

# City of Nekoosa Purchased Bonds, Made Improvements

Nekoosa this year placed more nest eggs in the basket labeled "Series G, Defense Bonds." Counting the nest eggs, to close the year 1944, Mayor Joseph Peltier and his administration looked ahead to the day when those \$38,000 worth of eggs will hatch. In the future the hatch will pay off the city's bonded indebtedness, and make many improvements in the city.

In addition to the bond eggs, the city expects to close the year with a bank balance of \$15,000.

**Improvements**  
Though restricted by war's demands, needed improvements have been completed by committees. Alderman Nick Michaels reported that the water commission this year completed the installation of a new 600 gallon per minute Ingersoll Rand pump to increase the city's pumping capacity. The increase guarantees maximum water for daily as well as emergency drag. A new transite watermain replaced the wooden line laid over a decade ago from the pumping station to Wood avenue. The transite was also laid from Garrison avenue to the Nekoosa foundry.

A survey of the pumping station area which was enlarged by the purchase of 40 acres of land in '43 shows a large amount of water in the acreage. The acreage has gained added value by the planting of 70,000 seedling Norway pines this summer.

The water committee chairman also reported the purchase of a Diesel engine to be installed in the future which will pump the water at a considerable saving to the city. Oil for the Diesel and equipment at the pumping station is to be housed in a cement block building now under construction.

**City Improvements**  
Evening strolls will be a pleasure thanks to the work of the crews of street committee Chairman Bernhard Naegle. Blocks have been neatly encased in curbs and curbs, antiquated side walks have been replaced by smooth cement wherever needed. Winter thaws will not result in muddy ruts for motorists to follow for the unpaved streets of the city have been rolled and oiled to a cement-hard surface.

Joe Peltier who was appointed to the council as mayor in 1943 was this spring elected to serve the city in the top administrative capacity. Louis Wipfli was elected to serve as council member from the first ward. Other administrators who retained their places at the council table are F. R. Goddard sr., Nick Michaels, S. E. Brooks, George Goodness, John F. Buehler, J. Koller, Hans Hagen, Bernhard Naegle, A. J. Crowns, city attorney and Mrs. Cora Cooper, treasurer, continued in their duties. To Miss Lucille Schroepfer belongs the voice which so politely answers phone calls at the city hall.

**Mayor's Message**  
In closing the year's report Mayor Joseph Peltier expressed his appreciation to citizens of Nekoosa for their splendid cooperation in the sixth war bond drive and in the frequent salvage drives. Up to and including December 14 Nekoosa residents had purchased approximately \$300,000 in bonds. Of this total \$270,000 was handled by the bank. A crop of volunteer young women under the chairman, Miss Ruby Fenling, ran a bond and stamp booth for a week at Roger's market to swell the city's record. The mayor reported that two tons of tin and five tons of paper had been salvaged by patriotic housewives and concluded with the age old wish "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

**Police Activities**  
Petty thefts and hooky cases were the main problems of Police Chief William Wintlyn and his fellow officers, Clayton Freeman and Joe Wolfe, this year. In only two cases were the stolen articles not recovered and returned to their owners. Stolen gasoline stamps which might have involved the thief in real difficulty were recovered and returned to their owner. Hooky cases were persuaded to answer the summons of the Alexander school bell.

In addition the police roster reports nineteen accidents attended by the officers, 258 complaints, 39 arrests made and judgment passed. Thirty-two transients sought a night's lodging at the jail, for the second year a decrease. Warnings were given to 857 motorists, 161 drivers licenses were issued and one more bicycle license was purchased than last year bringing the total to 276.

**New Faces in Uniform**  
Though he had served as a special officer for a year Joe Wolfe did not patrol a beat regularly until his appointment in September. Patrolling must run in the Wolfe family, for Joe's son, Jake served as a cop on the beat until he left for service and action in Europe.

Mid-summer's storm brought a new experience to Nekoosa's fire force, when a night call took the trucks through tree blocked streets to a farm outside the limits of Nekoosa. The men's fire axes cut green wood to clear the road for miles and lights of the trucks when they reached their destination showed a capsized barn. The men had been trained in rescue work but this was a new version. For hours the firemen chopped and tugged at fallen timbers to rescue—cows.

Other calls were routine duty calls. One fire involving over \$788 damages when added to the losses in 23 less serious blazes brought Nekoosa's total fire loss to \$1577.25 or \$548.82 more than 1943. The volunteer firemen answered the siren 19 times for city calls and four times for rural fires.

**Constant Training**  
Fire Chief James Milna reported that in addition to monthly

## NEKOOSA CENTER SHIPPED CANNED GOODS OVERSEAS

Even more important than the 43,000 cans of foodstuffs prepared at Nekoosa's canning center for storage in basements were 2,000 cans sealed before the November deadline for overseas shipments.

Many and varied were the contents of the cans destined for Christmas packages. Favorite foods were prepared by wives and sweethearts, precious ration point foods were denied civilian members of the family, so that cheese could be packed in the boxes. Cans that gurgled were deceptively labeled hair tonic or shampoo. GI Joes and Janes must be taking extraordinary care of their hair for V-mail letters thanking for Christmas boxes often request more of the "tonic or shampoo". Pretzels and peanuts, candies and fruit cakes besides one-dish meals were packed and sealed throughout the weeks before the deadline and V-mail letters from every land or ship on which GIs are stationed prove that the cans traveled well by boat and train and truck to the distant soldiers. None edibles such as wrist watches and shaving brushes, razor blades and cigarettes were also sealed in the cans to insure receipt.

While the Christmas packing caused a noticeable rush at the center, Mrs. Jess Mosey and Mrs. Ernest Stevens spent few idle minutes in the day after day hours at the center. Schedules have necessarily been well filled in 1944 to accomplish the processing of 8000 cans of food before July and of 35,000 since the victory garden produce and meat packing started after midyear.

The highest score of cans for any individual is held by Miss Zona Skerven of Nekoosa with well over 1500 cans. Highest total for one day at the center was 876 cans on October 11.

New recipes were perfected and the total varieties of foods sealed is far over the 57 varieties advertised by a national food company.

Amateur errors caused more than one laugh at the busy center. One day, two kettles boiled merrily on the stove. A canner who had completed her work had difficulty wiping dishes rinsed in simple syrup and a fellow canner quickly rinsed the syrup from vegetables to be made into soup, having mistaken the boiling sugar and water for boiling water required in the recipe for soup.

Equipment at the center was improved by the addition of a cooling tank with a constant change of wa-

## 244 Stars on Service Flags Gracing Churches of Nekoosa

Since D-day, gold stars have been placed on honor rolls of two of Nekoosa's churches for men from their congregations who have died in European service. The Congregational church rolls bears a star for Capt. Leroy Ruder and the Sacred Heart church for Pfc. Dale Staeger and Sgt. Bernard Buehler.

As the months passed, service stars have been added to the flags for an additional 16 service men or women during the past year. Of the total, 244, 16 stars represent young women who have enlisted as army nurses, or into the WAC, WAVES, SPARS or Marine corps. The Sacred Heart of Jesus has sent the largest number of their congregation into service, with 106 stars, including six for women, on their honor roll. The Congregational roll bears 87 stars and the Bethlehem Lutheran, 51. At each church service flags are placed as honor guard beside the rolls.

**Congregational Activities**  
The many clubs at the Congregational church have actively participated in community activities during the past year. From the treasury of each society, a check was given for the Red Cross drive. The Congregational Young Ladies' club donated for the expenses of donors on the plasma bus.

The two circles of the Ladies' Aid gather on alternate Wednesday afternoons for spiritual and social meetings at the church. Suppers to which the public is welcome and which are popular with teachers and regulars, swelled the aids coffers.

Men of the Congregational church have an active club, which meets monthly for a dinner and program. Interesting speeches by servicemen returning from overseas duties have provided a popular drawing card. The club sponsored paper drives early in 1944, before the city collection became general.

Members of the church administrative body are Ray Wiley, treasurer; Mrs. Grant Cooper, clerk; Mrs. Winifred Taylor, financial secretary and a much needed retort was installed.

The city of Nekoosa has paid for the supply of steam for the processing and for heating the building during the winter months, throughout 1944. Last year, the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company, from whose Nekoosa mill the steam is piped, furnished the steam needed.

## Postoffice

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of the drawer in which the over a thousand report sheets were slipped.

Both the lobby and interior room of the postoffice have been brightened by fresh paint. A sturdy floor covering, venetian blinds for the lobby windows and fluorescent lights are to be installed in the future. Steam heat will be installed when

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Sacred Heart's Holy Name Society started an active year with a program for the Port Edwards Holy Name members in January and were in turn entertained by the latter group. Meetings have been held once a month, except for a summer recess.

A second organization for men of the church is the Catholic Order of Foresters, which group voted to purchase \$100 war bonds at monthly meetings the past year.

Women's organizations embrace all ages. The Women's Catholic Order of Foresters has over 50 adult members and 15 juvenile members. Business and social meetings are held monthly the year around. Mrs. Catherine Schenk, who was a charter member of the first court organized in Chicago, died during the year.

Mothers of the Congregation have their organization, known as the Christian Mothers. This group meets monthly and in addition sponsors frequent card parties for the benefit of the church. Donations outside the church included fare for one donor on the blood plasma bus. The Rev. Alvin Daul has recently appointed Mrs. I. Koller as president to fill the vacancy in that office.

Trustees of the church are John Krehnke, secretary; Joe Peltier, treasurer; consultants are J. J. Milna, Frank Korhol and Richard Tracy, who succeeded Max Menke, who died this year.

**Lutheran Celebration**  
Red letter day of 1944 in Bethlehem Lutheran church was the celebration on August 20 of the 40th anniversary of the Rev. Fred Kersten at which the mortgage on the church, built six years ago, was burned. Plans for the future, towards which the church organizations are saving, include a parsonage to be built adjacent to the church.

Miss Lorraine Zettler is choir director and Mrs. Otto Orth is superintendent of the Sunday school of 70 children. Officers of the church are Leslie Eichsteadt, chairman; John Schluenz, vice chairman; Fred Fierke, secretary, and Julius Lutzner, treasurer.

## With the Return of the Joyous HOLIDAY SEASON

We are afforded the pleasant opportunity of brushing aside for the moment the cares and burdens of world affairs and business to greet you and wish you the happiness of the season.

As we take mental inventory of our business activities, we realize no asset is more priceless, more conducive to success than the good-will and friendship of our many customer friends.

And so we join with those who have a sincere interest in your happiness and prosperity to extend our best wishes to each of you

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NEKOOSA, WIS.

Wanda Fitz Tel. 172-R Nekoosa

HEALTH and HAPPINESS to you  
VICTORY in the Coming New Year  
To all members of the MODERN WOODMAN OF AMERICA Camp 2376, Nekoosa.

Wm. Husted F. B. Hays  
Dept. Mgr. Local Agent  
Marshfield Nekoosa

Thank God We Are Americans  
SEASON'S BEST WISHES  
This year, more than ever before, we are truly appreciative of the fact that we are Americans. It gives us a better understanding of the Christmas season and its significance. It gives us a better understanding of our friends, their problems and their happiness. We are glad we are a part of this glorious country and have a share in its great privileges. We are grateful that it is our lot to be Americans!

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We greatly appreciate your kind patronage during the past year and most heartily wish our friends and patrons a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Anderson's Store and Sinclair Station  
Under New Management—Formerly Bryan's

increase of one third in its receipts since 1942 figures is a Class II postoffice, employing three clerks, a mail messenger, and two route delivery men. One employee, George McLean, has been on a rural route since 1921, serving many postmasters in that time.

More rice is consumed throughout the world today than any other food product.

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**Christmas SPELLS "HAPPINESS"**  
As we look about us at this season of the year, we find our friends enjoying the Christmastime with all the happy enthusiasm with which this occasion should be experienced. This is as it should be! Christmas is a time to be happy and to give thoughts to those we love.  
Neither will we forget those whose efforts have made it possible for us to enjoy Christmas. It is part of the American way of life for which our youth has fought on distant lands and we will not forget.  
And so, as we extend our Christmas message to you, we want you to know that our greetings are meant for those far away. We are thinking of them too, and hoping for the day when our Christmas season may be one of full happiness with all of our loved ones and friends together again.  
It is good to know that Americans are enjoying Christmas—even though many of our loved ones are in distant parts of the world and cannot be with us. They would not have us forget Christmas; nor would they have us do other than enjoy the Yuletide to its fullest. This we should do as our obligation to them.

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