

Serviceman's Digest

of the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

A CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER

THE WEATHER
Wisconsin Rapids again learned of the many variations of weather in the north temperate zone this week as the seven-day period produced a conglomeration of different climates. The week started and ended with below zero mercury readings, had some snow, considerable rain and a mild spell.

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Howe School Plans Are Advanced by City School Board

SMITH BERRY MARSH SOLD TO MILLER, WALLOCH

Sale of what is regarded as the oldest cranberry marsh in the Central Wisconsin area was consummated today when Carl Miller and Joseph Walloch, local oil men, purchased the Smith Marsh, located in Cranmoor. Miss Clare Smith, daughter of the pioneer grower, the late Ralph Smith, has owned the property for several years. She acquired full ownership of the marsh after the death of her mother in 1938 from the other heirs. It is her intention to retire from the cranberry business, although she has the privilege of living in the Smith homestead for a period of years.

The new owners will divide their time in operation of the property, it is understood.

Mother Long Manager

Mrs. Pauline Smith, who owned and operated the marsh from 1909, when her husband died, was one of Wisconsin's best known growers. She was well versed in the business and carried on until her death in 1938.

The Smith marsh is credited with having 17 acres in vines and, although a moderately-sized development, has always maintained a high yield of fruit. It is planted to natives, Seales Jumbos and Smith's Bell's. The latter variety was discovered by the late Ralph Smith, who founded the marsh in 1870. He came here from Waupaca in the early days, purchasing some government land which he discovered was suitable to cranberry culture. Was a Lawyer

Mr. Smith was a Civil War veteran and a lawyer. He grew up near Ripon on a farm, graduated from Ripon college and studied law, entering the practice of his profession in Waupaca, where he observed cranberries growing wild. His health failed and his doctors ordered him to work out of doors. General farming was too strenuous for him and he decided upon cranberry growing. His family points with pride to his low drainage practices instead of the wet culture which prevailed in the early days in Cranmoor. He also pioneered in sanding of cranberry sections to stimulate new growth. He made the discovery by accident when a load of sand had to be dumped onto a section one winter. The vines prospered to such an extent that he sanded a whole section the following winter. Sanding is now a "must" in cranberry growing.

Explains Changes

Mr. Smith spent some time explaining to the board the various changes in curriculum now being instigated, reasons for the changes, and also pointed out that the ideal and ultimate goal was the organization of smaller groups of students. The shift in studies not only leaves the senior year open for more specialized work but enables the students to take courses in more logical order. Mr. Smith stated it was his belief that a student should leave the high school not only with credits and a diploma, but also with confidence in some direction.

The Wisconsin Rapids board of education will meet with the Witter Vocational school board at 7:30 next Monday evening in the high school. Purpose of the meeting will be to find out exactly what is needed in the way of reconstruction or remodeling of the vocational school.

EXTEND OFFER OF FREE TREES

Due to the number of inquiries received from farmers who have thinned out their woodlands prior to the 1944-1945 season, Trees for Tomorrow, Inc. announced today that two free seedlings—Norway pine, black pine, or white spruce—will be given for each tree cut during the entire wartime emergency since 1942.

"These inquiries," M. N. Taylor, executive director of Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., said, "and the requests for thousands of seedlings to replace timber being cut this season indicate a keen interest by Wisconsin valley farmers in replanting their woodlands."

F. Trank, extension forester of the University of Wisconsin, has urged farmers who want to secure free seedlings to fill in and mail coupons early. Trank, W. F. Bremer, manager of state nurseries, and county agents in the valley will outline distribution and tree planting demonstration dates sometime the early part of March.

HOLD EVERYTHING

Twenty-four volunteers from this area went to the Milwaukee blood donor center Tuesday on the bus sponsored by the town of Saratoga.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bryan, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Bernard George, Mrs. Frank Lilla, Mrs. Delbert Weber and William Hoeg, Saratoga; Mrs. Ralph Forbes, Mrs. Mat McClellan, Mrs. Al Mertes, Miss Josephine Walters, Miss Carol Sanger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stone, Joe Wirth and Ernie Johns, Neekoze; Mrs. Harold Winkler and Mrs. William Rezin, Cranmoor; Mrs. Walter Tesser, Mrs. Kenneth Pribanow, Henry Ashbeck and Frank M. Shymanski, Wisconsin Rapids.

A like number made the trip today on the bus sponsored by Neekoze.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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SCHROEDER IS NAMED ZOR REPRESENTATIVE

Masons from this section of Wisconsin merited special honor this last week through appointments made by Potentate Melvin E. Dieruer, head of Zor Shrine Temple in Madison, when he announced his list of official representatives throughout the state.

Zor ambassadors from this area who will represent their Shrine temple in their city or town include M. W. Schroeder, Wisconsin Rapids; Claude E. Crockett and Harold Brown, Stevens Point; John J. Grissinger and G. E. Guensberg, Marshfield; and Martin H. Hanson, Adams.

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JOE GOODRICH IS WOUNDED ON LEYTE

Memorial services for Pvt. John Flick, who was killed in action November 30, 1944, in France, will be held at the SS. Peter & Paul Catholic church at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Private Flick was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flick, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier is buried in an American cemetery in Lorraine province, France.

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50 Cents a Month

City's Water Situation Is Termed Critical as Supply And Pressure Levels Drop

Current Shortage Hits Industries; Seek Solution

OVER 100 ELKS HONOR PAST EXALTED RULERS

Over 100 Elks members attending the Tuesday supper meeting paid tribute in a unique way to 10 past exalted rulers of that club. Conspicuous wooden badges, each representing some achievement or indicative of some numerous incident which occurred during their term of office, were presented with comments by Earl F. Otto.

The badges recalled such incidents as the burning of the mortgage, investigation of Christmas baskets and the introduction of ladies' night. Those receiving badges were Otto Reuenus, Frank Abel, Edward Brenner, Aaron Kitchay, Leo Barrette, G. S. Hein, Delbert Rowland, L. W. Murtfeldt and C. K. Crouse.

William Conway, Jr., another past ruler, talked to the group by telephone from Riverview hospital, the telephone being held next to a loud speaker. Mr. Conway had received his badge inscribed with sincere greetings from the Elks earlier in the day. C. E. Jackson then presented Mr. Otto, another past ruler, with an appropriate badge for his term of office. Wm. J. White of Consolidated made the symbolic badges.

Other past rulers on the list, Al

McNally, John Roberts and

George Nash, were unable to be

present during the program. Wm.

J. Foote, present exalted ruler, asked for a moment of silent tribute to deceased exalted rulers, W. J. Con-

way, Sr., Chas. E. Briere, P. C. Daly,

Wm. Carey, John J. Jeffrey, Earl

M. Hill, O. R. Moore, W. A. Drumb,

and Clarence Whittlesey.

Guests of the Elks club included Sgt. Jack Macabean, who is visiting

in the city. Sgt. Macabean, with the

Eighth air force, participated in the

bombing of Berlin on its fif-

teenth mission. The sergeant is

now hospitalized at Galesburg, Ill.,

for treatment of a wound received

at that time.

Another guest was Robert Dolan,

Dolan's mate second class on an

LST, who had spent a year and a

half overseas. He was stationed at

Great Lakes and Norfolk, Va., but

took most of his training in Eng-

land. He participated in the inva-

sion of Southern France and Normandy. Dolan will report to Boston,

Mass., February 22.

Explains Chlorine

The Tribune asked Mr. Steib why

the water carried such strong chlorine odor and if that was a result

of fear of contamination of the

water supply due to present low

water supplies. His answer was

that there is no greater possibility

of contamination than before but

the odors are more marked because

of poor circulation within the water mains.

Especially in the morning, water

users will notice the chlorine odor

more than in other times of day

because the water is circulating less

during night time and chlorine col-

lects in dead ends during night

hours," is the way Mr. Steib ex-

plained the situation. The low pres-

sure in the mains, due to the short-

age of chlorine collecting rather than being evenly

distributed in the water supply, Mr.

Steib added, thus making it always

more noticeable. The intake of

chlorine is automatically governed

by an accurate mechanical device,

he concluded.

CIRCUIT COURT JURY LIST NAMED

The March term of circuit court,

Judge Herman J. Severson presid-

ing, will open March 12 at the Wood

county courthouse and the following

jury list was released today by the

clerk of circuit court.

Those named for Wisconsin Ra-

pids are George Bankert, Wm. Bo-

nnow, Mrs. Gus Fiegel, Lester Ha-

leck, Erwin Hammerman, Frank

Kubisak, J. T. Mader and T. P.

Peebleson. Jurors from the city of

Marshfield are Edward J. Hodin,

Porter Greenwood, William Hall,

Ovid Holstedt, Alvin Hestekind,

Earl Lou, Mrs. Harley Oignley and

Gilbert Sell.

Others named are Frank Markee,

town of Auburndale; Howard Ben-

der and Walter Brandt, village of

Auburndale; John J. Griseling,

town of Cameron; Lucy Keenan and

Ferd. Krause, town of Dexter; Her-

man Koch, town of Grand Rapids;

Mrs. George Izen Jr., town of

Hiles; Fred Domke, Nekoosa; Le-

slie Matthews, town of Port Ed-

wards; Mrs. Catherine Cahill, Har-

old Hostetler, Ben Kappel, village of

Port Edwards; Mrs. Glenn Morse,

town of Remington; Mrs. Lester

Anderson and Fred Hustadt, town

of Rock; Edward Seilascheck, town

of Rudolph; Harvey Skerven, town

of Saratoga; Mrs. Alfred Allie,

town of Seneca; Wilbur Peters,

town of Sigel.

Purple Heart Goes To Donald Benner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benner, No-

kooza, have received the Purple

Heart, which was awarded to their

son, Pfc. Donald Benner, for

wounds received in action in Ger-

many December 6, 1944.

A member of the U. S. Infantry,

Private Benner was wounded in the

leg, and is now recuperating in a

hospital in England. He has been in

service since June, 1942.

FENDER DAMAGE

Mrs. Martha Calverly, 620 Daily

avenue driving south onto West

Grand avenue from the "stop" sign

at the Milwaukee depot, and Leon-

ard Anderson, Route 3, driving

west on West Grand avenue, collid-

ed, causing minor fender damage

to both vehicles at 5 o'clock Friday