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Weiser Newspapers Consolidate

Announcement was made last week to the effect that the Weiser American and the Weiser Signal, the two newspapers that have operated in Weiser for a period of many years, will consolidate under the ownership of Harry Nelson and Harry Pepper shortly after April 1st. The consolidation is brought about with the support of Weiser businessmen who look forward to better papers and the resultant savings in advertising expenditures.

A similar consolidation was made in Payette several years ago when the Payette Independent and the Payette Enterprise were consolidated by the present publisher of the Independent-Enterprise. The result of that consolidation has meant that the Independent-Enterprise on two occasions has taken first place in the general excellence contest sponsored by the Idaho State Editorial Association and has taken second place in the same contest on several other occasions. Since the time that the Payette papers were consolidated Payette businessmen have been able to get their advertising message over to approximately twice as many potential customers at only slightly more than half the cost prior to the consolidation.

The Independent-Enterprise congratulates Weiser as well as the new owners of the Weiser papers on a progressive move in the right direction.

Pink Idea Of Utopia

The publicity departments of the various Federal bureaus which publicizes Federal electric power projects, have caused many uninformed persons to think that these projects have proven a big success and that Federal power is the answer to the dream of humanity. The points which this government publicity does not emphasize are the salient basic facts which affect actual cost of production and even the enduring success of the project after its completion.

In some instances it may be true that power is brought to the consumer at a reduced cost but when one stops to analyze the situation and realizes that the Federal projects are subsidized by the government it is not a complex problem to serve the consumer at a lesser cost when the taxpayer foots the bill for the loss.

One glaring example of this impractical experiment may be observed rather close at home, when one takes the time to review the history of the REA project in Malheur county. This undertaking started in a blaze of glory and gained some supporters in Malheur county with the story that they would receive cheaper electric power when the project was put in service. Expensive generating machinery was purchased, incidentally with government funds, distribution lines paralleling other distribution lines were constructed thus duplicating expense, and the service rendered was not altogether satisfactory. In a short period of time the generating machinery was worn out and it became necessary for the REA to fall back on the old dependable public utility, the Idaho Power Company to furnish them with power after thousands of dollars of the taxpayer's money had been sacrificed at the shrine of public ownership.

The Independent-Enterprise is not inclined to take up the cudgel for the Idaho Power Company any more than that of every other business, which after the war if present tendencies are continued faces the probability of government owned competition.

We are hopeful that following the war we may return to the old pioneer way of living in the United States — that day of free enterprise which has contributed so much in building this country into leadership in world affairs.

Federal funds amounting to thousands of dollars will be available for highway construction following the close of the war. Transcontinental air lines are looking for landing fields on the main lines as well as feeders. All of which adds up to the fact that communities must plan now to take advantage of the situation when it arrives. The early bird will get the worm and we only hope that Payette will not be the worm that the early bird will get. Let's plan now

Payette county sweeps again, sweeps over the top on a \$5600 Red Cross Fund quota while surrounding counties are still working desperately to hit their quota figures. Yes Payette did sweep Ontario's streets when Malheur county won the contest on the Fourth War Loan Drive. However, Payette county may boast of the fact that we have met every war time demand and this is a record which Ontario cannot reach even though they do have a clean Main street at Payette's expense.

With a manpower situation now reaching major proportions the Bureau of the Census will shortly have their enumerators in the field in Payette county getting information on clothing from the infant to grandfather, yardgoods, household linens and miscellaneous household articles. We wonder if the Department of the Census does not realize that we have a war to be won.

LONG ROUTE TO GRAIN DRILL

(By Mrs. E. J. Cummings)

There is a long roundabout way to get a grain drill and there is a short gambler's chance method but to be sure it's probably best to take the roundabout way and so compliment the government agencies who try so hard to please and welcome any civilian move that creates impressive statistical figures to fill files at Washington

where some one lives by sitting all day in a cubicle watching the files waiting, waiting, waiting for a reference call.

This is the long way. First you must sell the old drill before you can get a permit from the U. S. government to buy a new one. Then the grief begins. Each county is allotted a certain number of

drills but manufacturers have a 20 percent reserve which they can place wherever they wish. Our drill was only five years old but we could see that it was developing aches and pains that would require doctoring. It was good for many years of home service but certainly not for unlimited custom use. We sold the drill, got the permit from the County Conservation Bureau in Payette. We ordered one identical with the old drill. Well, at least we could order it. Our dealer asked if he should write to Senator Thomas or Rep. White to help him in the great national emergency of getting us a grain drill. I thought Senator Thomas and Compton J. White had enough on their minds without lending their influence to get us a farm tool so I didn't ask my dealer to write or wire them. That was probably a mistake.

I wrote the manufacturers who referred me to their sales manager in Portland who advised me to write to the Idaho United States Department of Agriculture, board at Boise. I did. They advised me that the manufacturer had the distributing of drills for various counties. In my effort to impress the USDA board at Boise I sent the names of 40 farmers who had used our drill or hired us to drill for them. They used it on 800 acres last year. Ten different tractors had been used. That was to show the USDA that our drill was practically a public service machine—no one was denied its use for any reason. The letter wasn't impressive. They get letters like that every day. I might have got some where if I had first written to Rep. White and then a commanding note, "Reserve a grain drill for Cummings by order of Rep. White."

My permit expired Dec. 1. I had to make out a second application. That permit extended to Feb. 28. Surely I could find a drill by Feb. 28, but I didn't stop writing. On Dec. 29 I was assured by the Portland house that my drill would arrive by Feb. 28 but I must deal with their Ontario agent. I cancelled by order with my home town dealer.

Every time I went to Ontario I inquired about my drill. I didn't doubt I'd get it. I was so sure of it that I began telling apprehensive neighbors we were getting a new drill. One said, "You'd better be getting one."

A carload was delivered in Ontario; our drill was not among them. They were all six foot drills.

I wrote again to Portland—I was informed no big drills would be available for Payette county. My permit expired Feb. 28. I got an extension to April 30. I called our own dealer. He had received two drills that morning—one was already sold. My son and I hurried down to see the remaining drill. It was good and new. It would suffice in our emergency and we were to be given first chance at a big one "if and when" one was allotted to Payette. With a little patience with long hours and probably some night work the smaller drill can be made to do pretty well.

One inanity of the set up was that in my desperation I called a Boise dealer—after being kept overtime on the line while I could hear him turn his catalogue pages to find the price of the drill I was asking about. I was told he couldn't sell it in Payette county anyway without a special permit from Boise USDA.

It could have been amusing if it hadn't been so tragical the way my order was tossed from lap to lap like a hot potato. From manufacturer to state board, from state board to dealer, from dealer to county board around and around Robin Hood's barn I went in my futile quest and then buying right at home. One of two drills that had just arrived that morning. My son and I rushed down to nab it. A Jap followed us into the store room. I felt like he and I had some objective—that I must win as our boys do in the Pacific. I felt a patriotic duty to get that drill, to keep him from getting it. I won but I still don't know whether he wanted it or not. I still wanted a big drill like the one we sold.

When I went back to the store a traveling salesman was talking about drills to the dealer. Ah, here was my opportunity. Salesmen always had power and influence with their companies. Every third word he said was "drills." I couldn't resist the temptation to ask, "Can you get me a 12 ft. drill?" He looked pained and pitifully like he'd met the town fool. He couldn't. His line was electric drills.

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ACROSS the EXECUTIVE DESK

By C. A. BOTTOLFSEN

Interest in Idaho as a field for development was never higher than at present when the post-war field is being considered. This week it was my privilege to speak four times at Spokane, a center for the development of northern Idaho, and a particularly active field of war industry at the present time. To the 250 wounded veterans at Baxter hospital, most of whom are returned from the Aleutian campaign; to the chamber of commerce meeting, and the Northwest Association of Retail Credit men, and a special broadcast, the unfolding story of the development of the Pacific Northwest that is possible was received with eager attention. The Chamber of Commerce talk was also broadcast, giving an extra audience. Idahoans generally might well follow suit, for it is only by getting in our story now to create interest, and working night and day between now and peace, that we can really be prepared to put Idaho in the forefront when the post-war period comes. Idaho has missed so many opportunities for development in the past that she can no longer afford to just let nature take its course. Every possible contact with anyone outside the state should be used to tell the story of Idaho and its possibilities. Nor is all this activity of a selfish nature, because many people have been led to believe that further development in the United States is an impossibility, and that we must eventually return, after the war, to a theory of economic scarcity. Individuals, particularly service men, can be appraised that there is still room for individual and regional development, that when peace comes this country can again resume its march to constructive advancement. Pessimism, either in war or peace, should not be fostered in the light of what we have to do with in this great country.

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State Forester Franklin Girard was retired from that position by a vote of 3 to 1, to close a stormy period of state land board activity. For nearly a year the cooperative board of forestry has been attempting to oust Girard, disapproving his management, but he was retained by the Land Board. Stanton G. Ready of Coeur d'Alene was nominated by the forestry group to succeed him.

Attorney General Bert H. Miller has advised the land board to sell its timber—which sales go to the endowments of our public institutions—at the highest prices. Midway regulations would make a mockery of any attempt to secure a higher price by competitive bidding than their established ceilings. One cannot help but remember Jefferson's statement that "If Washington tells us when to sow and when to reap, we shall soon want bread." In connections with such things as the preservation of

the endowments, as well as Idaho's overabundant timberland can not be liberated. Once lost, under any pretext, they cannot be easily recovered.

If you have a relative or friend from Idaho in the services, advise him or her that the still continuing befuddlement in Washington over the service ballots need not concern him, as he can vote the same kind of a ballot always available to a citizen of Idaho, merely by asking for it.

Railroad Thrives

Gross revenues of the Canadian National railways during 1942 reached \$275,000,000, averaging over a million dollars per day, an all-time high. Net revenue, after payment of all operating expenses, was \$36,655,869, an increase of \$20,047,328 over the previous year. The cash surplus, after payment of taxes, interest paid to the public and government, was \$25,063,268, a new record and an increase of \$21,046,942 over 1941.

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Payette

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Milk Payments Are Increased

The rate of payment has been increased from 35 cents to 50 cents per hundredweight in this section.

Butterfat Increased

The butterfat rate has also been increased from 5 to 8 cents in all counties.

Payments In May

Payments will be combined and will be paid in May. These payments are for the months of March and April.

FULL PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO SUBSIDY PAYMENTS WILL BE FOUND AT THE PAYETTE AAA OFFICE.

The increased payments should stimulate the production of milk and butterfat in this particular area and a ready market may be found at the plant of the ...

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Payette, Idaho