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"NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE"—

Logging-to-Cattle Conversion Experiment Discussed by Agent

By John J. Inskeep, County Farm Agent

Pat Wilson's farm near Marmot is the scene of one of Clackamas county's newest and most interesting pasture and livestock developments.

Included in the setup are 11 acres of newly cutover and bulldozed land and 20 tilled acres of ancient vintage. The newly cleared land has been seeded to a mixture of alta fescue, Chewings fescue, creeping red fescue, rye grass, big trefoil and sub-clover. Top dressing of limestone and commercial fertilizers will follow.

Pat's old, cleared land will be limed and fertilized with fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorous prior to seeding. This land will be seeded to alta fescue and sub-clover.

Pat says that he expects to stock his holdings with more Hereford cattle as soon as his feed supply comes along and he finds time away from his lumber operations.

Sandy Ridge Visitor
J. A. Vanbergen of Sandy Ridge, was a recent visitor also. He reports that his fescue, sub-clover, trefoil and Ladino clover pasture is coming along pretty well but wonders whether or not his oats and vetch nurse crop may injure the stand. J. A. plans to install an irrigation system within a year.

Cow Tie You Down?

Dr. C. N. Seagraves, county veterinarian, comes up with a practical suggestion for easing some of the work and "what to do" with all the milk from the old family cow.

Doc reports, "It is becoming a common practice for two or three families to go together and plant a good pasture and to take turns at milking. One family cares for morning milking and the other looks after this chore in the evening. Each keeps the 'take' from his particular milking."

"This arrangement also eliminates the problem of being tied down by 'one ole cow.' When one family wants to go to the beach for the weekend, the other does the milking."

Suggests Home Gardens
Chances are the average person doesn't know where prices will go by next fall or how much food will be sent abroad. Also, due to adverse weather in many parts of the nation total food production is uncertain. So, to be safe, a home garden should be a part of your family's plans.

In case you haven't had too much experience raising vegetables, there are nearly 50 bulletins available free of charge which are valuable guides. Bulletins are available from the county agent's office in Oregon City on growing nearly every type of vegetable, on insect and pest control and a monthly garden guide by Professor Bouquet of Oregon State college.

Carrot Worm Control

Home gardeners who have had difficulty in the past several years in raising carrots free from worm damage can pick up control suggestions from the county agent's office. The larva of the carrot rust fly, the culprit involved, feeds on the small root hairs of the carrot and later on tunnels through the main root. The plants are stunted and have a wilted appearance.

Gardeners can obtain a one-page circular offering suggestions for controlling the insect from the county agent's office.

Nitrogen Recommended
One pound of nitrogen fertilizer to one hundred feet of row may make the difference between success and failure on leafy vegetables, advises Ralph Clark, Extension horticulturist. This is especially true if plants are growing slowly and do not have good color. Nitrogen carrying fertilizers are nitrate of soda, ammonium nitrate or sulfate of ammonia.

As soon as vegetables begin to grow and warmer weather approaches, insects will be making their appearances. Just a word of warning to home gardeners purchasing insecticides. Don't experiment with a lot of these new,

powerful insecticides. Leave the experimenting to the college experiment station, and use the old standby recommendations which have been proven to be safe.

Extension bulletin No. 676, Vegetable Garden Insect-Pest Control, which is available free of charge from the county agent's offices, gives recommended control for pests of common vegetables.

Farmers Urged to Practice Soil Conservation Now

"Farmers should not overlook ACP practices as a way to offset the drains on their land," advises G. R. Cumberland, chairman of the Clackamas County Agricultural Conservation Committee. Farmers in the county have a choice of five different practices to qualify for assistance under this year's program, according to Mr. Cumberland.

"Farmers know that their land is being pushed too hard and want to start returning to better rotations and more soil-conservation practices," Mr. Cumberland says. "At the same time continuing large demands for food, both in this country and abroad, make it necessary to keep farm output of most crops at wartime highs. So farmers should take whatever steps they can to rebuild their soil and keep it from washing away."

National totals on 1948 conservation program acreages are expected to be somewhere around 354 million acres, exceeding the

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May 1 is the final date for accepting farm plans for participation in the 1948 conservation program. The county agricultural conservation office is located in the Clackamas Grange supply building on the super highway at Gladstone.

A representative from the Oswego plant of the Oregon Portland Cement Company stated last week that lime orders can still be booked for all months through September. Farmers who plan to use lime are urged to place their orders now so that they can assure themselves of a supply.

Shower Held Monday For Betrothed Couple

BORING—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tamerius, Boring, was the scene of a miscellaneous bridal shower last week for their daughter, Norma, bride-elect of Clarence Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Walter, Pleasant Home. Arriving at the Tamerius home Monday evening, the young couple was surprised by a group of 40 guests.

During the evening, Mrs. Lu-

cille Thompson gave three poetic readings. Following the opening of the many lovely gifts, refreshments were served.

Miss Tamerius and Mr. Walter announced their engagement last November and are planning a wedding in early June.

FORESTRY MARKET GUIDE

The first published forest products market guide designed to aid Oregon farmers in marketing their own logs, poles, fuel wood and pulpwood has just been issued as a 70-page mimeographed bulletin entitled "Marketing Farm Forest Products—Western Oregon."

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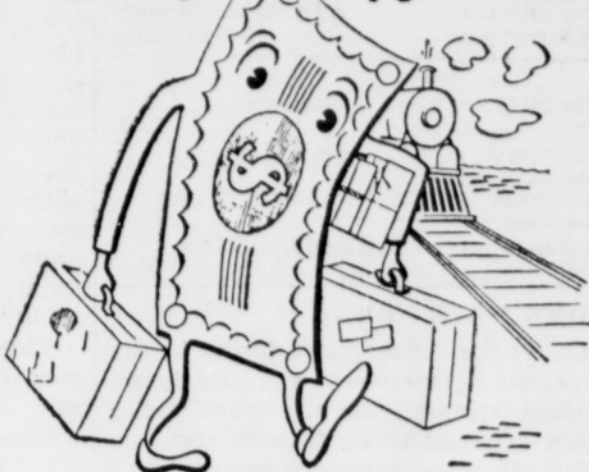
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