

## CHEEK HELD ON FEDERAL CHARGE

Local Man Arrested Tuesday By FBI On Impersonation Charge

Dean Cheek, for many years a resident of Payette, was arrested last Tuesday by an FBI agent on a charge of impersonating an officer of the United States Army. The arrest followed an investigation made by the federal officer assisted by local police on Saturday, Dec. 9th. A warrant was issued by the U. S. Commissioner in Boise on Monday. Cheek was formally charged with wearing the uniform of a Lieutenant-Colonel of the United States Army, when he was not in the armed forces. Investigation of the FBI disclosed, it is reported, that he was neither an enlisted man nor an officer.

FBI agents released the information that Cheek had appeared in a local night club wearing the uniform and insignia of a Lieutenant-Colonel as well as several campaign ribbons. It was also reported that on a previous visit to the city he had adorned himself in the uniform of a Major. He did spend some time a year ago working with the Army Engineers in the South Pacific and only recently returned to Payette from the Aleutian Islands where he had similar employment. During his employment he was working as a civilian.

Upon his appearance before United States Commissioner Harry Sweet of Emmett, Cheek was placed under bonds in the amount of \$1000 to appear for hearing before United States District Judge Chase A. Clark. Sweet reported to the Independent-Enterprise that at the time of the arraignment was made that after hearing the complaint read he admitted his guilt although not formally entering a plea to that effect.

## VERNON LORDS PRAISES K-NINES

Wounded Marine Of Payette Tells Part Dogs Are Playing

FARRAGUT (Special)—This is a story about dogs—Marine devil dogs and how they were used back in September in combat patrol on a Pidalu island.

The story was told here by Pfc. Vernon Lords, USMC, of 434 North Ninth street, Payette, whose leg was pierced by a slug from a Jap sniper's rifle. He is recovering in the U. S. Naval hospital at Farragut.

It was the night of Sept. 24. The Marine outfit was moving cautiously along the north end of the island. The outfit included two tanks, a battalion of men and about 50 sleek, black and brown dogs.

And it was this night that Pvt. Lords became convinced these combat-trained dogs are "real Marines."

Outfit Inches Forward  
A big menace, Lords said, was from Japs who would sneak through the American lines and toss hand grenades and snipe at the Americans from the rear. It is against such tactics that the dogs are put to their best use.

The outfit inched forward. The dogs were straining at the business end of six-foot leashes.

At this point, Pvt. Lords picks up his own story.

"About midnight, one of the dogs near me caught a scent. I was still wondering if these dogs were going to be a Marine's best friend. Then the trainer turned the dog loose. It disappeared quickly into the darkness. A few moments later we heard a chilling scream from behind our lines. In English, someone kept calling for help.

The voice kept calling for a "corpman." It sounded like one of our own men until the word "help" was pronounced "hallup." Then we knew it was a Jap.

Canine Gets a Nip  
The K9 Marine had slithered out into the darkness and had caught himself a Jap in the act of infiltrating our lines.

In a later skirmish, Lords was

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## Many Help With H. S. Honor Roll

Loren D. Hicks, high school principal, reported Tuesday that many people have been helping with the compiling of an honor roll for posting in the main hall of the school of Payette high students, former students and faculty members who have entered the armed forces since September, 1939.

Mr. Hicks said that since he with the help of the Independent-Enterprise started a campaign for names a month or so ago the list has increased from 225 to over 300. Some of the replies he said have come from as far away as Seattle, Wash. He is still anxious to get more names and will appreciate the continued cooperation of the public to this end.

## Robert Davis In College Who's Who

Robert Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Davis of this city is one of seventeen students at the University of Idaho who has been chosen for listing in the college edition of Who's Who.

An anonymous committee selects the names for the book from lists submitted from colleges all over the country on the basis of outstanding leadership, grades and activities. Robert is a chemistry major; teaches three freshman laboratory classes each week, and takes part in other college activities. His selection for listing in the directory is a signal honor not only to himself but to his home city of Payette.

## DRAFT BOARD REPORTS FOUR DELINQUENTS

Payette county's selective service board reports that it has a list of four delinquents: men who have been called by the board but who have not as yet reported. The list includes: George E. Sands, Frank Moran, Joseph W. Hassler and Leonard S. Warden.

## FRANK C. POLAND KILLED IN ACTION

Word Comes To Parents Here Last Sunday

Pfc. Frank C. Poland, 30, former local farmer, was added to the list of Payette men who have made the supreme sacrifice in the present war, when the word was received Sunday by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. George Poland that he had been killed in action in Holland.

The official war department telegram was received by Pfc. Poland's wife, Mrs. Grace Poland, who has been in Portland, Ore., for some time and she relayed the message to the parents here.

Prior to the war Pfc. Poland farmed in the North Payette area for ten or twelve years and was well known in that section. He entered service about two years ago and went overseas in September this year to serve with a glider division. The last letter from him to his parents was dated Nov. 13. From letters received from him the parents believe that he was killed in ground action rather than in the air, although no details were given in the telegram from the war department to his wife.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by five brothers and six sisters: Hubert and Leroy at home; Robert and Albert overseas; and Ted at Hermiston; Mrs. Bonnie Beller, Portland; Mrs. Julia Shifflett and Mrs. C. L. Koenig, Kootenai, Colo.; Mrs. Bettie Wall, New Joy and Floyd, twms. at home.

## Major Gen. Lynd Escapes In Crash

Clarence (Stub) Farson received a letter Wednesday from a sister at Richland, Washington, stating that his brother-in-law, Major General Lynd, former Payette man, had escaped injury in a crash landing of his plane in enemy waters near Leyte Island.

The letter said that all but five of the crew were killed, and that Major General Lynd and the four others were in the water for six hours before they were picked up by a friendly boat. They tried to get back to Leyte Island but could not make the trip the letter concluded.

The letter came from Mrs. Eldie Shattuck, who had received the message from Mrs. Lynd, who resides in San Francisco.

## Ranch-Way Manager Has Unique Hobby

F. Max Arley, manager of the Ranch-Way Feed Store, a new corner here is finding this area a good place for the enjoyment of his unique hobby. He hunts coyotes with binoculars and a rifle and then stalks them as other hunters do a deer.

Early last Sunday morning he lured three coyotes in the Walter Bevins' pasture about three miles east of town, shot all three and was back home with their hides by noon.

He has followed this hobby for the past ten or twelve years he said and has killed more than a hundred coyotes during that time.

Undoubtedly he will be a well come friend to farmers in this area because many of them have reported the increase of the predators and as a result a considerable loss of poultry.

## LONG TIME READER OF NEWSPAPER

H. B. Strawn, reader of the local newspaper since 1908, was among the many subscribers to the Independent-Enterprise who again renewed his paper for another year this week. Mr. Strawn started taking the Payette paper previous to the time that he moved to this section and has remained a reader constantly since that date.

## FARM EXHIBIT TO BE HELD MONDAY

Local Farmers Will Devise Dec. 18th Show Labor-Saving

Farmers of Payette county are promised a great day Monday when a large exhibit of home made farm labor saving devices will be held at the old high school gym.

In addition to the local devices brought in by farmers from this area, the University Extension department will bring in two truck loads to display at the exhibit.

Allerton Patch, acting county agent, has been working on the exhibit for several weeks with the help of the Payette Chamber of Commerce as sponsor, and he reports considerable interest being shown. The chamber has donated \$50 to be offered as prizes for the best exhibits, and all local winners will be eligible to compete in a state contest for \$500 in prizes later.

Program for the day has been announced as follows:

- 10 a. m. Exhibit demonstration and explanation of
- A. Home management equipment
- B. Farm production equipment
- 11 a. m. Organ recital, new high school gym.
- 1 p. m. Motion picture
- 2 p. m. Address by Fred Richards followed by Home economics demonstration.
- 3 p. m. Judging of exhibits.

Mr. Patch said it will be more than every farmer's time to come to the exhibit because in these days of labor shortage he will be sure to find simple devices and methods that will save time for both himself and his wife on their own farm.

## Duane Weir Home From S. Pacific

Cpl. Duane Weir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Weir, of New Plymouth arrived home Saturday night after thirty-one months overseas to spend a twenty-one day furlough with his parents.

The only other furlough he has had since entering service in February, 1942, was one for seven days which he spent in Australia. Duane entered service first with the National Guard, Payette battery of the field artillery in 1940 and after serving a year was discharged. He spent a year at home and then was inducted into service again. He was assigned to a new field artillery unit and it was with this outfit that he went overseas for two and one half years.

He said that conditions were plenty tough in the early days of the Pacific war but now they have improved considerably. His battery he said took part in two battles in New Guinea and one on an island in the Pacific.

He also had the experience of being on a ship which was sunk by dive bombers. Fortunately he said, the ship was in a bay and after it had been set afire another U. S. ship came along side the sinking vessel and took all personnel off. There were only three or four who lost their lives he said.

He reported that Don Hamilton and Frank Gomez, both former Payette boys, are serving with the same outfit he did and he was with them just before he left New Guinea about a month ago. In 1943 he said he saw most of the Payette boys who were with this field artillery unit, which left Payette in 1940 and he saw Capt. Oliver Stetall a few days before he was wounded.

One of the big thrills he is getting since arriving home he said was to be able to eat off dishes instead of a mess kit. His mother he said can surely cook to a King's taste.

## Fastman Makes Realty Sales

Among the many outstanding sales made by Bernard Eastman, local realtor, during the past week, were two large ranches, one in Payette county and the other in Malheur county, Oregon, as follows:

St. Smith, of Val Verde, California, purchased the McIntire ranch of the Willow Creek section from J. B. DeWitt. The ranch consists of 240 acres and will be under the supervision of Tom Watson and Mr. Smith expects to spend the sum of \$100,000 there.

Ray T. Anderson this week sold his Malheur county farm of 40 acres to B. C. Bishop. The farm is all in now crops.

## New Plymouth Man Called By Death

John I. Perkins, of New Plymouth, passed away on December 5th at a Payette hospital. He was born on Aug. 19, 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins of Alton, Ill. He leaves four brothers, William, of Middleton; Ed, of Onalaska, Wash.; Milton, of Portland; and Edward, of Dawsonville, Ga. The funeral services were conducted from the Landon Funeral Home on December 8th at 2 P. M. with the Rev. C. G. Hamman officiating. Interment was in the Riverside cemetery.

## Service People's Letters Wanted

The Independent-Enterprise is requesting parents, friends and relatives of service people who have interesting letters to submit them to this newspaper so that they may be used in a coming edition of the paper, which will feature this sort of news. The boy or girl need not be in a foreign country and it is hoped that a letter may be received from every one in the service. The response to date has been exceptional and it is hoped that many more letters may be turned in immediately. Letters from the service people from Payette county will prove most interesting to those now in the service and readers of the Independent-Enterprise are requested to cooperate with the management in putting out a real edition.

## ROBT. C. CURRIN LISTED MISSING

War Department Telegram Brings News Sunday

Pvt. Robert C. Currin of this city was reported missing in action in France in an official telegram from the War Department received by his wife, Mrs. Fern H. Currin, bookkeeper at the C. C. Anderson store Sunday.

The telegram as usual gave no further details.

Pvt. Currin entered the army on April 1st, and was sent overseas with an infantry division in late September. He received his basic training at Fort Robinson, Ark., and spent a furlough here with relatives in September just before he went overseas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Currin of Willow Creek and he farmed in that area prior to entering the service.

## PLAN AWARD FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Winning School Will Receive Large U. S. Flag With Stand

A committee of school officials from this district, including Supt. W. C. Sorenson of Payette met at the Newey Palace hotel in Nampa Tuesday night, Dec. 5, and formulated regulations for the awarding of trophies to the schools displaying the best brands of sportsmanship at high school district basketball tournaments to be held next March.

The award to be presented will be a large silk American flag, complete with stand, and to be used by the winning schools in their assembly halls or by their marching bands.

Committee members include George Fields, principal of the Boise high school; Kenneth Hays, principal of the Caldwell high school; W. C. Sorenson, superintendent of schools at Payette; Muri Lancaster, superintendent of schools at Fruitland; and W. E. Gilliam, chairman, superintendent of schools at Nampa.

In planning for this award which is to be presented to the schools showing the most outstanding brand of sportsmanship in district tournaments in March, eight major points were decided upon by the committee. Each of these major points will carry a value of 10 for each event played. Every school participating in the tournament will start each evening's play with a clean record or a total of 50 points for the first five major points listed below. However, schools may add to their total score by actively engaging in points 7 and 8 listed below. Scoring in the first five items will be by the deduction method; the number of points deducted will be left to the judgment of the individual judges as each violation occurs during each evening's play.

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## Seen About Town

Our friends this week to the Payette high school for an excellent program of Thursday of last week in commemoration of Pearl Harbor. Much credit goes to Mrs. Sorenson who prepared the script, Superintendent Sorenson and Mrs. Ellen Hermonhaus, and to the participants for the presentation, too had that more patrons of the school were not in attendance. We are informed that Bill Scott much prefers hunting Nebraska ground squirrels to Idaho ducks, you just sit down and wait for the squirrel to make his appearance as the chief reason we surmise. "Grampa" Leedy strutting his stuff this week. Ben McCarrill scrubbing his office with stove oil and a mop looked just about as bad afterwards as before he started.

## LARGE CROWDS SEE JAMBOREE

Officials Pleased with Response To First Annual B. B. Event

Officials at the Payette high school were much pleased with the response to the first annual all-conference basketball jamboree here Thursday and Friday nights when large crowds attended both evenings events.

On Thursday night the New Plymouth team took honors while on Friday night the Emmett Husky quintet was high scorer.

Each meeting of teams was for a half period game. In the opener, Thursday night, New Plymouth won over Adrian, 15 to 7. In the second game, Fruitland defeated Adrian, 14 to 10 and in the final game New Plymouth won from Payette 18 to 17.

Friday night's results were as follows: Emmett 17, Vale 7; Payette 14, Ontario 10; Nyssa 21, Weiser 8; and in the final game of the evening Emmett 19, Nyssa 14.

The jamboree gave opportunity for fans to see all nine teams in the Snake River Valley conference play and give them estimates of the comparative strength of the various quintets. As a result most officials and spectators came away from the jamboree with the very definite belief that Emmett has the team to watch and beat this year, if any of the others have championship aspirations.

Following the jamboree, Payette high school officials expressed themselves as much pleased with the response in the cold foggy weather which prevailed, both nights and said that it fully justified their plans of making the event an annual one.

## Radio Stolen; Window Broken Friday Night

City police report that a radio was stolen from a car belonging to Dennis Pife, of Nyssa, while it was parked at the high school during the basketball jamboree Friday night and several hours later one of the large display windows at the Gem Electric company store was broken, evidently accidentally by some one falling against it.

The report around town that the Ritz Theatre was burglarized the same night the police said was erroneous.

Police are investigating both cases and so far they reported no clues have been developed to locate the stolen radio, but in the window case they have several leads.

If the window was broken intentionally and maliciously they said a criminal complaint would be filed but if it was broken accidentally, as the owner's address would have to be either through a suit for damages or through a suit for damages against the party responsible. The police hope soon to be able to locate the person or persons who broke the window and when they do will decide on a course of action, according to the evidence they obtain.

The window was completely shattered and some of the dishes displayed there were broken. Nothing was taken so far as Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Masingill, proprietors, were able to tell from a check-up of their stock.

## Whiteley Reports Realty Transfers

The Whiteley, of the Payette Realty, Wednesday, reported the following recent real estate transfers:

- Earl Alspach 23 acres to Joe Miller.
- Joe Miller residence to C. L. Boyce.
- Lyle Wells residence to Elizabeth Canazano.
- Roy Benson residence to H. L. Smith at Nampa.
- E. P. Woodward squares to J. L. Arment.
- C. A. Sears 2.2 acres to H. B. Patterson.

## AUTO-ACCIDENT NEAR GAY-WAY JUNCTION

A slight auto accident was reported to the sheriff's office. Reported Monday with a car belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McIntire, who were enroute from Portland, Ore. to Gregory, S. D., collided with a Stanger Transfer Company truck being driven by Clyde Flippo near Gay-Way junction. No one was injured. The report showed some damage to the car and slight damage to the truck.

The accident occurred while the McIntire car attempted to go around the truck which was stopped on the highway and the truck driver at that moment started to make a left hand turn into a side road with the result that he ran into the passing auto.

## JUDGE MARRIES ELDERLY COUPLE

Matthew E. Coleman, 77, of Bend, Ore., and Emma C. Sprague, 68, of Helena, Mont., were united in marriage here Monday by Judge Martin O. Luther, of the probate court officiating.

## PAYETTE COUNTY RESIDENTS MUST BUY MORE BONDS TO MEET QUOTA

Col. W. H. Moss, County War Fund Chairman Reports Progress Toward Goal

Payette county is near its bond quota in the Sixth War Loan bond campaign but it is going to take a lot of concentrated effort on the part of Victory Crew members from now on to maintain the high records this county made in previous bond campaigns, Col. W. H. Moss, county war bond chairman said Wednesday night.

According to the report sent to state headquarters by Keith Anderson, secretary, Tuesday, a total of \$229,753.50 of the county's quota of \$331,000 in all bonds had been subscribed by Payette county residents.

Of the E bonds which are taken by individuals and which both the state and national headquarters are stressing the sale Payette county residents had subscribed \$135,231 of a quota of \$144,000.

Col. Moss said that he felt with Christmas activities under way that this last less than \$9000 for the quota would be hard to raise and he urged Victory Crew members to complete their solicitation of their several districts in order that the county might exceed its quota as it has done in every other campaign.

The negotiable bonds he said will go off sale locally on Dec. 16, but the E bonds will continue to be sold. He said E bonds particularly make good Christmas presents and if they are purchased now they will help the county reach its quota that much sooner.

Secretary Anderson's report showed the following sales up to Tuesday:

- Payette bank, E, \$75,318.75; others \$42,222.50.
- Payette postoffice, E, \$10,921.25.
- New Plymouth, E, \$25,837.50; others \$500.00.
- Fruitland, E, \$18,943.50.
- Allocations, others, \$51,700.
- Bankcroft Cigar Store, \$4,200.

## EDITOR ACKNOWLEDGES BOOK ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The editor of the Independent-Enterprise acknowledges with sincere thanks the neatly bound book, "American State Papers on Freedom in Religion," presented by Rev. Kenneth Flack of Ontario for the Seventh Day Adventist religious liberty department. The book with its authentic data on a subject much to the fore at the present time, will be a valuable addition to this newspaper's library.

## SCOUT CAMPAIGN GREAT SUCCESS

Sum Subscribed By Payette Citizens Beyond Expectations

Payette citizens with their generous response exceeded all expectations of sponsors in the one day "dawn to dusk" Boy Scout fund campaign staged by five teams of Payette men last Thursday, when they turned in approximately \$1800 as this city's share of the 1945 expenses of Ore. IdA council.

Besides this sum several promised donations received during the day will add \$50 or more to the total. Stanley Swenson, general chairman was enthusiastic over the excellent showing and asked that all team members and all who helped in any way be publicly thanked for their several parts in making the campaign the great success it turned out to be.

The drive was opened with a "kickoff" breakfast at Peterson's cafe at 7:30 Thursday morning and closed with a Victory banquet at the cafe that evening.

Paul Bemberton, of Nampa, scout executive, was here to help with the drive and he emphasized the fact that it was an all area no quota campaign. He too was much pleased with results.

Those taking part in the drive included:

- Executive committee: Weldon Fuge, T. Reid Robinson, Jno. Hanigan, Larry W. Brainard, Elmo W. Rotering, Earl Farber, J. C. Palumbo, Ed Patton.
- Team 1: Logan Bowman, Capt. Guy Mangum, Lt. W. R. McClure, W. B. Blackaby, Leslie T. Boles.
- Team 2: Virgil Siple, Capt. H. S. Harper, Lt. Irwin Grey, Francis Ellis, Cecil Rose, Byron Musgrove.
- Team 3: Don Haasch, Capt. Allerton Patch, Lt. Frank Peterson, Rev. Cecil Hannan, Walter Steinleker, Charles McCreas, Lee Coblenz, Flordy Barnes.
- Team 4: Dee Belveal, Capt. Joe Morris, Lt. Keith Anderson, Lewis Bean, Rev. Paul Felthouse.
- Team 5: Ike Whiteley, Capt. John Weber, Lt. Ivar Williams, N. Dwight Maule, R. S. Ellis, Norbert Hering, Walter Overlander.

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## Swenson Speaks To Kiwanis Club

Stanley Swenson, of the Farm Security Administration, was an interesting speaker at last Tuesday's meeting of the Payette Kiwanis club. He gave a history of the organization of that federal unit and also spoke in detail on the advantages offered to farmers. Loans are made to farmers by the FSA in smaller amounts and the organization is not in competition with banks and other loaning agencies, thus much as loans are available, where they are available, where they are not, there are over 200 loans to farmers in Payette county, 55 of which are to those located on the Black Canyon project.

President-elect Virgil Siple and Secretary-elect W. C. Sorenson gave a brief review of a recent district meeting held in Salt Lake City.

## Enrollment At Schools Increases

Superintendent W. C. Sorenson has announced a considerable increase in the local schools this year. At the start of the year there 580 pupils in the grade school while at the present time there are 645. In the high school the increase has been from 225 to 240. The total he said is considerably more than at the same time last year.

## Officers-elect Attend Meeting

Virgil Siple and W. C. Sorenson, president and secretary-elect respectively of the Kiwanis club attended a meeting of new Kiwanis officers held at Salt Lake City last Saturday and Sunday, at which time it was decided that the clubs of the district would continue to make every effort possible to help in our country's war effort.

George D. Lowe, of Ogden, Kiwanis International trustee was in charge of the meeting and placed emphasis on the clubs program for vocational guidance not only among school pupils but also for returning war veterans.

Practically all the newly elected officers of clubs in the Utah-Idaho district were in attendance.