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and overwhelmed. Forty-two miles northwest of Budapest and 10 miles southeast of the Danube communications center of Komarom, fresh German armored forces drawn from Austria lashed out yesterday at the tip of the Russian salient on the main road to Vienna. It was announced officially that the attack was repulsed.

WANT VIENNA OPEN CITY

London—(AP)—The Paris radio said today that Adolf Hitler has refused an appeal by Vienna officials to declare Vienna an open city to spare it the fate of Budapest and has ordered the evacuation of the civilian population.

Mrs. Gertrude Hall, Daughter of Rapids Residents, Succumbs

Mrs. Gertrude Hall, 24, Stockton, Calif., died at 1:30 Tuesday morning at a hospital there after an illness of a month following a stroke. Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, January 8, at the Krohn and Berard chapel with her brother, the Rev. Charles Bury of Oshkosh officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hall was born in Mosinee, Wis., February 6, 1919, and married Bernard Hall July 25, 1937. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bury of this city; her husband and daughter, Judith, Stockton, Calif.; three brothers, Charles of Oshkosh, Robert of Milwaukee, and John, Jr., at home; four sisters, Mrs. Dean Karsseboom, Wisconsin Rapids, Eldora of Chicago, and Barbara and Joan at home.

The body will arrive Saturday evening and will be at the funeral home from 10 o'clock Sunday morning until time of services.

Licenses Issued To 283 Couples In '44

Forty-six more marriage licenses were issued by Wood county Clerk J. A. Schindler in 1944 than in the previous year.

Two hundred eighty-three licenses were issued in comparison with the 1943 figure of 287. At least one of the persons applying for a license at the courthouse must be a resident of Wood county, Schindler pointed out.

farther south. At least through this morning, close air support was lacking because planes were grounded.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was gaining steadily along the whole Belgian-Luxembourg bulge front from the outskirts of St. Hubert to the northeast and east of Bastogne. See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

Lt. A. Sundet Dies in Action In Belgium

Lt. Aubrey G. Sundet, 31, a nephew of Mrs. Matilda Henke, Wisconsin Rapids, and a graduate of Lincoln High school, was killed in action December 18, 1944, in Belgium. Mrs. Henke received the news Tuesday evening from the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Sundet of LaCrosse, former Wisconsin Rapids residents.

Before entering the service in November, 1942, Lieutenant Sundet, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1937, was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad company in Chicago. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in May, 1943, and became a first lieutenant in October, 1944.

He went overseas in March, 1944, and participated in the invasion of France June 6. He wore five battle stars for action in the European theater of operations with the American First army.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Marjorie Cnare Sundet, Madison; one sister, Mrs. George S. Smith, Lawrenceville, Ill., and a brother, Cpl. Ray Sundet, stationed at Dyersburg, Tenn.

\$11,000 Paid in Taxes First Day

About 200 people paid their taxes during the first day of collection Tuesday. Joe Norton, city treasurer, announced this morning that a total of \$10,999.69 was collected.

W. W. Rickard, 320 Eighth street south, was the first to pay his real estate tax and Frank Harris former hardware dealer here, made a personal property payment.