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## Farm Loan Office To Send Dividend To 400 Farmers

Checks totaling \$6,788.50 will be mailed to more than 400 farmers in Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties within the next few days, it was announced by Orest P. Cook, president of the Cass-Otoe National Farm Loan association of Weeping Water.

The farmers who will receive the checks are members of the Cass-Otoe National Farm Loan association. The checks represent a dividend of 5 per cent on stock they own in the Cass-Otoe association.

**Dividend**  
Cook's announcement was made following a meeting of the association's board of directors, which voted to pay a dividend to all stockholders of the association as of September 30, 1945.

"The Federal Land Bank of Omaha," said Cook, "recently declared a dividend on its stock, which is owned by Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. This dividend to the associations enables us to also pay a dividend to our association members on their stock."

**Good Conditions**  
Cook pointed out that the dividend paid by the Omaha land bank was made possible by continued excellent agricultural conditions and a reduction of bank and association expenses.

The Cass-Otoe National Farm Loan association has loans totaling \$2,700,000 outstanding to farmers of Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties, Harold C. Elliott is secretary-treasurer of the association. Directors, in addition to Mr. Cook are C. W. Martin of Greenwood, Hyman C. Kupke of Murdock, Fred W. Paan of Otoe, Oren Pollard and Nelson Berger of Nebraska, and Roy O. G. of Plattsmouth.

## Bond Drive Still Short of Quota

This is Victory Week in Nebraska's Victory Loan drive. County Chairman Harold Elliott reminded residents of Cass county today.

"The anniversary of Pearl Harbor, December 7, and the official close of Nebraska's Victory Loan drive on December 8, makes the observance of this week a fitting memorial to the men who paved the way to victory," said Elliott.

He asked every resident of Cass county to observe it by purchase of an additional E Bond in the Victory Loan drive. "How we respond now will determine whether we make our Victory Loan quotas," Elliott said, as he pointed out that so far the county has accounted for only 30 percent of its E Bond goal: 50 percent of its individual goal.

State Chairman Dale Clark declared that Nebraskans must respond this week with renewed enthusiasm to the drive's appeal and make an all-out effort to meet quotas. He explained that all Savings Bonds purchased during December will count toward drive goals.

"This is Nebraska's last bond drive. We cannot and we must not fail now," Mr. Clark said. "I have confidence enough in Nebraskans to know that they will respond as they always have to help meet Nebraska's share of the job."

An opportunity to see a Special Victory Loan Train will be afforded Nebraskans this week with its appearance in three places in the state. The big Navy exhibit will be on display at North Platte, December 8; Grand Island, December 9; Omaha, December 10. It will be at the Union Pacific stations in all three towns, open free to public inspection from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Among exhibits are some of the war's top-flight military equipment, open for the first time to public inspection.

## Call Me Mister!

Nine men reported their discharges from the armed forces Friday, Nov. 30, to the Cass County Selective Service office.

From the army: Charles Taster, Jr., John Altshaff and Robert W. Green of Plattsmouth; Herbert Keckler, Manley; Edward Rau, Ashland; Howard Ellis, Weeping Water; Herman Dixon, Hill, Calif.; and Edmond Cornell, Ott Arthur, Texas.

From the navy: Samuel J. Long, Gretna, Nebraska.

**Fined \$5.00**  
Gerald D. Howard was fined \$5 and costs Saturday by County Judge Paul E. Fauquet after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a car at night without a tail light.

## Cars Crash Head-on Sunday; No Injuries

Cars driven by Buford Ray Clinkenbeard and August R. Kief, both of Plattsmouth, crashed head-on about 1 a. m. Sunday morning a half mile north of the intersection of Mynard Road and highway 75, on highway 75.

The eleven passengers in the cars escaped injury. The left front fenders and wheels on both cars were damaged and the cars had to be towed to Wiyssel's garage.

Riding with Clinkenbeard were Harold Payton, Frank Hull and Fred Beins, all of Plattsmouth.

With Kief were: Mr. and Mrs. William O'Donnell, Marie Gradoville and Edgar Kief, all of Plattsmouth.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek investigated the accident.

## Sales Good on Christmas Seals

County Superintendent L. A. Behrends, county chairman for the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association said Monday morning that he has received payment for \$563.52 worth of Christmas seals in Cass county. Sheets of stamps worth \$3500 were sent to residents throughout the county on December 19.

"The response so far has been good," Behrends said, "but there still remain many persons from whom we have not yet heard. We hope everyone who received Christmas seals will answer the letter as soon as possible."

The Nebraska Tuberculosis Association has announced that the 1945 Christmas Seal Sale goal for the state of Nebraska is \$125,000, and the goal for the city of Omaha, \$40,000. This represents a slight increase over the \$122,800, and the \$33,000 raised in the state and city respectively in 1944.

The association reports that the additional sum is needed this year for increased efforts to rid Nebraska of a disease which last year took the life of 198 Nebraskans.

Returns have been coming in nicely since the Seal Sale opened on November 19. Today's figure of \$9,092.54, from Omaha represents an increase of \$2.33 over the \$9,089.21 received at this point in the sale last year. Since Seal Sales over the state are conducted by County committees, no figures on state receipts are yet available.

The association also announces that Mr. James L. Paxton, Jr., is Special Gifts Chairman again this year. Service in this capacity last year, Mr. Paxton raised the special gifts total well above that of previous years.

## Cub Scouts Collect 12,000 lbs. of Paper

Scout Cub Pack number 367, consisting of five dens of thirty boys collected a total of 12,740 pounds of paper during the scrap paper collection drive. This was shipped to the Omaha paper salvage depot and netted a total of \$60 for the boys.

Den number 2 was the winner of the contest and received a trophy to be displayed in the den meeting room. It is hoped to have it displayed in a store window in the near future. Each cub in the pack also received a ticket for free ice cream as a prize for helping make the drive a success.

The amounts of money collected by each den is as follows: Den 1, 2, 350 lbs. or 478 lbs. net cub; Den 2, 1940 lbs. or 485 lbs. net cub; Den 3, 2840 lbs. or 328 lbs. net cub; Den 4, 2960 lbs. or 407 lbs. net cub; Den 5, 1330 lbs. or 339 lbs. net cub.

Pack 367 is sponsored by the Christian church and the Methodist church scout rooms. There is room for eleven more boys in the six scout rooms and eleven more. Parents of interested boys may set in contact with one of the five den mothers or too. The den mothers include: Mrs. Sam Hatfield, Mrs. Gladys St. Louis, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Robert Old, Mrs. George L. Laska, Mrs. Wm. and the assistant pack leader is Sam Hatfield.

## Blue Devils to Play North High Tuesday

Plattsmouth high school's basketball team will play their second game of the season Tuesday night against North High in Omaha.

Czech Top Week has been in for the boys plenty of mention since their game with South High last Friday. The Blue Devils lost their opener but did show that they have something on the ball that a little experience will bring.

The Plattsmouth boys are "out of their league" in the Omaha games but it is safe to predict that before the season is over they won't look out-classed.

## Dedicates Pearl Harbor Week To State Victory Bond Drive

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nebraska, together with the entire population of the United States have cause for rejoicing, because of the fact that World War II has been brought to a successful conclusion through the sacrifices of our armed forces, and

WHEREAS, we are reminded of the perilous days which faced this nation, as we approach the fourth anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, when the war began with the dastardly attack of the Japanese Navy at Pearl Harbor, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nebraska and the people of America generally have enjoyed peace and comfort, while millions of our fellow citizens were experiencing the vicissitudes of war, including death and battle wounds, and

WHEREAS, we should be moved to thankfulness and gratitude over the fact that we at home have been spared the sufferings experienced by the war-torn countries of Europe, and

WHEREAS, The Victory Loan, now entering upon its final week, provides a concrete way of expressing our appreciation of the fact that World War II has come to an end, so far as the actual fighting is concerned.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the week from December 2 to 8, inclusive, be hereby proclaimed VICTORY WEEK in Nebraska, providing a fitting time for every citizen of Nebraska to purchase Victory Bonds, as a memorial to those brave men and women who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Citizens of Nebraska, having reached in previous War Bond drives every quota assigned to Nebraska, shall exert in this Victory Week special effort to the end that our state quotas will be over-subscribed in a manner typical of Nebraska and the traditions of her pioneer founders, who overcame numerous physical obstacles to build this great state, where peace and plenty prevail.

(Signed) DWIGHT GRISWOLD

## Nebraska Girl Wins Growers' Top Award

Luella A. Kouz, 20, of route 1, Lindsay in Platte county surpassed other Nebraska entries for efficient production and marketing in the fifth annual scholarship contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers association.

Awards were announced in the association's 11th annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the junior growers' adult advisor, Prof. Grant B. Snyder of Massachusetts State College. The Nebraska champion will receive a \$25 Victory Bond from \$4,000 provided by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company for the junior growers' competition.

Boys and girls 12 to 21 years of age in 46 states competed in the 1945 contest, which included a study of efficient vegetable production and a report on each contestant's vegetable project. In the Central Region top honors were won by Birch Bayh, Jr., 17, of Vigo county, Ind. The national championship was won by James Annon, 18, of Albany, Ore.

## Three Cub Scouts Get Awards Friday

Three members of the Scout Cub pack received achievement awards Friday evening in recognition of work accomplished in the activities of their organization.

Bobbie Richter received a wolf pin and a gold and silver arrow point. Dickie Beverage received a gold and silver arrow point and Dennis Simular a silver arrow point.

The wolf rank is the second rank and these awards are made for achievement within that rank. The silver arrow point is the highest award to be obtained in the wolf rank.

## President to Send Labor Message Mon.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman will send a special labor message to Congress Monday, recommending specific steps to cope with the current labor situation.

Meanwhile, representatives of organized labor and 41 state governors gathered here for the 12th national conference on federal-state cooperation in labor legislation.

The four-day session being held under labor department auspices, will deal with federal-state action in handling disputes.

**HUNTING TIME**  
Tuesday—7:10 a. m. to 4:56 p. m.  
Wednesday—7:11 a. m. to 4:56 p. m.

## March of Time

A new "March of Time" film entitled "Justice Comes to Germany" will be shown at the Cass theatre in Plattsmouth, Tuesday, December 4. The film tells the story of what happened to one American boy listed as "missing in action." It shows the complete inside record of the unpredictable things disclosed before a U. S. military tribunal.

## Law Officers Hold Post-War Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (AP)—The National Institute of Municipal Law Officers opened its first post-war conference here Monday to take up the legal problems likely to confront cities in their dealings with state and federal agencies in the reconversion period.

Fred T. Van Liew, city solicitor of Des Moines, Iowa and president of the institute, opened the conference by reading a letter from President Truman congratulating the organization for its "prominent and effective part in the war effort."

The three-day meeting will take up municipal problems relating to surplus property disposal, returning veterans, labor union contracts, public utilities and rates, interstate commerce and Federal claims to title lands.

## Matt Kimes is Caught by FBI

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 3. (AP)—Matt Kimes, notorious "old outlaw" of the 1920s, was held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Monday after he was run down by a truck on a north Little Rock street corner.

Kimes, on "leave of absence" from the Oklahoma State Prison, had been hunted throughout the Southwest for the past three weeks in cooperation with a \$17,000 Austin, Tex. bank robbery Sept. 5.

**Broken Leg**  
Suffering from a broken leg and head injuries, the boy hand of 10 years now gave his name as "Leo A. Woods" of Miami, Okla., when he was admitted to the Baptist State hospital Saturday night.

Hospital authorities became suspicious when Kimes asked them not to notify his family about the accident and refused to answer questions concerning the more than \$1,000 he had in his possession.

**No Comment**  
Federal agents said Kimes would not comment about his activities since he was released from the state prison at McAlester for a 60-day probationary period last Tuesday.

## Hitler's Plan of Conquest Revealed In Nazi War Crimes Court Monday

NUERENBURG, (AP)—Adolf Hitler had decided four months before Munich that Czechoslovakia must be destroyed and he was pressing last minute military preparations to strike while negotiating with Neville Chamberlain the war crimes court was told Monday.

Hitler sent a directive for the attack on Czechoslovakia on May 30, 1938 and had a plan ready in such detail that a list of "propaganda incidents" had been drawn up for possible use in connection with the attack.

**Planned Gas Attack**  
The plans disclosed that the Germans were prepared to use gas against the Czechs and to justify their action with a claim that the Czechs had used it first. The Nazi high command, according to documents introduced before the war crimes tribunal, had drafted a list of thirteen types of possible violation of international law which might be expected in the action against Czechoslovakia.

In each case German experts on propaganda and international law laid down in advance the justification the Germans would offer for such violations.

**British Embassy**  
Among the possibilities contemplated by the German high command were destruction of the British embassy at Prague during an air raid, the killing of British or French nationals during the course of the war, and the violation of Polish territory by German aircraft.

In the case of the German planes flying over Poland the experts recommended that an attempt be made to stop the violation.

If that wasn't successful, it was suggested, an apology should be made to the Poles accompanied with an offer to compensate them for any damage.

**American Prosecutor**  
American prosecutor Sidney Alderman announced that the British would open their case against the 20 Nazi leaders Tuesday. Thereafter the British and American prosecutors will alternate in presenting evidence. The French will follow with details of crimes against humanity in the west and the Russians will cover the east.

## U. S. Navy Begins Court Martial of Skipper of Cruiser "Indianapolis"

### House Committee May Investigate State Department

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The House un-American activities committee may have a comprehensive investigation of the entire state department after it hears the charges of ex-ambassador Patrick J. Hurley, a committee member said Monday.

Rep. Karl Mundt, R., S. D., said the course of the inquiry would be determined by "what Hurley has to tell us" about alleged pro-communists in the U. S. Foreign Service. In quitting as envoy to China last week, Hurley charged that certain career diplomats were actively supporting Chinese communists as against Chiang Kai-Shek.

**Individuals**  
"If Gen. Hurley says the individuals he names are the only ones sabotaging our foreign policy, then we will probably decide to confine our investigation to them," Mundt said. "If he says that other state department men whom he cannot name are doing it too, the committee in all likelihood, will decide to expand its inquiry."

Mundt said Hurley would be asked by the house group to "name names and cite instances" to back up his charges.

Mundt said he personally believes the "pro-communist policy saboteurs" were employed in the lower echelons of the state department.

**Communists**  
"We found out something about their methods on the old Dies committee," he said. "We discovered that some of these communist sympathizers were deliberately changing names as they came in from overseas. They would then use the assumed version of the report on the higher echelons."

Mundt said he suggested that "this might have occurred in the case of General Hurley's reports from China."

### May Name Spellman As Papal Secretary

ROME, Dec. 3. (AP)—Speculation on the possible appointment of New York's Archbishop Francis J. Spellman as papal secretary of state was revived Monday by the disclosure of a church program to further its missionary work in the Far East through closer ties with the United States.

Authoritative Vatican sources told the United Press they had reason to hope the greatly increased prestige and influence of the United States among the peoples of the Orient would be reflected in new gains for the Catholic church there.

Because of Archbishop Spellman's close association with North and South American Christianity, he was regarded as especially fitting for guiding Vatican policy among the Far Eastern people, who having been liberated in large part by the United States, feel akin to Americans.

### UAW May Face Intra-Union Rebellion Now

DETROIT, (AP)—The United automobile workers (UAW) faced a possible intra-union rebellion Monday in seeking to reopen some General Motors strike-bound plants under an agreement with the corporation.

UAW President R. J. Thomas' tentative agreement with G-M president C. E. Wilson that some plants would be reopened to aid other auto manufacturers brought swift protests from Robert Carter, head of the AUIW local at the General Motors AC spark plug plant in Flint, Mich.

Carter, who had unsuccessfully opposed Thomas for the UAW presidency at the last Union election, said in Flint that he had the backing of the Greater Flint industrial council's 60,000 members.

Thomas immediately issued a statement in which he explained that the international union had no intention of arbitrarily ordering any locals back to work.

He said any back-to-work movements in the system-wide general motors strike would have to be voted by the locals involved.

**Radiator Plant**  
The Harrison radiator company UAW local at Lockport, N. Y., one of the eight involved, announced at a meeting yesterday that it would stay on strike until the situation had been clarified.

The Flint union council said acceptance of the plan could "only lead to possible rioting and bloodshed" because it would be a "moral destroying" move in over-all strike strategy.

Meanwhile, UAW negotiators were scheduled to meet with Ford company representatives today to discuss the company's demand that the Union pay \$5 a day per man for wildcat strikers.

**Ford Meeting**  
The Union has not indicated what its counter-proposal to the demand would be, but it was expected that presentation of a counterproposal would be the first piece of business. The Union's demand for a 30 percent wage increase also was on the agenda for Monday's Ford meeting.

Negotiations with Chrysler, the other member of the automobile industry's big three, were scheduled for resumption tomorrow.

No further action in the General Motors stalemate was scheduled until Wednesday when UAW Vice President Walter P. Reuther will meet with GM vice president Harry Anderson to discuss the company's complaint against the use of force by pickets.

**Tommy Manville Takes on Number 8**  
NEW ROCHELLE, (AP)—Tommy Manville, the asbestos heir, confirmed Monday that he will make Georgia Campbell, 27, beautiful English-born columnist his eighth wife.

Miss Campbell was enroute here from Hollywood aboard the Golden State Limited.

### Captain Charged With Negligence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (AP)—The navy Monday accused Capt. Charles B. McVay, III, of being directly responsible, through "negligence" and "inefficiency," for the loss of many men in the sinking of the cruiser Indianapolis.

About 880 persons were lost when the ship, skippered by McVay, exploded and sank off the Philippines July 30.

**Read Charges**  
The charges against McVay were read at the opening of his court martial at the Washington Navy Yard before an eight-man court. He was accused of failing to order prompt abandonment of the 16,000-ton warship after it was "badly damaged and in sinking condition." As a result of his "culpable inefficiency," it was alleged, "many persons on board perished with the sinking ship."

The charges held that McVay's "negligence" in directing the Indianapolis just before the disaster resulted in "suffering a vessel of the navy to be hazarded."

**Didn't Zig-Zag**  
The captain, naval officer for 26 years, was alleged to have "neglected and failed" to order the cruiser to pursue a zig-zag course in waters where enemy submarines might have been encountered.

Of the 1,196 officers and men aboard the Indianapolis when she went down, 880 have been listed by the navy as lost. The remainder suffered injuries or exposure. It was five days after the disaster before the survivors were picked up.

The navy's charges against McVay concerned only details involved in the actual sinking of the ship and the course it pursued. He was not blamed for events which occurred after the men were in the water or the lack of an escort for the cruiser, which was proceeding to Leyte from Guam. It had delivered atomic bomb material to Guam.

**Cause Not Given**  
The charges did not specify how the 16-year-old Indianapolis met her fate. It is believed, however, to have been torpedoed by a Japanese submarine or to have rammed a submarine.

The charges, signed by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, were addressed to Capt. Thomas J. Ryan, Jr., trial judge advocate. He read them to McVay. The accused was represented by Capt. John P. Cady of Providence, R. I., also a navy officer.

**Grave Nature**  
Because of the grave nature of the charges, navy spokesmen believe that the trial will continue for at least two weeks, "or even a month." Some witnesses, it was pointed out, may have to be brought here by the navy from their Pacific or Atlantic fleet assignments.

McVay graduated from Annapolis in June, 1919, as an ensign and was promoted to his present rank on June 18, 1942. He assumed command of the Indianapolis on Nov. 18, 1944. Previously he had been awarded the silver star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action" as executive officer of the cruiser Cleveland during the bombardment of Kolombangara in the Solomons.

**Al Smith Stamps**  
Postmaster E. Eckenberger announced Monday morning that the Plattsmouth postoffice has received the new Al Smith commemorative stamps and that they are now on sale. The stamp has a picture of Al Smith. It is a three-cent denomination, lavender in color and is the normal size.

**WEATHER**  
Nebraska forecast: Generally fair and warmer except cloudy continued cold along east border Monday. Fair Monday night and Tuesday, slightly colder extreme east Monday night; low Monday night near 15, warmer Tuesday.

**SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**  
18 SHOP EARLY

Tom, Tom, the piper's son, Made a list and went he ran. The list was short, the crowds he beat— You can perform a similar feat.



**HESS ADMITS FAKE AMNESIA**—Rudolf Hess stands in the prisoners' box alone and gestures as he tells the International War Crimes Tribunal that he had faked amnesia, fooling both the doctors and his own attorney. He is now prepared to stand trial and "bear full responsibility." Trial is taking place in Nurnberg, Germany. (NEA Telephoto).