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IN DEFENSE
 Writers in cities have been having another round of noting the decline of small towns. Perhaps it would not be amiss for a lifelong resident of a small town to have a turn.

Small towns are declining in economic importance because the roads are good enough and the incomes are good enough to permit residents of rural areas to go some place to trade if they want to. In the first years of this century it took a farmer, probably the average, about two hours to get to town and tie his team to the hitch rack. Today his grandson can get to Portland in about that time and start looking for a parking place.

In that halcyon day a farmer bought something when he went to town, which wasn't often. Most of the time he stayed home and worked, which has something to do with grandson's leisure.

Small towns used to have available nearly everything needed by the farm families, at least, all they could afford to buy. Today that isn't true, not so much because of the decline of small towns as the increase in the wants of people and incomes to provide them.

Small towns do a better job of catering to the wants they do fill than they ever did. Small town groceries have about all the facilities the big stores have, refrigeration and frozen food dispensers and daily deliveries of bread and milk. Grandpa would have scorned them. They also do a good job of handling the machinery for the farms, most of which is sold in small towns. The farmer is closer to extras that way. Those who like to trade at a food store where canned rattlesnake and champagne are available will have to go to the big towns, but that, we think, is a restricted trade.

The country doctor with his black bag and his wisdom is no more, medicine having exchanged the black bag for some glittering gadgetry and the wisdom for scientific impersonality. Country lawyers are fewer because law suits are fewer.

Small towns as a social center are stronger than ever. Anyone who lives in a rural area knows that there is something going on every night. There are grange meetings, school activities, lodge doings, committee meetings and social get togethers enough to keep a country family as occupied as any denizen of a big city. A farmer's Sunday suit doesn't expire from the attention of moths.

Life in a small town is just as interesting as in a large city. Residents know fewer people, but know them much better. Also they are known much better and one's conduct must pass the inspection of the all-seeing eye of the public. If one wants to be a non-conformist in the matter of conduct the city is the place for him. And if one is good, and decent, and honorable, and upright a small town will love and protect him and feed him when he is sick and pay his hospital bill. There is no finer security than being a good citizen in a small town in America.

Small towns may continue to decline in economic importance; it may be harder to find a night club in them or a suit of clothes or a set of bedroom furniture. But it is easier to find a friend.

NINA PINKERTON HONORED

A reception celebrating the 60th anniversary of Bethlehem chapter, CES, and honoring Nina Pinkerton, member of the Home Endowment committee of the Grand chapter, was held Thursday evening, February 14 at Barnum Masonic hall. The hall was beautifully decorated in a Valentine theme of red and white. Bethlehem chapter was instituted February 14, 1903. An addendum by Linda Reed W.M. and Jack Cushman W.P., and the Star points was presented for Nina Pinkerton expressing the affection of the chapter for her and the thanks for the work and effort she has extended for the chapter. Following the regular meeting the program was the initiation ritual as it was done in 1867, with the officers in costume. Distinguished guests present were Florence Jaeger, Worthy Grand Matron; Walter Bailey,

Past Grand Patron; Jean Reed, Grand Marshal; Leora White, chairman of Home Endowment committee; Helen Stankovich, co-chairman of Home, Food and Welfare committee; Mary Lindsay, Endowment committee; Nancy Delfo, Credentials committee; Margaret Logan, chairman of the Budget committee; Irene Samuel, Grand Representative to Manitoba; Alice Jones, Grand Representative to Ohio; Cecil Eakin, Grand Representative to Vermont; all of the Grand chapter of Oregon. Also present were

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 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his final Account as Executor of the Estate of Wiley A. McDonald, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1963, at ten o'clock a.m. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
 Frederick Anderson
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 Attorney for Executor 17-20

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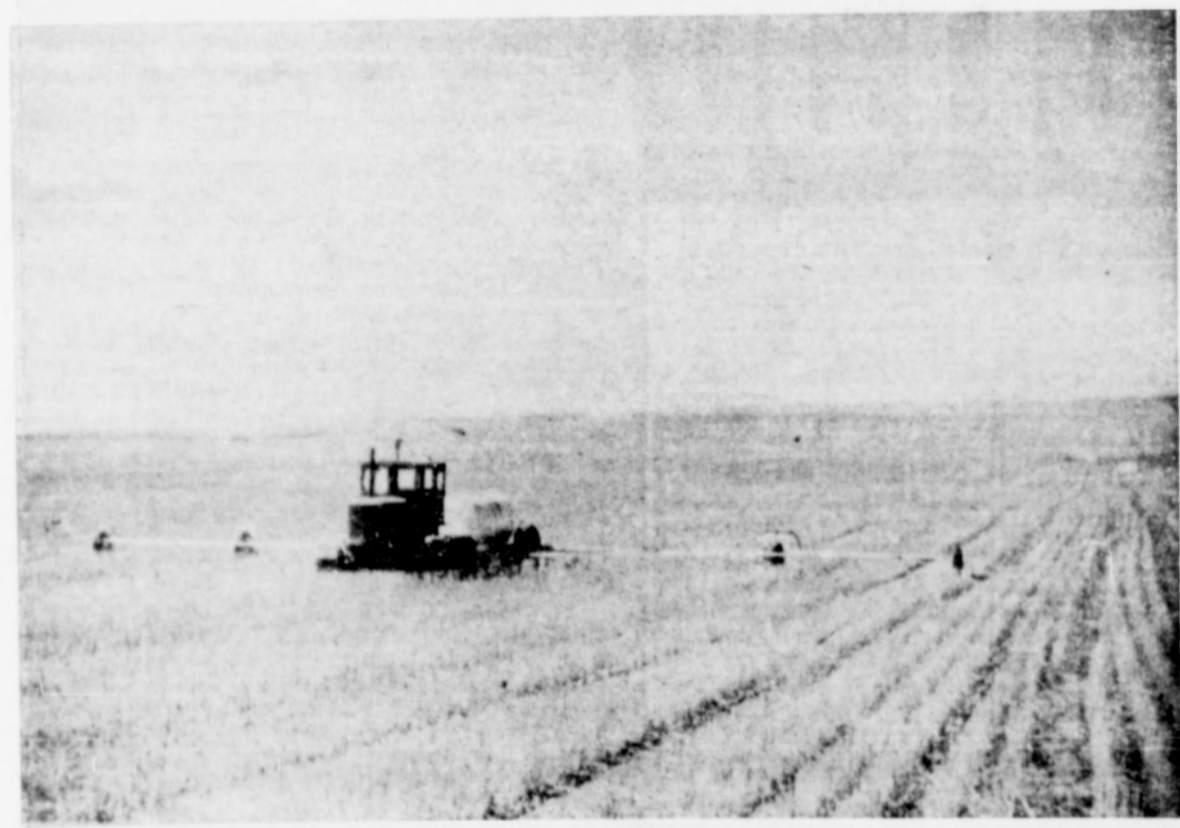
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 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Celia Rider, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1963, at ten 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.
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 Administrator
 T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Administrator
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