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YOUNG EXPLAINS SALARY LAW

Court Decision On Salary Brings Explanation From Senator

The recent court ruling revoking the salary provision for school teachers as provided in a bill passed by a special session of the state legislature, brings an explanation from Senator James H. Young, chairman of the senate educational committee. In discussing the situation, Senator Young said:

"Because of the confusion, and the statements being made in regard to our schools and teachers, the public will no doubt be interested in some further explanation. In fairness to the majority of the leading educators of the state and the members of the educational committees of both houses of the legislature, it should be recalled that the teachers relief bill which was passed at the special session, is not the plan of the bill, prepared by them. The present law which the district court has held unconstitutional, was an alternative rushed through both houses, on the last night of the session, after the committee bill had been defeated in the Senate, by only one vote. From the statements being made, that the public could well believe, that our teachers will all leave, and that none of them will receive the advances in salaries provided in their present contracts with their district school boards.

"First, the great majority of the school districts of the state, made larger tax levies and have provided a substantial raise in salaries from

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FIRE DESTROYS SPARKMAN HOME

Short In Electric Tree Lights Causes Disastrous Blaze

As a result of a fire believed to have been started by a short circuit in electric Christmas tree lights, the farm home and all of its contents except a washing machine, of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sparkman, of the Woodspur section five miles north of Payette was completely destroyed Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Sparkman, alone in the kitchen at the time, noticed the blaze shortly after it started but was powerless to extinguish the flames, they spread so rapidly. Neighbors came to the scene shortly afterward, and the Payette rural fire department was called but it was too late to save the building or contents. A washing machine was the only article saved.

The dwelling was a story and a half structure and contained eight rooms. With its contents, it represented several thousand dollars of investment. Fortunately it was partially covered by insurance.

Since losing their home, the Sparkmans now plan on living in a tenant house on a farm just north of their present place which they recently purchased.

They have lived on the place since 1938, coming there from Eugene, Oregon. A daughter lives at home with the parents.

K. CLUB PLANS OFFICERS MEET

Will Hold Training School Tonight At Peterson's Cafe

One of the most important Kiwanis meetings of the year will be held tonight at Peterson's Cafe at six o'clock when officers and committee chairmen will meet for a training school session under the direction of the newly elected president, V. A. Siple. Mr. Siple and his secretary, W. C. Sorenson, recently attended a district officers training school at Salt Lake City, and they will pass on to local officers and committee heads the information they received there.

The program will include ten minute talks by Dr. John J. Kaiser on club administration; W. C. Sorenson on youth welfare; George Sedlmayer on public affairs; and President Siple on inter-club relations and war time citizenship.

Following the program there will be a discussion of specific plans for the club's general project for the year of doing everything possible to aid the war effort.

In addition to the club officers and directors, the following committee chairmen will attend the meeting: Agriculture, Jas. H. Young; Business Standards and Public Affairs, H. S. Harper; Classification and Membership, H. L. Bergholthaus; Kiwanis Education, Inter-Club and Public Relations, B. F. McCarrall; Music, Rev. Cecil Hannan; Program,

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Christmas Telegram Brings Good News

Among their many other gifts, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Davis, considered the following telegram from their son, David, the best of all:

"Arrived safely Letterman General Hospital. Feeling fine. Its wonderful to be back again. Expect to be nearer home again soon. David."

Cpl. David, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been in New Guinea since November, 1941. He was brought back to the hospital at San Francisco for treatment for a skin infection he contracted while serving in New Guinea.

Mrs. Davis said Tuesday that if he is not able to come home soon she and Mr. Davis will go to San Francisco to see him. Cpl. Davis twin Lt. Daniel Davis, a fighter pilot, is a German prisoner of war.

BEET GROWERS TO MEET THURSDAY

Will Discuss Important Problems Of Sugar Producing Industry

There will be an important meeting of the beet growers of the Nysa Nampa District Beet Growers Association at the Payette Court House Thursday, January 4th at 2:00 P. M. Many pertinent problems pertaining to the industry will be discussed, including the 1945 labor situation.

A director from this district, and an advisory board for this area will also be present.

The meeting according to sponsors will be one of the most important of the year and all present and prospective beet growers in the area should attend.

Beet growing is becoming one of the important industries of the section and it also contributes materially to the war effort, those in charge anticipate more than usual interest in the coming gathering.

Kiwanis Meeting Last Tuesday

Payette Kiwanians were entertained at their meeting last Tuesday by Mrs. A. C. Fenske who gave a humorous newsletter on the activities of many of the members of the organization.

All of the members at Tuesday's meeting signed a greeting which will be sent to members of the organization who are now in the military forces. Included in the group are Neil R. Fitch, Milton Smith, Robert Norvell and Dr. Richard Woodward.

Guests at Tuesday's meeting included Joe Daniels, Lt. Robert Farber, Neil R. Fitch and President Earl Blackaby and President-elect Frank Ryan, of the Ontario Kiwanis Club.

Due to the fact that installation of the new officers will take place on Thursday of next week, no meeting is scheduled to be held on the regular date, Tuesday, January 2.

Team Work Brings In Large Goose

From many wild goose chases hunters generally know that it takes cunning of the keenest kind to bag wild geese. Harry Heleker of the O. K. Tee shop and Claude Patrick of Fruitland also have learned that team work will sometimes do the trick.

While coming into town Tuesday morning from his farm home at Fruitland, Harry saw a prospective wild goose dinner sitting in the Payette river among a flock of ducks, near the bridge about two miles south of town. His first thought was to go back home, get his gun and dog Jimmie and go after the big bird, but the urge of "business called" and he rolled into town. Upon arriving he called Claude on the telephone and told the latter exactly where the prospective dinner was. About an hour later the telephone at the O. K. Tee shop rang and when Harry answered it it was Claude on the other end with an enthusiastic "We got the goose."

Police Report Quiet Holidays

Chief of Police Cecil Rose reports that the holidays were quiet so far as police activity was concerned. Everybody seemed to be interested in home activity, he said, and there was no noticeable misbehavior on the part of the people generally. There were no arrests Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

The last police court case before the holidays came Friday when Melvyn Davis and Geo. M. Glasco, of Westley, pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk in a public place and were fined \$25 each by Probate Judge Martin Luther. The arrests were made when the two men were found asleep in a car which was parked in the center of the road at the blind turn near the Marshall Fixture company plant on Seventh street, North.

WINS H. S. GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Miss Frances Sharp Will Be Eligible For State Contest

Miss Frances Sharp, senior in the Payette high school, was named this week as the local D. A. R. chapter's entrant in the state wide good citizenship contest.

Under the rules she must now submit an essay in a state contest, and if her essay is adjudged the best in the state she will receive a one hundred dollar war bond as a prize. Daughter of American Revolution Chapters over the state have conducted the contest for years. Prior to the war the prize was a trip East.

Each Chapter annually has the senior class of the high school in its city choose three candidates for the award, at an election on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. From these three candidates the faculty of the school then chooses the one to receive the award. The class candidates this year were Irene Brewster, Sylvia Pearce and Miss Sharp, and the voting of the faculty was exceptionally close.

RUSSIAN CLOTHES REACH NEW YORK

Payette sends Over Two And One-Half Tons For Relief

Acknowledgment of the shipment of over two and a half tons of used clothing and shoes for Russian relief Wednesday morning from New York City from this city was received on headquarters by W. C. Sorenson, Supt. of schools who served as the chairman of the local drive.

"We wish to acknowledge gratefully your contribution to the Russian War Relief, Inc. While we would like to reply personally to our many contributors, we know you will understand that this receipt expresses our sincere appreciation and helps conserve all possible funds to aid the Russian people. Acknowledgment of 117 cartons used clothing weighing 4792 pounds, used shoes 321 pounds."

Cpl. Adams Now A Tail Gunner

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Cpl. Clyde E. Adams, 19, son of Mr. Festus W. Adams of Payette, has recently arrived overseas and is now a member of Col. Paul L. Barton's target bombing group, operating out of Italy. He is a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Cpl. Adams was graduated from Nysa Union high school where he started in baseball, boxing and football and was awarded a letter in all three. Prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces Nov. 23, 1943, he was employed by the Amalgamated Sugar Co., Nysa. He was graduated from Las Vegas gunnery school, Las Vegas, Nev. June 3, 1944.

Roise Man Draws Suspended Sentence

Casimer A. Fidele, of Pulse, pleaded guilty Friday in probate court to a charge of malicious injury to the property of another and was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail with the provision that the sentence would be suspended if he left the county immediately. Justice Martin Luther imposed the sentence.

Fidele while intoxicated, was alleged to have broken a screen door at the home of Lillian Kohts at Fruitland while the owner was at home. The complaint was filed by the sheriff's office.

Police Write Of European Fighting

Mrs. Charles Young of Fruitland is in receipt of the following letter from her husband, Pvt. Charles D. Young, of the Quartermaster Corps.

"I have been kicking and feeling fine. I have been sitting around here trying to learn French and it is really a zoo. I haven't been on any news here yet and I don't think they will take any for I can't understand these people and can only speak a few words of French. I would write a few words of it to you but it would have to go to another censor somewhere to be censored. They have some crazy ideas about this censorship. They are always telling us what we can't write but never do tell us what we can."

Later: Just back from chow. We had

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Blackaby Buys Partner's Interest

A deal was completed here this week whereby W. B. Blackaby will take over the interest of his partner, W. J. Hughes and become sole owner of the Ritz and Rio theaters and the Hughes Apartments Jan. 1. Mr. Blackaby who is Mr. Hughes' son-in-law, has been a partner and manager of the two theaters for the past four years. He plans operating the business on the same basis as it has been.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been in the theater business in this city for more than twenty-five years and will be missed in the business life of the community. They operated the theater here in the old silent picture days and as new developments came, kept pace with the times to make the local playhouses among the best in the section. They have not announced their future plans.

4H ACHIEVEMENT PLANS STARTED

County-wide Affair To Be Held Soon After January 1

Plans are underway for a county wide 4H Achievement day program to be held shortly after the first of the year, according to Allerton Patch, acting county agent.

County club leaders will help Mr. Patch with arrangements for the affair, which will probably be held at the usual place in the high school auditorium at Fruitland.

Dan Warren, state 4H leader, will be here from Moscow to give the main talk of the day, and there will be a number of special awards made.

Some 4H club films will also be shown and there will be a number of other program features yet to be arranged.

URGES FARMERS TO SELL SEEDS

AAA Chairman Reports Seed Crop Not Finding Way to Market

Grass and legume seeds are not reaching commercial channels in sufficient quantities to meet our needs here at home and we're way behind in our lend-lease commitments too, J. K. Blackburn, chairman of the Payette county Triple-A committee, stated today in urging farmers to market their seed crop early.

"A large amount of red clover seed was grown in Idaho this year," he said, "but not nearly enough seeds are reaching the dealers at the present time. Farmers who are holding their seed should market it immediately while prices are favorable. It doesn't matter whether you have a large supply or only a few bushels more than you need for your own seeding, get it on the market as quickly as possible," he told farmers.

Farms were made available by Congress through the Triple-A program to encourage harvesting of seeds that are needed so badly and payments were provided for critical crops on an acreage and poundage basis. Payments of 3 1/2 cents per pound for red clover and 2 1/2 cents for alfalfa and alsike, clean basis, were made available to producers in Idaho.

Blackburn said that farmers produced more red clover this year than in 1943 and this increase is largely due to the fact that the payments offered under this program were higher, however, are not finding their way to dealers, causing an acute shortage.

Lend-lease shipments must be made right away in order to be received in time for next year's planting, so all farmers should make sure that all their seed crops are placed on the market, J. K. Blackburn added.

Seen About Town

H. S. Boring, trying to make people think he is a working man by wearing overalls last Wednesday morning. We hear much about the rednecks' plans with the rednecks' toys, but it took Mrs. Larve Brant to buy a toy for herself a wooden duck. "A big percentage of Payette's business firms extending New Year's greetings to their customers and friends after a short time it will likely be necessary to enforce restrictions, limiting the number of papers that can be printed each week and the number of new subscriptions which may be added as well as the number of pages that may be contained in each issue. Some papers already are refusing to accept new subscriptions and maintain a waiting list, requiring new subscribers to wait until some one stops the paper before their name can be added."

The Independent-Enterprise in conformity with the government's request for paper conservation for sometime past has followed a policy of dropping subscribers upon their expiration dates and this will be continued without exception in the future.

KIWANIS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Program Planned For Next Thursday Evening—Ladies Are Invited

Payette Kiwanians will install newly elected officers at an evening meeting on Thursday of next week at the Portia clubhouse. An appropriate program has been arranged and lady Kiwanians will be the guests of the club for the evening.

W. C. Sorenson, who has charge of the musical numbers on the program, announces that Irene Brewster, violinist; and vocal numbers by Mrs. Edna Bucknum and Vivian Davenport, of Emmett will be featured.

John Fagerstedt, prominent in Kiwanis circles for years, will be the speaker of the evening and Weldon Fuge will officiate as master of ceremonies.

The newly elected officers of the club include Virgil Siple, president; George Sedlmayer, vice president; W. C. Sorenson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. John J. Kaiser, immediate past president, and Fred Stanton, bulletin editor. The board of directors is composed of Keith Anderson, Weldon Fuge, Frank Jones, L. W. Brainerd, Jack Haggan and Fred Richards.

CITY DRILLING NEW WATER WELL

Will Supplement Present Water Supply—Provide Ample Reserve

In order to supplement the city's present water supply and provide an ample reserve at all times, Bert Crowther, driller, commenced drilling a new city water well on Seventh Avenue North the last of the week. The new well will be No. 5 and is located in the northern part of the city near well No. 4. The other three wells are East of the city.

Drilling operations are under the direction of H. O. Lightfoot, city water superintendent and he and other members of the city crew are helping with the work.

Lightfoot reported Wednesday afternoon that the well had been drilled to a depth of sixty feet and that he expected that a goodly supply of water would be reached at about a depth of 250 feet.

When the well is completed water from it will be pumped directly into the city mains with the surplus going into the city reservoir.

Keith Farber In English Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Farber on Tuesday of this week received a letter from their son, Keith, who has been with the U. S. Forces in Germany to the effect that he was receiving treatment for wounds in a hospital in England. At the time that he was wounded Keith was observing mortar fire from a factory building. The building was hit and he received a broken shoulder and other minor shrapnel wounds.

Newsprint Shortage Affects Policy

After January 1st the Independent-Enterprise will be limited in circulation to the level of 1944, according to Limitation Order L-240, which freezes the consumption of newspapers using over 1 1/2 tons of newsprint per quarter. The new order takes effect on January 1, 1945 and is based on the consumption of newsprint used during the first three quarters of 1944.

Weekly newspapers of less than 1500 circulation will not be affected by the new order.

For the Independent-Enterprise may eventually mean a complete change in circulation policy. During the past year in excess of five hundred new subscribers have been added to the subscription list of the Independent-Enterprise and our supply of newsprint will very much be limited in 1945.

Probably the Independent Enterprise will be able to supply the demand for the immediate future, but after a short time it will likely be necessary to enforce restrictions, limiting the number of papers that can be printed each week and the number of new subscriptions which may be added as well as the number of pages that may be contained in each issue. Some papers already are refusing to accept new subscriptions and maintain a waiting list, requiring new subscribers to wait until some one stops the paper before their name can be added.

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PAYETTE COUNTY LABOR SITUATION FOR 1945 SEASON NOT TOO BRIGHT

Indications At Present Are For An Acute Farm Labor Shortage

The outlook for farm labor in this section next year is none too bright according to committeemen from this county who attended a farm labor meeting in Twin Falls on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

The committeemen V. A. Siple, Frank Aarta and Allerton Patch said that at the present time it looks like there will be approximately fifteen percent less Mexican nationals available for the district; there will be little Japanese labor due to the order permitting Japanese to return to their homes in the coast areas; selective service will

Correspondents And Advertisers Attention

Due to the holiday, next week will be another short one for the force at the Independent-Enterprise. Correspondents and advertisers will therefore help out a lot if they will submit copy early.

This cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

TAX COLLECTORS HAVE BUSY DAYS

Delinquents Will Be Few Officers At Court House Report

Along with merchants serving last minute Christmas shoppers, the county treasurer and assessor had long busy days last week with taxpayers coming in to pay taxes and beat the "deadline" before the fourth Monday of December, which this year made the last day, Saturday, Dec. 23rd.

Both Onas Hartung, county treasurer, who collects real property taxes, and Mrs. Grace Abbott, assessor who collects the personal property taxes, reported that their offices were filled with lines of taxpayers all last week and although they have not had time as yet to check up on actual figures they believe that delinquencies in the first half due in December will be extremely few.

Both hope to have the figures on total payment for next week's issue of the Independent-Enterprise.

Officer Writes Of Former Resident

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dingley, of San Gabriel, Cal., recently received a letter from Lt. Col. E. B. Loveland, commanding officer of the 1st Lt. George V. Dingley, Young Dingley was born in Payette and is well known here. Col. Loveland's letter follows:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dingley—I isn't every officer that I write his folks about, but your son is one of the bravest and most fearless that I've seen. Since he is so modest he hasn't told you of his Silver Star for gallantry decoration and that he received his promotion from second lieutenant to first lieutenant while serving on the battlefield. I feel it is my duty to relate this information to you.

"His rank was the leading one in my armored column during the many days march through France and Belgium and finally in Germany. I've seen him go right back into action after having his tank shot out from under him and his uniform was torn almost to shreds from the shrapnel. Lt. Dingley is the finest example of a young American officer and it is a joy to have him in my command."

Service Letters Feature Issue

The Independent-Enterprise is indeed pleased with the response of friends and relatives who brought in the large number of service men's and women's letters to feature this issue.

The letters will be found in practically every section of the paper and contain much valuable information on the parts that Payette county men and women in every part of the world are playing in the war.

Combined, they furnish a record that any county much larger than Payette could well be proud of.

The Independent-Enterprise received several letters too late for this week's issue, and anyone having letters they would like published next week they may bring them into this office early as possible.

MAX FINED ON PETIT LARCENY CHARGE

John LaFranier pleaded guilty in probate court Wednesday to a petty larceny charge and was fined \$10 and given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail. Judge Luther, however, suspended the sentence on the condition that LaFranier leave the county immediately. A friend paid the fine, and LaFranier agreed to move on.

The case grew out of a complaint by Geo. W. Jackson that LaFranier had taken a watch for repair and never returned it. LaFranier was arrested at Caldwell and brought back here by Sheriff Harold Gurnsey to face the charge.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR JOINT INSTALLATION

Announcement has been made that the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges will hold a joint installation of their new officers at the lodge hall Thursday night, Jan. 4.

Take many of the young men who were deferred last year to work on farms, and there will be no war prisoner labor in this area due to lack of barracks facilities and types of crops grown.

Approximately 125 committeemen from all counties in the state south of the Salmon river attended the meeting and heard representatives from the War Food Administration; War Manpower Administration; War Relocation Administration; and the Army Ninth Service Command discuss the problem.

The only hope of a change in the more or less gloomy picture that the local men brought home was that more war prisoners might be used in the eastern part of the state thus relieving Mexican nationals who could be brought to this area.

The war prisoners are in charge of the Army and when they are put out to work in various areas, barracks with barbed wire fences surrounding them must be provided. The war prisoners must be worked in groups of at least ten and must be under a soldier guard at all times. The construction of barracks would be a problem, as would the fact that it would not be practical for one guard to watch ten men at a time in orchards, where a lot of extra labor is required.

It was estimated at the meeting that 12,000 extra farm laborers will be needed in Southern Idaho next year if a normal crop is produced. A maximum of five hundred of that number will be needed here, the committeemen said.

MASONIC ORDERS INSTALL OFFICERS

Joint Affair Held Here Tuesday Night, December 26th

Masons of the city enjoyed impressive ceremonies Tuesday evening when a joint installation of officers was held for the local Masonic Lodge and chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at the Masonic temple.

Following the ceremonies refreshments were served to the large number in attendance.

Local Masonic officers included: Col. W. H. Moss, W. M.; Don Haasch, S. W.; Clark Beaman, G. W.; Grant Gardner, S. D.; Harry Leedy, J. D.; Clarence Hallock, S. S.; Ivor Williams, J. S.; Carl Swanson, Chaplain; H. B. Solterbeck, Marshall; R. A. Crump, Tyler; A. E. White, secretary; Keith Anderson, Treasurer; L. W. Brainerd, William Rowberry, Rodney Shale, J. E. Oldham, and E. H. Murphy, trustee.

Royal Arch officers installed were: Col. W. H. Moss, H. P.; Ed Parsons, Kin; Chas. Bolton, Scribe; Don Haasch, Secretary; A. E. White, Treasurer; Ivor Williams, P. S.; Harry Leedy, Captain of Hosts; V. A. Siple, R. A. Captain; V. V. Belknap, M. of Third Veil; Keith Anderson, M. of Second Veil; H. B. Solterbeck, M. of First Veil; J. E. Oldham, Sentinel; Chas. Hartung, Chaplain.

AAA COMMITTEE NAMES OFFICERS

Blackburn Resumes Leadership Of Activities For The Year

J. K. Blackburn, farmer of Payette, reassumes leadership of agricultural adjustment activities in Payette county next week, as chairman of the county AAA committee, when committeemen elected last November by their fellow farmers and ranchers, take office January 1.

Serving with Blackburn will be Ed B. Patton, Star Route, Payette and Frank B. Talbot, New Plymouth, who were re-elected as vice-chairman and committee member respectively for 1945. R. E. Hall, Route 1, Payette and Wallace Harris, New Plymouth, will serve as alternate county committeemen for the coming year.

Starting the twelfth year of service since farm administrative committeemen were first created by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, the AAA committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the war food production goals program, the various loan programs which support prices received by farmers for their commodities, dairy production payment program, the payment program for production and conservation practices, and special war-time rationing and allocations programs.

Serving as community committee men, charged with the conducting the annual farm sign-up and assisting their neighbors with production

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