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# GREAT OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED AGAINST REICH

## Council Takes Layne Water Bid and Backs Canning Co. Canopy

Two controversial questions were disposed of by the city council in a special meeting last night. It accepted the \$93,250 bid of the Layne-Northwest company of Milwaukee to develop a new ground well water supply for Wisconsin Rapids. And it Leyte today, pressing to within 10 refused by a 13 to 5 vote to reconsider permission given the miles of Ormoc on the south, 14 on Sampson Canning company to construct a canopy on the east the east and about the same distance side of its building at 1251 First street north. The latter, by far, was the most interesting from the ringside standpoint.

recently approved construction of a

cement court and canopy supported

company and the First ward objec-

tors went to the mat with both the

council and Ray Sampson, company

"one of the trees is dead, anyway"

and that many of those who protest-

\$40,000 to the payroll and meaning

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Of 2 Women

town hotels.

money.'

Detective Lt. Harry Hansen called

it "the most fiendish crime in my

19 years of experience here. It is

Mrs. Judd is serving a life sen-

tence for slaying Mrs. Agnes Le Roi

and Hedvig Samuelson, her room-

mates in Phoenix, Ariz., and send-

ing the dismembered bodies in a

Even as a screaming hotel maid

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trunk to Los Angeles in 1931.

The Water Question: The Canopy Question:

Officials of the Milwaukee company gave the aldermen the choice of letting the firm gamble on finding some iron-free water, turning to a less desirable river filtration sys- by pillars at the Sampson Canning tem or being left high and dry. The municipal water and lighting commission after considerable study recommended that the bid be accepted official. and the council concurred after listening to the Layne representatives, Edward J. Rogers, president, and George Galloway, field engineer.

The main stickler has been the absence of a guarantee that the re- of several large trees." quired volume of 5,000,000 gallons of water per day will continue after the contract is fulfilled. The guarantee is still absent. But Galloway told the aldermen that it would "be curtains for the company in Wisconsin" if the wells petered out soon after construction, adding, "it won't no odors, it would be easier to clean cost the city a dime if the amount and quality of the water is not as called for in the contract. We take ject would enable the company to the gamble, not you."

Would Finish in June

Galloway described construction: of the wells, equipped with separate turbine pumps, and thought the project could be completed about next June. He said that many test wells Brutal Slaying would be sunk to determine the purest and most abundant source of supply. The commission has retained a consulting engineer to draft a master water supply plan and the state board of health will participate in the various tests.

Rogers explained that the firm has been in business for 60 years over the world. He pointed out that said, one of the most fiendish crimes Damulaan, 14 miles south of Ormoc, get of a four-day attack. the proposed system would pay for itself through savings in present operating costs and that fire insurance rates would go down. Rogers also declared that if something wasn't done soon, the city would be without water and that the river was not considered a desirable source of supply.

Alderman Charles V. Stark moved that the bid be accepted and it was seconded by Alderman W. Meade Reeves. A unanimous vote Griffin, 25, wife of a truck driver. was cast with Aldermen H. C. Dem- A hotel maid on routine cleaning itz and William W. Rickman being rounds found her lying disembowled

## **NELSON TO FORM** WPB FOR CHINESE

Chungking (AP)—Donald M. Nelson and a small group of American | quoted Wilson as saying he killed experts arrived in Chungking today to help China, now facing her gravest military trial, to expand her war production and make the maximum possible use of her own resources against Japan.

Nelson and his aides will cooperate with the newly-created Chinese war production board, which was formally inaugurated today under Wong Wen-Hao, minister of economic affairs and chairman of the national resources commission.

The arrivals were welcomed at the airport by Wong, Foreign Minister set off an intensive city-wide police T. V. Soong and other Chinese notables. U. S. Charge d'Affairs George Atcheson jr., and Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Hearn, chief of staff to Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer. commander of the U.S. forces in the China theater, also were pres-

Nelson, former chairman of the U. S. war production board, said he had no idea how long he would stay i but that several members of the group, including Howard Coonley, a metals executive, would remain when Nelson returned to the United

#### Auxiliary Policemen Will Meet Tuesday

Chief of Police R. J. Exner has called a meeting of Wisconsin Rapids auxiliary policemen for 7:30 Tuesday evening at Lloyd's Recreation parlor. A lunch will follow the program.

**ELECT OFFICERS** 

The Rev. E. A. Finn of Arpin was elected president of the Central Wisconsin Ministerial association at he annual meeting in Marshfield on Monday, Other officers are the Rev. J. W. Schwager, Wisconsin Rapids, vice president, and the Rev. Raymond H. Browe, Marshfield, secretary-treasurer.

## YANKS PRESS TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF ORMOC BASE

General MacArthur's Headquariers, Philippines—(A)—An American vise closed tighter on General Yamashita's encircled Japanese on

Advances by four American divisions were small, but they came all around the Japanese perimeter defending Ormoc, their last base on The ire of 26 neighboring residents was drawn when aldermen

In the north, the American 24th division applied double pressure. On the road from Pinamapoan, the main the road, another unit of the divis-Romeo E. Villeneuve, 1250 North virtually cut the road behind an es-First street, fired the opening shots by saying that the "lean-to will be troops. Three Heights Taken unsightly, mar the beauty of the

streets and necessitate the removal division, which overran several Sampson countered by saying that enemy strong points and seized hillit would not be an eye-sore, that tops as it moved westward through the tangled peaks. No road served this division: and its forward elethis division; and its forward eleed had been misinformed. Sampson ments probed the roughest terrain went on to say that there would be fense positions. Mt. Mamban, a and that the area now is a "mud-3,830-foot peak, and Hills 4047 and hole." He explained that the pro-4018 fell to the cavalry.

Far to the south, the veteran pack peas, adding from \$30,000 to Seventh division, seldom mentioned in recent communiques, was disclosabout \$60,000 to farmers in this ed to have advanced four miles to the west coast town of Balogo, only 10 miles from Ormoc. Less than 30 miles now separates the 24th on the north and the Seventh on the south.

The daily headquarters communique announced the division had repelled a Japanese counterattack at Balogo, killing or wounding approximately half the attackers. Seventh Closest to Ormoc

The Seventh today stands closer to on record—the mutilation slaying of landing attempt there Tuesday two nude women in separate down-

Roughly midway between the Drinking wine at a nearby bar, Seventh and the 24th divisions, a Otto Steve Wilson, recently medi-third infantry unit, the 96th division. cally discharged from the navy, was also advanced against Ormoc from handcuffed last night by an alert the east. The 96th was near Alto patrolman shortly after the sus- peak on Leyte's backbone and appect's description had been broad- proximately 14 miles from Ormoc. its route now is more or less downhill to the town but very rough.

The first victim was Virgie Lee The Japanese were showing no tendency to retreat easily anywhere. Frontline dispatches described even the smallest American advances as in the closet of one room. The torso being made over piles of enemy had been slit from neck to abdomen, dead, some killed in the final infanthe right leg severed at the hip and try battles, others still lying where knee, the right shoulder hacked through. Bits of flesh, cut from before in the battering American arother parts of the body, littered the tillery barrages.

### blood-soaked carpet. A butcher knife with a 9-inch blade lay nearknife with a 9-inch blade lay near-by. Razor blades were scattered on the floor. Police detective Lt. R. F. McGarry her "because she wanted more

Washington— $(A^{n})$ —The nomination of James F. Byrnes for an ad-

Senator George (D-Ga.) asked the runs into central Slovakia. senate to waive the customary committee consideration of the nomina- Jaszbereny fell after the Russians tion and act at once. His stand had began to outflank the city of the the full support of acting Minority northeast and the Germans extend-Leader White (R-Maine.)

The Byrnes nomination was sent Red Army columns then drove search yesterday, the second victim to the senate by the president at straight into the city and captured noon. Approval was unanimous.

TEAMMATES ATTEND SHAFER FUNERAL-The body of Allan J. Shafer jr., 17-year-old Univer-

sity of Wisconsin freshman quarterback, who was injured fatally in the game with lowa Nov. 11, is

carried from the First Congregational church at Madison, Wis., while members of the Wisconsin squad

line the church steps to pay their respects.



body of the division lunged against PROMOTED-Bertram W. Nason enemy positions near Limon, gate- of this city has been advanced in way to the Ormoc corridor. West of rank from captain to major sometimated 2,000 Japanese front line active service on January 2, 1942, as \$6,700.62. a second lieutenant, having been a reserve officer, and has been over-To the east and north, pressure seas since March of this year. His are as follows: was applied by the First cavalry family resides here at 431 Elm street.

## Of Budapest

has cracked the German flank east \$9,781.09. of Budapest, and is hurling its armored might through a breach within 12 miles of the Hungarian capital, Funeral Services imminent.

A sustained pounding by wave after wave of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's assault forces forced drawal from more than 50 towns The German withdrawa

along a 100-mile front from Mende, 12 miles southeast of Budapest, to Korom and other towns 10 miles will be in Forest Hill cemetery. below the north Hangarian rail junction of Miskole. The tired and mauled German

Panzer units fell back toward the southern base of the Matra mountains and westward to the perimeter defenses of Budapest. One Soviet column, following the

Jaszbereny-Budapest railway, passed well beyond Mende, 12 miles from the capital, and drew the siege line tighter against the virtually doomed city.

Other Russian formations of tanks, cavalry and infantry, supthey had been killed hours or days ported by swarms of attack planes, drove straight north in a continuation of the challenge for mastery of the highway and railway com-

munications leading to Vienna. The key communication points of Godollo, 15 miles northeast of Budapest, and Hatvan, 30 miles north east, appeared to be the prize objectives of the northward push. Red Army columns were barely a dozen

miles from each. 19 years of experience here. It is ditional two year term as director worse than the Winnie Ruth Judd of war mobilization and reconvers-Godollo is on one of the major rail ion was confirmed by the senate to- van is at the entrance of a foothill van is at the entrance of a foothill pass through which another rail line of the central Slovakia.

The Russian war bulletin said ed themselves to meet the threat. it in fierce street fighting.

## Levy Will be \$188,300 Wisconsin Rapids' share of the Wood county tax levy will be \$188, 371.82, County Clerk Joachim A.

Schindler announced Thursday.

Marshfield is to pay \$116,820.56 while Nekoosa's share is \$52,077.22 and Port Edwards will be billed for 338,137.69. The charges against Wisconsin Rapids are broken down as follows:

State tax, \$4,115.63; state special i charges for penal and charity work, day afternoon concluded a two-day \$12,769.17; county school tax, \$15,- session by adopting a tax levy of 313.32; general county tax, \$125,-343.40; soldiers relief, \$154.68; crease of \$6,484.23 over the 1944 county bridges, \$655.32; social se- | figure. curity, \$29,543.89; special charges for illegal real estate, \$40.03; uncollected personal property charges,

Biron's share will be \$20,674.82 where in India, where he is ordnance while Auburndale will be required ion swung around through the hills, officer for the China, Burma, India to pay \$3,046.67 and Milladore, \$2,war theater. Major Nason entered 012.13. Pittsville will contribute

Assessments against townships

Arpin, \$14,575.92; Auburndale, \$15,129.69; Cameron, \$4,299.29; Cary, \$4,115.90; Cranmoor, \$5,253.-74; Dexter, \$2,104.90; Grand Rapids, \$13,139.58; Hansen, \$12,399.-78; Hiles, \$1,405.85; Lincoln, \$17,- of the county except Marshfield, to find the stubborn Japanese de- Nazi Line East | 559.91; Marshfield, \$9,857.60; Mil- Nekoosa and Wisconsin Rapids for ladore, \$12,841.99; Port Edwards, the county school superintendent's \$2,685.88; Remington, \$2,021.84; salaries and expenses. Richfield, \$12,171.72; Rock, \$8,394.-80; Rudolph, \$14,561.62; Saratoga, \$4,110.77; Seneca, \$3,366.54; Sherry, Moscow-(P)-The Red Army \$11,163.77; Sigel, \$16,071.06; Wood,

## front dispatches said today. A decisive battle for control of the in-Will be Tuesday

Funeral services for William the enemy into a damaging with- Colby, 74, of the town of Grand Rapids, who died at St. Michael's year-old waiter was held incommuni- other advancing American units. It and villages, including the large hospital in Stevens Point on Tuescado today after confessing, police was last previously reported at railway junction of Jaszbereny, tar- day evening, will be held Saturday ter, Mrs. Clara Jones, 2610 Third street south. The Rev. F. F. Knick- 150 miles north of western New erbocker will officiate and burial

> Mr. Colby was born on May 17. 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oharry Colby, and had resided in: this community all his life. He married Myrtle Jenkins on November 6, 1907, at Nekoosa. Fourteen childdren were born to this union, four preceding the father in death.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Pfc. Lester at Foster field, Tex., Pvt. Irvin in the south Pacific, Nelson and Oharry, both of this city; six daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Renner and Mrs. Clara Jones of the town of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Fred McKeel of Babcock, Mrs. Joseph Rasch of this city, Mary Jane of Black River Falls and Viola of Chippewa Falls; and five grandchildren.

The body will be taken to the home of the daughter, Mrs. Clara Jones on Friday at 2 p. m., where friends may call. Baker and Son is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Kiwanians learned something of he technique of disarming a holdup man at the club's meeting in the Witter hotel this noon, their instructor and demonstrator being Chief of Police R. J. Exner, recent graduate of J. Edgar Hoover's Na-

The "judo" technique of employing leverage and surprise to overwas demonstrated by the police! chief.

Mr. Exper told briefly of the jampacked course of study at Washington which, in 14 hot, sticky summer weeks dealt with 128 subjects, Reported Recovering 45 were FBI experts, the others being college professors, medical experts, lawyers and jurists highly skilled in special phases of law enforcement work.

#### Find Marshfield Man Dead Near Stratford

Stratford, Wis.--(P)-Jake Regwas found dead in a ditch, one mile ture wounds. from this village today. It was not determined immediately whether he i died of violence or from natural

and left him about 9 p. m. last force, died early today. The widow night, dropping him off, from an and four children survive. Lt. Kabot Porter, publicity director of the hour period ending at 7 a. m., 55; automobile at a relatives' home was commander of the local post of where he had been living. This was the Disabled American Veterans federal communications commission period ending at 7 a. m., 37; temabout six miles from where the and a member of the American Le- succeeding Chairman James Law- perature at 7 a. m., 37. Precipitabody was found today.

# THAN LAST YEAR

The Wood county board Wednes-\$607,367.91 for next year, an in-

It also delegated to the post-war planning committee along with the district attorney and the chairman of the board to investigate and complete the filing of \$1,500,000 in proposed projects with the federal government "with the understanding that the filing of such reports in no way binds Wood county to the expenditure of any moneys, with or without federal aid."

The levy is broken down as follows: state tax, \$13,303.69; state special charges for charitable and penal purposes, \$41,276.06; county school tax, \$49,500; general county tax, \$503,28\$.16. There also is a separate tax of \$5,800 against all The board voted to add \$500 to

the soldiers and sailors relief fund, raising it to \$3,100, with the intention of adding to it gradually in anticipation of heavy future demands. The next meeting of the supervisors was set for January 16.

## Invade Small Mapia Islands

Leyte, Philippines — (P) — A small force of American troops inraded the Mapia islands, less Guinea, yesterday in a purely protective move to knock out Japanese coast watchers and warning stations.

The Yanks went ashore in the face of light resistance and under cover of naval bombardment after two days of heavy preliminary bombings left installations in flames.

A headquarters spokesman said the primary reason for the offensive far behind Gen. Douglac Mac-Arthur's line in the Philippines was to protect the important U. S. airbase on Biak island in the Schouten group. Japanese watchers on Mania, 145

miles northwest of Riak, were able to warn other Nipponese islands when the American bombers were going out on strikes.

Fragmentary information on the Mapia invasion did not disclose the size of the landing force nor of the supporting naval units.

The Mapia islands will now be converted into a protective outpost and warning station to guard U.S. installations on Biak.

### Cpl. Severt's Body to Arrive Here Saturday

Funeral services will be held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock for Cpl. Frederick A. Severt, who was killed in the crash of a twin-engined medium bomber at March Field, Calif., on November 13,

Corporal Severt's body will arrive in Wisconsin Rapids Saturday evening and will be taken to the Krohn tional Police academy in Washing and Berard funeral home, where prayers will be said Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The services will be at the SS.

come another person with case also Peler & Paul Catholic church, the Rev. Arthur Dresen officiating, Interment will be in Calvary ceme-

## Injured Mill Worker

Henry Boelter of Almond, who was injured in an accident at the Nason shop of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company, is recovering at Riverview hospital, according to word received from George Nelson, Consolidated claims Boelter was sawing a board when

the saw caught a rough edge and threw the board back against his enfruss, 73, Marshfield bachclor, abdomen, resulting in slight punc-

POINT POLICE VETERAN DIES Stevens Point, Wis. — (AP) — Lt. Michael J. Kabot, 51, a veteran Three companions said that they member of the Stevens Point police

## Rapids' Share of County Entire Front from Holland to Alps **Moves into Action**

London -(.P) - The American First and Ninth armies, paced by a 1.700-plane bombardment of German defenses northeast of Aachen, launched a massive offensive into the Rhineland today.

forward at 11 o'clock as 1,200 heavy bombers crashed their bombs on the Dureneschweiler arc from four to six miles ahead of the doughboy lines east and southeast of Aachen.

assault on the German homeland defenses near the Dutch frontier, and the entire 400-mile allied front from the marshy lowlands of Holland to the Alps of Switzerland was in motion.

## Louis Arpin Is Missing in Pacific Area



LOUIS W. ARPIN

Louis W. Arpin, 19, S 1-c R. M., of Roermond, 34 miles west of Dusa nephew of Mrs. G. A. Buckley and seldorf on the Rhine. D. A. Arpin of Wisconsin Rapids, has been reported missing in action the sailor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doubs river to a point 11 miles missing sailor's father was a graduate of Lincoln high school.

The youth was last heard from by his parents on October 8. Mr. and Mrs. Arpin had visited friends and relatives here earlier this year. After graduating from high

school in Crowley, Louis Arpin entered the armed forces and received raining in Colorado and California before going overseas this year. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters. Two broth-

ers preceded him in death.

## Holiday Season Will Officially Begin Nov. 24

Wisconsin Rapids will be garbee in its traditional festive garment of Christmas lights beginning Friday, November 24, according to a report [ received from the merchandise committee of the Community club, in not already applied for canning charge of arrangements here for the sugar must do so by Nov. 30 to get holiday season.

In addition to the regular lighting displays, it has been announced that downtown stores will be open evenings on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 20 through 22, and will close on Saturday, December 23 at the usual hour of 5 30. Food stores will be open on Saturday, however, until 6 p. m.

For the children, Santa Claus will make his yearly visit to Wisconsin Rapids but no word has been received at present as to the exact date of his appearance in the city. His beadquarters will be in the Quick Launch building next to the Witter hotel where he will remain one day to greet the children and give them candy. The date of his arrival will be announced as soon as word is received from the North Pole.

The merchandise committee is composed of Frank Abel, Einar Olson, Clarence Reiland and Albert Doyle with E. G. Bredow acting as ] chairman.

#### FCC HEAD NOMINATED

Washington - (A) - President Today's Weather Facts-Roosevelt today nominated Paul A. Maximum temperature for 24-1944 Democratic campaign, to the minimum temperature for 24-hour rence Fly.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army veterans sprang

An hour and 45 minutes later the U.S. Ninth army, whose whereabouts had been a secret two months, plunged into a new

This may be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's all-out winter

At least six great allied armies were on the march.

#### Lt. Gen. William (Texas Bill) Simpson's Ninth army popped up at the German front door after being transferred 800 miles across France, Belgium and Holland into Germany and moved across the lines of communication of several other armies.

Apparently it was attacking north of the U.S. First army's Aachen sector, or from the Nijmegen sector north of the British Second army, where it would be in position to implement the long-standing threat to sweep away the German north flank.

Waited for Bombing Weather After a week of waiting for clear

weather, the Flying Fortresses and Liberators, with nearly 500 fighters, bumped the Germans with 4,800 tons of bombs ahead of the First army in a tactical assault similar to that which preceded the St. Lo breakthrough in Normandy last July 25 and the offensive by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army in the Metz sector eight days ago.

Fragmentation bombs fell on a 15-mile stretch of the Cologne highway between Eschweiler and Duren ahead of the First army veterans of the St. Lo breakthrough. Antiaircraft positions, gun batteries and other German defenses were showered.

One Mile from Maas The British Second army plunged to within a mile of the Maas in Holland and captured Horn, only two miles from the German bastion

The First French army, which joined the array of offensives only in the Pacific area, according to Wednesday, pushed forward on a word received here Wednesday from | 25-mile front on both sides of the A. L. Arpin, of Crowley, La. The southwest of Belfort in the gap just north of Switzerland.

> Gen. Patton's Third army tightened its grip on Metz from the north and also captured Morhange.

## Stairway To The Stars Is Pep Club Theme

The usually unromantic looking interior of the Lincoln high school fieldhouse will be transformed for a few hours on Friday evening when Pep club members and their dates will tread a "Stairway to the Stars' at the annual Pep club dance.

Alumni of the Pep club are invited to attend as usual, and dancing will be from 8 until 12 with music by the Castillians.

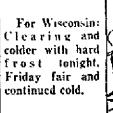
#### Nov. 30 Is Deadline For Canning Sugar

Fred Bushnell, chief clerk of the local war price and rationing board. said Thursday that those who have their allotment. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

WHOOPING COUGH SHOTS

Whooping cough prevention treatments will be given Friday, November 17, at the Milladore graded school at 9 a. m. and at the Blenker parochia! school at 10 a. m. This will be the final of three treatments sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in the two above communities.

## THE WEATHER





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