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TUESDAY MORNING'S FROST DOES DAMAGE TO COUNTY'S FRUIT CROP

Full Amount Of Damage To Apples And Prunes Not Evident For Several Days

The fruit sections of Payette county report losses of the fruit crop as a result of temperatures ranging as low as 25 degrees last Tuesday morning. The losses in apples and prunes throughout the section were reported as spotted and the orchards on higher ground reporting less damage than those in the lower sections. A survey was conducted on Wednesday of this week by the Independent-Enterprise and it seemed to be the concensus of opinion that it was really too early to estimate damage but some orchardists were quite definite in their statement that they suffered fully a fifty percent loss. The heavy stand of both apples and prunes, however, relieved the situation to some extent and some of the growers were of the opinion that the freeze had been beneficial by aiding in their thinning operations. However, it is conceded that although there will no doubt be some loss the quality of the fruit, together with the high prevailing prices will no doubt compensate to some extent.

Considerable damage was reported to smaller gardens as well as potatoes, and slight damage to corn in some instances.

F. H. Hogue stated on Wednesday that the damage was quite spotted but that in all cases the fruit trees were heavily overloaded and will doubtless carry as much of a crop as they should, although there were unquestionably losses in some instances. The heaviest damage was in the section north of Payette and at Crystal. Mr. Hogue is of the opnion that there will be near a normal crop of prunes taking the situation as a whole. He estimates that the loss in the Homedale, Payette, Emmett and Mesa districts may amount to approximately 500 cars. He reports that no damage was done at his cherry orchard due to the fact that smudge pots were kept going throughout the damage period.

J. C. Palumbo made a survey of his orchards Wednesday afternoon and although it is early to give a correct estimate he figures that he may suffer a possible fifty per cent loss. Palumbo has a 25 acre orchard near the desert south of New Plymouth and damage in that section was heavy. Another 40 acre orchard some one and one-half miles distant was slightly damaged. Palumbo is of the opinion that orchards having had proper care thus far during the season did not suffer great damage.

From the Ray Shurtleff farm north of Payette comes word to the effect that while there has been some damage to apples and prunes it will require several days to give a fair estimate as to the amount of damage done by the

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"Runt" Grimes Writes From Anzio

Word received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes, of Oregon Slope from their son, Mess Sergeant L. R. Grimes, who is at the Anzio Beachhead. Sgt. Grimes, who is more familiarly known to his Payette friends as "Runt" has been on the Beachhead for sometimes past and as his duties as Mess Sergeant has six cooks under him. He writes as follows: "Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am o. k. How is everything going with you folks, suppose everything is quite busy with the crops and all. Bob White is over here and I have seen him a few times although we are usually both so busy we do not have much time to talk. I am still mess sergeant and have some very good cooks working for me at the present."

Payette Business Houses To Close

The merchants committee of the Payette chamber of commerce announced on Tuesday of this week that business houses in this city will be closed all day Memorial day, Tuesday, May 31st. At first it was hoped that business houses would be closed all day both Monday and Tuesday but this was abandoned as local businessmen were contacted. It is reported that Weiser and Ontario will observe similar closing hours.

PAYS FINE IN PROBATE COURT

Edward Womack of New Plymouth, appeared in the probate court of Martin Luther this week and paid a fine of $25 and costs on a charge of disturbing the peace. The complaint was signed by Sheriff Gurnsey.

CITY PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Several Purchases Of Residential Property Reported This Week

More changes are noted in Payette residential property during the past week and local dealers are reported increased demands for Payette property, which they are not able to fill. Many people coming to this community have been forced to purchase property in order to have a place to reside and a number of farmers who have sold their farms are buying property in Payette.

Local realty dealers report that property owners are not holding their property at unreasonable prices and this fact is no doubt due to the many transactions which are recorded every week.

Among the transfers of the past week are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell purchased the Allen Davies residence on Payette Heights. Mrs. Davies and children expect to join Mr. Davies in the near future.

Mrs. Homer Sellis last week purchased the Coplentz residence at 314 North sixth. Mr. and Mrs. Coplentz are now occupying their new home recently purchased from Supt. W. S. Stephenson on Second Avenue south.

Francis Griffin of New Plymouth, this week became the owner of the Harry Powell residence on North ninth street. This transaction was reported by N. S. Feltz, broker.

Class Night Wednesday Evening

The senior class of the Payette high school held their class night exercises on Wednesday of this week with the following program was presented:

Processional, Margaret Kent; president's address, Donald Preston; clarinet duet, Allene Durham and Margaret Kent; reading, Dorris Sparkman; trombone solo, Jim Ransom; salutatory, Bill Rowberry; piano solo, Allene Durham; vocal solo, Carolea Asmussen; Class Will, Dorothy Cockerum; baritone solo, Bob Peterman; class prophecy, David Weins; piano solo, Margaret Kent; boys' quartet, Jim Meechan, Dick Fisk, Jim Grant and Elmis Hayhurst; trio, Betty Linder, Edrie Rumley and Joyce McArdle; valedictory, Kathleen Soltelbeck; band, Betty Linder, Allene Durham, LaFawn Stenberg, Margaret Kent, Marguerite Jamieson, La Verne McCain, David Weins, Jim Ransom, Bill Rowberry, Bill Blair, Bob Peterman, Lawrence Sullivan; recessional, Margaret Kent.

Party Goes To North Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pence, Mrs. Herman Welker and Nancy, and Mrs. E. H. Murphy left Payette Saturday morning for a visit with relatives in Moscow, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane. The Pences will visit Capt. Abe Pence who was returned from combat duty in the South Pacific and is now hospitalized in Baxter General hospital in Spokane, Mrs. Abe Pence and Mrs. Pete Pence are also in Spokane.

Before returning to Payette they will visit Lt. Commander and Mrs. Ronald Romig and family in Coeur d'Alene. Commander Romig is stationed at the Naval base at Farragut. Mrs. Romig is the former Pauline Pence. Mrs. Murphy will visit her daughter-in-law Mrs. Bill Murphy, in Moscow, and will attend the graduation of the 1944 class at the University of Idaho. Mrs. Bill Murphy will be among those who will be graduated from the university.

FARM LABORERS NOW AVAILABLE

Mexican Nationals Relieve Situation; To Be At Gala Gardens

The Payette County Labor association received twenty-five Mexicans at the Ontario CCC camp Tuesday, May 16, and they were all put to work Thursday, May 18 and have continued to work one hundred percent up to date. At the present time, there have been more calls for labor than can be filled. It is expected that from 125 to 225 will be hauled at the Gala Gardens camp 16 the Ontario-Payette junction by busses this depending, of course, upon the amount of fruit not frozen in the last Monday night freeze.

Labor needs may either be called into the county agent's office at Payette or at the CCC camp at Ontario, phone 147 J3 until June 1. After this date requests be phoned into the labor camp at Gala Gardens.

It is anticipated there will be ample labor to take care of all needs. Ninety boys and girls at the Payette high school have registered for all types of farm and harvest work.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the association, it was determined that all employers must carry insurance. They may either carry it themselves or it may be carried through the association.

POPPY DAY ON NEXT SATURDAY

Mayor J. A. McMillan Issues Proclamation For All To Wear Poppy

Mayor J. A. McMillan issued a proclamation today proclaiming Saturday, May 27 as Poppy Day. The mayor called upon all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the men who have given their lives in the nation's defense.

The Poppy sale in Payette is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary with Mrs. Bertha Coates as chairman of the sale committee. All proceeds with the exception of a small amount which goes to the auxiliary, will go to the disabled war veterans.

Mayor McMillan's proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the United States of America is again being offered to crush powerful enemies seeking to establish their tyranny over the world, and

"Whereas, the young men of Payette again are offering their lives in the nation's service, and

"Whereas, the memory of those who have given their lives is cherished by us all and is an inspiration to us all in these grave days, and

"Whereas, their service and sacrifice is symbolized by the memorial poppy of the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary, now therefore

"I, J. A. McMillan, Mayor of the City of Payette, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, 1944, to be Poppy Day in the City of Payette, and urge all citizens to observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy in honor of the men who died for America in the battles of World War I and World War II."

Wm. T. Ashinhurst Dies Tuesday

William T. Ashinhurst passed away on Tuesday of this week and services were held today at the Landon Funeral home with Rev. Paul Felthouse, of the Baptist church in charge. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

William Taylor Ashinhurst was born at Burksville, Kentucky, Dec. 6, 1865 and moved at the age of ten years to Fairfield, Missouri, where he was married Jan. 18, 1892 to Miss Nancy Jane Grace. They made their home in Fairfield until 1903 when the family moved to Payette. Deceased is survived by two sons, Seth W. J., of Payette and Hubert A. of Salem, Oregon, and two grandchildren, Freida, of Salem and Seth, who is serving in the armed forces in England.

Waste Paper Shipment Ready

Carl Swanson, chairman of the Payette County Salvage committee, this week requests that all who have waste paper on hand to get it to the storage warehouse as soon as possible as it is hoped to make the final shipment by June 1st. Already two carloads have been shipped and another is ready to go as soon as a car can be secured. Swanson states that it is necessary that the shipment be made by June 1st in order that present storage facilities may be vacated by that time.

Old Subscriber Renews Subscription

Antjene Diederichsen, well known resident of this section, was among the many readers of the Independent-Enterprise who renewed his subscription again this week. In doing so Mr. Diederichsen stated that he had been a consecutive reader of this newspaper since 1902. At the time of taking out his first subscription, the newspaper office was located in the upstairs of the building now occupied by the John Brewer Radio Shop.

Payette General Hospital News

Admissions and dismissals at the Payette General hospital for the past week include the following:

Surgery — John Crawford, Mrs. Robert Jimerson.

Medical — George Mordhorst, Mrs. Lois Culp.

Births — Mr. and Mrs. John Bright, son, May 18th.

Dismissals — Mrs. R. L. Rogers, Mrs. John Bright, George Mordhorst, Mrs. Elanch Moore.

NEW BOY SCOUT EXECUTIVE HEAR

Paul Pemberton, of Seattle, Wn. has recently been named as the new Boy Scout executive for the Oreida Council, replacing Paul Moore, recently resigned to join the armed forces. Pemberton visited Payette Scouts last week.

Oliver Stegall Is Recovering

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stegall received a letter from their son Oliver, on Wednesday of this week, written May 7. "Can't write much but am O. K. I had two rifle slugs in my left leg and arm but could have been much worse. I may have a bad ankle but nothing to worry about. Be shipping home soon now. Must quit as I am not too comfortable." On Thursday of last week the Stegalls received a cable from the War Department informing them that their son had been seriously wounded in battle in New Guinea. On Tuesday of this week another letter from the government was received informing them of his temporary address which is Capt. Oliver M. Stegall, (935568) Hospital, Central Directory, A.P.O. 501, in care of the postmaster at San Francisco. Captain Stegall has been in the South Pacific area for more than two years.

LOCAL FIRE DEPT. HAS BUSY WEEK

Five Calls Since Last Friday; Little Damage Reported By Levers

Fire Chief Glenn Levers reports one of the busiest weeks in the history of the Payette volunteer fire department, the organization responded to five calls since last Friday. Levers states that prompt action on the part of the department reduced losses to a minimum. Due to the fact that the attendance at the fires was small the expense to the municipality for firemen's wages would reach the amount of only approximately $100. One of the fires was outside the municipal limits.

The first fire of the past week was on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hartley. A choking utensil had been left on a stove and considerable smoke resulted which brought the alarm. Aside from some smoke damage there was no loss.

Saturday the department was called to the H. M. Basket residence on South Ninth street, where a spark from a chimney had started a roof fire. It is estimated that the damage will total approximately $150, partially due to water used in extinguishing the blaze.

The fire department was called to the George Thebo residence on Sixth street on Monday to extinguish a trash fire which had spread into a nearby woodpile and threatened the house. The blaze was soon extinguished not until, however, some wood had been destroyed.

Tuesday afternoon firemen reported at the Ralph Shamberger ranch in the Washoe district to extinguish a weed fire, which threatened farm buildings. Shamberger was engaged in burning a stubble field when the blaze got away from him and into a tule patch near the home. No damage was reported.

Shortly after the Shamberger alarm the department was called to the Broderson warehouse at the end of Eighth street to extinguish a roof fire. The blaze originated it is believed from a spark from an engine on the tracks near the rear of the building. Damage was at a minimum.

Another threat of a disastrous fire was discovered on Tuesday morning when Tollie Magerill opened the Gem Electric store and found the building filled with smoke. Investigation showed that the thermostat on the furnace at the Ritz Theatre had become defective and the furnace had become so overheated that it undoubtedly would have resulted in a fire in a short time.

Seen About Town

Among those regrettable mistakes in this newspaper when last week the Independent-Enterprise stated that the baccalaureate service would be held at the Methodist church, however, there was some consideration, when it was shown that the Statesman, usual this newspaper as their source of news, made the same mistake. Scott with a base the matter this week—hope does not end up with a sign. . . . We have as yet failed to hear of a Payette school student who is sorry that this is the last week of school. . . . Byron Mulgrove does some heads a haircut. Big deal! Cut or clean does not make any difference. . . . Bob Kerr says that it takes about all the time he has to spare waiting on customers. Those chap specially when he puts the bell. . . . After next Friday the street superintendent will be Farmer W. S. Stephenson and thereafter, election likely Judge Stephenson. . . . George Sedlmayer and Elmo Rohring evening up scores at the Kiwanis banquet . . . Father Dooley proving himself good kitchen help at the Portia club last Tuesday evening . . .

COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

Forty-five Students Of Payette High School Receive Diplomas

Forty-five seniors of the Payette high school will receive their diplomas at Commencement exercises which will be held at the Payette high school auditorium on Friday evening of this week, starting at eight o'clock. The five students receiving the Payette Kiwanis Club Citizenship award were announced at the Senior banquet on Tuesday evening of this week and other awards will be announced at the commencement program.

The following students ranked highest scholastically in the senior class in the following order: Kathleen Soltelbeck, Wilber Rowberry, Allene Durham, Carolea Asmussen, Donald Preston, Margaret Kent, Louise Sawyer, Doris Sparkman, Ruth Ann Ball and Richard Ohms.

The program for Friday evening will be as follows:

Processional by the Payette high school band.

Selection, "The Jolly Robbers," by the Payette high school band.

Address, Rev. Thomas Acheson, D. D., pastor of the Methodist church, Boise.

Presentation of D.A.R. award by Mrs. F. M. Rabenau.

Presentation of P.E.O. English award by Mrs. F. H. Hogue.

Presentation of class for graduation, Loren Hicks, principal of the high school.

Presentation of diplomas by W. D. Farnham, school board member.

Recessional by the Payette high school band.

Robt. Skeffington Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held May 23rd from Peterson Funeral chapel for Robert M. Skeffington and interment made in the Ontario cemetery. Robert Michael Skeffington was born in Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois, on January 13, 1856. His father was Michael Skeffington, born in Ireland, and his mother was Hattie Holcomb, born in Illinois. His mother died when he was a small boy and the father later moved with his family to Crystal between Payette and Weiser, Idaho, where he received his schooling and grew to manhood.

He passed away near Huntington, Oregon on May 16th, 1944 from a sudden heart attack. He leaves to mourn his passing: two sisters, Mrs. Luella Pendergast of Mendota, Illinois and Mrs. Hattie Dwiggins of Santa Ana, California and their families and one nephew, Winnie Skeffington and his family, formerly of Ontario, now living at Union, Oregon, and a host of friends. Several years ago his brother, Nelson Skeffington, passed away at Eagle, Colorado. Robert Skeffington had considered Ontario his home for the past twenty years and had a wide circle of friends.

Piano Recital Saturday Evening

Miss Sadie Marsey this week announced a piano recital which will be given by her pupils next Saturday evening at the Methodist church beginning at eight o'clock. Among those who will participate are Charles Rudder, Mary Walla, Irene Swanson, Marilyn Binder, Marcia Lindley, Robert Worden, Rodney Andrews, Spencer Dickens, Andrew Moldenke, Mary Lou Dickens, Jerry Andrews, Jerry Lou Dickens, Donald Andrews, Jerry Lou Dickens, Donald Andrews, Jerry Lou Dickens, Donald