

"Give Us A Plow That Will Work" Said Farmers Of A Century Ago

One hundred years ago, the settlers pouring into the plains of the Mississippi Valley were beset by a difficulty that threatened to repel their advances. Plows simply would not scour. And the newcomers, dismayed by the hidden treachery of



the soil, became wary of the entire territory. Many of them sought homes to the north or returned to their old neighborhoods east of the Alleghenies.

From those who remained, there came the cry for a better plow, one that would allow them to take advantage of the immense fertility of the virgin soil never before tapped by man. To such stories as these, a young blacksmith, John Deere, listened every day. As he went about his daily tasks in his shop at Grand Detour, Illinois, he continuously tried to visualize a solution to this grave problem. At night after his day's work was done, his mind continued active. "Surely," said he, "there must be a way of turning the soil, of opening up this territory and making it productive."

Then, one day while repairing a

shaft at the community sawmill, he found a discarded mill-saw blade. Its bright surface gave him an inspiration. Perhaps, he mused, here was the solution; a plow made of bright steel, curved just right so the soil would help it clean itself. Determined to succeed he went to work. First he made a pattern of just the shape he needed. Then the saw blade was cut to fit the pattern. Far into the nights he worked. The share and moldboard he made of one piece; the landside and standard were of wrought iron and, from white oak, he formed handles and beam.

At last, it was finished and on the farm of Mr. Lewis Crandall . . . where it was said no plow would ever scour . . . he gave it the final test. It plowed a clean-cut furrow



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down the field the furrow slice turning bright and slick from the plow. And John Deere? From this humble beginning has grown the vast institution that bears his name, an institution that is this year, celebrating the 100th anniversary of that momentous occasion, 1837, when John Deere made a plow that would scour in the prairie soils of the west.

IRONSIDE NEWS
By MRS. E. J. BEAM

A nice warm rain, the first in many months, fell on Friday night and most of Saturday, much to the joy of the farmers and stockmen, as prospects for irrigation water are



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not too promising. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lingle and son of Fruitland were week end guests at the parental Arthur Van Buren home, and incidentally attended the grange dance Saturday night.

John Molthan and Everett Laurance returned to Prairie City last Sunday. Mrs. Walter Laurance accompanied them returning to her home after a visit here. Mrs. Elmer Molthan returned with them after spending a week with her parents there.

David Laurance and Bill Chris made a business trip to Seneca last Sunday returning Monday.

W. J. Hinton of Boise was a business visitor here last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laurance visited their son Herman at Jamieson last Saturday and attended the dance at Brogan.

Miss Genevieve Van Buren was at home over the week end from Ontario where she attends school.

Eldorado grange held a very successful dance on last Saturday. A large crowd attended.

Those from Unity attending the grange dance here were the Orville Fleetwood, Clarence Bishops, Mrs. Fannie Busby, Mrs. Frank Elms, Miss Crystal Mulligan, Clara Turman and Jodie Lawrence and Ivan Morfitt from Hereford.

Mrs. Earl Lofton and son Richard visited the formers sister, Mrs. Albert Morfitt at Hereford last Saturday.

Fred Fish is building a substantial addition to his store building, preparatory to putting in a large stock of merchandise when completed.

S. A. Lofton, son Earl and grand sons Wayne and Richard Lofton were Ontario visitors one day last week.

Eldorado grange resumed regular meetings again on the 12th with a fair attendance, owing to the severe

cold weather and had roads the past two months meetings were postponed.

Fred Fish was a business visitor to Baker last week end, getting some machine extras for his saw mill, which he will soon start up.

A community dinner and Easter egg hunt will be held at the school house on Easter Sunday, with every one invited.

Harry Kuhn, cattle inspector for the First National Bank of Boise was in Ironside Wednesday enroute to Unity on business.

George Baker, mine promoter from Boise was here several days last week looking over mining properties near Malheur City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Camamang were week end guests at the formers parents at Westfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grabner of the Record mine at Unity were week end guests at the parental Floyd White home.

Miss Maria McElroy of Nyssa and Herman Laurance of Jamieson spent the week end at the Fred Laurance home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prescott of John Day brought over the formers mother Mrs. Sumas from Monument to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Lofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lofton, the latter mother from Monument and Bessie Kerr motored to Vale on Friday after Miss Verla Prescott who came up to visit with her mother and sister several days.

Fred Laurance is driving a new pick up.

Ed Oakes is hauling truck load of grain which he sold, to Ontario, every day.

Visitors from here to Ontario the past week were the Raleigh Van Buren, Bud Shermans, Ernest Loevy, Lloyd Howard and Claud Derriek. The latter returning to his home there after helping two months at the Howard ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rose, El Rose and Mrs. Park Simmons were in Vale on business last Saturday.

ADRIAN NEWS
By MRS. CLARK ENOS

Ben Ashby of Adrian Bench and Malcolm J. Crawford of Nyssa were Wednesday evening callers in the interest of the Mormon church.

Mesdames Gerrit Mutjewerff, R. C. Enos and Mitchell Gaviola called on Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ferrell in Lower Bend Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson of Nampa visited with Mrs. Amanda Aschraft Sunday.

Raymond Menique has returned home after an illness of flu and tonsillitis in Boise.

Manuel Gaviola was a Saturday lunch guest in the R. C. Enos home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Newton and children visited the R. D. Maule family in Payette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatch spent Sunday in Boise.

J. E. Holly and Howard Hatch were Vale business visitors Thursday.

Four new pupils enrolled Monday morning at the Adrian grade school. This makes a total enrollment of 35 pupils in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The new pupils are:

Lorraine and Ardis McFate, formerly of White Salmon, Wash.; Mary Hunt who transferred from Roswell; and Morris Godwin, from the Lower Bend school. The eighth grade has an enrollment of thirteen, the seventh grade 12 and the sixth has 10 pupils.

Several more new pupils are expected to enroll this week or next. The Adrian school was designated to take care of an enrollment of forty pupils.

"O. K." Traced
"O. K." has been traced back to the Boston Transcript of 1840, where it was used as some sort of political opprobrium. Its use in Whig newspapers began in April of that year and by August, with the meaning of correct attached, it had crossed the Atlantic.

OREGON TRAIL
By MRS. FRANK BYERS

A basket social is planned for Friday evening sponsored by the ways and means committee of Oregon Trail PTA following a regular March business meeting. During the business meeting new officers for the coming year will be elected. Prizes will be given for the nicest decorated box, the novelty box and the one that brings the highest price. Daclamatory contest entrants will recite their selections. Everyone in the community is urged to come and bring a basket. Proceeds will be used to sponsor 4-H club scholarships to summer school at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fuhrman and daughters of Kuna, Idaho, were guests Sunday at the Torvald Olson home.

The Oregon Trail school chose representatives in the declamatory contest Monday afternoon. Judges were Mrs. P. C. Fry and Mrs. F. G. Holmes. Winners chosen were: third and 4th grade, non-humorous, Peggy Campbell; humorous, Mary Lou Thomason. Fifth and 6th grade non-humorous, Joan Maltzberger; humorous, Junior Holmes. Seventh and 8th grade, non-humorous, Dewey Thomason; humorous, Loretta Mitchell.

Birthdays Party
A birthday party was given last Thursday afternoon at the W. A. McNall home sponsored by the Adult Bible class of Oregon Trail Sunday School. The party honored those whose birthdays came in March.

Those who were honored were Mrs. Alfred Adams, Mrs. Lloyd Adams and Mrs. Frank Parr. Games and contests were played with Mrs. Grover Cooper, Mrs. Frank Fry and Mrs. Parr winning first prizes. Mrs. Parr a second prize and Mrs. Maltzberger a consolation prize. Mrs. Geo. McKee, Mrs. J. E. Bowen and Mrs. Clyde Mitchell were co-hostesses for the afternoon. Mrs. Albert Hopkins, Mrs. Alfred Adams and Mrs. F. S. Byers will entertain in honor of the April birthdays next month.

The Oregon Trail Sunday School reports additional members and good attendance. The Adult Bible class is very fortunate to have as their teachers, Mrs. Wyatt Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price of Alturas, Calif., was called here by the serious illness of Mrs. Price's father, Mr. Will Adams.

Fay Melton is working for Mrs. Albert Hopkins.

Marion Chard is building a new building. The Chards plan to live in it until they get their house built.

Girls 4-H Cooking Club Meets
The girls 4-H cooking club met at the home of their leader Mrs. Grover Cooper last Saturday. The meeting was called to order by the president Loretta Mitchell. Roll call was answered by naming some food each had prepared. The next meeting roll call will be answered by one thing a 4-H club member should do. Ione Benson was elected song leader; Betty Chard news reporter; Peggy Chard, game leader; Betty Rookstool, yell leader and Elsie Keek society chairman. The club has been named the Jolly Cooks.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Betty Chard. At this meeting Jane Adams and Mary Ataiga will demonstrate how to make toast.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cooper at the close of the meeting.

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KINGMAN KOLONY
By MRS. C. E. ELLIOTT

The Polly Anna club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilson. Much pleasure was derived by those present in playing bunco.

Mr. and Mrs. McPate and family have moved into the tenant house of the Osborn's farm. Mr. McPate is a brother of Mrs. Osborn.

Mrs. Conrad Martin has returned from Genese, Idaho, where she has been visiting her mother who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz entertained about fifteen members of the young people's class Saturday evening at a "Backward Party."

Miss Mary Hibbard and Mr. Bill Kurtz received a prize for having best carried out the backwards idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Patterson, Mrs. T. T. Elliot and Miss Grace Hibbard were Ontario visitors Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Lane was hostess to her Sunday school class of Juniors Friday evening.

Marion Loftus, president of the 4-H club, Garden Hoe'ers, presided at the meeting which they held on Friday afternoon at the school house. Seeds were discussed as to what to plant in an early garden and what to plant that could be used for an exhibit at the county fair next fall.

The Kolony Craftsmen who belong to the 4-H handicraft club, met with their leader, Mrs. Dale Ashcraft Saturday.

Some of the boys have completed their first two projects.

The Fireside Girls members of the Homemakers club held their meeting Friday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. C. E. Elliot.

During the business session, Miss Eileen Slippy was appointed for next week's demonstration, which will be on the subject of Table Setting and Serving Dinner. Miss Ethyl Farnsworth will act as her judge. Following the business meeting, a very good demonstration was given on bed making by Miss Donna Ashcraft.

Miss Emily Otis, assisted by Miss Susan Zamora and Miss Ethel Farnsworth conducted a demonstration on the correct forms of introductions.

Rev. Swinny and family have moved to Marsing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robinson of Grangeville, Idaho have been visiting in the Conrad Martin home this week. Mrs. Robinson is a sister of Mr. Martin.

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