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Truck Drivers Honored At Safety Meet

Eight drivers were honored for their safety records at a meeting of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company truck drivers at the Elks club Thursday evening.

These men operate company trucks throughout the state and their safety records are rewarded at an annual meeting each year. Fred Giese, George Lundquist, John Henke, Walter Panzer, Ed Saeger and Albert Hermes were awarded pins and certificates signifying an eight year period of company truck driving without an accident. Gerald Kaudy received a six year pin and Verne Hansen was awarded pin and certificate on the basis of three years without an accident.

Speakers for the evening were R. C. Salisbury, director of safety, motor vehicle division, Madison, Wis.; B. W. Murray, representing the Hartford Insurance company, and Harvey W. Mohr, engineer, state safety division, motor vehicle department, Madison.

Mr. Mohr told the group of a state fleet safety contest, made up of various fleets of trucks throughout the state and Consolidated truck drivers voted to enter this contest for the ensuing year.

Grass Fire Epidemic Is With Us Again

A grass fire call to 930 Fourth avenue north at 2:15 this afternoon caused little or no damage. A grass fire was reported in the vicinity of Cals bowling alleys Thursday evening and was still burning this afternoon.

Two grass fires broke out simultaneously Thursday afternoon at 4:30 and sent two fire trucks racing in opposite directions to bring them under control. The small fires, in Witter field and at 920 Washington street, caused little or no damage, officials stated.

Brother of Branch Rickey Found Dead

Reekford, Ill. (AP) — Orla E. Rickey, 68-year-old brother of Branch W. Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was found dead in his hotel room Thursday night. Deputy Coroner Frank Long said death was due to a heart attack.

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The Ward attorneys also stressed
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SEAMAN LESTER O. WOOD

LESTER O. WOOD DIES IN ACTION

Lester O. Wood, 29, seaman second class in the United States navy, was killed in action somewhere in the south Pacific on March 22, "while in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country," according to a telegram received April 21 by his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Wood of Coloma.

Worked at Consolidated

Prior to being inducted into the navy on April 19, 1943, Seaman Wood was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company and resided here with his family. After nine months at Great Lakes training station in Illinois, he was sent to New Orleans. A week later, on December 20, 1943, he was sent to an unknown station in the south Pacific.

Mrs. Wood, who with her two-year-old daughter Nancy Beatrice, is making her home with her parents at Coloma, has been informed that he was given a full military funeral and his remains interred in allied territory outside the continental limits of the United States, pending cessation of hostilities. Born in Adams County

Lester Orval Wood was born in the town of Leola, Adams county, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1913, the

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important than one out-headed person."

Representatives Cox (D-Ga.) and Smith (D-Va.), co-author of the Smith Connally act for handling la-
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Girl Pinned Between Train And Platform

Miss Germaine Kempen, 19, employed as an assembler in the Prentiss Wabers Products company plant here, received injuries of an undetermined degree at 2 p. m. today when she was caught between a loading platform at the rear of the Prentiss Wabers plant and a freight car which was being switched on the Green Bay & Western railroad siding behind the plant. Miss Kempen was crossing the tracks, near the loading platform, when she was hit.

The girl, whose home is at Rudolph, was taken by city ambulance and by Miss Elsie Wright, company nurse, to Riverview hospital where a physician said that her condition was such that it was impossible to attempt a complete examination until Saturday.

The portion of the girl's body caught between freight car and platform was in the pelvic region, evidenced by lacerations on both hips. However, X-ray examination must be made to determine extent of pelvic injury, and X-ray pictures will not be attempted until Saturday.

The attending physician said that, while the patient was suffering from shock, she was not unconscious as result of the accident.

Miss Kempen is a daughter of Arnold H. Kempen, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, town chairman of the town of Rudolph.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin:



Fair tonight. In-

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Today's Weather Facts—

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Poultry
Chicago (AP) (WPA) Live
poultry firm, 7 trucks; no cars;
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Plymouth, Wis. (AP) Wisconsin
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Albert Carl Kath, Route 2, Wis-
consin Rapids to Grace Marie Ci-
sewski, Route 1, Knowlton, Wis.
Time and place of marriage not
announced.

War in Pacific
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campaign, MacArthur said: Three
thousand veteran enemy marines
had been drawn out of the Hollandia
area by pre-invasion feints and
probably more than 4,000 fled to the
hills rather than battle invading
Americans.
51,000 Japs Trapped
The commanding general of the
allied troops at Aitape estimated
51,000 Japanese are trapped in a
200-mile stretch of coastal area
southeast of Aitape.
Tokyo today acknowledged allied
landings on Dutch New Guinea—six
days after American forces had gone
ashore and declared "since then
successively they are increasing
their military strength."
"Our forces in the vicinity and the
air force intercepted them and are
engaged in fighting," said the broad-
cast communique recorded by the U.
S. foreign broadcast intelligence ser-
vice.
Blast Jap Shipping
Fifth airforce planes, already op-
erating from the Hollandia air-
dromes, staged a 60-ton raid on the
four Wewak airfields 250 miles
southeast of Hollandia and a navy
Liberator bomber sank 10 troop-lad-
en enemy barges, two cargo ships,
fired two fishing boats and shot
down an enemy bomber 700 miles
northwest of Hollandia.
A Chinese headquarters spokes-
man reported a Japanese drive on
Loyang in northern Honan province

had been driven back 10 miles and

Saturday morning.
A panel discussion on "The Role
of the Teachers Colleges in Post-
War Education in Wisconsin" will
be the highlight of this evening's
meeting. It will be given by the
presidents of the teachers colleges,
led by Presidents William C. Han-
sen of the local college, Frank E.
Baker of Milwaukee, Forrest R.
Polk of Oshkosh and William R.
Davies of Eau Claire.
Following the panel discussion,
the faculty of Central State Teach-
ers college will be hosts to dele-
gates and other representatives of
the colleges at an informal recep-
tion in the library.
The meeting this afternoon was
given over to sessions of standing
committees, and on Sunday morn-
ing there will be reports from the
committee chairmen, election of of-
ficers and plans made for the next
biennial meeting.

Wood
(Continued from Page One)
son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood.
When a small boy he moved with
his parents to Plainfield. Here he
attended school and grew to man-
hood. On December 25, 1940, he
married Miss Beatrice Rogers,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crandall
Rogers, at Coloma. Following their
marriage they moved to Wiscon-
sin Rapids.
Besides his wife and daughter,
he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Wood of Plainfield; six
brothers, Gerald and Waybourne of
Plainfield, Otto of Milwaukee, Ray-
mond of Waukegan, Ill., Pvt. Wood-
row Wood, who is somewhere in
England, and Clyman Wood, sea-
man second class, at the fleet sta-
tion in California, and three sis-
ters, Mrs. Clarence Groskrutz of
Westfield, Mrs. Harold McLaugh-
lin of Plainfield and Mrs. Richard
Waite of Brooks.

**Communists to Hold
Convention Sunday**
Milwaukee—(AP)—The Commun-
ist party of Wisconsin will hold its
state convention here Sunday with
Fred Bassett Blair, state chairman,
presiding.
Convention business includes elec-
tion of delegates to the national
Communist convention in New York
May 19 to 23, and discussion of the
report of the state committee, pre-
sented by Ned Sparks, secretary.

LABOR RECRUITS NEEDED
Milwaukee — (AP) — Wisconsin
agricultural leaders believe that 27,
000 persons will have to be recruited

been advised that he need make no
such finding" Christensen continued,
"because he has made none. He has
not found or proclaimed that Mont-
gomery Ward's Chicago plants are
equipped for manufacture, produc-
tion or mining of war material."

Refers to Taylor
He asserted the government had
come into court "to seek an extra-
ordinary night time injunction on
the flimsy showing of a bill sworn
to by a man who apparently never
was in the plants he swore to until
he attempted to seize them."
This was an obvious reference to
Taylor. In informing the court that
Taylor had been subpoenaed, Chris-
tensen said "he knows no more
about how Montgomery Ward is run
than you do, your honor."

Biddle, in his court appearance,
told the judge the "resistance of of-
ficials of this company to the law-
ful and proper possession" by the
government should be restrained un-
til the issue had been threshed out
in the court.

Wilson Took Plants
Referring to the question of
whether President Roosevelt had
power under the Smith-Connally act
to seize the plants, Biddle asserted
that in World war 1 President Wil-
son took over at least three plants
"not engaged in the production of
any goods," among them a telephone
company, "to further the war ef-
fort." He added:

"Even in time of peace the presi-
dent's power to prevent interrup-
tions of the great peacetime activi-
ties of this country is clear."

Biddle, adverting to the war labor
disputes act, argued that the WLB
"is given clear authority to settle
any labor dispute."

Charges Interference
"The officers of this company are
now interfering with the operation
of the government," Biddle said.
"There never has been any instance
of resistance after the president
took possession. In view of that and
in view of the very serious distur-
bances if the court rescinds an order
calculated to maintain the status
quo there will be very serious re-
sults."

The decision, he said, would have
"great national importance."

Harold Smith of Ward counsel re-
joined:

"The whole basis of Mr. Biddle's
argument is 'let's suspend the con-
stitution until we find out where we
stand.'"

The judge then commented that
Ward-counsel maintained that it was
quite plain that the seizure of the
plant was unlawful, but that he
wanted to study the statutes involv-
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