

Americanism Essays
Written by Students

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AMERICANISM.

By Anabel Turner.
As a salutation to this essay I think it may be permissible to define the title to the paper I am writing—Americanism. This means devotion to or preference for the United States and their institutions; preference for what ever is American in this sense; the exhibition of such preference; the conditions of being a citizen of the United States.

In the definition we find a broader meaning than the average person acquires from the word Americanism. A synonym of Americanism in one sense may be patriotism. But, just what does patriotism mean? It means being patriotic to any country. As I have already stated Americanism means and stands for devotion for the United States.

Some men who we may say are distinguished characters in American minds are: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Henry Ford, Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and Edward Bok. George Washington exerted all of his power and influence for the cause of the United States; Lincoln also is honored for being worthy in his devotion to his country; Henry Ford, Graham Bell and Thomas Edison have all given their best efforts to their country. Edward Bok, a man we all admire who came here as a foreign child, grew to be one of America's most useful citizens.

Some of the privileges that we enjoy as American citizens are: freedom of speech and press, protection of life and liberty.

Some of the duties of American men and women for citizenship are: In an honest way help to make and obey all laws, teaching foreigners to be useful citizens; live a clean, honest American life, striving always for some worthy cause and eternally helping the poor and disabled.

In all history it has been said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation." Women have always played an important part in shaping the destiny of our nation. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am and all that I expect to be I owe to my angel mother."

Today we have in congress a number of influential women who are striving with will to help build our nation. Who could be better examples of nation builders than Clara Barton, Frances Willard, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, and Mary Lyon? And in modern history, than the wife of our good president, Hoover, who stands out as a marvellous character in history of the United States.

Almost everyone agrees on the fact that our soldiers all exerted heroic and patriotic effort toward America when they responded to the call for men during the great war. Our attitude toward the poor soldiers who if they have not given their lives many of them are suffering from being gassed, shell shock, should be treated kindly and we should always remember they were putting their lives in the hands of fate to help their country. They should be just as dutifully respected as our soldiers. It stands for the suffering of soldiers of America. It is the emblem of purity and love and belongs to a great country. Our country. Every boy can look up to our President who gives his entire time for four years at least to the people of the United States. It might be most correct to say that President Wilson gave his life for America during the World War. He practically worked himself to desperation and death planning for his people.

Would it not be well to conclude in saying America would be a much greater, finer, stronger, civilized nation if each boy and girl of our country would sincerely put forth his most faneiful effort to help carry out and make laws. Also to teach foreigners and younger children the meaning of Americanism and how they can exemplify Americanism to their junior friends. If each person of the United States earnestly puts forth an energetic effort to make good citizens of fellow neighbors and honestly obey the United States laws younger people will learn correct methods of thrift and will also work for their country and for higher realms of citizenship, therefore making the United States stronger and prepared for a prosperous future.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the country for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

This means just what I have been endeavoring to explain to you.

AMERICANISM.

By Miriam Moyer.
America is a great land, and so I think Americanism must be the living up to all of the best that one knows about America, its countries, and their inhabitants.

Americanism is an unfeeling love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies; true allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

True Americanism means appreciation and thankfulness for what all of the great people of our nation have done and are doing for us.

It was on July 4, 1776, that our country was born upon this continent, and it was because of our great men that America won its independence and is the great country that it is today. Through the study of these great men, school boys and girls came to understand

more about our country and to love it better, and are inspired to live nobler lives.

Time permits us to tell of only a few of these great men. George Washington, "The Father of Our Country," should be thought of first because he was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. Washington served his country for many years, and never finished when there was a hard task to be done. Because of the sacrifices of Washington and his soldiers we have gained a priceless heritage.

Thomas Jefferson was called the "Pen of the Revolution" and was the only man that could put into words the longings and desires of a brave people, who were fighting for their rights of which they had been deprived by their mother country.

Benjamin Franklin was an inventor and also an editor. He served his country so well and in so many different ways that it has been said of him that he was the greatest man that America has ever produced.

Alexander Hamilton was a great man because he was wise enough to understand that the business of our country should be put on a strong financial basis, and thus he helped to save our country when it was struggling to gain a place among the nations of the world.

It was Abraham Lincoln, "the greatest memory of our world," who steered our country through those perilous days during the Civil War, when the North fought against the South. In a late biography of Lincoln we find these words: "Never again since Abraham Lincoln's time has an innocent man worn a chain to his foot. Since he lived, worked and fell, all men to whom God has given the gift of life are born free."

Woodrow Wilson was our President during the World War, and we think that it was through his plans for a League of the Nations that the people of the United States have come to think much of and are working towards the establishment of World Peace.

We will now consider some of the privileges of American citizenship. A natural born citizen of the United States may vote at all general elections, and he may hold any position, public or private. American citizens have the advantage of free schools, and access to the public libraries. American citizens have the privilege of free speech, they may own their own homes, and they can worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

An alien who becomes a citizen has the same privileges as a native born citizen, only he cannot hold the office of the President of the United States.

A good American citizen should make use of his vote because it is the most sacred right of a free people. He should accept jury duty, bear arms in war in the service of his country, the United States of America, and pay taxes without evasion.

Women may foster and exemplify Americanism by example and precept, by having the right kind of attitude towards the work done by our public schools, by taking part in the charitable work of the churches, by being kind to their neighbors, and by fulfilling all home duties to the best of their ability.

By helping to solve the employment and wage problem of our country, we are helping ourselves as well as our foreign neighbors. The square deal should always be kept in mind, and everyone should have a share in the prosperity of

our country. We should think and teach people to think. When telling anyone to save, we should give them the reasons for saving.

We should love our flag and its defenders, and we should have great respect for our President and all other officers of our government. The Supreme Court of our land has charged the liquor traffic with being the source of crime, vice, and degradation, therefore it is our duty to fight this great evil.

We should be staunch defenders of our nation and its laws, and should not allow our land to be desecrated by those who seem to have no conscience and no regard for our laws. The welfare of men's souls should outweigh the greed for gold.

If we are honest and industrious, and strive for purity in spirit, thought and deed, then will we have courage to meet life's every need; and we will be found in the ranks of those who are marching on towards the light of a perfect day for America and for all mankind.

Donald Bellenbrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bellenbrock of Monument, while playing around around the combines along Main street in Heppner, fell to the ground cutting his eyelid badly enough to require several stitches to close it. His eyesight is not in danger. Donald is here visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Susie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McKeown and daughters, Dorothy and Florence, of Fort Collins, Colo., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. McKeown and Mrs. Hughes are sisters. The McKeowns are en route to Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif., where Mr. McKeown will be an instructor during summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk of Bellingham, Wash., who with their children have been in Heppner for a visit with Mrs. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cason, started on their return home Wednesday, accompanied by the Misses Gladys and Alice Cason, who will visit at the Kirk home for a time.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMALS.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon I have taken up the following described animals found running at large on my premises in Morrow County, State of Oregon, and that I will on Saturday, June 28, 1930, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the Webb ranch 17 miles south of Heppner, Oregon, offer for sale and sell the said animals to the highest bidder for cash in hand, unless the same shall have been redeemed by the owners thereof. Said animals are described as follows:

One bay mare, 9 years old, brand on left shoulder, BW; one black horse 12 years old, dim brand; one sorrel mare, 4 years old, left hind foot white, no brand; one bay yearling, no brand.
W. J. PEPPER, JOHN, Heppner, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Administrator of the

Estate of Hattie Louise Kinney, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate must present them to me, duly verified as required by law, at the office of C. L. Swerk in Heppner, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of first publication of this notice.
W. E. DIXIE, Administrator of the Estate of Hattie Louise Kinney, Deceased. Date of first publication, June 12, 1930.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator c. t. a. of the Estate of Frank Peterson, sometimes known as Frank O. Peterson and sometimes known as Frank Oscar Peterson, deceased, has filed his final account with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and that said court has set as the time and place of settlement of said account, Monday the Fourth day of August, 1930, at the hour of Ten o'clock A. M. in the court room of said court in Heppner, Oregon. All persons having objections to said final account must file the same on or before said date.

C. L. SWERK, Administrator c. t. a. of the Estate of Frank Peterson, sometimes known as Frank O. Peterson and sometimes known as Frank Oscar Peterson, deceased. 13-17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County administrator of the estate of Jennie V. Kelly, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present the same, duly verified according to law, to me at the office of my attorney, S. E. Notson, in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication being June 12, 1930.

ALVIN J. KELLY, Administrator. 13-17.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, administrator of the estate of George W. Lambirth, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the law office of Jos. J. Nys, at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 12th day of June, 1930.
PEARL B. LAMBERTH, Administrator. 13-17.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, administrator of the estate of Myles McEntire, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the law office of Jos. J. Nys, at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 12th day of June, 1930.
F. W. TURNER, Administrator. 13-17.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned as administrator, t. a. of the estate of Benjamin F. Berry, deceased, has filed his final account and report in said estate with the clerk of the county court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Monday, the 4th day of August, 1930, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. as the time and the county court room in the courthouse at Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

H. J. WARNER, Administrator c. t. a. of the estate of Benjamin F. Berry, deceased. Raley, Raley & Warner, and John F. Kilkenny, Attorneys for Administrator c. t. a., Pendleton, Oregon. 13-17

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