

Payette County's Quota For The Red Cross, \$5600---Drive Starts Next Week---Help The Victory Crew

A ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED TO IDAHO CANNING CO. ON MONDAY

Large Crowd Gathers For Appropriate Program; Major Cull Makes Presentation

A large crowd of Payette county people, together with those from the surrounding territory gathered at the plant of the Idaho Canning Company last Monday for the presentation program in connection with the War Food Administration's Award.

L. W. Brainard acted in the capacity of toastmaster and he paid tribute to those early pioneers of Payette county who were instrumental in the organization of the Idaho Canning company and gave much of their time toward building the large institution which is today furnishing vast supplies of canned food to the armed forces and lend-lease.

In presenting the award to Brig. Gen. L. V. Patch, president of the Idaho Canning Company, Major Cecil C. Cull, of Seattle, called attention to the complex problems of furnishing food to the armed forces, now stationed throughout the world, and paid tribute to the farmers, as well as the canning industry, for their part in the program.

"Your government and your nation are grateful to you," Major Cull said, "for the way you have performed your task. Plants like the Idaho Canning Company are playing a part in the war so important that I cannot overemphasize it. You men and women have done a truly amazing job. You who have been forced to remain at home are no less fighters than your loved ones in the armed services. You are bringing victory closer and closer with every carload, every case, every package of foodstuffs you process." In presenting the flag to Brig. Gen. Patch, Major Cull said, "On behalf of the government of the United States I have the honor of presenting you with this flag which symbolizes effort above and beyond the ordinary call of duty. It shows the world that you are doing your part and I am confident that its possession will spur you on to even greater achievement."

Following the presentation, the flag was raised by a Boy Scout. (Continued on page four)

Farmers Co-op Creamery Banquet

The board of directors of the Farmers Co-op Creamery gave a banquet for the creamery employees and their wives at the Portia house on February 22. There were about one hundred members in attendance who were served by the Methodist women. The tables were decorated with miniature flags and candles in the red, white and blue color scheme in honor of George Washington's birthday. On Friday, W. G. Gedeborg to a first lieutenant has been announced here by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Howz, commanding general of the India-China Wing Air Transport Command.

W. G. Gedeborg has been in the China-Burma-India theater over seven months. In civilian life he was a hotel clerk. His wife, Edith, lives at the home of J. Applegate, Star route, Payette.

The India-China Wing is the Army Air Forces unit which flies the North Burma "hump" of the Himalaya mountains, carrying quantities of freight from India to China for the use of Maj. Gen. Chennault's 14th Air Force, America ground forces, and Chinese troops. This aerial supply link is virtually China's only supply line from the outside world.

MATHEWS HERD REGISTERS HIGH

Testing Association Tests 29 Herds During Month Of January

Rev. Paul D. F. Mortimore was the principal speaker at last Tuesday's meeting of the Payette Kiwanis club, devoting his talk to George Washington, the occasion being Washington's birthday. Dr. John J. Kaiser, president of the club, was rather forcibly present with a birthday cake on the occasion of his birthday. Announcement was made of the Washington birthday party of the Weiser club on Thursday evening of this week at the Washington hotel.

Floyd Nichols announced that the vocational department of the Payette high school would hold open house on next Tuesday, at which time all Kiwanians were invited to inspect the work being done by the sheet metal and radio classes.

PAYETTE DEFEATS ONTARIO TEAM

Pirates Lose To Adrian Basketball Seasons Nearing End

Payette lost a fine point overtime game to Adrian here Friday night, 50 to 49. Saturday night the Pirates journeyed to Ontario and came home on the long end of a 25 to 22 score. Tuesday night of this week Payette defeated New Plymouth 47 to 37.

This week winds up the regular playing season with a game here Thursday night against Vale (and one at Nyssa Friday night). The first games with Vale and Nyssa were very close. Payette lost both games, the one to Vale by two points and the one to Nyssa by two points in an overtime game. The second in an overtime game. The second team games will begin at 7:30 as usual.

READERS WELCOME NEW CORRESPONDENT

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Earl Clark Seeks Pardon

Readers of the Independent-Enterprise this week will welcome a correspondent from the West Black Canyon project. In this section of Payette county are many new residents, and Payette readers will welcome an opportunity to become acquainted with them through the columns of the Independent-Enterprise. The ladies club, Farmettes, in that section have appointed Mrs. Floyd Holton as the correspondent from their section, which covers the West Black Canyon area, located between the Nyssa junction and Fruitland.

STOLEN CAR LOCATED HERE

An automobile belonging to a Parma resident was found abandoned on First Avenue south last Monday by local officers. The car had been taken by a soldier from Parma on Sunday and has now been returned to its rightful owner. No damage was done to the car or ration books and groceries left in the automobile by the owner were unmolested.

OIL TRUCK CATCHES FIRE

The Payette fire department was called out last Friday afternoon to extinguish a blaze which was threatening the oil truck of Ace Vanderford. Vanderford was delivering oil to a customer at the east end of First Avenue south at the time of the accident. Considerable oil was lost and the truck badly damaged by the flames.

WHITE NARROWLY ESCAPES INJURY

Word recently received by his parents from Bob White, with the U.S. Forces in Italy, tells of a narrow escape which he had when a shot shattered his glasses and he suffered slight cuts on the face. Bob stated that Jerry is throwing everything that they have at us. He has been on the front line for sometime.

LIVESTOCK MEN MEET FRIDAY

Payette Valley Cattle And Horse Association Names Officers

The annual meeting of the Payette Valley Livestock Association held their annual meeting in Payette last Friday afternoon. Following the routine business members of the group were addressed by Leon Weeks, Buks, president of the Idaho Cattlemen's association. He discussed income tax and freight rate problems and announced the state convention will be held in Boise on May 12 and 13. Walter Leopold, state brand inspector, gave a brief resume of the law as it relates to livestock brands and emphasized the importance of renewing all brands prior to July 1, 1944 for another five year period. It is unlawful under the Idaho statute to make use of a brand which is not recorded.

W. F. Harper, was selected as president of the local association for the ensuing year and will be assisted by the following official family: Jess Stillhart, vice president; W. A. Barnes, secretary-treasurer, and an advisory board consisting of Earl Stoltz, Edward Rutherford, and W. A. Hixson.

T. H. Van Meter, Dodge Forest supervisor, J. L. Jacobs, Boise, and E. M. Daniels, thumb with dairy herdsmen, represented the Forest Service at the meeting.

Capt. Albert Pence Goes After Japs

The following items taken from the Household Advertiser of February 15th were forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pence, of Payette, by their son, Capt. M. Pence, who is a member of the staff of the Adel Chester Navy and genetics Capt. Albert Pence, who was with the 7th Army Division in Kwajalein on the occasion of the recent invasion of that island.

Captain Albert Pence, 31, Spokane, Washington, who won the Silver Star and Purple Heart in Attu, has added a good deal of luster to his reputation as a "real tough guy."

"In the second day tries down, may be days, of an individual, the strongly defended island, Capt. Pence led his infantry company through 1500 yards of shell holes, who has obtained maximum

spat for the Japanese medium tanks.

One of his infantrymen described how the Pence walked straight up to the opening of a Japanese pill box, his rifle ready and his step confident and unfaltering, as though he was saying "all right, I can shoot before you can," the agent, Mr. Stoltz, located at P. O. Claude H. Peterson, 1A to 1B, George W. McLean 2A to 1A, Harry Olson 3, Mrs. A. Mikkelson 1, Harry Snyder 2, Joe Pritchett 1,

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FARMERS CO-OP CREAMERY CO. TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

Annual Report To Be Rendered; Four Directors To Be Elected; Meeting At Ontario

Seen About Town

Members of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery will gather at Ontario next Tuesday at the Hotel Savoy for their twenty-ninth annual meeting and will receive information from creamery officials and Manager Don McDonald as to the progress of the institution for the past year. In addition, plans will be made for the production of a greater volume of dairy products which have forcefully thrown the creamery into the limelight by Jim Gibson of last Thursday's Kiwanis meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, manager of the creamery, will be present at the meeting. Walter E. Schmid, J. K. Blackburn, Edward Coles and P. F. Countryman, whose terms expired, will be eligible for reelection.

An interesting program is planned in addition to the regular business sessions and appearing will be D. R. Theophilus, head of the department of dairy husbandry, University of Idaho; and Paul Carter, extension marketing agent, Oregon State college. W. G. Stacey, certified public accountant, will give a report of the audit of the creamery accounts.

The board of directors of the institution at the present time consists of Walter Schmid, president; J. K. Blackburn vice president; P. F. Countryman, secretary; Edward Coles, Clay Sutton, James H. Anderson; George Vaughan, Fred Burgess, H. B. Solterbeck and J. H. Goodwin.

The meeting will open at the Roxy theatre at ten o'clock and lunch will be served in an adjoining building by the creamery.

Members are urged to be present on this occasion and familiarize themselves with the business of the institution.

Masonic Party Tuesday Evening

Washoe Lodge No. 28, A. F. and A. M., entertained the members of Loraine chapter, Job's Daughters, and the families of the organization, at a Washington Birthday party, at the Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, February 22. The program was arranged by Clark Baumgard and Bill Rowberry, the master of ceremonies.

Rodney Shae, master of Washoe Lodge, welcomed the guests and Helen Dunn, Worthy Matron of Loraine chapter, responded. Mrs. Neil Stewart presented twelve of her sixth grade pupils, from the Friland schools, who danced the "Majorette Two plane song," "Majorette," by Leopold and Chapin's "Valse," in A sharp, were played by Claude Snyder. Rev. Hamm, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave the address of the evening. The program was conducted by the Edges. Star chorus singing "Lord's Prayer," "Love Divine" and "Song of Peace." Ivor Williams and his committee served refreshments.

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FBI Investigates Rail Obstruction

Several operatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were in Payette most of last week making an exhaustive inquiry into the pile of rocks found on the main line track of the Union Pacific railroad north of the freight house one night a week ago. FBI agents conducted quite an extensive investigation by questioning a number of local people as well as several students of the Payette high school. It is understood that nothing of a definite nature was developed, although it is surmised that the federal agents had concluded that the incident was the outgrowth of the mischievous prank of youngsters.

WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Payette on Friday, February 25th at 2:30 p.m. in the Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. F. F. Johnson, pronouncing the opening prayer. The services are sponsored by the United Council of Church Women. The theme of the annual Day of Prayer is "And the Lord Wished That There Was No Intercession." Music will be arranged by Mrs. A. W. Wright with Mrs. Neil Fulton at the piano. The programs are printed in many languages and the circle of prayers will be world wide.

MEDALS EARNED BY LOCAL YOUTHS

Two Payette County Young Men Awarded Oak Leaf Clusters

For their part in driving the Japs out of the South Pacific, two Payette county young men have recently been awarded Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal. The medals were presented to them by Lt. Gen. M. L. F. Harmon, commanding United States Army Air Forces in the South Pacific at the direction of President Roosevelt.

Staff Sergeant Ernest F. Richey of Payette, was given the award for meritorious service as an aerial gunner, for the period between October 15th to November 10th, 1943. He is a former resident of this city.

Staff Sergeant Franklin B. Purcell of Fruita, was the other Payette boy youth who recently received the Oak Leaf Cluster. This recognition was won for his service as an aerial gunner during the period from August 10 to October 15, 1943.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pence of this city, have received word to the effect that their son, Capt. Albert Pence had been injured in the Kwajalein campaign and is now in a hospital in Hawaii. According to a letter received from another son now in the Islands, Capt. Pence sustained a rifle wound in the chest, the bullet passing completely through his body, the wound being so similar that physicians were unable to tell whether it entered from the front or the back.

He was wounded on the day of mopping up operations on the island and not more than ten minutes before the end of all operations and his brother, Capt. Pence, is reported as missing. The Japs should learn that they are wasting ammunition when they shoot at Abe!

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DISTRICT COURT SESSION MONDAY

Decrees Granted In Several Actions; Case Set For Hearing

Judge Judge A. C. Stoltz presided at a short session of the district court in this city Monday at which time the court heard and was adjourned. Several cases were dismissed because they were filed before the court opened.

In the matter of the Sam Williams vs. William K. Johnson was held over until the next session of the court.

A decree was granted in the case of W. F. and Mrs. Mrs. Williams' Minerva White Williams.

The case of the Sam Williams vs. R. L. Hayes was dismissed.

Marie Langford was granted a decree in her suit against the city of Payette.

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