

### Promoted to Major

Madison, Wis. — (AP) — Former 1st Lt. Philip P. LaFollette, now 1st Lt. with the general staff corps of the United States air forces, has been promoted from captain to major according to word received from Washington, D. C., today. LaFollette enlisted last December and was assigned to the provost marshal's department in March. He was transferred to the air forces several weeks ago.

### Invited to Sary Party

Resides "Red" Blanchard there will be Nancy Dolan, Ruth and Edna, the Sackett Sisters and Wilma Cumberland, backed by Louie and his orchestra furnishing the music for the stage show. Contest for Audience

He contest for the audience will be in the form of a quiz in which the participating will be asked to identify various parts of programs heard regularly on WFHR. Prizes will be in the form of war savings stamps, \$5.00 for first, \$3.00 for second and \$2.00 for third.

Doors for tonight's show will open at 7:15 o'clock and the stage show will start at 8 o'clock. Those coming early will be entertained by the regular Mutual program "Pays to Be Ignorant" which is broadcast every Thursday evening at 7:30 to 8 o'clock over WFHR. The entire stage show and a portion of the dance program will be broadcast.

pressure on the important airbase.

At the other end of the newly installed enemy vise, east of Henderson airport, recently landed Japanese troops presumably were manipulating for a thrust at the springboard of the American aerial assault on the foe's ships, troops and installations. Last night, however, the navy said "there is nothing to report."

For obvious reasons, the navy gave no hint of what reception the American forces were preparing for the Nipponese fleet in event of its return to the Solomons battle area. **Push Japs Beyond Kokoda**

MacArthur's headquarters reported today (Australian time) that the Nipponese New Guinea invasion which in late September had penetrated as far as 32 miles from the allies' Port Moresby base, now had been pushed back several miles beyond Kokoda, midway point across the island's 120-mile waist.

### Blenker Soldier Dies of Malaria in Hawaii

Blenker, Wis. — Word has been received by Mrs. Anna Walsh, Auburndale, R. I., of the death in Hawaii of her son, Pvt. Irving A. Walsh, 24.

Death was believed to have been caused by malarial fever. The family had received word previously that Private Walsh was suffering from the tropical disease. The death was the fourth among Wood county men in the armed forces since the start of war.

Private Walsh had been in service since December, 1941. He volunteered under selective service and left with the first war-time selective service quota from the Marshfield district on December 11.

lingering illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Baker mortuary chapel, the Rev. George C. Westphal in charge, of the rites. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery. M. E. Pillar, Nate Anderson, George Germanson, Jacob Winger, Walfred Samuelson and Fred Duncan will act as pallbearers.

Mr. Otto was born July 28, 1864, at Marengo, Ill., and moved to Wood county in May, 1879, and to Wisconsin Rapids in 1906. He was married to Annie Bean of the town of Hansen August 5, 1892. She preceded him in death in March, 1931.

Eight children survive. They are Edward, Earl, Ellis and Mrs. Johann of Wisconsin Rapids; Mrs. Ingvall Schelvan, Emory and Mrs. Esther Jepson, of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Ray Miller of Los Angeles, Calif. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### 2 Killed, 14 Hurt in Manitowoc Co. Crash

Manitowoc, Wis. — (AP) — Sixteen persons were injured, two fatally, in the crash of two automobiles at a highway intersection 14 miles southwest of Manitowoc early today.

The dead: Javita Bonlander, 15 months old, Manitowoc county. Daniel Bonlander, 8 weeks old, Javita's brother.

Mrs. William Bonlander, mother of the children, suffered a possible skull fracture, as did Paul Reiser, of Manitowoc, driver of one of the automobiles. His car, containing six children under 10 years of age, and three adults, was in collision with an automobile driven by Francis Groh, 17, St. Nazianz in which seven boys and girls of high school age

axis losses at 40,000 troops wounded or captured.

While the announcements reveal the full extent of advance, unofficial advice See—WAR IN AFRICA

### 185 Pounds Per County's Scrap

Wood county's per capita figure shot upward today as pounds per person with report of county salvage covering scrap collection October 31.

Robert M. DeGuere chairman for the south district, Wednesday at headquarters the reports collected in both the south areas of the county start of the national drive.

While no official figures have been given out today, the per capita figure is 185.7 boosted Wood county the top among counties in the state.

Mr. DeGuere said that more than 1,000 tons in returned in by industries and other sources.

### Report Allied Fleet Massed at Gibraltar

New York — (AP) — The radio renewed today its reporting the concentration of powerful warship and fleet at Gibraltar and patches from La Linea Vichy, as saying a fleet of 14 merchantment reported late yesterday.

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