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There in the back of the pickup, I was looking down at the tracks
the tires were making through the insects--twin slicks of crushed
grasshoppers, like fresh paving.

material on the area of Roy, possible bgnd for Duff homestead, is in "Land Acqsn" file

"Let's watch out with this stuff," Bruce warned as usual. "How's your arsenicitis?"

"Just gave me a little love bite, is all," Neil maintained. A burn the size of a dime was on his shin where the top of his sock would normally reach. Somehow the poison had splashed, soaked through...

Bruce smirked at his brother's usage, but didn't say anything.

the pickup in gear and began driving at slowest speed along the edge of the field, the mixer spewing out the mush of OO and strychnine. All

of them swore they never wanted to face ^a ~~another~~ banana again. The

amyl nitrate which attracted--anyway, was supposed to attract--the insects to the poison smelled overpowerinly like bananas (and was called banana oil).

The mixer clogged constantly,

C. G. Stranahan, interviewed 23 June '82, 77. Benton
1611 Franklin phone 622-5448

10--hoppers bad when he came home from army in 1919; after mixing poison,
"I knew enough not to lick my fingers."

23--wd turn tar-black when they died

45--cloudburst washed hoppers onto his land

57--finally the theory was to mix poison with watered bran

~~87~~ 100--hopper eggs can last from one year to next

114--'35, planted potatoes, hoppers ate them repeatedly

401--he retired from farming in '73, is now 86 years old

430--mormon crickets abt 2" long; never crossed Missouri because they came in
June when river was high and current carried them back to e. bank, where "they
really did tear things up."

483--a big bunch of hoppers would clean a field like a hail storm, eating
the greenest.

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add to Siderius & August?

Angus, evening birds seen above his cabin in Scotch Heaven - Swifts and Barn Swallows like broad arrowheads; carrying the light; then their wrinkles of flight.

--if grasshopper scene is to be used, in Eng Crk filecd category "1939 day-by-day,"
red tabs mark filecds about graashopper news.

see homesteader letters file, in tan filing cabinet.

also homesteading file, separate folder, w/ MHS oral history info & other details

One summer of my life, a little later on from this one I am

telling about here, I did some farming for Archie Starrett on the

~~hedge~~ benchland above the Ben English place. Whenever the tractor

was aimed north up a field, the wind stung grit straight into my face.

On the return route, the wind tossed its load in over my shoulders.

Whenever I looped the equipment around a corner of the field, dust

came sideways into my eyes. At quitting time, as I climbed down from

the tractor the wind would sashay up my body to meet me, dust puffing

against my legs and my chest and then into my face.

give 'em a jag of hay (oats)

Neil?

Dell Stark diary, July 15 1938

working on mower: seeing "what needed to be shimmed, bushed, and washered up a bit"

- Jack helps Pete prepare haying equipment?
(lead in to power buckrake?)

Emil Kravik--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

acquiring the land for the dam:

"...anytime the government wants a piece of ground, they're going to get it."

Jim Wardlow--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

The alfalfa crop on Missouri River--the seed was "gold".

Missouri R - farm detail

CLEMONS, ARRORA J. (A.J.), 3435 S.W. 12th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97201. "One of the last jobs to complete the triangulation system required a trip to the head of the reservoir. We drove to Lewistown and north to the river valley, arriving at the farm where we would stay while doing the work. It snowed that night, but by morning it was clear. We couldn't finish the job that day, but managed to complete it the next day. We left the ranch the following morning and by 4 p.m. were only half-way out of the valley, a matter of 2.5 miles. We returned to the ranch and spent the night. Returning to our pickup the next morning, we continued up the side of the valley finally getting to the top of the plateau about 4 p.m. After a conference we proceeded on to Lewistown, but we didn't make it that night. After putting on chains and taking them off 3 times, taking the wheels off, cleaning the mud out of the fenders and finally getting a rancher to pull the truck for the last 6 miles to a gravel road, we were able to continue on to Lewistown. We had spent four days to cover a distance of about 80 miles."

begin the scene introducing the land negotiator, Chick Siderieus, with his name:

Siderius was...

character, a local person, who is hired by the govt to negotiate with--i.e., buy out--the bottomland ranchers and farmers.

put this character in conflict with one or more of the Duffs; with Hugh, the father, who was on the land before the dam project?

name: Chick Siderius (check MT phone bks for similar name)

--possibly have Siderius in some kind of office job, or overseeing of some kind, at the dam after his role of negotiating; when the fingerprinting is done, he is one who disappears.

...riding the running board of Dodge sedan during 'hopper poisoning.

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230--Mormon crickets did not cross the Missouri River, stayed on east side

→ 248--crickets crossing Highwood Creek, "away they came, and they took everything in the garden that was above ground."

277--4th of July, kids put crickets in cans and set off firecrackers

281--crickets were brown, abt 2" long; 2-3 day infestation

John Porteen--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

Some landholders sued govt over appraisal of land lost to the lake; they lost in court.

Cd be worth listening to tape, but hard to tell from terse summary.

procedure -- use the word in Siderius's opening "spiel," to chime w/ Owen's
fascination with the Missouri's "process"?

long tug-of-war over what was love and what was obligation and what
the ground between. Did the everything of her and Hugh have to include
the portion she would sometimes like to bat out of him with a broom,
as well as the share of him that she would not have traded all the
silk in China for? [She supposed so, that seemed to be the way the
opposite sex came packaged.]

attraction?
sure,

forever

more,

By now not only was the afternoon hot, so was the radiator of the