

# Land Management Programs Reviewed by BLM Director

"We should coordinate our programs of land management so that whatever we do with one piece of land, private, state or federal, will influence the use and development of nearby or adjacent lands," Edward Woolley, director of the bureau of land management, told members of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association Friday morning.

The things the government does with federal range lands has an important influence on private ranch operations in the area, and things the private rancher does often materially affects programs on nearby or adjacent federal lands, the BLM director explained to the cattlemen in the Medford High school auditorium.

"This does not mean that a land owner cannot operate his own land as he wishes; but I feel confident with proper understanding, information and education, private land owners and public land managers can come up with practical, cooperative long-range programs," Woolley explained.

main lands for public recreation and exchanges of land to bring about more effective patterns of public and private land ownership."

BLM handles mineral leasing on federally owned lands including those administered by other federal agencies and submerged lands of the outer continental shelf, the director pointed out. At the end of the last fiscal year, nearly 147,000 leases were in effect covering about 121 million acres.

## Annual Boy Scout Meeting Slated In Medford Today

Election of officers of the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be one of the highlights of the 36th annual meeting of the three-county Boy Scout council, Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, council president, announced Saturday.

The meeting will start at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Rogue Valley Country club, with a recognition dinner scheduled at 6 o'clock.

Officers to be nominated by the nominating committee at the business meeting include N. H. Gladfelter, president; Carroll W. Smith, Frank C. Bash, Floyd L. Somers, and Leonard B. Mayfield, vice president; Allen F. Perry, treasurer; and J. A. McDougall, Scout commissioner.

The theme for the meeting will be "Strengthen America - Character Counts," and Dr. Mayfield, Medford superintendent of schools, will address an estimated 200 persons.

Climax of the annual recognition dinner will be the presentation of two Silver Beaver awards for distinguished service to boyhood in the Crater Lake Council. Names of the recipients are secret until presentation, Bash, chairman of the Silver Beaver award committee, said.

Voting members of the Crater Lake Council are the 107 institutional representatives, who are selected by the organizations which are chartered to use the Scouting program, and about 65, council members-at-large. There are about 4,300 boys registered in Scouting and more than 1,500 adults in Jackson, Josephine, and Siskiyou counties, according to Dr. Stevenson.

gazing privileges," Woolley said.

"BLM must determine (1) the qualifications of base ranch properties, (2) previous or prior use by the applicant during the base period, along with season of use, and (3) the bureau must make an equitable distribution of available forage among qualified applicants," Woolley said.

**Property Surveys**

To carry out the first part of this job, BLM makes dependent property surveys. It also makes range surveys, adjustments in numbers of livestock using the range, and works on improving the range through brush eradication and reseeding.

The Oregon range inventory shows the need to control undesirable and low value brush plants on approximately 354 million acres, the seeding of 1.6 million acres, construction of 5,970 miles of fencing, development of 3,650 water sources for livestock and wildlife and construction of 6,725 small erosion control checks and dams.

These are but a few of the 20 conservation measures needed for rebuilding Oregon rangeland, the BLM director said.

**Impressed With Interest**

"I am particularly impressed with the interest the stockmen of Oregon have shown in investing their own funds in BLM conservation projects," the director said. "It is estimated that during the current year, range users' contributions to BLM projects will exceed \$88,000."

In August, Congress appropriated \$1,425,000 to rehabilitate and restore lands burned over this past summer. Oregon was allocated \$518,000. More than 45,000 acres will be seeded with range forage species including grasses and browse. About 25,000 seedling trees will be planted on lands adapted to reforestation, the director said.

"Undoubtedly need for use of public land for recreation purposes is going to increase rapidly in the future," Woolley said.

"This increased need creates many problems. Only satisfactory solution is a cooperative approach by sportsmen, state and county agencies, the stockman, land owner and federal agencies," he added.

**Teen-Agers Charged In Portland Holdup**

Hillsboro-UPP-Two Beaverton area teen-age boys were taken into custody by the Washington County sheriff's office early Saturday in connection with \$3,550 robbery of a Portland area grocery store.

The youths were identified as Teddy L. Tilley, 19, and William D. Maltase, 18.

They were suspects in the armed robbery of the Plainsview Grocery store on Cornwell Pass road at Skyline Blvd. Friday night. Taken in the holdup was \$750 in cash and \$2,800 in checks. One of the robbers had a pistol and the other a sawed-off baseball bat.

## Auto Dealers Show To Fill Coliseum

Portland - UPP - The Automobile Dealers Association of Portland said Friday that the motor show scheduled for Nov. 23-27 will completely take over Portland's New Memorial coliseum.

The show marks the first time an event has been scheduled in the new Coliseum that is so big it must use all available space.

Entertainment at the show will include Jimmy Durante, Eddie Jackson and Anita Bryant, former Miss Oklahoma and runner-up for Miss America in 1958.

## Large Dredge Sinks Near Tillamook

Seattle - UPP - A 210-foot dredge, the Coos, sank 12 miles off Cape Mearns near Tillamook, Thursday afternoon, the Coast Guard said.

The dredge was being towed by the tug Quenett, which proceeded to Astoria, after the dredge sank, the Coast Guard added. There were no injuries reported.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the sinking was caused by a ruptured hull plate on the starboard side of the dredge.

# Cattlemen's Resolutions Cover Variety of Subjects

The state's cattlemen ended their convention here Saturday by passing 41 resolutions which covered, generally, grazing on public lands, taxation, brand inspection and cattle theft prevention, beef grading, cattle health, freight rates and livestock imports.

Some of the main resolutions passed were:

-The Oregon Cattlemen's association, American National Cattlemen's association and congressional delegation should take aggressive action to restrict livestock imports.

-A long range master plan for development of ranges, water sheds and game habitats should be initiated and accelerated and be financed by a greater share of the receipts from public resource product sales. Present users of permits should receive first consideration in increased grazing permits.

**Urges Proposal Approval**

The OCA urges the Transcontinental Freight Bureau approve the proposal to reduce all transcontinental freight rates by 15 per cent and an increase of 10 per cent on carload weights to help restore the competitive relationship between fresh meats and livestock.

The OCA favors a national labelling act on shoes to protect the purchaser.

-The OCA favors the change of ownership brand inspection on all transactions.

**Multiple Use Principle**

-The OCA favors multiple use principle on bureau of land management lands and considers it essential that all interested persons contribute to and assist in the responsibilities involved.

-The OCA opposes any change in the state basic school distribution formula that unfairly discriminates against sparsely populated areas where per pupil cost is "necessarily high." It opposes, also, any legislation proposing a "state mandated property tax" for support of the state basic school fund. Any distribution formula developed by the state legislature should

place more weight on per capita income values.

The OCA seeks legislation setting up "productive capacity" as the basis for assessing ranch lands rather than "true cash values."

**Assessed on Basis**

-City and ranch homes should not be assessed on the same basis. Consideration should be given to location, accessibility and resale value.

-The OCA disease committee will call a meeting in southern Oregon and request United States department of Agriculture and the Oregon state department of agriculture personnel, representatives of affected county associations and regulatory officials of the state of California be invited to discuss the situation brought about by health certificate requirements.

**Automated Financing**

-Provisions should be set up for automatic financing for reseeding burned areas similar to present deficit financing practices for fire suppression activities on U. S. Forest Service and BLM lands.

-Congress should invest

## Port Officials Urge Columbia Dredging

Vancouver, Wash. - UPP - Fred Wheatley, manager of the Port of Camas, said at a special meeting here Friday the Army Corps of Engineers should continue deep channel dredging of the Columbia river from Vancouver to The Dalles, Ore.

The meeting was called by Representative-elect Julia Butler Hansen of Washington's third district, to get public reaction to a proposal by the Army Corps of Engineers to discontinue deep channel dredging. The Army engineers reportedly proposed that it maintain dredging for barge traffic only.

Representatives of the Port of Camas-Washouga, Vancouver city council, and the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce were against the proposal.

more funds in range improvement and rehabilitation.

-A study should be made to determine ways and means of returning part of the public monies used for building timber access roads to the counties.

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