

Farmers were trying to save on fuel 75 years ago

Saving money was on the minds of farmers in 1931 just as much as it is today. Tractors that burned low-cost fuel were being mar-



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keted by Thompson Motor Company, a John Deere dealer in Goodland 75 years ago. *The Goodland News-Republic* ran a lengthy advertisement on a two-cylinder tractor.

JOHN DEERE TRACTORS Save Hundreds of Dollars

John Deere Two-Cylinder Tractors are especially designed to save you money. They burn distillate successfully that costs about half the price of gasoline and much less than kerosene. During the long life of John Deere tractors, this saving amounts to hundreds of dollars — in fact the saving in fuel costs is often enough to pay for a new John Deere.

The 1931 John Deere tractors will burn low-cost fuel more effectively and efficiently than ever before.

A recent investigation made among a large number of John Deere tractor owners reveals these interesting facts:

Only 5 percent of these John

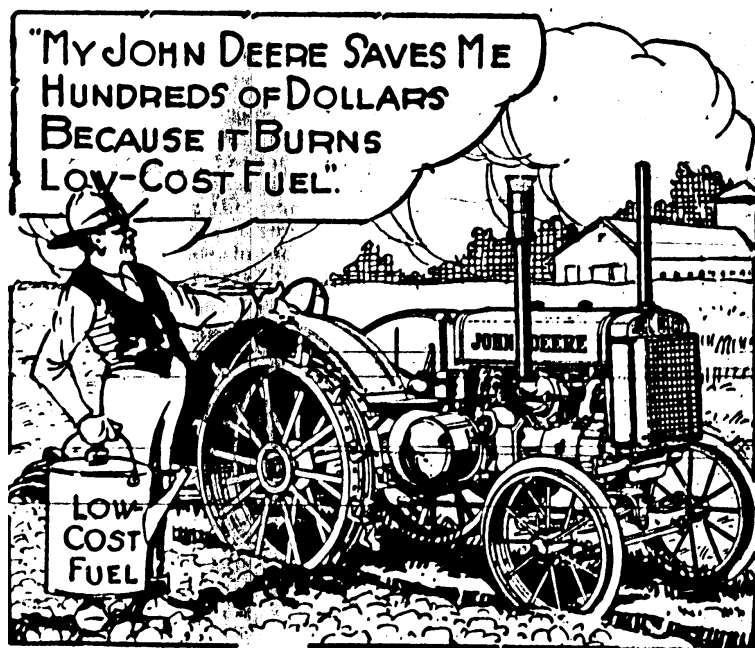
Deere tractor owners used gasoline for fuel. Only 30 percent used kerosene for fuel. And 65 percent used distillate as fuel.

The average saving of the farmers who used the lower-cost fuel was more than four cents per gallon over the cost of kerosene and six cents a gallon over the cost of gasoline.

This means an actual saving to those farmers of \$1 to \$2 for every day the tractor is used. The savings varies with the kind of work done which, of course, affects the amount of fuel used.

John Deere Two-Cylinder Tractors will burn gasoline and kerosene successfully and economically, but their ability to burn distillate can easily mean a saving of \$100 to \$200 a year to you.

Last week in "From the Vault," I dug up articles describing the remodeling of Millisack's Department Store (now the former Collage women and children's clothing



store) at the corner of 11th and Main. A follow-up story in 1931 told of an interesting discovery made about the building during the renovation.

BRICKS MADE HERE Millisack Building Was Constructed

from Home Product

Considerable interest is being shown in the remodeling of the Millisack building, and older residents report that the bricks in the building were made here in

Goodland in the early days.

There was a brick yard out about where the city dump is now located and the bricks were fired there. They are a rather soft sand brick like those made by most brick plants at that time. Heavier clay is being used now in brick making.

The laying of some of the brick, exposed when the surface was taken off to provide for face brick, indicates that the old walls were laid in pre-prohibition days, and there have been a good many bright com-

ments made by those looking on who have nothing else to do but watch other people work and think of funny things to say.

The Goodland News-Republic of June 1931 included numerous short items of interest to the community. Several are included here:

Burned Coal Sheds
Fire last night destroyed the coal sheds of the Houston and Anderson Grain Company. In addition to the loss of the sheds, a lot of tools were burned which were being used on the new elevator. Workmen had been storing the tools in the coal buildings at night.

Moving Flower Shop
The Gray Flower Shoppe is moving this week from its location on W. 10th Street to the Del Gray home at 1116 Cherry Ave. for the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Gray will carry on their business from the home on the same plan as that of their up town shop.

Flock of Pheasants
G.H. Garrett recently got a lot of pheasant eggs from the game de-

partment and hatched them under hens. He had particularly good success in hatching them out and now has quite a flock of little pheasants. They are spry little fellows and are attracting a good deal of interest from the neighbors and those who know about them.

To 4-H Round Up
Sherman County 4-H Club members, together with their leaders, are attending the 4-H Club Round-up at Manhattan this week.

Those attending from here are Mrs. E.I. Day, F.E. Hoover, D.M. Howard, Maxine Hogeboom, Luella McPherson, Lois Hooper, Ella Strait, Irene Jensen, Gordon Hartzler, Lester Price, Wayne Curry, Donald Yocom and Clarence Yocom.

Thimble Club Luncheon
Mrs. Frank Hill entertained the Thimble Club at a one o'clock luncheon at the Hotel Neu (10th and Main) this afternoon. Mrs. Hill's guests were Mrs. Bob Ward, Mrs. J.J. Ryan, Mrs. J.H. Schiefen, Mrs. Ella Braden, Mrs. Ernest Bower and Mrs. Doris Soden

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4-H news

The monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Monday, May 15, at the United Methodist Church.

President Kali Rietcheck called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge followed. Roll call was "What is your

favorite ice cream?" and was answered by 16 members, two parents and two leaders.

Kendra Promise led the group in singing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." Secretary Ryan Irvin read the previous minutes; they stood approved as read. Nicole Hendrich gave the

treasurer's report.

Line up at the fair parade will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 29. Summer day camp was held Thursday, June 15. The cost is \$4, and the fishing clinic will meet at the 4-H building 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Junior council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, July 10.

A demonstration was given by Sarah Johnson, recreation by Corbin Townsend and Kaylor Rietcheck. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 19. The Hendrich and Irvin families served refreshments.

Submitted by Kendra Promise.

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