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Notes by the Wayside

By J. J. INSKEEP

Clackamas County Extension Agent

One of our good Canby citizens recently wrote the Extension office asking about the value and usage of cover crops in Clackamas county. This is such a good question, that we thought our reply might be of general interest.

Dear Sir:

In my opinion the value of cover crops as soil builders has been greatly exaggerated. Adding nitrogen by cover cropping with legumes is not too economical. Nor are annual cover crops effective in building humus.

However, they do perform several important functions. (1) The cover crop plants—the fall planted ones—pick up available nitrogen which might otherwise be lost by leaching. Nitrogen which might have been lost is returned to the soil when the cover crop plants are turned under.

(2) They prevent impaction of the soil by heavy rainfall. (3) Under certain conditions they prevent runoff erosion.

The plants to use for cover cropping may depend upon the problem at hand. For summer cover cropping, crimson clover, planted about June 1, is a good one. Crimson clover, when properly grown, provides a heavy tonnage of readily disintegrating material to be turned under the following spring. Inoculate the seed, plant 15 pounds of seed per acre.

For early fall planting, oats and vetch (60 pounds oats and 40 pounds common vetch) is a

good one. Some like winter rye planted as a fall cover crop and liberally fertilized with nitrogen. Rye has not been a general favorite because of its highly carbonaceous content. In addition, weather conditions may preclude turning under by April 1. Rye tends to "dry out the soil" when allowed to grow too late after the seed stalks appear—that is, the boot stage of growth.

Many think of summer cover cropping when summer fallowing, to rid the soil of weeds and weedy grasses, would serve a better purpose.

It has been observed, over a period of years, that our sod crops which include grass seed crops and rotation pastures, often completely change the complexion of our soils. Formerly heavy soils appear light and loamy with lots of humus after plowing down the sod. However, it has been found that such crops serve also to deplete the soil of needed minerals including calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and perhaps certain trace elements such as magnesium and boron. This illustrates the point that growing cover crops and grass improves the physical condition of the soil but does not add often needed minerals.

Whether or not a cover crop is used, the first step in soil building includes obtaining a soil analysis followed by adding needed minerals. The kind and amount of such minerals will depend largely upon the soil analysis and upon the cropping system to be followed for a number of seasons. Mineral use will help grow better cover crops too.

The Extension office will gladly furnish directions for taking soil samples, information sheets and cartons for mailing soil samples. Analysis cost is less than the cost of an 80 pound bag of most fertilizers.

TECHNOLOGY

The evidence would indicate that price and income support programs have contributed to the rapid adoption of new technology in specialized areas in recent years. Marginal areas either have not adopted new technology or have adopted it at a relatively slow rate.

These farmers (the "have-nots"—or low income farmers) lack adequate capital, land resources, and possible education to take advantage of the latest technical knowledge and innovations. So adjustments made by successful farmers appear to be impossible to this group. Thus the recent technological revolution in agriculture has not only bypassed the "have-not" farm people—it has left them relatively worse off.

It is the innovator and early adopter who profits, while the late adopter and non-adopter would be relatively worse off than before the new technology was introduced.

From the standpoint of welfare of society as a whole such shifts should be desirable. However, to the extent that low-income farmers are used as justification for price and income support programs and to the extent that the programs developed actually work to their disadvantage the programs have been disillusioning.

SOURCE: West Virginia University Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 451 dated February, 1961 entitled "Some Effects of Price and Income Support Programs on Marginal Farms"

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At Boring-- Awards Given At Junior Rodeo

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BORING — A Western type parade Saturday inaugurated the junior rodeo presented by E. G. (Shorty) Evert at the Gorman Ranch here. Kim and Stephen Ewert were selected king and queen of the procession and Wilbur Shutes was more than proud when the family's prized new colt received a special ribbon.

George Benshoof was announcer for the events, which were concluded Sunday. Dave Akers won the all-around cowboy award, a champion belt. Other winning contestants included Dick Poulter, bareback riding champion; Tom Martin, senior calf roping; Akers, cow riding; Calvin Alts, junior calf roping; Mike Smith, junior Texas barrel; Martin, senior Texas barrel, and Janice Benshoof, keyhole contest.

A surprise birthday dinner



Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 270, Gresham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Marilyn, to Gary E. Martilla, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Martilla, Rt. 2, Box 719, Boring. They are both graduates of Gresham high school.



Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Penrose, 1422 S. E. 175th Pl., announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy, to Paul Devere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Devere, Rt. 2, Box 750, Sandy. The couple will be married July 13 at 8 p.m. in Evangelical Methodist church, Gresham. A Miss Gresham finalist, she will be married on her parents' 25th wedding anniversary.

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Ten semi-finalists will compete in the final show and they will each receive trophies for the four runners-up to Miss Oregon and Miss Congeniality receiving Pepsi-Cola scholarships. Swimsuit and talent winners will be announced after the two preliminary performances. All contestants will receive a white Jantzen swimsuit and Miss Oregon Nominee award.

Tickets may be obtained through the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

Visitors at the Percy Shelley home over the weekend included Mr. and Mrs. Arne Shelley of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Audrey S. Morris (Jonnie Shelley) and Joe H. Shelley and two small children Kathleen and Joey, and niece Susan Miller of Portland.

William S. Miller, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Miller of Rt. 2, Box 729, Sandy, graduated May 26 from the two-week Aviation Family Training School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis.

The Wayne Waugh are busy painting their house. Mrs. Hazel Hite had a new roof put on her house and garage this past week. The Arno Ritters have reroofed their house, too.

We like the story of Hazel Hite's experience during her brother's visit this past weekend. Willard Ogden and his wife came to see her so he could roof her house — and that chore was done. So he put in wood, and did various other chores — during one he discovered a bird's nest at a hard-to-see angle. Hazel brought out a mirror and viewed them by the periscope principle. One fledgling was so startled at his reflection, he hopped out and fell to the ground. Hazel's neighbor looked out the window at this stage and saw Hazel "down on the grass catching grasshoppers?" She did get the youngun' back in the nest.

**Filing Deadline Nears
For New Wheat Farms**

July 1 is the deadline for filing applications for "new farm" wheat allotments in the winter wheat area, Raymond J. Krueger, county agricultural stabilization and conservation chairman, announced.

Under the wheat allotment-marketing quota program, a "new farm" is a farm on which there is no wheat acreage history, including acreage considered as wheat under the Conservation Reserve or the Great Plains program, for any of the last three years — 1959, 1960, or 1961.

Thursday, June 29, 1961 (Sec. 1) The Sandy (Ore.) Post 3

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colson, children, Patsy, Vickie and Billy, and Mrs. Roy Colson recently returned from a 10-day vacation. Included in their itinerary were a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beck of Longmont, Colo., Buckley Corley of Thermopolis, Wyo., and a tour through Yellowstone Park. Corley is a former resident of Cottrell.

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