

RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE NOW GOING FORWARD SATISFACTORILY

Victory Crew Members Urged To Make Their Reports This Week End---Contributions Good

At the time of going to press a report from Larry Brainard, county chairman of the Red Cross War Fund, stated that contributions are coming in in very pleasing volume. Not only in the number of contributions reported, an indication that a very satisfactory coverage is being made by the workers, but the average amount being contributed by individuals shows the interest people of Payette county have in not only the Payette county Red Cross chapter but the excellent work that is being done by the Red Cross throughout the world.

Brainard stated that completion of the quota of \$5000.00 depends only on complete coverage of the county being made. For, he pointed out, if those yet to contribute will continue the average of contributions already in, the quota will be reached. The canvass of the county for collecting the Red Cross War Fund is being made by the members of the Payette County Victory Crew, an organization with which residents of the county are now acquainted. The Victory Crew was organized as a permanent organization for the collection of all funds related to the war effort. The first coverage of the county made by the members of the Victory Crew was for the 4th War Loan, the quota for which was oversubscribed.

Col. W. H. Moss, who is the executive officer of the Victory Crew, stated that one of the great values of the organization was the fact that they are available for coverage of the county in connection with all war activities, thus avoiding the necessity of arranging for a separate and new organization for each individual activity. He pointed out that the Red Cross War Fund drive was gotten underway promptly and was partially collected during the first week of March, whereas in many counties a great deal of time was lost endeavoring to perfect an organization to do this work.

Both Moss and Brainard requested that all residents of the county should be aware of the in-

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McCluer Manser Given Commendation

McCluer Manser Motor company came in for commendation at a meeting of the Ford Motor company dealers in Boise last week end. H. L. Boggs, manager of the Salt Lake City Ford branch manager, commended Shirley Manser and his employees for the outstanding service and record accomplishments for the year of 1943.

Boggs stated that the local firm secured more cars and trucks and sold more parts and accessories per square foot of building space than any other dealer under the Salt Lake office, which includes dealers in nine western states. Boggs continued to the effect that Ford dealers nationally were first in service, this making McCluer Manser Motor company an outstanding western dealer.

New Closing Hours Announced

An announcement was made by the Merchants committee of the Payette Chamber of Commerce this week to the effect that a greater number of Payette business houses will remain open until nine o'clock on Saturday nights. This new hour will go into effect this coming Saturday and will continue until further notice.

PAPER SALVAGE DRIVE IS STARTED

Collection Of Waste Paper To Be Continuous---Storage Space Available

Carl Swanson, chairman of the Payette county salvage committee, announced this week that a waste paper campaign is now underway and will continue indefinitely. Residents of the county are urged to save all waste paper and transportation will be arranged by contacting Carl Swanson, or Emory Burke, at all kinds of paper is needed but it is requested that the newspapers be separated from magazines. Storage space for the paper has been arranged at the Broderick packing house.

Waste paper brings a return of from \$12 to \$14 per ton dependent upon the manner in which it is packed. The local Boy Scout troops will cooperate in the collection and all funds derived from the sale of the paper will be turned over to Boy Scout officials.

Members of the Payette county salvage committee in addition to Swanson are, from Payette, J. K. Blackburn, E. E. McCarrill, Ed. Patton, Streeter Stroup, Isaac C. Whiteley and Geo. L. Whorton; New Plymouth Ben Wherry, Clyde Mackinson and Paul Penrod; Fruitland, Superintendent of Schools Lancaster.

NEWSPAPER OBSERVES ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

The Independent-Enterprise will be fifty-four years of age with the next issue. Fifty-four years of lending assistance to the upbuilding of a progressive community and with the hope of another like period devoted to the same high ideal.

During its history the Independent-Enterprise has been under several ownerships, starting first with the late Burt Venable, who started the Enterprise fifty-four years ago and followed later with the establishment of the Enterprise.

Several years ago the Enterprise and the Independent was consolidated by the present publisher, who only asks the privilege of serving his community in the able manner of his predecessors.

Enraged Bull Attacks Sanders

Arnold Sanders has not been able to resume his duties at the J. C. Palumbo Fruit company, due to injuries sustained last Thursday night when he was attacked by an enraged bull. Sanders heard a noise on his farm on Lovers Lane and went out to investigate and found that a cow had become entangled in a barbed wire fence, according to a statement made by Sanders. He cut the fence to extricate the cow and as he did so he was attacked by a bull. Within a distance of twenty feet the enraged animal knocked Sanders to the ground three times. Fortunately the last time that the bull had him down, Sanders was able to reach the ring in the animal's nose and thereby get away. This is the same animal that attacked Bill Blackaby when he was on a hunting trip on Whiteley's Island last fall.

State Guard Drill Wednesday Evening

Members of Co. E, Idaho State Guard met on Wednesday evening of this week at the armory and Jay Stoner's squad under Frank Serean had a one hundred percent attendance and was awarded the privilege of doing some target practice while other squads not so fortunate spent their time at "squad's night." Two visitors from the Ontario Guard unit were present and were greatly impressed by the equipment of the local unit, which is furnished by the State of Idaho. Several motion picture films on training movements and use of the compass were shown.

BEET GROWERS PLAN CONTRACTS

Contract Similar To 1943 Providing Higher Prices To Grower

The board of directors of the Nysa-Nampa District Beet Growers Association and officials of the Amalgamated Sugar company met in Nysa Saturday for the purpose of working out the terms of the 1944 sugar beet contract.

The outcome of the meeting was an agreement on a contract very similar in most respects to the contract of 1943, with provisions for higher prices than was the case in the 1943 contract. These higher prices are made possible by contract entered into by the sugar company and the Commodity Credit Corporation. Growers were assured that their interests in pulp and other by-products of the crop would be fully protected before non-growers would be considered. This was one of the principal demands made by the growers.

The new contract provides for payment for beets on the basis of the sugar content of the beets and a frozen price for sugar at \$6.70 per hundred pounds plus benefits payments under the Sugar Act of 1937 as amended. This means that beets testing 16 percent sugar will be worth \$12.18 per ton. Beets of 15 1/2 percent sugar \$11.79 per ton and beets testing 16 1/2 percent sugar \$12.52 per ton. The average sugar test of beets in the Nysa-Nampa district for the past five years is 16 percent.

Fruitland for the sugar company will be offering contracts to growers within the next few days. The directors of the association recommend the crop to farmers as at the new price the average crop of beets should produce a good profit. Also it is important that a good average history be built up now under these favorable conditions as a protection against acreage restrictions that might be imposed in following years. There is no acreage restriction for 1944 and growers are urged to plant to their full capacity. The War Food Administration is asking for approximately 60 percent increase in acreage as compared to 1943.

A very friendly attitude prevailed throughout the contract negotiations as both producers and processors felt that now is the time for the industry to prove itself in our national economy.

Plans Made For Military Ball

Arrangements are now being completed for the Military Ball, which will be given at the Gay-Way on March 15. This affair is sponsored by Co. E, Idaho State Guard and invitations have been sent to Guard units in nearby communities and it is hoped that some of the high ranking officials of the organization from Boise will be in attendance. All proceeds from the dance go into the guard fund and are used for the purpose of purchasing equipment which is not furnished by the state.

CAPTAIN REED VISITS PARENTS

Capt. Fredrick Reed arrived in Payette Friday last week from Camp Cook, California, to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed, until the first part of next week. He is the company commander at Camp Cook and is with the armored division. Capt. Reed is well known in Payette having graduated with the class of 1933 at the local high school. He entered the service two years ago the 17th of this month.

PLANS MADE FOR FARM LABORERS

Payette County Labor Pool To Incorporate; Mexicans Available

Fully cognizant of an approaching critical labor situation, members of the Payette county labor pool are already making plans to meet the situation during the coming harvest season. On Monday of this week seven members of the pool met at the office of County Agent Virgil Siple and outlined plans. It was agreed that the pool would be incorporated, charging a membership fee of five dollars plus two dollars per worker applied for as specified in the application. In addition there will also be a charge of twenty-five cents per day per man, which is on the same basis as last year.

As soon as completed, the articles of incorporation will be submitted to the farmers for their approval and seven directors will be elected to carry on the business of the corporation.

It is estimated that fully five hundred workers will be required at the peak of the season, which will be at the time that corn and prunes are ready for harvest. The camp will be opened early in the season at the Gala Gardens with 50 men and will be increased as demanded.

Members of the labor pool have been informed that there will be ample numbers of Mexicans and Japs to fill all needs.

Former Resident Accidentally Killed

Word comes from Mrs. F. A. Segrist of Delta, Ohio, of the sudden death of her brother, Rollo Lutton, former well known resident of Payette. A newspaper item concerning his death is as follows:

Rollo Lutton died at the Detweiler Memorial hospital, Wednesday from injuries he received when struck by a falling apple tree on his lot here in Wauseon, Monday.

He had cut the tree so that it was about ready to fall. He tried to push it so that it would fall in the direction that he wanted it to go, but he could not push it over. He went to get a rope to pull it over, when suddenly the free broke loose and fell hitting Mr. Lutton. He was rushed to the hospital. His ankle was broken and he was hurt internally.

Mr. Lutton had a heart ailment and the injuries and shock affected the heart and proved fatal. Mr. Lutton was 55 years of age. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lutton and was born on the old home farm in York township.

He is a brother of Mrs. Carl Wade of this city and Mrs. Fred Segrist of Delta.

Pays Fine For Game Violation

J. B. Dillon, state game warden, filed a complaint in the probate court of Martha Luther, the Forest of the week charging Harry Kelly with the illegal possession of five racoon pelts. Kelly pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$15 and costs.

RED CROSS MAKES REQUEST

Mrs. Bernard Eastman, the production chairman for the local Red Cross, is making an urgent request for pieces of heavy cretonne or canvas at least 8x12 inches in size, or larger. These materials are used to make the soles for the hospital slippers. Call Mrs. Eastman at 45-J for further information.

SOUTHWEST IDAHO ASSOCIATION GIVES ASSURANCE OF RESERVOIR

Officials Of Group Meet With Local Leaders On Thursday Last; Cascade Reservoir To Be Built

Officials of the Southwestern Idaho Water Conservation association met with local leaders in this city on Thursday last week and gave assurance that the Cascade reservoir was on the program for immediate construction following the end of the war. The proposed reservoir will cost in the neighborhood of three and one-half million dollars and appropriations for construction in the amount of one and one-half million have already been made. Actual construction work would not doubt be underway but due to the shortage of steel for this purpose work has been delayed. Some headway has been made as the new grade for the railroad has been completed. Steel was on the ground for the new railroad line but was confiscated by the armed forces for use in Alaska sometime ago. A considerable portion of the railroad between Cascade and McCall will be submerged when the storage reservoir is finally completed.

The allocation of the water from the Cascade reservoir has not been completed as yet but it is presumed that the big end of the storage water will go to the Lake Reservoir District for lands in Gem, Payette, Washington and that part of the Black Canyon project, which is in Canyon county.

Among those who were in attendance at last week's meeting included Lynn Driscoll, vice president; Harry Yost, secretary, and William Welsch, of the executive committee, of the Southwestern Idaho Water Conservation Association; members of the board of county commissioners of Gem and Payette counties; directors of the Payette Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the Lake Reservoir district.

WEED PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

Noxious Weed Eradication Program Will Operate In 1944

According to an announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Independent-Enterprise, the board of county commissioners have authorized the weed eradication program in Payette county for the ensuing year. Certain weeds are designated and property owners are notified to destroy all within this classification. Should the property owners fail to destroy the weeds enumerated, then the county will proceed and the charges will be assessed against the property.

Property owners do bear a portion of the cost of weed eradication but in addition the property owners in Payette county have in the past paid an additional part of the expense. In 1943 a levy of five cents was made against all of the assessable property in the county for this purpose. The levy for weed eradication in 1943 raised a fund of \$2505.38 and a similar levy in 1944 raised \$2523.34 and from the accumulation of these two funds a surplus was left over which did not necessitate another levy in 1943.

Expenditures for weed eradication in Payette county for the year 1943 amounted to \$4678.66, a portion of which was paid by the property owner and the remainder being borne by taxes.

NEW RED CROSS OFFICIALS NAMED

Annual Meeting Of Payette County Chapter Held Last Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Payette county chapter American Red Cross, was held last Tuesday evening at the office of the Idaho Power company at which time new officers of the organization were selected for the ensuing year. Each community in the county is represented on the board of directors.

J. A. McMillan was named to succeed himself as chairman and he will be assisted by the following: Ione Whalen, vice chairman; B. F. McCarrill, treasurer; Dorothy Hanigan, secretary and the board of directors consisting of the following: New Plymouth, Rev. Ludwig and Ivan Worthington; Fruitland, Mrs. Burton Chaney and Grant Gardner and Payette, L. W. Brainard and Geo. L. Whorton.

McMillan announced the reappointment of all committee heads who had been serving for the past year.

The Payette county chapter directors and committee heads held regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and all members of the organization who are interested are urged to attend.

FRUITLAND BOY IN PRISON CAMP

S. Sgt. Clifford Horn Writes From German Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Horn of Fruitland are in receipt of a letter from their son S. Sgt. Clifford Horn, who is now interned in a German prison camp. Horn has been a prisoner since October 20, 1943, when his plane was shot down over German territory. Horn is well known in Payette county, being a graduate of the Fruitland schools. He is 22 years of age.

In his letter which was dated Nov. 21, 1943 he states that he is well and getting along fine. Sgt. Horn says, "We don't have to work here so I will get along o. k. on the food. I have made a good many friends here although have only seen one man here that I had known previously. I have had a lot of experience the past few months and the fact that I could tell would make one's hair stand on end. You can see the Red Cross about writing and anything else that you would like to know. Send cigarettes, please. I do not smoke but we can use them here for money."

Payette Lads Meet In Mediterranean

Mr. and Mrs. Walter James received a letter last week from their son, Lee, who is with the Navy on a mine sweeper in the Mediterranean area. Lee writes that he had just returned to the ship from a liberty and had a very fine time collecting souvenirs. Will send some home when I can. While I was on the train returning to my ship I met Ensign Bob Farber who is on a sub chaser. Was very happy to meet him and hope to get better acquainted after the war. Wish I could tell you where I met him. Lee is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James and has been in the Mediterranean area about 16 months.

WAVE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK CITY

Irene German, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grasty, left on Monday of this week for New York where she will report as a WAVE and will take six months training before being assigned to some naval station on the West Coast. She will train as a chaplain's helper. Mr. and Mrs. Grasty contacted their son, T. Sgt. Eugene Grasty by telephone at Honolulu last Friday. He has been in the service since March 3, 1941 and has been in Honolulu the greater part of the time since that date.

Red Cross Nursing Classes

Mrs. Shirley Manser, home nursing chairman of Payette county chapter Red Cross announces that Mrs. Clark James, R. N., will be ready to start classes within the next two weeks. The class will be held at the high school in the domestic science rooms one day a week for two hours. At this time only one nurse is available, and the class is limited to twenty students. All those interested please get in touch with Mrs. Manser, phone 375. With the present demand for registered nurses, we are very lucky to be able to have Mrs. James give her time to this most worthwhile work.

A healthy home is an important wartime responsibility of those who remain behind. Red Cross home nursing will help teach you to maintain that healthy home and will better equip you to give simple nursing care, thereby relieving many of the doctors and nurses needed by the armed forces. At the same time it should teach you to be a more efficient homemaker in peace as well as in war.

NEW PLYMOUTH AIDS WAR EFFORT

Plymouth Ladies Make Good Record In Surgical Dressing Project

Mrs. Minnie May has the honor of putting in the largest number of hours at the New Plymouth surgical dressing room, according to a report on the workers received by the Independent-Enterprise this week. Mrs. May is credited with 26 hours and is closely followed by Mrs. Mattie Deaton with 21 1/2 hours and Mrs. Alcee Remhart with 21 1/2 hours.

The Plymouth surgical dressing room has made a very good record for the time that it has been in operation, completing 20,000 dressings, 759 4x4 and 3,500 4x8 dressings during the month of February. They completed 6342 dressings and 1100 at one meeting. Mrs. Charles Campbell is the chairman of the Plymouth project. Mrs. Dede May, co-chairman, and Mrs. Vernice Gorton, who was co-chairman from June 1st to November 1st, when she resigned. Supervisors are Mrs. T. Miesbach, Mrs. R. S. White, Mrs. Ross Wade and Mrs. B. Waldo.

The Plymouth dressing room opens Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. at the high school building.

Hours are credited to the various workers as follows:

Mrs. Crutten Barker 6, Mrs. Lora Barker 5, Mrs. Flora Benjamin 31, Mrs. Bessie Bostie 28, Mrs. Dorothy Breeding 3, Mrs. Herb Brockman 2, Mrs. Sylvia Chadwick 18, Mrs. Wm. Chandler 30, Mrs. Margaret Chapp 44, Mrs. Myrtle Collinsworth 2, Mrs. Peggy Collinsworth 4, Mrs. Jane Conrad 40, Mrs. Ruth Culp 4, Mrs. E. L. Grace Cummings 43, Mrs. E. L. Davis 24, Mrs. Fern Davis 6, Mrs. Alberta Durrant 25, Mrs. Frances DeWitt 7, Mrs. Veda Dobson 20, Mrs. Grace Dotson 3, Mrs. Mattie Dotson 218, Mrs. Frank Driscoll 15, Mrs. Anna M. Elder 104, Mrs. W. E. Edwards 3, Mrs. Lorraine Epperson 10, Mrs. Ruby Epperson 70, Mrs. Grant Fisher 3, Mrs. Katherine Fisher 23, Mrs. Laura K. Fisher 92, Miss Peggy Friend 11, Mrs. Luella Garrett 15, Mrs. Vernice Gorton 138, Mrs. Leola Gregory 26, Mrs. Anna Gwin 65, Mrs. Margaret Hamilton 111, Miss Clara Belle Harris 9, Mrs. Grace Har-

Boatright Takes Mechanics Course

KEESLER FIELD, Blount, Miss., March 5. (AP) Raymond David Boatright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boatright, R. 2, Payette, Idaho, was enrolled this week in the Keesler Field B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school.

Pvt. Boatright will begin the intensive Army Air Forces training command 47-week course in airplane mechanics, successful completion of which will lead to his assignment either to active duty on the line, servicing and maintaining the huge bombers which are carrying the war to the enemy, or to a factory or gunnery school.

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COUNCIL STUDIES MILK SITUATION

Dairy Operators Are Requested To Meet With Council On March 20

Mayor J. A. McMillan and members of the Payette city council at their regular meeting on Monday evening of this week gave consideration to the existing milk supply situation. Due to the fact that sometime ago there was a decided milk shortage in the community the present municipal milk ordinance lacked enforcement. However at the time that the ordinance was made effective numerous dairy operators went to considerable expense to put their equipment in shape to comply with the ordinance while others did not. With an adequate supply of milk at the present time council members appeared to be of the opinion that now the provisions of the ordinance should be enforced thus assuring the community of a better quality of milk and cream.

Several complaints by property owners have been registered with city officials relative to destruction of shrubbery and plants discussed and will most likely come up again for more definite consideration. Last year there were 270 licensed dogs in the city and to date 58 dog owners have secured the regulation license tags.

Police Judge Martin Luther reported one fine in the amount of \$10 for drunkenness levied during the month of February.

The chief of police reported four arrests for juvenile delinquency, operating a motor vehicle without the proper license, and drunkenness in a public place. Three doors and windows of business houses were found open, three transients were given sleeping quarters and 4 unlicensed dogs were killed.

Municipal bills in the amount of \$3380.23 were authorized for payment.

Kiwanis Park To Be Improved

Plans are now going forward to extensive improvements of Kiwanis Park this spring. Michael Harris has made a model of a large out door fireplace, which it is hoped can be erected and in addition tables and benches are badly needed at the park.

City Councilman Belknap last Thursday presented to the Kiwanis club the plan for park improvement and solicited financial aid from that organization for that purpose. It is planned to contact other local civic organizations, to aid in this worthy project.

The Payette Floral club already has made a donation of \$25 for park improvement purposes.

New Books At Public Library

The Payette public library announces the addition of the following new books, during the past week:

Adult fiction—"Winter Wheat," by Mildred Walker; "Lawrence the Arabian Knight," by Harry Shumway; "Filint," by Charles G. Norris; "Before I Wake," by Margaret Echard; and "Saddle Haws," by Bliss Lomax.

Non-fiction—"The Gay Illiterate," by Luella Parsons; and "Persons and Places," by George Santayana.

Juvenile—"The Biggest Bean on Earth," by Harold McCracken, and "Peter the Great," by Nina Baker.

PAYETTE TAKES B CHAMPIONSHIP

Payette Defeats New Plymouth To Qualify For State Tourney

Members of the Payette high school basketball team distinguished themselves last Friday night at Wilder when they defeated New Plymouth by a score of 43 to 32 to take the B Class championship of District No. 3. This places the local team in position to enter the state tournament which will be held at Rupert on March 23, 24, and 25th. New Plymouth is also entitled to go to the Rupert tournament as a "runner-up."

The Payette high school team gained entrance to the finals by defeating Kuna, 74-12. Fruitland 46-28 and Star 61-35. During the tournament the Pirates averaged 55 points per game.

While an official All Star team cannot be announced yet, the coaches at the Wilder tournament picked a team composed of Hostie and Dibble forwards, Metzger, of Middleton at center and South, of McCall and Grant, or Payette as guards.

The members of the Pirate squad are resting this week but next week will start intensive practice for the state tournament.