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U. S. FOREST SERVICE. - DISTRICT NO. IV.

The Intermountain Review-Ranger is suffering from a serious lack of nourishment. Last month it was in such a weakened condition that to attempt a public appearance would have been sheer folly. Up until a few days ago we thought the same thing would be true again this month, but three or four circumstances combined, inspired us to get out an August number, even though, as you may notice, the publication is still pretty wobbly on its legs.

In the first place the Chief brought in a contribution which is certainly most timely, and contains a bunch of suggestions which we know our readers will welcome and follow up.

Secondly we received the following letter from Supervisor Simpson of the Caribou.

"District Forester,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

We have failed to receive the July issue of the Intermountain Review-Ranger. We do not know whether the extra work in the District Office has prevented the publishing of the Review-Ranger, or whether our copies were lost in the mails. We have missed this monthly messenger, and hope it has not passed out of existence."

We were so blamed surprised to learn that somebody liked this little old publication enough to miss it when it skipped a month that our editorial spirits rose several degrees and we began to believe our worst fears were not justified.

In the third place, we sure hate to start something and then have it fizzle. We got off to a pretty good start with the Review-Ranger last Fall. Everybody seemed to welcome the innovation, contributions came in reasonably well, and we issued several numbers which, in our judgment at least, were pretty good. The last few months, however, our feet have been slipping, and unless we want to let the publication die an untimely death, we've all got to pitch in and help it to regain its earlier vigor.

There is only one way to show us that you are interested in the Review-Ranger, and believe in its possibilities for good. That one way is to contribute your share of good live material. Obviously, one man in the

JUST A FEW WORDS MORE.

District office, with a few other duties to attend to, can not spend sufficient time each month in an effort to dig up from the limited sources open to him, enough of the right kind of informational or entertaining material to prepare a paper which will be really worth while. On the other hand, if the District Forester, the Assistant District Foresters, and the men engaged in specialized work in the District Office and in the field would take an hour or two each month to contribute something of interest to the "Ranger" - If the Supervisors will make their monthly news letters what they should be, an interesting review of conditions and live topics, not a mere rehash of the office diary as some of them now are, and will get them in promptly at the close of the month - If the man in the ranks, the Ranger, for whom this publication is primarily intended, will write us about the interesting features of his daily work, his problems, his new ideas, his administrative methods, his plans, his suggestions for advancing the work of the Service, with enough of the less serious stuff to give zest to the publication - there isn't a reason in the world why the Inter-Mountain Review-Ranger cannot reach a point where if it skips an issue the Mail Clerk will have to work over time opening letters from the field containing queries as to its whereabouts.

None of the foregoing "ifs" are big ones, so let's all get in and help make it go. Personally, we will find more time to do our own share if we have to steal it from something else. Furthermore, we will ramble around this office and see if we can't induce some of these people to burst into print a little more frequently and with more interesting results.

This issue ought to bring in a lot of good stuff for next month --- from sheer pity for the present condition of the "Review-Ranger."

The Editor.

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SUBMITTED IN A MESSENGER'S EXAMINATION.

A young man should Love and Obey his Country. He should not Disgrace it by Wedding a Negro or Do some other foolish thing. And if war was Declared he should die for the United States. He should not be a coward and run and hide. And no matter if he is hard up he should not go out and holdup and Murder some of his friends. United States is the best Nation in the World and has the Best Flag, the Red White and the Blue. The only and best American is the Indian. He has lived her ever since the United States has been discovered."

Yours Respectfully,

(Dist. 2 "Bulletin.")

In the present war, resources are as important as men and ultimately may prove to be even more so. Food resources are the most important of all. Even the slightest increase in the available food supply will be distinctly worthwhile and effort directed toward that end is patriotic effort.

A passing thought or suggestion or action requiring only a moment's time often is productive of large results. A piece of uncultivated ground brought into bearing means a visible increase in our food supply. A pile of barnyard refuse used to increase the productiveness of a piece of exhausted soil may also mean increased resources. Keep these things in mind and whenever you observe an opportunity to boost things along take advantage of it.

Recently the Secretary called upon the Forest Service for suggestions on the subject of "What Should the Department and the Farmers Do to Get Ready for Next Year." A few of the ideas offered are stated herein in a concise way. Keep them in mind and offer them to the people with whom you come in contact, whenever the occasion is auspicious.

1. Advocate a wider use of wood for fuel purposes. Coal is going to be mighty scarce and high priced this winter and the cars required to transport it can be used to good advantage in other ways.

2. If any of the farmers in your vicinity are plodding along under the handicap of obsolete methods or implements, try to put them in touch with the more efficient and economical methods worked out and advocated by your own Department. Some may not appreciate your kindly interest, but others will and each one who does is a clear gain to the nation.

3. If any land clearly valuable and available for farming purposes is lying idle in your neighborhood tell somebody about it. A piece of idle land next year will be a reproach to every member of the community who does not exert his best efforts to have it put to beneficial use. There may be a shortage of labor, seed, work animals and farm implements which will prevent the full cultivation of every tract of land, but this need not prevent the careful consideration of the farming possibilities of each piece of land.

4. If you hear of any farmer who is experiencing difficulty in disposing of his crop at a fair price, drop the District Office a line. We may be able to place the matter before some agency that can give the farmer relief or assistance.

5. Boost for fall plowing wherever it is known to be practicable. The time for spring plowing may be mighty short and horse and man labor should be as evenly distributed as possible.

6. If there is any shortage of seed in your neighborhood, drop a line to the District Office. An effort will be made to bring the matter to the attention of the proper agencies.

7. Advocate the retention of the maximum number of breeding animals. The livestock capital of the United States steadily is decreasing in ratio to population and every breeding animal prematurely slaughtered is an economic loss to the Nation.

8. Whenever you see a large pile of manure accumulating in a small town or mining camp or on a ranch, consider whether it might not be advantageously used to increase the fertility of a nearby piece of farm land. If so, suggest its use for that purpose.

9. Preach the gospel of economy of food, of labor, and of other material resources. Your Department advocates it and stands as authority for the statement that economy is vitally necessary for the future welfare of the country.

10. Get your friends and neighbors to thinking about the budget system of crop production, which eliminates over-production of certain crops and under-production of others and consequently means normal markets and better prices. Encourage them to call on the State Agricultural institutions for information about proposed plantings so that they may plan their own agricultural operations with certainty and understanding.

The foregoing suggestions do not contemplate additional work on your part, but merely the substitution of the indicated topics of conversation for the common conversations about dragging a quirt down a broncho's hind leg or the amount of almond flavoring extract consumed by some local celebrity. Give the idea a trial and see how it works out. One single success may justify all of your trouble and effort.

AN APPRECIATION FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT

That the work done in this District in the collection of data and the preparation of Military Reconnaissance reports in cooperation with the War Department was excellent in quality and appreciated by that Department is evidenced by the following paragraph taken from a letter just received:

"May I take this opportunity of thanking you in the name of the War Department for the hearty cooperation which you are giving us in preparation of these reports, and our appreciation of the careful and conscientious manner in which they are made up?"

(Signed) H. C. BOYDEN,

Captain, Corps of Engineers,  
U.S.R.

The District Forester has requested us to take this means of expressing to all those members of the District organization who had any part in this work his sincere appreciation of the gratifying results obtained.

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The horrible news comes from Arkansas that a boy climbed a corn stalk to see how the corn was getting along, and now the stalk is growing up faster than the boy can climb down. The boy is plumb out of sight. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk with axes and save the boy from starvation. It grows so fast they can't hack twice in the same place. The poor boy is living on nothing but raw corn and has already thrown down four bushels of cobs. Next.

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## THE FOREST SERVICE AMBULANCE.

As was announced in the "Daily News" of July 26, (copies of which were sent to all members of the District organization), the Service is making an effort, through voluntary contributions, to equip and maintain a motor ambulance in the American Ambulance Corps operating in France. The estimated cost will be about \$1500. Contributions from a fair percentage of the membership of the Service in District 4 will enable us to forward \$250 to the Forester as our share in the project.

There is absolutely no desire to urge anyone to contribute toward this enterprise, and no one should contribute who does not sincerely desire to do so. On the other hand, we have promised to forward our contribution so that it will reach the Forester not later than August 31. Therefore, those who intend to contribute should make an effort to have their remittances in the hands of James E. Scott, Chief of Maintenance, Forest Service, Ogden, Utah, not later than August 25. To date less than half of the amount we hoped to raise has been received.

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## FOREST RECEIPTS GROWING.

Receipts from the National Forests for the Fiscal Year just closed exceeded those for 1916, the banner previous year, by more than \$600,000, and totaled over \$3,450,000. The cost of operating the Forests, about \$4,000,000, was virtually the same as in 1916.

District 4's share of the receipts amounted to over \$512,000. This exceeds by nearly \$52,000 the receipts of last year, which also broke previous records, and is 29% greater than the average for the first eight years following the establishment of the District as an administrative unit.

More than four-fifths of this amount, over \$431,000, was received from grazing - sheep permits yielding more than \$200,000 and cattle permits about \$231,000. The receipts from timber sales were \$72,500, or about 5% below the average. Over \$6,200 was received from special uses of various kinds, an increase of about 24% over 1916. The largest relative gain was in receipts from water power privileges, approximating \$1,250, being a gain of about 140% over the preceding year.

The 25% of this fund distributed by law for the benefit of local schools and roads will give the counties within which the Forests of this District are located a total of over \$128,000, while an additional \$51,200 will be available for the construction of roads by the Forest Service under the 10% fund item provided for in the Act of August 10, 1912.

## HEADQUARTERS ITEMS

### COOPERATION IN FIRE PROTECTION

We have received and accepted an offer of cooperation in fire protection from the Cuddy Mountain Cattle & Horse Growers' Association on District 5 of the Weiser Forest. The Association as a whole and individual members have pledged themselves to keep in readiness the necessary tools and to take immediate steps to suppress any fires occurring within the District, without cost to the Government. They also offer their services for fire suppression on other portions of the Forest insofar as the demands of their ranches and home affairs will permit for the customary scale of wages paid fire fighters.

### LONG ROAD TOUR

District Engineer Martin, Assistant Engineer Norcross, of the Washington Office, and Highway Engineer Whittaker of District 2, made a 3,000 mile tour through the National Forests last month examining roads in Idaho and Montana.

### MARRIED MEN MAY JOIN FORESTRY REGIMENT

A wire from Colonel Woodruff confirms previous instructions that married men may be accepted for the Forestry Regiment. The moving picture which is designed to stimulate recruiting for the Regiment was shown at the Alhambra Theater in Ogden for the first time on July 14. It is hoped that this picture may be shown at a later date throughout the District.

### BIG TIMBER SALE ON BOISE

Supervisor Grandjean has recently made a sale of 600,000 feet of yellow pine, 100,000 feet of Douglas fir, 10,000 linear feet of mining timber, and 600 cords of wood to the Golden Age Union Mining Company.

### FUNDS FOR LARKSPUR ERADICATION EXHAUSTED

The funds allotted this District for larkspur eradication are now practically exhausted, eradication having been initiated on seven projects, six of which are in cooperation with the stock men. Unless additional funds are secured for this purpose, we will not be able to offer further cooperation in this work during the balance of the season.

## OFFICE GOSSIP

### DISTRICT FORESTER DUBOIS COMMISSIONED.

An announcement from the San Francisco office is to the effect that District Forester Dubois has been commissioned as Major in the First Forestry Regiment.

### LOCAL ENLISTMENTS IN THE "10th ENGINEERS"

Seventy-nine men were listed for the Forestry Regiment from the territory within this District up to July 30. We have been displaying our poster "Uncle Sam," with the words, "I want you for My Lumberjack Regiment," in front of the recruiting station on 25th. Street in Ogden, with the recruiting officer's permission. It is believed that this display will be very effective.

Messrs. Barr, Pryse, and Hendrickson, formerly officers on the Weiser, Targhee, and Sawtooth Forests, now members of the Forestry Regiment, called at the office on July 27, en route to regimental headquarters in Washington. It is understood that Forest Examiner J. F. Dubuar, of the Wasatch, and Ranger L. E. Hicks, of the Wyoming, have also reported for duty with the regiment or are on their way to do so.

District 4 claims to have furnished the biggest man in the Regiment. He was 6 feet  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall, according to the recruiting officer who examined him.

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### TWO TOMMIES.

Two British soldiers went into a restaurant at Salonica and asked for Turkey with Greece. The waiter said, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I can't Serbia," whereupon the Tommies cried: "Fetch the Bosphorus!" When that gentleman arrived and heard the complaint, he said, "Well, gentlemen, I don't want to Russia, but you can not Roumania."

And so the poor Tommies had to go away Hungary.

(Small time stuff, but I had to fill this page)

GLEANED FROM THE FOREST NEWS LETTERS.

KAIBAB.

The tourist business is developing rapidly, and the Wylie Way people, who are operating in Yellowstone Park and Zion Canyon, have applied for permit to establish quarters on or near Bright Angel Point for the accommodation of the tourists whom they are now handling. In view of the necessity for their taking care immediately of their guests, Special Use permit for camping purposes has been issued to them for the remainder of the year.

With the opening up of a road from Bright Angel to the south end of Greenland, there will develop a tremendous tourist business that will continue to grow as the roads and hotel accommodations are improved.

MANTI.

According to the statement of net receipts and the record of expenditures in this office, the Manti more than paid for itself during the Fiscal Year 1917, the balance on the credit side being \$4,973.89.

SAWTOOTH.

The tourist season has begun in earnest. On Sunday, July 22, about 200 people passed through Hailey on their way to fishing and camp grounds within the Forest. The roads are in the finest condition, there being comparatively little dust as yet.

On May 7 Supervisor Benedict left for the training camp at the Presidio. He is now attached to the 10th Engineers (Forest). On July 13 Mr. G. C. Hendrickson, Clerk, and Mr. John Gilman, Ranger, both of the Sawtooth, left for Salt Lake City where they also joined the 10th. The office force on the Sawtooth has, as a result, been somewhat "shot to pieces."

TARGHEE.

Forest Clerk H. G. Harris, for five years a Clerk on the Minidoka and Targhee Forests, resigned effective July 15 to enter the practice of law at St. Anthony.

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"Let every man and woman assume the duty of careful provident use and expenditure as a public duty, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring." (President of the United States)  
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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

DISTRICT 3. "Daily Bulletin."

It is not merely in war that women do men's work. In the big Chiricahua fire, Mrs. Otto Schoenberg, wife of Ranger Schoenberg, gave valuable service day and night by taking entire charge of the supply station, operating the telephone exchange and furnishing food at all hours for the fire fighters. The Misses Hildegarde and Lilian Erickson, daughters of Ranger Erickson, acted as scouts, bringing in fire fighters by horseback and automobile and patrolling one danger zone all night. They gave warning of one especially dangerous new blaze.

DISTRICT 6. "The Six-Twenty-Six."

"Don't sell your breeding animals unless you can replace them immediately with better ones," is the message the U. S. Department of Agriculture is sending to farmers and stock men everywhere. "Don't let the temptation of high prices now being offered for livestock or undue fear of the prices asked for many popular feeds mislead you into selling a cow or sow that will drop the golden calf or litters. Such near-sighted profit taking or lack of courage, if widespread, would strike at the foundation of the country's livestock industry and cripple it for years to come. As there is a shortage of meat animals throughout the world, we can not hope to import new breeding stock to replace those we foolishly have killed off. Our own breeding animals, therefore, must be regarded as the seed essential to the domestic meat supply of the Nation.

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SAVED FROM A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

Just as we were about to send this Number to the press room, the proofreader called our attention to the fact that in our appeal for contributions to the "Review-Ranger" we had left the Forest Clerk entirely out. We most certainly didn't mean to do it, and it would be a crime if any Forest Clerk should feel that we didn't want him in on this new deal. Much of the very best of the material appearing in our exchanges is prepared by men in the Forest Clerk grade - and we know that equally as good stuff should be forthcoming from the office men in District 4. Come on in - the water is going to be better from now on. Let us have your new ideas on office methods - clerical standards - seasonal distribution of work - public service in the office, etc. There are scads of interesting features connected with your work - we know because we've been there - Write them up and be assured of a hearty welcome for your offerings on our part.

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