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**NOTES BY
THE WAYSIDE**

By J. J. Inskeep, County Agent
290 Clackamas County farm operators sent in 505 soil samples for analysis during the past 12 months. The number of analyses made for Clackamas County by the State Laboratory compares very favorably with other Oregon counties. In fact, Clackamas County may be at the top of the list.

At the same time many feel that far more use could be made of the State Laboratory. This is the feeling in the fertilizer trade. The trade does not necessarily

believe that additional soil tests would increase business for them. Certain members of the trade do believe that those who make use of the State Laboratory save money by purchasing needed elements only and by applications of amounts required. Shotgun applications, they think are quite wasteful and often fall short of obtaining desired results.

Which reminds us that soil samples may well be taken during the winter months when farm work is not too pressing. Call or write to the Extension Office in Oregon City for directions for taking soil samples and cartons for mailing.

The first week in December Oregon Extension workers gathered for a conference on the Oregon State College campus where they heard several top noten speakers on the agricultural situation. These speakers presented a good agricultural history and an excellent picture of the present situation. They declined to make very definite predictions for the future. One belief they seemed to agree with—changes in agriculture will be greater during the next 10 years than during the past 50 years. Factors influencing these changes include continued decrease in the number of farm operators, more intensified farming, integration, increased production per unit as the result of research and continued use of labor saving equipment.

Despite consumer complaint the average wage earner works less hours or his groceries than ever. Many countries would gladly replace a food deficit situation with our abundance with all it problems.

Whether we like it or not integration relating to agriculture is with us to a limited extent and gaining rapidly. The more we learn about it the better. Watch this column during the next few weeks for bits of information on the subject.

What is integration and its current status?
By Professor Robert C. Kramer, Michigan State University. What is it? Vertical integration is the control by a single firm of two or more stages in the chain of production, processing, and distribution. It may come about by cooperative arrangements, by the use of contracts, or by ownership.

Integration not new in livestock industry. Early livestock and meat production and marketing were completely integrated. All of the stages in the chain of production, slaughtering and retailing were done by one man—the farmer.

American agriculture has had much experience with integration: Canned crops have been under contract for years. Sugar beets are grown under contract with sugar companies which provide management and assistance. Hatcheries have obtained eggs by the use of contracts. Duck production in Long Island has been under contract.

Other industries using integration include: Petroleum companies own land, drilling subsidiaries, ship lines, reinerries, pipe lines.

1. Efforts of slaughterers and distributors to assure themselves of an adequate and table supply of livestock, poultry or meats therefrom.
2. Efforts of slaughterers and distributors to control the quality of livestock, poultry and meat.
3. Efforts of farmers to spread or reduce risks and reduce production costs.
4. Efforts of farmers to obtain additional production capital.
5. Efforts of farmers to improve and create new markets.
6. Efforts of feed companies and other far msuppliers to expand the market for their supplies.
7. Efforts of slaughterers and distributors to reduce dependence upon others.
8. Efforts of slaughterers and distributors to reduce costs.
9. Efforts of individual firms to become larger so that they can have economies of scale, increased market power, etc.

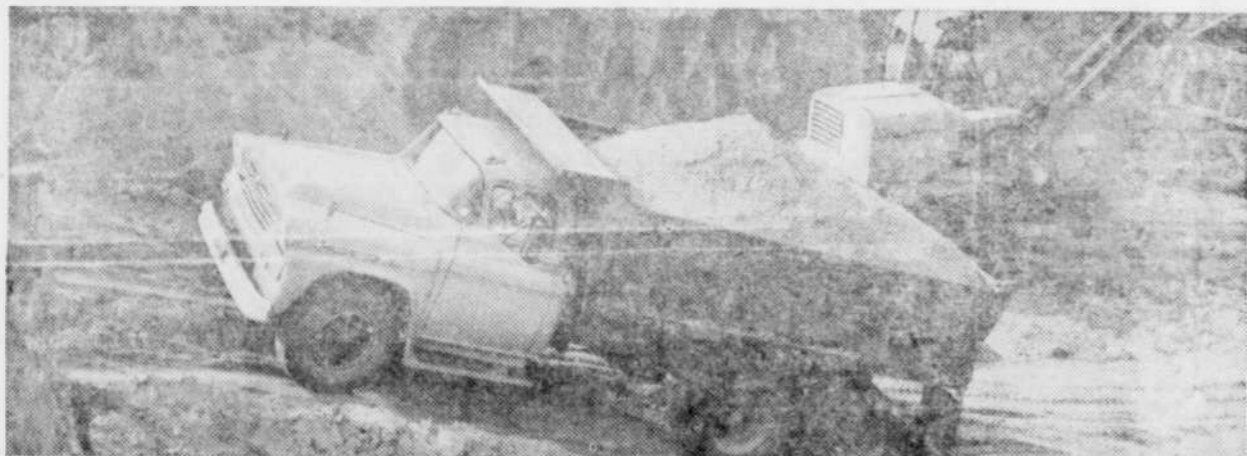
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Sandy, Oregon

RESOURCES	Dec. 31, 1958	Dec. 31, 1948
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 667,844.59	704,175.98
U. S. Bonds	2,001,154.38	1,000,330.00
Obligations of State and Political Subdivisions	245,280.08	140,196.43
Loans and discounts	1,231,344.30	816,545.51
Banking House and Fixtures	43,945.76	5,928.00
Other Real Estate	2,515.64	None
Stocks	None	5.00
TOTAL	4,192,084.75	2,667,180.92
LIABILITIES		
Capital	75,000.00	25,000.00
Surplus	90,000.00	40,000.00
Reserves	20,000.00	23,200.00
Undivided Profits	1,179.40	3,035.99
Deposits	3,996,370.67	2,569,839.86
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	4,192,084.75	2,667,180.92

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**MR. & MRS. AMOS HILLS
RETURN FROM CALIF. TRIP**

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hills returned last Sunday from a trip of a month to California. On the way down they stopped at Turlock, Calif. to see the Fasels, who were glad to get news from Estacada and sent best wishes to all their friends here.

The Hills stayed two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cannon at Ontario, Calif. Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Hills are sisters. They also visited in Merced, Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif. and had one day in San Francisco.

They report having a wonderful time and lovely weather until the last few days. The found it can rain as hard in Calif. as it does in Oregon.

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