

dairy cattle, and we learned to process them for about 10 years. That was our main feed, and during that time we lost 820 acres of our land in the drought to insurance companies, and many of our neighbors lost their land due to drought, and at the end of 1940 quite a big majority of the land in our county was owned by insurance companies and it was several years later before the farmers were able to purchase that land back.

And we think that with irrigation made possible, that this will eliminate this problem in the future and we will have a more stable agriculture program. With irrigation made possible, we think it would take the gamble out of farming and give assurance of plenty of feed every year. With irrigation, farm condition would become more favorable and South Dakota would be a more or better place to live, or better place for our young folks to grow up in.

I thank you very much for the opportunity in presenting this. Senator McGOVERN: Thank you very much. We are glad to find out who the policymaker is in the family and who does the work.

Senator BURDICK: I want to now if you consider the following statement to be correct. My father was very active in that period in the 1930's and got used to fields of Russian thistles and he used to make speeches. He said, it was so dry in that period that the fish would kick up dust going around the bend. Is that so?

Mr. VAN WINKLE: That is very possible. One experience we had, we sowed quite a lot of corn and grain, and by fall those thistles got pretty dry and sharp and we cut our legs out of our overalls, what was left of them, and put them on the horses' legs so we could go through those thistles in sewing rye.

Senator McGOVERN: Senator Moss had to leave to go back to Washington, but he was telling us last night in Aberdeen, for those of you who didn't hear his remarks, that they are so dry in the State of Utah, that there are a good many youngsters that reach full age before they see it rain. An 8-year-old girl walked outside and was so shocked when a raindrop hit her, that it took two pails of dust to revive her.

Well, now we will hear Mr. David Cady from the South Dakota Retailers Association.

I think after Mr. Cady's testimony if Mr. Richard Fisher will be ready to go, we will hear from him.

STATEMENT BY DAVID G. CADY, EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE GREATER SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

Mr. CADY: My name is David G. Cady, executive manager of the Greater South Dakota Association. Our office is located at 222 East Capitol, Pierre, S. Dak. GSDA is a statewide organization serving as a State chamber of commerce and a manufacturers' association. This association of over 1,000 firms is representative of business, industry, and agriculture.

I am submitting for your consideration in behalf of our membership, a statement authorized by the board of directors of our association.

A subject which we are currently considering is of paramount importance, not only to the Oahe district, but to all of South Dakota. Our Nation is indeed fortunate to have such resources as our agriculturalists, tilling the fertile and rich soil of our great State. South