

### Rotarians Hear Plea for Natural Gas in Wisconsin

Speaking on behalf of the introduction of natural gas into the state of Wisconsin, Philip L. Ash, secretary of the Wisconsin Consumers' committee, Milwaukee, asked members of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary club at their weekly luncheon Wednesday at the Witter hotel to contact representatives of this area at Madison—Senator Melvin Laird and Assemblyman W. W. Clark—and urge those men to take the part of natural gas at the state capital.

### Purely Personal

The Milwaukeean told the Rotarians that natural gas has several advantages over other types of fuel. "Natural gas burns cleanly," he stated. "It will greatly reduce the smoke nuisance, leaves no ashes and is easily controlled. Natural gas will also decrease the cost of gas to Wisconsin consumers," he declared. Says Industry Gains.

Charles E. Sullivan, electrician, mate third class, and Warren G. Sullivan, Jr., motor machinist, mate second class, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Sullivan, 671 1/2 West Grand avenue, spent the week-end together at home after not having seen each other for two years. Charles spent the past 18 months in the Pacific on the U. S. S. Pennsylvania and after a 19-day leave will report at San Francisco. Warren has returned to submarine duty.

Industry stands to gain if this state adopts natural gas," he remarked. "There has been a trend on the part of industry to move out of Wisconsin. We feel that by using natural gas we could induce those industries to stay. All the states bordering on Wisconsin have natural gas. Natural gas would also help establish new industries, such as plastics and glass."

Cpl. Russell E. Miller left last night to return to Camp Blanding, Fla., after a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller. Carl F. Hilke, R. D. M. 2/c, arrived last Monday evening on leave from the Philippines and is visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Hilke, Sr., 1350 Baker street, and other relatives and friends. He will report back at San Francisco on May 4.

Mr. Ash said that natural gas for this state was opposed by the Solid Fuel Institute, which, he stated, has magnified any possible disadvantages, such as dislocation of labor, that might come with the introduction of natural gas into this state. He pointed out that in Detroit, for example, more coal was sold in that city after the new fuel was introduced than before.

The objection of the coal industry isn't borne out by facts," he claimed. "Generally, the coal industry hasn't suffered but rather it benefits because of the stimulus natural gas provides for an increase in industry."

Cites Two Measures. Two measures are preventing Wisconsin from having natural gas at the present time, he stated. One is a tax bill of seven cents on 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas, which, he said, is the equivalent of placing a \$2 tax on a ton of coal. The other measure is a local option, or home rule bill, which places the decision as to whether to have natural gas up to each municipality.

"Repealer bills for both of these measures are now before the lawmakers in Madison," Mr. Ash stated. In conclusion, the speaker answered questions put to him by the Rotarians.

### County Music Contests Are Finished Here

The last in a series of programs making up the annual music festival for Wood county elementary schools was held in the Wood County Normal school gymnasium on Friday evening. Schools participating were Biron Graded, Two Mile Graded, Rudolph Graded, Pleasant View, "Getting Etern With Sister," Jacqueline Felgen, Snyder, "Tipping Off Teacher," Loretta Malcolm, Sunnyside, "Angelina," B honors went to Gary Turner, Two Mile Graded, "Putting Up Stoves," Robert Fitzgerald, Rudolph Graded, "Leak in the Dike."

Herbert J. Ruder, seaman second class, left Monday evening for New York City after a seven-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruder. Second Lt. and Mrs. James C. Prebanow came Tuesday from Monroe, La., and are spending a week here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Prebanow, 1921 Baker Drive. Lieutenant Prebanow, who was commissioned at Selman Field on Saturday, will return there before going to Lincoln, Neb. On the return trip they plan to spend a couple of days in Milwaukee at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rswain.

### Man Sentenced for Four Theft Charges

Lawrence Literski, 44, Route 1, at a preliminary hearing this morning pleaded guilty to four separate charges of petty larceny in justice court of Marjorie Jacobson. He was sentenced to serve five days on each count in county jail, a total of 20 days and also was ordered to pay for the merchandise.

Carl Klandrud, president of the Wisconsin Rapids Teachers' Association, was elected president at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon. Hugh Sargent is vice president, and Miss Elva Vruwink, secretary-treasurer. The Misses Lucy Keeler and Irma Jewell were elected to the executive committee.

### Two Whooping Cough Clinics Here Friday

Two whooping cough vaccination clinics will be held in the gymnasium of the Wood County Normal school from 9 to 10 o'clock Friday morning and in the city hall from 1:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon.

### Up The Street—And Back

Seaman Douglas W. Becker of Vesper, a former employe of a Wisconsin Rapids clothing store, hitchhiked from New York to the Rapids in just 36 hours. Even more startling than the good time he had on home with just 25 cents in his pocket and arrived here with 15 cents still left! He is spending a 10-day leave with his parents in Vesper.

### Faculty Members of Rapids, Nekoosa Will Attend Dinner

Members of the Lincoln and Alexander high school faculties and representatives of the Wood county school system will travel to Antigo Wednesday for the spring banquet of the Central Wisconsin Schoolmasters' club to be held in the Hotel Ogilvy. City Superintendent J. P. Mann of Appleton will speak on "Federal Support for Education."

### Company F Is Host to Battalion Conference

Company F of the Wisconsin State Guard will be host to all officers and non-commissioned officers of Stevens Point, Marshfield and Rhinelander state guard companies Saturday and Sunday at a battalion officer's conference. About 125 men are expected to participate in this school.

### 130 Present As Foresters Observe 50th Anniversary

About 130 people attended the celebration and banquet in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of S.S. Peter and Paul Court 496, Catholic Order of Foresters Sunday at the school gymnasium. Principal speakers were Ralph De Porter, Moline, Ill., high court trustee, and A. X. Umhoefer, Colby, Wis., state vice-chief ranger. Mr. Porter, after congratulating the court on the progress made in the past 50 years, presented eight members with gold emblem pins in honor of their 50 years service as a Forester.

### Three of the new officers...

Three of the new officers, Harry Rucinski, Donald Mullenix and James Gustafson are veterans of World war II. Mrs. Fern Powler installed the auxiliary officers, Mrs. Bertha Hilgard, president; Mrs. Nellie Palunski, senior vice president; Mrs. Ruby Skinner, junior vice president; Mrs. Laura Scholten, guard; Mrs. Blanche Mullenix, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Hultquist, banner bearer; Mrs. Ella Van Gorder, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Pauline Kersten, Mrs. Esther Worlund, Mrs. Rosemary McGrogan and Mrs. Eleanor Austin, color bearers; Mrs. Laura Fanning, secretary; Mrs. Effie Powell, musician; Mrs. Ella Van Gorder, trustee for three years.

### Special condolences and a prize...

Special condolences and a prize should go to the woman bowler in the recent city tournament, who got 20 splits in six consecutive games. Those who know bowling will tell you that one or two per game is bad enough but 20 in six lines is high onto a record!

### At an organization of the Adams county board...

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### Funeral Services for Harland Spry Friday

The body of Pvt. Harland Spry, who died April 16 at Letterman hospital, San Francisco, is expected to arrive in Nekoosa Thursday morning from the west coast and will rest at the George Larson residence at 111 Prospect avenue, where friends may call until time of services.

### Local Woman Denies Charge of Forgery

Mrs. Annette Liggett, 211 Eighth avenue north, pleaded not guilty to a charge of forgery when arraigned Monday in justice court of Byron B. Conway. Preliminary hearing was set for 10 o'clock Monday morning and Mrs. Liggett was confined to county jail pending trial after failing to furnish bond of \$600. She was arrested by city police on complaint of William Worth.

### PLAQUES GIVEN BY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Twenty-seven families received plaques from Department Commander George H. Johnson in a special ceremony at the joint installation of officers for the John Buckley Post No. 2534, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Auxiliary unit at Wood County Realty hall Saturday evening. This was the third such presentation to parents having three or more sons or daughters in the service.



ROYALTY FOR AN EVENING—King Dick Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brooks of Nekoosa, has chosen as his queen, Miss Mary Anne Haessley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haessley, also of Nekoosa. The royal couple will reign for an evening at the annual Junior Prom Saturday, April 28, at Alexander high school gymnasium, which will be especially decorated in the theme, "Down By The Old Mill Stream." The Castilians will play for the dance. The following committees were appointed by Dick Brooks, class president and prom king: Dolores Cibula and Mary Anne Haessley, orchestra; Doris Schroepfer, Lorraine Anderson, Jean Baker and Margaret Michaels, programs; Agnes Le May, Pat Millmore and Carol Buchanan, posters; Geraldine Misna and Maizie Harnish, ticket committee; publicity, Bill Shaw, John Schuren and Geraldine Misna. Faculty advisors are Miss Martha Blair, Mrs. Elabeth Petzold and A. F. Kozlovsky.

### Miss Dolores E. Anderson Is Bride of Donald J. Kessler

Secord Heart Catholic church at Nekoosa was the scene of the marriage at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 17, of Miss Dolores Elaine Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, and Donald John Kessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kessler, Wisconsin Rapids. The Rev. Alvin Daul read the ceremony, Sister Mary Albertine was at the organ and the church choir sang. Attendant to the groom was his brother-in-law Stanley Kujawa. A wedding breakfast and dinner was served to 50 friends and relatives at the home of the bride's parents. A four-tiered wedding cake, topped by a miniature bride and groom, was the table centerpiece. A wedding dance was held at the Kellner club. Mrs. Kessler is a graduate of Alexander high school at Nekoosa and was employed by Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company at Port Edwards. Mr. Kessler is a graduate of Lincoln high school and is employed as an inventory clerk at Port Edwards. The young couple are now at home at 1332 Chase street.

### BAGGOT HEADS ADAMS BOARD

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### A resolution signed by 11 members...

A resolution signed by 11 members of the board, which constitutes a majority, was introduced requesting that consideration be given to the discontinuation of the Adams county soil conservation district due to the labor shortage and alleged lack of benefits to the people. The committee of resolutions to which it was referred recommended that the resolution be tabled until the next session, June 12, and the suggestion was adopted. The first agitation for the discontinuance of the soil conservation district came in the fall session in 1944, at which time no action was taken. The office was created by county board action in May, 1942, and was passed by unanimous vote.

### At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon...

At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 7, in a double ring ceremony at the Immanuel Lutheran parsonage, Miss Loretta Hoeft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoeft, 421 Eleventh street south, became the bride of Richard Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Erickson, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids. Vows were repeated after the Rev. E. C. Kuechle. A six o'clock supper was served to the immediate relatives and friends with the three tiered wedding cake serving as a centerpiece. A reception for 50 guests followed the supper.

### At a 9 o'clock ceremony Monday morning...

At a 9 o'clock ceremony Monday morning, April 16, in Holy Rosary Catholic church in Sigel, Miss Marie M. Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jackson, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, became the bride of Pfc. Harold L. Scheutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scheutz, Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids, the Rev. C. Wolf performing the ceremony. Mrs. Phil Rathke was organist, and the choir sang the nuptial hymn. The church was decorated with lilies.

### Private Bregger Abroad By Dave Bregger



"That's the last time he jumps with us till he learns to swim!"