

Wyoming All Set for Elk Invasion

By United Press
JACKSON HOLE, Wyo., Jan. 2.—The first of an estimated 17,000 head of elk are coming down from the Teton Mountains for their annual free lunch, courtesy of the state and federal governments.

The elk have nothing to buy, no promises to make, nothing to do but collect their meals and stay alive until next year. Next year, the elk—some 5000 of them at least—will pay with their lives as the prey in the giant Jackson Hole hunting season.

Without the feeding, there would be no season. Each year Wyoming's game and fish commission joins hands with the federal fish and wildlife service in feeding the huge bands of roving elk in this scenic resort playground of western Wyoming.

Winters Rugged
The winters high in the rugged Teton are considerably more than just bitter. They are real, freezing snow-bound winters. Unless the two services maintained their free lunch program, up to 80 per cent of the 17,000 would probably die of the cold and starvation.

Several years ago, the federal government, at the urging of sportsmen's groups and the state, established the Jackson Hole national elk refuge, 30,000 acres of which is a winter haven for the huge game animals. The refuge is under the supervision of Almer Nelson, veteran game management officer for the federal service.

On the refuge, federally employed "farmers" raise vast fields of hay, meant only for the elk. The hay, 3000 tons of it, is left standing in fields for the elk to graze through during the winter. In addition, the federal government and the state share the costs of buying another 1700 tons of hay to supplement that grown.

Come by Instinct
Between about Christmas time and the last of March, the elk, led by a natural instinct apparently, flock off the mountain peaks to the refuge bordering the Snake River. There they make themselves quite at home, grazing leisurely through standing hay fields with no fear of hunters.

When heavy snow falls up to eight feet deep in the refuge and covers the standing forage, state and federal workers break out the purchased stores and scatter it around the refuge. Added to the hay diet, the elk also are given cakes of oil feed supplement to give them a varied meal and also to stretch out the expensive—\$32 a ton—hay supplies.

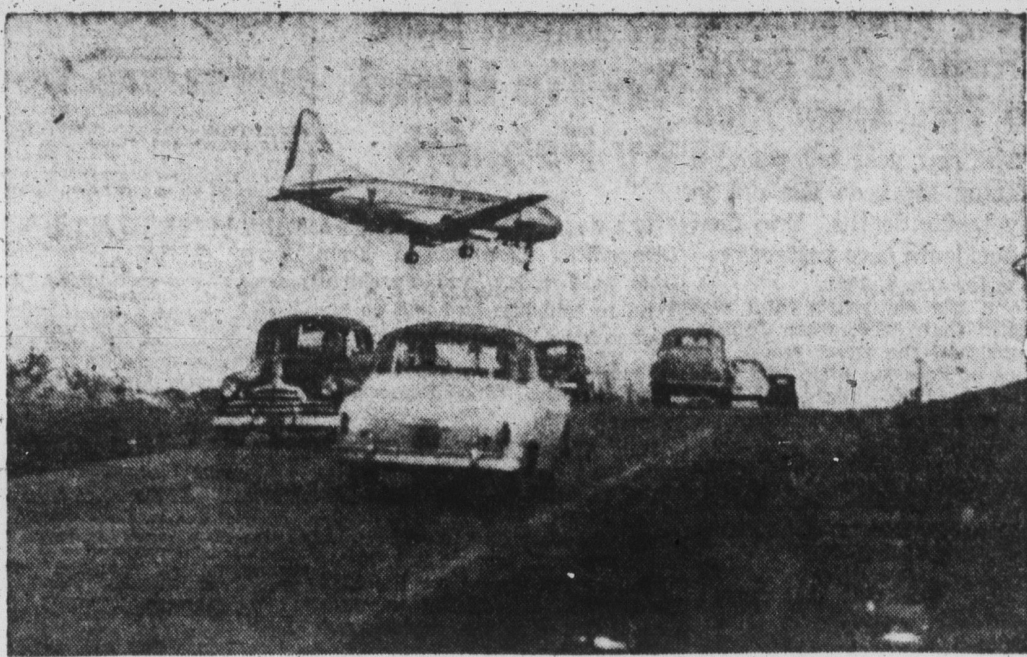
"We can carry over for the next year's hunting season just as many elk as we can feed," the state game warden, Charles Hanscum, said. "Altogether we feed between 10,000 and 12,000 elk and the others can manage for themselves."

Used Car Ceiling Prices Dip 8 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP)—Most used car ceiling prices automatically dropped about eight per cent yesterday, but officials said the reduction will not necessarily mean an actual change in selling prices.

The sole exception was 1951 models which dropped only two per cent. The Office of Price Stabilization ordered the reductions to reflect normal depreciation. Used automobiles generally are selling below ceiling, however, and the cut in most cases will not close the gap between the going price and the legal limit.

Additional two per cent cuts on all models are scheduled for the first day of each new quarter of the year—April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1.



MIXTURE OF TRAFFIC—Motorists in Dallas, Tex., are apparently oblivious to an airliner making an approach to Love Field. At through the Winter months, when the north-south runway is used, planes skim over car tops as they come in to land at the busy Southwestern Terminal.

Persia Scans Suggest Tagging to Shame Possibility of Voters Into Balloting Liquor Ban

By JOSEPH MAZANDI

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TEHRAN, Iran, Jan. 2.—A sobering thought has hit the Persian Garden immortalized by Omar Khayyam. Alcohol may be banned legally in Iran.

There is a parliamentary move to clamp prohibition on this ancient land where drinking has been considered a pleasant pastime since man began brewing at history's dawn.

Iranian Romeros may have to court in the wilderness without the traditional help of a jug of wine or arrack. The parliament has instructed the government of Premier Mohammed Mossadegh to present within a month a bill prohibiting anything that could lead to intoxication.

Court Bans Liquor
Most persons predict the bill will never be passed, however. Parliament's move followed a growing tendency in public to avoid alcohol. The shah recently decreed, for example, that nothing intoxicating should be served at court. Embassies and consulates abroad were told to follow suit.

Despite public opposition to drinking, Iranians still congregate for the local version of the cocktail hour almost every afternoon. It's held in the back yard, which for every Iranian home worth the name is equipped with a miniature pool like the fabled pleasure gardens of romance.

In the southern city of Shiraz, for example, it is customary for the local men about town and the local women noted for their charm to congregate with jugs of wine in the city's parks.

Arrack Is Potent
Lutes and Byres also are carted along. The most potent local drink is a white lightning concoction called arrack. It is powerful enough to make Russian vodka about as strong in comparison as a cup of tea.

Opponents of the bill in parliament say there is no need for passing the bill. Drinking is banned by the Koran, they said.

Deer Evade Him
WARE, Mass. (UP)—David Carroll has bagged a lot of small game in his day. However, he's been deer hunting every year for 41 years without getting a deer.

Coeds Pick Up Tabs
BOSTON (UP)—The Boston University News said a poll of students disclosed that most of the co-eds are footing the bills on off-campus "dates."

By RUSSELL DALEY

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 2.—An educator of a small Arkansas college is out to make Americans vote-conscious and get a big turnout at the polls every election day, local or national.

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College at Searcy, Ark., wants to "tag" everyone who votes and in that way make those who don't vote feel self-conscious.

Dr. Benson said the idea is to have each voter distinguished by a red tag which says: "I have voted; have you?" Harding College, which has conducted freedom forums against what it calls the drift to socialism, is promoting the voting idea all over the country. The school hopes a civic club, the local government itself or even civics classes at schools will sponsor "tag day" each election day in their communities.

Calls It Duty
"Almost everyone will agree that it is a patriotic duty to vote," Benson said. "Most people who don't vote feel a little sheepish on election day—whether it's a local school district election or a presidential one."

"If his co-workers or neighbors were proudly wearing a little 'I have voted' badge," tag after going to the polls, the non-voter's feeling of guilt would increase. The theory is, then, that a great many of them ultimately would form the habit of voting and become, we hope, intelligent voters."

Dr. Benson said Harding's national education program staff found that only about 50 per cent of the 95,000,000 Americans of voting age vote in presidential elections and only about 20 per cent vote in all elections.

Workers Mobilized
Harding College has mobilized nearly 2000 persons in all 48 states to present its plan. They have some good talking points on the value of just one vote.

They point out that in the presidential election of 1948, Ohio's 25 electoral votes went to President Truman by such a small margin that a single additional vote in each of the state's voting precincts could have reversed the result.

Dr. Benson said the discounting of the value of a single vote has won and lost many an election. He said a few thousand votes in particular precincts in some of the key states have, more than once, provided the deciding factor in electing a president.

In 1876, he said, President Rutherford B. Hayes was elected by a single electoral vote and in 1844 Grover Cleveland was elected by so small a margin that 600 votes

for his opponent in New York would have reversed the decision. Dr. Benson gave a classic example of the value of one vote, pointing to a man who decided to vote in Indiana in the 1840s at the last minute.

The candidate he supported for the state legislature won by one vote. That candidate cast the deciding vote that sent Edward A. Hannegan to the U. S. Senate. Mr. Hannegan was acting as president pro-tem of the Senate when the question of statehood for Texas came up. The vote was tied and Mr. Hannegan cast the deciding vote in favor of admitting Texas.

Woman Accidentally Killed by Celebrant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP)—Police said Mrs. Ollie Estep, a 41-year-old grandmother, was killed yesterday by a 22-caliber bullet apparently fired at random by a 15-year-old New Year's celebrant.

They held the youth without charge after he admitted he fired the rifle he got for Christmas from the second floor back porch of his home a block away from Mrs. Estep's home.

The bullet coursed through a window and lodged near Mrs. Estep's heart as she fingered the dial of a radio in her living room.

It's Unlucky Street
FALL RIVER, Mass. (UP)—Patrolman James T. Taylor parked his automobile on the south side of Pleasant St. and found his left front fender crumpled when he returned. Two days later he parked on north side of the same street. When he returned he found the front of his auto pushed in. These days he's parking his car in the repair shop.

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Dust Bowl Farms Put In Production

By United Press
ELKHART, K. A. N. — Fifteen years ago, farmers in what was then a wasteland of Morton County sold their land for \$4 an acre and moved from the dust-blown area.

Today 110,000 acres along the Cimarron River in that county is pasture land and this year it will produce about a million extra pounds of beef.

The pasture is owned by the soil conservation service of the government. The service started work to reclaim the land in 1936, buying the land from farmers who went broke in the drought and dustbowl years.

Seeds Poured In

The service poured pasture grass seeds into the depleted, sandy soil. By 1943, a small part of the area was ready for grazing and farmers and ranchers in the region formed the Morton County grazing association.

Any farmer in the county can belong to the organization. It's a co-operative system, with everybody interested benefiting from the government grass.

This last year 60,000 acres were grazed. Another 20,000 acres will be ready next year. Cattlemen figure that more than 6000 head of stock grazed on the 60,000 acres this year and gained a million pounds of beef.

In 1943 there were 475 head of cattle on the pasture that was opened for the first time.

Cost Is Small

Stockmen pay \$1.75 a month per head for use of the government grass. The government's fee is \$1. The other 75 cents goes to the association to defray its expenses. One fourth of each dollar paid the government returns to the county in lieu of taxes. That means about \$10,000 for the county treasury this year.

When it's roundup time on the pasture each fall, about 100 cowboys join forces to rope the different brands and separate the calves.

The land worth \$4 an acre 15 years ago now is figured from \$30 to \$100.

\$100,000 Fire Hits S. Dakota Town

ABERDEEN, S. D., Jan. 2 (UP)—Fire yesterday destroyed two Main St. business establishments and severely damaged an ice plant on the outskirts of the city. Destroyed was a Main St. building housing the Parsch Hardware Store, Sportsman's Bar, and several second floor apartments.

Badly damaged was the Culbert Ice Plant on the southeast edge of town.

The ice plant fire broke out while firemen were fighting the Main St. blaze.

The Main St. fire apparently started in the basement of the building.

Damage was expected to exceed \$100,000. No one was reported injured.

Here's Your Times Carrier



Paul Schuh carries The Times route in Maywood. He is a senior at Ben Davis High School and lives at 2830 Kentucky Ave. His hobbies are photography and music. The money he earns from carrying The Times has been used to pay for flying lessons. Paul is a veteran of 6½ years on his Times route, and has a sister who also carries the paper.

Where to Go

"Autumn Garden," starring Fredric March and Florence Eldridge. \$1.20 to \$3.60. 8:30 P. M.

Vast New Oil Deposits Found in Middle East

By GEORGE SIBERA
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PARIS, Jan. 2.—Vast oil deposits have been discovered hidden beneath the barren, volcanic Harrair Plateau, between Syria and Turkey.

If exploited, they might greatly influence the strategic and economic position of the Middle East.

For years, no one suspected the desolate plateau in high Mesopotamia was anything but useless stone and sand. Oil prospectors used to tour around it on their way to the rich oil country of Saudi Arabia and Iran, farther to the south and east.

Today it seems they were by-passing riches which might set off fresh flows of oil in the two Middle Eastern countries and flows of dollars into their government coffers.

Close to Sea
The oil resources, locked in the Harrair desert, may run to millions of barrels, informed sources here said.

A great advantage for any future exploitation is their geographical location. The future earth crust, he wrote, wells would be only a few dozen miles off the nearest Mediterranean port, eliminating the need for extensive pipelines.

The discovery was made by Jean Mercier, a noted French geologist just back in Paris from an extensive geological survey of the Middle East. He announced it in a report to the French Academy of Sciences.

Mercier, who has been tramping the Middle Eastern deserts for months, traced the deposits through the Urfa district across the Syrian and Turkish borders.

Soil Yields Secret

Mr. Mercier said his soil survey led him to the intriguing discovery of chains of "mud volcanoes," small mounds of volcanic stones and earth between 150 and 900 feet in circumference and 20 to 200 feet high. The earth and stones, when ground, gave out a strong oil odor.

"These volcanoes are an unmistakable sign of important oil resources, since they can be found in all tropical and subtropical areas," Mr. Mercier reported.

In the Urfa district alone, Mr. Mercier said, he has mapped 145 such volcanoes over an area 22 miles wide and 70 miles long. They are an outward sign of oil resources, formed by pressure of oil gases pushing against the

graphical location. The future earth crust, he wrote, wells would be only a few dozen miles off the nearest Mediterranean port, eliminating the need for extensive pipelines.

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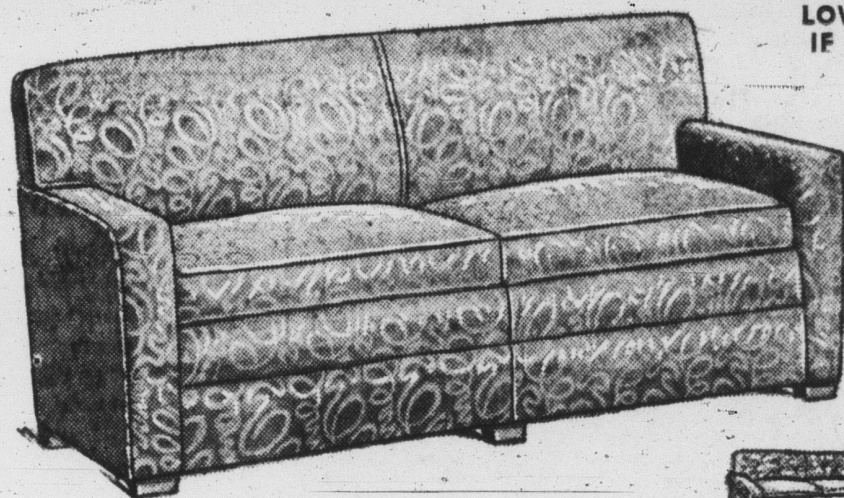
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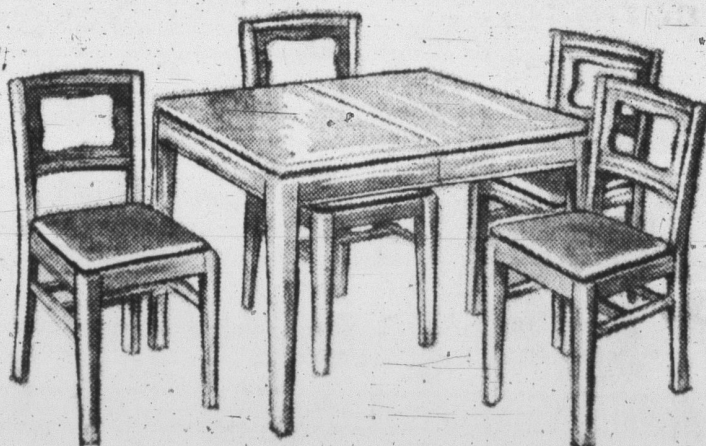
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