

# Wisconsin Rapids Takes New Hold On Life With Advent of Spring

BY JANE JACKSON  
A couple of servicemen, one stationed out where it's hot all year round, the other where the temperature hovers pretty low, recently wrote their families essentially the same message—"Go, it would be great to be back where there are four separate seasons during the year."

Well, around Wisconsin Rapids, our first season, spring, is practically upon us—in fact, according to the books, it rolls in tomorrow. Talking about this season will usually bring up a lot of opinions from folks on its various aspects and, before it's actually here, they've all more or less had their say.

The young and romantic will tell you that Spring is the special season (big sigh) when thoughts are turned to hearts and flowers, and fashion designers, shielding a slightly mercenary air with sentimentality, will follow this thought in suggestions for feminine apparel.

Those recent "V" converts to gardening will maintain that spring is the time to get out the old seed catalog and decide which vegetables are to be planted where, and just how soon the first spadeful of earth should be turned, seeing as how Spring came early this year.

People of the soil, who were born to it, cast a superior but tolerant eye at the floundering of these "city folks" who have suddenly decided to pitch in and grow some of their own food. They know that farming either on a large or small



scale does not merely mean pushing in seeds and pulling up the vegetables at harvest time.

Another class of authorities on Spring is the housewife who will stop to chat a moment, but only a moment, as she shakes a mop out of the upstairs window during a whirl of spring housecleaning. Spring to her not only means cleaning the house from top to bottom but also trying to teach the entire family—young and old alike—to wipe the fresh mud off their feet before tramping into the kitchen. The milk man here thinks Spring is a fine time of year but, even while talking, keeps an anxious eye on river conditions and high water along the banks.

School kids have that spring fever gleam in their eye even though the first days of the new season may be cold and chilly. And the very



young, no doubt, will soon turn in the first hesitant request to their mothers on the possibility of taking off that undergarment with the long itchy legs, to which the answer will be a stern and definite negative. Older residents will compare

this spring with the "one in '89" when the weather was "colder than it is now."

Well, anyway, this is Wisconsin Rapids and, to quote a few lines from a recent high school production, "This is our town. Very ordinary town if you ask me—but our young people seem to like it well enough. Nice town, if you know what I mean." Spring comes to the Rapids in little special ways. The same things happen other places but they seem different here because they belong to us.

Spring here means extra gates open in flood season, and water rushing over the dam—it means spring housecleaning and heavy clothing hung on the line—it means walking outdoors just to be part of this ever changing, ever unique climate. It means plans for that garden soon to be planted—kites floating over the fields—and small boys kneeling in the mud intent on a marble game. It means ice being chopped from the gutters, your sister clamoring for a new Easter hat and Dad out in the back yard taking a tentative swing with the new mashie. Spring right now is a feeling in the air that creeps through a wet windy day to warm the spirit. It's the time when bursting pussy willows are viewed with momentary pleasure, then snatched as concrete proof of the coming season, and dark wet limbs of trees are subject to avid scrutiny for the first touch of green.

It's the season of Easter and Lent and a time when hope is renewed with the changing weather after taking something of a beating during the long winter months.



FOOD HANDLERS—Wednesday will be the final meeting in a series of instructional gatherings for housewives and those interested in summer or part time employment in restaurant, hotel, or resort work. The program was promoted through the local school of vocational and adult education. Pictured above are some of the managers, officials and instructors taken at the close of the first series of meetings for employes and managers of restaurants and hotels. The meetings were held at the Hotel Witter. Left to right are W. A. Sprise, vocational school director; Alfred Hartwig, E. G. Watterman, vocational school instructor in foods; B. A. Honeycomb, state superintendent of the restaurant and hotel division of the state board of health; E. C. Rosecrans; K. K. Thiede, state board of health restaurant inspector; Walter Hinz, Arthur Davis, and L. P. Daniels.

## Gestapo Chief in on Plot to Assassinate Hitler Last July

BY LOUIS P. LOCHNER

Bonn, Germany.—(AP)—Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief whose name is associated with some of the blackest deeds committed by Nazi Germany, was in on the plot last July 20 to assassinate Adolf Hitler, apparently with the hope of becoming No. 1 man in the Reich.

Himmler afterward reneged, declaring he had pretended to play along just to get evidence on the plotters.

That is the story I have been told by a man who now is a fugitive from German authority because he also was implicated in the attempt on Hitler's life. My informant is a man I have known for years.

(Lochner, chief of the former Associated Press bureau in Berlin, plans to return to the German capital when it falls).

It was Himmler, according to my informant, who delegated H. Johannes Popitz, Prussian finance minister, to sit in on the conspirators' meetings. He also sent an attorney named Langbehn to Switzerland to ask the Allies whether he, Himmler, would be acceptable in case Hitler ceased to exist.

Accused Popitz  
But seven days after the ill-fated attempt Himmler, in order to clear himself, asserted it actually was Popitz who had contacted him about the plot and that he had gone along simply to try to trip up the conspirators.

Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, former chief of staff of the German army who resigned when he realized Hitler's reckless course, was the spiritual as well as the active leader in the plot.

Col. Count Claus von Stauffenberg, a one-armed, one-legged hero of the first World War, actually placed the bomb under Hitler's chair. Hitler escaped only with injuries and burns because he had gotten up just before the bomb exploded and stepped to a cupboard to look for a magnifying glass.

The conspirators first got together in December, 1941, shortly after the United States entered the war. My informant said America's entry made defeat a certainty to every thinking German.

First Attempt  
Unknown even to Hitler, a first assassination attempt was carried out in December, 1943, but the bomb was defective and was recovered before Hitler's associates discovered it.

The ideal occasion for putting the

## WESTERN FRONT TODAY

(By the Associated Press)  
Canadian First, British Second, U. S. Ninth armies Artillery pounded Nazi positions east of the Rhine.

U. S. First army: Drove 2 1/2 miles beyond Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway, capturing air strip; expanded Remagen bridgehead.

U. S. Third army: Drove close to Kaiserslautern and toward Mainz, captured 45 towns and 8,355 Germans in single day, and was 25 miles from juncture with Seventh army in Palatinate.

U. S. Seventh army: Surged into

Roch on 60-mile front, capturing Wissembourg and driving to within nine miles of Karlsruhe. U. S. Divisions

Fourth armored: Drove on Kaiserslautern.

Ninth infantry: Drove east from Remagen bridgehead area.

11th armored: Sealed trap for large number of Nazis in Saar.

26th infantry: Advanced on Eunkirchen in Palatinate

65th infantry: Cleared Kaiserslautern.

80th infantry: Drove toward Kaiserslautern.

plot into effect in earnest seemed to come when Hitler invited Mussolini to general headquarters near Loccen in East Prussia to attend a ceremony incorporating two Fascist divisions into the German army.

Von Stauffenberg was the officer designated to swear in the Italians. Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel opened the ceremony with a 10-minute address. Stauffenberg followed. Stooping to get a piece of paper with his speech from a brief case next to his chair, he also pulled out an egg-shaped bomb and with his boot shoved it unobserved under Hitler's chair.

Von Stauffenberg lingered outside after completing his talk. When the explosion came he looked through the door and saw Hitler lying on the floor, blood-covered and clothes aflame. He took it for granted Hitler was dead. The officer calmly flew to Berlin.

Stepped Away  
It developed later that because Hitler had stepped away from his chair and bomb blast hit him only indirectly. The effectiveness of the blast also was marred by the fact it was intended for a concrete bunker, in which the conspirators had expected Hitler would conduct the Italian ceremony, rather than the resilient wooden shed he actually chose.

At the war offices in Berlin, Von Stauffenberg met Generals Beck, Erwin von Witzleben, and Erich Hoepfner and told them Hitler was dead. Machinery was put into motion for a coup.

The so-called government quarters to Berlin were seized. But the ardent Nazi officer who was ordered to arrest Propaganda Minister Paul

Joseph Goebbels gave away the show by telling the latter that "we must arrest you because our fuhrer is dead."

Goebbels seized a telephone connected directly with general headquarters and got Hitler to stammer a few words. Then the Nazi officer, on Goebbels' orders, rushed back to the war office where his men shot and killed Von Stauffenberg and Maj. Gen. Friedrich Olbricht, chief of troop inductions, and gave Beck, who was bleeding to death from a self-inflicted wound, a final shot.

American soldiers in India are forced to observe native customs in order to get any beef. Indian cattle, sacred to the Indians, must first be killed according to Moslem custom, by butchers dressed in white and a prayer is said as each animal is killed. After the ceremony has been performed the Americans are permitted to dress the carcass.

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### Junction City

Miss Mildred Anderson of St. Paul was a Saturday and Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beck, coming to see her father who has been making his home with his niece Mrs. Frank Beck for some time. He is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bernhagen of Thorp were Saturday visitors in Milwaukee and Junction City, returning to Thorp Saturday accompanied by the mother of Mrs. Bernhagen, Mrs. Joe Hardina, who spent the week-end there.

Pvt. Albert Nelson, who spent some time overseas was severely wounded and hospitalized for some time in France and again at Denver, Colo., is spending a furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nelson in Eau Claire.

Mrs. Louis Nelson and son Pvt. Albert Nelson and Mrs. Charlotte Nelson spent Tuesday afternoon at a club meeting at Stevens Point.

Mrs. Lena Brown and Mrs. Daniel Skibba spent Saturday until Monday in Milwaukee. Mrs. Skibba remained for a longer visit with her husband and daughter Virginia, both are employed there.

Miss Patricia Brooks returned to her studies at the Marquette University, after a week's vacation between semesters with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Groaton spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brickley at Wauwatosa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martens, daughter Rheta and Mrs. Martha Martens spent Friday to Sunday evening in Milwaukee visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neitzel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Penolesky and were accompanied home by Mrs. Penolesky, who remained for a week with Mr. and Mrs. August Piekarski Sr. Mrs. Martha Martens and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schmidt attended funeral services for Victor Schmidt on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bathke and daughter Mrs. Ruth Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Penolesky of Milwaukee returned to their homes after coming to Junction City to attend funeral services for the late Victor Schmidt.

### Vesper

Word has been received here that Sgt. Douglas A. Conklin, who was stationed in England with a supply depot is now in France in the 142nd Infantry.

Sgt. George Hartsough of Texas is spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hartsough.

Clause Honeveld spent a week visiting his daughter Mrs. Gladys Weiss at Wilton, Wis.

Mrs. Elsie Lietzkie is caring for Mrs. Erwin Brandt at Wisconsin Rapids.

Sgt. George Hartsough of Texas is spending a furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hartsough here.

The Rev. Theis of Chicago spent a few days at the Rev. and Mrs. W. Hagebusch home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoesly and daughter Karen of Wisconsin Rapids spent Monday at the Mrs. E. Conklin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schaaf announce the birth of a son at River-view hospital.

Mrs. Kenneth Bushlen and Sadie Rae spent several days recently visiting relatives at Thorp, Stanley and Chippewa Falls. Her mother return-

### Auburdale

Mrs. Isabelle Bradley and son Francis of Ebbe were Sunday dinner guests at the Edwin Seboe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Marti with daughter Marilyn and son Merlyn and Miss Elmeria Budtke and George Dillinger spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha Wiesjahn at Abbotsford.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salzman and family of Milladore spent Sunday with their daughter and son in law Mr. and Mrs. James Schill.

Mrs. Milton Kibbie of Bakerville was a Sunday afternoon and supper guest of Mrs. John O'Reilly at the Frank Hilgert home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bauer daughter Doris and Miss Mary Haffenbred and George and Phillip Haffenbred spent Sunday evening at the Joe Eisner home at Marshfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hamus and children spent Sunday afternoon at the Mrs. Bertha Hamus home at Marshfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kipp of Marshfield Mrs. Isabelle Bradley and son Francis of Ebbe were Sunday supper guests at the Albert Knutson home.

Oliver Hebert was called to Milwaukee Sunday morning due to the serious illness of his father William Hebert.

Sunday dinner guests at the Leonard Hartl home were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rotar sr. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rotar jr., daughter Caroline and son Ronny of Nasonville. Dinner and supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leandra Kreamer with daughter Shirley and son Clarence and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kundinger and son Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamus and daughter Deloris of Arpin, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartl, sons Raymond and Roger and daughter Jeanette were Sunday evening visitors at the Leandra Kreamer home.

ad home and is spending some time at the Clarence Taylor and Kenneth Bushlen home.

Dr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hartsough and family of Poynette spent the week-end at W. W. Clark and A. L. Hartsough homes.

Mrs. Howard Hazel and Mrs. Douglas Conklin were Sunday supper guests at the Mrs. E. Conklin home.

### Pittsville

Mrs. G. N. Graf, who recently sold her farm, left Wednesday for Hampshire, Ill. Her daughter Mrs. Nelson Daniels of that city had spent a few weeks here and returned with her mother. Mrs. Graf had been visiting at the Art Graf home near Arpin.

Mrs. Melvin Moe, surgery patient, recently dismissed from River-view hospital is convalescing at the home of her sister Mrs. E. R. VanWormer of Babcock.

Mrs. Don Kester and son spent the week-end with relatives in Wisconsin Rapids. Mrs. Kester has resigned her duties at the post office. Miss Marian Zuelhke has taken her place.

Carl Hirsch and John McNamee, employed at Merrimans were week-end visitors with their families here.

Mrs. Lloyd Goetz and two sons returned from Wausau Monday following a visit there with relatives. Her two brothers E/C 3/c Ed Hahn had just returned from overseas duty and Sgt. Elroy and Mrs. Hahn of Romulus, Mich., were also at the Hahn home in Wausau. Rev. Lloyd Goetz went to Wausau on Sunday and was accompanied home by his wife and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kiesling and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Guenther and daughter were Thursday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wegner. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Wegner who is the former Leah Minor.

Miss Lorane Bierman is spending two weeks as cadet teacher at the Pleasant Valley school of which Mrs. Margery Urban is teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Kleifgen had as guests on Sunday Ernest Garrels of Nekosha, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Itzen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koppen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koppen and daughter Janice of Granton. The occasion was the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koppen and the birthdays of Mrs. Harry Koppen and Mrs. Ed Itzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroll of Wisconsin Rapids were Sunday visitors with her father Adam Lipka, who stays at the Albert Sowatzke home.

Pfc. Charles W. Knox, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knox, city, is serving with the infantry engineers in Burma. His wife resides in Wisconsin Rapids.

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1. A list in quadruplicate of all the men presently employed, who, as of January 1, 1945, were less than 30 years of age and were classified as 2-A or 2-B. This list should be made in order of their importance to the firm, but should not include those who were classified as 2-A (F), 2-A (L), 2-B (F), 2-B (L), or part time employees; 2. Prepare two sets of the 42-A Special (Revised) form for each man for whom the request is made. Forms may be obtained from the local draft boards or State Selective Service headquarters, Madison, Wis.; 3. This applies to employees 18 through 29 years of age who are doing work that is indispensable for industries engaged in the following activities: Over-the-road trucking, pickup and delivery trucking to and from line haul carriers and their maintenance services; over-the-road bus operations; local transit, and establishments regularly engaged in the repair of buses, trucks, automobiles, tractors, farm equipment and tires.

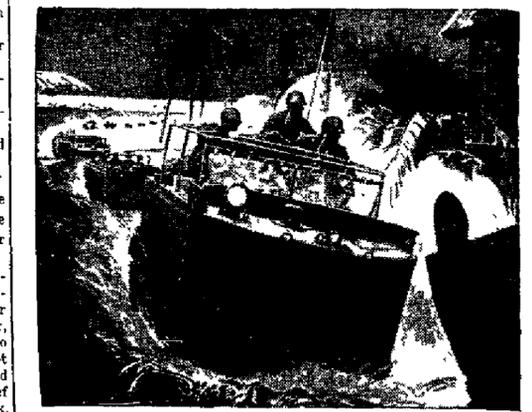
Complete information must be included on Form 42-A Special (Revised) on what the worker is doing to help the war effort, how he does it, how much training or experience is required to enable him to do this job, the availability of replacements, and what efforts the employer has made to replace him.

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