

Small Feet, Big Mouth Aided Beattie Man In POW Camp

The Rev. Harold Wolf, pastor of the Beattie Methodist church, credits his small feet and big mouth with helping him survive starvation and pneumonia while he was a prisoner of the Germans for four months in World War II.

He speaks of the ordeal with humor, for that is his nature, but he'll never forget the misery he suffered while he was a prisoner.

He was captured while serving as a rifle company squad leader in a battle near the Roer River. He was among several hundred prisoners who were held in a German castle 700 years old.

The pastor, who lived at Herathna, left the castle that...



REV. HAROLD WOLF

All the bedding in the castle had been burned by former prisoners to keep them warm. The prisoners were fed a diet of barley drink, barley bread and thin potato soup. Wolf says one of the games played by the soldiers was to see who could catch the largest lice that shined the prison with the soldiers.

The Nazi guards took the prisoners' shoes but Wolf's feet were so small the guards could not use his brogans. He believes being able to keep his shoes helped him stay off pneumonia as many of the other prisoners died from the disease.

Wolf, nicknamed Windy by his buddies, was not a minister at the time of his imprisonment, but he was an experienced public speaker and had gained the reputation in northeast Kansas as a humorist. When the Nazis questioned him about the American army he told them it was one big mess of confusion. A German colonel, educated in Iowa, took a liking to Wolf because of his wit, by mouth, and to interpret Texas and Brooklyn dialects.

As the allies advanced toward the castle the prisoners were forced to leave. They would march 20 miles a night, going under cover days.

Wolf caught pneumonia while making the trip, but again he relied on fast talk and was allowed to continue the journey, which ended when the prisoners and German guards were overtaken by the American soldiers.

It was while he was a prisoner that Wolf decided to become a preacher. After his release by the Germans he spent the next eight months in hospitals in Germany, France, England, Scotland and United States recovering.

"The experience was not so bad," he says in a whimsical mood. "Why, the government paid me \$100 a month while I was a prisoner of war and all I had to do was sit around and starve to death."

The Rev. Wolf had a varied career before entering the army. He farmed, was a cook in a restaurant, managed a bottling works and served as dance instructor.

After leaving the service he worked as a newspaper reporter and in the office of the Hiawatha national guard unit then enrolled in Highland, Kans. College to start his work for the ministry. He served as a supply teacher in several northeast Kansas towns before accepting the pulpit at Onida. After serving a year at Onida he became pastor at Beattie where he is in his second year.

The Rev. Wolf's hobby is acting as a master of ceremonies for entertainments and he fills many engagements in northeast Kansas. He has written and produced two plays.

Frankfort

Mrs. Carry Powell and son, Chas. returned home Saturday from Washington, D. C. where Mrs. Powell spent several months visiting. She also visited her son, Gerald and family in New York.

Miss Barbara Warnica of Topeka spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warnica.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Flood and son of Wamego spent Sunday with relatives.

Sunday school at the home of Robert Hale and Mrs. Frank Hale and Mrs. Howard Hale. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Hale's daughter, Dora, who received several gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Colton and granddaughter called Sunday afternoon at the C. A. Neal home in Blue Rapids.

Dinner guests at the Neal home were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Neal and sons.

Allen Rockwell spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eld Rockwell. Allen is in Manhattan attending Kansas State college.

Mrs. Cornelia Carnes returned home Monday after spending the weekend in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meyers are enjoying a vacation in Florida.

W.S.C.S. Meets Friday

W.S.C.S. met Friday afternoon at the Methodist church parlor for regular meeting with a good attendance. Mrs. Alfretha Rickson gave the devotions. Mrs. Lauren Bellingher, the lesson. Several members gave a report of District meetings they had attended. Alberta Rinerston gave a nice report of the meeting she attended and several good suggestions how to make the meetings more interesting. The report was enjoyed very much. The lunch committee served a nice lunch. Hostess committee was Marjorie Crosby, Clara Parrent, Ann Mosher, Mary Glasgow, Mrs. Burkhardt, Elsie Shepard and Mildred Harbert.

Sunday dinner guests at the C. A. Neal home in Blue Rapids were his son, Clarence and family. Charlie is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Colton and granddaughter, Connie Jean, called at the C. A. Neal home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Neal is improving nicely after his sick spell.

JURY DRAWN

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Kenneth Robinson, Walnut township, Marysville; Wallace Talbot, Marysville; Mrs. Dward Rodecker, Cottage Hill, Irving; Walter Weeks, Sr., Murray, Beattie; Mabel Harold, Axtell; H. L. Gustafson, Blue Rapids; Wm. Watson, Marysville; M. Makalous, Marysville; J. Imming, Marysville; J. Imming, Marysville; City; Wm. Watson, Marysville; Wm. Watson, Marysville; Blue Rapids; Evelyn Kohn, Bigelow; Vera Blanche, Guitard, Beattie; O. R. Ladner, Rock, Frankfort; Max Stedman, Sumnerfield; Emil Hoffmann, Franklin, Home City; Fern Manion, Marysville; Robert Haug, Lincoln, Vermillion; Marvin Black, Frankfort; Fred Cons, Vermillion; Homer Blackney, Frankfort; Emmitt Raymond, Clearfork, Bigelow; Fred Tilley, Frankfort.

MARYVILLE HOSPITAL AND CLINIC NOTES

Tommy Temple, Marysville, admitted April 3, tonsillectomy, discharged the same day.

Jeanie Kay Weber, Oketo, admitted April 3, tonsillectomy, discharged the same day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nies Brinkema, a daughter, April 13. Mrs. Brinkema, daughter, Mary Alice, was born at Blue Rapids, admitted April 3, tonsillectomy, discharged the same day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, Frankfort, a baby girl, April 4.

Mrs. Nettie Newton, Marysville, medical patient, April 6.

Sammy Kirkpatrick, Marysville, admitted April 7, tonsillectomy, discharged same day.

Mrs. Nelson Jones, Beattie, surgical patient, discharged April 8.

Robert Pincham, Blue Rapids, discharged April 9.

Mrs. Joe Luckeroth, Marysville, and son, discharged April 9.

Mrs. Dale Durham, Marysville, discharged April 3.

Mrs. Daisy Brooks, Waterville, medical patient, discharged April 3.

Mrs. Wesley Hula, Blue Rapids, condition satisfactory.

TRAFFIC FINE

Ernest Maltzer, Hiawatha, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay costs of \$6.90 in county court last week on a charge of attempting to pass another car on an uphill grade.

IN FINED \$2.50

Patrick McMahon, Marysville, was fined \$2.50 and costs of \$7.25 in county court last week on charges of following another car too closely on the public highway.

PAYS BAD CHECK

G. C. Rosenkrans, Washington county, abated a bad check for \$10 and paid costs of \$6.90 in county court yesterday. The check had been given to DiGiovanni and Hall.

OPEN PARTY ROOM

Greenwood Cafe party room will be officially opened Easter. Many improvements have been made in the room. The Greenwoods plan to serve dinners to clubs and civic organizations in the room.

LITTLE FIRE DAMAGE

Little damage was done in the fire in a used car on a lot on Second street Tuesday at about 5 p.m. Fire Chief Leroy Conrad reports.

ENDORSE SMITH FOR DISTRICT COMMANDER

Garth Smith, junior commander of the district and member of the SMN & R American Legion post, has been endorsed as candidate for First District commander by the local post.

Smith will fly to Augusta with other Legion officials of northeast Kansas April 27 to attend a membership meeting.

Members of the SMN & R American Legion Post were urged to write letters to their congressmen asking them to back bills for Universal Military Training at the April meeting.

Cliff Snyder, First District commander, was the principal speaker at the session.

Olle Holcomb, Silver Lake, First District adjutant, and a candidate for junior commander of the district, spoke briefly on the Legion Americanism plan.

Bud Reynolds, Topeka, chairman of the district membership committee, discussed plans for increasing membership and told of a proposal to raise \$1 additional for each legion member to be used for state, national and local projects sponsored by the Legion.

Cecil Goforth, Troy, immediate past district commander, told of the Legion's rehabilitation program. He also praised work the SMN & R Post had done for the district convention held here last year.

James Lowry, Atchison, told of plans for the district convention to be held in Atchison May 17-18. Eighteen delegates and 18 alternates to the convention were nominated.

Plans to try to obtain the 1953 district legion meeting for Marysville will be discussed at the meeting next month.

Convention delegates are James Davis, Carl Wassenberg, Elton Hoffman, Jack Finigin, Wayland and Cecile Keefover, Herman Johannes, Wayne Baker, Bob Gallowsay, Clarence Dusch, Harold Taylor, Howard Funk and Francis Cooper.

Alternates are: Ira O. Shrock, Bob Swanson, Jim Stehley, Marvin Schultz, Claude Keeney, S. P. Barnes, Martin Gross, Tom Wassenberg, Bert Conner, Jack Atkins, Dale Mshew and Harold Plegge.



GARTH SMITH

Names KU Relay Contestants

After tryouts Monday, Blue Rapids thincids who will represent their school at the KU relays were announced. Ronnie perform on high and on the 800 and 1600 and on the 800 and Ray will attempt the low 110.

Charles Land will try for the broad jump at Lawrence and will run with the 800 team. Don DeShazer will run with the mile relay team.

Thus, the only difference between the two relay teams will be Land on the 800 and DeShazer on the mile.

GAME AT VERMILION

The baseball game which was to be played yesterday between Bern and Vermillion has been re-scheduled and will be played today at Vermillion, starting at 2 p.m.

DEMONSTRATE SEPTIC TANK CONSTRUCTION

Construction of a septic tank will be demonstrated Tuesday afternoon on the Peek brothers farm, operated by Alfred Pollman, County Agent Edwin Hedstrom announced this week.

Leo W... Kansas State College... will supervise the construction of the concrete sewage disposal system. He will be assisted by Russ...

The forms used for the construction of the tank are the property of the Marshall County Extension Council and are available to farmers of the county for similar work.

The demonstration is scheduled to begin about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hedstrom said. Farmers in Kansas are being encouraged to install their own farm sewage systems after being shown the methods used at the demonstrations.

The Peek brothers farm is located approximately two miles south of US Highway 38 on the west river road. This road is on the west side of the Big Blue river and joins US-36 at the west end of the river bridge at Marysville.

Growers Receiving 1953 Policies

Wheat insurance policy holders in Marshall county are receiving new policies for insurance protection for the 1953 crop year, according to George... chairman of the... committee. Changes in... are also being called... of the... re greater for the producer who has good personal experience and whose accumulated balance of premiums exceeds the coverage.

District Baseball Tournney Monday

The bracket for the district high school baseball tournament which opens Monday at Vermillion has been announced by Grover Eddy, Vermillion coach. Eight ball clubs will take part in the tournament and the first game is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Monday between Vermillion and Baileyville. The teams in the upper bracket are the Irving and Axtell. In the lower bracket of the tournament are Wheaton, Beattie, Lillis, and Bern.

After the opening Baileyville-Vermillion game Monday, Lillis is slated to go against Bern at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The winner of this contest will play the winner of the following game which will be Wheaton against Bern at 12 noon.

The final first-round game will be played between Irving and Axtell at 2:30 p.m. In the first-round lineup five Marshall County League baseball squads are represented.

Unfavorable weather has held up the county baseball program and few games have been played on which predictions can be based. However, Vermillion has been rated as one of the best in the county.

The few games played thus far have not altered this opinion. Among county titles, Vermillion has won a one-sided game from Lillis at 14-4. Lillis in turn defeated Axtell 16-15. Irving has been defeated 8-7 by Beattie.

Included on the Vermillion lineup is Wally Carlson who won the Anderson-Boss Legion batting championship in Marysville last season with a .350. In a weighted percentage Carlson showed a capability to get on base in 458 opportunities by whatever means, including walks.

For reference, a schedule of the first-round of the district tournament is given below.

MONDAY
2 p. m., Baileyville vs. Vermillion

TUESDAY
10 a. m., Lillis vs. Bern
12 noon, Wheaton vs. Beattie
2:30 p. m., Irving vs. Axtell

*Upper bracket games.

Going into the stretch, it is Mt. Calvary and n-Herkimer, and n-Herkimer tied with equaled of 50 games won and lost for a percentage of .500 for all three teams. n-Herkimer is not far off the pace with 49 games won and a .527 percent. Hermansberg had lead the league throughout much of the season.

LUTHERAN LEAGUE
Standings:
W L Pct.
Hermansberg 50 43 538
Zion-Herkimer 50 43 538
Mount Calvary 49 44 527
Frieden's 49 44 527
B-thelem 41 52 441
A'ton 39 54 419

MERCANTILE LEAGUE
Standings:
W L Pct.
Jayhawk 62 31 667
Occa-Cola 57 36 613
Pent-Cola 49 44 527
Little's Cleaners 39 51 433
Rockwell's Shop 35 55 389
National Guard 35 58 376

ROTAERY LEAGUE
Standings:
W L Pct.
Perry Packing 56 34 615
State Bank, B.R. 50 40 557
Key Service 44 46 489
Liberty Theater 44 46 489
Howell Lumber 42 48 467
Lions Club 33 57 367

CITY LEAGUE
Standings:
W L Pct.
Marysville Floral 58 20 667
Marshall County News 52 35 598
The IGA Store 47 40 540

BOWLING

Three wins by the Mt. Calvary squad over the Afton team and three wins by Freiden's over Zion-Herkimer threw the Lutheran League into a three-way tie for first this week with only four more nights and 12 more games to be played this season.

High 10: Mrs. Harvey Sides of West Gate Oil and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson of Marysville Floral, 182; high 30: Mrs. Stephenson, 523.

BOOZIE LEAGUE
Standings:
W L Pct.
Baker Motors 56 34 622
Muhow-Richter 50 40 556
Anderson-Boss 49 41 544
Winterscheid-O'Neal 42 48 467
Mvers Chevrolet 38 52 422
Sender Pontiac 35 55 389

P. & L. BOWLERS
W L Pct.
P. & L. Bowlers 58 35 624
Gambles Store 52 41 544
DiGiovanni & Hall 48 45 518
Stanton Hlwe. 45 48 484
Kongs Imp. 41 52 441
Option Store 35 58 376

Don's Pastry
W L Pct.
Don's Pastry 55 38 591
West Side Court 49 44 527
MacLeod's Cleaners 48 45 516
Maxwell's Bootery 48 45 516
Hepkeked Husbanda 45 49 473
Kramer's Dairy 35 58 376

Eagles To KU Relays
Six of Axtell's Eagles are among those slated to make the trip to Lawrence next week to take part in the Kansas University Relays, Coach Wilbur Larson announced this week.

The Axtell team will be in Lawrence Friday night for high school events and will stay over Saturday for trackmen performance.

Eagles will make the trip included: Wm. A. shotput, javelin, discus, versus Samuelson, javelin, discus, 440-yard sprint, 800-yard relays; Jack Durkes, 440 spring and 800 relays; Andy Durkes, half-mile and 800 relays; Jerry Payne, 800 relays; Jim Stueve, half-mile; and Bill Huddleston, pole-vault.

Valley League Meet At B. R.

The conference track meet for the Blue Valley League will be held in Blue Rapids on April 23, Robert Robins, Blue Rapids, said this week.

Blue Rapids will be the Blue Valley and the Valley Leagues.

Other participants in the Valley circuit who will participate in the conference under meet will be Washington, Clifton, and Linn.

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IRVING DIAMOND LINEUP LISTS CAGE REGULARS

Starting lineup for the Irving high school baseball team this spring includes nine from the top thirteen on the basketball roster of the season just ended.

John C... been listed as first-line pitcher. The Wildcats by Coach... Bill Hull, Marvin... Boyd, take the bases... John Merrill at short.

Leo M... field, with Fred Vallier in center, and David O'Neal in left field.

In Harrell's utility infield are Max Moore, Dallas Thobold, and Virgil Stifer. The utility outfield includes Bob Austin, Melvin Merrill, Kenneth Harrison, and Lawrence Zidek.

The Wildcats are entered in the district baseball tournament at Vermillion and an invitational being discussed for Axtell.

Other slated contests include a tilt at Lillis April 25 and one at Vermillion May 2.

Two Die In B-29 Crash

Two men were killed in the crash of a B-29 bomber in Nemaha county when the plane came down in a pasture shortly after midnight last Wednesday.

The plane was flying from Grand Island base in Topeka. The crash report says the plane was on a mission to make a practice landing at night.

Ten of the crew members were safely from the plane. One man's chute failed to open and his body was found by an eighth grade schoolboy, Gary Bullock, on the farm of his father, Emmett Bullock, five miles south of Vermillion.

The colonel in charge of the plane was the other casualty. He had apparently jumped with the B-29 too late to jump. His body was thrown from the plane into a barbed wire fence.

The plane lighted first on the August Haug farm, missing the vacant house by about 150 feet, and caromed across a road, tearing out the lower wire of an REA power line, and crashed into a pasture on the Lloyd Robbins farm.

The plane cut its way through 11 of Robbins' cattle, killing them, and badly frightening the rest of the herd.

The plane plowed across the earth for about 1,000 feet. Little was left but the wings and tail after the crash.

Excited crowds showed up at the scene of the crash after the news got around the following morning. The largest number present at one time was estimated at 400 to 500 people. Air force authorities closed the area at noon.

After the body of the corporal was located where it had fallen several miles northwest of the crash, a small civil air patrol plane landed on the Bullock farm to remove the body.

All 12 members of the plane's crew had been stationed at Forbes air base in Topeka.

Spring Dairy Shows Slated

Spring shows for six dairy breeds will start April 4 in Kansas. The top animals eligible to compete in the Royal Dairy show will be shown May 4-10.

Although scheduled for Marshall county, several shows are planned for nearby communities.

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