

PENSION PLAN OKE, SAYS BERT

Old Applegater Harr Harris Miner's Objections to Townsend Idea

To the Editor: Our yen for writing will not permit your kind invitation for opinions upon the Townsend plan to go unheeded. We favor the plan, not because it is perfect in every detail, but because it is a step in the right direction.

Nothing is perfect in its infancy. The first tin lizzie was far from the reliable bus we enjoy today.

Another reason we favor the Townsend plan is that no one will then hesitate to act and state their correct age. Yours truly wishes to be the first to start this wave of honesty by saying we will be 60 our next birthday, if the plan passes congress.

It would have a far-reaching effect upon the gentler sex who, as every one knows, are far from being gentle when their age is scrutinized.

We are willing to try the Townsend plan because our sense of tolerance under the New Deal has become highly developed. We have repeatedly been told to be patient with administration while the NRA, CWA, AAA, et cetera, were being given their trials. The Townsend plan is no more ridiculous than the hog reduction plan. In fact, the resemblance is strong and that has not as yet been denounced by the brainless trust.

Perhaps there may be some of your readers who have not been very far out on the firing line who scarcely know what has been going on. For their information and enlightenment I will relate that on the 21st day of last May I received a check for \$110.72 for pork. Before I could use one cent of this it was my duty to march up to the federal building and fork over \$41.29 for processing tax. How is that for percentage? If one can gulp that down and still grin he will scarcely worry about a sales tax to keep the Townsend plan rolling.

A pension is nothing new. We are already giving out liberal pensions to many. The army, navy, civil service and forestry practice this convenient method. Even our tightest economists and budget balancers have not complained of this enormous expenditure. Our Governor Martin allegedly receives \$6000 per. "But," sez you, "that is reward for merit."

We have a system where extravagance and waste are practiced by a few. On the other hand, the majority are in want. Hunger, discouragement and worry fill their waking hours, worry for the rainy day, sickness and old age. Any one who can live for 60 years in such an environment without turning to crime or rebellion deserves a pension as a reward of merit.

You say the plan would destroy our thrifty, saving natures. Dear me, isn't that what you press men are trying to do? Every thing but your bank ads say "Spend, spend, spend. Buy now, buy!" And by-bye to our dollar, our poor, inflated dollar.

Your objection to the plan is that \$200 per month is unreasonable. Remember that matter is never destroyed, it merely changes or circulates. Therefore no loss occurs in this case unless circulation is stopped. So it is not unreasonable but entirely according to reason. What a bunch of shopping would be done! Think of all the money being handled, equal to the happy days, those days of '29. We were only handling money then. Yes, our circulation was good. Why should we be denied the chance to live those days once more?

We do not share the delusion held by many of its supporters that the Townsend plan would permanently cure depressions. No cure can be permanent unless the cause for the disorder is removed. Until that time we think we should make use of the Townsend pension because at the present writing society does not permit disposing of the old folk as we do our worn-out horses and dogs.

Yes, Mr. Editor, better come along with us and be sixty-two. Feebly yours, BERT HARR. Jacksonville, January 1.

Don's Radio Service Builds Miniature Set

A vest-pocket radio transmitting instrument, one that could be housed in the average radio console, is on display at Don's Radio Service, 407 East Main street, in Medford, this week. It was built by that concern for Norvell Wiley of Central Point, who will use the transmitter for unlimited short-wave broadcasting, adopting the call letters W7EJY.

Woodson Smith and Vic Milnes, technicians at the popular radio shop which has just moved into its larger quarters in the Sparta building a few doors west of their former location, purchased all materials and assembled the broadcasting station in less than a week's time. Transmitters similar to the one on display have been heard around the world, having an output of 50 watts to aerial.

It has been found that the Trojan heroes were probably cremated. We've always understood that Helen had them pretty well burned up.—Weston Leader.

Applegate Hopeful Hurries to Town to File First Pension Application

It was yesterday forenoon when an elderly man entered Ray Coleman's hardware store in Jacksonville and inquired for the justice of the peace.

"I'm him," admitted Ray as he settled against a counter.

"We-e-ell, I come in special today to file my application for this here Townsend old age pension plan. I kin use \$200 a month, easy," was the explanation. "You see, I bin hearing about this pension, and I figgers I'd better be gittin' my name in to Uncle Sam, because I'm 63, although I can't prove it right off."

"I can't find no birth certificate to prove my age, but I registered for the draft back in the war, but I lost that paper, too. Guess I'll have to locate the old family Bible to prove my age to the government, but I want you to sort of officially sign my application for the Townsend pension and see that

it gets to Washington right smart quick. I kin use \$200 a month, easy," went on the old-timer.

Judge Coleman explained to the man, who said he was from Applegate, that he would have plenty of time left to file an application for the Townsend pension and advised him to take it easy and watch what congress was going to do about it. The old fellow was hard to console, but much talk and assurance that the pension was not already being gobbled up enabled Coleman to escape the task of drawing up an important looking paper for the fellow with a full assortment of seals and whereases.

It was the first formal application for the Townsend old age pension to come to light in Oregon and, as Coleman will testify, was made in most earnest seriousness, and revealed a willingness to take \$200 a month without argument.

Belcastro Repeats Win Over Hated, Hooded Red Devil

As in all real thrillers, the villain was given his just desserts and the true blue hero emerged with the cancelled mortgage in Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly wrestling show at the Medford armory last night. Pete Belcastro, Sacramento, played the part of Harold Handsome, while the Red Demon was Mister Legree with a red bonnet and lost his mortgage on fame and fortune in Medford for the second time when the beloved rogue, Pete, again flattened him prone and plenty.

The main event, touted as a revenge comeback on a 60-40 basis, was a retake of a previous match when Belcastro landed a dropkick on the hooded one's phiz. It started with a fast display of dirt, punches and bitin, and first fall went to Belcastro in 16 minutes when a sonnenberg, dropkick and body press followed one another in breath-taking rapidity. Next fall came when the Red Demon applied a backward headlock on Pete, who patted for release which was not forthcoming. Referee Ray Frisbie, when forced to break the punishing hold, awarded it to Belcastro on foul, which met with the entire approval of fans. Members of the Medford boxing commission demanded that the Red Demon unmask so they could see the face they were about to bar.

First half of Lillard's double card almost stole the show when Joe Hubka, Nebraska, and Hal Rumberg, Spokane, exhibited one of the fastest, most sincere wrestling goes seen in many months. First fall went to Rumberg via flying scissors and body press, while second fall went to Hubka as the result of flying tackles and a body press. The match went the full hour to a well-deserved draw.

A special 10-minute curtain-raiser featured two Medford youths aspiring to the business. Promoter Lillard said last night his next card would be announced over the week-end, featuring another all-entertainment show at special low rates. First bell will be heard at 8:30 sharp.

Free silverware, a handy thing as any housewife will tell you, will be available at Chitwood's in Jacksonville come Monday, announced Jean I. Gillis, manager of the store formerly known as the Jacksonville pharmacy.

According to Mrs. Gillis, genuine Tudor Plate silver will be given each customer whose purchases total a certain figure, and she has prepared special cards for use in the awarding of gifts. Mrs. Gillis also reports an unusually heavy trade over the holidays which necessitated fresh shipment of stock which arrived early this week.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR
The following correction appeared in a small-town paper: "Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. Jim Littell is a defective in the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Littell is really a detective in the police force."

The normal girl is said to contain "enough gluten to make five pounds of glue." It's queer that when she forms an attachment she so often doesn't stick.—Weston Leader.

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HUENERS SEES GOOD IN PENSION

To the Editor: Since you invite discussion of the Townsend plan and especially since your last editorial apparently conveys some false impressions, I feel that it should not go unanswerd.

In behalf of the many thousands of old people who through no fault of their own are forced to accept charity, and the many thousands of honest old people who are suffering, too proud to accept charity, I resent you calling this pension a donation at the expense of the working population. If ever a federal employe was worthy of his pension, so is everybody who has spent his productive years at useful labor creating values because of which our country in the course of years has become richer and greater.

I see in an old age pension an act of well-deserved but long delayed justice.

You, Mr. Editor, contend that this \$200 per month does not represent services rendered by the recipient and is therefore unsound. Using this, your argument, we may apply it to much of the government spending with the same force. Any plan of spending public funds is unsound if it does not go beyond the relief phase, aiming at the creation of a sustained prosperity. The Townsend plan is sound because, aside from relief benefits, it provides for this sustained prosperity through rapid circulation of money. All economists generally agree that it is not so much the quality of money in a country, but the velocity with which it circulates, which is making for prosperity.

Now as to cost: You are slightly misrepresenting when you say "the millionaires and capitalists will not dig it up, only me and you and the common folk will foot the bill." One outstanding feature of the Townsend plan is its absolute fairness—it is willing to bestow its benefits upon rich and poor alike so also its cost must be borne by rich and poor in the ratio they spend.

We have many people in the movies who spend many times as much as ordinary people and many rich men who make large transactions, so do not be deceived in believing that the lowly must pay it all.

Further on the editor states that based upon the national income of 1929, it would require 22 cents of every dollar to pay for the pension. Here again the editor fails to recognize the magic element in money that is kept in constant circulation. If 22 cents of the dollar that I spend must go toward the pension fund and if this money is not returned into circulation it will just exactly cost me 22 cents, which would be intolerable and burdensome. But if every dollar so spent is kept in constant circu-

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Jack Gannon

By FRED LAW

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Jack says he's got a good scent bait That surely gets the cats— Coyotes, links and cougars, Skunks, martin and muskrats.

He takes a vial of this rare musk And pours it on the ground; Coyotes, links and bobcats, Sure come from miles around!

The skunks all left the canyons, Says it's too darn strong for me, And says what is he using? What the Sam Hill can it be?

They gather all around his bait, Say, you don't suppose he's dead? Nope; they just kept on running, And slowly shook their head.

A spike buck got the horrid scent And tried to get away, And came tearing out that canyon Upon a fated day.

It stepped its foot in Jack's big trap, 'Twas there it met its fate; Jack looked and says, you're just too good, To get used up for bait.

Seems like it was Jack's day to win— The spikes to meet defeat; Out comes Jack's knife, off comes its hide, Look, Boys! we've got camp meat!

lation, it shall return to me again and again so that instead of 22 cents it will cost me only a few cents in every transaction. This not only will make it tolerant, but may be considered a good investment in future security, something we could well afford.

I do not claim that by adoption of the Townsend plan we could reach the utmost in prosperity, but by additional legislation to correct some of the fundamental evils of our capitalistic system and improvement in world commercial relations we should enter upon an era of sustained prosperity em-

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DOWN TO HARD PAN
It is reported that one of the fastidious newly married ladies of this town kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on, he needs bread with his pants on, and unless some of the delinquent subscribers to this "Old Rag of Freedom" pony up before long he will need bread without a damn thing on, and Wisconsin is no Garden of Eden in the winter time.—Mills Messenger.

It is surprising how many people who have fooled their own finances know what Uncle Sam ought to do with his money.—Weston Leader.

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