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#### Mayor Hayes Proclaims January 7-31 Scientists Work on **Biological Warfare** As "Victory Clothing Days" Here Method and Defense

o'clock in the afternoon.

**Blue Devils to Play** 

**Keep in Practice** 

Mayor R. B. Hayes Monday is-

sued a proclamation naming Jan- Miss Wetenkamp uary 7 to 31 as "Victory Clothing Days". Old clothing to be shipped Elected President to people of war-torn countries will be collected in Plattsmouth Of Otterbein Guild during this period.

The Mayor's proclamation reads as follows:

Proclamation

and

respect, and

distress in those Countries.

Plattsmouth, the period from Jan- ness session of the afternoon ert their best efforts in contribut- corating motif. ing servicable clothing for the dis-Philippines and the Far East.

1946. -R. B. HAYES,

Mayor of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Chairman

Miss Ardyth Hall, chairman of Valley Tuesday: the drive, said that the main collection center will be on the first floor of the court house. The folpendent.

and child in the community. for both winter and summer wear. Although clothing need not be in perfect repair, it must be useful to the people who will receive it. All types of washable garmets should be washed but need not be ironed. Other garmets should be clean and teams should leave about 5:45 sanitary, but need not be dryp. m. in order to get there in cleaned. time. "This is another opportunity for the American people to give assistance to needy and destitute people in countries which have been devastated by war. A total of 100,000,000 garments are needed.

AMES, Ia., -(U.P)- Dr. A. G. Norman, professor of agronomy at Idwa State College, believes the best defense against biological warfare project since its start in 1943, said last night that defense

Miss Marianne Wetenkamp measures had been developed to a was elected president of the "reasonable" point. But the "top newly organized Otterbein guild secret" nature of the work preof the United Brethren church vented his elaborating further, he

WHEREAS devastation and at Mynard at a meeting held said. want is apparent with the home- Sunday afternoon. Other offi- The agronomist said that the less and looted people of Europe, cers for the group include Miss biological warfare experimentors, the Philippines and the Far East, Margaret Smith, vice president; working under the supervision of Miss Mary Margaret Cole, secre- the chemical warfare service, had

WHEREAS millions are now in- tary, Miss Mary Lou Fulton, learned that a nation's food supply adequately clad for winter treasurer, Miss Wilma Mumm, could be destroyed by introducing weather, for health and for self- secretary of literature; Miss De- various crop diseases. loris Smith, secretary of stew- Explaining that is was necessary

WHEREAS this Nation today ardship and Miss Mildred Mei- for the project to concentrate on commences a Victory Clothing singer, thank offering secretary, offensive techniques first, Norman Collection to help alleviate such | Ten members of the Otterbein said that the scientists knew that guild of the United Brethren a ravaging war could be waged NOW THEREFORE BE IT church in Omaha were present against an enemy nation by infect

PROCLAIMED that in the City of to assist in the lesson and busi- ing their crops and animals. "Our discoveries will have wid uary 7 to January 31, 1946, be de- meeting. Nineteen were served adoption in agriculture as weed signated as "Victory Clothing at the tables where evergreens killers and herbicides," the scien-Days" and that the Citizens of the and pine cones around lighted tist said, "and a great deal of in-City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska ex- red candles were used as the de- formation about plant hormones

which are the growth of regulat-Eight charter members com- ing substances has been added to tressed people of Europe, the prise the Mynard group. Their the previous knowledge in the meetings will be held the first field."

Dated this 7th day of January, Sunday of each month at five Norman said that many bioligical warfare project workers were infected during chemical experiments, but that no illness was fatal.

> Enbargo on Hogs is Modified Monday

Plattsmouth high school's Blue South St. Paul, Minn., (UP)lowing churches will also act as Devils will be back in action The St. Paul Union Stockward collection centers: Presbyterian, Tuesday night when they will go company announced the embar First Methodist, First Christian, to Valley for their first confer- go placed on hogs last Friday Luke's Episcopal and the Inde- day during the holidays, ac- will be required.

Miss Hall said, "Let us set a they will be in good condition. uary 8, as originally announced eastern cities for \$1 to \$1.25 a hasn't been done in seventeen children were not expected to surgoal for Plattsmouth of one article "Valley is going to be a pretty the St. Paul Union Stockyards pound because of the gover n- years. of clothing for every man, woman tough team to beat." York said, Compan will accept hogs

Dies Sunday

**Must Adjust Prices** CHICAGO - (U.P) - Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, Monday called on the of fice of price administration to adjust its controls to the require- At Least 34 Die ments of peace. Stassen, speaking at the open-

sponsored by the institute of car-net manufacturers and the home Over Weekend pet manufacturers and the home furnishings style council, said that OPA ceilings on building materials had not yet "reconverted to Deace.

ed to the requirements of peace." Stassen said.

Stassen, former navy captain, ed labor market would reveal least five persons, demolished one there was not a sufficient number town and injured scores. of workmen in some building trades to do the work of re-hous. Friday night tornadoes.

ing America's "homeless heroes." This, he said, was due partly to restrictive union regulations on ap- pushing up from the south sent prentices.

and ran, while the gunmen kill- Favor Big Cut in

WASHINGTON, (U.P)- Presi-

but they appeared united Mon. daughter were killed. Her husband Truman sent a message of conday on at least one major goal and four other children were seri- gradulations to Dr. Karl Renner -drastic cuts in government ously injured.

spending.

CHICAGO, - 0 - owen W. about \$38,000,000,000 as a ten- that the Shute home had been would soon resume her place as an Holy Rosary, St. John's, St. Paul's ence basketball game. The team has been modified so that no Richards, manager of the Ameri- tative budget for the 1947 fis- pick-ed by the wind and deposited "independent and democratic Evangelical and Reformed, St. has been practicing nearly every permits from commission agents can Dairy association. Monday cal year starting July 1. And he as a mere pile of splinters.

charged that butter was being hopes for a balanced budget Doctors at the Greenwood, Figl's cabinet, dominated largecording to Coach Joe York, so Effective at 11:55 p. m., Jan- bootlegged in New York and other by the 1948 fiscal year. That Miss., hospital said that the four ly by the richest people's party,

Midwest Floods are Under Control Again From Tornadoes ROCKFORD, III., (U.P.) - Hundreds of persons who fled their flooded homes in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin were moving back Monday as overflowing river waters receded.

Kidnap Six Year Old Girl from

Bedroom; Ask \$20,000 Ransom

Rising streams, fed by heavy At least 34 persons were dead from weekend tornados as a mass rainfall and melting snow, forced "I believe in OPA controls of warm air moving northward 150 families in Rockford and its when, as now, commodities are collided with a cold front advanc- suburbs to escape in rowboats Satscarce, but the controls must be ing eastward across the Mississippi urday night. In some homes the intellegently and promptly adjust- valley. The eastern seaboard was water was from two to four feet

bathed in unseasonable warmth. deen. The last storms hit southeast A Rock river overflow disrputed ern Arkansas and west central rail traffic between Rockford and predicted that a study of the skill. Mississippi last night, killed at Beloit and Madison, Wis., and several highways in southern Wisconsin were inundated. Ice cakes flowed freely down

Texas counted 29 dead from its the Rock river Monday after au-

By United Press

thorities dynamited ice jams to "Heat Wave" The unseasonable "heat wave" hasten the flood recession.

**U. S. Recognizes** New York City thermometers 62 Sunday, a Jan. 6 record. Hospitals in the Mississippi-Ar-Austrian Leader kansas area were still receiving injured, many of them not expect-

d to live. Hurtling out of what the weath- United States Monday formally taken from her bedroom Mon-Federal Spending Hurtling out of what the weath-er bureau turmed a "very turbu-recognized the new coalation Aus-note demanding \$20,000 ransom.

Coila, Miss., where Mrs. Ernest Leopold Figl. dent Truman and congress may Shute, and her seven - year - old At the same time, President

**Tosses House** 

Mr. Truman, it was learned. Rescue workers toiling in mud ed hope that Austria, first nation has reduced \$50,000,000,000 to and continuing thunderstorms said "annexed" by Hitlerite Germany,

vive. The father, believed to be tions of Nov. 25. The four power

the least seriously injured, was (U. S., British, Russia, French)

state.

Use Ladder To **Enter Apartment** BULLETIN

Netr. State Historical Society

CHICAGO, (U.P)- Six yearold Suzanne Degnan was kidnapped for \$20,000 ransom today and her distraught father broadcast an appeal for the kidnapper to return the child.

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"If you have any sympathy or understanding in your heart you will return the child to the family," the girl's father, James Degnan said in a statement recorded for broadcast every hour over a radio network.

"Please let me know what can do, how I can contact you. I will give you the money. I will do anything to get my child back. If you harm her God will repay you. Please please, do not harm her."

CHICAGO (U.P)- Blonde Suzanna Degnan, 6 year old daughter of an executive of the Of-WASHINGTON - (U.P. - The fice of Price Administration, was

lent area" the first storm struck trailian government of Chancellor note demanding \$20,000 ransom. The child's father, James Degnan, 38, is district price board

executive for the OPA. He said he and his wife, Helen, 35, were upon his election as president of awakened about 3 a. m. by the barking of two boxer dogs ownthe Austrian republic. He expressed by a neighbor.

Degnan said he heard Suzanna mumble. "I don't want to get up-I'm sleepy.'

#### Disappears

He said he thought the child was talking in her sleep, and her disappearance was not discovered until about 7:30 a. m., when Degnan entered the bedroom to awaken the girl.

The ransom note, written

awkwardly on a piece of greasy paper, was found on the bed-



ed Drewer, who police say was the leader of a bank robbery gang operating in southern Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. (See press wires .... NEA Telephoto)

Says Government is

Butter Bootlegging

**Responsible** for

# Stassen Says OPA

ing of the "colorcade of America"

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1946

#### **3 Damage Suits** Are Filed Here

#### **Clothing Store Here Reserves Stock for Returning Veterans** At least one Plattsmouth store

James A. Chappell, Platts- was a big jump ahead of the mouth, filed suit with the dis- CTA's suggestion that clothing trict court Monday morning stores reserve their supply of against T. W. Kothlow. Des suits and overcoats for returning Moines, Iowa, for \$5258 damag- veterans.

It was over a month ago that es for the death of 5 year old Wescott's established this policy David Chpapell.

David Chappell was killed on in their store and have refused to November 8, 1945 when he was sell these essential items to anystrck by the car driven by one except a veteran of World War Kothlow. The accident occurred II. The CTA made this suggeson Chicago Avenue. tion over the weekend.

The coroner's jury at that "We have felt for sometime." time handed down a decision E. H. Wescott said Monday, "that which completely absolved Koth- the servicemen need these new low of any negligence. clothes much more than those who Kenneth Marcy

remained civilians during the Kenneth Marcy filed suit Mon- war. Most of our customers agree day morning with the district with us when we explain the sitcourt against Mrs. Emma Her- uation to them. It may be necesman for \$675 damages done to sary for the civilians to wear an his ambulance and funeral car old coat but in the case of returnin an accident with a car driven ing servicemen most of them do by Mrs. Herman on June 6, not have their old clothing any 1945. The accident occrred in more. It is impossible to supply Greenwood. the demand for both civilians and

Thola Hamblen

Thola Hamblen and Essa Hamblen have filed separate suits against E. G. Steckley and Grace T. Steckley, doing business as Steckley Seed Corn Company, and Howard Morris, each for \$5000 damages. The damages driven by Morris.

#### King Korn Klub to **Elect New Officers** At Meeting Jan. 15

The annual meeting of the Kass Kounty King Korn Klub

Monday, New officers will be Miss Edna Grosshans, Omaha, elected and plans for the Karni- will be featured speaker at the val next fall will be discussed Junior Woman's Club meeting at the meeting.

"Letters of invitation are be- meeting will be "The Home ing sent to the 400 members of Beautiful", and Miss Grosshans the Klub urging that they attend will talk on interior decorating. this important meeting," Price Miss Grosshans works for Or-

ment's "do-nothing price policy." "but we'll try to do it. They ing by truck and all hogs load-Richards urged the dairy indus- A \$38,000,000,000 budget still unconscious... have nearly their entire team ed by railroads before 1 p. m. Richards urged the dairy indus-hack from last year." Richards urged the dairy indus-try to ask President Truman to

contact either himself or Bur- glut the market and arrived fast. nothing price policy that is caus- come next year in expected to be At Indianola, Miss., approxim- tinue to operate in carrying out of the note because they feared rell Evans, assistant coach. The er than they could be processed, ing the worst kind of inflationary around \$30,000,000,000.

black market." Richards said.

the people who will receive it. All day. He has asked that anyone nearly one thousand in three "The butter bootlegging is the new tax cuts and lowered indus- the residents had headed for autrority of the allied council. who can take some of the boys days last week, threatened to latest result of a government do- trial activity, government in- storm cellars.

He said the committee investi- nounced a few days after con- was another storm, or one of a of eliminating Nazi influences and harm the child. J. R. Jones died Sunday nf- gation was necessary so that con- January 14. Mr. Truman's plans series originating in the area, a institutions in Austria and in the

The floor of the high school ternoon at 4:30 in the St. Cath- gress and the people "can force gress winds up its holiday recess three-year-old girl was killed .. reconstruction of democratic life, gymnasium was cleaned and re-erine hospital in Omaha. Funeral government agencies to set price for economy were assured a re- Parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. it is hoped that a large scale re- found leaning against the garage conditioned during the holidays, services will be announced lat- policies that will restore butter to sounding welcome on capitol hill Wesley Campbell, were also being duction may be made in the num- near the two-apartment yellow

er. The Sattler funeral home is the American table." in charge of arrangmeents.

Woman Killed

At Lake Village, Ark., about 37 progressively acquire the status of entrance to Susanna's bedroom miles west of Indianola, another an independent state." woman was killed and four men The department also expressed ment. The bedroom was at the injured. Patrolman A. R. Connerly hope that an "austrian agent will rear of the house. The window. said names of the injured were arrive soon in Washington to dis- about seven feet from the ot available. Connerly said the wind had hit which do not affect supreme au- the parents.

(Turn to Page 4, Number 6) thority of the allied council."

#### Labor Readies One-Two Punch in Fight for 30 Percent Pay Increase

By United Press The nation's economy Monday tion, were scheduled to leave ent persons. faced its most critical test since their jobs Tuesday or Wednesthe end of the war, as three big day.

Watch Troubles

CIO unions aimed a one-two-| In Washington, top administhree punch in labor's fight for tration leaders eved the troubhigher wages.

Unless settlements come with-in the next week to 10 days, an ments pointed to an increase in On Formula to End estimated 1,500,000 workers in steel and meat prices to avert China's Civil War the steel, electrical and meat paralyzing shutdowns affecting packing industries may join the every American.

and shutdowns. Disputes

disputes of nationwide corresponding price boost. In scope:

1. Seven hundred thousand steel industry awaited an answer study a formula for ending Chinese members of the United Steel from the U. S. steel corp. and civil war. The committee met for Workers, second biggest CIO the United Steel Workers (CIO) three hours at Marshall's resiunion, were scheduled to walk on an appeal to resume negotia-off their jobs Jan. 14. tions of union demands for a \$2 meeting would be held tomorrow. 2. Officers of the United -a-day increase. The steel com- The two man committee memelectrical workers, next in CIO pany has rejected two such in- bers, General Chow En Lai, repstrength, set a Jan. 15 strike vitations by labor secretary Lewdate for 200,000 members em- is B. Schwellenbach.

ployed by General Electric, Pledge Support Westinghouse and General Mo-In an unprecedented action. officials of the amalgamated tors.

3. AFL officials authorized meat cutters (AFL) have pled-135,000 meat workers to join ged financial support to their "ended also by Dr. H. S. Hu Mo 200,000 CIO packinghouse work- CIO rivals in the meat packing Chinese ambassador to Turkey. ers in a work stoppage slated industry and authorized mem- Prior to the meeting. Marshall for Jan. 16.

were seeking wage boosts ap- On the brighter side of the Authoratitve sources said the proximating 30 per cent to com- labor ledger, CIO glassworkers main topic at the committee pensate for increased living reopened contract negotiations meeting was on a rease firing costs.

nationwide telephone tieup be- strike now entering its 13th with the blockades and sending came more serious as striking week. The walkout crimpled pro- neutral investigators western electric employes duction in Pittsburgh plate glass No definite decisions were pressed for an immediate sym- cc. and Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. reached, however, it was said, nothe walkout by approximately plants in seven states.

apparently is almost over because there were but few students absent.

has been set for January 15 at Edna Grosshans to the Plattsmouth hotel dining Speak Here Jan. 14

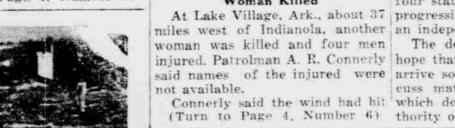
January 14. The theme of the

#### School Holidays End Here Monday

are claimed for injuries sus- Plattsmouth schools Monday tained in a motor accident be- morning after the long Christtween Hamblen's car and a truck mas holidays. Milo Price, princi-

veterans."

pal, said that the flu epidemic



room floor. It instructed the 000,000,000 the lowest deficit west of Coila leveling most of the sized that recognition of Austria Degnans to "get \$20,000 in five Since before the war. Barring buildings minutes after many of in on way weakened the supreme dollar bills and do not notify the police or the FBL."

allied council for Austria recom-

"The council," it said, "will con-Police withheld other contents ately 40 miles west, what the allied objectives in Austria. As publication of the kidnapper's The new budget will be an- weather bureau said "probably" the council proceeds with the task demands might cause them to

#### Use Ladder

A 7 foot six rung ladder was the American table." (Turn to Page 4, Number 7)
(Turn to Page 4, Number 5)
(Turn to Page 4, Number 5) four states and that Austria may parently had been used to gain in the Degnan's first floor apart-

cuss matters of mutual interest ground, had been left open by

The girl apparently was taken away in her naiamas. Her other clothes were undisturbed.

The Degnan's apartment is on the corner of a block of large houses surrounded by spacious lawns. The neighborhood, just off the north lake shore, is inemployed in telephone installa- habited by a number of promin-

> Degnan, receives \$7.500 vesly from the OPA, but the size (Turn to Page 4, Number 8)

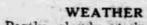
## led industrial picture with grow- Make Good Progress

CHUNGKING. (U.P.) - General 376,000 already idle in strikes Leading representatives of George C. Marshall, U. S. special both industries protested inabil- envoy, announced Monday that ity to increase wages without a "good progress had been made" at the first formal meeting of his A fact-finding board for the three man police committee to

General Chang Chen, government representative, commented that "things are going very well."

The committee meeting was atbers to join the Jan. 16 walk- had held preliminary talks senout if federal conciliation ef- arately with the opposition lead-

with two major glass companies agreement and related subjects



Wage Boosts

In all three cases, the unions forts were unsuccessful

Meanwhile, the threat of a with a view toward ending a of restoring communications 250,000 telephone operators and In Chicago, the United farm

their only piece of furniture left by the storm. side of the store but search parties have failed installation workers. equipment workers (CIO) post- Partly cloudy today, tonight said. "The banquet will begin at chard and Wilhelm furniture A strike vote was in progress poned decision on a strike date and Tuesday slightly cooler to-A piano, Mrs. Jimmie Farris, extreme left, to locate Mr. Hendrick. The toil of dead has 7 p. m. and we hope to have a store in Omaha. mong members of the national of 30,000 international Harvest- day south portion Cox's sister is helping Cox to search for his disrisen to 29 in one of the worst disasters in many short program in addition to the All members of the club have Federation of telephone work- er Co. employes, involving 11 and extreme east tonight: low charge papers and war bonds which were also years. (NEA Photo) business session and election of been urged to attend this meeters, and American communica- company plants. The Union tonight 10 to 15; warmer Tueslost. Cox's son persuaded he and his wife to officers. ing. tions and equipment workers, seeks a 30-per-cen tpay hike. day west and north portions,

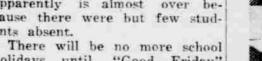
The town of Palestine. Texas was the hard- remain in town for a picture show or they would

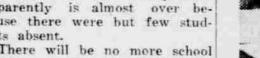
est hit by the tornado which ripped through in have all been killed. In the lower photo is what

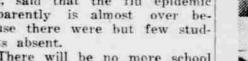
the early hours of Saturday, January 5. In the is left of the C. E. Hendrick's grocery store. Mrs.

top photo, Sgt. and Mrs. Cox, grimly inspect Hendrick was found in a critical condition by the

There will be no more school holidays until "Good Friday"







when the students will be off for one day.

### Classes were resumed in