

Siskiyou Ranchers, Game Managers Agree Range Restoration Is Needed

By PEGGY WALSH
YREKA — Deer for the hunter, currently a matter of statewide concern both on a Fish and Game Department and legislative level, takes on intensified interest in Siskiyou County where the deer hunter's dollar is an economic asset.
 Local game managers and local ranchers agree with sportsmen that range restoration is imperative in Siskiyou County if deer are to be born, survive and grow to maturity.
 An approach to the problem acceptable to the interests of all concerned must be the initial step, according to local representatives of the Fish and Game Department.
 Carroll Robison, Red Rock Valley rancher, thinks of deer in terms of his own experience while making a living in remote north-eastern Siskiyou County.
 Robison pointed out last week that it would be a simple matter to remove cattle from certain impoverished areas but that deer cannot be barred from specific areas without temporary herd reduction.
 He told of planting 180 acres of

crested wheat at Long Prairie on soil bank land as a range improvement measure. He estimated a 50 per cent loss due to deer damage during a thaw and freeze period shortly after the seed had germinated.
 Destruction of potential sustenance for deer was as great as any other loss, he pointed out.
 Albert Beck, another Red Rock Valley rancher, said his deer losses were small during an open winter, but when natural forage was limited by deep snows, he had to protect his haystacks by padding them with straw.
 He said he doesn't get upset over deer depredation anymore than he does over deer hunters driving over his irrigation pipes. "It is something you have to put up with out here," he concluded.
 The Ralph Lutz ranch located in a mountain-enclosed area on Butte Creek, south of Macdoel, faces a different problem.
 Lutz feels it costs him as much to feed deer as it does to feed cattle. He feels so strongly about it that he states he'd forfeit his grazing permits if the state Department of Fish and Game could guarantee the deer would stay on public lands.
 In the 30 years that Lutz has been a Butte Valley rancher, he says deer habits have changed. He credits this change to over-protection and feels either-sex hunts would return the deer to the mountains where they belong.
 Lutz cited a recent loss of an \$850 investment in seed and fertilizer on 50 acres of alfalfa. He said the alfalfa grew to about five inches when a series of rains softened the ground. Deer cropping the tender growth pulled the entire planting up by the roots.
 He said deer-kill permits help him reduce his losses but he finds this method of control distasteful.
 These ranchers were interviewed last week by a party headed by Harold Hettema of Yreka, Fish and Game Department assistant.
 The group consisted of Hettema, Frank Melo of Mount Shasta, local sportsmen; Ray Kite of McCloud, a member of the Citizens Committee on Deer appointed by Mrs. Pauline Davis, state legislator; Marian Bass of Dunsmuir, another interested person, and by this writer.
 The group spent the day talking to local ranchers and observing the Mt. Dome herd on the winter range.
 Hettema explained recent Mt. Dome herd composition counts indicate a fawn to doe ratio in the spring of 1960 was 115 fawns to 100 does.
 This is considered a fairly good fawn drop.
 Summer losses cut the ratio to 49 fawns to 100 does. Survival patterns in 1959 showed a winter loss of 66 per cent. Range, weather, predators and other contributing factors indicate this trend will continue.
 Therefore, a survival ratio of 19 yearling fawns to 100 does is expected this spring. This pattern could be improved through water and forage restoration programs, Hettema said, but range recovery cannot occur when deer depletion continues year after year.
 Herd management is the solution offered by the Fish and Game Department. The ranchers interviewed appeared willing to go along with the herd management program.

Trees Cause Post-Holiday Ache

McCLOUD — The post-Christmas headache that George Eichelberger of Shingletown is nursing should out-throb the worst of them.
 Eichelberger learned recently that the 1,000 Christmas trees he harvested in what he thought was the land of Dr. J. L. Price were actually the property of the forest service and the Ralph L. Smith Lumber Company.
 Officials stated Eichelberger, without criminal intent, cut 650 trees in government land and 375 in Smith property.
 Investigation is continuing.

Program To Cut Tax Load Unveiled In Legislature

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Assembly Republicans Thursday unveiled a program to cut \$48.2 million from California taxes annually.
 Assemblyman John A. Buserud, R-San Francisco, introduced four measures to trim \$45 million a year from state revenue.
 Republican Assemblyman Milton Marks, San Francisco, announced plans to offer a fifth measure to cut \$3.2 million from state and local taxes.
 The action came after repeated statements by Gov. Edmund G. Brown that there is no room for a substantial reduction in state taxes this year.
 Brown supports only a measure that would exempt prescription drugs from the state sales tax at a cost of \$6.2 in revenue.
 Buserud said virtually every Republican in the lower chamber, as well as some Democrats, had sponsored his four tax relief measures.
 The major bill would allow taxpayers to take a 10 per cent credit when they pay their 1961 taxes in 1962 at a cost to the state estimated at \$27.7 million.
Stimulus to Business
 "This will be a great stimulus if the recession continues to worsen, which I don't think it will," said Buserud. "I'm convinced that there is going to be a rather dramatic upturn."
 A second proposal by Buserud goes somewhat further in the same field as the measure by Assemblyman Byron Rumford, D-Berkeley, which Buserud supports.
 It would eliminate the state sales tax from all prescription drugs and prosthetic devices such as artificial limbs and eye glasses. This would cost \$9.3 million in state taxes and \$4.5 million in local taxes.
 Two other bills proposed by Buserud would cut the corporation franchise tax from \$100 to \$50 a year at a cost to the state

College Board Approves Five Added Classrooms

WEED — College of the Siskiyou governing board approved preliminary plans for a five-classroom addition during a meeting this week.
 The plans were submitted by Redding architect Allyn Martin. Board members discussed the plans with their building inspector, Bryce Rohrer, Montague, and Edward Athey, a general contractor from Yreka.
 The board also examined and discussed results of a recent public opinion survey to determine feasibility of raising \$1,375,000 for college expansion through a bond issue. The poll indicated that residents of the junior college district might now favor the measure.
 A bond issue for \$2,940,000 was turned down 3,757 votes to 3,684 during an election in 1958.
 An accreditation team on the campus last week recommended that the district pass a bond issue to finance immediate construction of all basic college facilities needed, rather than build the facilities piecemeal.
 When the bond issue failed previously, present facilities were built from accumulated tax funds to accommodate 200 students.
 At the beginning of the school's second year of operation last fall, a total of 297 was enrolled.
 The opinion survey was in form of sample ballots. A total of 1,027 was sent out and 391, or 38 per cent, returned. Of them, 64 per cent was in favor just under the two thirds majority necessary to pass a bond election.
 C. Shaw, D-Ontario, accused Republican Richard J. Dolwig of needless delay in postponing for one week a hearing on an urgency bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits for 13 more weeks to areas of the state hit by the recession. The delay, Shaw said, may lead to some unemployed going hungry before the bill can become law.
Medical care: An extended program to give medical care to the aged was announced by Sen. Joseph Rattigan, D-Santa Rosa. Rattigan said the bill is endorsed by Governor G. Brown. It would extend state aid to all Californians over 65 whose average monthly income does not exceed the maximum state old age pension, plus the cost of medical care.

Tulelake Council Hears Complaint On Business

TULELAKE — Tulelake City Council heard a complaint from a resident reporting a business

Lambert Rites Wednesday

McCLOUD — Services for Lisle A. Lambert, 55, were held Wednesday at the McCloud Community Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tom Kerr officiating. Burial was in the Mount Shasta Memorial Park.
 Lambert, a lumber grader for the McCloud Lumber Company for 38 years, died unexpectedly on Saturday at the McCloud Hospital of a heart attack.
 He was born Aug. 4, 1905, in Minnesota. He leaves the widow, Dorothy; two sons, Gary F. Lambert and Bruce G. Lambert; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Kinsey of Dunsmuir, and a brother, James D. Lambert of Dunsmuir.
 Funeral services were under the direction of the Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel.

Moore Service Held Thursday

DUNSMUIR — Services for Rebecca Jean Moore were held Thursday at the Assembly of God Church at 2 p.m. The Rev. Martin Engebretson officiated and burial was in the Mount Shasta Memorial Park.
 Rebecca Jean died Monday. She was born Oct. 15, 1939, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moore of Dunsmuir. She also leaves two brothers, James David Moore and Larry Keith Moore, and a sister, Deborah Sue Moore.

California Briefs

McCLOUD
MR. AND MRS. VANNER BICKEL and family of Glenburn visited her mother, Mrs. Mildred Briegel, recently.
MR. AND MRS. JOHN FRIZELLE were dinner guests at the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bonneville, of Pondosa.
MR. AND MRS. JOHN OVERSTREET of San Jose spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Milani.
MRS. ROBERT SLOSS and three daughters of Alturas are spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caswell.
MRS. TOM FLAHERTY attended the surprise party for her son, Bishop Zert Bingham, in Anderson on Jan. 12.
MR. AND MRS. DICK BEEM are the parents of a baby girl, born Sunday, Jan. 15, in the McCloud Hospital.
MR. AND MRS. RICHARD THOMAS are the parents of a baby girl, born Monday, Jan. 16, in the McCloud Hospital.

Applications Taken For Job

WEED — Applications are being taken for a deputy city clerk in the newly incorporated city of Weed.
 Qualifications necessary are shorthand, typing, high school education or equivalent, ability to get along with people and some knowledge of bookkeeping.
 Anyone interested is requested to submit in writing a letter of qualifications and experience with several references to "City of Weed," P.O. Box 247, Weed, Calif.

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