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# From the DIRECTOR

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The Agronomy Seed Farm near Casselton was made possible through the interest and efforts of the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association and other friends of the Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota State University. The Crop Improvement Association sponsored the solicitation for necessary funds to purchase land, and other donors provided machinery and items of equipment.

Beginning with the crop season of 1950, this site has continuously served as a place for the increase of pure seed of new varieties developed not only at the Experiment Station but also at other stations and from private sources. The site has also been utilized for rebuilding stocks of pure seed of older varieties still in extensive use. The 1969-71 report for the Agronomy Seed Farm is contained in this issue of Farm Research.

Mr. Mark L. Jendro has served in a highly commendable manner as the Superintendent of the Agronomy Seed Farm since its establishment. Mr. Jendro is known throughout this geographic area for his careful attention to the details of producing and assisting in the distribution of many different kinds of seeds. He is known among his colleagues as a meticulous and dedicated cooperater whose experienced judgment is highly respected. I take this opportunity on behalf of all of us who have been privileged to work with him to publicly thank Mark for his years of unselfish and faithful devotion to the development and maintenance of the Agronomy Seed Farm. It is a physical plant and a program of which all of us can be justly proud. In compliance with the retirement policy of our State Board of Higher Education, Superintendent Jendro is scheduled to retire due to age on June 30, 1972.

Another dimension was added to the original program of the Agronomy Seed Farm as a consequence of the Last Will and Testament of Mr. John S. Dalrymple who passed away in April, 1958, at 85 years of age. Mr. Dalrymple succeeded his father, Mr. Oliver Dalrymple, in the ownership and management of comparatively large landholdings in the Casselton area. Both of these men maintained an acquaintance with the personnel and activities

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**On The Cover:** Mark Jendro, superintendent of the Agronomy Seed Farm at Casselton since its beginning 20 years ago, looks over the stored stacks of Rolette durum seed stock produced this year.

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