

# Benson Defends Decision On No Cattle Support As Drought Tour Winds Up

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson heads a tour of Washington today from a back to back inspection tour convinced that he was right in rejecting demands of a recent "cattleman's caravan" for cattle price supports.

He told newsmen that in talking with several hundred livestock farmers, farm organization leaders, and state and local officials in six Western states, he had found no sentiment for direct price floors to bolster and stabilize cattle prices.

"People out here went out of their way," he said, "to tell me they are against supports and that they approve of what we have been doing to help the situation."

Benson flew into the Southwest and West in a military plane last Thursday to make a first-hand inspection of drought conditions, to find out how emergency drought relief programs are operating and to sample farmer thinking on cattle price supports.

Two weeks ago, several hundred farmers from a number of states gathered at Washington to press for cattle supports. The move was sponsored by the National Farmers Union. Benson told the group that there was no "practical" way of administering supports.

The secretary scheduled a stop at Quincy, Ill., for a motor trip into areas in North Missouri which are seeking drought relief aid. This trip will wind up at St. Louis for the last lap of his return journey to Washington.

Benson told newsmen that he had found drought conditions in parts of New Mexico, Nevada and Wyoming to be as critical as those in the severe 1934 drought. Livestock men in these areas as well as those in dry sections of Arizona and Utah also have appealed for aid.

The secretary said he would make a decision on these appeals late this week. He said his survey indicated that several hundred thousand head of cattle and sheep in affected areas face short rations unless supplementary feed supplies are made available.

Twenty subpoenas have been served and up to 200 persons are available to testify for the government, Scheufler said.

U. S. Dist. Judge Albert L. Reeves has indicated he believes the evidence can be presented in short time. Judge Reeves appointed Roy K. Dietrich, president of the Kansas City Lawyers Assn., to represent Hall. Mrs. Heady's attorney is Harold Hull of Maryville, Mo. Dietrich has said he does not know yet whether the defendants will testify. He said that "depends



The Klamath Sportsmen's Association and the Herald and News are cooperating in offering a "Sportsman of the Year" and a "Landowner of the Year" award this year, both categories to receive \$25 for top place and honorable mention for second. The Sportsmen prizes will be awarded for the outstanding example of sportsmanship displayed by a hunter during the current deer and migratory bird season. The Herald and News award will go to the landowner voted as showing the greatest cooperation and understanding toward the hunting public. Your nominations are asked in deciding the winners of these two awards. Just fill in the blank below and mail to HERALD and NEWS, marked SPORTSMEN'S CONTEST, before midnight, Jan. 10. Final choice will be made by a panel of judges from the Sportsmen's Association and will be announced, with pictures, in the Herald and News one week later.

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(If you wish to give detailed information a post card may be sent.)

## FOREST FIRES

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—The State Conservation Department reported 43 new forest fires broke out in West Virginia yesterday. Radio reports said 92 fires were burning in the state, with 42 blazes out of control.

# London Girds for Annual Season of Weird Fogs—

LONDON (AP)—Winter, the time of yellow, death-dealing smog, is coming.

Worried Londoners, who vividly remember last December's doubled death rate, are flooding newspaper offices and Parliament members with letters. They demand quick action to end pollution of the air before winter's fog turns it into throat-catching smog. Last week the government announced that Britons with heart

or lung diseases would be supplied with free smog masks through the National Health Service.

Medical men say last winter's smogs killed around 12,000 persons, most of them infants or old people. The government is probing these deaths with "gravest urgency."

But some critics say the government's approach to smog has not been nearly urgent enough. They say the government, after announcing it would set up an inquiry commission, took six months to name its members.

They accuse government inquiries of being notoriously slow in getting things done. Up to Sept. 3, they charge, the smog inquiry commission had held only one meeting.

Any attack on smog must be a slow—and costly—business. Atmospheric pollution in a big city comes from three main sources: factories, homes and vehicles.

London is trying to cut down chimney smoke in two ways.

1. It is encouraging factories and

householders to install efficient heating systems using smokeless fuel. That's not easy in Britain, where a blazing coal fire is part of the household tradition.

2. "Smokeless zones" are being set up in industrial and commercial areas. Inside these zones, no factory or office block is permitted to belch smoke. This plan has

worked well in the provinces. The vehicles problem is trickier. A vast upsurge in road traffic followed the end of gasoline rationing in 1950 and it hasn't stopped yet. Exhaust fumes hang in narrow city streets and no one has yet thought of a way to shift them.

## Oldest Veteran Planning On Fox Hunting Now

FRANKLIN, Tex. (AP)—Now that the fuss about his 111th birthday is over, Walter W. Williams, oldest of the nation's five surviving Civil War veterans, wants to go fox hunting.

Williams, a wrinkled little man, was chipper at his birthday party yesterday. He sat on the porch of the weather-beaten old farm home where he lives with his 78-year-old wife and grinned as the yard filled with children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Williams couldn't blow out all the candles but happily ate a piece of the four-tiered cake.

He joined the Confederates when he was 22 and became a forage master for Hood's Texas Brigade. His advice to younger men: "If more of you would get along with your wives better you'll live a lot longer."

## Falling Bricks Fatal to Mother

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—A shower of tile building blocks accidentally ripped from a building in nearby Nitro yesterday killing a young mother and seriously injuring her daughter.

State police said the blocks tumbled from the front wall of a grocery when a truck-mounted crane became entangled in electric wires leading to the building.

Mrs. Georgina Saunders, 24, died of a fractured skull. Her 3-year-old daughter Barbara Kay was taken to a hospital with bruises and a possible skull injury.

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