

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The 1950 annual meeting of the Society was held in San Antonio, Texas, on Tuesday, January 10 through Friday, January 13. Headquarters at the Gunter Hotel was crowded with incoming range men Monday night and registration finally reached nearly 220. Estimated attendance at several of the sessions was well over 250.

The Council met on Monday, January 9, and again on Wednesday night, January 11; see highlights of actions below.

The annual meeting opened with a business session on Tuesday morning, featured by the annual address of the President, Fred G. Renner, which is printed as the lead article in this issue of the Journal. Highlights of the business meeting and several of the committee reports are printed herewith.

Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, were devoted to the several panels and groups of technical papers listed in the program which was published in full in the January 1950, Journal of Range Management.

Thursday afternoon was given over to a field tour of the Soil Conservation Service Nursery and Seed Laboratory, under the excellent and interesting guidance of the local Soil Conservation Service staff, headed by D. H. Foster, Nursery Manager, San Antonio, and chairman of local arrangements.

Members of the Society participated in a joint meeting with the Grassland Research Foundation on Tuesday evening January 10, under the chairmanship of Dr. Warren C. Whitman, of North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, and

president of the Foundation. A more complete account is given below.

The National Stockyards Association showed an excellent 25-minute movie, "Development of the Cattle Industry in the United States." It appropriately emphasized the western range, and the important part transportation and marketing play in range livestock production. Thanks to R. Beal Pumphrey, Union Stockyards Company, San Antonio, for the show.

The annual banquet was held in the Gunter Hotel on Thursday night, January 12. We won't bore those of you who could not attend by recounting the scores of delicious dishes served in Smörgasbord style. But you really did miss something in the dry humor and pointed remarks of the genial Emcee, Mr. J. Sayers Farmer, President, Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association, San Angelo, Texas.

The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. O. S. Aamodt, of the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, Beltsville, Maryland. He spoke on the progress and aims of the Society, highlighted the Fifth International Grasslands Congress held in the Netherlands in June 1949, and reported on his tour to inspect the grasslands of Iceland.

Friday, January 13, was truly a lucky day for the visiting Society members at San Antonio. This entire concluding day of the annual meeting was spent on a field tour of the King Ranch, at Kingsville. Stops were made to view range seeding with improved strains of grasses, and for demonstrations of mammoth machinery used in brush control, all under the

stimulating leadership of Mr. Nico Diaz, Agronomist of the King Ranch. Equally rewarding was the opportunity to see the renowned Santa Gertrudis cattle; also the fine cow ponies and famous racing horses, all products of the King Ranch breeding program, interestingly exhibited and described by Dr. J. K. Northway, Veterinarian.

An appetizing barbecue served by the King Ranch at lunch time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the King Ranch for everything!

The Society's appreciation and thanks go to two hardworking committees; the Program Committee with D. A. Savage, Chairman, H. M. Bell, Tom Lommasson, Kenneth B. Platt, J. H. Robertson, and C. A. Williams; also the Arrangements Committee, with David H. Foster, Chairman, R. D. Burr, Jim Parks, and Vernon A. Young.



HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS MEETING

GUNTER HOTEL—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
JANUARY 10, 1950

The meeting was called to order by President F. G. Renner at 9:00 a.m.

Society officers for 1949 were introduced.

Results of the election were announced and new officers for 1950 were introduced. See list on cover page.

Mr. Renner then delivered the annual address of the President, reporting on the rapid growth of the Society. See lead article in this issue of Journal.

Treasurer Melvin S. Morris presented his annual report, which was accepted and approved.

Secretary W. J. Anderson summarized his annual report, which was accepted and approved.

Annual report of the Editor, Dr. H. H. Biswell, was read by Dr. A. W. Sampson.

Highlights of the various committee

reports were presented by President Renner.

Membership statistical data was reported by Treasurer Melvin S. Morris.

The problem of financial assistance to local sections was discussed.

After discussion, a motion was passed that the 1950 officers appoint a committee to work and recommend action to be taken on Civil Service examination specifications, and, at the same time, to proceed with a Curricula Committee.

A motion was passed to appoint a committee to study the establishment of a Society Library and to recommend action to the President and Board of Directors.

Other topics discussed were: the problem of investment of the additional funds obtained from life membership and contributions; the problem of maintaining active interest and participation in Society affairs, particularly in local sections; the importance and value of supporting the advertisers in the Journal; and the need for concise, informative introductions to Journal articles.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

W. J. Anderson, *Secretary*



1949 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Your Secretary reports a very busy 1949. It has been educational, encouraging, a lot of work and a lot of fun. I will hit the high spots and offer my comments in a manner as will, I hope, be helpful to our next Secretary and to the Society. When I first learned of the opportunity to serve this year, I reviewed our Constitution and By-Laws to better understand the duties of the office. It was an interesting challenge and I was glad to launch into the job.

Our Constitution provides, in part, that your Secretary shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Council. Our By-Laws provide, in part,

that your Secretary is accountable to the Council under the general supervision of the President; is expected to attend all meetings of the Society and of the Council; shall outline and duly record the business and proceedings therefore; maintain a suitable membership file; conduct correspondence of the Society and keep full records of same; make a report at the annual meeting, and perform all other duties assigned to him by the Council. Other provisions are set forth, and I will discuss them a moment later.

A. Under these general assignments, the records are quite important. I have established a system of subject-matter files which are ready to deliver to our next Secretary. Some of the record should be disbursed to a point of more usefulness. In this respect I have in mind the legislative reports from the Conservation News Service and the "Conservation News" furnished to the Society as a member of the Natural Resources Council of America. During the year we received 53 reports covering the first session of the 81st Congress. The determination of the degree of interest in our membership at large which, of course, must be based upon general applicability rather than upon local interest and the determination of timeliness of the items reported can more feasibly and more seasonably be made by the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board and, more particularly, one assigned member of the Board could select from the reports those bills of interest to our Society and submit from time to time a list of brief sketches on those items that could probably be published in the Journal of Range Management.

Recommendations:

(1) That subscribing membership be continued and that a courtesy subscription to the Journal be added as a part of our membership subscription.

(2) That the legislative reports and conservation news be received and reported by a member of the Editorial Board designated by the Editor to select and submit material for use in the Journal of Range Management.

(3) That the President designate from the membership a member to attend meetings of the Natural Resources Council, such designation to depend upon such factors as local availability at the time.

(4) That the Secretary of the Natural Resources Council be requested to notify our President of such meetings, thus to facilitate such designations.

B. The following are some of the actions taken by our Council during 1949:

(1) Approved Society policy to admit bonifide students in residence at a college or university to full membership in the American Society of Range Management, including a subscription to the Journal and all other rights and privileges, upon receipt of their application and the payment of \$2.50.

(2) Authorized your Secretary to provide a limited number of copies of the Journal without charge to influential individuals and organizations.

(3) Approved granting a 50¢ discount to recognized booking agents for securing members and subscriptions to the Journal.

(4) Approved Society policy on financial assistance to local sections as provided in the Constitution, as follows:

"This authority is permissive, not required. It was not intended that one dollar of the national dues would be refunded to all local sections each year for their operating or other expenses. Its purpose was to provide the authority to make assistance up to the limit specified, in emergencies, or for special purposes. Each case

will be considered on its merits by the Council.”

C. With respect to “a suitable membership file,” your Secretary has found that a file alone is inadequate.

Recommendations:

(1) That each member accept the responsibility of reporting to the Treasurer any known change of address of any member, particularly his own.

(2) That the Secretary develop and maintain a card-membership record to supplement the membership file. The cards may be 3" x 5", bond or light bond, quadruplicate: one set to be filed alphabetically by states, one set filed alphabetically by agency or industry represented, one set disbursed to a key member in the Local Section organization, and one set furnished to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

D. Our By-Laws provide that your Secretary, within thirty days from assuming office, will prepare jointly with the Treasurer a budget for the current year's business for submission to and approval by the Council. The budget developed and approved follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET—1949

Estimated expenses

Office of the President, and Council		
Postage, telegraph, etc.....	\$	50.00
Council postage, etc..		25.00
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	\$	75.00
Office of the Treasurer		
Postage.....		500.00
Secretarial.....		50.00
Paper, supplies, etc..		100.00
Membership, Natural Resources Council.		25.00
Treasurer's Bond....		20.00
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		695.00

Office of the Secretary Postage, telegraph, secretarial, etc.....		50.00	
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Editor			
4 Volumes, Journal of Range Management	3,200.00		
Postage, etc.....	200.00		
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Committees, and An- nual Meeting			
Incorporation.....	50.00		
Other committees, postage, secretarial	300.00		
Annual meeting.....	550.00		
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		<hr/>	\$5,120.00

Estimated revenue

Cash on hand—Jan. 1, 1949.....	\$2,841.14
Membership dues—1,200 @ \$5.00	6,000.00
Annual meeting, 1950.....	536.41
Advertising.....	0.00
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TOTAL.....	9,377.55
Less estimated expenses above	5,120.00
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Anticipated cash on hand— end of year.....	\$4,257.55

Of the actual costs, there is a fair supply of the stationery remaining on hand. A substantial supply of life membership certificates remains on hand.

E. Our Constitution provides that your Secretary shall send typed or printed ballots for your elective officers to all members not later than October 1. The ballot mailing this year was late from 10 days to 2 weeks because your Secretary failed to provide sufficient advance preparation. The preparation of the envelopes was delayed for a number of reasons, one being the official transfer of the designated chairman of the elections committee, Mr. Richard Millin, from Phoenix, Arizona, to Stewart, Nevada. A new chairman, Mr. Thomas Kimball, was appointed, and the envelope order changed so that he became the addressee.

Another important comment should be included at this point. The outgoing envelope should be approximately $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ instead of $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$, in order that information regarding candidates and other matter may be securely enclosed without sealing. When mailed without sealing, the postage requirement dropped from 6¢ to 2¢ an item on the material mailed in October. Thus, with our membership at 1400, as it is now, the saving postage alone is \$56.00 per mailing. Mail going outside of the continental United States should be sealed, and the higher postage rate paid, to insure against loss.

It was hoped that at least the notices of the 1950 dues, the biographical sketches, and ballots could be mailed with the October issue of the Journal. The Postal Inspector's office, however, advised that under postal regulations only subscription blanks (dues notices) can be mailed with the Journal.

Recommendations:

(1) The Nominations Committee be activated not later than March 1 of each year and submit the list of candidates before August 1 of each year so that the biographical sketches of the nominees can be included in the text of the October issue of the Journal. The ballots then can be mailed to the members without enclosing the bulk and weight of the sketches.

(2) Dues notices be prepared and included as snap-out fly leaves in the front of the October issue of the Journal. The printed matter on the notices should include instructions with respect to mailing to the Treasurer.

F. Our Constitution provides that an envelope shall be provided in which the ballots shall be enclosed, the envelope sealed and signed by the member voting and returned in a second envelope to the

Secretary, and that all ballots received on or before November 30 shall be turned over, unopened, to the elections committee for counting.

It is assumed that the purpose for the dual system of envelopes was intended to provide two-fold results: secrecy in balloting and a method of checking upon the good standing of the member at the time of voting. If this is so, the matter of secrecy is prevented by the wording of the Constitution whereby the inner envelope is signed. As for the good standing of the member, the ballots should be mailed only to those who are in good standing. On this basis, a more practical method seems to be that which has been followed in our first two elections, namely: mail the ballots only to members in good standing with return envelopes addressed to the Chairman of the Elections Committee. The corner card on the envelope, if desired, can also be to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, to insure secrecy.

Recommendation:

(1) Amend Article V of the Constitution to clarify and simplify the balloting procedure.

G. Our Constitution provides that your Secretary shall announce the annual meeting to the membership, with the tentative program, not less than sixty days in advance. The Council decided that the program of the third annual meeting was to include short abstracts with the titles of papers to be presented. This was not done because it would have required additional time, duplication cost and mailing cost. It was felt that the value to be received could not justify such expense.

Recommendation:

(1) The annual meeting program be announced only as prescribed by the Constitution.

H. Miscellaneous suggestions:

(1) We should establish a central depository for our Society records, such depository to be maintained so that members in good standing have access to them. The correspondence of the various committees should be made available for review by subsequent like committees. For the present, and perhaps for another year or two, the records can best be transferred with incumbency in the office of the Secretary.

(2) An official Society file of bound volumes of the Journal of Range Management should be established and maintained for future reference. I have requested a complete set of numbers of the Journal issued to date for this purpose.

(3) I suggest that the Society adopt a motto. Perhaps a committee should be named to select one. I offer OMNIS CARO FAENUM taken from the Scriptures meaning "All flesh is grass." An emblem, also, I believe, will be most helpful. A spike of hairy grama might be considered.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to work with our energetic President, our active Treasurer, our other officers, and the committees. The cooperation and helpful spirit has made the work most pleasant. There has been, at times, a need for patience, and I have been extended that as well. Your knowledge of the delays in the Appropriation Bill and other limitations will, on reflection, suggest the complexity of working problems that have caused delays. I hope that future Secretaries may have some regular daily time to budget specifically to working on Society matters.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. J. Anderson
Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1949

	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Income</i>
Cash on hand, January 1, 1949		\$2,841.14
Office of President		
Postage	\$ 34.62	
Telephone	7.41	
Telegrams	4.13	
Gift to retiring Editor	70.77	
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		\$116.93
Office of Secretary		
Stationery	40.00	
Postage	90.47	
Envelopes	58.65	
Life Membership certificates	33.50	
Telegram	1.35	
Telephone	3.06	
Stationery	9.00	
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		\$236.03
Office of Treasurer		
Clerical	237.89	
Printing	151.29	
Stamps	131.41	
Refunds	37.60	
Returned Checks	49.00	
1948 Claims	64.64	
Flowers, Helm	8.00	
Express	11.53	
Natural Resources		
Council	25.00	
Fidelity Bond	18.75	
Western Union	3.34	
Colorado Section	8.36	
Bank Charges	3.05	
Membership stencils (Waverly)	7.94	
1948, 1949 Dues and Subscriptions		\$4,580.61
1950, 1951 Dues and Subscriptions		3,853.25
Life Memberships		1,250.00
Refund from Renner		11.75
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		\$757.80 \$9,695.61
Editorial Board, Harold Biswell, Chairman.		
Biswell, general expenses	50.00	
Campbell, general expenses	24.90	
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		\$ 74.90

Journal of Range Management

Volume 2.....	\$ 3,131.27		
Reprints.....	260.73	\$	217.88
Back orders.....	90.36		
Postage.....	119.29		
Journal storage.....	5.33		
Envelope preparation.....	49.05		
	<u>3,656.03</u>	\$	<u>217.88</u>

Membership Committee, A. L. Hafenrichter, Chrmn.

Pearse.....	5.00		
Hafenrichter.....	8.17		
	<u>13.17</u>	\$	

Incorporation Committee, Albin Molohon, Chrmn.

Incorporation costs.....	29.64		
Incorporation seal.....	6.13		
Incorporation fee.....	3.00		
	<u>38.77</u>	\$	

Denver Meeting

Music, Schwan.....	16.54		
Programs.....	28.05		
Badges.....	30.19		
Tickets.....	13.30		
Room.....	75.00		
Banquet.....	387.75	387.75	
Registration fees.....		130.00	
	<u>550.83</u>	<u>517.75</u>	

TOTALS.....	\$ 5,444.46	\$13,272.38	
On deposit, Western Montana National Bank, 12/31/49....	7,945.38		
Less checks outstanding.....	117.46		
	<u>7,827.92</u>		
	\$13,272.38	\$13,272.38	

(Signed) Melvin S. Morris
Treasurer

Books & Financial Statement Audited
(Signed) W. R. Chapline
Chairman, Finance Committee

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE, 1949

Membership in the Society January 1, 1949, was reported as 753. The President of the Society, with the approval of the council, proposed that one of the goals of the Society for 1949 was to be an effort to double the membership. The membership committee met with President Renner and proposed a plan for soliciting membership. The plan met with fair success considering the fact that it was put into effect by mail. The committee was able to consult only some state representatives in person. At the last reasonably accurate tally on December 31, the total membership was 1459 members, a substantial addition to the membership of the society.

A very large part of the increased membership are regular members. They comprise approximately 85% of the membership. A substantial portion of these are ranchers. The committee feels that this is a unique and desirable segment of the membership and that the Society should make a special effort to maintain them in an active status.

At present about 12% of the members are students. This group, though still small, represents a potential in developing the aims and objectives of the Society and influencing membership that deserves special consideration. Most of these students will enter the professional field and therefore be in contact with the range industry for many years to come. States with the largest number of student members are Montana—42, Texas—27, Wyoming—26, Colorado—19, Utah—20 (report incomplete). Student members total about 175.

Library memberships total 59 in 27 states and Canada. This is about 3% of the membership. There are no memberships of this kind in 21 states. There are 9

states and Canada that have more than one library membership. Obviously this situation allows room for improvement.

Analysis of the spread sheets on membership bring out some figures of interest in the Society. The data are based on figures available as of December 31, 1949, and apply to the calendar year 1949.

1. States with the greatest numerical increase in membership:

Montana.....	118
Texas.....	80
Colorado.....	79
Wyoming.....	48
Utah.....	41

2. Canada, and Western States with a 100% or more increase in membership.

Colorado	North Dakota
Kansas	Oklahoma
Montana	South Dakota
Nebraska	Canada

These data indicate two principal things. First, that active local chapters have not yet had an influence on membership. Second, that the State chairmen appointed by the committee who were well known throughout the industry were very successful in obtaining new members.

Members by States as of December 31, 1949

1. Montana	191	12. Washington	41
2. Texas	163	13. Nebraska	40
3. Utah	145	14. Nevada	28
4. Colorado	135	15. North Dakota	27
5. Wyoming	106	16. South Dakota	26
6. California	86	17. Oklahoma	24
7. Idaho	78	1) Northeast	70
8. Oregon	77	2) Canada	19
9. Arizona	71	3) Southeast	18
10. New Mexico	47	4) Foreign	14
11. Kansas	43	5) Territories	9

The membership committee wishes to be on record as commending Melvin S. Morris for the very unusual cooperation of his office in currently supplying lists of new members, supplies and materials,

and a willingness to assist in every possible way and to a degree seldom obtained from the treasurer of a society. Our organization is especially fortunate in having such an officer.

The membership committee expresses its gratitude to the many men who acted as state chairmen in the membership drive and to those whom they appointed to assist them in the work.

A. L. Hafenrichter, *Chairman*
Membership Committee



EDITOR'S REPORT

Next year Dr. R. S. Campbell will be the Editor. I felt it unwise to continue in the position because of an increasing load of teaching and research. Feeling that most members would like to hear from the new Editor, I quote a portion of a letter from Dr. Campbell:

"The new Editor and the Editorial Board will do their best to continue the Journal as a publication of value to every range man. We want to increase the size and the number of issues per year just as rapidly as conditions permit. We plan a new regular department to report Society activities, and interesting news from the several local sections. We are counting on every member to help us make the Journal meet the needs of the Society."

I want to express my appreciation for the effective cooperation of members of the Editorial Board, and of the friendly attitude exhibited by authors and readers alike. They have made the task as Editor a pleasure as well as a valuable experience. I want to express appreciation also to Dr. Darrow for preparing the current literature section for each issue, and to Waverly Press for their good work in publishing the Journal.

During the past year manuscripts were received only about as rapidly as they

could be published. There was no surplus of manuscripts. Volume 2 of the Journal was published in four issues of 1,500 copies each, and with a total of 257 pages. Printing cost was \$3,131.27, handling charges were \$173.67, and the Editors were issued \$74.90 for postage—a total cost in 1949 of \$3,379.84. (Note: Biswell returned \$20 in January after the Treasurer's books were closed.)

At a suggestion from the President, the Editorial Board gave careful consideration to increasing the number of issues to six per year. It is recommended that we continue with four issues for at least another year but to increase the size of each number to about 96 pages if material is available. It seemed too early to undertake publishing six issues for the following reasons: (1) It is not certain that enough acceptable manuscripts would be available for six issues. (2) The Treasurer reports that we don't know yet how much money will come from advertisements. However, negotiations with the Bell Publishing Company of Denver are complete and information on this should be available next year. (3) The Treasurer also reports that we don't know yet what the general cost of running the organization will be.

In another year the financial situation and the matter of manuscripts will clear some and perhaps a change to six issues can be made at that time.

A Journal of four numbers with 96 pages each (50 percent increase in size) will cost about \$4,100.00 for an issue of 2,000, according to the Waverly Press. Handling charges will be about \$250.00 and the Editor will need \$300.00 for clerical assistance and stamps. Therefore, a budget of about \$4,650 is recommended for next year.

During the past year, Dr. William C. Weir served as chairman of the Editorial Board Committee to develop standards

for use in judging manuscripts for publication, and also to consider revisions in "Suggestions for Authors" on the back cover page. Dr. Weir made outstanding progress in this work. His reports are being turned over to the new Editor.

The Editorial Board considered and recommends that the space at the end of many of the articles be used for statements of fact, reviews, news, or other material. However, this should be considered with Waverly Press to see that it is economical and does not interfere with the preparation of reprints.

To some authors the publication of their articles might seem slow. However, for effective editorial work a manuscript should be in the hands of the editor a minimum of four or five months before it is expected to appear in print. A manuscript is sent to the printer two months ahead of final publication, and the editor should begin to edit and assemble the material two or three months in advance of that.

Remember that always the Editorial Board welcomes suggestions from Society members. The support of everyone is needed for the best Journal possible.

H. H. Biswell, Editor, 1949.



HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETING January 9, 1950

Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

Present were: F. G. Renner, President; D. A. Savage, Vice-President; M. S. Morris, Treasurer; R. S. Campbell; M. H. Deming; W. L. Dutton; D. A. Fulton; K. W. Parker; J. F. Pechanec. Also present were the two new 1950-52 members J. Allen Campbell and J. S. McCorkle.

Meeting was called to order by President Renner at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of Council meetings held

January 23 and January 26, 1949, at Denver, were read and approved.

Names of newly elected officers and Council members were announced.

The Treasurer submitted his Financial Statement as of December 31, 1949. The President pointed out that the purpose of budget and financial statements is two-fold: (1) To advise the Society officers and members of estimated costs and actual costs. (2) To furnish the basis for a recommended budget for the next year. Thus, the statements should show necessary detail.

A motion was passed that the report of the Treasurer be made on a calendar-year basis. All bills submitted after January 1, and properly certified, will be tendered upon the Treasurer-elect for payment.

Annual report of the Secretary was read.

A motion was passed that our subscribing membership in the Natural Resources Council of America be continued, and that a courtesy subscription to the Journal of Range Management be added.

A motion was passed to continue for another year a discount to recognized booking agents for subscriptions.

The Council decided that an up-to-date membership list should be published in the October 1950 issue of the Journal.

Editor Biswell's annual report was read, including new Editor Campbell's estimates for a 50 percent increase in size and 33 percent increase in number of copies at approximately 40 percent increase in cost. The number of copies for the January 1950 issue was increased to 2,000 copies, or 500 copies over the 1,500 printed in 1949.

After consideration of manuscripts on hand and finances, it was decided to continue to publish 4 numbers of the Journal in 1950. By July 1, 1950, the Council is to consider increasing the Journal to six numbers for 1951.

Report of the Advertising Committee was read. Proposed agreement with Bell Publications of Denver for advertising was read, discussed, and approved.

President Renner stated that the Chairman of the Curricula Committee has requested to be relieved of his duties.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and discussed. A motion was passed that a finance committee of the Society be continued, to undertake active solicitation of funds as proposed in the President's letter of March 9, 1949, to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Incorporation Committee was discussed. It was decided to refer the Articles of Incorporation to the entire membership for adoption, with provision for amendment as stated in the former Constitution, i.e. with a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members voting.

Report of Local Sections Committee read and discussed. The Council decided to continue a local sections committee to stimulate and assist in organization of local sections.

Proposed Constitution and By-laws of the Northern Great Plains Section were read, discussed, and approved, with minor modifications.

Proposed Constitution and By-laws of the California Section were read, discussed, and approved.

Report of Membership Committee was read and discussed.

Publicity Committee Report was read. The Council felt that the Publicity Committee should be continued and the services of Mr. C. R. Briggs should be augmented with help from other members.

The location of the annual meeting for 1951 was discussed, together with information with respect to offers from Chambers of Commerce to assist in defraying expenses of conventions. It was decided to hold the 1951 meeting in one

of three cities: Billings, Montana; Boise, Idaho; or Salt Lake City, Utah.

The problem of local section dues was discussed at length. A motion was passed to propose amendment of the Articles of Incorporation (former Constitution) to delete Section 4 of Article VIII. A companion motion was passed that pending action on the proposed amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, the Society adhere to the previously announced policy relative to Article VIII, Section 4 of the Constitution, that "the authority is permissive, not required. It was not intended that one dollar of the national dues would be refunded to all local sections each year for their operating or other expenses. Its purpose was to provide the authority to make assistance up to the limit specified, in emergencies, or for special purposes. Each case will be considered on its merits by the Council."

Two new members of the Editorial Board were selected to replace Fred B. Kennedy and W. C. Weir, whose terms expired in 1949. The new members, to serve three year terms (1950-52), are: Kenneth B. Platt, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon; and E. W. Tisdale, University of Idaho, Moscow.

A motion was passed that, beginning in 1950 and continuing until such time as conditions warrant change, the Council approves a salary of \$200 per annum for the Society Treasurer.

The Council read and discussed a letter dated November 29, 1949 from E. R. Jackman of Oregon to A. L. Hafenrichter, Chairman of the Membership Committee, regarding the membership drive in Oregon and regarding articles published in the Journal.

It was decided to establish a committee to study and recommend ways and means of maintaining interest throughout the membership and to increase the services of the Society to its members.

The question of participation by Local Sections in the Council and National Society affairs was discussed. A motion was passed that each Local Section not represented on the Council be invited to send an official, non-voting representative to Council meetings.

After discussion, the Council decided that inasmuch as student members are under special rates, the Society will request the schools to assume the responsibility of delivering the Journal to student members.

Editor Campbell discussed departments of the Journal at length, outlining plans for publication of future issues, and securing advice and comments from the Council.

The Council discussed the matter of identification of Range Management Society representatives participating in meetings of other organizations, calling attention to the need to insure proper introductions to credit the American Society of Range Management. This is very easily overlooked, particularly if the participant is a member of both organizations.

Annual progress reports from the local sections were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

W. J. Anderson
Secretary



HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 1950

Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

Present were: D. A. Savage, President; M. W. Talbot, Vice-President; M. S. Morris, past Treasurer (1949), acting in the absence of Harold R. Hochmuth; J. Allen Campbell; M. H. Deming; W. L. Dutton; J. S. McCorkle; K. W. Parker; F. G. Renner; A. W. Sampson; W. J. Anderson, past Secretary (1949), acting until 1950 Secretary appointed.

Councilmen attending, whose terms

ended with this annual meeting were: R. S. Campbell, D. A. Fulton, and J. F. Pechanec. Local Section representatives, attending as non-voting participants, were: Alan Beetle, Wyoming; Harold Heady, Texas; and Donald Hervey, Colorado.

The meeting was called to order by President Savage at 8:00 p.m.

E. H. McIlvain was nominated and confirmed as Secretary for 1950.

Minutes of the January 9, 1950 Council meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

A motion was passed authorizing the Editor to have the Journal published with a quarterly edition of 2,000 copies, each 96 pages in size, and to incur expenses for postage, clerical help, etc. up to \$300 in 1950, pending preparation and approval by the Council of the 1950 Budget. The Editor was also authorized to order 200 additional copies of the Journal for distribution to advertisers and others as needed.

President Savage asked for discussion on what the Society can do to maintain membership and increase its services to the members.

A motion was passed that the Society objective for 1950 be to increase effectiveness of the Society and to consolidate rather than greatly increase present membership.

Several examples of obscure wording or intent of the By-laws, particularly in reference to formation of sections were discussed. The Council decided to appoint a committee of three members to study the By-laws and submit recommended changes and amendments. President Savage appointed Pechanec as Chairman, and Renner and Molohon to this committee.

It was decided that the deadline for final counting of ballots of election of officers should be moved up to November 30.

M. S. Morris brought up the point of turning the records of the Treasurer over to H. R. Hochmuth. The Council authorized Dr. Hochmuth to contact Mr. Morris at Society expense, if necessary, and complete the transaction.

Discussion took place regarding investment of life membership funds. It was voted to instruct the finance committee (1) to study the investment of present and future life membership funds and other surplus Society funds, and (2) to make recommendations to the Council as soon as possible. It was also decided to instruct the Treasurer to invest the present life-membership funds immediately, in a savings account, a building and loan company, or some other similar account.

President Savage asked that everyone present send him suggestions for membership and chairmanship of the Society Committees.

The question was discussed whether the Society should change the personnel of committees each year. It was suggested that at least one member of each committee be retained on each new committee. It was also suggested that the elections committee be located in one city to facilitate ballot counting.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Billings, Montana, and tentatively to investigate the second week of January 1951 as the date. It was also decided to appoint a committee to investigate several cities for the 1952 meeting place and be prepared to make recommendations to the Council at the 1951 meeting.

The question of the program for the 1951 annual meeting was discussed. Points brought up were (1) that there be at least one less paper per session than in 1949, (2) that the time for the business meeting be increased, (3) that those on the program have prepared copies of their talks ready for presentation to the Editor,

(4) that simultaneous sessions be considered, (5) that a session on methodology be included, (6) that a theme of subjects be inaugurated, (7) that papers should be solicited from students, and (8) that proceeds from the life membership fund be used to award a prize to a student winner of an essay contest—the winner to have his paper published in the Journal.

A motion was passed to appoint a committee to set up an essay contest, recommend a suitable prize, and make recommendations to the Council for action.

The proposed Constitution and By-laws of the Northern International Mountain Section were read, discussed, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

E. H. McIlvain
Secretary



BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GRASSLAND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

January 10, 1950

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Members of the American Society of Range Management interested in preservation of grassland were invited to attend the meeting which had been scheduled at the end of the afternoon meeting of the A.S.R.M.

The meeting was called to order by President W. C. Whitman at 5 p.m.

The report of the Treasurer was read.

The Secretary reported the returns of the recent election and a brief summary of the poll of the membership concerning several questions submitted by Dr. V. E. Shelford in 1948, relative to the general policies pertaining to the proposed Grassland Monument. The thirty-five replies

received essentially ratified the original concept held by the Committee on Ecology of Grassland of the National Research Council.

President Whitman briefly reviewed the objectives of the Grassland Research Foundation with reference to the proposed Grassland Monument. He stated that Dr. Curtis L. Newcombe had reported these objectives as delegate of the Foundation to the Natural Resources Council in October 1948. The tract would be used not only for research but also for the preservation of typical fauna, flora, and vegetative types. The area also should have educational value and interest to the public.

At a later meeting of the Natural Resources Council and the Secretary of Agriculture in December 1948, an Exploratory Committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was appointed to study the desirability of setting aside and protecting natural grassland areas for research and related purposes. The Committee consisted of O. S. Aamodt, Chairman, F. G. Renner, and W. R. Chapline. Subsequently, a committee appointed by the Natural Resources Council to work with the Exploratory Committee, included D. Butcher, Chairman, S. L. Frost, and R. W. Westwood.

Dr. Aamodt related some of the findings of the Exploratory Committee. Estimates of possible size of an area in the Great Plains varied from 50,000 to 100,000 acres. (The original concept of requirement to preserve fauna in a balanced condition was near 1 to 2 million acres.) In addition to the proposed Monument, it is planned to establish smaller state-owned areas near the Universities.

It was observed that the problems of administration would be difficult to solve. The U. S. Department of Interior has jurisdiction over national parks and

monuments. Their primary responsibility to the people is that of recreation. However, there are some areas in the large parks that are protected as illustrations of vegetative types. A general discussion followed. It was the consensus that, in the bill which the Natural Resources Council proposed to formulate through their Scientific Advisory Committee of which Dr. Paul B. Sears is Chairman, the function of the proposed monument be specifically designated for research and education. In no instance has the interest in smaller areas seemed to conflict with the

concept of the National Grassland Monument.

A motion was passed that the Grassland Research Foundation endorse the action of the Natural Resources Council in forwarding the establishment of a National Grassland Monument, and that we express our desire to co-operate with the Scientific Advisory Committee appointed by the Natural Resources Council to study ways and means for establishment of the Grassland Monument.

Ada Hayden, *Secretary*
Grassland Research Foundation



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