

## Specialist Gives Hints for Reducing Stock Losses From Poisonous Plants

Good management is the key to preventing livestock losses from poisonous plants and the wise rancher will make plans now to reduce losses next year, points out Dr. Dillard H. Gates, Oregon State university extension range management specialist.

Sound planning and management of grazing lands and livestock as well as developing the philosophy that poisonous plant losses are not a necessary part of the ranch's operating costs are required to prevent future losses, he stresses.

Dr. Gates notes that if money equal to the value of lost livestock was spent annually on poison plant control, the problem could be brought under control rapidly and livestock losses greatly reduced. Most poisonous plants can be controlled or eradicated by chemical or other means, he said.

### Management Practices Urged

While poisonous plant losses are highest in the spring, when adequate amounts of desirable forages are unavailable for livestock, now is the time to plan management practices to prevent future losses, the specialist emphasizes.

Dr. Gates has outlined some general management rules to reduce and prevent poisonous plant losses. Those which can be utilized best will depend upon the local situation. Rules cited by the specialist include:

1. Avoid improper use of the range. Overuse brings deterioration accompanied by an increase or invasion of undesirable species. An overused range is in poor condition and forces the animals to eat a number of different plants, including some which may be poisonous.

2. Don't use the range too early. Many poisonous plants, such as low larkspur and death camas, grow in early spring. They are frequently eaten by livestock put on the range before good forage is available in sufficient amounts to satisfy the grazing animals.

### Hungry Animals Suffer

3. Don't place hungry animals on ranges containing poisonous plants. Hungry animals turned out on an area with poisonous plants may quickly eat any available plants to satisfy their hunger.

4. Trail livestock slowly through areas of poor feed where poisonous plants are available to allow the animals time for selective grazing. Livestock moved rapidly through areas containing poisonous plants are forced to quickly grab any plants available to satisfy their hunger.

5. Don't corral or bed animals in areas where forage is scarce and poisonous plants present. Many animals are lost to poison plants when they are corralled or bedded down in areas where large numbers of the plants are present.

6. Provide ample salt and essential minerals for grazing animals at all times. This step appears to prevent depraved appetites which sometimes leads to eating poisonous plants.

### Classes Affected Differently

7. When a choice is available, select the proper class of livestock for grazing certain poisonous plants in infested areas. Some kinds of livestock can graze with impunity where others are poisoned. Different classes of stock are affected differently by certain poisonous plants.

8. Adjust livestock grazing by seasons where poisonous plants are known to be toxic in various growth stages. Many areas containing poisonous plants can be effectively used by withholding animals from them during the time of greatest danger. Areas could be fenced and opened only during the time when poisonous plant loss is at a minimum.

## FARM BUREAU FURROW

By SCOTT LAMB

### The Battle Over Wool

It's beginning to look like the administration's new proposal for subsidizing wool on a sliding scale will make the old-time sheepman-cattlemen feud look like a Sunday barbecue.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has proposed a plan for wool subsidies which would penalize the large grower and favor economically the small grower. The proposal would pay growers who market over 7,000 pounds of wool between 53 and 66 cents a pound.

The small grower, one who markets under 2,000 pounds, would get between 62 and 74 cents a pound.

Economically, this plan does not make much sense. Politically, it has its good points. For instance, there are about 200,000 growers who produce under 2,000 pounds. Only about 5,000 produce more than 7,000 pounds.

The idea builds in absurdity when one realizes the idea of the wool subsidy to begin with was to encourage the production of wool in this country. Apparently, encouragement goes only so far.

Of course, the suspected purpose behind such programs is a get-rid-of-the-big-boys-and-divide-the-loot-among-the-little-feller. Such philosophy completely ignores the market system and pivots on the vote-buying principle.

The same type of program for wheat growers has been mentioned by government planners. The wool grower trial balloon is not getting much of an acceptance, if acceptance is a factor.

One thing is clear: benevolent government is opposed to success. Those who make their own way are not cooperators with the schemes to harness the voting power of the people to perpetuate the planners.

The wool growers are feeling the first bite. Who will be next?

### VACATION IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schireman returned home June 22 following a three-week trip to California. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, and a son, Dick at Gardena. The Nyssans were also guests of Schireman's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schireman at California City. En route home, they visited another son, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schireman and sons at Medford.

## Vacation School at Malheur Butte Church Ends With Evening Program

By Ruth Robbins

LINCOLN HEIGHTS—Malheur Butte Baptist church climaxed eight days of Bible school with a program held on the evening of June 11 at the church. Director was Mrs. Vern Smith.

Eugene Gruell welcomed parents and friends, and Mrs. Bruce Hunt directed musical groups, accompanied by Mrs. Harlan Meyer. The latter was also responsible for the missionary project. Money received will go to help rebuild the Christian Service-men's Center which was destroyed by a typhoon. The film, "My Brother Is a Sailor," was shown regarding the Guam facility.

Each department recited scripture during the program. Mrs. John Stohler and Mrs. Amos Nofziger taught beginners, preschoolers had Mrs. Meyer and Sharon Findley for their teachers.

Mrs. Drexell Barnes directed the primary group in two rhythm band selections. Teachers for this department were Mrs. Gruell, first grade; Mrs. Barnes, second grade; Mrs. Stanley Penn, third grade.

The Rev. R. A. Hadeen and his wife taught junior boys and girls classes. All students received attendance certificates.

## Nu Acres News

By Farmerette Club

Miss Kristeen Keck left June 20 for Moscow where she represented the Do-More 4-H club at the recent 4-H Congress.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Nampa visited Sunday afternoon at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lucy Evans and Janice.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKague visited last week at the home of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McKague and family in Marsing.

### Participates in Idaho Pageant

Miss Kathleen Keck, the present Miss Payette County, left June 22 for Boise where she spent the remainder of the week participating in the Miss Idaho pageant. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck and Kristeen, Mrs. Lucy Evans and Janice went to Boise Saturday to view the Miss Idaho parade. The Keck family and Janice returned to Boise that evening to attend the finals in the Miss Idaho contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKague were Friday visitors in Boise and were evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lisonbee and Mrs. Eva Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones left Saturday for Roseburg where they will visit friends and relatives for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCollum and family spent a recent Monday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brock Robbins and family.

### Family Moves to Payette

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams and boys visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams and Richard and with Mrs. Kenneth Mace in Nyssa. The family is moving to Payette from Kamiah. Wayne has been transferred by the First Security Bank as manager of the loan department.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carlstrom, Betty Jean, Connie and Kenneth went to Portland during a recent weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gary Noble and son, Eric. Betty Jean remained for several weeks with her sister and nephew while Gary is at National Guard camp.

Mrs. Clifford Harris was hostess for a June 9 afternoon coffee hour honoring Mrs. Duane Weir of Costa Mesa, Calif. Those who attended were Mrs. Tom Pette, Greg Ross, Mary Winslow, Louis Wiggins, Ray Whitsell, Irvin Kemble and the honoree.

### Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pette returned recently from a two-week vacation. They visited Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lockhart in Coos Bay, then traveled to Portland where they visited two of his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feltman, Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch drove them back to Ontario and visited relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitsell, formerly of Corvallis but now residents of Aberdeen, Wash., arrived recently for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitsell. They spent one evening at the Clifford Harris home. Also present were his sister, Mrs. John Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodell and family of Nyssa.

### Visitors From California

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Weir and family of Costa Mesa, Calif., visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kemble. While here they spent one Sunday picnicking at the Kemble homestead located between McCall and Donnelly, Idaho. They were also honored at a lawn party with many friends and relatives in attendance.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mae, Mr. and Mrs. John Lehmkuhl and family of Payette; the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Irby, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lemons, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith and family of Mitchell, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lemons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ragsdale and family.

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