

WALT BENSCOTER

NORLA CALLISON

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Side A

Passenger trains and engineers. Six passenger trains a day. Whistle-stop in Bear Canyon at Bovard. Trains vs. Airplanes. Lewiston airport. Merits of different routes from Moscow to Lewiston. Greedy Lewiston businessmen.

North and South Idaho competition for University. State of Lincoln. Drunken surveyors bear way west of where they should have been when they surveyed north Idaho.

Depression; poorer than Job's turkey. 1893 Wet harvest. Mules vs. horses. Mules could walk a horse to death. They were even-gaited and light-footed.

Death of the small farm. Early clothing prices, mail-order shoes. Advent of income tax.

Early co-ops. Most went belly-up. Problem of embezzlement in small co-ops.

Side B

Hermits and oddballs. Most homesteaders were bachelors. Neighbors. Homesteaders came looking for the rainbow. Field corn bloats up a too-eager eater.

Literary, good times. Methodists steal the community church. Gatherings in church and school.

Sam Callison and J.I. Mitchum, fighting about politics. Fourth of July Tug-o-Wars: Potlatch vs. the world. Balloon ascensions in Juliaetta. Fights after baseball games. J.I. Mitchum insults Sam at a Republican rally, and Sam teaches him a lesson.

Political campaigning, picnics and get-togethers. Burton L. French speaks in the schoolhouse. FDR made county Democrat. Corruption in politics, Nixon vs. Teapot Dome.

with Rob Moore
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