# Dial telephone was new gadget here 75 years ago

One of Goodland's downtown landmarks, built 75 years ago at 10th and Main, was completed and ready for the new United Telephone Co., which was installing the latest in equipment, not operators!

The dial telephone was coming of age on the northwestern plains in 1931 according to The Goodland News-Republic.

#### **To Quit Cranking**

### **Another Week and Goodland** Will Have Modern Dial Telephone System

### in Operation

One more week and a modern telephone plant and system will be new terminal plant will be in readiness for the conversion on Oct. 15.

The change will probably be made at midnight and will be acmarcia smith

phones will be used, and after that, have been ordered through Goodonly the new will work.

company at 10th and Main Streets building, has added materially to is actually completed. Its modern the wealth of the city and county art deco architecture and design during the past year. make a distinctive addition to Goodland.

pectation of the company for a Company. steady increase in population in Sherman County.

from the vault

Practically all of the work on the new building has been done by local workmen, and the materials

land merchants. The telephone The new home of the telephone project, along with much other new

About 650 of the new dial telephone instruments have been in-The investment of the company stalled to date according to manager put into service in Goodland. The here is large. It is based on the ex- W.L. Ginn of the United Telephone

No charge is being made by the company for installations while the Factory technicians in Chicago men and trucks are in the city makhave installed the new switchboard ing the general change. With the complished in a few minutes. Up and terminal equipment. It is now coming of automatic, there will be until that time, the manual trip being thoroughly tested so that all no distinction in rate between wall

will be working and desk phone. well by Oct. 15.

The new gray telephone directory, which contains all the new numbers, will be distributed about Oct. 13.

All information in connection with the operation of the new system will be contained in the book. It is being printed by the News-Republic.

Instruction cards on how to use the dial are being distributed, and employees of the company have been instructed so they can answer any questions of subscribers as to how the new system will work.

United Telephone ran a large ad in the same edition informing the public on how to use the new dial phones.

Some of today's readers probably remember using the dial system for the first time. The company's directions seemed quite simple for our "techies" of today.

How to Dial **Five Points to** Remember When Using Your **Dial Telephone** 

1. Obtain the correct number from your new directory.

2. Take the receiver off the hook.

3. Listen for the dial tone, a humming sound.

4. Place finger in hole on dial over first digit of number wanted, turn dial to finger stop, and let go. Repeat for other digits.

5. Don't touch hook or dial until through talking.

The Dial Telephone is fast, easy to use, economical and absolutely

accurate. It does not make mistakes. It may take a few days

after the cutover to establish

service....

Your Dial Telephone

will make money and save money for you. Use it more.

The United Telephone Company

In the local sports scene, Goodland was having its own baseball playoffs and world series even though hometown players were not involved. The following ad ran 75 years ago.

> Baseball Little World Series

Colby vs. Burlington at Fairgrounds in Goodland Sunday, Oct. 11 2:30 p.m.

Colby won 5 to 1 at Colby; Burlington won 8 to 1 at Burlington; now they play the rub game on neutral ground. Both teams are "spiked." This is going to be a real battle.

## New phosphorus fertilizer technology might help Kansas farmers

Over the past several months, a new fertilizer technology called Avail Phosphorus Fertilizer Enhancer, developed by Specialty Fertilizer Products, has been introduced across the state.

There are many questions surrounding Avail and the effectiveness and applicability of this product and its technology. Kansas State University soil fertility and nutrient management specialists Dale Leikam and Dave Mengel have addressed questions about Avail and the university's research pertaining to this product.

Avail is a water-soluble material that is said to inhibit the reaction of soil-applied phosphate fertilizers with soil cations such as calcium



and magnesium. According to pro- acre additional for an application of soil, increases the amount of phosphorous in soil solution in the vicinity of the treated fertilizer and ulticompared to plants receiving phos- ment Field near Belleville, has con-Avail.

motional literature, Avail prevents 50 pounds  $P_2O_5$  per acre as phosphorus from being fixed in the monoammonium phosphates. The mately increases crop yields as charge at the North Central Experiphorous fertilizer not treated with ducted research on Avail under ir-

ing for the Avail treatment at this time seems to be about \$100 perton of dry phosphate fertilizer product (18-46-0 or 11-52-0), about \$5 per

treatment cost for liquid 10-34-0 is said to be slightly more per acre.

Barney Gordon, agronomist-inrigated conditions for the past sev-In visiting with some retailers, eral years (2005 Kansas Fertilizer

the estimated pric- Research Report) and measured 60 + Avail 70 yield increases with the use of this product.

> A summary of some of his research is presented below. Soil test phosphorous values for these studies was about 22-23 parts per million Bray P1. In this research, Avail improved irrigated corn and soybean yields as compared to phosphorous fertilizer alone. He also measured increased phosphorous uptake by plants.

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Avail Effect C	n Corn Yield
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20 untreated	171
40 untreated	182
60 untreated	186
20 + Avail 192	
40 + Avail 198	
<u>60 + Avail 204</u>	
LSD (0.05)	12

Avail Effect on	Soybean Yield
Treatment	2002-04 average
Pounds P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /acre	Bushels per acre
Check 48	
30 untreated	58
60 untreated	61
30 + Avail 68	

LSD (0.05)

Based on Gordon's work and research in other states, Avail would seem to offer real potential for Kansas farmers. However, there are a few things to consider when deciding on overall phosphorous management programs.

Promotional materials seem to imply that conventional phosphorous fertilizers result in 95 percent of the applied phosphorous being "fixed" into unavailable forms, while Avail-treated phosphorous fertilizer eliminates this "fixation" of applied phosphorus.

While Avail may initially sequester soil cations in the vicinity of the phosphorus granule, residual Availtreated phosphorus fertilizer will eventually undergo these same reversions to less soluble phosphorus.

Avail will delay this reversion in the vicinity of the granule but not prevent it. Early in the season, inhibiting phosphorus fertilizer fixa- duction and economics specialist tion in soils would be a benefit, but for Sherman, Cheyenne and Walover the long term, all fertilizer- lace counties with Kansas State supplied phosphorus will be subject University Research and Extento the same soil-fixation reactions. sion.

Many of the documented yield responses in Kansas State tests occurred at soil test levels above where consistent phosphorus responses would normally or consistently be expected and at high yield levels.

At this time, it would seem that all other potential yield-limiting factors should be addressed before including Avail in the production program.

While the Kansas Avail research results have been encouraging, we should not routinely expect crop responses to be of this magnitude. This is relatively new technology, and we will continue to learn about it.

If Avail is used, it should be viewed as a way of increasing crop yields above and beyond what sound phosphorus fertility management programs have provided. Avail is not a substitute for phosphorus fertility management. Phosphorus fertilizer rates should not be reduced to offset the cost of Avail.

Jeanne Falk is an area crop pro-

## matters of record

### **District Traffic**

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: for speeding. Sept. 14 — Michael A. Roberts, \$96 for speeding and \$10 for no seat

Sept. 15 – Ryan R. Phelps, \$144 \$156 for speeding. for speeding.

Karl E. Plitt, \$156 for speeding. Sept. 18 - Rusian Gladkov, \$226 for overweight load.

Ruth J. Nichols, \$132 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Charles K. Peters, \$132 for speeding.

Phyllis P. Wilkerson, \$138 for speeding

**Sept. 21** — Blake E. Jones, \$144

Dana M. Leiker, \$96 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Sept. 22 - Robert J. Young,

Sept. 24 — Skyler Eby, 4126 for failure to yield at stop or yield sign and \$10 for no seat belt.

Mathew C. Mulkey, \$138 for speeding.

Nancy L. Petterson, \$96 for speeding.



will be in Colby on



Lung Y. Yuan, \$144 for speeding. Sept. 19 - Brian L. Callahan, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Jeffrey K. Morganstern, \$132 for speeding.

Norman K. Myers, \$144 for improper parking.

Alexander K. Pierce, \$126 for speeding.

Sept. 20 — Nannette V. Sackrison, \$192 for improper park-

Thursday, October 19 7 - 8:30 a.m. ~ Quality Inn **Breakfast Buffet Supplied** Donations are appreciated but not required. Paid for by Barnett for Governor Campaign, Tom Thomas, Treasurer.  $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$ 



WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION

# 50¢ each

No Hunting signs available at



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MANNER OF SALE: This real estate will be offered as a "MULTI-PARCEL" auction in 7 individual tracts and in combinations of tracts. the discretion of the auction company.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale, balance to be paid on or before November 21, 2006.

CROPS: Buyer shall receive 100% of the 2007 wheat crop.

#### **FSA & CRP INFORMATION:**

542.6 Cropland acres

1,179.6 CRP acres (3 contracts) Buyer shall receive 100% of all FSA payments associated with the 2007 crop year.

Buyer shall receive 100% of the 2007 CRP payments and all future years' CRP payments under the current CRP contracts. Total 2007 payment = \$46,850.00

**CLOSING AND POSSESSION:** Date of closing shall be on or before November 21, 2006. Possession shall be date of closing.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

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TAXES: Seller to pay taxes for all of 2006 and prior years with taxes for 2007 to be paid by the Buyer.

