

# Farmers planted less wheat in 1930s drought

The dry years of the 1930s were beginning to take their toll on the local farm community.

Winter wheat seeding was affected in the northwest corner of Kansas. *The Goodland News-Republic* reported in the Oct. 9, 1931, edition that farmers were making serious decisions regarding wheat acreages.

## Nature Going to Force Reduced Acreage

## Lot of Wheat Land Will be Idle Appears

Unless good rains come soon, farmers probably will not plant for a low-priced crop. It looks like nature is forcing the issue of wheat acreage reduction. What the farm board advised and the farmers didn't follow last year is being accomplished by the dry planting season in this territory.

A lot of wheat has been sown in



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the dry ground but nothing near the normal acreage. Some farmers have planted part of the ground they intended to put to wheat, others not at all.

With an enormous crop of wheat grown the past year and most of it still in storage, it may prove profitable for the growers to hold it and not plant another crop, selling the part still in storage on next year's market instead of raising another crop.

In the meantime, the ground would be prepared through the summer fallow system for the 1933

crop. There is also a likelihood that if the acreage is short this fall, the corn acreage will be greater next spring.

That was the way it worked out in 1927 when due to no fall rains, the wheat did not come up, and there was a very short crop in 1928.

That year, there was a big acreage of wheat land on which the crop did not start put to corn in the spring, and it made a good crop.

When wheat is a good price, farmers have been willing to plant in the dust and take a chance on the rains coming, but this year there does not seem to be much desire to raise wheat unless good general rains come soon.

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In the early '30s, the Red Cross was assisting victims of a different natural disaster, the drought. The Sherman County chapter was organized and ready for action.

### Red Cross Roll Call

The Rev. L.S. Dudley has been selected as roll call chairman (local fund raising) for the Red Cross in Sherman County this year. At a recent meeting of the board W.T. Bunten was elected chairman, succeeding Mrs. L.A. Thompson.

The Red Cross is anticipating demands for a great deal of relief over the nation during the winter. Some of this is a hold over from the drought (sic) of 1930, when the Red Cross was called upon to make the greatest relief effort in peace time that has ever been.

More than a third of the counties in the entire United States were stricken last year and have not sufficiently recovered in many in-

stances to prevent their people being in want this coming winter.

Some of the states where drought conditions were so bad last year have been able to make rapid recovery during the past year. The Red Cross taught people the value of "gardens to feed the family" with amazing success in some sections.

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Another sign of difficult economic times in 1931 was the closing of another area bank as reported by the News-Republic.

### Burlington Bank Closed

The Stockgrowers Bank at Burlington closed Friday (Oct. 2, 1931), leaving the town without a bank. Warren Shamburg, head of the bank, was formerly in the banking business in Goodland, being connected with the Farmers National here before going to Burlington. The bank at Calhan, Colo., also closed yesterday, it was

reported here.

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A couple interesting "filler" items appeared in the same edition 75 years ago. One certainly was meant to amuse the readers, the other. . . .

### Opposed Woman Suffrage

In a magazine article, ex-President Cleveland some 15 years before the woman suffrage amendment was adopted said: "Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. The relative positions to be assumed by man and woman in the working out of our civilization were assigned long ago by a higher intelligence than ours."

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### Correct Brother!

A Eureka man, when asked if he had ever been held up by outlaws, answered no but said he had been held down by in-laws. — Eureka Humbolt Times.

# How do you keep elderly parents from being targets of scammers?

*Dear Attorney General Kline: Despite my efforts to convince them otherwise, my elderly parents insist on living by themselves. I'm concerned that they may become the targets of various scam artists. Can you provide me some tips I might share with them for their protection?*

Dear Kansas Consumer:

One of my top priorities after taking office was to establish the Vulnerable Adults Task Force in July of 2003 within my Consumer Protection Division. The task force seeks to protect Kansas' senior citizens and persons with disabilities from consumer fraud and exploitation through education, investigation and prosecution.

Here's a list of tips to assist vul-



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nerable adults and protect them from scammers:

- Register your home and cell phones on the Kansas and national do-not-call lists by calling toll-free (888) 382-1222. You should notice a considerable decrease in the number of calls you receive three months after you register.
- Never have your social security number or your driver's license number pre-printed on your checks or other documents to which others

may gain access. Guard credit card and checking account information as you do the keys to your house.

- Closely scrutinize all credit card and bank statements for charges that have been applied to your account without your permission. If you discover such charges, call (785) 296-2424, select category 7, then push No. 3 and No. 4 for more information.
- Order your free credit report each year and review it closely. To do this, you can call (877) 322-8228 or log onto [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).
- Request removal of your name from direct mail solicitations by writing to: Mail Preference Service,

Box 643, Carmel, N.Y. 10512.

- Research charitable organizations before you donate. Call (785) 296-2424, select category 8, then push No. 5 for more information.
- Check out the complaint resolution history of a company or charitable organization with your local Better Business Bureau. The three Kansas numbers are (316) 263-3146, Wichita; (785) 232-0454, Topeka; and (816) 421-7800, Kansas City.
- Consider posting "No Trespassing" and "No Soliciting" signs near your property entrances. Immediately point them out to solicitors and call the police when the signs are disregarded.
- Never place bank statements, credit card information or any sen-

sitive financial or personal information in the trash without first shredding or defacing the material.

- Be wary of whom you assign power of attorney; much fraud and financial abuse starts with trusted family members. Only sign power of attorney forms that have been approved by an attorney hired to represent your interests.
- Inform your bank that Attorney General Phill Kline participated in a video entitled "Preventing Elder Financial Exploitation: How Banks Can Help" and ask the bank manager to use that tape to train bank tellers on elder abuse.
- Call the Adult Protective Services Hotline to report the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult at (800) 922-5330.

Our mission is to protect those who have given so much from those who would steal as much as they could. That's why I formed the Vulnerable Adults Task Force and why we make justice for vulnerable adults a top priority.

*Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.*

*For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, (800) 432-2310.*

# Now is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs

Late September through October is an excellent time to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as crocus, tulips and daffodils.

These plants need to develop roots in the fall and must meet a chilling requirement over the winter in order to bloom in the spring.

Choose a planting site that has full sun to partial shade. Bulbs need good aeration as well as good drainage for proper development. It is best if the bulbs are given 12 inches of prepared soil.

To add one-third organic material, mix 4 inches of organic material with 8 inches of soil. Incorporate



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rate about three pounds of a complete fertilizer such as a 5-10-5 per 100 square feet during preparation, or fertilize according to soil test.

Planting depths vary depending on the size of the bulbs. For example, tulips and hyacinths are set about six inches deep, and daffodils

two to three times as deep as their width, measuring from the bottom of the bulb to the top of the soil.

Large bulbs are normally spaced four to six inches apart and small bulbs about one to two inches. Planting in clumps or irregular masses produces a better display than planting singly.

After placing the bulbs at the

six to eight inches deep.

Smaller bulbs are planted shallower. As a rule of thumb, bulbs are planted

proper depth, replace half the soil and add water. This will settle the soil around the bulbs and provide good bulb-to-soil contact. Add the remaining soil and water again.

Although there will be no top growth in the fall, the roots are developing, so soil needs to be kept moist but not wet. Mulch can be added after the soil has frozen to prevent small bulbs from being heaved out by freezing and thawing.

*Dana Belshe is agricultural agent for Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Sunflower Extension District, covering Sherman and Wallace counties.*

## public notice

### LEGAL PUBLICATION

To: Kevin Andrews  
Center Street Storage  
Unit # 8  
From: Center Street Storage.

Your personal belongings in storage will be sold if restitution is not made. The sale of your belongings will be on October 13, 2006 at 1618 Main, Goodland, Kansas at 10:00 a.m.

Center Street Storage

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To: Larry Webb/Vera Huckeba  
Center Street Storage  
Unit # 94  
From: Center Street Storage.

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## matters of record

### Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Sept. 28** — 8:10 a.m., 1002 E. business U.S. 24, Gary Mosbarger reported a theft.

8:26 p.m., 1209 Harrison, arrested Richard Joseph Connell for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Case referred to county attorney.

**Sept. 29** — 12:22 a.m., 803 W. 13, arrested James Barrera, Derek Baxter, Monica Garcia and Mari Robinson for hosting minors consuming alcohol. Case referred to city attorney. Arrested a juvenile for minor in possession. Juvenile case referred to county attorney.

10:54 a.m., 507 E. 13, Apt. 3,

Cindy Grantz reported a case of burglary and theft.

4:30 p.m., 204 W.11, Jeremy Wahrman reported a case of burglary and theft.

5:57 p.m., 2510 Commerce, Presto reported a theft.

6:13 p.m., 1400 Walnut, warrant arrest of Nicholas Slusher. Case referred to county attorney.

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State of Kansas Township									
2007									
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of <u>Grant</u> Township, <u>Sherman</u> County will meet on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2006 at <u>9:00 P.M.</u> , at <u>the Neil Schritter Res.</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.									
Detailed budget information is available at <u>the Neil Schritter Res.</u> and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
Fund	2005 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	2005 Actual Tax Rate*	2006 Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	2006 Actual Tax Rate*	2007 Proposed Budget Expenditures	2007 Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	2007 Est Tax Rate*		
General	789	0	2951	.388	3026	0	0		
Special Machinery Fund									
Totals	789	0	2951	.388	3026	0	0		
Less: Transfers	0		0		0				
Net Expenditures	789		2951		3026				
Total Tax Levied	0	0	1229		0				
Assessed Valuation:									
Township	3,121,135		3,168,684		3,017,996				
City			0		0				
Total	3,121,135		3,168,684		3,017,996				
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1									
2004									
2005									
2006									
G.O. Bonds									
No-Fund Warrants									
Lease Purchase Principal									
Total									
* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.									
 Township Officer									
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of <u>Llanos</u> Township, <u>Sherman</u> County will meet on the <u>23rd</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2006 at <u>7:00 P.M.</u> , at <u>the Craig Hoyt Residence</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.									
Detailed budget information is available at <u>the Craig Hoyt Res.</u> and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
Fund	2005 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	2005 Actual Tax Rate*	2006 Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	2006 Actual Tax Rate*	2007 Proposed Budget Expenditures	2007 Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	2007 Est Tax Rate*		
General	518	.734	575	0	832	0	0		
Special Machinery Fund									
Totals	518		575	0	832	0	0		
Less: Transfers	0		0		0				
Net Expenditures	518		575		832				
Total Tax Levied	1207	.734	0	0	0				
Assessed Valuation:									
Township	1,644,367		1,583,375		1,481,788				
City			0		0				
Total	1,644,367		1,583,375		1,481,788				
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1									
2004									
2005									
2006									
G.O. Bonds									
No-Fund Warrants									
Lease Purchase Principal									
Total									
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 Township Officer									
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2007									
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of <u>McPherson</u> Township, <u>Sherman</u> County will meet on the <u>23rd</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2006 at <u>7:00 P.M.</u> , at <u>Carolyn Paul Res.</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.									
Detailed budget information is available at <u>Carolyn Paul Res.</u> and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
Fund	2005 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	2005 Actual Tax Rate*	2006 Current Year Estimate of Expenditure	2006 Actual Tax Rate*	2007 Proposed Budget Expenditures	2007 Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	2007 Est Tax Rate*		
General	2934	2.400	2583	0	8175	7692	3.909		
Special Machinery Fund									
Totals	2934	2.400	2583	0	8175	7692	3.909		
Less: Transfers	0		0		0				
Net Expenditures	2934		2583		8175				
Total Tax Levied	1470	2.400	0	0	0				
Assessed Valuation:									
Township	1,487,883		3,094,772		1,967,721				
City	0		0		0				
Total	1,487,883		3,094,772		1,967,721				
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1									
2004									
2005									
2006									
G.O. Bonds									
No-Fund Warrants									
Lease Purchase Principal									
Total									
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