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Tired American Speaks Out

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I am a tired American.
I'm tired of being called the ugly American.
I'm tired of having the world panhandlers use my country as a whipping boy 365 days a year.
I am a tired American—wary of having American embassies and information centers stoned, burned and sacked by mobs operating under orders from dictators who preach peace and breed conflict.
I am a tired American—wary of being lectured by General de Gaulle (who never won a battle) who poses as a second Jehovah in righteousness and wisdom.
I am a tired American—wary of Nasser and all the other blood-sucking leeches who bleed Uncle Sam white and who kick him on the shins and yank his beard if the flow falters.
I am a tired American—wary of the beatniks who say they should have the right to determine what laws of the land they are willing to obey.
I am a tired American—fed up with the mobs of scabby-faced, long-haired youths and short-haired girls who claim they represent the "new wave" of America and who sneer at the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, integrity and morality on which America grew to greatness.
I am a tired American—wary unto death of having my tax dollars go to dictators who play both ends against the middle with threats of what will happen if we cut the golden stream of dollars.
I am a tired American who is tired of supporting families who haven't shown any other source of income other than government relief checks for three generations.
I am a tired American who is getting madder by the minute at the fifth peddlers who have launched Americans in an obscenity race—who try to foist on us the belief that filth is an integral part of culture—in the arts, the movies, the literature, the stage.
I am a tired American—wary of the bearded bums who tramp the picket lines and the sit-ins—who prefer Chinese communism to capitalism—who see no evil in Castro, but sneer at President Johnson as a threat to peace.
I am a tired American who has lost all patience with that civil rights group, which is showing propaganda motives on college campuses from coast to coast. Movies denouncing the United States. Movies made in Communist China.
I am a tired American who is angered by the self-righteous critics of America, at home and abroad, who set impossible yardsticks for the United States but never apply the same standards to the French, the British, the Russians, the Chinese.
I am a tired American—sickened by the slack-jawed bigots who wrap themselves in bed sheets in the dead of night and roam the countryside looking for innocent victims.
I am a tired American who dislikes clergymen who have made a career out of integration causes, yet send their own children to private schools.
I am a tired American who resents those who try to peddle the belief in schools and colleges that capitalism is a dirty word and that free enterprise and private initiative are only synonyms for greed. They say they hate capitalism, but they are always right at the head of the line demanding their share of the American way of life.
I am a tired American—real tired of those who are trying to sell me the belief that America is not the greatest nation dedicated to the policy of trying to help the "have nots" achieve some of the good things which our system of free enterprise brought about.
I am an American who gets a lump in his throat when he hears the "Star Spangled Banner" and who holds back tears when he hears the chilling high notes of the brass trumpets when Old Glory reaches the top of the flag pole.
I am a tired American who thanks a merciful Lord that he was so lucky as to be born an American citizen—a nation under God, with truly mercy and justice for all.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN DON BRISTOW sent in a copy of the national COIN magazine, printed in Illinois, March, 1966, issue, he sent us scurrying to do some re-searching.

In an article, "When the Money Stopped," the magazine pictured reproductions of Heppner Sheepskin Scrip which was printed by the Gazette-Times and issued by businessmen of the city during the depression times.

Ed Gonty put us on the trail when he accurately told us it was in circulation in Heppner in 1934. We still have the old Sheepskin plates in our possession, handed down through the various owners of the Gazette-Times.

After Ed's clue, it wasn't hard to pick up the story in the 1933 and 1934 G-T files, when Vawter and Spencer Crawford were publishers.

As nearly as we can determine, Dean T. Goodwin first proposed the scrip at a Lions club meeting "to aid in carrying on local retail business." This was reported in the February 2, 1933, issue of the Gazette-Times.

Quoting the story, "He stated that the community was facing a serious question in the handling of warrants of both the city and school districts. Teachers, particularly, were not able to get cash on their warrants and this was working hardship on them and making it impossible to find the money to meet their actual and pressing needs; this in turn, is forcing them to go elsewhere and put up their warrants in exchange for the merchandise they are compelled to have. It has, as a matter of fact, become impossible to a large extent for the local merchant to finance the situation."

The idea took hold, and Mayor Gay M. Anderson appointed a committee composed of Goodman as chairman, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Josephine Mahoney, Jos. J. Nys, S. E. Notson, Earl Eskelson and Spencer Crawford to form plans to be presented at a mass meeting.

The 50 at the ensuing mass meeting voted almost unanimously for a \$5000 issue of the scrip to be secured by warrants of school districts, city and county and redeemable for the year. Denominations of \$5, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$5, and \$10 were tentatively decided upon.

The plan adopted permitted the holders of warrants to dispose of them not to exceed \$50 per month, taking a five per cent discount. The scrip given them was received by business houses at face value as money.

It was issued March 1, 1934, and the March 2 paper reported that it was creating a sensation around the state. Much of it disappeared at once, going into hands of collectors. A March 16 headline in the paper said, "Business Smiles at Scrip Results, 'Sheepskin' Fame Goes Like Magic, Easing Taut Countenances, Local Trade Aided, \$1250 in Leather Money Issued to Date to Help Teachers, May be Civic Benefit."

Those elected to administer the plan were Goodman, L. E. Bisbee, Chas. Thompson, D. A. Wilson, Spencer Crawford and L. L. Gilliam, secretary.

By January 11, 1934, the Gazette-Times showed great cause for rejoicing in a front page editorial. Heppner had been without a bank since their closing in 1932. First National was to open a branch here in a few days. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had taken office about the time the scrip was issued, and by the first of 1934, half of the scrip had been redeemed.

Gonty said that there was very little in evidence by the end of 1934. Probably quite a few old timers have the scrip in their possession as of now. Some people confuse the Lucky Bucks which were printed on leather in 1961 and 1962 with the Sheepskin Bucks, but

the Lucky Bucks were only a merchandising promotion and were not brought on by depression conditions, although they, too, got an avaricious reception by collectors.

JUST OUT is a 163-page publication, "The Cooperative Weather Observer," issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce. This tells of the history and importance of the local weather observers in communities across the nation and includes biographical sketches of those who have been in the volunteer weather service for many years.

There is a nice writeup about Leonard L. Gilliam on page 106 of the publication. This delights us, of course, because he is so faithful in giving us the weekly weather record for publication and we have a special affection for him.

We don't have room to get the sketch in this little 8-page paper this week, but will reprint it next week.

He is in his 33rd year as a weather observer, and we say congratulations to him again.

IT SEEMS the trout are getting bigger every day at a certain place south of Heppner where a few people have been fishing through the ice the past winter, and here is a story to substantiate the fact. This is no tall fish story.

A certain guy from Heppner decided he'd go fishing one day last week. His partner, who had other business in the area, dropped him off at his favorite fishing spot, and said he'd return for him in a couple hours. So our fisherman cut a hole in the ice, baited his hook and dropped it in the water. In just a few minutes down went the bobber. He reeled in, but no fish, and the bait gone.

So he decided, "If he likes the taste of my eggs, I'll give him some more."

He put on more bait and proceeded as before. But this time our fisherman decided he needed a chaw of tobacco. Placing the rod and reel very carefully on his fish sack within easy reach, hook and bobber in the water, he leisurely sat back on his haunches to cut a chaw from his favorite plug of chewing tobacco. Before he ever got the tobacco into his mouth, down went the bobber out of sight. He made a wild grab for the rod, but it wasn't there.

He could see the rod heading for the open hole, and grabbed again, but too late. Bobber, line, rod and reel disappeared down the hole. The fisherman's first reaction was, "This just can't happen to me!"

When his partner returned, the dejected fisherman was sitting beside a fire near the road, no fish and no gear.

The partner said, "How's the fishing?"
"Well, it's a long story," was the fisherman's reply.
Incidentally, on the street one day last week Owen Leathens was heard to inquire, "Say, do you know where a man can buy a fishing outfit cheap?"

HALF-DOLLARS may be scarce but there will be no shortage of pennies in circulation in this area now.

All the years Meg and Rod Murray have been in the drug-store business here they have been unable to find the key to the scales that stands in front of the store, weighing customers at a penny per.

But Eureka! Someone this week discovered a key about

Justice Goodwin Seeks Reelection

Justice Alfred T. Goodwin filed in Salem Monday for reelection to the Oregon Supreme Court. A veteran of eleven years' combined judicial service, Justice Goodwin moved up to the Supreme Court in March, 1960, after serving as a circuit judge in Eugene. He was appointed to his present position by Governor Mark O. Hatfield and was elected to a six-year term in the general elections of 1960.

During his term on the Supreme Court, Justice Goodwin has been the author of more than 250 opinions, several of which have been reprinted in the textbooks used in the leading law schools of the country. In addition to his work on the court, he has served on the Constitutional Revision Commission, and is presently chairman of the joint committee of the Bar, Press and Broadcasters, which works for the improvement of relations between the courts and the news media.

the store, and it fit the scales. We don't know who opened the scales but it belched more coins than a one-armed bandit at Las Vegas after someone hit the jackpot.

The coins filled two large-sized paper sacks, and there is a liberal sprinkling of the old pennies in the bunch, as well as dimes and probably others.

Undoubtedly the Murray family will have an interesting time checking for rare pennies before they are ready to turn them in.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- #### Coming Events
- BASKETBALL**
Friday, February 25, Burns at Heppner
Saturday, February 26, Grant Union at Heppner
Dance following game, High School multipurpose room.
Jayvees, 6:30 p.m., Varsity 8:00 p.m.
Support the Mustangs!
- SKI FAIR**
Arbuckle Mountain
Sunday, Feb. 27
Ski races for all ages at 2 p.m.
- JAYCEE BASKETBALL**
Professional girls' team, the Redheads, versus local players
March 6, 8 p.m., High School Gym.
- SOPHOMORE WEEK-END**
Cake Auction, Friday night's game
Car wash, Saturday, Fullerton's, 10 to 2
Dance after Saturday night game, High School.
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Unusual Water Rise Set Below McNary

Fishermen, boaters, picnickers, and visitors to the Columbia River and banks downstream from McNary Dam are warned of unusual rises and falls between Sunday evening, February 27, and Friday evening, March 4.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct necessary power-peaking studies which will last about eight hours during four days of the five-day period.

Beginning about 6 p.m. each night during the test period, the water is expected to rise and fall as much as 11 feet in the McNary downstream pool, 10 feet at Paterson, 7 feet at Arlington, and as much as 5 feet downstream to John Day Dam. McNary Reservoir, (Lake Wallula), can be expected to fluctuate about 3 feet during the periods, and increase in current velocity accordingly.

River users are cautioned to

Hold Joint Meeting

Three 4-H clubs, Busy Beavers, Buttons and Bows and Hard Working Bees, met at Kathy Crum's home February 5. For roll call we named kinds of materials. Mrs. Ruth McCabe showed us how to use different threads with materials. She showed how to change a needle on a sewing machine. Last month we went to an officer's training school at Heppner.

Karen Crowell, reporter

be extremely careful in parking automobiles or equipment, and in waiting or boating during these times.

The fluctuations downstream from The Dalles will be even greater, the Corps announced, and all possible precautions and safety measures should be observed throughout the area.

DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor:

For years, in fact ever since the Library-Museum was donated by Mrs. Amanda Duvall, I've meant to say a few words of thanks and gratitude for the generous gifts to our community.

It is such a fine beautiful building for all of us to be proud of, and a privilege to be able to take our friends and relatives from out of town there to enjoy many of the important objects and items relating to our country's past history. To me it's much to be thankful for, that so many things can be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

With the old county sheds and junk yard removed, the grounds have really made a radical change for the betterment of the town. Since I look that way every day of my life, I have a chance to enjoy it more than most people in town.

And I should have spoken up much sooner to give Vic Groshens, Wayne Harsin and Bob Dobbs a lot of commendation and praise for their loyal and hard efforts to keep the park in such a splendid condition. In the summer time it is a joy to hear the many happy voices of children at play in their part of the play ground.

Again, my thanks to Mrs. Duvall for being such a generous person to our Morrow county. And my sincere thanks to all concerned.

Mrs. Lois Winchester

Service Held Friday For Minnie Evans

Funeral services were held Friday, February 18, for Mrs. Frank (Minnie) Evans in Redlands, Calif., according to word received by friends here.

Mrs. Evans was a former resident of Lexington and Heppner.

NOTICE

The County Court has issued an order that all dogs in Morrow county must be licensed. UNTIL MARCH 1, the fees will be:

- \$1—Males
- \$1—Spayed Females
- \$2—Females

AFTER MARCH 1, the fees will be:

- \$2—Males
- \$2—Spayed Females
- \$4—Females

Unlicensed dogs will be subject to impoundment. Licenses are obtainable at County Clerk's office.

Fee for impounded dogs is \$1 a day for 5 days. AFTER FIVE DAYS, UNCLAIMED DOGS WILL BE DESTROYED.

C. J. D. Bauman
Sheriff

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