American Society of Range Management

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Dear Member:

The range society is still very much alive. Doubtless, many of you have been wondering, especially those of you who were not fortunate enough to have attended the Salt Lake meeting. Your officers and committees have been working, and working hard. So that you will know what they have been doing, I would like to report to you on the activities of the range society within the last two months.

The Salt Lake Meeting
If you were not there, you missed an excellent meeting. Your society was formally organized at the business session in the morning, January 30, 1948. It can hardly be said that that was the beginning, even though George Stewart made the statement that Utah would be famous because it was the birthplace of the society. Ken Pearse replied that there had been a glint in the eyes of some of the old-timers some ten years before. "Even though the society was born in Utah," he added, "it was conceived in Idaho."

The spirit of the meeting was jovial and serious at the same time. There were many pointed discussions but they were all constructive and for the good of the order. The general feeling prevailed, "We need a range organization." Every one of the 192 in attendance was imbued with the idea that we were there to organize an active, worth-while society that would stand on its own feet and go places.

We organized such a society.

The Friday morning (January 30) session was devoted to society business. The organization committee received many comments and suggestions for perfecting the constitution. Membership requirements were discussed at length. The consensus was that membership requirements should be broad—we want as members all people who are interested in furthering the cause of range management. The great majority were in favor of a separate organization rather than affiliation with some existing society. Range management, it seems, has come of age. The name for the society received considerable discussion.

The journal committee presented its recommendations and findings on costs, formats, contents, and editorial policy. The group was in favor of a journal as the best means to keep the society active. The plan is to publish quarterly and it is hoped that the first issue will appear sometime in 1948. The program committee has received most of the papers that were presented by the various speakers and these will be considered as possible articles for early issues of the Journal of Range Management.

The session on Friday afternoon, January 30, 1948, centered around the theme, "Significant Range Problems." Topics and speakers were as follows: "Training for Range Management" by J. Lee Deen, Dean, Division of Forestry and Range Management, Colorado A and M College, Fort Collins, Colorado; "Problems in Big Game Management" by Jessop B. Low, Leader, Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah; "Range Management from an Economist's Viewpoint" by H.R. Hockmuth, Agricultural Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah; "The Place of Range Management in River Basin Development" by John Cooper, Superintendent, Wind River Agency, Office of Indian Affairs, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; and "A Range Man's Slant on Watershed Problems" by F. Lee Kirby, Forest Influences, Forest Service, Denver, Colorado.

The first annual banquet was held Friday evening at the Hotel Newhouse with George Stewart conducting the program. We had music and all the trimmings. The committee on arrangements is to be complimented for the orderly procedure at both the meeting and the banquet.

Dr. Walter P. Cottam, Department of Biology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, was the banquet speaker. His subject was, "Consequences of a Hundred Years of Grazing in Utah." His talk was beautifully illustrated with Kodachromes and he gave us the benefit of his historical and botanical research extending from the barren natural deserts to the high mountain vegetation of the state. All
who watched and listened were impressed with the devastation and denudation that has occurred as a result of a century of grazing in Utah.

One of the highlights of the banquet program was the introduction of the following members of the society who have spent thirty years or more, dealing in one way or another, with range management: Lee Kirby, Hugh Bryan, M.W. Talbot, Paul Roberts, L.C. Hurtt, W.R. Chapline, George Weaver, and Walt Dutton.

The Saturday morning, January 31, session followed the theme, "Recent Developments in Range Management." Topics and speakers were as follows: "The Reseeding Picture at Present" by C. Kenneth Pearse, Forest Ecologist, Forest Service, Washington, D.C.; "Getting New Range Plants into Practice" by A.L. Hafenrichter, Chief, Regional Nursery Division, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, Oregon; "Brush Invasion on Western Ranges and Possible Methods of Control" by Vernon A. Young, Department of Range and Forestry, A & M College of Texas, College Station, Texas; "Fundamental Principles" by Melvin S. Morris, Forestry School, Montana State University, Missoula, Montana; and "Range Conditions, Problems, and Possibilities in Alaska" by D.A. Savage, Senior Agronomist, U.S. Southern Plains Field Station, Woodward, Oklahoma.

The Saturday afternoon session was devoted to the "The Action Program of Range Management." Topics and speakers were as follows: "The Soil Conservation Service Action Program" by Robert V. Boyle, Regional Chief of Operations, Soil Conservation Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico; "The Forest Service Action Program" by Edward Cliff, Chief, Division of Range Management, Forest Service, Ogden, Utah; "The Bureau of Land Management Action Program" by A.D. Molohon, Regional Administrator, Bureau of Land Management, Billings, Montana; and "Getting Management Ideas into Practice" by T. Guy Stewart, State Supervisor, Colorado Extension Service, Colorado A & M College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

The speakers were well prepared and enthusiastic in their presentation. The discussions and questions from the floor contributed to the success of the meeting. Along with the renewal of old acquaintances and the making of new ones, everyone agreed that it was the biggest and best range management "get-together" the West has ever seen.

Officers for 1948 were selected at Salt Lake
By unanimous vote of the members in attendance at the Salt Lake meeting, a resolution was passed moving "that the present executive group and council be retained and be placed in office for the year 1948." Your officers through the next annual meeting as a result of this action are:

President—Joseph F. Pechanac
Vice-president—W.T. White
Secretary-Treasurer—Harold F. Heady
Council members—Fred G. Renner, David F. Costello, George Stewart, L.A. Stoddart, B.W. Allred, Vernon A. Young

These officers will guide the affairs of the society through the second annual meeting when officers for 1949, elected by mail ballot as outlined in the constitution and bylaws, will be installed.

Denver for our Second Annual Meeting in 1949
By action of the council, Denver was selected as the site for our Second Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at about the same time of the year as the 1948 meeting. You will receive notice of the date of the meeting as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

A program committee for the Second Annual Meeting has been selected. Kenneth W. Parker, Southwestern Forest and Range Experiment Station, Tucson, Arizona, is the chairman. Working with him will be Floyd Larson, Bureau of Land Management, Billings, Montana; Omer E. Sperry, Texas A & M, College Station, Texas; and M.W. Talbot, California Forest and Range Experiment Station, Berkeley, California. One or two other members will be added later.

Membership continues to increase
It is very encouraging that the present membership in the range society is in excess of 550. There are many more men who are eligible and interested. The membership committee has done an outstanding job, but they now need your help. Will each of you please use the enclosed membership blank and secure one or more new members? Additional membership blanks can be secured from Harold Heady. Let's set a goal of 1,000 members by our next annual meeting.

Charter membership set up
At the Salt Lake meeting it was agreed that those range men who came in during 1947 before the range society had become a reality deserve some mark of distinction for their support. Accordingly, it was decided to designate these men as charter members. Their membership cards will henceforth bear the name "CHARTER." Those who become members in 1948 prior to July 1 can also become charter members by paying 1947 as well as 1948 dues.

Dues are due for 1948
If a Dues Notice is attached to this letter, your 1948 dues have not been received by the Treasurer. May we invite you to mail your check for $3.00 promptly to Harold Heady? If your check is in the mail, just tear up the Notice and breath a sigh of relief.

Our Goal—First issue of the range journal in 1948
The journal committee under the chairmanship of Harold Biswell, University of California, has set this as their goal. This committee is studying plans for the journal and should have some concrete recommendations for the council in the near future. The journal committee was set up by a resolution passed at the Salt Lake meeting as a temporary Editorial Board until an Editor and Editorial Board can be set up by the council.

The constitution and bylaws are ready for your approval
The final draft has been completed of the constitution and bylaws, incorporating suggestions received from the membership by letter and at the Salt Lake meeting. A copy is enclosed for your study, together with a ballot. Will you please give this draft careful study and mail your vote to Harold Heady in the enclosed stamped envelope?
First Grazing Service National Advisory Board Council

This is an up-date to the picture and writeup that occurred on page 126, Rangelands, June 1980. It is fitting that we run this picture again, in this historic issue, because of the significant role these early day ranchers played in public land management in the United States.

The picture was taken in 1936 showing members of the Grazing Service's National Advisory Board Council posing in front of the "Old Interior" building in Washington, D.C. This board was composed of leading sheep and cattle ranchers of the West who advised Farrington R. (Ferry) Carpenter, first Director of the Grazing Service, and Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, on putting the Taylor Grazing Act into effect. The Taylor Grazing Act, passed by the United States Congress in 1934, closed a 300-year era of ready availability of Federal land almost solely upon the initiative of individuals and ushered in an era of public management of public land and resources. Carpenter, a Colorado lawyer and rancher, had been a student of Woodrow Wilson at Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1909. He later graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1912. In 1946 the Grazing Service was combined with the General Land Office to form the Bureau of Land Management.

These latest identifications should be reasonably accurate. The following people gave assistance on this project: Keith Miller, Jerry A. O'Callaghan, Ferry Carpenter, Marvin Klemme, Dan Freed, C.E. Hitch, Marion Clawson, E. William Anderson, James L. Jacobs, Wesley Hyatt, and A.D. Brownfield, Jr.

Front Row, left to right: (1) B.C. (Cap) Mossman, cattle, New Mexico; (2) Jess C. Cheney, banker, sheep, Utah; (3) Vern W. Pace, sheep, Utah; (4) Jess M. Conover, cattle, Utah; (5) Theodore A. Walters, Assistant Secretary of Interior; (6) Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior; (7) E.K. Burlew, Assistant to the Secretary; (8) Farrington R. Carpenter, Director of Grazing Service; (9) Jim Jones, Oregon; (10) J. Wilcoxson, Colorado; (11) J. (Woody) Wilson, cattle, Arizona; and (12) J. Miller, Montana.

Middle Row, left to right: (1) Depue Falcik, staff administrative officer, Grazing Service; (2) L.L. Taylor, Utah; (3) T.A. Spencer, New Mexico; (4) A.D. Brownfield, cattle, New Mexico; (5) Lon Merchant, New Mexico; (6) George Zapp, Idaho; (7) Gordon Griswold, sheep Nevada; (8) C.W. Fees, Montana; (9) E.L. Jameson, cattle, Arizona; (10) Mike E. Noonan, Colorado; (11) E. Bray, Colorado; (12) Sam Ross, cattle, Oregon; and (13) Julian Terrett, Assistant Director, Grazing Service.

Back Row, left to right: (1) L.H. Moyer, legal advisor, Grazing Service; (2) John Etchart, sheep, Montana; (3) Harry I. Stearns, cattle, Oregon; (4) Frank D. Williams, sheep Utah; (5) LeRoy Cox, sheep, Arizona Strip; (6) Stanley J. Wyatt, sheep, Colorado; (7) Wayne C. Gardner, Utah; (8) Sam C. Hyatt, cattle, Wyoming; (9) Phil Tobin, Nevada; (10) H. Adams, Utah; and (11) W.S. Whinnery, Colorado.