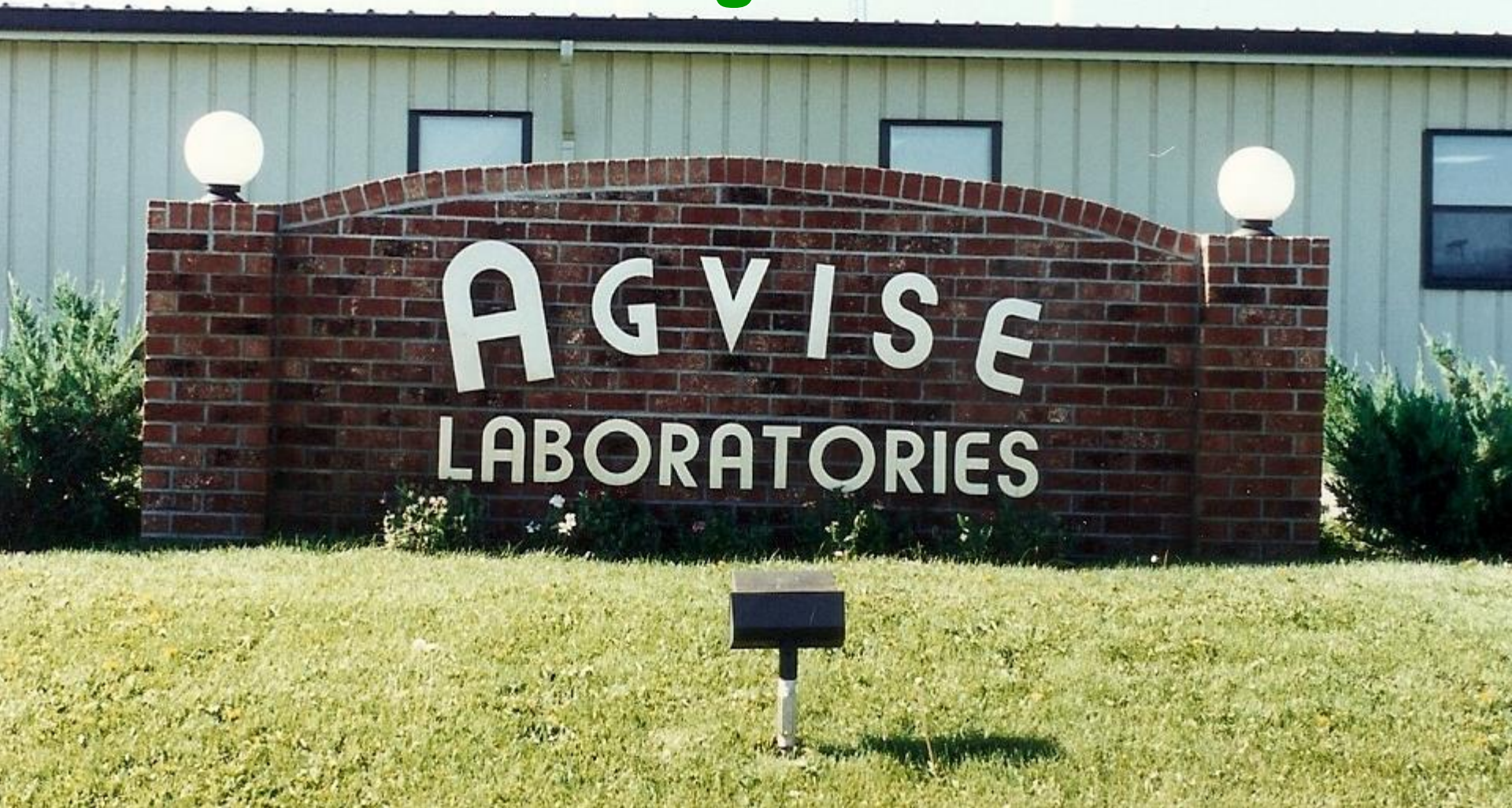


**AGVISE was Founded in April
of 1976 by Dr. Ed Lloyd
Plant Pathologist from NDSU**



The Original Focus of AGVISE was.

1. Crop Consulting
 - Field Scouting
 - Soil Sampling
2. Field Research



Why Did Dr. Lloyd Start a Soil Testing Lab?

Samples Sent to the
NDSU lab Fargo
(Fall 1976)

Results 4 to 6 Weeks Later

Ed's Thoughts "poor service"
Maybe I should start a lab?"

Calendar - September 1976

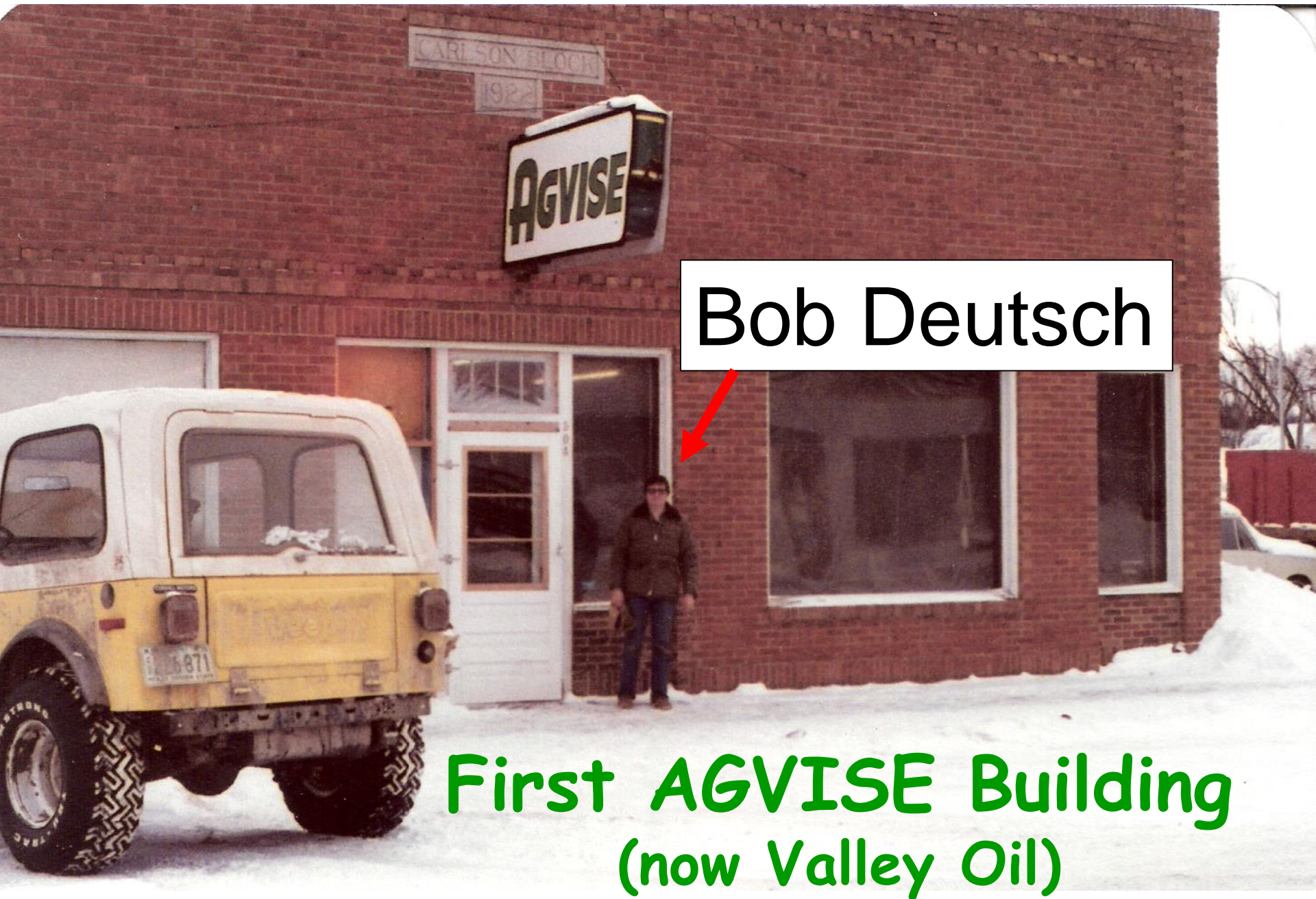
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To
Lab

Calendar - October 1976

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From
Lab



Bob Deutsch

First AGVISE Building
(now Valley Oil)

Bob Deutsch was hired to
start the Soil Testing
Laboratory - April 1, 1976



New Building Winter Feb 1978



Open house March 1979



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AGVISE now in Benson

An agricultural advising service, which was organized in North Dakota three years ago, has located a branch in Benson and already is operating in preparation for the 1979 crop season.

AGVISE, Ltd. with headquarters in Northwood, N. C., and in operation since June 1976, is currently located in the small, white building behind McCarthy Lumber, east Highway 12, Benson.

It was Tuesday, Jan. 30, that AGVISE originally visited Benson and at that time announced there was the possibility of locating here, which would mark the corporation's third rural location. In addition to headquarters in Northwood, AGVISE also is located in Cooperstown, N. D.

John Nordgaard, 26, a 1970 graduate of high school here, is in charge of Benson operations, saying he will shortly add a secretary and one or two pest management specialists to handle business and provide service.

Nordgaard said AGVISE, which will be located behind McCarthy Lumber for the

probably within a year.

"We've had a lot of requests out of this area ever since we started in 1976 in Northwood," answered Nordgaard, asked why AGVISE located here.

"We've had people from this area that have called us and it's kinda a natural for us,

because you have very similar crops here as we have in North Dakota.

"That was a couple of the reasons. Also, we knew a couple people in this area. We evaluated this town and several other towns around, but things just seemed to click

a little better in this area and that's why we're here."

One of the persons responsible for enticing AGVISE to Benson was Duaine Flanders, a member of the District 777 faculty, a Benson councilman, a past president of the Benson Chamber of Commerce and member of the future development committee, plus a part time farmer himself.

He first learned of AGVISE while attending a meeting last fall with Leon Carlson, District 777 ag instructor. After the meeting Flanders had an opportunity to speak with Nordgaard and Dr. Ed Lloyd, AGVISE president.

Flanders said he was most impressed by the AGVISE presentation that day and then the discussion with Nordgaard and Dr. Lloyd.

"They were very sincere and seemed and appeared to be very dedicated to their job," explained Flanders. "I looked on it (AGVISE locating here) as being a very favorable thing for the community, because I found out they were investigating coming to the west central area.

AGVISE INC.
FULL MANAGEMENT

MONITORING	TESTING	MANAGEMENT
Insects	Soil	Fertility
Seeds	Seed	Pest Control
Diseases	Tissue	Rotations
Nutrients	Water	Moisture
Plants	Cultures	Research

JOHN NORDGAARD, PLANT pathologist and AGVISE, Ltd. manager in Benson.



Benson MN Lab
Building Expanded many
times – now test >250,000
soil samples/year

Northwood Laboratory Offered Crop Consulting and Soil Sampling



AGVISE discontinued Crop Consulting and
Soil Sampling for Growers in 1988.

AGVISE discontinued Soil Sampling for Dealers in 1989



Dec 1996- Fire!!



Ashes Sold to Employees

Following the Fire, Dr Lloyd sold his interest in the laboratory division of AGVISE to the Employees.



***New Northwood Laboratory
completed summer 1997
Continued Growth 97-2007***

***Mother Nature Strikes Northwood!!!
F-4 Tornado August 2007
The Morning After***



Did you find those samples
I was going to test today??







**Temporary Laboratory
Goes up within two
Weeks**

New Laboratory completed Summer 2008





***Most Modern Soil Testing
Laboratory In This Region***





Thank You for
Your Support
Over the Years!!
John Lee