

# Applegate Stock Raisers Tell Stand In Use of Land

(Editor's note: The following statement, prepared by the Applegate Stockmen's Association, is in response to a Mail Tribune editorial of last Sunday commenting on U.S. Forest Service plans to place added restrictions on grazing in the forests. It was submitted by Martin S. Grier, president of the association, and is published in full.)

After reading your editorial in the Sunday edition entitled "Forest Range Problems," I feel obligated to give some facts for your consideration. I am glad that this problem has been brought to the attention of the public. It is too bad, though, that there were not more facts presented so that the public could honestly evaluate the situation.

We realize that the Forest Service has a job to do and that by law they are required to manage the forest lands for multiple use. We do not disagree with them on the basis of this policy. But, we must make it clear that we, the cattlemen, are part of the multiple use plan and we are not going to be the whipping post for the Forest Service. The cattle are not hurting the range and they in turn come closer to paying their own way, and cause less trouble, than any one of the other multiple uses.

I am writing, in particular, of the Applegate area and what the Forest Service has proposed to us in their basic management plan. In the spring of this year, we were told that if cooperative agreements were signed and a basic management plan adopted which was agreeable to both cattlemen and Forest Service, it would probably not be necessary to have allotment cuts. We worked with the Forest Service in developing a management plan and we signed cooperative work agreements. The Forest Service had these plans approved but what finally became of them? They received \$500 to work with. Since that plan did not give them enough money to work with, the plan was thrown out and seemed not to have been worth the paper that it was written on. This was done without ever consulting any of the cattlemen who had worked on these plans. We have always done our part when we have been approached by the Forest Service; but we can not depend upon Forest Service to hold to their agreements.

**Reply To Editorial**  
Before I give you the facts and figures on what was offered to us by the Forest Service, I would like to make the following statements in regard to some of the things stated in your editorial.

The range is not overgrazed and the cattle are not causing a severe deterioration on the range and the cattle are not causing erosion problems. It has been the policy of the Forest Service to give a permittee an extension on the grazing season if the grass and feed warrant them doing so. This past season some of the permittees were given extensions upon the recommendations of the Forest Service Ranger who went on the range with the cattlemen and saw the feed. In many cases this was a two week earlier turn out and a two weeks later gathering time. Is this overgrazing or deterioration of range? Have you ever noticed that an animal, unless forced to, will not go straight up a hill? A cow will always go on a contour when feeding or traveling if at all possible. Many of our hills show perfect contour paths made by both deer and cattle. This is nature's way of preventing erosion.

There are 20 permittees involved in this Forest Service proposal in the Applegate and they average out 60 head of cattle permitted on the range. The cattle are turned out in the spring and they are gathered in the fall, but common sense would tell a person that

there is a lot of riding required between the turn out time and the gathering time. There is a big investment by the cattlemen on the range and he does ride regularly and salt regularly and the Forest Service knows that

this is done. At least 500 pounds of salt per permittee is put out regularly by the cattlemen every summer which is also a big benefit to the deer population. It is true that a range analysis was made by a qualified

was made by the pace method—whenever the left foot of the man hit the ground in a given distance, the plant at the end of the toe was analyzed and the results put on paper. The results of the paper were evaluated and the final results showed a poor condition of the range. The cattlemen have, from the beginning until the end of the analysis of 1958, protested the analysis as not being a true picture. No browse has ever been considered as cattle feed whether they eat it or not, no timber areas were considered as fawning areas, whether they eat there or not, no glade under 10 acres was analyzed. The logged off areas are considered as transitory ranges and so very few, if any, points are given for them even when they are abundant with grass. The Forest Service knows all these things and it is strange that they are not allowed to give the cattlemen due consideration on range conditions. I might add that the Forest Service state: "No range trend has been established to date."

The following are some of the pertinent proposals presented to the Applegate Cattlemen:

1. Total cost to restore the range, based upon Forest Service proposals, is \$66,495 for the Forest Service and \$46,879 for the permittees.
2. Man hours to do the jobs for improvements such as fencing, cattle guards, etc. are broken down by Forest Service and permittee allotments: cost is also included.

Improvements	Forest Service		Permittee	
	Manhours	Cost	Manhours	Cost
Big Grayback	64	\$ 4,450	171	\$ 4,310
Upper Big Applegate	203	13,415	422	9,955
Elliot Creek	68	9,160	278	6,160
Beaver-Silver	150	9,810	318	8,810
Carberry-No Improvements				
Revegetation-(No manhour breakdown-only cost)				
Big Grayback		3,720		3,520
Upper Big Applegate		19,100		9,970
Elliot Creek		2,000		1,600
Beaver-Silver		4,400		2,174
Carberry		400		400
<b>Total</b>		<b>586,495</b>		<b>546,879</b>

On top of this cost of improvements based on Forest Service wants, the permittees are asked to approve the unwarranted cuts of AUM or head cuts of the following percentages:

**Allotment Per Cent of Cut (Either AUM or Head)**

Carberry 75, Upper Big Applegate 34, Elliot Creek 34, Beaver - Silver 55-59, Big Grayback 34.

Could anyone match the U. S. Government in monies, even with the total permitted numbers? How can we be expected to pay anything with such a proposed cut?

The cattlemen do not deserve this sort of treatment and we would appeal to all to come and see for themselves the range. We do not want anything that would cause any destruction, immediate or long range, to the great values in our National Forest. We are all men of the soil and have dedicated our lives to the soil. We feel as American citizens we deserve some considerations based upon the actual conditions of the range, analyzed or not. We want to make it plain that we also are a part of the multiple use plan.

French Assembly Sets Organization

Paris—The newly elected National Assembly gathered for its organizing meeting today dominated by an unprecedented majority pledged to support President Charles de Gaulle.

Gaullist leaders were confident they could push through the president's plans for stability at home and nuclear-backed prestige abroad.

De Gaulle's Union for the New Republic and its allies won 280 of the parliament's 482 seats in the Nov. 18 and 25 national elections. It was the first parliamentary majority in the history of the French republic.

De Gaulle is expected to spell out his program in a message to both houses of parliament Friday or next Tuesday.

Exam Announced For Corps Machinists

The U.S. Civil Service examiners, Corps of Engineers, in Portland are accepting application for machinists. Place of employment will be aboard sea-going hopper dredges and river pipeline dredges.

Application forms are available at the U.S. Civil Service office in the Medford post office.

Science Enrollment Increases at PSC

Portland—Applied science enrollment at Portland State college has increased 118 per cent, according to the latest issue of "Life at Portland State."

The monthly newsletter reports class registration of 130 students compared with 61 at this time a year ago.

Part of the increase can be explained by the four year applied science curriculum. Freshmen applied science courses have been added for the first time, according to Dr. Harry White, department executive officer.

The streamlined curriculum which gives freshmen six hours of applied science courses and sophomores nine hours replaces the standard 27 hours of engineering courses, Dr. White explained. Freshmen now take courses in chemistry, mathematics, beginning applied science, English composition, humanities and social science.

Oceanography Grants Received by OSU

Corvallis—The Oregon State university department of oceanography has received two grants totaling \$497,000.

The grants were made for \$320,000 by the Office of Naval Research and for \$177,000 by the National Science Foundation.



**PRESENTS CREDENTIALS**—President Kennedy poses with Ambassador Abdou Sidikou of Niger, left, when the latter called at the White House to present his credentials. While he was so doing, the President's five-year-old daughter, Caroline, popped into her father's office and had a chat with the envoy. Sidikou called Caroline "very vivacious and very bright." (UPI)

## Bowl Scholars Win Study Grants From OSU Alumni

Corvallis—Oregon State University's "scholar squad" members who have scored victories on the nationally-televised College Bowl show the past two Sundays have been awarded full-tuition scholarships for next year by the OSU Alumni association.

The scholarships are designed to help the five top young scholars complete their bachelor's degree programs and encourage them to go on for advanced study. President James H. Jensen said in announcing the awards.

He added that the scholarships—worth \$1,650 in total—were decided upon also as a tribute to "student scholars who have distinguished themselves and brought high credit to the university" throughout America. Money will come from the 1962-63 OSU fund that draws contributions from alumni and friends of the institution.

**Team Members**  
Regular members of the team are Fran Freeman and Mrs. Judy Wicks Torgerson of Portland and Clifford Dempster and Gary J. Ford, Corvallis.

Philip Bernard, Sandy, alternate on the team, was included in the scholarship awards. He makes all trips to New York as a part of the team and serves as an assistant coach as well.

All five of the students are juniors and the 1963-64 scholarships will carry them through their final year of undergraduate work. President Jensen noted. The action was approved by the chairman of the university scholarship fund.

This Sunday night, the OSU team will match answers in the collegiate quiz contest with University of Virginia. OSU has scored victories the past two Sundays over Manhattanville college of New York and University of New Mexico.

**Scholarship Funds**  
In the process, the team has won \$3,000 to date in scholarship funds for the university. It has not yet been decided how the College Bowl winnings will be used in the university's scholarship program, President Jensen said.

The College Bowl team was selected from a field of more than 100 candidates by a Faculty committee that also coaches the team in preparation for the television appearances.

Dr. James Groshong, professor of English, was faculty coach for the first two trips to New York. This week, W. Bruce McAister, oceanography professor, will go as coach. He is chairman of the Faculty committee that helped pick the team.

**HOPE TOUR SET**  
Tokyo—476 Comedian Bob Hope will entertain American servicemen in the Far East for two weeks beginning Dec. 20. It was announced today. Hope for years has been making annual Christmas visits to U.S. military installations



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## Youth Confesses Murdering Girl

New York—A schoolboy confessed Wednesday night that he raped nine-year-old Lourdes Baas, then pushed her to her death from the roof of a 14-story housing project building because she threatened to tell on him.

The arrest of 15-year-old James Rooks 27 hours after the rooftop attack ended an all-out search in which nearly 1,000 persons were questioned.

Only 20 minutes before the slaying a seven-year-old slipped away from him when he tried to corner her, police said.

The youth was caught after an area resident pointed him out to patrolman Joseph Heyen and said Rooks had exposed himself in a bus two weeks ago. Heyen approached the boy, and noticed that he looked like the composite drawing made from the younger girl's description. The officer also saw that he was still wearing a cap and jacket that matched the police alarm.

## Kalanchoe Plant Makes Good Gift

Good things come in small packages—the saying goes—and this is true as far as the Kalanchoe plant is concerned. You'll find it in florist shops and garden centers at this time of year—it's not the biggest plant but certainly a gay and hardy one. So be sure to consider it if you want a long-lasting gift plant.

Kalanchoes may be bought in 2 1/4-inch clay pots or in any size up to 6 or 8 inches. They are compact little succulents with shining bright green leaves and clusters of sparkling four-petaled flowers of brilliant scarlet. The stems that hold the flowers are usually from 8 to 12 inches high and the plant stays small and compact even as it matures, making it ideal for table or window decoration.

They are good-natured plants and demand little. Whenever the topsoil feels dry to your finger, set each porous clay pot in a bowl of water and let it drink up all it will. Then when the topsoil is wet through, take the pot from the water and let it drain before setting it back on its own saucer.

Kalanchoes will do best in a sunny window. Keep the faded blooms pinched off so they will not set seed and new buds will continue to develop and open for many weeks. For robust growth, feed a soluble plant food once every month.

Portsmouth, England—UPI—Fisherman Reg Rook, 69, said today the "big one" he hooked in the English Channel was a submarine. It towed his boat for 45 minutes before surfacing to remove the hook.

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