

Horse sense

By
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• The next time you get overcome with patriotism or succumb to the lure of a guaranteed interest rate, now 6 per cent, for purchasing United States Savings Bonds, consider that you are investing money in the biggest money-losing business on earth, the U.S. government. The federal government is losing money at the rate of \$6 billion a year, or \$694,444 an hour. When a person buys a U.S. Savings Bond he is investing in an organization that loses \$16,666,666 a day. He is investing in an organization that, the more money it borrows the greater the increase of its expenditures. Twenty times since 1961 Congress has raised the ceiling limit on the national debt to its present level of \$475.7 billion, which permits Congress to continue its spending spree while the interest alone on the debt gobbles up 25 cents of every dollar the federal government collects. If any industry with the federal government's record for spending investors' money were to sell its bonds to the public, it would be prosecuted by (who else?) the federal government!

• A truly patriotic American investor, it occurs to me, would not buy savings bonds. If the government cannot borrow money, it cannot spend it. And if the government cannot borrow money and spend it, inflation would be halted. The working man and woman would be relieved of much of their financial distress. The fiscal irresponsibility of Congress would come to a stop because it would be forced to spend only what it has. The sure way to get any hog away from the feed trough is to stop pouring in the slop.

• Ironically, the most conservative investors are the biggest purchasers of government bonds—bonds that have no collateral except a promise to pay. That promise is the same one given to the Sioux and Mohawk Indians, who can't collect on their treaty promises. It is the same promise given to California when that state loaned the federal government \$5 million to keep the Union alive during the Civil War, and which later refused to repay it. It is the same promise Congress made to the American people when it guaranteed them that the income tax would never exceed 1 per cent of their net annual income. It is the same kind of a promise the government made to the Cuban patriots who died trying to rid that unhappy country of Castro, and who had relied on the promise of American planes to help them. It is a promise the Hungarian Freedom Fighters will long remember, those who survived the Russians' massacre. It is the promise of Congressional candidates who, before every election, solemnly promise to reduce government spending and cut taxes. It is the promise to keep the dollar sound and to avoid devaluation.

• Not long ago I was talking with a congressman who said (not to be quoted) that the government cannot ever pay its obligations. Somewhere down the line, he said, the government must take bankruptcy by repudiating its debts. We have a tiger by the tail, he admitted, and there's nothing to do but ride along and live as comfortably as we can until the hammer falls. He said Congress could not, even if it wanted to, cut deficit government spending. The people would never permit it, and would oust any congressman who failed to ladle out the gravy. Former Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska once said, "As long as people demand more and more of government, the bigger and bigger it will become and the higher taxes will go." The clever congressman and the clever businessman, like the clever criminals, are those with foresight to have built up sizeable Swiss bank accounts against the day the bottom falls out.

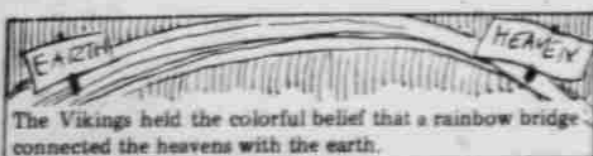
• I firmly believe that one disservice a citizen can do his country is to loan the government more money, except during a war of survival. Borrowed money is used to fuel the fires of inflation, boost the cost of living, create more dependence on government, and undermine the most stable institutions.

• By providing our federal government with all the money it craves for we are in the same position as indulgent parents who can't say no to the increasingly extravagant demands of our children. But like a good father who says no to raises in his children's weekly allowance, a man who loves his country must at some point say no to an increasingly extravagant federal government. The strongest government is a solvent government—we should not be pressured to contribute to our own eventual downfall by answering the daily cry of "Wolf!" from Washington.

• At the request of Police Chief Dean Gilman, Heppner's parking meters will not be in use until further notice. It should be emphasized that the city council is only relenting on parking meters for the duration of the cold weather. Enforcement of the parking meter ordinance will be resumed at the discretion of the council. However, the manner in which motorists conduct themselves during this "free parking" period could very well have a bearing on the council's hoped for decision to do away with meters all together. Motorists are requested to observe a 15-minute parking limit in front of the post office, and businessmen and employees should not park all day on downtown streets. If they will show a little courtesy and consideration in the use of free parking these few days, it is a good bet that Heppner will be shed of them permanently sometime soon. But if car owners insist on parking all day, or in monopolizing space at the post office, there may be no free parking at all for anyone. The people of Heppner have voted nearly 5 to 1 in a Gazette-Times newspaper poll to remove the meters. The Merchants Association is strongly in favor of doing away with them. The Gazette-Times has done its part in trying to persuade the city to remove these meters. Now it is up to you.

• Now a word to business and professional men who think advertising doesn't pay. Dr. Robert Irish, a Colorado dentist, was recently awarded almost \$18,000 by a Denver court when he sued the phone company for leaving him out of the Yellow Pages. The court said the phone company owed the dentist the money he lost by not being included in the advertising section. Isn't it likely that some merchants have lost money by not being included in the advertising section of the Gazette-Times? Two thousand families, 90 per cent of them in Morrow County, pay \$5 a year to read the ads and the news. How can merchants not afford to reach this market!

• Monday a reader dropped off an item from another newspaper about the farmer who had been taken in so many times by a car dealer that when the dealer wanted to buy a cow, the farmer priced it to him like this: Basic cow, \$200; Two-tone extra, \$45; Extra stomach, \$75; product storage compartment, \$60; Dispensing device, four spigots at \$10 each, \$40; Genuine cowhide upholstery, \$125; Dual horns, \$15; Automatic fly swatter, \$35. Total \$395.



The Vikings held the colorful belief that a rainbow bridge connected the heavens with the earth.



"Which hand?"

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Your paper of Thursday, Dec. 27, 1973 carried a letter in regard to your comments on environmentalists. The gentleman accused you of condemning environmentalists. It was my opinion that you were condemning the way they don't use common sense in what they do much of the time.

The Tillamook Burn, regardless of how it started, was not done on purpose. I would imagine all of us feel a loss of this size. I know of a loss at least six times as great that is now being imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Preventing the use of chemical insecticides (to control the tussock moth) to me is criminal because of the loss of our timber resources. At least, we can fight fire.

The following is a statement from the magazine, "Motor Service," and I think it ranks right up there with those Cow Burps:

"American car manufacturers will be ordered to install catalytic converters on 1975 automobiles, despite the fact that the devices themselves may create a health problem. This is the word from EPA Administrator Russell Train, who said that delaying requirements for the converters would disrupt the momentum of current auto emissions control strategy. He acknowledged that catalysis could pose a significant health problem—lung cancer and cardiac problems—through emissions of sulphates from high sulphur gasoline. The EPA and auto industry officials consider the catalytic converter as only an interim device until better methods of controlling emissions can be developed."

It makes one wonder how and where they got their name, doesn't it?

GLENN L. WALKER,
Pendleton.

EDITOR:

The citizens of Heppner and vicinity are to be commended for their concern for the needs of others. During the month of December, they have responded generously to the Seventh-day Adventist World Service Appeal. By the end of this year's campaign, they had contributed well over the amount received last year.

We are especially grateful for this added amount because it will help compensate for inflation at home and the dollar devaluation abroad. The entire amount, of course, will be channeled to help humanitarian needs: there being no overhead expense since all has been collected by volunteer workers and will be given out through already existing channels.

Each year thousands of people face tragedies which demand our sympathy and help. As our church throughout the world tries to meet the numerous needs in scores of countries, Heppner area citizens can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing they have had a part. It is this spirit of sharing that draws the world closer in common brotherhood.

Seventh-day Adventists are also concerned about the people in their own community, and are anxious to serve them in every way they can. Those in the Heppner area who need help should not hesitate to contact us by calling 676-9257 (evenings) or by contacting any Adventist they know.

We are deeply grateful for the generous gifts which we have received this year for our work, and wish to publicly express our thankfulness. We wish the entire community a happy, trouble-free New Year! But if it doesn't turn out that way, and we can be of help, please contact us.

ROBERT R. YOUNGBERG, Pastor,
Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church.

EDITOR:

Enclosed you will find part of an editorial page from the Arizona Republic, the daily paper published in Phoenix. When I read the editorial on the EPA and the comments of William A. Rusher, in his article, entitled: "Whose to Blame for the energy crisis," I immediately thought of some of the comments you have made in the Heppner paper the past few months with regard to the same subjects. May I hasten to note that I am in total agreement with both of you. Therefore, I am prompted to send this page to you.

We enjoy receiving the Heppner Gazette and look forward to its arrival each Monday afternoon. I was a resident of Heppner and Morrow County for over 61 years and at one time knew almost everyone in the area by their first name and considered all of them the most wonderful people to be

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found anywhere. After a 12 year residency in Arizona I have met others from all over the world. I still feel the same way towards my old associates, but within a much broader scope.

As a public official, serving in various capacities, for quite a number of years, I found out early that I was not infallible and from time to time was subject to criticism from many sources. However, I believed that everyone had a right to his own opinion and the right to know what was going on. I made an earnest effort to enlighten the public whenever possible and was quite outspoken when ever it was necessary. I still feel that way.

Today, as a senior citizen, sitting in the old rocking chair, I can reminisce and laugh out loud in amusement at the reactions to some of your outspoken comments on public affairs. Even the best of us need to be shaken up a little, once in a while. Just keep on "shaking," Ernest. My only regret is that you can't shake me out of my lethargy and make me 20 years younger, so I might again join up with those wonderful citizens of Morrow County.

Enclosed you will find our check for \$6 as payment for another year of "Horse Sense."

J. GARNET BARRATT,
Mesa, Ariz.

EDITOR:

I wonder who hired a great industrial lawyer to run this country—trained to hire out to those who can pay the most, innocent or guilty?

Industry put up \$70 million to elect him, \$8 million of which came from the oil interests. We're stumbling around about \$200,000 from Hughes, \$120,000 from the airlines, \$200,000 from the bankers, \$200,000 from the dairymen and \$1 million from one Chicago insurance man when the oil people put up \$8 million. Why?

Mobil and Shell supply a large part of Europe's gasoline at 80 cents to \$1.20 per gallon, and the policy is to get ours to the same figure.

In 1961 a permit was granted to build the world's largest refinery in Maine, and a permit granted to import the oil to supply it. Within two weeks after the election of this industrial lawyer both permits were cancelled and an embargo placed on the importation of foreign oil to begin a program of scarcity.

The world's largest refineries are now in Beirut, built by Shell and Mobil, and are now lost to the Arabs.

We've got the policy, we've got the scarcity, and we hired the man who got it done. Let's take our medicine and shut up.

O.W. CUTSFORTH,
Heppner.

Why parking meters?

A number of months ago several John Day merchants visited the City Council to ask either for outright removal of parking meters or, failing this, at least a trial abandonment of meter enforcement for a period of several months.

The council said it would study the matter but, due to budget considerations, it might not be possible to abandon meters this fiscal year.

The city recently underwent its annual Christmas shopping period, and parking did not appear to be inordinately scarce. Moreover, the meters were hooded during the pre-Christmas weeks and so they had little effect anyway this busy time of the year.

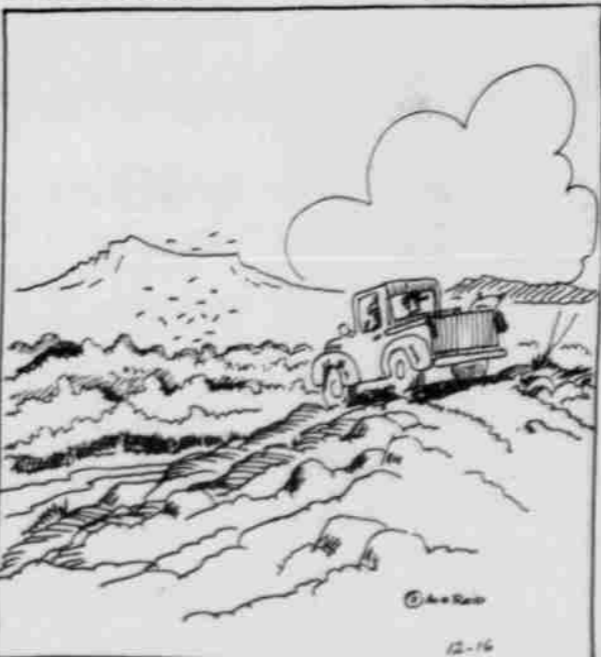
We see little evidence of the yellow overparking tickets on car windshields today and we doubt that the revenue consideration is anywhere near as important as it was painted some six months ago.

While John Day has an investment in meters, it's pointless to enforce the overtime parking rules sporadically if not at all. This only cultivates a disrespect for more serious breaches of the law.

Either yank 'em or use 'em! — BLUE MOUNTAIN EAGLE, John Day.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Yonders the chuck wagon, I can tell by the buzzards circlin'!"

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers still had the new year on their mind Saturday night at the country store.

Bug Hookum got the session off to a fast start by allowing he was happy to see the country is going in deeper debt legal. He said he had saw where the President has took care of one of his annual chores by signing a bill to extend the national debt limit.

Bug was wondering what would happen in 1974 if sudden the Government couldn't borrow any more, and then he answered his own question by saying the country would grind to a screeching halt. The Federal Government, Bug allowed, is operating on money at least two generations ahead of its time, but it has got to keep going in debt to keep up the services so we will have more generations.

The country is hooked on Government, Bug said, and we got to have it in bigger and bigger doses.

Clem Webster said he didn't know what the debt is now, \$400 and some billion, with \$3 billion to be added this year, but it don't matter as long as we got enuff insurance to cover it.

Clem had saw where Americans has got over \$400 billion worth of life insurance, so he said we're covered sooner or later if we're done in by bombs or bankrupts. Clem said he would take bankrupts cause he has more training in that field. And one sure sign that we're headed that way is that now even the Republicans has give up on ever operating on a balanced budget.

Bill Weatherford, who has hardly come to these sessions because of a bad case of visiting relatives, got in his one-cent worth. He said Patrick Henry ought to come back so he can see what taxation WITH representation is like. And afore stomping off to his wash house he said that if you miss a day's work the government misses the loss as much as you do. Bill gets carried away frequent.

Speaking of balanced budgets, Ed Doolittle said he was expecting by the end of the year for the post office to bring out a 15-cent first-class stamp. He said the mails is still trying to be a profit-making outfit, and the more they charge the slower they git. Ed had saw where a mail bag broke open during the Christmas rush, and they found out it was full of post office pamphlets telling how to keep mail bags from breaking open. Ed said when they come out with 15-cent first class they ought to put a picture of a snail on the stamp.

Mister Editor, the fellers didn't go in fer New Year's resolutions this year. Clem said if enuff of us was to follow President Nixon's example on paying income tax, the Government would have to close up shop. They is to many loophole lawyers loose in this country to think a feller can be held to any promise he makes to hisself or anybody else, was Clem's words.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.



Missionary takes 'em on

BY
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The Rev. Ronald Wilson of the Oxford Connecticut United Church of Christ, is a former missionary in Central America. Remembering how desperate the need is for funds in overseas missions, Wilson became understandably resentful when he noticed that his denomination's magazine, A.D., had run a series of ads for the Christian Children's Funds (CCF) of Richmond, Va. — an organization which syphons funds away from his denomination's own mission needs.

He wrote a letter protesting this fact—as well as what he recognized as the highly questionable content of these ads—to A.D.'s editor, the Rev. Martin Bailey. Bailey ignored the letter.

After one month, Wilson wrote his Connecticut Conference minister suggesting a state-wide boycott of A.D., since "the United Church Herald (which merged with Presbyterian Life to form A.D.) has not hesitated in the past to suggest boycott where moral issues are involved."

This letter — with copies to top United Church of Christ (UCC) officials — got immediate results.

Responded an apologetic editor Bailey: (1) "We ought not to censor such offerings (ads) which after all, appear in many other periodicals." (2) "Let me express the hope, however, that your proposal to boycott A.D. is merely an effective device to gain our attention." (3) "We have heard your complaint and are studying the issue carefully."

If editor Bailey ever thought that this sort of sheep dip would dispose of a man like Wilson, he was willfully ignorant about missionary energy and ingenuity.

Pastor Wilson immediately began preparing an absolute avalanche of "Study material" for Bailey, including an eight-page printed summary, together with 34 appendices of photostatic evidence.

Among the most notable were advertising histories of the CCF ads run for the past four years by Red Book and Ladies Home Journal. One of these ads showed a forelorn little Indian girl, whose caption read: "Margaret is dying of malnutrition."

This near brush with the grim reaper has occurred nine times in both magazines since 1969 in what, if you believe these magazine ads, is the most spectacularly elongated death scene since Camille.

The Episcopalian magazine published last May another CCF ad noting that, "little Rosetta's father has just died. . . we must enroll her immediately in one of our Family Helpers Projects." But four months earlier, A.D. reported that this same little Rosetta had already been enrolled in the Family Helper Project. And two years before that, Red Book published the information that "little Rosetta's father has just died."

The Rev. Mr. Wilson also provided ample evidence that CCF has not only made erroneous written claims to be a "member agency" of the National Council of Churches—but has also filed conflicting reports as to just how much of its \$20 million annual revenue goes into overhead. (Wilson has also received written claims that the amount devoted to administration and fund raising amount to 25 per cent, 20 per cent and 19.1 per cent. This variety of claims is in striking contrast to Catholic Relief Services, which has a 1-4 of 1 per cent overhead, while the Protestant Church World Services has 3 per cent, as does CARE.)

Not only do CCF ads use aliases for the little girls, but the Rev. Mr. Wilson has found sponsors who paid \$12 a month, and have been unable to locate "your" child or have been written to by the wrong child.

Despite the expressed concern of top UCC officials like Robert Moss and Sheldon Mackey about this questionable advertising in their denominational magazine, editor Bailey meekly told this column: "Mr. Heinze is the publisher."

For Dr. Robert Heinze is the Presbyterian end of this denominational magazine merger. He was awarded the title of publisher of A.D. Says Heinze, haughtily: "I will make this decision after I discuss it (the CCF ads) with the Presbyterian stewardship commission."

The nation's two million members of the United Church of Christ (who subsidize A.D. to the extent of \$200,000 per annum) have cause therefore to wonder if their Herald was merged with — or captured by — those Presbyterians.