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A CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER



THE WEATHER
The Tri-City area began to get some of that famous Wisconsin weather during the past week, with warm days flooded with sunshine and cool nights, ideal for sleeping. Summer has arrived in earnest.

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50 Cents a Month

Prentiss Wabers to Begin Erection of New Warehouse

Prentiss Wabers Products company today announced that construction of a new \$150,000 warehouse, 125 by 300 feet, will begin within a week.

Plans and specifications for the warehouse were prepared by A. F. Billmeyer and Son, architects and builders, and a contract for construction of the warehouse was awarded to the Ed Meyer Construction company of Oshkosh. The structure will be built of concrete, steel and brick and will match the general architecture of the company's building. The new building will contain some heating units, lighting and will be fireproofed with a sprinkling system. The building will be erected in the rear of the plant, on the east side of the company's property.

A new railroad siding will be installed for loading along with a truck dock and a crane for unloading and handling sheet steel. The capacity will be 75 to 80 carloads of finished merchandise which will relieve the storage problem, as it has been necessary for the company to rent eight warehouses throughout the city in the past.

R. S. Willrott, general manager of the company, pointed out that the new warehouse will cut down on manual labor and will facilitate shipments of the output of the plant as well as being more economical and satisfactory.

The company also owns two other warehouses, not situated on the plant property. They are the former Ragan furniture warehouse and the old Battery E. stables on Second street north.

New Sugar Cut To Hit Several Rapids Concerns

A new 50 percent cut in industrial sugar, effective July 1, is going to shorten that old familiar phrase "You can't have your cake and eat it too." The new refrain will be "you can't have your cake."

According to several bakery owners and operators in Wisconsin Rapids, the new sugar slash will first affect the output of cakes and cookies and, although they will not completely disappear off the shelves, production will necessarily be lighter. Some bakeries have partially solved the emergency by closing their doors one day a week in order that they may continue to provide their customers with the usual bakery items.

Soft drinks from the Rapids Beverage company will be hit hardest and are to be rationed beginning July 1, according to George Gibson. The outlook is not too bright, he points out, for the cut will be 50 percent of the 1941 usage "which wasn't a very good year." The use of sugar substitute aided the situation somewhat up to the present time but now this source has been cut off by the government.

Garrison Estate is Valued at \$92,000

Petition for probate of the will of Mrs. Celia Garrison, who died at the age of 89 last March, has been filed in county court. Orestes Garrison, 1261 Third street, a son, has been appointed executor of the estate in which personal property is valued at \$92,000 and is bequeathed to two sons, two daughters and the grandchildren.

Bequests of \$750 each were made to Phyllis G. Vooris, Phil Garrison and Nancy Garrison, children of a son, Ennie B. Garrison, Los Angeles, Calif.; Viola N. Bell, Susan N. Geiger, Barbara N. Kull and Mary C. Nash, children of a daughter, Viola Nash, Wisconsin Rapids; Rogers E. Garrison, son of Orestes Garrison and Agnes M. Jacobs, daughter of Caroline Matt. Evanston, Ill. Orestes Garrison and Viola Nash were bequeathed \$2,500.

The remainder was divided into quarters among two daughters, Viola Nash and Caroline Matt, and two sons, Orestes Garrison and Emile B. Garrison.

Hold Everything



"When I'm discharged, sir, will I have to go back to the fourth grade?"

20 Charged With Meat Black Market Activity

Charles H. Cashin, United States attorney for the western district of Wisconsin, announced today that 20 criminal informations had been filed with leave of the federal court at Madison naming residents of Wood and Portage counties on charges of black market operations in meat.

Mr. Cashin said that the action is the result of an intensive investigation by the enforcement division of the Green Bay district OPA office. "Warrants are being issued and will be served by Saturday," Mr. Cashin stated. The federal prosecutor said he was not at liberty to announce the names until the warrants had been served.

Among the group involved are said to be a hotel, a steakhouse and a producer of choice beef. The balance of the cases are believed to involve individual purchases by consumers without points.

The overall quantity of meat involved is approximately six tons.

James Perham Meets Death In Accident



CPL. JAMES PERHAM

Cpl. James M. Perham, 22, son of Mrs. F. R. Riedel, Rockford, Ill., was killed recently in a motorcycle accident near Putzlin, Germany, according to word received from the war department by the young man's mother.

The corporal was a paratrooper in intelligence in the 82nd division and had made 20 combat jumps.

A graduate of Lincoln High school in 1941, Corporal Perham entered military service in March, 1942. He was trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., the Army War college, Washington, D. C., and Fort Benning, Ga., going overseas in April, 1943. The former Wisconsin Rapids youth fought in Sicily, Anzio, Salerno, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He wore the Expert Infantry Combat badge and Bronze Star medal.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his father, M. W. Perham of Eau Claire; a sister, Judith Anne, and a brother in service, Marine Pfc. Marshall R. Perham, who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as an instructor after having served in several Pacific campaigns.

Overseas Veterans Tell Kiwanians of Exciting Experiences

Cpl. Charles Houston, who spent 24 months in a German prison camp and who is now home on furlough, told members of the Kiwanis club of his capture by the Nazis and some of his experiences in the camp at the regular weekly meeting of the club at the youth lodge last evening.

He was captured on the Anzio beachhead in Italy in February of 1944. He answered a number of questions for the clubmen and was high in his praise of the Red Cross.

Julian Lamboly, a telephone communications engineer with the signal corps, stationed in Honolulu, spoke briefly on his experiences.

The club voted to postpone its ladies night program which had been planned for next Wednesday until sometime in August.

Gilmaster Concern Wins Safety Awards

E. F. Gilmaster and Son of Wisconsin Rapids has been awarded two certificates of merit for its record of safety during 1944 in the first annual Wisconsin traffic safety contest sponsored by the state motor vehicle department.

The local concern was first in Group 2 in the entire state for city travel. In inter-city travel, in the Group 4 division, Gilmaster placed second behind Bang's Trucking of Oshkosh. Gilmaster traveled 34,912 miles in 1944 in city travel and 73,174 miles in inter-city traffic.

The safety contest was conducted for all truck and bus fleets operating in Wisconsin.

Ryans Hear Son Is Prisoner in Honshu Jap Camp

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ryan, 641 Ninth street south, have received word from the war department that their son, Cpl. Robert J. Ryan, is now in a prisoner of war camp at Fukuoka on the island of Honshu, Japan.

Corporal Ryan has been a prisoner of the Japanese for over three years, having been captured in the fall of Bataan April 9, 1942. He was serving with the 192nd tank battalion when he was captured.

Yesterday's message from the war department was the first word received by the Ryans concerning their son since last January, when the parents received a word written by Robert in a prisoner of war camp in the Philippines.

Vote Equal Share Of Cranberries for Market, Cannery

Two resolutions were adopted at a meeting of representatives of the Wisconsin Cranberry Sales company at Hotel Witter yesterday afternoon, according to Vernon Goldsworthy, secretary.

One stated that the berries to be marketed for 1945 through the existing co-operatives should be divided equally between fresh fruit sales and processing until each has received 200,000 barrels and any excess over that quantity should be handled as a joint committee may determine; that to this end, if either co-operative receives more than its share, it shall deliver the appropriate quantity of berries to the other.

The second resolution recommended that John R. Quates, Boston, Mass., and Carl E. Loose, Washington, D. C., be invited to act as counsel to prepare and submit a corporate setup for one cooperative.

The sales company session followed a meeting of an industry committee, representing the American Cranberry Exchange and the Cranberry Cannery, Inc., in which Sales company men participated.

Arpin Farmer Is Found Dead

The body of John W. Grevink, 69, Route 2, Arpin, was found hanging about 7:30 this morning in a pump house on his farm. Dr. H. G. Domainville, Wood county coroner, investigated and said that Grevink took his own life.

Joe Jagodzinski, Route 5, a milk hauler, found the body when he came to pick up milk this morning at the Grevink farm.

A note, found in the house said, "My will is that my two brothers and two sisters in the Netherlands get what I left behind."

Grevink lived alone on the farm since the death of a brother about a year ago. They had lived on the farm since 1921, coming from the Netherlands. The only survivors are two brothers, Henry J. and Gerritt W., and two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Krouselink and Mrs. Wilhelmina Holzoff, all residing in the Netherlands.

\$159,000 Available For County Road Work

Nine counties, including Wood, were represented at a divisional meeting of highway committees yesterday at Stevens Point, according to Russell Sullivan, highway commissioner.

Under a federal aid program, Wood county is allotted \$159,000 to be used for secondary roads over a 3-year period. Wood county must equal this amount in order to receive the benefit, Sullivan said, and the offer will be submitted to the Wood county board of supervisors for consideration.



HONORED FOR HEROISM—Donald L. Johnston, aviation ordnance man 1/c, USNR, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism in combating fires aboard his ship following an enemy attack off the Philippines. The 23-year-old naval aviator, son of Mrs. Alice Johnston, 339 Wood avenue, Nekoosa, is shown as he was being decorated by his squadron commander in ceremonies at the U. S. naval air station, San Diego, Calif. An official citation told how Bluejacket Johnston assisted in throwing burning bombs and depth charges over the side of the ship, after the vessel was hit by an enemy bomb. Without regard for his own safety, he worked tirelessly and courageously in disposing of the missiles and bringing the blaze under control to prevent additional casualties and damage. The young aviator participated in the campaigns at Guadalcanal, Manda, Palau, Hollandia, Morotai and Leyte. A graduate of Alexander High school, he was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company before entering the navy in September, 1942.

Nepco Employee Returning After 56 Months' Service

Sgt. Frank J. Wolfe is returning to his home at 418 Point Basse avenue, Nekoosa, under the army point-demobilization system, according to word received by the soldier's sister, Sophia, who resides at the above address.

Sergeant Wolfe has accumulated a total of 112 points in his 56 months of army service. Thirty-seven of those months were spent overseas.

The sergeant was inducted into Federal service with "E" battery, Second battalion, 120th Field Artillery regiment, 32nd infantry division, a Wisconsin National guard unit, October 15, 1940. He left for overseas duty in April, 1942.

Sergeant Wolfe fought with the division at Aitape and Saidor in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. When the 32nd division was clearing the rugged Villa Verde trail, an important communi-

cations link in the Caraballo mountains in northern Luzon, the Nekoosa soldier was serving as liaison sergeant for headquarters battery, 120th Field Artillery battalion. It was in this action that he was wounded by fragments of a Jap heavy artillery shell.

Sergeant Wolfe is entitled to wear six overseas stripes (signifying 36 months of overseas duty), the Purple Heart, the American Defense ribbon, the Good Conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star.

Frank has one brother, Jacob, who is a sergeant in the Alaskan theater. The mother of the two soldiers died a month ago while the father, Frank Wolfe, died nine years ago.

Pagels Given Bronze Star

Sgt. Howard W. Pagels, who was reported by the war department as killed in action May 9 on Luzon island in the Philippines, was awarded the Bronze Star medal before his death for heroic service against the enemy during the 38th (Cyclone) division's 16-day battle for strategic Zig Zag pass, east of Olongapo on Luzon.

On February 3, during an attack through heavy jungle growth, Pagels' squad came under the murderous crossfire of enemy machine guns and was unable to advance. In this desperate situation, Pagels deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reconnoiter a route and lead his squad to safety. He successfully accomplished his mission at the risk of his life and the squad was able to continue its advance without the loss of a man.

Pagels, an assistant squad leader of Company G, 152nd infantry, was overseas 17 months and had served in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte. He was the son of William G. Pagels, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids.

Large County Group At Wausau 4-H Camp

Forty-three 4-H club members, 10 of them from South Wood county, were present at the 4-H club camp held at Wausau June 10-13.

Thirty-two of the 43 registrants stayed for the full camping period, while the others made the trip for one day. Miss Cecelia Shestuck, Wood county home demonstration agent, and H. R. Lathrope, county agent, also attended.

Elm Trees Are Subjected to Annual Cankerworm Attack

Particularly rampant in the Wisconsin Rapids area is the spring cankerworm which has been attacking elm trees, H. R. Lathrope stated today in answer to queries on the condition of these trees.

He said that the worm, which is really a wingless moth, "skeletoizes" the tree, eating the "meat" from the leaves.

The moths emerge from the ground and climb the trees to deposit their eggs beneath the bark. A partial solution to this problem has been found by placing a ring of "tangiefoot" a preventative solution around the tree trunks. The worm, when reaching this area is stopped, if many of them are stopped in one place, however, Mr. Lathrope stated that they form a bridge over which other worms may crawl without getting into the preventative spread on the tree.

A spraying solution which may be used on elm trees accessible to reach and which is quite successful, is composed of one pound of lead arsenate to each 60 gallons of water, Mr. Lathrope said.

Other insect life particularly prevalent now are the sawfly which attacks the jack pine and the spruce needle miner attacking the oak.

Nekoosa-Edwards Begins \$500,000 Expansion Program

S-Sgt. Toelle Missing Over Jap Capital

S/Sgt. Raymond E. Toelle, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Toelle, 941 Second avenue south, has been missing in action over Tokyo since May 24, according to a war department telegram received by the airman's parents Thursday.

Sergeant Toelle is a gunner on a B-29 Superfortress. On May 24 (more than 600 American Superfortresses poured 4,000 tons of bombs on Tokyo. Twentieth airforce headquarters announced that 19 B-29s were lost on that raid, heaviest loss on any B-29 mission up to that time.

The Wisconsin Rapids gunner entered military service January 20, 1942 and went overseas last December 2. He is a graduate of Lincoln High school with the class of 1942 and was employed by the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company prior to his entrance into the armed forces.

Bleach, Filtration Plants To be Built at Nekoosa

John F. Alexander, president and general manager of the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company, announced today that construction will start immediately on a new bleach plant and water filtration plant at Nekoosa. Formal approval and authorization of this project has been received from the war production board and the general contractor will be Frank J. Henry Engineering company of Wisconsin Rapids.

The large capital expenditure, which will amount to over one-half million dollars, will accomplish a two-fold purpose, Mr. Alexander said, namely:

(1) By means of an improved process of bleaching kraft pulp, the resultant pulp will be of a far superior quality, both as to strength and brightness.

(2) The new unit will more than double the volume of bleached kraft pulp now being produced in the Nekoosa mill.

The Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company in its chemical pulp mill located at Nekoosa produces kraft pulp only. The capacity of this mill in 24 hours is 150 to 160 tons, dependent upon the type of pulpwood used. At the present time, about 30 to 40 tons per day of this pulp are manufactured in the full bleach grade, 55 to 60 tons in semi-bleached, and the balance in the unbleached grade.

About 60 per cent of the pulp which is now produced in the Nekoosa mill is manufactured in bleached grades. Only about 25 per cent, however, of the total production is manufactured in the full bleached grade. With the completion of this project, it will enable Nepco to produce 75 to 90 tons of full bleached pulp per day and the balance in the semi-bleached grade. In the construction of the new bleach plant, adequate provisions are being made, if later desired, to increase the full bleach capacity of kraft pulp to 150 to 160 tons per day with but a comparatively small additional capital expenditure. The new bleaching will not only increase capacity and strength, but will also permit the bleaching of kraft pulp to a high brightness, according to Mr. Alexander. The new bleaching system will be furnished by the Improved Paper Machinery Corporation of Nashua, New Hampshire, and will be what is known as a 6-stage process.

Four Floors in Plant
The building housing the bleaching equipment will be 68 by 72, with basement and four floors. The building housing the filtration equipment will be 52 by 75, with basement and first floor. The type of construction will be the same for both buildings, consisting of reinforced concrete foundations and floors; structural steel roof trusses, purlins, columns; brick walls; glass block windows; precast concrete roof tiles; asbestos and asphalt built-up roofing.

The manufacturing process to be used in the new plant will consist of bleaching kraft pulp by a continuous bleaching system, using equipment, developed by the Improved Paper Machinery corporation. In each of the six stages the pulp is treated with a certain bleaching agent and, after each stage, the pulp is washed over a vacuum washer before proceeding to the next stage. In order to produce a full bleach kraft pulp of high brightness, it is necessary that a practically colorless water be used in the bleaching process and for this reason the filtration plant is being constructed in conjunction with the bleach plant.

The filter plant will be of the gravity type construction as manufactured by the International Filter Company of Chicago, Ill. The plant will have a filtration capacity of 3,600 gallons per minute with ample provision made in the way of construction, equipment and piping so that the plant may be extended at a future date, if needed, to a capacity of 8,400 gallons per minute. At the present time, the company is pumping water from Nepco lake at the rate of approximately 38,000, 000 gallons per day. To better indicate the large quantity of water consumed daily by Nepco in its production of pulp and paper, the 38,000,000 gallons is more than is consumed daily by the city of St. Paul with its population of over 300,000 inhabitants.

The water to be used will be taken from Nepco's main line now supplying the Nekoosa mill with water, the source of which is Nepco lake. When the water is delivered to the filter plant, it will be treated with a small amount of chemical and, after passing through a clarifier, will be delivered to the filter beds where it is filtered through a suitable filtering medium and delivered to a clear-well directly underneath the filter bed. From this clear-well the water will be pumped to the bleach plant for use in the improved process of bleaching kraft pulp.

The modernization and enlargement of Nepco's Nekoosa bleaching capacity will fulfill a need in providing a superior full bleached kraft pulp with high brightness and exceptional strength. The demands for bleached kraft papers of high quality for existing needs have far exceeded the company's capacity for producing. Mr. Alexander continued. The increased tonnage of full bleached kraft pulp will be used in both the Nekoosa and Fort Edwards paper mills. With this additional tonnage of full bleach kraft pulp made available, it will enable the company to expand its production of kraft specialties and specification papers, as well as continue to produce present grades, but of far better quality. The well recognized strength found in kraft pulp coupled with a high brightness in the full bleached grade, will permit the company to produce many grades of papers which it cannot make at the present time in the Nekoosa paper mill.

In announcing the expansion program at Nekoosa, Mr. Alexander said it is the desire of the company to get the new units in operation as quickly as possible and he further stated it is the aim and desire of the company to utilize just as much local labor as is available. With construction of both plants being handled by the Henry firm, company supervision will be handled by Nepco's engineering department and equipment, supplies and materials will be purchased through the company's purchasing department.

Lee Alesch Purchases Sparks Grocery Store

Lee Alesch, former manager of the Kroger Grocery and Baking company store in Wisconsin Rapids, announced today that he has purchased the Ben Sparks Grocery, Meat and Produce store, 1630 Lincoln street. Mr. Alesch stated that the store is now open for business.

Auburdale Driver Is Fined in Court

Marshfield—Charles Spatz, Auburdale, pleaded guilty when arraigned in municipal court this week on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He paid a fine of \$50 and costs of \$11.60. His driver's license was automatically revoked but the court indicated that an occupational license would be issued.

Highway Committee To Attend Meeting

The Wood county highway committee will attend a divisional meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Hardware Mutual Insurance company building at Stevens Point, according to Russell Sullivan, highway commissioner. General business will be discussed pertaining to roads and highways.

Berg Given State Prison Term for Assault on Wife

Walter Berg, 25, 361 Thirteenth street south, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm when arraigned in county court of Judge Frank W. Calkins and was sentenced to serve one to one and a half years in state's prison at Waupun.

Berg has been held in county jail since Saturday, May 11, after he told police he struck his wife, Geraldine, on the head two or three times with a wrench while she lay sleeping in bed. Mrs. Berg was released from Riverside hospital Sunday, where she had been confined with a skull fracture.

The couple has three small children. They had been divorced and were re-married recently, according to the police report. Berg formerly was employed at Prentiss Wabers Products company.



NEW LEGION HEAD—Frank Rickman has been elected commander of Charles Hagerstrom post, No. 9, of the American Legion, succeeding Frank Muehlestein. Mr. Rickman will be installed along with other new officers at the September meeting.

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Chicagoan Will Speak At Youth Rally June 26

L. J. Conn, president of a Chicago designing company, will be the featured speaker at the Central Wisconsin Youth for Christ Rally to be held in Lincoln fieldhouse at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, June 26.

Mr. Conn is also director of the old Sunday School broadcast heard from Chicago on Sunday mornings. Special music at the rally will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Stenstrom of Minneapolis who will present vocal, trombone and piano solos. The event is open to the public.

Prisoner of War is Injured at Marsh

Siegfried Imbuellen, 23, prisoner of war from the branch camp at the Tri-City airport, was taken to a hospital at Camp McCoy this week following an accident when he caught his left foot in a grass cutter while working on the A. E. Bennett and Son cranberry marsh at Grammer. According to Lt. Albert A. Kent, the first joint of Imbuellen's big toe was amputated.

Sweet News

"Residents in this territory need not worry about obtaining canning sugar as is the case in other sections of the country," W. Fred Bushnell, chief clerk of the south Wood county war price and rationing board said today.

"I have checked with wholesale houses and found that there will be an adequate supply to last through the entire canning season," Bushnell pointed out, "so there is no need for canners to apply in advance."

"We have issued coupons entitling each person to five pounds of sugar for early canning and another allotment will be issued at a later date. Everyone will get the same amount regardless of when application is made," he concluded.