



SERVING IN PACIFIC AREA — Coast Guardsman Neil W. Fehl, 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. Two and one-half years in service, Neil has spent eight months in the Pacific, helping to bring vital reinforcements to American front lines. His brother, Willard, is staff sergeant in the army now in France. Before enlisting, Neil worked in the shipping department of Prentiss Wabers Products company.

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.

Mr. Deer also told of how motion pictures aid those who are recuperating in hospitals, in all parts of the world.

"Another responsibility of motion pictures," he stated, "is that of education." Labeling the film as the most potent technique of education that has yet been developed, he opined that it is remarkable how the government has used films to train troops, thereby saving in time an average of 40 per cent. He reported that education through movies not only has saved a tremendous amount of time, but also has resulted in the saving of the lives of many soldiers, through the process of speeding training and thereby shortening the war.

"The motion picture industry has a definite responsibility for civilian education, too," the Rotarian guest remarked. That responsibility, he said, consisted in a large measure of showing the people what the war is about, information about our allies and our enemies, about the home, production, and fighting fronts, of bringing the attention of civilians to the needs of a nation at war, and of bringing about a feeling of unity and of indoctrinating the people with the theme of what they are fighting for.

He predicted increased use of films in the church and school in the postwar era.

Although the country's theaters were uneasy as to their future when the war broke out, Mr. Deer reported that they decided to remain open, feeling that the recreation and entertainment value were essential.

Like other industries, that of the motion picture has been hard hit by the manpower shortage. Not only well-known stars, but many important technicians have left movies to enter the armed forces.

Disclosing that the priorities problem is an acute one in the movie industry, he ventured that there will probably be produced 80 fewer films this year than a year ago.

Tuesday evening, Mr. Deer addressed the American Association of University Women at the home of Mrs. T. A. Pascoe in Port Edwards.

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.

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. Burial will be in the Forest Hill cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home until time of services.

The former Minnie Drensen, she was born at Hamburg, Germany, February 6, 1866, and came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drensen, in 1878.

Henry J. Greiber, 77, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bernard Nelbauer, 630 Seventh street north, at 11:15 Monday night, following an illness of eight weeks.

Other survivors are four brothers, John and Alfred Greiber, Roxbury; Norbert Greiber, Lodi and Arthur Greiber, Dane, Wis., and three sisters, Miss Mary Greiber, Madison; Mrs. Joe Schoepf, Sauk City, and Mrs. Frank Neunseier, Roxbury.

Mr. Greiber was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and this group together with the Catholic Daughters will say prayers at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the Krohn and Berard funeral home, where the body will remain.

Park Building Shows Deficit

A report to the city council on receipts and disbursements for the Memorial Park and Building for 1944 shows that there was \$870.85 more in disbursements than in total receipts.

Receipts included: State treasurer (rent for state board of health), \$280; state treasurer, (rent for Wisconsin State Guard), \$2,000; Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9 (rent), \$64; Charles Hagerstrom post No. 8 (rent), \$36; miscellaneous rents (dance, meeting, etc.), \$165; miscellaneous receipts, \$4.48 making a total of \$2,529.48.

ELKS SPEAKER — J. A. Warren 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.

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. Hanneaman, building inspector. This number compares with 159 issued in 1943, of which 77 were building, 61 electrical, and one plumbing.

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 remodeled, 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.

Out of the 12 buildings moved into the city, three were country school houses which were converted into dwellings. The Garrison residence was wrecked by the Frank Carber company and two small parts were moved and made into two houses. The largest projects this year were the Reiland Pontiac garage on Eighth street south, and the remodeling of the Milwaukee passenger depot to house the freight office which was located in the old depot south of West Grand avenue.

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. Visits made to the different business establishments follow: grocers, 98; meats, 41; coal, 6; hardware, 1; bakeries, 4; confectionary, 2; feed, 1; filling stations, 18; city market, 23. Number of tests and try-outs were 760; short, 33, misbranded, as to weight measure or count, 25.

It was also stated in the report that cost of the office was \$60, but no revenue was taken in by that department as the state law provides "that cities having a population of more than 6,000 inhabitants shall have a sealer and no fees shall be charged."

The building inspector explained in his report that, although the government has issued orders and regulations on how much the city may spend on new construction, they have been very lenient toward the maintenance and repairs of present structures.

Up An even \$1,000 in "dimes" has been sent to the White House as a birthday gift of Wisconsin Rapids theater patrons to President Roosevelt, according to Mrs. Henrietta Eclhardt, chairman of the local motion picture committee for the Infants Paralysis fund. Collections were taken in the local theaters.

While war-time restrictions have brought on bulbless sockets and mentless plates, Nekoosa keeps smiling. They're hoping that last Saturday night's waterless bath hour wasn't a new restriction.

At just about bath time, faucets made plaintive noises and gave no water. There were baths taken in minute amounts of water salvaged from pots and pans on the stove. Or they were just plain cancelled. One man mentally calculated the usability of water in a turtle aquarium, just before the faucets resumed their normal function.

There's been no explanation of the hour's drought. And townspeople are keeping their fingers crossed that it will not be repeated this bath night.

Parishioners at the First Congregational church last Sunday were surprised to find that there would be no church service on that day. It seems that

Private Bregger Abroad By Dave Bregger

"She loves me . . . she loves me not . . ."



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 3214 Tenth avenue north.

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

Private Lamb was born June 26, 1910, at Wall Lake, Ia., attended grade school there, and later moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1929. He was employed by the Central Wisconsin Transport company for many years and then worked briefly for Consolidated Water Power and Paper company before entering the armed forces at Fort Sheridan, Ill., June 23, 1944.

He received training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort George Meade, Md., before going overseas in December, 1944. Last Thursday his wife was notified by the war department that he had been seriously wounded on January 16.

Private Lamb is survived by his wife and two small children, Priscilla Ann, and Roger Virgil, his mother, Mrs. Jessie Lamb, Eagle Grove, Ia., seven brothers, Marion, Charles, Pearl and James, all of Pittsville, Jess of Racine, Edward of Wisconsin Rapids and S/Sgt. Earl Lamb, serving in the army at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., and two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Krause, Lu Verne, Ia., and Mrs. James Hill, Eagle Grove, Ia.

John Paulson Is Wounded in Arm

John W. Paulson, seaman second class, was slightly wounded in the left arm in the Philippines and is now hospitalized in New Guinea. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paulson, 1050 Wylie street, today received their first letter from him in over a month. He informed them that his arm had been put in a cast.

sometimes Saturday night the fan belt in the furnace broke down and there wasn't a speck of heat in the place. Repairs were made immediately, however, and the Rev. Robert W. Kingdon states that services will be held as usual this coming Sunday.

National Boy Scout week is being observed February 8-14 and there are many interesting scout exhibits to be found in the windows of various local stores. Samples of Boy Scout knots, wood work, miniature camps are all the product of local troops.

Two especially funny incidents occurred during the basketball game at Port 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.

A check revealed that the two gentlemen became so involved in a discussion of the coming regional tournament with John Ostrom, Nekoosa coach, that they temporarily forgot about the second half. The other laugh came when Jensen, fine center on Port's team, calmly shot at the wrong basket. Luckily his aim was bad.

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 idea of scouting was brought to the United States in 1909 by William Boyce, a Chicago publisher, who was assisted by a Boy Scout. The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, just 35 years ago today.

Mr. Phillips said that the theme for Scout week this year is "Boys of the World, Brothers Together." He told of plans for reorganizing scouting in the Philippines, France and other occupied countries at the close of the war. He told of the special fund established by Irving Berlin from the proceeds of the song "God Bless America," which will be used for extending scouting activities throughout the world.

The Samoset council has a potential of 14,000 scouts, he said, as he pointed out that presently there are 75 troops and 2,023 scouts in the council.

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.



Keith Warner Of Nekoosa 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 Betti Pfeiffer of Wisconsin Rapids, who now resides in Green Bay.

Surgeant Warner was born in Nekoosa, November 16, 1922, and attended grade and high school there, graduating from Alexander high with the class of 1942. Prior to his entry into military service, he was employed by the Millprint company, Milwaukee.

He entered service March 8, 1943, and received training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp Wheeler, Ga., Camp Swift, Tex., and Fort George Meade, Md. He was married to Miss Pfeiffer at Fort George Meade, just before going overseas in September, 1943.

While overseas, the Nekoosa soldier received advanced training in England and then took part in the D-day operations against the coast of France and later fought in Belgium and Germany. He was a member of the U. S. First Army.

Sergeant Warner is survived by his wife and parents, two sisters, Mrs. Stanley Coon and Mrs. Harry Chonos, both of Nekoosa, and Seaman 2/c Vincent Warner, who is stationed at a submarine base in New London, Conn.

Port Edwards Soldier Wounded in Action

Pvt. Roy Barth, whose father, Fred Barth, resides in Port Edwards, was recently wounded in action in Luxembourg and is now recuperating in an allied hospital, according to a war department telegram received Thursday by the soldier's sister, Mrs. Arthur Russell of Port Edwards.

Private Barth, 32, entered the armed forces in 1941 and has served in Iceland, Ireland, England and the European continent.

Cpl. Alvin Jacoby Is Buried in Holland

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacoby, 1351 Irving street, have received the Purple Heart which was awarded posthumously to their son, Cpl. Alvin J. Jacoby.



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. Most forms of outdoor lighting are either prohibited or curtailed under the new ruling. The purpose of the brownout is to conserve coal which is used to produce electricity.

Arpin Church Will Destroy Mortgage in Ceremony Sunday

Arpin—The burning of a mortgage on the Arpin Presbyterian church for 27 years will take place in a special ceremony to be held in connection with the worship service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, February 11.

Portions of the mortgage will be burned by Oscar Dingeldein, a charter member as well as the oldest living member of the church, organized on June 29, 1902, and by Beverly Ward, the youngest member of the church; Rev. Winebrenner, president of the board of trustees, and Mrs. A. F. Fulk, president of the Ladies Aid society, which organization has had a large share in paying off the mortgage.

The service will open with a piano prelude by Mrs. Jessie Winebrenner, followed by the doxology, the Lord's prayer, Gloria, responsive reading, the hymn "The Church's One Foundation," scripture, an anthem by the choir, prayer in union and response, letters of greeting, the hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation," offering, another anthem by the choir, the sermon "The Debt We Still Owe to the Past, Present and Future" by the Rev. E. A. Finn, pastor, the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" and the ceremony of the mortgage burning, concluding with the doxology "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

It was back in 1902 that the First Presbyterian church was built in old

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services for Pvt. Virgil Lamb, who died of wounds received in action in Belgium on January 17, will be held in the First English Lutheran church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

LT. CARROLL RUSK WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lt. Carroll Rusk, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rusk of Nekoosa, was seriously wounded in action on Leyte December 6, 1944, according to word received from the war department by the parents recently. The Nekoosa soldier was wounded in the arm, chest and neck.

Lieutenant Rusk entered service in 1941 and has served in Iceland, Australia and the South Pacific, in addition to the Philippines.

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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. Pomainville, 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 SS Peter and Paul Catholic church with burial in Calvary cemetery.

Born in Switzerland July 18, 1885, Mr. Komatz came to the United States at the age of six and resided in central Wisconsin since that time. He married Wilma Williams at Black Creek February 25, 1920, and has been a city employe of Wisconsin Rapids since 1927.

Surviving are his wife, his mother, Mrs. Rose Komatz, city, eight children, Mrs. Gordon Griffin, Wisconsin Rapids, Pvt. Herbert, Fort Knox, Ky., Pvt. Edward, on duty in the South Pacific, James, David, Roy, Raymond and Frederick, all at home; one brother, Anton, West Allis; four sisters, Mrs. F. X. Gamina and Mrs. Mary Gamma of this city; Mrs. George Bungard and Sister Mary Concetta of Milwaukee; and three grandchildren.

Prayers will be said at 7:30 Wednesday evening. The body will be at the Krohn and Berard funeral home until time of service.

T-5 Linzmeier Meets Death In Belgium

Millsboro—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 Millsboro.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 Saturday morning in St. Killian's Catholic church at Blenker, the Rev. Leonard Stieber officiating.

Linzmeier enlisted in the armed forces in February 1941, receiving his training at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N. C. He went overseas in December, 1942, serving with the armored infantry in North Africa, Sicily, France, Holland, and Germany. He was also stationed in England.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by 12 brothers and sisters, Henry of Auburndale; Mrs. John Bornbach, Stratford; Louis of Marshfield; George of Milwaukee; Pvt. Ignatius, somewhere in Holland; Pvt. Robert, somewhere in Germany; Joseph of Auburndale; Mrs. Frank Wilenski, Milwaukee; Elizabeth, Margaret, Josephine, and Mrs. James Kazda, at home.

Sgt. Sternot Listed Missing

Vesper—Jacob Sternot, Vesper, has received word from the war department that his grandson, S/Sgt. Edmund Sternot, has been missing in action in Belgium since January 13. He was last heard from in a letter written from Belgium and dated December 30.

Sergeant Sternot arrived in England in September, 1943, participating in the D-day invasion and seeing action in France. He participated in battles in the Netherlands area and from Thanksgiving until a short while before writing the letter of December 30, was at a rest camp in France. The Vesper sergeant has been in the armed forces for the past three years and served with the glider infantry. Previous to entering the service, he made his home with his grandfather.

MARSHFIELD SOLDIER KILLED

Marshfield—Pfc. Jerome Brandt, 21, was killed in action in Luxembourg December 9, according to word received by his wife in Marshfield Sunday evening. He was previously reported missing in action on that date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Brandt, also of Marshfield.



ONE OF WOOD COUNTY'S PIONEER FAMILIES—The Anton Liebl family of Blenker, Wis., established some kind of a record when there was no death in the family for 54 years. Mr. Liebl and Anna Linzmeier, his wife, were both born in Austria and came to the Blenker community with their pioneer parents. Married in Blenker on November 10, 1885, they made that community their home until their deaths, the husband on January 14, 1943, and Mrs. Liebl on January 26, 1945. The youngest of the family of seven girls and five boys in 30 years old, the oldest is 55. Members of the family are, left to right: Back row—Anton Liebl, Marshfield; Edward Liebl, Auburndale; Frank Liebl, Marshfield; Louis Liebl, Marshfield; middle row—Mrs. Mary Altman, Wisconsin Rapids; Anton Liebl, father; Anna Liebl, mother; Mrs. Catherine Altman, Auburndale; front row—Mrs. Rose Lyons, Chicago; Mrs. Ida Berger, Milwaukee; Mrs. Theresa Relvitt, Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. Anna Sparks, Wisconsin Rapids, and Mrs. Lucille Lohner, Sherry.