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Computerized Agriculture

Agriculture has experienced three revolutions and is being transformed by a fourth.

First, it was the mechanical revolution, which took the farmer from behind a horse-drawn plow and placed him in the seat of a tractor.

The second revolution involved the development of hybrid feed and cereal grains, which resulted in stronger varieties, more resistant to disease and which were bred to meet the growing conditions of particular areas.

Then came the introduction of agricultural chemicals in the form of fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides, which enabled the United States to furnish food and fiber for the world market.

The fourth revolution is underway now. It is the computerization of agriculture. This the age when growers can control their entire production with computerized methods. This goes far beyond records-keeping, which tells the farmer to the decimal point where he stands financially at any given moment and advises him when to buy and sell.

Growers are into computerization so heavily in some parts of the country that all phases of production are controlled by punch cards. Computers control temperatures and feeding times for livestock producers, dairymen and poultrymen. In the more advanced operations, computers even control feed mixtures and the measuring of the feed portions.

One of the early users of computerized systems was the communications industry. Even some radio stations have their entire programming controlled by one form of computer or another.

We returned Wednesday night from Park Ridge, Illinois, where the American Farm Bureau Federation makes its headquarters. We were there to learn how to operate a new "speedline" communications network, which will connect all state Farm Bureau offices with the Park Ridge and Washington, D.C. headquarters of the national federation. Only Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico will not be in the initial hookup.

The intriguing facet of the almost instantaneous communications facility is that it is controlled by computer "brain," which makes it possible for us to trade market information and compare notes on legislative matters. We may learn first-hand from the corn field, as it were, the effect of the drought on Midwest feed grains which influences the price of Oregon wheat and barley to such a large degree.

In the informational area, Farm Bureau Speedline will enable us to make contact with the U. S. Department of Agriculture or Secretary of Agriculture, or the Oregon Congressional delegation.

The computer in Park Ridge "calls" each state Farm Bureau office every hour and receives or transmits messages from or to any of the stations on the network through the computer. Each station consists of a teletypewriter and a magnetic tape combination, which allows for 24-hour service.

Oregon's equipment is scheduled to be installed later this month, an event which we consider to be rather historic.

For the first time, the more than two million farmers who comprise the Farm Bureau's national membership, will literally be able to talk to each other over the back fence.

With a little computerized help, of course.

By Malcolm Mac Ewan
 Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

ADRIAN NEWS

Mrs. George DeHaven
 Phone 372-2042

ADRIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Vern Parker went fishing at the Malheur Reservoir Saturday evening. It was nice up there. They had good luck and returned Sunday evening.

Evelyn Goff and boys of Lakeview, Calif. came Sunday to visit Mrs. Robert Long.

Mrs. Vicki Mosier of The Dalles spent the past two weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven. Her husband Jim came Thursday morning and he and his wife left for their home on Sunday.

Mrs. Lucile Gossard, Mrs. Vera Webb and Mrs. Kim

Webb of Adrian worked in the Malheur County Extension booth at the Fair in Ontario this week.

Mrs. Mable Piercy and sister Mrs. Margie Beams went to Nampa Sunday and were guests at a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, honoring the birthdays of Margie Beams and Mrs. Frank Jayo.

Mrs. R. G. Neer of Salem, came Monday morning early by bus to Nyssa and was met by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lang of Nampa.

Mrs. Mable Piercy and Mrs. Sue Ashcraft attended the Fair in Ontario Thursday.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

The Senior Citizens Club wishes to thank all people of the community who have donated money and articles to the club.

—Merle Johnson

Editor, The Journal:

The carnival sponsored by the Nyssa Sports Boosters during Thunderegg Days was an outstanding success.

We wish to thank the news media, City of Nyssa personnel, and all the business establishments and individuals who contributed to the program.

And especially we wish to thank all of you who patronized the carnival, for it was you who really made it successful.

Sincerely,
 Arleigh Adams, Pres.
 Nyssa Sports Boosters

Editor, The Journal:

Wayne L. Morse was actively involved in over a quarter century of Oregon political and social history. Many, many Oregonians had interesting contacts with him. Now is the time to preserve our memories of Wayne.

Please publish this letter as a request to your readers to share with others high points of their experiences with Senator Morse. I am asking that Oregonians write letters describing their interesting experiences with Senator Morse and send the letter to me. In return I will mail each contributor a copy of all the letters which I receive, edited in booklet form, as a keepsake or memento.

As a state political party chairman during 1966-68 and a Lane County Legislator for thirteen years I had many contacts with Wayne. My own recollections of things important, entertaining and characteristic of Wayne will be added to the booklet which those of your readers who mail me their own contributions will receive.

It would be wrong to limit the letters of recollection to those of political pros or to the political arena only. The booklet will be most fitting if it includes remembrances of human interest, or humorous events or of help sought and received. His love of horses, livestock and county and state fairs should also produce recollections worth sharing and preserving.

Please mail your letters of recollections of Wayne Morse to me at 801 East Park Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

Sincerely,
 Edward N. Fadeley
 State Senator

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the Nyssa Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt action in extinguishing a fire in our hay stack recently.

The Darwin Jensen family

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

Reverend Bob's Column

The recent formation of the Nyssa Senior Citizen Housing Task Force has been the result of many months of planning on the part of our senior citizens. For many years they have dreamed of the day that they would have adequate and reasonably priced housing.

To many of us who have been working with them to bring about his dream, the whole problem seems so paradoxical. We wonder why it is that those who have helped to pioneer the developing of eastern Oregon farm land; those who with their own hands took land out of the sagebrush; brought the water and planted the first crops; who build homes for others should now wonder where their home shall be.

Sadly, but truly, this is so often the case. Those who bring others into the land of promise, many times only see it by looking at the comfort and prosperity they have brought to others by their unselfish labor.

Our senior citizens need housing. They are not asking for much excepting the comfort and security of a simple, modest, little home that they can say, "This is my home and the fruit of my labors."

They need it, they have earned it, it is rightfully theirs and we can as a city, as

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages. Adult class taught by Larry Bauman; High school by Ralph and Patricia Werner; Doug Pfeiler, Superintendent.

11 a.m. Morning Worship with special music and Pastor Don Beattie speaking on Heb. 4:11-16 "God Rest For Today."

7 p.m. Youth time.
 8 p.m. Bible study and prayer.

LDS Quarterly Conference

The quarterly conference for the Nyssa Oregon Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been set for this coming Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25. Stake President Melvin R. Nielson will preside at both the Saturday evening Priesthood "leadership" meeting at 8 p.m. and the general Sunday morning session which starts at 10 a.m., at the Nyssa Stake Center of the Church. Special theme for this conference will be on the Church's unique family home evening program which has attracted world-wide interest.

Thanks to Friends!

We wish to thank the many friends who took part in our 50th Wedding Anniversary open house, by attending, sending flowers and cards. It made the day one of the happiest of our lives.

—Waldo and Frances Smalley

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for flowers, telephone calls and cards, following the death of our mother Cynthia Gilbert.

Mrs. Frank Byers,
 Ethel Lay.

OBITUARIES

Raymond C. Benedict

Funeral services for Raymond Claude Benedict, 73, Mulino, Oregon who passed away August 14, were conducted Friday, August 16 at the Bateman Funeral Chapel, Gresham, Oregon.

Mr. Benedict was born September 22, 1890 in Shoemaker, New Mexico, the son of George and Mary Lester Benedict. He grew up in Syracuse, Kansas where he farmed until 1935. He moved to Nyssa, in 1936 where he homesteaded, living there for more than 30 years. In 1967 he moved to Mulino where he lived with his son Claude.

Mr. Benedict married Elizabeth Philpott, December 1922 at Syracuse, Kansas. She preceded him in death in 1964. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include two sons, E. Claude Benedict, Mulino, Calif.; five brothers, Arthur of Colorado; James of Kansas, Bill of Nevada, Edward and Ferman both of California; three sisters, Agnes of New Mexico, Alice and Martha both of Colorado; and two grandchildren.

Concluding services were held at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Gresham, Oregon.

GRANGE NEWS



Members of Malheur Pomona Grange met in regular session Saturday evening, August 10 at Oregon Trail Grange Hall with Master Ross Harvey presiding.

In the roll call of granges, Ira Price reported for Oregon Trail; John DeBoer, Boulevard; Orville Nichols, Vale; and Dale Teter, Big Bend Grange.

Resolutions against housing mentally retarded patients in nursing homes were presented by Vale Grange #696 and Oregon Trail #687. They received a favorable vote and will be forwarded to State Grange for consideration.

Election of Pomona officers was the main order of business with the following members being elected for two years: Master Blaine Girvin; Overseer Don Somers; Lecturer Ellen Jones; Steward John DeBoer; Chaplain Dot Nichols; Gate Keeper Bill Andregg; Secretary Judith Andregg; Treasurer Orville Nichols; Assistant Steward Ernie Metcalf; Lady Assistant Steward Sadie

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THE GREAT POTATO STORY is a new color film put out by the Potato Board. The Board's local representative, Robert L. Nate, (R) discusses the film with Board President Dan Turner Jr. at a recent meeting in Denver. Groups wanting to view the film should contact Board headquarters or Robert L. Nate, 385 Shelley Avenue, Shelley, Idaho 83274.

LDS Owyhee Ward Plans One-Day Fair

Saturday at the LDS church at Owyhee Junction, the Owyhee Ward plans a one-day fair beginning at 11 a.m.

The fair will include displays of livestock, and pets; home canning; sewing; baked goods; hobbies, arts, and crafts; agriculture displays and other activities that go along with making a successful fair.

The public is invited to attend the fair as either a visitor or as an exhibitor. Ribbons will be awarded as prizes for exhibitions.

Metcalf; Pomona Beulah Teter; Ceres Clea DeBoer; Flora Mabel Harvey; Executive Committee members Ross Harvey, Elwood Standage, and Ira Price.

Refreshments were served to thirty members from four granges.

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, November 16, at Boulevard Grange Hall beginning at 10 a.m. with installation of officers. Boulevard members will be hosts at a noon luncheon with the regular meeting to follow.

Everyone is welcome.



SID BALLANTYNE collars a sheep he plans to exhibit at the one-day LDS Owyhee Ward fair this Saturday at Owyhee Junction. Activities are planned from 10 a.m. through the afternoon.

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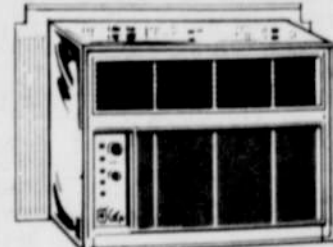
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