

farm forest acts

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Land use decisions are usually quite obvious to the expert eye where good agricultural or good forest land is involved. Where marginal land is concerned, however, it is often more difficult for the inexperienced person to pick the enterprise which is best suited to the land that will yield the highest returns.

Marginal agricultural land might conceivably fall into two broad classes — marginal crop land and marginal grazing land. Very roughly, where crops leave off, grazing begins, and where grazing leaves off forestry begins. Naturally, the interests and the desires of the landowners involved can greatly alter so general a picture.

Nevertheless, in the county marginal grazing lands and forest lands often rub elbows. For example, northerly slopes are usually so steep that it is extremely costly for ranchers to try to convert them into good grazing lands and maintain them as such. By coincidence, these slopes are usually the very best for tree growth and will grow repeated crops of trees with intelligent management and little effort. Still other steep slopes are also often better suited to trees than other uses.

Considering certain forest lands, there are some of these that are better suited to forage crops, principally because of the shallowness of the soils. A minimum soil depth of 18 inches is generally required for timber growth.

Recently, I visited some of the sheep-grazing lands belonging to the Hatfield families in Dixonville, where much of their best pastures are located on shallow soils, where oaks and some firs formerly stood. So, marginal tree growing lands are often better suited to other uses.

For information on maximum returns from marginal lands, consult your County Extension Office.

Principals Study Pilot Program At Sutherlin

Five elementary principals from Medford were in Sutherlin recently to study the informal pilot program in identification and grouping of creative students at Sutherlin Junior High School.

The Sutherlin program, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation's public schools, has been attracting state-wide attention, according to Mrs. Jerry DeMuth, correspondent.

More than 1,000 brochures on the program have been sent out by the Portland office of the Oregon Education Association. In addition, requests for information have come to Sutherlin from educators in Seaside, Oregon City, Glide, Hood River, Roseburg, Portland, Medford, Myrtle Creek and Winston, and from other organizations.

The principals visited a science class taught by Anton Brown, then returned to the district office where they discussed all aspects of the program with Supt. Raymond Mullen and Principal Richard Scott.

The Medford group included Robert Phillips, Ronald Weatherford, Harold Boner, Francis Guidry and Bruce Metzger.

Two East Elementary teachers were among a group of educators visiting Glide Schools for a demonstration of a new approach to arithmetic teaching being used in that system.

The teachers attending the conference were Mrs. Elma Knechtel and Mrs. Bertha Noedel.

YOUNGSTER WITH SECURITY
KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI)—The Social Security Administration office has assigned a social security number to 3-day-old Anne Cecilia Winter, of Ottawa, Kan., and thinks it may be some sort of a record.

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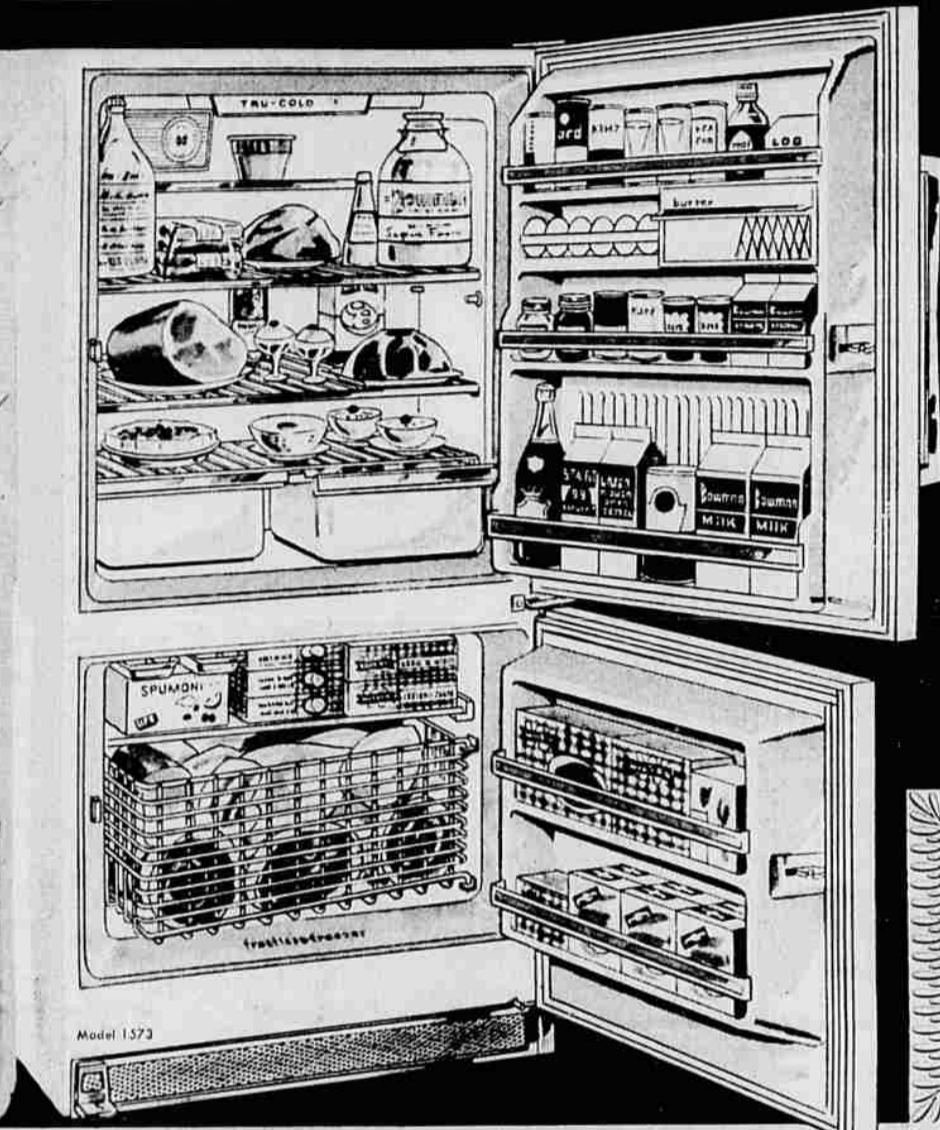
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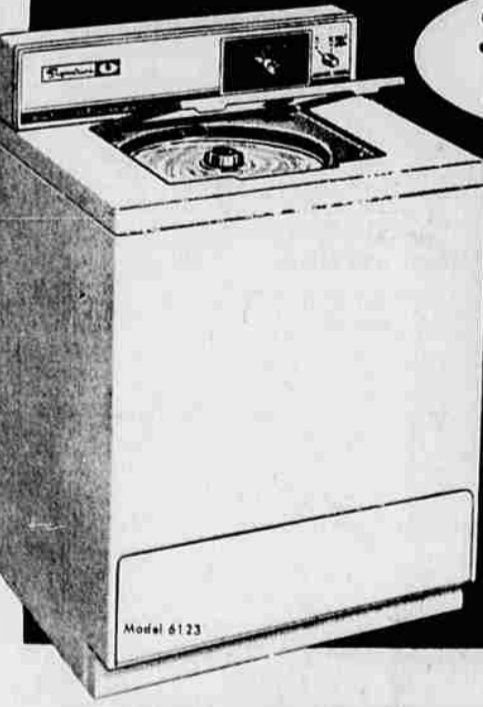
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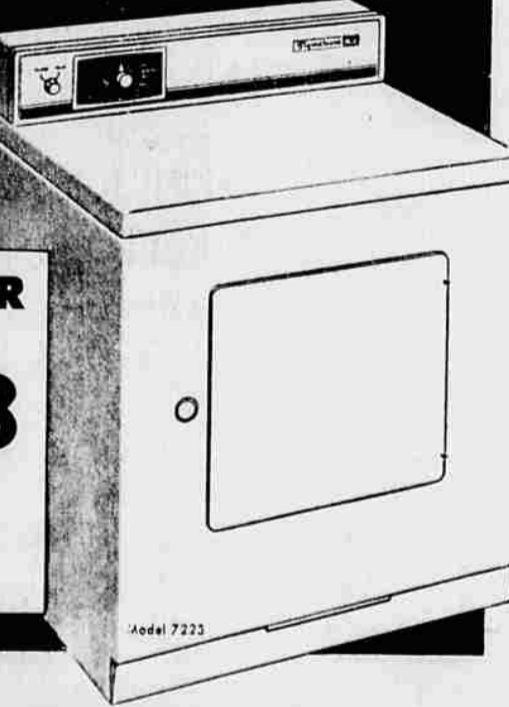
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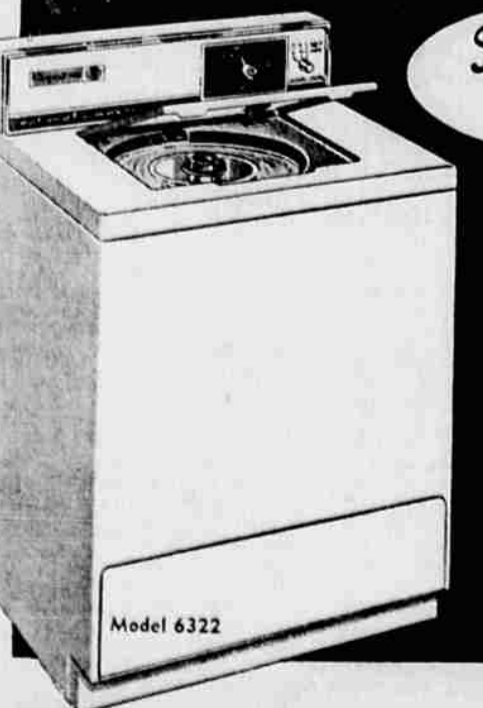
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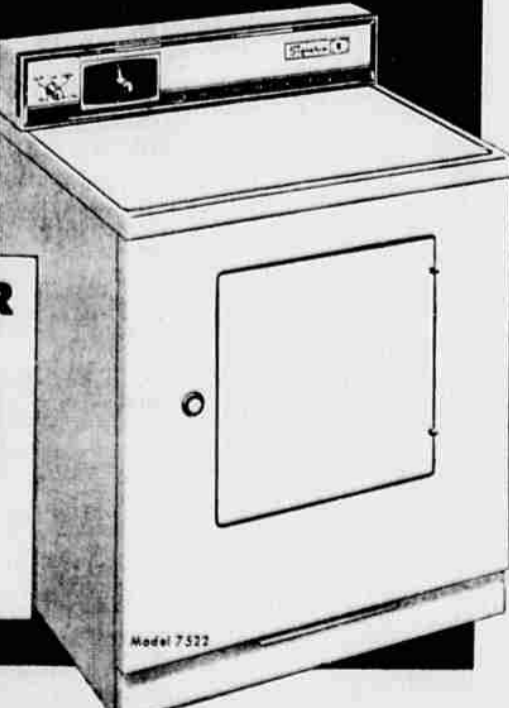
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