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High School Sportsmanship

It was pleasing indeed to read a few weeks ago the rules set up by Supt. W. C. Sorenson of Payette and other members of the committee for the high school district sportsmanship contests which are being conducted throughout the state during the basketball season.

Members of the committee evidently gave a great deal of thought and study to the rules as they take in for scoring by competent judges in the contests not only the actions of the players themselves, but also the conduct of the rooting sections of the various competing schools.

This is as it should be, because many times lessons in sportsmanship are needed more by fans and spectators at games than by the actual contestants.

As a matter of fact when one studies the question most of us need more sportsmanship in our characters and it is a good omen that our high school educators have recognized that fact and are emphasizing the subject during the impressionable years of their young proteges.

Athletics have long been a more or less mooted question in the schools and have brought the criticism many times "All the youngsters do there is learn to play games."

If athletics therefore can be made to contribute a definite part in character building, which should be the school's chief aim besides giving rudimentary knowledge and a desire to progress, the expense and time given to them will be more than justified.

Idaho's Legislative Session

The 28th regular session of the Idaho State Legislature will convene on January 8th and in line with other years will no doubt be harassed by pressure groups for the expenditure of more of the taxpayers' money. Taxpayers at the present time are facing the greatest burden of their history in an all-out war effort and sincere legislators will give more attention to the curtailment of expenses rather than the creation of a greater burden.

Up to now there is little definite information upon which to base a prediction as to the measures which will be introduced which will carry heavy expenditures. However, it has been announced by Harold Howell, the Boise gentleman, who claims credit for the defeat of Governor Bottolfsen and also sells hearing devices to the aged, that his organization, the Independent Voters League will press for a \$60 month pension for senior citizens. Howell was also secretary of the CIO Political Action committee in Idaho during the past campaign. He has already become aggressive in his cause and has warned Governor Gossett to beware of his wrath. The Independent-Enterprise is sympathetic with the aged and is a firm believer in suitable and adequate pensions but we are not favorable to the tactics used by Mr. Howell and are of the opinion that legislators are not going to be coerced into supporting unsound measures by the rantings of a hearing device salesman.

Then there will no doubt be revived the four year course proposal for the Southern Branch at Pocatello. State educational institutions today are faced by a dwindling enrollment due to the fact that so many young people are now going into the service. Certainly Idaho is now overburdened with institutions of higher learning and we can see little justification for such legislation. Certainly it will not tend toward reducing expenditures.

In the year ending December 31, 1944, taxpayers of Idaho paid in direct taxes to federal, state and national governments the huge sum of 90 million dollars. This amount will be increased materially if the taxpayers permit their representatives in the house and senate to become the tool of those advocating greater expense. There is just one way which this condition can be avoided and that is by a very definite expression of sentiment to the men who will represent you, the state senator and the state representative.

Real Security

Job security is understandably a primary concern of millions of people, even in these days of manpower shortages. From this concern springs the tendency to look to government for reassurance, regardless of consequences.

On the question of how American workmen can achieve greater security, the comment of a spokesman for the coal industry is worthy of consideration. Speaking of the miners, he says: "The miner's improved working and living conditions of today are possible only because under the American system, efficient management, cooperating with and having a responsibility to labor, has created the opportunity to work. Greater security depends on a continuation of that system, free from government strangulation."

When private management and labor work together as independent producers and the government acts as umpire, the worker in the long run is assured of fair treatment and progressive improvement. Government pulls for him. But when government is both employer and arbiter and private management is eliminated, government pulls for nobody but itself. There is no higher authority, no umpire to see that the game is played fairly.

Private employment under private management is, in a sense, merely the implement by which labor stays free of government oppression. Is this not real security?

FROM THE FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Dec. 27, 1934:

Plans for a new gymnasium for the Payette high school are being

considered by the people of this community and the school board. The actual cost of the gym that is being considered is \$18,000.

Lou Foster was seriously injured in an accident last Saturday when

passing a truck between Emmett and New Plymouth, he drove too far out on a soft shoulder and turned over once. He is suffering from several severe head injuries and a back injury.

Every child in Payette, which was on the list of the merchants of this city, was assured of a happy Christmas. With the funds of the benefit dance and the co-operation of the people and the merchants of Payette, Fruitland and New Plymouth over 700 families received toys and candy for Christmas.

A small fire at the home of Bill Swearingen last Saturday evening caused damage estimated at \$5.00. The fire started in the attic and was thought to have been caused by a defective flu.

Steve Davis, who has owned and operated Steve's Hamburger Station for the past few years, has sold the concern to A. L. Musser, of Crookston, Nebraska.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the files of the Payette Independent, dated, Dec. 25.

Mrs. Edith Sheeler, of Juneau, Alaska, came Tuesday morning for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. McClanahan. She was rather surprised at the cold weather here (16 below) compared with 6 below, the coldest it had registered before she left Juneau.

The most magnificent gift that we have heard of this Christmas was that of Mr. C. H. Bowman, the poultry man, who furnished 25 dressed chickens, free of charge for each basket of provisions and toys to be distributed by the Kiwanis and the Elk's club.

W. E. Pease, who has for many years been the efficient manager of the Boise Payette Lumber Company at this place, will leave about the first of the year for Eaton, Colo., where he will manage a lumber yard for the same company.

B. R. Fitch's office was the scene of a merry scramble this afternoon at 3:30 as Santa Claus presented the lucky ticket holders with prizes and all of the children with the treats. Wilhelmina Paulson, drew the doll and Charles Harris drew the football. Santa was sponsored by Mr. Fitch.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise, dated Dec. 25, 1924:

The weather conditions during the past ten days has proven the predictions of early cold weather and heavy snow. On Thursday morning December 18th the temperature was lowered to 13 below zero. Zero weather is not a common occurrence in the Payette valley and particularly during the month of December.

A good representation of the business houses and members interested in the Chamber of Commerce was present Friday evening at the annual meeting. Banquet and election of officers and a renewed interest in the organization prevailed during the evening.

Regardless of the cold weather of last Saturday a throng of people packed the business houses of Payette almost beyond their capacity. They were not merely "lookers" but were buying the goods. It is quite evident that the Payette merchants have the goods that the people want and at the right price.

Mrs. G. H. Small returned last Sunday evening from a five week's visit at Brookville, Pa., where she visited her mother. She reports conditions very good in the east. Turkeys bringing 60c per pound and eggs 60c per dozen for storage and 70c for fresh.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise, dated Dec. 31:

The YMCA basket ball team has recently been organized, composed of the following players: Bruce Stafer, Earl Dibble, Ferron Harland, G. L. Shaw, Paul Brainard, Joe Bohrer and L. L. Culberson. The team has been expecting to secure a game with the University of Idaho. L. I. Pursell, of the Weiser Signal.

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was a Payette visitor the forepart of this week and while in the city he called on the Enterprise.

Dr. I. R. Woodward has received word that Miss Hattie Hastings, sister of Mrs. Woodward, has been appointed to the position of general superintendent of the Wisconsin General Hospital at Madison, Wis.

The Enterprise wishes all its readers a happy and prosperous New Year. We wish for you success not measured by financial returns alone but also the satisfaction which comes in achievement.

Date your letters and documents 1945.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent, dated Dec. 30, 1904:

Harry T. Lewis, one of the prominent ranchers of the Bench, returned last week from a trip to Long Valley and Ola, where he had been purchasing steers for feeding. He secured about 100 head.

A very large party indulged the skaters' passion Monday afternoon and the sharp air was filled with fun and the sound of cracking ice. All voted it better than staying at home.

Claude M. Baker, of Chicago, is

spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker, of this city, having arrived last Saturday morning. Mr. Baker is the traveling representative of the Murphy Varnish Company, in the railroad department, and enroute to Payette visited the railroad headquarters in Denver.

Another hold-up occurred Monday night, when W. F. Breckon and a Chinaman were made to "shell out" while gazing down the barrels of two deftly held revolvers. Mr. Breckon was relieved of his watch and about \$2 and the Chinaman of something between \$4 and \$5. The watch was later recovered he said. The FPHA seeks to know

RURAL HOUSING FACTS SOUGHT

Rural housing authorities have been asked to submit applications for allotments for rural rent housing construction that they will be prepared to undertake in the first three post-war years if federal funds are available, Philip M. Koutznick, commissioner of the Federal Public Housing authority, announces. No funds are at present available to local housing authorities and any future public housing activities will depend entirely upon the authority and appropriation that the Congress may provide for this purpose.

the desires and needs of local communities before making any recommendations to the Congress. Rural housing authorities are asked to provide in their plans for the housing needs of small towns as well as farms.

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