



A LITTLE VOCALIZING is always in order whenever good fellows get together. This quartet was snapped recently at the Rafter MD Ranch on the occasion of the annual breakfast ride of the Klamath Saddle Club. Getting set to give forth with music are, left to right, Vern Quigley, Bob Moiso, John Owens and Sheriff Red Britton.

—Photo by Britton



COME AND GET IT is always a welcome cry. Here a group of hungry riders are pictured under the shady pines at the Rafter MD Ranch on the occasion of the annual breakfast ride of the Klamath Saddle Club. A large crowd of members and guests attended the affair.

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AMONG THOSE ENJOYING the annual breakfast ride of the Klamath Saddle Club were Mrs. Dale Mattoon, left, and Mrs. Dale Summers. The ride was held recently at the Rafter MD Ranch, jointly owned by Dr. and Mrs. Poole and Bob Moiso. The ride drew a big crowd of members as well as guests from the Quota Club, the Sheriff's Posse, the Klamath Cow Belles and the Ridge Riders.

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California Facing Problem Over Elk, May Promote Use Of Big Animals In Zoos

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Does your town have a zoo? Yes. Well, then, how about adding a full-grown elk to the animal menagerie? Take two, they're cheap. The California Fish and Game Commission is going to promote the use of elk in the state's zoos. Some of the wags around the state capital in Sacramento envision a newspaper ad that goes something like this: "Gifts: We find that we have too many elk feeding upon crops in two separate sections of California. They are fleet-footed animals with trim shanks. Although they're inclined to be wild, a good high fence will take care of that. "Willing to give these elk away to any qualified zoo within the state of California. They're free. Take all you want. We'll even help you catch them, western style. "Bring along bedroll. May take some time. "Address replies to: California Fish and Game Commission, Sacramento, California." It started at the regular July meeting of the commission in Sacramento's Employment building, where the commission meets

when in the state headquarters. Biologists of the Fish and Game Department, which is the workhorse for the commission, had proposed elk hunts in Owens Valley and in Humboldt County. Nothing unique about this. It's been done in Inyo County's Owens Valley three times—December 4-12, 1943, December 2-11, 1949 and December 3-11, 1953. In the last hunt 144 elk were taken, made up of 49 with antlers and 94 without. The department proposed to take 100 elk in Inyo County and 100 in Humboldt County. The Inyo hunt would have been December 5-7 and the Humboldt hunt December 3-19. Director William E. Warne said about the Inyo hunt that "the elk have been creating an increasing crop depredation problem and a demand for a killing permit has been made by Alan Jacobs of Big Pine to reduce damage on pasture land." He added that in 1953, the department and Owens Valley ranchers, sportsmen and other interested organizations and agencies agreed to attempt to hold the elk population between 125 and 275 head and that public hunts would be held to make reductions.

The Owens Valley herd was counted on December 8-9 and the total was set at 252, but Warne said that by December there should be about 275 elk. About Humboldt County, the department said damage by elk was occurring primarily in the Orick and Big Lagoon areas. There was damage primarily to timber reproduction, but also to permanent pasture and hay crops. The department estimated there were 250 elk in the Orick area and 300 in the proposed Big Lagoon hunt area. Landowners in the area asked for the hunt. But when these two proposed hunts came before the commission, the switch began. Commissioner Carl Wente of San Francisco first proposed the commission set a date for hearings in local areas on the hunts. Nobody seconded his motion. So that plan died a sudden death. Then, Wente proposed that the animals be captured and relocated either in other counties or in zoos. That motion got a second and was on its way to adoption. A spokesman for the department pointed out that the agency had tried before to get zoos to take the elk and "they did not want them." This did not help. The commission went ahead, anyway, and decided it did not want to kill the elk under the gun. Now, the problem is who wants them?

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