

## BURKHARDT SERVICE SCHEDULED APRIL 8

Auburndale Infantryman Killed in Germany Action March 15

Auburndale — (Special) — Memorial services will be conducted Sunday afternoon, April 8, at 2 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran Church at Auburndale for Pvt. Willard W. Burkhardt, 10 son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burkhardt, route 1, Auburndale, who was killed in action March 15 while serving with the Army Infantry in Germany. The Rev. S. E. Radtke will officiate at the rites.

Pvt. Burkhardt was born in Kiel, Calumet County, Feb. 14, 1926, and eight years ago came to Auburndale, where he was valedictorian of the 1944 graduating class of Auburndale High School.

He entered service Aug. 25, 1944, and trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., Camp Livingston, La., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., before going overseas early in February, 1945, landing in the United Kingdom. He had served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Cpl. Clarence of the Army Air Forces now home on furlough, and Reuben, lieutenant, first class, of the U.S. Navy serving on the Pacific; four sisters, Marion, Leila, Linda, and Joyce, all at home; and his two grandmothers, Mrs. Peter Burkhardt, Stratford, and Mrs. Hannah Conrad, Fond du Lac.

## FORMER STATE STUDENT OFFERS HUGE REWARD

Home — (Special) — Sgt. Edward W. Mathes, an American soldier, offered today through the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes to pay 2,000,000 lire (\$20,000) for the recapture of Gen. Mario Roatta, who escaped while on trial as a war criminal.

In a letter to Stars and Stripes Mathes said he would sell his holdings to raise the money for the reward "in memory of nearly 20,000 American soldiers who have been killed in the Italian campaign."

Mathes, drafted three years ago, attended the University of Wisconsin and later taught economics.

## MSGR. REDING RESIGNS PASTORATE AT RAPIDS

Wisconsin Rapids — (Special) — Rev. William Reding, pastor of the



Pvt. Willard W. Burkhardt

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Big Stream at Flood Stage From Iowa to Gulf Of Mexico

New Orleans — (Special) — Army engineers plugged gaps in the Mississippi's last line of flood defense today as tributary streams topped all-time crest records.

The big stream itself was at flood stage or above from Iowa to the Gulf of Mexico — a 1,554 mile course.

Engineers were prepared to operate the hitherto unused Morganza floodway to divert 640,000 cubic feet of water a second from the lower river into the gulf.

Col. George H. Hudson, U. S. District Engineer, said use of the 100-mile floodway appeared "strongly probable" within the next two weeks. Work to complete guide levees along the floodway is being rushed.

The six-mile long "fuse plug levee" at the head of the big floodway is being surveyed for the demolition that would be required to open it.

Bayou Teche is being dammed near the gulf end of the floodway to prevent water backing into south central Louisiana towns in event the floodway is opened.

More than 200,000 cubic feet of water a second is already being diverted around New Orleans via the Bonnet carrieeway which has a total capacity of 250,000

## UNITY LIEUTENANT WINS SILVER STAR

LeRoy Morgan Is Promoted To Rank of First Lieutenant

Unity — (Special) — Lt. LeRoy Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morgan, Unity, was promoted from second to first lieutenant in the U. S. Army on March 8.

Lt. Morgan, who only received a sergeant's rank since October, 1944, but has time since then to acquire promotions in addition to Bronze Star and the coveted Silver Star.

He received the Silver Star from First Army headquarters with citation which said:

"For gallantry in action Germany on 18 January 1945 Lt. Morgan then second lieutenant led a combat patrol across swift-flowing, icy river on night of Jan. 18, 1945. Spotting an enemy outpost he fully maneuvered his squad called for covering mortar which annihilated an enemy squad moving up to the out. After inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, Lt. Morgan skillfully maneuvered his men and drew without loss. His cool, aggressive, and competent leadership exemplifies the finest traditions of the American soldier, and his actions reflect the highest credit this officer and the military service."

Lt. Morgan's wife lives with mother at Cleveland, Wis.

## POST OF INTERVIEW FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS

A special recruitment campaign conducted through the Bureau of Personnel for men to qualify for the position of interviewer with the United States Employment Service, was announced today by A. E. Nelson, manager of the district employment service Wisconsin Rapids.

The Civil Service exam which is open to men only, held in the near future at throughout the State in an effort to make government employment offices located in 25 key Wisconsin cities.

At the present time the list of qualified women for positions has recently been published. Applications must be filed before April 7, 1945. Detailed information on the nature of the positions and the

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