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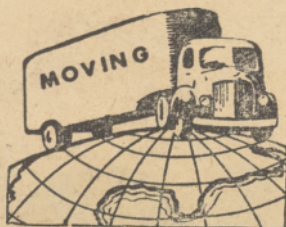
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Notes by the Wayside— Boring Farmer Replaces Alfalfa Hay With Fescue; Conservation Tour Told

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent

Add the name of Arnold Moore to the growing list of Clackamas County dairymen who are seeding the entire acreage of their tillable lands into grass and legumes. Arnold has been going heavily into alta fescue and Tallarook sub clover, and now has a good stand of lotus major on two of the wetter fields of his boring farm.



"In addition to all of the barnyard manure available," Arnold told us one day last week, "I used eight tons of 16-20, part of it last fall and part this spring. Use of this fertilizer is paying heavy dividends."

"Production from my fertilized grassland is so good that I have decided to quit all annual cropping. I had plenty of pasture two weeks ahead of my neighbors who didn't fertilize, and right now I have much more pasture than the cows can consume. The excess will go for ensilage and hay."

Last winter I compared good fescue hay with alfalfa, and I found that the cows did just as well on the fescue. Besides, fescue hay is cheaper by the ton and there is no waste."

During the past year several Clackamas county farmers, Bob Berger, Clarks, among them, have reported better results from feeding fescue and sub clover than from good red clover. Arnold Moore's comparison of alta fescue and sub clover with alfalfa is the first that we have heard of. There seems to be every reason to believe that he is right—provided that a good fertilization program has been followed.

Final Tour Info

Itinerary for the first pasture and soil conservation tour has been completed. This one comes Friday, June 2, five days ahead of the Oak Lawn, Elliott Prairie, Marquar tour announced last week. Here is the program outline:

Tour starts promptly at 10 a.m. on farm of E. J. and Robert Seaman a mile northeast

of Marquar just off the Marquar-Molalla highway. Inspection will be made of vetch, following hops and following chewing fescue in the same field. Reserve humus build by the sod has improved vetch stand and growth. Also to be seen—excellent pastures—empire lotus.

Second stop—Day Kenney farm near Wildcat school. Day will explain his livestock setup and pasture program on thin soil—alta fescue—sub clover—lotus major. Day wintered 81 beef cows last winter.

Third stop—Bill Helmig farm near Russellville school. He has a successful beef cattle, swine and seed enterprise. This is another foothill farm well managed.

Fourth stop—farm of Elmer Sawtell and son, Wallace, four miles south of Molalla. Effects of different rates of fertilizer applications and methods of applying them will be explained by the Sawtells both on alta and sub pastures and Willamette vetch.

Fifth stop—Clay Engle farm, Dicky Prairie. Clay will show his calf crop. Calves were

dropped in January. He sells them at weaning in early fall. This farm also has good pastures, clover and sub clover and grass hay.

Sixth and last stop—Rognar Anderson farm, Colton. Rognar's farm is devoted to grassland farming, pastures and grass ensilage. This is a dairy setup, with another perfect erosion control program.

Bring Your Lunch

We regret the impossibility of including more of the many farms in this area well worth seeing. Six is about the limit for a one-day trip. Ease of access and road conditions must be taken into consideration. Visitors are asked to bring lunch. Not knowing how many there will be, it is impossible to have a prepared luncheon. Visitors are also asked to wear appropriate shoes and clothing in case of rain.

This is a review of the second tour starting from Oak Lawn Community hall at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

First stop—irrigated pasture, farm to be announced at gathering place.

Second stop—Lienhart farm between Oak Lawn and Monitor. The Lienhart's will show their high producing, non-irrigated pasture for dairy cows. They are experimenting with high fertilizer application rates.

Third stop—Oscar Satrum farm two miles east of Monitor. Oscar will show his 25-acre field of row planted, certified alta fescue. He is planting 40 acres more this year.

Fourth stop—Albert Barth farm, Marquar. Albert has an excellent eight acre field of lotus major in its second year.

Again, no attempt is being made to visit all of the excellent farms in this community because of lack of time.

These tours are open to the public.

Farm Survey Is On In The County

A nation-wide survey of farm buildings and farm construction was started in Clackamas county May 15. This county is one of 382 areas to be covered. Herbert G. Wilcox, Portland, has been chosen to visit farmers in certain parts of Clackamas county.

This is the first survey to be made under the housing act of 1949. It is being made by the United States department of agriculture. Reports will be obtained from 9000 farms from all parts of the nation.

Information will be used by agricultural groups, government agencies and state colleges interested in helping farmers improve their homes. The housing act of 1949 directed the Department of Agriculture to report on the housing situation and progress being made toward meeting farmers' needs.

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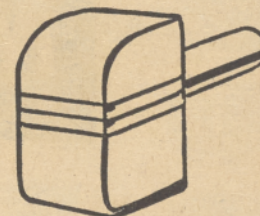
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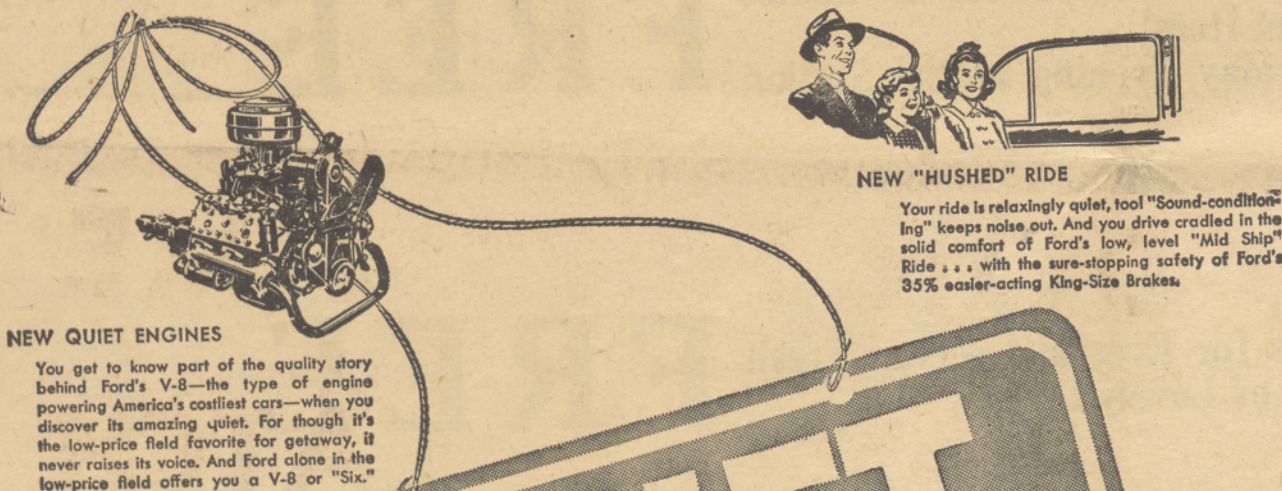


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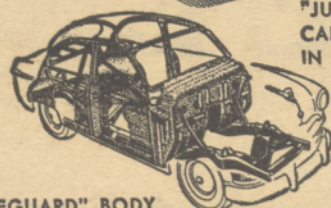


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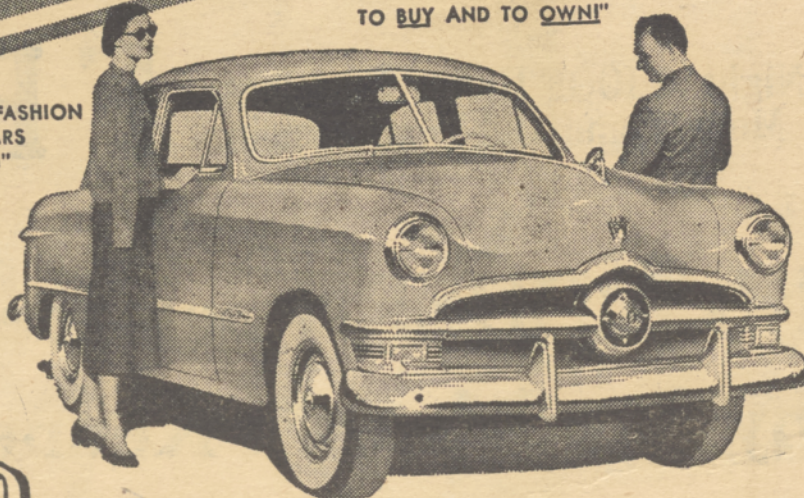


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