

PAYETTE COUNTY OVERSUBSCRIBES RED CROSS QUOTA BY ALMOST \$1000

Brainard Announces Conclusion Of Drive To Raise \$5600; Some Members Yet To Report

Contributions continue to come in for the Payette County Red Cross War fund. The quota of \$5,600 was completed and exceeded early in the month of March. Total contributions at the time of going to press were \$6579.27.

Larry Brainard, chairman of the county war fund pointed out that the exact allocation of the contributions was impossible until all members of the Victory Crew had completed their report. However, of the above amount allocated by territories, indicated that total contributions to date were as follows: New Plymouth, \$1475.65; Fruitland, \$1693.39; Payette, \$3449.73.

Mr. Brainard again expressed appreciation for the excellent work that has been done by the Victory Crew organization and urged that all citizens who have not completed their coverage endeavor to do so and make their final reports not later than the end of the week. He expressed particular appreciation for the excellent coverage that had been completed in the Fruitland, New Plymouth and other rural areas, stating that the War fund contributions for this year had exceeded by an excellent margin the largest War fund quota that had ever been assigned to Payette county. Not only had the quota been exceeded but the contributions had been collected from a greater number of individuals, thus spreading the burden of this war effort to residents throughout the county.

Due to the excellent work of the Victory Crew, the quota was not only exceeded by a wide margin but the collection of the contributions was accomplished with a minimum amount of organization work and without unreasonable burden on the part of any few individuals.

On behalf of the Payette County Red Cross chapter and also speaking for the state and national organizations, it was the request of Col. Moss, executive officer of the Payette County Victory Crew, and Larry Brainard, county chairman for the Red Cross War fund, that their congratulations and appreciation for the fine response to the War Fund drive be expressed not only to the officers and members of the Victory Crew who have done such excellent work but also to the citizens throughout Payette county who have responded so liberally and on such a free basis to the request for support of the Red Cross in this time of war emergency.

Helen Powell Takes Advanced Training

Selection of Miss Helen R. Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell, for advanced training as a Specialist (S) at the U. S. Naval training station, Hunter college, New York City, was reported today by Recruiting Specialist, F. L. Scholes, recruiter-in-charge of WAVES activities for the Boise U. S. Navy recruiting station, which handles WAVES applications in this area.

Miss Powell has completed her indoctrination training at Hunter college. She was formally enlisted at the WAVES enlistment center for Idaho, 301 Capitol Securities building, Boise.

Because of her work as a teacher with the Los Angeles city school system previous to her enlistment, Miss Powell was chosen for this specialist training as a master-at-arms.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles.

SUNDAY BLAZE CAUSES LOSS

Palumbo Storage Cellars And Packing House Burned

A suburban blaze fanned by a brisk wind and a shortage of water all contributed to the loss by fire of two storage cellars and a packing house belonging to the J. C. Palumbo Fruit company and located on the Burke place, three miles north of New Plymouth last Saturday afternoon. J. C. Palumbo states that as yet he has made no accurate appraisal of the loss, which is only partially covered by insurance. The blaze started in the packing house from an unknown cause.

The Payette fire department was called to the scene about six o'clock Sunday evening and members of the department spent about four hours fighting the blaze. The walls furnishing water for the blaze were pumped dry and it was only through the maintenance of a bucket brigade that several adjoining buildings were saved. In addition to the loss of the buildings the storage cellars were filled with apple boxes which will be hard to replace at the present time.

Palumbo has requested the Independent-Enterprise to acknowledge his appreciation to the efficient work of the Payette fire department, which resulted in the saving of several nearby buildings.

Germans Down Fighter Pilot

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND—Second Lt. Robert B. Moss, 22-year-old fighter pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moss, 1029 Center avenue, Payette, Ida., has been declared missing in action after failing to return to his home station in Britain from a recent combat mission.

While participating in his fifth mission as a member of an escorting force for long-range bombers, the young P-38 flier was bounced by German planes on his home-ward flight, fellow pilots said, and Lieutenant Moss became separated from the formation.

A former student at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Lieutenant Moss completed flight training and won his AAF wings May 20, 1943. Prior to entering the Army he was employed as an inspector with the Idaho Canning Co.

WEISER PROTESTS SIGN REMOVAL

Removal Of Sign On Eighth Street Causes Concern Of Weiserites

The removal of the directional sign at the foot of Eighth street recently brought about a real protest on the part of the Weiser Chamber of Commerce. The sign which has remained in that position for the past six or seven years directed through traffic around through Weiser and gave no information to the stranger to the effect that he could cross the Snake river on the Sixth street bridge and thereby save several miles on his journey. There has been some opposition to the sign locally for many years due to the fact that it confused traffic and did not give true information to the motorist. The sign was removed by the city at the instigation of Payette businessmen and after consultation with the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Weiser sign has been replaced by new signs which give the true information relative to distances to Portland both by way of the Sixth street bridge across Snake river as well as via Weiser.

Relative to the removal of the sign the following was taken from last week's issue of the Weiser American:

"Weiser Chamber of Commerce members were at loss to explain Payette's recent action of removing the large sign board directing the traffic to Weiser, which was situated at the end of their Main street.

A bitter feeling was expressed by several after it was announced by President Verne Chamberlin that the sign which was erected by the Weiser C. of C. at the cost of \$175 with the full approval of the Payette Chamber, had been taken down. Chamberlin said that there has always been close cooperation and friendly relationship between the two towns for many years and he was at a loss to understand why Weiser had not been consulted.

"The sign had been replaced with markers attempting to direct the traffic into Oregon and it was believed by some that this move was made in an attempt to force the building of an underpass between their main street and the Payette bridge.

"Frank Gwilliam, Claude Wade and F. B. Lloyd were appointed to write the Payette club and if necessary make arrangements to see them and recover the sign and place it where it will be of some value to Weiser.

Gwilliam pointed out that the matter may not be of too great importance because highways of the future will by-pass all towns, including Payette and Weiser too.

Sturms To Go To California Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sturm have rented their farm located 3 1/2 miles south of Fruitland to W. F. Adams of Nyssa and expect to leave in the near future for Los Angeles, California, where Mr. Sturm will enter defense work. Mr. Sturm has been forced to leave his ranch due to the labor situation. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm who came to Payette County four years ago from La Grande, Oregon, expect to return to their farm at the close of the war.

Christian Visits Home Town

LT. James M. Christian, USMC, arrived in Payette Thursday noon of last week to spend a fifteen day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Christian. Jim received his commission last January at Quantico, Virginia, and has since that time been receiving advanced training there. The evening before his arrival in Payette, Lt. Christian and his brother, Lt. Eugene Christian, who is an instructor in the Army air corps, left Washington, D. C. at 5:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening and arrived in Boise the next morning.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE RED CROSS

A special contribution to the Payette county Red Cross War fund which shows the interest and loyalty to the great work being done by Red Cross and our obligation to the men in our Armed Forces was culminated last week and resulted in turning into the Red Cross War fund the amount of \$40.00.

A beautiful hand made afghan of all wool material was made by Mrs. Ida Hyatt and Mrs. Oliver Manly.

Wishing to recognize the personal effort of these ladies and also wishing to make a contribution to the War fund, the Junior Red Cross, which is in charge of Mrs. Marion Spaulding, undertook the task of giving away the afghan. Tickets were sold at 10c each over a period of one week during which time the afghan was on display in the window of the Independent Meat Market. The drawing took place last Saturday night and the total revenue from the sale of tickets amounted to \$40.00 which was turned over to the Red Cross War fund chairman. The afghan was given to Miss Carol Pomeroy.

Mrs. S. Johnson Receives Medal

Mrs. Sybil Johnson of Kuna, mother of Leonard Griffiths of Payette, was driven to Gowen Field in Boise by her son and his wife where she was formally awarded an air medal for bravery in honor of her son, T. S. Melvin Johnson, killed in August while on a raid over Germany. Sgt. Johnson was a first engineer on a B-24. He enlisted in the army March 1942 and received his basic training at Shepherd Field in Texas and later California and Utah. He had been at his base in England only 2 1/2 months. Melvin attended school at Kuna.

West Side Patrolmen Honored

In appreciation for their part as school traffic patrolmen, six girls and four boys of the West Side school will be treated to a trip to Boise next Saturday. The group has been given passes to Gowen Field and following a trip through the Idaho state prison, they will enjoy a picnic lunch in Julia Davis park. The group will be accompanied by Mrs. Ed Parsons and Elmore Morton. Patrolmen who will make the trip are Colleen Rumley, Beverly Morton, Mary Hoeme, Yvonne Grant, Joyce Crump, Loretta Farnham, Walter Adair, Pat Meehan, Ellis Linder and Bobby Killebrew.

SCHOOL HEAD RESIGNS JOB

City Supt. Stephenson Places Resignation with School Board

After nineteen years of service as superintendent of the Payette city schools, W. S. Stephenson last week placed his resignation with the board of trustees to take effect at the close of the present school year. Stephenson plans, on giving his attention to his farm property, located north of Payette, following his retirement from the local schools. School board members state that they already have several applications under consideration for the position.

Superintendent Stephenson came to Payette in March, 1925 and started his career in the local schools. At that time the grade school and the junior high were located in Central Park and later were burned down. During his supervision of the local schools, the building for the West Side grade school and the gymnasium at the high school have been built.

Teacher Shortage

All signs indicate that there will be quite a teacher shortage in the local schools this year and some difficulty may be encountered in filling vacancies. Only recently Loren Hicks, Claude Snyder, Kern Riggs and LeRoy Fowler passed their pre-induction physical examinations in Boise and they will likely be inducted into the armed forces shortly after the close of the present term of school. In addition to those four teachers, several of the lady faculty members have indicated that they do not plan on returning to the local schools for the term of 1944-45.

SURGICAL DRESSING QUOTA COMPLETED

The March quota of surgical dressings at the Red Cross rooms was completed last Monday night and the ladies will enjoy a vacation until the rooms open again next Monday. Fruitland, New Plymouth and the West Side also finished this week. The April quota will be here and ready to commence the first of next week.

PAYETTE COUNTY FARMERS PLAN LABOR REQUIREMENTS FOR 1944

Many Filing Applications For Farm Help At County Agent's Office; 500 Are Needed

Applications in the county agent's office indicate that Payette county farmers are working at the present and the future in planning their labor needs to harvest this year's crop. Applications up to date show that twenty-five farmers and fruit packers have signed employment agreements for five hundred and twenty-five transported workers for Payette county. Most of these have been for the period August 1 to October 15, indicating that they will only need around 75 transported labor for the date of May 15 to June 1.

Farmers who have not made their needs known should do so at once. First they should consider the number of local laborers available that they can use and the amount of labor that can be exchanged with their neighbors. If these two sources are exhausted and extra labor is needed application should be made at once for transported labor.

The tentative schedule set up for transported workers is as follows: These transported workers will be Mexicans. May 15, 50; June 1, 150; July 15, 300; August 15, 400. In October 200 would be released and October 15, 50 more would be released, and again at November 15, 50 more released. This tentative schedule indicates that for the peak about 175 more will need to be ordered according to applications.

GEORGE FISHER SERVICE SUNDAY

Serviceman Who Made Supreme Sacrifice Honored At Service

Memorial services were held Sunday at the American Legion hall in New Plymouth for George Harold Fisher, machinist, mate first class, Rev. W. R. Kellerman, pastor of the New Plymouth and Emmett congregations, and the American Legion, had charge of the services. The American Legion Auxiliary and Landons Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. An American flag was presented to his family by the American Legion Auxiliary as a token of appreciation for his service to his country. A short dedicatory service was conducted at the Park View cemetery.

George Harold Fisher was born March 2, 1920, and was the son of William H. and Adelaide Oster Fisher. He was a member of the Lutheran church since childhood. Deceased attended the New Plymouth schools and graduated from high school May 20, 1938. He enlisted in the United States Navy on July 10, 1939 and completed his apprentice training at the San Diego Naval Training Station. From there he was sent to Norfolk, Va. to a special naval training school and after completing his course at that place he returned to San Diego via the Panama Canal and was assigned to the USS Chicago, where he was serving at the time that the war was declared. The Chicago engaged the enemy three times, including the Battle of the Coral Sea. He was home on shore leave in October, 1942, while the ship was being repaired after being hit, but was blown off in one of the many encounters with the enemy.

Following the results of the crash, she was sent to enemy supplies and troops across the Pacific. It was while she was making the landing of troops on Guadalcanal that the Chicago was torpedoed and sunk. George was in the engine room at the time that the ship was hit. He was reported as missing in action January 29, 1943, and official notification of his death was not received until January 1944.

Deceased is survived by his father, William Fisher of New Plymouth, three sisters, Mrs. Esther Kaesser of Boise, Mrs. Dorothy Watson and Miss Eleanor A. Fisher of New Plymouth, and a brother, John H. Fisher of Idaho. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fisher of Boise and Wendell O. Fisher of Laramie, Wyo., his mother, Mrs. Adelaide Oster Fisher died in November, 1937.

CLIFTON STAUFF VISITS PAYETTE

Lt. Clifton Stauff, who is stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stauff, on Thursday last week until Tuesday of the week. He received his commission last Sunday when he left for Honolulu, Hawaii, to visit his parents. Stauff is with the B Co. of the 29th Engineers and is located in northwest Washington and doing surveying.

Seen About Town

Virg Siple says that Uncle Sam is looking at him most suspiciously. City Councilman Joe Oldham picking up milk can lids early last Saturday morning in front of the city hall. Joe believes in keeping the street clean. Several wives of recently inducted Navy men meeting their husbands at Wednesday's train—the boys were en route to Farragut. Charles Hartung, quite an efficient housekeeper and dishwasher while Mrs. Hartung is recuperating in a Boise hospital. Dwight Maule going farther away from draft age every year—he celebrated another birthday last Sunday. It won't be long now until the Demos will be telling you what so-and-so the Republicans are and vice versa.

We have heard of Dog Days in the summertime but from all of the rumbling we hear this week next Monday evening's council meeting will be a Dog Night, when a number of West Side residents will air their views on the question. B. F. McCarroll thinks paper weighs cost too much money for the service they render.

George Henderson Reported Missing

Staff Sgt. George Henderson, twenty-eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henderson of north tenth street in Payette, is missing in action over New Guinea since March 12, according to a telegram received Wednesday evening from the War Department. The last letter received by his parents was written on March 10th and contained the news of his promotion to staff sergeant. Sgt. Henderson enlisted on March 12, 1942, and went overseas the first of last August.

Realty Transfers For The Week

Dwight Maule last week purchased the Dr. V. V. Belknap residence on Second avenue south. Dr. and Mrs. Belknap expect to move to their recently acquired property on Payette Heights in the near future.

Mrs. Mary Johnson this week purchased the A. D. Mathews residence property on Second and River streets.

CLUB CONSIDERS YOUTH PROBLEM

Kiwanis Discusses Child Delinquency; Proposes Projects

Payette's beer dispensers, private locker clubs and slot machines came in for a scolding at last Tuesday's Kiwanis club meeting when Kiwanians, informally, discussed youth delinquency problems in the community. The program was under the supervision of the youth welfare and guidance committee and businessmen were enlisted in their criticism of the local situation in some instances while others proposed remedial projects to overcome the conditions.

The proposal was made that businessmen had failed in their duty in not providing entertainment facilities for the youth of the community while others were of the opinion that the younger element were not given sufficient employment. One proposal for the employment of a neighborhood center, financed jointly by Payette Kiwanis and the Independent School board, met with little support generally, while some attention was given to the possibility of the inauguration of a Junior night club for the entertainment of young people.

Considerable objection was voiced to minors being permitted to frequent places of business where beer is dispensed by the drink and to play slot machines.

The matter of proposing some steps that might be taken to correct the situation was referred to the youth welfare and guidance committee which is composed of Jack Hartung, chairman, Rev. C. H. Hannan, A. B. Meehan, Reed Robinson, Dr. Richard Woodward and Tolle Mastaglio.

SOLDIER VISITS PAYETTE RELATIVES

Sgt. Howard Croft, brother of Mrs. Agnes Jensen, visited in Payette from Wednesday of last week until last Sunday when he left for Hays, Nebraska, to visit his parents. Sgt. Croft is with the B Co. of the 29th Engineers and is located in northwest Washington and doing surveying.

Legion Members Celebrate Birthday

The American Legion auxiliary entertained the American Legion members of John Webster Rhoads post at a party on Thursday night of last week, in celebration of the post's twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. A no host dinner was served at the Portia club house and a dance was enjoyed after the supper. W. N. Rowberry, the toastmaster, was introduced by the Post commander, A. J. Sawyer. The program consisted of talks by Charles Hartung, Col. W. H. Moss, Brig. General L. V. Patch, readings by Mrs. A. G. Fenske, vocal solos by Mrs. Walter Steinhilker, accordion solos by Ted Clauser and group singing led by Mrs. Claude Horton. One hundred and twenty-five members and their families attended the celebration.

MEN ENTER NAVY LAST TUESDAY

Twenty-five Payette County Men Called For Pre-induction Exams

Nine Payette county men left on Tuesday of this week for Boise for induction in the United States Navy. Included in this contingent were Lyndon Fife, Arlie Townsend, Marvin Townsend, Lloyd Skeen, Loren Beckwith, Ralph Ayres, Donald Bright, Elmer Nesbitt, and Raymond Scott, the two latter being transfers.

Twenty-five Payette county men will go to Boise on April 27th and will take their pre-induction physical examinations. The Navy quota for April has not as yet been announced by state selective service headquarters.

In compliance with recent regulations, all Payette county men between the ages of 18 and 26 years in 2A and 2B classifications, will be ordered up for pre-induction physical examinations in the near future. There are about thirty-eight men in Payette county in these groups. 2A classifications include men employed in essential industry and 2B men are those employed in essential war industry.

All men classified as 2C, single men, and 3C married men, employed in agriculture will be up for re-classification in the near future. The 3C classification will be done away with and those engaged in agriculture not given other classifications will be put in the 2-C group.

Board members have announced that in the future the selective service rule requiring that those persons appearing before the board at regular meetings, must have had previously on file a written request asking for that privilege.

The selective service board at the regular meeting on Monday evening of this week, re-classified twenty-three men and from this group only 1A classification was made. Out of the twenty-three men re-classified ten were given 4F classification. The large number of 4F classifications was occasioned by the fact that these men had been up for pre-induction physical examinations and had failed to reach the requirements.

Re-classifications made last Monday evening, exclusive of the 4F group, were as follows: Dean J. Lashman, 1A to 2A; Fred J. Neher, 1A to 1A1; Ray T. Bean, 1A to 2A; LeRoy C. Fowler, 2A to 1A1; Earl F. McClure, 3C to 2C; Ernest L. Peters, 1A to 1A1; Harry Johnson, 1A to 1A1; Anthony E. Moss, 3C to 2C; Mark R. Prohm, 1A to 1A1; Russell C. Withers, 1A to 1C; and Thomas J. Watson, 2C to 1C. Charles H. Doud, 1A to 2D, and Stanley W. Freewell, 1A to 2C.

Students Take Navy Examinations

A group of Payette high school students recently took the Navy V-12 entry examinations and may be entering the Navy at the end of the present school year. No returns have as yet been received on the examinations. Those taking the exams were Bill Blair, Melvin Brooks, Bill Rowberry, Jim Meehan, Ellis Hayhurst, and Donald Preston.

Cousin Returns From War Front

Mrs. John Kaiser received good news last week concerning her cousin, Lt. B. A. Fry, who was reported killed in action last October 14, but with his wife, who was with his parents in Boise in the near future. In January his wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Guy Fry, of Boise, again received word from the War Department that he was missing in action. In February, interesting experiences when his crew sank a Japanese ship somewhere in the Solomon area. He has completed fifty missions.

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SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Ministerial Association Announces Series Of United Services

The Payette Ministerial association this week announces a series of united church services, starting with Monday, April 3 and continuing through Friday, April 7th as well as a Sunrise service on Easter Sunday.

The meetings will be held in the Christian church. The evening meetings will be at 7:45 each night, and the Sunday morning service will begin at 9:45. The Rev. Paul Felthouse will preside at all meetings.

Particulars of the meetings are as follows:

Monday — Speaker, Rev. A. F. Lienkaemper, of St. John Evangelical and Reformed church. Subject, "The Set of His Face." Special music by the choir of Mr. Lienkaemper's church.

Tuesday — Speaker, Rev. H. H. Snider, of the Pentecostal Assembly. Subject, "Calvary." Special music from the speaker's church, including a marimba solo, a men's quartette, and a women's quartette.

Wednesday — Speaker, Rev. C. G. Hannan, of the Methodist church. Subject, "The Meaning of the Cross for Today." Special music by the women's choir of the speaker's church.

Thursday — Communion service; speaker, Rev. A. W. Wright. Subject, "The Greatest Memorial." Special music by a mixed quartette from the Christian church.

Friday, a program of sacred music by the Northwest Nazarene college choir, from Nampa. This is an a cappella aggregation of about 40 voices; under the direction of Prof. Roger Taylor. The group will sing the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words" by DuBois.

Sunday morning the speaker will be Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, president of the Northwest Nazarene college.

Paul Freehafer Dies Suddenly

Paul Freehafer died suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. R. McClure, last Saturday morning. He had arrived in Payette the night before from Los Angeles, California, to visit the McClure family. Services were conducted by Landons at the Payette Methodist church last Monday afternoon. The Rev. C. G. Hannan of Payette and the Rev. H. C. Stever of the Congregational church at Enterprise, Oregon, officiated. Burial was in the Riverside cemetery.

Paul Robinson Freehafer was born in this vicinity July 18, 1916. He attended the Payette schools and graduated with the class of 1933. He attended the College of Idaho for two years before going to Pasadena where he entered the California Institute of Technology. He graduated from that institution and received his degree in chemical engineering in 1941. At the time of his death he was employed as a research chemist with an engineering corporation in Los Angeles.

DAUGHTERS OF REGION MEETING

The Daughters of the American Legion will meet at the Roy Shaw home in Fruitland next Saturday, April 1. The girls will meet at the Jack Hanigan home at 2:00 p. m. and transportation will be provided.

SOLOMON VET VISITS HOME FOLK

Staff Sgt. Frankie B. Pummell Says The Japs Are Cunning

"Never underestimate a Jap, they are cunning and foxy," is the observation of Staff Sergeant Frankie B. Pummell, who is visiting with his mother, Mrs. B. B. Pummell, at Fruitland following many months of exciting experiences in the South Pacific with the U. S. Air Force. Sgt. Pummell, following a short visit in Fruitland, will then go to a rest camp for a time, following which he will be reassigned and return to duty with the army.

Sgt. Pummell enlisted in August, 1941, and took his training as an aerial gunner at Lowrey Field, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada, and had been overseas for about one year as an aerial gunner on a B-24's. He relates as one of his most interesting experiences when his crew sank a Japanese ship somewhere in the Solomon area. He has completed fifty missions.

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