

WATERLOO, IOWA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1944

WORK BEGINS THIS WEEK ON RIVER BAND BARGE

Another Chapter in Drama of the Sullivans Ends as Genevieve Comes Home



Back home after serving 21 months in the service of the Waves, Miss Genevieve Sullivan is shown above in civilian dress at the family hearth of the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sullivan, 98 Adams street. A photograph of Genevieve and her fiancé, Carlisle F. McCauley, navy storekeeper second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCauley of Newport, R. I., stands on the mantelpiece at the right. Small figure images of Genevieve's five brothers, who gave their lives in the service of the navy, are shown beneath their photograph. The figures were presented by navy officials.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, 98 Adams street, who gave five sons in defense of their country, Saturday had their only surviving child, Miss Genevieve Sullivan, back home with them again, after Genevieve had carried on in the navy tradition of the family by serving 21 months in the Waves.

The navy has granted Genevieve an honorable discharge from the service under the recent law that permits the last surviving child to be returned from the service to parents who have lost the rest of their children in the nation's armed forces.

County's Tax Bill to Jump Next Year

Genevieve, who has been engaged in recruiting work for the Waves and has led war bond drives, said:

"It seems wonderful to be home, but I did hate to give up my uniform. The navy officials thought that I should take advantage of the new law and get my honorable discharge as I am needed at home now and my health has not been so good lately."

After word had been received that her five brothers were missing in action aboard the Juneau in the battle of Guadalcanal, Genevieve determined to carry on in the navy for their sake and joined the Waves Apr. 6, 1943.

It was in January of 1943 that the fateful word came to the Sullivan home that the five sons had been missing since Nov. 13, 1942. A telegram received from the late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, on Aug. 6, 1943, officially listed the boys as killed by enemy action.

Thus with the retirement of Genevieve ends another chapter in one of the great human dramas of the war.

The Sullivans will become a great American tradition. Genevieve is one of that family, and so the nation followed her life with interest.

She received her Wave training at Hunter college in New York City, and was later stationed in Chicago as a specialist recruiter, second class.

She continued in recruiting work until Wave recruiting was discontinued recently. For the last month of her service in the Waves she served as a yeoman in secretarial work for the Waves at Seattle, Wash.

The navy tradition of the Sullivans goes back to the great-uncle of Genevieve—Albert McGuire, brother of Genevieve's maternal grandmother, Mrs. George Abel.

At the Sullivan home, Genevieve with her parents and grandmother showed a picture of the great-uncle Albert, as he was when he enlisted in the navy in 1900. A veteran of World war I, he rejoined the service in the merchant marine at the outbreak of World war II.

Patrick Sullivan, an uncle of the Sullivan brothers and Genevieve, is also in the navy. He served in World war I and reentered after Pearl Harbor.

During her Wave service, the little sister of the Sullivans had been active.

While at Seattle, she led a bond drive which raised \$150,000.

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BUILDING FOR YEAR IN CITY HITS \$962,076

Resumption of New Homes Construction Features Past 12 Months.

Waterloo's 1944 building total of \$962,076 was the highest since the 1941 all-time record high of \$4,221,705, records of S. A. Dudley, building commissioner, revealed yesterday as the books closed for the year.

This year's increase was made despite growing shortages of building materials and even more rigid building restrictions imposed by government agencies, Dudley observed.

There were 1,219 separate permits issued during the year. Fees collected by the commissioner totaled \$3,155.50, records showed.

By comparison, 1943's building total was \$401,939, lowest since 1933, with only one new home permit granted during the year and only 684 permits issued. Fees collected in 1943 were \$1,902.

One of the larger single factors responsible for the 1944 increase was the erection of 22 new homes here, with total valuations of \$85,057.

Building and remodeling that swelled the 1944 total included erection of a new warehouse and storage building for the Hinson Manufacturing Co.; erection of a three-story brick water softening plant and locker room building at the Rath Packing Co.; further enlargement of the Illinois Central railroad roundhouse, erection of three new buildings there and remodel and repair of other railroad buildings.

Also big items were the repair and remodeling of the Hawkeye building, now the New Penney Corner; repair of the Longfellow building, 314 East Fourth street, now occupied by the Firestone store; repair of fire damage to the bomb plant of the Chamberlain Corp., 100 Mildred street, and also repair of fire damage to the Waterloo Valve Spring Compressor Co., 1496 East Fourth street.

Highest monthly total for the year was for May when permits were issued for \$253,744 worth of building and remodeling. Heading the list of improvements authorized that month were the building repair permits issued the Illinois Central shops, construction of Rath's water softening plant, and an annex to the Powers Manufacturing Co. plant.

Among the more unusual permits issued this year was the one granted to Richard R. Colburn for erection of an all-concrete house. His specifications called for use of conventional concrete blocks, but with roof slabs and outer wall coatings to be "shot" with a special concrete gun he has perfected for Construction Machinery Co. here. The house is now completed in Byrnes addition, south of Byrnes park golf course.

Summaries Compiled. Month by month, this was the building permit picture for 1944:

Month	Permits	Valuation
January	48	\$ 79,051
February	37	29,835
March	90	41,306
April	106	34,846
May	135	253,744
June	109	32,508
July	131	50,835
August	118	54,985
September	110	74,996
October	122	115,267
November	113	111,530
December (*)	30	83,130

Totals . . . 1,219 \$962,076
(*) December figure estimated.

For comparison, the following lists show the number of permits issued and valuation, year by year, for the 1935-44 period:

Year	Permits	Valuations
1944	1,219	\$ 962,076
1943	684	401,939
1942	362	640,967
1941	2,745	4,221,705
1940	2,739	3,568,849
1939	2,547	2,932,597
1938	1,939	2,977,420
1937	1,551	2,760,264
1936	1,291	1,126,572
1935	1,112	940,146

Cities and towns will also pay higher taxes, 34 per cent more amounting to \$201,558.79. In 1944, taxes in this division totaled \$32,712.48, as compared with \$794,281.27 for 1945.

Thorne Named City Editor of Courier

Appointment of F. E. (Gene) Thorne, Jr., 35, as city editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier, effective today, was announced last night by Jackson McCoy, editor and general manager.

Thorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eugene Thorne, Sr., Frederickburg, Ia., was graduated in 1933 from the University of Iowa, where for two years he had been sports editor of the Daily Iowan and where he was elected to membership in Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity.

Shortly after graduation Thorne joined the Courier staff as reporter, and he was night editor from 1935 until his induction into the army May 4, 1942.

He served as a sergeant with the combat engineers in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

He was returned to the States last summer under the rotation system. As an injury in line of duty had disqualified him for further overseas service, he was assigned to public relations work in the special service section of the southern personnel reassignment center at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. He was discharged Nov. 10.

As city editor Thorne succeeds J. L. Smith, resigned. Smith had been on the city desk 14 months.

Thorne

HAZEN RETIRING AS GROCER HERE

Veteran of 42 Years Sells Out to Trainor, Keesy.

After 42 years in the grocery store business, the past 28 of which had been spent here, George L. Hazen, 800 West Fourth street, announced yesterday he will retire, effective Jan. 1.

New owners of his business, at 1427-29 West Third street, are E. F. Trainor, a partner of Hazen's the past five years, and Kenneth A. Keesy, a store employe for about 10 years.

Hazen earlier had sold his interest in store building and had disposed of his home, at 236 Columbia circle.

He said yesterday he plans, after retirement, to "take it easy for several years." Demands of the grocery business since the outbreak of war, he commented, have been the "worst in all my 42 years, especially with rationing and shortages."

Hazen started in the grocery business at Marshalltown, Ia., in 1902, clerking for George L. Andrews, and came to Waterloo in 1908 to work for George Yennery, who later sold his store to Sam H. Pinkerton. He remained here until 1914, when he moved to Okaloosa, Ia., for a year.

In 1916, Hazen returned to Waterloo and went into business at 1427-29 West Third in partnership with Yennery. In 1919 Yennery moved to California, where he died several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen have one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Hoxie, residing in Des Moines.

Veterans' Aid Center Set Up for Waterloo

A branch office of the Veterans administration, to provide a source of information for returning veterans, will be set up in Waterloo. It was announced Saturday by William B. Nugent, state USVA manager.

The branch offices will be staffed by civil service employes trained in Des Moines. The offices will differ from the veterans information centers established in some cities by other groups in that they will operate exclusively under the veterans administration. Nugent said. The information centers are an over-all community service offering information from all agencies which provide benefits.

A similar branch office will be set up in Burlington, Ia. Branch offices have already been set up in seven other cities.

EXTEND BUS SERVICE. The state commerce commission Saturday announced it had authorized the Waterloo Stages, Decatur, Ia., to operate a bus line between Chester and Mason City.

FLOAT WOULD BE 'THEATER' FOR CONCERTS

Riverfront Commission Here Reveals Plans to Offer Novelty on Cedar.

Construction will begin this week on a large float to be used next spring and summer for band concerts and municipal programs on the river between Park avenue and Mullan avenue bridges. W. A. Reed, riverfront commissioner, revealed yesterday.

Its cost will not exceed \$1,500, according to Reed, and materials used for its construction, lumber and barrels—will not require priorities.

To be called a "water theater," the float will be built by Ted Weeks, and will be 40 feet long and 20 feet wide.

A picket enclosure will leave a space 18x32 feet for performers. Could be Moved. A 100-horsepower marine motor will be installed.

"We hope, because of its shallow draft, that we will be able to navigate it as far as Josh Higgins park on certain occasions," Reed said yesterday, adding that it would be fully equipped for safety.

"Water is an excellent conductor of sound," Reed remarked, "so we feel that this float will be a fine municipal project."

"The public can enjoy the riverfront as band concerts are presented. It may be large enough to hold private dancing parties also."

Five 32-volt batteries will be attached to the float for powering lights on the bow, deck and stern and to furnish power for a large spotlight. Measure of the bow will be five feet, the stern, three feet, and the catwalk on the sides, one foot.

Needed for Races. Reed said it is hoped that municipal and high school bands from surrounding towns may be brought here for river concerts.

He also said that the whole plan is for making the river attractive to the public as a place for entertainment of all kinds.

The float also could be used for judges and starters in boat races, such as the one held here last Sept. 3, officials said.

Suggestions for such a river theater have been coming to Reed by mail and telephone for several months, he said.

Originally the idea came from the large water theater used for concerts in Washington, D. C., on the Potomac river, according to the commissioner.

Apartment House on West Eighth Sold

Mrs. Minnie J. Miller, 935 West 12th street, has sold her apartments at 801-813 West Eighth street, at the south corner of the intersection of Eighth and Willis avenue, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold D. Pyle of Grand county for \$19,000. The Elms apartment building was not sold, as had been erroneously reported in Friday's Courier.

The property includes seven apartments.

Mrs. Miller, the widow of Robert D. Miller, is still owner of the Elms apartments in which she resides.

That Happy New Year Ahead Looks Like Just Another 12 Months of War and Wishing



With her husband and his daddy on the battlefield in Germany, Mrs. Maurice Crew and son, Gary, T. above, will be one of the many Waterloo families spending a quiet, lonesome New Year's eve because of the war. Crew, formerly Strand theater manager here, entered the army in March, went overseas in September. His Christmas roses to Mrs. Crew are at the left above, a little wilted but treasured.

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"Happy New Year"—without an exclamation mark. It's hard to imagine where in the world you'd find an exclamation mark to such a greeting in the wake of 1944. Happy 1945.

Fourth year of the war—that's all you have to say. It's to be the fourth year to expect another few thousand fellows you knew and didn't know, but liked anyway, to turn up missing or lying inert in their own blood.

It's the fourth year to keep terribly busy so it won't prey on your sanity to wait for a telegram, hoping to God it won't come.

It's the fourth year to keep buying bonds you know will be a loan for a purchase of a few more deaths.

It's the fourth year to roll bandages at Red Cross headquarters, to write V-mail letters, to appeal for army and navy relief funds and contribute to them yourself, to read headlines you can't possibly comprehend.

It's the fourth year to be lonely and feel like two cents because you can't seem to do any more than Roosevelt or Churchill or Stalin or the Almighty himself to wave a wand over the whole globe and say, "Go home and bleed no more."

It's the fourth year to sit at home and wish and wish and wish.

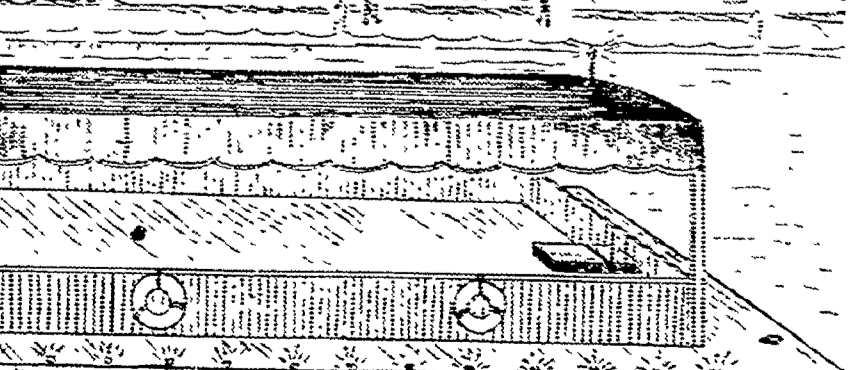
You wish because you hope. And hope's the last that remains when nothing else is left.

Completing his present term Saturday at the federal penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan., Taylor was enroute to Waterloo with Deputy Sheriff Floyd A. Mastain, and was expected to arrive here today.

Sheriff H. T. Wagner said Taylor would go to trial here for the larceny of approximately \$150 worth of equipment from the Cove restaurant, 100 Park avenue, formerly owned by Ernest Koepke, Waterloo municipal court clerk.

At the time of his escape in the role of the "Pied Piper of Eldora," Taylor went to the Eldora training school and obtained permission from school authorities to bring 35 boys to Camp Dodge to join the army.

"Water Theater" Shown in Sketch



The above sketch by Miss Frances Omen, 2002 Baltimore street, shows what the water theater to be built for use by spring for band concerts in the area of the riverfront between Park avenue and Mullan avenue bridges, will look like.

DEERE & CO. PLANS TO ADD LARGE PLANT

Officials Disclose Further Expansion; New Plant Site Under Study.

Following closely on the heels of announcement here that the John Deere Tractor Co. would make a \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 plant expansion locally, officials of Deere & Co., at Moline, Ill., yesterday disclosed plans for construction of a new and large plant, to be the 17th operated by the parent company.

Officials said a number of sites were being considered for the new plant, reportedly to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000.

Dubuque, Ia., is being considered as one possible site.

The project is a part of the company's postwar planning program which anticipates increased employment at all factories of the firm.

Two Plants Here. At present the company has 16 factories, including the tractor plant and Iowa Transmission Co. in Waterloo and one at Ottumwa, Ia.

Last Nov. S. L. A. Rowland, as vice president and general manager of the John Deere Tractor Co., Waterloo, announced an expansion program to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 for the John Deere Tractor Co. in Waterloo.

Construction would begin for this project as soon as government approval for buildings and equipment is obtained, it was announced.

Certain manufacturing operations, carried on principally in the Moline area, will be transferred to the new plant, officials declared.

World Make Jobs. The expansion announced last November by Rowland for the Waterloo plant would be the largest individual building project in Waterloo since 1923, when Deere's also began another \$4,000,000 program.

Most of the building for the project announced last November by Rowland would be concentrated on land lying between the tract now occupied by the company and the Cedar river.

Rowland said at that time the company was very much interested in maintaining full employment and said the proposed changes should result in being able to materially increase the plant's working force.

Litchfield Co. Workers Vote on Bargainer

Employees of the Litchfield Manufacturing Co. will vote sometime within the next 30 days to determine whether they want to be represented in collective bargaining by the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America (CIO), according to an order Saturday from the National Labor Relations board in Washington, D. C.

Notice of the order has been received at the plant by Ed Jochumsen, general manager, who reported that date for the election would be set by regional NLRB officials at Minneapolis, Minn.

Litchfield's manufactures combines, corn pickers and manure spreaders.

Runs on Coffee Could Result in Rationing; OPA

"Widespread runs on coffee develop, it is sure to go back on the ration list," Iowans were told Saturday by Alvin L. Mathis, rationing officer of the district office of price administration.

The Des Moines office has had no information to point to the resumption of coffee rationing, he stated.

The announcement followed reports from Waterloo and Cherokee of heavy runs on coffee which cleaned out the supply in some stores. There was no immediate report of similar instances in other cities in the state though, he reported.

"Y' DAD'S DAY. It will be Dad's Day and open house at the Y. M. C. A. boys' department New Year's day from 10 a. m. until noon, and all members of the boys' division are urged to bring their fathers down for game and a swim in the "Y" pool. J. Arnold Bidne, boys' work secretary, will be in charge of the activities.

No "Annual Edition"

Because of the severe wartime shortage of print paper, the Courier this year necessarily omits the special Improvement and Review Edition which has long been a customary year-end feature.

