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## EDITORIALS

### Grazing Fees - What's Fair?

By Cecil D. Andrus  
 Secretary of the Interior

There's more at stake in the Carter Administration's grazing fee proposal than a simple dollars-and-cents formula; there's the question of what's right for everyone concerned. That includes the rancher who grazes livestock on public lands, as well as those folks who look to the same lands for other needs.

Equally important, it includes the public—the more than 200 million Americans to whom the public lands belong.

The grazing fee issue is not new. For many years, fees charged for forage on National Forest lands and the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management have lagged far behind what was being charged for grazing rights on private lands.

What is new is that today we have a mandate—the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976—to protect the public by insisting on a fair return on resources taken from its property.

That law required a joint effort by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to study grazing fees and propose a reasonable fee structure; one that is "equitable to the United States and to holders of grazing permits on public lands."

The key word here is "equitable," although I recognize the difficulty of achieving this lofty ideal, to everyone's satisfaction, in every case.

In this instance, for example, the law itself contains some apparent ambiguity. It says, on the one hand, that we should consider the cost of livestock operations in establishing fees. This could have the effect of holding fees artificially low, thereby subsidizing the rancher.

On the other hand, the law quite properly requires us to obtain "fair market value" for grazing rights. The question is, which of these requirements is paramount?

I believe that basing the fee structure on fair market value was the overriding intent of Congress in enacting this legislation. It is also the best way to resolve this issue—at long last—in a way that is fair to everyone.

It's fair to the rancher. He would pay only what forage is worth. Not more. And it's fair to the public. It would receive as much as the forage is worth. Not less.

Of course, there's always the chance that this is not what Congress intended. Perhaps they would subsidize the livestock industry by selling public resources at bargain prices. Frankly, I doubt it, but if that was their goal, then I think it's up to Congress to clarify the law.

Instead, there is some Congressional activity aimed at once again postponing any grazing fee adjustments. I hope this doesn't happen, because delay is not a solution—it's just delay.

Being a Westerner, I can appreciate the sensitivity of Western legislators to the concerns of the livestock industry. I, too, am concerned. This has been a really tough year, what with serious drought, rising costs and uncertain market conditions.

But that's all the more reason for stabilizing the grazing fee situation now, because every year of further delay means the

gap between public and private grazing charges grows larger. Interior and Agriculture have been reaching toward fair market value in grazing fees since 1969, when the present regulations went into effect. Those rules, by the way, would set the 1978 fee at \$2.08 to \$2.15 per animal unit month (AUM). Our new formula would work more gently than that, setting next year's fee at \$1.89, with modest raises each year until fair market value is reached in 1980 or 1981.

So our proposal would soften the burden by making the increases gradual. In fact, for most operators who graze their animals on public lands, the impact would be minimal, because Federal fees are only a small part of their overall operating costs (the average annual increase would be only \$60).

The livestock industry would, in fact, benefit from our proposal, because it would help solve the critical problem of deteriorating rangelands.

Under our proposal, as directed by Congress, one-half of all fees collected would be earmarked for investment in range betterment projects. That's urgently needed now—not another 20 years down the road. And making the range more productive will bring greater stability to the livestock industry in the long run.

### Letters TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:  
 Due to the lack of participation in the recent P.T.S.A. meetings, the Executive Board has decided to hold a meeting January 12, 1978 and give you the chance to vote whether to continue the meetings or to dissolve the PTSA here in Nyssa.

The Executive Board has worked all summer to prepare for the meetings during the school year, and if there is not going to be sufficient interest from teachers, students and parents to continue the meetings, we need your attendance and help to decide with this vote. This is your chance to have a say in whether to keep the P.T.S.A. or dissolve it.

This is a requirement from the Oregon P.T.S.A. Leadership Manual, "Approval of dissolution of the local P.T.S.A. shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members with voting rights; i.e. 2/3 of the membership of the local unit."

We ask your support at this meeting January 12, 1978 at 8 p.m.

You must be a member as of December 8, 1977 to vote on this issue.

P.T.S.A. Executive Board  
 Peggy Vander Oord  
 Vice President

### OBITUARY

#### Ben F. Storm

Services for Ben F. Storm, 64, Nyssa, who died Friday, December 2, 1977, at an Ontario hospital, were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by Steven Myers, Nyssa Lutheran Church. Interment was at Gering, Nebraska.

He was born January 6, 1913, at Ellis, Kansas. He married Ione Johnson September 20, 1936, at Harrisburg, Nebraska.

Surviving are his wife of Nyssa; a brother, Henry Storm of Boise; and two sisters, Celia Palmer of California and Geneva Lentz in Missouri.

### United Methodist North Third & Emison

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Monroe welcomes you to all church activities.

**Sunday, December 11** - Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service, "Daring To Hope," by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m.

During the service the Christmas tree will become partially decorated.

Potluck dinner following the worship service. The church will be decorated during the afternoon.

**Tuesday, December 13** - Visitation all day and evening

**Wednesday, December 14** - Edge of Adventure, Church Parlor 10 a.m.

Finance Committee, 7 p.m. Administrative Board, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15** - Women's Society, General Meeting at Dorothy Bock's, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 16** - Bible Study on Genesis, at the church, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 20** - The Monroe's annual Christmas dinner. Please make reservations.

### Enters Race For Governor

Oregon Republican Victor Atiyeh, State Senator from Washington County, filed for the Governor's race Monday, November 29.

Atiyeh, 54, is president of Atiyeh Brothers Carpets in Portland. He has been a member of the Oregon Legislature eighteen years—two years in the House and sixteen in the Senate. He has served on virtually every committee during his legislative career.

In his earlier announcement that he would enter the Governor's race Atiyeh stated, "I have experience and I know what government is all about." He added, "I expect to win the race and can promise that my campaign will be honest, hard-hitting and issue oriented."

### Myrtle Kurtz

Memorial services for Myrtle M. Kurtz, 83, Nyssa, who died Tuesday, December 6, 1977 at a Nyssa hospital, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa, by the Rev. Steven Myers. Interment will be private.

She was born March 10, 1894, in Kansas.

Surviving are a son, Harold of Nyssa; a sister, Emma Molz of Deerfield, Kansas; two brothers, George Gropp of Deerfield, and Arthur Gropp of Greenbelt, Maryland; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter and a son.

Memorials may be made to the Malheur Memorial Hospital or the Faith Lutheran Church.

### Grace Ernest

Graveside services for Grace Ernest, 85, Seattle, formerly of Nyssa, who died Monday, December 5, 1977 at a Seattle hospital, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Evergreen Cemetery, Ontario, Oregon by the Rev. James Monroe, United Methodist Church, Nyssa.

She was born December 13, 1892 at Ontario.

Surviving is a son, John of Mesa, Washington.

## Church Services

### Nazarene

Good & South 5th  
**Friday, December 9** - Prayer and Fasting at the Parsonage at noon. Canceled

**Sunday, December 11** - Special Missionary Sunday - Morning Prayer at the Church at 7 a.m. Christian Education Classes at 9:45 a.m. Children's Churches and Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. Special Speaker Rev. Al Jones from Australia. He and his family will share about their mission work in Australia and assist the congregation in renewing Faith Promise pledges for mission giving throughout the year.

Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Perry from Council, Idaho. The Perry family is Nyssa Church's adopted Home Mission Family for this Christmas. There will be a reception in their honor following the evening service in Manley Hall.

**Wednesday, December 14** - Midweek Services - Bible Study in the Nursing Home at 4 p.m. with Ellis Martin in charge. Prayer Meeting; Teen Fellowship and Caravans at the church at 7:30 p.m. The Russell family cordially invites the Crusader Sunday School Class to the parsonage following the Midweek Service for a time of Christmas Fellowship.

**Park Ave. Baptist**  
 North 3rd & Park

**Sunday, December 11** - Sunday School classes for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary with message by Rev. Chuck Williamson, 11 a.m.

Fellowship time downstairs following the worship service.

**Wednesday, December 14** - Business Meeting at Paul Penrods, 7 p.m.

### Christian

South 5th & Ennis  
**Thursday, December 8** - Wanda's Bible Study, at Hazel Lane's 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 9** - Good News Club at Multipurpose Room, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 10** - Prayer meeting for all ages at church, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 11** - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening services, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 12** - Loyalty Class party at Tom and Violet Drydale, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 13** - Board Meeting, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 14** - Debbie's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer 7 p.m.

**Missionary Baptist**  
 Ehrgood & North 2nd

Interim Pastor Bill Lowrance  
**Sunday Services** - Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening, BTC, 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday evening** - Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

**St. Bridget's Catholic**  
 North 5th & Locust

**Masses:** Saturday 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish) Adrian: 9:30 a.m.

### Assembly of God

South 2nd & Reece  
 Ron Wenning, Pastor  
**Sunday, December 11** - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, message by Pastor Wenning, 11 a.m. Care and Share Service, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15** - Home Bible Study, 8 p.m. Call 372-5004 for further information.

**Southern Baptist**  
 Fruitland, Ida

The First Southern Baptist Church of Fruitland had a special program on Sunday evening December 4 in recognition of the Lottie Moon Missionary offering. Doti Brown, Eileen Christner and Alice Carlson shared some important facts about our missionary program.

The Church Christmas Banquet will have a special guest speaker, the Rev. Gordon Ball. Come out for a special evening on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy what Rev. Ball has to share.

The Youth have their regular weekly Bible Studies at the Parsonage on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. All of the Young people are invited to attend.

**Bible Missionary**  
 North 2nd & Beech

**Sunday** - Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Young People 7 p.m. Evening service, 7:45 p.m. **Wednesday** - Midweek service, 7:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Carl A. Johnson, pastor

**Annual Chicken Dinner & Bazaar**

At The Adrian Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, December 10**

Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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40	73,940	118,030	182,748
45	43,902	73,940	118,030

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