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## PAYETTE STORES ARE LADEN WITH MERCHANDISE FOR XMAS SEASON

Christmas Shoppers Can Find Large Selection In Payette Stores

Christmas shoppers need go no farther than Payette to find a large and varied selection of Christmas goods, an inspection of local stores will reveal.

In fact practically every Payette store is chock full of Christmas merchandise and best of all it is of much higher quality than it has been for several years. Gone are many of the wooden and cardboard toys, wood trimmed ladies' purses and other articles where substitutes for metal were used and in their places are metal toys, zipper

fastener purses and so on. All merchants agree and are proud of the fact that Christmas goods generally are of much higher quality than they have been for two years at least, and prices are no higher than they were for the "substitute" kind.

### Stores Open For Christmas Shoppers

Harry Leedy, chairman of the merchants committee of Payette Chamber of Commerce, following a conference with local businessmen on Wednesday of this week, announced that all stores aside from groceries would remain open on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 22nd and 23rd. This action on the part of businessmen was taken in order to provide an opportunity for those employed in the day time to shop in the evening. Grocery stores have made no announcement of additional opening hours and they will likely follow the same procedure as in the past.

In making these general statements one merchant pointed out that few people realize the change in merchandising methods that has come in the past few years. Through contacts and representatives at all large market centers, local merchants have exactly the same sources of supply as do the stores in the larger cities. These sources of supply in other words, the large manufacturers of all types of merchandise, are not overlooking the huge market for their goods that comes steadily year in and year out from the smaller towns, and are seeing to it as post-war business insurance that these smaller town merchants are getting their share of available goods.

Therefore this merchant continued, in these days of gasoline shortage it is foolish for shoppers to drive farther than they would have to otherwise to get to a large shopping center in the hope of finding a more varied selection of Christmas articles. The goods there may be in larger quantities but the selection will be no greater.

The local shopper too, has the added advantage of shopping with the friendly local merchant, who has time for personal service and he does not have to park his car up to a mile away, to get to the home store.

## MANY BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Permits Issued For November Total \$18,525

According to the records of the office of City Clerk Alice Bulmer, there were eleven building permits issued for the month of November, totaling \$18,525, which is considerably above the amount of permits issued for the same month of last year. The greater number of the permits, however, were issued for repair work or small additions. The only permit issued for new construction was that of the Farmers Co-operative Creamery and these new buildings will be of cement and brick construction.

Permits issued during the month just closed were as follows:

H. L. Davis, 1st Ave. S., remodel shop, \$200.  
Elmer Kirkendall, 219 N. 10th, insulation of walls, \$75.  
Utah Oil Co., N. 8th, remodel stock room, \$450.  
Farmers Co-operative Creamery, 1st Ave. S., repair roof, \$2000.  
Mrs. Bertha Esson, 616 N. 7th, addition, \$25.  
Lewis Knifong, 640 N. 5th, remodel porch, \$75.  
Robert Pirsell, 1405 And Ave. S., remodel porch, \$200.  
Boyd Swanson, corner Center Ave. and 7th, remodel, \$175.  
Farmers Co-op Creamery, 1st Ave. S., and 7th, concrete and brick buildings, \$15,000.  
Bert Crowther, 7th Ave. N., repairs, \$125.  
Ollie Beeson, 1123 3rd Ave. So., addition and garage, \$200.

## BOISE MEN WANT LOCAL AIR PORT

Negotiations Under Way With City Council Committee

There has been considerable activity in respect to the Payette municipal airport during the past week or ten days.

The city council committee, in charge composed of Councilman Boyd Swanson, chairman, and Councilmen J. E. Oldham and Geo. Wisner have talked with several prospective lessees recently including a group of Boise men including Weber Appel, Malcolm Parsons and Ray Crowder, veteran pilots who brought a blank check recently for the council committee to sign which would give the Boise men complete control of the air port for a number of years. This was not acceptable to the committee members and they countered with a proposition to lease the Boise men sufficient ground at the air port to build a hanger and protection against others who might wish to come in on a smaller basis and this was accepted by the capital city men.

The new lease is now being drawn up and Mr. Swanson said Tuesday that he expected that it would be approved and signed by the council in a short time. Under the terms, the Boise men will build a hanger and conduct courses in flying at the local port.

Since being appointed to the committee, the three councilmen have given considerable time to a study of possibilities of the airport and from the number of companies seeking franchises for post war flying through this section of Idaho they are convinced they will have many applicants for use of the local airport. They therefore believe that it is wise to move slowly now and that by all means the city should keep control of the airport at this time so that it will be able to make the best deal possible in the immediate post war period.

Mrs. Lynn Anderson returned this week from Sunnyside, Wash., where she spent the last two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weist.

## COUNTY MEETS WAR FUND GOAL

Last Payment Made To State Headquarters On Saturday

Payette county kept its war campaign record unmarred Saturday when Jack Dyer, secretary of the War Fund Drive, sent in the last payment to state headquarters to bring the county's total up to \$5,703.31 of a \$5700.00 quota.

In other words, despite the fact that the campaign got off to a poor start and many other activities in a busy fall season interfered, loyal Payette county citizens rallied to the cause in the last days of the drive and put it over the top, as they have in all previous war time drives.

This county's record is therefore clean in that regard. There has never been a war time campaign up to the present which Payette county has not put over successfully.

Of the total New Plymouth, people subscribed: \$983.60; Fruitland, \$907.00; and Payette \$3,812.71 to make the \$5703.31. All the money goes into the war fund which in turn allots it to twenty-three approved war time relief agencies which work for the benefit of men and women in the service and their families.

Blackaby Thanks Citizens  
W. B. Blackaby, county chairman of the campaign was enthusiastic in his praise of Payette citizens for their loyalty and generosity during the campaign. He said "Victory Crew members and others despite handicaps, did a magnificent piece of work and he wished to publicly thank them all, as well as those who donated in anyway to the campaign."

## Sailor Visits Payette This Week

Ed Sheldon, BM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, was an arrival in the city this week for a brief visit with home folks after three years in the U. S. Navy. Sheldon has had varied experiences in both the Atlantic and Pacific, inasmuch as he participated in the invasions of "Casa Blanca," Sicily, Salerno and Southern France. He was a member of a crew of an amphibious cargo ship and expects to return to his ship on Thursday of this week.

## PAYETTE MATRON FRACTURES ELBOW

Mrs. A. M. Stark, mother of Harry Stark of Harry's cafe, had the misfortune to fall and fracture the elbow of her right arm near her home Tuesday afternoon. The injury is very painful and the attending physician reports the injured arm will have to be in a cast for several weeks. Mrs. Stark's many friends will regret to learn of her misfortune.

## ONTARIO MAN FINED TEN DOLLARS

Wm. Moore of Ontario who was arrested here by city police Tuesday night on a drunk charge, was fined ten dollars when he appeared in police court before Judge Martin Luther Wednesday morning and pleaded guilty.

## INJURED G. I.'S WILL GET GIFTS

American Legion And Auxiliary Cooperating To Cheer Wounded

Mrs. Velma Coblentz, president of the American Legion auxiliary, states that the American Legion posts and their auxiliaries cooperating in an effort to gather and produce gift packages for every G. I. Joe and G. I. Jane in every hospital in the U. S. in an effort to keep them all off the "forgotten list" while the main responsibility for the actual delivery of the packages will have to be channeled through the Camp & Hospital committee of the American Red Cross to avoid duplication of the bases.

These gifts should be gift wrapped, including a card with the donor's name and a label stating what the package contains. Boxes have been installed in the C. C. Anderson store, J. C. Penney, Farber's Dept. Store and Hanigan Chevrolet Co., where packages may be left.

Suggested gifts are as follows:

For G. I. Joe  
Books—Mysteries, classics, Bibles, comics, dictionaries, westerns, humor, no war stories, maps of the USA, and the maps of the world, pocket-size books best.

Stationery and Games—Games, playing cards, checkers boards, chess sets, cribbage sets, folding writing pads, air mail stationery, a few air mail stamps, fountain pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners and address books, picture folders and stands.

Toiletries—Good quality razor blades, toilet kits, hair conditioners.

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## BOND SALE IS MOVING AHEAD

Col. W. H. Moss, County Chairman, Gives Report

Payette county's sixth war loan drive is moving ahead in a most encouraging way, Col. W. H. Moss, county chairman of the drive reported Tuesday.

"We still have a long way to go," he said, "but indications now are that we will meet our quota on or before the deadline Dec. 16, if Victory Crew members continue the good work they have been doing so far. We have made approximately half the quota, with half the county solicited, he stated, and that shows that the people are buying in proportion to the number of bonds they bought in previous campaigns."

Secretary Keith Anderson's report to state headquarters Tuesday showed the following sales:

Payette bank: \$60,468.75 "E" and \$21,600.00 others.

Payette post office: \$8,863.00 "E" Fruitland post office: \$12,212.25 "E".

Bancroft Cigar Store: \$4,200. New Plymouth bank and P. O. \$20,725.00 "E" and \$600.00 others.

Allocations from corporations of other bonds: \$32,700.00.

Grand total of all bonds sold so far is \$161,369.00 of the county's quota for the Sixth war loan of \$331,000.

Col. Moss again said that he is very anxious to complete the quota as soon as possible so that the campaign will not run into and conflict with other Christmas activities. He therefore urged all Victory Crew members to complete their solicitation as soon as possible.

## Former Resident Of Payette Passes On

Harry Buck, former Payette resident, passed away Nov. 20, 1944 at Santa Clara, Calif. Mr. Buck was born April 10, 1876, at Covington, Indiana. He is survived by his wife and three sons. He was a member of Nelson A. Miles Camp No. 8 U. S. W. V. He enlisted in 1901 in Co. M, 4th Regiment regular U. S. W. V. and was employed by the Union Pacific R. R. in Payette for a number of years. Burial was in the Oak Hill Memorial Park cemetery at San Jose, Cal.

## DITCH BOARD INSPECTS DAM

Henry Raubach, Weiser, H. B. Solterbeck, N. M. Jensen and Keith Anderson, members of the Lower Payette Ditch company board of directors held their regular monthly meeting at the latter's office Monday of this week. Chief business of the afternoon was a trip to and inspection of repairs now being made at the Willow Creek dam which gave more or less trouble to the district during the last irrigation season.

## CANTON ELECTS

The Weiser Canton No. 6 held its regular meeting and election of officers Monday night at the I. O. O. F. hall. All present were in uniform including: Dept. Commander Gen. A. G. O'Leary and Adjutant A. H. O'Leary.

## Four Draw Fines In Police Court

Four men drew fines in Judge Martin Luther's police court Monday and Tuesday.

Robert Gilmore, colored, who was arrested Sunday pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk in a public place and was fined ten dollars.

Philip Sam, an Indian, who was arrested Sunday pleaded guilty to a drunk charge, Monday and was fined ten dollars. When he was unable to pay the fine, the judge suspended the fine provided he leave the city at once.

Floyd G. Murphy put up a bond of ten dollars Sunday for his appearance in court Monday to face a charge of disturbing the peace, and when he did not show up, the judge declared the bond forfeited.

Joe Mendiola, of Ontario, pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding Sunday and was fined \$25 when he appeared in court Tuesday morning.

## BOY SCOUT FUND STARTS TODAY

"Kick-Off" Breakfast Held This Morning At Peterson's

Approximately forty prominent business men met this morning at Peterson's cafe for a "kick off" breakfast to start Payette's annual Boy Scout fund drive under the direction of Stanley Swenson, general chairman.

All the men planned to spend the whole day soliciting funds for Payette's share in the Ore-Ida council with headquarters at Nampa. Paul Pemberton, scout executive, was here from Nampa to help with the campaign. When the day's work is over the men will meet for a Victory banquet at the cafe at 6:30 this evening and at that time, all funds will be added up and sent to council headquarters. No quota has been set for the drive. The men will do their best for one day and the total whatever it is, will be sent in as this city's share.

In this city there are three active Boy Scout troops with a total of approximately seventy-five members.

For the funds raised, the local troops get supervision of the scout executive and all the privileges offered by the national organization. Furthermore Mr. Swenson said, if suitable living quarters can be found, Larry Lundin, now of Twin Falls, who has been employed as assistant scout executive for this council, will move his family here the first of the year, to serve this and surrounding communities in scout work.

## CITY PAYING OFF ON BONDED DEBT

Payette In Best Financial Condition In Many Years

The city of Payette is in the best financial condition it has been in years, it was revealed Monday night at a meeting of the city council, when a check up was made of city finances.

The council authorized a regular payment of \$35,000 on bonds due Jan. 1 and also decided to take up approximately \$25,000 more of outstanding bonds Feb. 1 from funds it has received and saved during the past two years.

Bonded indebtedness of the city for water works, street and other improvements in years gone by now stands at \$63,500. With the payment of the \$35,000 now and \$25,000 on Feb. 1 it will bring the indebtedness down to \$28,500 putting the city in its best financial condition in many years, as stated above.

At the meeting the council allowed total bills amounting to \$15,264.84.

## Police Court Record

Police Judge Martin Luther reported the collection of \$310 in fines during November, a record month in this regard so far as he recalls during his twenty-five years in the office.

Cecil C. Rose, chief of police, made the following report: Arrests: Six drunk in public place, one juvenile delinquent, three petit larceny (juvenile), one reckless driving, one driving while drunk, one speeding, four disorderly conduct, one disturbing the peace, eighteen doors and windows left open in business district, three unlicensed dogs killed.

Incidentally in connection with the record month of police court fines, a check-up showed that during the time Rose has been in the office, or since May 15, 1941, a total of \$1233.00 has been collected in fines for traffic violations alone.

## Library Board Appointments

Mrs. Reid Robinson, whose term expired, was re-appointed by the council for another term on the Library Board, and the resignation from the board of Mrs. C. E. Rhoads was accepted and Mrs. Boyd Swanson was appointed to fill out her unexpired term.

## NEW REGULATION TO GOVERN MILK

Municipal Milk Ordinance To Become Effective January 1

Dairymen furnishing milk to residents of the city of Payette will operate under a new ordinance following the first of next month in conformity with an agreement reached last March between the Payette city council and the milk producers whereby the latter were given until Jan. 1, 1945 to put their equipment in shape so that it would be in conformity with state regulations. The new ordinance which will be effective next month provides penalties for lack of conformance and should assure patrons of the dairies a better product. These regulations have been in effect in some of the larger cities of the state for sometime past.

Among the provisions which will be enforced are the testing of dairy stock for various diseases, sanitary improvements in dairy barns and milk houses, type and proper sterilization of utensils, provisions for bottling and capping and the type of vehicles and the handling of the milk in making deliveries. Full details relative to these regulations are already in the hands of those furnishing the milk supply to the city of Payette.

According to information given the Payette city council at their meeting on Monday evening of this week the dairymen furnishing milk to the city are all favorable to the new regulations and no difficulty is anticipated in raising the standard of the product which will be offered for sale. In fact many of the local dairies already have their equipment up to the standard requirements.

## MUCH INTEREST IN FARM EXHIBIT

Local Farmers Will Show Labor Saving Devices December 18

Much interest is being shown by local farmers in the farm labor saving device exhibit scheduled for the old high school gym at Payette, Dec. 18, according to Allerton Patch, acting county agent, with Clarence Beckford, assistant county agent for Canyon and Payette counties spent Monday contacting farmers in the New Plymouth area in connection with the coming event.

Patch reported that a number from that area would bring in some of their own home made labor saving devices to show at the exhibit and from the response he has had from other sections of the county he believes there will be considerable other local material brought in to add to the two truck loads which will be shown by the University Extension department.

The exhibit he said from press reports is drawing widespread interest in other sections of the state where it is being shown.

During the week, Jack Hanigan, president of the Chamber of Commerce appointed Virgil Siple, Fred Richards and Reid Robinson as a committee to work with Patch in arrangements for the exhibit and the chamber also voted to donate \$50 to be used as prize money for winning devices.

## Hayden Bigelow Home On Leave

Hayden Bigelow, Carpenter's mate 1/c and Mrs. Bigelow arrived home last week to spend a thirty day leave with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wisner.

Hayden, as he is known to his many friends there, has been in navy service for two and a half years. He has been serving on a destroyer on convoy duty for nineteen months and has made twenty crossings of the Atlantic. For six weeks his ship was on a killer group duty which means that it went ahead of the convoy, searched for submarines, and when it found them blasted them to the bottom of the ocean. The young sailor said due

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## Fruitland Sailor Visits Home Folks

Donald Oltman, S 1/c, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Oltman, of the Fruitland section, after having spent the past two years in the U. S. Navy. Oltman will spend twenty days at home before again rejoining his ship on active duty. He is a member of the flight deck crew of a large carrier and during the period that he has been in the service his ship has participated in the invasions of the Gilberts, the Marshalls, New Guinea, Marianas and the Philippines, and has been under direct enemy fire many times but has been fortunate in receiving only minor hits. Oltman is about the first Payette county man who participated in the Philippine invasion who has returned home; his ship was in the Leyte Gulf for several days during the invasion.

## TAXPAYERS GET 1944 TAX NOTICES

First Half Of Taxes Due Prior To December 25th

All real property owners received their 1944 tax notices for the year the past ten days, and Treasurer Chas. Hartung and his deputy, Miss Darlene Lake, have been kept very busy accepting collections and issuing receipts to taxpayers paying at the office and those received in the mails.

The total tax charge for the year 1944 is \$221,761.74 on the real property tax roll as compared to the charge of \$212,788.37 for the year 1943. Of the charge for this year the State of Idaho's portion is \$112,273.19; County of Payette, \$39,489.39; Care of Poor, \$9,661.40; City of Payette, \$65,021.47; Village of New Plymouth, \$3,501.55; Highway and Road Districts, \$20,088.35; Common School and Independent School Districts, \$101,773.95; Cemetery Districts, \$2,858.57; Drainage Districts, \$4,674.11; and Teachers Aid Fund for assistance to schools unable to meet their required budgets, \$2,417.56.

It is reported that the collections up to this date have exceeded past years in the number paying at the beginning of the tax period and no doubt when the second collection period expires that better than 95 percent of the total charge will be paid before becoming delinquent. The first half of all of the charge to individual owners can be paid

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## JAPANESE FINED FOR RUNNING STOP SIGN

Thos. T. Koshimi, local Japanese was fined \$2.00 and costs amounting to \$3.00, when he pleaded guilty Thursday in Justice of Peace Helen Dunn's court to a charge of running thru a stop sign. The arrest was made by Clarence Saunders, state traffic officer.

## Seen About Town

Weldon Fuge trying to rush the season as he goes to the postoffice in shirt sleeves these cold days. We have heard of hot seats but it took Coach Norman Esson to make a real demonstration last Sunday while hunting with Tolle Masingill—Esson made the mistake of endeavoring to step over an electric fence and took the full charge in a portion of his anatomy which may encourage eating off the mantle piece for a few days. There is more than one way to beat the cigarette shortage according to Deputy County Auditor Ed Pachia—Pachia found a cigarette rolling device which had been around his home for some years so he loaded it up with tobacco and made some fine looking cigs as anyone would care to smoke and incidentally he got 68 cigarettes for an expenditure of only 15c—sounds like Independent-Enterprise classified advertising—so much for so little. Or, kids this week to Bill Blackaby and his crew of workers in hitting the War Fund quota for Payette county. Grand Pappy Harry Leedy with a big smile anticipating the arrival of his daughter-in-law and his little grandson, who he has never seen from a jaw-breaker town in Pennsylvania.

## Washee-Grange Elects Officers

Lawrence Wood was elected master at the annual election of officers held by Washee Grange Tuesday night of last week.

Officers elected were: Lecturer, Lester Deshaizer; Lecturer, Goldie Peterson; Chaplain, Myrtle Shafer; Secretary, Flossie Patton; Treasurer, Roy Deshaizer; Steward, Jim Stearns; Assistant Steward, Harry Knowles; Lady Assistant, Ethel Knowles; Gatekeeper, Mr. Kilde Cyres; Mrs. Bob Rose; Mrs. Mrs. Eric Gerberding; Poetess, Mrs. M. McBride.

Initiation will be held Dec. 18th with a picnic supper as a feature. Each grange lady will bring sand, wicks, oil and covered dish. The supper will be served beginning at 7:00 p. m.

## Will Feature Servicemen's Letters In Yule Edition

The Independent-Enterprise this Christmas will feature letters from Payette county servicemen and women and is asking all parents, relatives and friends who have interesting letters to bring them into this office as soon as possible as this issue will be published near Christmas time. We want just as many letters as we can get so remind your friends.

There are some requirements for this though, as we are short-handed just as every other business firm. We would not like to receive a handful of letters and be asked to read them all over and select the best one or the best portions from all the letters. It will be necessary for the contributor to select the best paragraphs from a number of letters and work them up into one complete contribution not over 200 words in length.

Another requirement we are making in order to use these letters, is that if they are not too legible or are on V-mail stationery, the contributor is asked to re-write the letter in a good clear legible hand or type the letter. The biggest problem of using servicemen's letters is not getting the letters but interpreting them and scanning five and six letters from one man in order to get one interesting message. Because of the shortage of help, we are asking the parents or relatives to do this before they bring the finished product to our office.

We would suggest anyone submitting a letter should try and pick out the most interesting experiences of the soldier. If he is in a foreign land, choose some interesting things about the people or their customs. There is an immense amount of material available in the "writing" of these men and women to the folks at home and it will prove valuable when a number of letters are grouped together. Remember, we are grouped this year will go into the Yule edition this year will go to practically every serviceman to practically every serviceman to wherever he or she is so that the more letters from these boys that are contained in this issue, the more valued it will be to the boys when they receive it.

## FBI AGENT SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB

Nitschki Urges Populace To Be On The Alert

Payette Kiwanians were urged to "keep alert for subversive activities and to report immediately such activities to the FBI," by Special Agent J. E. Nitschki who gave an interesting talk before the club at the regular meeting on Tuesday of this week. Nitschki stated that it was due to the investigative activity of the FBI prior to Pearl Harbor which resulted in the fact that less than one per cent of the sabotage existing during the first World War had been uncovered during the present conflict. He stated that the FBI started the investigation of alien activities about ten years prior to Pearl Harbor, and after the declaration of war the department was immediately able to place in custody those who had questionable reputations. Another means by which the FBI thwarted the enemy was the establishment of radio stations which gave out misinformation as well as making available efforts directed against the United States.

Investigations of questionable aliens prior to the declaration of war also made it possible for the United States to inform South American countries of the identity of over seven thousand foreign agents operating there and in addition some two hundred and fifty saboteurs were identified and tucked away for the duration and possibly deportation at the conclusion of hostilities.

Following his talk before the Kiwanis club, Nitschki appeared before the student body at the Payette high school.

## CHOIR PRACTICES CHRISTMAS PLAY

High School Will Stage "Why The Chimes Rang"

Preparations for the presentation Sunday, December 17, of "Why the Chimes Rang" by the Payette high school are going steadily forward this week with stress being laid on the cathedral choir and the stage setting.

Students who will appear in the choir are: Corinne Billings, Joan Baldrige, Doris Hanson, Joyce Moss, Esther Miner, Bonnie Prindle, Sylvia Pearce, Marilyn Solterbeck, Frances Shaw, Alma Jean Lewis, Lawrence Blume, Bob Ingersoll, Ralph Young, Dick Moss, Stanley Coons, Fern Solterbeck, Jeane Jensen, Mae Fulbright, Nita Jane Whorton, Kathleen Beigh, Leona Bahr, Vivian Dougherty, Virginia Jettson, Joan Little, Lorne Merrill, Mildred McMurren, Donna Parks, Peggy Richards, Delores Roberts, Betty Sullivan, Peggy Wood and Dorothy Short.

This pageant-play which combines the familiar Christmas story with the gorgeous costumes of Biblical days, the lovely harmony of organ, violin and choir, and the beauty of a specially designed stage setting will be presented in vespers service at the high school auditorium, beginning at 4:30 p. m. Dec. 17.

There will be no charge.

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