



Range Conservation Stamp To Be Issued In Utah on Feb. 2

The first range conservation commemorative postage stamp in the world will be issued by the post office department Feb. 2 at Salt Lake City, Utah, the Medford office of the bureau of land management, department of the interior, has announced.

The new 4-cent stamp, printed in three colors, will be released at the annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management. The range conservation stamp is jointly sponsored by the bureau of land management and bureau of Indian affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; the soil conservation service and forest service, U.S. department of agriculture; and the post office department.

The new stamp, designed by Rudolph Wendelin of the department of agriculture, dramatizes the development of range conservation from pioneer days on the open range to the highly scientific management techniques of today.

The design is divided into two parts, the left half featuring a reproduction of "The Trail Boss," a line drawing by the famous western artist, Charles M. Russell, printed in black. The other half portrays a contemporary western range scene printed in yellow and blue. A tear line through the center separates the two scenes.

As the new postage stamp points out, range conservation and management have come a long way since the first Spanish vaqueros trailed their cattle from old Mexico into what is now western United States. Excluding forest and woodland there are over 500 million acres of range lands in the West—one-fourth of the total land area of the nation.

Only in relatively recent years has grazing on public range lands in the West been regulated. In 1934 Congress passed the Taylor Grazing act. It provided for the protection, development, and improvement of unreserved public range lands under the department of the interior by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration, and by stabilization of the livestock industry dependent upon the lands.

The first public grazing districts were established in 1935. There are now 59 districts with a gross area of about 159 million acres under the administration of the department's bureau of land management.

In addition to regulating the numbers of livestock and seasons of use on public range lands, BLM constructs thousands of range improvements, such as wells and watering ponds, detention dams, fences, access roads, and others. Every year thousands of acres are treated by mechanical methods and aerial spraying to control brush and then seeded with the most productive grasses.

The American Society of Range Management is a professional organization of range technicians, range managers, and livestock operators. The Society has a membership of more than 3,000.

The initial printing of the range conservation commemorative postage stamp will be 120 million. After the first day release observances in Salt Lake City Feb. 2, the stamp will go on sale at all post offices.

Faculty Members Conduct Conference

Ashland-Miss Marion Ady, chairman of the Southern Oregon college art department, and Dr. Clarence E. Diebel, SOC professor of science, conducted special sessions during the Douglas County Teachers Conference Dec. 5 at Roseburg High School.

Dr. Diebel, who has directed the National Science Foundation Traveling Science Teachers Program for the Northwest region for the past two years, presented "Individual Projects in Science" as his topic.

"Elementary Art Education Problems" was the subject of Miss Ady's lecture, and included a number of actual problems encountered in SOC classes in elementary art education.

Official Registry Of Administration Jobs Out of Print

Washington - (CQ) - Congress quietly put out of print this year the only publication which gives the name, home state and salary of all the top personnel in the three branches of government - a document that would have been of special interest with the changing of administrations.

Although most of the information in this publication - called the Official Register of the United States - might be found with digging, in other sources, it provided the most convenient channel for determining just who were the top echelon appointees in the administration.

The book was used by the executive agencies - for which it was ostensibly printed - and by congressional offices. The head of the Civil Service Commission once said it was "probably the only thing that Congress had that could let them put the finger on the people in the executive branch who are charged with the responsibility of coming before Congress."

Perhaps even more important was the use made of the Official Register by private organizations, especially newspapers, who found it an index to patronage since it listed the person's home state and congressional district, as well as his salary.

The extent of patronage possibilities in the federal government is illustrated by one of the major tasks now facing President-designate John F. Kennedy. Kennedy has about 1,800 top non-civil service positions he can fill with new personnel if he chooses to do so - including White House staff members, about 80 cabinet secretaries and their immediate assistants, 400-500 division chiefs and commission members, and about 1,200 administrative assistants and similar officials. All the people that hold these jobs are listed in the Official Register.

A Congressional Quarterly spot check of various offices on Capitol Hill revealed that about half of those contacted considered the Official Register the most convenient way of finding the name of the person in a particular job.

An official of the Civil Service commission which compiled the Register - an 850-page book - told CQ that usually they printed between 7,000 and 10,000 copies, at least 5,000 of which were distributed to the various federal agencies.

The Official Register was created by the 74th Congress in 1935. The enabling legislation required the U. S. Civil Service commission to print yearly a publication containing a complete list of all persons holding administrative and supervisory positions in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government where their salaries were paid by the treasury. The law stipulated that the Register must show the person's name, official title, salary, legal residence and place of employment.

The various agencies and the judiciary and legislative

branches were required to submit lists of their personnel as of May 1 of each year to the commission. The law authorized funds for printing, but none for the time of personnel required to compile the manuscript.

The first indication that the Official Register was headed for the graveyard developed when a House appropriations subcommittee early this year held hearings on the independent offices appropriations bill for fiscal 1961 - which included funds for the Civil Service Commission.

Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Texas), the subcommittee's chairman, asked Civil Service commission chairman Roger W. Jones just how important it was to spend \$30,000 a year to publish the Official Register. Jones replied: "It is not important, in our judgment."

Thomas subsequently brought out that the \$30,000 paid only for printing and that in addition it cost the commission about three man-years to compile and print the Register. Added to this was the cost to the agencies for tabulating the lists which they reported to the commission.

Thomas' subcommittee ended its consideration of the Official Register by writing a clause into the new independent offices appropriation bill which said: "No part of the appropriations hereinafter made to the Civil Service Commission shall be available for printing the Official Register; and the act authorizing its publication 'is hereby repealed.'"

During hearings by the Senate appropriations subcommittee, which accepted entirely the House provision, Jones described the Official Register as a list of all persons "occupying so-called executive jobs". He added, however, that it was almost impossible to print such a book because of the number of names which should be included. He said it was out of date before it was printed and in a very large part, except for the salary, state of origin, congressional districts, the information that is available in other publications, such as the Government (Organization) Manual and the Congressional Directory.

Jones, however, did accord it some value to the Register when he referred to a statement he had made before a congressional committee in 1950 in which he had described the Register as "probably the only thing that Congress had that could let them put the finger on the people in the executive branch who are charged with the responsibility of coming before Congress."

Following are several examples of information that is contained in the Official Register for 1959: Dwight D. Eisenhower, President, Penn., \$100,000 annual salary; James C. Hagerty, press secretary to the President, N. Y., 21st district, \$21,000; J. George Stewart, architect of the Capitol, Fla., 6th district, \$19,000; Dana Latham, commissioner of the Internal Revenue service, Calif., 16th district, \$21,000; Lee F. Brackett, supervisor of fishery management and law enforcement officer of the international fishery treaty enforcement office of the Interior department, Maine, 1st district, \$8,990; Hayden B. Clements, administrative officer of the bureau of veterans' reemployment rights of the Labor department, Tenn., 5th district, \$9,890; Walter C. Hand, budget officer of the Federal National Mortgage association, Ala., 9th district, \$11,330.

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