

we, the public, may enjoy the many benefits that will come through the use of this type of building which the City has needed so long."

G. E. Galloway, Naval Aviator, Declared Dead



GORDON GALLOWAY

Gordon E. Galloway, a aviation machinist's mate, 2/c, son of Mrs. Cora R. Galloway, 1253 Washington avenue, missing in action in the Pacific theater since October 25, 1944, has been declared officially dead by the navy department.

The youth's mother received that sad news in a personal letter from James Forrestal, secretary of the navy. In the letter, Mr. Forrestal said:

"Your son, Gordon, has been carried on the official records of the navy department as missing in action as of October 25, 1944, when the plane in which he was flying, a unit of Composite Squadron Three, was lost due to enemy action in the vicinity of Leyte Gulf, Philippine islands.

Based On Carrier

"Your son was based aboard the USS Kalinin Bay, which was one of the six escort carriers supporting the American invasion operations at Leyte. The Kalinin Bay was brought under fire of Japanese surface ships consisting of battleships, cruisers and destroyers which had come through San Bernardo Strait during the night of October 24, 1944. After contact was made a two and one-half hour running en-

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In initiating the fund last year, Mr. Huffman said it was being offered as a living memorial to the veterans of World wars I and II and expressed the desire that it would be "a genuine democratic symbol of freedom of expression." He pledged additional contributions from time to time in the hope that there might be sufficient funds to underwrite the total cost when construction is undertaken.

Becoming almost habitual, the Wisconsin Rapids aldermen waded through another long session last night and, among other things, formally adopted a 1946 budget of \$862,391.75 and set the tax rate at \$30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, \$2 more than last year. The city's share of the county tax and special charges is \$214,460; educational costs are listed at \$243,131.50 with \$170,330 of this amount required for school operation and maintenance, and general city expenditures total \$341,799.25. Receipts are estimated at \$259,100, leaving \$603,291.75 to be raised by taxation.

Don Daly was re-appointed to the park board for a 5-year term beginning January 1.

Installation of a new storm sewer on Chestnut street east from the river to Twentieth street and a new sanitary sewer from the intersection of Garfield and Dewey streets to Chestnut street and east on Chestnut to the city limits was approved upon recommendation of City Engineer Carl Cajanus. The work was considered necessary before negotiations for sewer and water on Tenth and Eleventh streets south from Chestnut street to East G street and on Fourteenth street south from Chestnut to a block south of East G street could be taken up.

Hearing on Petition

Application for sewer and water on Sixteenth avenue north from the end of the present facilities north for 800 feet was advanced for hearing. Total cost is estimated at \$8,215 with \$1,532 being the city share, \$1,315 the utility's and \$5,368 the property owners'. A petition for sewer and water on Broadway street between Plover and Tenth streets is also pending.

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7 More Rapid Men Released

Seven more Wisconsin Rapids men were among a list of central Wisconsin servicemen who received their honorable discharges from Fort Sheridan, Ill., separation center between noon of December 4 and noon of December 4.

The Wisconsin Rapids men are Cpl. Charles E. Karmatz; T/4 William Nolle, Route 1; S/Sgt. William M. Wood; and T/4 Charles J. ...

Role in Fire House

Two undercurrent answers to Japan—did Emperor push Japan into abdication?—open today.

Independent diet Minister of State what the government abdication of the news agency said. some circles possible after discussion on the Japanese correspondents. Matsumoto as to express in public abdication is too minister added that abdication such a "mis- the exception.

Whether Hirohito can into the war. The question was ... TO—Page 7

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