

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Overseas Since 1942
 T/4 Peter Joseph Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Klein, Route 1, Nekeosa, is a member of the 431st signal heavy construction battalion which has recently been awarded the meritorious service unit plaque for "superior performance of duty in the Mediterranean area." A line-man, Klein worked for the Nekeosa-Edwards Paper company before entering service in May, 1942. Overseas since September, 1942, he has served in England, North Africa, Italy and France and is authorized to wear the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon with four stars, each representing a major battle zone.

Having recovered at the 128th general hospital, England, from a gun shot wound received near the Huertgen forest, Germany, December 24, 1944, Pfc. Francis H. Matthews, 19, of Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, has finished a six-week course of training for duty as a flight orderly and is ready to become a member of a flight crew in the naval air transport service command, Pacific Wing. He attended flight orderly school at NATS squadron VR-12 headquarters in Hawaii. The 18-year-old seaman entered the navy after graduating from Alexander High school, Nekeosa, where he played basketball and football. His wife, Rose, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Murray, live near Wisconsin Rapids.

A recent graduate of the Kingman army air field flexible gunnery school, Kingman, Ariz., was 22-year-old Dale A. Schilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schilling, Friendship. The promotion of William A. Dittman of Wisconsin Rapids to private first class has been announced at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He is assigned to the 1612 service command unit at the post.

Pvt. Allison J. McCoog, whose wife Rena, lives at 110 D street, Nekeosa, is being treated at Stark General hospital prior to being

in Germany, and Pfc. Lawrence Long, with the First army in Germany. Robert W. Newman, F2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Newman, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, is a mess cook, serving somewhere in the Pacific. Stationed in Manila.

Pvt. Edward J. McConnell, son of Mrs. Eilian McConnell, Vesper, Route 2, is serving with the First cavalry division in Manila. His sister, Mrs. William Toech, resides at 1710 Apricot street.

T/4 Fred Schmidt, whose wife lives in Nekeosa, was transferred from France to Belgium in December. He is serving with the 829th ordnance depot company.

Lawrence E. Ward, GM 2/c, brother of Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Nekeosa, is serving in the south Pacific.

Gordon J. Bredl, AOMB 2/c, has been promoted to that rank from AOMB 3/c. He is stationed at Westley, R. I., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bredl, Nekeosa. Another son, Florian J. Bredl, Y 3/c, has been transferred from the U.S.S. Indiana to a new station somewhere in the south Pacific.

Pvt. Jack R. Willan, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Willan, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids, has arrived safely in India. He is with the 1786th engineer parts supply company. His last station in the United States was Columbus, O.

Pfc. John J. Podvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Podvin, 107 Second street, Nekeosa, is serving with the 38th infantry division on Bataan. He saw action in the bitter fighting with a demolition squad of the 118th engineer combat battalion. He has been overseas since January, 1944, and staged in New Guinea for the Philippines campaign. Inducted at Fort Sheridan, Ill., in August, 1942, he had previously been employed by the Nekeosa-Edwards Paper company.

S/Sgt. Lyle M. Millus, son of Mrs. Isabel Millus of Almond, is with the Ninth army air force in England.

Pvt. William Powell, 18, is at Camp Hood, Tex., taking infantry training. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, 1311 Sixteenth street south, he entered military service February 16. He had been stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Sgt. Erwin W. Hetzel, 36, whose wife Fern, resides at 236 Third street south, is stationed somewhere in the Philippines. His wife last heard from him January 10. He has been in service for nearly three years and had been stationed at Salinas, Calif.

With Seventh Army
 T/5 Waldemar Ristow, son of Mrs. Rose Ristow, 521 Eleventh avenue north, is in the European theater with the Seventh army. He entered service March 11, 1942 and went overseas in August, 1942.

Pvt. Douglas A. Conklin, whose wife Ruth, lives at 441 Oak street, recently joined the veteran 142nd infantry regiment of the 36th "Texas" division fighting in France. Arrives in France.

Sgt. Charles H. Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Foley, Nekeosa, has arrived safely in France. Among those who received commissions recently as second lieutenants in the medical administrative corps at the Camp Barkley officer candidate school graduation, Camp Barkley, Tex., was Richard W. DeKarske, whose wife, Marion, lives at 450 Cleveland street and Eugene J. Zimmerman, 24, son of Joseph Zimmerman, Rudolph, lieutenant Zimmerman holds the distinction in the battle against sin in the name of Christianity. And when final victory is achieved and a

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Just a Letter From Home

Monday, April 2, 1945
 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Bud,
 Yesterday was Easter, Bud, and it surely was a glorious day. It was April 1, too, but that son wasn't foolin'. There was a side-dish of wind which played tricks with milady's Easter bonnet and carried plenty of our precious earth over into Portage county but still it was warm and pleasant. Though there probably are some dark, rainy days ahead, it seems fairly certain that snow and ice have been left far behind and that a long, favorable growing season lies ahead. Wood county farmers already are in their fields and Victory gardeners are beginning to stir.

The mild weather is fairly general and it appears that the elements are doing everything within their power to help the farmer who is caught between a demand for record production and draft calls which reduce the number of hands available to work the soil. While nobody's starving, the food situation has run into something of a snarl and many items have disappeared from the market or are hard to get even with the proper ration points.

Between the military, needs abroad and domestic requirements, it has become apparent that there just isn't enough to go around. Government agencies are passing the buck from one to another in this dilemma but nobody seems to be getting anywhere very fast. Anyway, servicemen can be sure that they have first call on all necessities, that we want to help replenish leaders which have been left bare by the wanton invader and that we will be content to tighten our belts another notch and know that we still are a heckawlot better off than many another country.

With a feeling that the end of war in Europe cannot be too far away, Easter truly was a day for exultation. Messages from altars bright with flowers and music heralding the resurrection of Jesus Christ seemed doubly vibrant to all. It was with renewed hope that we went to worship and it was with a stronger faith in mankind and Our Saviour that we set about our tasks today.

There were familiar faces missing from the pews and vacancies in choir boxes. But we felt, Bud, that you were someplace hearing the same Holy Week story and offering up the same prayers for spiritual guidance and putting a mutual trust in the Divine. We felt something in common, Bud, and believe that all will go on with a new determination in the battle against sin in the name of Christianity. And when final victory is achieved and a

permanent peace attained, we will know that it has not been in vain and that a better world is our destiny.

One more thought, Bud. We mentioned your absence—our mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts walked arm in arm in the Easter parade with only an occasional escort. We want you to know that we have not closed the ranks. That we have only doubted up here and there—in the home, in the church, in offices and factories. We thought you'd like to know that you'll be able to fall in line and assume that which has been shouldered by somebody else only as a stopgap.

We hear a lot of loose talk about what will happen "when the boys come back." We hope that it is no more than loose talk. About how they are going to do this and how they are going to do that.

It probably is a pretty touchy subject. The servicemen probably have some legitimate grievances. There have been mistakes made. And there have been things which have not set well with any of us. We, too, look forward to the day when things will get back to normal and we can continue the orderly progress which is the heritage of America.

But we don't think anybody will be the better for it if "chip-on-the-shoulder" tactics are used. This may only serve to breed cleavage while it is united, democratic action upon which everybody should insist. First, it is imperative to get the facts before anybody implements any of these ideas about "running the country." Then conclusions should be voiced, blending in with those of other groups instead of one trying to shout the other down. That way, each will have his say, all will be heard and a just course can be followed.

We're not defending anything that might have happened nor apologizing for anybody. And we most certainly will lend all aid to help the veteran accomplish legitimate postwar objectives.

On the state legislative front, the following bills have been introduced: the veterans recognition board would be authorized to make loans to World War II veterans up to \$760 for rehabilitation, education or purchase of a business; servicemen or women stationed in Wisconsin or in the state for vacations would be permitted to hunt or fish without licenses under provisions of a bill passed by the senate and sent to the assembly; membership in the Red Arrow club would be opened to veterans of this war; state veterans' activities would be consolidated into one state department.

Yours for Victory,
 R. A. D.

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 A Bumstead Entry Makes a False Start!

1111 Washington street. Before entering the army he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

Gene A. Casey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Casey, 240 Tenth street south, left earlier this week for the navy. He enlisted February 12 passed his physical and was sworn into the navy February 13. He is to be stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Sgt. Vernon Eichsteadt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eichsteadt, Port Edwards, has been transferred from Lincoln, Neb., to Kirtland AAF, Albuquerque, N. M.

Four Sons in Service
 Mr. and Mrs. John Ostrom of Strong's Prairie have received word that their two sons, Sgt. Leo Ostrom and Pfc. Jack Ostrom, have arrived safely in France. A third son, Pvt. James Ostrom, is serving with the 1282nd engineering battalion somewhere in Germany. Still another son, Sgt. William Ostrom, is with the 11th airborne supply company in the Philippines. Leo is with the 386th infantry while Jack is in the 658th field artillery.

Robert J. Havlik, 19, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, recently was promoted to the grade of sergeant. He is an aerial gunner in a B-24 Liberator squadron. He is a veteran of missions to oil refineries, railroad yards, air fields, harbors and bridges in Austria, Hungary, Germany, Yugoslavia and northern Italy. He is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit badge for a raid on Vienna. Sergeant Havlik was graduated from Lincoln High school, where he was a member of the band. Prior to entry into service, he was employed by the Prentiss Wahlers Products Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Havlik.

Gaylord Ticknor, MM 2/c, has been promoted to machinist mate first class, according to word received by his wife, Josephine, who resides at 311 Eighth avenue north. Entering service in November, 1943, he was overseas from May, 1944, until January of this year. He is now enroute to a Pacific station.

Second Lt. Edwin J. Hartman, 1410 Baker street, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is fighting with the 68th (Black Panther) division in the St. Nazaire and Lorient port areas in France where allied units have 60,000 Germans pocketed along the Atlantic wall.

Sgt. Albert Sachs, son of Mrs. Anna Sachs, 2366 West Grand avenue, has been transferred to a hospital in New York. He was recently wounded in action in Germany.

Pfc. Donald L. Keyes, son of W. H. Keyes, formerly of Necedah, has been assigned to the AAF training command radio school at the Sioux Falls army air field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He entered service at Fort Sheridan, Ill., June 29, 1942.

INFANT SON DIES
 Burial services were held at Forest Hill cemetery this afternoon for Glenn William Johnson, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Johnson, 411 Third street south, who was born and died at Riverview hospital Sunday.

Pheasant, a la Hoof
 Pheasant wasn't on the menu of Wilpo's restaurant this noon but it certainly wasn't the fault of a very accommodating bird. About 10 o'clock this morning, so the story goes, a hen pheasant wandered in the open back door of the restaurant and perched beneath a steam table. Attracting the attention of employees, it ran under the ice box and then down the stairs into the basement of the establishment where it was captured a few minutes later. When last seen it was on display in a box waiting for Conservation Warden Vines Skilling who plans to set it free in the woods along with a number of its fellow birds. "With the meat shortage, it sure was tempting," Harry Wilpo, the proprietor, remarked sadly.

Brazeau For Simplifying Government

Theo W. Brazeau, local attorney, pointed out shortcomings of the present system of elections in a noon address given today to members of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary club.

After stating that "in our federal government, our house of representatives could be reduced from 435 to 200 members and do a more efficient job," the speaker turned to the state elections.

Pointing out that offices such as secretary of state, attorney general, judges of the supreme court and the state superintendent of public instruction are not political offices and determine no political policy, Mr. Brazeau stated that these positions should be filled by appointment. "Fred Zimmerman, a man who isn't even qualified to be a justice of the peace, received over 100,000 votes for the office of justice of the supreme court in Tuesday's election," he said.

"I believe a unit-cameral form of state government (consisting of a single legislative chamber) would work much better than our present system," he ventured.

"In our counties it is still worse," Mr. Brazeau emphasized. "There are from 100 to 150 elective offices in Wood county, most of which are merely clerical positions and which could be filled by appointment. He cited the register of deeds and county clerk's offices as examples. "The sheriff also should be appointed, with appointment based on his qualifications."

Said the speaker, "In our city we have 26 members on the common council. Five members would be sufficient. Those five could elect a chairman, who could serve as mayor."

In conclusion, the Rotary guest speaker questioned the advisability of numerous referendum ballots, about which most of the voters know or care little.

Mr. Brazeau has just returned from a three week visit to the nation's capital.

WOUNDED IN ACTION—Pvt. Ernest Anderson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids, was recently wounded in action in Europe and is now in a hospital in England. He was serving with the field artillery. Private Anderson entered the army June 23, 1944, and went overseas in December, 1944.

Elks Entertain Many Guests at "Ladies Night"

Singing, comic acts, roller skating, magicians and informal music all had a part in the final Elks supper meeting when Elks entertained at Ladies' Night Tuesday. About 200 persons were served at the dinner.

The floor show was presided over by a master of ceremonies who performed with cards and colored balls in a mystifying manner, as well as introducing each succeeding act on the program. The Sigler Duo, roller skaters, performed various feats on wheels and injected a spirit of comedy into the act when an Elks member volunteered to be a part of the whirling and spinning number. Bozo, the clown juggler, with a large repertoire, delighted the crowd. Also on the program was a ventriloquist and his dummy.

During the dinner, music was provided by the Elks orchestra and following, the "Elks Ambassadors" sang two selections under the direction of E. T. Ziegler. Dwight H. Teas introduced guests of the evening which included many wives of Elks in service who had received special invitations. Mr. Teas also paid tribute to members of the Elks orchestra for their work during the past year, and introduced each member individually. He then introduced Ed "Stranger" Lewis, who was a special guest, and he told several of his experiences in the wrestling profession.

Following the floor show, Elks and guests were entertained informally by Buck Levertson's Merry Makers and a professional accordionist. The ladies were presented with favors during the dinner. General chairman in charge of Ladies' Night was Richard Bodette.

Teachers Engaged For 1945-46 School Term at Pittsville

Approval was given to one-year contracts for the present faculty and grade school teachers of Pittsville at a recent meeting of the board of education.

A complete staff has been contracted with three new teachers to take the place of those who will not return next year.

New teachers are the Misses Elizabeth Pohman, Milwaukee, Margaret Johnson, Blair, Wis., and Ruth Ferdinandsen, Chicago. Miss Pohman will teach history, library and handle dramatics. She will be a 1946 graduate of Central State Teacher's college in Stevens Point, where she is majoring in history.

Miss Johnson will teach home economics, freshman English and glee club. She also will be a 1946 graduate of Central State Teacher's college.

Miss Ferdinandsen will teach English, having majored in English at Ripon college where she is to graduate this year.

Returning teachers are E. G. Burnkrant, principal; John Fischer, commercial teacher; M. G. Hamel, band, and Miss Phyllis Jankowski, mathematics. In the grade school are Mrs. Katherine Whitney, Miss Evelyn Domke and Mrs. Bertha Hafer.

SS. Peter and Paul Forester Court is Now 50 Years Old

SS. Peter and Paul Court No. 496, Catholic Order of Foresters, is making plans for observing the fiftieth anniversary of its installation on Sunday, April 22.

The day's observance will begin with a solemn high mass at 8:15 in the morning with all members receiving holy communion.

Juvenile initiation will take place at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the SS. Peter and Paul school gymnasium. The afternoon's program will be concluded with a sixty-three dinner for members and their ladies.

National high court and state court officials will attend as will the clergy from central Wisconsin parishes.

Purple Heart to Clement Ruesch

Vesper—Mrs. Mary Ruesch, Vesper, received the Purple Heart Tuesday, which was awarded to her son, Pvt. Clement Ruesch, who was wounded in action in Germany January 13.

Private Ruesch, who is now back in action, entered service last July and went overseas in December.

Do in' the Town

Home on leave or furlough as announced by the war price and ration board:

Cpl. Robert L. Gross, 461 East Grand avenue; Pfc. Richard E. Klum, 440 Maple street; Pvt. Edward J. Panzer, 540 Grant street; Carl F. Pagel, 640 Lincoln street; Pvt. Frank Tomczyk, 501 Twelfth avenue north; Donald L. Godin, 431 Saratoga street; Pvt. Robert C. Schenck, Nekeosa; Pfc. Lyle Brown, 461 Sherman street; Lt. William TeKampe, Vesper.

Richard J. Boyarski, 460 Eighth avenue north; Bobby L. Herrick, 810 Lincoln street; Clarence J. Gebert, 161 Ninth street south; Clarence J. Ruder, Nekeosa; George A. Berme, 1421 Rosecrans street; James Casey, 240 Tenth street south.

Allen R. Teas, 821 Eleventh street north; Douglas C. McGlynn, 1111 Washington avenue; Eldred A. Appel, 741 Third avenue north; Charles W. Flick, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids; Raymond E. Saeger, 1250 Irving street; Calvin G. Andre, Vesper.

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