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## COUNCIL CALLS SWIMMING POOL BOND ELECTION

**Taxpayers Will Be Asked To Vote On Issue Of \$36,000 November 6**

Taxpayers of Payette will have the opportunity to decide whether or not they want a modern swimming pool, of the type now enjoyed by many other progressive communities, built here as a result of action by the City Council Tuesday night when it passed an ordinance calling for a bond election for \$36,000 for the project on Nov. 6.

A copy of the ordinance and notice of the election will both be found on another page of this issue.

The swimming pool project has been before the council for several months with committees from the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club meeting with the councilmen several times.

During the summer when dragline equipment was here part of the excavation work for the pool was done at Kiwanis Park where the pool is to be located.

At the time a project was on foot to build the pool and use hot water available at the Farmers Co-operative Creamery.

The present plan on file in the city clerk's office call for a complete modern pool in every detail including heating plant. Sponsors report that the total bond issue was set at \$36,000 in order that the amount would be adequate for all contingencies which might come up. They believe however that the pool will be built at \$30,000 or less.

Only actual taxpayers in the city are permitted to vote at bond elections and in order to pass they must carry a two thirds majority.

## PRESTON FREED FROM JAPPRISON

**Mother Receives Message From Liberated Son**

Dear Mother: I received your message. Glad to hear you are all well. Leaving soon. Sure getting treated swell. Be home. Thanking. Love, William Preston.

The foregoing message with its good news received Tuesday by Mrs. Grace Preston of this city was the first word she had heard directly from her son in over 15 months.

Pvt. Preston in service at the time of Pearl Harbor was captured by the Japanese with other troops in the Philippines at the time of the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942.

He was at first held in an internment camp in the Philippines and during his stay there his mother heard from him more or less regularly. In July 1944 he was transferred to Japan and since that time she had had no word from him until the message Tuesday.

Young Preston attended the local high school and was well known in the city before he enlisted in the army in 1941.

## Suit Filed Against Chicken Roost

An abatement suit was filed in the county clerk's office this week by Harry Kessler, Boise attorney for J. D. and Evadene Watkins of Fruitland against Iva Frost, proprietor of the Chicken Roost.

Complaint in the case was not available for details as Mr. Kessler had taken it to Caldwell for the signature of Judge Thomas E. Buckner.

Officers reported, however, that the plaintiffs who have a home at the rear of the Chicken Roost are seeking abatement on the basis of its unsanitary condition. Mr. Kessler is executive secretary for the Allied Civic Forces in this state, a group of church men and others who are campaigning for the enforcement of liquor and gambling laws.

## Bishop And Siple Cars Collide

Cars driven by Birtley C. Bishop and Virgil Siple collided at Eleventh street and First Avenue south Sunday morning slightly injuring Mrs. Bishop and resulting in considerable damage to the two machines.

Mrs. Bishop, it was said, was thrown out of the Bishop car and received only slight bruises.

Police estimated damage to the Siple car at \$200 and to the Bishop car \$100.

## VETERAN TAKES JOB AT ANDERSON'S

Floyd Murray of Caldwell, a discharged war veteran, has accepted a position with the C. C. Anderson store here. Like other newcomers, he and Mrs. Murray are looking for a house or an apartment in which to live.

## Fisk Sails Into Tokyo Bay At Time Of Japanese Surrender

Another Payette boy was in on the historic event of the Japanese surrender at Tokyo Bay. He is Richard Fisk, SIC son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fisk, who tells about it in the following letter to his parents:

"From the envelope you can see we've been pretty busy the last few days. We pulled into Yokohama just as they were signing the treaty aboard the Missouri. They had bombed it pretty well but the docks

## PAYETTE GETS SPANKING FROM POW LIEUTENANT

**Lt. Dickerhoff, Of Pow Camp, Speaks At Tuesday's Meeting Of Payette Kiwanis Club**

"One of the hardest problems that we have had at Payette's prisoner of war camp is the moral of the enlisted men," Lt. A. C. Dickerhoff told Payette Kiwanians at last Tuesday's meeting of the club. Lt. Dickerhoff stated that previous to coming to Payette it had always been his problem to get the enlisted personnel to remain in camp and in this community this situation had been completely reversed and his problem had been how to get the men to go out of camp and have a good time. "All of our men will be glad to leave Payette and can hardly wait for that train to come which will take us away," the lieutenant said.

After giving the community this verbal spanking Dickerhoff stated that the camp opened on Sept. 2 with 250 prisoners of war and thirty six enlisted men acting as guards. Illness and the transfer of miners back to Germany reduced this total of prisoners to 212. At the time that prune picking started a quota of twenty-five boxes was set for each prisoner per day and he stated that all had maintained the quota and could have picked more but they were paid only eighty cents per day regardless of whether they picked twenty-five boxes or fifty, consequently there was little incentive for them to increase their production.

During the period that the prisoners have been here, he stated, they have picked 76,300 boxes and 5,563 lugs of prunes up until Tuesday of this week.

Lt. Dickerhoff stated that several local people of German descent had visited the camp with the idea of conversing with the prisoners but this was absolutely prohibited by army rules as no one is permitted to interview them.

He stated that the German prisoners in the camp are well fed, better fed, he said, than same Americans, receiving 3500 calories daily.

J. C. Palumbo, well known local fruitman, expressed the appreciation of the community for the excellent work done by the prisoners of war during the fruit harvest and inquiry.

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## McCluer Manser Improving Garage

McCluer-Manser Company, local Ford dealer has started another remodeling and improvement project designed to be in readiness for a large increase in business within the next two or three years.

Additions include the installation of an elevator and the building of a large parts room and offices for accounting, salesmen and manager on the second floor. Besides these there will be a new lavatory for employees on the first floor and a rest room and comfortable waiting room for the public on the second floor.

The concern sells Ford parts both retail and wholesale and serves Payette and four surrounding counties.

Shirley Manser, proprietor, said Monday that "we are looking to the future. While we were equipped to handle approximately 150 units per year, we must now be in readiness to sell and service up to 400 when business gets back to normal again."

## Old License Plates Should Be Removed

All old license plates and stickers should be removed from cars and trucks according to Sheriff Ray Stephens.

Only the current 1945 plate which is required to be attached to the rear of the car should be left on, he said.

A state patrol officer was here on Tuesday checking up on the matter and found many local cars with the old license plates and stickers still on, he reported.

## DOG POISONERS BUSY AGAIN

Dog poisoners are busy again in this city according to reports reaching this office.

Valuable hunting dogs belonging to H. E. Warren and T. J. Carico, who reside on North Seventh street, were said to have been poisoned this week.

## VICTORY CREW TO BE HONORED FRIDAY NIGHT

**Banquet Sponsored By Chamber Of Commerce To Be Given At Portia Club House**

All members of Payette county's Victory Crew have been invited to be honored guests at a banquet sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the Portia Clubhouse on Friday night at 7:30.

The Victory Crew was an organization formed in Payette county early in the war effort which undertook the responsibility for soliciting bond sales in all war bond drives the solicitation of Red Cross funds, war relief funds and which stood ready to carry the burden of any and all home front war activities within Payette County.

The organization was formed with military titles, the County Leader being Col. Wentworth Moss, who was responsible for the activities of the organization throughout the county. The executive staff of Col. Moss in the various communities of the county are as follows:

New Plymouth: Major Ben Wherry; Captains A. S. Green, Floyd Betts and M. B. Conrad; Lieutenants Chas. Pickett, Walter Little, Jack Goldsmith, Floyd Betts, Lloyd McClure, J. C. Parker, Joe Hennigler, E. L. Dotson.

Fruitland: Major, Earl Secoy; Captains, Ben Tomlin, Chas. Bolton, R. H. Shake; Lieutenants Mrs. Henry Logsdon, Oliver Manis, Ray Stephens, H. B. Solterbeck, Earl Kirk, A. N. Hennigler, Ed Mess, Lawrence Limbaugh, A. C. Brown.

Payette: Major, W. N. Rowberry; Captains Ed E. Parsons, Carl Swanson, Bill Meehan and Jack Dyer; Lieutenants, B. H. Kent, O. B. Stauff, John Cox, Helen Dunn, Marion Spaulding, Don Haasch, Brooks Landon, Dwight Meale, Logan Bowman, J. R. Robinson, F. J. Peterson and Ione Whalen.

Each Lieutenant has an organization of five or more Sergeants who have carried the actual responsibility of direct solicitation in the various war programs.

A great deal of credit is due this organization for its excellent accomplishments throughout the war period as evidenced by the statement from time to time in newspapers from Col. Moss that every war quota assigned to Payette

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## PENCE BROTHERS MEET IN JAPAN

**Parents Receive Letter This Week From Lt. P. M. Pence Of Navy**

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pence, Sr., received a most interesting letter this week from their son, Lt. P. M. Pence of the navy which tells of meeting his brother, Major A. L. (Abe) Pence on Okinawa and again at Yokohama.

The letter follows: "It seems ages since I have written to you and I guess it has been long. We are not settled yet by any means but will try to get my weekly letter off to you from now on."

"Guess I better start off with a little history of my movements during the last two weeks. We flew from Manila on 25 Aug. and stayed there for four days. That was once a modern and beautiful city. Now it is a pile of rubbish. The Japs burned and dynamited everything as they retreated from the city. I saw only two modern buildings in the whole town that can be fixed up. On 29 Aug. we moved up to Okinawa. That was a wonderful sight to view from the air, every field there was absolutely covered with airplanes. All big transports and bombers. Everything possible was concentrated there for the initial movement by air into the Em-

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## Seen About Town

The frost really on the pumpkin on Thursday morning. Coach Tuttle teaching his gridsters the intricacies of the A-formation which should bring home some bacon this year. Disruption in the I-E office—the Boss is now the lino type man and the social reporter takes over the duties of the devil. J. D. Patton, popular grill owner giving an object lesson in safety by showing how easy it is to break a leg—Moral never step out of a car, better roll or crawl out. A lot of happy folks in Payette with news coming of newly freed Japanese prisoners. Many Payette boosters looking ahead to next year when they can take a bath in the new swimming pool. Alfalfa and clover seed growers looking forward to a bountiful harvest. Kiwanians, used to compliments from majors and colonels, taking a brew beating from a shavetail. Hundreds of friends visualizing a real war test on reading of the meeting of the Pence brothers in Yokohama.

## FARRELS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farrel had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday when a truck loaded with cattle belonging to Earl Bassford, that Mr. Farrel was driving overturned twelve miles north of Mountain Home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Farrel escaped without injury. The accident was caused it was said when a front spring of the truck broke and some of it caught on the steering apparatus.

## CHURCH SCHOOL MAKES PLANS

Teaching and administrative staff of the Methodist Church school met Monday night with the superintendent, L. J. Boles and the pastor. Plans were made and goals were set for the season's work. Some of the teachers have signed up for classes in a school of Christian education to be held at Fruitland in the near future.

## Payette Sailor Aboard Colorado Take Part In Ten Invasions

ABOARD THE USS COLORADO IN TOKYO BAY—James S. Skelton 19, machinist's mate, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Skelton, Route 1, Payette, steamed into Tokyo Bay aboard this ship to support the occupation of Japan.

The Colorado, whose crew had taken her through ten invasion operations to help bring the final capitulation of Japan, had been near Tokyo before. She sailed with American and British ships into Sagami Bay, 18 miles from Tokyo to support the first landings of airborne troops at Etsumi Airfield. That operation was in preparation for the arrival of General of the Army MacArthur to make the occupation official.

The Colorado poured thousands of tons of hot steel into Jap shore installations in the pre-invasion bombardments that gave Allied bastions on Japan's outer rim. She helped at Tarawa, the Philippines, Okinawa,

and in other lesser operations for four years. From the decks of the battleship may now be seen Fuji-Yama, the towering volcano that stands as one of Japan's famous landmarks; Tokyo, Yokohama, the naval base of Yokosuka, and other cities with dead smokestacks and debris from Allied attacks. Nearby lies the Jap battleship Nagato, one of the last remaining enemy fleet units that went down under bombardment by planes from the 3rd fleet.

## DISTRICT COURT SESSION FRIDAY

**Judge A. O. Sutton Disposes Of Several Cases**

District Judge A. O. Sutton, of Weiser, held a session of district court here last Friday and acted upon the following cases:

A quiet title decree was granted in the case of Edgar R. Powell vs. David E. Coughlan, deceased et al.

Advisory was granted to Esther Davis Athens from William Phillip Athens.

After evidence was submitted in the divorce case of Carl Preston Watson against Dorothy Irene Watson the judge took the matter under advisement.

The judge also named the following drainage district directors: Drainage District No. 7: B. M. Gray and L. B. Makinson reappointed.

Drainage District No. 5: Warren L. Dorothy to succeed John J. Hazlett.

Drainage District No. 2: Ray Knight was reappointed as a director.

## DEANS QUESTION NEWS OF SON

Pursuant to a story in a daily newspaper recently that Cecil Ray Bowyer of Twin Falls a returned prisoner of war from Japan had seen George W. Dean, of Emmett and Payette and that he would be returned to the United States, E. E. Dean contacted the returned prisoner in Twin Falls last Monday to learn more about his son, says the Emmett Messenger. The additional information he received did not prove to be encouraging to the Deans.

The Twin Falls man stated that he had apparently been misquoted in the Saturday news release. Mr. Dean questioned him carefully as to the name of the man he had known his age and height, and where he had seen him. He learned that Bowyer had been in the same camp with a man named Dean in a town in Northern Japan, but he was not sure about the first name. He could not say that it was George. The Dean he knew, he said, he would judge to be about 20 or 21 years old, and of average size, and he knew he had been on Wake Island when it fell to the Japs.

Those who knew George Dean of Emmett will remember that he was about six feet tall, and he was about 30 years of age when he was on Wake. Prison conditions would alter a man's physical appearance, and his weight, but it would not be likely that it would make him any younger appearing or smaller of stature. After the conversation both Bowyer and Mr. Dean were very doubtful that it was George Dean of Emmett whom he had known in the Jap prison camp, and whom he had last seen on Sept. 5 when he left there.

Mr. Dean then secured a list of the names of the men on Wake and a picture of the group. He found that there was a Glen Dean from Dayton, Ohio, who resembled in appearance the Dean described by Bowyer as being in the Northern Japan prison camp.

Bowyer also told Mr. Dean that they should not be disturbed because their son had not communicated with them, as it was often impossible for released prisoners to send messages. He himself was unable to send word to his family until he reached San Francisco. Only a few of the returning prisoners are able to send messages from Honolulu, Bowyer said.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean feel that their hopes renewed at first by the report, have been shattered, again in their waiting for word from him. They still feel that they will learn of his son either directly from him or from some one who was on Wake Island and knew him and who will be released from a Jap prison.

## MAN ARRESTED

Herbert L. Randall was arrested by city police on a charge of drunkenness Monday night and was later released.

## SGT. LIGHTFOOT IMPROVING FROM SERIOUS BURNS

**Parents Receive Letter From Chaplain At Hospital This Week**

More encouraging news came this week concerning the condition of Sgt. Clair C. Lightfoot, who was burned seriously sometime ago in a plane crash on one of the Southwest Pacific Islands, in a letter from the chaplain of the hospital in which the local boy is being treated to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lightfoot.

The letter follows: "Your son, Sgt. Clair C. Lightfoot, ASN, is suffering from a severe burn which he incurred in a plane crash and has been placed on the seriously ill list of our hospital."

"I have called on your son twice and found him cheerful and anxious to have me talk to him. His ready wit and fine spirit will aid him in his fight toward recovery."

"Our hospital sends out progress reports every two weeks to the next of kin of all seriously ill patients, and a second letter is sent if a patient remains seriously ill for one month. I have hopes that Clair will improve. If his condition improves as we expect there is reason to hope that he will be sent to the States within a few weeks."

He is receiving the very best of medical care from our hospital personnel. As hospital chaplain I shall endeavor to be a blessing to him during his stay here. Should further information be desired, please write directly to me and I shall try to comply with your request."

"May the God of all comfort sustain and bless you now and always."

The letter was signed by Umsted S. Pitts, Chaplain, USA.

## PUPIL INCREASE BRINGS CHANGE IN LOCAL SYSTEM

Increased enrollment of 150 students, has brought the necessity for reorganization of the Payette school system, W. C. Sorenson, Supt., announced Wednesday.

To take care of the additional students the seventh grades from the West and East Side grade schools have been moved to the high school building and have been made a part of the Junior high school.

The fortunate thing about it, Supt. Sorenson said was that this move made it necessary to employ only one new teacher, Mrs. Gilbert Matson for the third grade at the West Side school and has materially lessened the average teacher load in the system. Whereas each teacher was formerly taking care of around 40 pupils, each now has approximately 32.

In addition seventh grade pupils will now have the advantage of the Junior high school program which requires a course in physical education and a choice of band, chorus and home making courses, in addition to the regular academic subjects.

To effect the change Miss Olga Johnson, of the West Side school was moved to the Junior high school to teach literature and social science there.

There are now three first and third grades in the system. Mrs. May Glenn is teaching first at the West Side and Mrs. Mildred Mangum and Mrs. Gladys Bowman are teaching the two firsts at the East Side school.

Second grade teachers are: Mrs. Helen Pearson and Mrs. Stanley Swenson, West Side and Mrs. Ardelia Sorenson, East Side.

Third Grade: Miss Marion Crawford and Mrs. Matson West Side and Mrs. Irene Barrett, East Side.

Total enrollment at the close of school Tuesday was 955. Supt. Sorenson reported. The enrollment last year was 805.

He also said that Miss Eunice Robinson, home economics teacher, had resigned, effective Friday of this week because of her health and that he had a prospective teacher in her place, whom he believes will be able to take over the position in the near future.

## Whiteley Reports Real Estate Deals

Ike Whiteley, of the Payette Realty Company reports the following recent real estate deals:

John Oster's 20 acre fruit farm in North Payette to Benjamin H. Howland, of Cambridge.

B. A. Sued 39 acre ranch North of Payette to Leon W. Withrow, of Baker, Oregon.

Neal Sweet, 10 acre place, on Fruitland Bench to Wallace Allen of Fruitland.

W. H. Trail 40 acre farm in North Payette to Ralph Engle, of Fruitland Bench.

J. W. Salters, seven acres on 9th Street to Ernest Magden, of Payette.

J. S. Jayne residence on Seventh Street to E. C. Callender.

A. S. Gennsey 14 acre place in North Payette to Wm. E. Walker of Payette.

Elsie Ireton 180 acre stock ranch East of Payette to Earl Drinkwater, Payette.

H. A. Mooney residence on Fifth Street to Wm. Applegate of Willow Creek.

Rube Carlson residence on Seventh Street to Luther Rice, of Gooding.

## Kiwanis Club Names Delegates

J. C. Palumbo, Fred Richards and W. C. Sorenson were named delegates to a Kiwanis district convention to be held at Salt Lake City on Saturday and Sunday at a meeting of the board of directors of the local club following the regular luncheon Tuesday noon.

## TROMLEY RECEIVES HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Glenn E. Tromley, Payette, was honorably discharged from the service, officials at the separation center at Fort Lewis, Wash. announced last week.

## LOCAL MAN FREE FROM JAP CAMP

**Lawrences Receive Word Of Son's Condition**

A long period of anxiety was over for another Payette family last week when Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lawrence received word from their son, Raymond Richardson that he had been liberated from a Japanese prisoner of war camp and was on his way home.

The telegram said that young Richardson was in Manila and expected to leave there by boat for the long journey home, either on Sept. 9th or 10th.

The parents are therefore anxiously awaiting word that he has landed in a west coast port.

Richardson was serving in the army at the time of the fall of the Philippines and has been a Japanese prisoner since then.

## Franklin Kent In Occupation Fleet

ON THE USS BON HOMME RICHARD OFF JAPAN—Franklin J. Kent, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byram H. Kent, Payette, is serving on this aircraft carrier, which has been assigned to duty as part of the U. S. occupation fleet.

For forty-five days preceding the end of the war, the vessel steamed up and down the Japanese coast as the Third Fleet staged 15 air raids and five bombardments on the Jap home islands—and fired her guns only once. That was when the almost perfect air covered permitted a Jap suicide plane to sneak through, only to be shot down just short of another carrier.

"Gosh!" yelled one of the men as he seized his helmet and dashed for his gun mount, "the war's over—it would kill me to get killed now."

## Robert McCarroll In Business With Father

Robert McCarroll, who was recently discharged from the Navy has become associated with his father, B. F. McCarroll in the insurance business here.

Bob, as he is known to his local friends was in V-12 training, spent a year at San Diego, Calif. two years at Pocatello and prior to being discharged was at Bayonne, N. J. for two months.

## TUTTLE SPEAKS AT KIWANIS CLUB

Coach Tuttle, of the Payette high school, solicited the co-operation and support of the townspeople in his athletic activities at the local institution, in an interesting talk to Payette Kiwanians on Tuesday of this week. Coach Tuttle told Kiwanians that the attitude of businessmen could do much toward the building of a winning team, which was his ultimate goal. He urged that players be given encouragement and that businessmen show an interest in all events.