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heaps among the rubble of the village, some still clutching their weapons.

The enemy toll in Operation Colorado, a joint effort with South Korean troops, stood at 138 dead after six days, but Coffman said probably many more North Vietnamese were killed.

An investigation continued into the bombing of the village of Truong Thanh, eight miles from the Mekong Delta Corps headquarters of Can Tho, Tuesday night.

A U.S. spokesman said two platoons of Communist guerrillas entered the village, fired on a spotter plane, then held the villagers at gunpoint when the American planes attacked. Three of the victims were Viet Cong.

The U.S. military command announced that the number of Americans killed in combat last week went down but the wounded increased. A spokesman said 71 servicemen were killed, 615 wounded and 10 missing or captured compared with 99 killed and 534 wounded the previous week, when there was no report on missing.

The casualty report brought the total Americans reported killed to 2,762 this year and 4,610 since the United States entered the Viet Nam war on Jan. 1, 1961.

South Vietnamese authorities reported 130 of their troops killed, a decline of 70. Other allied forces reported no men killed but six wounded.

Murder
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man and ordered to drive into the country.

The sheriff said neither the girl nor Michalski knew who their abductor was.

After a drive of less than 10 miles, Baird said, both the girl and the boy were ordered out

**Marshfield
Marine Dies
In Viet Nam**

MARSHFIELD — A 21-year-old Marshfield Marine has been fatally wounded in Viet Nam, the first local man to die in the fighting there.

He was Pfc. Vernal Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Martin, who were informed by telegram Wednesday of his death.

The young Marine was wounded Monday in the Quang Tri area and died in a hospital later the same day, the Defense Department reported.

He had begun his second tour of duty in Viet Nam July 1, his parents said.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps July 18, 1963, Martin received his basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then served with the 19th Fleet Marine Force in the Da Nang area from July 18 to Nov. 1, 1964.

He was then sent to Okinawa and returned to the continental United States in March 1965.

While in Viet Nam, Martin received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and a Vietnamese citation. At Da Nang, he and his fellow Marines aided in guarding the air strip.

Born in Marshfield March 9, 1945, he attended Marshfield Senior High.

He is survived by his parents; a brother, James, Marshfield; and two sisters, Mrs. Adolph Kraus, Marshfield, and Mrs. Wallace Garbisch, Granton.

**Local and Area
Obituaries**



JOINS NEPCO — Lloyd L. Chambers III, Wisconsin Rapids, has accepted a position as a corporate analyst in the finance department of Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mining engineering, and also attended Harvard University, which awarded him a master's degree in business administration this year. Prior to attending Harvard he served as a production engineer for a Texas oil firm.

**Drivers In Tv
Crashes Charged**

An auto driven by I Exner, 30, 1911 Pleasant Dr., struck the rear of a stopped for traffic by W M. Mesar, 18, Rt. 2, Granton, in the 700 block of E. Ave. about 3:10 p.m. Wednesday. Damage was set at \$1,000.

Exner, who was charged with inattentive driving, said he reached over to prevent his 11-year-old son, Scott, 3, from falling out of the front seat moments before impact.

Cars driven by Gary Morris, 16, 531 20th Av. and John C. Kirchoefer, 11, collided at the intersection of 3rd and Birch Sts. at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday, resulting in \$85 damage. Morris was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

Damage estimated at \$200 caused at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday when an auto operated by Tez Giggee, 29, Rt. 4, straddled on Highway 73 west of Pittsville.

SHOES STOLEN
James Fahrner, 240 15th N., reported to police that his daughter's specially-made shoes, costing \$18, were stolen at a municipal swimming pool Tuesday afternoon.

A house is real estate the rugs and furniture are personal property or fets.

**Nekoosa Garden Show
To Be Held Saturday**

Nekoosa's 7th annual Community Garden Show will open at noon Saturday in the Alexander High School gymnasium, with the public invited to view the exhibits of vegetables, flowers and hobbies until 8 p.m.

10 girls will receive gifts. A queen will be presented with a bouquet of roses, and the contestants will get corsages. The dance at Hillside Pavilion, with music by Howie Sorenson and his band, will begin