

NO MONEY TO FIGHT HOPPERS

The following Associated Press article appeared in the daily papers of last Saturday:

Washington, D. C.—Acting Secretary Dunlap, of the agricultural department, told Representative Howard, democrat, Nebraska, that no department funds were available to fight a grasshopper scourge in his state. A serious outbreak has caused heavy damage in Nebraska and South Dakota. A similar South Dakota request for government funds was recently refused.

Howard was told that the entomology division had only a small appropriation which could be used only for research work.

Department field agents, however, are co-operating in the Nebraska and South Dakota campaigns by giving advice on control methods.

A report on a survey in South Dakota is being awaited before a decision is made on reopening drouth loans there to enable farmers to purchase feed for live stock.

LOCAL NEWS

John Mace, Omaha World-Herald representative, spent the week-end with Harold Shoemaker.

Leonard Becker, of Osmond, Neb., has installed a shoe repair shop in the Brennan building east of the J. C. Penney store.

Fairfax baseball team will play at Redbird next Sunday, August 1st. Redbird has a real ball team and will show their visitors a real game.

U. S. Marshal D. H. Cronin and Mrs. Cronin and their little son and daughter, drove up from Omaha last Thursday and spent Sunday in O'Neill.

Charles Jenkins and his daughter, Cecelia Balch were in Omaha last week. Mr. Jenkins shipped four carloads of fat baby beef cattle there which practically topped the market the day they were sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey drove over to Mission Hill, South Dakota, Monday for a visit with Mrs. Dempsey's mother, Mrs. Sheridan Simmons and with her grand-mother, Mrs. M. O. Simmons who is quite ill. The latter lady is about 84 years old and in failing health.

Supervisor L. C. McKim and son Verl, arrived home on Monday of last week from a trip to Readlyn, Saskatchewan, Canada, where they went for a visit with a brother of Mr. McKim; they were disappointed, however, as Mr. Levi McKim had recently gone 300 miles inland where he expected to file on a homestead. Mr. McKim says that the part of Canada that he visited was dried out as badly as we are in this section of the country. The Dakotas were infested with hoppers in many places, but the dry weather and low prices seemed to be the greatest handicap.

Supervisor John Sullivan, accompanied by his son Harry and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sparks, drove over to Broken Bow, Nebraska, last Sunday where they spent the day visiting with his son Tom who suffered a broken and dislocated vertebra in his neck while diving into the Loup river north of Merna, Nebraska, on Friday, July 17th. For several days Tom was almost totally paralyzed, but he has recovered so that he can move his arms freely and can also move his limbs to a certain extent. Those who have watched him closely are very much pleased at the advancement he has made during the past few days.

The city has removed the "dip" opera house corner and have just installed an under ground culvert. R. E. Calvert did the work.

Federal Officer George Bay drove to Omaha last Thursday where he appeared as a witness in a few "padding" cases in federal court; he drove home a cream colored Dodge car which he will use in his work in the future.

Governor Bryan has announced that a letting will be held on August 20th that will include 200 miles of gravel, eighty miles of grading, and three bridges. The letting planned will add \$350,000 to the state's 1931 road building program; the total then would be \$8,700,000.

The fire department was called to the rear of the O'Neill National Bank last Thursday evening where some waste papers were burning near the walls of the bank and over the pipe that comes from the buried fuel tank; when the alarm was turned in parties thought that the oil tanks were burning; no damage was done.

FRANCIS ANDERSON FINED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION

Francis Anderson of Atkinson was arraigned in county court last Saturday charged with the possession of a quantity of alleged liquor. The complaint was filed by Federal Officer George Bay.

Anderson was apprehended by Special Officer Wright at the D. F. Scott barn dance northeast of Atkinson, Saturday night, July 18th. Anderson is a salesman for McNess products.

After listening to the evidence of both the plaintiff and defendant, County Judge Malone fined Anderson \$100 and costs.

SAY HOLT COUNTY WILL IS INVALID

The following was clipped from the daily press of Tuesday; the will in question was before Robert R. Dickson in District court who passed the will invalid. M. F. Harrington and George Harrington are the attorneys for the daughter, Zoreda D. DeWitt, J. A. Donohoe is attorney for Frank Searles; W. J. Hammond is the attorney and guardian ad litem for the minor heirs.

"Lincoln, Neb., July 28.—That the will of Viola S. Mullihan of Holt county is void because it sought to create an estate in perpetuity, is the argument advanced by attorneys for her daughter, Zoreda D. DeWitt, in an action in supreme court to compel Frank Searles to buy the real estate that formed the estate disposed of by the will. The latter instrument gave the daughter a life estate in the property, and bequeathed the real estate to her child then living and any others that might be born. The lawyers say that as no one could tell how many children might later be born, the will is also void for uncertainty. They say that J. Sterling Morton tried to leave his Nebraska City estate, Arbor Lodge, in perpetuity, so that it should always belong to a Morton, but that he was unable to do that because the law did not permit. They say it remains unchanged, and that every state supreme court has held that estates in perpetuity are not permissible in this country."

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hough returned home last Thursday evening from Thermopolis, Wyoming, where Mr. Hough has been receiving treatment for rheumatism.

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ABOUT GRASSHOPPERS IN NEBRASKA AND SO. DAKOTA

The grasshopper situation over the infested area including parts of Nebraska and South Dakota, has not improved much during the past two weeks.

The counties in Nebraska where the most damage is being done are Rock, Brown, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt and Knox; in South Dakota the most serious conditions are found in Gregory, Tripp, Todd and Mellette counties. The writer has talked with several persons who have traveled through the infested territory and each tells about the same kind of a story. The most interesting story of the situation was told by Mervyn Hough of this city who is employed by the Interstate Power Company in the merchandise department; in part his version of the conditions in South Dakota and Nebraska as we remember it, is that a large percent of the hoppers in South Dakota are of the migratory kind and many of them are from two to three inches in length; they seem to develop an extra pair of wings that are large and filmy; these hoppers will congregate in the air and mill around for a time before leaving for new territory; it seems that the migratory hoppers carry the extra flying wings for only a short time when the wings drop off; the territory covered is quite spotted; in the vicinity of Hamill, South Dakota they are quite destructive; they have eaten the pastures, small grain, corn and everything, including the leaves from the trees; near this village one farmer was milking a herd of twenty-four cows; he was hauling the water four miles for them to drink and was compelled to buy every mouthful that the cattle ate; he was selling the milk at a near-by town for 13c per gallon; another farmer near the same village has a flock of 400 chickens that have had no feed excepting hoppers for over thirty days and the hoppers were so plentiful in the farmyard that when they perched for the night the fences, rolls of wire and other things in the yard were literally covered with hoppers; between Gregory and Burke, South Dakota Mr. Hough says that he drove over two different strips of highway where the hoppers were crossing the roadway; in each case the strip of hoppers was at least 150 yards wide and were so plentiful that the car skidded several times while passing over them. At Winner, "Slim" Halverson and his airplane were employed to scatter three tons of poison; Mr. Hough says that he passed over the poisoned area two days later and the stench from the dead hoppers was very noticeable.

Just how much punishment a hopper can endure is hard to determine. The Pullman Cafe at Winner suspended one of the yellow hoppers in a Frigidaire so that just the head of

the hopper was frozen in an ice cube, its body was frozen hard, the hopper was removed from the cube and when warmed up he hopped away apparently in good condition. At the O'Neill office of the Interstate Power Company an experiment was made, using a coating of Methyl Chloride gas (which is the gas used in refrigeration) covering the hopper with a white frost; almost instantly the hopper was frozen stiff; some time later the hopper was revived without any material damage to it.

P. J. McManus of this city just returned home the first of the week from a few days trip to his farms in the vicinity of Winner, South Dakota, where the hoppers are working; he says that the hoppers have cleaned up his wheat and almost everything else in that locality.

Holt county farmers, with the exception of those along the northern part, have been quite lucky so far, notwithstanding the fact that the hoppers have taken a little of the crop in places.

The dry weather and extremely hot days are the serious handicaps to the crops in Holt county.

TRAVELING BALL CLUB DISPLAYS WARES

(North Loup, Neb., Loyalist)

One of the largest crowds in the history of the Community Ball Park passed through the gates Wednesday to witness the well ballyhooed battle between the local ball club and the much advertised Cuban House of David. The bearded boys from the south had a decided edge so won easily, 5 to 3.

Those of the fans expecting to see a club composed of clowns and shadow ball artists were disappointed. This club played ball all the time, which accounts for their winning the greatest percent of their games.

John Honeycutt, now with the O'Neill ball club, who recently won from the fast Winner, South Dakota nine was on the mound for North Loup and gave a good exhibition of fast ball pitching.

JOE SCHAAF, ATKINSON, LOSES THIRTY CHICKENS

Chicken thieves relieved Joe SchAAF of thirty of his best White Rock chickens last Sunday night. Mr. SchAAF resides one-half mile south and one mile east of Atkinson.

Mr. SchAAF and Sheriff Duffy were looking for the chickens Monday but were unable to locate any clues. The chickens were marked with a hole in the web of the right foot.

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