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**MARKET DROP**

Anyone with a chart of economic conditions could have foretold the drop in the market. About this length of time after a war there is a drop in the boom that brings conditions below the line of average. If usual conditions prevail this "recession" will continue for a year or more after which we will run along with normal conditions for perhaps as much as ten years. Then you can put some new notices in your belt.

There is always the possibility that history will not repeat itself and that depressions will come sooner or later than scheduled. The economists and the stock market men are saying that this is a mere temporary set back that it was caused by the government's decision to stop buying wheat, that nothing but grains and other food products affected by the market drop. They said the same thing in 1921 and the same thing in 1929.

Probably there is little chance that our economy will fall apart right now. There will be some cuts in prices and already such cuts are here. As for wheat this nation produced 1,400,000,000 bushels last year, shipped 500,000,000 bushels abroad for intent to eat, sowed and fed between 700,000,000 and 800,000,000. When crop prospects began looking good there just wasn't any reason why wheat should be priced at \$3.00 per bushel. Our carry-over will be large enough.

Manufacturing is catching up, too. Electrical goods that were so hard to get are now advertised all over with deliveries promised immediately. One can even buy some plumbing fixtures. The stores have nearly all foods. Industry is catching up and when it does the boom will be over and prices will drop down to a competitive level.

That is all to the good. Prices that make excess profits are no good to the nation and can be harmful to responsible industry.

There seems to be no reason to feel that the wheat price will be low at next harvest although \$3.00 wheat doesn't seem likely. It ought to be worth \$2.00 at least and there's a good profit in wheat at that price. Meat will stay pretty high, in our opinion, because the meat-hunger of the well paid American has prevented the accumulation of a surplus of meat animals. The price of grain has also been a deterrent.

There are many indications that people in general were spending more money than they were making because food was too high. That is always a bad condition for everyone ought to be able to earn a good living if he works steady, even at the mere 40 hours per week now permitted.

In the stock market prices have been low for some time and there are some very cheap stocks available when earnings are taken into account. Reason for their low prices is apparently that buyers feared that prices were too high.

**DRIVING IN SCHOOLS**

The secretary of state and the motor association and a few others seem pleased that lessons in car driving are being given in some schools. It may help the car driving but will do much harm to education in general.

We Americans get spells about such things and think that something should be taught to every one.

**BASKET SOCIAL**

This paper carries an advertisement for an old-fashioned basket social, the first such of its kind for the public of which there has been notice recently. In amusement (as in other things) we always search for the new and bizarre in an effort to keep ourselves and neighbors from the melancholy distilled by their own company. It doesn't always work.

Now here is an example of something old. Basket socials were a means of getting the pic-

ners together and raising funds for their churches and other public institutions. School desks and pulpits have been bought with the dollars and dimes that were collected from bashful bidders for the basket of the school-marm or other strange female of the community.

New things fill a need for change, like onions and radishes; and rhubarb after a winter's fare of beans and potatoes (who lives on them anymore?) but it is the old and reliable that give constant pleasure.

There is enough of fun in a basket social for anyone. Surprise, tension, delayed developments are all factors. And it's fun to see who eats with who and to speculate for days as to whether it was accident or deeply plotted design.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Feb. 15, 1929  
 A number of cold weather records of past years has been broken this month with the advent of the storm that is yet with us. One of these was the longest consecutive cold spell. Past records gave 15 days in 1919 exceeded this year by four, making a total of 19 consecutive days below zero.

Mrs Forrest Pestz and infant son left the hospital at The Dalles last Sunday for their home in Goldendale.

Mr and Mrs A. H. Barnum returned last Sunday from a three weeks stay at St. Martin's hot springs.

From the G. V. J. Feb. 14, 1919  
 Harry Key published figures showing profit of \$3.80 per acre raising beans which made 340 pounds per acre and sold for 6 cents.

Total taxes to be collected by Sheriff Buxton is \$189,978.17. Rev. Givens, an enthusiastic Odd-Fellow, told the Kent members and Rebekahs many pathetic and humorous stories and experiences in army life at the meeting Saturday night.

From the Observer, Feb. 12, 1909  
 Miss Jennie Ginn came up from The Dalles this week to attend the wedding of her friend Miss Lillian Stanley and Mr. Fred Rose of Hood River Tuesday evening. Miss Margaret Stanley is also here for the wedding of her sister.

John Kelly and Miss Edna Elcock were married in The Dalles at the home of C. P. Johansen Saturday night. Justice J. A. Douhit officiating. Both bride and groom are residents of Moro. While in the city from Portland this week E. Peoples made a trade of his warehouse and store property to Rev. John Tomkins, for the ranch of the latter in Gilliam county.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT**

Notice is given that Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1948, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day and the courtroom of the County Court in the court house in Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of all objections, if any, to the final report filed by the undersigned in the estate of Ida May King, deceased, and the settlement thereof.

Levi S. Hines, Administrator  
 Carlton L. Pepper, Attorney for administrator

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the estate of Frank S. Lamborn, deceased, are required to present them, with vouchers property verified, to the undersigned executrix, at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Alice Josephine Lamborn, Executrix of the will and estate of Frank S. Lamborn, deceased.  
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**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S.**  
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 Edna Melzer, Secretary

**Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.**  
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Leo Watkins, N. G.  
 John DeMoss, Secretary

**Tester Club Plays; Eats New Dish**

By Mrs Belle Clothier

The Tester club met at the home of Mrs Floyd Root Monday afternoon. A 1:30 dessert luncheon followed by an afternoon of contract. High score was won by Mrs Francis Watkins and door prize by Mrs Paul McCoy.

Mr and Mrs A. C. Kaseberg returned Wednesday after a two weeks visit in Portland. Mrs Casha Yates returned from Hood River Friday.

Mr and Mrs L. L. Funk were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs W. A. Nisbet.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell returned from a motor trip to Walport where they attended the Eastern Star.

Mr and Mrs Robert Bish and son Douglas returned Friday

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after spending the holidays with Mr Bish's parents in West Minister, Maryland. Dr. L. R. Richelderfer flew to Maryland and motored home with her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Robert Bish.

Mr and Mrs J. A. Foss were The Dalles visitors Monday. Mr and Mrs Carl Mayfield of Pendleton were recent guests of Mr and Mrs Floyd Root.

Mrs Floyd Root left Tuesday for Spokane, Wash., returning home Saturday.

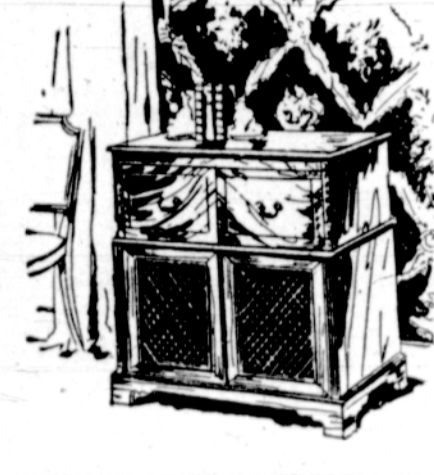
All parents of boys between the ages of 9-12 who are interested in cub Scouts will please get in touch with Mrs. Floyd Root.

Mrs B Estelle Hailey returned Friday after a three weeks motor trip to California and Arizona. She was accompanied by Mr and Mrs Fred Hennagen of Portland who were overnight guests of Mrs Hailey and left for Portland Saturday.

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 The farmer has always been a keystone in our economic life, and the key to our national well-being. But from where I sit, he's more important now than ever. He's not only feeding America—but friends of America overseas—building good will for this country at a time when friendship for democracy is most important.  
 And farmers have willingly shouldered that responsibility. Will spends extra hours in his cornfield... comes home tired to a temperate glass of beer and early bed, to be ready for the next day's work.  
 From where I sit, America can be mighty grateful for her five million farmers... for their productivity, hard work, and temperate living—of which Will's moderate glass of beer is proof!  
 Joe Marsh

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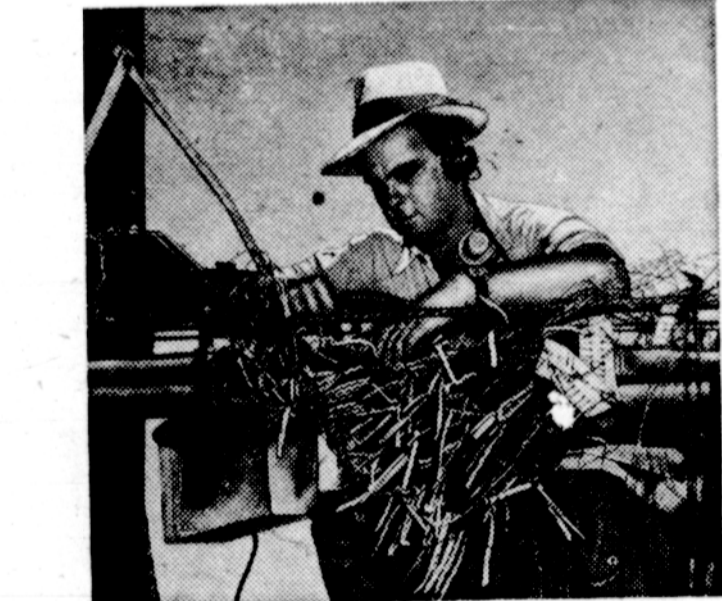


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