

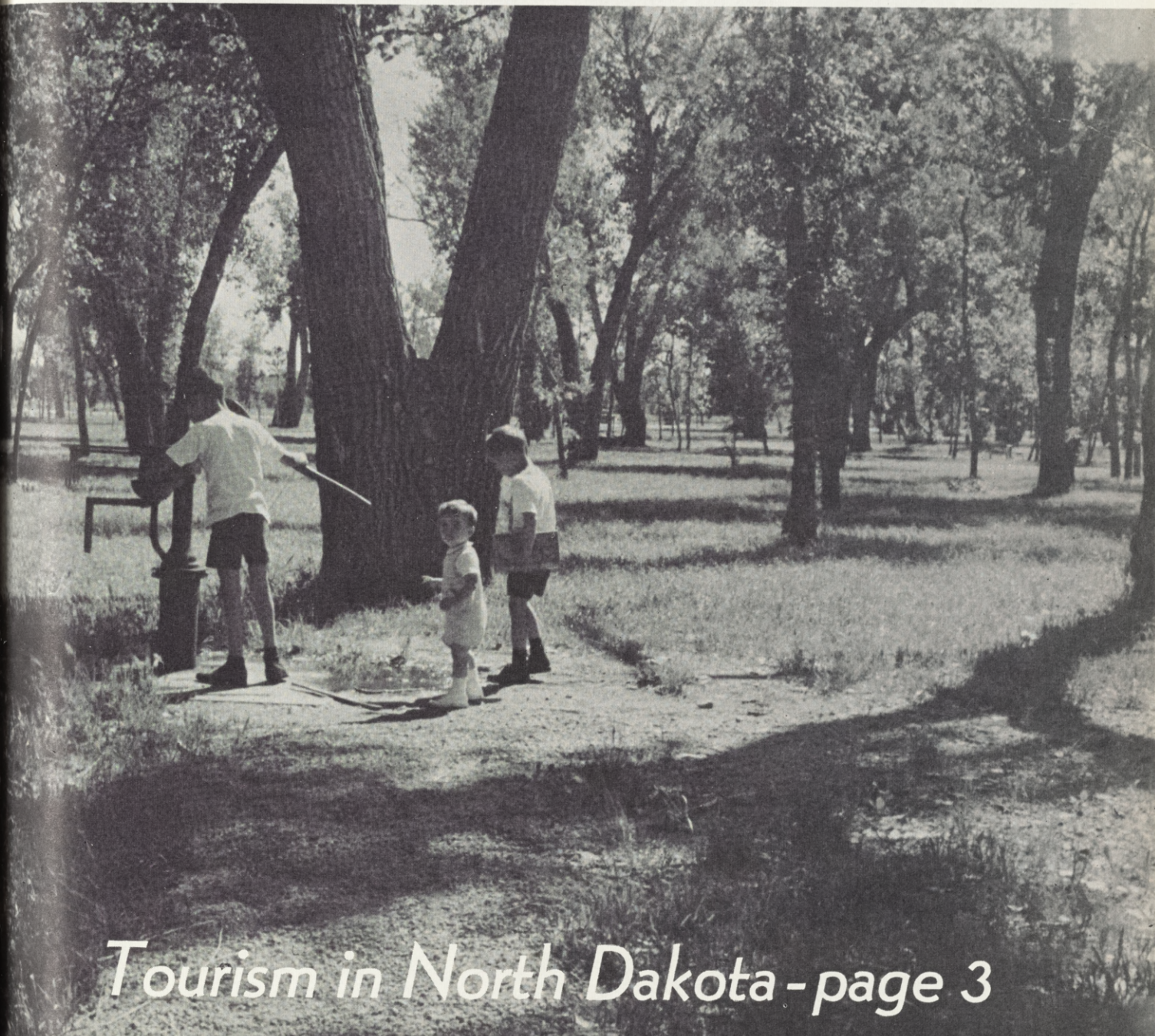


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The need for information through research is great and endless. The Experiment Station continuously supplies a flow of information to help meet the demands of the times.

Research is one of the best investments in North Dakota. The return is high — millions of dollars worth of benefits from many single projects. Research benefits to the flax industry alone have paid for the cost of the Experiment Station to the people of North Dakota since the Station was founded.

But North Dakota State University will need increased funds over the next two years for basic research. Increased research effort in nearly all of the administrative units should be considered. This would include more intensive research into the many phases of the use of irrigation waters; hard red winter wheat; specialty crops; animal waste disposal; animal nutrition; plant and animal genetics; pesticides and their effect upon soil bacteria, plants and animals; more fundamental information on insects; woody plant evaluations and tree establishment for beautification, recreation and protection; diseases of plants in the soil; and greater knowledge of the physical properties of our soils and soil moisture. Implementing projects of this kind is a continuous process, and uses all the physical and financial resources available.

The greatest single need for capital improvements for the Experiment Station is for an agricultural science building. Previous requests have been made for this structure, and the request from the 1969 Legislature is for \$1,935,000. Unless physical space is available for offices, laboratories and classrooms, it is very difficult, and becomes quite inefficient, to add personnel, particularly for research.

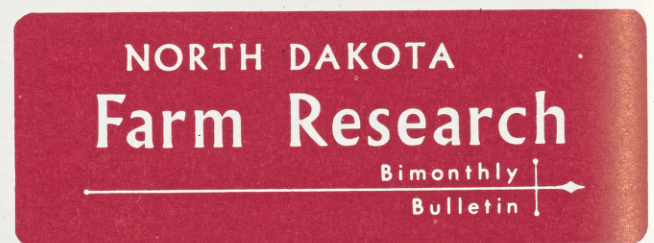
Application of research results helps to increase the dollars of gross farm income in the state. Studies by the Department of Agricultural Economics indicates that each dollar of gross farm income in North Dakota also generates an additional two dollars of volume within the state. Thus, the total dollar benefits from use of research re-

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On The Cover: North Dakota has an abundance of what most tourists want: wide open spaces, scenery, water for fishing and recreation, adequate camping facilities. The state is becoming popular as a vacation area. NDSU's Department of Agricultural Economics has conducted a study of North Dakota tourism. The story appears on page 3.



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