

South Deer Creek Grange Aiding In Knotty Problem Of Landowner, Hunter Deal

Members of the South Deer Creek Grange near Roseburg have taken a progressive step to improve farmer-sportsman relations in that area.

an invitation to members of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club to meet and discuss the growing problems arising from the use and misuse of private lands by hunters, fishermen, and recreation seekers.

Jimmie Asked To Withdraw

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell has suggested the national Democratic party would best be served if two California candidates — James Roosevelt and Rep. Robert L. Condon — get out of the congressional race.

Roosevelt, who has denied charges of adultery, said early today: "I am not going to withdraw from the race."

Condon, who has protested being described as a security risk, said in a statement he strongly resents Mitchell's view.

The national chairman wrote Paul Ziffren of Los Angeles, California Democratic national committeeman, that the party is not supporting either Condon or Roosevelt, eldest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After Mitchell's letter to Ziffren was made available last night to a reporter here, Mitchell said in Chicago he had written it but would not release it. He said that while "there was no canvass of all the members of the (Democratic National) committee," the letter represented "my own opinions as to what the national committee's action would be."

"Innocence of guilt should not be the burden of the Democratic party," Mitchell wrote.

A committee set up to study the problems, called the Farmer-Sportsman Friendship Committee, has developed the following three main points for their program:

1. To promote the training of juniors in the safe and proper use of sporting firearms.
2. To facilitate active cooperation between landowners and sportsmen in prevention of property damage by a few careless or ignorant hunting and angling license holders.
3. To initiate an advertising program designed to help acquaint the public with the landowner's trespass problems.

It was announced at the meeting that the program had been favorably received by other local granges, and several had appointed committees to cooperate.

In addition to members of the rod and gun club, the meeting was attended by representatives of the game commission, the state police, and the deputy sheriff's office.

P. W. Schneider, state game director, commenting on the meeting said, "This type of meeting is a welcome development as far as the game commission is concerned. With the increased use of Oregon's outdoor resources, it behooves every person using them to be considerate at all times. The willingness of grange members to assist in solving the problem is gratifying, and the sportsmen of the state, by respecting the rights of the landowners, will help insure future hunting and fishing areas."



BETTY ANNE STEELE, featured soloist with Buddy Morrow and his Orchestra, appearing Tuesday night at the Armory, under the auspices of the local American Legion Post. The dance is a benefit affair for the Legion Drum Corps uniform fund.

Showers Over Wide Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Both coasts and part of the Midwest had showers early Monday and freezing-weather was reported in the Great Lakes, Northern Appalachian and New England areas.

Light showers fell in Northern Missouri, Central Illinois and Indiana. The Atlantic Coast shower area included Virginia, and from South Carolina to Miami. Light precipitation was general from Central California through Oregon and Washington and eastward into Idaho and Western Montana. Elsewhere the weather was mostly fair.

Mount Washington, N. H., had a four degrees low temperature; Portland, Maine 12; Green Bay, Wis., 26, and Detroit 30.

Big Game Herds In Good Shape

According to reports from field agents of the Oregon State Game Commission, the majority of the big game herds fared quite well during the past winter.

Karl Morton, game agent in the Baker area, reports, "Most winter deer range has remained relatively free of snow with only occasional light falls soon melting." In the central region, Paul Bonn, game agent at Bend, comments, "The comparatively mild weather during the past month has cleared the snow off practically all the lower and southern exposures of the Ochoco winter deer ranges."

On the discord side of the picture, it appears that the severest weather for game was experienced in The Dalles area. Game agent Paul Ebert describes the situation with, "Snow covered the winter range most of January concentrating the deer at the extreme lower portions of the range. Warm rains during the first week of February and warm sunny weather during the second week opened up the southern exposures. . . . To date the highest mortality has been experienced in the Six Finger Herd. Many of the deer were very weak by the time the snows left, and some loss was observed from malnutrition."

On the west side of the Cascades, winter conditions were favorable. South coast game agent Bob Corthell states, "Some short periods of snow cover did occur at higher elevations but caused no hardship to deer and elk." In the north coast area, Wesley Batterson summarizes the situation with, "Weather has been quite favorable to game."

These reports seem to be indicative of the situation state-wide, and Bob Mace, chief big game biologist, commented on the general condition of Oregon's game animals with, "Generally, the winter has been an excellent one for big game animals, and if we have a normal spring, there should be a good surplus available for fall hunting."

Spud Support Use Told

At the present time the intentions of the Department of Agriculture is to use Section 32 funds for the purchase of potatoes for the school lunch program and for other government outlets. The program also includes a 35 cent per hundred payment, for the diversion of potatoes to flour and starch manufacture.

Following this announcement the County Agent's office immediately contacted the DOA to see whether or not the 35 cent payment would be made on marketable potatoes diverted for livestock feeding. A telegram received last weekend stated: "No plans for payment for potatoes diverted to livestock feed possible in the Klamath area. Direct purchase only for school lunches and institutions." This means that those areas having potato starch and potato flour outlets will receive the maximum benefit from the use of Section 32 funds. Sections that will be favored by this order would be Malheur in particular, followed by Idaho and other areas with starch and flour plants.

Since potato starch and potato flour plants are already running at capacity it is doubtful whether any more potatoes will be used in this way, but the grade of potatoes used will be higher in order to qualify for the 35 cent payment.

Perhaps of more concern to local potato growers is the purchase of potatoes for cold storage in order to take care of the late spring and early summer market due to expected shortages in the early crop. This should add some strength to the local market, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson.

Deer Herd To Be Fenced In

Deer in one portion of the Mount Hood National Forest will soon have their wanderings restricted if plans of the Oregon State Game Commission are carried out.

The land immediately adjacent to the forest boundary on the east side of the mountain is a perennial crop damage problem area, and the White River Big Game Winter Range project being carried on by the commission is designed to alleviate the situation.

Ted Laughlin, a former game agent in Wallowa county, is to be manager of the area and established headquarters there just recently.

The plans are to eventually acquire 16,000 acres of land on the eastern perimeter of the Mount Hood National Forest. This land is natural winter range and lies adjacent to farm lands where the deer often cause crop damage during the winter months.

The idea of the purchase is to eliminate this crop damage by building 24 miles of deer proof fence. This fence will be started when enough blocks of land have been acquired to make it effective. It will cross several streams, including the White river, and also several main highways when completed.

This is one of the few land acquisition projects being carried on by the game commission, and though wildlife use is the basic consideration, other uses will be made whenever possible.

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Relatives of Hossein Fatemi, foreign minister of ex-dictator Mohammed Mossadegh's regime, offered Monday to become hostages of the Shah if he will let the dying politician fly to Germany for an operation. Fatemi was shot in the stomach by a Moslem fanatic in 1952.



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