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We Should All Vote At The Coming Election—

James Stewart Mill, famous economist of the nineteenth century once said in effect that the two principles for effective Democratic government were: first an enlightened constituency or public with an administrative group in charge of the government directly responsible to that constituency.

We common folk therefore have a very definite part in preserving and bringing about the best possible government by enlightening ourselves through the many means at hand—newspapers, radios, speakers and so on — on candidates and the principles they espouse and plan to put into effect and then making an intelligent choice when we go to the polls and vote on election day.

Radical minority groups can never gain control of a government such as they did in Italy and Germany a few years back if a vast majority of the people will take interest in and vote at elections.

Our strength therefore lies in numbers of intelligent voters. The more who vote, the better choice we will make and the better government we will have afterwards.

Democracy At Home

The other day in one of the papers there was a letter which struck so forcibly that I could not see anything on the page but one paragraph. Dr. Embree of the Julius Rosenwald Fund had written: "It is fine we are insisting on equality and decency in human relations in Germany. But does America regard democracy as only an export commodity? Is it too precious to use at home?"

Is Democracy only for export? Is it only something we preach to others, not a thing in which we believe enough to practice it in our daily life?

We say we believe in equality of opportunity. We say we believe in fair and equal treatment for all. We say Americans are Americans first, regardless of their country of origin, their religious faith or their previous condition of servitude—that as long as they are true to America they are our brothers. But is this merely lip service?

Those who bewail imperialism, and forget the man in the next block; Those who spend their sympathy on famine-ridden India and overlook the needs of our own starving; those who talk about the tyrannies of intolerant Europe and then blackball a neighbor because he doesn't go to the same church—are all false friends of Democracy. They are doing a disservice to America. When we do not do our duty toward our fellow citizens, we are exporting all our Democracy.

We say that universal brotherhood is the democratic ideal toward which we are striving. Yet, if we follow purely egotistic and materiailistic aims, we are sure to be disappointed. If we ignore the good of our neighbors, we shall cheat ourselves as well. If we put economic above spiritual values, we destroy the thing that made us great as a nation.

Edwin Markham, that great poet who loved America and all its people, wrote, nearly half a century ago: "By the divine paradox, wherever there is one slave, there are two. So in the wonderful reciprocities of being, we can never reach the higher levels until all our fellows ascend with us. There is no true liberty for the individual except as he finds it in the liberty of all. There is no true security for the indivdual except as he finds it in the security of all."

No, Democracy is not just an export commodity. We will prove to the world that it is the vital force in our lives, that we are our brothers' keepers at home as well as abroad.—Ex.

FROM THE FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated October 25, 1934:

On Monday evening the Portia club game a Home Products dinner at which time the husbands and friends of the members were the honored guests. The clubhouse radiated good cheer with its long tables, its blazing log fire, flowers and soft lights. Mrs. D. W. Ainey and efficient committee served the delicious dinner to one hundred guests.

Two transients used mighty poor judgment Thursday night when they picked Sheriff Stewart's county car to continue their tuor of "Seeing America First." As a result the two gentlemen are now in the Payette county jail awaiting trial before the disrict court probably in December.

A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keefe Tuesday morning. The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock by E. L. Martin, a next door neighbor. All of the furniture in the down stairs and some things upstairs were saved.

The Payette Amateur Athletic club was organized Thursday night at a banquet held at Peterson's cafe, the men choosing Robert E. Leitch as president.

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated October 25, 1934:

There has been several complaints from the farmers that the hunters this year seem to have a misunderstanding as to the time to commence shooting ducks. The State Game Law reads that it is unlawful to kill ducks before sunup or after sundown. It isn't very sportsmanlike to take such unfair advantage of the poor ducks by sneaking up on them in the dark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wherry and daughter started on their annual deer hunt last Saturday. Nearing Weiser, Ben saw what he took to be a deer standing in the middle of the road. Evidently, though, Ben won't admit it, he thought a deer on the bumper was better than one in the bush, but on getting out of the car, he found that the deer was a cow. The cow wasn't even scratched but we can't say as much for the car. Ben says that he's going to get his deer with a gun after this. It's cheaper.

Plans are being made for the annual Hallowe'en Frolic to be held Friday evening, November 2 in the high school gym. Candidates for Carnival queen are as follows: seniors, Alice Shurtleff; juniors, Lois Stroup; sophomores, Lillian Cheek, and freshmen, Cathleen Harland.

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Davis Tuesday evening in Fruitland to formulate plans to have the county anti-tuberculosis association sponsor a sanitarium in Payette county. Each organization in the dounty was represented.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated October 23, 1924:

G. W. Lattig had the misfortune to lose his work shop and granary by fire Tuesday and the loss to Mr. Lattig has been quite heavy. Six hundred bushels of wheat and several hundred bushels of barley together with a lot of tools and equipment went up in smoke.

C. F. Broderson met with a very painful accident Saturday morning. He was helping rope a calf, the rope became entangled with his foot and the calf started to run pulling him as it went. His hip was dislocated.

The beautiful old custom of ringing the curfew in the evening is to be revived in Payette after Thursday of this week.

Was the invasion of Barnum and Bailey's funny circus at the Swank home Monday evening. There were jolly crowds, the Hula Hula girls, giggling Sal, Pal, Loisie, Topsy Sleepy Sid and Scotch Lassie, all with one idea, a jolly good time. Bridge was played, Sally received high score, and Lassie the consolation.

There was quite an outpouring of ladies from different sections of the county Tuesday evening at a non-partisan meeting called for the purpose of organizing a Freehafer for Governor club. The meeting was prompted because Mr. Freehafer is a home man and so many ladies, regardless of their political affiliations, who were anxious to give him a boost.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated October 23, 1924:

A Buick car belonging to L. H. Patton of Little Willow was stolen from the street late Saturday night. The car was driven to town by Dewey Patton Saturday evening and left parked on Main street near the Emma theatre. It is believed that the car was in Nyssa later in the night as at that place a service station was broken into.

Jno. R. McKinney has greatly improved the appearance of the back of his property by tearing down a couple of sheds and erecting a coal house. The only regrets we have to offer, one of the buildings torn down was built by the editor twenty-four years ago, the only land mark of our architectural ability and evidence of a hard day's work is gone.

The Rebekahs were very pleasantly surprised Thursday evening, after meeting was over, by all being invited to a birthday party given by members whose birthdays came in October. Hostesses were Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Hagerman and Mrs. Callen.

The home of W. B. Wagner on the corner of 12th and Second Avenue south has begun to take on the appearance of prosperity and a real home since the painters have greatly changed the outward appearance with a coat of ivory white.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated October 22, 1914:

After nine months of concentrated community effort the Y. M. C. A. building is ready for inspection by the public. To give every one an opportunity to see the fine new plant, one of the very best in the world found in small towns, the public will be received next Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The work of excavating the huge basement for the new Christian church progresses rapidly and but for the last few rainy days would have been almost ready for the foundation work.

In the recent accident which occurred down the valley, a few miles out of Payette, old Fred lost his life. This is one of the old teams, Fred and Sadie, which was owned by the Payette livery and has made many trips up the Little Willow in bygone days.

H. E. Dunn returned the first of the week from a trip to Zanesville, Ohio. While gone he visited Chicago, Kansas City and other large cities. Business he reports as very slow with the exception of in Kansas City where everything is going full blast. Salt Lake he also says seems to be alive.

COLD WEATHER CARE URGED FOR ALL CARS

Thorough preparation for cold weather driving is more important now than ever, warns Shirley Manser, Ford dealer.

Summer may have developed serious ailments in your automobile even though you actually drove very little. For example, deterioration sets in when a car is not driven enough to keep its moving parts in the best mechanical condition.

Then again, slow speed driving with the engine half warmed up may have caused an accumulation of sludge in the crankcase. Sludge and dust-contaminated oil cause an engine to wear excessively. They cause the engine to lose compression and power which results in the wasting of fuel and oil. To prevent this, the oil should be changed, air cleaner element should be cleaned and the condition of the oil filter cartridge checked immediately."

"If the oil clinging to the dipstick is discolored and appears even slightly dirty and abrasive, it is a sign that the oil filter has strained out all the dirt and foreign matter it can hold. A new oil filter cartridge should be installed at once."

"Wise motorists will also see that their cars receive a thorough inspection by competent service men at the time the lubricants are change dfor winter driving," Mr. Manser concludes. "After the cars is put in top operating condition, it is also wise to have it periodically inspected for tire wear, wheel-alignment and carburetor adjustment. This is the best way to insure keeping the car on the road next year."

SPEAKER HERE

Rev. T. P. Dunn, supt. of the Nebraska district of the Church of the Naarene, speaks each night at the Payette church. Rev. Dunn, a long-time friend of the pastor, Earl C. Williams, is a dynamic speaker and in demand over the country. He was the evangelist of the summer camp and institute at Payette Lakes in July.

ROUND-UP OF RATION NEWS

Half the candy bars, candy rolls and candy in packages designed to sell for five cents and produced during the last quarter of this year are to be set aside for procurement by the Armed Forces, according to a WFA order—in spite of war, since Pearl Harbor, by making short extension from existing lines, the Rural Electrification Administration has electrified 150,000 farm homes, the Department of Agriculture says—to help care for sick, injured and wounded soldiers, the Army Medical Department has appealed to Red Cross nurses' aids with hospital experience to apply for civilian jobs in Army hospital or dispensary services. Eligible women should write Medical Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., for the Army Nurses Aid booklet.—Metal license plates issued by state or local governments may now be made from metal as a result of a removal of WPB restrictions—WPB has approved the building in the U. S. of nine hydro-electric turbine generators to replace those destroyed by the Russians in their Dnieprostroi plant when they retreated before the Germans in 1941. No one thing, say the Russians, will do so much to remedy the damage done by the Germans as restoration of this power plant.

DANES BID RELUCTANT FAREWELL

When the Germans moved armed forces into Denmark, the Danes received them reluctantly. When the Germans, pressed on several fronts recently, tried to remove these forces, the Danes let them go the same way. One German division is said to have been delayed 16 days, according to the Danish Listening Post. On a freight train departing from Copenhagen, Danish saboteurs forced the crew to stop the train and disconnect four cars belonging to the German army, before the train was allowed to continue its journey. In other cases the saboteurs bombed and machine-gunned German trains.

TIMES TO "START DIGGNIG"

"Shelve everything else" and "start digging" was the advice a German radio speaker recently gave to men and women living along the West Wall, as reported by the Federal Communication system. The speaker said that while the German words, "Schanzen," which mean to dig trenches and build earthworks, "smells of sweat and toil," it is "fine and manly" and "healthy exercise."

FARMERS BUY SURPLUS WAR GOODS

Much of the surplus construction materials used on the conservation projects that have been sold by the United States Surplus War Property Administration have gone to American farmers through cooperative auction sales held in cooperation with county farm agents. Shovels, picks, ropes and left over paint were among materials sold.

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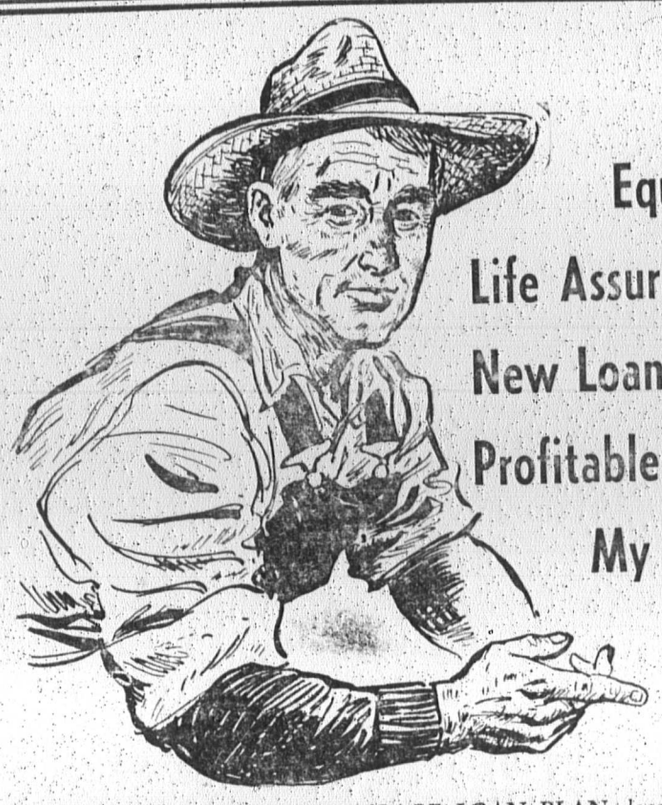

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