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PAYETTE COUNTY LABOR SHORTAGE SEEMS RELIEVED

Additional Prisoners of War and Mexicans Will Arrive About Sept. 5 To Help In Agriculture

Through the efforts of Idaho's United States congressional delegation it now appears that Payette county's serious labor shortage during the harvest season will be somewhat relieved. Frank Arata, chairman of the Payette County Labor Pool on Tuesday of this week informed the Independent-Enterprise that it was quite likely that all laborers required would be within the county and ready to go to work at the time that the situation reached a peak. Arata stated that an additional 250 German war prisoners and 150 Mexicans would arrive at the Farm Labor Camp on August 15th in order to be available for the picking of fruit and other duties in connection with agricultural pursuits.

The arrival of the new contingent however will provide little relief for the shortage of women workers at the local plant of the Idaho Canning Company. At the present time some fifty women are needed at the plant in order to keep the machinery op-

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BUILDING IN CITY NOW INCREASING

Permits For Month of August Total \$24,031; Increase Anticipated

Building in Payette since the first of January this year up to date totals \$81,138 according to the records of City Clerk Alice Bulmer. This amount in comparison with pre-war years is exceedingly small but it is anticipated that with the release of building materials together with available labor this figure will be increased many fold.

Building permits issued for the period since the first of the year by months is as follows: January \$2956, February \$2440, March \$6142, April \$4715, May \$29,205, June \$5725, July \$5924 and August \$24,031.

In August the figure reached the highest mark of any month this year with the exception of the month of May when permits totaled \$29,205.

Permits issued by the City clerk for the month of August were as follows:

- Harry McPike, 1019 Center, repairs \$300.
- Eddie Young, 929 3rd Ave. So., re-singling \$125.
- L. V. Patch, cement dwelling, \$10,000.
- Albert Harland, 345 N. 5th, woodshed, \$50.
- Matt Gillman, Apple Blossom, \$150.
- Clarence Aston, converting, Gilmore into garage, N. 8th, \$7500.
- John Poisel, 1315 1st Ave. So., woodshed, \$15.
- A. B. Moss, Jr., moving house, N. 9th, \$400.
- Virgil Sickles, N. 6th repair house, \$400.
- Parsons Fruit, packing plant, N. 9th, \$4591.15.
- M. E. Zentlis, corner 12th and 3rd Ave. So. addition to station, \$500.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO JAPANESE G. I.

Captain Who Served With Japanese In Italy Speaks To Kiwanis

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served with the Japanese regiment in Italy and France," Captain Thomas E. Crowley, told Payette Kiwanians at their noonday meeting on Tuesday of this week at Harold's. Captain Crowley spent 230 days in actual combat along with his Japanese comrades in the 42nd Combat team against the Nazi in Italy and France. He paid a glowing tribute to the personnel of that unit for their gallantry and loyalty throughout the campaign, in which they aided materially in bringing about the final capitulation of the German army in Italy. He told of specific instances of the heroism of the individual Japanese soldier and traced the successes of the outfit throughout the Italian campaign. Captain Crowley told the story of the Lost Battalion, which was rescued by the Japanese Americans after seven days of constant combat during which time the regiment suffered the loss of 2190 Japanese soldiers—a greater number than they rescued in the American Battalion which had been surrounded by the Nazi. The Captain stated that the unit will return to the United States next February as the most decorated unit in the U. S. Army. "All of the Japanese soldiers know the job at hand and out of the outfit of 1300 men, in a period of only eight months, only 800 were alive," he said.

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Advertising Man Sees Bright Future In Post War Period For Gem State

William Haze, head of one of the largest advertising agencies with headquarters in Los Angeles, sees a bright future for Idaho generally and this section particularly if they will let the world know about our advantages.

Mr. and Mrs. Haze and three children have been here the past week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Welker and daughter. The two families are spending this week at Payette Lakes.

Mr. Haze, whose company handles accounts for thirteen of the largest magazines in the nation, said he was amazed at the wonderful outdoor recreation areas and scenic spots to be found in Idaho and how little they were known to the outside world. Both Oregon and Washington he said are spending large sums of money right now in advertising for the tourist business which is bound to come now that the war is ended, and since most of these tourists will have to pass through Idaho to get to either state, it would not be a hard matter with the proper kind of advertising to

MANY VETERANS FIND JOBS HERE

Seventy Have Been Placed Since First Of Year

Returning veterans to Payette county are readily placed in positions, according to figures released by the United States Employment Service office in this city Wednesday of this week. Since the first of the year 83 Payette county boys have received their honorable discharges from the services and of this number only 70 have contacted the local office in quest of jobs. Every veteran who has contacted the local office has been given a position, 25 of which were in non-agricultural pursuits.

The employment office reports a general shortage of labor in this section, 1312 applications for help having been registered, many of which could not be filled.

Those familiar with the situation generally are of the opinion however that the labor shortage is for only a short duration. With the closing of defense plants and the release from the services of many thousands of men monthly it now appears that within a short period there will be a reversal of the situation and undoubtedly many will be unemployed.

Veterans are further assisted in their employment and other problems through W. N. Rowberry, who is the re-employment committee man for the Payette county selective service board. Rowberry assists service people who are having some difficulty in securing their pre-war positions and also gives advice relative to the benefits to which service people are entitled under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

TUTTLE CALLS FOR GRID PRACTICE

Suits To Be Issued Tuesday, September 4

Football practice for the Fall interscholastic schedule will start in Payette Tuesday evening, Sept. 4 at 6 o'clock.

W. T. Tuttle, new high school coach announced this week that he would issue football suits at that time, and despite the fact that the school does not open until Sept. 17 he would hold evening practice sessions from then on.

"What kind of a team Payette will have this year is still a big question work. So far he has not seen many of the prospective players in action and has little idea of available material."

School masters of the Snake River Valley conference met here Monday night and changed the date for the annual jamboree at Ontario, set last spring, from Sept. 14 the Sept. 21 on account of the fact that the Payette schools had scheduled a later opening than usual.

Coach Tuttle's call for early practice is to get a team in shape to participate in the jamboree.

Flying General Visits Payette

General W. C. Morse, commander of the 38th Training Wing of the Air Corps, with headquarters at Williams, Field, Ariz. spent several days over the past week here visiting with Attorney and Mrs. Herman Welker and daughter.

The two men were friends when both lived in Los Angeles before the war. Before taking his present command, Gen. Morse spent several years with General Chennault's air forces in China and made an outstanding record while there. This is his second visit to Payette within the last six months and according to Mr. Welker he has become so attracted to this area, he is contemplating locating in this section at some time later.

Red Cross Knitters Are Badly Needed

If ever Red Cross knitters were badly needed it is now, according to Mrs. Carl Korup, Red Cross knitting chairman for the county.

Thousands of wounded men are being brought to hospitals in this country as well as being treated in hospitals in the foreign countries and most of them need sweaters she said. One hospital alone she declared recently called for 10,000 Red Cross sweaters.

Because of the dire need Red Cross efforts have asked all chapters to increase their knitting quotas. In answering the request Mrs. Korup received fifty pounds of extra yarn last week and she urges all who can possibly do so to give the time and help fill the need.

Payette General Hospital News

Payette county population was increased by eight as a result of births at the Payette County Hospital during the past week—four girls and four boys, as follows: Mrs. Albert Gillett, girl, Aug. 17; Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, boy, Aug. 24; Mrs. A. E. Nagaki, girl, Aug. 21; Mrs. E. Dallman, boy, Aug. 22; Mrs. C. D. Cole, boy, Aug. 23; Mrs. M. Relyea, girl, Aug. 25; Mrs. Paul Chandler, girl, Aug. 25 and Mrs. Robt. Costa, boy, Aug. 28.

Those who underwent tonsilectomies were Paul Linder, Donald Ramsbottom, Phillip Kaiser, Clifford McMillin, Carol McMillin, Carol Jean Davis, Bobby Bevel, Kenneth Moots, John Stoneman, Leland Stoneman and Margaret Kent.

Minor Surgery—Patricia Wood.

Major Surgery—Lois York and Mrs. Milton Friedley.

Accidents—Juan DelMonte, arm lacerations.

Medical—Marcelino Hernandez and Hector Mendoza.

Dismissed—Lois York and Mrs. Milton Friedley.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Methodist church school will hold its annual picnic Saturday afternoon in Kiwanis park. Rev. Hamman announces. All persons attending are asked to meet at the church at 2 o'clock. Refreshments will be provided by the school, and will be served in the middle of the afternoon. Games will be played by the children.

Seen About Town

Clyde Thurston is showing his colors, red, white and blue in the morning glories growing in his garden at his home—they certainly are beautiful. Ye Editor, Geo. Whorton trying to get the Missus through a small hole in the screen at the baseball park.

It looks like Weldon Fike, president of the Chamber of Commerce is going to leave town because he and his wife can't find a place to live—we always thought that the duty of a Chamber of Commerce was not only to bring people to town but also to find them a place to live.

Legion buddies planning a big smoker.

Bernard Eastman in his favorite role as a host at a banquet.

Gasoline panel member, most of whom most of us were cussing a short time ago receiving the plaudits of the multitude for a job well done.

A twang of Fall in the air, which makes most of us wonder what we have done with our summer wages. All of their friends expecting a nice mess of mountain trout when Raymond Peterson and Earl Farber return from Payette Lakes this week end.

Bill Sorenson inviting all of the Kiwanians to a picnic last Wednesday evening and then telling them to bring their own eats, all of which brot the wrath of many Kiwanians down upon his broad shoulders.

Time Set For Mailing Christmas Parcels Overseas From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

The time for mailing Christmas parcels to men and women in the armed forces overseas has been set from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 according to L. M. Bowman, local postmaster.

Requirements and instructions include:

During this period requests from addressees not required.

All packages should be marked plainly "Christmas Parcel."

Christmas cards may be mailed at any time prior to Nov. 15. They must be in sealed envelopes with first class postage.

LOCAL HOUSING SITUATION ACUTE

Returning Residents Demanding Former Homes

Payette's housing situation grows more acute daily according to reports reaching the Independent-Enterprise by those who have been seeking living quarters. There is practically nothing for rent in the city and few property owners seem inclined to sell residential property. The situation, which has been somewhat serious throughout the war, has been further aggravated lately by many of the former residents of the city returning from defense plants where they have been employed and demanding their homes. In addition many people are now attempting to rent homes in the city for the winter months preparatory to entering children in the local schools.

There is apparently little relief in sight for the present crisis situation in which the city finds itself today. An allotment of new houses for Payette was recently made, but it is doubtful if this will prove much relief due to the scarcity of building materials as well as labor for the construction of new homes.

WRITES OF VJ DAY IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Sgt. Francis Pugh Tells Of Soldier's Reaction To News

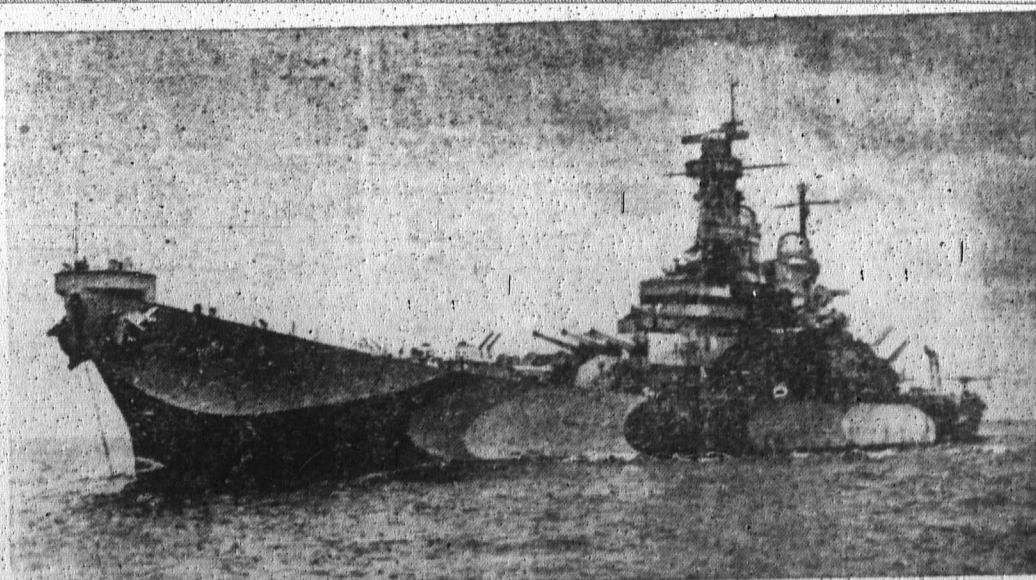
Sgt. Francis Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pugh, of this city, who has been in the South Pacific with the American forces for sometime writes interestingly of how the news of the coming surrender was received by his comrades. Sgt. Pugh is a member of the 310th Fighter Squadron, 58th Fighter Group, and he says in part:

"Well, the big excitement is if the Jap surrender will be accepted and when. Everything here is in an uproar and you can hear heated arguments going on all over the camp as to the proper thing to do. Everyone in this tent for once seem to agree on something and that is that the Jap emperor should be left on the throne. The first thing that this tent has been unanimous in since being overseas I believe."

"The big news came through last night between 9:30 and 10 o'clock while we were all at the movies. The first thing we saw a couple of flares go up and we didn't pay any attention, just thought it was a signal to one of our airplanes, then more flares went up and some of the anti-aircraft guns began to fire. We thought it was a sudden air raid and began to leave the movie area, then the ships in the bay began firing and we were sure it was an air raid when the loud speaker system came on and said that Japan had made an offer to surrender. And what a rumpus, turned loose, every gun was firing as hard as it could and hundreds of colored flares were going up, every searchlight was going full blast. They kept on for almost an hour before things quieted down enough to hear your-

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USS Missouri To Be Scene Of Historic Jap Surrender



The United States Navy's mighty 45,000-ton battleship, the USS MISSOURI, will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory, Aug. 31, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, when she serves as the scene of the historic unconditional surrender of Japan to the United Nations. Proudly bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the fighting USS MISSOURI has been named by General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied commander, as the locale of the formal ending of the war in the Pacific. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, and Pacific Ocean areas, will sign for the United States, General of the Army, MacArthur, for the Allied forces which fought in the Pacific. The USS MISSOURI was launched Jan. 29, 1944. Construction was ordered June 12, 1940. Her keel was laid on Jan. 6, 1941, at the New York Navy yard.

MISSSES SEEING BROTHER AFTER LONG AIR TRIP

Soldier Has Breakfast In New Mexico, Supper In Fruitland

Cpl. Harold Calkins of Fruitland returned to his base at Hobbs Field, N. M. today a deeply disappointed man.

Learning a few days ago that his brother, Paul, who has been in service since 1941 and whom he had not seen for five years, would be at their home at Fruitland Wednesday, Cpl. Calkins pulled strings and made a non-stop flight from Hobbs Field, N. M. to Gowen Field at Boise yesterday, eating his breakfast at the former and his supper at the home of his brother, Raymond at Fruitland, but without being able to visit with Paul. The latter for some reason had been delayed at Seattle and was unable to get here.

Cpl. Calkins' leave was up, and there was nothing to do but to start back by plane today noon to his base. The long flight and the anticipated pleasure of a long-awaited visit had been of no avail.

PARTY HONORS GASOLINE PANEL

Bernard Eastman Host At Harold's Cafe

Members of the recently discontinued gasoline rationing board were honored guests at a banquet and party given at Harold's cafe last Friday night by Bernard Eastman, prominent realtor, and himself a former long time member of the board.

In addition to the honored ones, some thirty odd other prominent businessmen were present.

The affair in the words of the host was in the nature of a "funeral" for the late unlamented war time agency, and the general tenor of remarks throughout the evening was that the board members had handled the difficult war time task efficiently but all were glad that its work was ended.

Herman Welker, city attorney, was master of ceremonies and in his opening remarks compared the duty that members of the board had performed to that of the soldiers and sailors in service.

Others who spoke included: O. B. Stauff, chairman of the board; Mayor J. A. McMillan, County Commissioner John McKinney, Councilman J. C. Palumbo, "Old Joe" Morris, E. F. Harper, Captain Oliver Stegall, Mr. Eastman, Payette and William Haze, Los Angeles advertising man.

Members of the board included: O. B. Stauff, Reed Robinson, A. P. Meehan, Boyd Swanson, Payette; Dan Jones, Fruitland; Ivan Worthington and A. S. Parker of New Plymouth.

Several of the group were out of town and unable to be present.

SUN. RACE MEET PROVES SUCCESS

Large Crowd Sees Fastest Idaho Horses

A large crowd of enthusiastic spectators saw 48 of Idaho's best race horses compete in ten thrilling races at Ike Whiteley's Speed-Across track here last Sunday afternoon.

Coming as it did as a fill-in meet between the Weiser Rodeo and Ontario Fair, it brought together not only the best horses in the section but some of the best broncs and bare back riders to give exhibitions to add to the entertainment of the afternoon.

Highlight came in the extremely close races. The events averaged more than five entries and in most cases less than five yards separated first, second and third.

Whiteley, owner of the track reported that all contestants went away satisfied and with promises to return this fall when he holds a full week's meet.

Spectators were also pleased to see with the additional grandstands, new seats and other improvements which have been added since the Fourth of July meet.

Race Results

- One fourth mile pony race: Taylor first, Franchericht second and Whiteley third. Time 27.
- One half mile, free for all: Krall first, Taylor second and Hazel Pullen third. Time 50.
- Saddle horse race: Toff and Schooley tied for first. Osborn, third. Time 52.
- Three eighths mile, free for all: Connell first; Haines second and Whiteley third. Time 37.
- One half mile, 2 year olds: Murphy first, King second and Gilbert third. Time 52.3-5.
- One half mile special: Haines

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