Local weather facts for 24 hours preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum 52;

minimum 41.

## Five Square Miles JAP RESISTANCE In Heart of Oska IS STIFFENING ON MINDANAO Set Afire by B-29s

## 300 Supers Raze Hundreds of Tiny War Workshops

BY ELMONT WAITE
21st Bomber Command HeadThree hundred Superfortresses wiped out five square miles or more of Osaka's industrial heart before dawn today, expanding their fiery destruction in three of Japan's largest cities during a five-day period to 24 square miles-larger than the area of Man-

At a cost of four Superforts over the targets—two over Tokyo and one each over Nagoya and Osakathe B29s have spilled more than 6,000 tons of incendiaries in new low-level tactics which have: Burned out 17 square miles of To-

kyo, in the first dark hours of Levelled two square miles-47,-

600,000 square feet-in the air factory center of Nagoya, raided in darkness Monday. Wiped out hundreds of little

wooden war-vital workshops, known as "hidden factories," in Osaka where 3,250,000 inhabitants make it second only to Tokyo in size. Returning crewmen from the last

planes over Osaka told Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Power, commander of Guam-based B29s, the inflammable center of Osaka was "a solid fire" when the raid was over. Fire Visible for 125 Miles The area engulfed by uncontrolled

fires, visible 125 miles away, may have totalled as much as eight square miles, said Bombardier Lt. William T. Loesch, Lake Wood,

biggest cities into torches in the night, have in three days wiped out N. Y. (191/2 square nules) and al most as big as Syracuse, N. Y. (25 awarded the Purple Heart. Tokyo radio acknowledged that

General Power, said fires in the

target area merged after two hours into a "solid sheet of flame." Tokyo reported the raid lasted to Miss Dorreen Rees, who resides three hours. Set Nineteen Fires

Daring the most concentrated display of searchlights yet encountered, the first 25 Superforts over Osaka quickly set 19 fires for the

following waves to expand. Three returning B29s made emergency landing on Iwo Jima.

In order to make the concentrated power of the B29s felt in undiminished strength, ground crews in the Marianas had labored 36 See-OSAKA-Page 7

## Marines Slugging It Out With Last Japs on Iwo Jima

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam-The three U.S. marine divisions on Iwo Jima slugged it out with remaining Japanese today after seizing two nearby rocks and sealing off numerous caves.

Nipponese occupying caves and pillboxes on rugged Kitano pointthe northern tip of the island-continued resisting stubbornly. They were fighting with small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, a comnunique issued by fleet headquarters here said.

The communique said "no appreciable change was made in front lines." Today is the 24th day of the battle for the island.

## State Police Radio Men Meet Thursday

A statewide meeting of the Associated Police Communications Officers of Wisconsin will take place at the Golden Gate Thursday evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and a business meeting will follow, Flyod Stone of Janesville will preside at the session while Chief of Police R. J. Exner of this city will welcome the out of town members.

## Hold Everything



"They're making it awful tough for a guy to stick to his ideals!" rope,

## Soldier From Auburndale Is



SGT. EDWARD HASENOHRL

Auburndale-S/Sgt. Edward J Hasenohrl, 23, previously listed as missing in action in the European area since February 4, died in action in that theater, according to a war department telegram received this The B29s, fast turning Japan's week by Mrs. Anna Hasenohrl of Auburndale.

The Auburndale soldier was a ma-N. J. (21 square miles) or Albany, wounded in action in France August Indo-China. 10, 1944, for which he had been

He was employed by Nekoosa-Ed-Tokyo radio acknowieces wards raper company prior to him to hours later some fires still were entry into service September 30, 1941. He went overseas in October, 1941. He went overseas in October, 1942 and served in France, Belgium Are Needed,

in South Wales, British Isles. In addition to his wife and moth-

er, Sergeant Hasenohrl is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Michael Bredl, brothers, George, at Wabeno, and Elmer, Frank, Robert, Michael, William and James, all at home.

# John Krehnke

Col. John Arnold Krehnke, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Krehnke, Nekoosa, has been missing in action | felt that, with WAC and WAVE since February 11 in the Pacific recruiting, something must be done theater of operations, according to to obtain capable nurses," the rea war department telegram receiv- cruiting officer explained. ed by the parents yesterday.

received a letter from their son, schools were allowed to apply for stating that he was moving. He is this type of program, she stated. an infantryman.

Corporal Krehnke entered service ing at Camp McCoy, Wis., Crockett, Calif., and Camp Howze, Texas, before gong overseas November 17, 1944. His last letter home was from New Guinea.

## Kerwin Removes Aid to Suspended District Attorney

Racine--(AP)--James J. Kerwin, appointed district attorney of Raafter the suspension of J. Lester Johnson, announced today that he had removed from office Johnson's assistant. Louis Hardy.

In making the announcement Kerwin, former Milwaukee county prosecutor, said:

"I am going to enforce all the laws in Racine county and that in-

cludes the gambling laws." Meanwhile Municipal Judge Elmer D. Goodland announced that Circuit Judge Henry P. Hughes of Oshkosh would sit at the arraignment March 26 of Johnson on two charges of assault and battery, brought on complaint of Edward Werkowski, Waterford tavernkeeper, and his wife, Sophie, who charge Johnson struck them during an al-

tercation in the tavern. The assault charges were cited by the governor when he suspended Johnson from office effective yester-

TWO ARE WOUNDED

Pvt. Godfrey A. Laufenberg, husband of Mrs. Theresa A. Laufen-W. Fogle, Mauston, were listed today by the war department as have ing been wounded in action in Eu-

BY JAMES HUTCHESON

Manila - (AP) - Resistance was stiffening on southwestern Mindanao, headquarters reported today, as tank-paced Yanks of the 41st infantry division pursued the retreating Japanese defenders into the mountains north of captured Zamboanga.

On Luzon, meantime, mechanized American spearheads drove deeply into the vast area south of Manila, seizing three main towns and an airdrome, while other doughboys east of the capital conquered the southern end of the strong Shimbu

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in bahn. his communique today that Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st division on Mindanao was "pursuing the enemy into the hills north of the airfields against increasing resistance" while medium bombers and fighters flew in close support.

At least eight villages besides Zamboanga were captured in the first 48 hours of the invasion. Two airfields were taken, one of them a bomber field just 215 miles from On Luzon the 11th airborne divi-

sion took the prison camp town of miles southwest of Coblenz. Los Banos, near the southern shore of Laguna De Bay, and the town of Santos Tomas, on the main rail and highway route into the southern part of the island.

The 158th regimental combat team seized Batangas, on Batangas bay, and its adjacent airfield. After 16 days of battle the First

cavalry division on Monday captured Antipolo, southern anchor of the bitterly-defended Shimbu line on the Marikana watershed east of Manila, but fighting still was heavy east of there. Philippines-based bombers at

tacked Formosa and Borneo, left a an area larger than Dayton, Ohio chine gunner in the 25th division of ablaze southwest of Hongkong and bridgehead were sighted yesterday 3,000 - ton freighter-transport (23 square miles) or Jersey City, the First army. He had been probably sank a tanker off French

## wards Paper company prior to his Cadet Nurses and Germany. On July 3, 1944, he was married Rotary Hears

Seeking to arouse interest in the recruiting of girls for the cadet Nekoosa, and Sister Marie N. Step- Madison, state recruiting officer of miles northeast of Linz and seven honie, Richmond, Iowa, and seven the U.S. cadet nurses corps, described the nursing program in detail for members of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary club at that organi-Witter hotel today.

Miss Stahl brought from Madison with her Miss Myrtle Rickhoff. Listed Missing a Wisconsin Rapids girl Who is a cadet nurse at Madison General hospital. Need More Nurses

"The cadet nurses corps was set up two years ago because it was line.

The cadet nurses corps doesn't On February 12, the parents had have any schools of its own, so schools of nursing in Wisconsin and December 22, 1942, received train- 23 are participating in this program," Miss Stahl continued.

The speaker pointed out that, there will not be an over-abundance of nurses when the war is over, ed in the senate today. She predicted that, in years to come, | student nurses primarily will have to tend to the needs of civilians.

taken by the girls in the 36 month support. course. "Almost all of the first six months is spent in the classroom, Sharon Man Found rather than in the hospital," she remarked. She stressed that books, Dead Near Highway cine county by Governor Goodland tuition and uniforms are furnished and that the prospective nurse begins at \$15 a month plus maintenance, then her salary increases to \$20 and on up. High Requirements

Emphasizing that the qualifications required of the garls are closely adhered to, the speaker said that See-CADET NURSES-Page 7

## Slates to Be Drawn At Caucus Meetings

Caucus meetings to prepare slates for the April 3 election will be held in various townships Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The town of Rock will hold a meeting at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the town hall.

On Friday the town of Sigel will hold a meeting at the town hall at 1:39 and at 2 o'clock the town of Lincoln will hold its meeting in the

The towns of Sherry, Remington and Carson, Portage county, will hold their meetings on Saturday berg, Route 1, Auburndale, and Pfc. afternoon at 2 o'clock, and town of Geraid G. Fogle, son of Mrs. Ellen Rudolph will hold a meeting at the same time at the Rudolph Commumity hall. At 7:30 Saturday evening the village of Fort Edwards will also hold its annual meeting.

# Russians Break Through Main Line Guarding Berlin, Germans Report; First Army Approaches Key Road

## **Enemy Tells of Effort to Cross** Moselle River

BY JAMES M. LONG Paris—(A)—First army troops slugged their way through the hills rimming the Remagen bridgehead today to within a mile and a quarter of the Frankfurt-Ruhr auto

The German radio declared Lt. Gen. George S. Patton was trying to cross the Moselle at several points west of Coblenz, but there was no confirmation from the Allied side. The Germans said the Third army attempts were beaten back but that now Patton had brought up four infantry and three to four tank divisions for a large-scale attempt to force the river.

The Germans said crossing attempts were being made at Borttenbach and Hatzenport, the latter 16

The captured Ludendorff bridge, leading to American cross-Rhine territory, meanwhile was reported in better condition than ever although it had been hit by enemy shells several times. Work done to repair the harm caused by American air raids accounted for the improved condition of the bridge, front line dispatches said.

There were indications that the Germans were not committing all their available strength against the bridgehead because they were wary of possible crossings at other points. Sight Concentration of Tanks

The biggest concentration of Geraround the village of Staktharinen, due east of Remagen and between the American lines and the superhighway to the Ruhr. The number of tanks seen was only about 15 or 20, however.

The capture of Honnef provided a firm northern anchor for the bridgehead into which men and material streamed across two bridges to reinforce the 70,000 men the Gernans said aiready were there.

dawn attack, the Americans captur- day in the assembly. nurses corps, Miss Adele G. Stahl, ed the town of St. Catharnten, four miles directly east of a large bend declared: in the river. The infantry moved on beyond less than two miles from zation's weekly noon luncheon in the superhighway. Kretzenhaus, five and Kalenborn was entered. Opens New Drive

To the south, the Third army lature. opened a new drive across the top of the industrial Saar district east of Saarburg and the Siegfried

Thirteen towns were captured, mostly on the east side of the Moselle. The fighting was in the rugged Hochwald and Hunsrueck See-WESTERN FRONT-Page 7

## State Senate Favors "At the present time, there are 25 Dependency Age Raise

Madison—(A)—Payers of state income tax could be entitled to claim deductions for children up to 21 contrary to the belief of many, years of age, provided they were supporting them, under a bill pass-

The present law allows a \$4 deduction for each child under 18. The change would benefit particu-The recruiting officer explained larly those residents whose children the requirements demanded of ap- are in school and college and still plicants and also listed the courses dependent upon their parents for

Stevens Point—(AP) — Stanley J. Portage county Sheriff Peter C. Purple Heart. Karashinski said Zinda apparently



tacking railway targets in

northwestern Germany.

Raid Hungary and Austria

Their targets included a camou-

of Bielefeld, Scelze, just west of

tween the western front and Beilin

of raids of the war with a big fire

and Herne in the Ruhr while Mos-

quito bombers with their two-ton

blockbusters attacked Berlin, Bre-

Supreme Headquarters Allied Ex-

peditionary Force, Paris—(P)—For

the first time in history Americans

are being naturalized on German

The new citizens are the latest of

some 5,000 foreign-born U. S. sol-

diers who attained their citizenship

while serving in the European thea

ter. The oath is administered by a

special naturalization service team

of three American soldiers and three

representatives of the immigration

and naturalization service. The team

moves from division to division at

the front

men and Frankfurt on the Main.

Doughboys Become

Citizens on Nazi Soil

raid on Dresden February 13.

Jorth sea.

Railyards Hit Hard

Osnabrueck.

## In Assembly, County Posts ried by an airplane - were Madison—(A)—A resolution to provide a continuity of thought on day by RAF Lancasters at the Neisse river Bastions on Marlengthen the terms of assemblymen

Moving forward through the for- and of state and county elected ofested hills east of the Rhine in a ficers to four years was killed to-

land Center), moving for rejection, "It has long been the policy in ed by voice vote.

American government that reprethe Ruhr-Frankfurt on the main sentatives who were closer to their constituents geographically should finance committee to change cermiles east of the Rhine, was cleared be elected more frequently. This tain general fund revolving appropermits changes of public opinion to priations to annual specific approbe reflected promptly in the legis- priations in the governor's budget

"On the other hand, members of | which carried nine and a half miles for longer terms, under both our state and federal constitutions, to

## Harry Klappa Up For School Board; Four Aldermen File Papers

Nomination papers of four aldermen today were filed in the office of City Clerk Nels Justeson, signifying their intention to run for re-election to office in the April 3 election. Those filed were for Gus R. Schuman, Second ward alderman; W. W. Rickman, Fourth ward; Van C. Kubisiak, Fifth ward; Rudolph Hahn, Ninth ward.

Also filed were nomination papers for Harry R. Klappa to run for a position on the board of education. Those whose terms expire on the board are W. F. Thiele and Alfred Rember. Final date for filing nomination papers is March 19,

## Pfc. Arbie Skerven Wounded in Action

Pfc. Arbie J. Skerven, son Zinda, 51, of the town of Sharon Joseph Skerven, 210 Daly avenue, (Portage county) was found dead was recently wounded in the Philiptoday beside Highway 66 at Ellis, pines and has been awarded the He entered service January 20.

had been struck and killed by an au- 1943 and went overseas in December of that year.

## War Chiefs See "V-E" Day in Early Summer Writing from the U.S. Ninth

tary men were quoted in a Western front dispatch last night as expressing the view the war is likely to end in the early summer, but highly-placed Britons keep their fingers crossed. Announcing in the House of Commons yesterday that Allied

armies were preparing to cross the Rhine in force, War Secretary Sir James Grigg added: "In spite of this miraculous betterment in our fortunes it would be unwise to act as if all were over, bar the shouting. . . We have had one false dawn.

army front, Associated Press correspondent Wes Gallagher said military leaders now believe the formal end may come this summer, although full destruction of the enemy's forces may require a longer time. "This opinion appears to be shared by German civilians in-

terviewed behind the allied lines," he said. "The idea of a sudden wholesale collapse, as a result of recent Nazi disasters, is generally discounted." Virtually all American officers believe the allied armies will have to fight all the way

across Germany.

eislative matters. Despite opposition of Sykes (R-

COLOGNE RAILWAY STATION A TWISTED MASS-The main railway station at Cologne, once

the beautiful Cathedral city of the Rhine, is a twisted mass of steel as three Allied servicemen

probe their way through the ruins. Cologne is estimated by Gen. Eisenhower as 60 per cent destroyed

with over 2,000 acres devastated.

Cameron), who charged it as aimed at co-operative burial associations, Assemblyman Thomson (R-Rich- a bill by Thomson to require each funeral establishment to have a full-time licensed director as pass-

The assembly concurred in a resolution directing the legislative joint

The assembly killed a bill to rethe upper house have been elected move power of the state superintendent of public instruction to consolidate school districts on his own motion. It would have required approval of each consolidation by a committee of three persons appointed by county judges.

## Veteran Tells Elks Of Occupational Therapy Program

Ex-serviceman Donald Kegler, who recently was discharged from the veteran's hospital at Wood, Wis, was a guest at the regular Tuesday supper meeting of the Elks club to tell the members about his work under the occupational therapy program and his present hobby of woodworking.

Kegler brought along a number of alticles as illustrations, some of which he made while in the hospital and others completed in his home workshop. Following his talk, many of the members took advantage of his invitation to examine of Osnabiueck, and bridges were the home made articles, some of which were tricky and amusing.

An additional guest at the meeting was Donald Kessler, a serviceman who returned recently to this ominunity after being wounded in Europe. He was questioned on his army career by Master of Ceremoues Pwight H. Teas. It was brought out that both of the boys who were guests of the Elks had gone to high school together here in Wisconsin Rapids.

## 'Work-or-Jailers' Win First Round in House

Washington-(P)-Supporters of the "work-or-jail" manpower bill won the first round today in a house fight with proponents of less-coercive legislation approved by the senate. By a 211-177 vote, the house re-

fused to alter a rules committee recommendation to send the legislation to a senate-house conference for attempts at a compromise.

### 3,000TH LIBERATOR Detroit—(AP)—The 8,000th Liber-

ator bomber has rolled off the assembly lines at the Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant and now is awaiting initial flight tests.

## Last Bullet' BY RICHARD KASISCHKE London —(A) — Russian

Nazis Order

Defense 'to

troops have broken through one of the main German lines west of the Oder in Berlin's forefield, a Reuters dispatch from Moscow declared today, while the German commander in Berlin ordered the Reich capital defended "above and under ground" to the last bul-

The German high command announced a powerful new Russian offensive aimed at wiping out Nazis in East Prussia, but declared Soviet attacks from the Lebus bridgehead west of the Oder north of Frankfurt "broke down." The Renters dispatch said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White

man line on an 18-mile Oder front between captured Kuestrin and threatened Frankfurt. Moscow still maintained official silence on this Berlin front. The Second Ukrainian army has captured Zvolen, Slovakian stronghold on the Hron river, Marshal Stalin announced tonight. Zvolen is 11 miles south of the former Czecho-

dovak headquarters city of Banska

Russian army overran a main Ger-

Bystrica, and 75 miles north of Nazis Tell of Crossing

By German account, Zhukov already has sent nine divisions, or nearly 100,000 men, west of the Oder between Kuestrin and Frankfurt. but the Russians never have announced any crossing of the river in

German broadcasts said the front was aflame for 115 miles from dropped for the first time to- Stettin south to Guben and Forst, front southeast of Berlin.

"Bitter fighting is raging all along this front for Stettin, Frank-London -(A) - Germany was furt, Guben, and Forst, as well as mauled from the air today for the from bridgeheads on the Oder aim-30th straight day as the U.S. ing for the most attractive target Eighth air force—carrying the manof all-Berlin," said a transocean power equivalent of a full infantry

l broadcast. division-made another mass bom-A Moscow dispatch told of conbardment of Nazi railways, oil reinued hard fighting in Stettin's fineries, armament plants and subeastern suburb, Altdamm, where Zhukov is trying to penetrate a deep Hundreds of Allied fighters probelt of mines and anti-tank guns in ided close cover for the Remagen the wooded hills south of the bridgehead and other American Dammscher See. bombers from Italy gave transpor-

Assault Opened With Barrage tation targets another going over. The East Prussian assault was pened early Tuesday after a heavy U. S. heavy bombers from Italy artillery barrage, the German broadstruck into Hungary and Austria in cast said, with separate Red army support of Russian armies, hitting columns driving westward on either railyards at Komaron on the Danside of Zinten, 20 miles below Koeube and Wiener Neustadt, near Vi-

nigsberg. The giant force of 1,250 U. S. An earlier dispatch from Moscow gave some support to the German heavy bombers and 650 fighters from Britain split into a dozen at- report. It said there were signs the tack groups after crossing the battle of Koenigsberg was flaring up with new vigor.

Westward at the tip of the Polish laged U-boat hideout at Ijmuiden corridor, Russian storm forces were on the Dutch coast, three truck and battering Gdyma from three sides tank factories at Hannover, oil ob. as the German foothold on the Bay jectives at Misburg, near Hannover, of Danzig steadily dwindled.

Field dispatches reaching Moscow and at Nienburg, 25 miles northwest of Hannover; metal casting indicated Marshal Konstantin K. plants at Hildesheim, 20 miles Rokossovsky was determined to wipe southeast of Hannover, and freight out the Gdynia pocket at top speed, vards and bridges on two main rail leaving the city of Danzig to be routes leading north from the Ruhr dealt with later. Aircraft ranged out to sea to choke off enemy efforts to reinforce or evacuate be-Railyards were bombed at Giessieged Gydnia. sen, Guetersloh, 10 miles southeast

Gydnia's mopup would lay Danzig ppen for complete encirclement.

### Hannover, and Lohne, 25 miles west attacked on the Weser river east of Former Resident Is Wounded in Action The big daylight blows followed

five-pronged stab at targets be-Pvt. Fred Kluge, 30, a former y British night bombers, which had resident of this city, was recently tarted this longest unbroken series wounded in action in Germany, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Royal Bean, 1911 Sixth RAF heavy bombers last night street south. hit benzol plants near Gelsenkirchen

Private Kluge lived in Wisconsin Rapids 12 years ago. A member of a medical unit, he has been awarded the Purple Heart.

## Throw In Towel

Washington-(A) - Chairman Mead (D-N. Y.) of the senate war investigating committee disclosed today that the army has agreed to close down its Canol petroleum project in Canada "about April 1."

Mead made his statement to the senate during a speech in which Senator Moore (R-Okla.) assailed the war department for what he described as a 'bullheaded and arbitrary attitude" in going ahead with the project against the advice of "petroleum experts."

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