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ACREAGE RESTRICTIONS

The department of agriculture announces plans for restricting the number of acres that can be planted to wheat hereafter and indicates that the department has learned nothing from its former mistakes in that regard. It is a serious blow to wheat farmers of the northwest, at least to those who have good wheat land and who are of necessity wheat grow-

ers. By keeping the price high the department keeps many acres in wheat production that should be raising something else. This nation is short of some crops, dairy products, for instance. A part of the wheat subsidy, transferred to the dairy industry would take land out of wheat and put it into dairy production which would help wheat growers and better balance the nation's agricultural economy.

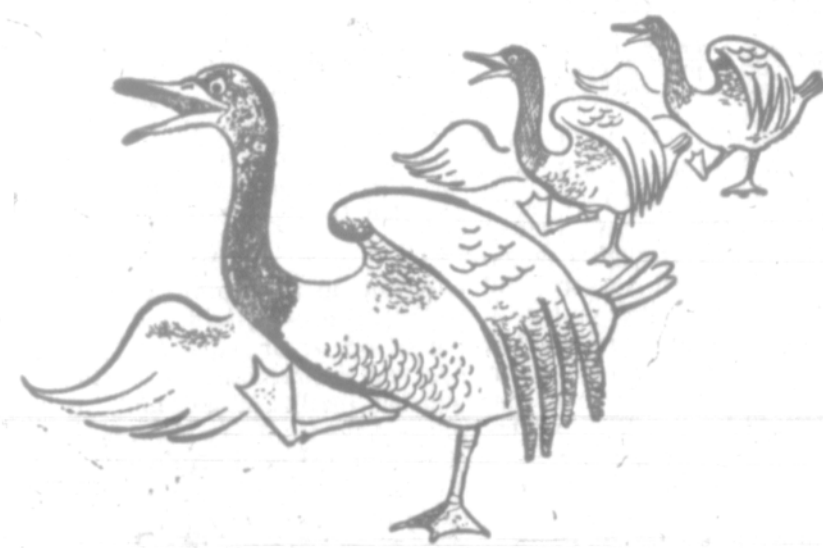
The move came, of course, from the fact that we have filled the need of Europe for wheat. France is reported to have sold 100,000 tons to England. Our wheat is high priced and other nations do not buy it unless necessary. The new wheat agreement, if signed will restrict our exports, already cut by our high prices.

It is certainly hoped that sometime soon there will be a change in the department of agriculture that will bring some different thinking to American agriculture. We have to import wool and yet we subsidize wheat until light wheat land produces wheat and makes a surplus in that crop while we import Australian wool. Perhaps that is good foreign relations but it is poor domestic



GOVERNOR BACKS EASTER SEALS

A formal statement supporting the current Easter Seal sale by the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults is signed by Governor Douglas McKay as Jesse Rosenbaum of La Grande, society president, watches. McKay was the society's first president.



How's your goose step?

SOUND silly? Are you so sure? Hitler is dead but not his ideas. Some people would like to impose them on you.

Under new slogans individuals are forming committees and working to limit—and destroy—your freedom. Hiding behind appealing catch phrases, they wait the day when they can come out in the open and take over.

In the meantime they strive to win your support. They are asking you to put on your own chains. They dare not let you know their aims. They want you to believe and follow them blindly.

Newspapers are their first target. If they can destroy newspapers, they can enslave you.

The fight is not so much against newspapers as against you.

If they could, they would control the contents of this newspaper as a means of controlling your mind. They are agitating for limiting the freedom of the press. They know that as long as this and other newspapers print facts

and opinions freely you are informed. With information you can sit in judgment and decide what you want to believe.

Now you can read both sides of controversies. You can study contradictory statements. Those who would rob you of your liberties do not want you to do that. In their hands this newspaper would print only what they want printed. Their laws, their mistakes, their venality—none would be criticized. You would read what they told you and in time, without access to other information, you would accept your lot as those under Hitler did—and now do under Stalin.

A dictatorship can't live with a free press. And a free people can't live without one.

A free press is the bedrock under democracy. It doesn't belong exclusively to newspapers or to the government. You are an owner. It includes your right to write letters and circularize them. And your right to read what you want to.

To forget that is to invite trouble. You won't always be able to spot your enemies. They are too clever for that. But you can be alert. You can defeat their drive to take away your freedom by denying you knowledge of what is going on. By keeping informed, by voicing your own opinions and defending the other fellow's right to have his say, you can be free and assure the freedom of your family and children.



Your right to know is the key to all your liberties

economy. And when wars come along finds us at a disadvantage.

FISH AND DAMS

In the current session of the Oregon legislature those who favor more dams for power and irrigation have won two easy victories over the men who prefer fishing to either power or irrigation.

This is not to say that legislators are opposed to fishing or to a program of state development that would give a bigger place to recreational activities including sports fishing. As for commercial fishing, it may be remembered that the people curtailed it last November, with the aid of sports fishermen.

It may be concluded—and we think correctly—that one of the good reasons why sports fishermen are losing is the personnel of leadership. They more often appear selfish than interested in development of resources of the state from a sports' angle.

The fishermen fought the commercial fishermen last November, thus losing an ally that could be powerful. They fought the state police and are engaged in an attempt to bludgeon the legislature into giving the game commission a separate enforcement agency despite the vote of the

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game committee which did not find it feasible. A question has been raised about federal funds unless the wish of this group is followed.

There are even two groups of sports fishermen.

It seems only reasonable that if there is to be good fishing in Oregon streams there must be a coordinated movement by those who want it, and it must be a reasonable movement, led by reasonable men. There is little evidence that Oregon needs a game commission operating with little attention to the remainder of the state government and indirectly controlled by the federal government. There may be need for higher fees but even fishermen don't want them much higher.

WELFARE BILL

The bill to implement the Dunne bill of last November has finally been prepared and sent to the house where it is at present resting in the ways and means committee. While the sponsors (social welfare committee) have eliminated some of the provisions of the Dunne bill they have written provisions that are extremely generous.

A person can get on relief at

the age of 65 even if he has a home is assessed at that much), if \$5,000 home (not a single Moro he has a car worth \$750, owns life insurance of \$1,000 and had \$500 in cash. There's a lot of taxpayers working every day who do not have that much. According to the bill this could be passed on to relatives at death without liability.

Ways and means members probably will do something to this bill before any one else gets a chance to vote on it and probably some more realistic basis of need will be incorporated in the bill before it gets out. Also the ways and means committee is expected

to include a claim law that will let the county take the pensioners property at death for a part of the money spent on him while alive.

Further aids are provision for payment of dental, doctor and similar aid bills to an unlimited amount in addition to a guaranteed \$50 per month.

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