

Project Twenty-Two Outlines BLM Functions During Coming 52 Years

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune

Washington Correspondent
Washington (Special) — A



A. Robert Smith

slender expert in the bureau of land management has figured out that enough timber will be harvested on the O&C timberlands and other BLM forests by the year 2012 to "build a gangplank to the moon with enough left over to house a community of 300 families."

The year 2012 will mark the 200th anniversary of the government's public lands agency, which was called the general land office until the bureau of land management was created in 1946 to contain the land office and the old grazing service.

So the Department of the Interior has issued what it describes as Project Twenty-Two, a long range plan for BLM's functions over the coming 52 years. The plan envisions range improvements, increasing timber cutting, disposition of certain public lands, recreation development, increased mineral leasing and surveying of the unsurveyed portion of the 477 million acres of public domain lands left in this country.

As published on slick magazine paper, the plan is pictorially attractive, complete with photos of ladies fishing in hip boots and Oregon boy scouts working on a reforestation project. But as to specifics, it leaves some important questions unanswered.

Extra \$20 Billion
Over the next 52 years the booklet reports an estimated \$20 billion can be realized by the government from the public domain lands. Total investment during this same period will amount to \$4.1

billion, the report stated. If this amount is invested in the public lands, it will require that BLM's annual budget be sharply increased. BLM's budget this year is about \$25 million. To carry out the proposed program it would have to average almost \$80 million a year.

Some BLM career officials are wondering now whether the Eisenhower administration, in its last year, will approve such a stiff increase in the BLM budget. President Eisenhower will present Congress with his last annual budget message early in January just a few weeks before leaving office. That budget is now in the preliminary stages of being put together. BLM officials report they have yet to get the word on how much of an increase — if any — they can expect to receive.

Partnership Developing
Some partnership over the BLM program is already developing. When BLM finally completed its long work on Project 2012 last January, it contained a massive collection of charts, tables and plans on what BLM proposed to do state by state.

When the Interior Department finally made public its version of this massive document, it was stripped down to generalities and photographs. Much detailed statistical material had been deleted.

The Senate Interior Committee, which had requested the long range plan in the first place, got word of these heavy deletions and reportedly is now pressing the Interior Department for release of this supporting material. The committee is controlled by the Democrats, the department by the Republicans, so the whole matter may become a minor issue in the election campaign in the West.

In addition to the statistic about building a gangplank to

the moon, the report says the volume of timber to be harvested on the O&C timberlands of western Oregon will go up from 902 million board feet in 1959 to 1,053 million board feet in the year 2012.

To Increase Grazing
Management of the range over this period will be designed to increase its capacity for grazing from 16.2 million animal-unit-months in 1959 to 46 million in 2012.

Mineral leasing on the public lands is expected to rise from 105 million to 270 million acres by 2012. A public land mineral resources inventory by BLM is contemplated to ensure orderly development, the report stated.

Recreation development is to be expanded on BLM lands in the west. Some campgrounds have been established on O&C lands, especially along timber access roads where public usage began even before facilities were built. BLM prefers to turn O&C campgrounds over to the counties for upkeep after they've been built.

In Jackson county, for example, a recreation ground along the shore of Howard Prairie reservoir was built as a cooperative venture between the Bureau of Reclamation, whose irrigation project and funds were involved, and BLM, which administered the timberland along the lake. But the campground was turned over to Jackson county after its development.

More Campsites

Scout News

Troop 7
Boy Scout Troop 7 held a campfire court of honor at TouVelle State park recently. The court was one of the largest the troop has ever held, troop officials said. About 100 persons, including Boy Scouts and their families, attended the event.

Fourteen boys advanced to the next highest rank, and 72 merit badges were presented to 20 boys, officials said.

Second class awards went to Larry Dyuysen, Bryan Nelson, Warren Rolis, Dean Hall and Danny Thomas. First class awards went to Vern Beardslee, Richard Moyer, Jerry Hobbs, David Doolen, Mike Minnis, Wayne Taylor and Darrell Wells.

Merit badges were awarded to Gregg Faulkner, Melvin Taylor, Dave LaFever, Mike Minnis, James Moyer, Richard Moyer, Wayne Taylor, Darrell Wells, Paul Lewis, Vern Beardslee, Jimmy Myers, Dave Doolen, Dean Hall, Jerry Hobbs, Ray Reid, Warren Rolis, Don Slater, David Stevens, Danny Thomas and Charles Young.

Life badges were presented to Jim Moyer and Melvin Taylor.

Former Area Resident Dies in Las Vegas

Mrs. J. J. (Grace) Blue, former Medford and Jacksonville resident, died in Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 15, according to friends in southern Oregon.

Mrs. Blue was associated with Brownie's Plumbing while living in this area. Her husband, who survives, lives at 2880 East Fremont st., Las Vegas, Nev.

The report states that BLM plans to help establish more campsites, picnic areas and other recreation areas with sanitation, cooking, eating and potable water improvements by sharing costs with states and local agencies. The report fails to say how extensive this program will become or how big a fund BLM will have to develop it.

Access road building, which in the O&C area is financed by timber receipts which otherwise would go to the counties, will continue for the next two decades at an annual cost of more than \$8 million. The mileage of BLM access roads will go up from 800 in 1961 to more than 23,000 in 2012, not counting roads maintained by timber purchasers and right-of-way permittees.

Reforestation in the O&C lands will drop from 33,350 acres in 1959 to 25,000 in 1963 and to 16,800 acres by 1980 and in 2012.



MAY BECOME CLOWN—Emmett Kelly Jr., left, son of the famous clown, made his debut into the circus world recently and may become the second son of Emmett Sr., right, to go into the clown business. Kelly Jr., 35, who now works for a railroad, has put together an act patterned distinctly after his father's. "I just never before had the hankering to go into the circus business," young Kelly said. "People kept asking me about it and now it just seems like a good idea." (UPI Telephoto)

HAMBURGER, JUDGE?

Oxford, England—UPI—Hotel owner Daisy Bliss sued George Miller for operating a "smelly" hamburger stand on

the premises. Rapping for an adjournment for lunch Wednesday, the judge said he would "like to get the scent of this case out of my nostrils."

4-H Club News

Willing Workers

The first meeting of the Willing Workers 4-H sewing club was held recently. It was called to order by Judy Franek.

Club officers elected include Julie Thompson, president; Debbie Pierce, vice president; Judy Franek, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ellen Kurz, reporter.

The next meeting will be Oct. 17 at the home of Mrs. John Anhorn on Snowy Butte rd., Central Point.

Mary Ellen Kurz, Reporter

Knitting Kittens

The first regular meeting of the Knitting Kittens 4-H Knitting club was called to order by last year's president, Shirley Roach.

We elected the coming year's officers. They are president, Kathy Thompson; vice president, Ann Bowling; secretary, Martha Bullard; reporter, Carolee Kuest; game leaders, Nathalin Novian, Shirley Roach and Judy Frink; refreshment chairman, Susan Truly, with Carol

Footo as cochairman. We discussed the selling of cards to raise money for a scholarship to the 4-H summer school next June.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 15 at the leader's home, 3087 Linden lane, Central Point. Refreshments were served by the leader, Mrs. Frink, and Judy.

Carolee Kuest, Reporter

Tricky Trotters

An organizational meeting of the newly formed Applegate Tricky Trotters Horse club was held at the home of Mrs. Valerie Winingham recently.

Mrs. Winingham explained the advance program and answered questions. She demonstrated the proper way to saddle and bridle a horse.

The next meeting was held earlier this month at Fowler's house. We elected officers for the club and filled out enrollment cards. We now have 18 members.

Gene Fowler gave a demonstration on proper haltering and leading and named the parts of a horse. We went

on a short ride in the hills behind Fowler's farm. Refreshments were served when we returned.

David Pittcock, Reporter

Edgewood Equestrian Club

The first meeting of the Edgewood Equestrian 4-H club was called to order by Susan Wright, president. We discussed record books, membership and the fair.

We elected officers. They are Daine Hittle, president; Sheila Franklin, vice president; Rosemary Turk, secretary, and Heather Rode, reporter.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 11 at Verna Adams'. We will plan the club program and hand out record books.

Refreshments were served, and Susan Wright was presented an award for sportsmanship and leadership.

Heather Rode, Reporter

Wichita Falls, Texas—UPI—John A. Taylor, who reported Wednesday he was having trouble with jackrabbits eating the grass on his front lawn, lives on a street named Bunnya Run.

Interim Committee Hopes To Remove Inequities in Tax

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem—UPI—Mrs. Mary Doe, a widow with two children, is paying an Oregon tax of about \$105 on her \$5,000 salary this year. But the man next door supporting his wife and one child on the same salary will pay about \$77.

Oregon's split income provision, in this case, causes the widow to pay 35 per cent more state tax.

Sound unfair? There are cases like it in the state.

Or take Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donkes, and their two children. They're renting a \$12,000 home and he makes \$5,000 a year. They pay 25 per cent more state personal tax than the family down the block, living on the same income, because that family is buying its \$12,000 home.

These are examples of inequalities that the Legislative Interim Tax Committee hopes to remove from the state's tax structure.

Wants 10 Per Cent Cut
The committee, headed by Rep. Clarence Barton, (D-Coquille), is completing recommendations for the 1961 legislature.

The committee wants to cut personal income taxes by 10 per cent. To make up the \$9 million a year that would be

lost, two plans are offered: (1) a 3-cent tobacco tax, and (2) putting all taxpayers on the same basis as those subject to withholding. The finer points are still in the mill.

Oregon is the only state which does not have a tax on tobacco products, according to the committee.

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, the committee will dig deeper into timber taxation, with policy decisions hoped for. As for timberlands, a spokesman said it appears no change in the method of valuation and taxing will be recommended. Tentatively, the committee has agreed to exempt from taxation forest growth less than 50 years old.

Business Tax Studied
Another important phase of the committee's work is its study of the tax on business income. A formula is being worked out.

The personal income tax proposals alone amount to a big overhaul of Oregon's tax structure. If the tax on business inventories is repealed, Oregon would be the only state on the West Coast without it.

The feeling is that this would be attractive to industries which manufacture, assemble and distribute products.



BIG JOB FOR SURGEON—Tackling a bear is a big job, no matter what the ground rules are. Here Dr. Lester Fisher, left rear, performs surgery on an ailing bear while William Hoff, assistant zoo director at Chi-

cago, looks on. Hoff had fired tranquilizers into the bear which was then tied to permit the surgery. The unidentified man at right is holding a rope around the bear's nose. (UPI Telephoto)

SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS
SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS
SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS

BIG FOOD SAVINGS

THAT REALLY SCORE!

OK Market Has Bought a Flock of Gov't
Inspected, Local Grown, Fresh Dressed

TURKEYS

10 TO
14 LB.
HENS

43

No
Limit at
OK
Market

PICK O' THE NEW CROP!
FRUIT...VEGETABLES

CABBAGE

Medium Size—Firm Heads

3

lb.

OK
Super
Market

OPEN TILL
MIDNIGHT

7 DAYS A WEEK
SILVER DOLLAR
TRADING
STAMPS

1202 NORTH RIVERSIDE

NO. 2 POTATOES

50 lb. bag \$1.69

RADISHES And
Green Onions

Home Grown

5

Bunch

Large local green
PEPPERS

Fine for Stuffing

3

Each

Maxwell House
COFFEE

49

lb.
2 lbs. 97c

JIFFY
MIXES

10

Ea.

Spicy Brownie
Chocolate Fudge
Pie Crust
Corn Muffin

Sunkist Grapefruit

Large
Sweet
Seedless

5

Each

Mary Ellen Preserves SALE!

Mix 'Em or Match 'Em

28-OZ. JARS

2 for

98

c

- Seedless Blackberry Reg. 69c
- Strawberry Reg. 69c
- Peach Reg. 63c
- Sultana Plum Reg. 55c
- Apricot-Pineapple Reg. 63c

3 Diamond Brand
Mandarin Oranges

Reg. 25c Ea.

5 cans for

98

c

DOVE SOAP

Bath Size Plus Free Brush & Comb

3 bars

74

c

PUFFED WHEAT

Giant size bag with Drawstring

bag

41

c

Hunt's Tomato Juice

46 oz. cans

4 for

89

c

Ghirardelli
Chocolate
Chips

Reg. 25c pkg.

6

F O R

\$1

SPECIAL SALE!

5c OFF

Normal Price of
GIANT
SIZE

69

c

SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS

SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS

SILVER DOLLAR STAMPS