

### 19-Cent Fee Set On Range

The grazing fee to be charged for use of federal grazing district range during 1961 will be 19 cents per animal unit month, a three-cent reduction from last year, the Department of the Interior announced recently.

Lease rentals on lands outside of federal grazing districts will also be lower than those charged in 1960, the department said. The Bureau of Land Management explained that the fee is based on average livestock prices at markets in the western states during calendar year 1960. Under the grazing fee formula which has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1958, grazing fees are increased or decreased only when average prices per pound change more than two cents. Livestock prices were down enough in 1960 to affect public land grazing fees.

The grazing fees apply to all federal grazing lands in 39 grazing districts administered by the Department's Bureau of Land Management under Section 3 of the Taylor Grazing Act. The fees do not apply to so-called LU lands, fees for which are determined under other formulas. They apply to nearly 19,000 stockmen who graze nearly 8.5 million livestock on approximately 161 million acres in the federal rangeland states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and California.

Gross returns to the United States Treasury from licenses and permits on grazing district lands during fiscal year 1960 totaled \$2.7 million, the Bureau of Land Management reported.

### Blast Rocks Gas Plant

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—An explosion rocked a natural gas compression plant east of here early Saturday, starting a huge fire that raced along the main supply line and threatened for a time to spread to nearby oil fields.

But firemen were able to shut off the flow of gas before the fast-moving flames—burning both atop the ground and in the line—reached the fields.

About two hours later the fire was still burning in Hall Canyon, scene of the blast, but firemen said it was under control and would soon burn itself out. Attendants at Ventura County General Hospital said nine firefighters were treated for burns. The condition of two men was listed as serious.

Cause of the explosion was still under investigation.

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FORE GONE

DO I KNOW YOU?

STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE AND SAY 'AH-H'

OH, YES— YOU'RE DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD?

HE SAID DON'T SEND NO MORE DONUTS AN' HAWAII!

COURSE THERE'S THIS TEE SAID FOR 'M... HE'S PRETTY CRAZY ABOUT HER...

NOT THAT I GET MUCH COMFORT OUT OF THAT

YAK! IF SYLVESTER GETS BUMPED ENOUGH, MAYBE HE'LL PLAY HIS ACCORDION ELSEWHERE!

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MY INNER MAN? I AM NOT NONS.

STILL NO SIGN OF JACK, EAST AN' HIS CAVALRY

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