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Need Discussed for New Machinery To Aid Farmers in Crop Production

There is a very real danger of some Oregon-grown crops disappearing from the nation's dinner tables unless steps are taken soon to mechanize some of the planting, harvesting and handling phases of production.

This was one of the challenges presented to a gathering of inventors, engineers, farmers and extension agents at Oregon State university.

The occasion was the first horticultural equipment seminar and the group heard OSU agricultural engineers and horticultural specialists outline the need for modern equipment to keep pace with the changing labor situation and cultural practices.

Andrew Duncan, extension vegetable crops specialist, said that there is an immediate need for precision seeders for many varieties of vegetables.

Accomplishments Reviewed

"Advances in production have given the farmer hybridized plants, uniform maturity, chemical control of weeds and insects and elimination of competition from disease," he said. "Now we need equipment that can put the seeds closer together and equipment that can harvest the results."

Duncan said that yields of many crops can be boosted from 25 to 100 percent by synchronized planting. He also noted that Oregon conditions prevent farmers from using some of the monster machines developed for use in such states as California and Arizona.

"We need small, fast, efficient machines for picking such crops as cabbage, brussel sprouts, lettuce, soft Spanish onions and sweet corn," he added.

Further Mechanization Needed

In outlining the needs for mechanization in small fruit, Dean Booster, OSU agricultural engineer, said that the mechanization of one phase of production often leads to the need for additional mechanization of another phase.

"When berries are harvested mechanically, for example," Booster explained, "it means that different methods of bulk handling and processing have to be devised."

Booster said that a new device does not have to be complicated to be successful. Remember, the machine has to be operated and maintained, he added. The agricultural engineer suggested that anyone who attempts to develop an experimental model do it on a small scale first. This would reduce the prospect of spending a lot of money on a large machine only to find out it doesn't work.

Strawberry Harvester Sought

Booster said that of nine caneberry harvesters developed in Oregon, only two have proved workable. There has been no strawberry harvester designed as yet, but two experimental models have been built by the University of Illinois and Iowa State university. Both are in the elementary stages of development.

Robert Stebbins, extension tree fruit specialist, said that the cost of equipment is a major factor in grower acceptance.

"It's no good if no one can afford it," he said.

Stebbins noted there is a need for an efficient machine to pick up walnuts, filberts and prunes, and new ideas for removing pears, apples and cherries, such as air blasts, vacuum, circulating water and combing.

Few Ideas Successful

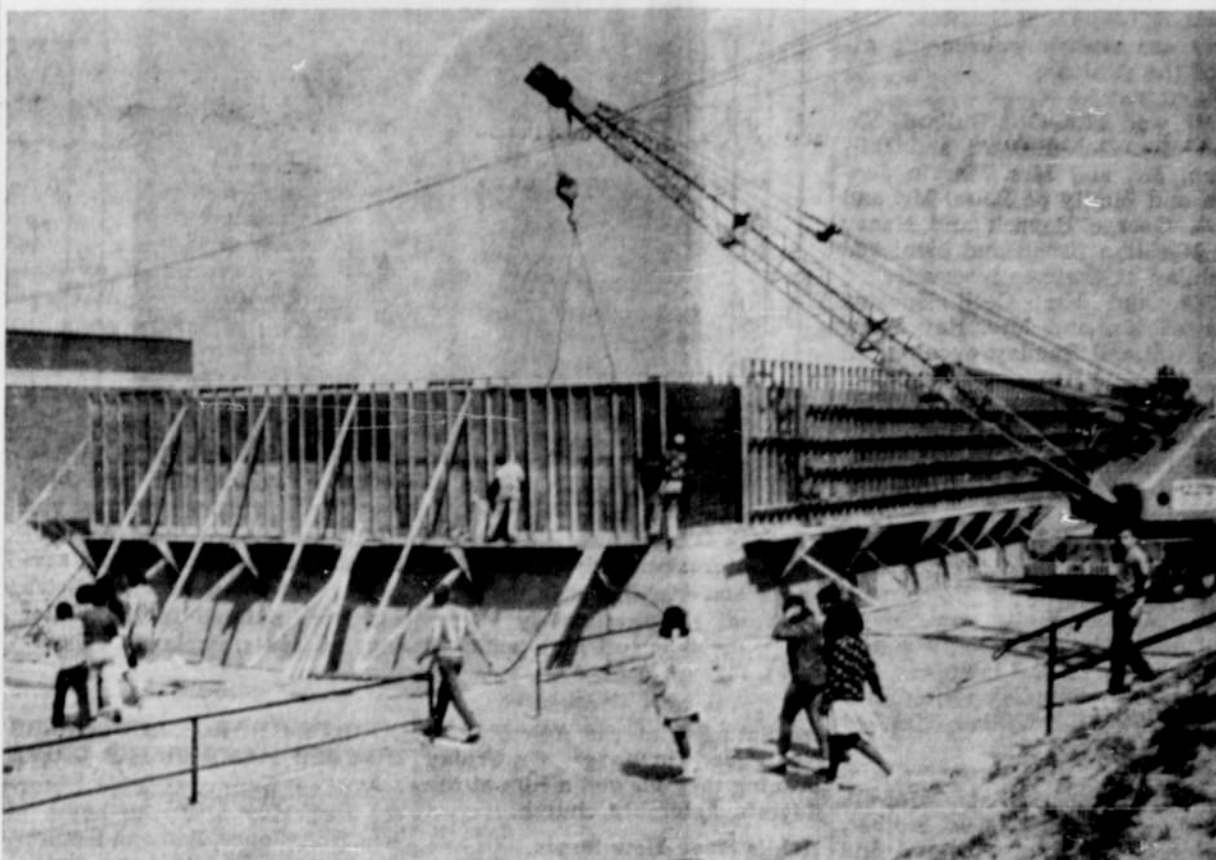
J. B. Rogers, head of the OSU agricultural engineering department, said that only about one-fourth of one percent of the ideas submitted by inventors turn out to be patentable and the cost of getting a device patented would range from \$500 to \$1000.

Some of the suggestions for stimulating the development of farm equipment made by those attending the seminar included granting of prizes for ideas, establishment of funds by grower organizations to assist in development work, providing information on the progress of mechanization in various fields, bringing inventors together to discuss problems on specific projects and sponsoring field trips to look at existing equipment.

VISIT IN CORVALLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Forbess spent the past weekend in Corvallis where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbess and family. Dennis Forbess arrived from Vancouver, Wash., to visit his parents and brother.

New School Addition Rises at Adrian



THIS PHOTO SHOWS A GOOD BEGINNING on the new multi-purpose room and heating plant on the Adrian grade school campus and was snapped just prior to the luncheon hour on April 28. The structure will also house a new cafeteria. Sullivan Construction company of Ontario is erecting the building, with completion date set at 120 days from the beginning. The lower walls

are cement, with the upper portion being concrete blocks, with some brick facing to match the present structure. The new wing is being attached to the east end of the present grade school building, and extending north. The Adrian students in this picture are enroute from the high school plant to the grade school structure, and the Journal camera was pointed in a northwesterly direction.

Trip by Selling PTA Dinner Tickets Fifth Graders Earn Funds for Field

By MIKE KESSLER and MAX ELGUEZABAL

On Wednesday, May 4, Mrs. Joy McPartland's fifth grade students went on a field trip to Boise. Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Don Moss, Archie Strom, Ralph Young and William Ashcraft accompanied the group.

Class members first went to the Idaho capitol building where they saw pictures of Idaho's products and industries and other displays of the state.

TEACHERS ATTEND STATE MEETING AT CORVALLIS

The Delta Kappa Gamma state convention was held during the weekend in Coos Bay. Those attending the teachers' sorority meeting from this area were President Frances Bates of Nyssa; Jacqueline Ashby and Bette Hopper of Ontario; Ora Laurance and Evelyn Harm of Vale.

The area women report that the sessions were inspirational and offered a challenge to all attending.

PICNIC AT IDAHO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fischer; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godfrey and family of Boise, spent Mothers' day at Idaho City where they had a cook-out and the children went swimming.

Classifieds Bring Results!

OT Grange Members Plan Memorial Rites

Oregon Trail Grange met in regular session Thursday evening, May 5, with Master Tom Jones presiding. Reports were given by Frank Sherwood and Astrid Stephen, legislative and agriculture chairmen, respectively.

A Mothers' Day program consisted of readings by Marguerite Moss, Orma Cleaver and Tom Jones. Frank Sherwood told of an old-time program he had attended at Willow Creek Grange. A quiz, entitled "How Well Do You Know Your Mothers?" was answered by the group and the program ended with the song, "Memories."

Grangers welcomed Cecil Garrison back after his recent serious illness.

Mrs. Esther Stephen was winner of the \$5 attendance prize.

A memorial service will be held at the next meeting, May 19. All Grangers are urged to attend.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET

Members of the Senior Citizens club will meet Friday, May 13, at the Nyssa Methodist church. The session begins at 10:30 a.m. and those planning to attend should take a sack lunch, cup and spoon.

Sixth Grade Students View Points Of Interest in Idaho's Capital City

By Kenneth Schilling, Paul Trost and Rodney Backus

On April 20, 1966, sixth grade students from the classrooms of Mrs. Mary Hatt and Mrs. Jan Wilson went on a field trip to Boise.

The group first visited Gowen Field where they learned about jets, engines, parachutes, radar and the training of pilots. Six of the pupils, representing the group, also visited at the weather bureau office.

The group ate a picnic lunch in Julia Davis park and while there also visited the museum. They reported seeing a two-headed calf, saddles, guns, arrowheads and many other interesting items.

Their first stop during the afternoon was at KBOI television station where they saw how commercials were made for radio and television programs. The youngsters were allowed to speak into a microphone and the sound of their voices was recorded on tape and then played back.

Watch Program Preparations

The Nyssa students also visited the news room and watched personnel preparing for the Bonnie Wallis show and Sky West program.

At the Statesman newspaper office they saw the teletype and other machines in use. A photographer from the publication accompanied the group to the Capitol building and took a picture of the students standing on the steps before they entered the building on their final tour of the day.

Visit Capitol Attractions

The pupils went from floor to floor and saw various rocks, minerals, birds, offices, the supreme court and other legislative rooms.

4-H HEALTH CLUB STUDENTS STUDY CARE OF EYES, EARS

The Fiery Dragon 4-H Health club meeting was called to order April 22 in Mrs. Joy McPartland's fifth grade classroom. The students showed pictures and reported on the parts of eyes and ears and also told how to care for these two vital organs.

Felipa Soliz told about near-sightedness and far-sightedness and what kind of glasses are needed to correct these defects.

Mary Main, Rose Posten and Cindy Sage showed charts of how and when eye exercise is needed. Reports on care were given by Max Elguezabal and Juan Perez.

Don Bishop, vice principal, came to the room and explained to the students why they are taught about the various parts of the ears and how to care for them.

—Max Elguezabal, Reporter.

They report they had a wonderful time and wish to thank all those who helped make the trip possible.

In addition to Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Wilson, adults accompanying the group were Wayne Stites, Don Bishop and Mmes. Jim Nichols, Langley, Jack Knowles, Kenneth Reece, Gene Chester, Gene LaFay and LaMar Orr.

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