

Range Management Marks Changes

June, 1970, marked a significant milestone in the Range Management program on the Umatilla National Forest, when Supervisor Rudolph announced an increase in the number of cattle permitted to graze on the Matlock and Thompson Flat Allotments. The increase, the result of cooperative range management work between the Forest Service and permittees, includes both animal numbers and length of season.

On the Matlock Allotment, the increase amounts to about 266 animal months, 66 of which are on private land within the allotment. This land is leased from the Kinzua and Georgia-Pacific Corporations by permittee Jerry Brosnan.

The increase on the Thompson Flat Allotment amounts to approximately 175 animal months, all on National Forest lands. William F. Barratt, President of the Intermediate Land Bank of Spokane, is the permittee on the Thompson Flat Allotment.

Supervisor Rudolph said, "When stocking rates for livestock are established, we consider all other resources and activities on the allotments. A certain portion of the forage is allocated to wildlife and recreation uses. In fact, the grazing system we are using provides additional forage for wildlife as well as that needed for soil and watershed management."

The Brosnans have been permittees on the Umatilla National Forest for three generations, since the establishment of the National Forest in 1906. Jerry stated that his grandfather ran horses in this area prior to the establishment of the National Forest, as far back as 1878. When the National Forest was established and the permit system began, his grandfather was issued a cattle permit. John Brosnan, Jerry's father, obtained the permit in 1928, at which time he changed from cattle to sheep.

In 1954, Jerry became the permittee and changed back to cattle. Jerry, looking into the future, is planning for his son, Eddie, and grandson, Greg, to continue the permit.

In the early 1960's, Jerry and Forest Service personnel cooperatively prepared a management plan for the Matlock Allotment which included the construction of boundary and division fences, water developments and range revegetation. About 31 miles of fence and 21 stock ponds have been constructed by cooperative financing between Jerry and the Forest Service. The Forest Service has revegetated 2,000 acres of range land as well as 500 acres of land disturbed through timber sale operations. Four water developments are planned for 1970.

Mr. Brosnan leases a considerable amount of land in the Matlock Allotment from Kinzua Corporation and Georgia-Pacific Corporation which he grazes under the cooperative management plan for the allotment. When the lumber companies complete a sale on the private land, they furnish grass seed to Jerry to reseed the areas disturbed by logging.

Jerry stated that construction of the improvements and additional riding to move the cattle required a considerable investment in time and money, which is now paying off in additional numbers and increased calf weights.

He said that about 10 years ago he was getting 420 pound calves off the allotment but that, since the management plan had been put to work, his calves have steadily increased in their annual weight gains. His calves average over 500 pounds when he brings them off the allotment in the fall. Jerry said that in 1968, which he considered one of the poorer forage years on the allotment, his

calves came off in the fall averaging 527 pounds.

Forest Service personnel and Mr. Brosnan sat down together and revised the current management plan, with the increased stocking rate, for the Matlock Allotment. The plans include Mr. Brosnan's home ranch. The cattle are grazed under a deferred-rotated pasture system on both the Forest allotment and the home ranch. Jerry feels that the increase in carrying capacity is the result of good cooperative planning, working together and financial developments.

While Mr. Barratt is tending to banking business, Bob Riddle takes care of the ranch and the Thompson Flat Allotment. Bob stated that, in the 11 years he has been ranch manager for Mr. Barratt, he has seen the allotment steadily improve. The same type of management plan worked out with Jerry Brosnan and also worked out with Bill and Bob on the Thompson Flat Allotment.

During the past 10 years, 12 miles of fence including cross fences, and 7 water developments have been constructed by cooperative financing. About 2,800 acres of range land have been revegetated and 350 acres of logging disturbed land reseeded. Four water developments are planned for 1970.

Bob said that the cross fences on the allotment are the best thing that has happened to the allotment and wishes that it had been completed sooner. This put it into a two-pasture, deferred-rotated system of grazing. They had cross-fenced their home ranch several years ago and can see tremendous benefits through increased forage production and animal weights. Bob's experience has also been that their calves average better than 500 pounds when they come off of the allotment in the fall. Bob said, "There is nothing like mountain range to put good solid weight on the calves. You can look at them and tell the difference from the calves that have been raised elsewhere."

The Barratts are three generation permittees on the Thompson Flat Allotment. Bill's grandfather, W. B. Barratt, obtained the Thompson Flat sheep permit in 1929. J. G. Barratt took over the sheep permit in 1934. Bill, in turn, acquired the permit from his father in 1949. In 1953, Bill applied for a conversion from sheep to cattle. This was approved in 1954 and Bill has continued to run cattle on the Thompson Flat Allotment.

Jimmy Wilkins, Range Staffman on the Umatilla, said, "This is a tremendous turning point in our range management work. Ten years ago we were involved in cutting livestock numbers, length of seasons, and even closing out allotments. However, since then, we have placed all of our allotments under a cooperative management plan with the help of the permittees, resulting in increased stocking rates on the allotments. This is something new and different, and it is a real pleasure to be able to work in this direction instead of the direction we were going ten years ago. Without the cooperation and help of the permittees, this would never have been possible. There are many other allotments on the Umatilla that will be looked at for possible stocking rate increases within the next few years depending on several items, including the current management plan, utilization and forage production!"

Alberts on Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Albert, Heidi, Les, Marty and Jeff had a week's vacation in Washington. They visited Mrs. Albert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bartlett, who have a home on Lost Lake near Monroe.

Here they fished, rowed the boats, played with Little Joe the pet garter snake, chipmunks, flying squirrels and squirrels and Abbie the cotton tail rabbit they have tamed.

They also visited Mr. Albert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Albert in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Turner and two daughters, of Santa Rosa, Calif., are visiting in Heppner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester.

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Morrow County Harvest Report

By HAROLD E. KERR
County Extension Agent

The Morrow County wheat harvest is well underway. Yields generally are fair to good, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

Crop prospects last spring were excellent, but a very dry, cold spring, followed by prolonged hot weather resulted in reduced yields, and in some fields lighter test weights and pinched grain.

Reports from the north end have been generally good. Growers have indicated that yields are better than expected with quality generally all right. Yields reported range from 30 to 50 bushels.

In the southern half of the county yields are generally reporting less than last year. Again, shallow areas suffered most from the drought and heat.

County-wide however, 1970 will probably be one of our better crop years.

In the Pacific Northwest carryover of soft white wheat is down about 20 million bushels from last year and the projected 1970 crop is smaller so there is a smaller supply available. Soft white wheat is moving at \$1.43 to \$1.45, Portland price for August delivery.

Hard red winter wheat is priced at \$1.60 to \$1.61 per bushel. Yields of hard red winter wheat in Morrow County have been very favorable to adjoining soft white fields. Protein information is not available as yet.

U. S. wheat exports since July 1 are running 12% ahead of the year's earlier volume after having chalked up a 19% gain during the marketing year ended June 30.

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Style Revue Scheduled

By BIRDINE TULLIS

Get Ready for Fair!

The most anticipated event for 4-H Clothing and Knitting members each year is the big public Style Revue at county fair. Style Revue is planned for Wednesday evening, Aug. 26 in front of the main grandstand at the fairgrounds.

"Up, Up and Away" will be the theme of the revue. A record participation is anticipated this year—style revue superintendents are busy with plans for the event. Purpose of the public revue is to show the accomplishments of members such as acquired skill in planning, selecting, and constructing garments and costumes. It presents an opportunity for girls to learn from each other by observing and judging. Style Revue modeling helps the girls develop poise, self confidence and good posture. Still another intention of the revue is to place emphasis on what girls have learned rather than awards won.

All Clothing and Knitting girls from beginners thru advanced will be included in the revue this year. Division in Style Revue is based on ages, not projects. A teen-age girl may be a very beginner in a sewing or knitting project, while

Ken Evans Have Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evans are parents of a son, Swayne Russell, born July 22 in St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. The young man weighed 6 lb., 11 oz., and joins a brother, Gibb, age 16 months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hager and Mr. and Mrs. Verne E. Evans, Heppner. Great grandmother here is Mrs. Emma Hager. Great grandparents at Condon are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans.

Big Crowd Enjoys Picnic at Cutsforth Park

The annual Bucknum's Tavern and Cal's Tavern picnic held July 12 at Cutsforth Park was considered a real success as 250 folks were present there.

A number of games were enjoyed, children also having a number of games for cash prizes. Horseshoes and softball were prominent.

The egg throwing contest for adults had four winners: Larry Heath, Rita Kedlatz, Dick McRoberts and Janie McRoberts.

Winning cash drawing prizes of \$5 each were: Richard Willard, Vi Springer, Sharon Brace, Hilde MacPherson, Cliff Woods, Alvina Padberg, Christy Taylor, Ann Shields, Nelly Jones, Lorena Shuman, Shirley Garrett, Leona Winter and Roger Hank.

Also enjoyed by the children was a contest for cleaning up the area, with the McRoberts boy the winner.

They wish to thank the lunch and games committees for their good efforts.

Dean and Helene Teel and Georgia and Buz Lynch, proprietors of Bucknum's Tavern and Cal's Cafe and Lounge sincerely thank all for participating in their annual picnic.

Heppner Deposits Top Loans at First National

First National Bank of Oregon, largest bank in the state, reported approximately the same earnings for the first half of 1970 as the same period last year.

President Ralph J. Voss said net operating income for the period ending June 30 was \$6,939,412 or \$1.31 per share compared with \$6,924,097 or \$1.30 per share for the first six months of 1969. The figures are restated to reflect accounting changes prescribed by regulatory authorities in 1969 and a 5 for 3 stock split in September, 1969.

Total deposits decreased by 5.6 per cent to \$1,536,264,052 at the end of the first half compared with \$1,628,005,362 a year ago. Loans at the bank's 119 statewide offices declined 10.3 per cent to \$1,029,906,772, compared with the \$1,148,429,987 reported on June 30, 1969.

Capital funds plus the reserve for possible loan losses totaled \$133,542,182 as compared with \$124,615,391 on the 1969 mid-year date.

The Heppner branch reported deposits of \$6,117,014 and loans of \$5,884,269 as of June 30, according to Harley Sager, manager.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$5,892,992 in deposits and \$7,700,585 in loans.

DRIVERS EXAM

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Heppner, Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



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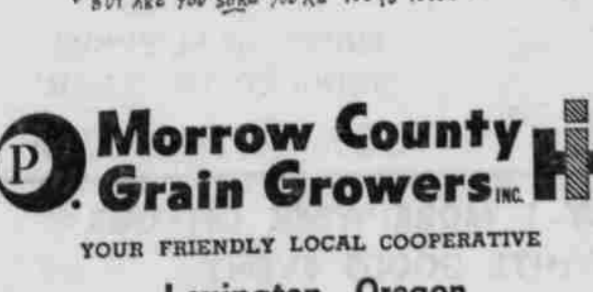


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