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one may have less wheat to eat. We have no idea what farmers would have done without the federal crop program. Certainly they would not have produced so much on a supply and demand basis and it is entirely possible that all of us will be glad we stored grain in the good twenty years of the immediate past for much less than twenty bad years could end that surplus quick like. The seven thin ears consumed the seven fat ears in the dream of Pharaoh and may again.

FAMILY FARM

It is apparent that if Paulen Kaseberg and this editor are to be in agreement about the definition of a family farm one is going to have to change his concept.

Whoever is correct we do hope enough is said to determine with more definiteness than now exists what a family farm is. Congress reads such a definition because it is still using the nice alliterative home and mother expression.

As we understand it Mr. Kaseberg believes a family farm to be a piece of land on which a family lives, works and produces.

Our idea of a family farm is a piece of land on which a family lives and produces enough to feed that family. When the family produces enough of a cash crop to more than pay the taxes and necessary expenses it becomes a commercial farm. If the purpose is to make money it is a commercial farm; if the purpose is to live by its labors it is a family farm.

We believe that Mr. Kaseberg's opposite to a family farm would be a corporation farm of which we have few although many farm owners have some arrangement that approaches that.

Inasmuch as a family includes any number from one up there could be no limit to the acres of a family farm. Size is not a matter of disagreement.

As a consumer the editor does not care for family farms as he conceives them. He likes commercial farms for they are the ones that produce the food he buys. He does not like the use of a term so long after it has lost all meaning. Farms are different than they were back in the 19th century when the term originated.

In these days they are manufacturers of food in the great quantities needed to feed the millions of family farmers who have moved to the city to make machinery and the multitude of things commercial farmers are able to buy with the additional income they obtain through their commercialization.

BETTER SCHOOLS

It is appropriate to point out that Oregon has a school superintendent who is determined to improve the instruction in schools and he is deserving of general public support.

Dr. Leon P. Minear announces a new approach to standardization of schools and the first change noted is to pay more attention to teaching. Heretofore, qualifications had mostly to do with the physical plants. There were constant quarrels between school districts and the state department over building construction and lighting and almost nothing was said about instruction.

Not that Mr. Minear will overlook the value of good facilities, but as we read his press release, the emphasis will be on teaching which is most certainly the thing schools are for.

We look for great and needed improvement and we are certain the new superintendent will receive the support of parents who have too long been told that a good school house made a good school when it was the teacher right along.

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Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
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People's Column

Dear Editor:

Upon reading your editorial "Family Farm", it appears to me that you need to modernize your definition of a family farm. Why are not almost all the farms in Sherman County family farms?

To my knowledge there are no corporation farms in the county and very few who operate farms and live elsewhere. If the vast majority do not fit those categories, where do they fit but in a family farm classification?

We raise our children here, educate them here, spend our lifetime on these farms, build homes and other buildings, hunt a little, fish a little, and even swim a little on these farms. If these activities do not constitute living and working on the family farm what does?

Today's family can farm sections where yesteryear's family farmed quarter-sections. Many of the farms have the third and fourth generations on them and that surely qualifies for a family farm.

Let us modernize our definitions and conceptions along with our machinery, our modes of communication and transportation, and our living habits.

Sincerely,
Paulen Kaseberg

The Oregon game commission reminded sportsmen that parts of the state now are in their most extreme fire peril at any time this year and that everyone going afield during the months ahead must exercise special care.

Phil Scheider, state game director, pointed out that the woods and range lands are especially dry following two winters of light snowfall and limited spring rains which have not been sufficient to penetrate the soil. Adding to the danger is a heavy growth of grass and annuals now in the drying stage. Eastern Oregon water holes and creeks are the lowest at any time in the past several years.

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LET PEOPLE BE PEOPLE

One of the things noteworthy about the Order of the Antelope is that upwards of 500 men get along without rules and regulations. Humans are pretty decent if given a chance and not hounded or annoyed.

The point we wish to make is that government is getting so complex that getting along or being decent is seldom a matter of personal volition. There is a law for everything and often an official to enforce it. Everything an American citizen does is by rote, by rule and that spelled out in detail—and four copies made.

A man could live to maturity in this country and never know whether he was a decent person or a skunk, whether he was honest or a crook. We have made morals unnecessary: all we have to do is to remember some laws.

Now that, we conclude is too much government. We have taken the need or decision about the smallest detail away from Americans by passing whole books full of useless and unnecessary laws.

SNAKE RIVER POWER

With the senate's approval of the new men appointed by President Kennedy to the Federal Power commission the time for decision on who is to build dams on the Snake comes closer. A bunch of PUDs based in Washington would like to build a dam below the mouth of the Salmon river which would effectually bar Oregon and Idaho customers from this source of power as well as barring salmon from long accustomed spawning grounds.

A group of private utilities would like to build a dam higher up which would endanger the salmon less. Formerly this group of private corporations had a site still farther up that had many better aspects but it was turned down through some political manipulation.

Of course the public power advocates are unhappy whenever any private concerns get to make or sell any power. In the words of the commissioner from Oregon the water belongs to the public. He was not so foolish as to say that such ownership imposed the sole right to develop it. Trees in the forest belong to the public, too, but few citizens want the right to cut and saw them; every acre of ground also is basically the public's but the public would starve to death if each man had to grow his own turnips.

When the lack of efficiency of the government is concerned we'll bet that the government gets more out of privately owned power than it does out of public power. Private corporations pay taxes, 52 percent of the profits to start with; then the individual owners of stock pay taxes on what they get. Certainly this slice of the efficiently produced private power is more than is returned by public power outfits.

LESS WHEAT

Blackened maps of the mid west and stories of visitors who have been there are pretty positive proof that the spring wheat belt will add nothing to the national wheat surplus this year. First reports from our own county are that we will break no records.

First reaction of city dwellers and farm program critics will be one of joy, no doubt, because the government will not have to buy so many bushels of grain to store. But, whether the nations has its warehouses filled with wheat or as empty as a Chinaman's granary, it is a catastrophe for some one when crops fail. We are fortunate that the drought and grasshoppers came to North Dakota when we had lots of wheat. The next time that happens every



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