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## Mrs. Otto Pitz to Lead Adult Group In Day of Prayer

Mrs. Otto Pitz will be the leader for the meeting of the adult group program of the World Day of Prayer to be held Friday at 2 p. m. in the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church.

"The Things that Make Our Peace" is the theme for the lesson which will be developed through for subdivisions of the topic under the leadership of one woman from each church represented. Mrs. Ray Herring will be the soloist with a choir composed of members of the various church choirs. Accompaniments will be played by Mrs. Frank Bierl.

**Candlelight Service**  
Mrs. Jess Hodge of the Christian church will develop the first attribute of peace, "A Childlike Spirit," with a candlelight service presented by three children and three youths. They will close with the recessional, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Mrs. Ed Egenberger of St. Luke's Episcopal church will present the second attribute of peace, "A Quiet and Confident Mind."

The third attribute of peace will be presented by Mrs. Merle Rainey of the Methodist church who will use as her topic, "A Loving Heart."

## Blue Devils Win First Tournament Game Wednesday

Plattsmouth's Blue Devils won their first game in the district tournament at Bellevue Wednesday night by defeating Omaha Cathedral 37-17. The Blue Devils took an early lead with the half time score 24-7. The Omaha Cathedral team was unable to make up the lead.

Thimigan scored 19 points to head the list of Plattsmouth's scorers. Rivard was high point man for Omaha Cathedral with 6 points.

The starting lineup for Plattsmouth: Thimigan, Niel, Eaton, Kimball and Cullen. The Blue Devils will play Omaha St. Joseph tonight at 7:30 for the second round of the tournament. St. Joseph drew bye for the first round so did not play Wednesday.

In other tournament games on Wednesday night Wahoo defeated Bellevue, 27-21, and Holy Name defeated Blair, 51-25. Wahoo and Blair will play tonight after the Plattsmouth game. The two winners in tonight's games will go to the finals for the district championship.

Plattsmouth coach Joe York said, "The St. Joseph team is going to give us more trouble than Omaha Cathedral but I think we have a good chance of winning. Holy Name is the favorite to win the tournament but we would like to meet them in the finals. There was a good home crowd at the game Wednesday. We hope to see even more Plattsmouth supporters there tonight."

## Norfolk Packing Plant Suspends Operations Here

The Norfolk Packing Company was forced to suspend operations Wednesday because their supply of cans has been exhausted and none are immediately available, according to E. H. Bernhardt, superintendent. The company was forced to lay off 50 of their women workers but the men who have been working there will be kept busy installing a gas heating system in the plant.

Bernhardt said they don't know yet when they will be able to obtain more cans. He said they would have plenty of work to keep them busy but there's nothing they can do without cans.

## District Court Notes

Arthur Harvey and Alice M. Harvey vs. John S. Townsend and others, suit to quiet title on following real estate: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, block 11, and all that part of lots 19, 20, 21 and 22, block 12, excepting only the right of way of the Missouri-Pacific Railway Company, all in Duke's addition, Plattsmouth.

## Call Me Mister!

Four men reported their discharges from the armed forces Wednesday to the Cass county selective service office, it was announced Thursday.

From the army: Lyle Wagers and George E. Miller, both of Plattsmouth.

From the navy: Lewis Eaton, Union.

From the coast guard: Mathew Sedlak, Plattsmouth.

## Red Cross Drive Gets Under Way in Plattsmouth Today

The Red Cross drive started officially in Plattsmouth Thursday morning with some 100 workers ready to make a door to door canvass for donations. Francis M. Casey, city chairman, said it is hoped they will be able to complete the drive in Plattsmouth within ten days to two weeks.

The ward captains and their workers met Wednesday night in the district court room where they received final instructions and supplies. The drive has been organized so that each worker will canvass a certain number of blocks and no one will be missed.

The ward captains are: Mary Richey, first ward L. A. Caldwell second ward; Walter Tritsch, third ward; Millie Gobelman, fourth ward; and Mrs. John Fitch, fifth ward.

Plattsmouth's quota this year is only \$1000 as compared with \$3000 for last year.

Judge Paul E. Fauquet, county Red Cross drive chairman, has emphasized, however, that in spite of the reduced quota the need for money is as urgent as ever if the Red Cross is to continue its traditional good work.

## Fourth Grade Pupils Visit Daily Journal Office Wednesday

Thirty-seven children in Miss Esther Petersen's fourth grade class in the Central building Wednesday afternoon visited The Daily Journal to see at first hand how a newspaper and print shop is operated. B. J. Alcott, general manager of The Journal, explained to the group how the various presses operate and gave them a chance to see the presses in action.

The children kept Alcott jumping with their questions and took notes on what they learned. Their teacher, Miss Petersen, said that each of them will write an essay about their visit.

The children in the class who made the visit were: Phillis Schiesl, John Schreiner, Bobby Sheard, Betty Tenzler, Van White, Shirley, Winters, Lyle Wood, Stephen Woster Larry Pierce, Douglas Rohlf, Jo Non Albin, Janet Arp, Patsy Bailey, Elna Bomberg, Janice Caldwell, Kathryn Deaver, Shirley Duda, George Ebersole, Harvey Eledge, Larry Fauquet, Clarence Forbes, Norman Foster, Sally Fulton, Mary Jo Gentry, Dickie Glaze, Margaret Green, Harley Hardison, Richard Hutchison, Darlene Hull, Donald Hutchison, Herbert Inman, Donnie Jones, Janet Kalasek, Charles Kerns, Wendt Little, James Price and Jon Scheutz.

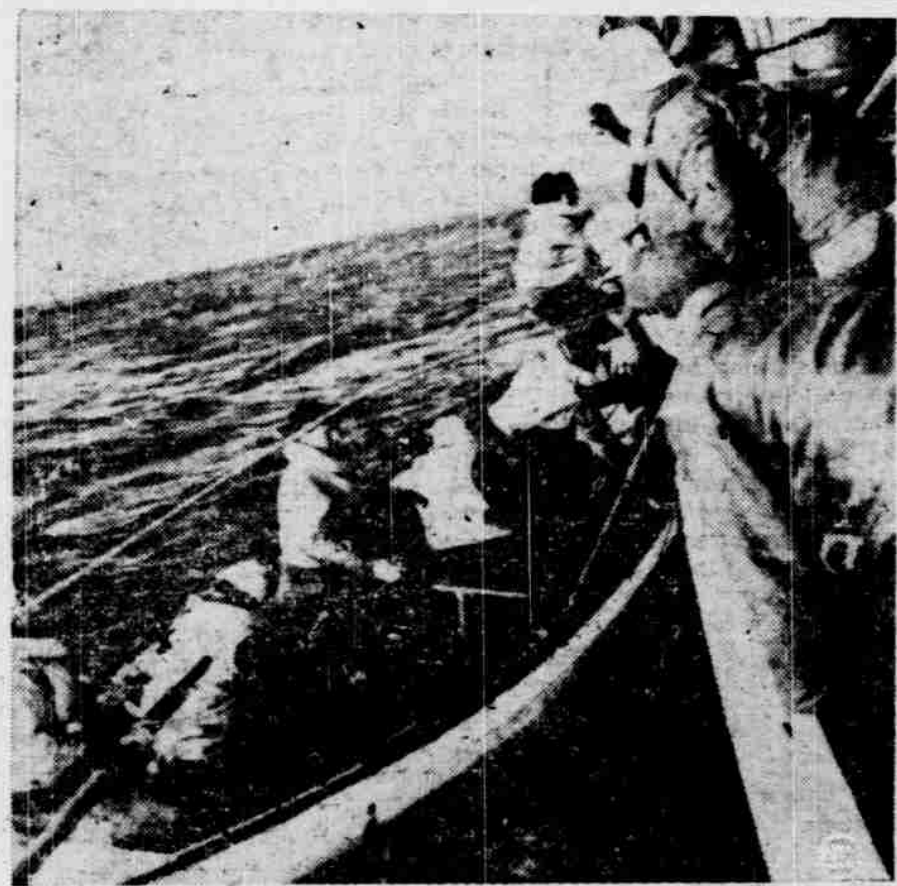
## Henry Zorn Dies Of Heart Attack

Henry Zorn, of Union, 71 years old, dropped dead in front of his home as a result of a heart attack Wednesday night, according to Emery Doody, deputy sheriff. Zorn had been to the grocery store and had just gotten in front of his house when he had the heart attack. His wife, Anna, died in 1944.

Zorn is survived by three sons, and has been living with a son, Earl Zorn, in Union, Doody said.

## Files for Divorce

Hazel Banks Thursday filed petition for divorce from Raymond Banks. She seeks custody of their two minor children.



**SIX RESCUED AT SEA**—Six crew members of a nineteen-foot coast guard surf boat, who spent twenty-four hours adrift in choppy seas off the California coast when they were unable to return to Farallon Island station for mercy mission, are helped aboard their rescue ship, the coast guard cutter, "Air Partridge." (NEA Telephoto) •

## Evidence Found Of Spy Ring at Atom Bomb Plant

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Chairman John S. Wood, D., Ga., hinted Thursday that his house un-American activities committee has uncovered a foreign spy ring seeking information on the atom bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

He told reporters the committee had been interested in the Oak Ridge project for some time and had been conducting secret investigation of its security.

**Seeking Information**  
"We have gone far enough in our investigation to show," he said, "that there are elements in this country who are decidedly seeking information that our military authorities have not authorized to be given out."

He said "there might be some Americans involved but the investigation so far points to foreign nations."

Wood refused to amplify his statement except to say the foreign agents "knew what was going on at Oak Ridge."

Wood was understood to be seeking a conference with Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Committee sources said wood and committee investigators also have been in touch with war department officials in charge of the bomb's security.

**Tougher Statutes**  
The Justice Department, meanwhile, informed the senate atomic committee that tougher federal statutes were necessary to protect atom bomb secrets from foreign spies. In a report to the committee, it said that espionage on a wide scale was possible in this country under present laws.

It urged the enactment of legislation that would impose maximum penalties of \$300,000 fine and 30 years imprisonment on anyone divulging atomic information. Under its proposals, violators of the security regulations would also be liable to a fine of \$100,000 and five years imprisonment.

## Horticulture Expert To Give Lecture At Pollock Farm

Professor E. H. Hoppert, horticulture expert of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, will give a demonstration and lecture on the pruning and care of young orchard trees, grapes and raspberries at the T. H. Pollock farm, March 12 at 1 p. m., according to information received by Mrs. Virgil Perry from County Extension Agent Willard Waldo.

A large orchard consisting of apples, plum, pear, peach, apricot and cherry trees, grapes and raspberries was planted on this farm a few years ago and will offer a fine setting for the lecture. There is also a large deciduous and conifer windbreak located on the farm and Hoppert will include an explanation of its advantages in his talk.

Mrs. Perry said Thursday that all farmers and anyone else interested in the care and propagation of these types of trees is cordially invited to attend the demonstration.

The farm is the former Virgil Perry home located six miles south of Plattsmouth on highway 75 or one-half mile east and one-half mile north of Murray.



**BOMB ESPIONAGE SUSPECTS**—Four suspects are booked in Canada on atomic bomb espionage charges. They are: (top left) Miss Kathleen Mary Willsher; (top right) Mrs. Emma Woikin; (bottom left) Capt. Gordon Lyman, and Edward Wilfred Mazrall. (NEA Telephoto)

## Telephone Strike Is Averted at Last Minute

WASHINGTON (AP)—The threatened nationwide telephone strike was called off Thursday when the national federation of telephone workers accepted a new wage proposal at 5:30 a. m. (EST), only 30 minutes before the walkout was scheduled to begin.

The settlement was announced at 5:45 a. m. (EST) by director Edgar L. Warren of the U. S. conciliation service.

Even so, the walkout wasn't definitely averted until Warren's announcement just 15 minutes before the 6 a. m. strike deadline. President Joseph Beirne was on the telephone during most of the early morning getting the approval of union locals for the settlement.

Their acceptance ruled out the walkout which would have idled some 250,000 telephone workers and cut off long distance and local manual service immediately. Ultimately the paralysis might have spread to dial systems, radio and teletype circuits.

The walkout already had begun in some communities, when the settlement terms were announced. Some 2,000 operators left their switchboards at Baltimore to attend a mass meeting last night and voted not to return to their jobs.

The union originally had arranged for a radio broadcast at 11:15 o'clock Thursday night to advise affiliated unions the strike was on. Shortly before then the broadcast was called off although newsmen even at that time were warned not to misinterpret this action.

## Public Library Receives \$25 Gift From P.E.O. Society

A gift of \$25 to be used at the discretion of the librarian at Plattsmouth Public Library was given during February by the P. E. O. society, according to the monthly report of Miss Verna Leonard, librarian.

Granger's Index to Poetry, new supplement, was ordered purchased by the P. E. O. in memory of Mrs. T. H. Pollock, the report said. Other books in memory of Mrs. Pollock were "Love is the Lee," by Robert Gibbins, and Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations," new edition, in memory of Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Pollock.

Other gifts to the library during February included: "Nature Lovers Library," three volumes, from A. L. Tidd; "Good Night Sweet Prince" and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vanderveen; "Alimony," "King's General," "Gauntlet," "So Well Remembered," "Three O'Clock Dinner," and "Black Rose," given by Mrs. Dana Baird. Miss Leonard's report shows 3,298 books circulated during February, of which 2131 were adult and 1165 were juvenile. The Masonic Home borrowed 178 books, 12 new borrowers were listed and 15 books were purchased and donated.

## General Motors Negotiations Are Broken Off

DETROIT, (AP)—Negotiations between General Motors and the CIO united Automobile workers were broken off Thursday and the union asked President Truman to remove Federal Mediator James F. Dewey and intervene personally in the 107-day-old strike.

No negotiating sessions were held Thursday for the first time in two weeks as Dewey went to Washington to report personally to Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach on the deadlock.

Chairman Alfred Federico of the UAW's negotiating committee appealed to Truman to remove Dewey and call both sides to the White House immediately.

**Appeal to Truman**  
R. J. Thomas, international UAW president, said he wanted to know what Mr. Truman "is going to do" about the recommendations made by the presidential fact-finding board last Jan. 10.

Detroit's city council adopted a resolution urging the president to intervene because the prolonged strike was harmful to "the whole economic life of Detroit and had caused increased costs in many city departments."

Federico said he had written to the president as a national representative of some 60,000 UAW strikers at Flint and Lansing, Mich., to report that "Dewey's presence in Detroit has become an obstacle to settlement."

**Dewey an Obstacle**  
"Mr. Dewey, who speaks as a special conciliator for the federal government has repeatedly misrepresented the seriousness of the differences between the corporation and the union," Federico wrote.

"In optimistic statements to the press, he has minimized the points at issue and has time after time raised hopes of an early settlement, hopes which have often been dashed by the stalling of General Motors."

Federico contended that the strike could have been settled at any time if GM had "been willing to abide by the compromise recommendation of your fact-finding board, calling for a 19 1/2 cents an hour wage increase and reinstatement of the old contract."

He said the union believed Dewey "is powerless to act" and had made no effort to persuade the company to accept the president's recommendations.

Federico released his letter last night after a one-hour session between the company and union, with Dewey presiding.

## Churchill Returns To British Embassy

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Winston Churchill returned here Thursday and took up quarters at the British embassy.

The former British prime minister made an overnight train trip to Washington aboard President Truman's special train. The president returned Wednesday by plane.

## Pauley Fights Back in Effort to Get Appointment in Navy Department

### House Passes Patman Housing Bill Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The house Thursday passed a diluted version of the Patman housing bill after beating down a final move to kill the measure. The vote was 357 to 24.

Representative Jessie Sumner, R. Ill., opposing the measure by which the administration hopes to build 2,700,000 homes in the next year, moved to shelve the bill by sending it back to the banking committee. Her proposal was rejected 304 to 76.

**Solid Line-Up**  
Administration forces lined up solidly in passing the bill. Many democrats earlier and joined republicans in rejecting several features urged by President Truman and housing administrator Wilson Wyatt.

Mr. Truman and Wyatt hoped the senate would add price ceilings on existing dwellings and \$6,000,000 dollars in subsidies to stimulate production of building materials.

Both were rejected in the house by a coalition of southern democrats and republicans.

**Eight Points**  
The measure as approved by the house would be valid until June 30, 1947, and would authorize these things:  
1. Price ceilings on new homes.  
2. Allocation of scarce materials where needed.  
3. Veterans preference in purchase (Turn to Page 4, Number 5)

### Peron Far Ahead in Argentine Election

BUENOS AIRES, (AP)—Tabulations of nearly one-fifth of the votes of the February 24 election showed a definite trend Thursday toward Colonel Juan Peron, national presidential candidate and "strong man."

With a steadily increasing lead over his democratic opponent, Dr. Jose P. Tamborini, Peron had won and was substantially ahead in provinces having 232 electoral votes—43 more than necessary for election.

Tamborini had won or was leading in provinces having only 8 electoral votes.

### Othman Reports on Complications of Proposed Loan to Help Great Britain

WASHINGTON (AP)—With time out only for lunch (breakfast with a non-interest bearing silver certificate of the U.S.A.) I have found out about this new loan to the British.

I can describe the whole \$2,750,000,000 idea in one word—Complicated. It is getting no simpler, either, the more the experts explain it to me and the U. S. Senate.

Let us consider first the secretary of treasury, the man with the eyebrows, Fred M. Vinson. He sat on one side of a vintage coffee-shaped mahogany table and spent a day and a half telling the members of the banking and currency committee why he believed we should lead our cousins the money.

**An Able Citizen**  
This Vinson is an able citizen. His views must be accepted with respect. It was pleased to observe that he wore a black tie with red-dish stripes, a cravat which indicated that he spends not one nickel more than necessary on his haberdashery. A man who is careful of his details may be expected, etcetera on the big ones.

This loan, fellow taxpayers, ain't little. So a lady in a loud blouse sat in the first row of spectators knitting what looked like the sleeve to a blue sweater. Day long she counted under her breath, either her purls or Vinson's dollars. It was hard to tell which. Numerous other folks were there, too, including about half a dozen tents in dark, horn-rimmed eyeglasses. These were Britishers, observing. My man said you could spot 'em by the chocolate shade of their spectacle rims. Americans wear light-colored rims.

**Vinson Statement**  
So Vinson made his statement. He tangled with an assortment of senators including Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Abe Murdock of Utah, and Ernest W. McFarland of Arizona over such esoterica as the visible incomes (even as yours and

### French and Chinese Military Leaders Talk over Dispute

PARIS (AP)—The French government announced Thursday that military leaders in Indo-China are trying to settle the dispute over occupation of northern Indo-China which resulted Wednesday in a ship-to-shore gun duel between French and Chinese forces.

A French communique said that French warships trying to disembark occupation troops at Haiphong, chief port of northern Indo-China, were brought under "very violent" fire from Chinese shore batteries.

After 30 minutes, the communique said, the French ships returned the fire.

(A Chinese news agency dispatch from Hanoi said the French warships caused 12 casualties among the Chinese garrison. It did not mention Chinese fire on the French.)

### Strikes At a Glance

**By UNITED PRESS**  
Reconversion labor disputes kept an estimated 843,000 U. S. workers away from their jobs on Thursday. The major strikes:

Telephone—The National Federation of telephone workers accepted a new wage proposal, averting a strike of 250,000 workers, set for 6 a. m. (local time) Thursday.

Automotive—The city of Detroit sought presidential intervention in the 107-day-old General Motors strike, idling 175,000 CIO workers.

Railroads—President Truman was expected to name an emergency board to delay for at least 30 days a nationwide strike by members of two powerful railroad brotherhoods.

Shipping—CIO longshoremen and Pacific coast waterfront employers adjourned negotiations for one week, with the union announcing it would go ahead with plans for a coastwide dockworkers' strike before April 1.

Electrical—The CIO electrical workers union said it would resume discussions within a few days with General Electric in an effort to reach a settlement in their 52-day-old wage walkout.

**Poor Business Scheme**  
So we lend the money to the British and charge 'em something under two per cent a year interest. If business still goes blooie, we skip the interest. Strictly as a business loan, Vinson said the scheme was not so hot. He said he liked it because of its other advantages.

We do not have any \$3,750,000,000 to lend across the ocean. Vinson has got to borrow it from the people. He thinks this should be easy. If he can sell bonds that buy 1.64 per cent interest and loan the dough to Britain at 1.76 per cent, he might make a profit of about twelve hundredths of one per cent.

Sen. Taft said all right, then, what's the idea of charging home buyers four per cent. Vinson said that wasn't his business. The arguers then took up British credits, South African gold mines and—I swear it—why mechanical cotton pickers won't work in Brazil. Clayton said it was too hilly there.

Or if you could lend me about 15 cents, with interest at a token rate, I could buy a headache powder and tell you more about high finance tomorrow. Otherwise not. See? The principle's the same.

### Protests Theory Excluding Oil Men from Office

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Edwin W. Pauley Thursday bitterly attacked what he called "the strange, the spurious and utterly unexplained theory that a man who has been in the oil business should not hold office in the navy department."

This contention was advanced Wednesday by former Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, who testified as a private citizen before the senate naval affairs committee, which is holding hearings on Pauley's nomination to be naval undersecretary.

**Pauley Speaks**  
"Irrespective of Ed Pauley—just leave him out of the argument—it is high time that this utterly unsupported cannard be blasted out of existence," Pauley said in a statement released as the committee began its sixth week of hearing on his nomination.

He said the simple complaint that he was an oil man seemed to be the principle objection to his nomination.

"I want to grab that bull by the horns," he said.

"If men in the oil business were good enough, experienced, skilled and energetic enough to hold high government positions during the war crises, good enough to meet unprecedented demands of the army and navy for a vast variety of petroleum products—what were Mr. Ickes, and all the disciples of a fantastic philosophy please explain in plain logical and understandable language—what is wrong with them now?"

**Oil Men's Doghouse**  
"Why should they be acceptable in war time and so definitely in the dog house thereafter? Why should their years of invaluable and irreplaceable experience disqualify them for peacetime service with the navy department to which petroleum is absolutely essential?"

"I don't mean Ed Pauley. I just mean any and all American oil men. I—and I'm sure the entire great industry with which I am proud to have been identified would like to know the answer."

**Must Consult Senate**  
Pauley pointed out that the law requires the navy department to consult the senate and house naval affairs committee before making any contracts involving the navy's petroleum reserves. This, he indicated, precluded a navy official from using his influence over such contracts for his personal gain.

Pauley's statement was issued after the committee ordered Ickes to unlock his safety deposit box and produces the original memoranda he wrote about Pauley.

These memoranda charged that Pauley used improper methods to "Turn to Page 4, Number 7)

### Truman to Appoint Emergency Board In Railroad Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Thursday that President Truman "very shortly" will appoint an emergency board in an attempt to avert the railroad strike called for Monday.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the board might be appointed today.

Appointment of the board would at least postpone the threatened strike of 300,000 railway trainmen and locomotive engineers for 30 to 60 days.

The case was referred to the White House by the national mediation board after it received official strike notices from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The railway labor act provides that the president shall appoint an emergency board of three public members to study the dispute.

The law states that there should be no strike or change in working conditions, except by agreement of both parties, during the time the board prepares its report and for 30 days after it is submitted.

NMB members said this could mean postponement of the strike for at least 60 days.

**WEATHER**  
Nebraska forecast—Cloudy and colder Thursday, strong northerly winds and snow flurries in the west portion; clearing and colder tonight; Friday, fair; rising temperatures west; low tonight 15-20 west, 25-30 east.