

## SKAGIT COUNTY LEADS NATION IN SOIL TEST

Seven - Year Government  
Probe Brings District  
Handsome Tribute.

### FROM GUNDERSON FARM

First Seven and Last Two Out of  
Twelve Won Locally; Gunder-  
son Farm 100 Per Cent.

The United States government has just admitted that Skagit county is the finest farming community in the nation, bar none!

In a series of soil tests extending over the past seven years, which has just been completed, Skagit county soil won nine out of 12 points. An assay of soil taken from the Gunderson estate, south of Clear Lake, was found to be 100 per cent perfect for general agricultural purposes. It was the only soil given a perfect rating.

Analysis of soil in this district took first seven places in the nation, the Cumberland valley, in Maryland, took the next three, and this county took the next two.

The tests were conducted by the United States department of agriculture.

Announcement of the result of the test was made to the Rotary club, Tuesday, by Robert Lord, of the Northwest Implement Co., during a classification talk on farm implements. It was greeted with enthusiasm by the Rotarians, all of whom already knew that this was the finest country in the United States, but who didn't realize how fine it was. Mr. Lord said he got his information from C. I. Hall, who in turn got it from a federal land bank official. The results of the test have not yet been officially announced as yet by the department of agriculture.

The county will receive some invaluable advertising from the test, the results of which will be broadcasted throughout the country.

Mr. Lord gave an extremely interesting talk, tracing the evolution of farm implements, from their crude beginnings to the present.