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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 advertsing 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 Indpendent-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 subsid zed by the government it is not a complex problem to serve the consumer at a lesser cost when the taxpayer foots the bill

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 sup-porters 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 taxpayers money had been sacrificed at the shrine of public own-

ership.
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 com-

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

#### LONG ROUTE TO GRAIN DRILL

(By Mrs. E. J. Cummings)

There is a long roundabout way where some one lives by sitting all to get a grain drill and there is a day in a cubicle watching the files short gambler's chance method but waiting, waiting for a refto 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 fig-

firills but manufacturers have a 20 percent poserve which place wherever they wish. Our. delfl was only five years old; but we could see that it was developing aches and pains that would require doctoring. It. was good for venus of home service but certainly not for unlimited custom use We sold the drill, got the permit from the County Conservation but read in Payette. We ordered but identical with the old drill. Wellat 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 development

our drill or hired us to drill for broadcast, giving an extra audinote, "Reserve a grain drill for ture take its course. Every pos-

A carload was delivered in On- we have to do with in this great tario; our drill was not among country. 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 a vote of 3 to 1, to close a stormy permit expired Feb. 28. I got an period of state land board activiextension to April 30. I called our ty. For nearly a year the cooperaown dealer. He had received two tive board of forestry has been atdrills that morning-one was al- tempting to oust Girard, disapready sold. My son and I hurried proving his management, but he down to see the remaining drill. It was retained by the Land Board. 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 lan 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.

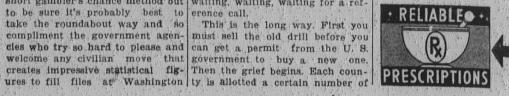
When I went back to the store a traveling salesman was talking about drills to the dealer. Ah, here was my opportunity. Salesmen always had power and influence with their companies. Every third word he said was "drills." I couldn't resist the temptation to ask, "Can" you get me a 12 ft. drill?" He looked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

Read the Classified Ads

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emergency of getting us a grain than at present, when the postdrill. I thought Senator Thomas war field is being considered. This and Compton I. White had enough week it was my privilege to speak on their minds without lending four times at Spekane, a center for their influence to get us a farm the development of northern Idatool so I didn't ask my dealer to ho, and a particularly active field write or wire them. That was of war industry at the present time. To the 250 wounded veter-I wrote the manufacturers who ans at Baxter hospital, most of referred me to their sales mana- whom are returned from the ger in Portland who advised me to Aleutian campaign; to the chamwrite to the Idaho United States ber of commerce meeting, and the Department of Agriculture, board Northwest Association of Retail at Boise. I did. They advised me Credit men, and a special broadthat the manufacturer had the cast, the unfolding story of the dedistributing of drills for various velopment of the Pacific Northcounties. In my effort to impress west that is possible was received the USDA board at Boise I sent the with eager attention. The Chamnames of 40 farmers who had used ber of Commerce talk was also them. They used it on 800 acres ence. Idahoans generally might last year. Ten different tractors well follow suit, for it is only by had been used. That was to show getting in our story now to create the USDA that our drill was practically a public service machine—day between now and peace, that no one was denied its use for any we can really be prepared to put reason. The letter wasn't impres- Idaho in the forefront when the sive. They get letters like that ev- post-war period comes. Idaho has ery day. I might have got some missed so many opportunities for where if I had first written to Rep. development in the past that she White and then a commanding can no longer afford to just let na-Cummings by order of Rep. White." sible contact with anyone outside My permit expired Dec. 1. I had the state should be used to tell the to make out a second application. story of Idaho and its possibilities. That permit extended to Feb. 28. Nor is all this activity of a selfish Surely I could find a drill by Feb. nature, because many peopel have 28, but I didn't stop writing. On been led to believe that further Dec. 29 I was assured by the Port- development in the United States is and house that my drill would ar- an impossibility, and that we must rive by Feb. 28 but I must deal eventually return, after the war, with their Ontario agent, I cancel- to a theory of economic scarcity. ed by order with my home town Individuals, particularly service men, can be appraised that there Every time I went to Ontario I is still room for individual and inquired about my drill. I didn't regional development, that when doubt I'd get it. I was so sure of it peace comes, this country can that I began telling apprehensive again resume its march to conneighbors we were getting a new structive advancement. Pessimism, drill. One said, "You'd better be either in war or peace, should not be fostered in the light of what

> -000-State Forester Franklin Girard was retired from that position by Stanton G Ready of Coeur d'Alene was nomit d by t group to succeed him. by the forestry

Attorney General Bert H. Miller the endowments, as well as Idahas advised the fand hourd to sell had evereignty temporishals can | Gross revenues of the Canadian its timber-which sales and to the sor be interated. Once has, under National, railways during 1942

OPA regulations would imake a mockery of any attempt to socure. If you have a relative or fetend time high a higher price by competitive bid from Idaho m the services, advise ding than their established cell him or her that the still continuing ings. One cannot help but remem. befuldlement in Washington over ber Jefferson's statement that 'If the service ballets need not con- cash surplis, after payment of Washington tells us when to sow cern him as he can vote the same taxes, interest paid to the public and and when to reap, we shall soon kind of a ballot always available government, was \$25,063,268, a new want bread." In connections with to a citizen of Idaho, merely by record and an increase of \$21,946, such things as the preservation of asking for it.

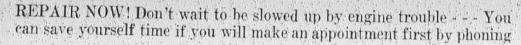
reached \$275,000,000, averaging over a million dollars per day, an allment of all operating expenses, was \$36,655,869, an increase of \$20,047; 528 over the previous year. The 942 over 1941.

# PERFORMANCE COUNTS We DO HAVE Many Repair Parts

Don't neglect those needed repairs that can grow into real difficulties. We now have parts to make most repairs.

#### WATCH FOR THESE INDICATIONS OF TROUBLE

- Tires low consistently
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- Oil Gauge too high
- Water gauge too low
- Loose Brakes



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Payette

## Milk Payments Continued At Increased Prices

Dairymen of the area served by the Farmers Co-op Creamery will be pleased to know that

## 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 ...

# Farmers Co-op Creamery

Payette, Idaho