



**DEDICATION OF NEW EDUCATION**  
building of First Presbyterian church was climaxed yesterday afternoon as Marion Orvis and Otto Schaper, elders,

snipped ribbon in doorway as the Rev. Thomas Melton, second from left, and the Rev. James Lyon, second from right, look on.

## Five Iowa Murders Are Still Unsolved

(Editor's note: The murder of Mrs. Rose Marie Grandanette, 33, of Des Moines, who was fatally shot at her home last month, has served as a grim reminder that several sensational murders in Iowa during the last decade or so remain unsolved. In an attempt to find new clues which might lead to the killers in these unsolved murders the Daily News presents this background information. If you can provide any new clues to these murders, please contact the proper law enforcement agency.)

**DES MOINES (IDPA)** The body of Margaret B. Treese was found Sept. 30, 1947, at 7:48 a.m. by a Davenport park employee near the main entrance to Credit Island park. The body, nude and badly mutilated, was lying face up with pieces of her clothing scattered about the scene. The body was covered with numerous tattoo marks and the case was dubbed, "The Tattoo Murder Case."

A coroner's report listed 15 stab wounds in the chest and body was run over repeatedly by a car or some vehicle. During the years, police have questioned several hundred persons in connection with the slaying. There have been at least a dozen confessions but none was considered valid.

The woman was traced to several skid row taverns on the night of her death. She had been drinking heavily and was known as a skid row character. The last known report of her was around 12:30 a.m. when she was seen with three men drinking in one of the row's taverns. She was seen getting into a car with the men who have never been identified.

No motive or direct clue was ever uncovered in the slaying. Near the body was a battered photo of a young child which has remained a further mystery in her death.

After nearly eight years the murder of George Massouris remains on the books as still unsolved. Massouris, married, father of three children, worked in the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific Railroad. To augment his income he worked part time at nights as taxicab driver.

Massouris, 30, was found dead in a ditch on the old Orchard Road, 2 miles east of Council Bluffs, Sunday, Nov. 19, 1950, at 9 a.m. Three bullet holes were at the base of the skull, inflicted by a .22 caliber automatic. The taxi that Massouris was driving the night of his death was found abandoned at 8 a.m. the same Sunday in Council Bluffs by a fellow cab driver.

Unaware of Massouris' fate, taxi company officials put the cab back into service. Several passengers rode in it before report of his death was received.

Investigators have always held the motive for his murder was robbery. Massouris' billfold containing \$8 or \$9, his evening furs, was gone.

Taxi company records showed a call was logged at 7:45 p.m. that Saturday night requesting a cab be sent to the First Christian Church at 9 p.m. Massouris reported to the cab office and drew the assignment to pick up the mysterious passenger, two blocks away. That was the last time Massouris was seen alive.

Both police and the sheriff's department have compiled a foot-thick record in the investigation.

The kidnapping of 22-month-old Donna Sue Davis of Sioux City is one of the most baffling in the annals of Iowa crime.

Donna Sue was taken from her crib on the stormy night of July 11, 1955. A man seen carrying a bundle near the Davis house narrowly escaped capture by a neighbor and police. He vanished into

the darkness and no trace has been found of him.

The following afternoon the body of the tot was found in a field near road southeast of South Sioux City, Nebraska. Authorities said the child had been dead 10 to 12 hours before the body was discovered.

According to the coroner's report the child had been raped. The lower left jaw was fractured from a blow and there were severe bruises on other parts of the body.

Two farm women found the body after the husband of one of them found part of the baby's pajamas and a diaper while driving a tractor.

FBI agents, police and sheriffs have run down hundreds of clues, mostly in the Sioux City area, without results.

Henry Chavis, 55, owner and operator of the Ames Canning Company, was found shot to death on the morning of Nov. 8, 1948, near the rear door steps of his farm home, a mile south of Ames. The slayer has never been found.

Chavis was shot at least three times. The only concrete evidence found at the scene of the slaying was the empty cartridge of a .32 caliber automatic, and two unfired rounds of ammunition. Chavis' body was found between 7:00 and 7:15 a.m. by Nellie Alher and a cab driver, "Red" Dinsmore, who had driven her to the Chavis home where she was employed as a maid. The physician called to the farm by police estimated that the Ames businessman had been dead 3 to 4 hours.

Mrs. Chavis said her husband was not home upon her return from a movie at 11 p.m. Nor was he in the house when she awakened about 1:30 a.m. and looked for him. She then went back to bed when she found he had not come home. She also told officers that she did not hear any shots or other disturbance from her bedroom, the farthest point in the house from where the shooting occurred. One investigating officer said later that heavy truck traffic on highway No. 69 might have muffled the sound of shots.

The body was lying face down midway between the rear porch steps and a tree that was about 12 feet from the door. Chavis' car had been parked in the usual place outside the garage and to the left of the entrance. Unusual though, relatives told authorities, was the fact that the car doors had not been locked. Chavis was said to have been almost a fanatic about following that practice. That gave rise to a theory that he may have known someone was chasing him. As a consequence he jumped from his car as quickly as possible and started for the house when he was hit by the first bullet.

Mrs. Lucille M. Bacher, 43, was found hacked to death Nov. 29, 1955, in the prescription room of a Davenport pharmacy operated by her husband. The body was found by Henry Bacher, 50, who surprised his wife's killer as the man was leaving the rear of the store.

Bacher received several severe head injuries in the encounter with the killer. For several days Bacher lingered near death. Physicians said his skull was punctured several places and it was a miracle he didn't die.

Mrs. Bacher was found lying face down in a pool of blood. Her hands and feet were tied with regular wrapping twine used in the store. Her throat had been cut with such deliberation that her tongue had been severed from the inside.

There were numerous wounds on her head, indicating the killer struck at her while she was lying face down on the floor. Bacher

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## Presbyterian Building Is Dedicated

The new Christian education building of First Presbyterian church was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon.

E. W. Robinson, who served as general chairman of the building project, presided as moderator of the meeting.

Responsive reading was led by Mrs. J. P. Clark, president of United Presbyterian Women, scripture was read by Robert Hunt, president of the Men's Council, and prayer was led by W. B. Hammer.

Keys for the new building were presented to R. C. Edelein, chairman of the board of trustees, by Lawrence M. Jensen, who served as co-chairman of the construction committee.

Words of appreciation for the new addition were expressed by Wayne Weber, superintendent of the church school, and by Ann Lutter, representing Westminster Fellowship. Two anthems were sung by the church choir.

Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Thomas G. Melton, former pastor of the Estherville church and now of Waukegan, Ill. Brief remarks were also made by the Rev. James K. Lyon, minister of First Presbyterian church.

The service concluded with a recessional led by the board of elders of the church, trustees and church school teachers to the entrance of the new building where a ribbon was cut formally opening the structure.

Following an open house for members of the church, a potluck supper was held.

An open house to permit inspection of the new facilities by the general public will be next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19.

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## Answer Education Questions

**DES MOINES (AP)** The Iowa Action Committee for Education Legislation composed of lay and professional groups, made public Monday the answers of top state candidates to specific questions.

The replies were from Gov. Herschel C. Loveless and his Republican gubernatorial opponent, William G. Murray, and from Democrat Edward J. McManus and Republican W. L. Moody who are contending for the lieutenant governorship.

Questions and answers included:

1. How do you propose to arrest the increasing property taxes and still provide for the inevitable rising school costs?

Loveless: In Iowa, the level of property taxation is almost exclusively the function of county boards, city government and school boards. There is one way in which property taxes can be prevented from rising, and that is through the exercise of discretion by the bodies levying property taxes. State government, which does not impose a general property tax levy except for the retirement of bonds, can not prevent rising property taxes by increasing state aids, as the evidence of the past 20 years demonstrates quite conclusively.

Murray: I stand firmly for the GOP platform declaration: State aid for schools must be increased substantially, maintaining, however, local control of schools. Adequate safeguards should be provided to insure that increases of state aid are reflected in property tax relief.

McManus said he could not agree that rising costs are inevitable and stressed that local school boards have power to curtail expenditures. If rising costs are inevitable, he said, state aid is required, he advocated first the use of an inheritance tax and second an increase in the income tax.

Moody said school systems should cut costs wherever possible but "the welfare of the children must come first." He said more state aid should be given to property tax relief but did not specify how the state should raise the revenue for increased aid.

2. How large an appropriation do you think will be needed to make up the building lag and replace losses to the state institutions of higher learning?

Loveless: It is obvious that the accumulated needs for capital improvements, which reflect 20 years of neglect, can not be made up in one biennium although a start can and should be made. In the coming biennium.

Murray: "The short-sighted use of money for class rooms and laboratories was a serious blow to the size of the appropriations next year for staff and buildings will have to be determined in the light of conditions at the time the next General Assembly meets. The needs of the institutions should receive careful consideration."

McManus said the size of the appropriations would depend on "a critical analysis" of recommendations by the Board of Regents.

Moody said Iowa has suffered from a two-year building caused by Loveless' veto and a pay-as-you-go program would be preferable to a bond issue. "We must plan so that every qualified Iowa youngster will have an opportunity to attend college," Moody said.

3. How do you propose to reverse the present trend to curtail college enrollments?

Loveless said he does not believe there have been any serious limitations on entrance in state schools and that he understands most private colleges are still actively seeking students. "Such limitations as have been imposed," he said, "are primarily in terms of higher standards which I do not feel are particularly harmful."

Murray said business and industry must expand in Iowa to provide challenging jobs for young folks. "At the same time," he said, "our educational institutions must expand so that no student will arbitrarily be denied the opportunity of attending college."

McManus said he is not aware of any determinable trend in Iowa to curtail college enrollments.

Moody said he believes any enrollment curtailment at present is occurring "only if they are unable to provide the physical facilities and facilities necessary."

The answer, he said, is in a program of "steadily increased funds."

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## Believes U. S. Moon Rocket Disintegrates

### Quemoy Restocking Is Pushed

**TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)** The Chinese Nationalists pushed the restocking of the Quemoy today as Red China stretched its cease fire from one week to three.

Two LSTs discharged their ammunition and supply cargoes on Quemoy's beach a few hours after Peking announced that the one week cease fire was expiring. Sunday midnight was being extended for two more weeks.

Quemoy's civilians relaxed. More farmers went to their peanut, sorghum and vegetable fields than at any time since the Communists started their massive artillery siege Aug. 24.

The activity center may now shift to diplomatic talks in Warsaw between Red China and the United States. The eighth meeting of ambassadors is Wednesday.

The Chinese Nationalists hailed the second stage of the cease fire as another Communist defeat, but were suspicious both of Communist intentions and of the talks in Warsaw.

Sampson Chen, government spokesman, declared "we should not let down our guard" because the Communists probably would use the next two weeks to prepare their next move.

There was speculation that the Nationalists were now prepared to reply with a massive bombardment of their own if the Red Chinese again open up.

Col. Douglas Lane, chief U.S. military adviser on Formosa, said on leaving for Formosa for conferences that Quemoy now was "in as good of better position supply-wise as on Aug. 23."

During the cease fire the Nationalists have landed bigger guns on Quemoy including eight-inch howitzers and 155mm. Long Tom's.

Peiping gave a hint to understand reason for extending the cease-fire: "To see what the opposite side is going to do and to enable our comrades on Quemoy, both military and civilian to get sufficient supplies including food and military equipment to strengthen their entrenchment."

Even Communist comrades "may not yet understand the full time being but will understand it later," the announcement said.

It declared, however, that the extension would benefit all Chinese and hurt only the Americans.

There was a hint, as in the announcement of the original cease fire, that Red China hoped to drive a wedge between the United States and its Nationalist allies.

U.S. Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, who is on a world tour conferred with Chiang today.

Nationalist quarters discounted suggestions that McElroy tried to press the President to reduce the garrisons on the offshore islands.

### Loyola of Mankato Is Meet Winner

Loyola of Mankato won the class A division in the local debate tournament held Saturday with a total of 56 1/2 points. The school won four and lost two debates.

Estherville debaters placed a close second with 54 1/2 points. Waterbury S.D. scored third with 48 points.

All three teams won four and lost two Estherville debaters taking part in the class A division. S. Turley are Duane Huntington and Carolyn M. Gorman. Affirmative, and Loren Mitchell and Calvin Thorsen negative.

In the B division the results were unusual. N. E. Demone tournament director said. There were five teams entered and all five schools won three and lost three. The championship went to Worthington, Minn. on a point basis. Worthington defeated and placed Estherville, 52 to 50.

In this division, Sally Gibson and Mari Ann Rhodes won all three of their debates against Worthington, Spirit Lake and Osage.

Hopkins Minn. won the C division with four victories against two defeats. The divisions were based upon the amount of experience the teams have had in past years and the present year.

Estherville had another undefeated affirmative team, Karen Knutsen and Sally Jensen. They



**MAUD HAMILTON**, left, was elected director of District 1 at the 33rd annual convention of Association of Clubs of Wa-tan-ye held last weekend at Storm Lake. Mrs. Harley Christensen, right, was reappointed national historian of the organization.

## Local Wa-tan-ye Club Member Is Elected

Maud Hamilton, member of the local Wa-tan-ye club, was elected director of District 1 at the 33rd annual convention of Association of Clubs of Wa-tan-ye held Oct. 10-12 in Storm Lake. District 11 members served as hostesses for the convention.

Other officers elected at the convention include Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton of Mason City, co-winner of Hamilton Business College national president Barbara Christy of Nevada, vice president and Veda Anderson of St. Cloud, Minn., secretary.

All officers were installed in a candlelight ceremony Sunday morning by president of Line Wagon Waterbury. As each was installed a link of friendship and courage were presented.

Theme of the convention was "Fraternal Relationships." A memorial candlelight service was held Sunday night.

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## Hold Final Rites for Pope Pius XII Today

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** Pope Pius XII was consigned to the flames Monday by the Roman Catholic Church he served as supreme pontiff for 19 months.

A brilliant afternoon sun streamed through St. Peter's basilica as the pope's body was laid out for the final funeral service.

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## Claims Big Gains in Information

**WASHINGTON (AP)** The U.S. moon rocket Pioneer has swamped the earth's atmosphere after blazing a never before traveled path into space.

The instrument laden vehicle didn't make it to the vicinity of the moon. But the Air Force claimed big gains in scientific information from the nearly two-day flight of the rocket, which reached a record of about 79,120 miles into space.

The Pentagon announced early today that the world's first known moon probe plunged back into the earth's atmosphere after blazing a never before traveled path into space.

Pioneer's final dive was believed to have come at a point over the south Pacific. There were no immediate reports of any visual sightings of the rocket's fuel sh.

The Air Force issued this death notice for the moon missile it launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. before dawn Saturday.

The Hawaiian tracking station lost contact with the U.S. Pioneer moon probe vehicle at 11:46 p.m. EDT.

It was the last tracking station to receive signals.

Analysis of the data received by the Hawaiian station indicates that the Pioneer reentered the earth's atmosphere at approximately 12 midnight (EDT) and is assumed to have burned up upon reentry.

The reentry point was estimated to be over the south Pacific Ocean.

The 35-pound lunar probe fell short of the hoped for goal of getting into orbit some 30,000 miles from the moon. It is believed that about a third of the 77,000 miles to the moon it achieved the desired penetration yet by a man-made vehicle into the vast universe.

Scientists said it radiated valuable data back to earth on its journey. Among other things, the experience of Pioneer indicated that radiation in the outer reaches of space may not be as intense as had been thought.

This could have strong bearing on future space flight by men susceptible to possible radiation poisoning.

In this connection, the Air Force claimed, Pioneer's report that it had reached a height of 79,120 miles was able to measure a total of 20,000 miles.

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