

Range Technicians Tour 70 Ranch

LAKEVIEW — Twenty interested range technicians were hosted for a tour of the 70 Ranch by Don Hotchkiss and Warren Maxwell, co-owners. The occasion was the fall meeting of the newly organized local chapter of the American Society of Range Management.

The ranch tour was preceded by a sack luncheon business meeting. Hotchkiss then started the day by explaining their production testing program for selection of replacement heifers to aid increasing the total pounds of saleable beef produced from the herd.

average of 30 to 40 pounds per yearling since starting the program," Hotchkiss stated. "In addition, the size and quality of the cows in our herd has greatly improved."

The first stop on the tour was at a new seeding of Siberian wheatgrass and Ladak alfalfa. During recent years, at least 1,000 acres of such seedings have been made on the 70 Ranch without a failure. The standard seeding rate is four pounds of grass and one pound of alfalfa per acre seeded in early spring.

Stop number two was a three-quarter section of land currently

broken into a field of pubescent wheatgrass and alfalfa, 200 acres; crested wheatgrass and alfalfa, 60 acres; and grain and hay land. The year before the section was broken out of native sagebrush, it ran 25 cows for four months.

In 1962, about 10 years later, this same section of land produced 568 cow months of grazing, plus 41 tons of hay and 14 tons of grain. This year about the same was produced, with more grass left standing.

The next stop was made in one of the ranch's native range fields. "We use our native ranges during June when the alfalfa poses a blot threat to the cattle in our seeded ranges," Don said. The 70 Ranch now has its rangeland divided into three pastures which allows the livestock to go into a different pasture first each year. This helps maintain a good healthy stand of perennial bunchgrass.

A final stop was made in a field of native range belonging to Walt Leehmann Jr. The area was sprayed during late May with 2, 4-D to control sagebrush. In addition to the sagebrush, a good stand of bitterbrush, a valuable livestock and game feed, was present. The interesting point was that a major portion of the sagebrush appeared to have been killed by the spray, but the bitterbrush apparently suffered no damage.

It was pointed out by Bill Moser, county extension agent, that timing of the spray job and rate of chemical used were the key factors in protecting the bitterbrush.

BLM Eyes Land Area

The Bureau of Land Management announced recently that the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has filed an application to set aside seven recreation areas, two recreation additions, and another area for enlargement of an existing roadside zone withdrawal, comprising a total of 485 acres in the Fremont National Forest in Klamath and Lake counties.

Some of the lands have already been developed for public campgrounds and picnic purposes. Withdrawal is requested to protect the government's investment in the government and development of these areas. All of the facilities are within the Fremont National Forest and are maintained under the supervision of the regional forester, at Portland.

Stanley D. Lester, BLM Land Office manager, stated that withdrawals of this type protect government improvement investments and also preserve the lands for public uses. The lands would be closed to location and entry under the general mining laws, subject to valid existing claims.

A detailed description of the affected land will be published in the Federal Register. It will also be posted in the BLM Land Office in Portland, the courthouse at Lakeview and at Klamath Falls, and in local post offices.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY
ORDER OF AMARANTH, 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner, 8 o'clock, meeting, Scottish Rite Temple. Chicken furnished.

MIDLAND GRANGE, 8 p.m., meeting, no host dessert potluck.

SACRED HEART PARENTS AND PATRONS, 7:30 p.m., dessert, style show, cards, Sacred Heart gym. Bring cards of choice.

LADIES SOCIETY BLF&E, 8 p.m., regular meeting, City Library basement.

TOPS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Ladies Community Lounge.

THURSDAY
FAIRHAVEN PARENTS AND PATRONS, 7:30 p.m., special meeting, school.

KLAMATH ART ASSOCIATION, 7:45 p.m., meeting, gallery, Link River Bridge. John Giboney, speaker.

EDUCATION STUDY GROUP AAUW, 2 p.m., meeting, Mrs. Joan Foulon, 1861 Painter. Toppic, counseling.

RUMMAGE SALE, Chapter CP, PEO, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1116 Main St.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE, Klamath County, 8 p.m., meeting, film, Shasta Grange Hall, Shasta Way and Madison. Public invited.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE, 12:30 p.m., potluck, business meeting, Alice Hoover, Del Fatti Road.

VFW, 8 p.m., social meeting, VFW Hall. Bring items for Camp White boxes.

Y-NE-MA TWIRLERS, 8 p.m., square dance, YMCA. Bring doughnuts.

AAUW EDUCATION STUDY GROUP, 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Joan Foulon, 1861 Painter. Topic, "Counseling." Public invited.

HENLEY HOME EXT. UNIT, 10 a.m., potluck, fairgrounds.

OTI EXTENSION UNIT, 10 a.m., color in home lesson, student union building. Bring sack lunch. Visitors invited.

PROSPERITY REBEKAH LODGE 104, 8 p.m., meeting, first nomination of officers, IOOF Hall.

12,000 Christmas Trees Sold During Auction

LAKEVIEW — Close to 12,000 Christmas trees were sold by the Fremont National Forest in an auction held at the Memorial Hall, Lakeview, on Oct. 7. All but one were sold of the 20 units offered in the five ranger districts.

Although appraised at 75 and 80 cents per tree, the bidding went as high as \$1.97. Not selling was the Quartz Mountain unit on the Bly District which offered 500 trees at a flat price of \$1.750, or an average of \$3.50 per tree, the only unit above the appraisal minimums. The sales were as follows:

Warner District - Blue Spring, 300 trees to E. H. McAllister, Lakeview, at \$1.50; Big Baldy, 300 trees, McAllister; \$1.97; Dismal Creek, 300 trees, Joe Brubaker, Fremont, Calif., \$1.81; Crooked Creek, 300 trees, Bill Wells, Lakeview, \$1.80; Long John Creek, 300 trees, Wells, \$1.65; Can Spring, 500 trees, John Atchley, Sprague River, \$1.75.

Bly District - Boulder Creek, 500 trees to Warren Johnston, Sandy, Ore., at \$1.56 per tree; Black Hills, 1,000 trees, Jim Newham, Macdoel, Calif., \$1.76; Sunset Prairie, 500 trees,

Newham, \$1.56; Spdue Mountain, 500 trees, Newham, \$1.76; Quartz Mountain, 500 trees, no sale.

Drews Valley District - Patten Meadow, 500 trees to Bill Wells, Lakeview, at \$1.77; South Creek, 1,000 trees, Wells, \$1.93; Dog Mountain, 750 trees, Wells, \$1.60; Dog Lake, 750 trees, Robert Baird, Fremont, Calif., \$1.84; Horseshoe Spring, 1,000 trees, E. D. Haney, Milwaukie, Ore., Paisley District - Skull Creek

3,000 trees to Miller Anderson, Beatty, at 80 cents; Guyer Creek, 200 trees, Rex Hampton, Lyons, Ore., \$1.30; Alder Spring, 200 trees, Warren Johnston, Sandy, \$1.15;

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