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*Those who would trade
 freedom for security are
 deserving of neither.*

HARD JOB

A young fellow recently out of the service, an ex-newspaperman said he was writing publicity for the veterans administration. It didn't sound like much of a job, not much pay and a very limited future. That wasn't, it seemed, the point. He thought the ex-service men needed some one who knew their angles to tell them of the government program.

On that basis the job took on added dignity.

The government has provided a well rounded and very complete group of opportunities for returned men. It may not suit every individual, but there is something in it for everyone. At the same time the government has done a very poor job of organizing the program so the men can learn of it. All the agencies with strong bureaus in Washington and throughout the country have a section set up for veterans, which means that ordinarily the veteran has to go from one to another to obtain full information.

That condition has been simplified locally where most all of the questions may be answered in one office, but over the nation veterans must ask the USES, the VA, the USDA, the SS and half a dozen other agencies to find out his rights and privileges.

Be that as it may, the job of informing veterans what they are entitled to is a big one, and an important one. Veterans, themselves, are not very anxious to learn of the government's program for them. For the time being it seems enough to be out of service, to be free again, to get up and go to bed when they please, to have fresh foods, to be able to tell any man to go to Hell. Their problems are personal ones, and what happens to the state and nation and world is something for the brass to worry about.

A parallel may be drawn from World War I experience, whose veterans were still singing about the Mademoiselle from Armentiers when Hitler was consolidating Germans for World War II.

The job of informing veterans about the things they may obtain from a generous government is important; and the job of informing them about the things they'll get otherwise is moreso.

WHEAT

There is apparently a complete breakdown in the agricultural department of this nation. At least, there is something seriously the matter. From whence comes this business of publicly accusing the wheat farmer of keeping untold millions of bushels of their farms?

The government agencies, the AAA, the CCC, the USDA, the ACA, should have more knowledge about the location of wheat than anyone. Farmers in the northwest have little farm storage and what they do have is listed with the CCC and AAA. Nearly all warehouses and elevators have been emptied this spring until there is little left. It comes with little grace for UNRRA or the Poles or Germans to take all there is and then cry "hoarder" to the one who furnished it.

It becomes daily more apparent that there is a lot of bunkum about the wheat situation. The government is engaged in a campaign to get every bushel off the

and off its way to Europe. Yet every returned veteran, every traveler, including the president's Herbert Hoover, says that Europe is pretty well fed except Poland. There is a suspicion that the wily German peasant is hiding his crop. He has had to many times to survive. GIs speak of finding food cached in straw stacks and in pits.

The department of Agriculture may be trying to get the surplus wheat off the farms in order to make reason to its price program, which will anger no wheat farmer. The stock feeder, the dairyman and the poultry producer are in distress with the OPA and top and rising feed costs on the bottom. Now with actual feed restrictions we are sure to be short of milk and butter and eggs and meat next winter.

It is all a part of the vast evidence that government cannot manage a complex economy. Every nation that has tried it has reduced the production in all but some specialized items.

The wheat farmer himself, is pretty sure that he is being given false information. Few are satisfied that the huge surpluses of a year ago are entirely dissipated. It will all come out in time, as such things always do, and probably the government will be proven wrong, and surely it will be too late to do anything about it. You never can do anything about government's errors.

EVEN THE PLOWMEN HAVE PALE FACES

They used to say that spring in Sherman county was a windy, blustery season when the sun shone brightly on whipping grass and grain. This year no one could say that. The spring has been almost devoid of wind, and almost as completely of sun. Except for shorter showers of rain this might have been a Willamette valley spring—so far.

The winter, too, was out of the ordinary with little snow, few clouds hiding the sun most of the days. Some say the climate is changing which is like saying that one swallow makes a summer. By another year we might be forgetting a snowy, 20 below winter and enjoying a blustery, sunny spring like grandpa talks about.

But this spring is cloudy and like a good old southwester to clear away the overcast and give us the sun.

Washington Column

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the average professional stamp collector. When Litvenoff went to the White House one dark night and arranged to have the United States recognize Russia, he presented the president with the most complete collection of stamps that Russia could assemble—the Russian stamps are in greater variety than those of any other nation. So it was with Latin American countries, etc. Yet when the Roosevelt collection was sold at auction it failed to bring the money expected. Officially estimated as worth \$80,000 there were special issues of inestimable value. Some of the albums in which the stamps were placed were more valuable than items were of themselves choice their contents and as collectors

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specimens of the leather tool set. For most of the common stamps, their value consisted in having been part of the FDR collection.

A government bureau official has written a letter to a newspaper in West Virginia asking that it publish the fact that Congressman Hubert S. Ellis was instrumental in killing a bill that would have added 2401 additional persons to the OPA payroll. The government official found his letter was a boomerang. He thought he would arouse the ire of Ellis' constituency at knocking out that many new jobs. The paper published the letter and in an editorial commended Ellis for lopping off that number from the federal payroll. Then Congressman Ellis inserted the editorial in the Congressional Record. The viewpoint of the voters in Ellis' district differs materially from the viewpoint of the Washington bureau official.

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Oregon's first newspaper, the Oregon Spectator, had trouble keeping its editors, who insisted on "being themselves" politically, in spite of the rules of the paper.

The first obituary in Oregon's first newspaper, was a long sketch of Reverend Jason Lee, pioneer missionary, who died 11 months before.

Either of Portland's daily news papers print more copies in a single day than did Oregon's first newspaper, the Oregon Spectator, in its nine years of life.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Professor Zogi, The Magician Marvelous!

Professor Zogi, the magician, came to our town Saturday and put on a performance for the benefit of the Orphanage.

It was quite a show! Among other things, the professor holds a pitcher in his hands, and asks folks what they'd have to drink. Ms. Hoskins asks for buttermilk and the professor promptly pours her a rich, creamy glassful.

Then Zeb Collins asks for cider, and out of the same pitcher comes a mug of cider. Doc Hollister next calls for beer—and presto, from the pitcher comes a sparkling glass of beer, white collar and all!

"Just goes to show," says Doc, astonished, "that it takes a magician to satisfy all tastes."

From where I sit, the professor has a mighty good act... one that points a moral too. Tastes differ—but people can have a friendly, happy time enjoying the beverage that each prefers—and being tolerant of one another's preferences.

Joe Marsh

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