

Ranch Ramblings

BY WAYNE MOSHER
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I usually don't read the letters to the Editor in the paper, but I did happen to read a letter the other day from a former member of the Bureau of Land Management in regard to burning.

He criticized the burning that we do here in Douglas County as far as its effects on the soil and the over-all effect that it has. He claimed that it is depleting our soils, made poorer pasture, and several other things.

It is obvious to me, and I'm sure it is to many of you ranch people, that the gentleman was badly misinformed. He made some very true statements in regard to the effects of fire, but the problem of it is that he misinterpreted the true statements to mean some things which aren't the case at all.

Fire Useful
Fire is one of the most useful tools that we have in pasture management, if it is properly used. I would class this second only to such things as grazing, fertilization and proper plant species. Without the use of fire, much of the rougher land that we have in pasture at the present time, becomes unusable over a period of years. My feeling is that if we can get this rough land seeded into good grass species (and ashes often makes a good seed bed), then use good management principles, including grazing, fertilizer and fire, we can do an excellent job of maintaining and improving that pasture.

Some of the best hill pastures I have seen have been ones that have been turned regularly every three to four years to control the brush, get rid of the debris that is on the ground and keep the subclover coming strong in the pasture. These pastures were also heavily grazed and the use of fertilizer certainly is very helpful. In fact, in the long run I'm sure that all of our soils will need fertilizer to put out the production of which they are capable.

Misuse Possible
Fire is a very useful tool if it is properly used. It's one that can be misused but in many cases I'm sure that we would have many people that

would argue with the gentleman as to how badly misused fire is in our particular area.

I would like to call to everyone's attention who is interested in the sheep industry, that on Friday, Nov. 1, Oregon State University and the Western Oregon Livestock Association are co-sponsoring the Annual Sheep and Wool Day at Oregon State University. I will be attending the meeting and I hope that a number of sheep people from Douglas County also can attend and take in the information that is presented. At this time, they try to present much of the new and pertinent information that has been developed during the last year. Usually, I think they have a very interesting program and we would certainly encourage any of that can attend. If you would like to go to the program and don't have a ride, I will be going up and will have room for more people in my car if everything goes as planned. If you would like to ride with me, please feel free to call the extension office, and we will get together with you for the ride up.

Short Course Planned
Some folks in the county who own horses might be interested in the Annual Oregon Horseman's Short Course, which is set for Nov. 16 and 17 at Oregon State University. Two of the nation's leading experts on horses will be instructors at the short course. They are Mrs. Fern Palmer Bittner, equitation teacher at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., whose specialty is judging and equitation classes; and Dr. J. D. Wheat who is a veterinarian at the University of California in Davis who will discuss feet, legs and unsoundness in horses.

This short course is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in horses. Advance registration isn't necessary but it might be helpful because the short course will be limited to 120 students. If you would like further details, either contact us in the extension office or write to: A. W. Oliver, Department of Animal Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon; who can give you further information on the course.

Drain Family Now Host To Washington Relatives

By JO CARLILE

Mrs. J. H. Coggins of Bremerton, Wash., has arrived in Drain to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Woolley, and sons for 10 days. On Friday, Mrs. Woolley's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Benbennick of Seattle, arrived to visit for a week and go deer hunting.

New Students Here

New students entering Drain Grade School this week were Kathy, Sara and Leona Ledeau who arrived from Great Falls, Mont.; Clara Rebecca Overman from California; Ronda Beard, from Gales Creek, Ore.; and four McNamara children, Reta Jayne, William Edward, Charles Robert and Gail Ann who moved here from Tye Valley, Ore. The newcomers make a total of 452 students enrolled in the grade school.

Raymond Cellers of San Jose, Calif., left Tuesday for his home after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cellers, for several days. Raymond and his mother and Mrs. Jim Sutton of Grants Pass earlier drove to Milton Freewater, Wash., to visit at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cellers. Raymond will hunt deer the remainder of the week in the Susanville, Calif., area.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Scheer

and family of St. Helens spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Scheer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Manning, and doing some deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Watson and family accompanied by their logging crew hunted deer in the Lakeview area and reported a successful hunt. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baldrige, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ludwig, all of Winchester Bay; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lowring, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lockhart and son, Pete, Gene Cook, Bert Cook, Wayne Watts, Ed Davis, Lee Franklin, Boyd Gregory and John Mollet. Others joining the group for a day of hunting and visiting were Dick Blomberg, Cliff Otto, Robert Sales, Bob Wright and Ray Hamilton.

Servicemen Transferred

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McMullin received word from their son, Dale Jr., that he is being transferred to Base in Texas to Champaign, Ill., where he will attend a weather training school for 18 months and complete his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clevenger have returned from a 10-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Likely in Centralia, Wash. They visited Grand Coulee Dam and returned via Redmond, making sight seeing tours en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cunningham and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haldeman returned recently from a successful deer hunting trip in the Glass Butte area.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Unger of Standish, Calif., are visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henderson and son, Phillip, hunted recently in the Madras area where they were joined by David and Veri Swearingen. They also visited at the David Swearingen home there.

Eldon Powell, accompanied by Dennis Harms of Salem, hunted in the Smith River area Saturday and killed a large black bear.

Women's Group Claims Part Answer To Delinquency Problem

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI)—One organization of American women believes it has found in part an answer to the problems of unemployment and juvenile delinquency.

The answer: train, or re-train, to new skills the potential worker so that he or she won't be turned loose to burden society. The women are the 60,000 members of Women's American ORT whose delegates this week are holding their 17th national biennial convention in New York. One thousand delegates

from 450 U. S. chapters are attending.

ORT, a world-wide organization for rehabilitation through training, pursues one single major purpose—operation of vocational schools.

"The vocational school must be up-graded in its status," said Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, president of the Women's American ORT. "Too often it is looked on as the parking place for the less alert student."

Dignity in Labor

The world should be rid of this image of the vocational school, she said. And let women

put the pressure on at the community level for awareness that there is dignity in labor.

"Unemployment is mounting, yet the jobs are there. There are jobs without people, people without jobs," she said. "This is true not only in America but world-wide. Vocational training is one of the answers."

It is a partial answer to juvenile delinquency also, she said. The young person at work is not one wearing the JD label.

Mrs. Rosenberg, native of Philadelphia, wife of a tax consultant, and mother of one married daughter, said that ORT "a group of far-sighted men"

operates in 20 countries, on all continents, and underwrites 600 schools. ORT is non-profit and non-political and its schools are operated in cooperation with local educational systems.

"We are known as the vocational agency of the Jewish people," she said. "But our contribution is to the whole legacy of freedom."

Founded in Russia

ORT, which world-wide has membership of both men and women, was founded in St. Petersburg, Russia, 33 years ago.

By what Mrs. Rosenberg called "a group of far-sighted men"

who saw that training or re-training for jobs was one way to put the needy back on financial footing.

Today, it operates vocational schools behind only one Iron Curtain country—Poland. The U. S. State Department had asked its aid there, she said. Even though ORT is non-political, ORT might "not be welcome in some Iron Curtain countries."

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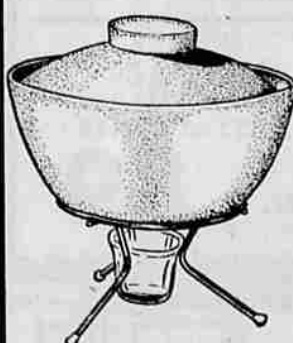
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