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New Soil Testing Service Available To Oregon Farmer

A new soil testing service is now available to Oregon farmers, according to Dan Evans, soil scientist in charge of the soil physics laboratory at the Oregon State College.

The new service will measure two physical qualities of soil—the approximate amount of water the soil will hold one day after a heavy rain or complete irrigation, and the amount of water still in the soil when the plants wilt from lack of available moisture.

The amount of water in the soil between these two measurements is the amount the soil can hold available for plant use. And, since soils vary greatly in this usable water-holding capacity, these measurements will help soils specialists and county agents make recommendations for more efficient irrigation water and commercial fertilizer applications.

For instance, farmers in irrigated areas who install the necessary measuring equipment will be able to use the results of the new test to determine much more accurately when to irrigate and how much water to apply, Evans explains. This should help irrigators get the best possible yields with the least possible water and labor costs.

Farmers in dry land areas will be able to find out the wilting point of their soils from the results of the new test. By installing the correct equipment to measure the amount of moisture in his land, a dry-land farmer will be able to determine how much moisture is available for the crop he intends to plant. He can then apply the amount of fertilizer needed to make the most efficient use of the available moisture.

Soil samples for the new test need to be collected a little differently than for soil fertility tests, Evans says. "This means

Proper Treatment Of Cancer Could Save Thousands

An estimated 146,000 of the 240,000 persons who die of cancer each year in the United States could be saved through early diagnosis and treatment, Mrs. L. C. Weideman, chairman of the American Cancer Society's crusade for Curry County, reported today.

Mrs. Weideman explained that the objective of the society's public education program, which is conducted on a year-around basis, is to "reach the men and women of Oregon with the kind of information that will alert them to seek medical advice at the first danger signal."

The society's public education program is "an illustrious example of a concerned public taking the initiative, rather than waiting for the government or some Foundation to do things for it," the Curry county chairman stated, explaining that contributions to the current cancer crusade is "one way that every person can play a vital role in this battle against a terrible disease."

Oregon division of the American Cancer Society spent some \$27,267 in cancer crusade funds for public education during the past year, according to H. B. Cooper, Portland lumberman, who is state chairman of the crusade.

Cooper revealed that nearly 900 volunteers participated in the division's public education and community service programs and that accomplishments included the distribution of more than 21,000 pieces of educational literature, booth exhibits at the state and 12 county fairs and 510 film showings to an estimated 25,000 persons throughout the state.

In addition, he said, the press of the state and the radio and television stations carried considerable educational material as a public service, and while there is no way of knowing how many persons learned about cancer by the mass media, reports to the society of persons visiting their doctors because of information obtained through mass media are numerous.

Mrs. Docia Sweet, of Sixes, visited several days, recently, with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weigel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clark, of Toledo, Oregon, were recent callers at the Gorte home.

farmers will need to get full information and soil sample cartons from their local county agent.

Cost of the new service is \$2 per sample. Only Oregon farmers are eligible to send samples to the soils physics lab.

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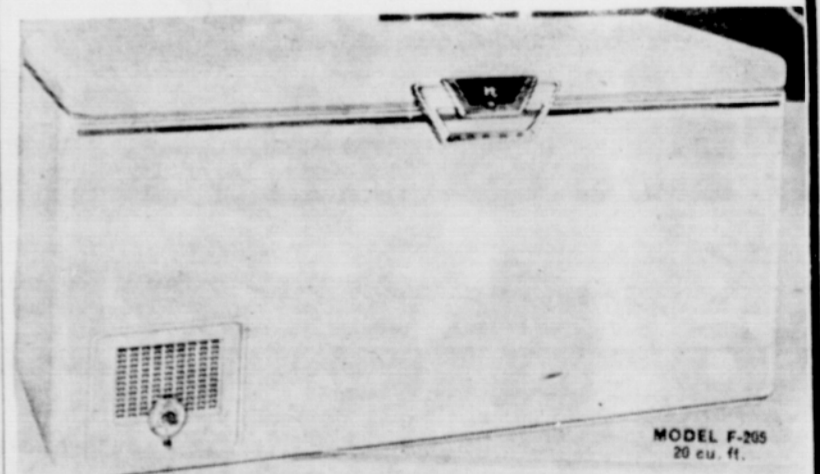
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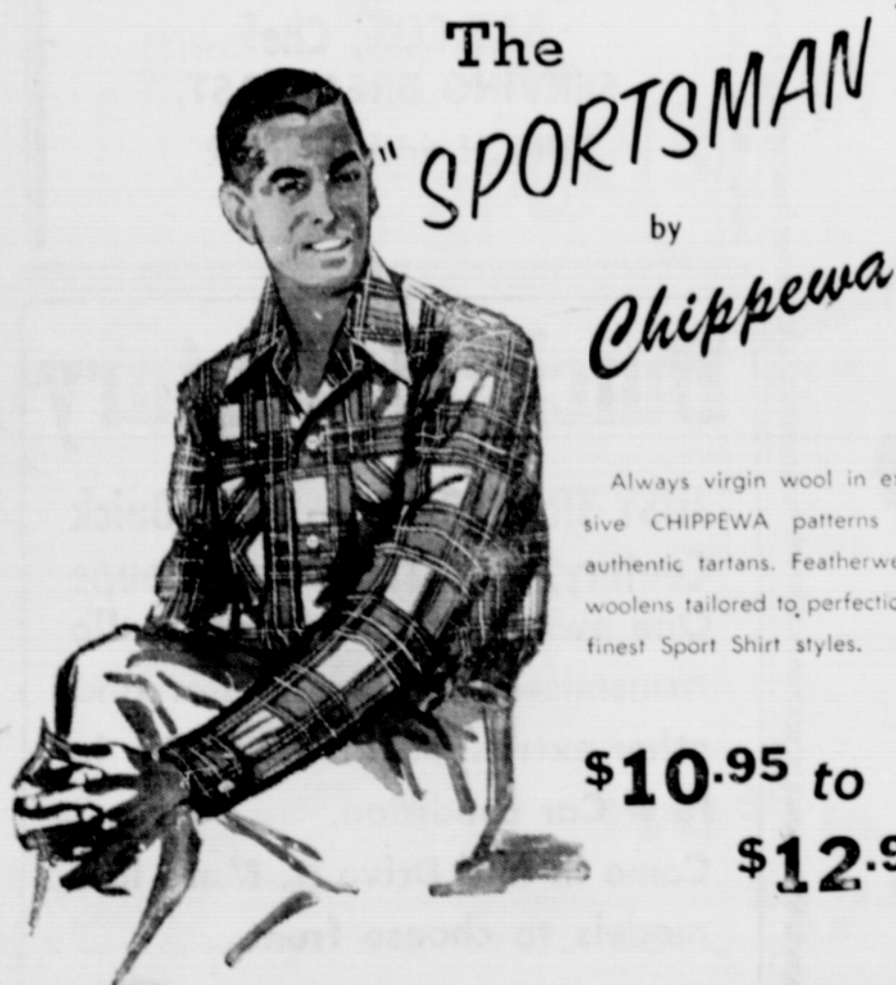
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