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V-J DAY NEWS ACCEPTED MORE OR LESS CALMLY

Spirit Of Thanksgiving Seemed To Pervade Community

The V-J news did not bring a long session of jubilation and hilarity to this typically American city as it did in some of the larger centers but instead was accepted more calmly with a spirit of thankfulness seeming to pervade the community shortly after the whistles and bells had heralded the glad message.

The news reached this city shortly after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and immediately businessmen closed their establishments and most of the downtown workers got out on the streets. There were a few who took to cars and drove up and down the streets sounding horns, and a few miniature parades were started by children but it was not what could be called a general jubilation.

It was over 1 na comparatively short time and most people went to their homes to spend a quiet evening at home or to later attend services in the various churches of the city which had been announced last Sunday for 8 o'clock on the evening of the day that the news came.

Legion Sponsors Program

As had been announced previously all establishments in the city were closed Wednesday. At 10:30 a program sponsored by the local American Legion post was held at the band shell at Kwanis park preceded by a parade led by the band from the court house and including Legion men carrying the colors, Boy and Girl Scouts and others.

Welker Gives Address

Herman Welker, local attorney

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LT. DAVIS POW ARRIVES HOME

Spent Eight Months In German Prison Camp

Lt. Daniel Davis, one of the well known twins of this city, arrived home Sunday from Germany, where he spent eight months in a German prison camp after having his P-51 fighter plane shot down and he himself being badly burned before he bailed out.

His brother, David, who was recently discharged from the army after many months in the South Pacific arrived from Salt Lake City Tuesday so that the twins who were never separated before the war are together again. The family, including the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Davis, the twins and their younger brother are therefore enjoying every minute of the reunion.

Lt. Davis reported that he was in a German prison, Stalag No. 1, the same camp where Lt. Robert Moss, also of this city was held. The two officers got together, he said, after being in the camp several months and had many good visits about the "good old home town."

Lt. Davis said that the German pilot who shot him down "got on his tail" and kept peppering him with machine gun bullets. One bullet cut his shoe string which he brought home for a souvenir and several passed through his trouser legs. The plane caught fire he said before he bailed out and his face and hands were badly burned. While he was floating down he said he could hear the whiz of bullets being fired at him by German civilians.

When he landed he was taken in charge by German civilians and was finally taken to the prison camp. During this time no treatment at all was given for his burns and as a result they became badly infected. He said he was never taken into a hospital in Germany and it took about three months before the burns finally healed up.

After being freed from the German prison he had opportunity to visit France and England and finally landed in the United States July 26. He has a 75 day leave before he must report at Santa Monica, Calif.

Fruitland Man Now A Major

George H. Wallace, now in Luzon, has recently been promoted from Captain to Major in the 41st Division of the 148th Field Artillery. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wallace, of Fruitland and has lived all his life so far in Payette county. He was a graduate of the Fruitland high school in the class of 1939. Major Wallace left with the National Guard unit in 1940 for Fort Lewis, Wn. He left Fort Lewis in November 1941 and landed in Brisbane, Australia December 22, 1941 and since that time has been fighting in New Guinea, New Britain and the Philippines. He was home in January 1943 on a thirty day leave.

R. W. Atherton And Son Visit

R. W. Atherton, now of Nampa, but formerly of this city and his son, Chas. Atherton Chief Machinist's Mate of the Coast Guard were here several days last week visiting relatives and friends.

It will be recalled that Mr. Atherton's son Lee and a brother Chas. was killed in the European war theater last fall while serving with the paratroops. Both boys were reared in Fruitland and this city.

Chas. has been serving on a ship which transports troops and has been on both the Atlantic and Pacific. He has a thirty day furlough.

BELVEAL HEADS TRAINING CLASS

Local Man Makes Exceptional Record At Washington, D. C.

Dee Belveal, Payette, received his certificate for the completion of the six-month training program for national service officers offered by the American university under the sponsorship of the Disabled American Veterans at ceremonies at Washington, D. C. according to a press dispatch Monday afternoon.

He is not only the honor man in his class but is also the first trainee since the beginning of the training program to achieve a grade of "proficiency" in all subjects offered, Dr. Paul Douglass, president of the institution, revealed.

Belveal previously had no college background. His education, in his own words, consisted of "12 grades and 18 months—the latter was spent learning to build a better foxhole during the early campaigns of the Pacific war." He was injured on Bougainville in Feb. 1944.

The course is under the sponsorship of the Disabled American Veterans and the U. S. veterans' administration. The men are being trained for positions within veteran organizations and the government service.

Following his graduation, Belveal will spend a week at the national headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans at Cincinnati, Ohio after which he intends to return to Idaho.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belveal reside in Boise, and his wife and three sons are living here, where they have been during his training in the District of Columbia. He was formerly a machinist's mate, first class, USNR, and is a veteran of the Pacific war.

Before going to Washington, D. C., Belveal was employed as a printer at the Independent-Enterprise.

COUNTY 4-H FAIR NEXT MON.-TUES.

Will Be Held At New Plymouth Fair Grounds

The Payette County 4-H Fair will be held Aug. 20 and 21 at the community hall and fair grounds in New Plymouth.

There will be eleven clubs participating representing about 125 club members. Projects represented will be sewing, cooking, victory gardens and livestock.

The county commissioners have appropriated money for prizes and expenses.

G. C. Anderson and Miss Beulah Johnson of the Extension Service have been selected to do the judging. Dan Warren, state 4-H club specialist will be present and help in conducting the fair.

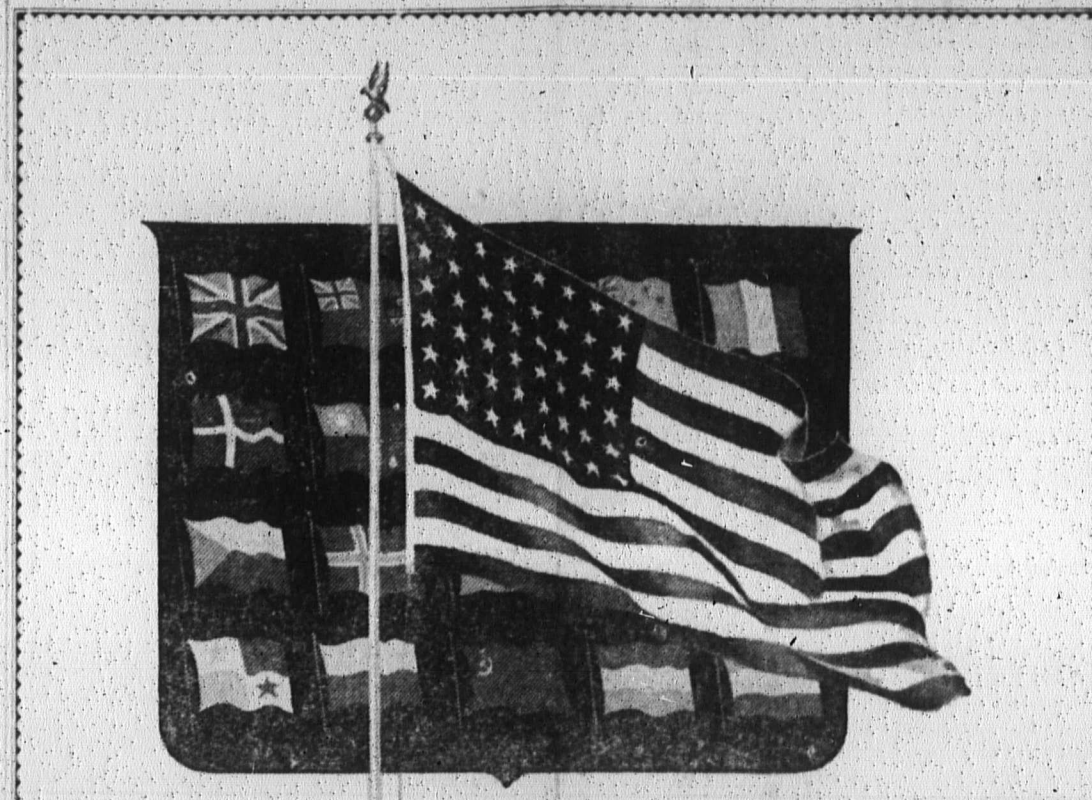
The following general rules are to be followed by the contestants. Record books and stories must accompany all exhibits. The girls' records and stories must be finished to receive a prize. The boys' records and stories must be completed up to the time of showing but not finished. Feed for the livestock must be brought by the exhibitor. Girls' exhibits must be entered by 9:00 a. m. Monday. Boys' exhibits must be entered before 9:30 a. m. Tuesday.

The following program (subject to minor changes) will be followed: Monday: 7:00-9:00 a. m. Enter Exhibits; 9:00-12:00 noon. Judging Exhibits; 12:00-1:30 p. m. Place exhibits on display; 1:30 p. m. Home Economics demonstrations; 2:00 p. m. Home Economics Judging Contest; 3:00 p. m. Style Dress Review; 4:00 p. m. Announcement of Awards. Livestock Exhibits

Tuesday: 9:00 a. m. Enter exhibits; 9:30 a. m. Livestock Judging Contest; 10:30 a. m. Judging of Livestock classes; 12:00 noon. Picnic; 1:00 p. m. Showing and Fitting Contest; 2:30 p. m. Demonstration Contest; 4:00 p. m. Remove Exhibits.

WEISER COUPLE ARRESTED TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hassenflug, of Weiser, were arrested here Tuesday night by city police on charges of disturbing the peace. When they appeared before Police Judge Martin Luther Wednesday morning the charge against Mrs. Hassenflug was dismissed and he was fined \$25 on a plea of guilty.



V-J Day August 14, 1945

May it be a red letter day throughout all future history to mark the beginning of everlasting peace.

When the news was flashed to the world that Victory over Japan had finally come it brought to many a deep spirit of thankfulness that the holocaust of war was over, and to some of us grateful thoughts of those who will not return and the others who have come back maimed in body or wrecked in mind.

It is to these men we owe our greatest debt of gratitude on this day of general thanksgiving because it was they who made an earlier victory possible to spare literally

thousands of other service men a similar fate to theirs.

It is their memory that we should ever revere to the point where it will be impressed upon the very heart of this great and powerful country that it is its duty and mission to use every means possible to lead the world into everlasting peace and understanding among nations and men.

It is only by so doing that we can hope to lighten the grief of their loved ones and fully repay the debt we owe these wounded and fallen heroes.

RAY STEPHENS NAMED SHERIFF

Appointment Becomes Effective August 27

Ray Stephens of Fruitland was named sheriff Monday at a meeting of the county commissioners to succeed Harold Gurnsey who recently resigned.

Stephens will take over the position Monday, Aug. 27. In the meantime Sheriff Gurnsey will take a vacation he has had coming for some time and will wind up business details of the office.

There were only two petitions for the position at the meeting of the board Monday, those of Stephens and Wm. E. (Ed) Bowman, present deputy sheriff. Earl Dibble whose friends had circulated a petition for him last week, withdrew his petition Saturday.

While Sheriff Gurnsey is on his vacation, Chas. Huff is helping out at the office as a special deputy.

Bowman left Tuesday morning for St. Anthony with a 16 year old boy who had been sentenced to the state industrial school. He expected to return tonight.

Ray Deckard to be Deputy
Mr. Stevens announced Wednesday the appointment of Ray Deckard, of Payette as his deputy.

Pfc. Hayes With Air Force On Guam

B-29 Base, Guam, Aug. 10—Private First Class Leroy L. Hayes, of Payette, is now stationed at this Superfortress base on Guam, helping to make possible the 20th Air Force's fast recurring B-29 missions against the Japanese war industry.

Pfc. Hayes is a supply clerk in an air service group of Col. Carl R. Storrie's 314th Bombardment Wing.

Planes from the field have participated in strikes against industrial and military targets on the Japanese homeland while the base was still under construction. Despite primitive conditions, which taxed ingenuity and resourcefulness, the mates has been a vital factor in the work of Pfc. Hayes and his team.

Ability of the 20th Air Force to send more than 600 Superforts over Japan in July, against only a third of this number five months earlier.

His wife, Avis, resides at 401 River street, Payette.

Slot Machines Stolen From Club

Four slot machines were stolen from the Venetian club owned by Paul Michaels Sunday night and were recovered a few hours later according to a report given out Monday.

The burglar or burglars it was said broke open the front door, took the four machines and after robbing the 50 cent machine jack pot, left them in the Payette Heights section where they were found and recovered.

The burglary was discovered about 5 a. m. Sunday morning it was said

Seen About Town

We've all heard about the man who forgot where he parked his car but it took Don Rich to forget where he parked his small son. Many people unprepared with anything to eat in the house when V-J day came. Payette's business district was closed "tighter than a drum" Wednesday and Thursday and one couldn't buy a bite to eat or even a cigarette.

Overworked government employees were at least responsible for giving a lot of the rest of us a two day holiday. Our congratulations to the people of this community for the generally reverent manner in which they took the news of V-J day.

Supt. Sorenson announcing the date of school opening at the time when the kids were having a lot of fun over V-J day. Paper not quite up to par this week—even a printer is entitled to one-half day holiday when everybody else takes two days off.

OWENS VS. HORSE AROUSES MUCH INTEREST HERE

World's Fastest Human Will Race "Payette Lady"

Much interest has been aroused throughout this section in the scheduled race here next Monday afternoon between Jesse Owens, famous sprinter and Payette Lady, the section's fastest race horse as an additional feature of the benefit baseball game between the Bearded Davidites and Harlem Globe Trotters.

Owens who was the star of the American team at the Olympics in 1936 has been accompanying the two baseball teams all season and besides the race against the horse gives an exhibition in other track events. As a result of the success with the show has been billed as "the greatest sports show of the year."

Ike Whiteley who bought Payette Lady in California last spring has been getting the mare in shape for the race during the past ten days. He believes that despite the fact that Owens has beaten many good race horses that he can win over the famous sprinter, even in 100 yards because of the fact that Payette Lady is such a fast starter.

In fact he reported Saturday there will be many side bets on the "outcome."

The only stop of the traveling teams and Owens in this section will be made in Payette. It is therefore believed that many sports fans from neighboring cities and surrounding sections will be here for the event.

Payette's net share of the proceeds will be turned into the fund for construction of the Boy and Girl scout lodge at Kwanis park.

Stanley Swenson is general chairman in charge of arrangements.

Cpl. Shigeta Visits Parents

Cpl. George Shigeta, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shigeta is home from Europe where he served with the 5th Army's 442nd Japanese American combat division in France and Italy. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman badge, the presidential unit citation and three Bronze Battle Stars. He is here visiting his folks for 30 days, before reporting back to Ft. Douglas, Utah.

VETERANS MAY SECURE LOANS

Those With Farm Backgrounds Eligible For Government Help

Payette county war veterans with farm background are eligible for 40-year farm purchase loans under provisions of the Bankhead-Jones tenant act to promote ownership of family-type farms. Idaho has been allotted \$140,000 for veterans and \$104,736 for farm tenants out of the congressional appropriation of \$50,000,000 for these programs.

Farm ownership loans under the act may be made up to \$12,000 in the case of a qualified veteran, while farm tenants are subject to restrictions based on the value of the average farm in the county. Applicants locate the farm they wish to buy and file an application with the County Farm Security Administration office. Farms are appraised on the basis of their long time earning capacity and the applicant's qualifications for ownership are reviewed by the County FSA committee of three local farmers. If the farm is priced on the basis of its actual value and the applicant has the experience of successful ownership, the loan is approved. Loans are repayable up to 40 years and bear three percent interest on the unpaid balance.

As the state allotment of farm ownership funds will be used wherever suitable farms and applicants can be found, the number of loans this county receives will depend on how quickly local veterans and tenants file their applications.

Veterans who prefer to start by renting or leasing farms and are unable to secure necessary operating credit are also eligible for FSA loans to purchase livestock machinery, seed, feed, household goods, and minor improvements up to \$2,500.

WORKER AGAIN IS FREE AGENT

All Wartime Manpower Controls Called Off

Following immediately President Truman's announcement of the end of the war against Japan, A. J. Tillman, state director of the War Manpower Commission, announced the end of all wartime manpower controls in Idaho. The WMC's recommendation was made by wire to all of its area management labor committee members, and received immediate approval from a majority of the members.

The removal of these controls, effective August 14th, brings to an end the WMC's system of manpower controls designed to channel as much labor as possible to activities supporting the war effort. According to WMC, any worker is now free to accept any job offer, and any employer is free to hire of solicit for any worker. Employers in the Pocatello area and in the logging, lumbering and mining industries may return to a basic 40-hour work week. Under WMC's minimum work time, work week order, these employers were required to keep workers on a 48-hour work week. U. S. Employment Service offices will now prefer job seekers to any jobs for which they have employer orders. Previously, USES offices used a system of priority in referral to channel all available workers to the war supporting activities.

The full facilities of the United States Employment Service are now available to all employers including those for whom services were restricted because of war requirements. Any employer in the Payette area needing workers is urged to place orders with the Payette USES office. Persons seeking jobs should also apply here. "An orderly conversion to a peacetime economy can be speeded up by the full use of this nation-wide system of job centers by all employers and workers," Raymond Whittier, local manager asserted.

SGT. CAMPO BACK IN UNITED STATES

Word from Miami, Fla. states that Sgt. Arthur Campo has arrived there by plane from the European theatre and will soon be at his home in Fruitland. Sgt. Campo spent 21 months overseas, wears the Purple Heart, with oak leaf cluster, good conduct ribbon with two clasps, five battle stars and a bronze arrowhead.

According to officers, Livingston was driving north and Mrs. Haskell south when the collision occurred, the former evidently pulling out to the left to avoid striking a truck which had slowed down in front of him.

Mrs. Haskell and her three children were on their way to Emmett to visit with relatives.

LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL OPEN FALL TERM SEPT. 17TH

Delayed Opening Will Allow Children To Help In Harvest

In order to give farm children particularly the opportunity to help in the harvest, the opening of the fall term for local schools has been delayed until Monday morning, Sept. 17, according to an announcement made by Supt. W. C. Sorenson following a meeting of the board of trustees Monday night.

Registration and faculty meetings will be held the week of Sept. 10 to 15 and the schedule for registration will be announced later Supt. Sorenson said.

New rulings made by the board for those enrolling in school for the first time follow:

Children who become six years of age on or before October 15th will be regularly admitted to the Payette city schools.

No children without previous schooling will be admitted to the first grade after Monday of the third week of school except by transfer from another school system.

Supt. Sorenson reported that there is only one vacancy on the school staff at the present time, and that is home economics teacher in the high school. James W. Richardson, an experienced teacher of Meridian was employed the first of the week to be principal at the West Side school and a teacher who had applied for the night's meeting of the board at the West Side fourth grade teacher. She however had not accepted up until Wednesday.

SON OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD

Mrs. Easley Receives Word This Week

Hurshel Easley, S. 1C, who has been carried on Navy records as "missing in action" for three years, has been officially declared dead according to a letter received this week by his mother, Mrs. Sylvia M. Easley, 224 So. Eighth St. from the Navy department.

The letter follows:

"My Dear Mrs. Easley: Your son, Hurshel Easley, Seaman first class, United States Navy, has been carried on the official records of the Navy Department in the status of missing in action since 9 August 1942. He was serving on board the USS Jarvis when that vessel was damaged as the result of enemy air attacks off Guadalcanal on 8 August, 1942. The vessel was last seen by a ship on patrol, in the early morning of 9 August 1942, presumably enroute to the repair base at Noumea, New Caledonia. The Jarvis never reached the repair base and an intensive search by ships and aircraft failed to locate any trace of the missing ship or of the personnel aboard the ship. However, in the absence of conclusive evidence of death, your son was placed in the missing status."

In view of the length of time that has elapsed since your son was reported to be missing in action, and because there have been no official nor unconfirmed reports that any of the personnel of the ship survived or were taken prisoners of war, and in view of the fact that the area the USS Jarvis normally would have traversed has increasingly come under Allied surveillance since 9 August 1942, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your son is deceased. In compliance with Section 5 of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, the death of your son, for the purposes of termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities, presumed to have occurred on 12 July 1945.

I extend my deepest sympathy to you in your sorrow. It is hoped that you may find comfort in the knowledge that our son gave his life for his country, upholding the highest traditions of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

Artemus L. Gates

Mrs. Easley has lived in this city four years. Her son visited her here in 1942 shortly before he left on the ill-fated cruise overseas.

Swenson Brothers Home On Leaves

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Swenson are probably the happiest parents in Payette this week as both their sons are home on leaves from the service. Mr. Swenson said Saturday that it is the first time in three years that they have all been together.

Flight Officer Robert recently returned from eight months in the European theater where he served as a glider pilot and Donald, S. 1C spent the last year in the submarine service in the South Pacific.