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by Alice Brooks

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by Marian Martin

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Beef, Wheat Groups Set Budget Sessions

Salem—Cattle owners who contribute dimes to the Oregon Beef Council will have an opportunity to participate in the annual council budget meeting. Hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 12 at 10 a.m., daylight time, in the Beef Council offices in the Imperial hotel, Portland, says Paul T. Rowell, state department of agriculture. Rowell says that published time of the Wheat Commission budget hearing was confused with the regular commission meeting scheduled at 9:30 a.m. May 21 in the chamber of commerce in Pendleton. The budget hearing will be the same day, at 1:30 p.m. in the county courthouse at Pendleton.

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Family Council

Editors note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a parliamentarian, three careerists, three editors and a woman editor. Each article is a summary of a family discussion, presented in a friendly, humorous, and informative manner. Major and minor topics are discussed. Edited by Mrs. Alice Brooks. Copyright by General Features Corp.

Evelyn C. — Now at the last minute my parents are cutting corners on my wedding celebration.

Mrs. D.C. — As soon as you say the word "wedding," the price of a thing jumps sky high.

Evelyn C. — I'm to be a June bride. Naturally I've had a mental image of how the wedding will come off. But I have a job in a private school upstate and after explaining what sort of an affair my fiancé and I would like, I left the actual arranging up to my parents.

Now I learn that instead of floral decorations we'll have just a few potted palms. Instead of a small orchestra, we'll have one accordionist. The wedding photographs will be taken by my uncle, not by a professional. And the wedding cake will be made by my aunt. Mother said the caterer tucked on so many extra charges that she decided to save \$60 on the cake. I know we're not rich. But why must my wedding slip back to such austerity?

Mrs. D.C. — We started out with the best of intentions. We wanted to give Evelyn the wedding of her dreams and we thought we had the right amount of money saved up to pay for it. We even felt more "flushed" than others in our income bracket, because Evelyn is a modest wage earner herself and was paying for her own wedding gown and most of her honeymoon wardrobe.

But the minute the word "wedding" leaves your lips, everyone's mouth waters for a big profit. Ask to have pictures taken and each pose is \$100 a dozen. The caterer trapped us with a price that seemed fair, but then slipped us news of the things it didn't cover, like liquor, a wedding cake, souvenirs and decorations.

Evelyn will still have a nice wedding. It won't be a bonanza for the wedding business, though.

The Council: Anyone whose engagement has been announced knows how long is the gray train which pulls up at the nearest truck. Mrs. C. will nod assent to this description from a recent survey: "A marriage-bound couple sets looms spinning, ovens heating, engravers etching, vintners bottling, bathhouses cooling, orchestras rehearsing, presses turning, diamond cutters cutting, gift registries registering, social secretaries consulting, invitation addresses addressing. Flashbulbs popping and parents praying." Naturally this billion-dollar industry runs in horror from the couple who, if they're New York City folk, get married for \$11 at City Hall. That covers \$3 for a blood test, \$3 for a license and \$3 for the civil ceremony. And it concentrates its attention upon the average wedding for a \$2,500 total, just to keep busy, but is always ready to pile on the extras which can bring the cost of a well-done wedding to as much as \$100,000. So, in the face of such financial astronomy, it's no wonder Mrs. C. panicked and backtracked.

Does Evelyn really think the trimmings are worth going into heck for? Her wedding doesn't sound one bit austere, especially with an such affectionate home-talent pitching in. Her parents seem to have taken sensible steps to halt a runaway situation, similar to the commercialization of Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day. Retaining the proper emphasis, the right values, is up to the customer.

Mrs. C. has the good sense to know when to weave the Stop sign at the salesman. Some parents, on the other hand, with incomes as low as \$6,000 a year, have found themselves paying off \$10,000 weddings for years and years.

If Evelyn and her husband-to-be want to divert some of their honeymoon funds for a fancier wedding, we offer them news of a honeymoon bargain. If they register with the Niagara Falls Area Chamber of Commerce (Strand Theatre Bldg.) for a June trip, they'll get a "twofer" pass—that is, two-for-the-price-of-one at the Falls.

RECEIVES GRANT
Portland — The Portland branch of the English speaking Union has awarded its fourth annual \$1,000 grant to J. Wesley Sullivan, 41, news editor of the Oregon Statesman in Salem.