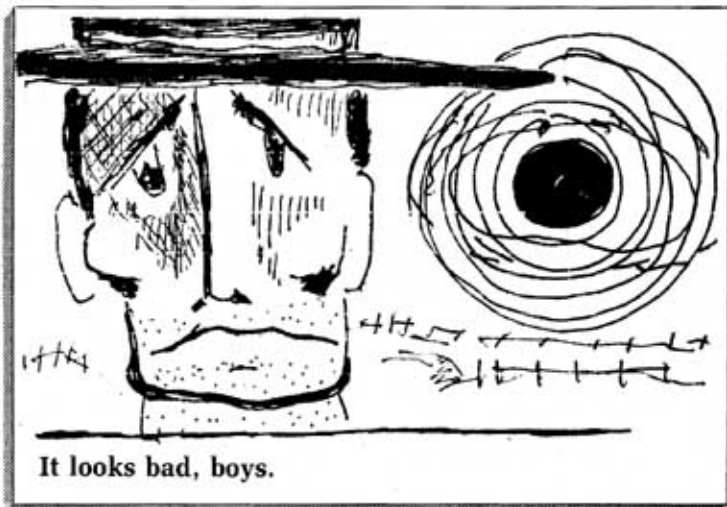


THE DIRTY THIRTIES

The 1930s, commonly called "the Dirty 30s," was undoubtedly the worst time people endured here. Both the long drought and the nation-wide Depression took their toll upon those struggling for a livelihood in McIntosh County.

Gideon Herr from Wishek has found these old newspaper reports from the Wishek News.



It looks bad, boys.

March 28, 1935/ Wishek News

WIND, DUST— DUST, WIND

The weather! Just what we can expect in March. Lots of wind and no moisture. However, we had a sample of what Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, and other central states had last week. Tuesday and Wednesday, we had a dust storm, with the dust being mixed with occasional snow yesterday.

It looks bad, boys, but we still have hopes.

Right now (Wednesday forenoon), the electricity went huey (crazy), and how we love to sit around waiting for the juice to come on again!

That always means one of two things: either a smaller Wishek News or an all-night session. And do we love to work all night!

April 18, 1935/ Wishek News

WISHEK VISITED BY BLIZZARD LAST SUNDAY

Weather has been wintry this past week. Sunday morning we had a regulation North Dakota blizzard with a strong wind blowing from the northwest and at times it

snowed so hard one couldn't see across the street.

However, the snow was mixed with dust and when the wind let down the next day, it was found that very little moisture had fallen.

Tuesday, a strong wind came from the south and the sky was filled with dust again.

But still we are hoping for a good crop this year.

July 25, 1935/ Wishek News

CROP CONDITIONS CHANGED GREATLY DURING PAST WEEK

Crop conditions have changed a great deal in this territory the past week.

One week ago, things looked very promising and farmers were talking about a yield of 25 to 35 bushels of wheat to the acre.

However, since last Friday, things have been going the other way.

Rust has taken its toll, and the reports we get now are that there

are many fields which will not be cut.

Flax is being destroyed by what is called the army worm. This worm eats a small hole in the bottom of the pod and then eats out the seed.

Looking at a flax seed, one gets the idea that it is a good stand and will yield well. But a closer examination of the individual stalks shows the damage which is being done.

While there will be some wheat, the report is that many fields will not be touched by a binder or header as there will be no grain and the rusty straw will have no feed value.

But feed crops and hay are promising. Rye is also reported to be good.

July 9, 1936/ Wishek News

120 ABOVE IN WISHEK MONDAY

Temperatures reported in the state for Monday were all-time

highs, with Wishek getting the highest of all.

Temperatures were as follows:

	High	Low
Bismarck	114	79
Beach	109	69
Carrington	119	80
Crosby	100	67
Dickinson	114	67
Drake	113	73
Garrison	116	58
Jamestown	118	75
Max	110	64
Oakes	115	75
Minot	108	67
Williston	110	72
Devils Lake	112	78
Sanish	110	69
Hankinson	112	72
Lisbon	113	73
Napoleon	118	77
Fargo	114	75
WISHEK	120	75

Pastures are dry and farmers have turned their stock into the grain fields. This gives the stock little more to graze on, and farmers will soon be required to begin feeding hay.

There is some corn in this section which looked good, but the heat of this week has ruined that crop also.

July 16, 1936/ Wishek News

HOT WEATHER CONTINUES WITH NO RAIN

No relief from the hot weather is being promised, although we did have a few days during the past week when it was a little cooler.

The situation here looks grim.

November 26, 1936/ Wishek News

HIGH WINDS SWEEP DUST OF NORTH DAKOTA PRAIRIES

Dust clouds hung over rural areas throughout the southwest where the territory is particularly dry.

It's white in the east. Grand Forks reported clouds of dust swept in on a 30-mile wind.

The dust storm was sweeping over Devils Lake and Jamestown.

At Valley City, the most severe



dust storm since 1934 enveloped the city.

December 24, 1936/ Wishek News

COUNTY RELIEF EXPENDITURES CLIMB

County relief expenditures in the month of November for McIntosh County have increased.

November's amount for the county came to \$79,342.14.

About 85% of the county's population received relief in some form or other.

McIntosh County's population is about 9,000.

July 1, 1937/ Wishek News

GRASSHOPPERS WIPING OUT CROP

Grasshoppers are wiping out the crops in large areas in McIntosh County, according to County Agent Adams.

The hoppers are now about three-fourths grown and have developed their wings. They are now beginning to move from field to field.

Farmers should without delay spread hopper bait on all infested areas before the hoppers move on to other fields.

McIntosh County has very little grasshopper bait left. Those who need it should get it at once, and if more is needed, such fact should be made known to the county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners will have to enter into a hopper control agreement in order to obtain more bait for McIntosh County.

Farmers may work out their re-settlement grants spreading hopper bait. The time worked should be turned over to the county auditor.

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