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All athletic events and the remainder of the literary events in the Wheeler County Interscholastic League meet will be held Monday, members of the executive committee of the League decided today after a blinding dust storm caused the postponement of the contests Saturday morning.
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Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 1



Dust storm. Note heavy metal signs blown out by wind. Amarillo, Texas.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b27000/8b27500/8b27557v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 2



Autos have to turn on lights to penetrate gloom of dust storm. Amarillo, Texas.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b38000/8b38200/8b38289v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 3



Abandoned farm in the dust bowl area. Oklahoma.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b38000/8b38200/8b38292v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 4



Dust bowl farmer raising fence to keep it from being buried under drifting sand. Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b38000/8b38200/8b38287v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 5



Dumas, Texas. Dust blowing on main street.

Vachon, John, 1914-1975, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8d09000/8d09900/8d09994v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 6



Fighting the drought and dust with irrigation. Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b38000/8b38300/8b38306v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 7



This farmer took the roof off his barn to make a windbreak for his garden. There was no rain. Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b27000/8b27500/8b27551v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 8



Sand piled up in front of outhouse on farm. Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b38000/8b38300/8b38341v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 9



Fighting sand. Childress County, Texas Panhandle. Cultivating weedless cotton fields in Great Plains to break crust and prevent blowing sand from cutting young cotton plants.

Lange, Dorothea, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b32000/8b32400/8b32415v.jpg>

Experience of the Dust Bowl photo # 10



Young cotton growing in mechanized field. Hall County, Texas. Anyone who inspects one of these giant mechanized farms must realize that it foreshadows a fundamental change in American agriculture.

Lange, Dorothea, photographer.

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/pnp/fsa/8b32000/8b32400/8b32433v.jpg>

Dear Cousin,

Things are going well here in Miami. Florida. We have had good weather and my job is going well, but I keep hearing strange news from your part of the country. Newspaper articles I have been reading describe the problems with dust and drought as being quite serious. I saw in the *Miami Daily News* the other day where people went crazy running out into the streets just because of some rain. The story just under it talked about people setting off bombs to make it rain. I can't imagine it being so dry that folks try such unusual things just to get some rain. You must be living through some hard times. What is a dust storm like? How long does it last? It must be hard to wait through one of those things. What do you have to do to survive in the dust if you get caught outside? When a dust storm is over what do you do? It can't be all that bad. I suppose you just have to dust the furniture a bit more than normal. What has happened to the land? The last time I came out there to visit green grass and fields full of green plants could be seen for miles. Baseball season has begun around here. I play third base. Do you guys play sports, ride bikes, go swimming, and hang out with friends all day? A little dust can't have changed life all that much. I look forward to hearing from and getting some answers to my questions. Enjoy your day.

Yours truly,

Cousin Terry