

Intensive Experiments Being Planned for Range Improvement

Important improvement in the Rogue River National Forest range area is expected to be the results of the 3-day range tour made by forage and range management experts from Oregon State College, County Agents' office, Talent Experiment Station, and the U.S. Forest Service, according to Ben Day, president of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association. Careful study of the condition of the range and methods of re-seeding and improvement by better management were made on the 3-day trip.

It is planned to do intensive experimental work in three selected areas: Anderson Ridge in the Applegate, Silver Fork Basin and Willow Flats in the Butte Falls area. H. A. Schoth, forage crops specialist of the Bureau of Plant Industries; H. A. Lindgren, Extension animal husbandman; W. C. Weir, Professor of animal husbandry; and Rex Warren, Extension specialist in farm crops, were the men from Corvallis who came in to help W. B. Tucker, county agent and secretary-treasurer of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association; Earle Jossy, assistant county agent; Harold White, Talent Experiment Station agronomist; and M. L. Tedrow, assistant supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest, who conducted the

tour. From the stockmen's association, Ben Day, president, and R. G. Fowler, chairman of the range seeding committee, were present for the entire trip. Other stockmen present at various times on the tour were Clarence Buck, Henry Owens, and Herb Carlton, directors; Jack O'Brien from Applegate; Everett Beeson of Talent; Ed Whitton, Mrs. Ida Neill, Miss Joan Neill, all of Ashland; Buck Grieves of the Prospect area; and John Day and Earl Day of Central Point. Rangers present were Robert Appleby, Union Creek; Bob Beeman, Butte Falls; Harold Thomas, Ashland; and Loren Cooper of Applegate.

The tour included an entire day spent in the Applegate area and in Northern California studying conditions and re-seeding attempts being made by the Klamath National Forest district. The second day was spent in the Dead Indian and Butte Falls area. The third day was spent in the Prospect and Union Creek area. Studies were made of the natural return of vegetation from controlled grazing or absolute non-use and of the success of various seedings. It was the consensus of opinion that considerable improvement could be made by proper seeding of these range areas, and trials will be started this fall by cooperation of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association and the Forest Service, to determine how this improvement can best be made. Plans are for continuing long-range experimental work to eventually cover all of the range problems. A meeting of the Jackson County Stockmen's Association was held Thursday evening in the County Agents' office where the first plans were outlined and approved.

lation reads: Open season noon, October 29 to November 2, inclusive, in Coos, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant and Harney counties. Bag limit—5 Valley quail per day but not more than 10 in possession.

The proposed special deer season in the Keating area of Baker county was eliminated. Also the area for the special deer season in the Crooked Creek country of Lake county was reduced and the number of tags was changed from three hundred to two hundred. In the Special Baker elk season area the watershed for the city of Baker was eliminated from the open area.

The archery seasons in the Mt. Emily and Cove areas changed as to the closing date. The closing date will be September 28th instead of the 30th as was originally proposed.

Magazine Tells Of Mystery House

John Litster and his two-room "House of Mystery" are featured in an article in the August issue of Holiday.

Carried in the magazine's "Under the Sun" department, the article tells its readers that more than 1,500,000 persons have visited the mystery house, "where the world suddenly stands on its ear and all Nature's laws appear to be null and void."

The article continues: "No carnival fun house with carefully prepared effects comes up to this cockeyed shanty, where everything and everybody inclines toward the magnetic north, objects roll uphill, brooms stand unsupported at an angle on the floor, people seem to grow taller as they walk away from you and shorter as they approach, and a plumb line just adds to the confusion."

"Mr. Litster meets his eight-seers on level ground, delivers a brief history of the place, and hands out scientific literature. He tells people to be sure to bring their cameras with them 'to prove that illusion is out of the question.' Even down-to-earth scientists are occasionally confused by the Vortex and Mr. Litster's explanation for it:

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The article tells its readers that the shanty was formerly a miner's assaying office, and became the house of mystery some 30 years ago when "a fortuitous landslide nudged the shack 40 feet downhill to its present site, knocking walls, floor and ceiling askew in the process."

The magazine quotes Dr. John Eliot Allen, Oregon State geologist, as saying: "The whole thing is a marvelous illusion, a first-class example of what happens to one's senses when all normal planes of reference are removed. There is no horizon, no vertical trees (they were all moved by the same landslide that twisted the house), nothing from which to gauge verticality or horizontality. It was an accident that tilted all the trees in the area north. The Vortex is, of course, pure tommyrot, and there is no 'field of force.' But all other phenomena do appear as stated."

Oregon Resources Shown at Fair

SALEM, ORE., July 28—In cooperation with Oregon chambers of commerce, the Oregon state highway department travel information department is participating in the Chicago Railroad Fair, opening July 20, sponsoring a display of Oregon scenic, industrial and agricultural resources.

The fair, celebrating a century of railroad transportation progress, is expected to attract more than two million visitors during the seven weeks it is in operation.

Representing Oregon chambers of commerce will be W. E. Killion, manager of the La Grande chamber of commerce, who will be on hand on opening day. He will be followed by Miss Margaret Sullivan, assistant manager of the Portland

chamber of commerce visitors bureau. Ernest Rostel, assistant director of the travel information department, will be on duty throughout the length of the big fair.

The Oregon display is a part of the large Union Pacific Railroad exhibit, which includes displays by all the states the railroad serves from Nebraska westward. Interested visitors at the Oregon booth will receive on the spot information on vacations and other subjects. Visitors wishing more detailed information on different Oregon sections will leave their names, which in turn will be referred to the individual chambers of commerce concerned.

Large sepia pictures of typical Oregon scenes, transparency displays of vacation lands, typical views of logging operations and other subjects will be on display. All available Oregon literature, furnished by chambers of commerce, will be displayed. Adding further western atmosphere to the display, the Oregon Forestry Department furnished a supply of long sugar pine cones to serve as decorations.

Mrs. Irvin Hurley and mother Mrs. Armstrong of Dunsmuir, Calif., arrived Saturday for a visit at the Lester Higinbotham home.

INJURED AT MILL—

Ted Tatlo, 1104 W. Fourth street in Medford, was injured last Thursday afternoon, when one of his feet became caught between a chain and sprocket, while at work at the Sugar Pine Milling Co., here in Central Point. He was taken to Community hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance. The accident occurred while he was piling lumber. The machine was stopped and an acetylene torch was used to cut the chain necessary to free the foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burns and children left Wednesday morning for points in northern Oregon and Washington on a ten day vacation trip.

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Game Commission News

FINAL HUNTING REGULATIONS SET BY GAME COMMISSION

The Oregon State Game Commission set the hunting regulations for 1948, Saturday, July 24th. The most drastic change from the tentative regulations announced earlier this month was the regulation for Ringneck pheasants. Late brood counts carried on by district game agents showed a marked improvement throughout most of the state from those made earlier in the season. With this information the Commission extended the season slightly throughout the state with a still longer extension in Malheur county. The final regulation reads: Open season, noon October 29 to November 2, inclusive, in all counties except Jefferson, Malheur, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Curry, Lincoln and Tillamook. Bag limit 2 cocks per day or 4 for the season. Malheur county—Open season, noon October 29 to November 7, inclusive. Bag limit 2 cocks per day or 6 for the season. The Valley Quail regu-

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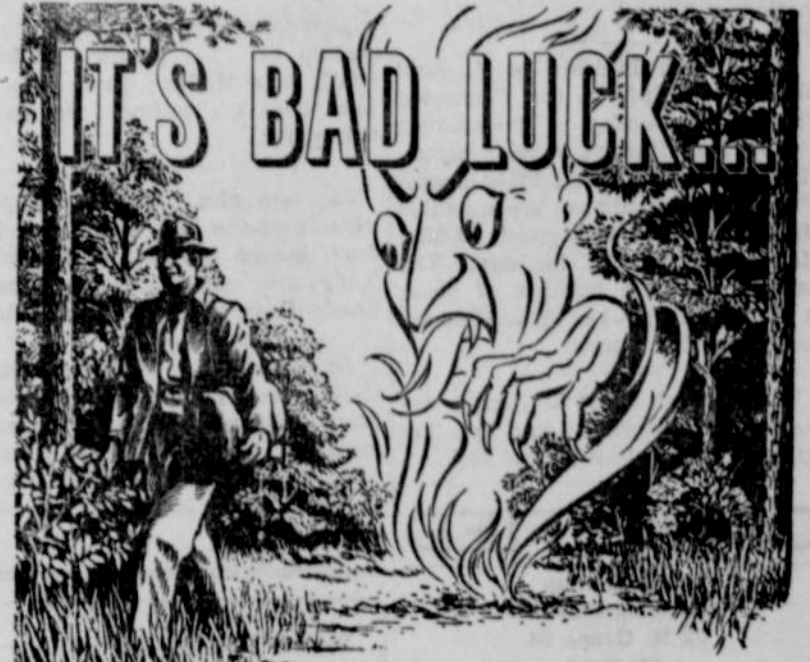
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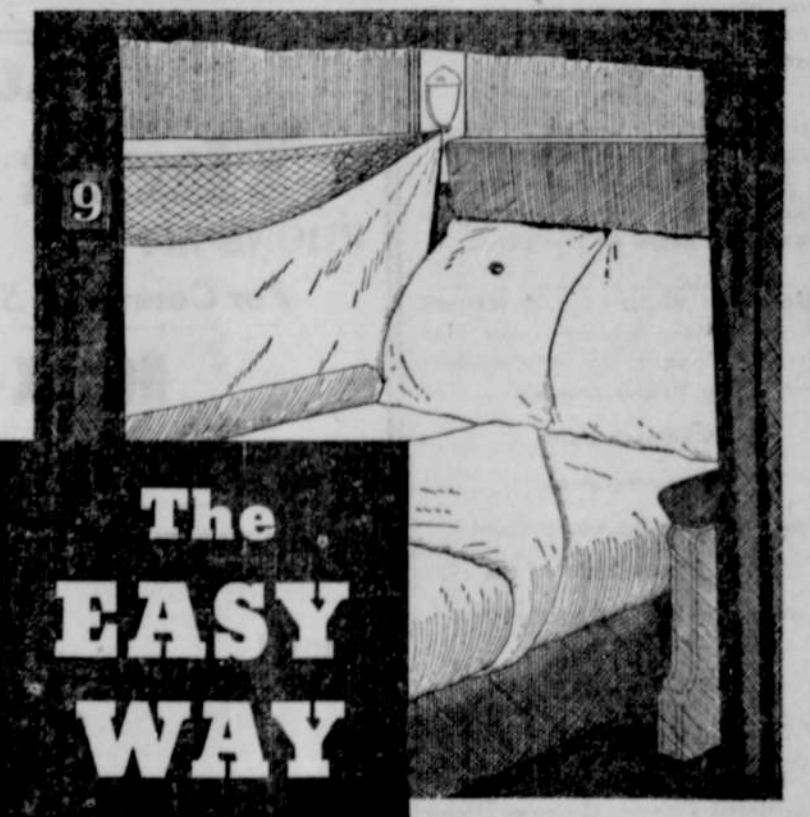
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