

1905 "B" St.
Pullman, Wash.
Nov. 10, 1939.

Mr. Mariner S. Eccles
Chairman Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

According to the press of today you are concerned about the problem of idle money. May I suggest that increasing taxes is not the only solution? If you will look into the question of why carpenters in Cook County, Illinois receive \$1.60 cents an hour, and in Pullman, Wash. ~~\$1.25~~ \$1.25 an hour while the unemployed are not allowed to learn the building trade, it might give you a hint as to where some of that idle money could go: in home building.

If you will inquire why a modern store front only 25 feet wide should cost over \$1300 ⁰⁰ dollars, and why \$600 ⁰⁰ of that should be for glass — and why a \$50 ⁰⁰ plate glass window installed, is only worth \$25 ⁰⁰ when the glass company gives you an (over),

allowance on it as they receive it back,
you might have another fruitful
~~fact~~ field for inquiry in connection
with the problem of idle money.

Yours respectfully,

Edna Sackett Thompson.

(Mrs. A. Wilder)

P. S. - A propos -- how about a "Spend
to Save" campaign?