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FARM & HOME PAGE

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

(By John J. Inskeep, County

We learn from the press-The pattern of farm life is hanging.

In the chicken business-eggs and broilers- feed companies furnish the chicks, feed and management directions. The operator furnishes the buildings and does the chores for so much per pound.

Contract cattle feeding- for so much per pound- has appeared on the scene. The operator furnishes the feed - And now one of the larger feed outfits is using a similar scheme for raising swine in the Cotton belt, Arizona and Calfornia. This plan centers around construction of cheap shelters. The company furnishes the pigs and the collects when the pigs go to

The tendency now is for the ed link of a complicated

We never talk with a group of young men who don't want to know 'What with present land values, can I obtain the capital to purchase a farm?" Our suggestion has been "Marry it or inherit it." Prehaps, nis new scheme will help out with financing the operation. That may be good but it certanly has its gloomy aspects We feel sure Mr. L. E. Mc Donald who writes frequently or the local papers will agree He does not always do so, and hat is good.

and Wildlife Service had El Coyote on the ropes with poent 1080 poison. The new coyote breed will eat fresh meat of his ow_n killing only-avoids baits. Here is a prime example of survival of the fittest with no solution in sight.

The spotted alfalfa appeared in Arizona only three or so years ago. In two years the insect had spraead to north central California and East to the Mississippi. Damage to al- may be just as thrifty falfa feilds is near total. This insect has not yet appeared in Oregon. But he may.

Scientists haue worked frantically to solve the problem. The lahontin alfalfa variety

tent variety. Predator insects have been introduced from various other parts of the

ppear promising. The latest strategy includes importation of several new re-

word. Results of these efforts

Criticisms of programs to one present.

naintain and increase farm Ed Caswells mother, Mrs. maintain and increase farm prodection, in face of surpluses and lowered farm have been understandably frehave been understandably frequent. Farmers need a program of public relations or so a lovely new home in Salem. we think.

As the matter stands our sur- daughter Bonnie Ray is visitplus is 5 percent of our total production. What would hap pen to farm prices and food Mrs. Hattie Cyrus of Sisters costs if we produced only 95 percent of our needs?

We view with some alarm feed- the increasing age of farmtaking over. The next 25 years may see some astonishing farmer to become an integrat- changes in American Agriculture. Anyone want to guess what they may be.

> It's worth one's while to visit the Red Soils Experimental Area just two miles from downtown Oregon City on Molalla Road and a little to the West. We had time to drop in a few days ago especially look at the creeping alfalfa trials which are Supt. Jack McDermid's pride and joy. The so-called creeping var-

ieties of the past, most them, spread more orf less from the crown. "But these we now have," McDermid pointed out, "are true creepers." Coyotes are on the come-sack in many areas. U. S.Fish and Wildlife Service had E1 creeping rootstalks 15 inches from the original plant just like quackgrass.

Jack explained that these plants were set without additional fertilization and tht soil is pretty acid here. Not that it doesn't pay to lime and fertilize but we just wanted to see aphid if they could take it. They can.

And so we see possible ful-fillment of a dream to obtain a good alfalfa which spreads like quack grass and don't get excited. Supt.McDermid says that these new selec-tions which came from the experimental station at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, are self sterile. That is they do not produce seed. Increase rom these five varieties can

be obtained from cuttings only Then what is their potential value? They will ge hand crossed with other choice varieties which will produce seed and which preumably may retain the creeping characteristics of the parent stock now growing south of Oregon City.

Thirty people turned out to see the mole, gopher and the mountain beaver control demonstration held on the Biff Helmig place near the old Russellville School south of

Molalla Apr. 25.1 And we learned something. As every farm boy knows the gopher pushes the soil away. arrowing to the ground sur ace where he spreads it semicircle fashion. Afaerward he closes the opening used for this purpose. But the mole this purpose. pushes the soil from his burrow in the making, straight up volcano like

But we found mole like ounds above gopher runs except that they had a cup shape depression at the top. Evidently these had been carefully made. "Female gopher run" explained U. S. Fish and Wildife Service Representative, John Dietrich, breeding season approaches she builds and scents one mound like this to attract a nate. But right after mating she kicks him out to another lonely year of existence." Dietrich demonstrated meth-

ds of poisoning and trapping moles and gophers as explaned in Extension Bulletin 629 "Controlling Rodents and Othr Small Animal Pests in Ore-

And then the discussion urned to rat control, Dietrich

with teletaralatefetal tation in the rat control pro-gram and use of warfarin as a Whereupon we earned something new again. Beek in Dakota' said one of the visitors, "we used to catch a batch of rats in one of these wire traps. Then we heated a pokerr red hot. (Ye Gads, we thought what a way to kill rats) We poked the hot poker in among the rats until they were pretty well singed ail the rats left the farm' 'Yes, but' argued another that is not killing rats." "I

know it' explained visitor one,

Dodge Doings

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wester bergs little 4 year old grand-daughter Phyllis spent a week visiting them recently.

importation of several new resistant varieties from North Africa.

The executive board of the sistant varieties from North May 4th at the Fred Horner but the result of th home with all members but

> Francis Robinson and her husband were visitors at the Cas Mr. and Mrs.

The L. O. Cyrus family and were dinner guests May 3 at the R. L. Bryan home.

The Dodge Extension Unit met May 7 for their last meeting of the season. For the 'eye opener' Mrs. Ed Caswell and Mrs. R. L. Bryan decorated a May Pole cake. The newly elected officers were installed: President- Mrs. Wm. Conner vice president- Mrs. R. L.Bry an; secretary- Mrs. Lawrence Miettunen; treasurer- Mrs. H. J. Westerberg. The project for the day was 'Wood Furniture Touch Ups.' Project leaders Project leaders for this intresting lesse Mrs. Westerberg and Mrs.Miet-

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