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Hospital Expansion Should Be Encouraged

Mrs. John Blank, prominent young matron of this city died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital in a neighboring city Tuesday morning. The attending physician reported that he was unable to get his patient into the local hospital due to overcrowded conditions, and was therefore forced to attempt to get Mrs. Blank to the other hospital. He accompanied her in the ambulance but despite his ministrations death came. A grief-stricken husband and two minor children survive.

The foregoing is a pure figment of the imagination to show what could happen in Payette and to impress upon the citizens of the community the dire need for expanded hospital facilities. Hospital facilities and medical care are fundamental services that every community should provide. Without them, one might just as well live on a barren desert miles away from everything and everybody.

No one can foretell when illness or an accident may strike. It is for these emergencies occurring every day for some one in the community that we should be prepared.

There is no question about it, if Payette is to keep pace with its growing population it must have expanded hospital facilities.

The men and women sponsoring a project to that end should be given every encouragement in their most worthy undertaking.

Like Great Oaks from Little Acorns, Big News Stories from Rumors Grow

The biggest news of a week is sometimes a rumor. This is especially true in communities of average size where persons usually know considerably about their neighbors' businesses.

The friendly folks who give tips to news reporters are sometimes nonplused because it is occasionally several weeks before stories that are common knowledge get the recognition of appearing in print. This brings up the questions: why are rumors disregarded as news and when does a rumor become news?

Suppose a board or a council or commission holds one or more special sessions at which some extraordinary action is taken, policy approved or decision arrived at. Perhaps when the official responsible for giving news releases is contacted by reporters he may decide that it is to the best interests of the council, board or commission if no publicity is received until developments are in a more advanced stage. Sometimes the official will say "no news today" or even "no news this week."

When this happens a news reporter has two courses open: he may go to other than official sources, get as much information as possible and print the rumor as a rumor. Or he may wait until the board, commission or council reporter decides that since a matter has become general knowledge it is safe to let the main facts be published.

Most conscientious and careful newsmen decide to publish facts only after their approval and release by official sources. But a reporter never overlooks a truism that biggest stories from little rumors grow. And news gatherers are eternally grateful to the kindly folks, who in the course of a friendly few words, give the invaluable tips for stories: "Say, have you heard" or "You know that if you'd ask John Jones about" . . . And sooner or later these advance notices blossom into front page news reports.—Gooding Leader.

Has Ownership Any Rights?

Only Congress can remodel our one-sided and ineffectual labor laws so that they will represent fairness and equality. Under present labor legislation, all manner of biased rulings have been secured by labor leaders against industry. Abuses have become so odorous that they have finally reached the public's nostrils.

One of the latest moves of labor leaders to alienate public as well as Congressional good will, is their attempt to compel executive or supervisory employees of companies to join labor unions. This is nothing more nor less than an attempt to gain control of management without any financial obligation or responsibility.

If managerial and supervisory employees can be forced into unions, management might as well turn the industries over to the unions to operate, for there would be no one left on the side of management to represent the owners. If Congress fails to correct this situation, there will be no more freedom of enterprise in the United States.

SOCIETY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMING MARRIAGE
 Mr. and Mrs. John Oster of Payette, Idaho, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Josephine, to Leslie E. Wilson of Shenandoah, Iowa. The wedding will take place in the near future.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zimmerman entertained at a Christmas dinner. Guests were Mrs. E. Zimmerman and daughter, Miss Helen Zimmerman, Frank Schreiber, D. H. Snowberger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams and Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS
 Mr. and Mrs. Art. Conner and family of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guiles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yust were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Nick Manser.

DINNER GUESTS
 Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Wood of the Washoe district had Mrs. Francis Wayne of Payette and Lee B. Wood of Washoe as Christmas dinner guests.

NO-HOST DINNER
 Wednesday Kensington held its annual Christmas no-host dinner at 7:00 p. m. last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. I. C. Whiteley. Those attending were Mesdames Virgil Siple, A. M. Walker, Leo Schoen, Harvey Mende, Claude Horton, Emil Fruechtenicht, John Kaiser, Walter Steiniker, William Blackaby and George Sedlmayer. After dinner a Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MONDAY
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnston entertained at their Christmas dinner Monday honoring their son Pfc. Robert, home on furlough who left Monday evening for Kearns, Utah. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Johnston.

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS
 Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stearns entertained at a dinner last Sunday honoring their sons Jim and Phil Stearns. Guests were Richard Ohms and Pfc. Robert Johnston.
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Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker and two children of Payette and Mrs. Roy Watson of Nampa enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson at Boise.

C. C. ANDERSON PARTY
 Mr. and Mrs. John Weber entertained the employees of the local C. C. Anderson Co. store last Wednesday evening at a 7:00 p. m. dinner at their home on North Seventh street.

BUFFET SUPPER
 A buffet supper was enjoyed Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wells. Santa Claus appeared in person and delivered gifts to the guests. After dinner Monopoly and Chinese checkers were played. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Talbot and son Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sterling and daughter, Cleo Jean, Mrs. Allen Tevebaugh and daughters Gloria and Lois, Mrs. Beatrice Jasmer, Shirley and Gary, Mrs. Amelia Sheppard and Miss Kathleen Woerman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. William Blackaby, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Whiteley and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fruechtenicht and two daughters and Roland Whiteley, Sr. and Marilyn as their guests.

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 With low temperatures and overheated homes the Payette fire department has been kept busy for the past week answering calls. On Friday of last week the department responded to a call to the home of Mrs. Anna Merver on First Avenue South and later in the day to a call at the Penney Store. In the call to the Penney store investigation proved that the call was occasioned by a smoke scare and the department alarm at the Mercer residence resulted from an oil stove which was defective. No damage resulted in either case.

REFUNDS AND PENALTIES COLLECTED FOR VIOLATIONS
 Local Price Panels attached to the Price Control boards in the Idaho OPA district, collected \$311 in refunds to consumers and \$1491 in penalties for over charges during November, according to district price officials. Most violations were in food and apparel. Officials reminded consumers that refunds may be received without embarrassment, by reporting overcharges on food, apparel, durable goods or services to the local Price Control board office.

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CARD OF THANKS
 May we by this method express to friends and neighbors our sincere thanks for floral offerings and other expressions of sympathy in the loss of our beloved husband and father. All may be assured that these gracious acts will remain always as a cherished memory with us.
 Mrs. Ethel Weiser and family. 42-17*

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 About 6 million trillion electrons flow through the electric light on your lamp table.

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 Sometimes throw in a house
 List your property if you want to sell
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 Office 1110 Center Ave.
 Phone 409-J Payette

Welcome 1946




Around the corner of the street
 Who can say what waits for us?
 —James Whitcomb Riley.

And who can say what the New Year 1946 will bring? All we can do, of course, is hope for the best, and our hopes are for you, dear people of this community. It is in full appreciation of all the fine things you have done for us that we send you these Happy New Year greetings.


SNOOK PHOTO SHOP
 Wm. Snook, Prop.

HAPPIEST NEW YEAR 1946




Again we say Happy New Year to our friends and patrons. May 1946 bring you more health, happiness and prosperity than you have ever before enjoyed.

PAYETTE PRODUCE CO.
 Leland Barber, Prop.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS 1946

Happy New Year TO EVERYBODY 1946



This year we will celebrate New Year happy in the knowledge that one more year has been added to our long record of service to the people of this community.

Tooting our own horn a bit, you say? Well, yes, if you insist, but we just wanted to remind you.

Have a good time, enjoy the holiday to the utmost, and—a very Happy New Year to you!

Gamble's
 Authorized Dealer

HAPPIEST NEW YEAR 1946



As another year comes to a close and a New Year dawns we pause for a moment to look backward as well as forward. We are happy in the thought that we have made so many new friends in 1945 and retained so many old ones.

Looking forward to 1946, we pledge anew our determination to give you the best value and service possible.

WE SAY NOW, AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

McCluer-Manser Motor Company
 Phone 49 We're FIRST In Service Payette

Our New Year Wish Is That The TURNING WHEEL OF FORTUNE May bring a full measure of HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

To All Friends and Patrons

From "BOSS" at
DAVIS MACHINE SHOP

★ The New Year is like a ship coming in, its hold crammed with a precious cargo from ports unknown.

It is our earnest hope that its arrival will mean for you much that was unexpected in both material and spiritual blessings.

The **SUGAR BOWL**
 Archie & Eva