

Crop pests, summer heat were topics 75 years ago

July in northwest Kansas was not much different 75 years ago than it is today.

According to *The Goodland-News Republic*, crop pests, summer heat and harvest were the topics of interest. Farmers were having quite a time with grasshoppers in 1931, as they were destroying the new corn crop, and new control measures were established.

IS KILLING SOME GRASSHOPPERS New Poison Tried Out, Doing the Work on Pests

The new grasshopper poison being used by Sherman County in an effort to control the pests, which threaten to completely destroy the corn crop unless brought under control, is getting results where it is used, County Agent D.M. Howard reported this morning after a survey of places where it has been used.

On several farms where the poison has been put out during the past few days, it was reported that a lot of dead hoppers were to be found.



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Of course, with the millions to be killed, it is sometimes hard to notice any material lessening of the number, but dead hoppers on the ground tell the story of where some of them have gone, and as the live ones eat the dead ones, the poison is passed on and more and more of the pests are killed.

Effective control methods are imperative now if the county is going to have a corn crop. With the small grains cut, the hoppers will move into the corn fields and strip them. Some evidence of this is already seen around the area.

In the "Neighborhood Notes" column, there were further indica-

tions that the grasshoppers were much more than an inconvenience. Some farmers had to harvest their small grain crops a bit green to save what they could from the invasion. But the use of poison control was not without its consequences. In the Edson news it was reported that Jay Morey had lost several hogs caused by their eating barley which had poisoned grasshoppers in it.

A few harvest reports were included in the column as well: J.R. Carpenter harvested a 30-acre field of barley which averaged 30 bushels per acre, and Walter Mayer had a 30-acre field of wheat that averaged 40 bushels per acre.

A few weeks ago, this column reprinted an advertisement and a picture of the latest fuel-efficient

1931 two-cylinder John Deere tractor that appeared in the newspaper 75 years ago. Four weeks later, *The News Republic* ran a follow-up story on that particular ad.

AD SOLD TRACTORS John Deeres Go To People Who Come After Them

Advertising has scored another local success, according to Kenneth Thompson, who has charge of tractor and implement sales of the John Deere line handled by the Thompson Implement Company of Goodland.

Recently the company used a half-page advertisement to tell about the good points of John Deere tractors, when there was a large stock of them on hand that they desired to move.

The ad sold ten tractors, according to Mr. Thompson. The buyers

told him that they had seen the advertisement, so he knew how the demand was created.

In several cases, the buyers came from considerable distance and probably would not have been reached by any other means of salesmanship.

Hot weather was also in the news — front page, no less — in July 1931.

HIT TOPAGAIN 102 Degrees Tied June For Hottest of Year

The mercury hit the top for the second time this season, that is the top as far as records for the year is concerned, yesterday (July 14), when it went up to 102 degrees, according to the government weather station here.

For the first time this season,

there was a hot wind, the strong breeze from the south lacking any of the cooling qualities generally associated with moving air.

Today wasn't quite so bad, the mercury remaining several degrees below yesterday's boiling, and the wind was slightly cool. There was also the promise of a change, the weather reports being kind enough to predict "unsettled." It was raining in southern states, radio reports said.

Yesterday's high mark equaled that of June 26th, the hottest day of the June hot spell. One cooling thought was the usual one, that Goodland also registered the lowest temperature in the state.

It was hot a year ago (1930) at this time, reference to last year's files showed. On July 11th it was 101 and on the 17th it was 102!

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