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C. OF C. ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

President Will Be Named In The Near Future

Seven new members and two who were re-elected will make up the board of directors for the Payette Chamber of Commerce during the coming year as a result of the annual election held last week.

The two re-elected were: E. H. Murphy and W. N. Rowberry. The new members include: V. V. Belknap, Jack Dyer, Weldon Fuge, H. S. Harper, Harry Leedy, Byron Musgrove and Geo. L. Sedlmayer. Usual procedure is for the board to meet soon after election and elect a president and secretary. Jack Hanigan, present president, said Wednesday that he expected to call the meeting for that purpose within a few days.

In the questions voted on at the election, the vote stood 18 to 11 that a full time secretary be employed, however, on the proposition of increasing dues for the full time secretary, the vote was only 14 to 14.

NEIGHBORS HELP FRIEND IN NEED

Woodspur Folk Give Showers For Sparkman Family Last Week

People of Payette demonstrated their neighborliness beyond a question of a doubt in three large showers given last week for R. M. Sparkman and family who lost their large home and all its contents by fire Saturday, Dec. 23.

All that Mr. and Mrs. Sparkman and their daughter saved was the clothes they were wearing and a washing machine. They stayed that night with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mogridge, neighbors, and by the next day neighbors began bringing in food, clothing, beds, stoves and other articles so that they were able to furnish two small tenant cabins on a neighboring place which they recently purchased, and were able to stay there that night.

Wednesday night, a shower for the family was held at the Baptist church, and more canned food, clothing, bedding and so on were brought in, and again on Wednesday night a shower was held at the Grange Hall for them with another large supply of articles being brought in.

Mr. Sparkman was so deeply moved by the acts of kindness that he asked a representative of the Independent-Enterprise to come out and view the large number of gifts.

In the lot, was practically everything needed to set up housekeeping. One friend loaned a cook stove, another an electric refrigerator; others brought in canned fruit and vegetables, a goodly supply of rationed sugar, beds, sheets, blankets, pots and pans, glassware, dishes and so on. In fact Mr. Sparkman said, they never had so many useful kitchen articles before, and they'll have some to share with other folk who might meet with the same misfortune they did.

He concluded the interview by saying, there never were better neighbors anywhere, than those to be found in the Payette vicinity and we will have to be mighty good neighbors ourselves, if we are going to keep up with them.

Dairy Payments Ready To Go

County AAA offices this week began making sight draft payments to milk producers for whole milk and butterfat marketed in November and December. Dairy production payment rates applying for the period are 60 cents per hundredweight for whole milk and 10 cents per pound for butterfat. Receipts, weight slips and statements from milk and cream buyers are accepted by the county offices as evidence of sales, and sight drafts are issued by county AAA committees as immediate payment. Dairy sales evidence also may be submitted by mail to the county AAA office, Payette, Idaho. February 28 is the last date on which November - December production payments may be made. Payment for January-February-March production will be made at one time, beginning April 1, 1945, the office announced.

GEM CLUB WILL MEET AT WEISER

The next meeting of the Snake River Valley Gem Club will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Logan at Weiser Monday night.

All members from this area are urged to attend as the annual election of officers will be held.

The club is made up of members from Payette, Weiser, Ontario and neighboring communities.

Gene Grasty Given Commission

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grasty received a message Thursday from their son T. Sgt. Eugene Grasty that he has completed his course at Monmouth, N. J. and is now a second lieutenant. Lt. Grasty is having several days furlough which he is spending in New York City, Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia and an uncle in Chicago, and will report at Joplin, Mo., for further training after his furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Grasty also had a phone call from their daughter, Irene German, S. 3, from Paducah, Ky., that she is spending four days leave at the home of another WAVE. While visiting there she was asked to sing over the radio which she did, the song being, "A Prayer For The Boys Over There." A recording was made of her song and she also received a free telephone call to her parents.

PAYETTE YOUTH FLIES IN EUROPE

Oscar Stauff Promoted To Captain; Now Navigator Of B-17

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Oscar B. Stauff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Stauff, Sr., of Payette, Idaho, has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. It was recently announced by the commanding general, Eighth Air Force.

Captain Stauff is the navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress, and is a veteran of more than a score of the Eighth Air Force's huge daylight precision bombing assaults against the Nazi war machine. Serving as the lead navigator for his group, the veteran 457 Heavy Bombardment Group, Captain Stauff has successfully navigated his formation over the enemy's oil center at Bielefeld, which was bombed with outstanding accuracy. He has also taken part in some of the greatest bombing assaults ever carried out against the German transportation system, including attacks on Cologne, Frankfurt and Munster.

Thus far in his combat career, Captain Stauff has been decorated with the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

A graduate of Payette high school, where he was a member of the varsity football team, Stauff was a student at the University of Idaho when he entered the Army Air Forces, in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Stauff have another son, First Lieutenant Clifton B. Stauff, who was serving as a navigator of a B-24 Liberator in England, and who was wounded some time ago. He is now at Ft. George Wright hospital at Spokane, Wn.

Nampa Wins By Small Margin

The Nampa Bulldogs had to stretch themselves to the utmost here Friday night to nose out a 28 to 21 victory over the Payette high basketball tossers.

The game, a non-conference one, was exciting all the way through and it looked for a time as though the local boys might spring an upset on their much touted and more experienced rivals.

Local fans have an exciting week in store for them. Thursday night the locals go to Fruitland for a game there. Friday night Payette will entertain Meridian in another non-conference contest, and an additional feature will be a preliminary game between the Junior high teams of Payette and Ontario and next Tuesday night the Payette lads will go to Adrian to take on the strong quintet from that high school.

East Side School Buys A Jeep

Students of the East Side grade school already have purchased their first army Jeep and are well on their way toward the purchase of a second one, according to Kern Riggs, principal. The sale of stamps at this school since Nov. 1st have totaled \$1398.75 while the Jeep costs \$1165. The sale of war stamps at the school last Tuesday totaled \$333.35. Schools buying Jeeps through the purchase of war stamps or bonds are honored by having their names placed on the vehicle.

RFC LOUIE MEYERS VISITS HOME FOLKS

Pfc. Louie Meyers was an arrival in Payette this week for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyers. Mrs. Meyers is visiting her parents in Emmett. Meyers is located at the Redmond base, where he is a radio man on a B-26, tow target bomber. The couple live in Bend, where Mrs. Meyers is employed in a bank. Meyers was an employee of the Independent-Enterprise prior to entering the service.

CITY DADS HAVE BUSY SESSION

Several Important Matters Come Up For Discussion

The city council had an exceptionally busy session at its regular meeting Monday night.

Besides taking up routine matters the city air port proposition, a new garbage man and other matters were discussed.

The lease for part of the air port to a group of Boise men had been drawn up, and after examination by the council a few minor changes were suggested. When these are made the lease will be negotiated by the council air port committee with the Boise men.

The city is without a garbage man as the result of the resignation of I. A. Whiteley submitted to the council at its Tuesday night meeting. There was some discussion on the matter and an immediate job for the council will be to find some one to take his place.

It was announced at the meeting that Judge Martin O. Luther, had not resigned as city police judge and planned to continue serving in that capacity after his term as probate judge expired. The judge will have a desk in the city office and will be subject to call when needed.

Judge Luther in his report for December showed the collection of \$115.00 in fines.

Chief of Police Cecil Rose made the following report: Arrests: two disturbing the peace; five drunk in public place; two speeding; 30 transients locked in flop house; twenty doors and windows left open in business district; two unlicensed dogs killed.

Total bills allowed for the month of December amounted to \$4251.58.

Sgt. Who Shot Down Three Planes Visits

Sgt. Jas. Millard, who returned to the United States Dec. 12 after two tours of duty in England, has been enjoying a Christmas visit with Mrs. Millard, the former Barbara Cahill at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cahill in the Crystal section.

In the two trips overseas Sgt. Millard took part in forty-four missions. On the first he served as a waist gunner and on the second as a nose gunner on large bombers. He has received credit for shooting down three German planes. All the missions were over France and Germany and on several of them his squadron dropped bombs on Berlin and vicinity.

He is scheduled to report at Santa Monica, Calif., for reassignment Jan. 16. He and Mrs. Millard are leaving this week for a visit with his parents in California before he has to report to duty.

Mrs. Millard served for a number of years as secretary to W. R. McClure, prosecuting attorney, and she as is the Cahill family is well known here.

Hanigan Has New Shop Foreman

Darrell Smith, recently of Seattle but formerly of Emmett has accepted a position as shop foreman at the Hanigan Chevrolet company and began his new duties the first of the year.

During the past four years Mr. Smith has been service salesman for the Westlake Chevrolet company in Seattle and there gained plenty of experience as the concern is one of the largest in the coast city.

He is a Mason and Eagle Scout. He is also married, and he, and Mrs. Smith and their one child are living at New Plymouth until they can secure a suitable residence in this city.

Ten Local Men Join Armed Forces

Ten more local men were sent to Fort Douglas, Utah last Thursday night by the local selective service board to be inducted into the armed forces.

The list included: Robert W. Pearsy; Neil B. Boyce, trans. from Dubois; Jas. E. King, trans. from Beaver, Okla.; Owen D. Putnam, Eldon S. Mills, Bob E. Ingersoll, Chas. R. Bale, Keith B. Strom, Leiland V. High and Lee R. Kelly.

JAPANESE SAVES ENTIRE COMPANY

Payette Japanese Soldier Wins Commendation In France

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY IN FRANCE—A single rifleman often spells the difference between life and death for a whole company. In this particular case, the lone rifleman was private Jero Kanetomi, of Payette.

His rifle company of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team was preparing to launch an attack on enemy-held positions in a wooded ridge near Bruyeres, France. The enemy apparently knew where his company was, for only the night before they had engaged in a fierce fire fight and two prisoners had escaped during that fight.

Private Kanetomi was acting as security, watching the company's left flank. Through the foliage and heavy underbrush, he detected about 30 of the enemy troops trying to poise themselves for a surprise attack from behind a high railroad embankment along the company front.

He began to fire rapidly on the enemy, thereby giving warning to his company. His accurate and deadly fire distracted and rattled the enemy so much that they were not able to place themselves in favorable positions to fire upon the Japanese American unit. In the meantime, his buddies reached the cover of a gully and placed machine gun fire on the Germans.

Other German soldiers in the woods, began to fire bazooka guns and rifle grenades in an effort to silence the machine guns.

His companions repeatedly urged him to seek the protection of his foxhole but he remained at his exposed post, firing on an enemy squad which was trying to place a machine gun into position to fire upon the Japanese Americans. He succeeded in killing one of the crew wounding two more, and forcing the others to abandon their attempt to put the gun into action.

By this time his company was organized for their assault and went into methodically driving the enemy out of their entrenched positions.

But had Private Kanetomi been slower in warning his company of impending danger, they might not have been able to protect themselves from the surprise fire which would have been poured down on

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Seen About Town

Payette short some restaurants with the beginning of 1945 rationing shortage given as reason.

"Out To Dinner" sign on the ticket window at the U. P. station, one day last week.

R. P. Peterson, a gentleman of leisure this week after many active years in the restaurant business in Payette. Many Payette matrons not too happy about having some of their red ration stamps cancelled after being told that they would be good indefinitely. One of the most attractive Christmas cards received this year—that colored photo of Kiwanis Park, sent out by Michael Harris.

FARM CENSUS WORKERS NEEDED

Census Taking Will Be Commenced Monday, Jan. 8

Acting County Agent Allerton Patch asked all persons who have had farm experience, such as farmers and their wives, members of farm organizations, crop reporters, ditch riders, and especially persons who have attended agricultural colleges, to lend their assistance, if they are available, as enumerators for the 1945 agricultural census which will start on January 8.

Patch said that those presently employed, including military personnel and those connected with county assessors' offices or official families, are specifically eliminated from the work.

The census will cover farms consisting of three acres up to those acreages that produce a gross yearly income of \$250. Small acreages that are devoted to raising berries, chickens and rabbits and gross \$250 should be listed in the census.

The reports are confidential in nature and can only be used by the Department of Commerce for statistical information. They can not be used for investigations or in any manner that would violate the confidential nature of the questionnaire. Some 239 questions are listed but many of them do not apply in Idaho. Patch indicated.

Those interested in helping out in this important work as an enumerator should apply to the nearest census supervisor at the following place:

Charles Peacock, local supervisor, 465 Federal Bldg., Weiser, Idaho. Dist. No. 4—Adams, Boise, Canyon, Custer, Gem, Lemhi, Payette, Valley, Washington.

Peterson Cafe Changes Hands

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Peterson, veteran cafe operators of this city, sold out their Peterson's cafe Monday, Jan. 1 to I. C. Green of Caldwell and his son-in-law, J. B. McDaniels of California.

Mr. Green has moved his family to Payette and took charge at the cafe that morning. Mr. McDaniels has gone to California to dispose of interests there and he will join his father-in-law here later. Mr. McDaniels is an experienced chef, and Mr. Green has been employed in a restaurant at Caldwell for some time. They expect to operate the business on the same high standard it has been in the past.

The deal included the business and not the building which is owned by the Petersons.

The latter expect to take a much needed rest before announcing future plans. They have operated the cafe continuously for twenty years and five months and it has enjoyed the regulation for years of being one of the best eating places in southwestern Idaho.

Committee Audits Association Books

A committee composed of Lloyd McClure, Walter Gushack and M. S. Nesbitt spent Wednesday at the county agent's office auditing the books of the Payette Livestock association.

The organization, which confines its activities to sheep, shipped three carloads last year as well as a large quantity of wool.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS GROUP TO MEET

The meeting of the Infantile Paralysis committee will be held Friday, January 5th at 7:30 p. m. in the office of Allerton Patch in the basement of the postoffice. Every one interested is urged to attend.

Judge Luther Will Be Missed From Court House

After next Monday, the time set for new officers to take over and new terms to begin, a kindly face and figure will be missed from the Payette county court house.

You've guessed the name right. It is none other than Probate Judge Martin O. Luther, who has been the people of Payette and Payette county's (laughingly and well for thirty three years) first as city clerk and police judge and then as county probate judge and city police judge.

Judge Luther was first elected city clerk and police judge in 1907 at a time when there was not a foot of sewer pipe in the city; no cement sidewalks and only about 100 water users from the city plant. He continued on in that position until 1919 when he was appointed probate judge of the recently formed new county and has served continuously in that position up to the present time except for four years from 1925 to 1929, when because of his late wife's health he spent that period in the Southwest.

He moved into the present court

house when it was first built as a city building in 1912 and except for the four years mentioned above has spent his work there in various rooms of the building.

Because of the judge's friendly personality and wide acquaintance in the county, over residents have become accustomed to finding him there, and with no reflection upon his supposed duty, are going to miss him greatly. In fact the old court house will not be the same without him.

But as all things human are only temporary at best, Judge Luther, came to that much desired point in life, when bread and butter was no longer a pressing problem and he decided last fall to retire from office, not to rest but to have time not afforded before in a long busy life to do a lot of things that had put off, reading, fishing, some writing, hunting and a great deal of searching for, grinding and polishing of agates and other rock specimens, which has been his hobby for a number of years.

Judge Luther probably will not be remembered for spectacular accomplishments, because he is not that kind of a man. He is of the type who does not seek the limelight but prefers to work in the shadow as he were, going the job in hand efficiently and well.

While serving as probate judge he studied law, during off hours and ultimately reached the point where he could have been admitted to the bar of this state.

Many a poor widow has received good practical advice from this legal training of the judge in probate matter at no cost whatsoever, and because of his natural ability as a judge many a youngster's first brush with the law was his last. The judge has a way of impressing both old and young in trouble and it is these kindly and inspiring impressions which he has made on human hearts which will be remembered. And that's the reason that scores of his friends are going to miss him at his accustomed place next Monday.

RECENT RULING MAY RELIEVE ACUTE LOCAL HOUSING SITUATION SOON

FHA Gives O. K. To Fifty New Houses In This Section

Hope of relief in the housing situation in this city came Wednesday night in a press dispatch from Boise, wherein it was stated that the Payette-Weiser-Ontario area had been allotted fifty new homes by the FHA.

The dispatch stated the new homes could sell up to \$7000 and that applications for the building of them should be sent to Harry Whittier, state FHA administrator at Boise.

The procedure for the permission to build the new homes was not given in the news dispatch but undoubtedly that will be furnished by Mr. Whittier upon application by the prospective builder.

The housing situation in all three towns has been acute for some time, and if fifteen to twenty new homes can be built in each, it will materially help in providing badly needed living quarters.

Stores Close Early Saturday Nights

All stores in Payette will be closed at 6 o'clock Saturday nights during January and February, according to an announcement Wednesday by Harry Leedy, chairman of the merchant's committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

This practice has been followed for several years, and since farmers are not busy during these months, the shorter hours for store employees has caused little inconvenience to patrons, Chamber of Commerce officials, have learned.

CO. OFFICERS TO BEGIN NEW TERMS

Only Change Comes In Probate Judge's Office

Payette county's installation of new officers scheduled for next Monday will be a duplication of the same event two years ago, except for one officer and that is the Dist. No. 4—Adams, Boise, Canyon, Custer, Gem, Lemhi, Payette, Valley, Washington.

At the local court house, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, county clerk, whose term of office is four years and does not expire until 1947, will swear in the two commissioners, Edward Mess and S. L. Pomeroy, who were re-elected last fall. John R. McKinney, third commissioner, holds over until 1947. The board will then organize and the newly elected chairman will swear in the other officers who include:

Harold H. Gurnsey, sheriff; Chas. Hartung, treasurer; W. S. Stephenson, probate judge; Flora Davis Farrar, supt. of public instruction; W. R. McClure, prosecuting attorney; Grace Abbott, assessor; Edith Landon, coroner; Don E. Haasch, surveyor; Helen F. Dunn, justice of the peace, and Chas. Bolton, constable.

Davenport's Have Freak Truck Mishap

Lee Davenport received a sprained back, his wife bruises and their two children escaped injury in a freak truck accident about two miles from the Turner Brothers farm on the Oregon side near Weiser Tuesday.

Davenport, driving a semi-trailer stock truck loaded with cattle for Earl Bassford, started up a hill and on account of the slippery roads was not able to make the grade. As a result the truck started backwards down the hill, and the weight of the cattle shifted in such a manner that the leverage raised the cab and front part of the truck high in the air. When the whole outfit landed in a barrow pit some distance down the hill, the cab crashed down on its side resulting in the injury of the driver and his wife.

None of the cattle were hurt but all were freed from the truck enclosure and ran back home a mile away. Drivers of trucks following Davenport, said that the cattle were back at the home feed lot before they could extricate the Davenports from the wreckage.

Cpl. Peterson Home From Overseas

Cpl. Eugene F. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Peterson arrived home Dec. 22 from the European and Mediterranean war theatres, where he spent twenty-seven months.

His opportunity to come home came as a result of the rotation through system, this name being one of four drawn from 175 names. Following a several weeks furlough here, he will report at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 17 for reassignment.

While in the Italian theatre, he enjoyed a four day visit in Rome. He wears the Good conduct medal, citation ribbon with two oak leaf clusters, and has four battle stars on his campaign ribbon.

Dr. Richard Woodward arrived in Payette last Thursday to spend until Monday with his wife and son, and parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Woodward. Richard has been in the South Pacific on a supply ship.

MONT. MAYOR THANKS PAYETTE

Local Folk Send Gifts In Return For Courtesy Shown

Local ball fans who attended the Junior Legion championship baseball games in Great Falls, Mont., last August have warm spots in their hearts for that Montana city, and undoubtedly the feeling is mutual on the part of Great Falls folk judging from the following letter from Ed Shields, Mayor.

Mayor's Office
City of Great Falls, Mont.
Dec. 26, 1944

My dear friends and ball fans, Payette, Idaho.

Thanks for the potatoes and onions and this followed by your Christmas greeting signed by all you loyal ball fans that I had the pleasure of meeting in Great Falls. This convinces me that there is still a Santa Claus.

I am enclosing clippings from our daily papers. I do not know where they received their information but I am sure that you all had a hand in the wonderful Christmas gifts.

While the Payette team did not finish first in Great Falls, I am sure that if it was left to a popular vote of the people that saw this fighting little team play in Great Falls, they would have won by a walk.

Thanks again and I hope 1945 will be a happy and prosperous New Year for all of you.

Sincerely,
Ed Shields,
Mayor.

The contact with Great Falls came last August when Mr. and Mrs. Tollie Masingill, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dibble, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meacham and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hanigan took a plane to the Montana city to see the local team play for the regional championship in the Junior Legion series. Mayor Shields, learning that the local folks were there, saw to it that they got back and forth to games in private autos, took them on a tour of the city and showed them many other courtesies. Just before Christmas, the Payette group got together and sent two large bags of potatoes and onions to the mayor, and the foregoing letter was his response to that gesture.

Mrs. Theresa Giller Called By Death

Mrs. Theresa Giller, 84, passed on at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Bowman Thursday, Dec. 28.

She was born at Cincinnati, Ohio May 15, 1860. She was married to Otto R. Giller in Spokane in 1890. Her husband preceded her in death in 1915. Mrs. Giller came to Payette in 1939 and has made her home with her only child, Mrs. Ed Bowman since. Funeral services were held from the Landon Funeral home Dec. 30, 1944 at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Paul Felthouse officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Welker To Open Law Office Here

Herman Welker who has been practicing in Los Angeles, Calif., for the past seven years, will open a law office in the First Security Bank building here in about two weeks, he announced Wednesday.

Prior to going to California, as Wallace Beery's attorney, Mr. Welker practiced in Weiser for seven years and while there served several terms as prosecuting attorney. During the past two and a half years he has been connected with Chase Barnes & Chase, a large law firm in Los Angeles serving as its trial lawyer.

He is making the change, he said because of the fact that both he and Mrs. Welker like living in this section better than in the maelstrom of a metropolitan city.

The new office he said, will be opened as soon as his furniture and library arrived from California and are installed.

He, Mrs. Welker and their small daughter have been in Payette for several months while Mr. Welker has been looking after farm interests on the Oregon side.