JACKSON COUNTY CHRONICLES

1940: Sage Grouse Studies Laying Ground Work

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April 1940 - 75 Years Ago

Last fall, Lucas Dargan spent two months in North Park laying the ground work for more intensive studies on sage grouse this spring. He is now back in this area. The studies will include the influence of spring grazing sheep, of predators, of rodents, weather, food and disease and parasites on the sage grouse. From this more intensive study in this one area, the investigations will spread, as the deer - elk investigations spread to other sections of the state.

As in the case of the bighorns, the studies will disclose whether it is weather, grazing, disease, food or predators which causes fluctuations in the crop of sage grouse, the Department then will be in a position to make an intelligent attack on rectifying conditions detrimental to the production of this superb game bird and bring back ample crops for hunting in future years.

If the sage grouse problem can be whipped to the point where management plans are clearly indicated, the next move in the field of upland birds will be toward studies of high country grouse, sharp-tail’s and prairie chickens. There is some likelihood that the studies on the sage grouse may indicate lines of procedure in handling these other species.

Meadow Fire On West Side

A fire Monday afternoon burned over some three or four hundred acres of meadow land on the Carstrom, Fliniau and Spalding ranches on the west side. No hay stacks nor buildings were consumed, although feared for a time. Assistance was summoned from Walden and with ranchers in the vicinity the fire was checked.

April 1965 - 50 Years Ago

Jaycees To Sponsor Beard Contest

The North Park Jaycees are sponsoring a beard growing contest in order to promote the 75th Anniversary of Walden and to stimulate a Western atmosphere for the big celebr-