

## From the May 1, 1936 "Genesee News"

### Militia

"Settling north of Genesee in the early days were the families of Geo. Tegland, Amund Borgen, Anton Borgen and Detlef Smith. Pioneers of the Genesee community who witnessed the eerie days of Indian troubles was that of the Petersons, of which Edwin, Lenus and Gust remember well. The two first named live here, but at the present time Edwin, the eldest of the three surviving members is in California visiting his son and family gust Peterson lives at Snohomish Wash.

Dan Healy, who reached his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday was a member of a militia company, known as **Co. H, Second Idaho**, and on the roll are found such names of pioneers:

R. H. Beeman, **Captain;**

Wm. Evans, **First lieutenant;**

H. C. J. Tweedt, **Second lieutenant;**

J.C. Watt, **First sergeant;**

W.M. Vernon, Harry Bundy, G. Van Horn,

and B.L. Hage, **First sergeants;**

Fred Spencer, C. Christian and L.F. Crone, **Corporals;**

Oliver Peterson,

H. Beeman,

Wm. Sutton,

H.D. Smith,

J. H Evans,

G. W. Ashford,

G Miller,  
C. Hanson,  
S. P. Dunhorne,  
M.H. Odberg,  
J. Christenson,  
D. Smith,  
O. Boe,  
D. S. Hege,  
A. O. Hougen,  
N. Johnson,  
J. Matson,  
W. Kendall,  
G. Wilson,  
N. Talent,  
M. Kambitsch,  
T. Crow,  
P. Kinnear,  
E. J. Langdon,  
T. Direham,  
Dan Healy,  
C. Sheehan,

C. Fering,  
 H. Hanson,  
 C.C. Snoge,  
 B.A. Rekdahl,  
 S. Johnson,  
 D. Kinnerson,  
 and H. H. Seir.”

This book can be found by interlibrary loan at the Genesee Public Library and also the Genesee School Library, sponsored by a grant from Idaho Humanities Council. The newspaper is available for reading at White Spring Ranch Museum, Genesee, Idaho.



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**Early Pioneer History of the Genesee Community**  
 (By Mrs. Walter Jals)

**COMMUNITY DAY PROGRAM.**  
 Following the program announced for Community Day:  
 9:30—Flag raising and band concert.  
 9:45—Grade schools program.  
 10:15—Luncheon roll call and program.  
 10:30—Alma roll call and program.  
 11:15—Address: Lieut. Governor G. M. Cole will be served on the grounds.  
 11:30—Band concert.  
 1:30—P. M. dances.  
 1:40—German songs.  
 1:50—Alma grand march.  
 2:00—Alma roll call.  
 2:15—Paper roll call.  
 2:30—Alma roll call.  
 4:00—Speech by Dr. Chisworth.  
 8:00—Band and field events.  
 8:30—P. M. dances.  
 9:00—P. M. grand march.  
 10:30—Alma grand march.

**DR. A. J. WHITE SUCCESSOR TO DR. JOSEPH E. BALDACK**  
 Dr. A. J. White, physician and surgeon of Postpaid, Ore., comes to Genesee as the successor to Dr. J. E. Baldack who leaves for Lewiston May 1, and will begin his office there with Dr. E. G. Brundock. Dr. Baldack has practiced here for nearly two years, commencing to Genesee July 1, 1934. The Genesee community regrets the departure of Dr. Baldack and his family, but wish him continued success. Dr. Baldack, who anticipated the move for several weeks, had been reluctant to

**FROM the memories of pioneers we endeavor to gather a few reminiscences we hope will be of interest to readers of The Genesee News.**  
 It seems that this particular valley where Genesee now stands was not settled until after the Thompson neighborhood. Michael Potts, Jacob Kamblitch, Theo. Turner and others taking claims there in 1870-72, James Hanson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Tierney, arriving in 1872, Eliat, on the place now owned by Wm. Hickman. Selling this place to E. T. Platt, father of Mrs. Hickman, in the early eighties, he purchased and opened the remainder of his long life in the farm now owned in part by Mrs. Anna Hanson, his daughter-in-law, and in part by John Loeck, the husband of Mr. Hanson's granddaughter.

Henry Deason was living on his quarter section, now occupied by John Broening in 1872, when his brother-in-law, H. B. Hodgins and family arrived and homesteaded the ranch now owned by D. Schenkerst, his son, Wm. Hodgins, filling on the place now occupied by Hugo Mansfelder. At this time the John H. Evans family was living in the home just recently removed by Mrs. Ruth Perkins. Mr. Schenkerst's family occupied the Tom Anderson place, Geo. Ashworth was living on the Ed Erickson place and Mrs. Bronie on land to the south near town. Rufus Beeson arrived early in 1874 and settled on the ranch now owned by Rudolph Noeding, his pioneer home being on the site of the present dwelling and not only sheltered a large family, but a general store and the first postoffice, of which Mr. Beeson was postmaster, the office being called "Thompson P. O. Idaho Territory."

Mr. Beeson was prominent and

**FIRST BALL GAME.**  
 Genesee opened the season of league baseball here against Pocatello Sunday, May 3. Owing to cold weather and rain Genesee did not play at Pocatello for the league opener last Saturday, so they came out from under cover for the first time May 3, in what is expected to be a good game. Pocatello and Genesee split even that season, and with both clubs having the same lineup as last year, the winner has not been announced. McVicar is slated to start for Genesee, Admission 10c and 15c. They need your support.

**KNIGHTS COLUMBUS OBSERVE INSTITUTION LOCAL COUNCIL.**  
 Members of Genesee Council, K. of C., celebrated the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the institution of the local council, No. 1544, last Thursday. The charter was granted to the following charter members on April 23, 1911: George Berchan, Henry Blomberg, Geo. Ebel, Andrew Trainman, John Troutman, Geo. Johnson, Al Moersch, Henry Moersch, Joe Moersch, Theo. Schurter, C. F. Wachen, Cornell Linahan, Joe Bershaw, John Loring, Theo. Dwyer, A. J. Friman, Nick Rielsholmer, John H. Brumbling, John Brumbling, Chas. Greiser, Sr., Andrew Hasfurther, Martin Hasfurther, John Hasfurther, John Kries, E. E. Miller, John Weber, Ed Smolt, John Sweeney, Joe Tabin, Wm. Thimason, John Jacobs, C. F. Toomy, W. J. Baumgartner, E. M. Becker, T. Driscoll, H. M. Loring, Wm. Cunningham and Joe Nyren.

Some of the present members of the degree team from Lewiston to initiate the first class here 23 years ago were: Gov. Rob. Gens and Joe Baldack, Mark Wright, Leon LeVine and Geo. Beckman.

The first ball was won by the Genesee

**MAY PLANT PEAS AS SOIL CONSERVING CROP IN 1936**  
 According to an announcement from G. T. McAlexander, Latah county agricultural agent, in a state that field peas may be substituted for sweet clover as a fall fall as a soil-conserving crop, and if planted under as a green manure crop the farmer is eligible for the soil-conserving payment of approximately \$15.00 per acre. In a telephone communication with Mr. McAlexander Thursday noon, it was learned that where peas were sown to be plowed under as a green manure crop, it is permissible to seed the same and to fall wheat this year.

Some misunderstanding has resulted, the county agent estimated relative to the deduction where a farmer does not divert 16 per cent of his 1935 soil-conserving acres. An explanation of the deduction will be made at the end of one and a half acres for one if the change does not amount to 10 per cent. However, if there are sufficient soil-conserving crops on a farmer's place, such acre may be used as a part of the 16 per cent. With peas coming under the classification of soil-conserving crops, it appears that almost every farmer in this locality could easily comply by sowing 16 per cent more the amount of his soil-conserving seedling, and plowing them under before the peas begin to grow.

Seedlings of peas for soil-conserving purposes also draw the payments for new seedlings of \$1.00 per acre.

**NELS GERLAR DIES FROM HEART ATTACK AT AGE 69**  
 Funeral services for Nels Gerlar, who passed away at the home of his sister Mrs. Marie Michelson, at 10 o'clock last Thursday evening, were