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TELLING THE EDITOR

GRAZE PROBLEM

Dear Bill:

I have read with interest the story you carried in your February 28 issue entitled "Game Group Opposed To Game Act." The game group referred to is the state game commission.

The game commission is still mulling the objections of former Chief Forester Lyle Watts, who has retired and is now serving as secretary of the Oregon division of the Isaac Walton League. The story reads as though Watts wrote it.

The objections of Mr. Watts are understandable. While he and Harry Truman were in power it was agreed at their end of the line that the march of state socialism would be impeded if citizens have rights that bureaucrats are bound to respect.

I will take the news story, paragraph by paragraph. The first objection states that the proposed bill, "would extend the principle of special interest legislation to national forest lands." We have a series of federal statutes which give game, watershed uses, etc. priority over grazing. Those statutes are not affected by the stockmen's proposal. Furthermore, section 11 of the proposal reads as follows:

"Section 11. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict the power of the Secretary, in his discretion, to limit or discontinue the grazing use of any lands under his jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing injury to said lands from grazing, or to change the use of any such lands from grazing to any other authorized use."

I get so amused every time I hear someone say "I don't like the bill," I ask, "Have you read section 11? I doubt if any member of the game commission has ever read it either. The final draft of section 10 was recently submitted to the Washington office of the forest service. It reads as follows:

"Section 10. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act, such Act shall apply in the administration of this Act, except that nothing in the Administrative Procedure Act shall apply to the exercise by the Secretary of his powers under section 11 of this Act. All cases of adjudication arising under this Act shall be determined on the record after opportunity for agency hearing. An established grazing privilege as provided in section 6 (a) of this Act shall be considered to be an activity of a continuing nature within the meaning of section 9 (b) of the Administrative Procedure Act."

(b) (1) Section 1 (d) of the Act of December 29, 1950 (64 Stat. 1129; 5 U.S.C. 1013) is amended by inserting after "Secretary," the following: "when such order was entered by the Secretary of the Interior, agency means the Secretary."

(2) Section 2 of such Act (64 Stat. 1129; 5 U.S.C. 1032) is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first paragraph thereof a comma and the following: "and (d) all final orders of the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior under the Uniform Federal Grazing Land Tenancy Act, except orders issued under section 11 thereof."

It is the intent of section 10 to deprive the permittee of the right of judicial review over such questions as reductions in numbers for range protection or decisions as to change in use to a use which calls for the exclusion of livestock from the area. The invitation has been extended to the forest service to have its attorneys rewrite section 10 if that intent is not unequivocally stated.

The next objection is the claim that the permit status would be changed from such a vested right. You will notice that the proposal ratifies the existing 10 year permit plan which is now in operation on the Taylor grazing lands, pursuant to the Taylor Grazing Act and on national forest lands pursuant to the Granger-Thye Act of 1960. There is no legal change in the status of a basic permit.

The story goes on to say that the "commission also feels all individual limitations of livestock numbers could be lifted." I am glad this objection of Mr. Watts was repeated. Under the rule book that Mr. Watts helped make and enforce there was no incentive for a stockman to produce additional feed because he stood no chance to obtain the benefit of it. I will give you a concrete example. Commencing a few years ago, a young friend of yours, who lives across the line in California, commenced to spend generous sums in range improvements. He soon created a lot of new forage. The deer and his permitted numbers of stock could not consume it. He had created a fire hazard. Under the rule book of Mr. Watts, he was not permitted to put additional stock on the land. The excess feed had to be given, according to Mr. Watts, to some new permittee who had not put up a dime to create this new wealth. Our friend has been battling the application of that rule to his pasture. In January of this year the Washington office of the forest service distributed a proposed new rule throughout the west which provides that a rancher who bears the cost of improving his range beyond the needs of wild life and watershed values and the

needs of his permitted numbers, shall have the benefit of the sweat of his brow by having his numbers of stock increased. March 2 was the last day for the filing of objections back in Washington. I am wondering if our game commission and Mr. Watts filed objections.

The next objection is but a repetition of a former one—the fear of overgrazing. The stock on the land at the present time, or will be when the grazing season opens on or about June 1. The bill does not open up new areas. Under the terms of the proposal the administrator has the right to reduce numbers or remove all stock in order to protect the range. Who is the game commission afraid of? The administrator? If it is, then its objection should run to our system of government, not to the citizens who make up our country and who create wealth and pay taxes by applying capital and labor to our natural resources.

The game commission forgot to mention the objection that Mr. Watts mentioned so frequently during 1951 and 1952, when the stockmen were going around the country inviting people of all classes to go over their bill with them and point out suggestions and criticisms. He objected to the citizen having the right to seek judicial review from a decision of the forest service. Today about 110 million Americans, because of the nature of their investments or occupations (you are included) have the right to seek judicial review, in some situations, from decisions of federal administrators with whom they have to deal in the course of making a living. A short time ago Chief Forester McArdle, who has succeeded Mr. Watts, made the statement in my presence that he believes that a citizen who has a grievance should have the right to seek judicial review. He then went on to say that he thought the right should exist even if the citizen thinks he has a grievance. The local draft board of which I am a member, notifies the registrant in every case of his right of appeal. That is the American way.

No one can say how far the proposal of the stockmen will get in the present session of the Congress. The administration has requested all parties to get as close together as they can and report back. That is businesslike step No. 1, a step that was impossible until a few weeks ago.

I usually end my letters by asking that they not be printed but this I am going to ask you to print this one, Bill. I think that some publicity on behalf of the truth about this subject is of value throughout the Klamath Basin.

Sincerely yours,
Forrest E. Cooper

THANKS

KLAMATH FALLS—I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to those who donated their time and efforts to help me make a success of the Live Window Show on the New Method of Artificial Respiration held Feb. 23 under the auspices of the American Red Cross, Klamath County Chapter.

The Gun Store for space in window. Hann, loud speaker equipment. Also the following groups who demonstrated: Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, under the direction of Miss Redkey; Stewart-Lenox and City Fire Departments and the City Police.

A special thanks goes to the little lad (name unknown) in the crowd of spectators who stepped up and said, "I am a First Aider, May I help?" His services as a change-over operator were accepted and deeply appreciated. A task well done, son.

May we have many more of these children and adults who can render good first aid in saving the life or limb of a fellowman.

Again thanks to everyone.
Sincerely,
First Aid Chairman
Mrs. Dave Lovelace
Rte. 3, Box 234 C
Klamath Falls, Ore.

ARCHERS

KLAMATH FALLS—The Klamath Archers, an organization of local bowmen, would like to express appreciation to city officials and the city council for work completed in helping to provide an area in Moore Park for a bow-and-arrow field range in Moore Park. We would especially like to thank City Recreation Director Bob Bonney, Bert Rohu, the recreation committee, the park board, our president Dale Baxter and all others who worked on the project.

Signed
Cecil Frather
Target Captain

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TELLING THE EDITOR

GIDEON CONFAB

Dear Sir:

Not knowing just who to contact to secure the information which we are asking for herein, we are writing to you in the hopes that those who are interested in doing what we are asking will contact us in a short time. We know that this is early, but then it is "the early bird that catches the worm," and we must make our plans, because the programs must be ready for the printers by August the first, and that date will be here before we know it.

Here is what we have been leading up to. On September 18th through 20th the Klamath Falls Camp of Gideons will entertain the Oregon State Gideons in Klamath Falls.

And as our camp is very small, we must ask for a lot of help. The first thing that we are interested in is contacting a group of women, or a women's organization who would be interested in preparing and serving any one of the following meals, or possibly one of these groups would like to prepare most of them.

Men's luncheon Saturday the 19th at 12 noon, for approximately seventy-five or one hundred. Auxiliary luncheon Saturday the 19th at 12 noon with approximately seventy-five present. Banquet Saturday 19th at 6:30 p.m., with approximately two hundred present.

These figures are based on the figures from the state convention in Coquille last September. The pre-registration will give a much closer idea as to the number who will be present at each meal. Then when they register they pay for the meals, so that we know who will be present at each meal.

Of course we could go to one of the hotels or restaurants, who prepare such lovely meals, but we would rather have a non-profit organization take over and use the money for a purpose that is of benefit to the community, however if we do not hear from one of these organizations we will be forced to go to these places for our plans must be made and ready in plenty of time.

We would welcome the privilege of talking with any representative of such a group and explaining our plans to them and have them seriously consider our needs. I don't know how many people will read these letters to the editor, but we hope that the right ones will do so and will act. If the interested groups will contact The Gideons, giving their telephone number, we will talk with you and explain details in full.

Address all inquiries to: The Gideons, 2038 Melrose Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

MISSED

MERRILL—Last Sunday (March 1) we let our little dog about 10 in the morning and we haven't seen him since.

He is a little black short-haired fellow with brown feet and is getting gray around the face. He is four years old and we have had him all the time. He didn't bother anything as we kept him in the house most of the time.

We have looked all around here. We think someone picked him up. If they did and see this, please bring him back or phone or information to 2777-Merrill or contact us at Bob Adams' ranch.

Our daughter misses him so much.

Mrs. M. J. Hampton

THANKS

KLAMATH FALLS—Thanks for the wonderful opportunity of visiting your newspaper. It was enjoyed by all the class and we thought it was one of the most worthwhile field trips taken this year.

Would you especially thank Wally Myers and Red Hurd who did such a fine job of guiding us around?

Mrs. Potter's Class
Pelican School

BLOODMOBILE

To The People of Klamath County: The next scheduled appearance of the Bloodmobile to Klamath County is slated for March the 17th

By Jimmy Hatlo

Hal Boyle

BASIN BUILD

Missing N.J. Youth Sought

A national advertising agency has sought the aid of newspapers across the nation in the search for a missing youth.

Roy Maurer, 16, has been missing from his home in Ridgewood, N.Y., since Feb. 21. Philip Lukin, vice president of Lawrence Pettis and Company, New York, has thrown the full facilities of the advertising firm into the search for young Maurer.



ROY MAURER

In his appeal to the Herald and News, Lukin wrote that "this is a personal appeal for assistance on behalf of my good friend and client, Roy Maurer, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maurer, who was last seen on Feb. 21, 1953, at their home in Ridgewood, N.Y., where he was attending the Contract Branch Division of National Distillers."

"The situation is particularly unfortunate because Roy's mother has only recently returned from the hospital... and the worry and strain caused by his disappearance is certainly not helping her health."

"If any trace of this boy is received, we would appreciate receiving direct calls as follows: R. W. Maurer, office phone WO 4-3000 New York; residence phone Ridgewood 6-4892; or to the writer, office phone MU 9-7100 New York; residence phone AT 9-2806 New York."

The missing youth is described as being 5' 9", weight 145, dark brown hair parted on left, dark brown eyes with heavy eyebrows, clear complexion and carrying an appendectomy scar.

When last seen he was wearing a medium gray, double-breasted flannel suit, gabardine topcoat and black shoes.

The youth is said to be very adept with things electrical and mechanical and plays the piano fairly well.

Atom Blasts Will Be Televised

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Four mountain peaks will be used to relay the picture of the atomic blast March 17 to Los Angeles and thence to the nation's television screens.

Along each peak will be 12,000 pounds of microwave relay equipment, including generators and dish type antennas. Manned the gear on each peak will be two technicians.

Charter Heap, Atomic Energy Commission official here from Washington, D.C., announced Friday night there would be live network broadcasts of the event on both television and radio.

Navajo Soldier Off Korea List

FT. LEWIS, Wash. — Pvt. Ralph M. Deschery, the Navajo Indian inducted into the Army with only the barest knowledge of English, will not have to go to Korea.

An order from the Army adjutant general, yesterday took his name off the overseas shipment list. He will be transferred to Ft. Ord, Calif.

Deschery's home town is Rock Point, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation.

His case came to public notice when his aged parents asked that he be returned to them as their sole support.

Medford Man Up On Tax Charge

MEDFORD — A prominent Jackson County businessman, orchardist and rancher, was arrested Friday and accused of federal income tax evasion.

He is Walter H. Leverette, 44, accused by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of making fraudulent income tax returns in 1946 for himself, the Litvia Investment Co., and for an amusement firm in which he had an interest.

Leverette posted \$1,000 bond to insure his appearance at a preliminary hearing to be set later before U. S. Commissioner Robert Leedy in Portland.

Senate Talks Commission

SALEM, Ore. — The Senate spent its entire morning session debating a bill to allow establishment of commodity commissions by vote of the producers, and then sent it to the House with only two dissenting votes.

The commissions, designed to promote the use and research on various products, may only be legislative in nature. The bill, drawn by Sen. Paul E. Goddard, would provide for the establishment of such commissions by a tax on each commodity controlled by a commodity commission.

Commissions would be those for potatoes, berries, and dairy products.

Guam Governor To Be Chosen

WASHINGTON — A Seattle attorney may be the next governor of Guam.

Informed sources said Friday that Ford O. Elvidge, a Washington state Republican leader, is being considered for the appointment. The new governor of the Pacific Island will be recommended by Secretary of the Interior McKay and named by President Eisenhower.

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