

NOTES BY
THE WAYSIDE

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TREND TOWARD LARGER FARMS TO CONTINUE
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'Tis not what man does which
exalts him, but what man would
do. —Browning

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20 short years ago it took 10 far-
mers to do the job; and a century
ago, when Oregon was born, 24
were required.

In the past 50 years the num-
ber of persons working on farms
in this country has declined near-
ly 50 percent. Meanwhile the out-
put per hour worked on farms
has more than trebled; our na-
tion population has almost doubl-
ed; and our foreign markets have
changed very little in importance.

So long as productivity of our
farm workers increases faster
than the number of customers at
home and abroad, fewer and fewer
farmers will be required to pro-
duce the food and fiber. There
is little evidence that our foreign
markets will increase greatly in
importance and much evidence
that for sometime our farm pro-
ductivity will continue to grow
faster than our population.

Despite these prospects there
will be room for good farmers
for a long time, perhaps forever.
Those able to put new farm tech-
nology to work in time, before
the rank and file, will be reward-
ed for their efficiency. Others
will turn to other opportunities
or retirement.

Fortunately, technology in this
country has produced opportuni-
ties off-farm for the man and
woman power no longer needed
on farms. There are now four
million fewer jobs on U. S. farms
than 20 years ago, but there are
20 million more jobs off-farms.

Surprisingly few of these ad-
ditional jobs are in factories.
Many of them are in commerce
and trade. Others are in educa-
tion and other government activ-
ities. Most jobs have opened up
in the servicing of modern mach-
ines, appliances and gadgets com-
ing out of the factories—those
things that add to the comforts
and conveniences enjoyed by Am-
ericans today—as well as in the
building and servicing of planes,
rockets, and other materials
needed to protect our cherished
way of life.

**SKYWAYS, INC. TO HOLD
OPEN HOUSE WEEK END**

A two day open house has been
scheduled by Skyways, Inc., next
week end to show the public a
\$30,000 expansion and remodeling
program to be completed this
week, and a full line showing of
1959 Cessna aircraft models.

According to Skyways president
Ernie Helms, the Saturday and
Sunday vent will be staged from
9 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily at the Por-
land-Troutdale airport flight op-
eration. Included in the new mod-
el and accessory display will be
demonstrations of equipment and
services including an ignition
clinic at 4 P.M. Saturday.

W. L. Miller and Verne Sutton
completed their flight instruction
at Skyways.

A VICIOUS PRACTICE

The dumping of unwanted dogs
and cats along roads and on the
country is a vicious practice. The
abandoned animals are left to
suffer in despair. On occasion,
they revert to a wild state and
become a danger to persons and
property.

Oregon lacks an effective law
to prevent this indefensible
form of cruelty and thoughtless-
ness. To remedy matters, a bill
was recently introduced in the
Senate, providing fines for any-
one convicted of wilfully abandon-
ing dogs or cats without adequate
provision for their proper feeding
and shelter.

Subsequently, the bill was sent
back to the Judiciary Committee,
because of the belief it wasn't
strong enough. This move was
approved by Senator Jean Lewis,
one of the measure's sponsors. So
a still better bill should shortly
come to the floor.

The Oregon legislative hoppe,
is filling fast this session. Many
of the proposed laws are complex
and controversial, and have deep
political roots. But the anti-
abandonment act is as simple as it
is just. It is non-political. It has
the backing of the Oregon Hum-
ane Society. It should be passed
and become law as a matter of
routine.

**A SPECIAL WORD TO WOMEN
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The U. S. Army has a program
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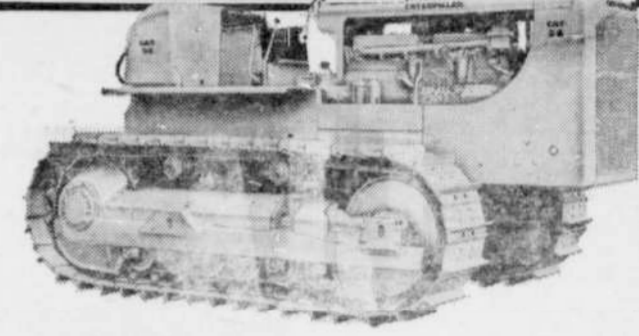
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