

TUSCANIA

Groenier, Raymond Samuel
1897 IL – 1974 WI



*Raymond Samuel Groenier – “Chicago Tribune” 9 Feb 1918 p 3 – relatives await information on
Corporal Raymond Groenier, 107th Supply Train, 5708 S. State St.*

Sunday, December 14, 1941

Ray Groenier's Radio Work Sparks Police, Fire Squads

By ROD VAN EVERY
(State Journal Staff Writer)

Every time radio aids in capture of a criminal, apprehension of a drunken driver, or sending help in an emergency, you might thank Ray S. Groenier, police radio engineer.

But you won't. He's the forgotten man of Madison and Dane county police radio.

It's Groenier's own fault. He can't see anything romantic or newsworthy about his job of keeping in operation 28 two-way car sets, a couple of transmitters, and a fire department amplifier system. Besides he's tucked away in a dark corner of the Madison police garage where no one can see him.

It was Groenier who has built and installed all radio equipment in city and county police cars and ambulances. It was he who installed the county's transmitter and helped install the city's.

The Main Spring

He's the main spring in the smooth coordination of police efforts between Madison and Dane county authorities and other departments. Tied with radio, those efforts click because Groenier keeps them clicking.

His story parallels that of most radio "bugs."



RAY S. GROENIER
—State Journal Staff Photo

Born in Chicago 44 years ago, Groenier "began playing with radio" when he was 15 years old. It was the sinking of the Titanic and subsequent rescue work carried out by radio which first drew him into the mysteries of the wireless.

He was just "going good" in his new interest when America entered the World war, and the 20-year-old Groenier joined the army.

On Tuscania

On the troop transport, Tuscania, radio continued to intrigue Groenier as he became a permanent fixture in the doorway of the radio room. He was there leaning on the door jam when a torpedo ripped into the Tuscania. He heard the frantic SOS, watched and felt the deck tilt.

The lifeboat in which Groenier found himself was crushed and he was dumped into chill Atlantic waters. After 15 minutes paddling around in a life preserver, he was rescued by a Scotch destroyer. Three hundred men were not.

The attack occurred on Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland.

Groenier never did get a radio berth in the army although he tried.

"All their promises about getting in the signal corps amounted to nothing when they found I could drive a truck," he moaned.

And drive a truck he did for 7½ months at the front on shell torn roads, through artillery bar-

rages. Now and then the wagon picked up a few shell splinters, but Groenier was lucky.

Moved to Lancaster

After the war Groenier went to Lancaster where he set up a radio shop and manufactured crystal and vacuum tube radio sets while the unbelievers gaped. How a little wire feeler scraping across a piece of rock could bring forth music was still the main topic of the day.

Later he moved to Platteville to operate a retail radio shop and manufacture transmitting parts. In 1936 his wife had her way. They moved to Madison, a city which Mrs. Groenier insisted was the "best there is."

By 1937 the city police and county sheriff's and traffic departments had decided broadcasting

emergency calls via Madison commercial stations was a little cumbersome. The city installed a transmitter of its own and the county followed suit. Groenier was hired.

He helped with the city installation, then installed the county's transmitter in the county jail. Installation of a receiving station for the city and county departments was another thing, not quite so easy.

Site Important

To find a spot for the receiving station, Groenier scanned contour maps of Dane county and took delightful tours of Madison and vicinity. He was looking for a high site, free from static and electrical interferences.

He found it on top a water reservoir near Sunset Village, and ran lines into city and county headquarters. The receiver is tuned to four different frequencies on which are 20 other Wisconsin police and sheriff departments.

The first radio sets Groenier installed in police cars were receiving sets only. Officers could take calls, but couldn't acknowledge them by radio. That still was better than the old system whereby cruising squad cars called into headquarters at specified times and places or when signal lights were lighted in their districts.

Cars were invisibly bound to their districts by those lights. Sometimes a light could be on for an hour without a car passing it. On hurry-up emergency calls, cars from headquarters had to be used.

Cruise Farther

"With radios installed, cars could cruise farther and farther," Groenier said. "Under test conditions we determined that an average of two minutes was required for a car to reach any home in Madison."

Initial installation of one-way car sets was in six city vehicles, four county motorcycles, and three county cars.

Along came 1938 and Groenier started building sending sets. During 1939 two-way sets were built and installed by him in all city and county owned police vehicles. Now 28 city, county, village and township vehicles, including the police rescue boat and the University of Wisconsin boat, have two-way

radio sets.

A specialist now on how to save emergency seconds, Groenier branched out.

As president of the Associated Police Communications Officers assn., Groenier promoted a private telephone line from police headquarters to the files division of the motor vehicle department.

The state maintains it, and Madison desk sergeants place about 600 calls a month for neighboring departments asking checks on driver's licenses, car licenses, and vehicle registrations. Before the line was set up, long minutes were lost when police call had to go through three capitol switchboards.

Groenier installed an amplifying system which connects the police department and all fire stations with the central fire station. Each station may communicate with all other stations by flipping a switch.

Precious Seconds Saved

The system saves more precious seconds previously wasted in telephone calls from the central station, into which all fire calls come, to responding stations.

"It takes quite a few seconds out of a fire call," Groenier said.

Seconds are important to Groenier, and they worry him no end. Daily he is trying to slice seconds here, a second or two there, off emergency calls.

He's not satisfied by a long way.

"I'll never be satisfied," he insists.

Next item on Groenier's list of second-slicers is a central radio desk into which all county and city police calls will come. It would be manned by trained radio-telegraphers. That central radio desk is a favorite day dream of Groenier's as he hides off in his little garage cubbyhole.

Chances are it will come true.

Groenier Arranging for APCO Convention



RAY GROENIER

Ray Groenier, radio engineer for the Madison police department, has charge of arrangements for the Associated Police Communication Officers convention, to be held in Madison Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 17 Aug 1943 p 4

Groenier Heads Police Gruop



RAY GROENIER

Ray Groenier, police radio engineer, has become president of the Associated Police Communication Officers assn., a national organization of representatives of state, city, and county police radio departments, it was learned today.

Gronier succeeded to the presidency through the resignation of Frank Walker, F st Lansing, Mich., but the Madison radio engineer was twice elected vice-president, a step leading to the presidency.

Gronier plans to call an executive committee meeting this month to start plans for coordinating work brought on by allocation of new frequencies, post-war building plans, and frequency modulation (FM) developments.

Gronier has been here since 1936, and he built and installed radio equipment in city and county police cars and ambulances.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 2 Jul 1945 p 12



STUDY POSTWAR PLANS—The Associated Police Communication Officers, Inc., met today in the Hotel Lincoln to plan postwar co-ordination of police radio services. Some of those attending are shown here. Front row (left to right) they are E. R. O. Erickson, secretary-treasurer, Chicago; Edward C. Denstaedt, Detroit, chairman of the subcommittee on municipal police radio; J. M. Wherritt, Missouri, editor of the APCO Bulletin; Z. E. Audritsh, Indiana state police, chairman of the subcommittee on state police radio, and (back row, left to right), B. McMurphy, Alameda, Cal., chairman of the subcommittee on county radio; Capt. Robert L. Batts, Indianapolis, chairman of the national committee; Joseph Wofford, federal communications commission, Washington, D. C.; Chief of Police Jesse P. McMurtry, Indianapolis, and Ray Groenier, national president of APCO, Madison, Wis., police department.

Ray is in the back row, far right – "Indianapolis (IN) News" 18 Aug 1945 p 9



—State Journal Staff Photo

RAY GROENIER

Ray Groenier, chief radio engineer for city and county, is shown above with the beacon light which is to be mounted on top of the new FM tower near Hoyt park and which will contain two 500 watt bulbs as a warning to passing airplanes.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 28 Oct 1945 p 1

This Is Where Big Noise Came From





Ray Groenier of Joliet IL pictured 2nd from left – “Madison (WI) Capital Times” 25 Sep 1952 p 1

Groenier, Raymond S.

MADISON — Raymond S. Groenier, age 77, formerly of 617 Western Avenue, died on Tuesday, July 16, 1974, at a local hospital, after a brief illness. Born in Chicago, Ill., on July 5, 1897, he was married to the former Marie Weber who preceeded him in death in May 1965. He was a resident of Madison for the past 40 years, and he was an electronics expert who developed the Police, Sheriff and Fire Departments' radio communications in Madison. He was a veteran of World War I. Mr. Groenier was a member of the First Congregational Church and the American Legion. He is survived by a brother, Willis of Wheaton, Ill. Funeral services will be held at the FRAUTSCHI FUNERAL HOME, 3610 Speedway Rd., at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 19, The Rev. Lawrence Gruman officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, at the Hillside Cemetery in Lancaster. Friends may call from 8-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 at the funeral home. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 18 Jul 1974 p 27

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Veterans Administration Master Index –

Cook County, Illinois, Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922

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Name	Samuel Gronier
Gender	Male
Spouse	Trilie Schoenbrech Gronier
Child	Raymond Gronier
FHL Film Number	1288010

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37274046/person/260099624321/facts>

Cook County, Illinois, Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922

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Name	Raymond Gronier
Birth Date	5 Jul 1897
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Ethnicity	American
Gender	Male
Race	White
Father	Samuel Gronier
Mother	?le Schoenbusch
FHL Film Number	1287744

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Social Security Death Index

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Name	Ray Groenier
Social Security Number	393-24-2768
Birth Date	5 Jul 1897
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53545, Janesville, Rock, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Jul 1974

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Wisconsin Death Index, 1959-1997



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Name	Raymond S Groenier
Age	77
Sex	M (Male)
Birth Date	abt 1897
Death Date	16 Jul 1974
Location	Madi
Certificate	020886

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Raymond S Groenier
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail	Source
Name	Raymond S Groenier
Death Date	16 Jul 1974
Death County	Dane, Wisconsin, USA

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Life

There are THOUSANDS of newspaper articles about Ray – this is only a few samples.

—Raymond Groenier arrived here Thursday evening from Chicago for a visit with his uncle Lambert Groenier and family and aunt, Mrs. Celia Graves. He came as far as Belmont on his "Excelsior" motorcycle but on account of a break down it was necessary to resume the trip by train.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Aug 12, 1914 · Page 5

Lancaster WI

—The Misses Ethel and Jessie Gilder, Roy Glider and Raymond Groenier spent Sunday at McCartney.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Oct 07, 1914 · Page 1

Lancaster WI

Rob Burgess and Ray Groenier, of Lancaster, were through here last week looking after the piano business. Rob is a rustler; he sold a player piano to Everett Hutchcroft last week.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Jan 27, 1915 · Page 2

Lancaster W

BEETOWN.

At the caucus Toay Garner was nominated for chairman, Henry Schloesser and George Petersen as side board; W. C. Beers clerk, John A. Jamison treasurer, George Metcalf assessor, Henry Hudson justice, John Jack, Chas. McLean constables.

Lee Sturmer and wife were callers at Cassville.

Robert Burgess and Ray Groenier of Lancaster sold Ben Stottler an organ.

Fennimore Times
Wed, Mar 31, 1915 · Page 8

Fennimore WI

—Lambert Groenier and family, accompanied by Raymond Groenier and Miss Jessie Humphrey have returned from their auto trip to Massachusetts and Washington, D. C. They spent several days with Chicago relatives before coming on to Lancaster late Wednesday evening. Miss Humphrey remained in Chicago for an indefinite stay.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Jul 28, 1915 · Page 5

Lancaster WI

—Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier and family, accompanied by Mr. Groenier's sister, Miss Alice Groenier, and John and Raymond Groenier, enjoyed a three hundred mile trip last week through Iowa. They visited at Dubuque and Arlington, and on their return home they took in the fair at Dodgeville.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Aug 18, 1915 · Page 5

Lancaster WI

—Lambert Groenier and Ora Stitzer and families, Ray Groenier, the Newport family, and Miss Alice Groenier, of Chicago, autoed to McCartney Wednesday in the Groenier and Newport cars. The day was spent fishing, and a good catch is reported.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Sep 01, 1915 · Page 7

Lancaster WI

Chief McCarthy held the stop watch on seven car drivers last week for violating the speed regulations, and complaints were filed before Justice Burrows. Fred Hall, L. A. Clark, Earl Clanton, Virgil Angus, Ray Groenier and Harvey Schmidt paid their fines of \$5.00 and costs. Frank Muench pleaded not guilty, and his case was continued to September 11.

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Grant County Herald
Wed, Sep 08, 1915 Page 1

Lancaster WI

THE AFTERNOON PARADE.

The High-Hokum-Bokum parade in the afternoon with Bingling's & Bollman's circus, proved as expected—a scream.

The armored chariot proved to be the city oil wagon which led the parade. Then came the following animals: Camel, tiger and lady tamer, giraffe, polar bear, four riders, wild man, elephant, six medieval riders, monkey and "Dago," Geo. Rigdon as clown, Austin Dewey as clown, clown band, African lion, Shetland pony and driver, Aupperle grocery with goat. V. L. Showalter as "cop," bear and trainer, eleven plantation dancers, clown, men and girl riders, cavalcade of men riders, and the hit of the parade, a "silent" calliope. This was the best calliope ever heard, as it made no noise. Dorothy Hickok acted as driver and Rachel Schreiner as organist, the instrument being an old-fashioned organ. A wood stove supplied the smoke and stove-pipe effects. The parade was the big feature of the afternoon.

Taking part as animals were: J. H. Pugh, camel driver, J. C. Orton, and L. A. Clark, camel's front and hind legs, leopard, Bert Schreiner, lady tamer, Earl Ivey, giraffe leader L. Heil, front and hind legs, Theo Wenzel and Art Knapp, Jr., wild man, Paul Ruth. Elephant, leader E. Wisco, front and hind legs, Eugene Starr and Ed Batty. Monkey and Dago, Harry Gault and Louis Oschman. Ray Groenier, Bear and trainer, L. G. Hickok, Ora Stitzer, Aupperle's goat, Ray Groenier. Principal clowns, J. C. Doolittle and son John, Fred Nehls, George Rigdon, A. R. Dewey. Plantation dancers, Albert Gulke, Vernon Bass, Guy Horsfall, Harvey Hurlburt, Frank Murphy, Parke Knapp, F. Burrows, Clyde Prideaux, Wilbur Frost. Dancers, musicians, Fred Engroff and Geo. Johnson. Polar bear, unknown.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Jul 05, 1916 Page 1

Lancaster WI – appearing as two animals in parade

Ray Groenier had the misfortune Saturday to collide with a buggy occupied by Mrs. Muldoon and little child, near the postoffice. The buggy was tipped over and the mother and child thrown out. The buggy was smashed but no damage done to either person.

Grant County Herald
Wed, May 16, 1917 · Page 3

Lancaster WI

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, Ora Stitzer and family and Ray Groenier piled into the Groenier Buick last Friday afternoon and started for Chicago.

Grant County Herald
Wed, May 23, 1917 · Page 5

Lancaster WI

TIRE EXPLODES AND INJURES RAY GROENIER

A few minutes after Ray Groenier had enlisted with the Platteville company of National guards, he met with an accident while pumping an automobile tire. The tire exploded under high air pressure and blew the rim off the wheel with great force. Ray had his hand on the wheel, and the rim took off a portion of his thumb and struck him below the knee cap. The young man was taken to Dr. Cunningham's where the injured members were dressed.

"Lancaster (WI) Teller" Thursday 5 Jul 1917 p 1

LANCASTER YOUTH ENLISTS; INJURES THUMB SOON AFTER.

Ray and Lambert Groenier went to Platteville, Monday where Ray enlisted in the local guard unit after passing a perfect physical test. While preparing to return Ray noticed a tire down on the car. Following blowing up Ray endeavored to place the tire on the wheel and while doing so the tire exploded. Ray was knocked down by the explosion. He was carried to the Cunningham hospital a short distance away for treatment. While there a boy came in with the ball of his left thumb which had been torn off. This the doctor sewed on. After a rest the Groeniers returned home. Ray was resting easy yesterday.

A boy found the missing chunk of his left thumb, which the doctor reattached - "Grant County Herald" (Lancaster WI) 4 Jul 1917 p 1 - this explains the note on his WWII draft registration (14 Feb 1942) that Ray had a "scar on ball left thumb"

Last week's HERALD neglected to give Ray Groenier's name among those going to Platteville to join the guard unit. This was an oversight as Ray had enlisted after the list was made up at Platteville and forwarded here. Ray is still nursing his wounded hand but expects to get a temporary release of some kind so that he can join the company later.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Jul 25, 1917 Page 3

Lancaster WI

Lancaster will do itself honor tonight by entertaining as guests the soldier boys who have enlisted from here in the Platteville company. The boys report for full duty tomorrow. Tonight those boys who are in Platteville will come here by car and with those home on furlough, will proceed to the Wright house, where the band will play and a program and supper follow. E. B. Goodsell will preside and talks will be made by various local men in honor of their guests. The boys' names are W. M. Oyer, Andrew Jerrett, Ed. Gardiner, Graydon Roberts, Carl Kress, Earl Reynolds, Thos. Bass, Jos. Turner, Leslie Deakins, Ernest Breithaupt, Oscar Ohlert, Clay Halferty, Wallace Caley, Grant Prid-eaux, Wm. Ohlert, Ray Groenier, Wes. Miller, Lou Sanger, Arnold Krohn and Gene Lowell.

The Bloomington Record
Wed, Aug 01, 1917 · Page 6

Bloomington WI

Ray Groenier wrote from Camp Douglas last week that the boys were well located and enjoying camp life thoroughly. The tents were up and uniforms and equipment expected by Saturday of last week. All the boys are well and getting plenty of good, plain food, although sweets are few and a can of Karo helps things along.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Aug 22, 1917 · Page 4

CAMP DOUGLAS NOTES.

Ray Groenier writes from Camp Douglas that he expected to leave with his regiment yesterday. The First regiment left Monday, the Fourth Tuesday, the Fifth Wednesday, the Sixth Thursday and the hospital corps Friday.

The boys are running on what they call "Texas schedule." This requires one hour's steady "hike" each morning and fifteen miles on Saturday. French bayonet exercises take place each day. "This is sure some man developing exercise," says Ray.

When the boys reach the south the company will be increased to European size or 250 men instead of 150 as at present. Each company will be divided into platoons as follows:

Two platoons of hand bombers.

Two platoons of riflemen.

Two platoons of rifle grenadiers.

One platoon of machine guns.

One platoon of moppers up.

The heavy artillery is placed seven or eight miles back, and kept in communication with the front by telephone. Each soldier is expected to be a good bayonet man, as there is no such thing as retreat.

The boys expect to train for several months, followed by two months or so in France.

Ray signs his letter, "Corporal Ray Groenier."

Grant County Herald
Wed, Sep 26, 1917 · Page 4

Lancaster Wi

COMPANY I PASS THROUGH ON WAY SOUTH

Members of company I, the most of them from Baraboo, passed through here this afternoon on their way south from Camp Douglas to Waco, Texas. The members were in fine spirits.

Train Arrives Early

The train came about fifteen minutes earlier than expected and there was hurrying to reach the station. The pupils and faculty from the high school joined the excitement and people were still hurrying across the bridge over the Baraboo river.

Many Gifts for the Soldiers

Hundreds of gifts of all kinds poured into the cars for the members of company I. Cigars, candy, fruit, and articles too numerous to mention were to be seen pouring through the windows. While the train was at the station, which was several minutes, yells were given by the high school pupils, many in the company having graduated from the school.

When the train rolled away—nineteen cars and three baggage—there was much cheering. All were singing and laughing and having a good time.

There were several companies besides the one from Baraboo.

The members of the company are as follows:

Officers

Captain Carl R. Swinson.
First Lieutenant Paul L. Stewart.
Second Lieut. Ernest A. Isenberg.
First Sergeant Otto Arndt.
Quartermaster sergeant George W. Hattie.

Mess Sergeant Fred A. Jaquish.
Sergeant Earl W. Veerhusen.
Sergeant Earl L. Powell.
Sergeant Arthur F. Bender.
Sergeant Joseph F. Nickel.
Sergeant Edward W. Coughlin.
Sergeant Otto F. Bates.
Corporal Randall H. Herfort.
Corporal Frank M. Koons.
Corporal George E. Tinkham.
Corporal Edward Edwards.
Corporal Richard S. Mahler.
Corporal Russel W. Brodie.
Corporal Charles M. Kellogg.
Corporal Ralph Sanderson.
Corporal James F. Bray.
Corporal Guy A. Henderson.
Corporal Ray S. Groenier.
Corporal Wayne A. Hagen.
Corporal Hershel Jester.
Mechanic Vernon A. Caffisch.
Cook Stephen J. Kamowski.
Cook Simon Hillebrandt.
Cook Tony Holtman.
Musician Miles A. Bell.
Musician Emmett W. Dwyer.

First Class Privates

Horace C. Cahoon.
Robert F. Holmes.
Ralph W. Ketchum.
Marco Marriott.
James E. O'Neill.
John A. Sansum, William P. Schlenger, Dewey P. Schuster, Herbert E. Steckenbauer.
George M. Weirich.

Privates

Dewey A. Armbruster.
Forrest M. Barber, Stewart R. Brand, Clarence Braun, Raymond M. Briscoe, Thomas L. Bass, Ernest P. Breithaupt, William R. Bullian.
Thomas Cullin, Elmer Chickering, Edward Cox.
Benjamin E. Doty, Eli Drca, Donald M. Duncan, Raymond M. Daniels, Leslie P. Deakins, George Dell, Morad D. Doher.
Clarence E. Freising.
Joseph G. Gameliën, Eddie Gentsen, George L. Gilmore, George W. Guthrie, Steve Hajostek, Floyd M. Harrison, Hoyt O. Holsington, William A. Holmes, Ora J. Holsaple, Henry C. Howe, Daver Haser, Homer Heffron, William Hinderleiter.
Andrew Jerrett, John R. Jones, James R. Jones.
Lawrence H. Kaiser, Wyland E. Kier, Louis Kosine, Charles Kremarck, William A. Krueger, Arno J. Krohn, Mike Koloff, John C. Kress.
Joseph A. LaBerge, Andrew Leonard, Lawrence Lerch, Joseph L. Lobermeyer, Henry E. Lowell.
Frank P. Miller, Wess Miller, Herbert E. Moog.
Henry Neuman.
John P. O'Brien, Clarence A. Olson, Oscar H. Ohlert, William J. Ohlert.
Martin Panschock, Carl Paulson, Verne C. Payne, Carl E. Peterson.
Arthur M. Rooney, Benjamin C. Rossow, Henry Rossow, Earl Reynolds, Leo G. Salmons, Clarence E. Schenck, Louis M. Schultz, Charles Switzer, Joe Surmal, Lou Sanger.
Joseph W. Turner, Emil W. Trachler, Charles Turlo.
Joe Zadkovich.
Jakin C. Vole.
Steve Pietman.
Clarence Kroeger.
Daniel Bickford.
Dewey White, Charles M. Wallace.

OUR BOYS IN FRANCE?

INDICATIONS ARE THAT PART OF
PLATTEVILLE COMPANY HAS
ARRIVED ON CONTINENT

Relatives of Grayson Roberts and Ray Groenier have reason to believe strongly that they with others of the Platteville company are now in France. Graydon wrote his mother from an eastern camp on Jan. 21, that his division was expecting to leave soon and that if he did not leave the next day he would wire. As the wire did not come it is assumed that the boys sailed. Ray Groenier wrote his brother, Lambert, that he also expected to leave very soon.

Friday's dispatches told of the arrival in France of the transports, Covington, Cincinnati, President Lincoln, President Grant, Powhattan, Madeska, all of which were seized by the United States government at the beginning of the war, and the former North German-Lloyd steamship George Washington, the Mount Vernon, Agamemnon, the Aetolus, Mercury, Pocohontas, Huron and Antigone.

Most of these vessels were German and Austrian merchant ships renamed and converted to American uses. They carried thousands of troops and huge supplies of munitions and food for our men and allies.

All hope that our boys reached the other side safely and all know that they will do honor to our flag. Give our best regards to the kaiser, boys and—Hindenberg, please write.

Grant County Herald
Wed, Feb 06, 1918 - Page 1

Lancaster WI

Ironically, not only was Ray Groenier not in France, but he had just survived the sinking of the Tuscania the night before – the Tuscania was also not heading to France but to Liverpool, England, when sunk

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS

WIS.

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WILLIAM M. GARNER, Rockford, Ill.
 LAWRENCE GARGLAS, Kenosha, Wis.
 LLOYD C. GARTHWAITE, Wautoma, Wis.
 HENRY GETHERS, Coloma, Wis.
 GEORGE L. GILMORE, Portsmouth, O.
 BRUCE S. GOULDER, Ingalls, Mich.
 ALVIN W. GRAMBSCH, New Meadows, Idaho.
 RAY S. GROENIER, Chicago.
 GEORGE L. GUNDERSON, Wautoma, Wis.
 TRACEY S. GREENE, Colby, Wis.
 PAUL GRIFFITH, Nevada, Mo.

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Madison WI

CABLES CARRYING LIST OF SURVIVORS OF SHIP DISASTER

Stories of Survivors Show Coolness of Soldiers
 After Torpedo Had Hit the Ship—
 Incidents of Sinking.

Henry Gethers, Coloma, Wis.;
 George Louis Gilmore, Portsmouth,
 Ohio; Bruce Sheldon Goulder, Ingalls,
 Mich.; A. W. Grambsch, Bloomfield,
 Wis.; Ernest William Gresens, New
 Meadows, Idaho; Ray Sam Groenier,
 Chicago; George L. Gunderson, Wau-
 toma, Wis.; Arthur L. Hanson, Ken-
 nedy, Wis.; Raymond Cornelius Har-
 rison, Cottage Grove, Wis.; Charles P.

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Rochester NY

Chicagoans with relatives aboard the *Tuscania* spent last night awaiting names of survivors, the list coming in slowly because of the fact that it had first to be cabled to the war department at Washington, checked and then relayed throughout the country.

News from Twelve.

News was received of the safe landing of twelve more men—Capt. Harry Letton of the engineers' reserve corps, whose wife is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank L. Britton, 4722 Sheridan road; Capt. Ralph A. Feldes, 1646 West One Hundred and Second street; Lieut. Herbert B. Bartholf, 535 Longwood avenue, Glencoe; Corporal Raymond Groenier, 5708 South State street, and Privates Joseph A. Capodice, 6637 Evans avenue; Joe Gail, 454½ West Twelfth street; Frank A. Girard, 3500 Pine Grove avenue; Joseph Lindstrom, 609 North Homan avenue; Edward Van Hecke, 527 West Twenty-eighth place; Alex Gronquist, 9900 Avenue H; Israel Levine, 1247 South Sawyer avenue, and Robert P. Leonard, 2103 Grace street.

FOUR GRANT COUNTY BOYS ON TUSCANIA

RAY GROENIER AND HARRY LIV
ENS OF LANCASTER AMONG
THE RESCUED

Although first reports indicated that the all the members of the original Company I composed of Grant County boys were on board the Tuscania when she was torpedoed off the Irish coast early last Wednesday, the news arrived slowly that but four of soldiers from home were on the ship.

These were:

HARRY LIVENS, Lancaster,

RAY GROENIER, Lancaster.

RUSSELL GIBSON, Cuba City.

OTTO ROMANEK, Boscobel.

All four were saved, according to official information from Washington.

Harry Livens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Livens, was a cook in the 158th Aero Squadron; Ray Groenier is a brother of Lambert Groenier and was in the 107th supply train; Russell Gibson of Cuba City was also in the 107th supply train; Romanek was in the truck company of the 107th.

Virgil Critchlow of Mellen, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lewis, was also on the Tuscania and has been reported among the saved.

The first reports of the sinking arrived by long distance telephone out of Madison about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, and later confirmed by the information in the Dubuque papers.

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DEAR MOTHER:

Well, here I am, somewhere in England, all safe and sound and feeling fine after 15 days' ride over the bounding sea, and it sure was bounding all right. We never got as much as a peep at a sub—I was awfully disappointed about it, too, as one of my greatest desires was to see a sub. I suppose you heard about the Tuscania being sunk by one and wondered if I was one of the unlucky ones, but it was a ship belonging to another convoy and was sunk just as we were leaving Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Feb. 5. Roy Groenier, who came from Lancaster, and was in tent at Camp Douglas, was on the ship and he told the whole story to us this morning. Gee, but it was an exciting story all right. There was nothing exciting at all on our ship, except when the boys began to get seasick, and that afforded a little amusement for those who didn't get sick. We enjoyed six

Letter home to his mother, written from a YMCA hut "somewhere in England" 17 Feb 1918, by James Russell Jones, Co. E, 107th Ammunition Train, 32nd Division – noting that Roy [sic] Groenier of Lancaster WI told him about his Tuscania experience – "Montfort (WI) Mail" 28 Mar 1918 p 4

RAY GROENIER LETTER.

England, Feb. 22, '18.

Dear Folks:

Well I don't know ~~whether or~~ not you are getting this mail but I guess I will have to be patient and wait. It has been about seven weeks since I heard from home. Oyer was here for about four or five days and he said he heard from home not so long ago and the last he heard Wisconsin was all snow-bound. The weather here is pretty fair but sunshine seems scarce. We haven't had any hard rains but just cloudy, drizzly days. I have been feeling pretty fair considering that we haven't much clothing and coming from a dry climate to here it is a wonder more of us aren't sick. I had a touch of rheumatism and a little cold.

Do you ever happen to see Vernon Judd's address? Oyer and I thought if we knew what outfit he was in we might run across him some time.

I would like to tell you of some of the conditions here. Last week they advanced us a little money so again we are on our feet. As soon as they finish issuing us our equipment we will be all right again. I am writing this in the Y. They have fine Y. M. C. A.s here. They have an entertainment of some kind every night and they sell cookies, toilet articles, etc. real reasonable. We can get a cup of cocoa or coffee for but two pence a cup. I can't tell you much more so I guess I will have to close. How is John? I'll bet he is quite a boy by now. I suppose in a month or so he will be playing soldier with the rest of the boys. Well it is tea time now so will close. Hoping this finds you all well, I remain as ever,

Your loving friend,

Ray S. Groenier.

Truck Co. E, 107 Supply Train,
A. E. F. O. M. C. via New York.

Ray Groenier Letter.

Somewhere in France, April 1-18.
Dear Uncle and Folks:—

Yours of the 13th, 29th, 6th and 13th received. I hadn't received any letters until about a week or so ago, now I have lots to answer. I have had only one letter from my Dad which was written before I was torpedoed. I received a very nice letter and picture from a Beth Groenier in Indiana dated March 6th. She saw by the papers I was a Tuscania survivor so wrote me. I certainly want to thank you for the letters you sent me as they were greatly appreciated.

Little did I ever think when we were torpedoed that it would be published so much. You asked for the details as to how I was saved and as I don't remember telling you before will tell you now. At 5:50 I was lying in my bunk in one of the lower decks reading when the big thump came. I grabbed my life preserver and went to reach for my clothes but as the lights went out and the crowd was pushing for the door I couldn't get my clothes. I went on the upper deck and found the boat I was to get in all filled up so I went above to assist in lowering the others. I hooked the big hook on a lifeboat and an officer in charge told me to stay in the boat and unhook it when it got down. Just as we struck the water a destroyer came washing up and crushed our lifeboat to bits but through some lucky and miraculous manner I managed to scramble on the destroyer (about 7:30) and landed about 12:00 safely at Buncrana, Ireland.

You spoke about if I ever go to Paris to look up that hotel. I don't think I will get a chance to go to Paris. I certainly am well satisfied with France. I like it a good deal better than England. It is a very pretty country. We had quite a train ride and even if it was in small box cars we all enjoyed the trip. One evening we went through a certain city while an air raid was in progress. We were given orders to close the doors and extinguish all lights (that is cigarettes, etc.) then we watched the work of defending but the raid didn't amount to much and we were soon on our way again. We are now stationed in billets, that is parts of barns and houses that the people don't occupy, and we like it better than tents. I guess there isn't much use of me trying to tell you much about France as you have been here twice yourself. The way the people here can drink wine sure is good. Well I guess I will close for now but will write again soon.

Your loving nephew,

Cpl. Ray S. Groenier.

Co. E, 107th Supply Train, 32nd Div.,
A. E. F. P. O. box 734.

Leroy Durni Letter.

France, May 27, 18.

Dear Mother:—

I must write you again but no news. It's the same old story; the life is getting so monotonous. If we could only move or let us at them it would not be so bad. But we will all be patient, this can't last long. When we get one good drive in they will change their minds about fighting. We may have to get a million or more men to do it, but by next year at this time there won't be any fighting going on. That's no joke; I know it. The French and Americans are getting in some licks tonight and I'm not sure but what it is the starting of the drive.

Well mother it sure seems a long time since I got a letter from you, but I suppose I will get a bunch of them tomorrow. I am sure you are all well. I am just in the best of health, never felt better in my life. I am going to get shot in the arm again; I think it will do me good and keep my blood in good condition. I don't have to get it; we can get them whenever we want them or not, just as we see fit.

I was down to see Ray Groenier last Tuesday. It sure was fine to see someone that I knew. He is with a supply train. They have English trucks for their work. He is in a nice little town or hole where they have some entertainment every week. No gas or shells to worry about although he is in danger of being shelled on the road. When we first came here there were hardly any Americans here, the roads were in poor condition, no railroad, etc. There were signs along the road such as "Danger," "The Enemy Sees You," etc. The German planes were thick as fleas over our head. They knew more about things than the French. But now men by the millions, roads in good condition, railroads growing over night, etc., and God pity the boche that ever comes over the line. Our planes just get their goat.

just get their goat.

June 6.—Well I guess you can't scold me any more as I am of age now. Was 21 the 3rd, and to my surprise I received a package from you that evening. It must have been on the road a long time.

Well Papa, try and write more next time as your letters are so good. I am glad you think we are doing so good. We ought to, there are enough of us here. You said you had been reading between the lines; just keep on and maybe you will be able to tell when I will be home. But you surely can guess by now what front I am on. Well I have a hard day's work ahead of me so will close.

With love,

Le Roy.

P. S. I thought this would interest May and Lloyd. Some of the latest dances. The first is very slow, "The Pick and Shovel Drag." The next is fast, "The Gas Step." The next is "The Shrapnel Glide." The last, everybody does it, even the Huns, "The Hand Grenade Dip."

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June 27, 1918.

Will again tonight drop you a few lines as I imagine you like to hear from me as well as I do from you.

I'm fine and dandy and hope this letter finds you the same. Am about to make another move but don't know just where. The weather has been fine here for the past few days, a great change from the past few weeks.

I at last found some one from home, the last I'd ever thought of. It was Ray Groenier from Lancaster. He's been here within five blocks of where I'm at ever since I've been here and never saw him till a few days ago. He's driving a truck in the 101st supply train. He came over to get his truck fixed when I recognized him. They used to have boxing bouts in front of his barracks and I'd be there every time but never saw him. It was sure queer and it tickled me and him both to see each other as I'm the only other fellow except Roy Durni that is from Lancaster. He never knew Durni till he happened to see him here by accident. Of course Ray and I were friends back home. He and Rob Burgess and I used to meet often at Cassville. We've been together every eve now and think we'll be together all the time now. Roy Durni is with the 23rd Engineers but came over before I did as he was with the first of the 23rd to come across and at the present time is only about three miles from me and didn't know it until Ray told me. Ray was on the Tuscania when it was sunk but was sure lucky to get out. How's Dad? Tell him I said hello and sent my best and not to work too hard. I suppose Harold is enjoying his vacation by this time. I suppose he's as wild as ever. Things have been quiet for the past week.

I hope you're not worrying about me as I'm just as safe as if I were home.

HARRY SCHMITZ SAYS:

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A Ned Ivey Letter

for bugs.

Saw Ray Groenier the other day but not to speak to him. Took an instant to recognize him through the layer of white dust on his face and clothes. Haven't seen Joe Turner or any of the home boys for a long time.

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Lancaster WI

A Ned Ivey Letter

a leg and a bit of the white meat.
Saw Ray Groenier a week ago. He is fine, also Joe Turner and Durni. Am tip top myself. Twisted my knee a week back that troubles a bit when I tote a pack-but I covered over 30 miles with it the last hike so it's not such a "bloody wound" as it might be.

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FROM RAY GROENIER.

Dammartin, France, Jan. 4.

Dear Aunt & Family:

I received yours and Ora's letters of Dec. 9 today and thought while I had the time I would answer. I don't know where those papers you read get that stuff about us going to Germany.

We were north of Verdun in the Meuse-Argonne region when hostilities ceased and three days later were relieved and came right down here and have been here ever since, and since I have been down here in the S. O. S. I have been more anxious than ever to get home. It has rained every day since we came here and we are stationed in the middle of a plowed field in barracks with neither windows nor floor and the mud is nearly knee-deep. I am still driving a

Dodge for the colonel. I wasn't supposed to have the job steady but now he wants to keep me. But as he rates a sergeant chauffeur I would have to be transferred which I don't want to do as I hate to leave the company. The rumors are now that we leave this area in about two weeks for Le-man (about 200 kilos west). We had army inspection today similar to the one we had before we left the states and we believe all these inspections indicate an early departure to the U.

S., say in March. We are still having a few cases of the flu but nothing serious or as bad as it was.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Ray Groenier.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS

FROM HAL WALKER.

Kurtscheid, den, Dec. 19, 1918.

over here now. It isn't very cold over here. No I am not on the Rhine now where you think I am. I am at Roziers near Gondrecourte. This regiment is motorized now and I don't know what they will do with us. I don't think we will be home very soon. I think we will be here for 4 or 5 months. You never can tell, maybe not so long and maybe longer. I saw Ned Ivey pass here yesterday and I saw Ray Groenier about two months ago. That is the only time I saw him over here. The chaplain has written a song for the 57th brigade and I will send it to you. It is sung to the tune of "Michigan," and believe me we do want to go back too. We have to wear the 88th Div. insignia now and you can imagine how the 57th likes that after belonging to the 32nd Div. all through the war. Well goodbye for this time.

Earl Reynolds.

day.

Ray Groenier writes his aunt and uncle that he is now at Camp Grant.

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Brother, ...
Corporal Ray Groenier arrived in this city on Monday noon for a visit at the home of his uncle, Lambert Groenier. Ray recently returned from overseas and landed at Boston. He was stationed for a short time at Camp Devens and then sent to Camp Grant for discharge. He spent a few days at his home in Chicago before coming to Lancaster for a month's visit.

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ter, Mrs. W. D. Curtis.

Gustaf Enke and family left Saturday with Ray Groenier for Waterloo, via motor route. Lambert Groenier and family went down Monday and motored back with Ray.

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remain until May.

Ray Groenier has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism brought on by exposure overseas.

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ky. Mich. She left Thursday.
Ray Groenier has gone to New York City where he will take a course in piano tuning and player work. On his way he stopped in Chicago to visit relatives for a few days.

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property that was.
Ray Groenier is in New York for a month taking a special course in piano player work.

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Ray Groenier has returned from New York where he took a ten weeks course in construction and repair at the Standard Player Piano school. In addition to this Ray took up a course in piano tuning at a Chicago school. He is now connected with the Groenier music store and will add to the already valuable service rendered this community by that firm.

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OPEN AIR DANCE!

—Auspices of The—

American Legion

Thursday, June 24th

Lancaster, Wisconsin

New School Grounds : 4 Blocks West of Court House

7-Piece Orchestra

Open Air Pavilion

REFRESHMENTS ON GROUNDS

Admission \$1.50. In case it rains tickets will be good for another dance date.

Benefit Lancaster Post—Everybody Come!

Any ladies desiring to donate pie, cake or sandwiches for American Legion Dance, on June 24, please notify Ray Groenier before June 20.

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Lambert and Ray Groenier and Ora Stitzer and family motored to Chicago, Sunday, where the men attended an Edison convention.

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Boscobel.
 Ray Groenier is in Chicago visiting his relatives. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, to drive back a White truck for the Groenier music house.

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**SYDNEY WEBER IS
 SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY**

Sydney Weber probably was more surprised last Monday evening than he ever before had been in his twenty four years of life. Arriving home at the usual dinner hour, he was greeted by his family and a house full of guests, who showered congratulations upon him. Prompted by these, he remembered that it was his 24th birthday and behaved accordingly. Following a splendidly appointed dinner served by his mother and Miss Marie Weber as hostesses, the evening was given over to music and dancing.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Suttle, Kenneth Weber, Miss Lois Webster, Mr. Eans Barnett, Miss Jessie Humphrey, Mr. Clyde Roth, Miss Hazel Ferebee, Mr. Sydney Weber, Miss Elsa Helberg and Mr. Ray Groenier. The honor guest was the recipient of appropriate gifts from friends and members of his family.

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*Dinner hosted by future wife Marie Weber for her brother -
 Lancaster WI*

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THIS WEEK
Mr and Mrs. Lambert Groenier and
Ray Groenier returned Sunday from
Chicago where they attended a music
dealers convention.

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MILITARY FUNERAL SUNDAY FOR FORMER LANCASTER YOUTH

The body of George P. Graham, a former Lancaster boy, who was killed in action in France during the World war, was buried with military honors by the Richard Burns post of the American Legion here Sunday afternoon. The body arrived here Friday in charge of Private Baldwin of Camp Grant who accompanied the remains from Chicago. Services at the Baptist church were conducted by Rev. Weyrauch.

Members of the local legion post in uniform escorted the body to Hillside cemetery where the American Legion burial service was conducted by F. C. Meyer, post commander, and Walter Damm, post chaplain. A firing squad fired the final salute over the body of the dead soldier and as the casket was being lowered into the grave, "Taps" the beautiful bugle call to rest, was blown by L. O. Pennock. From the far side of the cemetery the "echo" was sent back by Elmer Schmidt.

Wes Cooley acted as color bearer with a color guard composed of Paul Edwards and Elgar Schneider. A firing squad in charge of Ray Groenier was composed of the following men: Private Baldwin, Clayton Lewis, Lotus Oschman, Dwight Fitzgerald, Harry C. Kemper, William Heromimus, Albert Schaeffer and Edwin Knobel.

The deceased was a son of E. E. Graham of this city. He was born in this city but moved to Blunt, S. D., when a boy and from that place entered service during the war. He was a member of the 349th ambulance corps of the 88th division and was killed in action in France Oct. 19, 1918.

CHARLES KAAP HURT WHEN TRUCK UPSETS

Charles Kaap of Lancaster was painfully injured on Saturday afternoon when a truck in which he was hauling a load of ice from Potosi turned over in British Hollow. Kaap was thrown from the machine and knocked unconscious. It was feared he was injured internally from being jammed against the steering wheel when his truck struck a concrete post of a culvert. The accident occurred when Kaap attempted to turn out to allow a motor car to pass. The injured man was picked up by Lambert and Ray Groenier who came along shortly after the accident, and was brought to town to the Doolittle hospital. Mr. Kaap is reported doing nicely and his recovery is expected soon.

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PIANO TUNING

I wish to announce that I am now engaged in the business of tuning pianos and repairing of musical instruments of all sorts. I am making a specialty of player piano work. Estimates cheerfully furnished. Write me so I can call when in your locality.

RAY GROENIER

GRADUATE

Dan Quard Piano Academy of N. Y. City

LANCASTER, WIS.

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Pianos and player pianos tuned and repaired. Ray Groenier, Lancaster.

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DANQUARD PIANO ACADEMY
OF NEW YORK.

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Lambert and Ray Groenier left on Sunday for Chicago, towing the White truck for repairs. It was damaged last Monday in a collision at Boscobel with a Ford.

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GROENIER TRUCK IN COLLISION.

Lambert and Ray Groenier towed their White truck to Chicago Sunday for repairs, making the trip between six in the morning and 9:30 at night. The truck, driven by Robert Burgess, collided with Ford running without lights about 8:30 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 1st. The collision occurred about four miles out of Pra. du Chien on trunk 27 while Burgess was driving north. The White truck hit the Ford a glancing blow, resulting in a broken motor arm and strained chassis on the White and a badly smashed Ford. Curtis Totman towed the White to Pra. du Chien the following Sunday and Tuesday last Mr. Groenier towed it here with his Buick. The same touring car made the Chicago trip with the truck in tow.

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LEGION MEMBERS ENJOYED NICE FEED AS PART OF MEMBER CAMPAIGN DRIVE

Members of the American Legion, about 40 in number, enjoyed a nice little spread at the legion rooms last Friday night at the end of the second leg of the legion's membership drive. The supper in which a roast pig figured conspicuously was provided by the team captained by Ray Groenier, losers in the drive, as a treat to the winning team captained by Edwin Knobel. During the campaign so far 30 new members have been added to the post.

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1922

Mrs. Lambert Groenier and sons, Stanley and Hough, Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier motored to Dubuque Wednesday.

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Ray Groenier and Virgil Scott can give expert testimony as to the condition of at least one Grant county highway. Saturday they motored to Bagley with the heavy Groenier truck and got stuck axle deep in the mud near that village. They were forced to abandon the truck and go to Prairie du Chien and return to Lancaster by train.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Groenier, Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier spent the first of the week in Chicago. They returned home today.

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Lambert Groenier and wife, Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier started by auto Sunday for Chicago. The Groenier boys, during the absence of their parents, are spending the time with their grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Basford.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, Mrs. C. H. Basford, Sam Groenier, Will Johnson, Ray Groenier and Miss Marie Weber, enjoyed a picnic at Porter's bridge Sunday.

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END TO VISIT H. L. FORD.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier returned Saturday night from a honeymoon trip in Iowa.

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Bank Robbery at McIntyre, Ia.

Ray Groenier and bride returned from their wedding trip Saturday evening. When at Liberty the steering wheel of their car broke and the auto ran into a bank at the side of the road and pretty well damaged one side of it. No one was hurt. While away they spent some time with Robert Morrow and wife (nee Flavia Curtis) at McIntyre, Iowa. Upon their arrival the residents of that village were still much excited about the bank robbery which took place only a few days before. The bank, in which Mr. Morrow is employed, was robbed of \$2,700 in cash, \$3,000 in coupon bonds and \$5,000 in registered bonds. The robbers were eight in number and while several looted the bank after using explosives to gain entrance to the safe, the others kept the townspeople at bay. Three explosions occurred which wrecked the building. R. D. Williams, cashier of the bank is known in Lancaster and Fennimore as the husband of Ruth Curtis Williams.

Ray Groenier spent part of last week at Chicago on business in connection with the Groenier Music House. While there he ordered a reproducing piano which will be exhibited at the Grant county fair. This is the first of its kind ever having appeared in this part of the country. He attended the concert given by Madame Sturkow-Ryder, a pianist of national fame, at the Ravisloe Country Club of Chicago. It is his hope to have this artist appear in Lancaster

after the completion of the new municipal theatre. Mrs. Henry Caspers is the new relief operator at the Farmers telephone exchange.

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coming year.

Henry Groenier and wife and Sam Groenier of Chicago are visiting at the Lamber and Ray Groenier homes. They motored up Friday.

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Ray Groenier and Virgil Scott took in the four-day sales convention of the Victor Talking Machine Co., held at Milwaukee last week. They then went to Chicago and motored home on the Lincoln highway with a new Buick truck for the Groenier store.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Groenier of Chicago visited at the Ora Stitzer and Ray and Lambert Groenier homes here last week on their way north on a motor trip.

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A Windy Day

Neighbors of Ray Groenier and wife and S. A. Cousley and wife gave a farewell picnic for them at Klondyke Springs Sunday. After dinner the party motored to Castle Rock to take in the beautiful scenery from that point. It was a pretty windy day and on the return trip home a terrific gust of wind took the top off one of the cars. The Groeniers accompanied by Mrs. Mame Weber and Merl Scott expect to start for California about Oct. 6. They will motor through. The Cousleys go to Monroe to live. Mr. Cousley has his monthly publication, the "Fig Leaf" printed in Monroe and will find living there more expedient.

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the other two on their second.
The Woman's Club gave a covered dish banquet in the municipal club rooms Saturday in farewell to two of the club's members, Mesdames Mame Weber and Sam Cousley. The former will accompany her daughter and husband, Ray Groenier and wife, to California by motor. She expects to stop off in Colorado to visit a sister for a while before going on to the coast. The Cousleys leave this week for Monroe their future home.

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Sam Groenier and family, Mrs. Newport and Miss Alice Groenier motored up from Chicago last week and visited Lambert Groenier and family and Ora Stitzer and family. A goodbye family party was held at the Lambert Groenier home Wednesday evening in honor of Ray Groenier and Virgil Scott who left the next day for California.

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Some Smith are at Lake Worth, Florida. Mrs. Jos. Oates is with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Conway at Oakland, and Mrs. Mame Weber with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Groenier at Los Angeles, Calif. This zero weather makes everybody wish they might go too.

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1925

Homer Keane and family have rented the Groenier house vacated recently by Ray Groenier. Mr. Keane is the new operator at the depot.

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to a nice business.

Lambert Groenier completed a deal Wednesday, with Chas. H. Schleft of Milwaukee, acquiring the Platteville Music Shop, operated for years by Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs who retire from business. The consideration was around \$4,000. An interesting slant of this item is the possibility of the return to the Southwestern Wisconsin field of Ray Groenier who has been in southern California for the winter. Mr. Groenier is considering an offer of his uncle to return to Wisconsin and manage the Platteville branch of the business. The Groenier is probably the oldest and largest general music firm in this region, products handled by the house being known in six or seven counties.

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day.

Lambert Groenier has purchased the Platteville Music Shop, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs of that city. Ray Groenier who is now at San Pedro, Calif., is expected back and will take charge of the business.

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Wed, May 06, 1925 · Page 10

—Mr. Ray Groenier plans on leaving Pasadena, California, on Sunday for Platteville and on his arrival will associate himself with his uncle, Lambert Groenier, Lancaster, in the Platteville Music Shop, which Mr. Groenier purchased some few weeks ago, mention of which was made in these columns. Ray, as he is known to his friends, is a graduate of the Danquard Player school of New York and has had some ten years practical experience in the music world, tuning of pianos and player pianos is an accomplishment he has acquired and he stands high in this line of work. He figures on reaching Platteville to take up his duties in the Platteville Music Shop about June 1st.

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Wed, May 20, 1925 · Page 1

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Ray Groenier and wife and Mrs. Mame Weber are on their way home via railroad from California where they spent the past eight months at Pasadena. They Sundayed in San Francisco and left Monday for Wisconsin. Ray will manage the music store at Platteville recently purchased by his uncle, Lambert Groenier.

Fennimore Times
Wed, May 27, 1925 · Page 10

Ray Groenier and wife and Mrs. Mame Weber arrived Saturday evening from Pasadena, California, where they went last fall. They drove through to the west but returned via railway. Ray will manage the music store purchased at Platteville by Lambert Groenier.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier and Mrs. Mayme Weber, who motored to California last fall and spent the winter at San Pedro and Pasadena, are now motoring home by easy stages. Mr. Groenier will take over the management of the Groenier music interests at Platteville.

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Mr. Sam Groenier and Mr. Henry Groenier and wife of Chicago came Saturday for a week's visit at the Ray Groenier home.

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—Ray Groenier has rented the upper apartment of the Rountree Smith home.

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along line.

Ray Groenier and wife have moved their household goods to Platteville. They stored it during their absence to California.

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An Unusual Bargain  \$215		This Grand Piano Bargain Festival Starts Tomorrow At 8:30 a. m.		Fine Star 	
Elegant \$600 Player  \$475		A BRAND NEW HIGH GRADE GUARANTEED PIANO Including Stool, Scarf and Free Tuning Also a 2 Year Course of Lessons Under an Eminent Teacher Regular Price \$350 Our Sale Price \$270		THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY IS HERE — DON'T HESITATE, DON'T DELAY Shrewd buyers come early. Be here when the doors open. The greatest Piano Bargains ever offered are here for you now. Come in at once. No reasonable offer either cash or time will be refused.	
A Slightly Used Demonstrator  \$315		A Little Story & Clark History This old reliable factory was started by H. L. Story over 50 years ago and through honorable, reliable business methods and the ability to produce pianos and players that are recognized as America's foremost high grade instruments. This factory has had a wonderful growth until now Story & Clark are conceded to be the largest manufacturers and retailers in the world.		Platteville Music Shop S. W. Wisconsin's oldest and most reliable Music House who are authorized factory distributors for this territory have been allotted 30 of the Beautiful Instruments with instructions to sell them regardless of price. Regardless of terms.	
A Real Bargain  \$85		You Must See to Appreciate  \$285		Only One of These  \$155	
		Just Two of These  \$345		Beautiful Story & Clark  \$345	
				Don't Miss This One  \$395	
Our Entire Stock of Fine Pianos & Players to be Sold Regardless of Profit. But You Must					
Down With Terms \$10.00 Cash and a small payment each month will bring one of these fine instruments to your home. We are also making a grand Cash Offer to those who can pay all or part cash during this sale.		OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK PLATTEVILLE MUSIC SHOP L. GROENIER RAY GROENIER Factory Distributors		2-Year Course of Instruction We are going to give every piano or player a two-year course in music absolutely FREE. Free to out of town purchasers.	

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LOCAL MAN REVEALS MYSTER- IES OF NEW INVENTION

An interview was had with Mr. Ray Groenier upon his return from Milwaukee, where he had the opportunity of hearing the Orthophonic Victrola, a new discovery in the realm of music.

We have heard reports of the marvels of this new scientific development, but heretofore, have not been fortunate enough to converse with anyone who really heard it himself. Mr. Groenier promises us with the same thrill that he experienced in hearing it within the next few weeks.

The answer to our questions as to how it differs from the present day phonograph was as follows:—

The public heretofore did not realize that in recording and reproducing our talking machine music, the manufacturer worked under certain serious limitations. Scientists have known for a long time that a vibration is a to and fro movement of the air, and that the human ear is capable of hearing vibrations of from 16 per second to 45,000 per second. Heretofore, it was only possible to record and reproduce vibrations of from 300 per second to 3600 per second. With this new invention it enables them to reproduce sound as low as 113 vibrations per second with almost an unlimited altitude.

The new method of reproducing the lower and upper vibrations, which have heretofore defied capture, means that now Symphony Orchestras can be heard as they actually are. The lower registers of the piano, stringed, percussion, and wind instruments now can be heard in their entirety.

This marvel was not the result of any one man's toils, but of the combined efforts of all the tone experts and scientists of the Bell Telephone Company, Western Electric Company and Victor Talking Machine Co.

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Swarts on Division St. Secy.
Mr. Sam Groenier and Mr. Henry Groenier and wife of Chicago came Saturday for a week's visit at the Ray Groenier home.

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HUSBANDS DINE IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY

Mrs. L. P. Smith delightfully entertained a few of her husband's friends for dinner the first of the week to celebrate his birthday. Mr. Smith would no doubt have seen anything unusual going on at the hardware store but knew nothing of the preparations for this elaborate dinner and was surely taken by surprise. The following were present: Roy Grindell, George Merrifield, L. C. West, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Newby, Chas. Mecum and Ray Groenier. The gentlemen had the time of their lives and wish the wives of more of their friends would "go and do likewise."

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place.

Radio Set Free

Ray Groenier, music dealer has donated a \$75 radio set to Kiwanis who will in turn give it to the holder of a lucky ticket on Saturday night April 10 at the Park Theater when the Kiwanis give their show for the benefit of under privileged children.

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A Radiola set donated to the Kiwanis by Ray Groenier, of the Platteville Music Shop was in turn made a prize gift to one of the show patrons and Wallace (Jimmie) Wilgus held the lucky pasteboard. As Jimmie has a set he will have a chance to trade it in for a piano or saxophone.

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Sam Groenier of Chicago is here visiting at the home of his son, Ray Groenier.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier have just returned from a trip to Chicago, where they attended a banquet given by Mr. Charles Edison, son of Thomas Edison. They had the good fortune to have a lengthy conversation with Mr. Edison. He discussed possibilities of new inventions. Mr. Gronier spent considerable time in the laboratories of the Radio Corporation of America, where he received first hand information about new developments of radio. He also brought home with him the very latest apparatus necessary for testing radios.

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Strand Theatre Opens To Large Business

The Strand theatre opened Saturday afternoon to a "crackerjack" matinee of school children, and continued their performance in the evening to an overflowing house at two shows. Sunday evening the house was again packed to capacity, thus giving Platteville's new show house a fine beginning.

As has been before stated, this new movie house is located in the City Opera House. After a thorough housecleaning, the theatre was freshly decorated, additional seats placed and all seats re-arranged, new lights with attractive shades added, new floor covering and seat covers, and a new large organ placed in the theatre.

A first class screen and new machines, gives a picture projection that is pleasing, steady and plain.

The auditorium has a very metropolitan air and is inviting and attractive. The lobby has undergone similar changes, making in all, a fine show house of the place.

An alternating electric sign, with large letters bearing the word "Strand" is placed on the Main street corner leading to the house.

The opening pictures have been excellent ones and the large crowds were thoroughly pleased and delighted.

The music has been in excellent harmony with the time, place and picture, and Mr. Ray Groenier, who has been operating the player for a few days, certainly understands his work.

Much money has been expended to give to the people of Platteville this new theatre and a liberal share of patronage will keep such a place a pleasure to the public.

The manager, Mr. Frank Cook, has done his part to make this theatre a pleasant place for you to visit.

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Complete Program of the VICTOR Broadcast

For January 1, 1927, 8 o'clock Central Standard Time

Badinage (Victor Herbert) Love Everlasting (Friml) No. 20188 Victor Salon Orchestra under direction Mr. Shilkret.

Old German Minnelied 1640 (Awl Mein Gedanken) Holy Child (Easthope Martin) Mr. McCormack.

Litany (Schubert-Cortot) No. 6502 Invitation to the Waltz (Weber) Record No. 1291 Mr. Cortot.

Ave Maria—"Othello" (Verdi) No. 6474. Pace, pace, mio Dio—"Forza del Destino" (Verdi) No. 6440 Miss Ponselle.

Ave Maria (Schubert) No. 6101 Beethoven's Minuet in G, No. 2 No. 607 Humoresque (Dvorak) No. 6095 Mr. Elman.

On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn) Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford-Creuch) No. 6199 Mr. McCormack.

Estrellita (M. Ponce) No. 20279 Black Eyes (Russian Gypsy Song No. 20037

Because I love you (Irving Berlin) No. 20072 Victor Salon Orchestra under Mr. Shilkret.

Berceuse (Chopin) No. 6063 Waltz in C sharp minor (Chopin) No. 1101 Etude in G Flat Major (Chopin) No. 561 Mr. Cortot.

Elegie (Massenet) No. 6559 Lullaby (Rossetti-Scott) No. 1002. The Rosary (Rogers-Nevin) No. 1008 Miss Ponselle.

Nola (Felix Arndt) No. 19758. In a Persian Market (Ketilbey) No. 3577—Victor Salon Orchestra, Mr. Shilkret.

Caprice Basque (Sarasate) No. 6094. Meditation "Thais" (Massenet) No. 6100.

Waltz (Victor Herbert) Mr. Elman.

Far Away Bella (Furber Gardon) Calling Me Back to You (B. E. Seaver) No. 1197. Just for today (Partridge-Seaver) Mr. McCormack.

A tentative list of the broadcast stations follows:

WEAF, WJZ, WBZ, EDKA, KYW, WEEL, WJAR, WTAG, WFL, WCAE, WGR, WRC, WGN, WWJ, WSAI, KSD; WEAR, WOC, WCCO, WCSH, WDAF, WGY.

KEEP THIS FOR HANDY REFERENCE.

We have arranged to have our concert room open for this special occasion. Everybody Welcome.

PLATTEVILLE
RECORDS

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RADIO
RECORDS

SHOP
RECORDS

Ray S. Groenier, Mgr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier will move into the Dr. Gibson home on Bayley Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Musséhl will occupy the Rountree flat which they vacate.

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We are happy to announce that we have been appointed authorized dealers for

Atwater Kent Radio

In Platteville and Vicinity.

The Fiedler Motor Co., who has been the Atwater Kent dealer in Platteville, will be too busy delivering the new Fords.

We have taken over the entire stock of Radios from the Fiedler Motor Company.

To Present Atwater Kent Owners---

We will be very glad to service your radio in the future. In addition to our present testing and repairing equipment we have added special Atwater Kent equipment.

With the addition of Atwater Kent to our present line of Radiolas we feel that we can meet the requirements of any one desirous of owning a Radio.

Battery Operated Sets

From

\$49.50 to \$260

Light Socket Operated Sets

From

\$88 to \$495.00

Terms if desired. Phone for demonstration.

Platteville Music Shop

RAY S. GROENIER, Mgr.

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Jury Awards Damages In Auto Crash Case

PLATTEVILLE—A jury awarded Mrs. Mildred Reuter \$100 damages in a case heard before Justice of the Peace J. H. Lewis Friday. The case resulted from an automobile accident in which Mrs. Reuter and Ferdinand Massbruch, the defendant, figured on April 24.

Mrs. Reuter, whose car was badly damaged, brought suit for \$200.00. The defendant, through his attorney, asked for trial by jury, and the case was decided by the following jurors: Stanley Mussehl, John Coulthard, Clay Pitts, John Bohnaker, Clarence P. Weygant and Ray S. Groenier.

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Digelow and Mrs. Ross.
—Sam Groenier, wife and family of Chicago were over Sunday guests at the home of their son Ray and wife.
Miss Mary D.

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TWO STORES **WHO WE ARE** **TWO STORES**

Lambert Groenier and Ray Groenier have been for nearly thirty years identified with the music trades of southwestern Wisconsin operating from Lancaster and within the last two years have opened the Platteville Music Shop. Our new Combined Stores give us a buying leverage that is enjoyed by but few Piano Merchants.

**Platteville
Music Shop**
Ray Groenier
Platteville, Wisc.

**Lambert Groenier
Music Store**
Phillips' Hotel Building
Lancaster, Wisc.

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10 YEARS AGO TUSCANIA WAS TORPEDOED

**Ray Groenier and Harry
Livens, Grant County Boys,
On Board Vessel.**

It was ten years ago last Sunday that one of the few major disasters that marked the transportation of two million American troops occurred—the torpedoing by a German submarine of the *Tuscania*, a ship carrying U. S. troops, off the coast of Ireland. And on the boat was one of Platteville's townsman, Ray Gronier. Ray says this is one experience at which he will never cease to shudder.

He was one of two from Grant County on this boat—of 2177 souls—and of which number 213 met death. The other man was Harry Livens of Lancaster now of Milwaukee.

The crash came about 5:55. Ray had just finished his evening meal and was in the hold on his bunk, as was the habit of many of them to do, following supper.

When the crash came, the crowd was ordered to the boats. They found they had much trouble in getting the boats lowered, especially those on the upper side of the sinking ship. The one to which Ray was assigned had gone down and he stood waiting for further orders. The captain came down, desiring ten men to go up above to lower boats and Mr. Gronier was one of that number.

The lights had gone out and it was a difficult matter to know how to move. Ray was put in a boat with others and he and one man were to unhook the two ends of the boat so it would go down at once. In some manner, he landed or jumped into the sea, where with his life preserver, he was for perhaps five minutes. He was pulled out by a Buddy and later in the night they were landed at Bun-cranna, Ireland.

Ray enlisted from Platteville with Co. I, but gave his address as Chicago. He was transferred from this Company while at Camp Douglas. His picture was the only one given on the front page of the Tribune as one of the few Chicago saved. Ten years makes quite a difference, for in this picture Ray looks like a rolly polly kid, not the lean, lank citizen he is today.

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coming and going.

Ray Groenier and wife of Platteville were Lancaster callers Wednesday evening. Ray has a new broadcasting outfit in pairs and is broadcasting and receiving wireless between his home and the Lambert Groenier home in Lancaster.

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Groeniers to Gays Mills
 Ray Groenier's Platteville Music Shop orchestra has been given the contract to furnish music for the Crawford county fair at Gays Mills, August 22 to 24. This year the boys and girls of Crawford county, in club work are going to manage and operate the fair and the experiment is being watched with interest all over the state.

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Willis Groenier of Chicago spent the week end here at the home of his brother, Ray Groenier.

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part of Tuesday in Platteville.
 —Ray Groenier and Stanley Groenier of Lancaster, are driving out a couple of new Chevrolet trucks from Janesville, to be used by the Platteville Music Shop.

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ORGANIZE FOR SAKE OF RADIO

Last Thursday evening, at a mass meeting in the Platteville Music Shop a large number of radio owners decided to organize a Radio Listeners Club for the purpose of combating the local interference troubles. Ray Groenier was temporary chairman and he told how clubs of this kind have accomplished so much in other cities. Mr. Groenier also gave some information as to our own troubles and how they can be cured. Mr. Smith of the Interstate Light and Power Co., from whom Platteville purchases electricity, was present and told what their company has and will do.

Mr. Meyer, the district superintendent of the Interstate Co., who owns the high tension wire on Second St., was present and told what his company is doing to abolish interference.

The following officers were elected for the new company formed that evening: George Meyer, president; C. Alexander, secretary and treasurer; Raymond Kuster, Lyle Benedict and E. P. Smith, board of directors.

The dues were voted to be \$1.00 per year.

If you want to help combat the trouble please send your \$1.00 to Charles Alexander in the First National Bank. Every Radio owner should be a member.

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Ray Groenier bought the store building on East Main street.

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Will Specialize in Radios

Ray Groenier, who has been manager of the Platteville Music Shop, will continue in the music business in the present location in the Knebel building. He will handle Victor Radios, records, sheet music and general musical merchandise. Ray will specialize in Radios. Mr. Sime will remain with him as radio expert.

The Harker Shoe Store will share the store with the Ray Groenier Music Shop.

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of Worthington, Minn.
Ray Groenier of the Platteville Music Shop with Forest Harker, an ex-navy man, were in Chicago, for a reunion of the survivors of the Tuscania tragedy off the north coast of Ireland in Feb. 1918 when over 200 American soldiers lost their lives. Ray was with the troops on the Tuscania when a German torpedo from a submarine struck the vessel in the early morning of Feb. 5, and sunk the ship.

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Wed, Feb 18, 1931 -Page 3

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Harker and Mrs. Ray Groenier will drive to Waukesha the latter part of the week to visit at the Dr. Pretts home and to see Ray Groenier, who is in the Government hospital there.

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Ray Groenier of Platteville is now in a sanitarium in Waukesha where he is taking treatments for rheumatism.

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ANNOUNCING

the appointment of
RAY GROENIER
PLATTEVILLE, WIS.

as local dealer for the
Westinghouse
REFRIGERATOR

NEW improvements and discoveries are being made every day in electric refrigeration.

Learn what WESTINGHOUSE engineers have recently accomplished in this direction. Learn how, with a WESTINGHOUSE Refrigerator, you can actually save \$30 to \$150 per year as compared with ordinary home refrigeration.

It can save you more than it costs you

We mean just that. You can make every dollar you invest in a WESTINGHOUSE Refrigerator come back to you, with a money-profit added.

In other words, you are more than paying for a WESTINGHOUSE right now — by money losses that you can prevent.

WESTINGHOUSE is prepared to prove that statement to any woman not owning a mechanical refrigerator.

The smallest family can save \$50 per year; some can save \$150 and even more, with a "WESTINGHOUSE." Any WESTINGHOUSE dealer will prove this statement.

And 2 years to pay

The purchase prices of WESTINGHOUSE Refrigerators are not only low, but the terms are most liberal. A small first payment and then two whole years to pay the balance if you desire.

Investigate now!

See the WESTINGHOUSE dealer near you. Or, fill out and mail the coupon. You will receive free of charge the complete refrigerator story.




There is the WESTINGHOUSE Program every week near KRLD, KTH, WIS, and other stations connected with the National Broadcasting Co.

Westinghouse REFRIGERATOR

RAY GROENIER
Platteville, Wis.

Please send me a free copy of the WESTINGHOUSE Book.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____

Ray Groenier

Platteville, Wis.

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then home, Thursday, Feb. 9.
**Ralph Durley and Ray Groenier at-
 tended the 14th annual Tuscania con-
 vention at Milwaukee Friday.**

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Ray Groenier and Glen P. Diggles, Platteville, attended the reunion of Tuscania survivors in Kenosha last week. The Tuscania, loaded with 2,200 Americans bound for war fronts, was submarined off the Scottish coast Feb. 5, 1918. About 250 men perished. Privates Gibson of Cuba City, Ware of Linden and McCauley of Benton, were among the rescued. McCauley's leg was broken as he was taken from the doomed ship.

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ELECTION NOTICE

Candidates at September Primary.

I, James T. Webb, County Clerk of the County of Grant, do hereby certify that the following are the names and addresses of all persons for whom nomination papers have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, as certified to me by said Secretary, and of all persons for whom nomination papers have been filed in my office, and who are entitled to be voted for at the primary election to be held in each election precinct of said county, on the 18th day of September, 1934.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

First District

County Treasurer:

Ray S. Groenier, 134 Rountree St., Platteville, Wis.

Henry L. Vosberg, Cuba City, Wis.. (Town of Hazel Green.)

like to the primary election law.

On the Democratic state ticket Gov. Schmedeman and the present state officials were given a substantial endorsement. W. D. Carroll of Pra. du Chien received the largest vote for senatorial honors, Jas. Tormey of Fennimore for county clerk, Ray S. Groenier of Platteville for county treasurer, J. Lee Wright for sheriff, Mervin Mitchell for register of deeds, Matt Elskamp for clerk of court, and John Kellev for assemblyman.

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Boscobel WI

Twelve Aspire to Be Postmaster

Following are the twelve who are candidates to succeed the present postmistress, Mrs. Cynthia Goodell.

Thomas J. McDonald, Carmon Beining, Lenice E. Wolfe, W. J. Thompson, Raymond W. Piquette, Walter H. Johnson, Robt. J. Bellmeyer, Frank Gust, Adam J. Miller, James O. Luce, Ray S. Groenier, and Wm. F. Nabbefeldt.

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Twelve Seek Postal Job at Platteville

Thomas J. McDonald, city clerk; C. A. Beining, Lenice E. Wolfe, Warren J. Thompson, local democratic leader; Raymond W. Piquette, Walter H. Johnson, Robert J. Bellmeyer, Frank F. Gust, retired Platteville merchant; Adam J. Miller, former mayor; James O. Luce, active in democratic circles; Ray S. Groenier, world war veteran, and William F. Nabbefield, have filed to take the examination for postmaster at Platteville.

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years the family from
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier who are at Ladysmith where Ray is an officer in the CCC camp were in Platteville, their home, coming down on business. Mrs. Groenier visited at the Barnett home over Saturday night and on Sunday was joined by her husband who came from Platteville and they started on their return trip to Ladysmith.

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to Norton's laundry.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier, Ladysmith, were guests over the week-end at the Fred Barnett home. Mr. Groenier is engaged in federal reforestation work near Ladysmith.

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phic work.

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Howell.
Ray Groenier, working at Camp Douglas, came to Lancaster last week-end to visit his wife who has been visiting at the R. B. Barnett home for some time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groenier have again established their home at Platteville. During the fall and winter months Mr. Groenier was employed as an officer at a CCC camp at Ladysmith. His wife was with him until a few weeks ago when she came to Lancaster to be with relatives.

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Fennimore WI -

Legion and Auxiliary Enjoy 18th Birthday Observance

Eighty-two members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary of Lancaster enjoyed the observance of the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of the organization at a banquet held at Day's Club rooms on Tuesday evening, which was followed by a program and social entertainment.

As a finale to the delightful dinner, two large birthday cakes, each bearing eighteen candles, and appropriately decorated, were cut and served. Cutting of the cakes was presided over by H. L. Follo, oldest past-commander in point of service in Lancaster, and Mrs. Addie Austin, who enjoys the same distinction as past-president of the Auxiliary. Members of the Auxiliary sang "Happy Birthday" dur-

ing the ceremony. Mass singing was in charge of Mark Hoskins, who with John Hassberg, presented one of their enjoyable musical programs.

Attorney U. G. Bussan, Post commander, was toastmaster and presided over the program which followed. He gave a brief history of the formation of the Legion, and followed by calling the roll of charter members to which only six of the nineteen responded. The charter members of the local Post were: Ralph B. Orton Paul E. Keitlinger, Evans Stone, John W. Edwards, Claude D. Showalter, Wess Millar, Fred B. Avery, Ernest P. Breithaupt, L. O. Pennock, H. J. Belscamper, C. E. Halferty, Donald W. Hickok, Frank C. Meyer, V. C. Judd, Leo B. McCormick,

Ray S. Groenier, Kenneth B. Oyer, Dr. Rush Godfrey and William Sanger. Roll call of the fifteen past-commanders of the Post was answered by ten former commanders.

Attorney George Franz of Fenimore gave an excellent talk on "the achievements and aims of the American Legion," which was very much enjoyed and favorably commented on by the listeners.

Mrs. M. W. Irgens, president of the Lancaster Auxiliary, presented in behalf of the unit an American Legion plaque to the Legion as a memento of the occasion. The national broadcast was listened to at 9:30, which was followed by social entertainment and cards. The meeting was closed in regular form.

Does Radio Work? And How!

"WASD testing . . . WASD testing . . . WASD, Madison police, testing.

"If you are listening in, Marie, call B12. Will be home for dinner shortly . . ."

It was Ray S. Groenier, radio technician for the Madison police department, testing the new police radio Sunday morning at the central station.

Ray and Lieutenant H. Austin White, who was at central switch-

SHOCKED

Electricians slightly "shocked" police today in working around the radio equipment in the desk sergeant's department they accidentally kicked off an alarm and sent detectives scurrying for coats and guns before they found out it was false alarm.

board, soon found out that the radio transmitter was working perfectly and that there were many Maries waiting for their husbands to come home for dinner Sunday.

A few minutes after Ray sent the call his wife called in and then one, two, three and up to 15 other women swamped the lieutenant with telephone calls answering the radio call made by Groenier.

"It must have been a mistake," sighed Groenier. "I didn't think there were that many Maries . . . but at least the set was certainly working all right."

Lieutenant White, a trifle frantic attempting to answer calls on three wires at once, was sure it was a mistake.

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NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Groenier, 170
Rodney ct., are new residents in Madi-
son, having come here from Platte-
ville.

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VFW to Note Commanders Day Here

The annual Past Commanders day will be observed by Lt. Marion G. Cranefield Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars today. The class of recruits will be initiated at the Crystal ball room in Hotel Lorraine. The Ladies auxiliary will entertain all visiting ladies at the Pompeian room.

This years general chairman is Past Commander Orin Brigham. He will be assisted by Past Commanders Arthur Nelson, Edward Fischer, Ernest Kuenzi, Edward Watland, Milar Kalhagen, H. E. Hebblethwaite, Horace Gotstein and Paul W. Lappley. The degree work in which more than 50 new members will be admitted to the post, will be conducted by the Milwaukee county council degree team. They will be assisted by the Marine firing squad, also from Milwaukee.

Weather permitting, a parade will be held on the square at 1:30 p. m., under the direction of Senior Vice Commander A. J. Taff and will feature the champion ladies drum and bugle corps of the department of Wisconsin. The Corporal Henry J. Schafer post, Milwaukee, sponsors this organization. The parade units will include the state champion mens drum and bugle corps of the local post, William Harrison president and manager. Delegations and colors of the posts in the second district will also take part. These are Stoughton, Beaver Dam, Ft. WocAtkinson, Waukesha, Oconotat, Wautertown.

After the ceremonies at the Hotel Lorraine, an army supper will be served to all the visitors at Schenks hall, during which entertainment will be provided by Dr. C. J. Martin and his VFW synopaters.

Out of town visitors who will

make short addresses are Department Commander Frank C. Eller, Eau Claire, and Les Meyers, past department commander, Green Bay.

Following is a partial list of those who will join the Veterans of foreign wars: J. H. Behrend, Al C. Rasmussen, Clarence Johnson, Albert Weiser, Leslie R. Jungbluth, Edw. A. Patranek, Leo J. Barreau, John R. O'Hardy, Edwin N. Johnston, Paul B. Hoover, John C. Dobson, William F. Volkman, Timothy Brown, William Henry Groat, Charles A. Brejcka, J. Arthur Franke, Chester A. Perkins, Carl Lagoni, Edwin A. Neubauer, James L. Doyle, Carl J. Ranneberg, Ray S. Groenier, Ben Berger, John Herheim, C. P. Collins, George L. Schnieder, Easley S. Echols, John Richard Oehmeke, H. F. Sunderlage, Anthony Loy, Volney Breeden, John J. Tesar, Irwin Cyrus Garner, Arthur Thomas Delaney, and Dr. R. J. Dixon.

Louis H. Hahn, commander of the Lt. Marion C. Cranefield post will act as master of ceremonies.

Nelson Asks Boost in Radio Man's Wage

A. H. Nelson, business manager of the electrical union, in a letter to Mayor Law today urges that

the city increase the salary of Ray S. Groenier, radio operator of the police radio system, from \$37.50 to \$42 a week. Nelson claims that since April 1 the wage rate of radio operators has been \$42. The communication will be presented to the common council May 27 and referred to a committee.

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WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Groenier, 170 Rodney ct., are entertaining as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Punter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newport, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weber, Janesville, were recent guests at the Groenier home. Mr. Weber is a brother of his hostess.

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C. U. Honor Roll

POLICE DEPARTMENT

William Abernathy, Burleigh K. Allen, John R. Arnold, Bert V. Austin, Patrick J. Burke, Gilbert H. Brumm, John F. Castle, Harold K. Dawe, J. Homer Elder, Stanley Feeney, Wm. T. Frederick, Thurman A. Grinnell, Ray S. Groenier.

Mrs. M. Pearl Guyness, Rufus H. Haralson, T. R. Haugen, Wesley C. Jenkins, Leo J. Kinney, George S. Lawrence Jr., Ludwig P. Lenzer, Frank O. Levenentz, Jr., Casper Lottes, Stanley D. Main, Michael Malloy, Wm. H. McCormick, E. L. Mellor, Harry L. Milsted, Harrounn J. Morris, Harry G. Murkve, Philip Oakey.

Richard H. Rossmassler, Floyd K. Russell, Wilfred T. Schultz, Myron W. Schumann, Carl J. Seeman, Lester Shore, Harvey K. Smyth, Herbert Spaeni, Calbert J. Sparks, Walter R. Thompson, Erick C. Usilton, Austin H. White, Raymond Widman, R. W. York.

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AT GROENIER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weber, Janesville, have been visiting at the home of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Groenier, 170 Rodney ct.

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Madison WI

DID THEIR STUFF

AN excellent example of what amateur radio has done in emergency was given during the great sleet storm of April, this year. Wausau, you may remember, was shut off from the world . . . all communication cut off. Ray S. Groenier, chief engineer of the Madison police radio station, WASD, and one amateur operator in New Jersey co-operated in keeping open Wausau's only remaining channel of intercourse with the outside world . . . the air lane.

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Madison WI

Police Operators To Discuss Radio 'Relay Routes'

MADISON, Wis., March 29.—(AP)—A system of "relay routes" for transmission of police information will be discussed here Monday night at a meeting of about 75 police radio operators from Wisconsin, Ray S. Groenier, Madison operator, announced. Commissioner George W. Rickeman, of the state motor vehicle department, and Homer G. Bell, director of the inspection and enforcement division, have been asked to assist in planning procedure for transmitting information on motor vehicle registrations.

Morris, Groenier to Address Young Men's Division

Capt. H. J. Morris of the police traffic bureau will speak on traffic problems and Ray S. Groenier, radio engineer for the police department, will discuss radio in crime apprehension at the double feature program of the Young Men's Division of the Madison and Wisconsin foundation at 6:30 p. m. Monday in the Marine club. Reservations may be made by calling the foundation office, Badger 7304 before Monday noon.

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Madison WI

Morris Denies Force Tactics on Meters

He never planned to "push parking meters down the business men's throats," Traffic Capt. H. J. Morris told 62 business men at a dinner of the Young Men's division of the Madison and Wisconsin foundation Monday night in the Marine club.

"The idea was to install the meters only in front of those stores whose owners consented," Capt. Morris pointed out.

"These parking meters will be a good way for merchants to advertise," Morris maintained. "Suppose a customer comes into a clothing store, for instance, to buy a suit, and says, 'My car's parked out in front so I've got to hurry.' The boss tells a clerk to go out and put a nickel in the parking meter so the customer can take his time. That nickel will pay for itself many times over in free advertising."

"It's discouraging to find that most of the parking violations are by those who directly benefit most by enforcement," he criticized. "One business man had 46 parking violations."

The merchants in a business block on Monroe street asked to have restricted parking for the benefit of their customers. All the cars found parked in this block belonged to the merchants or their employees, Morris said.

The automatic parking meter is best, he believed. This type of meter shows the unexpired time of the preceding parker. It has a penny slot for 12 minutes of parking and a nickel slot for 60 minutes. It has a large face numbered from zero to 60 and an indicator showing the amount of time used. With this meter some drivers will get free parking.

Ray S. Groenier, radio engineer of the police department, explained the operation of the radio police system. He illustrated his speech by carrying on a conversation with the desk sergeant over the system.

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Madison WI

RADIO LICENSING

The council repassed the ordinance which provides for licensing of radio servicemen. Under the new ordinance the licensing board will consist of two servicemen, two employes, Edward M. Michelson, electrical inspector, and Ray S. Groenier, chief radio technician at the police station.

The fee for the first examination was set at \$10 and for all subsequent exams at \$5.

Pres. Leo G. Straus announced that before Mayor Law left for the west he appointed Ben J. Lang and Kenneth Clarke, employers, and Lawrence Busse and Walter Starkweather, servicemen. Michelson and Groenier will serve as ex-officio members.

Ald. F. Halsey Kraege succeeded in holding up confirmation of the appointments until May 23 after he had explained that the board cannot be named until the ordinance has been approved and published.

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Madison WI

Radio Club Here In Picnic Sunday

The Four-Lakes Amateur Radio club will hold its yearly picnic and sports-fest Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m., at Sunset point. In addition to local members of the radio organization, many visitors are expected from southern and central Wisconsin communities.

An emergency radio transmitter will be installed on the picnic grounds for demonstration purposes. Ray S. Groenier, radio engineer of the Madison police department, will demonstrate police radio receiving sets.

Arthur Saboe, president of the radio club, is general chairman of the picnic. He is assisted by Ferrell Smith, prizes; Arthur Bergmann, in charge of activities and Theodore W. Kennedy, publicity.

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Madison WI

Radio Board Is Given Council O.K.

Mayor Law's four appointees to the city radio examining board for the licensing of radio service men were approved Friday by the common council at a meeting at the city hall.

The board members appointed are Lawrence Busse, Walter Starkweather, Ben Lang and Kenneth Clark. Raymond Groenier, Madison police radio engineer, and Edward Michelson, city electrical inspector, will serve as ex-officio members.

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Madison WI

FIRE DAMAGES AUTO

Fire of unknown origin badly damaged the interior of a car owned by Ray S. Groenier, police radio technician, early today. The car was parked in the driveway at Gronier's home, 617 Western ave.

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Madison WI

Sheriff Backs New Radio Plan

The establishment of a \$10,500 central radio desk to handle all emergency calls for police, sheriff, and county traffic headquarters received the approval today of Sheriff Edward A. Fischer and Officer Rod Bergenske, radio dispatcher of the county traffic department.

"I think a central desk is a good thing," Fischer said. "It may affect our process serving in the daytime, but I think we can arrange that."

Fischer, who also approved the proposed location of the central desk at police headquarters, said establishment of the desk was "for the interest of the whole county."

Bergenske said:

"As far as I am concerned, that's all right. I have enough to do now without operating the radio."

Fischer added that Ray S. Groenier, chief radio engineer, needed more room—"space for three or four cars"—for working on city and county radio cars. He said Groenier is pressed for space in his present nook in the city police garage.

Establishment of a central radio desk would not affect county sheriff or traffic department personnel, Fischer said.

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Madison WI

Centralized Radio Cost Cut to \$3,000

The \$10,500 cost of equipping a proposed central radio desk for city and county police and sheriff emergency calls spiraled down today to a minimum of \$3,000.

Police Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier today said the \$10,500 price for a new transmitter and equipping 26 cars with radio telephones was for new frequency modulation, so-called staticless, equipment which he termed "almost impossible" to obtain now because of priorities.

Used Unity \$3,000

Groenier said cost of a new transmitter for the same frequency now used by the city and county departments would be \$4,000, and he is able to purchase a used transmitter for \$3,000. If the same frequency is used, county, city, village, and township radio cars could use their present sets.

Cost of the new transmitter would be split between the city and county, he said.

Favoring a new ultra-high frequency to reduce static interference, Groenier said total cost of such new equipment would be about \$6,000. The transmitter, proposed to be located at police headquarters when the common council approves use of the second floor of the police garage, would cost \$2,500. At \$150 a car, the county would have to equip 11 vehicles, the city 12, and the towns of Blooming Grove and Madison and the villages of Maple Bluff and Monona, each one car.

If the proposed central desk went on ultra-high frequency, the cost to the county would be about \$2,900 and to the city about \$3,050.

The police radio committee is to discuss the proposed emergency radio setup at an early meeting.

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Madison WI

100 Officers Twiddle Thumbs as Rain Soaks Halloween Here

By **ROD VAN EVERY**
(State Journal Staff Writer)

A cold rain, whipped sometimes by a 29 mile an hour wind, presented Madison and Dane county with a Halloween so quiet you could hear a privy drop.

Seventy Madison police officers and 30 county police and sheriff's officers, chafing for a wild night of concentrated activity, sat in squad cars glumly surveying drumming rain, listening to the slap of their windshield wipers, and occasionally thrilling to a radio call.

"It's the quietest Halloween since I've been on the force," Desk Sgt. T. A. Grinnell said. That's 21 years.

Only 12 Calls

Grinnell was handling telephone calls and Police Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier was acting as radio dispatcher. Three telephones, all manned, were ready to handle the expected deluge of complaints on Halloween damage... a deluge which last year overflowed three telephones and brought more than 200 calls to radio cars.

Friday night there were exactly 12 Halloween calls. Five of those were for lowered street lights.

The first call, at 6:36 p. m., concerned a "gang disturbing" on Kendall ave. Between 6:36 and 10 p. m. there were exactly 11 calls,

only a couple complaints more than an average night.

"Wonderful rain," grinned Grinnell. "Sure is a big help."

He leaned luxuriously back in his swivel chair in front of a silent radio and telephone.

"We really welcome this rain, even if we didn't need it," Lt. T. R. Haugen said.

East Side Perfect

The rain kept right on pelting. It made window and car soaping difficult.

Next to the wonder of the rain,

the officers congratulated themselves on an east side which racked up not one call all night.

"That east side. Look at that east side," chortled Officer C. J. Sparks. He's an east sider.

A few calls started dribbling in.

A window was broken at 2140 Regent st. Arc lights were hauled down at Prospect and Chadbourne aves., at Fox ave. and Norwood pl., Van Hise ave. and Ash st., Knickerbocker and Gregory sts., and Chamberlain ave. and Franklin st.

Light Vandals Caught

All the arc light calls were concentrated in an eight-block area. Two gangs were believed working. One quit. Its five members took a trip with Detective Stanley Feeney and Officer Julius Anderson to headquarters.

The boys, all of whom reported to Chief of Police William H. McCormick today at 8 a. m., were William Arnold, 16, of 1123 Erin st., son of Detective Capt. John R. Arnold; John Buser, 17, of 2630 Chamberlain ave.; Robert Rietz, 16, of 628 Sprague st.; Robert Herman, 17, of 2536 Gregory st., and Marvin Nelson, 16, of 722 Spruce.

Arnold's Son "Gets Away"

Friday afternoon The State Journal had asked Capt. Arnold what he'd be doing on Halloween.

"Stay home and try to keep my kids at home," he said.

"No use calling my dad," young

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Dane County Sends 126 Men to Army

Crowds lined the first block of E. Washington ave. early today to say goodbye to 126 army-bound Dane county men, some of whom wisecracked "See you in Tokyo" or "I'll send you a postcard from Berlin" while others had tears in their eyes.

The number of inductees was somewhat smaller than expected for the March call, due to several enlistments and to a few stays granted by the coun-

ty's four selective service boards.

Red Cross volunteers served coffee and doughnuts, and tall Roundy Coughlin, State Journal sports columnist, was on hand to distribute cigarets, cigars, candy, and gum to the soldiers and to tell them to "put up a good fight, and we'll be waiting to welcome you back home." Roundy raised funds through his column to give the boys a "real American sendoff."

Sober Crowd

The relatives, friends, and veterans of other wars who made up the crowd were serious when the men boarded four buses at 8 a. m. and left for Ft. Sheridan, Ill. There was much hand-waving but little cheering, and tears rolled down the cheeks of many sweethearts, wives, and mothers. Ray S. Groenier, police radio engineer who presided at the sound car, gave the farewell a note of humor when he shouted, "never mind about your girl friends, fellows. We'll look after them."

Sons of University of Wisconsin professors and farmers, a police officer, and professional men were in the group. Cason Richardson, who worked on a police squad car before induction, said he wouldn't mind taking orders instead of giving them "as long as it's for Uncle Sam."

Winfield Scott Cunningham, 626 S. Park st., namesake of a Civil war general, commented with a grin, "we want to beat Hitler and the Japs in a hurry so we can come back home. I'm going to do my best to make it a quick war."

Haddon Enlists

A second policeman who was scheduled to leave, Douglas Haddon, has enlisted in the coast guard instead and is expected to leave for service Apr. 11.

Two draftees got an unexpected gift as they were about to board the bus. Henry H. Behnke, newly appointed counsel for the Mautz Paint and Varnish Co., presented Joseph Holmes and Floyd Detert with a week's wages and said the company from now on would give each man leaving for service a week's wages.

Of the 126 men leaving today, 40 were from selective service Board 1, 28 from Board 2, 32 from Board 3, and 24 from Board 4.

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Here Is List of First 50 Names Called by Washington in Dane County Boards

ave.; Edwin John Kippley, Route 2, Mazomanie; Claude Herbert Loughhead, Box 91, Belleville; Richard Frank Haag, Mt. Horeb; Leo Jacob Kalscheur, Cross Plains; Marvin John Frank, Route 2, Mt. Horeb; Anton Laufenberg, Route 2, Mt. Horeb; Ernest Paul Nickel, Route 2, Middleton; Elmer Olin Tollefson, Route 1, Mt. Horeb; Lloyd C. Cullen, Belleville; Ray Samuel Groenier, 617 Western ave.; Richard William Farrell, Route 2, Cross Plains; Rudolph Victor Becker, 2917 McKinley st.; Otto Hilman Westphal, Route 1, Cross Plains; Bertrun David Bryant, Route 3, Madison; Michael J. Roach, Mazomanie; Darrell Dewey Dunn, Route 45, Madison; Gordon Arthur Grinde, Mt. Horeb; John William Parker, Sunset Point; Wilfred Basil Russell, Normandale, Inc., Madison; Frank August Sutter, Route 2, Mt. Horeb; Clarence Elmer Severson, Route 1, Black Earth; Rodney Joachim Miller, 2129 University ave.; Albert Carsten Rasmussen, Route 2, Madison; Wayne Sidney Padley, Lodi.

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City Notables Among Those on Draft Lists

Among the many well known Madison men listed in the draft lottery were:

John Steuart Curry, artist-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin; J. Ward Rector, deputy attorney general; Henry J. McCormick, Wisconsin State Journal sports editor; Dr. Robert M. Wheeler; Prof. Howard P. Becker and Arlie Mucks of the university;

State Sen. Fred Risser; Karl Fauerbach, president of the Fauerbach Brewing Co.; Walt Frautschi, vice-president of the Madison Fuel Co. and Democrat Printing Co.; Atty. John B. Cassoday; Bryn A. Griffiths, former Madison newspaperman, and now employed by the Wisconsin Council of Defense; and Ray S. Groenier, police radio engineer.

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12 Home Owned-Home Edited-Home Read MADISON THE CAPITAL TIMES WISCONSIN Wednesday Afternoon, March 18, 1942

Here's List of County Draft Registrants With Serial Numbers

Find Your Serial Number in Draft Lottery List (Published Elsewhere in this Edition) to Discover Your "Order of Call"

T1605	Mathew Engelbert Statz
T1606	Adam Annen
T1607	James Patrick O'Connell
T1608	Ray Samuel Groenier
T1609	Clarence Loyd Haak
T1610	Henry Isaac Oimoen
T1611	Reuben Stephen Korb
T1612	John Clifford Fosshage

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Our Town ...News of Your Neighbors

Madisonians are going to all sorts of trouble to have good Victory gardens in this year of rationing, and police officers are no exception.

However, few face the problem that confronted **Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier** and **Traffic Sgt. J. Homer Elder** last Sunday. The two are Western ave. neighbors and plant gardens on large adjoining plots west of town.

Groenier and Elder decided this winter that the land needed enriching and decided on Mar. 21, the first day of spring, as the occasion to administer the large dose of fertilizer. They made all arrangements, but when the time came last week, they faced the necessity of keeping in contact with the police station while they were in the field. So—Groenier rigged up a two-way radio on the manure spreader, and the two listened to police calls as they worked.

No emergencies developed to call them from their earthly task during the day, and the soil enrichment project was completed without incident. The two now boast of having the only manure spreader equipped with two way radio in Wisconsin.

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Madison WI

Centralized Police Radio Delayed Again

Action on setting up a centralized radio desk for police and sheriff departments was held up at a meeting Tuesday night pending study of the plan by the fire and police commission.

Police Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier, who explained the proposed centralization of all emergency calls, criticized methods of choosing officers for desk sergeant jobs without consideration for their ability to operate the police radio transmitter, a part of the desk sergeant's work. He said that some officers who had taken training in radio operation were pounding a beat and were not considered for desk sergeant positions.

Cost of operation of a centralized bureau would be about \$10,000 with three men operating it in one-man shifts. He also suggested that a radio telegraph transmitter be installed in the proposed bureau.

Cost of setting up the centralized bureau would be small, and cost of radio telegraph, which enables authorities to communicate directly with all United States police department, would be about \$500.

Mrs. Mary S. Tegge and Myron Stevens, of the fire and police commission, said they would discuss the plan with the commission and report back to the sheriff and traffic committees. Tuesday night's meeting was held among the two committees, Sheriff John R. Arnold, Groenier, and County Traffic Capt. O. F. Larsen.

The committees granted Groe-

nier authority to extend radio receiver outlets in the sheriff and traffic department, at a cost not to exceed \$75, so that the offices can log calls from more southern Wisconsin police radio stations.

Central Police Radio Delayed.

Commission Defers Plan for Duration

Action on establishing a centralized police radio bureau was deferred by the police and fire commission Tuesday night until after the war.

Police Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier reported that radio-telegrapher operators were scarce because of army and navy demand. The bureau, under consideration for two years, would centralize all emergency calls at a single radio room.

A vacancy created when Officer Reinhart J. Altenberg entered military service still was unfilled because of the inability of Edward Nelson, an employe of Brinks, Inc., to obtain a manpower release from his employer. Nelson is first on the police department's eligibility list. The commission plans to seek a certificate of availability from the newly created Madison Area War Manpower committee.

Joe Martinelli, 131 N. Bedford st., and Kermit E. Hermanson, 3122 Lindbergh st., were assigned to No. 6 and 2 fire stations respectively to fill vacancies caused when Donald Chase entered mili-

tary service and Edward W. Rhode resigned. Martinelli and Hermanson were released by Madison Kipp.

Joseph Koberstein, secretary to Fire Chief Richard Widmann for two years, revealed that he was planning to leave for San Francisco May 15 for a new job. Widmann said he had not made a replacement.

STOUGHTON, Wis.—A variety of subjects came up for consideration Tuesday evening at the June meeting of the common council. Except for allowing the customary monthly claims the council took no action in any of the matters discussed.

A resolution, introduced by the police and fire commission, recommending the purchase of a radio transmitter for the city's squad car was referred to the finance and purchasing committees of the council. The installation of this equipment, as explained at the May meeting by Ray S. Groenier of the county police system, would greatly increase the value of the city's present receiving equipment and would provide greater co-operation in the county-wide police radio system. As stated last month, the cost of this transmitter would be in the vicinity of \$300, with no additional cost for maintenance or service.

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Madison WI

2-Way Radio Sought for Warner Beach

Efforts to obtain a police two-way radio at Warner beach, where hundreds of Truax Field soldiers swim daily, were under way Saturday.

Inability to obtain priority-bound inhalators has led Truax Field officials to seek the radio, it was learned. The beach is isolated from communications, and the radio would be used for emergency calls to police headquarters.

Inspector Leo J. Kinney assured one Truax spokesman that the police ambulance and its inhalator could reach Warner beach in 10 minutes. The beach is located near Maple Bluff Country club.

The radio would be installed at no expense to the city, and Radio Engineer Ray S. Groenier said he would be able to build the set. He said, however, that his one-man department has been swamped with work recently in setting up amplifying systems for outdoor concerts and maintaining police, sheriff, and fire department radios and amplifying systems.

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ATTEND DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Groenier, 617 Western ave., went to Lancaster Sunday to attend a dinner given by Miss Catherine Barnett in honor of the 80th birthday of her father, Harry F. Barnett.

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SIX. Appropriated \$75 to pay half the expenses of Ray Groenier, city-county police radio technician, at a Washington hearing next week on a proposed restriction on police radio intercommunications, and 0892 to finance community center dances at East and Central high schools Saturday nights from Nov. 11 to Dec. 23.

FIVE. Voted \$75 expense money for Ray Groenier, Madison-Dane county police radio technician, who next week will attend a Federal Communications Commission conference in Washington, D. C., to argue against a proposed discontinuance of city-to-city police broadcasting.

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Ray Groenier Gets National Recognition

Ray Groenier, a former Platteville resident, has recently been appointed president of the Associated Police Communication Officers Assn., a national organization of representatives of state, city and county police radio departments.

Groenier a Madison radio engineer, was twice elected vice

president before being elected to the presidency.

While living in Madison since 1936 he has built and installed radio equipment in city and county police cars and ambulances.

While in Platteville during the late twenties and early thirties, he conducted a music store in the building now occupied by Miss Julia Voight.

Killed by Falls

Seventy persons are killed each day by falls.

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ing storms.
Ray S. Groenier, police radio engineer, urged speedy action on purchase of a tower stating that in 90 days the government would remove restrictions on radio towers which would result in many private radio stations putting in their orders for new towers. The police would not be given preference as now, he said.

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Madison WI

Sheriff's Group Speakers Named

Speakers for the three-day Wisconsin sheriffs' assn. meeting, being held at Chula Vista lodge, Wisconsin Dells, were announced today.

A. J. Thelen, executive secretary, Wisconsin County Boards assn., Madison; John Roach, chief, beverage tax division, Madison; H. K. Johnson, of the Milwaukee Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Federal Judge Patrick Stone; Circuit Judge Louis Fellenz, Fond du Lac Dist. Atty. William Leitsch, Columbia county; A. J. Mielke, Racine, president, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Assn.; Paul Yount, director of corrections, state department of public welfare, Madison; Lieut. Michael Walker, of the Milwaukee police department; Dr. Byron Hughes, superintendent, Winnebago State hospital, and Ray S. Groenier, chief radio technician, Madison police department.

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Radio System Planned for Fire Trucks

A two-way radio system for the fire department will be installed, it was revealed at a meeting of the property and purchases committee of the city council Monday night when Purchasing Agent B. L. Gill was instructed to advertise for bids.

Gill said the estimated cost is from \$6,000 to \$7,000 and that money has been provided in the budget.

Ray S. Groenier, head of the city-county police radio system, said today it is planned to install equipment in the fire chief's car, city electricians' truck and in one apparatus at each of the seven fire stations.

"Some times it is difficult for firemen to get to a phone to call for more help," said Groenier. "With a two-way radio system they can summon help without loss of time."

Gronier explained that it will be actually a three-way system. Besides being able to summon assistance to a fire, the firemen may also communicate from apparatus to apparatus. Even at fires, when one company has connected its hose with a hydrant at one end of the block, communication will be available with the company stationed at the other end.

With millions of dollars of valuable property located in the up town business section the two-way radio system will be of especial value in cases where firemen from that part of the city are out on another call and help is needed from the outlying companies, the committee was told.

The committee deferred action

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Madison WI

City Fire Dept. FM System Will Be First in State

The Madison city fire department soon will be the first in the state to have a two-way frequency modulation (FM) radio for communicating between the seven city fire stations and one fire truck of each station.

The second floor at the central fire station, 18 S. Webster st., now is being remodelled to take care of the new equipment, which will be installed by Ray S. Groenier, city and county radio engineer now under the city police department, as soon as sufficient equipment is available. Groenier predicted that the installation will be completed before December.

The new system will permit instant communication with fire trucks anywhere in the city. It will be possible for the central station to get quick reports on fire fighting progress. When necessary additional trucks can be dispatched to a fire through the communication system.

The fire department now is dependent upon the police radio system for radio contact with a radio

in the fire chief's car. The new system will relieve the police department of its present responsibility in radioing for the fire department.

Fire Chief Page says that the new communications system will be the largest single improvement made in the fire department and believes that it will do much in helping his force of 119 firemen keep Madison fires under control. The system also may result in lower fire insurance rates in the city, he said.

Friday's thundershower put the regular police radio tower out of commission for a short time when lightning struck the telephone and power lines, according to Ray S. Groenier, police radio technician. Service was continued with emergency equipment at the police station until repairs could be made on the transmitter.

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Madison WI

Equipment Called Biggest Advancement

By JUNE DIECKMANN
(State Journal Staff Writer)

A few weeks ago, two Madison fire companies were sent to answer an alarm from W. Johnson st.

After the fire trucks had sped toward the given address, another telephone call was received at central fire headquarters, reporting that the wrong address had been given and the fire was on W. Dayton st.

Consequently, another fire company had to be dispatched to the correct address.

Small Fire

The fire turned out to be nothing more than a small rubbish fire, but three companies were out of service for more than 20 minutes, all because the wrong address had been received.

Such an incident won't happen now.

Why? Because the Madison fire department has installed a new high frequency radio system, by which its engines and ladder trucks can constantly keep in contact with each other and with central headquarters.

In case a mistaken address is given now to the dispatcher at central headquarters, and the correct address later telephoned to him, he is not forced to send out an additional fire company.

He simply broadcasts to the trucks which are en route to the first given address, and orders them to change their destination.

Biggest Boon

That's just one of scores of examples which prove that high frequency radio systems are the biggest boon in recent years to speedy and efficient fire-fighting work.

Madison is the first city in the state to install 2-way radios in fire trucks at all of its stations. The city is the first in the nation to start operation with a complete radio system on a new "very high" frequency modulation (FM) band, which has been allocated by the Federal Communications commission (FCC) for strictly fire departments' use, Ray S. Groenier, the city and county radio technician, reported.

With call letters of WJVD, the new fire department radio station operates with headquarters at central fire station, 18 S. Webster st., where a 100-foot transmitting tower has been erected atop the roof of the 40-foot-high building.

Police, Radio Calls On Phone Line Following Storm

Subscribers on a four-party telephone line in the vicinity of the Madison police radio tower between Hoyt park and Forest Hill cemetery reported today that they have been receiving police radio messages on their telephones since the storm Saturday.

Officials of the Wisconsin Telephone Co. told Ray S. Groenier, police radio technician, that the lines had apparently been switched by lightning during the storm. The police radio went off the air briefly today while new lines were assigned.

The police radio messages are relayed to the downtown station on Webster st. by means of the telephone line.

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Madison WI

Ask \$10,000 for Radio Equipment

Ray R. Swann, Dane county highway commissioner, presented a request for \$10,000 for radio equipment for highway snow plows and control cars to members of the radio committee at a meeting at the courthouse Thursday.

A request that the money for highway radios be placed in the 1948 budget was stricken by the board. Swann's request will be referred to the board at its next meeting.

Ray S. Groenier, city police radio technician who maintains county traffic department radio equipment, notified the committee that he is taking a six months leave of absence starting Mar. 1. His assistant, Douglas Lewis, will perform the duties in his absence, Groenier stated.

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Madison WI

RAY S. GROENIER was named sales engineer in charge of communications sales for southwest region of RCA engineering products department. **Radio Corp. of America.**

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Sun, Mar 21, 1948 ·Page 43

Philadelphia PA

Legion Post Will Celebrate Their 40th Anniversary

Lancaster Legionnaires will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their organization at a banquet Sunday, March 15, at the country club. About 40 men who are members of the local post will be presented 35 and 40 year membership pins.

The ceremony March 15 will also observe the 40th anniversary of the Richard Burns Lancaster Legion post chartered in October, 1919.

The American Legion, an organization of war veterans, was founded by act of Congress just two years after the end of World War I. Its membership now numbers in the millions.

Members of local posts are active in civic projects. Twenty men made up the roster of the Lancaster Legion post when it was chartered in 1919. They were: Ralph G. Orton, Paul E. Keitlinger, Evans W. Stone, John W. Edwards, Paul K. Edwards, Claude D. Showalter, Wess Miller, Fred Avery, Ernest Breithaupt, and L. O. Pennock.

Other charter members were: H. J. Belcamper, C. E. Halferty, Donald W. Hickok, Frank Meyer, V. C. Judd, Leo B. McCormick, Ray S. Groenier, Kenneth B. Oyer, Rush Godfrey, and William Sanger.

The first post commander was Dr. S. W. Doolittle.

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12 to 1 Against at Public Hearing

Penalties Seen in Night Parking Ban

By JOHN T. AEHL
(State Journal Staff Writer)

Twelve opponents of present street parking restrictions Tuesday night advanced one thesis — It is not reasonable to penalize on-street overnight parkers all year for the convenience of snow removal five or 10 nights a year.

The 12 spoke at a public hearing held by a special committee to obtain information on citizen reaction to overnight parking restrictions.

The reaction was nearly unanimous. Thirteen persons spoke; 12 opposed alternate side parking restrictions, and one favored them.

Ray S. Groenier, 617 Western ave., the only speaker in favor of the ordinance, said he was "a great believer in off-street parking. I not only favor this, but I would favor it 24 hours a day."

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Wed, May 18, 1966 · Page 25

Excerpts — Madison WI —

Ray Groenier Taken Ill at His Home

Ray Groenier, 69, of 617 Western ave., long time handler of city and county police radio equipment, was reported in "satisfactory" condition Tuesday night at Madison General hospital.

He was taken by police ambulance to the hospital after becoming ill from a heart ailment at his home.

Groenier resigned from his police radio work about 15 years to join a private electronics firm.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 24 Aug 1966 p 31

ORDER SETTING TIME TO PROVE WILL AND HEIRSHIP AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, DANE COUNTY COURT, PROBATE BRANCH

In the Matter of the Estate of RAY S. GROENIER, Deceased.

A petition for the probate of the Will, and determination of heirship, of Ray S. Groenier, Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, post office address 617 Western Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, having been filed:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The petition be heard at the Dane County Courthouse, in Madison, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1974, at the opening of Court or thereafter;

2. All creditors' claims must be filed on or before November 7, 1974, or be barred;

3. All claims will be examined and adjusted on November 19, 1974, at the opening of Court or thereafter.

Dated August 5, 1974.

By the Court

/s/ P. Charles Jones
County Judge

Don F. Meloy, Attorney
119 Monona Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
PUB.: WSJ Aug. 8, 15, 22, 1974.

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Probate Court

Estates Filed — Thomas M. O'Keefe, Madison, \$244,507 *** Margaret R. York, Town of Fitchburg, \$133,549 *** Alice V. Torgerson, Town of Albion, \$44,038 *** Sidney J. Lang, Madison, \$36,359 *** Ray S. Groenier, Madison, \$9,264.

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Madison WI

Wife

—Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier of Lancaster were guests of Atty. and Mrs. J. E. Barnett Sunday.

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Boscobel WI

Mrs. Lambert Groenier and sons, Stanley and Hough, Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier motored to Dubuque Wednesday.

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Lancaster WI

Mr. and Mrs. L. Groenier, Miss Marie Weber and Ray Groenier spent the first of the week in Chicago. They returned home today.

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Lancaster WI

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, Mrs. C. H. Basford, Sam Groenier, Will Johnson, Ray Groenier and Miss Marie Weber, enjoyed a picnic at Porter's bridge Sunday.

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Lancaster WI

SCHUPPENER-LEWIS WEDDING

**Popular Fennimore Girl Becomes
Bride of Well Known Stitzer
Merchant.**

At the M. E. parsonage yesterday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Geo. H. R. Kershaw united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Winifred Lewis, daughter of Mr. T. G. Lewis of Fennimore, and Mr. Claude H. Schuppener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuppener of Stitzer. The young couple were attended by Miss Marie Weber and Mr. Roy Groenier of Lancaster.

The above will be read with great interest by the many friends of both the bride and groom who are held in high esteem by all. The bride is a most charming and accomplished young lady, a teacher in our city schools for a time and of a most winsome and amiable disposition. The groom is also well known here, a graduate of our high school and for several years has been associated with his father in the management of the store at Stitzer, is town clerk of the town of Liberty, and a fine young man in every respect.

The Times joins their many friends in extending best wishes for a happy, prosperous and contented married life. After a few days' visit in Chicago and other places they will return to Stitzer where they will go to housekeeping at once. We understand Claude is to assume active management of his father's store, the elder Schuppener taking things a bit easier.

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Fennimore WI

at the Annapolis School.

Schuppener—Lewis

Miss Marie Weber and Ray Gronier were at Fennimore yesterday where they acted as bride's maid and best man at the marriage of Miss Winnifred Lewis of this city to Claude H. Schuppener of Stitzer. Friends of these deserving young people offer hearty congratulations.

Fennimore Times
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Fennimore WI

SHOWER FOR MISS WEBER

Miss Marie Weber was the honored guest at a miscellaneous shower given Wednesday by Mrs. Ernest Alt. There were 25 guests present and Miss Weber, who is to become the bride of Ray Groenier during the summer, received many nice gifts of cut glass, silver, pyrox and other useful things. Mrs. Claude Schupner of Stitzer was an out of town guest.

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Lancaster WI

Marriage Licenses.

Amos A. Droxel and Mabel Drinkwater of Lancaster.

Leonard Dietzel of Louisburg and Ragera Ames of Harrison.

Ray Groenier and Marie Weber of Lancaster.

Wilson Ostrander and Clara Bachim of Marion.

The Bloomington Record
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Bloomington WI

who extend hearty congratulations.
This evening at 7:45 the marriage of Miss Marie Weber, only daughter of Mrs. Mame Weber, to Ray Groenier will be solemnized. About 50 guests will witness the service.

Fennimore Times
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Fennimore WI

The marriage of Ray Groenier and Marie Weber takes place today at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mame Weber. A number of out-of-town relatives are expected as guests at the happy event. Rev. L. Arhelger will officiate.

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Lancaster WI

**MISS MARIE WEBER
AND RAY GROENIER
MARRIED WEDNESDAY**

Miss Marie Weber, daughter of Mrs. Mame Weber of this city and Ray Groenier, son of Sam Groenier of Chicago, were married last Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the bride's home in the presence of near relatives. Miss Catherine Barnett a cousin of the bride and Sidney Weber brother of the bride attended the couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. F. Arhelger. The bride was gowned in white organdy and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas.

The wedding was a simple ring ceremony without music except for a vocal solo by Mrs. Ora Stitzer, "I Love You Truly", before the service was read. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was served to 50.

The bride is a well known Lancaster girl, a graduate of the local high school and of the Platteville normal. For several terms she taught school in Madison and Fennimore. Mr. Groenier has been a Lancaster resident for the past eight years engaged at the L. Groenier Music store. He was an over seas soldier and is a member of the American legion. The couple left Wednesday night for a honeymoon trip through Iowa and will be at home in Lancaster after June 10.

Marriage - "Lancaster (WI) Teller" Wednesday, 7 Jun 1922 p 1

Weber-Groenier,

Miss Marie Weber, daughter of Mrs. Mame Weber of Lancaster and Ray Groenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Groenier of Chicago, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother at 7:45 o'clock on Wednesday evening, May 31. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. F. Arhelger. The event was attended by about forty-five relatives and friends.

The house was prettily decorated with smilax ferns, and sweet peas. The bay window, in which the young couple and their attendants stood, was arched with smilax.

Mrs. Ora Stitzer, aunt of the groom, sang "I Love You Truly", just before the ceremony. The simple ring service was used.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white georgette and wore a corsage of pink roses and sweet peas. The bridesmaid, Miss Catherine Barnett, cousin of the bride, wore pink organdie, with a corsage of sweet peas.

Sidney Weber of Milwaukee, only brother of the bride, was the best man.

Following the congratulations a two course luncheon was served by Mrs. Claude Schuppener, Mrs. Ernest Alt and Mrs. Burnelle Suttle.

Mr. and Mrs. Groenier departed by automobile for a trip through Iowa, Minnesota and northern Wisconsin.

The bride is a graduate of the Fennimore high school and Platteville Normal and has taught in the Fennimore and Madison public schools.

Mr. Groenier has been a resident of Lancaster for the past eight years and is associated with the L. Groenier music store. He was an overseas soldier and is a member of the American Legion.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Groenier and son John, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groenier and son Andrew of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schuppener of Stitzer, Mr. J. Evans Barnett of Boscobel, Mrs. Max Stokes of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Mr. Sidney Weber of Milwaukee.

Wedding on 31 May 1931 in Lancaster, Grant WI - "Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday, 21 Jun 1922

WILL WED TONIGHT

Miss Marie Weber, daughter of Mrs. Mame Weber of this city and Ray Groenier, son of Samuel Groenier of Chicago, will be married at the Weber home tonight at 7:45 o'clock in the presence of near relatives. Sidney Weber, brother of the bride, and Miss Catherine Barnett, a cousin of the bride, will attend the couple.

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Lancaster WI

Mrs. Ray Groenier

Mrs. Ray Groenier, 72, of 617 Western ave., died Sunday (May 30, 1965) in a Madison hospital.

The former Marie Weber was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., and had been a Madison resident since 1922. She was a graduate of Platteville State Teachers College. Mrs. Groenier taught school in Madison and Middleton for several years.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church and the Madison Civics club.

Survivors include her husband.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Frautschi funeral home, 3610 Speedway rd. The Rev. Alfred W. Swan, minister of the First Congregational Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside cemetery, Lancaster. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 tonight.

Obituary of his wife Marie Weber Groenier "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 31 May 1965 p 8

Mrs. Groenier Rites

The funeral for Mrs. Ray Groenier, 72, of 617 Western ave., who died Sunday, will be at 10:30 a.m. today in the Frautschi funeral home, 3610 Speedway rd.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at the Hillside cemetery, Lancaster.

Obituary for his wife Marie Weber Groenier – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) – Tuesday, 1 Jun 1965 p 21

Father

Samuel Groenier

in the Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988



Detail	Source
Name	Samuel Groenier
Death Date	20 Mar 1952
Death Place	Cook, Illinois, USA
File Number	6018047

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GROENIER — Samuel Groenier, husband of the late Elsie, father of Ray of Madison, Wis., Willis, Robert, and John, grandfather of William and John, brother of Mary Newport, Lambert Groenier, and Celia Stitzer, both of Lancaster, Wis., the late Henry, and Alice. Funeral Saturday, 1:30 p. m., at chapel, 7032 Wentworth avenue, Interment Mount Hope.

Chicago Tribune
Fri, Mar 21, 1952 · Page 60

Lambert Committee.

—Two brothers and a cousin of Lambert Groenier were here a few days the past week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Groenier in their home. They were Henry and Sam Groenier and Joe Swart of Chicago. Mr. Groenier took them to Bloomington to see W. J. Bryan and hear him lecture on the Fourth of July, and they will return to Chicago by way of Prairie du Chien and Dubuque, having a river ride from Prairie du Chien to Dubuque on the steamer Eclipse. They were up to Cutler Borah's farm north of town for a short visit, too.

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Sam Groenier and family of Chicago, motored here Thursday and have been spending the week with Lambert Groenier. The Groeniers spend the greater part of each summer picnicking. Monday they motored to McCartney for a day's fishing. They came home through oceans of mud.

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Lancaster WI

they had a splendid outing.
 Sam Groenier and wife and son, Willis, and Mrs. Mary Swart, all of Chicago, motored here last Tuesday for a fortnight visit with Lambert Groenier. Thursday the party went to Cassville and caught 500 pounds of fish by means of assisting a fisherman bring home his seine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groenier and Sam Groenier of Chicago, and Will Johnson of St. Louis, motored here last week with the Lambert Groenier family to remain for a ten day visit.

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LANSING

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Groenier and son, John, of Park Manor, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Newport and son, Richard, Mrs James Newport and daughter, Marlon, and Miss Alice Groenier of Englewood, Mr. Humphrey Groenier of Lancaster, Wis and Miss Seena Olsen of Parkside were visitors at the Odell home, Monday

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Chicago Heights IL

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Hans, daughter and son, of Hyde Park; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Groenier and son and Miss Seena Olson of Chicago, Mrs. Milo J. Andrews, Mr. Chauncey B. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Andrews and family of Stewart Ridge and West Pullman, were Sunday visitors at the Odell home.

The Chicago Heights Star

Tue, Oct 05, 1926 · Page 5

Chicago Heights IL

Mother Martha Schoenbush

Cook County, Illinois, Marriages Index, 1871-1920

View record

Name	Samuel Groenier
Age	25
Gender	Male
Birth Year	abt 1871
Marriage Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	28 Mar 1896
Marriage Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Spouse Name	Mathilda Schoenbush
Spouse Age	20
Spouse Gender	Female
FHL Film Number	1030261

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

	Age.
Edward Benz, Emma Ruhberg.....	26—21
William Krueger, Fredericka Prange.....	24—18
Henry Jones, Minnie Pitzel.....	23—28
Samuel M. Lothian, Adelaine Bigelow.....	21—16
George L. Collie, Katherine E. Burrows.....	17—26
Jens Perksen, Minnie Anderson.....	25—21
Wilbur C. Blood, Ida M. Huckeock.....	33—23
Robert E. Mantell, Charlotte Behrens.....	40—26
Richard Hartig, Mary Adametz.....	25—24
Michael Schmidt, Helene Ackermann.....	26—24
John D. Turner, Tene England.....	28—26
Henry Schell, Jr., Emma Schell.....	22—20
Walter Graham, Florence Girdwood.....	26—20
Johan Degerstedt, Maria Lindgren.....	28—28
Julius Risch, Amelia Church.....	24—25
Converse D. Webb, Francisca Dwyer.....	28—20
Fred W. Schueter, Kate Ulmer.....	34—25
David L. Barnes, Ida Irwin.....	21—18
Alexander J. Morrison, May E. Metcalf.....	21—18
Charles Halvorsen, Anna Anderson.....	25—22
John Swanson, Annie Friedlund.....	24—23
John B. Carse, Anna R. Williams.....	31—28
Samuel Groenier, Mathilda Schoenbush.....	25—20
Samuel Thompson, Lena Pash.....	40—34
John Melzer, Jr., Lena Genshirt.....	24—21



Ray meets his mother Mathilda's brother Charlie Schoenbush for the 2nd time -

The Waukesha County Freeman
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Waukesha WI

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Stepmother Elsie Olsen



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Cook County, Illinois, Marriages Index, 1871-1920[View record](#)

Name	Samuel Groenier
Age	32
Gender	Male
Birth Year	abt 1871
Marriage Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	24 Jun 1903
Marriage Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Spouse Name	Elsie A. Olsen
Spouse Age	29
Spouse Gender	Female
FHL Film Number	1030354

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OLSEN—Mrs. Hulda Olsen, widow of Officer Magnus K., beloved mother of Mrs. Samuel Groenier, Seena C. Olsen, Oscar F. Olsen, and Edward N. Olsen, aged 73. Funeral Thursday, 2 p. m., from chapel, 6237 Normal-blvd., by auto to Waldheim.

Chicago Tribune
Wed, Dec 11, 1918 · Page 19

Mrs. Sam Groenier Dies

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, Mrs. Celia Stitzer and daughter Grace and Ray Groenier were in Chicago attending the funeral of Mrs. Sam Groenier who died unexpectedly after an illness of only a few hours. She was the step-mother of Ray Groenier and a sister-in-law of Lambert Groenier and Mrs. Celia Stitzer.

Fennimore Times
Wed, Oct 30, 1935 · Page 12

Fennimore WI

Mrs. Elsie Groenier, wife of Sam Groenier of Chicago, died early Wednesday after four hours illness with heart failure. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, Mrs. Celia Stitzer and Miss Grace Stitzer left Thursday afternoon for Chicago to attend the funeral.

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Lancaster WI

Elsie Groenier

in the Illinois, U.S., Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947

Name	Elsie Groenier [Elsie Olsen]
Birth Date	13 Jul 1873
Birth Place	Chicago, Illinois
Death Date	16 Oct 1935
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Date	18 Oct 1935
Burial Place	Worth, Cook, Illinois
Cemetery Name	Mt Hope
Death Age	62
Occupation	Housewife
Race	White
Marital Status	M
Gender	Female
Residence	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Father Name	Maynus Olsen
Father Birth Place	Denmark
Mother Name	Hulda Schultz
Mother Birth Place	Germany
Spouse Name	Samuel Groenier
FHL Film Number	1926797

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*Stepmother Marie Aukes Bookwalter***THREE WEDDINGS IN FAMILY.**

The Groenier family has had three weddings within a few weeks, a series of happy events not often duplicated. First came the marriage of John Groenier to Miss Sharlyn Prater at Webster City, Iowa. John is a son of Mrs. Celia Stitzer and nephew of Lambert Groenier.

Second on the list is Sam Groenier, Lambert and Celia's brother. Sam is to be married to Mrs. Mary Bookwalter, at Madison, today. Sam was bereft of his first wife three years ago and the new bride is a widow and old friend of his former wife. The occasion of Sam's marriage times with the wedding anniversary of his son, Ray, and wife, which will be held at Madison also.

The third wedding is that of Stanley Groenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier, to Miss Grace Ericson of Mondovi, Wis., at the Mondovi Methodist church, six evening, Saturday, June 4. Stanley is in the hardware business at Mondovi, in the firm of his wife's family.

Weddings in the Groenier Family.

Stanley Groenier, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Groenier of Lancaster, and Miss Grace Ericson of Mondovi, Wis., were married Saturday evening, June 4, at the Mondovi M. E. church. Stanley is a graduate of the L. H. S. and had several years at the Platteville College of Mines. He is now in the hardware business in Mondovi.

John H. Stitzer, son of Mrs. Celia Stitzer of Lancaster, who was formerly Celia Kroenier, and Miss Sharlyn Prater of Webster City, Ia., were married at Woodstock, Ill., on May 20. The bridegroom is a graduate of the L. H. S. and the State School of Mines at Platteville. He is now employed by the Goodman Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, where they will reside. The bride is a graduate of a Girls' school in the South.

Stanley Groenier and John Stitzer,
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LANCASTER

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cousins, were both born and raised here, and are two fine young men of whom Lancaster may well be proud. Many friends extend congratulations.

Sam Groenier of Chicago, a brother of Lambert Groenier and Mrs. Cella Stitzer, was married to Mrs. Mary Bookwalter of Madison in that city on June 1st. The bride is a widow, and an intimate friend of Sam's former wife, who passed on three years ago.

Incidentally, the wedding anniversary of Sam's son Ray and wife, the former Miss Marie Weber, was celebrated at Madison on the same day—June 1st.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eloy J. Vanevenhoen, 2104 University ave. and Joan Murphy, 547 S. Randall ave.

John Mackey, Detroit, Mich., and Mary Mac Millen, Maple Bluff.

Samuel Groenier, Chicago, and Marie Bookwalter, Chicago, Ill.

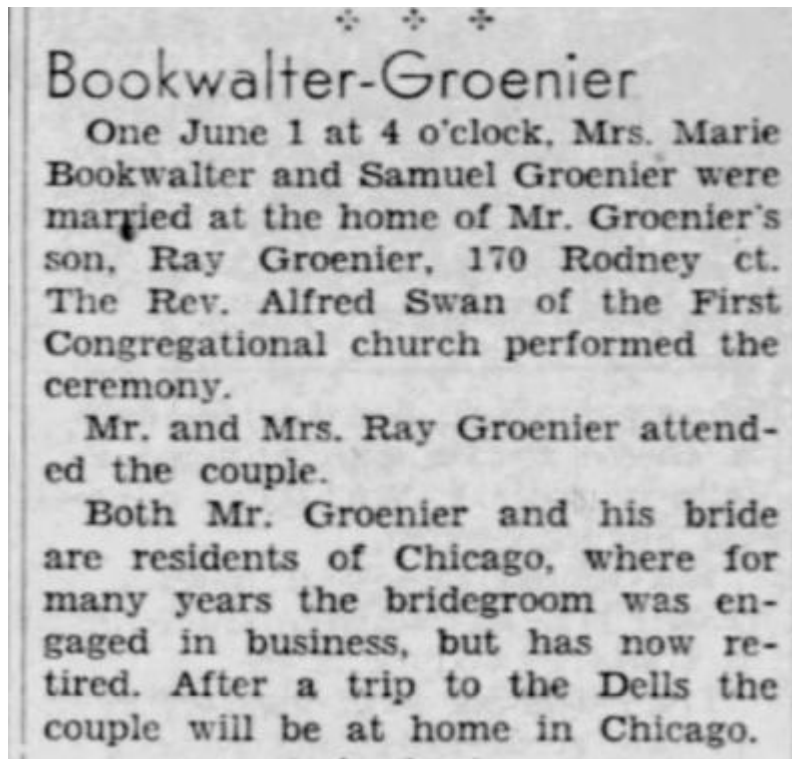
Gordon Shoberg, 931 Spaight st., and Lucille Goebel, 106 N. Hancock st.

Emil Bruening, Guttenberg, Ia., and Margarette Hack, Guttenberg, Ia.

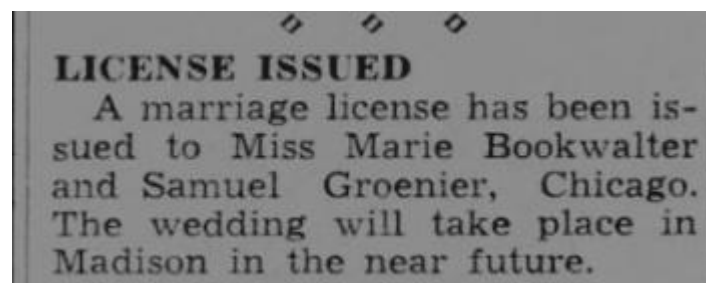
Robert Hinrichs, 1962 E. Main st., and Helen Rank, 3105 Oakridge.

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Madison WI



Account of his father Samuel's 3rd marriage, to Marie Elizabeth Aukes Bookwalter "Madison (WI) Capital Times" 6 Jun 1938 p 8



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Lisle Bookwalter, Marie E. Aukes.....	22	21
Emil Henninger, Elizabeth Bihler.....	23	25
Earl C. Black, Ella Daltman.....	22	22

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Chicago IL

Mrs. A. J. Aukes was the guest of honor at a supper given Sunday evening in celebration of her 75th birthday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Lisle Bookwalter, 8443 Hermitage ave.

Mrs. Aukes has been a resident of Southtown for more than half a century.

Roses and pink and peach crepe paper decorations decorated the table which was centered with a birthday cake topped by pink candles.

Among the guests were the son, three daughters and sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and 18 nieces and nephews of Mrs. Aukes.

Suburbanite Economist
Fri, Dec 05, 1930 - Page 3

Chicago IL

BOOKWALTER—Lisle Bookwalter, late of 6421 S. Lincoln street; beloved husband of Marie, nee Aukes, father of Mrs. Ruta Holstrom. Funeral Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., at chapel, 8400 S. Ashland avenue. Interment Oak Woods.

Chicago Tribune
Sun, Jan 03, 1937 - Page 22

Half-siblings:

there and live with his brother, Clyde.
 Miss Alice Groenier and Willis
 Groenier of Chicago, returned home
 yesterday after a two weeks' visit in
 Lancaster with relatives.

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Lancaster WI

Half-brother Willis Lambert Groenier (1904-1979)

Willis Lambert Groenier

in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922



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Detail Source

Name	Willis Lambert Groenier
Birth Date	25 Aug 1904
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Ethnicity	American
Gender	Male
Race	White
Father	Samuel Groenier
Mother	Elsie Amelia Olsen Groenier
FHL Film Number	1288079

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<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37274046/person/260099624321/facts>

Miss Alice Gronier and Willis Groenier returned to their home in Chicago the first of the week after visiting at the Lambert Groenier home in this city.

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Lancaster WI

en as 300.
Willis Groenier of Chicago has been added to the high school faculty and will teach physics and chemistry. He succeeds Miss Ruth Martindale, whose resignation was handed in just before the opening of the schools.

Belvidere Daily Republican
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Belvidere IL



Willis L. Groenier,

Belvidere Daily Republican
Fri, Jun 17, 1927 · Page 8

Belvidere IL

Prof. Willis Groenier of the physics department of the college, who has been filling Prof. Frank P. Goeder's place, leaves Saturday for Chicago. Prof. Goeder has been completing work for his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago and will take up his class work here when college opens Jan. 7.

Fort Collins Coloradoan
Fri, Dec 21, 1928 · Page 3

Fort Collins CO

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duval entertained at dinner on New Years, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Duval of Genoa, Miss Bernice Kress of West Chicago, Willis Groenier and Albert Kress of Chicago.

Rockford Daily Republic
Fri, Jan 04, 1929 Page 8

Rockford IL

74. **BERNICE ESTELLA KRESS GROENIER**⁵

(William¹, William², Mary Ann³, Mary Stella⁴)

b. Elgin, Ill.; Nov. 12, 1902; d. ;
m. (1) **Willis L. Groenier**, Aug. 4, 1934; (b. Chicago, Ill.,
Aug. 25, 1904; d. ; Dutch - Danish - German
descent; Director of College Physical Sciences; Interest -
Travel, photography; B.S. 1925, M.S. 1929, Ph.D. 1931 Univ.
of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Former teacher; Interest - Travel, Sunday School teacher;
Deaconess; alumna Northern Illinois State Teachers' College.

c. Congregational; r. 217 E. Marquette Rd., Chicago, Ill.

Children:

128. **William Samuel**⁶ (p-50)
129. **John Kress**⁷ (p-50)

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Dr Willis L Groenier

in the U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016



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Detail	Source
Name	Dr Willis L Groenier
Estimated Age	Abt 20
Birth Year	abt 1945 [abt 1945]
Yearbook Date	1965
School	Northeastern Illinois University
School Location	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Yearbook Title	Beehive Yearbook

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1265/records/1434638927>

BETROTHAL OF LOCAL TEACHER ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the engagement and marriage of Miss Bernice E. Kress, teacher in the Lincoln school here for the past several years, to Willis L. Groenier of Chicago, former teacher in Belvidere high school, was made to a group of friends Saturday evening in the home of the bride at West Chicago. The pretty dinner was arranged by her mother, Mrs. William Kress.

Guests, numbering 14, included young couples with whom the pair have been associated during their friendship. From Belvidere was Miss Hattie Skoglund, a teacher in Logan school. A color scheme of pink and white was used in the appointment for the dinner table. Pink tapers were on the table and a bowl of pink sweet peas formed the Centerpiece.

From the centerpiece were

stretched pink satin ribbons to the place of each guest and when the fruit cocktail was removed a heart-shaped paper was revealed. Written on these papers were short verses appropriate to the approaching marriage and were read by the guests. The first guest read a short verse announcing the engagement and the marriage which will take place in the early fall. The remaining verses were about the plans. Later hours of the evening were passed playing 500, favors being won by Mr. and Mrs. George Pool.

Miss Kress is a graduate of the North Illinois State Teachers

college and attended the University of Illinois. She has taught in the Lincoln school for a period of several years. Mr. Gronier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gronier of 217 East Marquette road, Chicago. He taught several years ago in Belvidere high school and later attended the University of Chicago where he received his Master of Arts degree and is now completing his work for a Ph. D. at the same university. Both are well known in this city and their many friends will extend best wishes.

Belvidere Daily Republican
Tue, May 19, 1931 -Page 3

Belvidere IL

Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Groenier and son Billy, Chicago, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stimmel, 416 Locust street, Monday night. Mr. Groenier, who teaches in a municipal college in Chicago, was formerly on the faculty of Colorado State college.

Fort Collins Coloradoan
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Fort Collins CO

Robert Groenier of Chicago is here for the summer in the employ of the Platteville Music Shop.

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Platteville WI

Half-brother Robert Henry Groenier (1908-1974)

Robert Groenier-

in the U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016



[More information available at Classmates.com.](#)

Detail	Source
Name	Robert Groenier-
Estimated Age	16
Birth Year	abt 1912 [abt 1912]
Yearbook Date	1928
School	Parker High School
School Location	Chicago, Illinois, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1265/records/97107254>

Robert H Groenier

in the Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960



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Detail Source

Name	Robert H Groenier
Marriage Date	2 Apr 1941
Marriage Location	Cook, Illinois, USA
Spouse	Lucille Mallder
Marriage license	1674670
File Number	{F5b36d63-0ed2-4375-B238-04df240c91dc}

Lucille Maurer

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



Detail Source

Name	Lucille Maurer
Gender	Female
Spouse	Clark Mallder
Child	Clark Robert Mallder

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901/records/779123826>

Lucille Ethell Mawes

in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922



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Detail Source

Name	Lucille Ethell Mawes [Lucille Ethell Maurer] [Maurer]
Birth Date	23 Jan 1908
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Gender	Female
Father	Robert Mawes
Mother	Ella Tuttle
FHL Film Number	1315045

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2545/records/1624548>

GROENIER

Lucille Groenier, **nee Maurer**, beloved wife of the late Robert Groenier, CPD Ret.; devoted mother of Clark USN Ret. (Paulina) Mallder and William Capt. CPD Ret. (Winifred) Mallder; loving grandmother of Cynthia, Deborah, William, Clark, Valeria, Michael and Winifred; great-grandmother of 11. Visitation Tuesday, 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. from the **Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home**, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Christina Church. Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. 773-ST3-7700 or 708-423-5400.

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Robert Henry Groenier

in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922



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Detail Source

Name	Robert Henry Groenier
Birth Date	11 Nov 1908
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Ethnicity	American
Gender	Male
Race	White
Father	Samuel Groenier
Mother	Elsie Amelia Olsen
FHL Film Number	1288159

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Name	Samuel Groenier
Birth Date	Abt 1871
Birth Place	Gorredijh, Holland
Gender	Male
Age	37
Spouse	Elsie Amelia Olsen
Child	Robert Henry Groenier
FHL Film Number	1288159

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37274046/person/260099624321/facts>

Sunday with relatives in Lancaster.
Sidney Weber and family of
Janesville and Mrs. Mary E. Weber
of Lancaster met here Sunday at
the Ray Groenier home for a fam-
ily reunion.
Mr. Robert Groenier has return-
ed to his home in Chicago after a
visit here with his brother.

MOVE

Platteville Witness
Wed, Aug 26, 1925 Page 5

Platteville WI

Woman Injured In Early Morn S. C. Smash-Up

Four persons were injured in a two-auto collision at 4:40 a.m. today at the intersection of 53rd st., Jeffery and South Chicago avs. The drivers of both cars claimed they had the green light, according to Chicago Park District police.

Joseph Cartledge, 20, of 708 E. 81st st., was driving northwest on South Chicago av., which crosses Jeffery av., at 83rd st. He collided with a machine driven by Theodore Popovich, 26, of 10545 Torrence av., who was proceeding south on Jeffery av. Cartledge's car was struck on the right front.

Passengers in Popovich's car, Mary Curtis, 21, of 2415 E. 107th st., Michael Knezevich, 23, of 10545 Torrence av., and Popovich were taken to Jackson Park hospital by Park District police squad No. 838, manned by Patrolmen Robert Groenier and John Crooks. Miss Curtis, said by police to have suffered a bump over the right eye and contusions on the chest, Mr. Knezevich, said to have suffered a bruised back, and Popovich, treated for lacerations, were released from the hospital.

Cartledge was removed to the hospital in a Fire department ambulance. Police said he suffered a possible concussion.

Mrs. Anna Benkovich, 54, of 9943 Avenue M, a janitress, was injured fatally last night when she was struck while walking across Avenue L at 100th st. by an automobile driven by George Saxinger, 61, of 10341 Avenue M, unemployed.

Mrs. Benkovich died several hours later in South Chicago hospital. Park Policemen Robert Groenier and Anthony Pilgis arrested Saxinger in his home. They said Saxinger was intoxicated and that he told them he walked home after the crash. Saxinger was held in the South Chicago station for the inquest at 9:30 a. m. today at 9858 Commercial av.

Miss Maher Becomes Bride Of Officer

Patrolmen attached to the grand Crossing Police district were in prominence today as one of their members, Officer William Malder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Groenier, 433 W. 75th st. was married to Winifred Maher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maher, 8919 Dante av., at a nuptial high mass at St. Ailbe's church. The Rev. Father Eugene P. Sullivan, pastor, performed the ceremony.

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Roy Schneider was best man while Howard Cieselmeyer acted as usher. A sister of the bride, Eileen Maher, was maid of honor with Annette Doyle serving as bridesmaid. Junior bridesmaids were Margaret Maher and Patricia Mikaitis with Phyllis Walsh as the flower girl.

The bride was attired in a white lace dress over net with a straight neckline. She wore a fingertip veil and a seed pearl and sequin pill-box headpiece. She carried a prayer book with stephanotis. The maid of honor wore a light pink net dress over chiffon, while the bridesmaids' gowns were light blue. The flower girl appeared in white over pastel blue. They wore hats to match and carried umbrella bouquets.

The bride was born and reared in Southeast Chicago. She was graduated from St. Laurance Grammar and Loretto academy. She is employed as a secretary for a real estate firm. Her husband, who saw four years service with the submarine branch of the navy, was graduated from Park Manor Grammar and Parker High schools.

A reception was held at Hagermann American Legion post hall, 84th and Halsted st. The couple will postpone their honeymoon until the summer. They will make their home at 8112 Essex av.

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Sat, Apr 27, 1957 -Page 3

Chicago IL

Worts

Richard M. Worts, beloved husband of Rosella Maurer Worts; loving son of the late Peter and Gertrude Worts; fond brother of Bernard, Marie Roche and Robert Worts; dear brother in law of Lucille and Robert Groenier, Mary and Barbara Worts and John Roche. Funeral Wednesday, 9:45 a. m., from the Sheehy Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Adrian Church. Mass 10:45 a. m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. ST 3-7700.

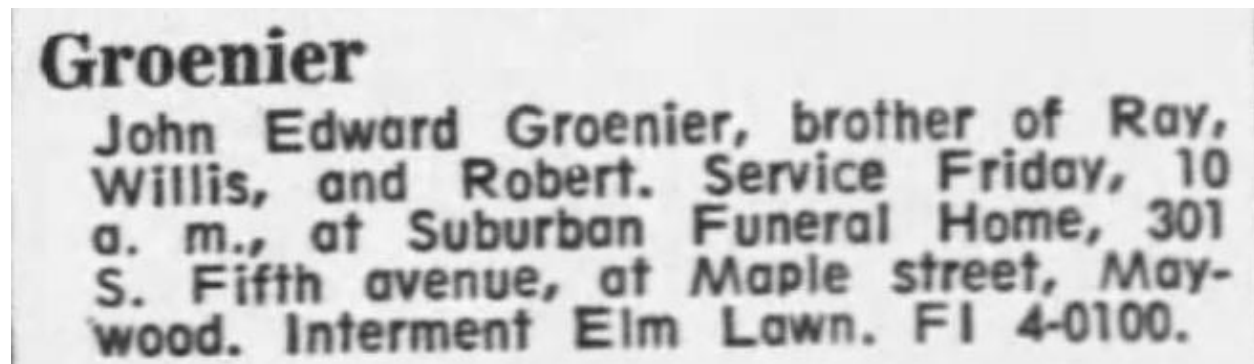
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GROENIER

Robert H. Groenier, CPD (Ret.), beloved husband of Lucille Mallder Groenier; devoted father of Clark, CPO, USN (Ret.) (Paulina) of Annapolis, Maryland and William (Winifred) Mallder, Capt. CPD; dear grandfather of seven; fond brother of Raymond of Madison, Wisconsin and Willis of Wheaton, Illinois; dear brother-in-law of Rosella Worts and Bernice Groenier. Visitation after 6:00 p. m., Saturday. Funeral services Monday, 11:30 a. m. at the new Sheehy Funeral Home, 4950 West 79th Street. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Member of IPA. 857-7878 or ST 3-7700.

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Half-brother John Edward Groenier (1918-1963)

John Edward Gronier

in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922



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Detail	Source
Name	John Edward Gronier
Birth Date	3 Jul 1918
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Gender	Male
Father	Samuel Gronier
Mother	Elsie Olsen
FHL Film Number	1308840

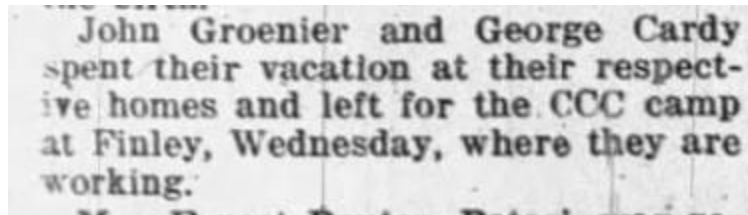
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WW I		WW II		KOREA		Dis 5- 859 Bomb Sq AAF / WWII		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)						14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)			
GROENIER JOHN E.						ELM LAWN MEM. PARK: ELMHURST, ILL.			
2. SERVICE NUMBER						15. IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
36 319 048						15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member.			
3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER						I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
7,953,311						NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type)			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)						RELATIONSHIP			
AD Feb 18 42						WILLIS L. GROENIER			
5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)						Brother			
Nov 8 45						ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State)			
6. STATE						812 Irving Ave. Wheaton, Ill.			
Illinois						SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
7. MEDALS						DATE			
Good Conduct						Willis L. Groenier			
Middle East Service						Nov. 25 63			
8. GRADE OR RANK						16. FREIGHT STATION			
T/5						812 Irving Ave Wheaton Ill			
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Army 859th Bomber Squadron (H)						PO Box 34 Elmhurst Ill			
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Find A Grave 214480897



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Lancaster WI

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Raymond Samuel Groenier

Name variations: 1918 newspapers & others spell surname as Graner, Genier, Groueler, Groanier – also found as Ray Sam Groenier

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E – corporal

Serial number: 251,221

Entered service from: Chicago, Cook IL

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ray Sam Groenier

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father S. [Samuel] Groenier, 5708 State St., Chicago IL

Returned from war on: “Winifredian” Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ray S. Groenier

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Sam Groenier, 5708 State St., Chicago IL (cpl, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Ray Samuel Groenier – b. 5 Jul 1897 Chicago, Cook IL; res: 617 Western Ave., Madison, Dane WI. NOK Mrs. Marie T. Groenier, no address. Employed by City of Madison Police Department, 14 S. Webster, Madison, Dane WI. Height: 5’11” – 165 lbs. “scar on ball left thumb – mole on left cheek.” Registered 14 Feb 1942.

Note; In 1917, Ray’s thumb was injured by an exploding tire. A chunk of flesh was torn off & reattached by a doctor.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Ray Sam Groenier

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917
 Discharged 28 Apr 1919
 Address: 150 S. Taylor St., Lancaster WI
 Rank/unit: corporal, Co. F, 107th Supply Train QMC

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Jul 1897 Chicago, Cook IL
 Died: 16 Jul 1974 Madison, Dane WI
 Find A Grave record: 217932846
 Burial location: Lancaster, Grant WI
 Cemetery: Hillside
 Tombstone: veteran flat: Cpl US Army WWI – headstone reads “Ray S. Groenier”

Father: Samuel (Sies) Groenier, 11 Dec 1870 Gorredijk, Opsterland, Friesland, Netherlands – 20 Mar 1952 Chicago, Cook IL.

First name at birth was Sies Groenier.

Son of Jan Hendrik Groenier (1841-1891, F: 221202970) & Jan's 1st wife, Tjitske van der Zee, who had married 15 Feb 1866 in Friesland, the Netherlands. She died in 1884.

Married Raymond's mother **Mathilda Schoenbush** on 28 Mar 1896 in Chicago, Cook IL. They had 1 son – Raymond. She died in 1899.

Samuel married **Elsie Amelia Olsen** on 24 Jun 1903 in Chicago, Cook IL. They had 3 sons: Willis, Robert & John.

On 1 Jun 1938 he married **Marie Elizabeth Aukes Bookwalter** in Chicago, Cook IL.

Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago, Cook Co. IL. Not on Find A Grave as of 30 Apr 2026.
 Find A Grave:

Mother: Mathilda (“Tillie”) Schoenbush Groenier, 29 Oct 1875 [or 1867 on Cook Co. IL death record] St. Louis MO – 14 Jun 1899 Chicago, Cook IL.

“Chicago (IL) Chronicle” 27 Mar 1896 p 11 – marriage license obtained yesterday by Samuel Groenier, 25 & Mathilda Schoenbush, age 20. Cook Co. IL death record: Tillie Groenier, b. ca. 1876 St. Louis MO; died 14 Jun 1899 Chicago. Buried 17 Jun 1899 in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL. Occupation: housekeeping. Married.

Not on Find A Grave as of 30 Apr 2026.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 28 Mar 1896 Chicago, Cook IL.

Stepmother: Elsie Amelia Olsen Groenier, 13 Jul 1873 Chicago, Cook IL – 16 Oct 1935 Chicago, Cook IL.

Daughter of Magnus/Maynus K. Olsen (b. Denmark) & Hulda Schultz (b. Germany, buried Waldheim Cemetery).

Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Worth township, Cook Co. IL

Find A Grave:

His father's 2nd marriage: 24 Jun 1903 Chicago, Cook IL. “Inter Ocean” (Chicago IL) 25 Jun 1903 p 9 – marriage license to Samuel Groener [sic], age 32 & Elsie A. Olsen, age 29.

Stepmother: Marie Elizabeth Aukes Bookwalter Groenier, 8 Oct 1879 IA – 29 Jul 1939 Chicago, Cook IL.

Marie Aukes had married Lisle Bookwalter, the son of Joseph Buckwalter (name change) & Cordelia McMillen. Marie & Lisle obtained a marriage license in Chicago, Cook IL in July 1901.

Lisle was born 7 Apr 1880 in Mount Eaton, Wayne OH & died 2 Jan 1937 Chicago, Cook IL. He is buried in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL, F: 134831733.

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) 23 May 1938 p 8 – marriage license obtained by Miss Marie Bookwalter & Samuel Groenier of Chicago. They will be married in Madison WI soon.

Obituary: “Chicago Tribune” 30 Jul 1939 p 14 – Marie Bookwalter Groenier, of 217 E. Marquette Ave., wife of Samuel Groenier, mother of Mrs. Ruth Holstrom, daughter of Mrs. A. Aukes, sister of Julius Aukes & 2 married sisters. Interment in Mount Greenwood Cemetery.

Buried in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL.

Not on Find A Grave as of 30 Apr 2026.

Find A Grave:

His father's 3rd marriage: 1 Jun 1938 Madison, Dane WI at the home of his son Raymond & his wife Marie, 170 Rodney Ct., Madison WI.

According to newspaper reports, there were 3 weddings in the family in May/June 1938. John Stitzer (son of Sam & Lambert Groenier's sister, Cecelia Groenier Stitzer, 1881-1963) married Sharlyn Prater in Iowa. Sam (brother of Lambert & Cecelia), whose first wife [error: 2nd wife] had died 3 years previously, married Marie Bookwalter. Marie was a widow and a close friend of Sam's wife, Elsie Olsen Groenier. Although the article says Sam & Marie wed on the anniversary of his son Ray's marriage, this is incorrect. Sam & Marie married 1 June while Ray had married 31 May. And Lambert's son Stanley Groenier married Grace Ericson.

Spouse: Marie Theresa Weber Groenier, 31 Oct 1892 Sioux Falls, Minnehaha SD – 30 May 1965 Madison, Dane WI. SSN 393-24-2259.

Daughter of Charles Christ Weber (F: 32145748) & Mary E. Barnett (F: 170628026).

Her father founded the family shoe store business in Lancaster WI.

Probate: “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) 18 Jun 1965 p 33. “Wisconsin State Journal” 9 Jun 1965 p 31 – Marie Weber, Madison, d. 15 May 1965, personal property \$10,000.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Lancaster, Grant WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 217932877

Marriage: 31 May 1922 Lancaster, Grant WI. “Bloomington (WI) Record” 31 May 1922 p 1 – Ray Groenier & Marie Weber of Lancaster obtained a marriage license.

Children:

Family: <http://ourgenealogy.net/webtrees/individual.php?pid=I3556&ged=tree1>

Half-siblings: sons of his father Samuel Groenier & Samuel's 2nd wife, Elsie Olsen

- **Willis Lambert Groenier**, 25 Aug 1904 Chicago, Cook IL – 15 Jul 1979 Wheaton, DuPage IL. - Only survivor listed in Raymond's Jul 1974 obituary. - Husband of Bernice Estella Kress (1902-1974, F: 182734044). Their engagement was announced in May 1931; they planned to marry in autumn 1931. He had taught at Belvidere (IL) High School, earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago & was studying for his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago at the time of his May 1931 engagement. - Buried in North Cemetery, Saint Charles, Kane IL. F:182733932.
- **Robert Henry Groenier**, 11 Nov 1908 Chicago, Cook IL – 25 Jan 1974 Chicago, Cook IL. - SSN 359-28-4014. – Husband of Lucille Ethell Maurer Mallder (23 Jan 1908 Chicago, Cook IL - , the daughter of Robert Emmitt Maurer (1884-1958, F: 272893199) & Ella Tuttle (1885-1930, F: 237498486). Robert married Lucille Mallder on 2 Apr 1941 in Cook Co. IL. Her 1st husband was Clark Alexander Mallder (1902 MN – 1966 IL, buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL, F: 240775514), whom Lucille had married 3 Sep 1927 in Cook Co. IL.– Had a career as a policeman in the Chicago Police Department. – According to their obituaries, Robert & Lucille Groenier are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL but are not on Find A Grave as of 30 Apr 2026.
- **John Edward Groenier**, 3 Jul 1918 Chicago, Cook IL – 5 Nov 1963 Maywood, Cook IL. – Note the 10-year gap between John's birth & that of his older brother Robert, and that John was born 7 months after his older half-brother Ray Groenier had survived the sinking of the "Tuscania." – In 1950, John, age 30 IL, never married, lived in Chicago, Cook IL with his father Samuel Groenier, 79 Holland, widowed. John was the proprietor, decorator & painter. – Headstone: TEC5 / 859 Bomb Sq / AAF / World War II. – Buried in Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Elmhurst, DuPage IL.F: 214480897

Notes:

The man named Lambert Groenier sometimes referred to as Raymond's brother is the brother of Raymond's father Samuel. Born 1877, died 1967. Buried in Union Cemetery, Patch Grove, Grant Co. WI. F: 57125158

Wartime:

"Grant County Herald" (Lancaster WI) 13 Feb 1918 p 1 – Ray Groenier one of the survivors. A truck driver, he is the nephew of Lambert Groenier & Mrs. Ora Stitzer.

"Bloomington (WI) Record" 13 Feb 1918 p 1 – Ray Groenier of Chicago is the brother [i.e. nephew] of Lambert Groenier of Lancaster WI. All 3 local men were saved.

"Lancaster (WI) Teller" 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – there were 4 Grant County WI boys on board the Tuscania, one of them being Ray Groenier of Lancaster.

"Chicago Examiner" 1918: Groueler at 5708 State St., also spelled Groanier 2 days earlier

Post-war:

"Platteville (WI) Witness" 23 Jul 1930 p 5 – various ads are scattered through the news items. The Ray Groenier Music Shop sells Victor & other records, and Singer electric sewing machines & Singer vacuum cleaners.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday, 20 Feb 1934 p 3 – Mrs. Charles Weber (born Mayme Barnett) died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Groenier, in Platteville. She suffered a stroke several months ago.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 6 Jun 1938 p 8 – "Here's List of County Draft Registrants With Serial Numbers" - #T1608 is Ray Samuel Groenier

"Kenosha (WI) Evening News" 3 Sep 1943 p 7 – Ray Groenier of Madison was named the 1st vice president of the Associated Police Communications Officers.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 24 Aug 1966 p 40 – Ray Groenier, 69, of 617 Western Ave., formerly in charge of police radio equipment for the city of Madison & for Dane County, was taken by police ambulance to Madison General Hospital on Tuesday [23 Aug 1966] after becoming ill from a heart ailment at his home. His condition is satisfactory.

Obituary:

"Madison Capital Times" 18 Jul 1974 p 27 - d. age 77, formerly lived at 617 Western Ave., Madison WI. His wife Marie Weber d. May 1965. Madison resident for past 40 years. Electronics expert who developed radio communications for police & fire in Madison.

Social Security Number: 393-24-2768

Censuses:

1900 Chicago, Cook IL – 755 W. 63rd Ct. – conducted 9 Jun 1900 – name indexed as Groanier, can also be read as Groenier

Samuel Broenier, 29 Holland, Dec 1870, widowed, parents b. Holland, blacksmith

Alice, 22 Holland, Jun 1875 Holland, parents b. Holland, single [sister]

Lambert, 23 Holland, Aug 1877, parents b. Holland, single, salesman, pianos [brother]

Olivia, 19 Holland, Jan 1881, parents b. Holland, saleslady, dry goods [sister]

Raymond S., 2 IL, Jul 1887, father b. Holland, mother b. MO [son]

1910 Chicago, Cook IL – 5708 State St. – conducted 16 Apr 1910

Samuel Groenier, 39 Holland, parents b. Holland, in 2nd marriage, married 2 years, emigrated 1886, naturalized blacksmith, wagon shop

Elsie, 36 IL, father b. Denmark, mother b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife – i.e. Samuel's 2nd wife]

Raymond, 12 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL [mother's birthplace incorrect – Samuel's son by 1st wife]

Willis S., 5 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL

Robert H., 1 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL

1920 Lancaster, Grant WI – W. Maple

Ray Groenier, 22 IL, single, father b. Holland, mother b. MO, clerk, music store, nephew
Living with uncle & aunt Lambert & Almira Groenier & their 3 sons: James Humphrey, Lambert
Stanley & John Curtis Groenier.

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – 217 Marquette Rd. – conducted 2 Jan 1920 – Ray's father, stepmother & 3
half-brothers

Samuel Groenier, 49 Holland, parents b. Holland, emigrated 1885, naturalized 1896, repairman,
automobiles

Elsie, 46 IL, father b. Denmark, mother b. Germany [wife]

Willis, 15 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL [son]

Robert, 11 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL [son]

John, 1 year 5 months IL, father b. Holland, mother b. IL [son]

1930 Platteville, Grant WI – 114 Bayley Ave. – conducted 14 Apr 1930

Ray T. Groenier, 32 IL, father b. Holland, mother b. Germany, age 24 at 1st marriage, proprietor,
music shop, WWI veteran

Marie T., 37 SD, parents b. WI, age 29 at 1st marriage.

1940 Madison, Dane WI – 617 Western Ave. – all lived in 1935 in Platteville, Grant WI – conducted
22 Apr 1940

Ray S. Groenier, 42 IL, radio engineer, police department radio

Marie W. Groenier, 47 SD

& lodger Richard Boll, 28 WI, single, radio operator, state radio station

1950 Dallas, Dallas TX – 4134 Prescott – conducted 10 Apr 1950

Ray S. Groenier, 52 IL, radio salesman, telephone radio

Marie t., 57 SD