

DAILY NEWS - INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

Ogden, Utah, January 5, 1939

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Romuald De Berry and Newton G. Talbott exchanged positions on January 3. Mr. De Berry has gone to Kemmerer, Wyoming, where he will be Clerk on the Wyoming National Forest where he served prior to his transfer to the Regional Office on July 26, 1937.

Mr. Talbott has been given an assignment as Clerk in Central Purchase in the Regional Office, and will replace George Dean who will succeed Mr. De Berry in charge of the warehouse.

Orville Sparrow is being appointed, effective January 5, Junior Range Examiner on the Dixie National Forest to assist Irwin H. Johnson in compilation of range survey data and preparation of range management plans. Mr. Sparrow was reared on a ranch in Montana and is a graduate, with a major in Range Management, from the School of Forestry, University of Montana. He has worked three seasons as a fire guard, three seasons on range surveys, and one season as Assistant Ranger in Region 1. We are glad to welcome Mr. Sparrow to Region 4.

OFFICE CHANGES

The following changes in room assignments have been made by Fiscal Control: Mr. Scott, Room 107; Mr. Murray and Mr. Crary, Room 105; Mr. Wycoff and Mr. Christensen (property), Room 103; Miss Smith, Room 101; and Mrs. Swauger, Room 109. Transportation requests will be issued hereafter by Mrs. Swauger.

INS AND OUTS

Regional Forester C. N. Woods, and Assistant Regional Forester C. E. Favre left this morning for Idaho Falls, Idaho, where they will attend the annual meeting of the Idaho Wool Growers Association which is scheduled for the 6th and 7th. Mr. Woods will present a paper on "Some Grazing Problems". It is our understanding that Mr. Rutledge will also attend the meeting.

Dr. D. I. Rasmussen of the U. S. Biological Survey, whose headquarters is in Logan, Utah, and who came to Ogden to attend the Weber County Wild Life Federation meeting last evening, stopped in this office for a short time yesterday. He stated that yesterday while driving through Parley's Canyon east of Salt Lake City, he saw a herd of deer and a herd of elk at the Mountain Dell reservoir. At the same time he saw eight coyotes attempting to kill a fawn. He stated that the mother of the fawn would attack the coyotes and while she was chasing one of them away the others would attack the fawn, but the fawn was apparently in good condition and was able

to put up a good fight. Dr. Rasmussen stated this was a very unusual circumstance but is an indication of how predatory animals, especially coyotes, obtain much of their food during the winter. The coyote, of course, is one of the worst enemies of the deer.

CASUALTIES

Some people are always getting their foot in it, but Horace Hedges seems to get his head in it. A year ago he was the victim of an accident in which one of the Regional Office chandeliers dropped on his head. Last Sunday while skiing he lit on his head instead of his feet and as a result is convalescing at his home this week.

Miss McFadden of PM hasn't yet accounted for her lame knee and other body bruises?? She is hobbling around the office, however.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A 7-pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burton on New Year's day. Mrs. Burton is a clerk in the office of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. This baby was the third baby born in Ogden on the first day of the new year.

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Ogden, Utah, January 9, 1939

ATTEND WOOL GROWERS MEETING

Regional Forester C. N. Woods and C. E. Favre of this office, and several nearby Forest Officers attended the Idaho Wool Growers Convention at Idaho Falls on January 6 and 7. They returned to the office today and report that the meeting was well attended, probably 100 to 150 people were regularly present, and that a great deal of interest was shown, particularly in range matters.

Both Mr. Woods and Mr. Rutledge appeared on the program the last afternoon. Comments of the stockmen following their statements were to the effect that progress is being made. In particular reference to Mr. Woods' statement, many of the stockmen indicated that they felt confident of actually stabilizing the range livestock business and were willing to cooperate in further range protection where needed in the State of Idaho. At a later date, Mr. Woods' statement given before this convention will be mimeographed and sent the Forests.

During the banquet Friday evening, which was attended by some 525 people, Governor Bottolfsen and President Dale of the University of Idaho gave excellent talks which were well received by all present.

S. A. F. MEETING

The Intermountain Section of the Society of American Foresters will hold an open meeting in the Assembly Room of the Forest Service building at Ogden at 8 p. m. on Friday, January 13. Dr. George Stewart of the Experiment Station will talk on range reseeding, followed by Charles DeMoisy, Jr., of the Regional Office who will discuss some of the current problems in range management. Each talk will be followed by a general discussion. Both of these topics and speakers are live ones; the date, Friday the 13th is propitious, and it is hoped a good representation of the membership will attend. Anyone interested in the topics will be welcome whether or not a regular member.

SHOW-ME-TRIP

Last Friday a group of about 15 members of the Acacia Club of Ogden, which includes prominent women of the city, were conducted on a tour of the Regional Office by A. R. Standing, Personnel Officer. The women were first given a brief talk on the organization and objectives of the Forest Service and then were taken to the roof where they obtained a view of the city. They then visited Director Bailey's office and received from him an explanation of the research work being conducted in the Region, and then visited the drafting and blue print rooms, the library, herbarium and the Division of Range Management. The women manifested a keen and enthusiastic interest in our work and asked many intelligent questions.

The visit to the Regional Office was sponsored by Mrs. Joan Emmett.

SNOW REPORTS

John N. Kinney, Assistant Regional Forester, who just returned from McCall, Idaho, reports that the snow depth at that place on January 1 was 15.31 inches, with a water content of 3.31 inches, as compared to 14.75 inches of snow and a water content of 2.75 inches last year. The precipitation for the period October 1 to December 31 was 6.79 inches as compared with 10.15 inches last year and a normal of 7.90 inches.

On January 5, Lincoln Ellison with Mrs. Ellison and Paul Hansen made an inspection trip on skis to the Great Basin Branch Experiment Station. When the two men finally caught up with her, Mrs. Ellison was within 100 yards of the Station entrance and was apparently all set to jeer their slow and painful efforts.

There was two feet of snow at the Station, and a heavy fall commenced the afternoon of January 5. The most evident form of life was a flock of brilliantly colored pine grosbeaks which chattered and sang around the deserted buildings. The beaver which were planted by Supervisor Humphrey in a little lake above the Station and which migrated and built a lodge in the stream near the Station headhouse last fall, had evidently been active prior to the last snowfall. Only one party of pleasure-skiers had been as far as the Station this winter. More will undoubtedly make use of the excellent slopes in the upper part of Ephraim Canyon as the snow becomes deeper and firmer during the next four months.

RANGER HEADS KIWANIS CLUB

Merrill Nielson, Forest Ranger on the Uinta National Forest, with headquarters at Spanish Fork, was last Tuesday installed president of the Spanish Fork Kiwanis Club. District Governor George H. Lowe of Ogden installed Mr. Nielson and presented him with his pin.

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Ogden, Utah, January 10, 1939

ALLOTMENT CONFERENCES BEGIN

Messrs. John N. Kinney, W. B. Rice, C. E. Favre, A. L. Anderson, and Charles DeMoisy, Jr., went to Logan, Utah, this morning for the first of the Region's allotment conferences. It is planned that this meeting will last two days, after which a conference in Salt Lake City will be held. They hope to hold closely to the Regional schedule.

ON DETAIL

T. V. Pearson, Assistant Supervisor on the Salmon National Forest, has been detailed to the Regional Office for approximately a week or ten days to assist B. W. Schubert in the preparation of a Regional CCC Handbook. The need for such a Handbook has long been felt and it is hoped we will be able to issue it to the field in the near future.

LEAVE FOR SCHOOL

Alvin C. Hull, Junior Range Examiner with the artificial reseeding project of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, left Saturday for Provo, Utah, where he will take graduate work in the Department of Botany at the Brigham Young University during the winter quarter.

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Perry Plummer, Junior Range Examiner, also with the artificial reseeding project, left Monday for Salt Lake City where he will continue his work in the Department of Botany at the University of Utah.

Mr. Plummer expects to receive a Master's degree from the University this winter and Hull expects to get his Master's degree at a later date.

TRANSFERRED

Forest Ranger Victor N. Stokes is being transferred from the Jackson Lake District of the Teton National Forest to the Pleasant Grove District of the Wasatch Forest effective February 1 to succeed Forest Ranger Vivian N. West who is being retired on account of disability. Ranger West will not be separated from the Service until April 1, so Ranger Stokes will be on detail to the Wasatch until that date.

Mr. Stokes was reared on a farm in Weber County; is a graduate of the School of Forestry, Utah State Agricultural College, and has been under appointment in the Forest Service since 1935.

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Ogden, Utah, January 12, 1939

PERSONNEL CHANGES

A change in positions is being effected in the near future between Assistant Supervisors Arthur Potter and Charles Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty, who, for the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, has been Assistant Supervisor on the Sawtooth National Forest, Hailey, Idaho, is transferring to the Targhee National Forest at St. Anthony to serve as assistant to Supervisor Benedict. Arthur Potter, who has served as Assistant Supervisor on the Targhee Forest the past two years, is transferring to the Sawtooth National Forest as assistant to Supervisor Moore.

Both of these men have had considerable experience in all phases of National Forest administration and are well qualified to assume the duties in their new positions.

ON DETAIL

L. A. Dremolski, Assistant Range Examiner on the Sawtooth National Forest, Hailey, Idaho, arrived in Ogden yesterday for a few weeks' detail in the Division of Range Management.

A. J. Wagstaff, Assistant Supervisor on the Uinta National Forest, ~~Provo~~, Utah, is spending a few days in the Regional Office in the Division of Lands on acquisition work.

TALK GIVEN

A. R. Standing gave a talk to the Economics class of Weber College yesterday on "The Relationship of National Forest Administration to the Local Economic Situation".

ATTENTION! - ALL CLERKS

The attention of all clerks and dictating officers in the Region is called to the revised Forest Service filing scheme recently issued in the form of an amendment (No. 5) to Volume 1 of the National Forest Manual.

Sufficient extra copies of this new filing scheme were received to furnish the forests with as many separates as they now have manuals. These will enable each clerk or officer desiring a separate of the filing scheme to have one for use without having to refer to the manual whenever reference to the filing scheme is necessary.

ATTENTION ALL REGIONAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Hereafter, Regional Office salary checks will be handled by Marguerite Olsen in Room 103, telephone extension 46.

OFFICE VISITOR

George Duncan of the Division of Engineering in Region 1, who is now working out of the Washington Office, arrived in Ogden this morning to go over the CCC Central Shop Plans with members of this office. Mr. Duncan expects to be in Ogden today only.

MEETING SCHEDULED

At the University of Utah, 8:15 p. m. on Monday, January 16, will be a special memorial lecture on "Mining, the Priceless Heritage" by Dr. Robert S. Lewis. Admission is by tickets. These may be had, free of charge, from Dr. Stewart of the Experiment Station, while the supply lasts.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Candy and cigars were being passed around the office this morning announcing the arrival of a 9-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Maki this morning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Maki is Associate Forester in the Forest Management section of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. This is their first child.

DON'T FORGET S.A.F. MEETING

Attention is again called to the meeting of the Society of American Foresters, Intermountain Section, Friday evening, tomorrow, at 8 p. m. BE SURE AND BE THERE. See announcement in Daily News of the 9th.

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Ogden, Utah, January 17, 1939

INS AND OUTS

Mont Saunderson returned Saturday from Washington, D. C. where he had spent the past two weeks. He conferred with members of the Washington Office, Division of Research, on plans for work on range economics at the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, and also with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on cooperative relationships. Enroute to Washington, Mr. Saunderson attended meetings of the American Economics Association at Detroit.

C. E. Favre left Sunday on a vacation trip to California. While in that region he will attend the American National Livestock convention on February 15, 16 and 17, and the Forest Service Wildlife meeting which opens on February 18 in San Francisco. He expects to return to Ogden early in March.

A. L. Anderson and K. W. Kennedy recently returned from a general inspection trip to the Wells Siding CCC Camp. They also went to Escalante to look over the Escalante-Boulder road, as well as road projects on the Fishlake and Manti Forests. It was somewhat unusual, they said, to be able to drive almost to the top of the mountain above Ferron at this time of year. The crews were working almost on top, getting out logs, building fences, etc., without any particular difficulty.

OFFICE VISITOR

John Cunningham of Salmon, Idaho, one of the early-day mining developers and prominent in boating down the Salmon River, called on acquaintances in this office today. Mr. Cunningham has taken many parties from Ogden and from other parts of the country on boat trips down the Salmon River. During the summer of 1938 he assisted M.G.M. in some phases of filming the "Northwest Passage", particularly in the construction and operation of a river boat on Fall River near Yellowstone National Park. He is one of the men well acquainted with game and mining in the Idaho Wilderness Area. We were glad to have him call.

ATTENTION!

The attention of all Forest Officers is called to the fact that orders for standard uniform hats must be placed through the Regional Office. Do not send any such orders direct to Region 2.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE

In the "Engineering News-Record" issue of November 14, 1935 is an article and a picture of a suspension bridge of timber built by CCC labor across the Salmon River on the Idaho Forest. It is called "Crevasse Bridge". Last year a party in India asked for the design drawings of this bridge, which were sent. Under date of January 9, 1939, we have a letter from Frederic Basadre, Director de Caminos, Lima, Peru, South America, which states in part:

"I take the liberty of asking you if it is possible to get a copy of the design drawings of the light suspension bridge called the 'Crevasse Bridge' described on Engineering News Record of Nov. 14, 1935, and built in Idaho to span the Salmon River.

"That type of structure might be very useful for bridge construction, in some of our roads in Peru, where transportation of steel and cement is rather high and lumber is cheap."

TWO BITS

"While reminiscing of the early days, one of the old miners told his version of the origin of the term 'two bits'. Coined money was scarce and gold was the medium of exchange. Every successful miner carried his 'poke' (buckskin bag) of dust. Weighing out small quantities of dust was quite a nuisance and sometimes during the early days it was found that the quantity of gold dust that could be picked up between the thumb and forefinger was approximately twelve and one-half cents and to be known as 'a bit'. Hence 'two bits', 'four bits', etc. A few of the present day 'snuse' chewers might have been barred or called professionals."

--E. Norgorden in "Six-Twenty-Six"

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When the other fellow acts that way, he is ugly; when you do, it's nerves.

When the other fellow is set in his way, he is obstinate; when you do, it's firmness.

When the other fellow treats someone especially well, he is toadying; when you do, it's tact.

When the other fellow takes his time, he is dead slow; when you do, you are deliberate.

When the other fellow picks flaws, he's cranky; when you do, you are discriminating.

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he is spiteful; when you do, you are frank.

--Clipped.

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Ogden, Utah, January 19, 1939

FOREST RECREATION MASTER PLANS

With all 24 national forests in this Region actively participating, the Forest Recreation Master Plan project is making substantial progress and it is expected that by late spring each forest will have completed the preliminary draft of its plan. The purpose and first requirement is to obtain an accurate, up-to-date inventory of the recreational needs of each national forest and its adjacent population. The Division of Recreation and Lands assumed the responsibility for developing this program. Its six recreational planners are busily engaged in the offices of the different Forest Supervisors assisting the field offices on these important land-use planning projects. Over the past several years, considerable data have been gathered by the various forests bearing on recreational needs, particularly the 1937 Recreation Study. This material is now being brought up to date and new and accurate data combined with it to give a most complete and comprehensive picture of recreational resources and needs in the Intermountain Region.

IDAHO WILDLIFE MEETING

The Idaho Wildlife Federation held its annual meeting at Boise on January 13 and 14, at which time problems in connection with the newly-created, nonpartisan, Fish and Game Commission were discussed. This Commission consists of the following:

George Booth, Burley
Walter Fiscus, Potlatch
Alvin R. Howell, Idaho Falls
B. W. Hawley, Melba
Stanley Easton, Kellogg

The meeting was well attended by representatives from all over the State of Idaho and some very progressive suggestions made. President R. G. Cole, who presided over the meetings, was unanimously reelected for the ensuing year.

C. J. and Orange Olsen represented the Regional Office. Supervisors Guy B. Mains and J. O. Stewart, as well as other Forest Service men, were also in attendance.

INS AND OUTS

C. N. Woods, W. W. Blakeslee and Supervisor J. E. Gurr spent yesterday in Evanston, Wyoming. They met with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce and discussed roads and other national forest problems on the Wasatch National Forest in the vicinity of Evanston.

Mr. Woods is in Salt Lake City today attending the annual convention of the Utah State Wool Growers Association, which will be in session today

and tomorrow. Mr. Woods will appear on the program tomorrow and give a talk on "National Forest Policy".

Saturday evening, in company with Director Reed W. Bailey, Mr. Woods will go to Washington, D. C., to discuss Region 4 problems with the Chief.

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Orange Olsen has gone to Jackson, Wyoming, to join Messrs. John N. Kinney, A. L. Anderson, and W. B. Rice for the Teton allotment conference. Charles DeMoisy, Jr., participated in the conference for the Wyoming Forest at Kemmerer and returned to Ogden yesterday. From Jackson, the officials will go to St. Anthony, Idaho.

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C. J. Olsen left this morning for Salt Lake City to attend the Utah State Wool Growers meeting and tomorrow will go to Ephraim, Utah, to attend a meeting of the Associated Civic Clubs of Southern Utah.

IN HOSPITALS

Dean E. Bischoff, temporarily employed in the Division of Engineering, is in the Dee Hospital recuperating from injuries which he received in an automobile accident last Monday morning about five miles south of Willard. He is suffering from a cracked knee cap and minor injuries.

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Horace W. Sheley, also of the Division of Engineering, has been confined to the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City for several days, pending an operation, which, we understand, was performed last Monday.

We wish both of these men a speedy recovery.

ENGINEERING CHIEF WELCOMED

The Division of Engineering gave a dinner party last Saturday evening at Paradise Inn to welcome their new chief, Arval L. Anderson and family. A feature of the evening was the showing of colored motion pictures which Mr. Anderson took on his trip through the Southern States enroute from Washington to Ogden. The party ended up with dancing, cards, and Chinese checkers.

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'Taint what we have,
but what we give,
'Taint what we are,
but how we live,
'Taint what we do,
but how we do it,
That makes this life worth
going through it.

--Utah Trail, Dec. 1938.

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Ogden, Utah, January 20, 1939

ATTEND MEETING

Ira Clark and Selar Hutchings of the Experiment Station with K. W. Kennedy and J. W. Stokes of the Regional Office attended a meeting of the Intermountain Association of Civic Clubs at Lewiston, Utah, last night. The meeting, sponsored by the Lions Club of Lewiston, was well attended. Ira Huggins of Ogden, President of the Utah Senate, gave an interesting talk on problems they will consider this session.

CCC TO HAVE NEW UNIFORMS

Director Fechner of the CCC announced on January 7 that President Roosevelt had approved the issuance of a new and distinctive spruce green uniform for the enrollees. The prescribed items include: coat, trousers, "overseas" cap, and mackinaw. The enrollees will wear black shoes, woolen olive drab shirts and black neckties. The CCC insignia -- green on a yellow ground -- will be worn on the left shoulder and will also be carried on the caps. Procurement of the new uniforms will be undertaken at once and the first uniforms issued on October 1.

ATTENTION FORESTS!

Several forests have not yet submitted O Form E.F., Work Progress Report of work done on National Forests by "Other Agencies". This was due in the Regional Office January 15, 1939.

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Executive Committee of the Regional Office and Experiment Station Employees' Association met yesterday and selected W. W. Blakeslee to act as Chairman of a committee to sponsor the annual "Birthday Party" of the Regional Office. It will be five years on February 15 since we moved into our present quarters and it is planned to hold the party as near that date as possible. Announcement as to date, kind of party, etc. will be made later, but you'd better be thinking about it.

BEEF STATISTICS

"A note in Veterinary Medicine (January) says: 'In 1890, the population of the United States was 62,947,714. In 1938 it was approximately 130,000,000. The number of beef cattle in the United States in 1890 was approximately 45 million. In 1938 it was 43 million. In other words, the population has more than doubled in the last 48 years and the number of beef cattle has decreased 7 percent. There has been a marked improvement in the quality of beef cattle during the last 50 years and at the same time a large decrease in the per capita consumption of beef.'"

-- Daily Digest, 12-21-38.

SILVER DOLLARS CLINK ALL OVER TOWN ON CCC PAY DAY

"Hundreds of 'cart wheels' rolled from the C.O.'s coffer last pay day when members of Co. 556, Angela, Indiana, were paid off in silver dollars instead of the usual greenbacks.

"Why?"

"To show merchants around town how much CCC men feed their cash registers.

"They even drew many comments from business places as well as enrollees. One of the merchants said he received more silver dollars than he had ever seen before.

"A clerk in one of the stores who made a practice of buying all of the silver dollars taken in, gave up his hobby before it took him broke.

"The idea went over big and because it did there may be more 'cart wheels' pay days at Co. 556." - Happy Days -

WINTER PRECIPITATION

A digest of information gathered from various sources shows the following on precipitation on the Payette Forest as of January 1:

Garden Valley - 8.12" precipitation for Nov. and Dec. 1938. Normal 7.76".
Landmark - Snow on ground Dec. 31 - 44". Above normal 12".
Deadwood Dam - Snow on ground Dec. 31 - 23". Below normal 8".
Cascade - Snow on ground Dec. 31 - 6". Below normal 9".

For southwestern Idaho the precipitation from October 1 to December 31, 1938, was 100.8% of normal, but only 69.1% of a year ago.

--Payette Prowler, 1-17-39.

FOUND

A small key was picked up in the building a few days ago. Claim may be made at the Information desk.

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Stranger - Can you tell me what the mean temperature of this place is?

Native - Sure; it's so mean that in winter the women use ice cakes as fuel for their cook stoves, and in the summer it is so hot the drug stores get rich selling boiling water for cooling drinks.

Ogden, Utah, January 23, 1939

PITHY COMMENTS OF A SKI EXPERT

"We like to see a specialist or technician drop his 'vernacular' and express his ideas in plain language.

"Graeme McGowan, Santa Fe N. F. ski expert, deplors the rarity of 'Balanced Skiing' and favors terrain clearly marked by obvious physical obstructions rather than open slopes or wide trails for beginners.

"On downhill-only-ski trails, skiers almost never take time to fill their 'shell holes' (fall down holes). The beneficial effect of packing trails by climbing skiers and the instinctive improvement work the climbing skiers perform is lost. Also the beginners are, in effect, forced to undertake longer runs than their strength or ability permits.

"Skiers who climb trails before they run them generally take the descent in a leisurely and sane manner, tasting the more pleasant parts of the run as though it were fine brandy. Skiers who ski downhill only, too frequently run the trails with no thought other than a ride to the top for another 'thrill run'. They take their skiing much as a dog would gulp a hamburger.

"I think with nostalgia of the days when skiing was valued in terms of hours of pleasant exercise in a beautiful setting with congenial companions instead of the too frequent ^{current} valuation expressed only in thousands of feet of descent. Hopefully I look forward to the day when a majority of present novices will have reached their skiing maturity and have learned to view the sport in proper perspective."
 --S.W. Daily Bulletin, 1-18-39.

SWEET CREAM

Forest Supervisors faced with high servicing costs for CCC suppression crew detachments because good messing calls for ice or refrigeration to keep the milk sweet, will be interested to learn that seven percent of ordinary table salt added to sweet cream will prevent bacteria from turning it sour for as long as two weeks. This is revealed in a patent granted to Owen E. Williams of the U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry and dedicated to the free use of the people of the United States.

RETIREMENT PROPOSALS

According to the New York Times, the Civil Service Commission in its annual report, recommended that legislation be enacted to change the retirement act as follows: "To establish a uniform optional retirement age of 60 years after 30 years service, or 62 years after 15 years service, to be exercised by either the government or the employee; and to make retirement compulsory at 70 years of age for all; to provide annuity for employees retired because of physical disability who recover before retirement age and who fail to secure reinstatement through no fault of their own; to broaden retirement benefits so as to permit an employee to elect a reduced annuity in order that payments may be continued to a surviving dependent..." -- Daily Digest.

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INS AND OUTS

John N. Kinney, W. B. Rice, Charles DeMoisy, Jr., and A. L. Anderson returned yesterday from allotment conferences held at Kemmerer and Jackson, Wyoming, and St. Anthony, Idaho. They report that the snowfall at St. Anthony, about 18 inches, was the heaviest they encountered on the trip. They came from Jackson to St. Anthony via Teton Pass without any trouble. There was from 4 to 8 feet of snow on the level over the pass.

The precipitation on the Wyoming Forest so far this winter has been quite spotty, the ground being bare of snow in the vicinity of Big Piney.

The snowfall on the Teton Forest is a little above normal this winter, with only a few inches on the ground at Jackson. A record of precipitation on the four snow courses over the Snake River drainage from Jackson Lake to Heise shows the following water content as of January 1:

1936	1.8	inches
1937	2.2	"
1938	3.0	"
1939	3.9	"

The precipitation during the past fire season was a little better than normal.

Coming from Moran to Jackson to attend the allotment conference, Ranger K. C. Allan saw 18 head of moose in one bunch on Buffalo River. It is very unusual to see moose bunched up.

There are from 6,000 to 7,000 head of elk on the feedlot at Jackson. The ranchers in Jackson Hole are using electric fences to protect their haystacks from moose. This has been tried on elk also, but with no effect since the elk can raise the wire with their horns and it seems to have no effect on them.

Last summer at Wort's cabin camp between Jackson and Moran, a bear was caught and kept chained there to interest tourists. This winter the bear was placed in a good sized "dog house" with plenty of straw. The bear first packed the straw well on all sides and on the bottom and then crawled in, covering himself up well, to hibernate. Those who have visited the camp say the sight is very interesting as one seldom has an opportunity to see a bear in hibernation. All that can be seen of him is part of his fur. When he breathes he inhales very slowly and expands to an immense size, something like a balloon, and then when he exhales he becomes very limp and much reduced in size.

Seven thousand visitors registered at the Signal Mountain Lookout on the Teton Forest, near Moran, last summer, representing every State in the Union and several foreign countries.

At the Y checking station at Moran, 48,318 persons passed through from July 15 to September 8.

On the Wyoming Forest over a thousand tourists had visited the Bridger Primitive Area during the past year.

While the visitors were in Jackson, the personnel of the Teton Forest gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Stokes at the home of Administrative Assistant G. T. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes will leave in the near future for the Wasatch Forest where Mr. Stokes will assume charge of the Pleasant Grove Ranger District with headquarters at Pleasant Grove, Utah.

The Targhee Forest Supervisor's office at St. Anthony is nearing completion and they expect to move in early this spring.

TRANSFERS

Dean C. Rowland, formerly with the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station and later assigned as Junior Forester on the Payette Forest, who has been detailed to the Regional Office, Division of Timber Management since January 1, has accepted a transfer to the New England Forest Emergency project. Mr. Rowland will leave by car tomorrow morning. We wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

OFFICE VISITORS

Malcolm McCuaig, Manager of the Standard Timber Company, Evanston, Wyoming, visited in this office a few days ago. He reported that he had about 80 men in the woods on the tie sale at La Barge, and that there was 3 feet of snow at the cabin headquarters.

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Our ex-boss R. H. Rutledge dropped in at the office today and spent a little time visiting here and there. He had returned from Boise this morning and will be leaving in a day or so for Salt Lake and other points. He is looking well and seems to be keeping very busy.

HEAVY USE OF CAMPGROUNDS

Word has just been received from the Wasatch to the effect that the rustic amphitheatre in Mill Creek Canyon was used last season by 31,000 people. The use of this amphitheatre has been so great that it was reserved solid throughout the season for over two weeks in advance. Reservations for over 5,000 people were turned down during the season. With these facts in mind, the Wasatch is now completing a second amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 600, located at "The Spruces" picnic unit, formerly known as the Utah Outdoor Camp.

In order that the new Spruces amphitheatre in Big Cottonwood Canyon will not be so heavily over-crowded as that in Mill Creek Canyon, the Wasatch is contemplating the construction of a second and smaller amphitheatre in this same canyon at the Storm Mountain picnic unit. The capacity of the latter will be approximately 300. It will be built entirely of native materials on hand.

Ogden, Utah, January 27, 1939

TRANSFERS

Ranger E. Fred Sargent is being transferred from the Fort Bridger Ranger District on the Ashley National Forest with headquarters at Mountain View, Wyoming, to the Preston Ranger District on the Cache National Forest with headquarters at Mink Creek, Idaho.

Ranger C. E. Jensen is being transferred from the Preston District to the Fort Bridger District.

These transfers will be consummated in about two weeks.

OFF TO WASHINGTON

John N. Kinney, Assistant Regional Forester in charge of Operation, left last night for Washington, D. C., to attend a fire control conference which is in session there. He will assist in the revision of fire forms, simplification and reduction of paper work, fire replanning, danger meters, fire financing, etc. He expects to be gone until about February 10.

WINTER SPORTS

Persons from every town in Sanpete County, from Salt Lake City, and from out of the State attended the Pole Haven ski carnival at Haven Hill in Manti Canyon last Saturday. Mr. Vertis C. Woods, State Field Recreation Director, represented the Salt Lake office and expressed himself as delighted with the big crowd, the wonderful hill, and the enthusiasm of the numerous skiers.

Contests in cross country runs and jumping were participated in by junior and senior groups. The contest on the slalom course was halted by the weather, but it is planned to complete this and other features of the carnival next Saturday, at which time prizes will be awarded the winners.

--Manti News Notes, 1-24-39.

DEER COUNT

Saturday morning the wildlife majors (Utah State Agricultural College) - 30 strong - gathered for a deer count on the census area adjacent to the upper power plant in Logan Canyon. A total of 181 deer were counted on the area by the 30 men doing the brush-whacking. --Chips, from the Utah Axe, 1-17-39.

NEW GAME SPECIALIST FOR R-2

Lloyd W. Swift of the California Forest and Range Experiment Station, which is maintained by the Forest Service at Berkeley, California, in cooperation with the University of California, has been transferred to the Regional Office of the Forest Service in Denver, to take charge of game and fish management studies, according to an announcement just made by Region 2. Mr. Swift will succeed A. Allen McCutchen, who was transferred from the Regional Office last June to the position of Supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest. Mr. Swift reported for duty in Denver on January 23. He made a very brief visit in this office enroute to Denver.

THIRTY-TWO ELK MULTIPLY TO 500 HEAD IN 20 YEARS

"Wise management increases game in national forests. A recent count by the Forest Service shows 126,000 elk now in protected national forest areas - enough to allow a short hunting season.

"How rapidly elk multiply is shown by the herd in the Helena National Forest in Montana. An importation of 32 elk in 1917 has grown into a herd of 500 head. In this isolated region along the continental divide, elk summer in the rough highlands and winter on the lower levels, where they feed on pasture land and abandoned dry-land wheat fields.

"Importing the 32 elk from an overstocked game area cost only \$250. Seven were killed before Montana passed a protecting game law in 1918. The herd grew to 250 by 1927.

"Twenty-one bull elk were taken by hunters in 1932, when one day of hunting was allowed. By 1936 close to 500 elk were counted and another open hunting day yielded 25 bull elk to sportsmen.

"During the past winter (1937-1938) State and Federal officials received complaints from farmers that the elk were eating crops in the neighborhood of the 900,000-acre national forest. A 3-week open season was allowed. Seven hundred hunters registered. Seventy-five elk were killed the first day. Fifty-five more were killed before the season closed.

"Forest Service officials say the several hundred remaining elk are enough to furnish a big game supply for future hunting seasons."

--U. S. D. A. Clip Sheet.

LET'S MOVE TO JACKSON

A special service to customers of a grocery store in Jackson, Wyoming, is rendered in this way: A snow plow is attached to the delivery truck. When the groceries are delivered at the back door, the customer gets his driveway cleared of snow.

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HOUSEWARMING ANNIVERSARY

FLASH!! We are going to go to a party. Watch the headlines for further details.

DAILY NEWS - INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

Ogden, Utah, January 30, 1939

TALKS GIVEN

Dr. George Stewart of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station was in Provo, Utah, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week and gave talks to sectional groups as part of the Leadership Week program at Brigham Young University. On Tuesday afternoon his subject was "Reseeding Intermountain Range Lands," and on Wednesday "The Breeding of Range Plants and Farm Crops." Attendance in these two sections was 80 and 111, respectively. They were all adults, students being required to attend regular classes.

Leadership week is attended in great numbers, more than 2,700 adults having registered at the school by Wednesday night. They came from all of the western states except the State of Washington, and 91 of the LDS stakes were represented. At General Assembly, the assembly room was filled to capacity and four of the largest classrooms on the campus were likewise filled with overflow meetings.

Before and after General Assembly, thirteen separate sections were meeting; one of these regarding agricultural problems is the one in which Dr. Stewart, in cooperation with Dr. Martin of the Brigham Young University, presented his talks.

The impression gained from seeing these meetings is that they are a tremendous success both in numbers and in the training which is given. There is a 5-day program in each section, and one person can attend as many as four sections if he devotes himself to the task.

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A talk on the Great Basin Branch Station was given Thursday night before the "Utah Foresters" at the State Agricultural College, by Lincoln Ellison. The founding of the Station, results of research in the past, and the current activities of the Station were briefly described. Some 50 members of this forestry group, students and faculty, were in attendance.

HOW TO KEEP FLIES OFF SHEEP

Following is an excerpt from letter of Nov. 23, 1938 to Dr. R. S. Campbell from Mr. A. W. Stewart of Australia:

"By the way I heard of an experiment in Australia by one of our wool growers which sounds good and may be of use to you. Having heard of the old method of keeping bot flies off horses by tying a red ribbon around their necks, he wondered if it would be possible to keep flies off sheep by color as all other methods seem to be useless. By trapping flies in different colored traps, he found that blue was the repellent color.

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After shearing he put blue stain around the tails of 250 sheep, leaving a control of 750 untouched. The untouched sheep often had to be dressed as often as three times per week while the treated sheep were untouched by flies! The Council for Science and Industry have been most impressed and are going to thoroughly investigate it.

"The squatter has carried it beyond sheep to cow bails, kitchens, etc., and he was telling my father that the success of it in all places is astounding. Thought it might interest you."

DID YOU ORDER

A book "Mankind at the Crossroads". Claim may be made by contacting Glen Talbott in Central Purchase.

ONE OF WILL BARNES' ORIGINAL LONGHORNS DIES

An old longhorn cow with a twisted horn which 20 years ago was a wild renegade of the South Texas brushlands, recently died peacefully of old age in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge of Wichita National Forest, Oklahoma.

The cow was one of three survivors of the original longhorn herd brought to the Federal preserve in 1927 through the efforts of the late Will C. Barnes, one-time Assistant Chief of the Forest Service in charge of range management. The longhorns which Barnes collected under authorization of Congress were of the breed which made early history in the West. The big roan cow was one of the hardest outlaws to corral in roundups near Edinburg, Texas.

George E. Mushback, superintendent of the Biological Survey refuge, recalled the cow's history. He said that range riders referred to her as the "educated longhorn". She grew wary of men in her youth, kept to the Texas brush and escaped many roundups before she finally was captured and shipped to the Wichita Forest as part of an exhibition herd. Weak and gaunt from age, the roan longhorn during recent years had been pampered and permitted to munch cotton cake and hay until she died.

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It is going to be Friday evening, February 10.

More details will be announced later.

Ogden, Utah, January 31, 1939

INS AND OUTS

Orange Olsen returned to the office yesterday after an absence of two weeks in Wyoming and Idaho. Upon completion of the allotment conference at Jackson, Wyoming, Mr. Olsen spent 2 days on the Buffalo River above Moran with Ranger K. C. Allan, taking pictures of moose, elk and deer in their winter habitat. Moose in that section are particularly plentiful at this time of year. He counted 32 in close range of each other and 13 were seen in one bunch, which is quite an unusual sight as moose are commonly not gregarious.

While driving along the snow-plowed highway near Moran, a large bull moose came onto the cleared roadbed and demonstrated its speed over the course for about a mile before bursting through the 5-foot snow banks to enter the timber. At 22 miles per hour, the massive creature could easily keep ahead of the car but when the speedometer registered 25 miles per hour the moose went into an awkward gallop and increased his speed but little; the conclusion being that a moose can trot almost as fast as it can run.

At the Black Rock Ranger Station, Ranger Allan has been feeding big game during the winter for a number of years. On Mr. Olsen's visit to the station there were 48 deer, 5 moose and 3 elk in the yard. One doe deer, known as Biddie, which Mrs. Allan recognizes by its peculiarly long eye-lashes, has been coming to the station for 6 successive winters. In fact, Biddie knows no other winter range as her mother brought her to the station when just a fawn in the fall of 1932. Biddie's mother had made the station her winter home also but 3 years ago she failed to return. Perhaps a predator or a hunter ended her visits.

On January 25, Mr. Olsen attended a meeting of the Teton County Sportsmen's Association in Driggs, Idaho. Over 400 were present. Mr. Olsen gave a talk and showed moving pictures of game. On the 27th, he attended a game meeting at Burley, Idaho, at which 175 attended.

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Regional Forester C. N. Woods returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where he had spent a few days conferring with Chief Silcox and other Forest Service officials.

INJURED WHILE SKIING

Ranger Ben Stahmann of the Nevada Forest had the misfortune of breaking his left leg below the knee last week while skiing on the old Ward Mountain ski trail. He is at present confined to the Steptoe Valley Hospital in East Ely.

OFFICE VISITOR

Mr. U. R. Armstrong, local manager of the Hallack and Howard Lumber Company at Cascade, Idaho, called at this office yesterday afternoon to discuss matters relative to the future timber supply for the Cascade mill. This mill employs about 125 men and has secured practically all of its supply of timber from the Forest Service during the past ten years or more.

PRACTICING FORESTERS

Ranger Bert L. Robins of the Fishlake Forest and Ranger DeWitt Russell of the Weiser Forest have met all the requirements for the "Certificate of Practicing Forester", which is now being awarded them. We wish to congratulate these men on this accomplishment.

LECTURE GIVEN

A. R. Croft of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station gave an illustrated lecture on "Geology of Soil Erosion" at the Brigham Young University Friday, January 27. The talk was one of a series on soil problems under the direction of Dr. Thomas L. Martin given at the annual Leadership Week. The lecture was attended by 85 adult men who are participating in the Leadership Week program.

Mr. Croft's discussion centered around (1) the importance of mountainous watershed soils in relation to forage production for livestock and game, regulated streamflow, timber recreation, and other assets, (2) factors that influence soil development and soil deterioration on steep mountainous lands, (3) ways of recognizing soil deterioration, and (4) methods of rehabilitating eroded watershed soils.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced unassembled competitive examination for the positions of Biologist (Wildlife); \$3,800 per year, Associate Biologist (Wildlife), \$3,200 a year; and Assistant Biologist (Wildlife), \$2,600 per year, to fill vacancies in Washington, D. C., and the field. Applications from residents of the States of Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming must be on file with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., not later than February 24, 1939.

Application forms and copies of the announcement may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first class Post Office, or from the Division of Personnel Management, Regional Office, Ogden.

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Don't forget the date - Friday, February 10.

That is next month. Watch for more news.