

Oregon Professor Started Airplane Dusting in 1925

Crop dusting planes have become such a common sight today that they hardly draw a second glance, but there were lots of second guessers who doubted it would ever work when an Oregon State entomology professor introduced the idea in Oregon—and largely to the nation—in 1925.

This summer, Dr. W. J. Chamberlin will watch from retirement as planes dust crops, spread sprays and fertilizers, and even do some seeding of range lands and forests.

In June 1925, however, there was a crowd of some 2000 persons gathered around an alfalfa field in Ontario when Chamberlin master-minded the first airplane dusting of a field crop in the country. The technique wasn't very fancy but it was a "whale of a success," the entomologist recalls.

U.S. Department of Agriculture and air corps officials came to Oregon to watch the rickety plane spread calcium arsenate on a 100-acre field of alfalfa infested with weevils—and spread, in turn, the concept of crop dusting throughout this section of the country.

The Ontario dusting was really the second tried by Chamberlin. The first was made several weeks earlier in 1925 on an apple orchard near Monroe. In that flight Chamberlin rode with the pilot in the old Jenny army plane and turned the crank on his specially-built dust hopper mounted on the side.

The Monroe dusting was only the second ever attempted in the nation, it is believed. The first was on trees in Ohio. After the experiments at Monroe and Ontario, Chamberlin went to The Dalles and directed plane dusting demonstrations on orchards there. As a World War I flyer in

New Books Listed At Malheur Library

"A Nation of Sheep" by William J. Lederer. One of the collaborators of "The Ugly American," which has perhaps had more influence upon diplomatic attitudes than may be realized, has more to say to his fellow citizens about making themselves felt in how things should be run.

"Felix Frankfurter Reminisces" by Felix Frankfurter. Skillfully threaded together, the reminiscences flow smoothly, interrupted only occasionally by the interviewer's questions. Candid, zestful and sometimes sharply critical, the talks reveal the author's opinions on many subjects.

"Ring of Bright Water" by Gavin Maxwell. The author tells of his retreat from civilization to live at a remote spot on the wild northwest coast of Scotland.

"Fabulous Showman" by Irving Wallace. A biography of P. T. Barnum.

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"The American Indian Wars" by John Tebbel. The conquest of America by the white man revealed in all its drama, cruelty and heroism.

"Heaven Has No Favorites" by Erich Maria Remarque. A young French woman, well aware of the deadly cost, leaves a tuberculosis sanitarium to be with a racing car driver in Paris, Venice and the Riviera.

France and as a highly-regarded entomologist, Chamberlin had the unique background that let him become a leader in the use of planes for crop dusting. He was on the OSU staff for 40 years before retirement last fall and wrote some of the nation's earliest scientific papers on forest insect control programs.

Joan Bellon and James Jefferies Wed In Nyssa Christian Church Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. James K. Jefferies

Nyssa First Christian church was the scene of an 8:30 o'clock evening ceremony Friday, May 26, 1961, uniting Miss Joan Elizabeth Bellon and James Kenneth Jefferies.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellon, 106 East Main street. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. William B. Donahue of Portland and Harry Jefferies of Nyssa.

The sanctuary was decorated in lavender and white, with baskets of gladioli and lighted tapers gracing the altar. Lavender ribbons adorned the pews.

The double-ring candlelight ceremony was performed by the Rev. Earl L. Hastings in the presence of 135 invited guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a princess-style gown of lace over satin, featuring scalloped neckline and

short sleeves. She carried a lavender orchid on a white prayer book.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Bob Bale as matron of honor and Miss Martha Jean Brown as bridesmaid. They wore identical lavender organza gowns with white accessories and carried bouquets of lavender mums accented with white ribbon. Flower girl was Miss Tony Lynn Bellon, niece of the bride.

Edward Cahill served as best man and ushers were Chuck Jefferies and Roger Bergam. Mrs. Elvin Ballou was soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Chet Sage at the organ.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Bellon chose a pink lace dress with beige accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore a bronze lace dress with matching accessories. Both mothers wore rose corsages.

A three-tier cake, trimmed in lavender and white, graced the serving table at a reception held in the church basement immediately following the ceremony. Mrs. Jerry Bellon, sister-in-law of the bride, cut and served the cake. Mrs. Gene Bellon, also a sister-in-law of the bride, was in charge of pouring punch and Mrs. Chuck Urban served the coffee.

For the couple's wedding trip to La Grande, the bride wore a light beige walking suit with white accessories and an orchid corsage.

The new Mrs. Jefferies was graduated from Nyssa high school with the class of 1959. Her husband is a graduate of Forest Grove high school with the class of 1955. He is presently employed at Amalgamated Sugar company.

Out-of-town guests attending the ceremony and reception included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bellon and family of Danville, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bellon and family of Van Nuys, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kalhar of Forest Grove.

Two Stores Observe 50th Anniversary

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weighed. Items in the false fronts were changed "every few years" when they became faded, dirty or full of weevil.

In 1916 the brothers built a new store (the east portion of the present department store) and added dry goods. Groceries were carried on one side and dry goods on the other. After two years they expanded again by building what is now the west part of the department store. This new part was used exclusively for dry goods and the original part for groceries. There was a connecting door inside the building about half way back.

Stores Located in One Block

At this early date Nyssa had very few stores, many of them were still frame, the streets were either muddy or dusty, a ditch ran across Main street (about where Eder's Hardware is now located) and was spanned by a wooden bridge. Hitching post rails in front of stores were common and most all stores were located in the one block.

The brothers dissolved partnership in 1947 with Ernest keeping the building on Main street and using all the space for a department store and Barney building the present Wilson's Super Market structure and moving the grocery stock there.

The brothers have been quite active in developing Nyssa building and real estate. They constructed the building where Coast-to-Coast is located and sold it to Nate Leigh for a theater. They also built the Nyssa Tavern building adjoining the department store.

Family History Given

Barney Wilson was born in Brownsboro, Ky., in 1883, came to Weiser in 1903 and married Edith Marie Richey of Emmett, Idaho, in 1919. They have four children, Houston and Richard in Wilson's Super Market, Nyssa, Phillip in Wilson's grocery at Weiser and June Marie (Mrs. Dwight) Wyckoff, Nyssa. Mrs. Wilson died in 1959.

Ernest Wilson was born in Puryear, Tenn., in 1885, came to Ontario in 1907, married Alice L. Vogelevin in Nyssa in 1916. They had three children, Lloyd, Bob and Calvin who died in 1955. The two boys and Mrs. Wilson own the department store and Lloyd is an accountant for Amalgamated Sugar company, Nyssa.

Ernest Wilson succumbed Feb. 3, 1960.

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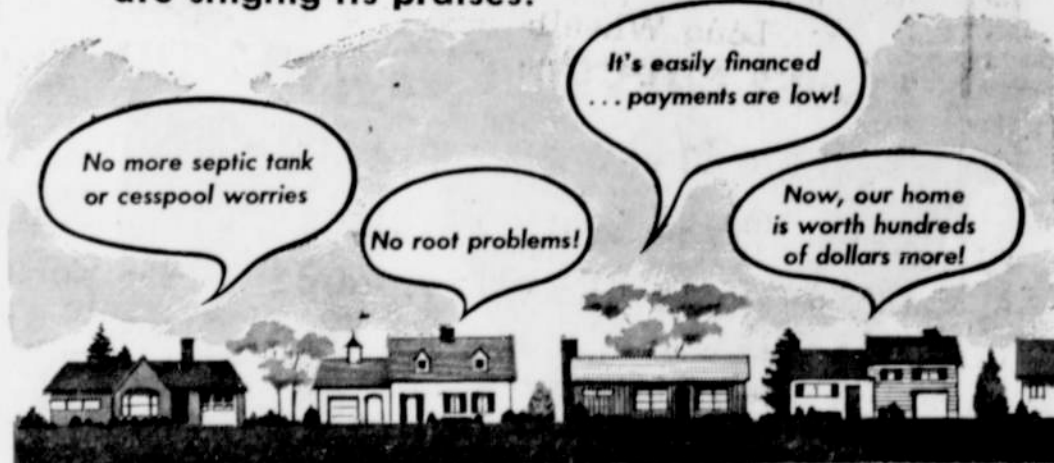
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