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FARM COSTS

Wheat farmers are greatly concerned about the cost of producing wheat which is squeezing the profits out of the business much as it is doing the same for other businesses.

It seems to the farmer that he is worse off than any and maybe he is for he needs machinery and the cost of it has soared. Labor bothers him less for he uses machinery in place of it as much as he can. However, for this very reason he is unable to get efficient labor in many cases, because he doesn't hire it long enough at a time. Inasmuch as he is not a steady employer he does not get steady employees.

The very price of wheat makes wheat farm costs high. As long as wheat is worth \$2.20 a bushel or something like that and acreage is reduced by some forty per cent it behooves the farmer to make every acre produce all that it can.

This means that when weeds start he must spray. He can do this for from three to five dollars an acre which is a couple bushels of wheat. He must apply fertilizer to his land in order to get as much wheat as possible because he is limited in acres and the price is high. It pays off—or has—but it is an expense due almost entirely to the high price. The same thing is true of much of the machinery used.

If wheat was worth \$1.50 a bushel many farmers would quit spraying for weeds and perhaps would quit fertilizing. The country wouldn't produce as much grain and the costs would be smaller, would have to be, in fact.

It looks like a sort of merry-go-round. If the farmer was in control of his prices he might do as labor does and raise the price of bread to impossible heights. If he was as well organized as industry he might try the same thing if he could control competition or imports which is what industry has trouble doing.

But the farmer's price is controlled by government and so is his acreage and so are his markets overseas so he just spins the wheel in his cage like a captive squirrel.

CHEAPER CARS

The word from about the country on automobile sales is that the real fancy car is not doing so well and that buyers are looking for stability in their rubber tired transportation. It is time it seems that people begin expressing their financial superiority with some other gadget.

But it was wonderful while it lasted. We developed great long hoods half or less filled with motors; we had trunks big enough to delight a bootlegger; our eyes were dazzled by colors that paled the flowers. We may even get back to the utilitarian idea that cars were made to move passengers from here to there with safety and celerity instead of expressing the owners notions of aristocracy.

We really doubt if the little foreign cars have much to do with it. So many of them are like clay pipes—hit 'em and throw 'em away—but as a means of showing disrespect for motor car glamour they are effective.

What sort of gadget we will take up next as a means of expressing ourselves we have no present notion. It may be passionate pink bathtubs and green cook stoves; it could be lace-edged cuffs for men and mutton sleeves for women. But it will be something. Humans with money to buy blue beads are going to buy blue beads. What we don't know is what they will sew them on, their hats or their handkerchiefs.

AMERICAN QUEENS

Portland has crowned another queen, given her flowers and homage, listened to her words and is now in the process of forgetting her. It is very nice for the queen and her princesses and good for the people who got to see the whole parade of royalty without having to live under it.

It is all a pretty little make believe. We cannot conceive how any queen, however young and inexperienced could bring poorer government to the rose city than it has brought on itself and our metropolis might consider making the rule of beautiful Queen Alice permanent instead of relegating her to the role of greeter of distinguished guests for the coming year.

But that is not the game. The game is to pretend we have royalty, that we are no longer sovereign souls with wills of our own but faithful lieges of a queen who rules by divine right. The most violent adherents of democracy like to play such games. We wonder why? Is it to prove all over again to themselves that they are free of such ancient things? Or is it an indication that we would really like to have a gracious ruler to tap us on the back with a lightly held sword when we have done well?

In a democracy the citizen must make his own reasons for praise and unless his wife is of the congratulatory sort must speak it himself. It is a wearisome business at best. Someone to say "well done" and some one to cherish the attention bestowed may fill the needs of humankind as well as the harsher demands of democracy. In any event the idea of royalty has lasted much longer than the ideas of self government.

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There is a great to-do about interest rates these days and it will no doubt get worse before it quiets down. One reason is that the government is going to have to refinance a good many bonds and will have to pay more for money.

For taxpayers that is bad, unless they happen to own some of the bonds or are in position to buy some of them. Certainly every one knows that the government couldn't sell bonds at three per cent in normal times. Most bonds were sold in war time and for patriotic reasons, not for financial reasons. Government did not take advantage of what opportunity prevailed after the war to reduce its debt and savings have not been large enough to create the huge investment funds needed for both business and government. Naturally everyone must pay more.

Neither are we able to see that the nation will be damaged by the change toward higher interest rates. If labor and living is worth more there is no reason why the man who saves a few dollars shouldn't have more for the use of it. There isn't much incentive to save money when one has to let it out for a year to get three cents for the use of it. Americans might return to their saving habits again if interest rates were five or six per cent.

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People's Column

My wife and I—traveling from Kelowna B. C. to Los Angeles on our annual vacation—would like to compliment the people of Moro on their fine hospitality.

Last weekend our car broke down at Grass Valley. It was Sunday but Les Gray and Glen Shoemaker journeyed down to tow us in and assess the damage. When we saw Moro we had visions of a very dull overnight stay, but the

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hospitality shown us made it a very enjoyable one. We made many friends in the short time we were here and would like to say we will always remember Moro, as the "little town, with the big heart."

Thank you,
 R. J. Hall

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LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the clerk of School District No. 17 of Sherman County at Moro, Oregon, for furnishing and delivering one (1), twenty-four (24) passenger school bus. Bids will be received until 8:00 P. M., Monday, July 1, 1957. Under no circumstances will a bid be considered if filed after the hour specified in this announcement.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS: Buses must comply with all existing Oregon state specifications and requirements. Specifications for special equipment may be obtained at the clerk's office.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Jack Brady, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the Estate of Jack Brady, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: May 24, 1957.

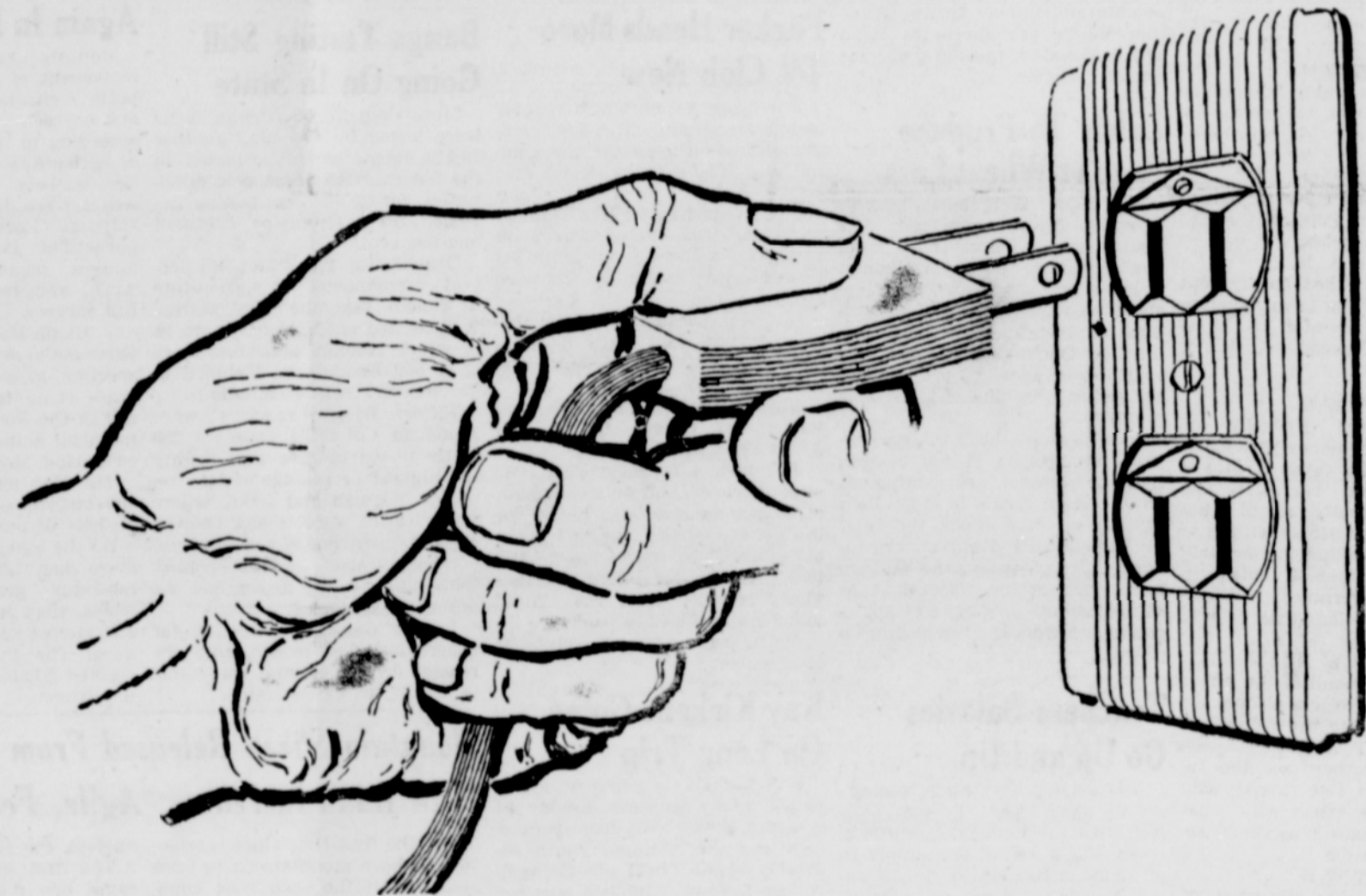
Marie Brady
 Administratrix
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Administratrix 29-32c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of Joseph Vernon Flatt, deceased, and that Monday, the 24th day of June, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Lillian Katherine Flatt
 Executrix
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Executrix 29-32c

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