

1944 BUILDING PERMITS VALUED ABOVE \$77,000

Three hundred and one permits, of which 132 were building, 119 electrical and 50 plumbing, were issued in 1944 according to an annual report of A. J. Hanneman, building inspector.

Revenue for permits included: building, \$163.38; electrical, \$142.50; plumbing, \$94.50 making a total of \$400.38 as compared with \$203.74 in 1943.

The approximate costs of construction building not including electrical work or plumbing was about \$77,211 the report stated.

Building projects were divided as follows: residences, remodeled, 48; private garages, 34; manufacturing additions, six; business remodeled, six; public garage, one; garages re-modeled, four; gas tank and pump, one; buildings wrecked, two; buildings moved out of city, four; buildings moved into city, 12; buildings moved to other locations, eight; small workshops and sheds, four; signs, two; chimney, two; portable welding shop, one; depot remodeled, one; concrete mixing plant, one.

Buildings Are Moved Out of the city, three were country school houses which were converted into dwellings. The Garrison residence was wrecked by the Frank Garber company and two small parts were moved and made into two houses.

The building inspector made 1,169 calls and inspections as compared to 547 in 1943. A report on weighing and measuring devices showed 308 tested, 73 adjustments made, eight condemned and \$5 condemned for repairs.

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Virgil Lamb Dies in Action In Belgium

Pvt. Virgil I. Lamb, 34, died January 17 in Belgium, of wounds received in action the previous day, according to a war department telegram received this morning by his wife, Elhel, who resides at 321 1/2 Tenth avenue north.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier belonged to Company E, the 33rd armored regiment.

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Keith Warner Dies in Action. Sgt. Keith Warner, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Warner of Nekoosa, died in action in Belgium January 16, according to word received by the parents from the soldier's wife, the former Betty Pfeiffer of Wisconsin Rapids, who now resides in Green Bay.

Two especially funny incidents occurred during the basketball game at Fort Edwards Thursday night. One happened when Referee John Plenke, Jr., was all set to blow his whistle to start the last half, only to notice that Coach Bob Masters of the visiting A-F team and the official scorer were both missing.

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Scout History Reviewed for Kiwanis Club

Tracing the history of scouting which has grown from a single troop in England in 1908 to an organization of three million boys of 73 nationalities in 45 countries of the world, Benjamin Phillips, Wausau, field executive for the Samoset council of the Boy Scouts of America, told members of the local Kiwanis club of the observance of the 36th anniversary of the Boy Scouts at the regular weekly club meeting at the Hotel Witter today.

He credited the beginning of scouting to Sir Baden Powell in South Africa during the Boer war in 1898, when the Englishman prepared a book on scouting for his soldiers. That book was rewritten in 1908 and the first troop was formed in England.

The club heard a special prayer by the Rev. Fr. James Madison Johnson for Sgt. John Corey, son of Kiwanian and Mrs. S. C. Corey, who was reported killed in action this week. The club membership stood in silent tribute to the deceased service man.

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PREPARING FOR THE "BROWNOUT"—Fred Sawaske, manager of the Wisconsin Rapids theaters, is shown as he arranges the Wisconsin theater outdoor lighting so that it will comply with "brownout" regulations which go into effect Thursday.

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City Employee Is Found Dead

Andrew Komatz, 59, 1640 First street north, was found dead in the garage of his home about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by his wife, Dr. H. G. Pommerville, coroner, was called and stated that death was due to natural causes.

Mr. Komatz had left his home between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening and the coroner stated that death occurred soon after that time. Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at 88 Peter and Paul Catholic church with burial in Calvary cemetery.

T-5 Linzmeier Meets Death In Belgium. Millsdote—T-5 Andrew Linzmeier, who was seriously wounded in Belgium January 7, died of wounds the following day, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Linzmeier of Millsdote.

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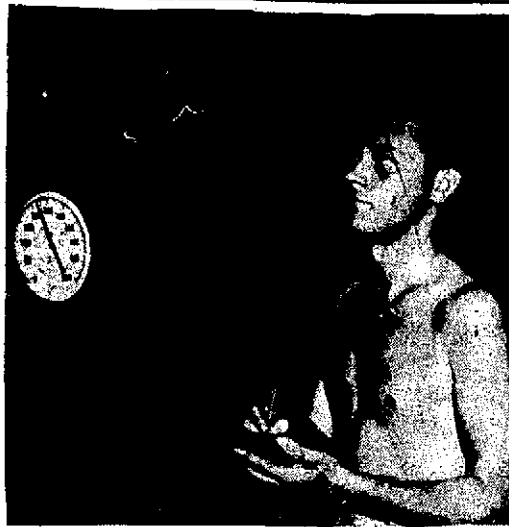
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SERVING IN PACIFIC AREA—Coast Guardsman Neil W. Fah, wasterender first class, of 1360 First street north, Wisconsin Rapids, is shown in the boiler room checking instruments on board the coast guard manned cargo vessel to which he is now attached.

Movies Are Morale Builder I. E. Deer Tells Rotarians

"Members of the armed forces are not interested in war pictures or heavy drama; they want pictures having something to do with home." So stated Irvin E. Deer, field representative of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, in an address at the Wednesday noon luncheon of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary club in the Witter hotel.

In revealing the role that the motion picture industry is playing in entertaining the serviceman, the speaker pointed out that over 45,000 prints have already been turned over to the government in this war. He quoted several military leaders as stating that the movie aids in building up the morale of the soldier.

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EARLY RESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES

Mrs. W. H. Bean, 79, long a resident of Wood county, died at 11:45 Saturday night at her home in Vesper after a month's illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Baker and Son Chapel with the Rev. E. A. Finn of Arpin officiating.

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WOUNDED IN ACTION—Pfc. Aloia Van Asten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Asten of Rudolph, was wounded in action in Belgium, January 5, and is now recuperating in a hospital in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

ELKS SPEAKER. J. A. Warrin H. Lasher, clerical recruiter, spoke to Elks members at their regular Tuesday supper meeting. The Elks Men's club entertained the group with several selections.