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Cass County Sales of War Bonds Still Far From Quota Assigned

Group to Study Plans for The Missouri River

BY UNITED PRESS — Officials of the Missouri Valley Development Association marked time today, awaiting action among governors of 10 states in naming four persons to represent the area on the Missouri basin inter-agency committee.

Original plans called for two such appointees. It was learned, however, that the number had been doubled to give the states equal representation with federal agencies.

National departments represented on the committee are the War Department Engineering Corps, Department of the Interior Agriculture Department and the Federal Power Commission.

States from which the local spokesmen will be chosen include Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Wyoming.

Gov. M. Q. Sharpe, South Dakota, chairman of the Missouri River States committee, was authorized by a majority of the affected states to make the appointments. He reportedly is in communication with the other executives, asking their wishes in the matter.

The inter-agency committee was formed March 29 to "coordinate the planning, construction and administration of the basin's multiple-purpose development program." Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Robins, Washington, army engineer serving as acting chairman, informed the governors early this month of the committee's formation and asked that their appointments be named.

The development association, which favors the Pick-Sloane act and strenuously opposes a Missouri Valley Authority, welcomed the inter-agency group with open arms.

"This is the essence of coordination and cooperation and should be hailed by all citizens of the valley, who are truly interested in development, as the most progressive step taken in 25 years," John B. Quinn, Lincoln, Neb., executive director, said.

An MVA, Quinn said, would be directed by three presidential appointees. Under the inter-agency committee plan, he added, four men from the affected area would serve as a link between the federal agencies and the people of the basin.

Gov. Dwight Griswold, Nebraska, is in accord with the committee, feeling it will "serve the purpose for which it was intended" and North Dakota's Gov. Fred G. Aandahl predicted it would streamline activities of the agencies and states involved. A small group, he said, could convene more often and thus cope more efficiently with problems which might arise.

Other governors declined to comment.

Journal Want Ads For Results

Cass County Bond-O-Meter	
LATEST SALES YET TO BE REPORT	SOLD
\$758,000	NONE
660,000	\$ 98,000
550,000	208,000
440,000	318,000
330,000	428,000
220,000	538,000
110,000	648,000
NONE	758,000

The Cass county quota of \$758,000.00 in bonds in the Seventh War Loan Drive is far from being reached. Up to and including May 28, 1945 the sum of \$222,142.00 had been subscribed or approximately 30% of the quota.

In commenting on this percentage Cass county chairman, Walter H. Smith, said: "We of this county appreciate that a big job still remains to be done. The executive committee, chairman and solicitors are doing their best to contact each individual but many will be missed. We urge that everyone avails himself of the opportunity to make his purchase at his bank or post office in this county. Let's keep on buying bonds till it's over, over there, and buy now for the mighty Seventh."

Up to and including May 30, 1945 the following cities and precincts have reported to the county chairman and have authorized the release for publication:

Cities and Villages	Amount
Eagle	\$ 725.00
Greenwood	6,937.50
Louisville	17,670.25
Murray	15,893.75
Union	4,775.00
Precincts	
Tipton	656.25
Greenwood	625.00
Salt Creek	6,450.00
Stove Creek	987.50
Weeping Water	10,531.25
Mt. Pleasant	806.25
Plattsmouth	10,825.00
Liberty	7,350.00
Center	1,968.75

The chairmen and solicitors of many cities and precincts have sold thousands of dollars of bonds but are not as yet in a position to report to the county chairman. As soon as these reports are received, they will be released for publication.

Life Resident Of Cass County Dies Thursday

Mrs. Martha M. Wetenkamp, 82, and life-long resident of Plattsmouth, died at 4:25 a. m. Thursday at the Hall Convalescent Home in Omaha. Mrs. Wetenkamp had been in failing health for some time.

She was born in Cass county on January 27, 1863 and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barker. In March 1892 she was married to William Wetenkamp, following the death of her husband, Edward Howard. Wetenkamp died in August 1904.

Before she was confined to her home because of illness, Mrs. Wetenkamp was active in the organizations of the First Methodist church. She is survived by two sons, Roy E. Howard, Murray, William S. Wetenkamp, Plattsmouth, one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Wiles, Weeping Water, three brothers, William, Rayner, Colo., Edgar, Perry, Okla., Horatio, Holdrege, and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Howard, Ravenna, and Mrs. Nettie Meisinger, Omaha. She also had 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Several brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the First Methodist church with Rev. T. Porter Bennett officiating. Burial will be at the Eight-Mile Grove Cemetery.

Funeral services will be arranged at the Caldwell Funeral Home.

Former Speaker Dies At Nelson

NELSON, Neb., (U.P.)—Former Sen. George W. Jackson, 87, who served in the state legislature 1913-17, died at the home of his daughter here last night.

Jackson was speaker of the house during his three terms in the two-house legislature. He also served for 22 years on the state fair board, 1911-33, and was secretary of the group from 1925-33.

He was survived by a son, Earl, Dalalas, Tex., and a daughter, Mrs. Fred Kelly, Nelson.

Cotton is used for 11,000 different items by the armed forces.

John Slatinsky Is Home From Service

Wednesday noon John Slatinsky, gunner's mate third class of the U. S. coast guard arrived home after a tour of duty in the Pacific that has covered the past twenty months.

John has just returned from the midst of the activities in the south Pacific where he has been engaged in five of the American invasions of the Jap held territory.

Prior to coming on home by plane he visited at Los Angeles and while there had the pleasure of meeting up with Milton (Mike) Allen, an old school friend from home, as well as John Royer, both of the boys being in the naval service.

At Los Angeles John was also a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bull, former residents of Plattsmouth, for a short time.

Memorial Service Held At Oak Hill Cemetery

The memorial day of 1945 found the weather conditions ideal and from early in the morning the city was filled with the former residents and members of their families coming in to join in the observance.

The cemetery was beautiful in the extreme with the abundant rainfall keeping all grass green and fresh, that with the lavish floral offerings placed over the cemetery made a scene of great beauty.

The cemetery board that has labored so long and hard in the past few years in the improvement program certainly are to be congratulated on the fine appearance of the last resting places and James Quinette, the superintendent of the cemetery deserves a great deal of praise for the fine way that the cemetery had been cared for in the past season.

The program of the day opened at 10 o'clock and was in charge of Dr. P. T. Heineman, the commander of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion, with Dr. Leonard Fitch as the chairman in charge of arranging the details.

At the Grand Army of the Republic plot in the older portion of Oak Hill cemetery the program was opened with the presentation of the colors, the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by William Edwards of the Boy Scouts. Dr. Leonard Fitch gave very appropriate remarks honoring the civil war veterans that are at rest in the local cemetery and had their part in the building of the great west of the nation that they had saved. The wreath of memory was placed by Albert Olson, adjutant of the local Legion post.

Fred Herbster and George Conis served as the color guard for the ceremony. At the American Legion plot in the west addition of the cemetery the members of the group joined in the singing of one verse of "America" as a fitting opening with invocation being offered by Rev. J. W. Taenzler. The roll call of the departed veterans of World War I and II was given by Dr. Heineman.

The address of the day was by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church as follows:

WHEN THE LIGHTS COME ON AGAIN ALL OVER THE WORLD

"Once more we have come around the calendar to that day recognized in our beloved land, as Decoration Day. Just last Sunday in most of our churches throughout this nation we observed Memorial Sunday. These are two very important words that when we lose them from our language, we are the losers. It is essential to the well being of every individual and to every nation, looking back over history with the greatest respect to decorate the graves of heroic forefathers, and establish a lasting memorial. These days have several interests to most American citizens.

"We sing the Hymn 'Faith of Our Fathers Living Still.' We recall the many joys we have experienced in life with those of our loved ones and friends who have journeyed out from this

Frank Smith Quits As Editor Because of Failing Health

Frank H. Smith, editor of The Daily Journal since 1930 and an almost continuous employe of the newspaper since 1902, has resigned because of ill health and plans to enter the veterans' hospital at Lincoln soon.

He will be succeeded temporarily as editor by Mrs. Joan Tucker Eaton, of Fremont, who arrived in Plattsmouth Wednesday.



JOAN TUCKER EATON

As editor by Mrs. Joan Tucker Eaton, of Fremont, who arrived in Plattsmouth Wednesday.

In failing health for more than a year, Smith plans to continue at his desk until Saturday. Meanwhile, he will introduce Mrs. Eaton to Plattsmouth citizens and acquaint her with the sources of news.

Smith joined The Journal staff as a printers' devil in 1902. He learned the printers' trade and became a compositor in the newspaper shop. In 1913, Smith was moved "up front" and assigned to a reporter's beat.

It was while he was busy gathering news for The Journal that World War I arrived and Smith, as a member of the national guard, was quick to get into the conflict. He served in France with the AEF during more than two years of service.

After receiving his honorable discharge in 1919, he returned to his Journal typewriter. In 1930, was promoted to the editorship. During his many years in Plattsmouth, Smith has been prominent in civic and political affairs.

He served as the first commander of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion and also is a member of the Legion's fun organization, Forty and Eight. He has served the chamber of commerce as a director and, at present, is chairman of the city democratic committee. His home here is at Hotel Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Eaton, wife of a navy chaplain, Olney E. Eaton, now stationed at Williamsburg, Pa., is a graduate of Midland college at Fremont and has been employed in recent months by the Fremont Guide and Tribune.

Before her marriage last December, Mrs. Eaton served as field secretary at Midland and previously had been employed in the publicity office of the Illinois Institute of Technology. During her student days, she was editor for the Fremont high school Rustler and later was assistant editor of the Midland newspaper and annual, and assistant director of publicity.

Her home in Plattsmouth will be with Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Herrick, on North Third.

Helen Bengen Strain Writes From South

Mrs. Helen Bengen Strain who is making her home in the south, write to old friends in this city that her husband, who is a member of the Marines, in service at Okinawa where he has been in some of the stiff battles of the campaign.

She also writes that her brother, Sgt. Russell Bengen who was returned from overseas some time ago, is now located in South Carolina, awaiting a further assignment.

Mrs. Strain states that her mother, Mrs. Irene Munson, is now located at Tallahassee, Florida, and is feeling fine.

You can visit China, Egypt, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Palestine, and Turkey—and never leave Texas towns.

Eugene Schmaier At The Great Lakes

Mr. and Mrs. George Schmaier of near Manley were in the city Wednesday for a short time to visit with the relatives.

They have received word from their son, Eugene, who joined the U. S. navy a short time ago, that he was now at the Great Lakes, Illinois, training station and receiving his basic instructions.

Eugene states that he is feeling fine and getting acquainted with the fellow trainees from all sections of the country.

Eugene is a graduate of the Weeping Water high school in the class of 1945.

Violent Deaths Form Aftermath of The Holiday

At least 40 violent deaths were counted today as an aftermath to the nation's holiday honoring its heroes felled in battle.

Of this number, traffic casualties were estimated at 10, as compared to a death toll of 50 forecast by the national safety council. The council's figures, compiled on the basis of past experience, include those persons hurt on Memorial day who die later of their injuries.

Preliminary reports from United Press bureaus throughout the country listed, in addition to traffic deaths, seven drownings, three stabbings, two shootings, two chemical explosion casualties and 13 miscellaneous deaths.

Pennsylvania, reporting eight deaths, had the largest holiday toll. Three brothers were fatally burned when their car was struck by the Pennsylvania Railroad's crack liberty limited passenger train outside Pittsburgh, two others died in automobile collisions, and three miscellaneous deaths were listed.

Michigan ranked second with six deaths, including one traffic accident, one drowning, two stabbings, a shooting and a fatality caused by a fall.

In Ohio, two persons died as a result of an explosion in a Marietta chemical factory.

New York and Minnesota recorded three holiday deaths each. In addition to Ohio, California, Illinois, Iowa, Washington and Wisconsin all listed two fatalities. One Memorial day death each was reported in Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Softball Leaguers To Work Thursday

Seven soft ball teams and possibly one more will form the city Soft Ball League this summer, County Judge Paul E. Fauquet announced Thursday. Jack Berlett has been named manager of the league.

At 7:30 p. m. Thursday players and managers will report to the school athletic field to work on the diamond. Judge Fauquet asked that workers bring hammers, and work tools.

The seven teams which have already joined the league are BREV, Norfolk Packing, Plattsmouth Creamery, Holy Rosary church, Eagles, Ford Motor and the Farmers.

Plattsmouth To Serve Canteen

Now that hospital trains pass through Omaha and many returning service men pause at the Canteen, a piece of home made pie, cake, etc., really gives them a foretaste of home. Many friends from Plattsmouth give a man in uniform that thrill, when they send home made bakery to the Service Mens' Canteen.

Saturday is Plattsmouth day at the Canteen. Send whatever you have wrapped in a paper box and send it to St. John's Hall before Saturday noon. The sugar and shortening used will be supplied you upon receipt of your contribution. If unable to deliver, call 580, and a Boy Scout will call. Money should be left at Gobelman's Paint Store. The money will be spent in buying fruit, and sandwiches. Over a thousand sandwiches are sent every first Saturday of the month.

Marines Plant Stars and Stripes on Shuri Castle Ex-Jap Headquarters

Allies Taking Offensive In China Sector

CHUNGKING, (U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commander of U. S. Forces in China, said today that the allies were passing from the defensive to the offensive in China.

"We now are on the upgrade," he told a press conference. "I am very optimistic over future military developments in China."

Even as he spoke, Chinese forces seized control of possibly 180 miles of the Japanese lifeline corridor across China.

Still greater victories appeared imminent. The Japanese were reported to have fired and abandoned the strategic cities of Liu-chow and Liucheng in the central Kwangsi province sector of the corridor.

Wedemeyer told his press conference that the Japanese may abandon the whole corridor linking Shanghai with Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore.

Wedemeyer said Pacific operations by the forces under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur had contributed greatly to the change for the better in China.

"The Japanese appear committed to a policy on the Asiatic Mainland and the homeland of redefining their forces and resources for protecting the dynamo and citadel of their war effort," he said.

The Japanese withdrawals in China were accelerated, he said, by their discovery that they could not accomplish the purpose of their April drive to widen the corridor and take American airbases without excessive costs.

The problem of supply still remains one of the greatest in the theater, Wedemeyer said, pointing out the difficulty of distribution to the fronts even after the supplies are delivered at Kunming.

Wedemeyer stressed that the Chinese communications, rough terrain and limited bridges made it impossible to use heavy artillery.

"Commanders in the European theater would be astounded at the little artillery support given," he said. "Here we have to improvise air support and mortars."

He credited improved morale and fighting spirit among Chinese troops to better food and pay, American advice and evacuation of the wounded.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will begin at the Church of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 this evening. The church will be open all night for those who wish to come "to watch and pray." If possible come, lest you might hear the rebuke once given, "Could you not have watched one hour with Me."

Confessions in preparation for First Friday Holy Communion will be heard immediately after the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30. Holy Mass will be offered at 6:30 tomorrow morning.

Pfc. McFarland Is Home From West Camp

Pfc. Alfred McFarland, who has been stationed at Camp Callen, California, arrived in the city Thursday morning for a furlough for a few days.

Pfc. McFarland is one of the four brothers, all in the armed service, two of these being overseas.

He will visit here with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland.

Grand Opening of Keentime Klub Set For Friday

The grand opening of the Keentime Klub for boys and girls 13 to 19 years old will be at 8:30 Friday at the Eagles Hall, Father Tucheck announced Thursday. The Red Raven's orchestra will play and the Campfire Girls under the direction of Mrs. Henry Donat will have charge of the Snack Bar. The Klub will close at 11:30 p. m.

The first of its kind in Plattsmouth, the committee urges that all young people take an active part in the Klub. Admission is by membership card, and those who have not purchased cards by Friday may buy them between eight and eight-thirty Friday morning at the Eagles Hall. Students who do not expect to stay in Plattsmouth during the summer will be charged 25 cents at the opening Friday night.

The host and hostess committee for the opening of the Klub will be Mr. and Mrs. Milo Price, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tritsch, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Judge and Mrs. Paul Fauquet. Mrs. Doris Pierce, assistant recreation director from Lincoln will attend the Keentime Klub and will have charge of part of the entertainment.

A committee decorating the Eagles Hall on Thursday was Mary Lou Becker, Mary Lou Walling, Joan Gradoville, and Janet Tiekotter. The Eagles Hall was donated to the young people for the Klub.

Victory Garden Committees Meet

LINCOLN, Neb., (U.P.)—Representatives of victory garden committees in Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska will meet at Omaha June 4 to discuss ways of driving home the necessity for producing and conserving more food in victory gardens.

Paul Stark, former governor of Missouri appointed by President Truman to direct food administration work for the agriculture department, will attend the meeting as its principal speaker.

Weather Forecast

High—80. Low—67. Nebraska Forecast—Partly cloudy scattered showers east and central portion today, and in most parts of state tonight, and south and east portions Friday. Warmer today, high middle to upper 80's. Somewhat cooler Friday west and north portion. Low tonight 50-55 west, 55-60 east.



PRESIDENT RECEIVES GIFT—Representing the "Heart of Kansas City" Lions club, Kansas City, Mo., Robert Moore presents a fountain pen desk set to President Truman, long a member of the organization. (NEA Telephone)

GUAM (U.P.)—Two American divisions in southern Okinawa today drove within a mile of a junction below newly-conquered Shuri that may trap thousands of Japanese troops.

Radio Tokyo conceded that its main defense line has collapsed and said the critical stage in the sixty-one day battle for Okinawa was imminent.

In Shuri itself, marines of the 1st division raised the Stars and Stripes over 15th century Shuri castle, shell-pocked former Japanese army headquarters at 1:45 P. M. yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Pedro del Valle, commander of the 1st division said his marines now control the whole of the ruined city of Shuri, "though actual physical occupation" had not been completed.

Japanese suicide squads still clung to strong positions northwest, north, east and southeast of Shuri, but the 77th division collapsed the northeastern defenses and plunged ahead to within a few hundred yards of a junction with the marines at Shuri castle.

A junction of the 77th division and 1st marines would encircle the Japanese still holding out on Wana ridge, northwest of Shuri and other enemy units north of the city.

The second larger encirclement was being forced by the 6th marine and 7th army divisions in the Kokuba river valley more than a mile south of Shuri.

The marines, driving southeast from captured Naha on the west coast, were less than 2,000 yards from a junction with the 7th division slashing across Okinawa from the east coast last night. A link-up of these forces would trap all remaining enemy forces in the Shuri area.

Most of the 25,000 to 30,000 Japanese still surviving on Okinawa had taken up new positions in the hills south of the Kokuba valley.

Psychological warfare experts broadcast appeals over loud speakers to them to surrender, but they reported with heavy machine gun fire.

Elements of the 7th division striking down the east coast were some 3½ miles south of the captured port of Yonabaru and could see the south coast in the distance two miles away.

Patrols thrust a mile and one half further south and returned after meeting only light enemy fire.

Radio Tokyo said the front on southern Okinawa had collapsed from a single line into "plural lines with opposing forces locked in heaviest fighting at a number of points in the rear of each opposing unit."

Tokyo said the development was "serious" and warned that the critical stage in the battle was near.

Two more light American warships were damaged by suicide planes Tuesday. Adverse weather reduced the scale of the attacks, however. Eight enemy planes were shot down.

American carrier planes struck back at Japanese bases in the Sakishima and Amami islands south and north respectively of Okinawa the same day.

A front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Edward Thomas said the marines who took ancient Shuri castle yesterday found it a booby-trapped pile of rubble swarming with flies and mosquitoes.

Its massive underground caverns, where the Japanese held out for a month against air, sea and land bombardment and ceaseless frontal attacks had been sealed. In the courtyard, marines found two huge bonfires still smoldering. Presumably containing Japanese military documents, they had been ignited only a few hours before the marines entered the castle grounds.

Del Valle said he still could not account for the way in which his First Division marines had logged nearly 2,000 yards in three hours through mud sometimes up to their hips to reach the castle from the west.

Catfish is the most widely used fish in Texas.