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## PLYMOUTH MAN DIES SUDDENLY

**Walter W. Stokesberry, New Plymouth Teacher Found Dead At Home**

Sheriff Harold Gurnsey and Dr. J. C. Woodward, acting as coroner during the absence of Coroner Edith Landon, last Wednesday afternoon were called to New Plymouth to investigate the sudden death of Walter William Stokesberry, teacher in the New Plymouth high school, who had been found dead at his home on the Black Canyon project. No evidence of foul play was evident and Dr. Woodward was of the opinion that death was due to natural causes and no inquest will be held. The body is at Landon's in this city and funeral arrangements will be made as soon as relatives can be contacted.

Mr. Stokesberry, about 60 years of age, was in charge of his mathematics classes at the New Plymouth high school on Tuesday but did complain of not feeling well. He failed to show up at the school on Wednesday. At the close of school Superintendent Riddleberger went out to the Stokesberry farm and found him lying on a davenport dead. He apparently had gone home Tuesday evening and attended to his chores and then laid down where he passed away, officials are of the opinion about nine o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Stokesberry and a daughter had left several weeks ago for Mayos and from there they had gone to Lismore, Minnesota and officials have not been able to contact them as yet. W. H. Godschalk and Bryant Reager, friends and neighbors of the deceased, have been left in charge of his property pending the arrival of relatives.

## Two Treated For Accidents

John Edward Joyce, 16, of Fruitland, was given treatment at the Payette General hospital on March 7th for a broken arm sustained when he fell. Billy Cheek was also given treatment on the same day for injuries incurred when he was accidentally hit with a baseball bat while in attendance at the West Side school.

Jack Modrell was given medical attention at the hospital on March 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dillon are the parents of a baby boy born March 7th.

Dismissals included Mrs. John King, Mrs. S. G. McDonald, Marvin Solman, Mrs. Dan Townley and son, Mrs. Lowell Nelson and daughter and Mrs. Alice Weipert.

## Four Draw Fines In Police Court

Four men were fined in police court during the past week when they appeared there before Judge Martin Luther and entered pleas of guilty to various offenses.

On March 6, F. Engle paid a fine of \$10.00 on a charge of speeding.

Wayne Hiltbrand was charged with making a wrong turn on Eighth street March 8 and drew a fine of \$5.00.

Harry Leiser was charged with a similar offense the same day and was fined \$2.00.

Clyde Wyatt was charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace March 11 and was fined \$20.00.

## GREEKS TO GIVE RED C. BENEFIT

**Will Celebrate Independence Day Here March 25th**

Greeks living in the area between Mountain Home, Idaho and Baker, Ore., have chosen Payette as the scene of their Independence Day celebration March 25, according to Geo. (Old Joe) Morris, of this city who is president of the Greek Orthodox church of Idaho.

The day is in celebration of Mar. 21, 1821 when the Greek nation won its Independence, and the affair here will be in the form of a Red Cross benefit. Decision to celebrate in this city was made at a meeting of the church held in Boise last Sunday.

According to present plans, activities will be centered at the Bancroft club, of which Morris is proprietor, and all proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross to be divided among several chapters, Morris said.

The celebration last year was held at Weiser and both that city and Boise bid for it this year, but after Morris pointed out that Payette was more centrally located in the district, the group voted to hold it here, Morris said.

**POWELL BUILDING SMALL HOUSE**

C. W. Powell is building a small house in the Northwestern part of the city to replace one which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

## Hall Rites To Be Held Friday

Funeral services for William Hall, World War II veteran, will be held at Landon's Funeral home Friday afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Hall passed away Tuesday night at the Veterans hospital in Boise following a three weeks illness.

Military honors will be in charge of the John Webster Rhoads Post No. 33 of the American Legion.

"Bill" had been employed for the past year and one-half at The Club and previous to coming to Payette had been employed by Bert Brewster in Parma for a period of eleven years.

## State Guard Meeting Wednesday Evening

Members of the Idaho State Guard were complimented on Wednesday evening by an official visit from Btm. Commander, Lt. Col. Hawley C. Taylor of Nampa who gave instructions in maneuvers and highly complimented the guard unit on a demonstration which was given. Capt. Bryan West gave a lecture on "Marksmanship."

## CANCER CONTROL TO START APRIL 1

**Mrs. Coblentz Named Commander For Field Army In This County**

Mrs. W. C. Langroise of Emmett, district commander of the American Cancer Society's Field Army, was in Payette Tuesday, making arrangements to organize Payette county in preparation for the cancer control drive which begins April 1 and continues thru the month of April.

She visited W. C. Sorenson, superintendent of Payette schools and made plans with him to help thru the schools. Mrs. Langroise appointed Mrs. Lee Coblentz to act as commander for Payette county, and she will appoint campaign officers for New Plymouth, Fruitland and Payette in the near future.

Seventy-five percent of the membership fee, which is \$1.00, and all additional contributions are kept in Idaho to apply to a fund being set up to build and maintain a clinic after the war for the treatment and control of cancer.

Through research it has been discovered that most cancers could have been cured if they had been treated in time. Idaho does not have a clinic at this time. Since cancer is one of our most deadly enemies and strikes in practically all of our homes, playing no favorites among the young or old, rich or poor, it is to the interest of all of us to help establish facilities to combat it, Mrs. Langroise said.

The quota for Idaho is \$18,500. Jack R. Simplot of Caldwell has accepted the chairmanship of the Idaho division and under his able leadership we will not fail to meet it, the district commander pointed out.

## Considerable Interest In Farm Repair Work

Farmers of Payette and nearby counties are showing considerable interest in the farm equipment repair shop which is now being maintained in the Payette armory. The shop is open to all farmers in the repair of all kinds of farm equipment and it is expected that it will be open until spring. There are now thirty-eight enrolled in the classes and the increased interest has made it necessary to employ another instructor, Fred Short, an experienced mechanic who will aid "Boss" Davis in this work. The shop is open from one p. m. to ten p. m., continuously on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Clothing Collection To Be Held In April

W. C. Sorenson, supt. of schools, who was recently named to head the United National Clothing collection to be held during the month of April met with representatives of various civic organizations in the city this afternoon to outline plans for the campaign.

These plans with names of those who will have charge of various districts in the county will be given in the next issue of this newspaper.

## Man Fined For Reckless Driving

Robert E. Joles, was fined \$25 and costs of \$5.40 when he appeared in probate court before Judge W. S. Stephenson Wednesday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

According to the report of the sheriff's office Joles while speeding wrecked his car badly at the junction of 12th Avenue with Highway 30 south of the city, about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. In the accident Joles and three other occupants of the car escaped serious injury.

## MERCHANTS PLAN CO-OP EVENT SAT.

**Will Offer Many Special Values For Customers**

To remind customers that they have resumed opening their stores Saturday evenings and to show the varied full lines of merchandise carried thirteen Payette merchants are cooperating this week in a special event to be held next Saturday evening.

Each store is advertising a special bargain for Saturday evening only, making in all 13 more or less "hard to get" items that patrons may buy at special prices at that time.

The list of those cooperating in the event includes: Gamble Stores, Sedlmayer Drug, Payette Jewelry, Buy-Rite store, Ben Franklin store, J. C. Penney Co., Peterson Furniture Co., Superior Grocery, C. C. Anderson Co., Farmers Department Store, Payette Hardware, Byron's Variety and Safeway.

## Payette County Boys In Navy

Three Payette county boys were enlisted in the United States Navy in Boise on Saturday last. These boys will be called to active duty and transferred to San Diego in approximately six weeks. Those going into the Navy at this time were the following:

Clifford Henry Masingill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Masingill of this city.

Stanley Kenneth Coons, son of Mrs. Lulu C. Coons, of Payette. His father, Kenneth H. Coons, is now serving in the Navy overseas in the South Pacific.

Harold Joe Collingsworth, son of Chester C. Collingsworth, of New Plymouth.

Masingill is a student at the Payette high school and has been quite prominent in basketball activities for the past several years and Coons, until recently, has also been attending the local high school.

## LT. ACE COULTER HOME ON LEAVE

**Spent Fourteen Months Piloting Navy Bomber In The Pacific**

Lt. and Mrs. Ace Coulter are here this week visiting their aunt, Mrs. E. Pounder.

Lt. Coulter, former popular Payette high school athlete, returned to the United States recently after spending fourteen months in the Pacific piloting a navy Ventura bomber. He joined Mrs. Coulter at Boise and they came on over here for the visit Sunday.

Most of the time, Lt. Coulter said, he and other members of his squadron were stationed on the Morotai Islands, and they made 600 mile patrol trips each way searching for Jap ships. He has 2500 hours of flying time, 550 of which were on combat missions. They got in on the invasion of Leyte and were able to see the effects of the war both on land and sea. While in the Pacific he also had the opportunity to visit Australia he said.

Asked about Red Cross work in the Pacific, he reported that, Red Cross huts were on many of the islands, and workers were practically always on hand with hot coffee and doughnuts for the air men as they returned from missions or made stops on out of the way air strips. The Red Cross is doing an excellent job, he declared.

Lt. Coulter likes flying very much, and plans becoming a professional pilot following the war.

From here Lt. and Mrs. Coulter will go to Atlanta, Ga., where he will be stationed for a short time. Later he said he would be transferred to Fort Worth, Texas, where he will attend the American Airlines school.

## SEVEN MORE MEN GO INTO SERVICE

**Group Leaves Wednesday Night For Fort Douglas, Utah**

Seven more men left Payette last night for Fort Douglas, Utah to be inducted into the armed forces, according to George Hawkins, clerk of the Payette county selective service board.

In the group were Jack Gustaf Smith, John Hansen, Chas. H. Daudt, Harry D. Kelley and James R. Meehan, Payette, and Russell Lynn Bates and Delmar L. Sherman, New Plymouth.

In addition to these seven, five more men will be called from the county for induction March 19, Hawkins said.

On arrival at Fort Douglas, the men are inducted into the armed service and then later are assigned to various branches.

## Plan For Roads In Post-War Period

S. E. Johnson, market roads engineer, and C. W. Short, district engineer, were here from Boise Tuesday and met with the county commissioners an duly commissioners of Road District No. 2 on formulating a program for secondary roads in the county to be built in the post-war period.

## Team Drowns In Snake River

Albert Rupp, farmer northwest of town had the misfortune several weeks ago to lose a valuable team by drowning in the Snake river near his farm but was fortunate a week or so later, when he was able to recover the harness from the floating bodies of the animals in the river near Huntington.

According to the story told at John's Harness Shop where the harness was repaired, Rupp turned the horses loose to get a drink in the river. They evidently went out too far and drowned when they became entangled in their harness and fought to get out of the water.

Believing there was a chance to recover the harness Rupp in the meantime purchased a new set.

## NEED MORE WORK IN RED C. DRIVE

**Continued Effort Necessary To Make Quota Chairman Says**

Larry Brainard, Red Cross campaign chairman reports that a last minute check of contributions indicate that although good progress has been made, it will require continued effort if complete coverage of the county is to be accomplished.

It was originally hoped he said that all members of the Victory crew would get underway with the coverage of their respective districts promptly March 1st and that complete coverage would have been completed by March 10th. It now appears, however, that only partial coverage has been made by some and others have been unable to as yet start collecting contributions in their respective districts.

The Victory Crew, organized on a basis that requires each individual to make only 20 to 25 contacts, so that the burden is well divided and no one individual required to take more than a small amount of time to make all the contacts in their individual districts.

While those districts which have been covered are turning in reports that indicate individual contributions are very liberal and on a basis that would insure the county (Continued on page six)

## NEW CLUBHOUSE PLANS PROGRESS

**Kiwanis Hear Interesting Report On Boy Scout Clubhouse**

Plans for the new Boy Scout club house to be located in Kiwanis park are progressing to the extent that it is expected that ground will be broken within the next few weeks, according to a report given at last Tuesday's Kiwanis club meeting by Ike Whiteley, committeeman in charge of this project. Arrangements have been made for the logs and scout troops in the city are now busily engaged in making models of the new building.

Dr. R. T. Capen, Baptist missionary who has spent the past thirty-eight years in China, gave a most interesting talk on that country and emphasized the importance of China in world-politics in years to come. Rev. Capen was introduced by Rev. Paul Felthouse of the local Baptist church.

Payette high school boys present at Tuesday's meeting included Don McKenzie, Orville Kelfer and Buddy Hawkins.

## Seen About Town

"Si" Harper, the Coca Cola man with a new desk but lacking a swivel chair to lean back in... There is a certain technique which identifies even a smoker—if you think Don McKenzie is an addict to a pipe just watch the manner in which he handles it when off guard... Mr. and Mrs. Claude Horton latest applicants for admission into the Grandpa and Grandma ranks...

Last Wednesday's wind rolling large tumble weeds down the main thoroughfare—this however, is not a Chamber of Commerce contribution... "Dad" Farber about three jumps ahead of everybody else in town in the preparation of his home vegetable garden plot—this mention should at least bring forth a bunch of onions to the publisher next spring... Red Cross emblems in the windows of about every resident in Payette—indicative of the cooperation of a co-operative public...

## PAYETTE YOUTH DIES IN SERVICE

**Sgt. Jack Robinson Dies In Luxembourg Hospital From Wounds**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Robinson, of 240 So. 16th street, Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 7th received word from the War Department to the effect that their son, Sgt. Jack Robinson, was seriously wounded on February 21st in Germany and died on February 23rd in a hospital in Luxembourg. He was with Patton's Third Army in the Field Artillery.

Sgt. Jack spent the greater part of his life in Payette and graduated from the Payette high school in 1936 and left here shortly thereafter for Las Vegas, where he resided until the time of his entry into the armed forces. He was 26 years old at the time of his death. Sgt. Robinson is survived by his parents and one brother, Sgt. Bob Robinson; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Munger and Nola Robinson. Memorial services were held in his memory at the L. D. S. church in Las Vegas, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Robinson, parents of the deceased, were well known in Payette. Mr. Robinson having operated a jewelry store in this city for a number of years.

## Albert L. Penn Now A Major

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pence of this city, have received word to the effect that their son, Capt. Albert L. Pence had been promoted to the rank of a major at Camp McCall, N. C. Major Pence is well known in Payette. He was wounded in the South Pacific about one year ago. His family is now residing in Spokane, Wash.

## LT. MOORE WINS PROMOTION

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore received word from their son Kenneth Moore Tuesday morning that he had been promoted to first lieutenant. Lt. Moore is stationed in New Guinea, and is in the Field Artillery and has been in the service since Oct. '43.

## WOMEN NEEDED FOR HOSPITALS

**State Guard Company Will Help In Recruiting Project**

Payette county's latest war time campaign calls for the enlistment of as many women as possible to serve as medical and surgical technicians in army hospitals throughout the West.

Lt. Marjorie E. Nelson of the Women's Army Corps arrived in Payette Friday, with the avowed purpose of interesting the local ladies in the need for help in every Army General hospital in the West.

Lt. Nelson is liaison officer for Governor Gossett in the campaign to enlist an Idaho Medical platoon each month. In order to accomplish this important job, Governor Gossett has ordered the State Guard to handle this program. Cooperating with Lt. Nelson in arranging the details for this program are Captain Bryan West and Lt. Chas. Hartung of the local State Guard unit.

This great need is for medical and surgical technicians who are in effect, assistants to army doctors and nurses, said Lt. Nelson. The need for these trained WAC technicians is over and above any possible number of nurses who may be obtained in a concurrent drive to increase the nursing staffs of Army hospitals in this country and overseas.

"The sick and wounded from overseas are being returned to this country at the rate of more than 30,000 men a month. That means that 1,000 men a day are coming back to spend an average of five months each in the Army General hospitals in this country. The average period of recuperation is five months."

"Battle casualties, including those treated and returned to duty overseas, now total 100,000 men a month and there is little likelihood that the figure will decrease until the fighting ends."

"In these statistics lies the reason for urgent recruiting efforts, both for Army nurses and for Women's Army Corps technicians. The ease of the sick and wounded will be a growing obligation until the war ends. It will be the gravest on that day that fighting ceases."

Women interested in assisting our wounded men need not have experience in the medical field—the Army will train you; however, the following requirements are necessary: be between the ages of 20-49 inclusive, have had at least two years of high school or equivalent in other training, have no dependent children under the age of 14, be a citizen of the United States and in good physical condition. Further information may be secured by contacting Lieut. Chas. Hartung at the courthouse or L. M. Bowman at the postoffice in Payette. Grant Gardner in Fruitland and Clyde Makinson in New Plymouth.

## Stanton Adding Truck Terminal

The Stanton Truck & Storage company has workmen busy this week on a new truck terminal and dock which will add approximately 450 square feet to the concern's floor space on Seventh street.

An old building was moved from the north side of the main building to the south side for the new terminal and dock. Gerald DeBord, local contractor and his crew are doing the remodeling work.

## Gem Club Meets At Coates Home

The Snake River Gem club, with members in attendance from Ontario, Weiser and Payette held an interesting meeting here Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coates.

Feature was the voting of a life time honorary membership in the organization to D. H. Snowberger, veteran member of the club for his work in organization and active interest thru the years in programs.

Mrs. Coates had an outstanding display of shells and war relics while Frank Zimmerman showed some mineral specimens.

John Glass, president led some very interesting discussions on various phases of the evening's program.

## SGT. COCKERUM WINS AIR MEDAL

**Decoration Comes For Courageous Service In So. Pacific**

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cockerum received the word this week that their son, T/Sgt. Forrest H. Cockerum, who is serving with the air force in the Southwest Pacific had been recently decorated with the air medal.

The letter telling of the decoration written by T/Sgt. Cockerum's commanding officer to his mother follows:

Dear Mrs. Cockerum: Recently your son, Technical Sergeant Forrest H. Cockerum, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service in his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from July 10, 1944 to October 26, 1944.

Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace. I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. Cockerum, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Sincerely,  
George C. Kenney,  
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.,  
Commander.

## Don McKenzie Enlists In Navy

Don McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McKenzie, enlisted in the Navy in Boise on Monday of this week. He is a student in the Payette high school and will be called to active duty within a period of several weeks.

## LOCAL VFW POST ELECTS OFFICERS

**Monthly Meeting Held At Court House Thursday Night**

Payette valley Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 2738 held its annual election of officers at its regular meeting at the court house last Thursday night.

H. H. Keener, was chosen commander, Henry Mahn, junior vice commander, A. L. Grass, quartermaster, Bert Akin, chaplain and Ollie Kalm, new member of the board of trustees.

Installation of the new officers will be held at the monthly meeting in April.

At the Thursday night meeting, members planned for the annual poppy sale to be held the Saturday before Memorial Day and other projects to keep the post busy during the coming year.

## FACULTY NAMED FOR NEXT YEAR

**Grade And High School Faculty Members Named By Board**

Members of the faculty of the Payette schools were named by the board of trustees at a regular monthly meeting on Monday of this week. With the exception of two, Mrs. Ellen Hemminghaus and Dora Rorabaugh, who have already resigned, all members of the present faculty have been re-elected. Mrs. Hemminghaus was employed half time this year and Miss Rorabaugh was on the faculty of the West Side school. She plans on going to California at the conclusion of the present term.

There remains but one vacancy in the faculty at the present time, that being in the high school. The faculty members have been named by the board but as yet have not signed their contracts. They are given until April 1st to complete this detail.

Miss Olga Johnson, who has been acting as principal of the West Side school, has resigned this duty but will remain a member of the faculty. Elected to take this position is Glenn Nutting, recently a teacher in the Ontario Junior and Senior high schools. He is a graduate of the Albion State Normal and has held the position of principal in the Swayne, Indiana and Owyhee, Nev. schools, and prior to coming to Ontario he was the principal of the Rupert, Idaho grade school. Mr. Nutting is married and has three sons.

Members of the faculty selected for the ensuing year in addition to Superintendent Sorenson include the following: High school—D. L. Hicks; principal; Norman Esson, coach; LeRoy Fowler, Pauline Howerton, Blanche Jennings, S. J. Millbrook, Virginia Patch, Jay Stoner and Rhena West. Eighth grade: Jessie Nelson and Bess Louise Fisher. East Side school: Kern B. Riggs, principal; Jane T. Croft, Ella Laney, Nell Stewart, Irene Barrett, Gladys Bowman and Mildred Mangum. West Side school: Glenn Nutting, principal; Olga Johnson, Bessie Parsons, Jane Shamberger, Marion Crawford, Helen Pearson, Lillian Swenson and May Gleim.

Teachers of vocational courses have not as yet been selected. Selections will be made, however, as soon as plans for the vocational courses for the ensuing year are completed.

## W. R. C. Holds District Meeting

The organization of Women's Relief Corps of Weiser, Emmett and Payette met last Friday at the Portia club house. A covered dish dinner was served at one o'clock. Seven ladies from Weiser, two from Emmett and one from Caldwell were present at the meeting. A traveling flag was presented to the Payette corps by the Weiser corps, at the conclusion of the district meeting, the Payette corps held its regular business meeting.

## FIRE DAMAGES WEYGANDT HOME

Fire which broke out at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at the D. Weygant home in the northwestern part of the city did approximately \$50 damage, according to the report of firemen, who were called to the scene of the blaze.

The home was a small frame building. Origin of the flames was not determined.

## WHITELEY BUYS RACING ARENA

**Will Be Available For Horse Racing And Rodeo Events Later**

Payette will have a modern racing and rodeo arena this summer if plans of "Ike" Whiteley and a group of associates are worked out.

Whiteley last week purchased the 29 acre tract a half mile southwest of town formerly used as a racing arena from the Payette riding and driving club and has workmen there this week cleaning up the grounds and repairing the half mile track.

A group of horsemen gathered there last Sunday and held a few races and next Sunday according to Ike a number more horse owners have been invited and they plan to hold more races for all who wish to come out and see them.

He said space will be provided later for 4H show barns and sheds, and a county fair building if the county and community wish to use it for that purpose.

He also reported that horsemen from both Weiser and Ontario have shown a great deal of interest in the project and have offered their cooperation.

If plans are worked out he said Payette will be able to join the rodeo circuit including Ontario, other Eastern Oregon cities, Weiser and Pendleton this fall. He declared there are plenty of riders and good horses in this section to produce an outstanding rodeo and racing show.