

THE WEATHER
For Wisconsin: Fair Thursday.
Scattered thundershowers southeast
portion tonight. Cooler tonight and
east portion Thursday.
Local weather facts for 24 hours
preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum 84;
minimum 69. Precipitation .12.

WAR BONDS
MEAN MORE THAN A
GOOD INVESTMENT

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800 B-29'S DROP RECORD BOMB LOAD ON JAPAN

Big Three Conference At Potsdam Is Ended

Elliott Says Father Didn't Push Loans

Washington—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt says anyone who claims the late President Roosevelt "promoted or assisted" his son's business affairs is lying.

"I conducted my own business affairs. The responsibility was and still is mine and mine alone," young Roosevelt maintained.

Asserting he had nothing to conceal, the general said he was cooperating with a treasury investigation of his affairs and had asked the department to "make public all of the facts, without preservation, at the earliest possible moment."

"I am entitled to a full public statement of those facts for the sake of my family," Roosevelt said. His statement was made public by his attorney, Randolph Paul, former general counsel of the treasury.

Inquiry Ordered

The treasury began its investigation on orders of the house ways and means and senate finance committees.

It stemmed from a story early in June by Columnist Westbrook Pegler that young Roosevelt had borrowed \$200,000 in 1939 from John Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, that the debt was settled three years later for \$4,000 by Jesse Jones, then secretary of commerce, and that Hartford listed his loss as a bad debt on his 1942 income tax return.

Pegler wrote that "President Roosevelt knew of the loan and approved it."

General Roosevelt, who reverts to inactive status August 15, said he filed his retirement request May 11, three days after V-E day.

Wants to Fight

"I wanted to take part in the fighting against Japan," he added. "Above all else, I still want to do so, but the army has no assignment for a reconnaissance officer of my qualifications.

"I have neither the background nor the training for a non-combat assignment, and I certainly have no desire to finish out the war as an arm-chair general."

Roosevelt declared he believes "those millions who loved and respected him have the right to know that Franklin D. Roosevelt never promoted or assisted my personal business affairs. Any statement that he ever did so is a deliberate infamous lie."

He asked that "any charges concerning my affairs should be confined to me, and that no further attempt be made to smear a man who can't talk back."



TO BE RELEASED—Brig.-Gen. Elliott Roosevelt, 34, above, will be released from the army August 15 on the basis of 278 discharge points and five years of active service.

War department refused to comment on a report that he was "advised" to retire because of publicity, and congressional investigation of loans he negotiated and settled at a discount while his father was president.

Mr. Truman will fly to England from Potsdam and meet with King George VI tomorrow aboard the 32,000-ton British battle cruiser Renown somewhere off Plymouth.

(A dispatch from Potsdam said Mr. Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee met in a long plenary session this afternoon prior to adjournment tonight.)

(Completion of the drafting in final phraseology of the involved Big Three agreements in two languages, English and Russian, was believed to be the main task remaining. Principles of these agreements already have been decided, the dispatch said.)

(It was announced to Allied correspondents that no press representatives would be permitted to see the ceremonies conclusion of the parley. A negative reply was given to correspondents' letters to each of the Big Three asking press conferences with them or the heads of their foreign ministries.

Simultaneous Release

(It was indicated the final communique would be issued on Friday, one day after all the delegations had departed from Potsdam, with a simultaneous release scheduled in Washington, London and Moscow.)

Mr. Truman's historic meeting with King George will mark the second visit of a president of the United States to England. President Wilson came here after the first World war.

President Truman, an official announcement said, will have luncheon with the king about noon aboard the Renown. Afterward Truman will return to the U.S.S. Cruiser Augusta which is lying in Plymouth

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4 WOOD COUNTY TAVERNKEEPERS FACING ACTION

Four Wood county tavern operators have received notice to appear for a hearing before Circuit Court Judge Herman J. Severson August 27 at Waupaca on alleged violations of the new anti-gambling law at which time District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins will request revocation of liquor licenses and seek an injunction restraining the establishments from having any devices designed for gambling to be set up, used, operated or managed on the premises. The actions are an outgrowth of a recent investigation by state beverage tax agents.

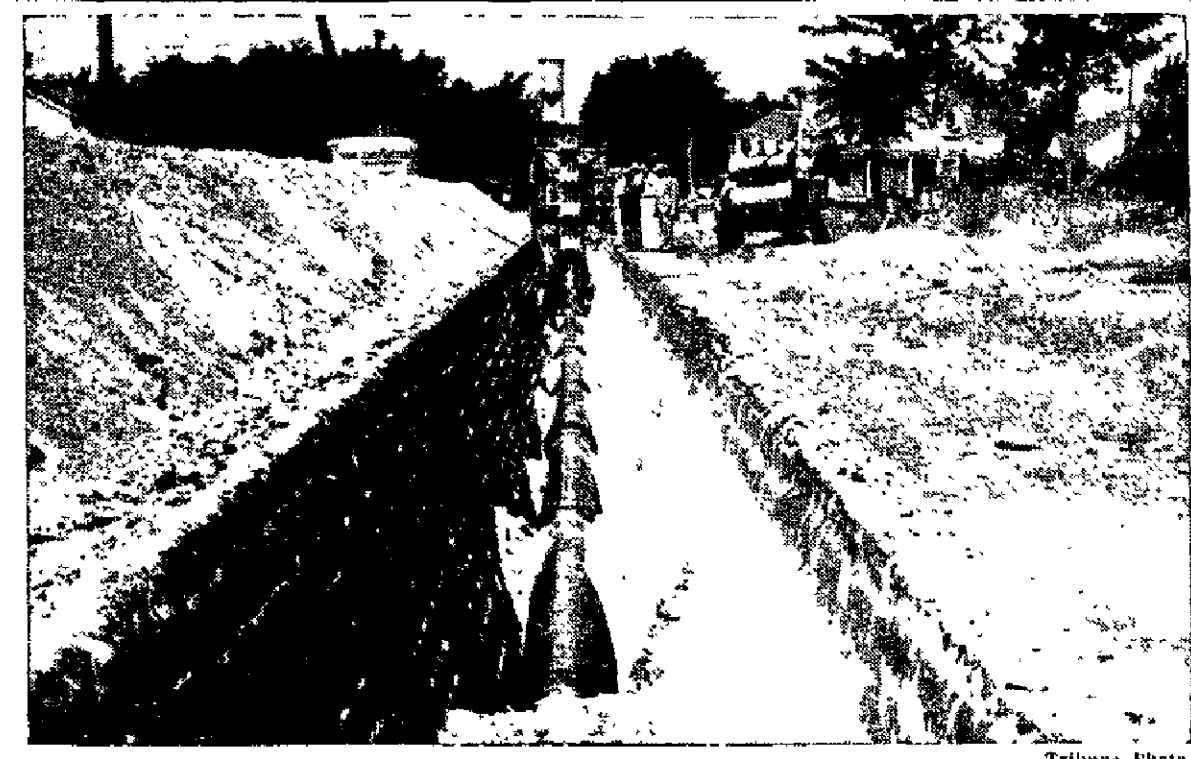
Named in the summons were Floyd C. Anderson, Route 3, where a slot machine, numbers jars and punch boards were said to be found in the basement; Alfred S. Baierl, village of Auburndale, where it was reported seven punch boards and number tickets were found in the basement; Theodore Schmidt, Milladore, where two punch boards were allegedly found in the basement; and Mary F. Siegel, town of Grand Rapids, where a punch board was reported under the bar.

The devices were seized last week as state agents continued their raids throughout Wisconsin and made their second visit to Wood county. Nothing was found on the first visit, it was reported.

District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins today reiterated that anyone found guilty of violations will be vigorously prosecuted. Regardless of where the devices are found and even if they have a foot of dust on them, it still is a violation of the gambling law. Possession of a device is as much a violation as having it in operation as the law clearly states that if a device is found on the premises it is a violation.

"There is no excuse for anyone having gambling devices in operation, stored away or anywhere on the premises, the local paper as well as every newspaper in the state carried stories warning them to this effect," he concluded.

Japs Lose 1,546 Ships and 1,300 Planes During July



PIPE LINE INSTALLED—A portion of a 16-inch pipe line is shown being installed in a trench on Peach street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. This will be the main supply line from the sixteenth street pumping station to feeder mains in the city's new water system. A trenching machine is shown in the center excavating a clean, straight ditch for the pipe. The trench is 6 feet wide and tapers to a depth of 7 feet. The work is being done by the Bahr Construction company, Manitowoc.

Halsey's Fleet Accounts for 1,278 Aircraft

BULLETIN

Guam—(AP)—A record aerial armada of 800 Superforts carrying 6,000 tons of incendiary and high explosive bombs—probably the greatest bomb load ever carried in a single mission—executed the sentence of death by fire on four Japanese cities early today.

Taking off from their Marianas bases late on the 38th anniversary of the American air forces, the giant bombers struck savagely soon after midnight of Wednesday at the war centers of Mito, Hachioji, Nagasaki, Toyama, all on Honshu, and petroleum installations at Kawasaki near Tokyo.

BY MORRIS LANDSBERG

Guam—(AP)—Combined carrier and land-based plane attacks cost Japan by conservative, official accounts at least 1,546 ships and small craft sunk or damaged in her home waters in July and more than 1,300 of her warplanes destroyed or wrecked—but that is just a beginning.

Adm. Halsey's Third fleet carrier planes, including some 250 British aircraft, alone destroyed or damaged 1,035 Japanese ships and small craft in 21 days of almost ceaseless assaults with torpedoes, bombs, rockets and 50 caliber bullets. They accounted for 1,278 aircraft, most of which were caught on the ground.

Halsey's force reduced remnants of the Japanese fleet to rubble—99 warships sunk or heavily damaged, including three disclosed today.

Land-based aircraft in Adm. Nimitz' command sank another 35 vessels, mostly freighters and cargo ships, and damaged 176 and destroyed or damaged 53 Japanese planes, an Associated Press tabulation of his communications showed.

Wreck 250 Ships

The Far East air forces immobilized 250 Japanese ships or small craft totaling 250,000 tons after they began operating from Okinawa bases early in July, Gen. MacArthur's communique said today.

The totals include many scores of barges, luggers and other small craft but exclude many communique reports of "several" or "a number of" vessels sunk or damaged. They also exclude the number of Japanese planes wrecked by the FEAF, by B-29s or by B-29 escorting Mustangs, figures for which are not available.

July was just a pre-invasion beginning of the devastation to be wrought on Japan, warned nearby every commander in the Pacific.

Radio Tokyo said Halsey's fleet

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Make Good Progress In Laying Pipe Lines For New City Water System

"The contractor has completed the 16-inch and 12-inch pipe line from Peach to Baker streets," Herbert S. Foth, consulting engineer and F. L. Steib, manager of the water and light plant, said today in commenting on progress on the new water system.

"Formerly the existing pumps were capable of handling about 1,200,000 gallons of water today," Mr. Foth said, "and now we are pumping about 1,700,000 gallons from the same pumps, due to decreased friction loss. The real benefit will come when the 14-inch main is laid from Eleventh to Fifth streets on Peach street."

Mr. Steib pointed out that the new mains are tied into the existing system at every possible point with the result that greater fire flows will be available throughout the city.

"As soon as the 14-inch main is completed, which will be in a week or 10 days, the effects will be felt on the West side through a greater supply of water," Mr. Steib said.

"Today they are making a second major connection at Baker and Eleventh streets," Mr. Foth pointed out, "and this will make a water supply available at all times, even if trouble is experienced with one of the other lines. With valves installed, no lines will have to be shut down completely and then only for a block at a time," he concluded.

It was pointed out by both that the new installation of the pipe line should be completed by the end of next week, at which time the new water would be available to residents of Wisconsin Rapids.

NEW ACTION IN CHINA IS HINTED

(By The Associated Press)

The United States army dropped a hint of increasingly powerful Chinese ground troop offensive on the Asiatic mainland when it doubled its air force in China today.

The 10th U. S. air force, ordered from its rest camp in India into China to fight under Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, is famous for its close support of ground battles. It spearheaded the drives that broke Japanese power in Burma.

Chase Jap Troops

Chinese forces fought across three provinces today, trying to chop off and destroy parts of the retreating Japanese army.

In Kwangsi province the Japanese withdrawal from Kweilin, once the largest American air base in south central China, appeared to have slowed down. Chinese troops pushing eastward from Luochow were reported, however, to have occupied an important highway junction at Pinglo, 55 miles southeast of Kweilin.

Japs Retreat

Chinese in Kwangsi province battled against about 20,000 Japanese troops who, with 2,000 or 3,000 Japanese civilians, were making a fighting withdrawal northward toward Nanchang from southern Kwangsi. Chinese forces beat off attacks against Kian, 110 miles south of Nanchang.

The battle of the Sittang river bend in Burma, in which 6,000 Japanese have been killed, is approaching the closing stages. Southeast Asia command headquarters announced today.

Nimitz Lauds G.E. Galloway

Mrs. Cora R. Galloway, 1253 Washington street, has received a letter of commendation and a ribbon bar awarded posthumously by the commander in chief, United States Pacific fleet, to her son Gordon Earl Galloway, aviation machinist's mate second class, who was reported missing in action last November and later reported killed.

The citation, signed by Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, states: "For meritorious performance of duty as a gunner in a carrier-based plane during the Marianas, Palau and Philippines Islands campaigns from June 15 to October 28, 1944. His accurate marksmanship and efficient operation of equipment was of valuable assistance in the defeat of Japanese naval units during the battle of the East Philippines. As a result of these operations, four enemy ships were sunk, six warships severely damaged and 25 enemy aircraft destroyed. His courageous conduct and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he served and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Galloway entered the navy in October 1942, took his basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., and his aviation machinist's training at Memphis, Tenn. He was then sent to Seattle, Wash., and at the time he was reported missing, had been on active duty for a year. He was a 1941 graduate of Lincoln High school.

Deaths Toll Raised

New York—(AP)—The toll in the crash of a B-25 bomber into the Empire State building Saturday rose to 14 today with the death of Joseph C. Fountain, 47, a National Catholic Welfare council employee who received third degree burns trying to aid other workers in the office to safety.

Lightning Kills Three As Rains Pelt Lower Wisconsin

(By The Associated Press)

Three deaths from lightning were reported yesterday as heavy rains accompanied by lightning struck southern Wisconsin.

Two teen-aged baseball players and their manager were killed and four others were injured while practicing at a Milwaukee county field.

The dead: Peter Hillstrum, 15, Butler, Wis.; William Simerline, 16, Butler; Raymond Phillips, 40, Marcy, Wis.

Richard Johnson, 16, of Butler was hospitalized with burns and shock and three other members of the Butler American Legion team of the Land of Rivers league were revived at the field.

The lightning struck immediately before heavy rain pelted the Milwaukee area and other counties in southern Wisconsin. The downpour impeded rescue attempts but rescue squads from nearby fire departments worked over the three for an hour before they were pronounced dead.

The Wisconsin Electric Power company reported extensive damage to wires in the Milwaukee area and said that service had been interrupted briefly in Jefferson, Racine, Walworth and Dodge counties.

Butter Used To Make Soap

Cincinnati—(AP)—The Procter & Gamble company has used 90,000 pounds of rancid butter to make 133,000 pounds of soap.

Company officials said they picked up the butter about two weeks ago from a lot offered generally to the industry. They declined to name the supplier but said the butter was unfit for human consumption.

Rapids Man Wounded When Ship Is Struck

Kenneth Thomas Knutson, 28, son of Mrs. Alvina Knutson, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, was wounded in action May 4 off Okinawa, according to a war department release.

Knutson was wounded when a Japanese Baka bomb struck the destroyer upon which he was serving as a radioman, first class. He is now in Philadelphia, recuperating from his injuries.

Knutson entered service February 12, 1942 and went overseas in December, 1944.

Guardsmen Invited to Biron Demonstration

Members of Company F, Wisconsin State guard, have been invited to attend a demonstration to be put on by the Biron Volunteer fire department Monday evening, Lt. Harold Larson, public relations officer, said today. In addition to the demonstration, entertainment has been planned with headquarters at the Biron Community Hall.

Nekoosa Foundry Penalized by OPA

The Nekoosa Foundry and Iron Works of Nekoosa has paid \$2,412 to the Green Bay OPA district office and has signed a compliance statement as the result of overpricing charges for grey iron castings sold to four purchasers, the rationing agency announced today. It was the first suit instituted following a special investigation of all foundries in the district selling castings.

A spokesman for the foundry today said that the castings originally were included in price ceilings and the company was not aware of it when regulations were extended to include them, thus making the violations unintentional.

Zieher Heads Park Group

Otto Zieher of the town of Arpin was elected chairman of the Wood County Park commission during an annual meeting at the courthouse yesterday afternoon. W. A. Sprise of Wisconsin Rapids was elected to his tenth term as secretary. Zieher succeeds Roy Luber of Marshfield.

The commission approved the hiring of lifeguards at the North and South county park beaches Sunday afternoons and evenings and also favored daily employment of lifeguards if available. Applications should be submitted to Mr. Sprise of Emil Mueller, Arpin, parks superintendent.

Two more rowboats have been secured and will be placed at the south beach on Lake Wazeecha and at the North park beach for emergency use. A telephone also will be installed in the North park caretaker's home in the town of Richfield when equipment is available.

The commission will be host to supervisors and county officials at a fish fry at 6:30 Monday evening at North park.

Biron Soldier Visits Brother's Grave While With Europe Forces

A rough one-day round trip of 340 miles by jeep last June 23 enabled Pvt. John Kahoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Kahoun, Biron, Wis., to visit the grave of his brother, Pfc. Robert J. Kahoun, in St. Mere Eglise, France, a U. S. military cemetery.

Robert, a 21-year-old paratrooper with the 101st airborne division, was killed in action June 19, 1944, while on a patrol into Caranten, France. John, who is only 19 years old, is home on 31-day furlough, following active duty in the European theater of operations.

A letter from a buddy gave John the first hint as to where his brother might be buried. The letter said that Robert had been buried in a cemetery somewhere between Caen and Caranten.

John then went to a Red Cross headquarters in France but was unable to find out anything there about his brother. Questioning of several chaplains failed to answer the problem.

Leave Early in Morning

Finally, on June 23, John received permission from his battery commander to take a jeep and search for his brother's grave. Accompanied by two other soldiers, John left at 6 o'clock in the morning from his army camp near Rouen, France.

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VISITS BROTHER'S GRAVE IN FRANCE—Pvt. John Kahoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Kahoun, Biron, Wis., places a wreath of flowers on the grave of his brother, Pfc. Robert J. Kahoun, in St. Mere Eglise, France. John drove 340 miles in a one-day jeep trip to see his brother's grave last June. Robert was a paratrooper and was killed June 19, 1944.

Hold Everything



"I think your indirect fighting is swell, boys!"

City Band Concert Thursday Evening

A program of standard and popular selections will be played by the Wisconsin Rapids city band at its regular weekly concert at Witter field Thursday evening. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock. The selections follow:

March of the Champions, F. Huffer; overture "Lupstpiel," Keler Bela; Hungarian Dance No. 3, J. Brahms; Hawaiian love song "Drifting and Dreaming," E. V. Alstyne; march "Colonel Bogey," K. J. Alford; waltz "Danube Waves," J. Ivanovici; medley overture "Memories of Days Gone By," S. Morris; Morceau characteristic "Forest Whispers," F. Losey; overture "Glory of Youth," G. Bernard; march "Passing Review," C. Phillips; Star Spangled Banner.

4 Milwaukeeans Figure in Million Dollar Tax Case

Milwaukee—(AP)—A federal grand jury today returned an indictment charging four persons with the attempted evasion of over one and one-half million dollars in corporate taxes of the Crucible Steel Casting company, and the Gulf Securities Holding company.

The indictment, made public by special authorization of Federal Judge F. Ryan Duffy, named Walter W. Lange, F. A. Lange, Jr., A. C. Lange, George Randall, all of Milwaukee, and charges the four with attempts to evade income and excess profits taxes of the Crucible company for 1941 and 1942 and of Gulf securities for 1943.