

Forest and Range

- ★ Mason Returned to Forest
- ★ Fenced Plots Completed
- ★ Cattle Turned on Forest

Bert Mason Jr. a former employe of the forest service who was discharged from the navy last fall, has returned to work. At present Bert is out with the maintenance crew, but beginning next month he will assist Kenneth Keeling in a cruising project. Bert has been attending the college of forestry at New York State college since his discharge. His home is in Ione.

Boyd Rasmussen from the supervisor's office at Pendleton accompanied Ranger Jorgensen to Kinzua's Camp 5 to confer with the company officials on business Tuesday.

Kenneth Keeling and family are glad to be back in Heppner after spending an extended week-end in Seattle. Their opinion of Seattle is that every one is either waiting in line or rushing somewhere to wait in line.

Fence post sales have been made recently to Howard Cleveland, Edward Rice and E. A. Campbell.

Louis Gilliam's maintenance crew has completed the second of two fenced plots. The first was a pole fence high enough to keep out both game and stock and the second is a wire fence that will exclude stock from the plot but is low enough so that deer and elk will not be kept out. The purpose of the two plots is to study over a period of years the effects of grazing by both game animals and sheep and cattle and the after effect of grazing by deer and elk only. The information gained in the experiment will be used to help plan the range management in the future.

The old Skookum guard station pasture fence has been torn down and the wire rolled up. The wire is to be used later in the summer to fence the forest boundary in the vicinity of Gilman flat.

The Tamarack-Monument Cattle association turned 600 head on the

Mrs. Wells Heads Legion Auxiliary

At a meeting of the American Legion auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. C. P. Brown the evening of May 7, Mrs. Richard Wells was elected president for the ensuing year, succeeding Mrs. Brown. Mrs. W. A. Blake was elected first vice president, Mrs. Richard Hayes second vice president Mrs. Louise A. King secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Venice Stiles historian.

Mrs. Richard Hayes will be hostess to the next meeting May 21 at her home on Chase street at which time plans for the annual poppy sale will be made and crosses for cemetery decorating.

forest range Thursday. Fifteen permits turned out as follows: W. P. Brisbois 25 head; Capon Bros. 67 head; Harold Cork 35 head; Roy Cork 35 head; Henry Cupper 46 head; Ed Kelly 40 head, George Bates 32 head; Wayne Leathers 47 head; Ralph Read 60; Charles Roach 45; Ted Murdock 40; Jackson and Griffith 118; Jesse Vaughn 6; Lyle Van Dusen 6 head. In addition RhoBleakman, Orval Wyland and Lester McKinney took non-use on their permits.

National forest grazing regulations allow the permittees to take from one to three years non-use privileges depending on the reason for the request. This privilege makes for flexibility in a stockman's permit to graze on the forest and gives him a chance to make economic adjustments, culling of his herd, protection in case of sickness, etc.

In turning cattle on the forest range the forest service does not count stock less than six months old. Most of the permittees on the Tamarack - Monument range turn out cows and calves. This year the grazing fees on the forest are 35c per head per month. In addition to the forest fee it cost the stockmen 35c per head per month to pay the riders wages, cost of sat, fencing, etc. Bill Howell from Top is going to be salter on the range this year replacing Perry Wilson.

COMMISSION SEEKS TO REMEDY DAMAGE DONE BY WILDLIFE

In recognition of the fact that the matter of game damage to orange and agricultural lands and crops is a major problem in any game management program, the Game Commission at its last regular meeting adopted the following policy:

1. Continued study in the field by trained biologists of the habitat, food preferences and trends in population of game birds and animals to the end that the majority of the taken before they reach the prohibited and corrective measures game damage problems can be averted. It is recognized, however, that from time to time there will be eruptions in numbers of game which can not be anticipated and which will require special attention. Each of such problems shall include the following methods of control:

a. Special seasons and bag limits in critical areas—it being the purpose of the Game Commission to permit game surpluses to be harvested by the sportsmen of the state wherever practical.

numbers of game and where special seasons and bag limits are impractical, the offending game shall be removed under the direction of the Supervisor by State employees.

c. In cases of game numbers er-
b. In small areas involving small upturn and unanticipated game damage which require immediate action, fencing, stockading, and artificial feeding may be employed to meet such extreme emergencies, but it is recognized that these latter remedies present no lasting so-

lution to such problems, but only tend to intensify them.

d. Continued biological study by trained personnel looking toward the development of new methods of control and regulations of game numbers in critical areas where it can be reasonably anticipated that game food problems may develop.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson spent the fore part of the week in Seattle purchasing merchandise for the Anderson and Wilson dress shop.

Mrs. R. B. Rice is leaving Friday for Kansas City where she will visit relatives in that vicinity for a few weeks.



BASEBALL

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