Editorials

Our 1951 Student Issue

Last year, the October number of the Journal featured an editorial and several other items that marked the beginning of an annual Student Issue. This year, with more time to prepare, much more material about students and teaching is included in this September number, which is dedicated to range students—to our future. The prize winning essay of the 1950 contest is the lead article. In addition, Dr. Harold F. Heady generously agreed to solicit, assemble, and edit material from the range schools. As a result, this issue contains several articles of especial interest to students and a new section “Range Student Roundup, 1950–1951,” which describes many of the field trips and other activities of students during the school year. We have not one, but two student editorials. Furthermore, Dr. Heady’s correspondence and surveys in bringing this range student material together, uncovered many points of interest concerning the teaching of range management, which he has written up as still a third editorial.—R. S. Campbell, Editor.

The Value of Student Membership in the American Society of Range Management

Recently a friend asked me, after glancing through a copy of the Journal which was lying on my desk, why I was a member of the American Society of Range Management. He knew that I was a student of wildlife biology and was unable to see any direct connection between the science of range management and that of wildlife management. When one considers that this man had been born and raised on a cattle ranch in northern Arizona, it may be possible to appreciate my surprise at his question. Had he been reared in an urban community or had he come from a part of the country where range problems are of little local interest, there might have been some excuse for his question.

In answering, I explained to him, as he should certainly have realized by now, that the science of range management is by no means an independent one. On the contrary, scientific range management includes the coordination and application of the researches of a wide variety of specialists. Backing the rancher in his efforts to produce livestock profitably while maintaining the range at its highest possible level of productivity are botanists, agronomists, ecologists, chemists, foresters, animal husbandmen, biologists, meteorologists, and engineers, to mention