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THE WEATHER
For Wisconsin: Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder east and central portions tonight.
Local weather facts for 24 hours preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum, 28; minimum, 15; at 7 a. m., 15.

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NAZIS DRIVEN BACK ACROSS ROER, SAAR RIVERS

Four More Loaded Jap Transports Are Sunk

REINFORCEMENTS PREVENTED FROM REACHING LEYTE

(By The Associated Press)
Japanese commanders ruthlessly sacrificing thousands of men and dozens of ships in an effort to halt American reconquest of the Philippines gambled and lost another convoy to dive-bombing American fighters which have wiped out 47 ships and 26,000 soldiers trying to reach Leyte in seven convoys.
The last one-sided air-sea battle in the central Philippines shooting gallery cost the Japanese four transports "heavily loaded with men" definitely sunk, spilling 5,000 into the sea. A medium sized freighter and a destroyer were left in flames by American fliers releasing their bombs at masthead height.

Second Convoy in Two Days

The action occurred Thursday in an engagement extending the length of the central Philippine seas.
It was the second convoy destroyed in two days. On Wednesday, 13 ships were wiped out, two at the dock after unloading but the rest sunk at sea with all hands aboard.
Gen. Douglas MacArthur said 29 transports totaling 103,750 tons and 18 escort ships have been sunk in the seven convoys knocked out.
Simultaneously a storm halted Yank infantrymen continued relentless pressure through tropical storms on worsening Japanese positions on Leyte.

Expect Steady B-29 Raids

Superfortress pilots returning to Saipan from their first night raid on Tokyo intimated that B29 strikes at the enemy capital would be developed into a round-the-clock performance. They were over the city for three hours in a purely experimental attack, but crews expressed confidence their bombs hit war industries with the precision shown in the two earlier daylight blows.
South of Saipan in the Palau islands, American forces mopping up Peleliu killed 1,300 Japanese and captured 142. American losses were 92 killed, five missing and 622 wounded. The figures were comparable to overall American losses in the Pacific since Pearl Harbor. The See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 7

Brother of Rapids Man Dies in Belgium

L. J. Kelly, 911 Lincoln street, received word from the war department this week that his brother, Staff Sgt. Donald A. Kelly, 30, formerly of Rice Lake, Wis., died in Liege, Belgium, November 24. The message stated that a detailed letter would follow.
Sgt. Kelly was a graduate of Rice Lake high school, Eau Claire State Teacher's college, and Marquette School of Law. He entered the army in February, 1943, and was in the intelligence department.

Plan Memorial Service For Men Who Died in World War II

A memorial service for the men of the armed forces from this area who have given their lives thus far in World War II, has been announced by Charles Hagerstrom Post, No. 9, of the American Legion. It will be conducted in the music room of Lincoln high school Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 in the afternoon.
Parents of servicemen to be eulogized during the service will be seated in the front rows of the music room and an American Legion member will be assigned to escort each family. Attendance at the service by these families is voluntary, Chaplain Fred Burt of the Legion announced. Frank Muehlstein, commander, and E. O. Anderson, veteran's service officer and Legion member, will contact all families. If they do not desire to attend, the eulogy for their son or relative will be read and a copy of the proceedings sent to them.
This will be the first mass memorial service by a Legion group. A second service will be held on or near Memorial day in 1945. "It is not the intent of the Legion to compel these families to attend if they do not desire to do so," Chaplain Burt stated. "Whether they attend or not, they may be assured that the service has been planned as a memorial and personal tribute from Wisconsin Rapids in recognition of the supreme sacrifice each of these servicemen has made."
Although this service has been planned by the local American Legion post, it will be carried out with the cooperation of other groups within the community. Among those taking part in the ceremony will be Mrs. C. J. Randall, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary; Judge Frank W. Calkins; Fred Burt and Frank Muehlstein of the American Legion post; and the Elks Men's Chorus.

Wood County Fur Breeders Join in Show

The Central Wisconsin Fur Breeders association, which will conduct its first show in Wisconsin Rapids Wednesday and Thursday, was organized last January to assist members with their problems and to cooperate generally on questions and matters dealing with the industry.
The show will be staged under the joint auspices of the Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis club at the Wood county highway building, 330 Ninth avenue south, opening at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and closing at 10 o'clock Thursday evening. Nationally prominent judges will examine mink and foxes entered by Wood county ranchers. There also will be a special Wisconsin conservation department wild life exhibit. Children will be admitted if accompanied by adults.
The Central Wisconsin group soon expects to have about 42 members, most of whom are located near Nekeosa. Officers are Gerald Brooks, Nekeosa, president; Roy Folter, Wisconsin Rapids, vice president; Joe L. Gilbert, Nekeosa, secretary-treasurer; John Swinghamer, J. E. Gazeley and Charles Howland, Nekeosa, and William Whittingham, Arpin, directors.

Norman P. Hinkley Is Promoted To Captain

Norman P. Hinkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hinkley, Port Edwards, has been promoted to the rank of captain at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is in the communications department.
Capt. Hinkley has been at Fort Edwards for a year and a half, entering service in 1941. He spent Thanksgiving day at the home of his parents in Port Edwards.

BOMBERS BASED IN ITALY CARRY ON AIR OFFENSIVE

London—(AP)—U. S. 15th air force heavy bombers from Italy apparently were striking Germany today as grey winter weather halted a two-day offensive by the British-based U. S. Eighth air force and the RAF.
Berlin broadcasts warned the Germans of raiders over Bavaria.
Losses of the Eighth air force in the flak-filled skies over oil plants and rail yards in Germany Thursday proved considerably less than the originally announced 50 bombers and 30 fighters. Sixteen bombers and 17 fighters previously said to be missing were reported safe. This left 40 bombers and 13 fighters still unaccounted for.

Attack Saarbrücken

Some 3,000 planes had attacked synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area and rail yards about Saarbrücken. The tactical air force, supporting ground troops, lost three medium bombers and one fighter.
Thursday night more than 500 Halifaxes and Lancasters dropped 3,000 tons of fire bombs and explosives on the Rhine-Ruhr city of Duisburg, and two-ton blockbusters on Hamburg. Four of the raiders were lost.
Not since 69 U. S. bombers went down to combined ack-ack fire and fighter opposition over Berlin in April have allied planes encountered such concentrated defense fire as they did Thursday, particularly in a 40-mile square area near Leipzig.

Tempering the heavy losses reported by an Eighth air force communique was the belief that most fighter pilots grounded in friendly territory.

The German air force declined to come up in strength to oppose the massive formations of Fortresses and Liberators. Four enemy interceptors were shot down.
Fortresses struck at Bohlen, Zeitz, Merseberg and Lutzendorf near Leipzig, roaring over the targets at 25,000 to 30,000 feet with a full escort of fighters. Results here were described as "very favorable."
The blows topped a 36-hour continuous aerial offensive which left the Reich erupting from an average of 10 tons of bombs a minute from the 11,000 planes flying on seven major missions in that period and some 3,000 sorties in support of the ground armies.

Overall losses for the two-day period, marked by the appearance of less than a dozen German fighter planes, were 76 bombers and 32 fighters.

PVT. FLICK IS WOUNDED

Pvt. Charles W. Flick, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flick, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, was listed today by the war department as having been wounded in action in the European theater of operations.



KILLED IN ACTION—Pvt. Ernest A. Kronstedt, 37, son of Mrs. Marie Kronstedt, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action in Germany on November 9, according to a war department telegram received by his mother last Saturday. He was serving with the infantry.

BULLETIN

London—(AP)—A German high command statement distributed by the official German news agency said tonight that Germany was considering disassociating itself from the rules of international warfare as contained in the Geneva and Hague conventions.

MILL WATCHMAN STRUCK BY CAR, CRITICALLY HURT

Carl Altman, 28, 240 Strodmann avenue, Consolidated Water Power and Paper company woodyard watchman, is in serious condition at Riverview hospital today after being struck by a car driven by Edward O'Shaskey, 21, Route 2, city, on Fourth avenue north early this morning.
Altman was making a regular night tour, walking south on the east side of Fourth avenue north (highway 31) parallel to a log pile, when the O'Shaskey car, also headed south, approached on the left hand side of the road and struck him, according to the police report.
A diagram accompanying the accident report by the city police shows tire marks on the left hand side of the road for a distance of some 175 feet. Road conditions were described as "icy in spots."
The injured man was taken to Riverview hospital from the scene of the accident at 1:35 this morning, and a late report from his physician stated that Altman had suffered a skull fracture, a break in the lower right leg, and severe bruises about the body. His condition was described as serious.
O'Shaskey, upon advice of District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins, was released pending a later report on Altman's injuries. The accident, meanwhile, is being investigated by the city police.
Passengers in the O'Shaskey car were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 1261 Third street north, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hendrickson, 311 Eleventh street south, according to police.

May Pin Tax Freeze to War Powers Bill

(By The Associated Press)
Washington—The battle over social security taxes and plans for post-war flood control were Capitol Hill's main concerns today.
A wait and see strategy was proclaimed by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), senate champion of freezing such taxes, on the idea of linking the freeze bill with the war powers act to avert a presidential veto.
The ways and means committee approved 17 to 7 yesterday the measure keeping the payroll tax at one per cent each on employees and employers. Unless congress acts the tax will double Jan. 1.
Several senators, including Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee, said they would have no part in tying the bill to the war powers extension.
The senate is due to pass postwar flood control legislation today. The \$1,000,000,000 authorization got the green light when Senator Murray (D-Mont.) withdrew his opposition. Murray has sought to tie a provision for a Missouri valley authority to the bill.
Possibility of the toughest cabinet assignment of the fourth term goes to Edward R. Stettinius jr., who received a topheavy vote of approval by the senate to be secretary of state. The vote was 67 to 1. Stettinius is expected to recommend soon to President Roosevelt a new undersecretary.
Senators opening an inquiry into two nominees for the newly-created surplus war property board heard a war department legal expert defend a \$2,000,000 loan guarantee previously criticized by a house committee. Lt. Col. Edward Heller, one of the nominees, made certain inquiries for the department in connection with the loan, which was guaranteed to the Naragansett Machine company. Former Gov. Robert A. Huxley of Connecticut, the other nominee, is a vice president of the firm that received the loan. Julius Amberg, testifying for the army, said the loan was essential for the production of tank gun mounts in 1942.
Another senate committee, voting its approval of federal crop insurance legislation, tacked on a \$29,000,000 sum to be used for incentive payments to boost flax production next year. In general the senate committee version is more liberal than a house-approved bill.

Pvt. Manuel Smith Killed in France

Pittsville—Mrs. Manuel Smith, the former Evelyn Friday, who is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Friday, has received further details concerning the death of her husband, Pvt. Manuel Smith, who was killed on October 10 while serving with the infantry in France.
On October 24, Mrs. Smith was notified by the war department that her husband had been missing in action since October 2. Then on October 26 she received the official notice of his death. They had been married on March 8, 1941 at Dubuque, Ia.
Private Smith received training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas.

Elks Memorial Ritual Broadcast On Sunday

A memorial service for deceased members of Elks lodge 693 will be broadcast over radio station WFRH from 5:05 to 5:30 Sunday afternoon.
There will be songs by the Elks Men's chorus under the direction of Stanton W. Mead. A. A. Ritchey will give a memorial oration. Officers of the Elks lodge will conduct the service, according to William J. Foote, exalted ruler. The memorial service in honor of deceased members of the lodge and especially for those who died during the past year is held annually the first Sunday in December.

County Club Agent Sends Yule Message

An interesting and instructive holiday letter has been sent by Miss Cecelia Shestock, home demonstration agent, to Homemakers and 4-H club leaders in Wood county. In addition to the Christmas message there are included practical suggestions for making gifts at home.
Information on gifts from the kitchen, toys for small children, gifts of clothing which can be easily made, and hints on holiday decorations for the home are all included in the letter.

Defense Is Broken In Easternmost Part of France

Paris—(P)—Four American armies threw the Germans back across the Roer and Saar rivers, chief northern and southern barriers to the Rhine, and broke through German defenses in the easternmost tip of France today.
U.S. First army troops struck for the chief remaining keys of Nazi strength along the Roer southwest of Jaren in the Cologne plain as Gen. Eisenhower daily increased the pressure on thinning enemy forces. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops gained up to 400 yards in assaults directed at the Hurtgen forest hamlets of Gey and Brandenberg.
Batling in the easternmost point of France above Strasbourg, the 15th corps of the U.S. Seventh army broke through the Germans' main defenses in the woods southwest of Haguenau and surged into the outskirts of that key communications and supply center 28 miles southwest of Karlsruhe, Baden.
The U.S. Ninth army of Lt. Gen. William Simpson already had drawn up in solid assault strength along the Roer and Inde rivers for a distance of 15 to 20 miles northwest of Duren when Hodges' men launched their attack for a similar footing along the stream southwest of Duren.
Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army surged up to Saar on a front of at least 15 miles, solid against the Siegfried line. His 10th armored division chased the Germans across the Saar river at Metz.
Ninth Army Advances
The Ninth army captured Metz and seized three-fourths of the hamlet of Beek as it drew a tight arc around the Roer river town of Linch, on the road to the Rhineland city of Munster Gladbach.
Rievok is three miles west of Linch and already had been bypassed on either side at captured Luedern and Hoven. Its streets were filled with German dead as the result of a hail of American phosphorus shells. Patrols stabbed across the Inde.
On Simpson's right flank, the First army was less than a mile from Brandenberg, which is little over a mile from the Roer at a point about 6 1/2 miles southwest of Duren.
Key to Open Country
Gey is 3 1/2 miles southwest of Duren and three miles northeast of Hurtgen and is one of the principal keys to open country beyond the Hurtgen forest. The Americans were within 1,000 yards of Gey.
The Americans in their drive on the two villages encountered intense small arms fire, mines of many sorts, roadblocks of felled trees laced with boobytraps and many other types of defenses.
The Germans were engaging in desperate shifts of strength in an effort to stem Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army drive, which See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

McCoy Show Will Tour 14 State Cities

Camp McCoy, Wis.—"It's the McCoy," Sixth War Loan drive version, will tour 14 Wisconsin cities in an effort to aid the bond campaign, Colonel George M. MacMullin, post commander, announced today.
The all-soldier Camp McCoy show helped raise \$12,000,000 in bonds during its Fourth War Loan tour of 22 Wisconsin cities, and may top that figure for this swing around the Badger state.
The show will open Wednesday, December 6, at the vocational school in LaCrosse, and will play at Superior, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Appleton, Green Bay, Manitowish, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Janesville, Beloit, Racine, Kenosha, and Milwaukee. Engagements in Eau Claire and Madison are tentatively on the schedule.
The show is produced and directed by Lt. Vance Schwartz, post theater and public relations officer.

ARMY'S BEST TALENT

A collection of the army's best talent will perform for Wisconsin folk who will be purchasing war bonds as admission to the shows.
The Majors and Minors band under the baton of Sgt. Lew Douglas, former arranger for Ted Weems' orchestra, will be featured. The band has been called the All-American dance orchestra and boasts stars formerly featured with big name bands.
The Majors and Minors staff of arrangers is the envy of many a big name band. Besides Douglas, other arrangers are Cpl. Bernhard Hoden, noted Detroit pianist and composer; Sgt. Lou Windisch, formerly with the Casa Loma band, and Staff Sgt. Eddie Webb, trumpet star formerly with Xavier Cugat's orchestra.

SEVEN KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Los Angeles—(AP)—Seven persons were killed and 16 were injured when a Transcontinental and Western airlines passenger plane en route from San Francisco crashed in a heavy fog as it was nearing its destination at Burbank early today. The plane carried 20 passengers and three crew members.
City Manager Walter Cooper of San Diego was among the dead and Mayor Harley Knox of the same city was injured severely. The pilot and co-pilot were killed. The plane was in radio contact with Los Angeles air terminal, Burbank, shortly before the crash.
Some of the injured passengers told reporters that the plane lost altitude, began to jerk, and then crashed after scraping along tree tops.
None of those reported killed was from Wisconsin.

Taxpayers Are Given Important Date Reminders

Net. M. Justesen, city clerk, today called attention of taxpayers to dates concerning income tax requirements.
December 1 is the deadline for employees to file with their employers, the new employee's withholding exemption certificates. City employees were to file with the city clerk. The new withholding rates and new employee withholding exemption certificates go into effect January 1.
January 15 is the last day for filing, amending and paying installments on 1914 declarations of estimated tax. The deadline formerly was December 15 but was postponed by a new law. The new deadline is of special importance to farmers, it was stated. Under the new law, a taxpayer who files his 1914 income tax return and pays the tax due on it by January 15 instead of waiting until March 15, need not file any declaration otherwise due on January 15.
January 31 is the deadline for employers to give all employees the new withholding receipt and March 15 is the last day for the filing of 1914 income tax returns and for filing of 1915 declarations of estimated income tax.

Commander of Waves To Speak for Canvass

Capt. Mildred H. McAfee, commander of the Waves, will discuss the United Church Canvass over a coast-to-coast radio broadcast at 9:15 this evening. Capt. McAfee in civilian life was president of Wellesley college.
Dr. Benjamin Brown, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Baptist convention, will discuss the canvass on the Columbia Church of the Air at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.



JAP DESTROYER-ESCORT BLASTED IN ORMOC BAY—Showering smoke and debris, a bomb from B-25 Mitchell explodes on Jap destroyer-escort in Ormoc Bay, Philippines, Nov. 19. Body of man (right circle) hurtles through the air even as second bomb (center circle) plunges down near gun crew (also in center circle) crouching near their weapon.—(AP Wirephotos from Army Air Forces).



19 Shopping Days till Christmas