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DISAPPEARING PHEASANTS

The South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club, at its regular meeting last Tuesday, voted down a resolution to close the hunting season on Chinese pheasants in Douglas County for a period of five years.

Sponsors of the resolution, hoping by a closure to bring back the rapidly disappearing bird, sought endorsement from the South Umpqua Club preparatory to presenting the matter before the State Game Commission.

The resolution was beaten on the grounds that closure would not increase bird population and would merely serve to penalize law-abiding hunters for the benefit of poachers.

The problem of the disappearing pheasant is no mystery when one stops to analyze causes. On the other hand, a solution is available if and when enough people become interested.

Pheasants are disappearing because they cannot stand competition from human population. Pheasants and people both want to occupy the same land. Chinese pheasants prefer the low, level fields. Their habitat is open country rather than covered hillsides. Consequently they become farm pests.

It is a beautiful sight in the late summer to see a rooster flying over a wheat field flailing out the ripened heads while his brood fattens on the scattered grain. But it is not a sight to be enjoyed by the farmer having a tidy sum of money invested in the wheat and looking to its yield for a profit. And, while most people enjoy a parade, the farmer does not enjoy the parade of pheasants marching behind his corn planter, nor the early morning feasting on tender green corn stalks just breaking through the ground. Consequently a good many farmers stock their own larders with home-raised pheasants while inviting their city friends out to kill pheasants whenever the notion strikes them—in season or out.

Too, an increasing number of farmers, having suffered damages from the indefensible hoodlumism of a few irresponsible characters, doesn't want hunters on his property, so he attempts, in addition to posting his land, to get rid of the birds, thereby removing temptation to trespass.

But enmity from the farmer is not the sole reason for scarcity in pheasant populations for there are enough farmers who welcome both birds and hunters to keep good shooting if other conditions are right.

But pheasants have a habit of nesting in wheat and hay fields. The mother bird is hard to flush from her nest. Consequently thousands are killed annually by farm machinery. Many farmers and field workers carry guns on their mowers or cultivators to mercifully kill birds crippled by machines.

Every highway bears mute evidence of the thousands of birds killed by automobiles, undoubtedly more in number than shot by legal hunters.

Due to the fact that pest hunts largely were eliminated during war years and have not been renewed, skunks, weasels, raccoons, foxes, house cats and numerous other pests preying on pheasants have greatly increased. But an even worse predator is the human bird poacher who, in utter disregard for the law, knowing that our enforcement facilities are extremely inadequate, slaughters pheasants the year around.

So, with all these factors working against him in heavily populated sections, the Chinese pheasant is on his way out.

But he can be made to dwell in the midst of human population and furnish top sport, while increasing in numbers.

The first requirement is to gain cooperation from the farmer on whose land the bird must feed. This can be done only if the farmer is given more compensation for damages suffered from the bird's presence.

The farmer can use the pheasant as an extra-income crop. By promoting bird population on his land, then charging fees to hunters during season, he can recapture in dollars the food the birds have consumed. In some states sportsmen use script books, paying the farmer in script redeemable in trade at any store. Oregon has a script law which to our knowledge has never been used on any large scale.

But before the farmer will welcome both the bird and the hunter, the hunter must eradicate from his own crowd the gunners who leave gates standing open, break down fences, shoot recklessly in or near occupied buildings, frighten livestock and poultry and through carelessness or malicious intent damage the farmer's property. Until the hunter is willing to cooperate with the farmer, he should not expect the privilege of recreational use of the latter's land—and wanton abuse on the part of some men who call themselves sportsmen is a lot more common than is generally realized.

Other essentials to pheasant population recovery lie in limiting predators, both wild and human, and improved law enforcement.

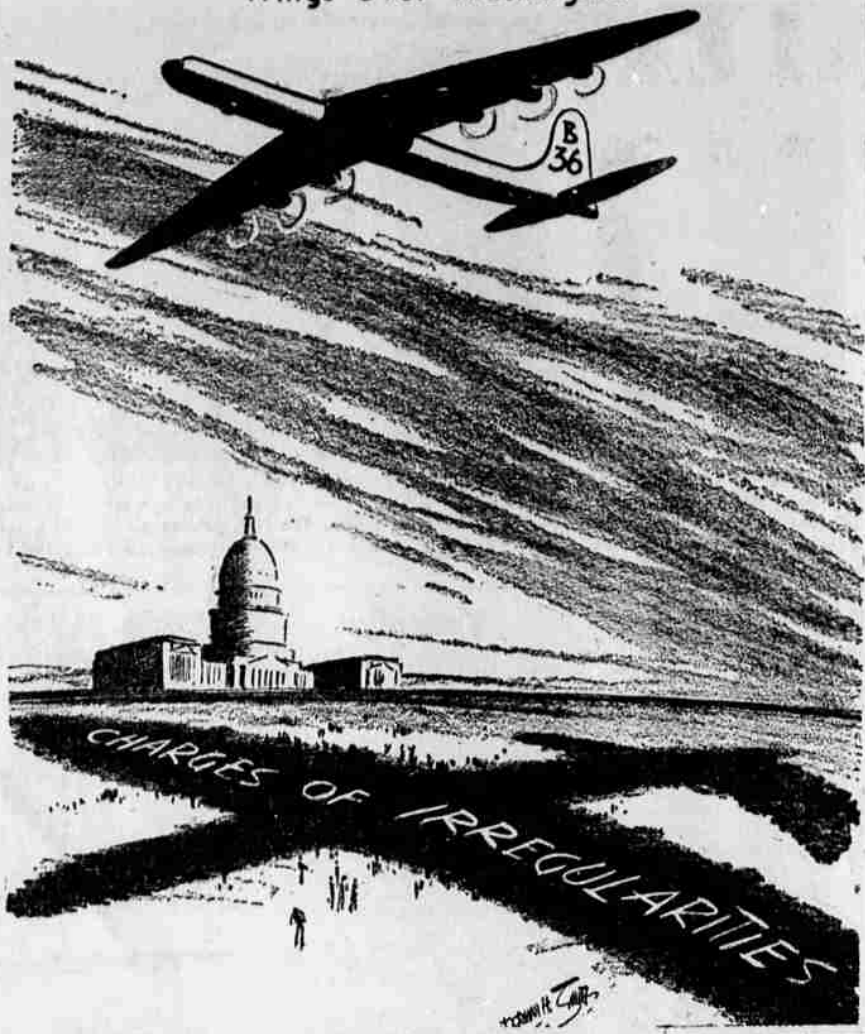
Until we can accomplish these constructive tasks we might as well kiss the pheasant goodbye, insofar as any substantial sports value is concerned. Under current conditions, closure could be continued for 100 years without benefit to bird population. Pheasants have a hard enough task existing in face of unfavorable weather cycles and normal predation. They cannot survive under conditions now existing. But they could be brought back if given substantial assistance.

Silverton Mayor Fails In Two Efforts To Quit

SILVERTON, June 10.—(AP)—Mayor C. H. Weiby wants to resign but councilmen won't let him.
 He has tried twice and both times been turned down.
 Not long back he took a position which takes him out of town much of the week. So he resigned. The council rejected

the resignation.
 He tried it again this week, saying the Mayor should be in town most of the time.
 Shucks, the councilmen said, during the fishing season there wouldn't any of them be in town much of the time.
 Mayor Weiby said he'd continue in office "for the time being."
 Some species of bamboo blossom only about every 32 years.

Wings Over Washington



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Perhaps all roads to the Coast, here in Oregon, are equally lovely this week; but our vote goes for the one along the Umpqua, because we drove to the Coast last Sunday by the route, 38. Do, oh do—if you have not driven to the coast within the past week, go soon. I hope next Sunday (June 12) will find the glorious color displays just as wonderful; last week they were perfect!

"Wild lilac!" (I heard someone say "ce-an-o-thus" over radio, so I looked it up just in case. But our unabridged says ce-a-no-thus.) Well, I like "wild lilac" better anyhow, don't you? What a heavenly blue! Then there's the wild broom (gorse, furze?) with its golden yellow. I'm afraid the ocean spray will be completely gone by Sunday; it was browning fast. But I think its white "fountain sprays" are so beautiful. Wild roses—did you ever make wild rose jelly out of the haws?

Lupines and purple vetch vied with each other for color effect. In shaded, moist places the vetch made banks of purple! In the sun it was thinner not so showy. Berries were in blossom (near the coast I saw reddened berries!) Now and then the flat white cyms of the elderberry, tiny blossoms preceding delectable berries for pies—whenever did I have a taste of elderberry pie? Do Oregon boys make whistles of the stems? I recently learned that their botanical name "sambucus" comes from the fact that the ancients used to make a kind of flute from the stalks. (Don't tell any small boy this—but they used to make pop-guns of 'em, too!)

Oh, the road to the coast was a bit of paradise. I love it any time, but the flowers last Sunday were, it seems to me, the best ever!

I do hope when you drive that way you will stop, as we did, about a mile this side of Reedsport, just where the road goes up sharply and curves to the left. There's a lookout point, where one may look BACK and see a view of the river that no one in the world could ever forget. Or is it that I just think the Umpqua is the most beautiful river of them all?

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

STEP BY STEP

(Baker Democrat-Herald)
 Who would have imagined a few short years ago the speed with which socialism would be foisted upon the country by its officialdom, with the mass of the people hardly realizing what is happening. Let's look at the events of recent days to see how the collectivist principle is moving forward on many fronts.

President Truman calls for a C.V.A. for which scant call has come from the region affected, which it is denied means socialism, but which significantly has the vigorous support of all persons of unknown socialistic inclinations.

A farm bill is offered to guarantee the farmer his income, but at the price of rather complete bureaucratic control over what he may produce, how much and when. Control over how he may vote would be only one additional step, and likely to follow if the farmer trades his independence for a "guaranteed" income from a government running in the red again, and sure to run deeper in if present proposals are enacted into law to pyramid its operating costs.

Another bill proposes socialized medicine. No, not quite whole hog, per the British pattern. But it goes a long way toward this goal, leaving the rest to be realized later, when resistance is broken. President Truman is talking of stumping the country for it.

It is also proposed that the federal government subsidize education. And past experience has shown that what the government subsidizes, it soon controls. There are numerous other bills promising "benefits" from a government unable at present tax rate to finance all the undertakings it is already committed to, socialism sugar-coated, with nothing said about the cost in loss of initiative by the citizenry.

What of the opposition? It is strong, and likely to whittle down the program in Congress, maybe to halt it for the present session. But the push for socialism is extremely formidable considering how little public demand there is for it and how

ineffective a largely unorganized opposition is against an entrenched bureaucracy growing more powerful by the hour.

The issue of whether America is to remain a free enterprise or a socialistic country trembles in the balance, with the average citizen a little concerned as to his future and that of his children did not depend on an outcome he will do little to influence. A dramatic crisis in our history is developing in a most undramatic way.

AN ALICE IN WONDERLAND WORLD

(Capitol Journal, Salem)
 A man standing in line at the butcher's counter awaiting service the other day was preceded by a woman who flashed a federal check in payment. "It's good. It's from Uncle Sam paying my husband for not working," she said.

Another Salemite who owns a farm drained a winter time pond on a low place by the simple expedient of digging a ditch. He was surprised on receiving a check from Uncle Sam for the expense incurred for "improving the farm."

Other federal checks are dishonored by Uncle Sam to pay farmers for not producing wheat and other crops and reducing their yields. They also got paid for not working, or a subsidy for utilizing the land in other crops.

Farmers are receiving millions of dollars for surplus potatoes from generous Uncle Sam at a price far above market price and the spuds have to be given away or destroyed at taxpayers' expense to uphold the parity price of potatoes. And the same price support is extended to other crops to insure the farmers a profit and keep the cost of living up in spite of the law of supply and demand.

Now Secretary of Agriculture Brannan proposes a two-price system, to give consumers "a real break on food prices and farmers a stable, fair income," using the mechanism of government price on income to farmers. Prices would be allowed to move freely under influences of supply and demand, but the farmer would

In the Day's News

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line, no matter where it leads. For example:

In the early days of World War II, when Nazi Germany and Communist Russia were joined in a mutual assistance treaty, Communists everywhere were against the war. They opposed it because Moscow told them to oppose it.

Then—Hitler broke off the treaty and attacked Stalin. Communists everywhere immediately reversed themselves and were FOR the war, because in the reshift Moscow had become an ally of the United States, Britain and all the nations that were fighting Germany.

After that—The war ended with Germany's defeat. Moscow returned to its own No. 1 interest, which was the spread of Communism throughout the world. Whereupon all Communists switched again and began to oppose anything the United States, Britain and other democratic countries wanted.

So we can assume that if that is the Communist attitude toward war it will be the Communist attitude toward education. In other words, WHATEVER MOSCOW WANTS TAUGHT the Communists will teach.

I, for one, don't want the education of American children to be influenced by whatever the Communist rulers of Russia happen at the moment to want.

At that, though, I think I'd rather have our children taught by open and admitted Communists than by those who refuse to say whether they are Communists or not. The avowed Communist is at least recognizable for what he is. He can't very well pose as anything else. To that extent, he is less dangerous than one who masquerades under the banner of "academic freedom" and so has the opportunity to feed his students poison under the guise of food.

COMMUNISTS are a queer breed. For instance:

A New York dispatch tells us that: "Max Perlow, secretary-treasurer of the United Furniture Workers of America, says he has resigned from membership in the Communist Party . . . to become eligible to sign a non-Communist affidavit under the Taft-Hartley law."

"PERLOW DECLARED HE STILL KEEPS THE BELIEFS HE HAD AS A COMMUNIST MEMBER."

get government money for his loss of profit, a political device to make both producers and consumers happy—at taxpayers' expense.

No wonder the President demands a \$4 billion increase in taxes, first on the excuse of checking inflation, now to stimulate it. Much more than the \$4 billion additional taxes will be needed if administration plans are carried out, for "welfare needs," socialization of medicine and other costly programs.

Truly we live in an Alice in Wonderland world, with not only the clock set ahead for an hour, but government itself many years ahead of income.

Sound Truck To Lead Safety Bicycle Parade

The sound truck has been selected to lead the spectacular Bicycle Safety Parade in Roseburg on June 16.

Nearly 300 costumed riders on gaily decorated bicycles are expected to participate in this colorful event, sponsored by Montgomery Ward & Co. with the cooperation of the Roseburg Police Department and Safety Council. These valuable merchandise prizes will be awarded to the best and most originally decorated bicycles. 1st prize, boy's or girl's DeLuxe bicycle, donated by Indian Theater; 2nd prize, bicycle trophy, donated by Roseburg Jewelry. Eight other additional prizes will be given. All other prizes will be donated by Montgomery Ward & Co., and are now on exhibition at the Indian Theater.

In addition to the many prizes, every contestant will be given a free pass to participate in this colorful event, sponsored by Montgomery Ward & Co. with the cooperation of the Roseburg Police Department and Safety Council. These valuable merchandise prizes will be awarded to the best and most originally decorated bicycles. 1st prize, boy's or girl's DeLuxe bicycle, donated by Indian Theater; 2nd prize, bicycle trophy, donated by Roseburg Jewelry. Eight other additional prizes will be given. All other prizes will be donated by Montgomery Ward & Co., and are now on exhibition at the Indian Theater.

Mr. Hane, manager of Wards sporting goods department, states that final selections of judges for the contest have just been completed. The names of the three judges, prominent local citizens, will be announced in the News-Review tomorrow.

Nebraska Tornado Hits Village; 3 Dead, 7 Injured

BELVIDERE, Neb., June 10.—(AP)—This Southeastern Nebraska village is struggling to recover from the effects of a tornado which killed three and injured seven.

The main part of town was without lights, only one telephone was in operation, the water supply was threatened by the power cut-off and one building was demolished and several others were in shambles. The tornado struck without warning about suppertime Wednesday night. Sweeping down the main street of this village of some 300 persons, it leveled a cafe and dance hall and partly wrecked a bank, the post-office, a lumber yard, and a locker plant.

The three who were killed were all in the cafe-dance hall, a two-story brick building.

ECA Head Will Quit If Fund Cut Too Heavily

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—Paul Hoffman said in effect Thursday that he will resign as Economic Cooperation administrator if the Senate cuts European recovery funds too drastically.

Hoffman told reporters that he will step out if he concludes he can not make a success of the program on the money appropriated by Congress.

A reporter told him he had implied in testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee that he would resign if ECA was cut to spending \$3,568,470,000 during the next full fiscal year.

"I meant that implication," Hoffman said. "If I conclude I can't make a success of the program, I'll turn it over to someone who thinks he can."

GOP LEADER DIES

PONCA CITY, Okla., June 10.—(AP)—Lew Wentz, Oklahoma oil millionaire and Republican National committee member, died at his apartment in the Arcade Hotel here Thursday. He was about 68.

Wentz died following an attack of coronary thrombosis.

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