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Commencement Time Coming

It will only be a few weeks now until another class of seniors will be graduated from the Payette high school as will other classes of young folk from colleges and high schools throughout the country.

Undoubtedly right now as the time for their graduation approaches myriads of thoughts are passing through the minds of these young folk, most of which have to do with their futures.

To many it will mark the completion of formal school training and it will be a "commencement" as the term implies into life's full responsibilities.

To others it will be only the close of one phase of school training and the "commencement" of another. Thus there will be the two classes of graduating youngsters: those who have completed formal education for life's work and those who will "commence" a new phase of training for the same end.

We older folk know from watching hundreds of these young folk graduated from high schools throughout the years that those who have the opportunity to go on and complete college training will on the average have a better chance of success in after life but we have also learned another fundamental truth, and that is that this matter of success is largely an individual matter.

Some of those who count their college "commencement" as the completion of their preparation will be doomed to mediocrity, while others, who have had only high school training and regard it as the "commencement" for more study and preparation for life's devious ways will go on and outstrip their more fortunate school mates.

A Good Camping Place

When long wagon trains drawn by horses and oxen were slowly trekking their way westward, in the early days, it was the custom to send scouts ahead on horseback to find a good camping place for the night and sometimes if the camping place were an extra good one, the whole wagon train would remain over for an extra day or two to do laundry, bathe and rest and feed tired livestock.

So it was in the early '60's some four hundred miles inland from the coast, scouts of a wagon train came upon the confluence of two rivers, later to become known as the Payette and Snake, found the surrounding area covered with luscious bunch grass and everything else ideal for a "good camping place."

As the years passed the "good camping place" became a regular stop for many of the wagon trains, and later members of these trains found time to explore the area farther, with its extremely rich soil and mountains not too far away filled with fish and game.

It was these folk who came to realize the possibilities for general farming and livestock growing in this area who remained here and became the pioneer settlers of Payette Valley.

The settlement had been founded on the basis of "a good camping place" and they continued to make it so and that's why we today, though the tradition may not have been handed down in so many words, find it a "good place to camp" because such a place attracts so many like minded travelers along life's pathway.

Although we have taken on many modern ways, the underlying spirit of the Old West still prevails, and it is this spirit prevalent in so many of our neighbors that attracts and holds us here.

Ernie Pyle

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Mothers and fathers of service men, you will miss Ernie Pyle, the brave little man, who suffered countless hardships and finally lost his life in his endeavor to give the folks back home an accurate picture of life at the front. To many an anxious parent, Ernie's column in the newspapers was like a personal letter, with its careful recounting of the small details so often lacking in the letters of less articulate G. I. Joe's, precious though those missives are. We heard one mother say, not long ago, that she really learned more about her son's work and surroundings from Ernie Pyle's column than she ever had from her son himself.

A variety of services which men render to other men are legion and high on the list of usefulness was the service Ernie Pyle rendered in reporting in his simple and expressive style the daily life of American service men on the front lines.—Vale Enterprise

Gooding Needs Weekly Stock Sales

The current efforts of a group of citizens to establish a weekly livestock auction in Gooding are highly commendable. Gooding, a leading cattle and hog center of Idaho and situated on the main line of the railroad, is the logical place for such a weekly sale.

In our routine duties of "reading copy" on country correspondence hardly a week goes by that we don't notice where two to four families attend such sales in Jerome or Twin Falls. Establishment of a sales ring here will not only conserve the farmer's time, gasoline and tires. Much more important from the businessman's point of view is the fact that it will bring people here to trade and keep those at home who are now forced to attend sales in other communities.—Gooding Leader

Dworshak Praises New President

In his column "Capital Gleanings" this week Congressman Henry Dworshak says:

Truman Wins Confidence. The reaction to the new president in the capital has been unusually sympathetic and wholesome.

It is particularly reassuring in such a crisis that the foremost thought of all Americans should be to rally to the support of their new leader. His successful administration during the coming months will be most important not only to him but to all the people, and especially to the millions of young Americans who are now serving in the armed forces. There are many problems to be solved on the home-front. While it is difficult to have the same unanimity in governmental affairs as is so noteworthy in the military prosecution of the war, it is apparent that all Americans will give the best they have at this time to insure both military and home-front victories. This was evident when President Truman addressed the joint session of congress on April 16. Displaying humility, he appealed to his former associates in the legislative branch for cooperation and support. For the first time in many years, the minority members in congress loudly applauded the chief executive. Whereas there has been a lack of liaison and cooperation between the White House and congress, it is obvious that at least there will be mutual understanding and a desire to work harmoniously. The president also won the confidence of Washington press and radio correspondents at his first conference.

FROM THE FILES

Thirty Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated April 22, 1915:

All owners of automobiles in Payette are requested to meet at the Commercial club rooms Friday evening. At that time it is desired to organize an automobile club which will among other things, work for the betterment of all roads.

Rose Strohbehn returned Monday from Eden, Idaho, where she has been the past week visiting her sister, Louise.

At a meeting of the Board of Education last Monday night, diplomas were voted to the following members of the senior class: Harry N. Asmussen, Leo K. Ballenger, Zetta R. Barnes, Frances E. Bartshe, Lila D. Callen, Dorothy M. Carstens, Lee R. Catron, Elmer W. Chapin, Charles A. Davis, Alva L. Downs, Mildred M. Forbes, Gladys C. Fulton, John Howard Goodwin, Clarence E. Hallock, Stacia M. Henren, John C. Hickey, John J. Imerson, Earl W. Keller, Myrna O. Kenward, Cora A. Lattig, Max W. Lattig, Emma M. McCammon, Reuel D. Maule, Thomas I. McClanahan, Esther Mercer, J. Phillip Shamberger, Carrol M. Shanks, Clyde W. Shanks, Mildred O. Stark, F. Elizabeth Watts and Charlotte E. Williams.

Fifty Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated April 25, 1895:

Last Saturday was Special Arbor Day in Payette—set apart as such by proclamation of the town council. When the hour of 8 o'clock arrived it was proclaimed by ringing the school bell. Ready some forty men had responded to the call headed by the mayor and members of the council, and waited the orders of the committee previously appointed to superintend the work of tree-planting.

W. E. Borah, the well known Boise lawyer, and Miss Mamie McConnell, daughter of Gov. McConnell, were quietly married last Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacobs in Boise City.

The Emmett Index of April 20th says: While on his way to placerville last Friday, David Jack, whose home is in Payette, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured near the Anderson ranch about seven miles above town.

Our public school park will become a delightful place in a few years if properly cared for. Everybody should be interested in that direction.

Some fellow with enterprise ought to be able to see a money-making business in fitting up an outfit with which to travel about and spray orchards. People who have small orchards would be glad of an opportunity to pay some experienced man for spraying their trees when they need it.

Thirty Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated April 22, 1915:

The whole community was dazed Friday evening when they heard of the tragic death that had met our neighbor, Mr. J. M. Royston. The accident occurred about 6:15, Friday evening at Mr. Royston's home two miles south of Fruitland, when his Jersey bull gored him when he was trying to put him in the barn.

Carl Korp has been honored with an election as delegate to the Knights of Pythias' Grand Lodge which will be held in Lewiston May 15 to 17.

H. R. Boomer attended the Davis sale near New Plymouth last Wednesday and purchased four thoroughbred Holsteins. They cost him about \$1000. Mr. Eastman of New Plymouth purchased two cows and a calf.

On Friday of last week the P. H. S. baseball team took on a game with Ontario H. S. at Ontario and won in the tenth inning, score 8 to 9. F. Goodwin twirled to R. Forbes for the local lineup. The feature of the game was put on by Captain Crump, when he slugged the ball for a homer. A number of H. S. "hoofed" to the game and rode home on 19. This shows that P.H.S. girls have considerable "pep" when they "hoof" it five miles to a baseball game.

Twenty Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated April 23, 1925:

Dr. Davis has taken over the oil and gas service station just south of the Ford garage, known as the Payette Service Station, and has given

it a good clean up and a new coat of paint.

The annual sneak day of the seniors was fittingly observed Wednesday. At six-thirty they met at the place agreed upon, all arrayed in hiking togs and well fortified as to eats, and with Mr. Wolf they silently stole away—to Black Canyon Dam.

A few lines from Ben Wherry says he is located in camp near

Twenty Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated April 32, 1925:

Joe D. Pieri, who purchased the City Bakery from W. W. Shaeffer, assumed charge Monday, and one of his first official acts was to spill hot grease on his hands and arms. The burns, while very painful, are not serious.

Following the decision of Judge Varian that the city council is a defacto body and that its acts are legal, the members met Monday night and passed the city ordinance granting permission for the showing of moving pictures in Payette on Sunday.

The voters in the contest for queen of the May Day Festival have decreed that Miss Mildred Swank will be crowned Queen of the festival event. Mrs. Frank Hogue had the honor of entertaining royalty on Saturday when she gave a party for the May Queen and her attendants.

Tommy and Edward Ashworth, who for the past few months have been attending prep school in Missouri, returned home Saturday in order to graduate with their class next month.

At the Main Line Celebration in Boise, last week, much favorable comment was made on our band. It seemed to be the general opinion of the visiting crowds that Payette county has the best band in Idaho.

The Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to accept the proposition of Emmett to come to Payette for the May Day festival if Payette people would celebrate with Emmett on July 4th.

JIMMIE WHITMORE ENLISTS IN NAVY

Jimmie Donald Whitmore, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Anna G. Whitmore, Route 1, Payette, was enlisted in the Navy recently, as an apprentice seaman in the Navia Reserve.



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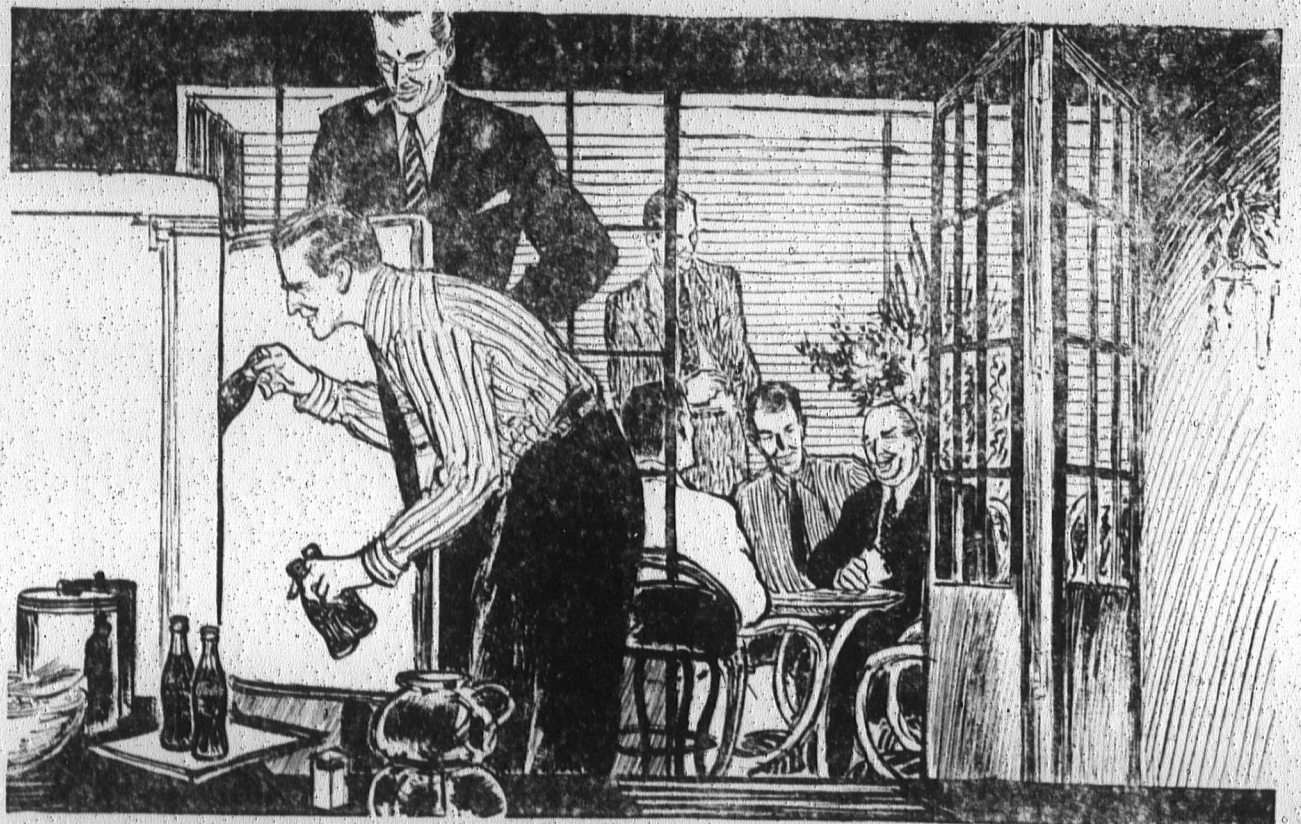
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