

HARVARD PROF REPORTED CHOICE FOR U. W. POST

Madison — (AP) — The Madison Capital Times said yesterday that Dr. Sumner H. Slichter, 52, professor of economics at Harvard university, had been offered the presidency of the University of Wisconsin to succeed Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra.

The newspaper said that Dr. Slichter had been offered the post through the board of regents' personnel committee, the group named to select Dykstra's successor.

At his home at Cambridge, Mass., Dr. Slichter declined to comment on the report, asserting: "There's nothing I care to say."

Dr. Slichter is an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin and is the son of Charles Sumner Slichter, dean emeritus of the University of Wisconsin graduate school.

One member of the board of regents said yesterday that no one had been offered the presidency and said that the names of about 20 possible candidates had been suggested.

Six of these, he said, are now connected with the university. The committee is scheduled to meet about January 10 in Madison.

The committee's last meeting was in Milwaukee December 15 for the announced purpose of studying qualifications of possible candidates.

Dr. Dykstra will leave his post about February 1 to become provost of the University of California at Los Angeles.



Pvt. Clifford Cooper, Wisconsin Rapids, is located somewhere in France. A brother, Pvt. George H. Cooper, is now in India, having transferred there from North Africa. The two soldiers are the sons of Arthur B. Cooper, 180 Daly avenue.

Sgt. Henry Getzinger, Wisconsin Rapids, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is serving with the marine air corps at Cherry Point, N. C.

Pfc. Roger R. Rickhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rickhoff, 1920 Apricot street, recently arrived in England.

He entered the armed forces February 12, 1942, and has been stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., with the medical detachment of the 787th field artillery.

Graduates at Fort Knox Upon completion of an intensive nine weeks course in the maintenance and repair of the peeps and jeeps, scout cars and trucks that give the hard-hitting armored divisions their speed of movement, a class of qualified automotive mechanics were recently graduated from the armored school at Fort Knox, Ky.

Among the graduates was Pvt. Kenneth F. Snodgrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Snodgrass, Wisconsin Rapids.

He received thorough instruction in the theory of automotive mechanics and fundamental shop practice in the school's wheeled vehicle department, studying actual engines, skeleton vehicles and visual aids of many types.

The wheeled vehicle department is one of eight in the huge armored school, headed by Brig. Gen. P. M. Robinett, commandant. The school formerly was commanded by Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Holly, a native of Wisconsin Rapids.

Earns Combat Badge When a bunch of Jerries on a night patrol banged up against a regimental outpost manned by Cpl. Raymond R. Rickman, Wisconsin Rapids, and Cpl. Myrl Pearson of Seminole, Okla., they got such a hot reception they must have thought they were up against an entire platoon. It was the first night on the front lines for Corporal Rickman and he earned a combat infantry badge right off the bat.

As soon as the Germans had disclosed their position, they brought down upon them the terrific fire power of a BAR in the hands of Corporal Rickman and a light sub-machine gun manned by Corporal Pearson.

The enemy patrol didn't stay around long enough to find out it was against only two Yanks.

Pvt. Chester O. Waller, Route 1, Arkdale, and Pfc. George A. Hamm, Milladore, are members of the 397th infantry regiment of the 100th (Century) division in France.

The 397th is one of the newest units fighting on the U. S. Seventh army front in eastern France—but its members have the satisfaction of knowing "they played an important part in the 'squeeze play' so thoroughly applied to the German 19th army.

Overseas a Year Pfc. Franklin Jacoby, Wisconsin Rapids, Liberator supply clerk, has been overseas one year with the Fifteenth AAF B-24 Liberator bomber group.

His group has flown nearly 200 missions over strategically important targets such as Ploesti, Munich, Steyr, Schwechat, Regensburg, Vienna, Wiener Neustadt and Budapest.

During the 12 months overseas, his organization has taken a leading part in the destruction of the vaunted Luftwaffe, and opened the campaign against Ploesti by leading the first daylight attack on April 5th.

Private Jacoby entered the service on January 20, 1943.

Cpl. Clayton L. Blonien, Rudolph, has been cited by the Eleventh armored infantry battalion of the First



FIRE TOPPLES BUILDING—Fed by stored chemicals, flames toppled the upper walls of this building in Kansas City's \$2,390,000 wholesale district fire. Firemen from two cities who fought the blaze estimated the flames shot 200 feet skyward at their height.

WESTERN FRONT TODAY

(By the Associated Press) Canadian First army: No change in front.

British Second army: No change reported officially. Germans said divisions were being shifted to hold Ninth army front and to aid in First army sector to the south.

U. S. Ninth army: No important change reported on Roer river line in Germany. Berlin reported Americans here being hurried to Belgium battle.

U. S. First army sector: Americans attacked heavily both on north and south flanks of German salient in Belgium and Luxembourg. Bastogne saved; neck of German bulge at that point reported narrowed to 20 miles; German units thrown back from westernmost tip of peninsula.

armored division and awarded the combat infantryman badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army in Italy.

Kenneth P. Pike, seaman 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pike, 1720 Chase street, is now somewhere in the Marianas. He is serving with the Fifth N. C. Brigade, motor pool.

Seaman Pike entered the navy at Great Lakes, July 28, 1944. After three months there he was transferred to San Bruno, Calif., and went overseas November 12.

Marine Pfc. Allen V. Worth, brother of Mrs. Vern Alnes, 820 Market street, Nekeosa, has completed a four weeks searchlight course in the anti-aircraft artillery school at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Three Sons in Service Pfc. Levi K. Tiffany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tiffany, Babcock, is now stationed at North Camp Hood, Tex. He had served 29 months in the Aleutians.

Pfc. Lafayette A. Tiffany, another son, is stationed somewhere in Belgium.

A third son, Robert L. Tiffany, seaman 1/c, gave the parents a pleasant surprise Christmas morning by coming home unexpectedly. He had been stationed in the south Pacific since April, 1944 and his parents had not heard from him since August 26.

T/Sgt. John P. Carnlin, nephew of Martin and Claus Hoenefeld, Vesper, has completed 50 missions with the Fifteenth air force in Italy and is now at a hospital in Richmond, Va.

Lt. Clarence J. Wandrey, Wautoma, a member of the U. S. Tenth army air force, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying cross, according to a war department announcement today.

New Shortages In Metals May Hit Civilians

Washington—(AP)—Shortages of two important war metals, copper and lead, threatened today to cause further civilian belt-tightening in 1945.

Because of the sharply rising army demands for bullets and artillery shells, the office of civilian requirements may be called upon to give back half the tonnage of copper brass mill products allotted to it for the manufacture of civilian goods next quarter, WPB officials revealed.

A 40 per cent cut in civilian use of lead, required in a war production board order announced last night, was explained as necessary to protect the government's stockpile of that metal, which has dwindled to less than one month's wartime consumption.

The lead curtailment will affect storage batteries, paint, tetraethyl for civilian gasoline, and other important items. The copper deficit is expected to hit hooks, eyes, fasteners, and—to a severe degree—civilian shotgun shells and cartridges used by farmers and ranchers to protect livestock and crops.

Steel supplies were reported "fairly well balanced" with prospective demand, and aluminum "relatively easy." Only about half the country's plant capacity for producing ingot aluminum now is being used.

tration. Southern flank reported sagging under heavy blows; weather bad.

U. S. Third army: The Germans reported virtually all Third army thrown into battle on southern flank of Belgian-Luxembourg bulge, and eating into German sector south of Bastogne. The Germans acknowledged withdrawals in Luxembourg near the frontier. No change reported on Saar fronts.

U. S. Seventh, French First armies: No major changes reported.

Plane Enables Rapids Soldier to Spend Christmas at Home

The tremendous advantage in speed of travel by air over that by boat is readily attested to by T/S Harry Steinke, son of Henry Steinke, Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier arrived home on furlough the day before Christmas, largely because he was able to make the long trip back by plane from India, where he has been stationed for the past 38 months. Traveling back by plane meant that he would be able to spend Christmas day with his dad, because it took him one-fourth of the time for that trip than it had taken him going to the huge Asiatic country by boat.

Technician Steinke has been attached to the medical department in a hospital in India. He had spent almost three years in that far-distant theater of operations, having gone overseas March 19, 1942. He entered the army two days after the Jan attack on Pearl Harbor.

In July, 1943, Steinke had a pleasant surprise when he met Cpl. Albert Mertz of Kellner. The latter had come to the hospital for an eye test.

Steinke will report to Miami, Fla., January 17, 1945 for reassignment.

Small Plants Receive Many War Contracts

Wausau—Nearly 4,000 war and essential civilian contracts, totaling \$841,117,340, have been placed with small plants in the Chicago region during 1944 by the Smaller War Plants corporation, Thomas Burtch, regional director, announced today.

The Chicago region includes the four states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin.

About 50 of these contracts, totaling approximately \$1,960,000, were placed in small plants of the Wausau district, according to J. A. Voss, district manager. This district, in number of industries served, is one of the smallest districts in the United States, and comprises twelve north central Wisconsin counties.

"Because of the fact that our industries are more or less well established and financially sound, the Wausau district office has had few requests for financial assistance," Mr. Voss stated.



YANK TENANCY FOR MINDORO—Depleted here are U. S. army engineers instituting repairs on wrecked roadbed of the railroad line between San Jose and St. Augustin, shortly after the invasion of Mindoro island in the Philippines.

Fate of Two Boys in Balance After Father Flanagan's Plea

Jackson, Miss.—(AP)—The fate of two teen-aged sailors for whose lives the founder of Boys Town, Father E. J. Flanagan, came here from Nebraska to plead with Gov. Thomas S. Boykin of Wayne county in December, 1943.

The two youths, Maurice Shimniok of Madison, Wis., and Joseph M. Leemon of Maylene, Ala., are under sentence to die in the electric chair tomorrow for the slaying of Sheriff Thomas S. Boykin of Wayne county in December, 1943.

The governor, after a long interview yesterday with Father Flanagan, said he would announce his decision after "conferring with one more person," whom he did not name.

The boys killed Boykin after he had picked them up and given them a ride. The death sentence by a lower court was upheld by the Mississippi supreme court.

After the interview Father Flanagan said he came to Jackson at his own expense "to speak a word in behalf of two youths who have committed a terrible tragedy that is inexplicable." He added he believed that "the boys themselves are ignorant of why they did it."

"Who can say whether they are responsible for their acts?" "I certainly would not want to be the one to convict them and say they should die in the electric chair."

"I realize the great responsibility of the governor and realize the many requests made upon him for justice. But justice is a word oftentimes abused."

"I have my doubts that justice will best be served for them to die in the electric chair," he continued. "I feel rather that it would be better if they were given time to rehabilitate, mediate and to think over the terrible tragedy they are guilty of."

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Military Urges Use of V-Mail

Washington — (AP) — The army and navy today urged greater use of V-mail in writing to service men overseas in order to conserve transportation space.

The services expressed concern over recent drops in the use of the microfilm service by both service men overseas and civilians at home.

The army and navy want civilians to use V-mail for four out of five letters, reserving air mail for an occasional long letter or one requiring enclosures.

Committee Wants to Know How Gallup Does It—and Why

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ROAD ACCIDENTS TAKE 500 LIVES IN WISCONSIN

Madison — (AP) — Traffic accidents in Wisconsin during the last year took approximately 500 lives, the safety division of the state motor vehicle department announced today.

This brings to 2,300 the number of lives lost on highways and streets since Pearl Harbor.

About 160 pedestrians were numbered in the group killed in 1944, it was reported. Twelve of the victims were servicemen, most of them involved in accidents while home on furlough.

Five of the state's 71 counties succeeded in remaining on the honor roll for the past 12 months. No traffic deaths were reported in Bayfield, Florence, Grant, Pepin and Washburn counties.

During the fiscal year of 1943-44 a total of 853,124 vehicle registrations was noted in Wisconsin. Registrations totaled 863,042 during the preceding fiscal period, and 933,653 during the 1941-42 period.

Ben L. Marcus, acting commissioner of the motor vehicle department, said the decrease was anticipated with the stoppage of private car manufacture. He pointed out that car and truck owners generally have cared for and operated their vehicles with more respect than in pre-war years.

Marcus said the department collected \$14,765,065 in the last fiscal period, a drop of half a million dollars attributed to the preceding two years. The cost of the department's operation was \$745,824.

An estimated 2,000 persons were deprived of their driving privileges through revocation or suspension of licenses during the last year, it was reported.

Seabees Celebrate Their Third Birthday

Washington — (AP) — The navy's seabees celebrate their third birthday today with a record of having participated in every major amphibious invasion launched by our forces in both hemispheres.

Since December 28, 1941, the seabees have licked what the navy calls the toughest military construction job in history—building of advanced naval bases fast enough to keep pace with the needs of our expanding fleet.

Wiley Wants Study of Proposed Laws

Washington — (AP) — Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) urged last night that the next congress establish an "independent research and investigative arm" to study legislation requested by the executive branch.

Under present conditions, he said in a statement, "the very bureaucrats who are supposed to execute the laws have had virtually a free field in originally conceiving those laws."

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