

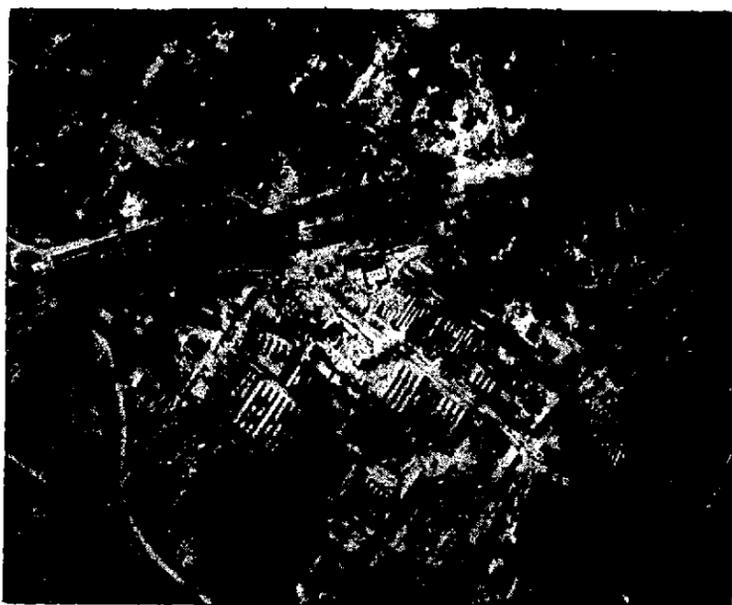


THE WEATHER The past week was featured by cold weather in Wisconsin Rapids, with the thermometer reaching a low of 25 toward the week-end. However, a bright, warm sun followed the week's lowest reading, indicating that warm weather is finally on its way to Wisconsin.

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50 Cents a Month



BLASTING NAZI WAR MACHINE—An hour after Fifteenth AAF bombers blasted Berlin's military installations, photographs of the damaged areas were taken by Lt. Harold L. Neufeld, 2911 Second avenue, who flew an unarmed photographic plane over Berlin from his base in Italy. This was on the first day that photographic reconnaissance planes flew from an Italian base to photograph targets in Berlin. Lieutenant Neufeld was escorted on his flight by five P-51 fighters. Two enemy aircraft were sighted, one near Leipzig and the other near Dresden, but no interception was attempted. A graduate of Lincoln high school, Neufeld entered the army in January, 1943, graduated from the army flying school at Williams field, Ariz., and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He arrived overseas in July, 1944. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and has flown 36 photographic reconnaissance missions. His wife, Mariel, lives at 630 Baker street. The photo of Berlin taken by the lieutenant and shown above indicates smoke still rising from one of the burnt buildings in which "Tiger" tanks were manufactured. On the right, Lieutenant Neufeld is shown standing in front of his plane at his base in Italy.



PORT EDWARDS ACCEPTS PARK LAND, DONATION

The Port Edwards village board at a special meeting last night unanimously accepted the Alexander homestead as a memorial park and a \$50,000 gift from the Nekooosa-Paper company toward construction of a natatorium on the property.

The will of the late Mrs. Lida E. Alexander directed that the six-acre area and buildings be given to the village for development of recreation facilities to be used by Port Edwards and Nekooosa residents and that it be preserved in memory of her husband, Lewis M. Alexander, and her father and mother, John and Frances Edwards.

Her son, John E. Alexander, president and general manager of the paper company, recently announced plans for the proposed \$100,000 indoor swimming pool and indicated that another \$25,000 would be provided by the company if a like amount was supplied by the village. The offer would automatically expire if the building is not constructed within a 5-year period.

45 Scouters At Marshfield Regional Meet

About 45 Scouters representing the Samoset council, with headquarters in Wausau, the Gateway council, La Crosse and the Chippewa Valley council, Eau Claire are holding a regional meeting in Marshfield today. This is one of 20 regional meetings held in Region Seven. This plan of holding the annual regional meeting is necessary this year due to transportation restriction and limitation on conferences. Three national officers will be in attendance: John C. Triplett of New York and C. M. Fennell and A. N. Ekstrand of Chicago. Only council presidents, district chairmen, district commissioners and scout executives will represent their councils. The program is to feature discussions on district organization and the commissioners staff. The theme of this series of meetings is "How to Bring Scouting to the Boy."

Selmon Joseph, chairman of the North Wood district has charge of arrangements. Other details will be handled by E. A. Schweichel, scout executive.

The conference is being held in the Marshfield Elks club building. The meeting was to open at 10 o'clock this morning and close at 5:30 this afternoon.

Nepco Employees Donate Blood at Milwaukee Center

Clinton McCooog and August Raufman, both of Nekooosa, made their fifth and fourth pint donations, respectively, at the Milwaukee blood donor center yesterday, going with other Nepco men employees on a bus sponsored by the Nekooosa-Edwards Paper company. It was the third donation for Rogers Gigstead and Francis Giese, also of Nekooosa.

Second timers were Kenneth Campbell, Edmund Koehn, M. C. Koehn and Otis Weldon, Nekooosa, and Emil Joseph, Port Edwards. It was the first trip for Elmer Boles, Wisconsin Rapids; Frank Cibula, Joe Edwards, Ray Gaber, Randle McDonnell, Ross Roberts and Karl Schmidt, Nekooosa; Richard Grode and Frank Moulton, Port Edwards.

Ninety-nine per cent of those making the trip were able to donate blood.

CANCER GROUP IS ORGANIZED

April has been set aside by congress as Cancer control month. The field army of the American Cancer society a body of volunteer laymen, is assisting in and educational program and is raising funds to combat the disease. Annual enlistment in the field army is in April but will extend into May this year.

Until this year, no organized group has functioned in South Wood county but this year under the direction of Lola E. Payne, a group has been formed. The work in this county will be to distribute educational literature, show films and to supply speakers to those who desire as part of the nationwide drive for funds.

In addition to newspaper publicity, there will be programs over radio station WPRR next week describing the work, by the captain of South Wood county, the city commander, a local doctor and the Wood county nurse beginning Monday and running through Thursday at 6:55 each evening.

Volunteer workers include: City commander, Wisconsin Rapids, A. D. Hill; field officers, Mrs. D. R. Dunham and Mrs. Wm. Rusk, city of Nekooosa; Mrs. Toby Osterkil, village of Port Edwards; Mrs. Wm. H. Liebe, town of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Ermon Bennett, town of Cramoore; Martin Honeveld, town of Hansen; Ed Inasa, town of Sigel; William Kuter, town of Rudolph; Mrs. George Gesnke, town of Dexter; Henry Duckart, Elm Lake; Mrs. George Kitchie and Mrs. John Baum, Pittsville; town of Seneca; Mrs. Floyd Snodgrass, Seneca, S. G. Corey (rural); Floyd Smith (city); W. A. Sprise (vocational); rural meetings, Miss Cecelia Sheestock and H. R. Lathrop; publicity, (George Frechette; posters, exhibits and coin boxes, Miss Lucille Beppler; mimeographing and letters, Miss Germain Hlanneman; public health committee, Miss Leone Norton and Dr. F. X. Dornnville; campaign treasurer, W. F. Schroedel; literature and materials, Mrs. Roland S. Payne.

Robert Wunrow Is Listed as Missing

Master Tech. Sgt. Robert F. Wunrow, USMC, is missing in action in the Pacific area, according to a government telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wunrow, Route 1, Arpin. A letter received following the telegram stated that he had been missing since March 19. He is an aviation machinist.

Sgt. Wunrow enlisted from Rockford August 15, 1941, and is a veteran of Guadalcanal. He served for 15 months in the Southwest Pacific, returning home on furlough in January 1944. He again was sent to the Pacific in February of this year.



DONALD ELLIS AWARDED DFC

Further honors have been bestowed upon Lt. Donald A. Ellis, son of Charles S. Ellis, 1740 First street north. A letter from the Twelfth air force headquarters, Europe, states that the Wisconsin Rapids lieutenant, who is a prisoner of war, is entitled to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In the letter, addressed to the lieutenant's father, Brig. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw says: "It gives me pleasure to assure you that the outstanding achievements in combat of your son, Lt. Donald A. Ellis, have not been forgotten. Although he is now a prisoner of war, Lieutenant Ellis would, I am sure, feel happy to know that he is entitled to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the highest awards of the army air forces."

"Pressing a vigorous attack in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Ellis' precision run over enemy troop concentrations enabled his P-47's to register direct hits which caused a tremendous explosion and started several fires."

"Lieutenant Ellis proved himself a leader in the mission we are accomplishing in this theatre of war. Although we can ill afford his absence, your son's exemplary devotion to duty remains an inspiration to his fellow airmen. It is my hope that your pride in his valor and skill will help you through this period of anxious waiting."

Lieutenant Ellis recently had been awarded a second Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal. During a period between June 21, 1944 and September 8 of that year he participated in over 47 missions. His flying achievements involved air-sea rescue searches, raids on enemy aircraft and patrols of the convoys, harbors and land installations so vital to the successful prosecution of the war against the Germans in Italy.

Don has three other brothers who are officers in the armed forces. Arthur and Robert, who are lieutenants, and Fred, an ensign. Another brother, Lt. Charles Ellis, Jr., was killed in action in Germany last November 30.

Rapids Corporal Walks Upon Jap Road Block and Escapes

It isn't every day a man can walk upon a Japanese road block and walk away again. In fact, Cpl. Donald E. Rieman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rieman, 431 Seventh street, figures the whole experience was "too close for comfort."

The Corporal has been overseas for nearly three full years with this veteran Wisconsin-Michigan (Red Arrow) division and has had his share of close calls, but this tops them all.

He's a ration corporal, and it's his job to know where quartermaster ration dumps are located. One day when his field artillery battery was digging in on the steep side of a Luzon mountain Rieman started out in search of said dumps.

Shot Whites Past Head. He passed a liaison party and continued on up the road around a bend. He saw equipment and logs on the road and presumed the engineers were repairing that particular stretch. He turned around and started back.

A shot whined past his head simultaneously with the crack of a rifle, unmistakably Japanese. He pivoted in time to see a Jap drawing a bead on him for a second shot. He turned his pivot into a dive for the roadside ditch. He lay there for a half hour. The Japs couldn't hit him, but they kept him pinned down.

All at once an otherwise unidentified infantryman came tumbling into the ditch from somewhere nearby. He apparently considered it a "better hole."

Luck Is Bad. Rieman and his new companion then experimented with shooting at the Japs for a change, but their luck was bad. Finally, the infantryman

Four Children Perish In Tragic Farm Fire

RAPID PROGRESS MADE ON NEW WATER SYSTEM

Rapid progress is being made on the first phase of the city's new water system following the start of actual construction on a permanent well and the laying of a transmission line from the area south of Two Mile road to the Sixteenth street pumping station.

Herbert Poth, representing Poth, Boyd and Poth, Green Bay, consulting engineers, said today that, barring unforeseen difficulties, the new supply of water will be tapped by June 1 and that a shortage of water this summer will be averted.

About a dozen workmen currently are engaged in drilling the first well and installing pipe. The war production board has approved construction of three wells and ultimately there will be six or seven to produce a minimum of five million gallons of water daily but work is being concentrated on the first well to bring in about a million gallons daily to alleviate the present situation. The Layne-Northwest company of Milwaukee has the contract for construction of the wells.

A 10-inch pipe line is to be laid from the well to the main 16-inch line which will run along Sixteenth street to the pumping station. This ultimately will be a dual line with connecting laterals and will branch to the Third street pumping station. The Marino Construction company of Delavan is the contractor for laying the pipe and already has installed nearly 1,000 feet in a trench at a minimum depth of 5 feet. There is a total of about 12,000 feet of pipe to be laid and it is expected that an average of 350 feet a day will be maintained.

The entire city distribution is to be modernized in a half-million-dollar overall program and Mr. Poth said that plans and specifications are being prepared for the next step, that of reinforcing feeder mains from the pumping station into smaller pipes. The entire project may require five years to complete.

Joseph Rude Heads Union

Joseph C. Rude was elected president of the Central Labor Union of Wisconsin Rapids and vicinity during an annual meeting at Union hall last night. He succeeds John Krohn.

Other officers were named as follows: Harry Klappa, vice president; Irvin J. Hofschel, recording secretary; Hilda Abraham, financial secretary; William Scott, treasurer; Carl Knuth, sergeant-at-arms, and Edward Stensberg, trustee for three years.

Installation will take place at the next meeting May 10.

Groups Will Share Work In Collection

Further arrangements for the United National Clothing collection to be conducted in this vicinity Friday and Saturday have been announced and the names of those participating in work at the collection center released.

The collection depot, which will be established at the canning center (Mend-Witter block), will open at 8 o'clock Friday morning and the Community club will be in charge of collections from then until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Local church women's groups will then take over, the Trinity Moravian in charge from 5 until 6, First Baptist, 6 until 7, First Congregational, 7 to 8, and First Methodist, 8 to 9 o'clock.

On Saturday morning, the center will open at 9 o'clock with a group from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church in charge until 10, Emmanuel Lutheran from 10 to 11, First Moravian, 10 to 12, and S.S. Peter and Paul 12 until 1 in the afternoon. The Rotary club will have charge throughout Saturday afternoon.

Kiwanis club has charge of publicity for the drive and the Elks, American Legion and Legion auxiliary will combine to aid in storage, packing and shipping of clothing.

MRS. MATTHEWS DIES Mrs. Frederica Mattheis, 72, died at 1 o'clock this morning at her residence in Aldorf, following a short illness.

Kerosene Explodes When Poured Into Coal Stove

Four children of the Edward J. Newman family died today as the result of a fire at their home on Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids. Three perished in the flames which engulfed a room in which they were playing after the fourth had poured kerosene into a coal stove, causing an explosion and flash fire.

The victims were Ronald, 5, Robert 3, David, 2, and Richard, 14, who was burned critically and succumbed about 1:30 this afternoon at Riverside hospital. Dr. Harold Pominville, Wood county coroner, said the three tots probably suffocated although it was apparent from the way that two of the bodies were huddled in a corner that they had made a futile effort to escape.

Mrs. Newman made a heroic effort to rescue the youngsters but was driven back by the intense flames and was burned severely in her frantic attempts. Enveloped in flames, Richard stumbled from the room and his mother wrapped clothes around him which she had been washing. She then ran to a neighbor's home to summon help and Richard followed although his garments still were burning.

After running about 150 feet, Richard fell to the ground where his mother rolled him in the grass to put out the flames. The flames set fire to the grass and spread about fifteen feet from the place where Nekooosa firemen found him when they answered the alarm.

Mrs. Newman returned to the scene and tried to enter the house but was forced back. She then went back to the neighbor's home and called her husband and an ambulance. The Newmans were hysterical and their grief was beyond control. They moved onto the farm early last fall.

Ernest Blackburn, who also lives on what is known as Roberts road, took Richard to the hospital. Sheriff Henry J. Becker visited the scene of the tragedy along with Dr. Pominville. There is to be no inquest.

Youth Tells Story Five Chief James Misna said that the youth gasped out the story of the fire to him, saying that he poured kerosene from a 5-gallon can as he was preparing to build a fire and that "All of a sudden everything was on fire." He pleaded with the firemen to save the children but it is believed that they lived only a few minutes.

Mr. Newman was working in the Nekooosa-Edwards Paper company mill at Port Edwards and four other children also were away at the time. He was the father of three youngest children who died and Gwendolyn, 6, who was attending Ross school, Richard was the son of Mrs. Newman by a previous marriage and his sister, Gertrude, 16, is living in Auburndale. Two other children of Mrs. Newman's by a second marriage, Arlette, 10, and Ralph, 9, also were at school.

Firemen Act Promptly The fire broke out about 9:40 this morning, the Nekooosa fire department receiving the call from Mrs. William Yosten, to whose home Mrs. Newman had fled. Firemen were on the scene in less than 10 minutes and, although having only 30 gallons of water to draw from, extinguished the flames in about 12 minutes and succeeded in saving the home. The dining room in which the bodies lay, however, was a charred scene of horror.

Those who battled the flames besides Fire Chief Misna were L. Koller, assistant chief, John Buchler, George Wipfl, Ed Wipfl, Walter Wolfe, Charles Herrick and Al Ruder.

Transferred from the local board to leave with the South Wood county group were Ira R. Schars and Edward J. Chapin, both of Port Edwards.

Transferred from the local board to other boards were Herman Joseph Huser, Rockford, Ill.; Arsené F. Falsky, Homolun, T. H.; Clarence C. Alforden, Milwaukee and Weldon F. Nieman, Sawyer.

Man Prosecuted for Failing to Aid Sons James J. Fitzmaurice, 39, 320 Second street, Milwaukee, pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of non-support when arraigned before County Judge Frank W. Calkins. Fitzmaurice is a former resident of Wisconsin Rapids.

Fitzmaurice was arrested by Wood county police in Milwaukee on complaint of Mrs. Dorothy Rusk, children's worker of the Wood county children's board, who claimed Fitzmaurice was in arrears in support of his two children, Joseph and Jerome, who are now at St. Michael's orphanage, LaCrosse.

He was sentenced to two years in the state prison at Waupun but the sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation.

Education Hope for Peace, Judge And Former Marine Tells Kiwanis

"In education lies the hope for world peace," Judge Joseph R. McCarthy, Appleton, of the Tenth judicial circuit, told the Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis club during its weekly supper meeting at the Lake Wa-zeecha Youth lodge last evening.

Judge McCarthy, a former marine corps captain who served three years in the Southwest Pacific, also said that the returning world soldier would place many "flag-waving patriots" high on the list of "war criminals" and that he was opposed to compulsory universal military training as a means to prevent future wars.

Seeing action with a marine dive bombing squadron throughout the Solomon Islands campaign after taking leave from the bench and enlisting at the outbreak of the war, the personable judge said he came to the realization that control of education was at the heart of the problem as he walked from combat intelligence headquarters to his hut immediately following a major action on Bougainville.

"It was a beautiful moonlit night, conducive to thought," Mr. McCarthy said. "The Japs had just been repulsed after a mass assault in which a large area had been devastated by our guns. The quiet, with the exception of occasional small arms fire, was a terrific contrast to the shelling of a few hours before. There were many, many Japs lying dead only a mile or so away. It came to me that they were born in the image and likeness of our creator, that they had the same dreams, hopes and potentialities as do we, and that they might even have worshipped the same God. But they were taught to kill and die for the Emperor."

Must Control Education Judge McCarthy then stressed his belief that educational processes must be controlled in aggressive nations if a third World war is to be prevented.

Turning to a subject about which he felt very keenly, Judge McCarthy, who is a Marquette university alumnus and was known as a boxer in his undergraduate days, described how propaganda tactics would be voided by the "fighting words" of some official or prominent person in the states. "We would give the enemy quite a buildup and in three or four weeks it would begin to have some effect as Japs singly and in pairs slipped through the lines and surrendered. Without fail, about that time somebody would pop off about killing all Jap prisoners. Two days later we would be eight weeks where we started. These utterances have cost American lives and serve only to prolong the strife," the speaker charged.

On the assumption that a strong military force will have to be maintained to enforce the peace, Mr. McCarthy, who at 31 was the youngest circuit judge ever to be elected in Wisconsin, said that "compulsory military peacetime training will not do the job for which it is intended and would be a great waste of money.

Strength Not in Numbers "Strength in modern warfare is not measured in the number of men under arms. Mechanization and science has changed all that," he asserted. "The fall of France with a standing army of six million subject to periodic training is proof enough of this."

The young jurist said that out of every 100 boys put into training only five or 10 might be sufficiently interested to get something out of it. He said the need is for a comparatively small group of technical men and that outlying bases would have to be manned by experienced veterans—not trainees.

Judge McCarthy said it would be more logical to take a portion of the money which would be expended on the 90 or 95 who would not be benefitted—the cost of such a program being estimated at five million dollars annually—and use it to develop institutions for the study of warfare and to help those who wish to follow the military as a career.

In closing, the speaker said it was folly to try to predict how long the war in the Pacific would last. "The Japanese mind is not predictable. They are fanatics. It would not surprise me to wake up tomorrow morning and learn that the war lords had all committed hari-kari and that a peace offer had been submitted. On the other hand, they might go on for 10 years for it is as much an honor to die on the battlefield as it is a disgrace to surrender."

Hold Everything



Sorry, Eagle Feather—but we won't have room for your canoe!

Red Cross Uniforms to Go to Clothes Drive

Miss Anna McMillan, chairman of the surgical dressings department of the South Wood county chapter, American Red Cross, announced today that unclaimed uniforms now at the home of Mrs. G. R. Baker will be turned over to the clothing drive at the end of the week unless they are claimed before Thursday morning.

Following the close of the surgical dressings work, garments were left at headquarters and later taken to the home of Mrs. Baker where 40 still remain unclaimed.