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Society Affairs of Interest

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ALL members will be interested in knowing their Society is now a corporation. Following a study of the matter last year, the Council decided this step was advisable and approved the action necessary to bring it about. Through Mr. A. D. Molohon, Chairman of the "Incorporation Committee", the Society was fortunate in obtaining the legal services of Mr. Max Caplan of Billings, Montana. Mr. Caplan investigated the laws and requirements of several of the western states, recommended Wyoming as the State having the most to offer for our purposes, and directed the preparation of the necessary legal papers. Although not a member, Mr. Caplan is deeply interested in the objectives of our organization, and gave his services without pay as an expression of that interest. Organizations incorporated in Wyoming are required to name a "Resident Agent", a member who resides in the State and against whom legal processes may be drawn should this ever become necessary. Mr. Alan Beetle of Laramie has agreed to serve in this capacity.

The Society now has four Local Sections. In the order in which they were organized, they are Wyoming (1948), Colorado, Utah, and Texas. At the time of going to press, information had not been received on the officers of the Utah and Texas Sections. Louis E. Coughlin is President, John A. Stevenson, Vice-President, and John F. Reed, Secretary of the

Wyoming Section. Donald F. Hervey is President, Fay DeBerard, Vice-President, and A. C. Hull, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado Section. Members in the above states are to be congratulated for their initiative and energy in organizing these four Local Sections. We need more of them. Until we have strong Local Sections well distributed throughout the country, we will not be in a position to marshal member-opinion on important questions, or to attain the position of influence which the Society needs.

The Society received an invitation by the American Society of Animal Production to participate in their western summer meeting, held June 28 at Pullman, Washington. Although there was relatively little advance notice, the following papers were presented by Society members: "Weight and Gain of Range Calves As Affected by Rate of Stocking" by E. J. Woolfolk; "Range Characteristics As Mass Determinants of Livestock Production Practices" by Kenneth B. Platt; "Effect of Various Systems of Grazing on Animal Production" by Waldo R. Frandsen; and "Meat and Wool Production on Pacific Northwest Ranges" by G. John Chohlis. All of these papers were well received.

Dr. Warren Whitman, a Society member and President of the Granssland Research Foundation, has proposed that his organization also hold their annual business meeting January 10-12, 1950 at San

Antonio. This meeting will consist of but one session, after which the members will be free to attend the American Society of Range Management meetings. The Grassland Research Foundation was incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma in 1939. One of the major interests of the organization is to see established a number of natural grassland areas where life processes may be observed and studied under undisturbed conditions. A number of our members also belong to the Foundation and the Society will welcome this meeting of an allied organization at San Antonio.

It is with considerable regret that the resignation of Dr. Harold H. Biswell as Editor of the *Journal of Range Management* is announced. Serving first as Chairman of the "Journal Committee", and since October, 1948, as Editor, Dr. Biswell has performed an outstanding service to the Society. From the first preparation of plans for the *Journal*, through extended negotiations with a number of printing companies, and finally in the discharge of his many and varied duties as Editor, he has been primarily responsible for launching the *Journal* and bringing it to its present high standards. The *Journal* has been an important force in welding our membership together, and through it, favorable notice has already come to the Society from workers in a number of foreign countries. It is our misfortune that an increasing load of research and teaching duties make it impossible for Dr. Biswell to continue as Editor after the end of this year. The Editorial Board has been assigned the responsibility of finding a successor to Dr. Biswell.

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, honored the American Society of Range Management with an invitation to send a participant to the "United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources" at Lake Success, New York, August 17-September 6. Mr. W. L. Dutton

was asked to represent the Society at this important meeting and he attended several of the sessions and participated in the discussions. The Society was also represented by three other members. Council Member A. W. Sampson presented a paper on "Application of Ecological Principles in Determining the Condition of Grazing Land". Dr. Reed Bailey's paper dealt with "Drainage Basin Management." Your President discussed "Recent Advances in Methods For Restoring Deteriorated Grazing Lands".

The Pan American Union has recently established the "Pan American Award of Merit". This is an award of two thousand dollars to be given annually to a Latin American for outstanding work in conservation which may include research, administration of conservation programs, or actual work in conservation. The award may be used as a travel grant to observe and study conservation work in other countries; to finance a research project; or to finance publication of reports dealing with conservation. The recipient will be selected upon the recommendations of a board of outstanding U. S. experts in the various fields of conservation. The American Society of Range Management has been honored by an invitation from the Pan American Union to name a representative on this board.

Membership in the Society continues to grow, but the Membership Committee needs every member's assistance during the next three months if we are to reach the goal set at the last annual meeting—a doubled membership by the end of the year. Each member is urged to get at least one new member of the Society. Printed application forms are not necessary. Merely get the applicant's check, and his name and address, and mail them to the Treasurer, M. S. Morris, at Missoula, Montana. The reward—Twelve issues of the *Journal* a year instead of the present four, and at no added cost in individual dues.