tone and words" of Churchill, declaring he had tried to convey the impression that "everybody who was an EAM was a gangster."

But he avoided challenging the government to a vote and conceded that, now that Britain had gone into Greece "with a perfectly good motive," she had "to see it through."

Churchill asserted that so far as the United States and Russia were concerned he had "not the slightest doubt that the complete and effective cooperation will go on in all aspects of the war."

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Isbell said the regulations under which action was brought requires certain minimum costs for labor and materials to be put in every price line. The company, it was charged, failed to meet this requirement for dresses, slacks, jackets, coats and shirts.

## U. S. Troops Recapture German Town

Paris—(P)—U. S. First army troops have blunted one powerful German drive that lunged 20 miles into Belgium to Stavelot, and recaptured Monschau, a German town 17 miles to the northeast.

Other American units clung to points three miles from St. Vith, another key Belgian road hub 11 miles southeast of Stavelot, and farther south doughboy forces were being mustered to halt still another penetration that struck across the north tip of Luxembourg, a front dispatch said.

The initial impetus of the armor-tipped Nazi counter-offensive had been checked, although the front line was unstabilized tonight.

The Nazi smash to the vicinity of Stavelot had carried to within 22 miles of Liege, and bore one of the sharpest dangers to the First army front.

Monschau is at the upper edge of the Nazis' breakthrough corridor. Heavy battles apparently still raged today around Stavelot, 20 miles inside Belgium, St. Vith, 11 miles to the southeast, and Malmedy five miles northeast of Stavelot—the three biggest road hubs in Belgium's eastern bulge.

A front dispatch said Monschau, 16 miles southeast of Aachen, was retaken after German units which entered the town were surrounded. U. S. Troops Pockets

Stavelot and St. Vith, where some American troops were pocketed, at last reports still were in U. S. hands.

While the German assault had lost its first speed, there was no reason to suppose the enemy may not have made still further gains beyond his four initial penetrations of five to 20 miles into Belgium and Luxembourg.

But by now Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' armor and infantry had been thrown into the breach and the Germans were running into a stiffer battle every hour.

(A front-line broadcast reported "the first straight indication that at some points the tide of battle is beginning to change in our favor." The broadcast said that "at several points the Germans made no progress today, and one of the German spearheads was pushed back several thousand yards by one of our veteran divisions.")

The Germans were pouring infantry in behind the swift armored See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

## Another Zero Wave on Way

Although the temperatures were rather mild in central Wisconsin Tuesday night and today, residents must prepare for colder weather Thursday, according to the weather bureau.

Thursday, the shortest day of the year, will bring thermometer readings as low as 5 below zero in the northwest portion of the state. Snow flurries also have been forecast by the weatherman.

Therefore, the state will have only a brief respite from the sub-zero temperatures of Monday, when it was 16 below in Wisconsin Rapids.

Friday will be the first official day of winter. And don't ask what that stuff is we've been having!

## Company Pays Fine of \$535,189 for OPA Rule Violation

Chicago—(P)—The Reliance Manufacturing company yesterday paid \$535,189.88 to the United States treasury, it was announced by Marion W. Isbell, Chicago area OPA director, who said it was the largest settlement ever made for violation of an OPA apparel regulation.

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**Man Loses Thumb In Mill Accident**

Anton Lobner, 43, of Sherry lost the thumb of his left hand this morning in an accident while working on a construction job in the wood room of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

He was taken to Riverview hospital by ambulance where a physician described his condition as good.