

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 put into service in Goodland. The new terminal plant will be in readiness for the conversion on Oct. 15.

The change will probably be made at midnight and will be accomplished in a few minutes. Up until that time, the manual trip



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phones will be used, and after that, only the new will work.

The new home of the telephone company at 10th and Main Streets is actually completed. Its modern art deco architecture and design make a distinctive addition to Goodland.

The investment of the company here is large. It is based on the expectation of the company for a steady increase in population in Sherman County.

Factory technicians in Chicago have installed the new switchboard and terminal equipment. It is now being thoroughly tested so that all

have been ordered through Goodland merchants. The telephone project, along with much other new building, has added materially to the wealth of the city and county during the past year.

About 650 of the new dial telephone instruments have been installed to date according to manager W.L. Ginn of the United Telephone Company.

No charge is being made by the company for installations while the men and trucks are in the city making the general change. With the coming of automatic, there will be no distinction in rate between wall

and desk phone.

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



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and magnesium. According to promotional literature, Avail prevents phosphorus from being fixed in the soil, increases the amount of phosphorous in soil solution in the vicinity of the treated fertilizer and ultimately increases crop yields as compared to plants receiving phosphorous fertilizer not treated with Avail.

In visiting with some retailers,

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

acre additional for an application of 50 pounds P₂O₅ per acre as monoammonium phosphates. The treatment cost for liquid 10-34-0 is said to be slightly more per acre.

Barney Gordon, agronomist-in-charge at the North Central Experiment Field near Belleville, has conducted research on Avail under irrigated conditions for the past several years (2005 Kansas Fertilizer

Research Report) and measured 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.

Avail Effect On Corn Yield			
Treatment	2001-03 average		
Pounds P ₂ O ₅ /acre	Bshls/acre		
Check	154		
20 untreated	171		
40 untreated	182		
60 untreated	186		
20 + Avail 192			
40 + Avail 198			
60 + Avail 204			
LSD (0.05)	12		

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

60 + Avail 70
LSD (0.05)

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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 Avail-treated 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 fixation in soils would be a benefit, but over the long term, all fertilizer-supplied phosphorus will be subject to the same soil-fixation reactions.

matters of record

District Traffic

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

Sept. 15 — Ryan R. Phelps, \$144 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.

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-

ing.

Sept. 21 — Blake E. Jones, \$144 for speeding.

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

Sept. 22 — Robert J. Young, \$156 for speeding.

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.

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Governor Candidate

JIM BARNETT

will be in Colby on

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.

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No Hunting signs available at

The

Goodland Star-News

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1,760+/- ACRES CROPLAND & CRP

AUCTION

SELLER:

NELSON FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006 @10:30 AM, MDT

AUCTION LOCATION: BUFFALO INN, GOODLAND, KS

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LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

TRACT 1: SE/4 of 31-6-40

TRACT 2: All cropland in 5-7-40

TRACT 3: All CRP in 5-7-40

TRACT 4: N/2 of 4-7-40

TRACT 5: NW/4 of 13-8-39

TRACT 6: SW/4 of 12-8-39

TRACT 7: E/2 of 16-10-37

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.

MINERAL RIGHTS:

All of the Seller's interest shall transfer to the Buyer at closing.

TAXES:

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

FARM & RANCH REALTY, INC.

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