

Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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Hon. Arthur Capper
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Capper:

I have your telegram of the 13th, and note that you had a very satisfactory conference with Under-Secretary Tugwell.

Assistant Secretary Wilson phoned Bob Laubengayer Friday that he would be in here this morning, and I am leaving with him, Dean Umberger, Dr. Grimes and Prof. Throckmorton of the college today. At Garden City tomorrow there is a conference of technical men from five states. This conference has been kept quiet, but I have no doubt but that the story will break on it tomorrow.

Our situation has grown very much worse. In my first conference at the college about March 10th it was estimated that it would be necessary to list 2,500,000 acres of land. That was the estimate when I left for Washington on March 22nd. Dean Umberger told me Saturday it would now probably be necessary to list 6,000,000 acres. There was another bad storm yesterday. I don't know the answer. Certainly I am inclined to feel that the size of the problem has outgrown our original application. I hope we shall have some better idea after this meeting at Garden City tomorrow, and will advise you promptly.


With highest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Governor

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GOVERNOR ALF M LANDON=

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HAD SATISFACTORY INTERVIEW TODAY WITH SECRETARY TUGWELL RELATIVE TO OUR SITUATION IN KANSAS URGING MORE LAKES OR OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING EQUIPMENT OF BIG MACHINERY HE ASURES ME PROGRAM IS RAPIDLY BEING DEVELOPED AND I GATHERED FROM HIS STATEMENT AND ALSO STATEMENT OF ICKES THAT YOU AND OTHER STATE AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER KANSAS PROGRAM THAN IN PAST=

:ARTHUR CAPPER. *ur Telegrams to Postal Telegraph*

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Soil
Erosion*

April 13th, 1935.

-card
Hon. Thomas P. Gore
United States Senator
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gore:

I have your telegram of April 13th, requesting me to send copy of our law authorizing county commissioners to aid in the prevention of soil blowing, to Senator E. L. Hesley and Representative Julius Cox, at Oklahoma City.

I am today complying with your request. You will find inclosed a copy for your perusal.

If there is anything further that I can do to help in this matter please call on me.

Regards,

AML/w

Governor

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April 13th, 1935.

Hon. Julius Cox
Member of House of Representatives
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am in receipt of a telegram from Sen. Thomas P. Gore, in which he asks me to send you a copy of our law authorizing county commissioners to aid in the prevention of soil erosion.

We do not have any printed copies of the law dealing with this subject passed by the recent session of the legislature, and will not have them until the statutes are published probably the latter part of June. However, I am herewith inclosing a pamphlet which contains a copy of the bill under which the county commissioners operate in preventing soil blowing, and also contained in the same pamphlet are instructions sent out from the attorney general's office to county commissioners and county clerks.

Senate Bill No. 39, mentioned in the marked paragraph in this pamphlet is just the same as section 19-2611 R. S. 1933 Supplement, copied into this pamphlet, except that Senate Bill No. 39 makes the law applicable to all counties in the state instead of just to counties with less than 15,000 population.

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State Senator
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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HON ALFRED LANDON=
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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER
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IF RECENT ACT OF YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZING
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AID IN YOUR PROGRAM OF SOIL
EROSION PREVENTION PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO LAND
OWNED BY NONRESIDENTS BE AVAILABLE KINDLY SEND TO
SENATOR R L HOSLEY AND REPRESENTATIVE JULIUS COX
BOTH AT STATE CAPITOL OKLAHOMACITY AND OBLIGE=
THOMAS P GORE US SENATOR.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 11, 1935

Henry Wallace
Secy. of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

According to press reports a large appropriation has been provided for the prevention of soil erosion by wind stop. The success of such endeavors will depend upon carefully formulated plans based upon the best thought and experience applicable to each region stop. I urge therefore that the formulation of plans be directed by the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the state agricultural colleges of the several states concerned.

ALF M. LANDON

Governor

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April 6, 1935

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soil erosion

Miss Frances I. Bliss, Secretary-Treasurer
Mankato Commercial Association
Mankato, Kansas

Dear Miss Bliss:

I have your letter of March 23 enclosing copy of the petition prepared by the Mankato Commercial Association and signed by a number of residents of your county.

I am not at all certain that the program to check this wind erosion will be entirely successful, but it was the only program the State Agricultural College had to offer and it was also approved by the United States Department of Agriculture officials. For that reason, I got behind it with the best of my ability in the hope that it may be effective.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

AML:D

Governor

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MANKATO COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

MANKATO, KANSAS

March 28, 1935

Honorable George McGill, U.S. Senator,
Honorable Frank Carlson, Sixth Dist. Rep.
Honorable Alf. Landon, Governor of Kansas.
Dean Umberger,
Mr. Walter Tugwell,

Gentlemen:-

I enclose herewith a petition prepared by THE MANKATO COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION and presented to all business men in the CITY and to others in the COUNTY who are interested, for their approval and signature.

I am instructed to call to your attention the devastating dust storms we have been subjected to, and to our meager rainfall for the last year, all contributing to a deplorable and critical situation.

I am also instructed to present the sincere and grateful thanks of a sorely tried class of people, for every bit of the National help that has been extended to us and for all the help that we can have to better a terrible condition, due entirely to climatic conditions.

Very truly yours,

THE MANKATO COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

BY *Frances D. Bliss*

SECRETARY- TREASURER.

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Mankato, Kansas,
February 27, 1935.

WHEREAS:

The Department of the Interior, Soil Erosion Service, operating in Jewell County, Kansas, is doing necessary and appreciated work in Erosion Control and

WHEREAS:

The Program includes all phases of work, both Agronomic and Engineering, for the control of Erosion and

WHEREAS:

The Limestone Area has been subject to a very severe drought, so that the Soil Erosion Control Program has not been thoroughly tested.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Mankato Commercial Association, fully realizing the value of a Soil Saving Program and enthusiastically supporting it, earnestly request the continuance of this Project to its completion, and that adequate supervision by Agronomic and Engineering personnel be provided to finish the work already started and to maintain it for the five-year period, the duration of the Cooperator's agreement.

Walter Leonardson, Pres.

James D. Bliss Sec & Treas.

R. B. Turner

W. H. Stafford

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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

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THOUSANDS OF ACRES WHEAT BLOWING OUT THIS MORNING STOP
IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY TO SAVE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT
OF WHEAT IN COUNTY STOP URGE THAT FEDERAL MONEY BE MADE
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AS LOAN OR GRANT TO COUNTIES FOR
CARRYING OUT COMPLETE SOIL BLOWING PROGRAM UNDER STATE
BLOWING LAW STOP MUCH LESS DELAY IF FUNDS ADMINISTERED
LOCALLY=

MEADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE C A MARRS PRES.

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TERRIBLE DUST STORM RAGING DOING UNTOLD DAMAGE MUST HAVE
IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO SAVE PART OF WHEAT URGE
FEDERAL MONEY AS LOAN OR GRANT TO COUNTY SO THAT WORK CAN
BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY UNDER SUPERVISION OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS=
FOWLER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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THOUSANDS OF ACRES LAND BEING BLOWN TODAY STOP DELAY IN
GETTING FUNDS EITHER ON LOAN OR GRANT FOR WIND EROSION
PREVENTION PROGRAM WILL MEAN IRREPAIRABLE LOSS=

PLAINS STATE BANK.

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J. H. COLLINGWOOD, PRESIDENT
J. A. COLLINGWOOD, VICE PRESIDENT
WM. P. ELLIOTT, CASHIER
P. S. DAHL, ASST. CASHIER

THE PLAINS STATE BANK

CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$45,000.00

PLAINS, KANSAS

March 30, 1935.

DIRECTORS

J. A. COLLINGWOOD J. H. COLLINGWOOD
D. F. COLLINGWOOD MAUD COLLINGWOOD
WM. P. ELLIOTT

Gov. Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

Have just sent you a telegram, as follows;

"Thousands of Acres of land being blown today. Delay in getting funds on loan or or grant for wind erosion prevention program will mean irreparable loss".

We are sending this telegram on behalf of the people in the vicinity of Plains in Meade and Seward Counties. We realize that you are doing all that you can to put this program over and thought that something of this kind would help you out.

The air is so filled with fine dust during these storms that it is almost unbearable. It is a wonder that there is not more sickness than there is. A large per cent of our wheat immediately around Plains is still holding and has a chance of making some wheat but we have to go only a short distance west of here, 8 to ten miles until we get to where it is all blown out.

Some of the ground in Western Kansas is so dry that listing is not going to stop the blowing because a lister will not go into the hard crust and put the clods on top. Where the ground is wet enough so that it can be listed pretty deep, and it is listed pretty solid, it can be handled.

Yours very truly,

Wm. P. Elliott
Cashier.

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R. L. COCHRAN
GOVERNOR



State of Nebraska
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Lincoln

March 23, 1935

Honorable Alf M. Landon
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Landon:

In reply to your telegram of March 22nd in regard to uniform and concerted program of wind erosion control, this is to advise that it is my understanding that our representatives in Congress are working along this line.

In any event, be assured of my interest and cooperation in carrying out this important program.

Assuring you of highest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Governor of Nebraska

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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COPY

March 20, 1935

Mr. H. J. Stewart, County Agent
St. Francis, Kansas

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your telegram received this morning.

In the conference we had yesterday at Manhattan it was my understanding that Dean Call would meet with the northwest Kansas farmers at Colby to discuss control measures. I am sure you can count on him.

I am much interested in this matter and assure you I will do everything to secure assistance in controlling wind erosion.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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FIND STORMS CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE IN CHEYENNE COUNTY STOP FARMERS UNABLE TO FINANCE CONTROL MEASURES DESIRE YOUR PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND ASSISTANCE IN SECURING LOAN TO STOP WIND EROSION BY LISTING FIELDS OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS STOP WE INVITE YOU TO MEET WITH NORTHWEST KANSAS FARMERS AT COLBY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS CONTROL MEASURES=

H J STEWART COUNTY AGENT. .

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Governor of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mr. E. W. Marland
Governor of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Clyde Tingley
Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. R. L. Cochran
Governor of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebr.

Mr. James B. Allred
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas

WIND EROSION CONTROL IN SEVERAL STATES SEVERELY AFFLICTED BY THE DROUGHT SHOULD BE INITIATED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A PART OF ITS DROUGHT AND AGRICULTURAL RELIEF PROGRAMS STOP MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER ASKING YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK FOR A UNIFORM AND CONCERTED PROGRAM OF WIND EROSION CONTROL BY LISTING OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE MEANS STOP MOVING SOIL IS NOT ONLY DAMAGING CROPS AND LAND BUT IS BECOMING PUBLIC HEALTH MENACE ALSO DAMAGING MEAGER LIVESTOCK FEED SUPPLIES STOP KANSAS DELEGATION IS NOW WORKING WITH SOIL EROSION DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION TO SECURE THEIR AID IN MEETING THIS INTERSTATE EMERGENCY

ALF M. LANDON, GOVERNOR OF KANSAS

3/22/35
2:15 P.M.

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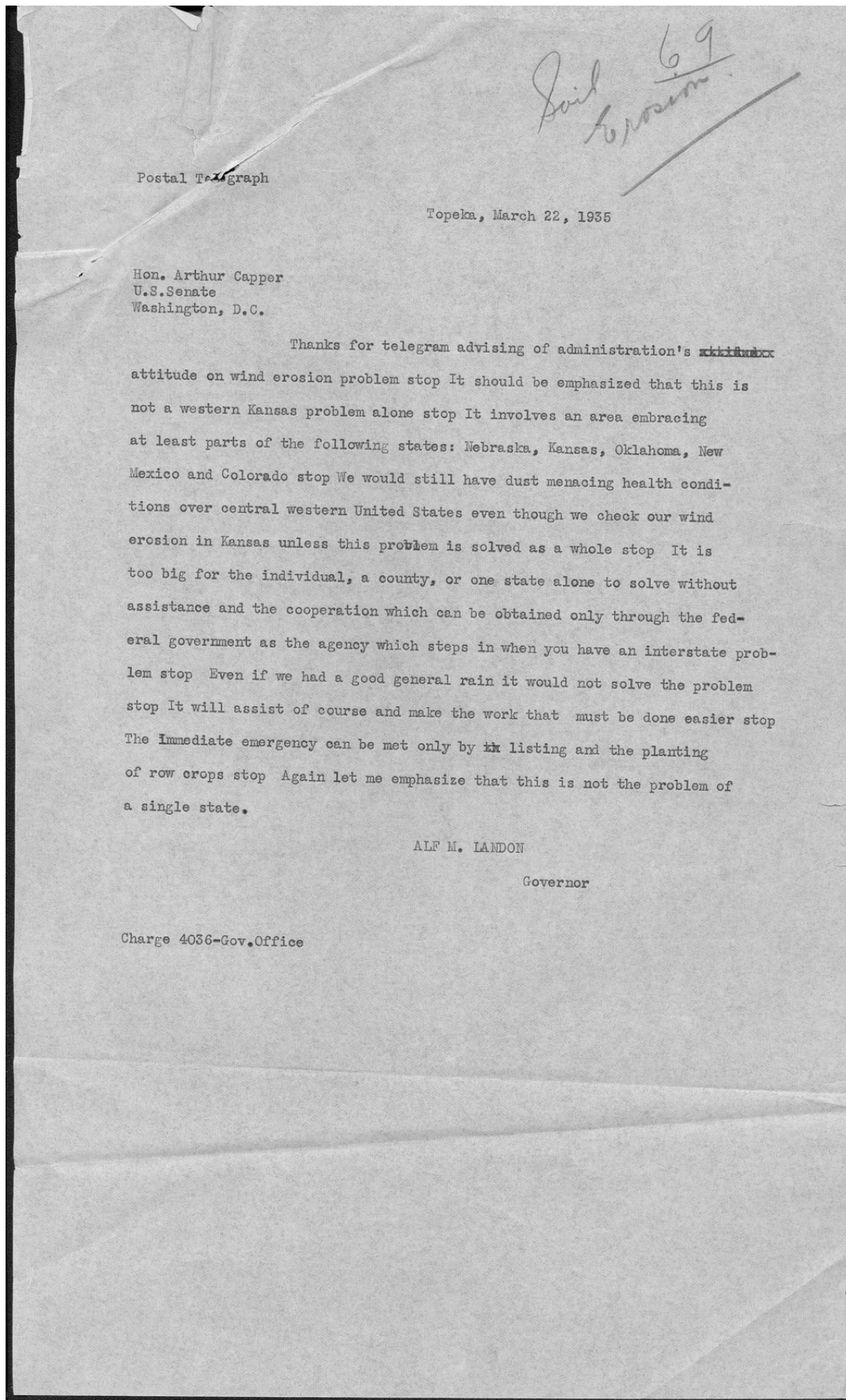
I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAM WITH REFERENCE TO WIND
EROSION CONTROL STOP I HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED SUCH AID
AND I SHALL AGAIN COMMUNICATE WITH MY CONGRESSIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES KINDEST REGARDS=
JAMES V ALLRED GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

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Postal Telegraph

Topeka, March 22, 1935

Hon. Arthur Capper
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Thanks for telegram advising of administration's ~~attitude~~
attitude on wind erosion problem stop It should be emphasized that this is
not a western Kansas problem alone stop It involves an area embracing
at least parts of the following states: Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New
Mexico and Colorado stop We would still have dust menacing health condi-
tions over central western United States even though we check our wind
erosion in Kansas unless this problem is solved as a whole stop It is
too big for the individual, a county, or one state alone to solve without
assistance and the cooperation which can be obtained only through the fed-
eral government as the agency which steps in when you have an interstate prob-
lem stop Even if we had a good general rain it would not solve the problem
stop It will assist of course and make the work that must be done easier stop
The immediate emergency can be met only by ~~the~~ listing and the planting
of row crops stop Again let me emphasize that this is not the problem of
a single state.

ALF M. LANDON

Governor

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Soil Erosion

Kansas City Times - March 21, 1935

Wallace's Help Asked Dr. Farrell Explains the Kansas Soil Situation

Manhattan, Kas., March 20-Assistance of Secretary Wallace in seeing that FERA administrators are permitted to allot funds for the purchase of gasoline and oil in an emergency soil erosion control program was asked in a telegram sent late today by F. D. Farrell, president of Kansas State College.

Farrell's wire described the soil blowing situation in Kansas and "adjacent states north, south and west" as extremely serious, and said that a program to check erosion by extensive use of lister furrows is being undertaken.

"This program is retarded by fact that many landowners in the area are unable financially to purchase necessary gasoline and oil for operating listers," Farrell wired. "Large numbers of these landowners are on relief. It seems desirable that arrangements be made to enable FERA administrators to allot funds."

Dr. Farrell also issued the following statement:

"It is definitely known that soil blowing may be reduced by plowing strips of lister furrows across affected fields at intervals.

"But to be effective, the lister strips must be made as nearly simultaneously as practicable on a large number of fields in a district where soil blowing is widespread.

"While the lister is being used effectively right now by many farmers in Western Kansas, every farm where soil blowing continues unchecked menaces neighboring farms.

"Land in the region now being damaged belongs to persons in varying circumstances. Some are able and willing to make use of the lister. Others who are willing are unable to purchase gasoline and oil for tractors or feed for work stock. Many of these persons are on relief. Much of the land is operated by non-residents who normally do not see their farms regularly. Many of these farms are blowing.

"The program is to organize the entire affected region for control of soil blowing and to find means of financing operations of those who are wholly without funds, as many are.

"This organization work is progressing, and efforts are being made to obtain authorization for allotment of FERA funds for purchase of gasoline and oil where necessary."

The lister method of control will not be effective on sandy soil, which has started to blow because of extreme dryness, but this type of soil is limited compared to the whole affected area.

It was recalled here that extensive blowing took place in Thomas County in 1912, which was checked by the lister control method.

Wind erosion is much easier to prevent than to control after it has once started, said R. I. Throckmorton, head of the agronomy department at Kansas State college. Disc plows are of little or no value as they do not make the soil turned up sufficiently rough to stop blowing. Implements such as the mold board plow, lister, spring tooth harrow, duck foot cultivator and lister equipped with chisel points roughen the soil surface and leave clods and coarse material on the surface.



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HAVE HAD CONFERENCES TODAY WITH SECRETARY WALLACE AND WITH HOPKINS WILLIAMS AND WESTBROOK OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION RELATIVE TO YOUR APPEAL FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN RELIEVING THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM DUST STORM ALSO BROUGHT MATTER TO ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT STOP I URGED THEM TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO LIBERALIZE REGULATIONS SO THAT RELIEF FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PUT INTO EFFECT YOUR PROGRAM TO CHECK SOIL BLOWING AND ANY OTHER RELIEF PLANS YOU MAY DEVELOP THEY ARE ALL DEEPLY CONCERNED AND ARE GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO YOUR SUGGESTION THE KANSAS DELEGATION IS COOPERATING TO FULLEST EXTENT IN THIS MATTER WE WILL WELCOME ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE CAN HELP THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE=

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NIGHT LETTER

Hon. Arthur Capper
Washington, D.C.

Your telegram received ~~this afternoon~~ stop Following
message from Wallace County this afternoon:

"Soil erosion and dust storms continue Counties
can not control it Federal action needed."

Will be in Washington Sunday as planned.

Alf M. Landon

Governor

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HOPKINS IS TAKING REAL INTEREST IN YOUR APPEAL HAVE JUST
HAD CONFERENCE WITH COLONEL WESTBROOK HIS RIGHT HAND MAN
HOPKINS SENT HIM TO THE CAPITOL TO SEE ME ESPECIALLY ON
THIS DUST STORM EMERGENCY HE ASSURES ME THEY WILL DO
EVERYTHING THEY POSSIBLY CAN PROVIDING THE AGRICULTURAL OR
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TECHNICAL
SUPERVISION OF THE SOIL EROSION PROGRAM STOP PROMISES TO
GIVE ME SPECIFIC OUTLINE OF THEIR PLANS STOP SINCE I FIRST
WIRED HAVE ALSO HAD TALK WITH GOVERNOR MYERS AND FIND HIM
READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY HE CAN SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT
AT ONCE=

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Soil blowing

Hon. Alf M. Landon:

Hopkins is taking real interest in your appeal. Have just had conference with Colonel Westbrook his right hand man. Hopkins sent him to the capitol to see me especially on this dust storm emergency. He assures me they will do everything they possibly can providing the Agricultural or Interior Department will take responsibility for technical supervision of the soil erosion program Stop Promises to give me specific outline of their plans Stop Since I first wired have also had talk with Governor Myers and find him ready to help in any way he can. Said he would look into it at once.

Arthur Capper.

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Senator Arthur Capper,
and
Congressman Clifford R. Hope,
Washington, D. C.
My Dear Friends:-

Garden City, Kansas, March 4, 1935.

Inclosed please find an Associated Press clipping which gives a statement purported to have been made by H. H. Bennett, Director of the Soil Erosion Service.

Last summer Walter Pitkin, of Columbia University, a typical "Brain Trustor", was reported by the Associated Press to have made the following statement:

"The people of Kansas and Nebraska are making a terrible mistake by staying where they are. Federal relief among the farmers of the Middle West is amounting to more than a billion dollars and won't help the farmers in the long run. The farmers must organize, in groups of 100 and 1000 families, and ride the covered wagons to more fertile lands, the Carolinas would be a good place, then let the drought land be what it used to be, just an open range country for cattle and sheep."

Such erroneous and falsifying statements should be stopped, as they are doing this country great harm and damage. Congress can certainly stop it on the part of government employees.

The statement of H. H. Bennett, that 800,000 acres of Kansas land has been destroyed by dust storms is an absolute falsehood. I am confident that not 100 acres of land in the whole state of Kansas have been destroyed. We could lose two or three feet of our top soil by wind erosion, and the soil left would be much more productive than millions of acres of virgin soil in some of the eastern and southern states.

I have lived in Garden City for 30 years, and I know that 25 or 30 years ago, there was more disastrous soil erosion from wind, in this county than there has been during the last two or three years; yet during the last 25 years there has been a marvelous development here, and great wealth has been added.

Just why these eastern "Brain Trusters" who have no practical knowledge of this western country, want to destroy it is beyond comprehension. Instead of trying to induce the Government to spend millions of dollars in buying up what they call marginal, or sub-marginal land, they could more wisely recommend spending this money on such projects as the proposed Caddo Dam. This project, if installed, would assist in flood control, and would furnish water to irrigate thousands of acres of the richest land in the United States, where hundreds of families could be located on from 10 to 40 acres and make a comfortable living, and thus help to solve the unemployment proposition.

Western Kansas has suffered greatly from the unprecedented drought during the last two years, but this applies to probably more than half of the United States. The demand for relief here is not, in the main, from farmers, but from many who came here from eastern states at the beginning of the depression, because conditions here were better than in the East.

Very truly yours,

-----, Chairman
of the Publicity Committee of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.



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RESOLUTION

County commissioners of 19 southwest counties in a called meeting at Garden City this date to discuss soil erosion, submit the following:

Fifty per cent of the cultivated land in this district is drifting under high winds.

Operators of farms are unable financially to do the work necessary to do the work necessary to correct this condition and counties have no funds with which to assist except to a very limited extent.

We respectfully urge immediate action by congress through appropriation or allocation of relief or other funds already appropriated, setting out a fund at the rate of fifty cents per acre for working drifting fields.

Conditions existing for seven consecutive days has caused death by suffocation to livestock and is a dire menace to the health of people in this district. A state law provides a remedy, but makes no provision for funds needed except as taxes are collected, and some lands are two or more years in arrears.

This condition must be corrected, and we appeal to our delegates in congress to take immediate action in our behalf.

Signed, Ben L. Allen, A. P. Henthorne,

R. B. Owings, E. M. Dean and H. L. Tucker,

Resolutions committee

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