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Cpl. Vernon Kesler Is Killed in Action



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The full impact of the war in Korea was brought to Marshfield Friday afternoon in one of the dreaded telegrams from the War Department, when Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kesler, 204 W. Fifth street, were informed that their son, Cpl. Vernon Kesler, 22, was killed in action Jan. 26.

There were no other details in the wire signed by Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, adjutant general of the Army.

The soldier was the first Marshfield man to give his life in the war in Asia.

Cpl. Kesler, a reservist who had served a previous tour of duty in occupied Japan, was a junior at St. Norbert's College in DePere when he was recalled to service last Sept. 22.

Above Parallel

Seventy-one days later he was in Korea, aiding in the evacuation of GIs as assistant commander of a packet.

At one time he had been 45 miles above the 38th parallel; most of his time in Korea was spent in constant rear-guard actions.

New Year's Day afternoon found him in a group of GIs surrounded by Red forces. They broke through the encircling enemy aboard tanks, leaving all possessions but their rifles behind them. Twenty-three hours later the corporal left the tanks, hiked 40 miles, and then rode another 75 miles in the retreat aboard trucks.

In his last letter, dated Jan. 20, the corporal said that he was with a reserve outfit, going to new weapons classes all day and "standing guard all night."

A memorial mass for the slain soldier will be held at 9 a. m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; the Rev. Edmund Cramer officiating.

Rosary Services

A Christian Mothers and Catholic Daughters of America Rosary service will be held at the church at 3:30 p. m. Sunday; a

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Subcommittee Votes Changes in Original Defense Dept. Plan

Washington — (AP) — The Defense Department proposal for drafting 18-year-olds appears certain to reach the Senate floor. It was included in a bill approved last night by a 7 to 1 vote of the Senate preparedness subcommittee.

Although the measure still must clear the Senate Armed Services Committee, that step seemed certain since the seven Senators who voted for it in the subcommittee form a majority in the 13-man armed services group.

The subcommittee added several restrictions and modifications to the broad plan urged by Secretary of Defense Marshall to build up the Nation's fighting manpower and provide a long-term reserve.

Stiff Opposition

Young men of 18 have never been drafted in peacetime. And stiff opposition to the plan has developed in both the Senate and House, because of many protests, especially from parents and educators.

The House Armed Services Committee is working on a similar measure with public hearings suspended for the time being.

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Rail Brotherhood Fined \$25,000

Blamed for December Switchmen's Strike

Chicago — (AP) — The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, a federal judge ruled yesterday in fining it \$25,000, was responsible for the rail switchmen's "sick" strike last December.

Judge Michael L. Igoe imposed the fine on the rail union as full crews of switchmen ended a 10-day similar "sick" walkout and returned to work across the country.

The fine was based on violation of a federal court order of Dec. 13 directing the switchmen to return to work. The stoppage ended after three days.

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The union faces a second charge of contempt in connection with the walkout just ended. A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14 but Igoe indicated he would dismiss it to a later date.

Judge Igoe, who dismissed charges against 40 of its national and local officers and 31 lodges of the BRT in the contempt hearing, said "As long as union is functioning as a union, it must be responsible for the mass action of its members."

The government had asked Judge Igoe to fine the rail union \$1,500,000, fine three of its top officers a total of \$100,000, and to consider fines for other officials of local unions in the Chicago area.

Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, and general rosary service will be conducted there at 7:10 o'clock Sunday evening.

Cpl. Vernon Kesler was born in Colby Oct. 29, 1923, and came to Marshfield with his parents the following year. He attended Sacred Heart School and gradu-
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South Wind Gives State Mercury Lift

Senator Morse (R-Ore.) who voted against the subcommittee bill issued a statement indicating he will continue to fight for some further changes.

One provision the group inserted in the measure would authorize army enlistment during the next five years of up to 25,000 carefully selected aliens.

Chairman Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) told reporters this move was not intended as "any substitute" for drafting 18-year-olds. "It is in addition to other features for building up our forces," Johnson said.

Major provisions approved by the Senate group would:
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Europe's strength being ground troops. The former president said. U.S. See — H

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Washington Stabilization to find an over-replace the freeze, may not until late next. The board,

the U. S. 25th Division with light tanks for firepower capped a 25-mile dash from the south by entering battered Inchon. Guns of the "Mighty Mo" laid down a shield of fire for the Allied force.

Fleeing Reds left roads heavily mined. But "we didn't find a single enemy and not a shot was fired," said Capt. Charles Fryant of Dallas, commander of the reconnaissance company.

All along the western front, the Reds apparently were pulling back toward the old parallel 38 border. It was not apparent whether they would make a stand for Seoul as they did last September when the Allies landed at Inchon.

City Briefs

JAW BROKEN—James C. Peters, 41, route 2, Stratford, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital here last night for treatment of a fractured right jaw suffered in an altercation at Stratford last night with Eddie Kremin, Little Rose. Kremin is scheduled to box for the 175-pound title in the finals of the Golden Gloves tournament here tonight.

IMPROVED—Hugh G. Lane, route 4, Waupaca, who suffered a severe head injury in a car-truck crash in the Town of Richfield Wednesday, was reported as still in a semi-conscious condition at St. Joseph's Hospital today, but somewhat improved.

PARKING—Ervin M. Stangl, William J. Dehn, and Roman King, charged with all-night parking on city streets, and Louis R. Bremmer Jr., charged with obstructing a driveway, paid \$1 fines today for offenses committed Friday. Walter F. Rolder, Alvin M. Belning, and Edwin W. Duerr, charged with all-night parking offenses today, paid similar fines. All of the drivers are from Marshfield.

NONSUPPORT—Darrel Eggebrecht, Marshfield, waived preliminary hearing in justice court this morning and was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of non-

support. He was arrested by newspaper photographers in San Diego.

The Marres have three other children, Susan, 4, Billy, 10, and Michael, 7.

If Jacquelyn is your valentine send it to 316 Ninth Street, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Kesler

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ated from Marshfield High School in 1946.

Sept. 28 of that year, at the age of 17, he entered the Army and except for basic training at Camp Lee, Va., spent his entire 1 1-2 years of service in the Intelligence Corps in Kyoto, Japan, filing and screening reports. He was discharged May 14, 1948, with the grade of sergeant.

He became a member of the Army reserve and that fall enrolled at St. Norbert's. Upon his recall he was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., for concentrated basic training as a rifleman. On Nov. 15 he was shipped to Japan, landing at Yokohama Nov. 30. The next day he was in Korea.

Besides his parents, he leaves by eight brothers and sisters:

Harold, Manitowoc, who received his bachelor of science degree at St. Norbert's on the day his brother was killed; Herberg, a senior at St. Norbert's; Eileen, a laboratory technician at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; Vivian, a senior at Marshfield High; Marilyn, Carol and Harriet, students at Sacred Heart School, and Karleen.

His paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rose Kesler, Wisconsin Rapids, and his maternal grandfather, Reinert Smudde, Kaukauna, also survive.

Stratford Legion Votes \$10 to March of Dimes

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Stratford—Routine business was conducted at the American Legion meeting Thursday night. Commander Roger Schuette presided. A donation of \$10 was vot-

ed at 8:30 p. m., will be held Tuesday at the Methodist Church at 2 p. m.

The Rev. Lee Holmes will celebrate at the services and will be made in the Spencer cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Myre Funeral Home beginning Sunday noon.

Mr. Meacham was born July 1888, at Conde, S. D., and came to Wisconsin with his parents at the age of 8. He was educated in rural schools in South and Wisconsin and also at the Loyal High School.

As a young man he returned to South Dakota to work. When he was 21 he came back to Wisconsin with his brother Frank and a team of horses and a wagon. He has lived in the town of Unity since that time.

For 16 years he was clerk of Unity Township and he was a member of the Methodist Church here.

Surviving are his wife and children, Vernon, Spencer; Chris (Norma) Oestreich; Mrs. Glenn (Virginia) Oestreich; and Pvt. Jesse Meacham of Fort Campbell, Ky.

Ten grandchildren, one Mrs. Maggie Seefeld, Spence; two brothers, Frank and Al, land, Ore., also survive.

Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Henry Wichman Dies

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Loyal—The Rev. J. C. LaLonde will conduct funeral rites for Henry Wichman, 78, route 1, who died Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield. Services will be held at 1:45 p. m. today at the Myre Funeral Home and at 2 o'clock at the Lutheran Church.

Oblack Rites Set

Willard—Mrs. Paul Oblack, 60, Willard, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, Thursday at 12:15 p. m. Death was attributed to complications.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a. m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Willard. Burial will be made in the parish cemetery.