

## Cass County Has 70 Per Cent of Its Bond Quota

With just two more days remaining in the Victory Loan Drive Cass county has reached 70 per cent of its bond quota, according to Harold Elliott, chairman of the drive.

"Most of my figures on results from the various towns and precincts are not complete," Elliott explained. "However, we will probably make our overall quota of \$494,000. I doubt very much that Cass county will reach its full \$1,000,000 quota before December 31."

Late reports in Plattsmouth show that bond sales now total approximately \$125,000, which is \$11,000 over the quota set for the city.

Reports from other sections of the county as they have been turned in to Elliott are as follows:

Also, \$1,031.25; Avoca precinct, \$42,850; Avoca, \$24,212.50; Center precinct, \$750; Eagle and Tipton precinct, \$21,000; East Rock Bluff, \$1,237.50; Eight Mile Grove (unofficial) \$243.75; Elmwood precinct, \$14,000; Elmwood, \$12,765.25; Greenwood, \$1,128.75; Liberty precinct, \$5,455.25; Louisville, \$12,174; Mansley, \$11,068.75; Mount Pleasant, \$2,487.50; Murdock, \$750; Murray, \$6,225; Nehawka, \$9,010; Plattsmouth, \$8,237.50; South Creek precinct, \$8,250; South Rock precinct, \$1,287.50; Stone Creek precinct, \$14,067; Union, \$6,000; Weeping Water, \$33,000; Weeping Water precinct, \$23,412.50; and West Rock Bluff, \$748.75.

Elliott pointed out that many of the figures listed here are not up to date and therefore do not show complete sales throughout the county.

## Thomas S. Solomon Gets Commendation From Gen. McCoach

A commendation from Major General David McCoach, Commanding General of the Sixth Service Command, was received this week by Warrant Officer Thomas S. Solomon of Plattsmouth and seven enlisted men of the military police detachment at Camp Grant, Ill. for their work as a security detail for General Dwight D. Eisenhower at the recent American Legion Convention, General of the commutation, which carries an endorsement by Brig. Gen. Raleigh R. Hendrix, camp commanding general, reads:

"During the recent American Legion Convention, General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower, attended as a special guest and your organization was called upon to furnish a detail of men to perform special services and produce security for the General.

"The detail reported promptly, was well turned out and carried out their orders and assigned duties in a manner which reflected credit upon the Service Command, upon you as their Commanding Officer, and upon each individual member of the detail. It gives me great pleasure to commend this detail for an outstanding performance of duty. Kindly extend to them my congratulations upon a job well done."

## Neighbors Gather to Help Shell Corn

Some 100 friends and neighbors of Louis Ehlers spent Thursday at the Ehlers' farm near Louisville shelling corn and then hauling it to the elevator. The folks gathered in tribute to Louis Ehlers who died November 25 in an Omaha hospital as a result of a stroke suffered while he was working in his cornfield.

The women provided a dinner during the noon hour at the Ehlers home.

## Two Men Fined

Charles H. Saks was fined \$1 and costs Wednesday, December 5, by County Judge Paul E. Fauquet after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a car without an operators license.

L. S. Cornett was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Fauquet after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

## Call Me Mister!

Four men reported their discharges from the armed forces Wednesday, December 5, to the Cass county selective service office in Plattsmouth.

From the army: Ralph Binsler, Weeping Water; and Harold Oelkers, Avoca.

From the navy: Donald Akesson, Lincoln; and Albert Richards, Plattsmouth.

## Santa Claus Is Coming To Town Wednesday, Dec. 19

Santa Claus will be in Plattsmouth on December 19 instead of December 15 as previously announced. Due to his extremely busy schedule this year, St. Nick asked that the time be changed.

Santa will be host to children from all over Cass county and has sent word that he will have gifts for the boys and girls who come to see him. He also said that he would have his list with him to write down what every boy and girl wants him to bring for them on Christmas day.

Santa Claus will meet all the children under the big Christmas tree on the court house lawn at 8 p. m. Wednesday, December 19. Some 1200 children came to see him last year and Santa said that this year he hopes there will be many many more.

## Elect Cook to Masonic Office

Raymond C. Cook was elected deputy grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, at the seventieth annual meeting held in Omaha Wednesday, Rev. T. Porter Bennet, pastor of the Methodist church, was reelected grand chaplain of the organization and chaplain of the order of high priesthood. Dr. David C. Hilton of Lincoln is the newly elected grand high priest and will serve in this capacity for the next year.

Robert Mann, high priest elect, received the order of high priesthood. Past high priests of the Nebraska chapter number 3 who attended the meeting from Plattsmouth included Eddie Wehrlein, Henry Nolting, George Brinklow and Howard Wiles. These members acted as delegates to the meeting.

John Rummel attended the annual dinner of the Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Association at noon Wednesday in Omaha and was initiated into the veteran's association. All the delegates attended this dinner. William Evers, superintendent of the Masonic home, was in attendance and acted as chairman of the finance committee. He reports that the grand chapter voted \$2,500 toward the fund for the new home to be erected here.

## Public Library Has Heavy Business

The monthly report from the Plattsmouth public library shows that during November a total of 2254 books were circulated by the library. Of these, 1620 were adult fiction and non-fiction and 1634 were juvenile fiction and non-fiction.

Thirty-seven new borrowers signed up during the month, according to Miss Verna Leonard, librarian, and 52 new books were purchased and placed in circulation.

Miss Leonard said that the Thanksgiving school collection was \$39.11, the largest amount ever collected. "The library is most grateful for this mark of appreciation," Miss Leonard declared, "and the money will be used to purchase new books for school-age readers."

During November the Plattsmouth Woman's club gave the library money to purchase a new book as their annual gift to the library.

Mrs. Harold Shafer donated a copy of "Forever Amber" by Kathleen Winsor to the library. There have been many requests for this book by library patrons, Miss Leonard explained.

Christmas books are now on display in the library and are much in demand by children readers.

## MacArthur Orders Arrest of 9 Japs

TOKYO, (U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered the Japanese government Thursday to arrest another list of nine war criminal suspects headed by former premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye and Marquis Koichi Kido.

Konoye was premier until 1941 and was minister without portfolio in the Higashi-Kuni cabinet which resigned last October.

Kido is Lord keeper of the privy seal and closest advisor to the throne.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Koubek, a daughter, born Tuesday morning at St. Catherine's hospital.

**HUNTING TIME**  
Friday: 7:13 a. m. to 4:56 p. m.  
Saturday: 7:14 a. m. to 4:56 p. m.



**TAKE ATOMIC EQUIPMENT APART**—Small atomic equipment of Japs is taken apart in Japan by United States occupation troops as they prepare to destroy it by order of Secretary of War Robert Patterson. American scientists protest the destruction of the five cyclotrons and related equipment in three Japanese cities. (NEA Telephoto)

## Legion Auxiliary Collecting Gifts

Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave are being accumulated by the American Legion Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Robert Cappell. She said Thursday that the public is favorably meeting the request for contributions. Many of the organizations that are participating in this drive have not yet had meetings where the collections are to be made but following such meetings Mrs. Cappell expects to have a greater number of gifts.

Anyone who wishes, may leave a complete box already gift wrapped at the Consumers office where several are already in the office window. These boxes are to have a value of \$3.

Collection boxes will be installed in various stores where smaller items may be left which will later be put into the gift packages. These stores include Stibbal's Variety store, Conis Shine Parlor, Soenichsens and Gohelman's Paint Store. Students in the high school art classes are making posters to be placed in these stores Saturday to mark the place of deposit for the gifts.

December 15 is the deadline for all contributions. At that time Mrs. Cappell and members of her committee will complete the gift boxes and prepare everything received for shipment to the project headquarters. These gifts will be distributed on Christmas day to service men who were wounded during the war and must spend the holidays in the hospitals.

## Hayworth and Wells Consider Separation

Hollywood, (U.P.)—Actress Rita Hayworth said Thursday that she and Orson Wells well known actor, producer, director, radio star and magician, were considering a separation.

Miss Hayworth said she and Wells, who were married while she still was engaged to film star Victor Mature, would issue a joint statement later in the day.

## Investigate Council At Nebraska City

NEBRASKA CITY, (U.P.)—The propriety of the Nebraska City Council in spending tax funds to influence a vote of the people was questioned Thursday by members of the legislative council's investigating committee.

The committee met here to determine whether outside influences were brought to bear in the election last June 26, when the citizens voted 964 to 451 to issue \$950,000 in revenue bonds to purchase the local facilities of the Consumers Public Power District.

According to city attorney, John M. Dierks the council spent city funds, including light and gas revenues as well as tax funds, to pay for advertisements in favor of the purchase.

## Try to Assassinate Egyptian Premier

CAIRO, (U.P.)—An attempt to assassinate former Egyptian premier Nahas Pasha was thwarted Thursday.

A bomb was hurled at Nahas as he was on his way to the Saadist Club by motor. The bomb missed him but 22 persons were injured in the explosion.

The bomb was thrown from a passing automobile. It exploded between a street car and a British military truck.

## Terrorist Activity Reported in Iran

TEHRAN, (U.P.)—A wave of terrorist activity was reported in Northern Iran Thursday, including assassination of the police chief in Tabriz.

Word of the outbreak was received in Tehran by official radio telephone. The police chief was killed Wednesday. It was reported, and the assassination was blamed on "democrats."

Word here was that Governor Bayatt was attempting to restore order but was hampered by growing unrest. Mass meetings were being held by the democrats who also tried to break into the central military garage at Tabriz and seize the government vehicles there.

## Start Search for 5 Navy Bombers

MIAMI, (U.P.)—A flight of 5 navy torpedo bombers disappeared on the southeast Florida coast Wednesday night and Thursday a full scale search headed by an aircraft carrier was launched over a wide area.

The escort carrier Solomons, with 25 or 30 planes which could sweep the Atlantic region was called into the search by the navy here.

**Rescue Ships**  
Planes from the carrier were joined by all available coast guard, navy and army aircraft and rescue vessels.

All merchant shipping in the coastal waters also was asked by radio to aid in the search, the largest air-way rescue operation for the nation in this area.

**Overdue**  
The planes, from the naval air station at Ft. Lauderdale Florida, were reported overdue when they failed to return from a routine flight. Each carried two crewmen.

None of the planes sent out distress messages apparently and the exact location of any mass disaster was a mystery.

The Ft. Lauderdale station did not reveal the names of the missing men.

## Lend-Love Bride Fights for Divorce

DUBUQUE, Ia., (U.P.)—Mrs. Jean Carbone, 19-year-old British war bride, Thursday prepared to wage a legal battle to obtain a divorce from her husband and remarry in time to beat the stock.

Capt. Darrell Beschen, admitted father of Mrs. Carbone's unborn child, retained an attorney for her yesterday before leaving for reassignment at the Santa Ana, Calif., air base.

The captain and his beautiful red-haired sweetheart bade each other an affectionate farewell before he left by automobile for Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he was to catch a westbound train late Wednesday night.

Before departing, Beschen cautioned her to leave further action in her marital mixup to her attorney, H. J. Hoffman.

Hoffmann said he was awaiting word from Harold Carbone, former air corps lieutenant now a student at the University of Rochester in New York, who wed the girl in London in 1944.

At Rochester, Carbone turned a deaf ear to his wife's plea for a divorce and said he would put his problem up to the Roman Catholic church.

## Expect Fight on New Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—A sharp fight was shaping up in the house labor committee Thursday over a bill to give President Truman his requested authority to set up fact-finding boards in serious labor disputes.

One high-ranking member said the committee was about evenly divided on the measure, which has drawn bitter opposition from organized labor. Administration leaders anticipated little trouble, however, in their efforts to bring the bill to the floor for speedy house action.

**Fact-Finding**  
The bill would authorize the president to set up fact-finding boards whenever labor disputes threatened to disrupt the national economy.

The boards would then investigate the issues in dispute for 20 days and would make specific recommendations. Its recommendations would not be binding upon either management or labor. A compulsory "no strike, no lock-out" rule would be in effect, however, during the board's deliberations and for five days after and before.

**Cooling-off**  
It is this 30-day "cooling-off" period that has aroused the strongest criticism of labor leaders, especially CIO president Philip Murray. They charge that it would rob labor of its chief weapon in a dispute—the right to strike at any time.

The bill would authorize the "fact-finding" board to subpoena company books and records. Industry opposes this provision, arguing that its profits are its business and no one else's.

## THIEF NETS 3 CENTS

BOSTON, (U.P.)—A thief went to the trouble of felling Miss Bertha Owirka of Dorchester with an iron bar, snatched her handbag and must have been surprised and disappointed to find it contained only 3 cents.

## Navy Court Continues Investigation Of Cruiser Indianapolis Disaster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—A navy court sought Thursday to determine if the commander of the cruiser Indianapolis attempted to order prompt abandonment of his sinking ship.

The court is trying Capt. Charles B. McVay, 111, skipper of the Indianapolis, on charges of inefficiency and failure to issue "timely orders" to abandon the stricken vessel. It sank in the Philippine sea July 30 with loss of 680 men.

**Communications**  
None of the witnesses in the first three days of the court-martial has stated that McVay failed to issue "timely" abandonment orders. Several witnesses, however, testified that power and communication facilities aboard were disrupted by two explosions which destroyed the cruiser.

McVay is also charged with failure to order the ship on a zig-zag course as it was proceeding from Guam to Levte after delivering atomic bomb parts. Survivors' testimony disclosed that the question of zig-zagging had been left to McVay's discretion.

**Five Days**  
The survivors also agreed that about 800 of the 1,196 personnel aboard the Indianapolis were able to abandon the ship. It was five

## Threat of Government Action May Bring Results in General Motors Leaders Eager To Avoid Truman Plan of Attack

### Marshall Wanted More Air Defense

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—General George C. Marshall said Thursday he would be training squadrons in the U. S. of planes with which to build up the air defense of the Hawaiian early in 1941.

The former chief of staff told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee of his efforts to build defenses for the Pacific outpost while simultaneously conducting a growing training program at home and supplying Great Britain in her war with Germany.

**Applause**  
Marshall was called to tell his story of the Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941, before he leaves on his new assignment as special diplomatic envoy to China. Spectators in the jammed hearing room greeted him with applause.

Marshall testified that he did not feel at the time that there was any probability of a Japanese attack on the fleet at Pearl Harbor. But, he said, he felt safeguards should be taken against all possibilities.

**Records**  
Records released by the committee disclosed that in June of the previous year, 1940, Marshall had for a time genuinely feared a Japanese attack on Hawaii. The army wanted its Hawaiian commander in June 1940 to go on war alert to deal with possible trans-Pacific raids.

The army's fear—explained to the army and navy commanders in Hawaii—was inspired by the signing of a new Russo-Japanese agreement. The army felt that the agreement might have been timed to permit the Japanese to attack Pearl Harbor while the U. S. fleet was absent.

**Lend-Lease**  
Hurley argued that career diplomats wanted to give lend-lease arms to Chinese communists to help overthrow Chungking government. These diplomats, he said, were George A. Acheson, Jr., and John S. Service, now advisors to Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo. He cited a number of "secret" and "top secret" state department records to support his case.

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Byrnes took the documents from department files for a detailed, personal study. He also obtained a transcript of Hurley's testimony before the committee.

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The secretary plans to make his reply to the committee tomorrow. He originally was invited to testify Thursday, but requested the delay to make a more thorough study of the charges.

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### Mrs. Eisenhower is On Way Home Today

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, still weak from an attack of bronchial pneumonia, was enroute to Washington Thursday to rejoin her husband, the army's new chief of staff.

Mrs. Eisenhower was carried to the train on a stretcher last night. Hospital authorities, however, said Mrs. Eisenhower was in "good spirits" about leaving the hospital.

She was stricken with pneumonia when she and Gen. Eisenhower came to Boone, Nov. 17 to visit relatives.

### Byrnes to Begin Personal Check On Hurley Charge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes Thursday began a personal investigation of charges that two foreign service men plotted against the government of Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

The charges were made by Patrick J. Hurley, resigned ambassador to China, before the state foreign relations committee. He appears before the committee again Thursday to face what members describe as "cross-examination."

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### Leaders Eager To Avoid Truman Plan of Attack

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—General Motors Corp., and the striking CIO United Auto Workers union sought Thursday to chart a path to labor peace. They were working against time in an effort to solve their differences before the federal government takes a hand in the 16-day-old walkout of 175,000 GM employees.

The explosive 30 per cent wage increase demanded by the UAW which precipitated the strike Nov. 21 was laid on the union-corporation conference table for renewed discussion for the first time since the work stoppage began. Collective bargaining conferences between GM and the UAW resumed at 2 p. m. Thursday.

**Speculation**  
There was speculation here that the entire question of wages may be settled by the end of the week. Some quarters predicted that the union would accept far less than it has demanded, with a possibility that a 15 per cent pay boost for GM production employees would result.

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A previous wage offer by GM, withdrawn after the strike started would have given the UAW a 10 per cent increase, raising employees' wages to 30 per cent above January 1941 levels, according to the company.

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**15 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**

SHOP EARLY

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"  
"I'm going shopping, sir," she said.  
"Time just flies, and I surmise  
That all you guys should do likewise."