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These Things Come Not Back

There is an old proverb taken from the Persian—"Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life and the neglected opportunity."

"The spoken word." It is not the fine things we have said that come back to us. What haunts us is the careless word, the critical speech, the unconscious cruelty. The times we misunderstood or misinterpreted our neighbor's action, the hasty generalization, the rumor repeated as though it were a fact, the unkind gossip, are what we remember. If we are sincere in our endeavors to do right, these things plague us. These are the words that hurt us as deeply as those against whom we talked.

"The sped arrow." This is barb of unkindness that went straight to the heart of our neighbor, the wise-crack that stung, the indifference to our brother's needs, the cold withdrawal from the common life. The sharp trick, the self-interest we displayed, the spurning of the outstretched hand are among the things that torment us.

"The past life." Not only do we recall those things we did individually but our national mistakes, for which we, as citizens, are responsible. We neglected the developing of brotherly relations between Americans of good faith. We assumed an isolationist attitude toward the problems of the world. We allowed the scores of other nations to fester and flare up until the plague threatened us with its vitriol of hatred.

"The neglected opportunity." Here again we suffer from both our individual and national errors—the friendships we did not make, the help to the downtrodden we did not give, the responsibility we shirked. We created out of the wilderness a great nation. We founded a democracy—but how have we lived up to it?

We boast that the United States has the ideal living plan for all. If we mean what we say, then we must begin immediately to put an end to the race hatred that has been permitted to creep in, or we will undermine our own basic principle and go back hundreds of years to the bigotry of old that destroyed nations.

We have our opportunity now to correct old mistakes—but we must remember the four things that come not back: Let the words we speak be words of fairness and friendship. Let the arrows we send forth carry venes of brotherly love. Let our life be as near to what we want our future to be, as we can make it—and let us not neglect any opportunity to prove the worth of our faith.—Ex.

Let's Have Reliable Information

When men of draft age are willing to be conscripted into the armed forces for the defense of their country they are entitled to some consideration in that connection. Indecision and apparent bungling have worked hardships in many instances and it would seem that now that selective service is taking men who have families that the government should give prospective inductees information that can be relied upon.

Only this month Payette county's selective service quota was set up at thirty-one men. The men who were to have been inducted this month were so notified in ample time so that they could attend to last minute business arrangements. In several instances men sold their farms, automobiles and other essentials to civilian life and in the case of farmers some had moved their families into this city for the duration. After all of these arrangements had been completed the selective service does an about face and says that only sixteen men will be used leaving fifteen men out on a limb not knowing what their next move should be. The government is obligated to these men, obligated at least to the extent that reliable information should be released and men with families being advised definitely as to what they may expect in the future.

One outstanding example of this injustice is a local man who had been notified that he must report for induction and believing that he was to enter the service he sold his automobile. After it was announced that he would not be required to answer his country's call he returned to the party who had purchased the car and had to pay a price \$150 in excess of the amount for which it was sold.

The Philosophy Of Confusion

Low and medium-priced storekeepers from crossroads and Main streets have joined in complaints to OPA against its orders freezing them to sales of women's and children's wearing apparel at prices no higher than their top lines in March, 1942, when they can no longer stock their shelves at 1942 prices.

They are forced to see their old customers buy from competitors who were not in the low-priced apparel field two years ago and are therefore not subject to the March, 1942, Highest Price Line Limitation Order, and can buy and sell at current prices.

No philosopher in OPA has yet explained this unexplainable ruling.

Happenings In Nearby Communities

ONTARIO

James Young, Idaho state legislator from Payette county, was the guest speaker at Kiwanis last Wednesday. He spoke on "Agricultural Problems of Today."—Argus.

The first women jurors ever to be selected in Malheur county were notified this week to appear April 24 at the circuit court rooms.—Observer.

The Ontario Factory, owned and operated by Don Haasch, Howard Mathews and Jed Shane, was moved this week into the building west of Van Petten's Lumber Co.—Observer.

VALE

Prayer for the safety of men in Allied armies, particularly those who have gone from Vale and vicinity, will be offered the day the long heralded invasion of Europe starts.—Enterprise.

A good flow of soft water has been struck in the well that is being drilled for the city of Vale.—Enterprise.

NYSSA

The Goulet Brothers machine shed in Newell heights was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon with a loss of between \$2000 and \$3000.—Journal.

EMMETT

The board of county commissioners Wednesday issued a call for a bond election on May 9th to authorize the issuance of \$45,000 in bonds for the purchase by the county of Mary Seaver hospital in Emmett.—Index.

WEISER

Allie Glideroy, merchant's night watchman, was severely beaten by a Mexican whom he surprised burglarizing the Clabby service station at 1 o'clock Tuesday night.—Signal.



ACROSS the EXECUTIVE DESK

By C. A. BOTTOLFSEN

Plans for integrating the Bonville and Coulee power systems into the post-war economic system of the Pacific Northwest were discussed recently at Portland by representatives of various economic groups. Highway Director Joe D. Wood represented Idaho at the sessions and discussed the field of transportation. The importance of the two big dams in the present war production program kept many of the figures and facts from publication, but it is obvious that the shift in population and industry due to the war will have far-reaching effects in the post-war economy of this region. Idaho's mines and forests will have markets much nearer at hand than ever before, but we will still be faced with the factor of transportation, and this will be changed considerably by the difference in the length of haul.

Protecting Idaho property interests which might be imperilled by the raising of the level of Lake Coeur d'Alene above 2126.5 feet elevation called State Reclamation Engineers James Spofford to Spokane recently, where the various proposals were discussed from the angles of power development, navigation and flood control. Idaho's stand was definite that any changes in the level of the lake must take into consideration the possible damage to lake front property of all types. The irrigation phase has to do with the ultimate development of the Rathdrum Prairie project, a change in the lake level would give that project a possible storage right, although other sites are known which would also provide this storage.

James A. Dement, at present executive secretary in my office will become the director of the Bureau of Insurance succeeding Howard Cullimore, who has been called into the armed services. The state of Idaho enjoys no immunity to the call for men in the armed forces, and constant effort is needed to make the available manpower cover the necessary positions.

Remodeling of unused Lincoln Hall at the Coeur d'Alene at the Old Soldiers' Home into a rapid treatment center for venereal diseases now awaits only a green light from Washington, D. C. On the matter of allocation of appropriations to it. The center will require about three months for construction before being staffed and occupied. Present methods of treatment are so effective that recent reports by the army on former areas of widespread infection are almost unbelievable.

Buy more War Bonds now for Future security, too!

WEEKLY NEWS OF S. E. PAYETTE

(Beth Ruby, correspondent)

The 4-L club was entertained at Mrs. Earl Kirk's Thursday, April 13. The committee in charge was Mrs. Earl Kirk, Mrs. Walker Pavers, Mrs. Edna Griffin, Mrs. Fred Hurd, Mrs. H. B. Solterbeck and Miss Bessie Rich. The afternoon was spent playing pinocchio. Prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Soda, Mrs. Ernest Asmussen and Mrs. Max Gerlach.

Mrs. H. B. Solterbeck entertained bridge club Wednesday afternoon at a luncheon. Special guests were Mrs. Walter Gerlach of New Plymouth, Mrs. Clarence Dickens, Mrs. Rodney Shake, Mrs. Bert Wetzel of Fruitland, Mrs. Criss. Prizes were won by Mrs. Gerlach, Mrs. E. C. Flisk and Mrs. Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skippen and daughter Ann of Sweet, Idaho, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Payette.

Mrs. Ed Yeager left last week for California to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Paynter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Olson and children of Oregon Slope, Mr. and Mrs. Mounie Olson and Claude Snyder attended a music recital in Caldwell Saturday. Barbara played the piano in the recital.

Miss Donna Rae Shepherd was a Sunday overnight guest of Marilyn Solterbeck.

Dick Hansen, Paul Cordawo of Emmett and Sammy Ruby of Payette were Sunday visitors of Johnny Hansen. The afternoon was spent breaking horses.

Mrs. Joe Mathews spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Mounie Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clausen and son Gary were Sunday visitors of Ed Yeager and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yeager and daughter.

Miss Marilyn Solterbeck entertained the Cheap Club in which a picnic was enjoyed Sunday afternoon. The occasion was Jill Daniels' birthday. Those present were Betty Lou Sullivan, Jill Daniels, June Sawyer, Diane McBride, Donna Rae Shepherd, Donna Ray and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Wolfe of Uhiak, Oregon were last weekend visitors while on business in Ontario.

Mrs. Mary Gerlach attended a bridge party last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Peutz.

Mrs. Eugene McMahan of New Plymouth was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Amick and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCluske and daughters Mary and Betty of Caldwell were Sunday callers at the Earl Kirk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Asmussen and Carolee and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Asmussen spent last Monday night at the C. F. Asmussen home. The occasion was Mr. C. F. Asmussen's birthday.

Mrs. H. F. Henningsen who is ill at the Holy Rosary hospital is to have visitors at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson of Oakland, Cal., spent Wednesday

and Thursday at the Fred Burdick son are confined to their beds Monday after suffering from the measles.

Mrs. Carson is a niece of Mrs. with the measles.

Baseball game Thursday afternoon.

Howard Heiber and Martin Mer with New Plymouth.

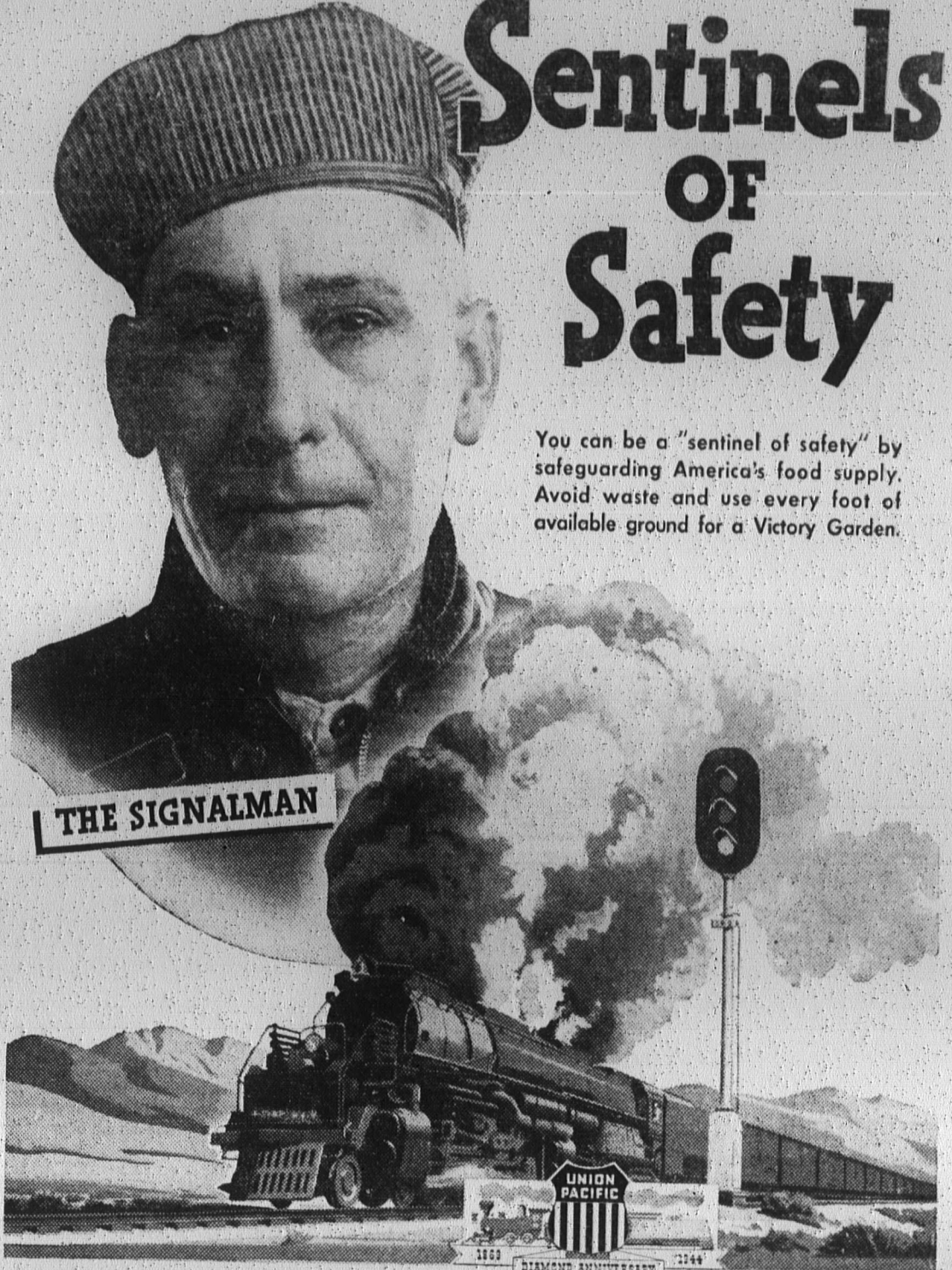
Visitors at the Herman A. Jettison works at school at the Payette high school.

Joe Nell and Doris Allen.

Lucille Syme returned to school.

Post and Signal.

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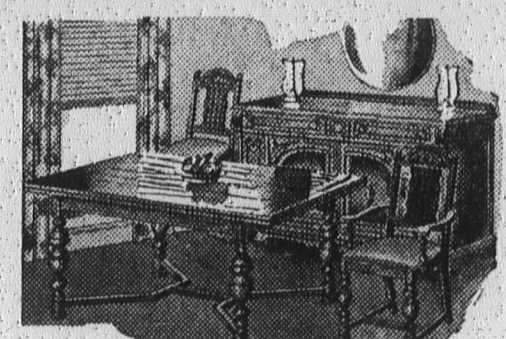
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