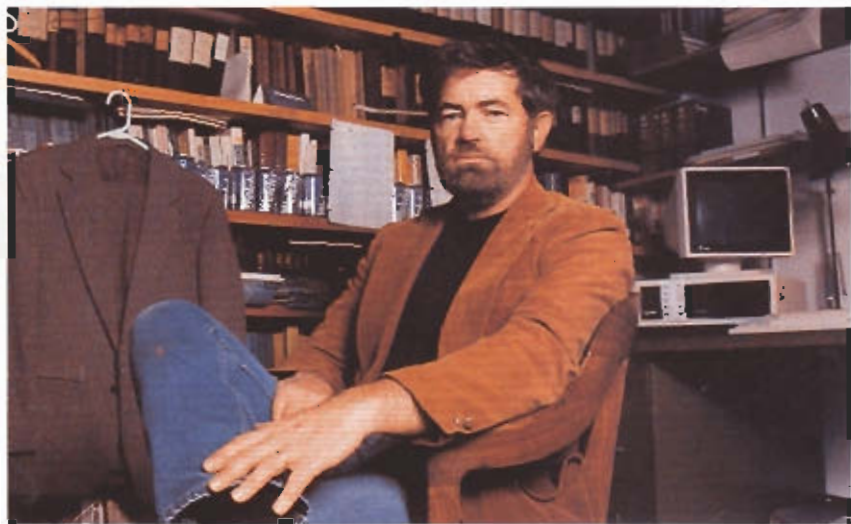


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won't go the way of steam trains and nickel bee. In addition to his academic pursuits, Frank Bryan has farmed, logged, quarried, and raised and worked

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but I'm really not. A lot of them come here for good reasons. They have an appreciation for time, the land, and work."  
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