

til 1926, when he was among the leaders of the movement to make Nekoosa a city of the fourth class. After the status was changed to city he continued as its treasurer for two more years.

He was elected mayor of Nekoosa without opposition in 1940, completed his two-year term, and was continued in office in 1942. His death See—DR. POMAINVILLE—Page 5

Suffers Fracture of Skull When Struck by Taxi

Clara Winters, 18, whose home is at Junction City, R. 2, but who is employed at a home here, suffered a skull fracture at 2:35 p. m. Sunday when she walked into the path of a taxicab at the Birch street cutoff leading from East Grand avenue.

She was taken to Riverview hospital by the driver of the cab, James Fritsche, city, where her physician described her condition as fair. She had remained in a dazed condition until this afternoon.

The police department reported that Miss Winters, in company with another young woman, alighted from a car in which they were riding when it pulled up near the slow sign on the east side of the cutoff. Their car was headed toward East Grand, and they entered the path of the cab, going toward Birch, when they came out from behind their own car and prepared to cross the street.

The impact cracked the cab's windshield, the accident report stated. Miss Winters is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Winters.

Wisconsin's War Bond Drive Has Good Start

Milwaukee — (P) — Walter Kasten, Wisconsin regional chairman of the war finance committee, said today that the war bond campaign was off to a good start in the state.

"There is no comparison between the spirit in which this drive opened and that of the first drive last December," he said. "We made our goal then—in fact, the quota was oversubscribed, but we are determined that during April there will be a wider distribution of securities. Everybody is going to buy."

Wisconsin's quota is \$175,000,000, Milwaukee county's \$85,240,000.

and friend, lauding him for "faithful service to the welfare" of his city.

The tribute, prepared by members of the city council and Nekoosa administration, said:

"With deepest regret, the members of the council have received the passing away of our friend, the honorable mayor, Dr. George Pomainville. We have lost an outstanding citizen and civic leader in this community.

"He will long be remembered for his faithful service to the welfare of his home town, not only as mayor but also as a thoughtful, kindly physician."

Bernhard Naegle, alderman of the third ward at Nekoosa, will assume the duties of acting mayor, succeeding as president of the council to the office. He will remain acting mayor until the annual organization meeting of the council April 20.

PRIVATE RITCHIE DEAD IN AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ritchie of Pittsville were notified in a telegram from the war department this afternoon that their son, Pfc. Hubert Ritchie, was killed in action in the North African theater.

Private Ritchie had been reported seriously wounded last week, his family receiving word Wednesday to that effect. The telegram today gave the same date as the previous message, stating that he was killed March 24. No further details were given.

Private Ritchie's death was the 30th among Wood county members of the armed forces in World War II.

He was 25, and a graduate of Lincoln high school here. The family formerly lived in Wisconsin Rapids. He was employed at Consolidated before entering the army as a volunteer in October, 1941, and had been in Africa with United States forces since the invasion last November.

ENDORSES VACATIONS

Washington — (P) — Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board, today endorsed vacations for industrial workers this year as "helpful to war production."

Envidaville, 27 miles north of Sousse.

The enemy's new position ranges 40 miles inland along this ridge and then turns northwestward, extending 90 miles to the Mediterranean coast near Cape Serrat, 35 miles west of Bizerte. French troops recently recaptured that cape.

Some 500 prisoners, mostly Germans, were taken by Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's first army.

Block All Roads

After getting on to the green and flower-dotted plain of Kairouan from the Fondouk area, the first army made the enemy's position there untenable. Armored units followed by infantry spread out fanwise over the plain and soon had blocked all roads out of that Moslem holy city and highway junction 34 miles southwest of Sousse which the Germans had used as a major air base.

The enemy, however, had abandoned the town. Enemy tanks were intercepted 12 miles to the northwest and 10 were destroyed.

French and British forces to the west and north also progressed.

"In the area of Djebel Ousselat (some 25 miles west of Kairouan) French troops made a local advance, capturing high ground, and continued to take a large number of prisoners," the communique said. "In the Medjez-El-Bab-Munchar sector our troops continued to make steady See—WAR IN AFRICA—Page 5

State's Surplus Funds Used for Bond Drive

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Losing no time in throwing Wisconsin's support behind the second war loan drive, Governor Goodland today purchased \$12,700,000 of war bonds with surplus funds of the state treasury.

With that as a start, this community launched a full day of active promotion to fill its quota of the \$13,000,000,000 the federal government wants for war expenditures the next three months.

To stimulate the purchase of bonds today every buyer was promised a ride around Capitol square in army "jeeps" borrowed for the occasion from nearby Truax field. The first ride went to Governor Goodland. Added attractions were two parades in the shopping area.

The money invested by the state today came from the general and common school funds. The general fund's share was \$10,000,000, the school fund's, \$2,700,000.